

### **COMMUNITY NEWS – February 23, 2021**

Welcome to the 2021 Casa del Cielo Board of Directors!

President & Landscaping/Pool: Randy Vogel

Vice President & Social: Nadine White

Treasurer & ACC: Tom Krebs

Secretary & Communications: Kathy Hippensteel

Member at Large: Diana Love & Hilda Banyon

Thank you to our outgoing board members, David White and Barbara Gould.

## February 20, 2021 Board Meeting Hi-Lites

- 13 Home Sale Inspections completed 2020 home values continue to increase
- 15 Architectural applications approved 2020
- Olive trees trimmed & thinned 70 in 2020 and 24 in 2021 & sprayed in January
- Fiscus trees being trimmed and thinned
- Board approved sprucing up entrances to CdC with new trees
- Restrictions still in place by Governor
- Entrances to pool to be assessed for new lock system

Check CdC website for full complete minutes of the Feb 20th board meeting

#### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for community volunteers who would be interested in helping to pick fruit for neighbors who are not physically able to maintain their fruit trees. If you are available to be part of this volunteer group, please respond to <a href="mailto:casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com">casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com</a> with your name and number where you can be reached.

If you are a resident who is unable to maintain your fruit trees and would like a volunteer to pick your fruit, please send your information to <a href="mailto:casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com">casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com</a>. We will let you know once we get this up and running.

It was brought to our attention that some of our residents are letting their cats and small animals run loose in the neighborhood. This is extremely dangerous as little animals cannot defend against coyotes and bobcats. Please be sure to always keep dogs on leash and keep an eye on your cats/kittens while they are outside roaming. If animals are found to be without owners, animal control will be called. Do not leave food outside your home as this attracts coyotes who are hunting for food and they can easily jump over your wall.

How to tell if you have roof rats: If you have citrus trees, and you notice hollowed-out fruit on the ground or in the trees, this is an indicator that roof rats are present. If you hear gnawing or scratching sounds in the attic or in the walls, you may have roof rats. Pay attention to any droppings in attics and storage areas. If you notice oily rub marks on the house, or small holes in the screens, you could have roof rats.

# A few things you can do to prevent roof rats from moving in

- Keep your trees trimmed, and your bushes and vines thinned.
- Clean up debris in the yard and storage areas.
- Seal around your attic.
- Don't leave pet food outside, especially at night.
- Pick your citrus as soon as it is ripe. Remove any fallen citrus from the ground.

## What you can do to get rid of roof rats

Trapping roof rats seems to be the preferred method of control, especially if you have small children or pets that might be affected by poisons. Snap traps are widely available. Several city offices are offering traps at very reasonable prices for their residents, as part of their education and prevention program. Another suggestion is to put rat bait on a clothes hanger and hang it from your fruit tree.

Mail your HOA payments to: Casa del Cielo HOA

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Need HELP with CdC community issues, contact us at: <a href="mailto:casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com">casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com</a> or 480 767 5940 (leave a brief message with your name and phone number).

Check our web site: www.casadelcieloscottsdale.com