



HOA BOARD ELECTION

**Attention Tatum Highlands Homeowners:
Watch your email for ballots to elect new HOA Board Members!!**

Ballots for the election of open positions for Board of Directors will be sent the week of **May 8, 2023**. We will be utilizing electronic voting. PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

The ballots will include bios of the following candidates:

- Louis Bergdorf
- Kevin Hufnagel
- Stuart Kleinberg
- Chris Standford

There are three open positions for Board members. The new members will be announced at the Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**

The nominating committee consisted of the following community members:

- Patricia Diaz
- John Schroeder
- Robert Miraglia
- Meg Bremm
- Sam Schwartzberg

Ballots will also include candidates for three open positions on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). These candidates are volunteers and not selected by the nominating committee. The candidates are:

- Patricia Diaz
- Melissa Delay
- Robert Miraglia

If you do not have an email address on file, you will receive your ballot by mail. We appreciate you taking the time to submit your ballots.

Patricia Diaz
Nominating Committee Chair



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kris Scalpone,
Board President & Architectural Committee Chair

As of today, Spring has sprung here in the Valley of the Sun. The flowers are all abloom. I am continually grateful for the beauty of Tatum Highlands and the friendly neighbors I meet out and about.

And in the theme of the Spring Season, all our committees are abuzz with new ideas for 2023.

- On April 1st, another fine Festival was put on by the Social Committee celebrating Spring, family, friends, and fun with an egg hunt to boot. The next Festival is already in the works. We look forward to seeing you there!
- The Highlander Newsletter produced its 3rd edition for Tatum Highlands, and the website is growing all the time. Check them out for news, events, meetings and more at www.tatumhighlandsaz.org.
- Has everyone noticed the change in our community landscape? What an improvement. SDL and the Landscape Committee have made great strides with overdue maintenance, refreshing the landscape, and our first tree plantings for a very long time. Looking good.
- Updates to the Architectural Guidelines are complete. The Committee is currently hard at work updating the plant list with a user-friendly guide of low-water-use plants (see: www.amwua.org/plants), cleaning up the monuments, and more.
- It's that time again. Voting for Board of Directors and Architectural Committee Members is happening soon. The Nominating Committee has been preparing for the Election since the start of the year. Ballots and candidate bios were just mailed out. Vote for your candidate!

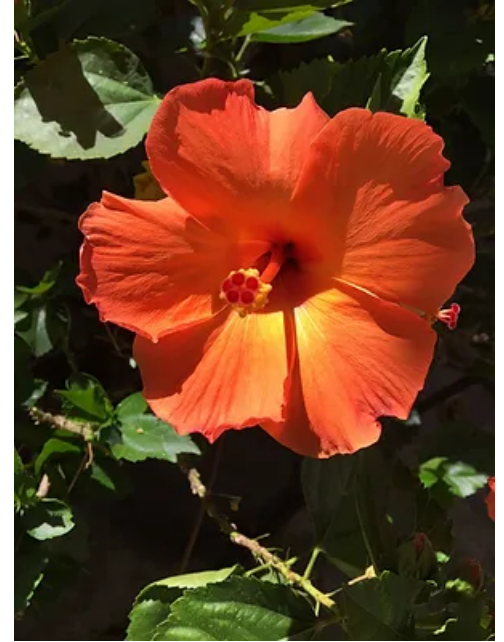


Photo by Ed Sieckert

Thank you to our HOA Board and Committees for all your hard work and involvement. You continue to make the Tatum Highlands Community a wonderful place to live. If you would like to offer suggestions, get involved, or volunteer, **let us know [here](#)**.

A shout-out to our new Community Manager, Leanne Diliberto. Welcome! We appreciate you and the staff at Trestle Management for all you do.

Thank you, Tatum Highlands Community! It is an honor to serve our community.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have a Happy Spring and Summer. Enjoy!

