



SPRINGS CHAT

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HOA ANNUAL MEETING - Saturday, January 22, 2022

The SPRINGS HOA annual meeting will be held
Saturday, January 22, at 3:00 p.m.

Details will follow, as the Board is considering a
hybrid meeting (both in person and via Zoom).
However, it will depend on the status of the
pandemic as we approach the date.



HOA DECEMBER Board Meeting Highlights

By Cathy Roberts

Meetings continue to be presented on ZOOM with 25 homeowners/residents present for this month. 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 been busy helping on the ground crew as well as assisting in getting the Holiday decorations out. He also consulted with several board members on matters that concerned operations of the HOA.
- Vice President: Green Valley Council Round-table Meeting discussed a number of topics including Airbnb's and Dark Sky Ordinances.
- Secretary: Monthly article submitted to the CHAT.
- Treasurer:
 - Checking/Savings Balance 11/30/21 \$666,947.32
 - Reserve Fund/Savings 11/30/21 \$584,132.40
 - Operating Fund Savings 11/30/21 \$82,303.67
 - Operating Fund Checking 11/30/21 \$511.25
- ARC: The team continues to monitor and address yard and weed issues as well as other community violations. Please review the governing guidelines before initiating a project.
- Grounds: There has been a robust volunteer team lately as evidenced by the amount of work being done. Having our winter folks back in residence makes all the difference. If interested in joining the team contact Jim Owen or email Grounds.thespringshoa@gmail.com
- Infrastructure: The first of four phases of paving has been completed by Tucson Asphalt. The fountain was emptied, cleaned, repaired, and repainted. The flag pole now has a new LED spotlight that is more efficient and economical.

The Operating Budget and the Capital Reserve Budget for 2022 were passed unanimously. It was agreed upon to move \$35,000 from the Operating fund to the Capital Reserve fund for 2021. There was a recommendation from the Finance Committee to establish a onetime fee for new property owners, at time of purchase, as a contribution to the Capital Reserve. This will require an amendment to the CC&Rs and approval of 51% of existing membership. This recommendation will be prepared by the HOA attorney for approval. By recommendation and approval, Jeannie McGaughey has been added to the Finance Committee.

The Compliance Agent position is still open for application. If interested, please contact the ARC chairman at ARC thespringshoa@gmail.com for more details.

If interested, in hosting the monthly Happy Hour contact Elvira Bayless at VicePresident thespringshoa@gmail.com
Contact Roger Brink to get information and "opt in" to the HeartSafe program.

The Board recently received an anonymous letter of complaint. The Board is more than willing to assess complaints and seek resolution but will not do so without contact information. Your letters will remain confidential.

Remember, we are available year-round via The Springs Web site: <http://www.thespringshoa.org>
Your Board of Directors is a group of volunteers selected by the homeowners to represent you. There are several committees that are in need of volunteers so come out and join. There will be sign-up opportunities at the annual meeting.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By Joyce E Lambert

Our new neighbor, Kay Uhles, moved into the Springs two months ago and loves it! Born and raised in St Louis, Missouri, she also lived in Longmont, Colorado, to be near her two children and 3 grandchildren. While visiting her sister in Tucson, she visited Green Valley and, as they say, the rest is history!

Kay is a published writer, author of *Parts, Pieces and Particulars, A Primer for Single Moms Raising Boys, and Single Dads Raising Girls*. She has begun writing her memoirs, having assisted another woman with her memoir a few years ago. She participates in a writing group, coaches and edits anthologies and single author books.

Other favorites are golf, walking and dancing. She anticipates becoming involved in GVR clubs and activities. Kay has a cousin who lives in Green Valley and will be spending holiday time with her and other family. She looks forward to making new friends & meeting neighbors in the SPRINGS.



If you'd like to learn more visit her website at <http://kayclarkuhles.com/> or send an email to mindwise.soulworks@gmail.com.

SPRINGS is a HEART SAFE COMMUNITY

Submitted by Jan Canning

Over 350,000 people a year die of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in the US. SCA is not a heart attack. It is an electrical problem (ventricular fibrillation) which causes loss of heart function. It is an event normally without warning. A person quits breathing and will be unconscious. Without lifesaving action, the brain without oxygen will start to die in 3 to 5 minutes. Every minute that passes decreases a person's chance of survival by 10%.



During the past four years, some residents of The Springs, in partnership with the University of Arizona and the Green Valley Fire Department, have been involved in timed trials to determine if resident volunteers can reach a victim of SCA before the EMT's arrive. During the trials, the Green Valley Fire Department arrived within 6 to 8 minutes of being notified. Our volunteers, however, arrived sooner, often within 2 to 4 minutes.

Along with the Green Valley Fire Department, we have implemented our non-profit Heart Safe Program. In an actual SCA event at one of our homes, volunteers will be able to administer CPR and AED treatment within crucial minutes. These actions can extend a person's chance of survival before first responders take over. All the volunteers have received training in CPR administration of an AED. We have 20 volunteers, and if you're interested in joining us, please contact Roger Brink at rogerbrink8@gmail.com or Patsy Sills at patricia.sills1@cox.net

Our volunteers will respond only to 911 calls which are determined to involve a sudden cardiac arrest, and only if the call is from an address in our database. If you would like your address to be included in this life-saving program, complete the form on the SPRINGS HOA website under notices. Deposit your signed & completed form in the HOA or HeartSafe mailbox at our entrance or mail it to the above address.

