

Catalina Pueblo Chronicle

January 2018



State of the Pueblo

Jean Paine, President

Another year has passed and the Pueblo looks great. Numerous projects have been completed around our common areas. We are slowly and thoughtfully repairing and upgrading our pool areas. This will continue in 2018.

In addition, as you may have noticed, many home owners have been busy working on their properties inside and out. This is sometimes a little disruptive but oh so great to see as it can only help our property values.

Our Annual Meeting is Tuesday, January 9 at Catalina Foothills High School. Come join your neighbors for a quick and informative meeting about what is happening in CP.

We have had a big turnover in the past three years - 23 properties have changed hands. Please join me in giving a rousing welcome to our new neighbors who moved here in 2017.

- Joey Barbee - 2445 Posada
- Paula Melcher - 2651 Posada
- Ken Conant & Jim Sankey - 2621 Pueblo
- Doreen Frankel & Jake Hurtz - 2441 Posada
- Marcela Arizpuro & Gema Ornelas - 2620 Pueblo
- Ralph Brecia - 6302 Caballo
- Deborah Perry - 2631 Posada

When we have deliveries and workmen coming into the Pueblo please be aware that our roads are not designed for large vehicles. Let us be respectful of our neighbors and our neighborhood by keeping the number and size of vehicles to only what is absolutely necessary.

Happy New Year from your Catalina Pueblo Board.

Catalina Pueblo Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Catalina Foothills High School
Seminar Room, House 1
4300 E. Sunrise Drive

6:15 Registration
7:00 Meeting

Coffee and Cookies will be served

You may bring your dues and ballots with you

2017 Year-end Financials will be available at the meeting and printed in February 1st Newsletter.

Another *Grandfathered Rental Property* has been sold. This again opens up a rental opportunity.

Notice is hereby given that the board will accept applications from December 10 to **January 10** from owners interested in renting their home. By January 12, all applicants will be notified of their position in the date of deed order with the oldest date given first opportunity.

If you are interested in applying, please review Rule 10.3 as revised December 2015 and advise the board no later than **January 10, 2018**.

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Landscape Bill Ridlinghafer

You may have noticed some work being done recently at both the Caballo pool and Adelita pool. Both of the irrigation systems were replaced because the systems were about 10 years old and not watering properly. At the Adelita pool we had to replant the pots because the old irrigation system failed to water the plants. The two pots at the back of the pool area have been replanted with trailing rosemary and also a black-footed daisy, which has small white flowers and will bloom much of the year. Then the two pots by the entrance have been replanted with trailing lantana of various colors, which also will provide color hopefully much of the year. In addition, in the raised area at the northeast corner of the pool area several new flowering plants have been planted including Texas Ranger and Mexican Honeysuckle.

Since the new tile that we installed around the pool left a drop-off or 3 or 4 inches on the periphery of the pool area we had that filled in with three tons of dirt fill and then finished off by five tons of decorative gravel to provide a safe and pleasing finish to the pool area. We accomplished this while remaining within the budget for landscaping for the 2017 budget year.



Pueblo Plodders Pat Weigand

The second Catalina Pueblo Hike of the season was a real hike, as opposed to a walk. Even so, for the most part, it was easy, as much of it occurred in a dry, sandy creek bed. There was a bit of uphill and downhill and climbing a few large rocks, but overall, it was doable with little embarrassment for the less skilled among the group (well, yes, me.)

Honey Bee Canyon is located in Oro Valley, and is the site of some remarkable native petroglyphs and remnants of ranching days. The ranch, probably Rancho Vistoso, must have been quite sophisticated, containing dams, water troughs, and pumps. A stone dam built in the narrow canyon of Honey Bee Wash, where we walked, had a narrow opening that we could climb through... very picturesque.



Our group consisted of Gail Reich, David Holter, Glenda Melin, Russ Melin, Cassandra Ridlinghafer, Bill Ridlinghafer, Joe Thompson, Charlie Melcher, and me. We met at the Adelita Pool at 9:00am, so by the time we started to walk, the temperature was perfect. There was a lot of interesting conversation, followed by great burgers at Noble Hops Gastropub. Please join us on the next outing!

If you would like to be placed on the email that announces dates and times of future hikes, please email Connie Church at conniechurch313@gmail.com or Gail Reich gailreich@icloud.com.

