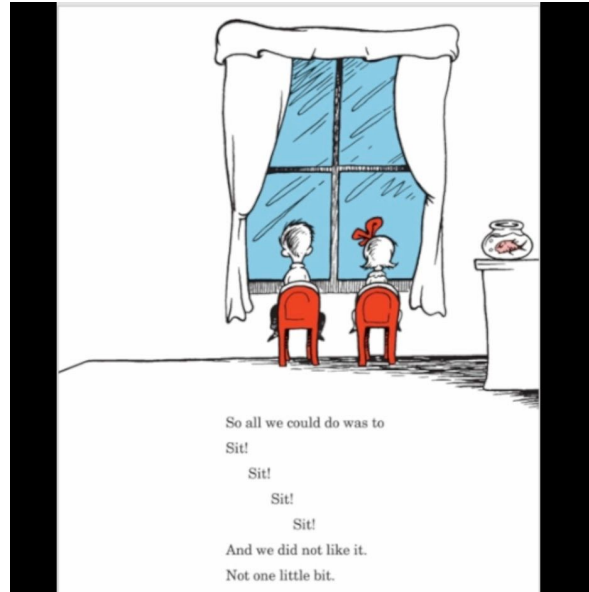


# The Springs CHAT for January 2021

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Happy New Year!  
Thanks to all who helped to  
decorate our HOA, whether at  
the entrance to The Springs or  
at your home. The lights were  
lovely on those chilly nights.



## But I don't know how to zoom?!\*£@\_\$,!

Zoom is a computer application that allows multiple people to sign in to listen to and/or participate in a meeting. The Springs Board has been Zooming meetings since September, with good results. Folks can see and hear each other and the discussion is productive. The one part lacking in our meetings is input from residents in the open forum, as most folks either don't log on to listen or don't stay long enough to give input. We haven't had controversial issues before the Board, so it doesn't surprise me, but we do have very limited public feedback. The Board does try to address the problem by requesting concerns in writing before the meeting if unable to attend, but so far there haven't been many.

One meeting where we really count on attendance is the HOA Annual Meeting. Since it is being held on January 23, 2021, this article is to explain how residents can easily Zoom to attend. We want to prepare folks ahead of time so they can practice or troubleshoot before the actual meeting.

This is what you need to do:

1. You don't actually need to install anything to use Zoom on a desktop or laptop. All you need is a web browser, like Chrome.
2. When you get the invitation to join a Zoom meeting, save the invite in your Inbox, because it has the URL you will need to access the meeting.
3. When it is time for the meeting, click on the meeting URL ( which is blue below)

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88628530334?pwd=SlIrZlJ6djQ2TUM2R2NYdDVOSEYx> (This is just an example, not the real URL.)

4. A new tab will open in your browser, and if you have the desktop client app installed, the meeting will bounce over to the app.
5. However, if you don't have the desktop client software, then the Zoom browser window will ask you to download it. Ignore that suggestion and skip down to the fine print underneath: "If you cannot download or run the application, join from your browser."
6. Click the highlighted text in "join from your browser" and you'll be presented with a Zoom meeting page. Sign in with your name and join the meeting.

Also included in the invite is the option to call in to Zoom on your cell phone which requires a meeting ID and a passcode. It will look like this:

Meeting ID: 886 2853 0334

Passcode: 328653

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,88628530334#,,,,\*328653# US (San Jose)

Please email The Springs Office or contact a computer competent friend if you need help.



Folks have seen more bobcats recently.  
Thanks to Jim Owen for the photo.



## Why do Coyotes Howl?

and other factoids about our canine neighbors by Pat Keenan  
(photo from internet)

I don't know about where you live in the Springs, but down here at the end of Calle de la Pelotita, we're seeing and hearing more coyotes than ever. And a lot of people think when the coyotes howl their evening chorus, that they sound a lot closer than in the past - "Just over the wall." In fact, one of my neighbors on Golfista worries that when he is grilling steaks and needs to go back into his house for a beer, he might come back and find the coyotes have taken his steaks. (However, this hasn't stopped him from getting the beer.) I felt the situation called for some coyote research before people start to panic.

