

POINTE HOMEOWNERS - A CALL TO ACTION!!!!

Re: Post Office Mailbox Change Mandate

In mid May, the Postal Service requested Board approval of their plan to replace the existing mail boxes with new high security mailboxes, with spaces for large package pickup, and mail drop for outgoing mail, at their expense. However, in order to justify the cost, the Post Office insists on labor reduction by removing 51 clusters and currently down to 14 mega centers. And we must do this immediately!

Several “facts” as explained by the post office:

1. New high security mandated by Inspector General to prevent mail fraud and identity theft.
2. Current boxes are “unsafe” for mail carriers, i.e. spiders, scorpions, rusty hinges, stucco falling apart, parts no longer available, traffic hazards, etc.
3. They could condemn all 51 boxes and require all residents to pick up mail at the Ahwatukee post office, 51st and Elliott Road.
4. Currently, residents on Winston have to go to the post office to pick up mail due to box vandalism and repair is on hold until this replacement program is approved.
5. Labor savings to Post Office is reducing 4 routes into 1 route.
6. They do not need our permission for abandonment of existing boxes and installing new mega centers on utility easement within community; they were just being nice in getting our input. Indeed, we have improved the original proposal which was only five mail centers, and is now fourteen.
7. We cannot fix the old boxes or buy new ones at our cost to replace; they must have route reduction. If we were to replace all existing boxes it would be in excess of \$100,000.00

The Board of Directors has not approved this plan! We believe this will degrade our community, impact traffic and property values at the new mail locations. The Board President has contacted our Congressional representatives asking them to intercede. As a homeowner, feel free to contact your representatives and voice your objection to this plan being forced upon our community! **Congressman Hayworth: 480 926-4151 or Congressman Pastor: 602 256-0551.**