Holiday Party 2017

Special thanks to our many neighbors who made it all possible, especially hosts Mike and Jane Wattis.



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Garden Gallimaufry

Mark Sammons

Winter is a good time to select and plant ornamental trees. The cool weather gives sufficient time for root growth in early spring before the onslaught of fore-summer's stressful conditions.

Cascolate is a graceful tree. Its size is well suited to the limited space of a patio. For best appearance, it needs some irrigation. This will promote an already naturally quick rate of growth.

There are two species of *cascolate*. *Caesalpinia cacalaco* is native to Central America northward to central Mexico. It blooms in autumn and winter. It has long thorns, but a thornless variety called "Smoothie" has been introduced by Mountain States Wholesale Nursery in Glendale, Arizona. This has contributed to a sudden rise in the tree's popularity. This tough tree has been adopted for highway plantings in The Valley and more recently in Tucson. The other species, *Caesalpinia mexicana*, is naturally thornless. Truth be told, you are unlikely to know which you are buying.

You can let a *cascolate* grow into an oversized shrub, or prune it up into a graceful patio tree. Don't try to convince it to be a single-trunk specimen, as they are naturally multi-trunked. With thoughtful pruning it can be an elegant canopy tree, reaching about 15 feet in height in only a few years.

With supplemental irrigation, especially through May and June's heat and drought, it will flourish in full blistering sun. At this time of year, a nursery specimen is likely to be leafless, but once in the ground, they keep their delicate light-green foliage through most Tucson winters. Only in very hard and prolonged freezes will the leaves die and brown. These do not drop, but five minutes of gentle batting with a broom will knock them away to reveal a very graceful bare frame. New leaves will sprout in spring. In recent winters, they have been evergreen.

Cascolate trees cast a very bright dappled shade, making them a good canopy tree for cacti, aloes and other succulents, and woody plants like Mexican honeysuckle, Turk's cap, or Mexican dioons.



One of the real delights of the tree is its blossom, short upright panicles of lemon yellow bloom that make a pretty show. Upon close examination, their blossom structure – but not color – is similar to that of their cousin, the ubiquitous Mexican bird of paradise, *Caesalpinia pulcherrima*.

In the pea family, *Fabaceae*, *cascolate* trees produce flat pea-like pods that twist open with an audible snap to scatter their seeds. I enjoy hearing the snap and scatter of seeds on the patio pavers while reading in the garden or drifting off to sleep at night.

Plant in native soil. If you have unusually fast-draining sandy soil, line the bottom of the planting hole with a thin scrim of compost. Before planting, loosen soil to twice the depth of the pot and thrice the pot's width. Plant with the pot soil an inch above the native soil, as it will settle some. Rake surplus soil inward to form a ring-shaped dike at the drip line to facilitate watering. Water to settle the soil. Give it slow and deep watering, decreasing frequency as it gets established. In hot weather irrigate deeply weekly.

If the tree receives uneven lighting, it will lean toward the light, which can create a picturesque effect. If you've chosen such a position, stake it for the first several years while it gains height and establishes firm roots.

JANUARY GARDEN CHORES

Cover cold-sensitive plants
when frost is forecast.

Plants may remain covered for
several days.

Harvest citrus as it ripens.

Water wildflower seedlings
weekly.

Thin wildflower seedlings as
needed.

It's not too late to pot up
cyclamen, dianthus, calendula,
alyssum, pansies, violas,
snapdragon, stock, and poppies.
Continue to plant cool weather
vegetables like lettuce, spinach,
Swiss chard, cabbage, carrots,
and radishes.

It is okay to prune obviously
dead or malformed limbs.

Remove mistletoe from trees.

Rake and remove plant litter
from entire property.

Keep irrigation on a 10- or
14-day schedule; less if rains
are good.

Irrigate trees deeply every 2 or
4 weeks.

