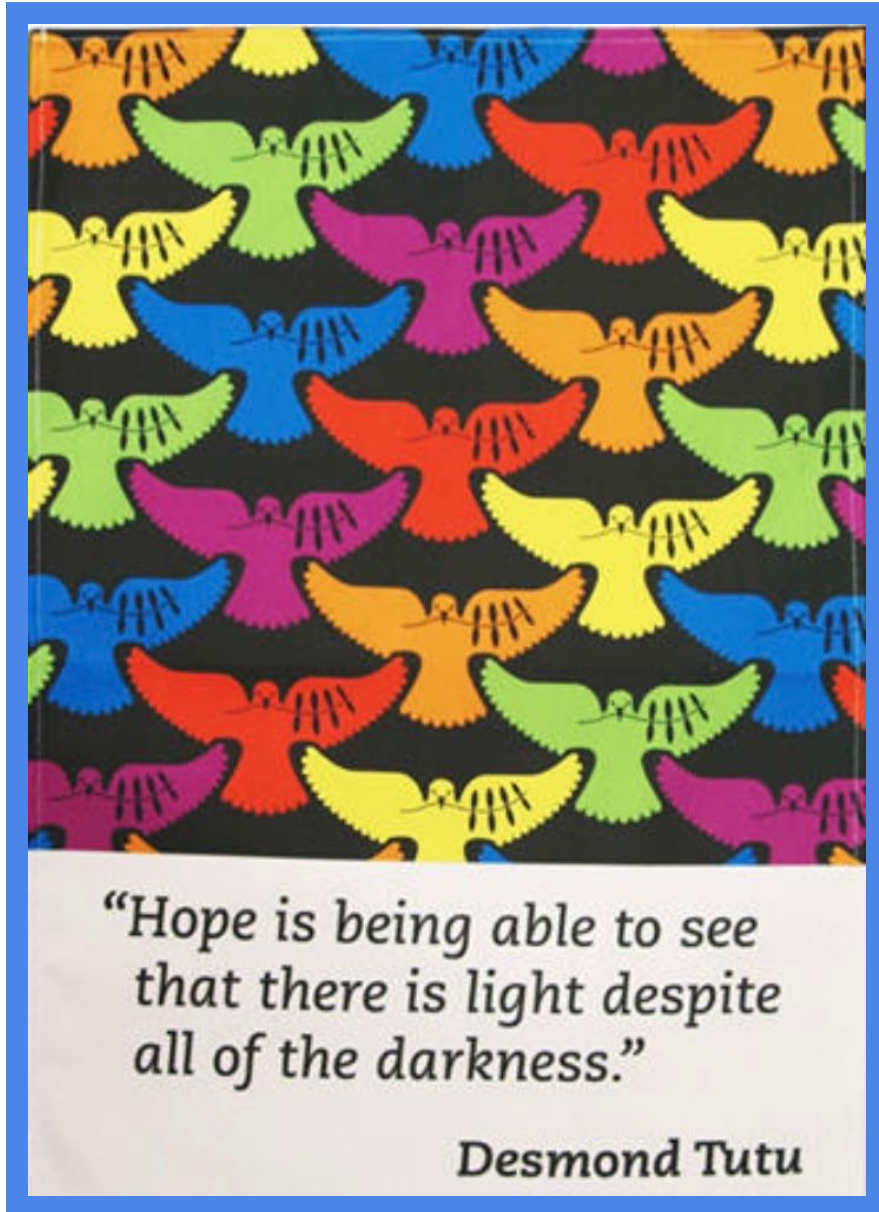


# The Springs CHAT for December 2020

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Hope is a good thing. We have big hopes and little hopes and silly hopes. Be good to yourselves and hope wisely. Yes, I want world peace, but one of my realistic hopes is to acknowledge the folks who have helped me this year, in a meaningful way. What do you hope for? Relief from COVID-19, or jobs again for your kids, good health or healthcare? Have hope for a brighter future and then plan how to do just that.

😓 Once again our social calendar is just empty, except for the Zoom Board meeting next week on Tuesday Dec 8 at 9 am. Please look at the eblast or the posted meeting agenda for directions to access the Zoom meeting. As usual, visitors will have a chance to comment in the OpenForum at the end of the meeting. 😓



HMMMMM. There are more coyotes in the area this fall and a den is probably nearby. Please be aware when you are walking your pet on the Anza Trail and the Nature Trail. Keep your pet leashed - I learned that the hard way. My lab took off and chased a coyote a long way along the Anza Trail and it took a lot of yelling to get her back. She now wears a shock collar and a leash.



Coyote scat usually has seeds, hair and bones in it and a high probability of tapeworms. Coyotes are also leaving more scat (poop) around. Keep your pet away and/or remove the scat from the area. If you find coyote scat near your home, be sure there is no food or garbage outdoors to attract wildlife.

Coyotes eat rodents, so reducing pack rat dens in your area is a good way to be “uninteresting” to the coyotes. They will look for food elsewhere. That is why bird seed is not allowed (it attracts rodents which attract snakes and coyotes).

Stay vigilant and enjoy the wild creatures from a distance.

