



## Catalina Foothills Estates #9 Association (CAT9) Newsletter

### CAT9 Board of Directors Nominations

Are you interested in being on the Board? The nomination period opened June 1 and closes August 20. If you want to run for a spot on the Board, all you have to do is submit a brief, self-biographical summary of you that includes the following:

- Reason you would like to serve on the Board.
- List of skills and ideas you would contribute to the Board.
- Work experience, volunteer experience, and life situation that would assist the Board.

**The nomination forms are available on our website at <https://www.cat9.org/volunteerform.pdf>**

The Board will contact you confirming that you want to be on the ballot and that the needed information has been received. After that, you are on your way to being on the ballot.

At the September Board meeting (second Monday of September) all received nominations will be reviewed, number of open position(s) will be announced, and the draft ballot will be reviewed.

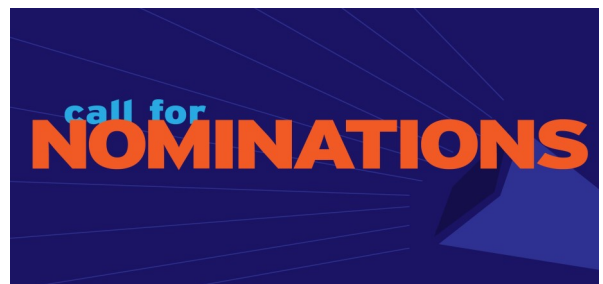
At the October Board meeting (second Monday of October) the number of open position(s) will be announced and the ballot approved.

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This is the first year using the new election policy. The goal is that any member who wants to be on the ballot has the opportunity to win a seat on the Board.

The full election policy can be found on the CAT-9.org webpage or at the following link: <http://cat9.org/newsletters/electionpolicy.pdf>



## CAT9 Cash Reserves Significantly Increase

Last year's ballot measure was historic and unique for our CAT9 neighborhood. The Board and the Association offer many thanks to our owners for supporting the increase and ultimately paying on time without delay. The benefits of the increase are obvious and clear.

Because of your support and cooperation, we have effectively increased our cash reserves contribution by 5+ times the amount in prior years. Having sufficient cash reserves is a key requirement of the Association. The approved increase will enable us to more quickly accumulate funds necessary for road improvements and maintenance per our 5-year road plan. Larger cash reserves also reduce the amount of each owner's obligation for any special assessments in future years.



The Board is currently reviewing an investment proposal with Edward Jones for preservation and growth of the additional cash. As of April 2022, the Association had \$104,528.50 in liquid assets. This includes \$46,567.39 in cash reserves for "roads" and \$57,961.11 in checking for "operations." In prior years, we put 40% (\$5,200) into roads of the \$13,000 collected in dues. As of April 2022, we have been able to put 76% (\$30,000) of \$39,000 collected in cash reserves for "roads." We have increased cash reserves 67% (\$34,000) this year.

All owners are current on assessment payments for 2022. Thanks again for your cooperation and feedback.

A big thanks to Gary Delmonaco for keeping our financial records in order and for coordinating timely receipt of all assessment payments.

## Trash Service Reminders

Hughes Sanitation has been providing quality trash service for the Association for the past year. The Board renewed the trash service contract with Hughes at a minimal increase of \$4 per month (from \$22/month to \$26 per month) starting July 1. The new contract has a fuel-adjustment increase of \$1 if Diesel fuel increases beyond \$7 and \$10 per gallon. Billing/payment is quarterly.

**Remember that recycling is only on Friday. Recycling must be clean. Boxes must be broken down or they will be treated as trash.**



## Road Maintenance

The Association's major expense is maintaining our roads. To help us reduce costs and keep our roads in good condition, we are asking for your help in keeping gravel off the roads to minimize damage to the paved roads. One way you can help, if you have the ability, is to sweep or blow gravel that has moved from your driveway onto the road back off the road. You may be able to do this yourself or through the utilization of your landscapers during their regularly scheduled maintenance. Any help you can provide is helpful.



## Share The Road

We hope you noticed the additional road signage encouraging owners to share the road between cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. Many thanks to Larry Ivy for coordinating the designs, production and installation. As a reminder, when following turns be aware of blind spots where pedestrians could appear. Enjoy the route and drive within the speed limit when in the neighborhood. Be respectful of wildlife's harmony with our landscaping and slow down for lizards, bunnies, and other creatures trying to cross the road. Walkers can help by walking against the traffic and wearing bright reflective clothing. Also, refrain from dumping or allowing your contractors to dump soda and drinks on the pavement.



6 Caution Walkers/Bicycles Signs Installed

2 No Soliciting/Private Roads Signs Installed





## New Neighbors

Please welcome new neighbors for two lots who recently moved into our neighborhood.

**Barrett Zeinfeld, 6921 N. Solaz Primero, Lot 12**

**Cameron Bedry, Tasha Bedry, and Lane Shinnick, 6521 N. Altos Tercero, Lot 116**

## Volunteering

### Why Volunteer?

All owners are encouraged to participate in Association responsibilities as a Board member and/or volunteer. Board members must attend monthly meetings, but volunteers can manage ad hoc tasks. Volunteering allows you to quickly meet other neighbors and learn about the intricacies of our historic CAT9 neighborhood. By volunteering, all owners can benefit by being part of that network which interprets and enforces our declaration and bylaws.

This planned community comes with a set of rules and obligations which help all neighbors live in harmony and peace. The Board is charged with managing the continuity of this shared mission through our Association budgeting process, architectural review process, and covenant enforcement. As a result of our strong Association operations, CAT9 is one of the most desirable locations in Tucson for housing value. Please think about volunteering by sending in a Volunteer Interest Form to the CAT9 Secretary, [connistruse@gmail.com](mailto:connistruse@gmail.com).

We welcome all interested candidates willing to be collaborative, inclusive, and respectful to the Board and other volunteers.

