



The Springs at Santa Rita, 951 West Via Rio Fuerte, Green Valley, AZ 85614

December 22

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The Chat is a venue for the Springs HOA Board of Directors to communicate with the residents of the Springs, but more than that, the newsletter hopes to contribute to a sense of community camaraderie.

Board of Directors : Brent Gordy, President; Elvira Bayless, VP; Cathy Roberts, Secretary; Sharon Toborg, Treasurer; Jim Owen, Grounds; Mark Koruga, Streets & Infrastructure; Ted Boyett, ARC. You may contact these members at: hoa@thespringshoa.org

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday – Dec 3 – Holiday Decorating 1:00

Meet at front entrance to the Springs

Wednesday – Dec 7 – HAPPY HOUR – Fiesta Deck 3-5

Please bring your dinnerware, napkins, beverage, and a munchie to share. In the event of inclement weather we will meet in the Anza room. Yea! we have a new volunteer, Jo Adams, who will be in charge of this Springs event.

Tuesday – Dec 13 – HOA Board Meeting 9:00

We plan to have a hybrid meeting again this month. The meeting will be held in the Anza Room beginning at 9:00 am. Zoom information will be included in the agenda.

Thursday – Dec 15 – Potluck - Anza Room 5-9

Potlucks are open to residents, their guests, and renters. The food is excellent and it is a good way to go off your diet. You need to bring your dinnerware and beverage. In addition, bring a dish to share that will feed 8-10 people (also a name tag) If nuts or shellfish are in the dish, please make a small card stating that. Also if you make gluten free or vegan dishes, a sign is helpful. Food assignments for December.

Last name starting with A-F (salad)

Last name starting with G-O (main dish)

Last name starting with P-Z (dessert)



Program:

White elephant gift exchange at your table (a wrapped gift--anything you want to get rid of, to be exchanged with others at your table)

Speaker from Valley Assistance Services (our Springs neighbor)

There will be a box at the back table for donations to the food bank (canned goods or check)

BOARD BUSINESS

Highlights From Your November HOA 2022 Board Meeting

By Cathy Roberts, Secretary



We continue with the hybrid in-person/ZOOM format for our meetings. It is a good way for those not yet in residence for the season and those that don't want to get out to still attend and get first hand information. The November meeting was called to order with 19 homeowners present. Roll was called and 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: Has continued to work closely with the ARC and our attorneys to clearly define timelines and requirements as it relates to noncompliance issues with the CC&Rs. Consulted with the VP regarding upcoming board election.
- Vice President: Working on the four board positions that will be open for election. Worked with Nancy Kelly who is taking over the name tag process.
- Treasurer:
 - Checking/Savings Balance 10/31/2022 \$582,610.18
 - Reserve Fund/Savings 10/31/2022 \$492,152.47
 - Operating Fund Savings 10/31/2022 \$64,186.88
 - Operating Fund Checking 10/31/2022 \$26,270.83
- ARC: Many projects are underway. Just a reminder to check with county regulations when proposing a project. Checking all these things ahead of time will save steps and time once you submit a request to the ARC for a project approval.
- Grounds: September saw 108 volunteer hours donated by residents. It's a never ending project keeping up with the landscaping. If you are considering joining a volunteer team contact Jim Owen or email Grounds.thespringshoa@gmail.com
- Infrastructure: Storm damage continues to be identified. It has been discovered that the barrier fencing on top of the cinder block wall behind Blue Fox has lost a number of panels. Roughly 25% (24) panels are down. Pictures and information has been submitted to the insurance company. More information later as it becomes available. Also, Mark shared information on the Firewise program.

The holidays are upon us. There will be new decorations going up at the front entrance thanks to the efforts of Judy Bierman and Deb Fillion. Volunteers are needed to help get everything set up on Saturday, December 3 at 1:00pm.

The monthly potlucks and Happy Hours have resumed so check your calendars. Info can be found at each HOA bulletin board next to the mailbox banks.

Contact Roger Brink by email at Rogerbrink8@gmail.com to get information and "opt in" to the HeartSafe program. Keep those on your property safe. You never know when someone may suffer a cardiac arrest

Your Board of Directors is selected by the homeowners to represent you. Please utilize the website to communicate any concerns with the board. Anonymous submissions will not be

accepted. Please sign your name so that we can address your needs. There are committees in need of volunteers so come out and join. There are sign-up opportunities for volunteers. The Springs Web site: <http://www.thespringshoa.org>

Board Elections

Four of the seven HOA Board positions expire at the end of this year. Board members serve a two-year term. If you are interested in serving on The Board, or would like to volunteer on a committee, nomination forms are available online at our community website under *Notices* at <https://www.thespringshoa.org>. Board member position descriptions can also be found on the site, after clicking on the third tab, *Board/Committees*. Nomination forms must be received no later than December 15, 2022 for consideration. The forms can be submitted to the HOA by email at hoa@thespringshoa.org or put in the HOA mailbox at the front entrance.