**General Facts:** Coyotes weigh 15 to 40 pounds and stand about 2 feet at the shoulder. They can run 40 mph and can easily jump a 6 ft fence. They mate for life. Life span is about 8 – 10 years in the wild. Coyotes can truly be called "wiley." With their adaptability and intelligence, they are gradually expanding their range back into suburbs and cities.

**Why do coyotes howl?** Wildlife experts think they howl for territorial reasons. So if a coyote is out hunting and gets lost, he can howl to locate other members of his pack. Or if the pack sees a strange coyote (or dog), they will howl. People have a tendency to overestimate the number of coyotes in the chorus. The typical pack has 5 or 6 members, even though it probably sounds like 20. Coyotes have several other vocalizations besides howling to communicate with other pack members. For example, they growl to express anger and communicate with their pups by "yips, whining, and huffs." (Sounds like Congress to me.)

**Will they eat my little cat or dog?** They would love to. Coyotes are omnivorous. They specialize in rodents, but will eat garbage, fruit, compost, insects, chickens or the occasional pet



cat or dog. They prefer smaller breeds of dog. However, any size dog tethered on a rope cannot match a coyote attack.

**Here is an example of what NOT to do:** A building construction crew in Toronto fed pizza to a pair of coyotes while on their lunch break. The coyotes became “tame”. The crew called them mascots. “They were so cute”. The crew went on to their next job, and neighborhood pets started to disappear. The coyotes had to be shot.

**Will coyotes attack me?** Extremely unlikely. In the history of Canada and the USA, coyotes have killed only 2 humans. One victim was an unattended baby in a crib in Southern California. The other died after being bitten by a rabid coyote. Coyotes can transmit rabies to dogs. Coyotes have occasionally bitten humans when cornered or when a dog owner tries to break up a dog/coyote fight. According to the American Humane Society, you are more likely to die from a stray golf ball than from a coyote attack.

**What to do if you see a coyote while walking the nature trail?**

1. If it runs off, no problem.
2. If it keeps coming, wave your arms and yell. That should get him running away.
3. If it still keeps coming, the behavior is abnormal and is concerning. The coyote may have been fed by humans and has lost its fear of humans. Or worse, it could have rabies. Back off, keep yelling, but don't turn and run.

**Conclusion:** Don't feed pizza to coyotes and keep your eye out for wild golfers.



Christmas Cardinals, male and female, by resident Pat Lindemann.

## **A new CHAT editor volunteers....**

Sally Bryan and her husband, Howard, visited Green Valley and rented in the Springs 13 years ago and, as they say, “the rest is history”. They fell in love with the area, The Springs and and our abundant sunshine. In fact, they purchased their first home in the Springs within 2 weeks! For a number of years they continued to spend summers on Lake Chautauqua in western New York, until 3 years ago when they became year-round residents here.



Volunteering is part of Sally’s DNA. She has served as The Springs’ Potluck Coordinator and is currently a Springs Block Captain. Pre-Covid, she also coordinated a monthly get together with her neighbors, and looks forward to these types of activities resuming. Living in Green Valley also introduced Sally to the game of pickleball, swimming and art. She has served as President of the Santa Rita Art League, along with other offices.

Another passion is natural health & wellness. Sally serves as a doTERRA Wellness Advocate. She helps people address a wide range of emotional and physical wellness applications such as peaceful sleep, tension & anxiousness, body aches, digestive, respiratory & immune support with doTERRA Essential oils & supplements.

Walking, swimming, painting, reading, cards & games, volunteering are all favorite activities.

Recently, Sally donated her time and materials and sewed many hundreds of face masks, asking for a donation to the local Food Bank, and raised over \$5,000 for the Food Bank. She also sewed & donated masks for the Food Bank clients & their children.

