



State of the Pueblo

Barbara Eckel, President

As promised, the Board has contracted with Association Reserves to do an update of their 2014 Reserve Study. We expect their report in the summer and will share it with the community. Anyone interested on participating on an ad hoc Reserve Committee, please contact me.

We are also looking to update some of our Rules & Regulations to clarify the language regarding mailbox alternatives, exterior paint colors, and landscaping materials. These will be minor changes to make the Rules more clear.

As for fun, see the photo spread of the Tapas Tour. We estimate 80 residents, their families, and friends enjoyed French, German/Czech, and Italian delights. Many thanks to our hosts, Patsy Dickens, Mary & Ben Porter, and Laura McCloskey, and their many helpers.

May the 4th be with you! Actually, May the 5th, so mark your calendars for our next social event.



Pools Committee Chair

Mike Wattis

The interior lights at both Caballo and Adelita pools have been repaired.

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REMINDER

Rule 2.5.3. Exterior holiday lights and decorations

The Association welcomes the display of holiday lights and decorations by Owners and Residents. However holiday lights and decoration which are permanently displayed or are in poor condition no longer serve their intended function. (1) Colored holiday lights and holiday decorations may be displayed from 30 days before the date of the holiday through 14 days after the date of the holiday. (2) Decorations must be appropriate to the holiday and in good condition. (3) The Board has the sole discretion to determine whether decorations on a Lot violate the intent of these provisions.

Applications for Rental Property status will now be accepted

Notice is hereby given that the Board will accept applications from **March 4 – April 4, 2024** from Owners interested in renting their home. By **April 10**, all applicants will be notified of their position in the date of deed order with the oldest date given first opportunity. This application process is open only to those Owners who do not already own a rentable property.

If you are interested in applying, please review Rule 10 Rental of Dwelling Units as revised 2023 (posted on www.catalinapueblo.com) and advise the Board via email: catalinapuebloboard@gmail.com no later than **April 4, 2024**.

All applications must include the owner's legal name and date as listed on the deed. A copy of the deed must be submitted prior to final approval.

2024 tapas tour

Huge thanks to our
generous 2024 hosts
for a fabulous and
fun community
get-together.

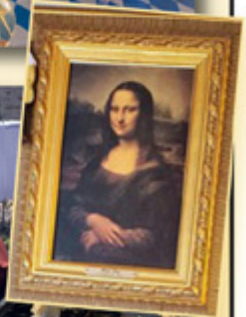
Ben & Mary Porter
(German & Czech)

Patsy Dickens
(French)

Laura McCloskey
(Italian)



The entire Pueblo is also deeply grateful to all the helpers who made the Tapas Tour such a big success, among them Marion Taylor, Barbara Eckel, David Scott Allen, Ben Porter, Bob Frenz, Ken Conant, Marty Greason, Pat Weigand, Emily Green, Doreen Frankel, Glenda Melin, Gail Reich, Lucinda Frenz and Mary Steffenson.





From The Landscape Committee

“ We choose to live in Catalina Pueblo because of its unique architectural character; the **quality and high level of maintenance** exhibited by its homes, landscaping and common facilities.”



Landscape Committee

Mary Steffenson
Doreen Frankel
Carolyn Neff
Jean Paine
Mary Porter
Mark Sammons
Karen Satterfield
Lee Strang
Marion Taylor
Jeannie Wager
Joey Barbee, Chair

So don't forget this
CATALINA PUEBLO LANDSCAPE RULE!

3.2 Landscaping Maintenance (CC&Rs 6.1.1)

“Landscaping must be compatible with the general appearance of the community and considerate of the interest of neighbors. The condition of landscaping may not detract from the general standard of tidiness and care.”

The Greatest Hunter of the Whole World: The Dragonfly

Pat Weigand

After seeing some of these colorful creatures in my yard at the end of last Summer, out of curiosity, I did a bit of reading about them.

This is what I found:

Dragonflies are surprisingly efficient fliers and deadly hunters. With a kill rate of 95%, they are the most efficient hunters of the animal kingdom (for contrast, lions' kill rates are about 30%, and the best mammal land hunters, African wild dogs, reach only 80%).

I was amazed when I read this!

Behind the dragonflies' success are their quite advanced brains. Although their brains are not structurally the same as mammals, their functions are surprisingly mammal-level.