-Kris



LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

By Kevin Hufnagel,
Board Director & Landscape Chair

The Landscape Committee started the 2023 plan before the year started. With the absence of capital improvement projects in the common area, it was important to accomplish a few projects ahead of the Board's decision for an updated reserve study. With some new completed projects as assets for Tatum Highlands, the reserve study will produce new financial information for budgeting future projects.

Recently, you may have seen thirty-two new trees planted throughout the community.



SDL planting a tree



SDL working on erosion project

This brings value to our community! In Fall 2023, we will plant another assortment of trees to fill places where we lost trees due to storms. You may have seen the construction in the western part of Tatum Highlands along Jomax Road between 40th Street and 41st Court, as well as at the wash near 43rd Place. A major drainage system was restored to improve storm water to be retained in basins and improve the flow in waterways. These restored flood control systems will function properly for decades to come and add value.

Before the summer gets here, we hope to add value to our community by planting Saguaros to replace the ones we lost. On your next morning or evening walk, take the time to enjoy the scenery of Tatum Highlands.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

By Daniel Luitjens
Architectural Review Committee Alternate Member

What does the Architectural Review Committee do for Tatum Highlands?

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) uses the guidelines established in the Tatum Highlands CC&Rs* to assure that design standards are met in order to maintain property values.

The CC&Rs state that no improvement which in any way alters the exterior appearance of the property shall be made without the prior written approval of the Committee.

Some common applications sent to the Committee are for:

- Repainting your home
- Solar panel installation
- Landscaping updates
- Roof repair/tile replacement
- Entry doors and security doors



The documents that are used to apply for changes to the property can be found on the Trestle Management portal at: portal.trestle.com.

The Committee can approve applications that are in full compliance with the guidelines within a short time on the Trestle Management website. Some applications may need to be reviewed at an open meeting. However, there is an allowed 45-day period for application reviews.

The Committee typically meets online once per month on the 4th Tuesday and homeowners are invited to attend. A notice is emailed to homeowners before the meeting.

The Committee recently updated the Design Guidelines for compliance with new laws and to clarify requirements. The maintenance and upkeep of the community requires the cooperation of all homeowners, who should be familiar with the CC&Rs and the Design Guidelines. To help homeowners, the Committee will continue to provide information through each issue of The Highlander newsletter on commonly seen non-compliant items.

* The Architectural Control Committee (commonly known as the Architectural Review Committee, ARC) was established in the Tatum Highlands Declaration of Covenants, Conventions, Restrictions and Easements (CC&Rs) in December of 1993 at the time the community was first being developed. An “Architectural Committee Charter” is in place that guides the functions of the Committee. The Charter, along with other documents, is available on the Trestle Management portal.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MESSAGE

By Sam Schwartzberg
Board Vice President & Social Chair

I want to thank all members of our Tatum Highlands Community who volunteered to make the recent Spring Festival a success. The attendance was even greater than the Fall Festival held last November! An estimated 750-1,000 people attended what turned out to be a day with perfect weather and a good time had by all.

Activities included an Egg Grab for children and events for all ages that included an Egg Toss and Three-Legged Race.



Other activities were a Kid Kraft station for those who wanted to express their creativity and Face Painting, which again was a big hit.



There were five food trucks and this event included free cotton candy which was enjoyed by children and those adults that felt like being a kid for a day.

Enjoy the rest of the Festival photos [here](#).

Be on the lookout for the 2023 Fall Festival this coming October which will have a Halloween theme. Dates and time to be announced in the future on the Tatum Highlands website and with signage in the community when we get closer to the date.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Tatum Highlands Social Committee or simply volunteering for an upcoming event, please **let us know here**.



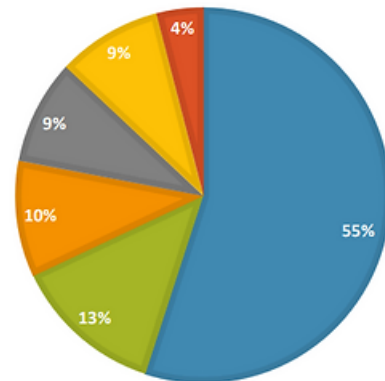
TATUM HIGHLANDS EXPENSE SUMMARY

Board of Directors and association management companies are often asked what homeowner assessments (dues) pay for. Each community is quite unique given the assets and other financial obligations the association is responsible to provide and/or maintain. We asked Trestle Management Group to provide a high-level summary that could be shared with the homeowners to help everyone better understand the breakdown of community expenses. We hope everyone finds this information helpful.

