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YOUR BOARD IN ACTION

WHAT'S THE SCOOP IN TUCSON?

CFE7 QUARTERLY UPDATE

Happy 🥵-Spring 2026

Hello Neighbors!

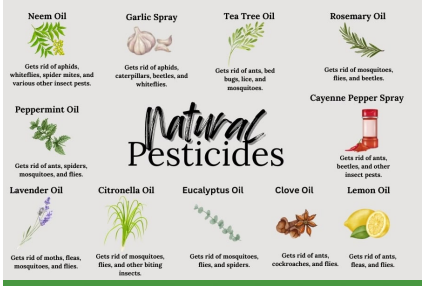
Last week, we already had couple 100+ degree days in Tucson, part of a West-wide record heat wave seen earlier than ever before. This was the first Tucson winter since records started being kept here in 1894 when no frosts were recorded at the city's official weather station. As we say "see you later" to the snowbirds soon, the rest of us need to come up with some fun things to get through the summer!

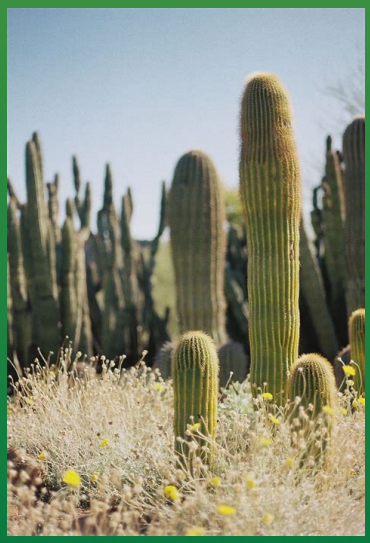
Reminder: The board meets at 4pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month except for July and August. You are welcome to join our board meeting in person or virtually using the link http://engage.goenumerate.com/s/CFE#7/

Pesticides

Pesticides, especially neonicotinoids, have been linked to significant declines in pollinator populations, including bees and butterflies. These chemicals are neurotoxic and can adversely affect the health and reproductive capabilities of these vital species.

Last year's monsoon came very late and the winter was extraordinarily mild. This has given rise to a carpet of green shoots earlier this year. Like all native plants in CFE 7, these annual wildflowers and native grasses are protected from destruction. Some homeowners have expressed a concern that once the grasses have dried, they may present a fire risk. They will not. Leaving them in place will return much needed nutrients to the soil and their roots, though dead, will provide erosion support for our soils during the next monsoon. While we discourage the removal of the grasses, once they are dead they are no longer protected. If you feel you must remove them, please remember that spraying herbicide is prohibited in CFE 7. Additionally, pesticides that impart a green or blue hue to the ground breach the covenants pertaining to the maintenance of a natural desert appearance.





CFE 7 - By The Numbers

At our March board meeting, Bill West, Treasurer, reported that our finances remain strong. As of February 28th, our total cash-in-banks stood at $139,000, including $41,000 in our operating fund. This balance will cover the remaining $32,000 of forecasted expenditures for 2026 and leave us with contingency funds for any unexpected expenses or special projects.

In addition, 96% of CFE7 dues have been received for 2026 with just 12 homeowners' dues still outstanding.

*For those that wish to pay online, please sign into our association portal at https://engage.goenumerate.com/ and click on "Make A Payment". Or, you may mail your payment to: CFE #7 c/o HBS Management, 7400 N Oracle Rd #311, Oro Valley, AZ 85704. Please include your Lot # on your check.

Do you know your neighbors?

When a home is purchased in CFE 7, the Homeowners Association (HOA) is notified and conducts a welcome visit to provide new homeowners with comprehensive information about the unique characteristics and rules of our community. All homeowners are permitted to rent their properties for a **minimum** one-year lease term **with the HOA's approval**. However, unauthorized rentals pose a challenge in monitoring and enforcing these rules. Renters may lack knowledge of the HOA's regulations, leading to potential violations. To ensure proper orientation and welcome for all new neighbors, whether homeowners or renters, the HOA encourages our residents to inform Megan, the community manager, of any new arrivals. This process is completely anonymous and helps the HOA maintain an accurate welcome list to ensure that all new neighbors feel welcomed and are adequately informed about the community's rules and regulations.

Thank You!

I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you!
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you
So let's make the most of this beautiful day
Since we're together we might as well say...

Hi Renters! Have you met the Welcome Committee?
😄

Welcome Committee

After a nice influx of new neighbors, things have slowed a bit this past quarter. Please join the board in welcoming,

Fred and Erika Pretorius N. Calle Luisa

We look forward to meeting you!

Welcome Committee cfe#7
Jan Catt Co-chair
Kimberly Simpson, Co-Chair

Mailboxes

Spring is the perfect season to paint or replace mailboxes in CFE7! Let's face it, the heat and sun wreaked havoc on our mailboxes and many of them could use a fresh coat of paint. There are many resources available online that guide you to the most effective and durable paints to use including UV paints in most brands and UV aerosols like DuraCoat that is meant for metal surfaces.

Maybe we can convince a member of the board (ahem…Steve) to go around with cold beverages to those DIY'ers out there making their mailboxes the envy of the neighborhood 🍺😎

What's the Scoop in Tucson?

- Arizona governor hires high-powered law firm for Colorado River fight https://tucson.com/news/state-regional/government-politics/article_def43bdb-66e9-486b-ada3-f50920559dae.html

- Fontes asks judge to toss feds' demand for Arizona voter records https://tucson.com/news/local/article_dc97e583-104d-4a4e-a16e-02c342dbe955.html

- Tucson officials ponder becoming electric power providers https://tucson.com/news/local/government-politics/article_712922b6-e31a-4ae7-b20b-5f3b1bc6a7ad.html

- Flandrau Science Center & Planetarium 1601 E University Blvd, University of Arizona Tucson, AZ 85721 https://flandrau.org/explore/laser-light-music-nights

- April 10-12, 2026: Tucson Folk Festival featuring various artists https://www.tucsonfolkfest.org/

- Founded in 1990, Mat Bevel Company is an arts and science nonprofit that sparks the creative genius in people using our found-object kinetic art museum, science theater productions, hands-on learning and multimedia tools. Through our programs, people discover new ways to use their imaginations to solve problems, generate original ideas and invent things that improve lives and communities. https://www.matbevelcompany.org/museum/

- Wild Connections Week – Sunset at the wildlife bridge, 10th anniversary celebration! https://www.sonorandesert.org/event/wild-connections-week-sunset-at-the-wildlife-bridge-10th-anniversary-celebration/