

Useful Contacts

Pot holes, missing street sign, street light needing maintenance, limbs hanging over the sidewalk? Contact the Tucson Department of Transportation at <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/tdot/street-maintenance-improvement-request>

For vehicles with expired plates parked on the street, contact Parkwise at 520-791-5071 or parktucson@tucsonaz.gov. Inoperable vehicles on private property can be reported to <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/police/junk-vehicle-reportin>

For graffiti, call 520-792-CITY (2489)

For HOA approval of exterior projects and improvements go to TPW3.org

Brush & Bulky

Brush and Bulky will be the week of March 20

Please have your items on the curb by 6:00 AM March 20.

Brush & Bulky will collect:

- Brush, tree trunks, branches and other green waste (up to 5 feet long and 24 inches in diameter)
- Lumber (up to 5 feet long and stacked in a separate pile)
- PVC and metal pipes (up to 5 feet long)
- Railroad ties (limit 5)
- Furniture, carpet, and doors
- Lawn mowers with fuel tank and crank case removed
- Scrap metal (bicycles, swing sets, etc., broken into 5 foot lengths)
- Cacti (must be contained in a box - up to 25 lbs.)
- Appliances (remove freezer/refrigerator doors)
- Car tires (limit of five automobile tires. Tires must be separated from pile. A separate truck will pick them up within the week.)
- Metal drums (empty and cut in half)

Brush and Bulky will NOT collect:

- Any excess over the 10 cubic-yard limit (1 cubic-yard roughly the size of a washing machine)
- Any items other than those listed above, such as
- Stone/bricks/concrete/aggregates/tile
- Construction debris (such as asphalt, roofing material, drywall, etc.)
- Hazardous waste like paint/oil/pesticides/solvents/liquids ([take to household hazardous waste](#))
- Glass/mirrors
- Compressed gas/air cylinder(s)
- Vehicle parts
- Ammunition
- Commercially generated material



Tucson Mountain Association

Our guest speaker at our annual meeting in January was Suzanne Polzin from the Tucson Mountain Association. This organization was founded in 1934 by homesteading families in the Tucson Mountains.

TMA's Mission is to preserve and provide for scenic quality of the area and to establish and maintain parks and open space areas as well as to protect the natural habitat in order to preserve the biological diversity of the area. They were actively involved in a fight to stop the City of Tucson from allowing high density development near 36th Street and La Cholla in beautiful desert land adjacent to the rural part of Kennedy Park. They were successful in part as the southern parcel was transferred back to the City for open space. The Enchanted Hills wash runs through that area and is an important wildlife corridor.

TMA was also involved in the proposed widening of Silverbell Road north of Goret. The project was redesigned to be more wildlife friendly allowing the preservation of wildlife corridors from Tucson Mountains to the Santa Cruz River, the Rillito River and the Canyon Del Oro Wash, allowing wildlife to connect from Tucson Mountains to the Catalina Mountains and Tortilla Mountains.

TMA is opposed to the proposed I11 interstate which will run from Nogales and connect with I10 near Marana. This road will thread between Saguaro National Monument and Ironwood National Monument and is a threat to the ecology of our Tucson Mountain Park.

For more information or to join the Tucson Mountain Association go to TucsonMountainAssoc.org.

Living with our Javelina Residents

By Dana Backer

Javelina, a hoofed mammal in the peccary family, has inhabited this area long before No. 3 Park West was built. As co-inhabitants of the Sonoran Desert urban-wildland interface there are many opportunities for us to observe wildlife in our neighborhood but we must also respect and protect this wildlife by limiting our interactions to observation.

Javelina come into our neighborhood because of readily available food and water. By doing so, they present potential human-javelina interactions which could end poorly for all involved. Javelina usually cause minor damage to plants and irrigation however, in No. 3 Park West, javelina do the equivalent of dumpster-diving by knocking over trash and recycle bins. The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) stresses **humans should NEVER feed javelina** whether with food scraps or trash.

Putting out food to attract javelina can cause them to become regular visitors and lose their fear of humans, creating problems for you, your pets, and your neighbors. Unfortunately humans have created this nuisance and for the javelina, this could lead to their death.

AZGFD states incidents of javelina attacks are almost always associated with feeding javelina. Please be considerate of our fellow residents and stop feeding javelina.

We too are responsible for the garbage we produce and the litter it can cause when our trash and recycle bins are toppled by javelina. While there are numerous methods to secure your bins the best deterrent is to eliminate the source of the problem and not put your bins out until shortly before 6:00 A.M. in the morning. Javelina are predominately nocturnal and they have figured out when it is trash night. There is nothing worse than waking up on a cold winter morning to find your trash strewn along your street. Wouldn't it be easier to put your bins out in the morning?

For more information about living with javelina go to <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/livingwith/javelina/>



Tucson Rainwater Harvesting

By Sallie Herman

You all know how important it is to be conservative with our water use here in Tucson. Of course we can all reduce water use by getting rid of or not planting lawns, planting native vegetation that doesn't require large amounts of water, and by being careful with water consumption indoors. There are also ways to capture some of the "free" water that falls from the sky.

We moved to the neighborhood in May 2022 and took advantage of a wonderful program that the city provides. It is a rebate that you can get from the city to help with the cost of putting in water catchment.

The program requires you to take a free workshop where you learn the principles of water catchment and the steps you need to take to prepare your site plan. Then you fill out an application with Tucson Water and you are on your way to getting some of that rainwater!

Capturing rainwater increases water availability for on-site vegetation, reduces flooding and erosion, reduces water bills and groundwater use, and extends the life of landscaping (rainwater is usually low in salt and relatively high in nitrogen).

If you are interested in learning more about this program, visit the Tucson Water webpage and read more about the process in the Rainwater Harvesting Rebate section:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/rainwater-harvesting-rebate>



Bobcats in Tucson

You may have seen the recent articles in the Arizona Daily Star about bobcats that have been killed. At least two have been killed in our area. At least one of them was killed by someone because it was stalking the family's improperly kept chickens. Another man who shot a bobcat, apparently after trying to scare it away, has been charged in relation to the shooting. Bobcats have been seen in our neighborhood in as well. As with all of our wild neighbors, it is important that we are respectful of them. If a bobcat appears on your property and is in a confined space (such as your backyard) open the gate and keep people away until it leaves. You can also scare it off with loud noises or a spray from the garden hose. If there are kittens try to leave them in place until the kittens are large enough to leave. You can also contact animal control or fish and game for help. For more information on bobcats you can visit bobcatsintucson.net

CC&Rs and Bylaws

Our neighborhood CC&R committee was approved by the board at the annual meeting. Meetings will begin soon, if you would like to take part, please contact the committee at CCR@tpw3.org

As a reminder, our CC&Rs provide only a handful of restrictions. Many complaints the board has received relate to city code issues and should be directed to the appropriate city office. However, use of temporary structures for permanent or temporary residency, abandoned or inoperable vehicles, and business activities (including advertising signs) are prohibited. Things like garbage cans and wood or storage piles must be screened from view. Trash and rubbish may not be allowed to accumulate. Any changes to the exterior of our homes (such as fences, walls, or other structures) must be approved by the Architectural Committee.