Summary of 2023 Operating Budget

- **Landscape Maintenance (55%)** – Contract, Irrigation Repairs, Improvements, Tree Trimming, Storm Damage, Backflow Certifications
- **Reserve Contributions (13%)** – Annual savings for long-term asset maintenance and replacement
- **Administration (10%)** – Tax Returns, Insurance, Legal Fees, Copies and Postage, Billing Statements, Website, Social Events
- **Management Fees (9%)**
- **Utilities (9%)** – Irrigation Water and Electricity
- **Other Repairs and Maintenance (4%)** – Pest Control, Holiday Lighting, Parking Enforcement, Vandalism Repair

■ Landscaping (55%) ■ Reserves (13%) ■ Administration (10%)
 ■ Management (9%) ■ Utilities (9%) ■ Maintenance (4%)



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RECIPE FOR HOMEMADE GRANOLA

By Valerie Miraglia

A Tatum Highlands Community Member



- 3 heaping cups of rolled oats (not instant or steel cut)
- 1/2-3/4 cup each: chopped walnuts, slivered almonds, or nuts of your choice
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 2 tsp cinnamon, or to taste
- Nutmeg to taste (I use several gratings of whole nutmeg.)
- 1 can fat free sweetened condensed milk
- 1/4 cup canola oil

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with Silpat or other silicon liner. (The granola will stick if silicon is not used!)

In a large bowl, mix all the dry ingredients to evenly distribute the salt and spices. Add condensed milk and canola oil. Mix well with a rubber spatula. Spread mix onto Silpat.

Bake for 25 minutes. Remove baking sheet from oven and stir up the granola for even baking. Return to the oven for another 25 minutes. (Baking time may vary depending on how hot your oven runs.) Cool and store in an airtight container. Granola should be a nice golden brown and not feel wet when done.

This is a very forgiving recipe so feel free to adjust the amounts of nuts and spices to your taste. Great as a breakfast cereal with fresh or dried fruits!





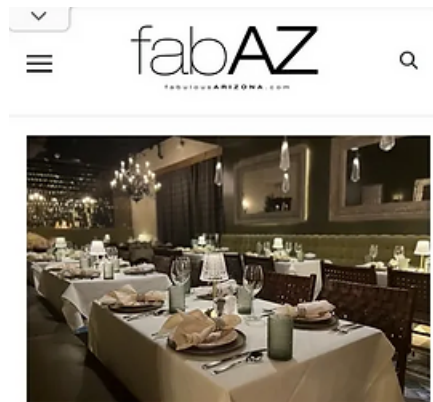
NEW TO OUR AREA

By Karen Blue

Tatum Highlands Communications Committee

Buck & Rider, Pescada, Kona Grill, Spitz Mediterranean, Yonutz, Fat Tuesday & Jin Jia

There's a new restaurant in our neck of the woods. Buck & Rider recently opened their second Arizona location on the southeast corner of Scottsdale Road and Mayo at 7015 E Mayo Blvd. They are known for flying in fresh seafood seven days a week and offer a daily happy hour, brunch, lunch, and dinner. For more information visit buckandrider.com



New on Market Street at DC Ranch is Pescada at 20707 N. Pima Road, Suite 140, a fine dining restaurant open for dinner only; pescadascottsdale.com

Restaurant of the Week:
Pescada

Coming to Desert Ridge Marketplace:

- Kona Grill, which will be located between The Keg Steakhouse and Thirsty Lion.
- Spitz Mediterranean, which will serve Mediterranean and Greek food and will be located near Cupbop and the splash pad.
- Yonutz Fantastical Donuts and Ice Cream

