



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.

Begin serving around 5:30. Bring your own plate and silverware and a beverage of your choice. Water and coffee provided. Wear your name tag. Program follows meal.

Board Meeting Summary

(Jan 11, 2016)

There were 40 members present at the Board meeting, probably due to the presence of Frank Thompson who spoke on future expansion of the Green Valley hospital site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 31 Picnic in the Park 1:00 Perry Park

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

Feb 8 Board Meeting, Fiesta Rm, 9:00

Feb 18 Potluck, Anza Rm, 5:00

Feb 27 Annual Community Garage Sale

President Sandie Stone thanked all the volunteers who helped take down the Christmas decorations. A chairperson is still needed for next year's Christmas decorations committee. Sandie thanked Norm TenBrink for his service to the Board.

Vice President Howard Bryan announced that picnics in Perry Park will resume on January 31. Howard reported that four new candidates were approved by a vote of acclamation during the special December Board meeting per the HOA by-laws. The four new Board members are: Michael Ford, Ron Delvaux, David Dethmers, Ted Boyett. He also thanked the four Board members who are leaving, Sandie Stone, Steve Gilbert, Joe Barton, and Norm TenBrink, for their years of faithful service and invaluable expertise.

Meet 'n Greet (Happy Hour)-- held on the first Monday of the month. Residents and renters welcome. Location is the Fiesta Deck at the SRS Rec Center. In the event of inclement weather, we meet in the Fiesta Room. Wear your name tag and bring anything you want for your beverage and snack to share.

Streets Chairman, Joe Barton reported he will be working with the new Board to help with the transition. He reported Scott Denzer has started installation of the new street signs.

Picnic in the Park--held at Perry Park the last Sunday of the month (Jan - April) Social starts at 1:00. Coals provided by the HOA and ready by 1:30. You provide something to grill or bring a sandwich, a pad to sit on, glasses and silverware and something to drink. Please bring something to share with everyone like an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Residents and renters welcome.

Grounds Chairman, Norm TenBrink thanked Mark Koruga and Jim Owen for filling in during his absence. He thanked the many volunteers for their work in trimming, cutting, pruning, chipping, irrigation repair, cleaning, etc. Total work hours for December amounted to 111. At \$25 an hour, they saved the Springs \$2775. (To hire such work at \$50 per hour would be over \$4000).

Potluck—held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Food contribution (main dish, salad, dessert) assigned by last name. See bulletin board or website. Meet at 5:00 in Anza room.

Jeannie announced that if Springs residents would like to put an advertisement on the locked bulletin board for a rental or resale property or a household item for sale, they may do so. Put the ad in the HOA mail box and she will put it on the bulletin board. Ads will stay there one month.

Hospital Update

Frank Thompson, long time local developer who works for McDowell Enterprises of Scottsdale, owner of the site., addressed the Springs at Santa Rita residents at the January Board meeting.



Here is a summary of his presentation.

21 acres north of Green Valley Hospital to be developed in the next 2 years and include more medical offices and a retail center.

Construction in 2 phases. First includes more doctors offices; second, a small commercial retail center.

At build-out (phase 3 and beyond) it will also feature several levels of living options, rehab services for in-patient and out-patients.

Retail center plans include a pharmacy, a grocery store, a restaurant, and 2 buildings housing specialty shops. This will be on the side closest to the East Frontage Road. Design-wise it will resemble that of St. Philips's Plaza in Tucson. A third entrance is planned here that will loop around and link to the hospital.

East of the retail center will be a recreational area left largely as natural desert along the banks of a wash that angles across the property, with trails, access to the Anza trail, added seating, and possibly ramada-type shades. A health/wellness recreation building is planned south of it.

The northwest edge of the property—that closest to our subdivision will be landscaped.

