



The Springs Chat



A Newsletter for and by the residents of the Springs at Santa Rita

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The Springs Chat is your newsletter. Communication and sharing information can contribute to the vitality and the culture of our community. The Newsletter Committee invites your contributions - information you would like to share with the community. The committee also wants your ideas and suggestions- just email them to: springschat@gmail.com or contact a member of the newsletter committee: Eileen Owen, Juanita Kauffman, Jeannie McGaughey, Sandie Stone, Pat Strnad, Rebecca Keenan.

Board Meeting Summary

(Nov 10, 2015)

Our annual dues will stay the same at \$485 for 2016.

The HOA disclosure fee has been raised to \$300.

The presidents, vice-presidents, ARC, Streets and Grounds reports are on the HOA website.

The 2016 budget was discussed and approved with the corrections noted in discussion.

The outside yellow lights over our house numbers were discussed. Many of the fixtures have an open top and when it rains the rain on the hot bulbs causes the circuit breakers to trip. It is also possible the caulk put around the fixture is cracked and letting water leak into the wiring area. Also many of the sensors for the lights are getting old or have been covered with paint or dirt and do not work correctly. There is a committee with members who check the lights at night and replace bulbs. If a light burns out frequently they will notify the HOA office and you will get a note requesting the light or sensor be looked at by someone qualified to fix it.

Please see our website, www.thespringshoa.org, for the full report from each committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 1 Meet 'n Greet, Fiesta Deck, 3-5

Dec 8 Board Meeting, Anza Rm, 1:00

Dec 12 Potluck, Anza Rm, 3:00

December Potluck Program

Note the new time and date. Program will be Christmas caroling led by Mike Kearns.

January Potluck Program

A reminder to have your "Favorite Photo" ready for the January Potluck. Please send photos digitally to Shani Murray. Email address is bobnshani@cox.net. For those who cannot send them by email, please drop off the photos to Shani at 944 Fonda with your name and address and phone number attached and she will scan the photo and get the original back to you. The deadline to submit photos is one week before the potluck, but the sooner the better. Shani's phone number is 399-2599.

2016 Schedule of Events

Annual Mtg: Sat., Jan 23, 3:00 p.m., Anza Room

Board Mtgs: 2nd Mon, 9:00 a.m., Fiesta Rm

Potlucks: 3rd Thurs, 5:00 p.m., Anza Room

Meet'n Greets: 1st Mon, 3:00 p.m., Fiesta Deck

GVC Preferred Vendor Service

Most of the Green Valley Council's current vendors were contacted because they were recommended by HOA residents. Now the word is out! Other local area businesses, vendors, and service providers are asking to join.

The GVC is currently creating a new website. HOA residents will be able to access the Preferred Vendor List themselves. Until then, it is still very easy to find a vetted vendor by just calling 444-6760 or emailing pvp@gvcouncil.org.

Thieves are everywhere

A resident on Pelotita reported three items taken from the front yard while they were home—a road runner, decorated bowl, and a gecko. Looks like nice yard art is probably safer in the back yard than in the front.

Looking for a Place to Eat??

Nichels Diner, 1560 Yavapai Drive, Rio Rico is a good restaurant to go to for an old fashioned diner experience. It is clean, the food was good and the prices reasonable.

The Abrego Grill and GV Hospital café are both open. It is nice to have a restaurants close and on our side of the interstate.

Fun Golf

Are you a Springs couple interested in playing 9 holes of non competitive golf at a local course and meet for drinks and food after? If so, contact Eileen Owen (jimeileenowen@aol.com) with your name, address, and phone number and you will be added to the list. We meet twice a month (2nd and 4th Fridays). Snowbirds welcome.

Want to bicycle with a friendly group?

Carol Bender has volunteered to lead a group of leisurely cyclists for a weekly ride. If interested, email her at: carolb369@gmail.com for more information.

Garbage is for the birds!

The ravens frequenting the Springs are smart enough to recognize that a white garbage bag can mean a good meal and they often tear into them and garbage gets scattered around the area. Therefore if you put your garbage out in a bag without being placed in the green container, we asked you to use a black bag if the garbage contains any food remains.