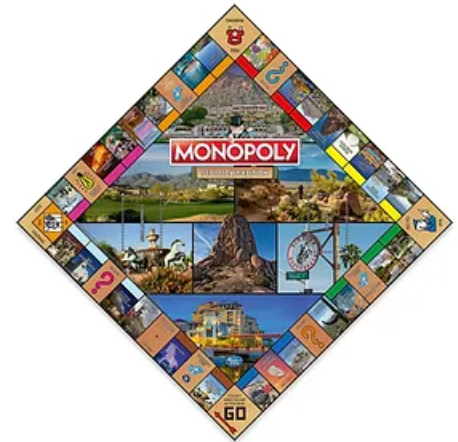
- Fat Tuesday, a New Orleans-style cocktail bar, will have a summer opening and will be located near Nike Unite and Dave & Buster's.
- Jin Jia, a Chinese restaurant, will be located near Barnes & Noble Bookstore

DID YOU KNOW?

By Karen Blue

Tatum Highlands Communications Committee

- There's now a Scottsdale edition of Monopoly! It's available in stores such as Barnes & Noble Scottsdale, Kactus Jock, Scottsdale Southwest, Southwest Reflections, The Poisoned Pen, and online at retail partners including Amazon and more.



- Wondering what to do with some of the books you no longer want? Consider donating them to VNSA (Volunteer Non-Profit Service Association). They take donations all year long and have donation drop boxes around the valley. Or if you are not near one of their drop boxes, they will come to you. For more information contact: (602) 0265-6805, Email: info@vnsabooksale.org, or <https://vnsabooksale.org/donate>.

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (BBBSAZ) are highlighting the tremendous demand for mentors across the state. To learn more about BBBAZ or how to get involved visit: bbbsaz.org/bebold



- Hospice of the Valley offers several free educational presentations for the community. One such presentation is called Hospice and Supportive Care where you'll learn about how hospice supports patients and families in their homes, when hospice is appropriate and how Medicare and insurance companies cover the cost of care. Supportive care helps families improve quality of life for those struggling with chronic illness by managing symptoms to prevent unnecessary hospitalizations. For more information contact Community Liaison Patti Sheridan at (602) 530-6920 or psheridan@hov.org.



- Our neighbor community of Tatum Ranch welcomes their residents as well as us, their community neighbors, to join them for BINGO on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The cost is \$25 for 10 games and includes snacks, drinks and daubers. For more information call (480) 473-1763 or <https://www.tatumranch.org/events>

- There are a multitude of fun and educational events available through Maricopa County Parks & Recreation, such as guided bird walks, seed collection, moonlight hikes, and Clay Mine tours, many of which are Ranger-escorted. Most events are free with park entrance purchase and many require registration as the number of participants is limited. For more information: (602) 506-2930 x8 or <https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/events/>.



The following community phone numbers might be helpful to keep handy:

Adult Protective Services @ 602-542-4446

Department of Children's Services @ 602-255-2500

Domestic Violence Hotline @ 1-800-799-7233

Suicide Prevention Hotline @ 1-800-273-8255

Teen Lifeline @ 602-248-8336

Foothills Foodbank @ 480-488-1145



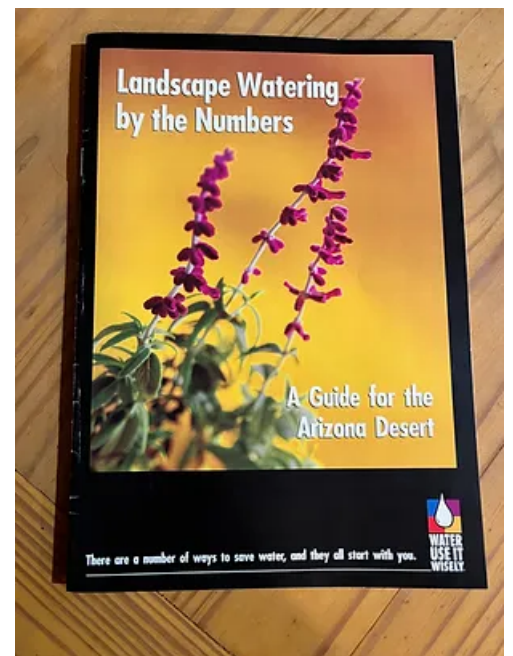
WATERING YOUR TREES AND SHRUBS IN TATUM HIGHLANDS


By Ed Sieckert,
MS, Certified Professional Agronomist

Keeping your shrubs and trees healthy requires yearly maintenance of the drip irrigation system. Summer temps above 105 F are very demanding and if the plant is water stressed it may die. Shrubs, trees, and cacti each have different water demands. For instance, cacti require little water depending on the species.

Tips for preparing for the summer:

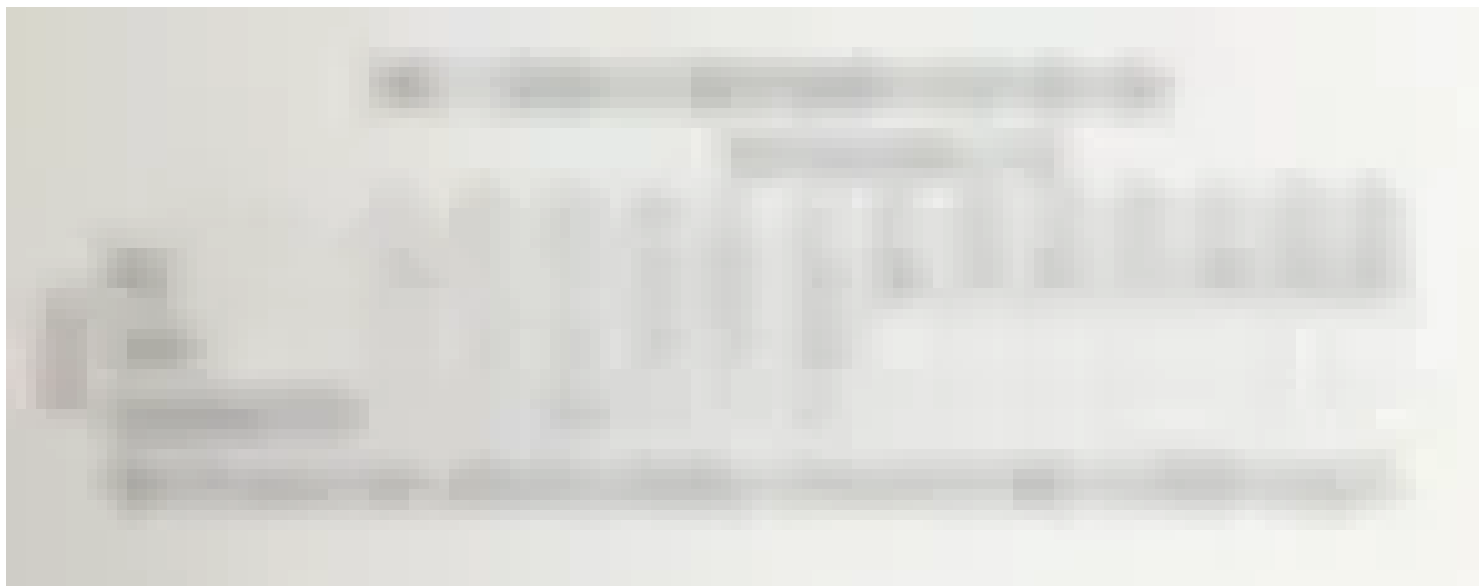
1. Turn on your irrigation system and make sure each valve is working.
2. Check each emitter to see if it is producing water.
3. Check your timer for the correct amount of water to be applied and the days you want to have it on.
4. Get The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) free booklet on irrigation. Type in your browser "Landscape Watering by the Numbers." Or call for the free booklet at (602) 261-8367.