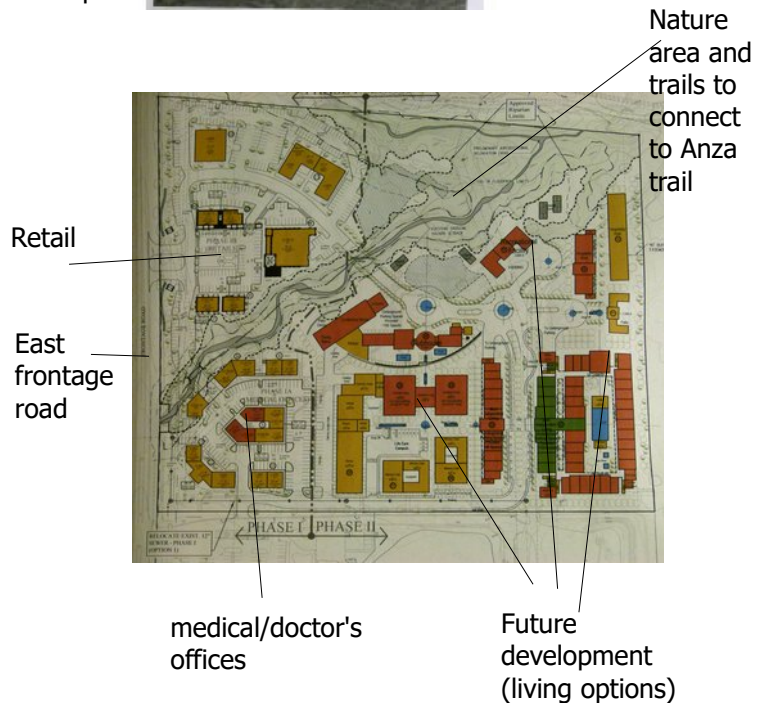
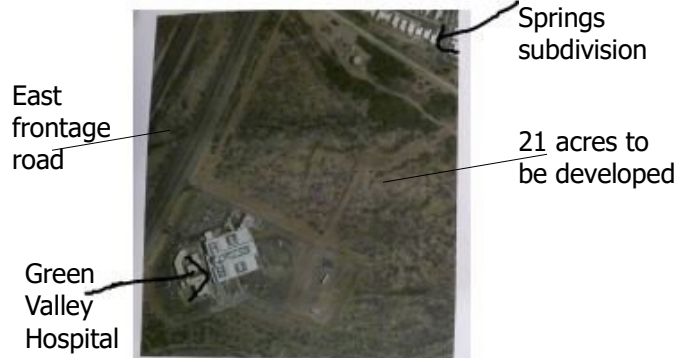
Officials hope to get the green light by spring so site work can begin this summer and construction by year's end. Completion time line on this project is around 2 years.

Funding will come from investment partners, not the federal EB-5 immigrant investor program that bankrolled the hospital.

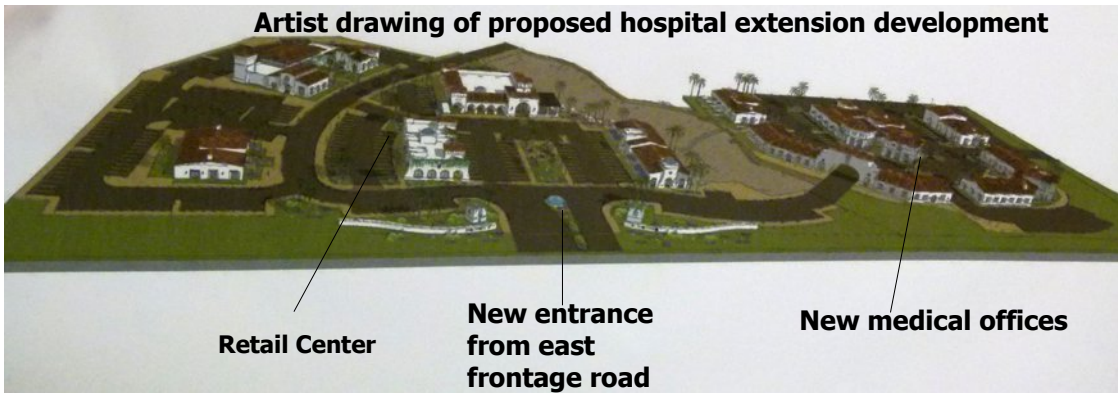
Plans have been filed with Pima County and will undergo at least 2 review sessions by GVC's Planning and Architectural Committee.

The developer is requesting the same zoning variances as for the hospital's construction.

21 undeveloped acres north of hospital



Building design of retail center



Community Wide Garage Sale

Sign up for the community wide garage sale to be held Saturday, February 27. The published time will be 7 am to noon. However, you may open and close your doors when you are ready to.

The HOA will pay for the advertising in the Green Valley paper and for the maps which are given to people as they enter the Springs. The more homes we get signed up, the more potential shoppers. Please register your home and it will be on the map.

On the back of the map your home can have a listing of items you are selling. (under 40 characters)

If you want to participate please call Juanita Kauffman, 625-1509, or send an e-mail to www.samtootsie@aol.com. Give your name, street address, and phone number.

The day before the sale you will get an e-mail of the map if you are on the HOA e-mail list.



