

The Springs CHAT January, 2019

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Happy New Year to all. This edition is brought to you by your friendly ex-editor who is filling in until the new CHAT editor returns from Australia. More on that later. In the meantime, no frills, just information and maybe a picture or two. Be well, Rebecca Keenan

January Calendar

Regular Board Meeting	January 8, 9am Fiesta Room
Meet N Greet	January 11, 3 pm Fiesta Deck
Annual Meeting	January 19. 3 pm Anza Room
Monthly Potluck	January 24, 5 pm Anza Room
Perry Park Picnic	January 27, 12:30 pm Perry Park

Details are on the HOA website calendar.

Recycling News from Republic Services

According to an article that appeared in the Arizona Daily Star the global market for recycled materials is shrinking while costs to collect, sort and process the materials are increasing. The article was a warning that residents could face new measures by the end of the year. To better understand the impact these changes will have on The Springs homeowners, four questions were asked of Republic Services Recycling Center General Manager Jake Anderson. The following are his responses.

Question #1

Fewer pickups is one of four alternatives residents could face by the end of the year to address recycle material collectors' rising costs and declining revenue. One approach to allow fewer pick-ups is to reduce what items can be recycled. Some recycle collectors have stopped taking paper or paperboard materials, some halted recycling of plastics except for certain items while others have stopped accepting colored glass or all glass. Do you see Republic using this same approach or do you see Republic continuing to accept the materials they currently do?

(recycling continued)

As it stands, we are not making any significant changes to acceptable material. If I could instantly educate the public on the removal of one item from the recycling stream, it would be plastic bags! These bags clog up our systems and are a nightmare to remove. The largest issue we face at the recycling center has nothing to do with the type of plastic or colored glass; rather, folks that utilize their recycling container as a trash container. Every day in our plant, our hard working sorters dispose of clothes, propane tanks, even sometimes medical waste. It is these offenders that we are trying to educate and, when possible, hold accountable.

Question #2

Higher rates are one of four alternatives residents could face by the end of the year to address recycle material collectors' rising costs and declining revenue. To remove contaminants Republic must improve the technology of the sorting equipment and/or hire more people to sort materials, both which cost money. Tucson's Environmental Services Department projects their recycling program will run an estimated \$500,000 deficit in fiscal 2018 down from the net \$1 million to \$2 million that the program reaped annually during the first three years of this decade. How will Republic Services balance their costs and revenue?

It is an absolute struggle right now given the change in the recycling market and the negative impact of China Sword. We are no longer selling material to what was our biggest customer; as such, we are working to identify domestic buyers, investing in upgraded equipment that helps us run our systems both faster and safer, and working to educate the public to stop trying to recycle garbage! Garbage in our recycling stream is a huge financial cost to running our center in terms of labor, disposal, and transportation.

Question #3

Escalating enforcement is one of four alternatives residents could face by the end of the year to address recycle material collectors' rising costs. Contamination (non-recyclable materials in the recycle bin) currently accounts for about 22 percent of the materials left in recycle bins each week, up from 16 percent seven years ago. Some collectors have informed their customers that leaving too many contaminants in their recycling bins could result in their recycle bin being confiscated. What enforcement measures are Republic considering?

(recycling continued)

For our commercial and industrial customers, we charge contamination fees if recycling containers are filled with trash. It is a much more difficult problem set for residential customers given the thousands of residential containers we service every day. Our drivers are trained to identify contaminated recycling containers in egregious instances; i.e., loose trash hanging outside the lid of the recycling container, take pictures, and not service those containers. For our HOA customers that exclusively utilize Republic Services as their hauler, we will continue to work on educating the customer base rather than removing homeowners' containers.

Question #4

Public education to get people to put fewer contaminants in the blue recycling bins is one of four alternatives residents could see by the end of the year to address recycle material collectors' rising costs. Republic Services attributes the increase in contamination to "aspirational" recycling when people put materials they believe should be, or used to be, recycled regardless of whether a city program accepts them. Some recyclers have considered educating residents by having the operators perform curbside assessments and not collect bins that contain too many contaminants until the resident removes the contaminants. What programs do you see the Republic Services using to increase customer awareness?

We will utilize all available resources to increase awareness. We have a strong relationship with the City of Tucson officials who are diligently working on this same exact problem; in fact, I had a conference with them two weeks ago discussing these issues. Newspapers, Public Service Announcements, news outlets, even social media are all resources we will continue to utilize in the future to increase customer awareness.

