

**THIV LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
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As was reported last year at this time, the primary goal of our upcoming year was to focus, FINALLY, on "normal" maintenance instead of huge cutting back, clearing and removing dead and dying overgrowth projects that had dominated our first 4 years with Felix Landscaping. We are happy to report that much of our landscaping work time during 2022 was actually spent in the ways we had hoped!

In this budget year of 2023/24, we will focus on continued "normal" work and erosion control projects to keep the sand and gravel off of our roadways. (Big problem during last summer's monsoon season.)

Our HOA joined the community fire prevention program known as FIREWISE which is sponsored by the Green Valley Council. Attending to some of the issues brought up by this nationwide program, we did several things we might not have thought of on our own (and still need follow-up attention in several areas).

1. We cleared to a 3-4 foot requirement areas around all of our 17 fire hydrants.
2. We did a relatively thorough cutting and whacking of weeds and overhanging bushes and trees in the common ground property that we own behind the north side of the houses on Bondadoso. This area is NOT seen by many—only those who live in certain areas of Bondadoso and is easily overlooked. Therefore, it is on our annual "check out" list. We encourage any residents living in this area to contact the landscape chair whenever a concern arises about growth and overgrowth. This area is on a list of annual concern in April or May—just like our culverts off of Del Monte and Del Poso are, just like the fire hydrants are, but "things of concern "happen anytime. Please be aware and Call!
3. One major unfinished fire prevention request is to get residents' assistance in BEING AWARE of overhanging trees — including especially — palm fronds, bushes and grasses on their own properties and their surrounding common land property. Please keep in contact with THIV Landscape Committee members—especially regarding common land.
4. Another unfinished fire prevention issue is our two major arroyos. IT IS AN ISSUE ALL OVER GREEN VALLEY AND IT IS UNRESOLVED. Only with issues concerning the "waterway bottom" of the arroyos will the county be of help.

You may have noticed our signs at the entrances to our 2 major arroyos. Pima County has designated these arroyos and 16' on either side of the top ridges, as riparian areas. Off limits to human intervention — unless a safety or fire hazard issue. The fire inspector does NOT consider our arroyos as a fire hazard because we are barely 4 minutes away from 2 fire stations. Rocks and sand do not burn quickly. Anxiety is truly present for some of our residents, but, though acknowledged, fear of anything catching on fire and spreading to any of our houses does not seem to be worrisome to “the experts.” We are considering finding an expert in desert arroyo growth and care management. All suggestion are welcomed.

We are proud to say that we controlled expenses enough this year (2022/23) to actually complete 1 erosion control project scheduled for 2023/24, the Del Monte roadway from the entrance to the bridge of the South Arroyo. This entire area was one of last summer’s nightmares. We still need a little more work there with river rock near the arroyo bridge. (We think. Time will tell.)

All of our professionally executed erosion control projects are based on plans and materials that must be viable for at least 20 years. We have 2 major projects already in the works for this year. Area: East end of Del Monte across from the Garden Path and around the curve; and, the West top of Del Monte from the arroyo up to and around the corner of its intersection with Del Poso.

We have 4 other smaller projects on Del Monte’s end caps and on Solaz, Upper Lazo and all of lower Rueda. We are hoping for another year of Friday, Felix Landscaping Days mostly geared to regular, general upkeep and maintenance.

A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers who have helped out this year—some in little ways, here and there—some with special project interest of their own—some with small groups of interested landscaping friends. The continued cooperation and support has all mattered greatly to keeping THIV natural, vibrant and safe.

We on the committee often seem to be straddling a tenuous line of deciding too much or too little or not at the right time. It is you, the resident—your continued observations and suggestions that really help us! You bring up issues that have not been seen or even thought of before. They are usually something quite good, helpful and possible.

We will always encourage questions and comments! Please call, text or email any one of us IF YOU WOULD EVER LIKE TO CONSIDER BEING A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE PLEASE CALL MARILYN KERN @ 520-429-2101.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## **OUR ANNUAL REQUESTS/REMINDERS TO ALL RESIDENTS**

1. If planning to make changes to the common land property behind or around your house, contact the chair of the THIV Landscape Committee. A request form is required to be filled out. It is found on the THIV webpage.

2. Yard waste from your own private property goes out with your garbage waste on Tuesdays—Titan Trash. Yard waste that you generate from common ground goes to the nearest pick-up point as seen on the map in your THIV Directory. There are 24 of them. Felix Landscaping picks up these on every second and fourth Monday. Each load to the dump cost all residents of THIV \$170 a load. Make sure that your private landscaper knows this and does not mix up these yard waste loads. If a private landscaper is doing work on common land for you, make sure that his costs include taking away the loads of yard waste.

3. Windy weather on garbage pick-up days is creating some problems in our two giant arroyos. On those kind of days, which seem more frequent lately, please make sure your garbage is secure.