Volunteering must run in the family, as her husband, Howard, served as a Springs’ Board member for 6 years, including the position of President.

Sally previously wrote a column for the Springs CHAT titled “Meet Your Neighbor” where a different person or couple were interviewed and featured each month.

When she learned that we were in need of a new Editor, she stepped forward, and we are grateful.

The adult version of  
"head, shoulders,  
knees and toes" is  
"wallet, glasses,  
keys and phone."



## What Is This Thing Called the Master Association?

By Sandy Stone and Jan Canning

Recently, several of you have been asked to sign an absentee ballot for the annual meeting of Santa Rita Springs HOA, aka The Master Association. This is not to be confused with our HOA, The Springs at Santa Rita HOA. Let me provide a bit of history for you.

The Master Association members include The Springs, The Fairways, The Links, The Greens, The Legends, Sunrise Pointe, Sunrise Pointe Vistas and Silver Springs. The association was the brainchild of the developers of these HOA's and the retirement facility. They wanted to make certain that all of the HOA's would maintain their original style and adhere to good architectural rules. Originally the Master Association had the responsibility of approving all of the ARC requests for all eight member HOA's. This became an insurmountable task. So, about 15 years ago all the the CC&Rs were rewritten to give that responsibility back to each individual HOA. So, why does the Master Association still exist?

The developers had a second purpose in establishing the Master Association and that was they wanted all of the homeowners to have access by foot, bike, golf cart from one to the other. A path with a bridge was built between The Springs and The Greens. It is near the Farmer Waters water tank. It exists to this day. The Board of the Master Association consists of three officers – president, secretary and treasurer. Plus, there are representatives from each member HOA. The board has three meetings a year. The main task is to establish a budget to maintain the path, keep the bushes under control and to fix the railings on the bridge which get clipped now and again. It also establishes a reserve for the potential that the bridge might someday need to be replaced. The cost to each homeowner is \$3.25/year and it is included in your annual HOA dues.

Given the need to be safe with Covid amongst us, we need your signatures on the absentee ballot in order to conduct the annual meeting. Thanks for helping us out. The ballot is at the end of this CHAT.

