



SPRINGS CHAT

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HOA November Board Meeting Highlights

By Cathy Roberts

Meetings continue to be presented on ZOOM with 21 homeowners/residents present for this month.

All board members were present. Therefore, a quorum was established.

Board member reports were presented and can be found in their entirety on the HOA web site, www.thespringshoa.org for your review. A brief synopsis follows.

- President: Brent has submitted his application to serve on the Board for the 2022-2024 term. He also consulted with several other board members on matters that concerned operations of the HOA.
- Secretary: Monthly article submitted to the CHAT as well as recruitment efforts for volunteer board member applications.
- Treasurer:
 - Checking/Savings Balance 10/31 \$799,626.23
 - Reserve Fund/Savings 10/31 \$707,105.90
 - Operating Fund Savings 10/31 \$89,502.98
 - Operating Fund Checking 10/31 \$3,017.35

- ARC: Biannual walk-around review was completed on October 19. There are currently 65 open violations that range from paint, stain, and other repair issues. These are gradually being corrected. By unanimous consent, the opening on the ARC committee has been filled by Eileen Owen. There has been one inquiry for the position of compliance agent. If interested, please contact the ARC chairman at ARC.thespringshoa@gmail.com for more details.
- Grounds: Working on Tuesday and Friday, the crew posted 65 volunteer hours for the month of October. The small, but dedicated crew really had a chore over the summer months keeping things tidy. There was an inordinate amount of weed whacking and debris to be dealt with because of the monsoon rains. Having our winter folks back in residence will boost the volunteer workforce. If interested in joining the team contact Jim Owen or email Grounds.thespringshoa@gmail.com
- Infrastructure: Mark attended a forum presented by the GVC and met with several asphalt contractors. Our green asphalt is down, and bids have been received for phase 3 and 4. The tower has been repaired and painted which is usually needed every five years. Faded street signs have been replaced and TEP has replaced several burned out streetlights.

Based upon a recommendation by the Finance Committee, a motion was passed to set the HOA dues for 2022 at \$540.

Our long time host, Bill Perry, will be stepping down from serving as host for the monthly potluck dinners. We greatly appreciate Bill's service as well as the levity he has added to these get-togethers. Hopefully, the potluck dinners will resume in the future. If you are interested in hosting, or serving as MC, please contact Elvira Bayless @VicePresident.thespringshoa@gmail.com

We are available year-round via the The Springs Web site: <http://www.thespringshoa.org>

Remember, your Board of Directors is a group of volunteers selected by the homeowners to represent you. The Springs is fortunate in this respect. Many other HOAs hire outside management services at an added cost to the residents. There are several committees in need of volunteers, so please join. There will be sign-up opportunities at the annual meeting in January 2022.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By Joyce E Lambert

Exciting and vivacious LAUREL DEAN recently moved to The Springs! Hailing from Minnesota, she enjoys nature, water, the sun, and fishing. She retired early from a



professorship at the University of California, Davis, in the Department of Human & Community Development.

Laurel rides a beautiful Honda Goldwing 1800cc ‘Trike’. She has traveled alone, but mostly prefers to ride with a friend. She recently

completed a 7100-mile trip from Minnesota to Arizona! She plans to join the Goldwing and American Legion Riders clubs.

She is involved in numerous activities in Green Valley. Laurel belongs to the American Legion, Post 131, and volunteers with the Auxiliary serving lunches during the week. She especially enjoys the camaraderie of the other servers. She also volunteers at the Animal League of Green Valley. In addition to quilting and sewing, she has tried her hand at the GVR lapidary club working with rocks she has collected.

Laurel is looking for a fun group to play cards with socially, perhaps pinochle or hand and foot.

You might see her while walking in the Springs, as walking is another favorite activity. Be sure to say “hello”!

Reminder - Board Elections Coming Up!

Just a reminder that Board elections take place at the annual homeowner's meeting in January 2022. Four Board seats expire at the end of 2021. If you are interested in serving on the HOA board, nomination forms are on The Springs website at <https://www.thespringshoa.org/> directly under the heading "Notices."

Applications are due by December 15, 2021. Application can be submitted by US mail or email. This form may also be used to volunteer in the community.

GREAT HORNED OWL

Photo submitted by Dick Bierman

Great Horned Owl is a common resident often heard at night in the Springs.



White Fruitcake Fudge

Submitted by Tish Mowrer

Ingredients:

3/4 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
3/4 cup finely chopped dried apricots
1/2 cup finely chopped golden raisins
2 cups sugar
3/4 cup sour cream
1/2 butter
12 ounces white baking chocolate, coarsely chopped
1 7-oz. jar marshmallow crème



Directions:

In a bowl, combine walnuts, apricots and raisins. Reserve 1/4 cup. Line a 13x9x2 inch baking pan with foil; extend foil over edges of pan. Butter the foil. Butter side of a heavy 3-qt. saucepan. In saucepan combine sugar, sour cream, and butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils. Clip a candy thermometer to side of pan. Reduce heat to medium-low, continue boiling at a moderate steady rate, stirring occasionally, until thermometer registers 236* (18 to 20 minutes.) Adjust heat as necessary to maintain a steady boil.