 How Much & How Often Water to the outer edge of the plant's canopy and to the depth indicated. Watering frequency will vary depending on season, plant type, weather and soil.		Seasonal Frequency — Days Between Waterings				Water This Deeply (Typical Root Depth)
		Spring Mar - May	Summer May - Oct	Fall Oct - Dec	Winter Dec - Mar	
Trees	Desert adapted	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	30-60 days	24-36 inches
	High water use	7-12 days	7-10 days	7-12 days	14-30 days	24-36 inches
Shrubs	Desert adapted	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	30-45 days	18-24 inches
	High water use	7-10 days	5-7 days	7-10 days	10-14 days	18-24 inches

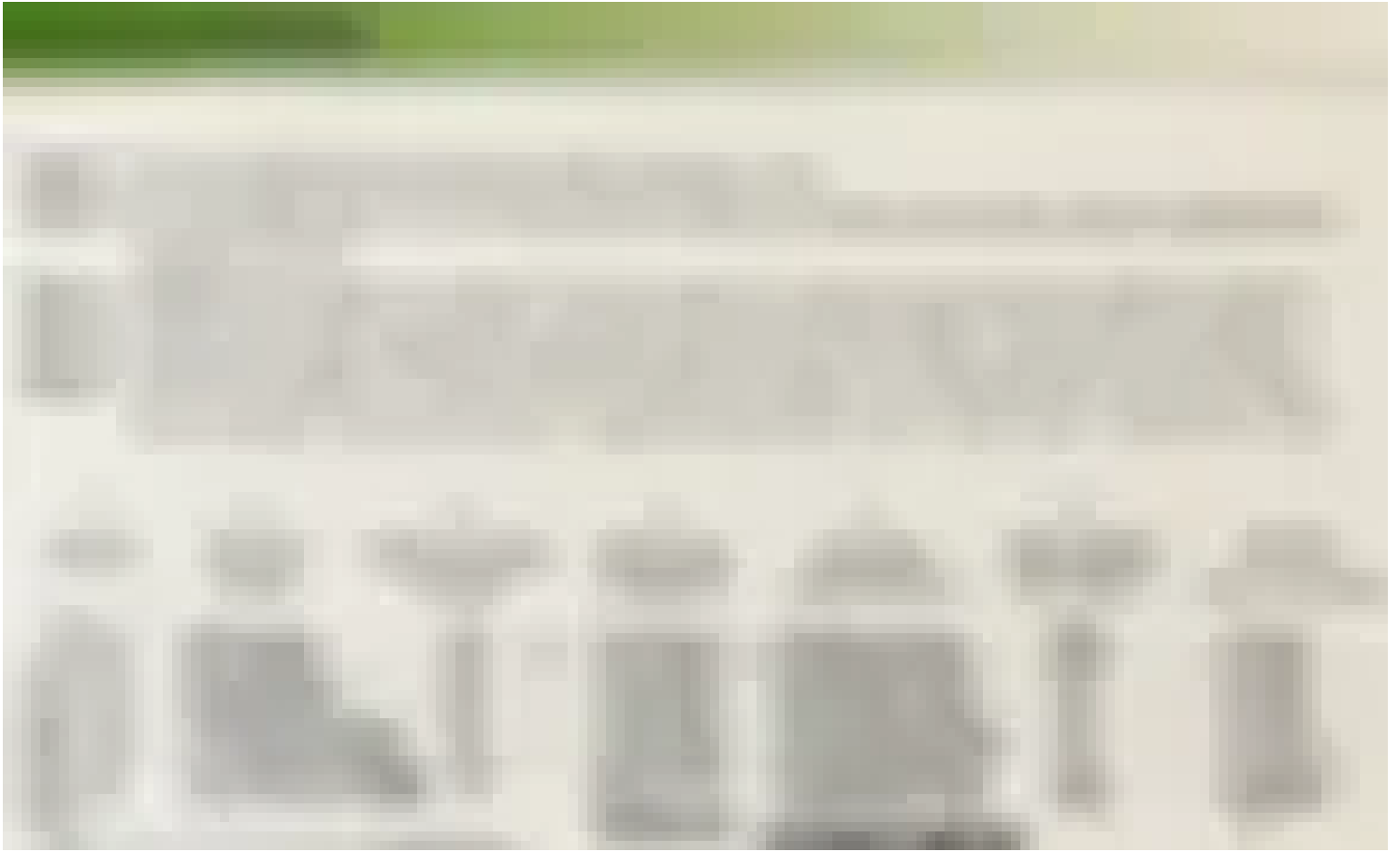
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Table C below will give you an idea of how much water is required to wet the root zones of different plant types and sizes.



