

THE SPRINGS CHAT ~OCTOBER 2019~

A newsletter by and for the residents

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Cooper's Hawk juvenile looking for his next meal.

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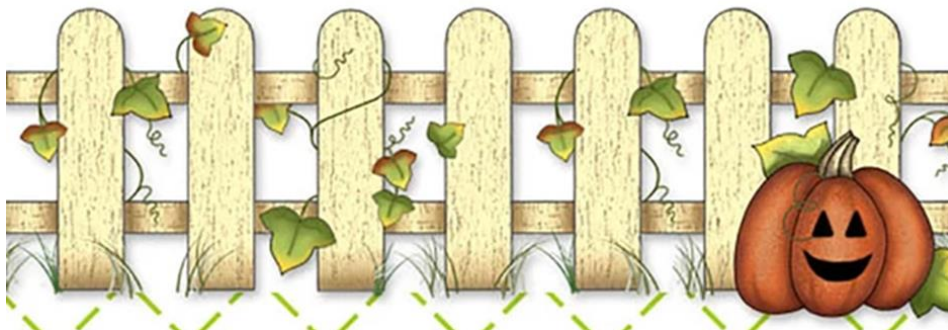
The Springs CHAT is your newsletter.

Communication and sharing information can contribute to the vitality and the culture of our community.

The CHAT invites your contributions - information you would like to share with the community.

The editor also wants your ideas and suggestions, so just email them to editor.thesprings@gmail.com

Happy Halloween



REPUBLIC SERVICES CONTRACT 2020-2022

Our agreement with Republic Services ends on 12/31/2019. We have negotiated a new contract with Republic starting 1/1/2020. Here are the highlights of that contract:

1. The price would be basically the same for the next 3 years, but it is structured somewhat differently than the current contract.
2. The rates the first two years would be slightly less than what we are paying now. It would be \$15.50/mo. the 1st year and \$16.59/mo. the 2nd year. The 3rd year would be \$17.75/mo. This is calculated by factoring in a 7% increase for year 2 and then another 7% for year 3. Previously, under the old contract the rate increases were 5% for year 2 and another 5% for year 3.
3. Billing would be quarterly to each individual homeowner, as is being done now. The new contract basically keeps the overall total costs for 3 years virtually the same as the old contract.

All other terms of the old contract would apply to the new one, including the availability of vacation holds for 1 to 9 months. We would continue our twice/week trash pickup and once/week recycling pickup.

Brent Gordy, V.P., The Springs at Santa Rita H.O.A.

Thank you Maureen Kosnik for sending this along to the CHAT

Hope you enjoy this introduction of delightful sounds and music.

A delight to watch! Someone more imaginative than me, & with far too much free time,
nevertheless did a great piece of work with this.

<http://volkerpannes.de/portfolio/bird-song-opera/>

ADDRESS LIGHT MAINTENANCE: IMPORTANT CHANGE!

Your Light Bulb Committee has been hard at work replacing burned out bulbs with new LED bulbs. Since changing from incandescent, bulbs are lasting much longer and using less electricity. This has saved our HOA money and given our light bulb committee more free time.

We are now taking steps to improve efficiency and save homeowners money and time. We are beginning to use LED bulbs which have sensors in them. They are called Dusk to Dawn bulbs because the built-in sensor causes the bulbs to go on at dusk and then off at dawn. We have been monitoring their performance on a few houses on a trial basis, and they seem to work very well.

We now have a small supply of Dusk to Dawn bulbs, and will purchase only these when our supply of regular LEDs is used up. **YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO REPLACE THE SENSOR ON YOUR ELECTRIC BOX AGAIN!** If you notice that it is not functioning (ie. your light is shining for hours during the day) please notify a light bulb committee member and you will be provided with a Dusk to Dawn bulb right away.

Our Great Committee Members:

Vic Bignall: Changes bulbs on Golfista from Via Rio Fuerte north

Claude Lavoie: Changes bulbs on Solmos and Cefiro

Jim Owen: Changes bulbs on Golden Lynx, Puma Peak, Wolf Run

Bill Perry: Changes bulbs on Nardos, Erranle, Encino, Rambles, Pelotita

Ron Sills: Changes bulbs on Heroe, Rio Fuerte, Golfista south of Rio Fuerte, Comica

Larry Urbine: Changes bulbs on Placio, Viva, Cristal, Blue Fox, Fonda

Patricia Sills: 520-207-8233, 3941

Cristal patricia.sills1@cox.net Committee Chair,

Changes bulbs on Solmos and Cefiro when Claude is away in the summer.

