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**The Neighborhood Property Owners Association of Fountain Hills, AZ,
A 501(c) 4 Non-profit
Striving to keep our Fountain Hills neighborhoods beautiful for over 33 years!**

Get Your Home Summer-Ready

As summer settles into Fountain Hills, it's the perfect time to make sure your home is ready for the season's heat and weather shifts. Start by checking your air-conditioning system early clean filters, clear debris around outdoor units, and schedule a tune-up if needed to keep everything running efficiently during peak temperatures. With monsoon season approaching, inspect your roof, windows, and yard drainage to help prevent water intrusion during heavy storms. Secure outdoor furniture and décor so strong winds don't turn them into hazards. It's also wise to trim dry vegetation and clear brush around your property to reduce fire risk during the driest months. Simple steps like these help protect your home, improve comfort, and keep your property looking its best throughout the summer.

PAINTING?

The Fountain Hills Sherwin-Williams store offers great discounts to NPOA members! A 35% discount on both exterior and interior paint and a 25% discount on supplies are available.

Just show proof of your address. It's that easy! The store has a map of the properties that qualify for these discounts.

Don't forget to get your NPOA permit before starting your project! The NPOA has several preapproved color palettes to help with deciding what colors to choose. Store associates can also help, as can our staff. Call the office at 480-837-5317

TWICE A YEAR THE NPOA DRAWS FOR A GIFT BASKET VALUED AT OVER $500.00!
Clip and drop off or mail to the NPOA office.
Name: _____
Phone # _____
Address: _____

All entries will be kept following the drawing for future Drawings. Need not be present to win. One entry per Address. Good Luck!

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF FOUNTAIN HILLS

"BUZZ"

Working to keep our Fountain Hills neighborhoods beautiful!

Spring/Summer 2026

Our Mission

Protecting our members' property value and their investment in their Fountain Hills home

Maintaining quality architectural standards in NPOA neighborhoods

Serving all Fountain Hills residents through community-betterment activities

Preserving the character and quality of our neighborhoods.

Welcome to the 2026 Summer edition of the Neighborhood Property Owners' Association (NPOA) newsletter. If you are reading this, it means your property is one of more than 4,400 in Fountain Hills that falls under the oversight and architectural review authority of the NPOA.

Living in Fountain Hills brings a unique sense of connection, and the NPOA's mission is rooted in preserving that shared pride. Our role is to protect property values by maintaining consistent architectural standards throughout our neighborhoods. Since its establishment in 1992, the NPOA has continued the vision first set by master developer Robert McCulloch, ensuring that Fountain Hills remains a community defined by thoughtful design, natural beauty, and well-maintained homes.

While design preferences can vary, most residents agree that neglected properties, inappropriate paint choices, or cluttered driveways can diminish the character of a neighborhood. Summer's heat, monsoon winds, and increased outdoor activity make it especially important to stay attentive to maintenance and exterior care. A well-kept home not only enhances curb appeal but also strengthens the value and appearance of the entire community.

Preserving neighborhood aesthetics is a shared responsibility, yet challenges arise when some homeowners disregard established architectural guidelines. These situations often occur close to home—sometimes next door or just down the street. When guidelines are ignored, the impact extends beyond appearance; it can influence property values and the overall feel of the neighborhood.

In the spirit of Charles Marohn's Strong Towns movement, one idea stands out: "Your city belongs to you not because you're in charge, but because you care." This message resonates deeply with communities like ours: the everyday choices of individual residents shape the long-term health and beauty of the town.

Take pride in Fountain Hills—help the NPOA protect your property's beauty and value by supporting neighborhood architectural guidelines. Questions or concerns? Call us at (480) 837-5317. We're happy to help!

Enjoying the Outdoors in an Arizona Summer

Summer in Arizona brings intense heat, bright sunshine, and long days—but it doesn't mean the outdoors are off-limits. With a little planning, residents can still enjoy fresh air while staying safe and comfortable. Early mornings and evenings are the ideal times to head outside, when temperatures dip, and the desert feels calm and welcoming. A quiet neighborhood walk, a bike ride on cooler streets, or a visit to a shaded park can be a refreshing way to begin or end the day.

Water activities become the season's go-to escape. Swimming, water aerobics, and family time around pools or splash pads offer a cool break from the heat. Even simple outdoor gatherings can feel enjoyable when held in shaded spaces with plenty of drinking water and time to rest. Sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and lightweight clothing go a long way toward keeping everyone comfortable.

Arizona also offers outdoor experiences that are uniquely beautiful in summer—if approached with care. Birdwatching, short nature walks, and scenic drives allow people to appreciate the desert landscape without spending too much time in direct sunlight. It's important to watch for signs of overheating and head indoors once temperatures climb too high. Pets need extra attention as well, since hot pavement and exposed surfaces can quickly become unsafe for their paws.

Backyards can become summer havens too. Grilling with family, relaxing under a patio cover, or enjoying an evening conversation outdoors can make the season feel special without requiring travel. Shade, hydration, and smart timing are the keys to making outdoor life work during Arizona's hottest months.