The bottom line: NO PLASTIC BAGS; NO GARBAGE IN RECYCLING; NO COST CHANGE YET; EDUCATION IS THE KEY; THINK BEFORE IT GOES IN.

Working Together

to keep The Springs ambience/allure

(A program to help when choosing appropriate colors for doors, door screens, & fences.) by Ted Boyett

In our efforts to better serve and help home owners comply with The Springs Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions and community standards with regards to paint standards for Front Doors & Security Screens, Patio Gates & Fences, the Architecture Review Committee through the Compliance Agent have created Color Standards Sticks (CSS). These sticks will be held by volunteers from your HOA board and Architectural Review Committee and available for you to borrow.

A card with the volunteer names and contact information will be placed strategically around The Springs in the announcement boards stationed next to mail boxes or may be obtained by contacting The Springs office manager (Jeannie McGaughey), compliance agent (Stephanie Walters), or ARC chairman (Ted Boyett).

The CSS should be used along with the Exterior Paint and Stain Policies document (EP&SP) that can be found at

<http://www.thespringshoa.org/arc/arc.html>

under Painting Policies & Suppliers. The volunteers will also have copies of this document if you do not have internet availability. The CSS along with the EP&SP should be used when selecting colors for Front Doors & Security Screens, Patio Gates & Fences. They both should be taken with you to any paint or hardware store or when discussing your paint selection with your professional painter. This can help avoid unnecessary and costly do-overs.

Front doors must be painted one of the five approved colors: Secret Porcelain (old color - Santa Rita Green light), Raintree Green dark, French Red, Aged Plum, Palapa or may remain the natural wood color as provided by the developer. Security doors and screen doors must be painted to match the color of the main entry door, the exterior of the house, or black. They may also be a rustic iron finish (patina). Please note: rustic iron finish is a condition of the metal, not a paint color.

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Patio gates, fences, and other iron work must be painted to match the exterior of the house, black, the five colors listed above, or may remain a natural wood color. Other iron work (e.g. trellis) must be painted to match the exterior of the house ONLY.

You can help us gather the formularies for each of the paints from different suppliers than those listed. If you obtain paint from a source not listed in the EP&SP, please provide us with the mixing formula along with the location and contact information of the store. This information will assist your neighbors next time they need to paint.

Hopefully, we can continue to work together to make The Springs one of the most sought HOA's in Green Valley. Comments, questions, and formularies should be sent to

hoa@thespringshoa.org ,
hoa.arcagentgv@gmail.com ,
or tboy@stanfordalumni.org .

You can also leave at the drop box on the office at the front gate, or mail to
951 W. Via Rio Fuerte, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

Springs Color Standards Volunteers (SCSV)

The individuals listed below have the color standards for painting property as required in The Springs. When planning to repaint any part of the outside of your residence you should obtain a copy of the standards from the SCSV and bring the standards with you when purchasing paint or speaking with your painter to ensure compliance and avoid costly do-overs. Please be considerate of other homeowners and return the standards ASAP after use, to your volunteer.

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Annual Meeting - Why Go?

- First of all, it is good manners.
- Second, there will be cake and coffee.
- Third, the speakers will be excellent.
- Fourth, everyone else will be there.
- Fifth, there will be a recycling demonstration.
- Sixth, we need a quorum.
- Seventh, it's an opportunity to volunteer for Heartwatch.
- Eighth, there will be an open forum.
- Ninth, you will be impressed with how good the cake is.
- Tenth and most important, I want you to.

Rebecca Keenan, President of The Springs January 19 @ 3 pm Anza Room

New CHAT Editor for The Springs

Once again the volunteer angels have smiled upon us. Marina Harsha, an Alaskan resident, has stepped up for us. She has lived in The Springs for two years, is an excellent photographer, and has experience in publishing. A "can do" person, she is unable to start until mid February due to an epic trip to Australia's Victoria province with husband Steve. Look for her work on the March CHAT. Meantime, safe travels!

FYI: Electronic recycling at BEST BUY by Brent Gordy

Best Buy in south Tucson (the big shopping center on the west side of I-19, 5311 S. Calle Santa Cruz,) will gladly take most old electronic products for recycling (no matter what brand or where you purchased them). Just drop them off at the store.

For more info call them at (520) 294-7660 or go to this link:

<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025>

Parting thoughts. This is your newsletter, by and for the residents of The Springs. If you enjoy writing, please consider submitting ideas or one page articles or pictures to the HOA. hoa@thespringshoa.org



Brent Gordy and Lee Blahnik installing emergency access signs.

The referee seagull.