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Use the Run Time Worksheet below to help you calculate the number of emitters, gallons/hour, and total run time per shrub-tree type. This will save you time and money and return a beautiful yard to you.



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Best wishes for a great growing season!

Did you find this article helpful?



Yes

No

SUMMER GARDENING

By Pam Albo

Tatum Highlands Communications Chair

In May

Summer in the low desert begins in May.

- Feed roses and blooming plants.
- Remember to remove dead blossoms after each bloom.
- Feed established citrus and don't be alarmed if fruits drop. It is normal this month.
- Keep an eye on potted plants as they may need increased watering.
- Adjust irrigation systems in preparation for summer watering needs.
- Replace bedding plants, such as petunias that won't take the heat.
- Finish up any pruning of frost damage.



In June

June and July are the hottest months. Concentrate on helping your plants survive the heat.



- Check all your plants on a regular basis to make sure they're getting enough water. It's time to add a layer of mulch around the base of your plants to save water and keep your plants' roots cool.
- Cut back on fertilizing roses.
- Deadhead flowering plants to encourage continued blooming by removing spent flowers before they go to seed.
- Water citrus deeply once a week or more.

In July

The monsoon season traditionally starts around the 4th of July with humidity arriving from the Gulf of California.

Summer rains will bring another crop of weeds. Get them while they are still small.

July is a good time to fertilize palm trees since palm specific fertilizers need to be watered in.

Place shade cloth over tomatoes and peppers.

Beware of Palo Verde Beetles that emerge from the ground and make holes around Palo Verde trees, and swarms of flying termites that come out of holes in the ground to start new colonies.

Watch for worms and beetles. Invest in organic insecticides.



ARIZONA WILDLIFE: RATTLESNAKES

By Pam Albo

Tatum Highlands Communications Chair

Snakes are part of living in the desert. We see them on our hiking trails, out camping, and sometimes right in our own backyards. Spring and Summer are when we see more snakes out and about. We met with Bryan Hughes of Rattlesnake Solutions for a Question-and-Answer session to learn more about rattlesnakes.

Q: What is the most common rattlesnake found in the Tatum Highlands area?

A: The Western Diamondback (as pictured below)



Q: How can you identify a snake?

A: If you hear the sound of a rattle or see rattles on the tail, it is a rattlesnake. The Diamondback also has white and black banding near the tail. They tend to rest in a tight circle with their head in the center, whereas other snakes are coiled like a hose. (Note: The sound of a rattle is an alert only.)

For a no charge snake identification, send a text message with a photo to 480-694-3020.

Q: When are snakes most likely to make their appearance?

A: Mid-March until mid-November. Snakes normally hibernate during late Fall until March. They are active now.

Q: What do you do if you come across a rattlesnake?

A: Leave it alone or call for removal at 480-237-9975, a 24-hour removal service of Rattlesnake Solutions. The removal charge runs from \$100-200. Snakes are removed humanely and always relocated to a natural habitat area where they can start a new life.

**Q: Where are snakes most often found around home?**

A: In sheds, near the front door, in garages (a likely hibernation area), in the pool pump area, in yards that are adjacent to natural habitat, and in yards that emulate natural habitat.

Yards that emulate natural habitat may have a water fountain feature or water dish; bird feeders, or pet food left out.