## AD: 2019 HYUNDAI IONIQ FOR SALE

2019 Hyundai IONIQ (HYBRID SEL)

Kelley Blue Book estimate +14,141. All work records available. 11,938 miles on odometer (as of 11/30/20). Sole owner spends -\$40/month on gas. Upholstery in pristine condition. Photos. No scratches or dings, and will be in my garage until sold. Key will come with vehicle; a second key is being sought. Contact 520-300-4819 in daytime. Will accept best offer over \$15,500.

## Opportunity for New Board Members

Elections for 2021-2023 Board members will take place at our Annual meeting in January. This election will fill four Board seats expiring at the end of this year. If you would be interested in becoming a Board member, please complete the form below and submit it for inclusion in the ballot to be mailed to all homeowners. These forms must be returned to the HOA, either by email by Dec. 15, 2020 or regular mail no later than December 5, 2020. Being involved in your community is ever more important. Good decisions are best accomplished to the approval of all when a wide base of opinions is submitted. Your valuable ideas and input will keep The Springs our beautiful treasure.

NOMINATION PROFILE  Yes, I would like to be a candidate for the Board of Directors. My personal data is listed below.

### PERSONAL DATA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Background: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for Running:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Other Pertinent Information or Remarks:

If you notice a street light or house number light that is out, please notify the HOA office via phone or email. We will try to cluster the replacements in a timely way.



## **Holiday Decorations in The Springs**

**December 5, 2020**

**@ 1:00 pm**

**Please join the fun in decorating the front entrance.**

Volunteers will gather in a socially-distanced manner and add some holiday cheer to what has been a drab and dreary year. Please wear your cloth face covering so that we can all be safe.

Come out and meet your neighbors.

Make new friends and catch up with your old ones.

Hope to see you there.

Don't be part of the problem - be a part of the solution. Our community thrives on volunteerism and showing kindness to our neighbors. During this pandemic, don't hesitate to call and check up on your neighbors - just to say hello. Help move a garbage can back, or offer to sweep some loose rock. Share a joke over the wall or just a friendly wave. Pick up a loose piece of trash. Donate blood or donate to a local food bank if you can. We all say THANKS!

# What is Green Asphalt?

This is the product from Tucson Asphalt the Board is hoping to use on our streets in 2021.



## Green Asphalt™

At Tucson Asphalt, we spent more than ten years developing Green Asphalt™. It's our exclusive, patent-pending product that uses a special rubber binder to provide superior asphalt pavement while saving money and natural resources. Green Asphalt™ is truly a technological breakthrough that gives us a strong competitive advantage over other local paving companies.

The secret of Green Asphalt™ lies in our proprietary rubber binder, which provides a tensile strength ratio as high as 99.4%. That's far superior to conventional binders, which tend to crack quickly. Most importantly, it means big savings for you, since superior paving results are achieved with less thickness, lower cost, and fewer wasted resources.



Faster Installation



Increased life span



Smaller carbon footprint



More convenient process



Reduced costs



Unmatched 4-Year Warranty

Street maintenance is our largest expenditure for our HOA. This Green Asphalt product installed by Tucson Asphalt has been studied, used and evaluated by a number of HOAs in our area. Several sites that have Green Asphalt were visited by members of the Infrastructure Committee to see if it was a good match for our community. If used in place of regular asphalt, the savings to The Springs would be significant and have a positive effect on our Capital Reserve planning. It would allow some needed street projects to be done sooner and the subsequent maintenance of those areas would be less. It will allow the Board to keep dues increases modest and our community looking well maintained. Stay tuned for further information about this product as we continue to evaluate its usefulness to our community.

### Tish in the Kitchen

This month's recipe is shared by Jeannie McGaughey for Christmas Mice Cookies. These cookies are not only adorable but tasty. Give them a try and don't forget to submit your favorite recipe for future newsletters.

### Christmas Mice Cookies

- 2/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 cups chocolate wafer crumbs (about 40 wafers), divided
- 1/3 cup Daisy Brand Sour Cream
- 36 red nonpareils
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- 18 pieces black shoestring licorice (2 inches each)



In a microwave, melt chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Stir in 1 cup crumbs and sour cream. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or until easy to handle. For each mouse, roll about 1 tablespoon chocolate mixture into a ball, tapering one end to resemble a mouse. Roll in remaining chocolate crumbs to coat. Position nonpareils for eyes, almond slices for ears and licorice pieces for tails.

Yield: 1-1/2 dozen.



### T-SHIRT WISDOM

We often see many people walking around today with t-shirts that share “Views of Life.” These t-shirts may have statements of wisdom, humor, and sometimes just “garbage.” It seems as if t-shirts have become wearable graffiti. Occasionally, there is one that makes us laugh or think or is just worthwhile. During this holiday season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year (and don’t forget Super Bowl!) food interest is at an all-time high. So enjoy the humor!

**ACCIDENTALLY WENT  
GROCERY SHOPPING ON AN  
EMPTY  
STOMACH AND NOW I’M  
THE PROUD OWNER OF  
AISLE 6.**



**Wear your mask. Keep 6 ft distance. Wash your paws.**