Remove saucepan from heat. Stir in chocolate and marshmallow crème. Continue stirring until chocolate is melted and mixture is combined. Stir in fruit and nut mixture. Immediately spread fudge evenly in prepared pan. Top with the reserved 1/4 cup fruit and nut mixture. Chill fudge until firm. Use foil to lift the fudge out of pan. Cut fudge into squares and store in the refrigerator. Makes about 50 pieces (more if you spread it thinner in your larger dish).

OPTIONAL: Omit the walnuts, apricots, and raisins. Add crushed peppermint pieces instead.

If you would like to contribute a recipe for the CHAT, contact Tish Mowrer at 520-647-9270 or 916-801-6513. This month's recipe was inspired by the desire to have fudge for Christmas!

CHRISTMAS 2021

Submitted by Joyce Lambert

Charlie Brown: I think there must be something wrong with me, Linus. Christmas is coming, but I'm not happy. I don't feel the way I'm supposed to feel.

Charlie Brown: Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?

Linus Van Pelt: Sure, Charlie Brown, I can tell you what Christmas is all about.

Linus Van Pelt: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not:'"



Linus Van Pelt: "for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

Linus Van Pelt: That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown

It's been a tumultuous year and some of us may be feeling a bit like Charlie Brown. Here are suggestions to help you experience JOY this holiday season!

Make PEOPLE your top priority. Christmastime is meant to be filled with joy, thankfulness, laughter, and lingering conversations over the dinner table. But connections don't happen by accident. You must be intentional. Don't let the month go by in a total blur. Slow down and think about what you really want to do this season. Don't get so caught up in the hustle and bustle that you forget to enjoy the people. Plan, write it down, set boundaries, avoid conflict, focus, know your role, make a budget, get plenty of sleep, stay healthy, protect your downtime, and **PICTURE THE CHRISTMAS YOU WANT.**

Some of you may be reconsidering travel and celebrations with others. Here are a few suggestions to help celebrate and focus on a beautiful time at home. (And you can do this even if you are traveling!)

1. Put Out Poinsettias, Evergreens, and Mistletoe
2. Make Decorations to Put around Your Home
3. Christmas Music - Turn it Up

4. Enjoying Classic Christmas Movies
5. Get into Christmas Traditions
6. Go Christmas Caroling
7. Make Christmas Cookies & Holiday Baked Goods (share)
8. Send Cards
9. Make Christmas gifts for others (the needy)
10. And, if you feel comfortable invite some friends over

For those who are planning this happy celebration on a global scale we wish you a Very Happy Holiday. Whatever your plans, enjoy the holiday and stay safe.



Something to consider when buying gifts.

2021 HOME SALES



<u>Address</u>	<u>Sold To</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
760 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Norma Salazar	Las Vegas, NV
997 W. Camino Erranle	Hannah Purdy	Green Valley, AZ
3677 S. Camino Comica	Laurel Dean	Green Valley, AZ
3772 S. Calle Rambles	Joseph Caricone	Danbury, CT
3779 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Phillip Bacon & Kathryn Hill	Lenexa, KS
710 W. Calle de la Pelotita	James & Carol Lee	Las Vegas, NV
4063 S. Golden Lynx Rd	Arnold & Linda Fett	Hudson, WI
3741 S. Camino Comica	Berdette Robison	Green Valley, AZ
3933 S. Via de Cristal	David & Joan Fritzier	Waukesha, WI
711 W. Calle de la Pelotita	John & Twila Marquardt	Green Bay, WI
3973 S. Via de Cristal	Craig & Judith Corder	Spokane, WA
3743 S. Camino del Cefiro	Kimberly Roach	Sells, AZ
3788 S. Camino Comica	Robert Hasson	Green Valley, AZ
3848 S. Camino del Golfista	Eric Sullwold	Green Valley, AZ
3719 S. Camino del Golfista	Rosa Nevienski	Hatley, WI
3633 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Michael Balster	Green Valley, AZ
3681 S. Calle Rambles	Douglas Gray	St. Petersburg, FL
3749 S. Calle Rambles	Laurie Allen	Green Valley, AZ
1009 W. Via de la Fonda	Bruce Grieshaber & Rebecca Meinking	Baldwinsville, NY
900 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Barbara Young	Green Valley, AZ
3829 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Steven Doede	Clintonville, WI
3824 S. Camino Comica	Greg & Maria Peck	Star Valley Ranch, WY
920 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Christopher Heckler	Tombstone, AZ
3787 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Michael & Morgan Loven	Albuquerque, NM
3940 S. Calle Viva	Robert & Sheila Lovin	Gilroy, CA
3718 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Judy Sackman	Green Valley, AZ
840 W. Via Rio Fuerte	Zillow Home Loans	(resale)
3757 S. Camino Comica	Kay Uhles	Tucson, AZ
3891 S. Calle Viva	Jean Wallace-Baker & Owen Hoiomt	Madison, WI
3817 S. Calle Rambles	Sarah Giuffreda	Green Valley, AZ
3788 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Stephen Walejeski	Green Valley, AZ
4034 S. Via de Cristal	Matthew & Susan Garner	Sugar City, ID
3948 S. Calle Viva	Deanne Thompson	Green Valley, AZ
3681 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Jim & Corky & Enge	Green Valley, AZ
944 W. Via de la Fonda	Ann Grace-Beard	Cathedral City, CA
3665 S. Avenida de Encino	Darren Hall & Kim Grannis	McMinnville, OR