

# ATTENTION ALL DOG WALKERS



As members of Tatum Highlands, PLEASE be courteous to your neighbors and pick up after your pets when taking them for a walk in the community. It is your responsibility to pick up after your dogs by law in the state of Arizona. The law states:

*“It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having custody of any dog to fail immediately to move and dispose of in a sanitary manner*

*any solid waste deposited by such dog on public Property or deposited on private property without the consent of the person in control of the property.”*

There are pet stations throughout the community with bags to assist you with this matter.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sam Schwartzberg, Board President and Social Chair

I want to wish all our residents in Tatum Highlands a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!! What I am hoping is to assist with maintaining our wonderful community in the coming year.

## **Seeking your participation**

What I also hope in the coming year is to have more involvement from our community with volunteers to join committees and participate in monthly meetings. We appreciate feedback from you, the members of Tatum Highlands, so we can better address the needs of our community.

## **Why is this important?**

You have the means to influence how the rules of the community are implemented. Each homeowner in Tatum Highlands agreed to uphold the CCRs, ARC Guidelines, and Bylaws\* of the community. The Board is made up of volunteers offering their time to assist with maintaining the wonderful community we all share and enjoy. YOU can make a difference; YOU can have influence on the type of neighborhood you want to live in.

I realize we all have very busy lives and there are all sorts of reasons why you may not be able to participate due to jobs, raising young families, age, etc. However, many of us do have the ability to share some of our time. Your efforts can be instrumental in assuring we maintain a community we can all be proud of.

## **Accomplishments of the Board this past year:**

- 1. Got back on schedule with maintenance of all the landscaping that keeps our neighborhoods beautiful. (There is plenty of work yet to be done, such as tree trimming, and replacement of cacti lost during the past hot summer.)**
- 2. Repaired many issues, such as irrigation that went unattended from lack of attention over previous years.**
- 3. Created social events to bring our community closer together in an effort to get to know our neighbors.**
- 4. Obtained volunteers that make up our committee that reviews homeowner requests, such as house painting, changing yard designs, assuring all guidelines are being followed by the**

**community, and other issues impacting all of us.**

**5. Requested an updated reserve study that will impact our community over the next five years.**

**6. Kept expenditures within budget and created one for the coming year that will keep our community up to the standards you expect with judicious expenditure of our assessment money.**

**7. Continue to publish The Highlander newsletter.**

To finalize, I became a Board member because I had the luxury of recently retiring and decided to give back. What better way than offering my time for the community that I live in.

I ran for office to find out what the responsibility entails of a Board member, along with why and how decisions are made that impact our community. Trying to make proper decisions that impact Tatum Highlands while abiding by the guidelines has been challenging and eye opening to say the very least.

I look forward to the upcoming year for what we yet intend to accomplish. Let us work together to maintain a community we can all be proud of living in.

Best regards,  
Sam

\* To view the CCRs, ARC Guidelines, and Bylaws, go to the [Trestle Management Portal](https://portal.trestle.com/documents/governing-documents) at [portal.trestle.com>documents>governing documents](https://portal.trestle.com/documents/governing-documents)

# ARC MESSAGE: REVISED PLANTING GUIDELINES

Recently, our Association joined with other HOAs in recognizing and adapting to lower water usage, drought tolerant plants, and climate change conditions. Last year, your Architectural Committee adopted updated guidelines for landscaping, that is, trees, shrubs, grass, etc. All new plantings shall be designated as low water usage, low leaf litter, and low allergen.

Our revisions focus mostly on front yards and community-facing areas. Homeowners will still be able to be creative with their landscaping features in their backyard oases.

## New lawn guidelines

A key feature in effect for front yards is that we now prohibit **new** grass lawns. Moreover, the Association will prohibit **ALL** front-yard grass lawns effective **January 1, 2027**. Homeowners will be required to remove all natural grass front lawns by that date. (Synthetic turf will be permitted.) This three-year window allows homeowners to resolve the complexities of such a project along with related expenses.



All the details of the revision are located at the [Trestle Management portal](#) > Documents > Forms > ARC > Updated Revised Plant Revision 9.18.2023. Please direct your questions to the property manager. Thank you for preserving the future of our community.

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH: ARIZONA SUNSHINE LEMON PIE

By Valerie Miraglia, a Tatum Highlands Resident

*"This is the perfect pie recipe with all the fresh lemons that are now being picked. If you like lemon pie, this is the one to make!"*

1 whole large lemon, or 2  
medium lemons, washed &  
seeds removed (fresh from tree  
& in season is best)  
4 large eggs  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
1 piecrust (9 inch), unbaked



Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Wash and cut lemon into small chunks. Remove seeds.

In a large blender or food processor, blend all ingredients (except piecrust) until mixture is smooth and creamy. It should be fairly runny.

