



# 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](mailto:springschat@gmail.com) or contact a member of the newsletter committee: Eileen Owen, Juanita Kauffman, Jeannie McGaughey, Sandie Stone, Pat Strnad, Pat Johnson, Rebecca Keenan.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 5** **Cinco de Mayo**, Fiesta Deck, 5:00

**May 12** **Board Meeting**, Anza Rm, 1:00

**May 16** **Potluck**, Anza Rm, 5:00

## Cinco de Mayo

Once again we'd like to extend an invitation to Springs Residents and their friends and guests to our Cinco de Mayo Party, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 5:00 PM, on the Springs Rec Center Roof deck. Much like Meet'n Greet's and pot lucks, please bring your own drinks, and a dish to share. Paper plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided. Along with good company and music, maybe we'll have some dancing. Also, a fun part of the evening is "door prizes." Anyone wishing to contribute a door prize, please bring it wrapped. Nothing too big - this is supposed to be fun. Any questions, call Marge Burt at 648-3596.

## Board Meeting Summary

April 10, 201

- The audit team found the 2014 financials to be in order.
- The Board is still working on the handbook rewrite.

- Norm TenBrink suggested that the Grounds responsibility be split into subsections where one person is responsible for a section.
- Joe Barton is getting a consultation on the gate entry building as to what repairs may be needed. Joe also has the street signs on hand and will be putting together a team to install them. The sidewalk repairs will be scheduled.
- The maintenance building remodel/addition will be submitted to the Board for next years budget.
- The Board will no longer put parking notices on cars incorrectly parked on the street or sidewalks.
- The Green Valley Hospital will be taking over the road cleanup which was assigned to the Springs homeowners.

Please see the website for full details of board minutes and reports.

Be a good neighbor, please be sure your vehicle does not protrude into the sidewalk area when parking in a driveway and please do not park on the sidewalk. This creates a hazard for walkers.

For anyone leaving their home for a few months you can request a sewer vacation rate which is lower than the full rate. You will need your customer number and the date leaving and the date you will return. This is the web site: <http://dot.pima.gov/www/apps/sewerbillingsuspension/>

If you are looking for a vendor or contractor call the Green Valley Council, 520-648-1936 for information.

## **A Request**

Bill Perry has asked us to bring our favorite pictures back with us when we return in the fall. One picture per person in the household. At a recent potluck it was fun guessing who people were from their graduation pictures. Make a note on your return items list to bring your pictures.

### **Amado Food Bank Donations** (Bill Perry)

March: Cash \$275.00 – 105 pounds of food

If you are leaving GV soon and have food for the Amado Food Bank, please call Bill Perry 393-7402 and he will come to your house, pick up your food, and deliver it to the food bank.

### **Winter Residents, please remember:**

- Contact Sheriff's Aux Volunteers to check your house.
- Let Block Captain know when you are leaving and when you plan to return.
- Provide the HOA office with an emergency number and the name and phone number of your caretaker.

### **Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon**

Volunteers were recognized at a luncheon on March 28. Approximately 50 volunteers attended. A special thanks to Howard and Sally Bryan for planning the event and Sandie Stone for photographing the day (see last page for pictures). Volunteers were recognized by their committee chairs and Board members. Lets not forget in order for The Springs to maintain a neat, welcoming appearance, it takes many volunteers putting in hours of work to manage landscaping issues, plan for street repairs & maintenance, check light bulbs, etc. Volunteers also include Board members who devote many hours to meetings and decision making tasks.

Thank you volunteers for making the Springs a great place to live.

## **HOME SALES**

(since the last newsletter)

**3885 S. Camino Del Golfista** - Rebecca Jones/Glenna Fox, Scappoose, OR

**3740 S. Paseo De Los Nardos** - Raye J. Dowe, Green Valley, AZ

**880 W. Calle De La Pelotita** - Joel & Cheryl Breitung, Altoona, WI

**3724 S. Paseo De Los Nardos** - Chris & Heather Richter, Volo, IL

**4133 S. Golden Lynx** - David & Anna Dethmers, Green Valley, AZ

**3813 S. Avennida de los Solmos** - Donald & Nancy Kelly, Olympia, WA

**1003 W. Via De La Fonda** - Kim & Barbara Krauel, Audubon, IA

**3880 S. Calle Viva** - Thomas Landshut, Stillwater, MN

### **Favorite Recipe from the Potluck**

#### **CHOCOLATE TRIFLE**

(Dorothy Maus)

1 (9.8 oz) package fudge brownie mix

½ cup Kahlua

1 (3.9 oz) package instant chocolate pudding mix

1 (12 oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed

6 (1.4 oz) English Toffee – flavored candy bars crushed (or heath bars)

Prepare brownie mix and bake according to package directions in a 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan. Prick top of warm brownies at 1 inch intervals. Using a fork, drizzle with Kahlua. Let cool and crumble.