Please, No Blocking the Sidewalk

Just a friendly reminder not to block the sidewalks when you park or put out the trash. The Springs is a great place to walk and there are many residents who take advantage of this type of exercise. It is very difficult for people with disabilities to get around obstacles on the sidewalks. Please be considerate of others when you or your guests park or you put out the trash and recyclables.

Thank you to the outgoing Board, Sandie Stone, Joe Barton, Steve Gilbert and Norm Ten Brink for their years of service on our HOA Board of Directors. Welcome to the new members of the board Ted Boyett, Jr., Ron Devaux, David Dethmers and Michael Ford. Thank you to the continuing board members Howard Bryan, Jim Owen and Roger Olson.

Members of the HOA Board and all of the committees are serving voluntarily to keep our HOA fees lower. Please treat them with respect when you have concerns you are discussing with them.

Volunteers are always needed, so let one of the board members know if you would like to help.

Thank you Judy Bierman for the beautiful mosaic added to one of our benches. Judy will be doing more benches, so if you notice just the top missing do not be alarmed. However if the whole bench is missing it means our sneak thief is at work in the area again. In that case let the HOA know.

If you have some unused tiles sitting around, Judy would appreciate a donation for future benches.



Saturday Bike Ride

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

Table Tennis

Want to play table tennis?? The drop in hours will be: Tuesday and Friday, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm; Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm; and Sunday, 6 pm – 9 pm. New hours and location to begin Jan. 29. You don't have to be a Springs resident, any GVR member can play. Unless we get more participants they may remove this super activity!! All equipment provided.

Amado Food Bank Donations

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

Cash/checks - \$300.00
Food - 3 pounds

Amado Food Bank totals for 2015 - \$2,948.00 and 226 pounds of food.

February 18 Potluck Program

"Historic Canoa Ranch" by Simon Herbert of the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department.

Attendance at the January potluck was 111 residents.

Favorite Recipes from January Potluck

SEAFOOD SALAD

(Janyce Mcquistan)

Chop the following vegetables rather coarsely:

7 stalks celery
1/4 to 1/2 cup onion
3/4 of a red bell pepper
3/4 of an orange bell pepper
3/4 of a yellow bell pepper

Add 3/4 of a pound of crab or imitation crab

Toss with mayonnaise to well coat the other ingredients. Dill weed could also be added. Proportions of vegetables could vary.

CRISP CONFETTI SALAD

(Pam Koch)

4 C coleslaw
1/2 C green onion slices
2 C sugar snap peas
1/4 C Planters dry roasted peanuts
2 large red bell peppers, cut into strips (about 2 cups)
1 (16 oz.) can tropical fruit salad
1/2 C zesty Italian dressing

Combine all ingredients except dressing in large bowl. Add dressing, toss to coat. Serve immediately.

APPLE CRESCENT DUMPLINGS

(Mary Dow)

2 cans (8 oz. ea.) crescent rolls
1 tsp gr. cinnamon
2 green Granny Smith apples
3/4 C Mountain Dew
3/4 C melted butter
1 C brown sugar

Spray 9 x 13 pan with cooking spray. Heat oven 350 degrees.

Peel & core apples. Make 16 slices.

Separate rolls & place an apple slice in each & roll up. Arrange in pan.

In medium bowl, stir together butter, brown sugar and cinnamon. Spoon mixture over dumplings.

Pour Mountain Dew along edges or center of pan (NOT on top of dumplings) Bake 35-40 min. or until golden brown. Enjoy with ice cream or whipped cream.

Where have you Been?

Our out-of-town family was visiting and the weather wasn't good, so I went looking for an indoor activity for adults as well as children. A friend had recommended the International Wildlife Museum in Tucson.



I knew it was about mounted animals so I was a little apprehensive. Much to my surprise, it is well worth seeing.

The museum was founded in 1988 and highlights over 400 species of insects, mammals and birds from around the globe. As you enter, the first room contains many insects. I didn't realize there were so many beautiful butterflies and moths and ugly beetles in the world.



There are several large rooms and exhibits as you go through the building. The animals are



mounted in their natural habitats. A significant number of them have really detailed information cards next to them telling you about the species, where they live, if they are endangered, etc.-- lots of good information expertly presented. It is easy to spend a couple of hours at the museum.

There is a small cinema room where interesting short movies are shown.