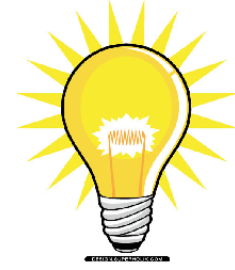
Why would you complete this form if you live alone or don't live at that address? You might have family or friends visiting or someone else renting your house. Remember, time is of the essence, and it took the GVFD four to six minutes longer to respond during the timed trials.

To summarize

- HeartSafe volunteers will only respond if it is Sudden Cardiac Arrest. If you call 911 for anything else, we will not be notified.
- HeartSafe volunteers will only respond if the address you give is in our database. Addresses are added to the database once we received a signed opt-in form. The opt-in form is connected to an address, not a name. So, if you move from one home in The Springs to another, we need an opt-in form for the new address.
- If you have already signed an opt-in form, you do NOT need to complete another each year.

ADDRESS LIGHTS: NOTICE TO ALL SPRINGS RESIDENTS

Our HOA rules state that all addresses within the Springs should be lit during night-time hours for safety reasons. Emergency vehicles can respond more quickly when all addresses are lit and easily seen. For this reason, the HOA purchases replacement bulbs for the fixtures lighting addresses. A dedicated team of your neighbors patrols the neighborhood after dark, replacing burned out bulbs with special LED bulbs equipped with internal sensors which switch on the bulbs after dark and turn them off at dawn. The yellow color of these bulbs allows for a uniform address appearance throughout the neighborhood and insures that the bulbs do not attract bugs. These bulbs use only 72 cents worth of energy per year.



Recently our light bulb replacing team is finding that many of our neighbors are completely turning the power off to their houses when they are not in residence. This is a problem! When our team members try and replace bulbs, new bulbs of course will also not light. A letter must then be sent to the resident at the problem address. This causes our dedicated team members frustration and extra work. Supplies and postage for these notifications cost the HOA money. And again, HOA rules state that **ADDRESSES MUST BE CLEARLY LIT AT NIGHT AT ALL TIMES.**

When you leave your house for long periods of time, you can turn off power to parts of your house, but please make sure that the zone which covers your address fixture is left on. If you have someone take care of your house while you are away, please make sure that they don't cut power to your address light.

Some residents are loosening the bulbs in their address light sockets so that they do not shine. Again, this is against our HOA rules, and is a major inconvenience for our team. Please LET THE LIGHT SHINE!

Ted Boyette, ARC chair

Patricia Sills, Light Bulb Replacement Committee Chair

WEALTH OF INFORMATION

Submitted by Joyce Lambert

Are you looking for an address, phone number, or a business site? Or something else locally?

The GREEN VALLEY COMMUNITY DIRECTORY serving Green Valley and surrounding communities, is a wealth of information and a great resource. To list a few... Individuals and families are listed with addresses, phone, HOA, and even where they hail from and their previous occupations. There is also a special section that lists residents by their home state, by city!

Businesses are listed alphabetically, and feature special areas like the Green Valley Village, and Tubac.

There are special pages of frequently called numbers, and a page sharing the secret history of Green Valley. Explore places to go, attractions, day trips. Some that are listed are: CPAC (Community Performing Arts Center), Kitt Peak, Golf Courses, the University of Arizona, Tucson International Airport, state parks and government listings. There's also a pull-out map of Green Valley.

If you don't have a directory handy go to GreenValleyLocal.com for information online.

The directory is distributed each February. Deadline for submissions, (i.e., additions and changes) mid-December.



FERRUGINOUS HAWK

Photo submitted by Dick Bierman

This Ferruginous Hawk is an uncommon Winter visitor to Southern Arizona. It can be found in open country where it feeds on rodents. This was photographed west of Picacho Peak. It is larger than the common Red-tailed Hawk.



IN THE KITCHEN

If you would like to contribute a recipe contact Tish Mowrer at 520-647-9270 or 916-801-6513. This month's recipe is the ultimate comfort food and freezes well in a Ziploc bag.

Split Pea Soup submitted by Tish Mowrer

Ingredients:

6 slices thick cut bacon
1 medium onion, finely chopped
2 carrots, peeled and finely chopped
2 stalks celery, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 T. butter
1 T. all-purpose flour
8 cups chicken broth (may use vegetable broth)
2 cups water
1 lb. split peas, rinsed and picked over
2 bay leaves
1 T. fresh thyme (or 1 t. dried)
Salt & Pepper to taste



Directions:

1. In a Dutch oven over medium heat, fry bacon until crisp. Remove bacon from pot, chop, and set aside. Do not drain grease.
2. Add onion, carrots, celery, and garlic to the bacon fat and cook until tender, about 5-7 minutes. Add butter and flour. Stir for 30 seconds.
3. Add chicken or vegetable broth, water, split peas, and bay leaves. Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat and continue simmering for about 2 hours, or until split peas are tender and soup becomes thick and creamy.
4. Remove bay leaves, add chopped bacon and season to taste with salt and pepper.

OPTIONAL: Although the original recipe used bacon, I found an 8 oz. package of Smithfield Anytime Diced Ham to substitute, and it worked very well.



December 2021 HOME SALES

Address

4044 S. Via de Cristal
691 W. Calle de la Pelotita
804 W. Puma Peak Rd
840 W. Via Rio Fuerte
3880 S. Calle Viva
3765 S. Avenida de Encino
3808 S. Camino Comica

Sold To

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