

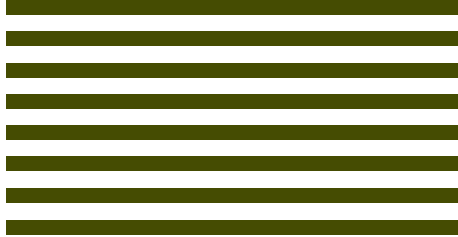
# THE SPRINGS CHAT~JANUARY 2020

A newsletter by and for the residents

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## My Solstice Wish

My solstice wish for you this year is this:  
That your feet (and your heart) stay warm.

Don't let the world make you cold.

That you know how strong you are and  
that you stop doubting yourself.

That you are able to feel at-home, safe, and  
loved inside of your own skin.

That you find your purpose in life and that  
you go for it with everything that you are.

You were put here for a reason.

That you make time to enjoy the little  
things in life. Breathe them in.

Surround yourself with good people, bright  
souls, that make you feel wanted and loved.

And know that you are worth loving for  
exactly who you are. Let me repeat:

You are worth loving exactly  
as you are.

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### CALENDAR & EVENTS & INFO

- Pack Rats
- Annual Meeting
- Slow Down

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  
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you would like to share with  
the community.

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## President's Thoughts by Rebecca Keenan

Stop working your iPhone and look up at the mountains. I could just stop there, but I won't. Take a walk down to the Anza Room on January 25 and come to the Annual Meeting at 3pm. Take a picture of sunrise and send it to your family. By the way, there will be cake and coffee at the Annual Meeting. Check your yard for packrats.

Then come down with your neighbors to the Annual Meeting.

I could go on in this fashion, but no. I just want you to feel welcome to come to the Annual Meeting. There are about 40 new homeowners this year - I sure hope they will come. There are folks who have never come to the Annual Meeting. They probably won't again this year, BUT I hope they do. There are folks that always come to the Annual Meeting. I hope they do, and the rest of you come too.

It's not the greatest show in town. It is an important community gathering, and hey, you can chat with folks and clap a few times and feel neighborly. That's important. Feeling neighborly. Our community thrives on it. And volunteerism - it thrives on that too. Did I mention cake? And coffee?

The reports will be short and positive. Hear about Finances and Grounds Crew and the ever important Streets and Buildings report. That's where we spend our money. The meeting is a chance to thank Lee Blahnik for his years as a Board member. The very successful ARC committee will be there, and we might even talk about garbage. Again. Our Vice President does a lot of work, so he will have a few words.

The fire chief Chuck Wunder will do a brief presentation on his interest and involvement in the (pick a name) Neighborhood Chain of Survival - Neighbors Helping Neighbors - HeartSafe program. More coffee, decaf if you wish, and then open forum. There are always a few things that bug folks or need repetition - like putting your house number on your trash containers so when they blow away, they can come back to you!

Our secretary will be keeping track of attendees. Let's break last years record. Maybe two kinds of cake!

It's a time to publicly thank all the volunteers, Board members included. It's a time to appreciate ALL THE THINGS that Jeannie does. Time to be neighborly. Go for it!

### **Reminder:**

**At the November board meeting, the Board approved a 3% increase in association dues.**

**The dollar amount of the increase is \$15.00!**

**Get your GVR cards renewed!**

**Local office at The Springs are open 8am-1pm Monday-Friday if you have any questions.**

## Pack Rats....what to do about these pests

Just like the cure for the common cold, there are many opinions about how to avoid getting pack rats involved in your life or how to get rid of them. The suggestions don't always work, but the problem is such an irritation, you want to do something, anything before the damage starts to really hurt.

At a recent Board meeting Larry Urbine, long time Springs resident, offered a informative pamphlet about packrat issues. Nancy Kelly has discussed the topic in past New Owner Orientations. There is information now posted on our HOA website (under NOTICES) which has a good video presentation about the habits of this desert creature and how best to get rid of the problem, not just one pack rat. MrPackRat is a Tucson company which provides information and will help you try to get rid of them.

Treating with poison just moves it up the food chain. Constant vigilance becomes a new lifestyle. Low hanging brush OR barbecue covers are now suspect. So many things to think about. What to do?

Remain calm. This is a desert animal that will always be with us. Stories abound about damage, expense, and frustration. Humans want packrats to live somewhere else, not in their yard. **Eliminating areas that can provide a den for packrats is key.** No you don't have to bulldoze your yard, but maintenance of plants that could provide shelter, and rethinking wood piles are important. Putting your vehicle in the garage helps. Not feeding seed to the birds eliminates a food source. A resident rattlesnake could help, but tidiness is a less stressful option. Lighting sometimes works for vehicle protection (you know, 'how come there is a bright light under the car?').

There is good information and lots of sympathy out there so I am not going to reinvent the wheel. The following are recommended sites for information:

- <http://www.mrpacrat.net>
- <http://www.howtopreventpackratsfromeatingcarwires.com>
- <http://www.ofna.org/DESERT%20PackRat%20Control.pdf>
- <http://www.desertusa.com/animals/packrats>

Good luck. This is not for the faint of heart, but it can be done or you can pay for someone else to do it. It will be worth every cent.

### Mark your calendars with our events here in The Springs.

**January 25th - Annual Meeting** at 3:00 pm in the Anza Room (SRS Rec Center).

**January 26th, February 23rd, March 29th, April 26** - Picnic In Perry Park- 12:30 pm

**February 29th** - Annual Community-Wide Garage Sale

**March 7th** - Volunteer Appreciation Event - 5:00 pm - Anza Room

**2nd Tuesday of each month** - Monthly Meeting - 9:00 am - Fiesta Room

**2nd Friday in January, February, March, April; October, November, & December –**

Happy Hour - Fiesta Deck - 3:00 pm

**3rd Thursday of each month** - Potluck - 5:00 pm - Anza Room

**Hope to see you - All residents and guests are welcome!**

The bench was completed recently in honor of **Hal Beiler** a devoted grounds crew member and wonderful neighbor.