- They can pick out a single target from a swarm of insects and latch on to them, much like a lion latches on to a single zebra from a herd, or how a fielder can track the movement of a ball against the multicolored, moving background of the audience in a stadium. They do this by filtering out all other useless information, such as the background and other insects.
- Their brains harbor some of the best flight engines. Since dragonflies hunt other flying insects, agility is key. To aid in this, dragonflies can move and rotate each of their four wings independently. Thanks to this unique ability, they can fine-tune their flying so well that they can fly fast, bank hard, fly backwards, fly upside-down and even fly with a wing or two missing or torn. They can even have downward thrust for sudden dives faster than falling. Their muscles are attached directly to their wings which allows them to fly faster than other insects. They can also hover and pivot in place.
- They can predict with great accuracy the path of their target's flight. They keep themselves pointed at their prey in such a way that they're in line with their original position from the target's point of view, so while they appear to grow larger as they approach, they don't otherwise seem to move. This is called 'motion camouflage.'
- The area of a dragonfly's head is composed primarily of its enormous compound eyes,



which contain 30,000 facets, each bringing in information about the insect's surroundings.

Dragonflies have nearly 360-degree vision, with just one blind spot directly behind them.

- This extraordinary vision is one reason why they're able to keep a watch on a single insect within a swarm and go after it while avoiding midair collisions with other insects in the swarm.

Dragonflies do not have stingers. They do have sharp mandibles, but they are not usually sharp enough to cut through human skin. Luckily, dragonflies are not aggressive and have no reason to attack a human, besides self-defense.

The largest dragonfly species is the Giant Darner (*Anax walsinghami*), whose body length and wingspan can both reach five inches. These can be found in Central America and the U.S. Southwest.

Dragonflies help humans by controlling populations of pest insects, especially those that threaten us most, such as mosquitoes and biting flies. A single dragonfly can eat anywhere between 30 and hundreds of mosquitoes per day.

Dragonflies also inspire us to create new technology—from drones to artificial visual systems—because of their incredible flight skills and vision.

Fascinating!



Sources:

[The Perfect Killer | Science Illustrated](#)

[Why Dragonflies Are The World's Deadliest Hunters \(grunge.com\)](#)

[Dragonfly Flight \(dragonflywebsite.com\)](#)

Garden Gallimaufry

Mark Sammons

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We're all familiar with *Dasyilirion wheeleri*, that desert native with long toothy leaves, called sotol or desert spoon. Fewer are aware of its elegant cousin, *Dasyilirion longissimum*. Sometimes called Mexican grass tree, it is neither a tree nor a grass.

Its three-foot-long leaves are very narrow – about a quarter-inch wide – and a greener shade than desert spoon leaves. The leaves have no marginal teeth, so the plant is easy to handle and friendly to be around without getting scratched or poked. When the leaves tremble in a breeze they create an interesting shimmering optical effect.

“Tree” is also a misnomer; after many years it can develop a short trunk as the lower leaves die off. Its peak height is only six to ten feet, and it takes a long time to attain that height. It keeps producing its long evergreen new leaves from the center crown. They gradually arch outward and bow downward.

The plant's width reaches about six feet. It looks at home inside or outside the patio wall. For two years I've had a couple of these plant out in front of the house, along a regular javalina route, and they have shown no interest in eating them. Not yet, anyway.

Mexican tree grass is native to the Chihuahuan Desert, so it is well suited to the extremes of our local climate. Plant it in full sun, in gritty well-drained native soil. In its first summers, water it deeply weekly to get it established, monthly once established. The tips of the long leaves may brown off, but the plant will be fine as long as most of the long slim leaves are green. As the lowest leaves brown off, snip them away to keep the plant looking nice and discourage rat habitat. It can be a handsome plant for many years to come.

APRIL GARDEN CHORES - continued

Cease planting other things for the year.

By the end of the month, potted plants (other than succulents) will need daily watering. Bigger pots hold moisture longer.

Fertilize shrubs.

Gradually increase irrigation quantity and/or frequency as temperatures rise.

Let wildflowers dry and go to seed; shake out seeds and rake away dried remains.

In tropical plants like citrus, iron chlorosis causes yellow leaves with bright green veins. Treat affected plants with dilute chelated iron.

Wash aphids and spider mites from tender new growth with a strong blast of water. Failing that, use insecticidal soap, or move on to cautious spot-use of houseplant spray.