Prepare pudding mix according to package directions, omitting chilling. Place 1/3 of crumbled brownies in bottom of a 3 quart trifle dish. Top with one third of pudding, whipped topping and crushed candy bars. Continue 1/3 and 1/3 forming 3 layers. Chill.

(Kahlua — depending on crowd I have eliminated the Kahlua or used up to a full cup.)

## Where Have You Been??

Recently I traveled to Phoenix to see the The **Musical Instrument Museum (MIM)**. GVR usually does one of these bus trips in the fall, but I missed out so I signed up for Alan Kruse's bus tour of the Wrigley Mansion and Musical Instrument Museum. Both tours were interesting but the MIM was outstanding. Both tours were docent led which is the best way to do a tour in my opinion. You don't have to be part of a tour group, you can venture there on your own if you don't mind the drive to Phoenix.



The Musical Instrument Museum was opened in April 2010, it is the largest museum of its type in the world. The collection of over 15,000 musical instruments and associated objects includes examples from nearly 200 countries and territories, representing every inhabited continent. Some larger countries such as India, China, Russia, the United States and Brazil have multiple displays with subsections for different types of ethnic, folk, and tribal music.

The Museum was founded by Robert J. Ulrich, former CEO and chairman of Target Corporation. An avid collector of African art and a world museum enthusiast, Ulrich and his friend, Mr. Felix, originated the idea after a visit to the Instrument Museum in Brussels, Belgium. The contemporary building covers approximately 200,000 square-feet, with two floors of light-filled galleries. Built at a cost of over \$250 million.

If you are interested in music or geography or ethnography, this is an amazing place. Thousands of instruments are grouped by region and country (Africa & Middle East, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and US) It is amazing how such a massive collection of instruments, dating back to the 1800s could have been acquired.

Each Continent has its own room. In each room are several enclosed and open exhibits. Each item is titled with a description and the area

from which that item originated. There are geographical maps helpful in locating the country. Guests are given head sets with a monitor. With the monitor we could enjoy the sound of most of the instruments. At each exhibit there is a little lettered plaque allowing you to know which video is being shown. To start the video sound, make sure your monitor is near the music icon in the lower right hand corner of that plaque.



Admission is \$20 per adult. The monitor/headset is included. You might want to check out their website <http://mim.org/visit/plan-your-visit> There is a restaurant at the facility--Cafe Allegro, open from 11-2. (Article submitted by Eileen Owen)



## Pet Profile

Hi everyone—my name is Mia



I'm a Finnish Spits and am about four years old. I am told that when I was born, it was hard to distinguish me from a baby fox. I guess that is why many call me "Foxy Lady."

I was rescued by my owner, aka Mom, from the Green Valley Animal League, which I am very happy to say is a no-kill shelter. This shelter is a wonderful place. They have so many kind volunteers that offered me and many other animals love and attention. For some of us, it is our first taste of kindness at the hands of humans.



I was adopted by Maureen in March of 2014. She had just come to look and have her "doggie fix." At least that was her plan. I could tell she was hurting. I overheard her tell a volunteer that she had just put her Gypsy down five weeks earlier. I swear, I saw a tear and at that moment, I decided she was going to be my "Mom."

I was abandoned twice and abused. When Maureen adopted me, I was afraid of my shadow and any sudden noise. If Mom wasn't in my sight, I would freak out, which explains why when she left me for the first time, she arrived

home to find me on top of her dining room table.

Now when we walk, I strut, hold my head and tail high and sometimes even prance. I am so LUCKY, thanks to Mom and all of you for making me feel at home.

It has been 14 months now, and believe it or not, Mom has still let me stay. Maureen tells everyone that we both lucked out. She is not sure who saved whom. I like that, yes, we make a GREAT team. I know I have found my forever home. My dreams have come true.



We walk 2 to 3 times a day all over the Springs. While walking, I have met so many new and wonderful two and four legged friends. I love the nature path. I see lots of rabbits and birds. I thought it would be fun to run and play with them. Mom says "no,no." I really don't like that phrase but it has put a stop to a lot of my plans. I guess Mom know best, after all, she chose ME!!!

This article was submitted by Marueen Kosnik

We encourage anyone who as a pet and would like to have him/her featured under Pet Profile, to please contact Pat Strnad or send your article and pictures to Pat at [springschat@gmail.com](mailto:springschat@gmail.com)

## Residents of the Month

Oliver and Marjorie Fezler

Marjorie's motto is that "Life is a mystery" and the Fezler's are trying their hardest to solve the mystery.



Marjorie grew up in Indiana and Oliver in Minnesota. In the Second World War Oliver served on a navy carrier. Oliver was on the last ship to be bombed by a Kamikaze pilot. The ship made it to Guam and was repaired. Marjorie served in the US Cadet Nurse Corp. This was set up by President Franklin to train nurses for the U.S. during WWII.