Be Safe... "Sheriffs Auxiliary Volunteers"

Robberies-- Happen Everywhere!

Really? Well, yes, there have been some 'break in' concerns this summer. And, as with most things, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

SAV is an excellent resource for specific tips for snowbirds and yearly residents.

1. **Plan** for departure whether short or long. Lock up. If appropriate, notify the SAV, your block captain, and your neighbors.
2. Have a **plan** for longer absences. Give someone information about how to reach you if there is a problem. Let them know your return schedule. Stop services like newspapers so they don't accumulate.
3. **Plan** for your return. Inspect your property before entering. Have a list of "to-do" if you or a neighbor see a problem. Know numbers to call.

All of these are good suggestions, but working with your neighbors is your best route to keeping your home safe. Don't know your neighbors? Well, start introducing yourself and be prepared to return the house-watching favor.

Easy access to you or your paid home-watchers, while you are gone, ensures that your **plan** can be initiated when there is a problem.

Know your stuff and inventory your valuables. Store appropriately.

We all want trouble-free trips away, whether short or long. Prevention is your best burglary attempt option. Stay safe and help your neighbors to stay safe as well.

TRANSITIONS or HAS ANY ONE SEEN MY POD???

As many of you have done, my husband and I have sold our home of many years and starting the transition to becoming Arizona residents. And, as some of you have found, it can be physically exhausting, mentally draining, and a reality check of personal fortitude. So for me, this summer was filled with long days of work but blessed by unbelievable kindness of neighbors and friends. Now come the chapters on “patience” (waiting for our house to close) and “leave-taking” (saying farewell to decades of life in our neighborhood).

Autumn is upon us and my mind turns back to Green Valley and The Springs - soon to be our permanent home. And, it's time to focus once again on my duties as president of our HOA. Many folks 'ran the show' over the summer with administration, maintenance, and problem-solving. You know who you are and I thank you for your diligence and good communication with a distracted president.

Issues currently on the table for the Board are:

1. The new garbage contract
2. Street and sidewalk repairs
3. Updating the documentation of needed street and sidewalk repairs
4. Monitoring front gate safety
5. Adjusting to the GVR solar project in The Springs
6. Addressing residents' concerns about bird seed use, potential burglaries, street parking, and mosquitoes
7. Budget

Jeannie, our office manager, is the first to communicate with residents when there is a concern. I would like to remind you, “don't kill the messenger”. She does a great job directing calls, alerting the Board and ARC of issues, and often has possible solutions to problems. Also the HOA Board and its many volunteers are working primarily to maintain the physical assets of our community. We do try to advise about other issues but the responsibility of being a good neighbor and Green Valley citizen belongs to each of you, and some things are simply beyond our scope of practice.

It's a scary world out there at times, so it is ever more important to be good to each other. I thank you for the ongoing watchfulness and the help you provide. See you soon!

Rebecca Keenan
President of The Springs HOA Board

The Springs Street Projects for 2019

Three projects were slated for completion in 2019 according to Lee Blahnik, The Springs' Streets, Buildings & Utilities Chairperson.

The first project was the removal and replacement of a caved section of sidewalk on the northeast side of the Golfista "bridge" that spans the wash. Now complete, the most difficult portion of the project was determining the cause of the problem. As you might expect, the culprit was erosion and a 4 foot wall is now in place to stabilize the area in addition to new sidewalk panels.

The second and most ambitious project of 2019 was the removal and replacement of asphalt on the entire length of Calle de la Pelotita. Like several streets to the south of Fuerte (which were replaced in 2013 due to deteriorating asphalt), Pelotita was identified as needing replacement in 2019. Milling asphalt involves removal of a predetermined thickness of the existing road (in this case three inches). Paving the road with new asphalt was scheduled for early September. However, it was determined, once some asphalt was removed, that the base bed of Pelotita also needed removal and replacement. This caused a delay in the completion of the project, but failure to repair properly would have only caused more problems.

A subcontractor completed the base work with special equipment in late September after the rain subsided, and asphalt was replaced by Sunland Construction in early October.