If you see dry rot (black areas) on prickly pear pads, remove and discard the plant.

APRIL GARDEN CHORES

Prune frost-damaged wood when new leaf buds appear.

Many evergreen trees shed old yellowed leaves in spring; it's normal!

Plant cactus and succulents, citrus and palms.

Plant bougainvillea, lantana, zinnias, portulaca, periwinkle.

Plant tomatoes, peppers, melons, thyme, oregano, marjoram, basil, and rosemary.



List of plants suited to Pueblo gardens, online at: <https://catalinapueblo.com/plant-list/>

Learn about the Pueblo's landscape history at: <https://catalinapueblo.com/history/>

Photo and Text by Mark J. Sammons

pueblorecipes

recipes collected and edited by david scott allen • april 2024

This is a simple version of French Onion Soup. Maybe not the one Julia Child would offer but the style a French mother or grandmother might make.

As with any recipe for onion soup, the longest part is cooking the onions: low and slow.



Simple French Onion Soup

<i>2 large yellow sweet onions</i>	<i>1 teaspoon Dijon mustard</i>
<i>2 large red onions</i>	<i>2 thyme sprigs, leaves only</i>
<i>2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened</i>	<i>2 tablespoons Cognac</i>
<i>2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil</i>	<i>4 (1/2-inch-thick) slices baguette</i>
<i>2 teaspoons all-purpose flour</i>	<i>1/2 cup grated Gruyère cheese</i>
<i>4 cups chicken (or beef) stock</i>	<i>1/2 cup grated Emmental cheese</i>
<i>1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt</i>	

Halve the onions pole-to-pole, then slice into 1/2-inch-thick slices. In a Dutch oven or heavy soup pot over medium-low heat, melt the butter and oil, then add the onions, and cook very slowly, for about 30 minutes, until they take on a brown color.

Sprinkle the onions with flour, and stir well to coat. Pour in the stock and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to maintain a simmer and stir in the salt, mustard, thyme, and Cognac. Keep the soup at a simmer.

Preheat the broiler. Place the baguette slices on a baking sheet, divide the Gruyère and Emmental cheeses over the top of the bread slices and broil, watching carefully, until the cheese is melted and bubbly.

Ladle the soup into four bowls and top with baguette slices to serve. Serves 4.

This recipe, and many more, can be found on David's blog.

Cocoa & Lavender -
www.cocoaandlavender.com.

If you have any culinary questions for David, feel free to email him at cocoaandlavender@gmail.com

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Tried & True Trades

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.

Carpet Cleaning

Sea Breeze Floor Care (Cason) 520-546-2104
(carpet, stone, tile & grout)
Recommended by Bill & Lee Strang

Concrete, Masonry, Block, Adobe & Stucco Repair

Dennis Detmering 727-244-0810

Burnt Adobe Spray Maintenance

Recommended by Joe & Sandy Thompson

Tony Gonzalez 520-250-6769

Recommended by Joey Tanner Barbee

Armando Pacheco - 520-338-3980

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Recommended by John & Ann Berkman

John Gordon 520-282-1725

Recommended by Marti Greason

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Fernando Mendez 520-445-1061

Alex's Cleaning Service

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

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Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Elizabeth Padilla 520-304-6693

Housekeeping, windows, patio & yard clean up

Recommended by Nanci Hartwick

HVAC

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

Recommended by Marti Greason

Locksmith

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Recommended by Bill & Lee Strang

IT Computer Technology

Sebastian Perez 520-989-4875

Recommended by Jennifer Flores

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Recommended by Deb Perry

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Recommended by Gail Reich & David Holter

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Nails by Yen 520-638-8840

Recommended by JoAnn Marcus

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Intentional Grounding, massage by Colleen cmavender@gmail.com - 520-577-4543

Recommended by Marti Greason

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Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

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Nu Flow 520-284-0056

Recommended by Carol Sinclair and Ben & Mary Porter

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Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Dependable Plumbing Services- David Solis 520-990-5437

Recommended by Jean Paine

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Our World Energy Solar 623-850-5700