Summer in Arizona asks us to be prepared, but it still offers plenty of ways to enjoy the season. By choosing cooler hours, staying hydrated, and respecting the heat, we can continue to make the most of our beautiful desert surroundings.

Jennifer Andrea Roman

Jennifer Andrea Roman devoted her life to service, both professionally and within the community she loved. With a remarkable 39-year nursing career spanning Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, Scottsdale Healthcare Shea, Maricopa County Hospital, and the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center, Jennifer touched countless lives with compassion, skill, and unwavering dedication. Her commitment to education, veterans, and community well-being extended naturally into her volunteer work in Fountain Hills. Jennifer served four years on the NPOA Board and represented the Board on the NCOA for several additional years, always offering thoughtful insight and, at times, an alternative way of approaching difficult problems. Her perspective broadened discussions and strengthened decision-making. Jennifer's kindness, steady presence, and willingness to engage deeply with community issues made her an invaluable contributor. She will be profoundly missed by her friends at the NPOA and by the wider Fountain Hills community.

ASK "CARNAC"

In every issue, we will focus on a subject that highlights some of the questions we receive from our members.

Q. My yard is low maintenance, so do I really need to keep it neat in summer?

A. Oh, the desert might be low-water, but it is not no-care! A yard can be drought-friendly and still look sharp, healthy, and welcoming. The trick is to keep up with trimming, remove dead plants, and make sure weeds or dry growth do not take over. Summer heat can make neglected landscaping look tired fast, and in Fountain Hills, a tidy landscape helps your home blend beautifully with the neighborhood. Xeriscaping is a smart choice, but even desert plants need attention, and a clean, well-kept yard always beats a "survivor of the heat" look. Think of your landscape as your home's handshake: it should say "welcome," not "please send help." A little care now can save you from bigger problems later, and it keeps your property looking its best all season long.

Meeting Schedule

The Committee of Architecture meets on the **first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8:30 a.m.**
Board meetings are held on the **second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.**
All meetings take place in the **second-floor conference room** of the Executive Suites Building, **Suite 200–212, and are open to the public**.

Summer Tips for Pets in Fountain Hills

Summer in Fountain Hills is a wonderful time to enjoy the desert, but it also brings extra responsibilities for pet owners. Dogs and cats depend on us to keep them safe when temperatures rise, and a few simple habits can make a big difference. In Arizona, heat can become dangerous quickly, especially during the hottest part of the day.

First, always provide fresh water and a cool place to rest. Pets should have access to shade, whether they are indoors or outside, for short periods. Walk dogs early in the morning or later in the evening when pavement and other surfaces are cooler. Hot surfaces can burn paws, so it is wise to test the ground with your hand before heading out. If it feels too hot for you, it is too hot for your pet.

Second, never leave animals in a parked car, even for a few minutes. Temperatures inside a vehicle can rise to dangerous levels very quickly. When traveling with pets, plan ahead and make sure your destination is pet-friendly and shaded.

Third, keep an eye on signs of heat stress. Heavy panting, drooling, weakness, and confusion are all warning signs that a pet may be overheating. If this happens, move the animal to a cooler area, offer water, and contact a veterinarian if needed.

Finally, remember that pets should be considerate of neighbors too. Barking, wandering, and waste left behind can create problems in the community. Responsible pet care helps everyone enjoy the neighborhood and reflects well on the owner.

With a little attention and care, pets can stay safe and comfortable throughout the summer months. A well-cared-for pet is healthier, happier, and better prepared to enjoy life in the Arizona desert.

EVENTS

June

6, 13, 20 **Sweet Corn Market**
Fountain Park
Wednesdays, April
10 am - 3 pm

10, 22 **Wacky Wet Wednesdays**
Four Peaks Park
11:00 AM

July

4 **Fourth at the Fountain**
Fountain Park
Theater 6:30 pm

18 **Mid East Feast**
Fountain Hills Community Center

August

21 **Fountain Hills Craft Showcase**
Avenue of the Fountains

November

13-15 **Fall Fountain Festival of Fine Arts & Craft**

WANTED TALENT

The NPOA is supported by an all-volunteer Board and Committee of Architecture. Volunteers also fill other Association needs for special events.
Want to help our neighborhoods and community thrive? Here are a few volunteer opportunities we hope you will consider vol- volunteering for:

•Board of Directors - Positions open annually in January
•Plat Delegate - several openings
•Committee of Architecture Positions open

WHO TO CALL

EMERGENCY - CALL **911**

NON-EMERGENCY FIRE
Snake Removal 480-664-2400
Fire Station #1 480-837-9820
Fire Station #2 480-837-0804

MARICOPA COUNTY
Sheriff's Dispatch 602-876-1011
Animal Control 602-506-7387

NPOA 480-837-5317

TOWN HALL 480-816-5100

COMMUNITY CNTR 480-816-5200

PUBLIC LIBRARY 602-652-3000

FH SCHOOLS 480-664-5000

NUISANCE?
The NPOA has a Nuisance Complaint process wherein, upon receipt of presented evidence or witnesses, and corroborated by an official Police report, fines after the first complaint will be assessed to the property owner of record.