[http://www.
catalinapueblo.com/
suggested-plant-list.html](http://www.catalinapueblo.com/suggested-plant-list.html)

Text and photos by
Mark J. Sammons

pueblorecipes

recipes collected and edited by david scott allen • january 2018



Caponata – a Sicilian Eggplant Salad

*½ cup extra virgin olive oil
1 eggplant, peeled, cut into ½-inch cubes
1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced
1 large sweet onion, peeled and chopped
2 stalks celery, sliced
8 ounces mushrooms, sliced ¼-inch thick
1 small can tomato paste*

*¼ cup water
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
½ cup stuffed green olives, cut in half
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon dried oregano
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper*

Heat the oil in a large pot and, when hot, add the eggplant, bell pepper, onion, mushrooms. Stir to coat the vegetables, reduce heat and cook gently, covered, for 10 minutes stirring occasionally. Add remaining ingredients and simmer, covered, until eggplant is tender and onions are soft – about 30 minutes. If it gets too thick, add a little water while it is simmering. Chill overnight and serve with bread or crackers, or on a bed of lettuce as a first course. Serves 10-12

This recipe comes from my uncle's side of the family; his parents immigrated to Vermont from Pietraperzia, Sicily. When my aunt made it, she served it with Ritz crackers as an appetizer - but I like it as a first course on a bed of lettuce.

This recipe, and many more, can be found on David's blog, Cocoa & Lavender - cocoaandlavender.blogspot.com. If you have any culinary questions for David, feel free to email him at cocoaandlavender@gmail.com.



Protecting Vehicles Parked Outside from Pack Rats

If you live in an area with pack rats there is always a chance that rats may do damage to any vehicle parked outside. Here are steps you can take to reduce the risk and keep your vehicle safe.

#1 No pack rat nests nearby! Check the general area for nearby pack rat nests. A single female rat can be responsible for as many as 20 young rats a year, all who need to find new homes (like your vehicle) as they mature. Removing nearby nests will significantly reduce the risk of attack. Before removing a nest, the resident rats should be trapped. A homeless rat will seek a nearby alternative shelter-most likely your car.

Open Space! A vehicle left outside should be parked in the most open area possible, ideally with at least five to ten feet of totally clear space on all four sides with no trees or other cover above the vehicle. The more open space the better!

No Stored Items Close By. If the vehicle must be parked in a carport, there should be no other items stored in the carport including boxes, yard tools, and trash containers. Any additional cover from stored items makes the area more attractive to rats.

Vegetation Trimmed. Keep all vegetation in the immediate area well trimmed to eliminate as much cover as possible. You should be able to clearly see under and behind all bushes and other plants anywhere near the vehicle. Avoid using rock borders rats can hide next to. See our website page on "Deterscape" - natural landscaping techniques for pack rat prevention

Hood Open. For many vehicles, leaving the hood open takes away the sense of enclosure and protection that the rat is seeking. If you choose to leave the hood open, be sure to disconnect any internal engine compartment lights to avoid a dead battery in the morning. Also, secure the hood with some type of strap if high winds are a possibility. Leaving the hood open does not work as well on newer vehicles with engine covers and shrouds that still offer plenty of hiding areas.

Light. A utility light hanging from above with an open hood can help. Use a yellow "bug" bulb to minimize flying insects. A light under the car may also help, but not as much as a light from above. If you have to choose, it is better to park in a more open area even if the vehicle is farther from outside lights.

Be Alert! If you park outside keep your eyes open for rat droppings and pieces of cactus that show up near or under your vehicle. Lift and check under the hood often. Little dusty footprints are often the first sign of a pack rat getting curious. Be extra careful when heavy rain or cold weather may cause rats in the area to look for better quarters. If there are any signs of activity - traps should be set ASAP before damage occurs.

Pine-Sol. Pack rats mark nest and safe areas with urine. If you find pack rat urine under the hood, be sure to soak it with a 50/50 solution of Pine-Sol and water to dissolve the urine and destroy the scent. Pine-Sol does not repel pack rats, but it does take away the scent of previous rats, making the area less attractive.

The Practical Pueblo

Jo Ann Marcus

Information received from Mr. Pack Rat

What does NOT work:

Poison Bait - The single worst thing you can do! Poison is food and attracts pack rats. Rats hoard far more food than they eat. If they eat the bait they will die, but not for 5-10 days, plenty of time to do lots of damage. Also pack rats reuse the same nest sites, generation after generation, eliminate one rat and another will just take over. For more information see Problems with Poison.