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Window Cleaning

Better View Professional Windows &

Miniblind Cleaners 520-917-3333

Recommended by David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons

Treasurer Report

Pat Weigand, Treasurer

Catalina Pueblo Association
Statements of Cash Flows and Budget
February 2024

	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Annual Budget	Budget YTD Remaining		
Income:					
Association Dues	\$ 106,075.00	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 1,925.00		
Title Transfer Fees & Penalties/Interest		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 106,075.00	\$ 109,600.00	\$ 3,525.00		
Expenses:					
Administrative:					
Postage/Printing/Other		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Website		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		
Professional Services (Bnkg/CPA/Atty)	\$ 345.85	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 3,374.15		
Property Tax/Licenses		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		
Insurance		\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00		
Reserve Study		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		
Reimbursed Expenses			\$ -		
Subtotal	\$ 345.85	\$ 12,320.00	\$ 11,974.15		
Neighborhood Infrastructure:					
Contracted Monthly Landscaping (12x\$850)	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 8,500.00		
Landscaping Maintenance, Project & Design		\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,600.00		
Water Management Committee		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		
Roads & Drainage		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Security - Covid-19		\$ -	\$ -		
Security & Lightbulbs	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00		
Subtotal	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 20,900.00		
Neighborhood Social Activites:	\$ 140.55	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,859.45		
Recreational - Pools:					
Routine Services/Chemicals	\$ 2,358.21	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 15,641.79		
3 Pools Maintenance, Replacement & Repairs	\$ 180.00	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 13,720.00		
Southwest Gas	\$ 3,019.79	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 6,180.21		
Tucson Electric	\$ 580.44	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 6,619.56		
City of Tucson Water	\$ 607.45	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,892.55		
Contracted Housekeeping Monthly (12x\$245)	\$ 735.00	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 2,205.00		
Other (permits/termites/furniture)		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		
Subtotal	\$ 7,480.89	\$ 58,240.00	\$ 50,759.11		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,867.29	\$ 99,360.00	\$ 89,492.71		
Reserve Transfer		\$ 10,240.00	\$ 10,240.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFER	\$ 9,867.29	\$ 109,600.00			
NET CASH FLOW (not including reserve transfer)	\$ 96,207.71				
Checking and Reserve Funds					
	Reserve Balance				
	PFCU MM	PFCU Svgs	PFCU CD 24	PFCU CD 12	PFCU Total
Balance 1/1/2024	\$ 20,190.80	\$ 5.00	\$ 26,294.69	\$ 51,825.66	
Transfer In/Out	\$ 6,930.45 (3)				
Reserve expenses	\$ (4,151.00)				
Total Net Cash Flow	\$ 32.40 (1)	\$ -	\$ 128.09 (1)	\$ 417.35 (1)	
Ending Balance 1/31/24	<u>\$ 23,002.65</u>	<u>\$ 5.00 (3)</u>	<u>\$ 26,422.78</u>	<u>\$ 52,243.01</u>	\$ 101,673.44
	WF Checking		Total		
Balance 1/1/2024	\$ 825.00 (2)		\$ 47,315.49		
2024 Dues prepaid in 2023, move to 2024 actuals above	\$ (825.00)		\$ (825.00)		
Transfer In/Out			\$ 6,930.45		
Total Net Cash Flow	<u>\$ 96,207.71</u>		<u>\$ 96,785.55</u>		
Ending Balance 1/31/24	<u>\$ 96,207.71 (3)</u>		<u>\$ 150,206.49</u>		

(1) Interest income in the MM and CD accounts

(2) Reserve transfer of \$6930.45 completed in Jan&Feb2024. Deducted from 1/1/2024 Bal leaving only the prepaid 2024 dues

(3) Reserve transfer not complete until Feb2024, but indicating the result in PFCU Savings and WF checking

Please contact the
Board via email:
CatalinaPuebloBoard@
gmail.com

**Cat Caretaker needed
for 3 months**

**Contact
Maryanne Van Zyll
for more details
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520-834-4783**

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Hughes Sanitation Services

Catalina Pueblo's official waste collection firm. As per our governing documents, everyone must use the company selected by the Association.

Fridays – both recycle and trash

Billing address:
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520-883-5868

hughessanitationservices@hotmail.com
www.tucsontrash.com

April Board Meeting
April 9, 2024
4:00
2621 E. Avenida de Posada

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:

Social: Emily Green, Chair
Cinco de Mayo: Joe Thompson

Water Management Committee:

Deborah Perry, Chair
Frank Bangs
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Jan Sikora-Lerch

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Campbell: Jean Paine
Pueblo: Terry Temple & Dan Bares
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