Pour into unbaked piecrust. Bake for about 40 minutes. If the crust becomes too brown, cover gently with foil and finish baking.

Serve with a dollop of fresh whipped cream.

Yield: 6-8 servings

# LOCAL EVENTS

By Karen Blue

## FEBRUARY

February 15-25, 2024 - Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show. For more information:

[scottsdalshow.com/shows/scottsdale-arabian-horse-show](https://scottsdalshow.com/shows/scottsdale-arabian-horse-show)



February 22-March 26, 2024 - Major League Baseball's Spring Training. For more information:

[cactusleague.com](https://cactusleague.com)

## MARCH

March 7-10, 2024 - Rodeo Scottsdale @ Westworld. For more information: [rodeoscottsdale.com](https://rodeoscottsdale.com)

March 15-17, 2024 - Cave Creek Sculpture & Wine Festival. For more information:

[thunderbirdartists.com/cavecreeksculpturefestival](https://thunderbirdartists.com/cavecreeksculpturefestival)

March 15-17, 2024 - Good Guys Car Show @ Westworld. For more information: [good-](https://goodguys.com/events/2024-events)

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March 16, 2024 - Cave Creek Rodeo Days Parade. For more information: [cavecreekrodeo.com/parade](https://cavecreekrodeo.com/parade)

March 21-24, 2024 - Cave Creek Rodeo Days. For more information: [cavecreekrodeo.com](https://cavecreekrodeo.com)

## APRIL

April 3-7, 2024 -- Arizona Bike Week. For more information: [abwaz.com](https://abwaz.com)

April 4-14, 2024 - Phoenix Film Festival @ Harkins Scottsdale 101. For more information:

[phoenixfilmfestival.com](https://phoenixfilmfestival.com)

Through April 2024 on the 2nd Saturday each month (9am-1pm) - GCS Farmers Market @ The Holland Center. For vendor information go: [gcsfarmersmarket.com](https://gcsfarmersmarket.com)

High Street's farmer's market every Sunday until April 28, 2024 (10am-1pm) @ 5415 High Street, Phoenix, AZ. For more information: [highstreetaz.com/event/farmers-market](https://highstreetaz.com/event/farmers-market)

Many other area events can be found at: [scottsdalearts.org/events](https://scottsdalearts.org/events) and at: [experiencescottsdale.com/events](https://experiencescottsdale.com/events)



Cave Creek Sculpture & Wine Festival. For more information: [thunderbirdartists.com/cavecreeksculp](https://thunderbirdartists.com/cavecreeksculp)





# FOOTHILLS FOOD BANK NEWS

By: Pam Albo

The Foothills Food Bank is expanding to a new 15,500 square foot facility located at Carefree Hwy. and 41st Street in Cave Creek. A non-profit organization, it is dedicated to providing food and resources to those in need in Northern Maricopa County and Southern Yavapai County.

## Major growth ahead

Founded in 1988 as a food bank serving the Town of Cave Creek solely, the demand for food and assistance has grown significantly to encompass over 200 square miles, from the 101 freeway north to central Yavapai County and west to Interstate 17. And the new facility will increase their capabilities to accept and distribute at least twice as much food from all participating market chains.



Artist's rendering of new 15,500 square foot building in Cave Creek.

## Financial training offered

Additionally, there will be a training room to host financial literacy programs, budget training, and useful seminars on nutrition. Working in cooperation with St. Vincent de Paul, the food bank also provides emergency financial assistance to those in need.

A fundraising campaign is in progress to raise \$7 million of which over half of the needed funds are already in place. Completion is expected by the first quarter of 2026. Volunteers for van drivers and warehouse/pantry stockers are always appreciated.

Donations are gratefully accepted at [foothillsfoodbank.com](https://www.foothillsfoodbank.com) or by calling 480-488-1145, and are eligible for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit up to \$800.

# IN YOUR GARDEN

By Pam Albo

*Glorious Spring is right around the corner.*

## FEBRUARY GARDENING TIPS:

- Vegetable transplants can be put out now, such as:  
Asparagus, chard, head and leaf lettuces, peppers, tomatoes, garlic, onion, melon, sweet potatoes and eggplant.



- Prune roses. Remove deadwood and crossing branches. Cut back to 50%. Try to accomplish this by the end of February before the growing season begins.
- Add compost to ready the soil for the warmer months to come.
- Fertilize citrus trees

## MARCH GARDENING TIPS:

- Plant shrubs to give them time to become established before the punishing hot summer heat. Examples: Texas sage, yellow bells, Baja fairy duster, red yucca, bush lantana, angelita daisy, red bird-of-paradise.
- Plant groundcovers such as trailing lantana to retain soil moisture.
- Plant flowering annuals, such as alyssum, geraniums, marigolds and petunias.
- Plant herbs, such as basil, chive, oregano, parsley, sage, and thyme.
- Prune existing shrubs. Remove frost damage, especially from bougainvillea and lantana.