Flashing LED/Strobe Lights. While some people swear that these lights help, We have had countless calls from people who have used them with no success. I did some testing myself and found the lights had no negative impact on pack rat behavior at all. [Watch this YouTube video](#) to see my testing with live pack rats and the Rid-A-Rat light.

Constant Trapping. Traps are ideal for catching a rat already in the area, but should only be used when there are signs of activity. Routine, random trapping can lead to an increase in pack rat activity.

Repellents. There are a lot myths about items that will repel pack rats. Most are scent based and in my experience - none of them work. Examples include: cayenne pepper, moth balls, urinal cakes, Irish Spring soap, dryer sheets, used cat litter, coyote urine. Pack rats do use scent to mark nest areas and safe areas, but they are not easily fooled or repelled. Better to use Pine-Sol to destroy the rat scent then covering it up with another scent. See my 10/2014 blog post for more information on Pack Rat Solution Myths.

Too late? The pack rats have attacked! Once a pack rat forms an attachment to a vehicle it must be trapped. There is nothing that will make a rat just leave and give up. Once trapped, the vehicle needs to be cleaned as well as possible and all of the prevention steps listed above followed. Pack rats are always more likely to go to an area they have been before and the risk of a re-infestation is much higher. Even with the best cleaning, some scent will remain. For the next 4-6 weeks you will have to be diligent in checking for signs of new activity.

Tried & True Trades

Concrete, Masonry, Block, Adobe & Stucco Repair

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Recommended by Caryl Daugherty

Construction

Shawn Henderson 520-745-2169

Recommended by Marti Greason & Jean Paine

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Frank Tentschert 520-577-4987 & 907-5990

Recommended by Connie Church

Mike Powelson 520-591-5446

allaboutelectricservice@gmail.com

Recommended by Deborah Berlin

Handiman

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Recommended by Frank & Pamela Bangs

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Shawn Henderson 520-745-2169

Recommended by Marti Greason & Jean Paine

John Landers 520-609-2530

Recommended by John & Ann Berkman

John Gordon 520-282-1725

Recommended by Jean Paine and Marti Greason

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Fernando Mendez 520-445-1061

Alex's Cleaning Service

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Angie Stokes 520-270-4875

Housekeeping, windows, patio & yard clean up

Recommended by Nanci Hartwick

Erika Bradley 520-240-5870

Recommended by Deborah Bowman

Levinia Celaya 520-406-5630

Recommended by Connie Church

General Clean-up Yardwork//Hauling

Luis Luquez 520-396-9134

Recommended by Deborah Berlin

HVAC

Family Air Cooling & Heating 520-399-5850

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

**Temperature Control, Inc. -- Shawn Davis
520-544-KOOL (5665)**

Recommended by Marti Greason

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Haylee Bucey 928-368-7301

“Jill of All Trades” - h.bucey@gmail.com

Recommended by Deborah Berlin

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Charles Ramsel III 520-250-9988

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Victoria at Mauricio Fregoso Salon 795-3384

Recommended by Connie Church

Massage Therapists

Brandy Rodriguez LMT - 520-256-5671

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Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

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Plumber

Beyond Plumbing -Mike Moyer 520-409-2549

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

**Dependable Plumbing Services- David Solis
520-409-2549**

Recommended by Jean Paine

Property Caretaking

Carol Foster 520-982-1208

While You Are Away Services

carol@iwatchhouses.com

Recommended by Connie Church

Remodel

Charles Ramsel III 520-250-9988

Recommended by Jean Paine

Stucco

Ed Carrillo 520-360-0405

Recommended by John & Ann Berkman

Tile & Stone Mason

Tony Scott- 520-336-0634

Recommended by Jean Paine and John & Ann Berkman

Window Cleaning

Better View Professional Windows &

Miniblind Cleaners 520-917-3333

Recommended by David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons

If you have received excellent service from an individual or company and wish to share your recommendation with your neighbors, please email Connie, conniechurch313@gmail.com, or put your written recommendations in the Association mailbox at Adelita Pool - 6251 North Calle de Adelita.