They met due to an accident. Oliver was flying a passenger in the mountainous area near Hayward, California. A downdraft caught the plane and took it into the trees where the wings and tail were torn off and Oliver performed a forced landing. His passenger only had bumps and bruises but as Oliver crawled from the plane he realized his arm was broken. They were about 2 ½ miles from the highway so they hiked out and hitchhiked to a hospital in Hayward where they set his arm. While in the hospital the cast on his arm had shed "crumbs of plaster" onto the bed. Oliver called for a nurse to fix the problem and Marjorie answered that call. Marjorie was working nights at the hospital while she was studying for her master's degree at Stanford. Three months after meeting they were married. They have celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Marjorie said she never did complete her master's degree.

After the Navy Oliver attended college and got his Aeronautics engineering degree. Oliver went to Kansas to pick up a car Marjorie's uncle had helped them attain. While traveling through Kansas he stopped at Boeing and applied for a job. Boeing told him to come back in a week and they would probably have a job for him. Oliver returned to California and then he and Marjorie went back to Wichita, Kansas. During the years with Boeing Oliver worked on many projects but some of the more notable are the Apollo Program and the Helicopter Program during the Vietnam War. These jobs took them to Shreveport and New Orleans, Louisiana and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Marjorie left her nursing career for a few years while their son and two daughters were young but she did return to it later. She taught nursing, mostly in pediatrics.

After taking an early retirement the Fezler's bought a 25 acre resort in Arkansas. They had horses, walking trails and a lot of work. They made a conscious decision to keep learning during their retirement years. They certainly have done that. They have hiked with back packs the entire 2,136 trail miles of the Appalachian Trail. They slept many nights in sleeping huts which had been installed by the CCC core. These huts were roofed with a sleeping platform a few feet off of the ground and they were enclosed on three sides. These shelters slept 5 people with your head toward the open end. The hike took six months.

The Fezler's have traveled extensively by many modes of travel. Such as hiking, canoeing, river rafting, motor cycling, by train, boat, auto, bus, horses, skis, pulling a fifth wheeler and trekking, riding elephants while in Thailand on a trek looking for tigers and riding camels in Egypt to the explore the Pyramids. They have climbed Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, climbed the mountains in Nepal, been on safaris in Africa, traveled Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, most of Europe, the middle east the far east and central and south American, Canada, Mexico, Australia, China, Egypt, Israel, Turkey, the Polynesian triangle, around the Cape of South America, all of the states in the United States, all of the National Parks & Monuments, participating in elder hostels programs which included a wagon train trip in the Black Hills and a week of dog sledding out of Vermillion College in MN, the Sturgis Motor Cycle Rally, and many other areas of interest. They love the outdoors and love learning. When asked for a favorite

place they have traveled they said the people they meet is what makes each area special. For Marjorie she favors the gentle people of Nepal, for Oliver it is the people of rural China.

When asked how they decided on Green Valley it seemed a bit of a lucky happenstance. They knew they wanted warm, dry weather so they focused on Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. In 2003, while traveling down Interstate 19, they pulled their 5<sup>th</sup> wheeler off the road at Esperanza and stopped for lunch. While eating they saw a Coldwell real estate office nearby. They stopped in and talked to Hank the 80 year old agent. He showed them a small villa they were not interested in then he mentioned he had a client who had not listed their home yet but he made arrangements for it to be seen by the Fezler's. It was perfect. The HOA potlucks, the computer club, the pool facilities have made it a great home for them.

They have 7 grandchildren and 8 great grand children and are into the texting and getting pictures on their I-Phone. The children keep them up to date on technology. That is all part of the learning process which keeps them young at heart, in spirit, and ready for their next adventure.

This is just the tip of the iceberg into all the activities the Fezler's have done and are doing. They are a great example of keep on going strong for as long as you can and keep on learning.

### **CLASSIFIED SECTION??**

Last year the Chat ran a Classified Ad section. Only one or two residents listed anything for sale so we dropped it. The staff of the Springs Chat would like hear from you if you want to see the classified section in the newsletter again. 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 would be two sections : FOR SALE and WANTED. 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](mailto:Springschat@gmail.com)

### **GVC Preferred Vendor Program**

The GVC reported that the Preferred Vendor Program which they recently initiated has been successful. Don Weaver is quoted as saying:

*"We have 144 vendors signed up to date, with a renewal rate of 77% for the first quarter of 2015. Your calls (1700 the first year) have increased each month asking for recommended vendors in our programs. If a vendor is doing a great job for you, please call Lynda Campbell at 520-444-6760. We appreciate the support you have given this program."*

### **Thank you Volunteers**

Thank you to all of the following people who have painted some utility boxes or who are in the process of painting the utility boxes. Their work helps the Springs keep that well maintained appearance.

Kathy and Jim Rusk  
Marge and Norm Burt  
Lynne Mottaz  
Susan Beck Brown  
Joanna Smith  
Bill Perry  
Jim & Eileen Owen  
Larry and Kathy Rogge



Any one else interested in helping please contact Jim Owen at 925-457-6826 or [jimeileenowen@aol.com](mailto:jimeileenowen@aol.com)

### **The Springs in bloom**





Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