**2020 HOME SALES - 45 Homes Sold**  
**Welcome to all our new neighbors - Hope to meet you soon!**

Address	Sold To	Home Town
3733 S. Camino Comica	Curtis & Patricia Thompson	New London, MN
3781 S. Avenida del Encino	Doug & Johnene Deasy	Green Valley, AZ
812 W. Puma Peak Rd	Richard & Debra Fillion	Green Valley, AZ
701 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Heidi Youssef	Green Valley, AZ
3725 S. Camino del Golfista	Doug Schaffer & Kathy Storm	Big Stone City, SD
3755 S. Camino del Golfista	Nancy Leonard & David Maier	Waldport, OR
3664 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Thomas DeToma	Tucson, AZ
3773 S. Calle Rambles	Deborah Flickinger	Walsenburg, CO
880 W. Calle de la Pelotita	James Fiegel	Green Valley, AZ
973 W. Via del Placio	Mary Susan Agan	Knoxville, IA
3665 S. Avenida de Encino	Lynn Powell	Lake Oswego, OR
3778 S. Camino del Golfista	Gerald & Rita Ann Dalzell	La Crosse, WI
3665 S. Paseo de los Nardos	OfferPad, LLC	Chandler, AZ
3725 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Carl & Sue Olsen	Bozeman, MT
3809 S. Avenida de Encino	Friedburg & John Schilling	Ladysmith, BC, Canada
3958 S. Camino del Heroe	Victor Frankfather	Tucson, AZ
3645 S. Avenida de Encino	Don & Nancy Kelly	Green Valley, AZ
3925 S. Camino del Golfista	Michael & Karen Mitchell	Old Forge, NY
3747 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Pamela Wright	Las Vegas, NV
3965 S. Via de Cristal	Loretta Wyland	Green Valley, AZ
962 W. Via de la Fonda	Donald Berk	Seattle, WA
3795 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Dale Pryor	Tucson, AZ
3665 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Christine Manion	Tucson, AZ
678 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Robert & Maureen Doyle	Wheaton, IL
760 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Laurel Dean	Pebble Beach, CA
3715 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Les Santangelo	Laguna Woods, CA
731 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Randall & Susan Dennis	Greenfield, IN
3796 S. Calle Rambles	Fernando Miranda & Matilda Hernandez	San Carlos, MEXICO
3813 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Terry & Chic Rementeria	Green Valley, AZ
4034 S. Via De Cristal	Gerald Johnson & Gale Rice	Tucson, AZ
4161 S. Wolf Run	Bob & Jackie Swenson	Green Valley, AZ
3785 S. Camino Del Golfista	Robert & Linda Krause	Manistee, MI
3716 S. Paseo de los Nardos	EdwardDuthaler & Lorraine Mihalik	Sahuarita, AZ
3877 S. Camino del Golfista	Jubilee Holdings	Grand Rapids, MI
997 W. Via de la Fonda	Eric Kohnen & Mary Dow	Green Valley, AZ
3633 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Thomas & Carole Daniel	Green Valley, AZ
993 W. Blue Fox Rd	Robert & Brenda Simpkins	Ashland City, TN
3708 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Debra De La Zerda	Tucson, AZ
820 W. Calle de la Pelotita	John & Janet Greene	Lukeville, AZ
3742 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Micheline & Fredric Peffer	Sun City, AZ
3925 S. Calle Viva	Robert & Margaret Reyes	Colorado Springs, CO
840 W. Via Rio Fuerte	Shirlee Severs	Sierra Vista, AZ
4133 S. Golden Lynx Rd	Fredrick & Kathie Rotter	Green Valley, AZ
3941 S. Calle Viva	Norma Thye	Burlington, IA
3741 S. Calle Rambles	Joyce Lambert	Green Valley, AZ



**A closing story.** I am retiring from the Board this month and also as interim Editor of the CHAT. My parting message to you all is in this story.

One day, on the twelfth tee box of Torres Blancas Golf Course, I noted a large flock of Widgeons. They are beautiful ducks who enjoy grazing the greens and fairways of the golf course and swimming in the ponds. But, in the middle of all these normal sized ducks was a larger, rather ugly, scruffy, white and grey bird. It was an immature Snow Goose, almost three times the size of a Widgeon. I watched it day after day - was it sick or hurt, was it lost, or just traveling through? One frosty morning, as I was watching it, I began to truly enjoy how it was just accepted by the flock of ducks and was not ostracized (as in the Ugly Duckling fairy tale). It ate and dabbled and flew in unison with the Widgeons. I enjoyed studying its feathers and bill as I watched it interact with the ducks - noting the differences and similarities of the two species. This, in my mind, is an allegory for all of us. Differences can be tolerated, accepted, and celebrated. They need not divide us. Let's work and live together in peace. Good luck and blessings to all in this new year.

Rebecca Keenan  
Outgoing President of The Springs HOA



Photos by resident Pat Lindemann.  
Thank you for helping me tell my story!



## Master Association Ballot

We are asking that you please sign and return the attached form to either Roger Brink or Jan Canning, our representatives on the Master Association Board. You may drop the forms off at the front entrance mailbox or leave them in the basket at Jan's front entry (992 W. Blue Fox). Forms need to be returned on or before January 25th.

Santa Rita Springs Homeowners Association Master Association  
Absentee Ballot

For

February 1, 2021 (3:00 pm, Fiesta Room)

I/we are unable to attend but wish to assist in meeting the Annual SRSHOA Meeting quorum requirement of 136 homeowners represented either in person or by returned Absentee Ballot. Mark "X" in this box \_\_\_\_\_

If you are planning on attending the Annual Meeting. Bring this marked Ballot with you for inclusion in the quorum count.

SRSHOA Absentee Ballot Information

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

Homeowner Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Green Valley

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_