It was completed by Judy Bierman and is known as Hal's Bench on Wolf Run Road. Judy has tiled most of the plain benches in the spring, so hopefully a few more will be donated. And yes, you can sit on them. Once again nice work and thank you Judy.



## **Clarification of HOA Rental Policy**

Recently, there have been numerous complaints from homeowners concerning rental properties that do not follow the HOA covenants (CC&Rs) and other community documents.

As a reminder, all properties that are rented must be rented for a minimum of 30 days, one person in the rental party must be 55 years of age or older, each rental shall have a written contract/agreement with the renters, and all properties when rented shall be registered with the HOA each time it is rented. There are restrictions on the length of time minors may reside at the residence.

It is helpful to include in all advertising information on age restrictions and length of time requirements. This may screen out renters that would not be in compliance.

Leaving current phone numbers of both owner and renter with the HOA office helps provide good lines of communication. This can be especially relevant in cases of suspected unauthorized occupancy, potential harm or damage to the homeowner's assets, and other issues that may arise.

It is strongly recommended that each homeowner review our community documents. Pertinent sections should be shared with tenants when renting. A good resource for renters (and homeowners) is The Springs Homeowners Handbook.


Homeowners are responsible for compliance to all HOA rules, even by tenants. Failure to follow HOA requirements when renting will result in a warning, citations with fines, and the possibility for the enhanced enforcement clause to be activated.

The Springs is a wonderful place to live, well maintained and with good neighbors. By following the rules we all help to keep it that way.

Ted Boyett, ARC Chairman

### Frontage Road Adopt-A-Highway clean-up

A small but enthusiastic group collected four big bags of trash. When I file the completion reports, ADOT always asks about the most unusual items we found. This time, we had two: a complete deer skeleton in the weeds, and a huge

bouquet of 5 or 6 dozen long-stem dried-up roses  that still had a bit of pretty scent. We spent the walk back to

The Springs imagining various scenarios that would explain expensive flowers ending up on the side of the road! Clean-up crew, L to R: Valerie St. Marie, Ron Stevens, Bill Perry, Polly Worth, and Polly and Valerie with the roses.



### How Fast are YOU going?

Do you cringe when someone tells you to “slow down”? Well I am going to do it. Maximum speed on the private roads in The Springs is 20 mph. MAX! With the heavy use of GVR facilities in our community, I realize that residents may not be the only offenders.

Part of me wants to put “ **REALLY!** “ in big orange letters above the first speed sign at the entry, and then “ **SERIOUSLY!** “ above the second sign. Or how about a threat “to install the ever popular Speed Bump” if folks don't slow down? None of these things are probably necessary, but we all know that it is hard to go 20 mph when nobody appears to be around.

So how about a friendly reminder that “you save very little time when you hurry, we are retired mostly, and walkers, animals, other drivers and bicyclers can be unpredictable”. And the speed limit also applies to golf carts, bikes, motorcycles and really fast walkers. **Please stick to our speed limit.** Thanks!

Rebecca Keenan

President (and traffic cop) for The Springs

## WOULD YOU PUSH A DIFFERENT BUTTON TO SAVE WATER?

Here's a surprise. Most newer, modern, automatic dishwashers actually use more water when set to the "Express" or "Fast Wash" cycle as compared to the "Normal" cycle. It is true that it takes longer to wash and dry your dishes on normal cycle but, for most folks, that is no big deal. Also, you can save electricity by drying your dishes with "regular heat dry" vs. "extended heat dry". So.....push a different button the next time you load your dishwasher. Try the "normal cycle" to save water and the regular "heat dry" to save electricity. Your dishes should come out clean and dry just as before and mother nature will say thanks!



Colder temperatures bring snow and frost, damaging flowers, cactus, etc. The Torres Blancas golf course (see above pictures) is very delicate with frost on the greens and farways. Please do not walk on any part of the golf course grasses when you see frost or snow for it causes damage. Stay on the path ways.

So far this year there have been 16 heavy frost days delaying golfers on the course.

## 2019 HOME SALES

<u>Address</u>	<u>Sold To</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
804 W. Puma Peak Rd	Greg & Pam Fox	Gig Harbor, WA
1022 W. Blue Fox Rd	BDB Capital LLC	Tucson, AZ
3869 S. Camino del 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
3917 S. Calle Viva	Frank & Darla Terry	Breezy Point, MN
3881 S. Camino del Golfista	John & Marcia Chess	Pine City, MN
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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 Stodieck	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
3756 S. Camino del Golfista	Larry Gable & Alison Smith	Arlington, MA
3924 S. Calle Viva	Danio Gracin	Madison, AL
4123 S. Golden Lynx Rd	Gary & Elaine Jones	Lakewood, CO
3731 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Diane J. Rinks	Dallas, OR
1022 W. Blue Fox Rd	Linda Quamme	Alexandria, MN
730 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Doug & Johnene Deasy	Hilo, HI
3870 S. Camino del Golfista	Mike & Janet Carlson	Centennial, CO
3982 S. Camino del Heroe	Curt & Marsha Willard	Kansas City, MO
3880 S. Calle Viva	Michael Roy Dickenson	???
975 W. Blue Fox Rd	Elvira Bayless	Redmond, OR
3796 S. Camino del Cefiro	Nancy Negherbon	Durango, CO
3772 S. Camino del Cefiro	Maureen Murphy	Dallas, TX
3916 S. Calle Viva	Craig & Kim Jones	Boise, ID