Treasurer Report

Doug Airulla, Treasurer

Catalina Pueblo Association
Statements of Cash Flows and Budget
November 2017

	2017 YTD Actual	2017 Annual Budget	Budget YTD Remaining
Income:			
2017 Association Dues	\$ 80,250.00	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 750.00
Prepaid 2017 Dues (paid in 2016)	\$ (1,500.00)		\$ 1,500.00
2017 Title Transfer Fees	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ (1,200.00)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 81,550.00	\$ 82,600.00	\$ 1,050.00
Expenses:			
Administrative:			
Postage/Printing/Annual Meeting	\$ 669.42	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 330.58
Website - 3 years	\$ 648.13	\$ 650.00	\$ 1.87
Professional Services (Bnkg/CPA/Atty)	\$ 1,285.98	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 714.02
Property Tax/Licenses	\$ 149.87	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.13
Insurance		\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Subtotal	\$ 2,753.40	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 3,796.60
Neighborhood Infrastructure:			
Contracted Monthly Landscaping	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 600.00
Other Maintenance	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,650.00
Landscaping Project & Design	\$ 5,545.61	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,454.39
Roads & Drainage		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Security & Lightbulbs		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Subtotal	\$ 12,495.61	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 5,004.39
Neighborhood Social Activities:	\$ 1,454.17	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,145.83
Recreational - Pools:			
Routine Services/Chemicals	\$ 5,856.97	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,143.03
Pool Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 2,994.88	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (494.88)
Adelita Heater Rplcmnt & Structural Rprs	\$ 11,713.22	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,286.78
Southwest Gas	\$ 5,732.80	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,267.20
Tucson Electric	\$ 10,259.26	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (1,259.26)
City of Tucson Water	\$ 1,684.48	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 315.52
Contracted Housekeeping Monthly	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 300.00
Other (permits/termites/furniture)	\$ 1,033.74	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (33.74)
Subtotal	\$ 40,775.35	\$ 47,300.00	\$ 6,524.65
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 57,478.53	\$ 73,950.00	\$ 16,471.47
Reserve Transfer		\$ 8,650.00	\$ 8,650.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFER	\$ 57,478.53	\$ 82,600.00	
REMAINING BUDGET AVAILABLE			\$ 25,121.47
NET INCOME (not including reserve transfer)	\$ 24,071.47		
2016 Checking and Reserve Funds			
	Checking	Reserve	Total
Balance 1/1/2017	\$ 1,500.00 (1)	\$ 56,390.71 (1)	\$ 57,890.71
Total Net Cash Flow	\$ 24,071.47	\$ 15.40 (2)	
Balance 11/30/17	\$ 25,571.47	\$ 56,406.11	\$ 81,977.58

(1) Beginning bank balances have been reconciled based on pre-paid heater repairs, and accrued reserve transfer.

\$11,113.22 heater repairs paid in 2016, expensed in 2017.

\$11,513.22.00 Reserve transfer included in beginning balance, completed in 2017.

(2) Interest income in the savings account

2017 Board of Directors

Jean Paine — *President*

Frank Bangs — *Vice President*

Connie Church — *Secretary*

Doug Airulla — *Treasurer*

John Trang — *Pools*

Beverly Edminster — *Architecture*

Bill Ridlinghafer — *Landscape*

Please contact the board via email:
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Board of Directors Meeting January 9, 2018 — after annual meeting

Call to Order
Approval of December Minutes
Election of Officers
Appointment of Committee Chairs
Adjournment

Agenda will be published each month in the Chronicle. Only items on the agenda will receive board action unless there is an emergency. By publishing the agenda in advance, we seek member comment on pending issues. Comment can be sent to our board email address, in writing to the secretary or you may choose to appear at the meeting, space available. To request items to be placed on the agenda, use the same addresses.

Our website, www.catalinapueblo.com, has all our Catalina Pueblo information including our CC&Rs, complete Rules, past minutes, past newsletters, plant lists, remodel forms, HOA information and more.

Committees:

Cinco de Mayo Party

Joe Thompson
Marianne Van Zyll
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Jean Paine

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Nancy Meister & Jay Book

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Catalina Pueblo Model 102

This is the second of ten original floor plans we inherited from Ed Chase. As announced last month, we will include a floor plan in each of the next newsletters. As you are aware, there are no two identical homes in CP as each floor plan was altered to accommodate the natural terrain and original owner's preference.

We hope you'll enjoy identifying your original model number.