Bierman's Pics



Bobcats are common but not often seen as they prefer to be hidden from view. These two I photographed in The Springs, one in our yard and the other close by.

FYI

Santa Rita Springs will no longer have a GVR Customer Service Office. That room will be re-fitted for the fitness center. Once designs have been completed the plans will be submitted to Pima County for permits.

Other changes in the Springs GVR facilities include:

- Arts and Crafts Room at Desert Hills will be moving to Agave Room within the existing Computer Club space
- Computer Club moving to Kino Room (which was part of camera club facility)
- Future Glass Arts on drawing board to move to current computer club space

Name Tags

When attending Springs events, name tags are very helpful. Don Kelly volunteered to be in charge of ordering them. Cost will be around \$9. He will have a sign up sheet and more information at the December potluck.

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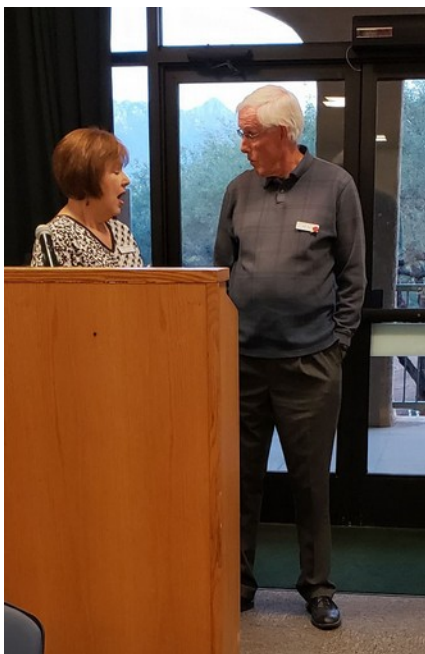
Happy Hour



About 25 residents attended the **Happy Hour** on Nov 2. Due to wind gusts, it was held in the Anza room. Once again Bill Perry stepped up and volunteered to host for that day. New volunteer Jo Adams will take over starting in December.



Pot Luck



Handoff -- previous host, Bill Perry
new host, Kathy Szeto





About 50 residents attended the Nov. potluck. Kathy did a great job as the new host. Birthdays were acknowledged and Jeannie McGaughey led residents in the birthday song. Kathy announced future programs .



Kathy welcoming new residents to the potluck.



Makin' Music

Our own Springs resident, Marty Bender, is part of a local band called **Marie & the Rock & Soul Express**. They play classic rock and soul music. The band is comprised of Marie G (Percussion, Vocals), Marie's husband Bobby G (Sax, Percussion, and Vocals), Greg Locklin (Lead Guitar, Vocals), W. Deacon Olson (Drums, Vocals), Gary Georgianna (Bass, Keyboards, Guitar, Vocals) and Marty (Bass, Keyboards, Guitar, Vocals). Their upcoming schedule for the next two months is listed below. All shows are 6-9 PM in Green Valley.

Schedule for Dec/Jan

Dec 2 American Legion Post 66

Dec 9 Coaches Bar/Grill

Dec 17 Quail Creek

Jan 13 Mescal Bar/Grill (Benson)

Several Springs residents enjoyed their music last month at Coaches Bar/Grill. It's a great way to spend an evening.

Home Sales

The following is a list of homes sold in the Springs since the last newslettler (Nov 2022)



Address

Sold To

Home Town

3665 S. Paseo de los Nardos

George Anderson
& Lynn Daniels Anderson

Tucson, AZ

4101 S. Wolf Run Road

Howard & Sally Bryan

Green Valley, AZ

Help, please

As editor of The Chat, I am looking for input from residents as to what they would like to see in their monthly newsletter. Would someone like to volunteer to do "favorite recipes from the potlucks." I loved the rich chocolate pie at our last potluck and would like that recipe. Anyone willing to take on that feature?? Also, would someone like to volunteer to do "spotlight on the rescue pet?" I know we have a lot of rescue animals here in the Springs (one of them lives at my house).

You may send comments or suggestions to: thespringschat@gmail.com or eileenowen42@yahoo.com

Newest Volunteer – hosts Happy Hour



Our latest resident to volunteer for a job is Jo Adams. She will host the monthly Happy Hour starting in December.

Jo lives on Blue Fox Rd with her 10 year old dog, Bently. She was born and grew up in Hollywood, CA. It was there that she worked for several record companies and later Billboard Magazine. In 1982 she was transferred to their NYC offices where she managed the Chart Dept. Her job was to call record stores and radio stations to get their most played and purchased records. After technology took over in the late 90's the Chart Dept. was no longer needed and she moved on.

The next job was working for an American real estate developer, Bernie Mendik. She organized leases and correspondence for the 8 buildings he owned in Manhattan, one of them being 570 Lexington (aka GE Building) where Ghost Busters was filmed. In her 15 year tenure there as assistant building manager, one of her lessees was Mr. K's, a 5 star Chinese restaurant, and one of Michael Jackson's favorite NYC restaurants. She got to see Michael as he entered the lobby before heading down to his private room. Jo loved those exciting years.