The scope of the Pelotita project was significant and required creative communication to residents as well as stakeholders like USPS, Republic Services, Fed EX, UPS and the Fire Department. Eblasts, phone calls, notices on bulletin boards, and plain old face-to-face communication were used by Lee to keep affected residents up to date with the changes in the project. Thanks to everyone for their patience. We realize there was inconvenience but Lee and his volunteers did the best they could, with admirable results. Many folks have expressed their gratitude for the efforts that were made to communicate with them about the project.

At the present time, street sweepers are cleaning around the area of Pelotita repair, and manhole covers are being placed back in position.

The third project, "crack seal," is yet to be completed. Damage to our streets can occur when water intrudes through cracks in the asphalt. Crack filling is an essential application, in addition to sealcoating for long-term pavement protection. As a rule, crack seal of our streets is done every other year. This is followed by seal coating which covers the entire surface (not just the cracks) in 2020. The contractor plans to do the work around November 11, weather permitting, as the work is best done when there are not extreme temperatures.

Those are the three projects for 2019. Your friendly Cap Reserve and Finance committees are currently working with the Board to plan for 2020. The new street projects will be announced in December.



2019 Home Sales

Address	Sold To	Home Town
804 W Puma Peak Rd	Greg & Pam Fox	Gig Harbor, WA
1022 W. Blue Fox Rd	BDB Capital LLC	Tucson, AZ
3869 S. Camino de Golfista	Royce & Debra Jacob	Ridgefield, WA
3742 S Avenida de los Solmos	Eugene & Eva Maurer	Reno, NV
3841 S. Camino del Golfista	Pamela Pine & Frederick Abernethy	Glenwood Springs, CO
3840 S. Camino del Golfista	James Mason	McKinney, TX
3795 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Luis & Celia Rodriguez	Tucson, AZ
3641 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Larry & Bonita Fuglestein	Richville, MN
800 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Norman & Sharon Brockmeier	Wheaton, IL
3881 S. Camino del Golfista	Frank & Darla Terry	Breezy Point, MN
3881 S. Camino del Golfista	John & Marcia Chess	Pine City, MN
3908 S. Calle Viva	Edwin & Denise Ruby	
4033 S. Golden Lynx Rd	Kenneth Brown	Mill Creek, WA
3881 S. Calle Viva	Lisa Fitch	Clive, IA
3788 S. Camino Comica	Paul Smith & Britt-Marie Berntsson	Pequot Lakes, MN
3971 S. Camino del Golfista	Jacque Bailley	Clitherall, MN
3726 S. Avenida de los Solmos	David Lewis	Green Valley, AZ
998 W. Blue Fox	Ronald Stodiec	Green Valley, AZ
3789 S. Calle Rambles	Christine Duvall	Green Valley, AZ
1005 W. Blue Fox	Mark & Marion Smith	Green Valley, AZ
3763 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Robert North	Hurley, WI
3780 S. Camino Comica	Beth Delanda	Livermore, CA
3755 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Jeff & Melissa Pineault	Middletown, RI
4073 S. Golden Lynx Rd	Bart & Georgia Hillyer	Green Valley, AZ
3701 S. Avenida de Encino	Michael & Linda Oboza	Rosemont, IL
3818 S. Camino del Golfista	Constance Prior Beentjes	Carmichael, CA



Rules of the Torres Blancas Golf Course

Please be aware that walking or biking on the golf course during their business hours **are prohibited**. This is for your safety as well as that of your pets. If you do walk on the course after hours, please be respectful and pick up after your pets.

Where Do I Dispose of this?

A good reference for things you no longer need!

There are many agencies in our community that assist on this. These are just a few!

Appliances, Clothing, Furniture, Equipment, Housewares, Tools:

Country Fair White Elephant Shop	601 N. La Canada Dr, Green Valley
St Vincent de Paul	505 N La Canada Dr, Green Valley
Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona	728 W Calle Arroyo Sur, Green Valley

Batteries (Automotive) and Motor Oil

Hickey Automotive	250 W. Calle de las Tiendas, Green Valley
Pima County Sahuarita Transfer Station	16605 S LaCanada Dr, Sahuarita

Eyeglasses

Wal-Mart Supercenter Store	18680 S Nogales Hwy, Green Valley
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Art, Antiques & Collectibles, Bicycles, Books, Magazines, CDs, Music, DVDs

Country Fair White Elephant Shop	601 N. La Canada Dr, Green Valley
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Food

Community Food Bank	250 E. Continental Rd, Green Valley
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Medication Disposal (Year-Round)

Pima County Sheriff's Department	601 N. La Canada Dr., Green Valley
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We Are Continuing

We are continuing the process of getting GVR to help pay for road repairs of The Springs' streets heavily used by GVR patrons. We hope to document patron use of our roads as the winter folks come and also monitor frequency of garbage collection and other large trucks at our GVR site, so the percent of non-residents arriving at the Springs daily is accurate.