Purple Trailing Lantana

- Fertilize roses after each bloom. Continue every two to four weeks until mid-June. Be sure to

deadhead after each bloom.

- Weed prevention. They are starting to grow and that's when they are easier to control.
- Check your irrigation system for leaks. Increase watering intervals if needed.

#### **APRIL GARDENING TIPS:**

- April is National Garden Month, Arbor Day, and Earth Day
- Last month to plant shrubs, annuals, and herbs before the summer heat.
- Shrubs, trees, and potted plants may need increased watering.
- Water succulents every other week.
- Finish pruning now before the summer heat arrives.



Red Bird of Paradise

# PLANT OF THE MONTH: ADENIUM (DESERT ROSE)

By Pam Albo

Commonly known as the Desert Rose, Adeniums are eye-catching succulents native to Africa and the Arabian Peninsula and are of the Apocynaceae family.

They are well-loved for their vibrant, trumpet-shaped flowers that bloom in many colors.

## Easy to Grow in Arizona

Adeniums have a thick swollen base called a caudex which stores water for periods of drought. Intense sunlight is needed to produce their dazzling blooms. They thrive and grow in heat, especially in southern Arizona, where they need temperatures over 80 degrees. However, in the very hot months it is best to shade them with 50% shade cloth or remove from direct sun.

## Containers Only

Because they are sensitive to the cold, they should be grown in containers so they may be moved indoors for the winter dormant period. While they may be kept indoors during cooler months, Adeniums will not thrive as year-round houseplants.

## Soil and Water

Adeniums need fast draining soil and they prefer an inorganic media, such as coarse pumice, coarse coconut coir chips, sand, gravel, and/or perlite. Do not place the pot on a saucer which would hold water. The pot can be elevated to keep an air gap between the bottom and the surface it is standing on. "Plant feet" are available for this purpose as is placing the pot atop landscape rocks.





Adeniums have a unique appearance, showy flowers, and are easy to maintain.

# ARIZONA WILDLIFE: THE GREAT HORNED OWL

By Pam Albo

The Great Horned Owl is a majestic bird of prey and is a prominent resident of Arizona including the city of Phoenix. Recognizable by its distinctive tufted “horns” or ear tufts, this owl species boasts an impressive wingspan of up to 4-1/2 feet and sharp 3-inch talons that make it an efficient hunter.



These owls are highly adaptable and can be found in diverse habitats, from deserts to forests. They have a versatile diet, preying on small mammals, birds, and even reptiles. The Great Horned Owl’s keen senses, particularly its exceptional 3-D night vision and acute hearing, contribute to its prowess as a nocturnal hunter. Pet owners are advised to keep watch over their small animals when outdoors, especially at night.

*Fact: Owls can’t move their eyes from side to side; instead, they swivel their heads up to 180 degrees to look in any direction*

These owls are known for their hooting calls, which are often heard during the breeding season. Their vocalizations serve as a means of communication between mates.

In urban areas like Phoenix, Great Horned Owls have shown resilience, adapting to the changing landscape. They may even nest in trees within city parks or suburban neighborhoods.



The Great Horned Owl can fly silently on its broad wings.



# NEXT BULK TRASH PICKUP

by Karen Blue

CITY OF PHOENIX QUARTERLY BULK TRASH PICKUP

Placement Begins on

**March 30, 2024**

Collection Begins

The week of **April 8, 2024**

Bulk trash is collected four times per year.

- You are allowed to place your bulk items on the on the curb nine (9) days prior to the scheduled collection week. This is what “placement begins on” means.
- Place your bulk trash on the curb by 6 am on the “collection begins” date.
- Do not place piles on water meters, next to fixed objects, or next to parked cars.
- Dates may change due to staffing shortages.

For more information or to view the bulk trash chart, visit: [phoenix.gov/publicworks/bulktrash](https://phoenix.gov/publicworks/bulktrash). Or call (602) 262-6251

Bulk Trash Do's and Don'ts

**DO** - - - - - Put yard clippings & bulk items out on time – no later than 6 am on the Monday of your collection week.

**DO** - - - - - Separate the yard clippings from the bulk pile, placing at least 3 feet apart.

**DO** - - - - - Organize piles. Place cacti and glass in a box with a lid; place yard clippings in plastic bags; stack tree limbs and palm fronds in one direction.

**DON'T** - - - - Exceed the pile size limit of no larger than 10' long x 6' wide x 4' tall.

**DON'T** - - - - Place piles near meters & electrical boxes.

**DON'T** - - - - Throw hazardous waste into bins or brush piles.

