



## Catalina Foothills Estates #9

**Elections:** Are you interested in being on the Board? June 1 opened the nomination period. If you want to run for the Board, just go to [www.cat9.org](http://www.cat9.org), download the form, fill it out, and send it to [cat9\\_tr@yahoo.com](mailto:cat9_tr@yahoo.com) before August 10.

If you are not interested in being on the Board but want to be involved, no worries. Just come to the meetings on the second Monday of each month (except July and August) and see how it works. There are always things we could use help with. The volunteer form is on the [www.cat9.org](http://www.cat9.org) website <https://www.cat9.org/volunteerform.pdf>

**Spring Potluck:** We would like to thank Jim and Susan Hawkins for generously hosting the spring potluck in April. The evening was a success and everyone had a great time meeting their neighbors.

Jeff and Laura Landers will be hosting our next neighborhood potluck in September. Be on the lookout for details via email soon.

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## Volunteers Needed for the Roads Committee:

Do you like our roads? Do you think they are nicer than the other Catalina Foothills neighborhoods? Are you interested in keeping them that way? Volunteering for the roads committee may be something for you. The roads committee is tasked with coming up with solutions for periodic maintenance, replacement, and funding of replacement. Currently the road committee consists of the Treasurer (Jim Ponzo) and Roads and Landscaping (Adam Watters), but we would like your help and input. If you are interested in helping with the plan for the roads, email at [cat9\\_tr@yahoo.com](mailto:cat9_tr@yahoo.com) or come to the next monthly Board meeting.

Treasurer’s Corner

As of April, the HOA has total cash and investments of \$172,738.50. This corresponds to \$36,792.44 in cash and \$135,946.06 invested in the Road Fund account. The HOA’s annual income is estimated to be \$39,945.60 with planned expenses of \$10,212.40.

In October 2022, the HOA changed how we handle our road maintenance fund. In the past the road fund was kept in a savings account earning close to 0% interest. Road fund expenses are predictable and known years in advance, giving the Board the opportunity obtain a higher rate of return on this money. We limit our investments to low-risk Treasury Notes and FDIC insured CDs which we plan to hold to maturity.

As of April, the \$101,000 invested into the road fund has grown to a value of \$104, 946.06, for a return of \$3,946.06, see Table 1 below.

Table 1-Investment Account Values

Investment Principal	Investment Market Value	Cash	Total
\$101,000	\$102,162.51	\$2783.55	\$104,946.06
Amounts As of April 26, 2024			

In May we transferred an additional \$31,000 into the Road Account. Using this money and cash from interest payments, we purchased a \$33,000 CD which pays 4.75% and matures in 4 years. This will bring our annual income up to \$5,021. Our current investments are listed in Table 2.

Table 2-Investments

Investment	Value at Maturity	Purchase	Maturity	Annual Income
T-note, 30 month, 2.65%	\$73,000 <sup>note1</sup>	Oct, 2022	April, 2025	\$1,934.50
CD, 4.9%	\$31,000	May, 2023	May, 2025	\$1,519.00
CD, 4.75%	\$33,000	May, 2024	May, 2028	\$1,567.50
Note 1: Paid \$69,840.14 Investments as of May 21, 2024				

If you have any questions on the road fund investments, email the Treasurer, Jim Ponzo, at [cat9\\_tr@yahoo.com](mailto:cat9_tr@yahoo.com).

The Treasurer would like to thank Adam Pina at Edward Jones on E. Skyline Drive for handling our investments. Many brokers were not interested in taking on an account like ours. If you think you may need his services, he can be reached at [adam.pina@edwardjones.com](mailto:adam.pina@edwardjones.com) or 520-742-7490.



## Driveways

Throughout our neighborhood there are many different kinds of driveways. But what do the CCRs say about driveways? CCR Section 4.t Garages and Driveways states “All driveways and roads shall be treated and maintained with a minimum of a two-shot bituminous surface treatment to prevent dust.” But what is a “two-shot bituminous surface treatment”? This process is typically called a seal coat or chip seal. Specifically, the CCRs are specifying that a layer of liquid asphalt is sprayed down and then a thin layer of aggregate (i.e. crushed rock, approximately ¼ inch size) placed over the asphalt. The process is immediately repeated a second time, hence “two-shot”.

If your driveway is currently pea gravel/pea stone, it is likely that underneath are the remnants of a chip seal driveway that was installed when the house was built. If you have a concrete, asphalt, or paver driveway you likely exceed the minimum specified in the CCRs. If you

are planning to make any changes to your driveway, it is subject to Board review and approval like other items addressed in the CCRs. Driveways that contain areas where the seal coat has deteriorated, exposing bare dirt patches or holes, need to be repaired and brought up to the standards defined in the CCRs.



## Trash Bins/Mail Box Poles

### TRASH BIN OR MAILBOX POLE LOOKING WORN?

The HOA has a few extra bins and three extra mailbox poles in the storage unit. If you are ready for a new one of either of these, contact the Secretary, Conni Struse, at [connistruse@gmail.com](mailto:connistruse@gmail.com).



## HOA Facebook Page

The Catalina Foothills 9 Home Owners Association Facebook page is back up and running. If you want another way to keep up to date with the HOA, your neighbors, and the community just ask to join. After the administrator confirms you are an owner, you will be let in the group.

This is for owners only and read the rules of the page. The goal is an easy forum for the HOA to make plans, talk, and get to know each other.



## Rattlesnake Removal—Rural Metro

Besides offering fire and paramedic emergency services, in the past Rural Metro Fire has come to subscribers' property and removed rattlesnakes. Recently, the Board received a report from a member that Rural Metro Fire no longer offers this service.

To determine if this is true, the Board attempted to find out from Rural Metro what their current policy on rattlesnake removal is. The end result is not clear, but it appears Rural Metro may still remove snakes. Our understanding is that members who need rattlesnake removal should call Rural Metro and request snake removal. If you are told that Rural Metro no longer offers that service, request a supervisor and you should get approval.

The confusion comes from Rural Metro's inability to answer the Board's inquiry as to their snake policy. A Board member placed multiple calls to customer service. The customer service agent was unable to answer the question. The Board member was put on hold and was unable to leave any messages for a Snake Removal Specialist/employee to get a conclusive answer on the subject. Additionally, Rural Metro's website has no mention regarding rattlesnake removal service. If anyone has additional information, please email '[info@cat9.org](mailto:info@cat9.org)'.

