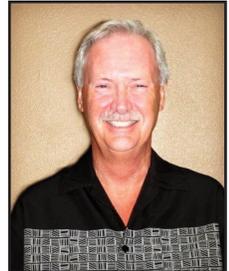




President's Message

I often hear people speak of "open spaces"; "protecting open spaces", "keeping open spaces", etc. In addition to your home, the absolute open space that you, as ABM members, are entitled to use and enjoy are the washes, drainage channels and common areas that are owned and maintained by your HOA. The HOA keeps these open spaces clear of debris, dead trees, dislodged boulders, broken concrete, silt, weeds and litter. That ensures the water will flow and pass through on its way under the I-10 and not into our homes or community.



General Manager Robert Blakesley, and crew Paul Luevano, Tim DeSpain, Mike Jones and Mark Henning are constantly working on these open spaces that we all enjoy and own, often in 100+ degree temperatures. Robert and crew have, over the last years, reduced turf to save money on water and maintenance.

When my wife and I were new here from Michigan we hiked South Mountain and walked our dog in many of these open spaces and were amazed at how quickly the waters rose and flowed with just a small amount of rain (at least by Michigan standards).



In addition to *our* responsibilities we have established relationships with several City of Phoenix departments to ensure Ahwatukee receives the timely maintenance and attention our community deserves. Just this week the Parks and Recreation staff, partnering with the Sheriff's Department ILD (Inmate Labor Detail) Program have begun much needed cleanup on the Warner-Elliot Loop.

As President and as an ABM homeowner I want to thank the Management, staff and all the employees for their dedication in keeping our community in such great shape. I also want to thank and commend the Board of Directors for their diligence in making the decisions that are not always easy to make. I want to thank the new Board members Carolyn Johnson, Carolyn Valdez and Tina Zalesky for eagerly stepping up and fulfilling the responsibilities of the resigned Board positions. They have all really proven to be quick studies.

I have now lived in Ahwatukee for a little over 12 years and this community feels more like home to me than my previous state. As I always say... "It's a good day to live in Ahwatukee."

Dan Smith, PRESIDENT

In Case You Missed It...

A Community Roof Rat Meeting was held on February 8th at the ABM. The hosted meeting provided information about the roof rat infestation occurring in the Ahwatukee-Foothills area. Our guest speaker was Barry Paceley, aka the "Roof Rat Guy" from the Arcadia district.

Invitation postcards were mailed to our 5000+ homeowners. Please do your part by gleaning fruit when ripe, removing fallen fruit immediately and eliminating hiding areas, such as woodpiles.

We plan to have another meeting in the fall. In the meantime, please visit www.roofrat.com for preventative tips. ABM residents may obtain a complimentary bait station from our office during normal business hours.