After retiring from that job, the question was "where do I want to live?" Tucson was appealing with mountain views instead of brick buildings. She flew to Tucson and her realtor suggested Green Valley where she fell in love with the quiet 55+ community.

Seeing what a detailed and organized workaholic Jo was, her realtor suggested that she go to real estate school and start a new career. After passing her RE exam, she went to work for Keller Williams in Tucson for one year, then on to Green Valley to work for HomeSmart Pros (a small friendly group of agents) where she is currently employed. Jo loves selling and finding homes for all those wonderful 55+ persons.

Cooking has always been a passion for Jo. Her neighbors are lucky because she is happy to share her favorite creations with them. "Taste testers" is what she affectionately calls them.

Please welcome her at the next Happy Hour, Wednesday, December 7.

Where Have You Been???

When I heard Gene & Jeannie McGaughey were going to take a trip to Alaska on a motorcycle, my first thought was "are they nuts?" Having traveled to Alaska in an RV, I knew what the ALCAN Highway was like with permafrost rollers, potholes, and miles of construction. I couldn't imagine two seniors doing this on a motorcycle. A month later they were back in The Springs with fond memories of an awesome adventure. Here is Jeannie's brief account of their travels to Alaska on a motorcycle.....

It's hard to believe that 6 months and 9,250 miles ago we left Green Valley on our Goldwing Trike headed "North to Alaska!"

Gene & Jeannie McGaughey have lived on Golden Lynx since 2003 and throughout the years have enjoyed riding Gene's Virago & 1993 Goldwing, and Jeannie's 2003 & 2007 Silverwings. Finally, in 2018 we sold all the other bikes and bought a 2003 Goldwing Trike and matching trailer. One long ride to Key West and then, unfortunately, it was garaged pretty much until last May.



Time to dust off the fenders and polish the windshield and we were off. We had an exciting adventure, traveling through Nevada, Idaho, and Washington and then into British Columbia. What fun to stay in 100-Mile House at the 99-Mile Motel (with our own garage)!



We enjoyed lots of wildlife along the way; we spotted grizzlies, deer, black bears, bison, red fox, elk, caribou, and even the occasional moose. One of the highlights – few mosquitoes! It was a bit chilly this early in the year and they hadn't hatched yet! We had the thrill of seeing a full-circle "sun doggie" as we joined the Trans-Canadian Highway.

We traveled from Osoyos, BC (wine country) to North Pole, AK and even flew north of the Arctic Circle visiting Wiseman, AK (look it up!) with a tour group. We were excited to stay outside of Denali, have many wonderful views of Mt. McKinley, and even take an ATV out in the (muddy) back country. Then it was on to Anchorage, Homer, and finally we pointed east back to Tok to begin our trip south and, eventually, back to Green Valley.

On every trip there is "the best" and "the worst". First, "the worst." The Yukon Highway from Haines Junction to Tok, Alaska, was a real challenge! Not only "frost heaves" every few feet but also lots and LOTS of potholes! "The best" – every other moment of our journey! We even broke down in Fort St. John, BC, and had to spend an extra five days. What fun to rent a car, sleep in, play tourist, and explore. We asked what there was to see and were told "sightsee." That went without saying, we thought, until they literally spelled it out for us. What they were saying was to go to "Site C!" They are building a new hydroelectric plant on the Peace River and it was their current best attraction!!!

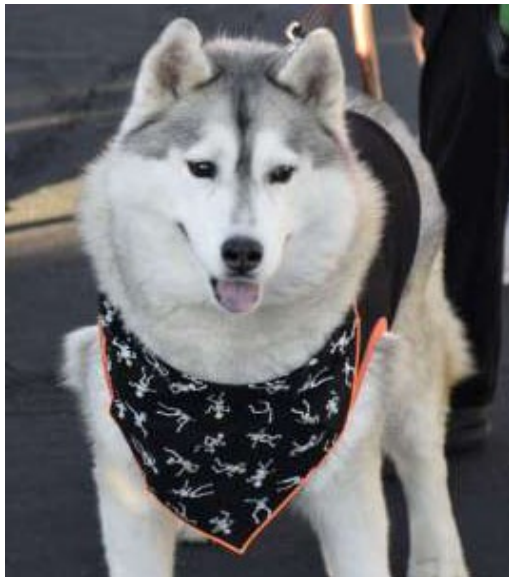
We could tell you about the signpost garden in Watson Lake, the glaciers in Banff, and playing with a sloth in Salt Lake City, but it's time to stop – and start planning another adventure! We wish you all Happy Holidays, safe travels, and a sharp pencil to keep track of all the details!!!



Gene & Jeannie McGaughey

If you would like to share a recent trip, please send an article and pictures to The Chat editor, eileenowen42@yahoo.com

Aren't they lovely, our fur babies all decked out for the Halloween Pet Parade





Halloween Pet Parade



Photos by Springs resident
George Bennett