Food Bank Donations

For the month of November, Bill Perry collected the following from Springs residents:

Cash/checks - \$452.00
Food - 6 pounds

Favorite Recipe from Chat Member

Pat Strnad

Cinnamon-spiced Pears

4 Bosc pears
1/3 c firmly packed brown sugar
1/3 c chopped walnuts or pecans
3 T butter, melted
1/4 t. cinnamon
1/4 c water

Halve & core the pears; place cut side up in a shallow, microwave-safe dish (9 inch pie plate works great) with the large ends of pears toward the outside. Combine sugar, nuts, butter and cinnamon in a small bowl, then spoon this mixture into the pear halves. Pour the water around the pears. Microwave on high power, uncovered, for 5-6 min. or until pears are tender, turning dish as necessary for even cooking. Serve warm, plain or with vanilla ice cream, with pan juices spooned over. Enjoy! Serves 8.

Note: Recipe can be halved, decreasing cooking time and still very good if nuts are omitted.

News from the Board

At the October meeting, Board member Steve Gilbert brought up the issue of speed on the east frontage road. He has seen many cars traveling far in excess of the 50 mph posted limit. Other Board members as well as homeowners in the audience agreed that it was becoming a very dangerous issue. The Board passed a motion to present the issue to the Traffic and Arroyo Committee requesting the limit be reduced to 40mph. Steve also attended the Master Association Board meeting to discuss the same issue. There wasn't a consensus at that meeting, but each association was encouraged to attend the Traffic and Arroyo meeting if their homeowners had concerns. Steve represented The Springs at the November 12th meeting, and as a result, the speed will be more carefully monitored, and in time, perhaps the limit will be reduced to 40mph. It appears that some of the speeders may be hospital employees. The Traffic and Arroyo Committee will send a letter to the hospital asking the employees to abide by the limit. Thanks, Steve. Job well done.

HOME SALES

(since the last newsletter)

1011 W. Blue Fox - John & Susan
Frederickson, Sandstone, MN

850 W. Calle de la Pelotita - Brian & Daniela
Cawthorn, Maple Valley, WA

830 W. Calle de la Pelotita - Michael & Linda
Wagner, Sioux Falls, SD

3645 S. Avenida De Encinco - Marc & Grace
Dallanegra, Green Valley, AZ

3736 S. Camino del Golfista - Juanita
Kauffman, Green Valley, AZ

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Services Offered

Travel Agent I specialize in River Cruises, but I can handle most of your travel needs. I am a licensed travel agent working through By the Sea Travel, LLC (Susan Beck-Brown, Travel Consultant, 970-759-3421, sbeckbrown@yahoo.com)

Household services I do high quality interior painting, bathroom remodeling & miscellaneous household services. Contact: Craig Trego, 955 W via de la Fonda, 206-734-5426
h2o.homme@yahoo.com

House Sitting (light maintenance)
See Gary & Cindy Deckinger, 3624 S. Nardos, 520-262-8622 or 620-988-0625.
mgghorse@aol.com

For Sale

House For Sale

Our property on Pelotita offers a chance to own a fully furnished property with a golf course view of the 11th hole on Torres Blancas. It is already rented for the months of Jan., Feb., and March 2016 which means the buyer will have immediate income and will be able to take occupancy April 2016 providing they close escrow before December 31, 2015. (We are the original owners) William and Rosalie Clapet email: racgv@aol.com 520-399-2449

Headboard for Sale Southwest style headboard. Full size (double). Pine and metal. 58 w x 50 1/2 h \$75 OBO. Call Katrina to view. 520-393-1990



Art for Sale

METAL ART FROM TUBAC; Two 52" long Spears with feathers and One 25" Quiver, originals by artist Jay L. Tschudy with Certificates of Authenticity. Shades of dark brown, gold and muted turquoise. Spears can be hung or propped against a wall or in a corner. Quiver is hung. Paid \$300 each for Spears and \$400 for Quiver with receipts available. Make offer. [520-393-7474](tel:520-393-7474)

Want to advertise in the Chat??? Here's the deal--if you are a resident of The Springs and you have a property you want to rent or sell, or a household item you want to sell, or a service you provide such as house sitting, pet sitting, window washing, or an item you are looking for, etc., you may place an ad. There are three sections: FOR SALE, WANTED, and SERVICES OFFERED. You must live in the springs to place an ad. Email your ad with your name, address, photo (optional), and phone number to: Springschat@gmail.com