Currently there is planning and discussion about a section of Fuerte for removal and replacement of asphalt in 2020. The latest information from Sunland has reconstruction on Fuerte starting at the Fuerte/Heroe "fork" (GVR sign) and stopping just before Golfista. This will leave a route for traffic to use Heroe to connect with Golfista and access the north side of the Springs. The project time, with good weather, would be about a one week duration.

A future project would address repaving Fuerte from the frontage road to the Fuerte/Heroe fork with each lane being done in stages.

For now we are going to concentrate on GVR for the first phase. We want \$\$\$ to help pay for repaving, and also help to organize a successful project so that information distribution, parking plans and possibly even a short closure of the GVR site can help the project succeed.

If we succeed, then we hope to use the plan for the next phase of Fuerte.

Wish us luck,
Rebecca Keenan
Sharon Toborg

**BE AWARE THE RATTLESNAKES ARE OUT AND HAVE BEEN SEEN
ON THE ROADS AND SIDEWALKS.**

**A mountain lion was spotted by Wolf Run
Recently: please watch your pets!**

Photo by Jim Owen





**NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIN OF SURVIVAL (NCOS) PROJECT
FOR THE SPRINGS AT SANTA RITA
“Info from Heartsafe now known as NCOS”**

Our community has partnered with the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona to establish a local neighborhood volunteer network to expedite a lifesaving response when a neighbor experiences a sudden cardiac arrest. Victims of sudden cardiac arrest in a residential neighborhood are more likely to survive when CPR is begun within minutes of the event and an AED is used as quickly as possible, often by a good Samaritan bystander.

A group of residents of the Springs have volunteered to receive CPR and automatic external defibrillator (AED) training and respond quickly when alerted to a sudden cardiac arrest emergency at an address in our community. Here is how the program works:

1. A witness to the emergency will call 911 and report that the victim is unconscious and appears to have stopped breathing, the first signs of sudden cardiac arrest.
2. In a medical emergency, the 911 operator will pass the alert to a medical operator who will collect more information and alert the nearest fire station/EMS facility to respond.
3. The NCOS system will also be alerted to emergencies in The Springs and pass on alerts to all our community volunteers via cell phone, text message, and land line.
4. Volunteers in the immediate area will travel safely to the address of the emergency and begin CPR and use an AED until professional responders arrive.

You may remember that a study conducted the summer of 2018 in The Springs by the University of Arizona/Sarver Heart Center and the Green Valley Fire Department demonstrated that volunteers could arrive critical minutes before professionals from the nearest fire station. Other studies indicate a much higher survival rate from such a quick response. Arizona and Federal Good Samaritan laws protect the responding volunteers.

AEDs will be placed in a central location in the community in weatherproof cabinets for use by volunteers in an emergency. Also, signage announcing The Springs as a HeartSafe Community will be placed at the entrance to our development. We are the first such community in Green Valley and Tucson.

Please sign and return a copy of this notice to Jan Canning c/o the box at HOA office indicating your awareness of this program and willingness to allow a volunteer to respond to an emergency at your address.

Signature

Date

Address



Mother Nature at her Best

A large dead tree fell in The Springs' Nature Park on Tuesday, July 16th, during a heavy rain storm. The Ground crew has cleaned the area and nice to see birds once again in the remaining tree.

The Grounds crew outdid themselves during the Pelotita reconstruction in September. They collected trash from affected homes and delivered it to a dumpster since garbage trucks could not collect some streets as usual. Hey, they were so successful, they got to do it twice because rain held up some of the road work. Thank you for your help. Kinda gives one goosebumps to know you folks care.

Thank you for your patience as I get back into the swing of publishing "THE CHAT". I hope you enjoy the news, pictures, and extra communication of what's happening at The Springs.

Appreciate everyone's contribution to "The CHAT."

Regards,

Marina Carev-Harsha