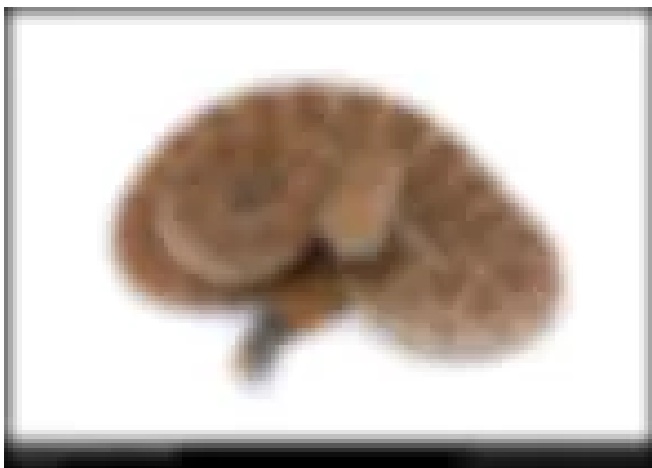
For yards that are adjacent to natural habitat it is recommended that a Snake Fence be installed to keep them out.

Q: What about snake repellants?

A: Do not use snake repellants – they do not work!

Q: Where can I learn more?

A: Rattlesnakesolutions.com has even more information on removal, fencing, identification, as well FAQ, a blog, and an email subscription signup.



Source: Bryan Hughes of Rattlesnake Solutions

rattlesnakesolutions.com

480-694-3020

PEST OF THE SEASON: SCORPIONS

By Karen Blue

Tatum Highlands Communications Committee

Our warm weather months bring with them an increase in scorpions. Following are some tips to reduce/prevent scorpions in and around your home:



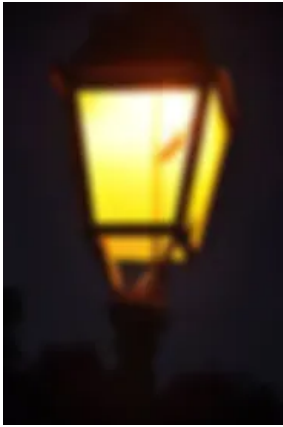
- Turn off the lights after the sun has gone down and shine a blacklight on piles of linens, in your pantry, and other dark and quiet places scorpions may be hiding. Scorpion's exoskeletons glow under the blacklight, making them easier to detect and get rid of before they have a chance to sting.



• Seal cracks and crevices. It is not necessary to seal all cracks and crevices. Start by caulking around roof eaves, pipes, electrical face plates, and any other cracks that allow entrance into the home.

- Install weatherstripping around loose-fitting doors and windows.
- Make sure window and attic vent screens fit tightly in the window frame and keep the screens in good repair.
- Reduce clutter and use good sanitation practices.
- Clean the yard by removing all trash, logs, boards, stones, bricks, and other objects from around the foundation of the home.
- Prune overhanging tree branches away from the house, because they can provide a path to the roof for scorpions.
- Keep grass closely mowed and minimize low-growing ground cover vegetation next to buildings.
- Don't store firewood inside the house; bring in only wood to be directly placed on the fire and check for scorpions before bringing the wood inside.
- Outdoor lights attract insects and thus the scorpions that feed on insects. Yellow outdoor lighting is less attractive to insects and is recommended in areas where scorpions are prevalent.





- Don't leave shoes, boots, clothing items, or wet towels outdoors where scorpions can hide. Shake towels around the swimming pool. Shake all clothing and shoes before putting them on. Wear gloves when working in the yard. Wear shoes outdoors, especially during the evening hours.
- And you might consider surrounding your home with diatomaceous earth which is a substance composed of fossilized organisms.



Source: [Moxie Pest Control](#)



NEXT BULK TRASH PICKUP

By Karen Blue
Tatum Highlands Communications Committee

City of Phoenix Quarterly Bulk Trash Pickup

Placement begins
July 1-9, 2023

Collection Begins
The week of **July 10, 2023**

Bulk trash is collected four times per year.

- You are allowed to place your bulk items on the curb by 6 am nine (9) days prior to the scheduled collection week. This is what is meant by "placement begins on."
- 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, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks/bulktrash
Or call (602) 262-6251