The museum is located on Gates Pass road. For a beautiful drive, take the route past the Desert Museum and old Tucson studios, then turn right on Gates Pass Rd. Admission to the museum is reasonable—adults, \$9; seniors, \$7; children, \$4. submitted by Eileen Owen

If there is some place you have visited and you want to share your experience or recommend it to others in the Springs, please contact the Chat at www.springschat@gmail.com

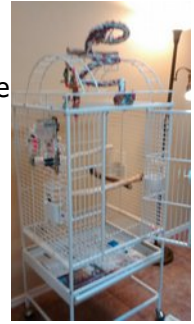
Pet Profile

Have you ever heard the expression, "This is for the birds?" Well somebody was finally thinking of me, BOOMER, a Congo African gray parrot.

My owners, Bob and Shani Murray, kept reading those Chat stories about dogs and even my arch enemy, a cat. But what about us birds? We make great pets, too.

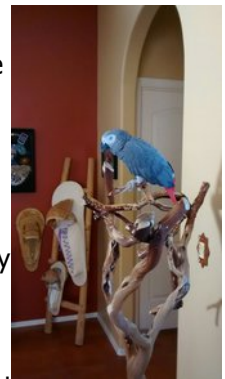
I am 21 years old and can live for 50 to 60 years. Bob and Shani adopted me 19 years ago in Twin Falls, Idaho, and since then, I have lived in five different houses. As you might assume, I travel very well. We usually go back every year to visit relatives. In fact, I have a special travel cage and Bob wouldn't buy a car until he found one in which it could fit. In addition, I have two

other cages: my large, well outfitted daytime one (pictured) and my night one, which fits in the closet in the spare bedroom so I have quiet while I sleep.



My schedule is pretty ordinary. I wake early, about 5 am and come out to watch Bob and Shani have coffee. Then we all have breakfast. I eat almost everything that they do. I am not a fussy eater. Well, except for those yucky green things like salad greens and other vegetables. I can't eat avocados, chocolate and persimmons. I really love baked potatoes and all kinds of bones. I eat fruit, but my very favorite is apples.

After that, I go into my day cage in the office where I can play, sing, talk, etc. When I am in the main living area, I'm pretty subdued, just maybe some whistling, an occasional shrill screech for attention and some other sounds. You see, there is so much to investigate. Since my wings are clipped, I can't fly like other birds, but I can descend down off my tree perch to lower areas where I can really walk and climb (up chairs, across tables and counters). You name it, I've checked it out.



But getting back to my office; when they close the door, the entertainer in me shines. You can't stop me. I talk very clearly, with no bird accent, throw kisses, imitate animal sounds (duck quacks, cat meows, dog barks, chicken clucking, the outside Thrasher's call, etc.) And can I sing! Right now, I am still very fond of Jingle Bells, with an occasional Rudolf, the Red Nosed Reindeer. During Halloween time, I feature the Adams Family song. Oh, another favorite is Anchors Away. When they're leaving me I call out goodbye: "toodley do."

About 2 pm, I come back out into the living room, and if Bob or Shani suggest that it's nap time, I'm very quiet for them until it's over. I'm usually quiet while the TV is on too, except for football games. I just have to cheer along with the crowd.

Bob tries to entice me with treats when he wants to teach me something new, but I don't fall for that bribery trick. I'll do it when I'm ready.



There is only one room where I'm not allowed—their bedroom. A few times when they found me in there, pulling shoes out of the closet to chew on shoelaces or nipping at hems that I could reach, they started closing the door to keep me out. I figure there is some exciting mystery in there and I will just have to discover another way to get in.

At 5 pm, it is time for my Sami Snack: a peanut butter and honey sandwich on nut or wheat bread, never white, along with an apple. Yum! Then, it is the end of my day and off I go into my night cage. I must get my required 12 hours of beauty sleep. Did you notice my bright, fabulous, red tail?



Well, it's been good talking to you, but don't expect me to "tweet" anytime soon.

If you have a pet and would like to submit an article or have a Chat member (Pat Strnad) write it up, please contact the newsletter committee at springschat@gmail.com.

A twofer: Birds and Where have you been?

My husband Patrick and I spent a delightful Sunday morning recently at WOW Arizona as a part of an Audubon field trip.

Firstly, WOW Arizona is **not** Wings over Wilcox bird festival. It is a small property north of Catalina called Wild Outdoor World of Arizona. It is run by partners who treasure their foothill paradise which is organized, planted, and watered for birds, insects and wildlife. Chris and Mary Ann have three acres full of gardens, bird feeders, natural terrain, thickets, water features, and best of all, paths.

Secondly, the property is not landscaped in the traditional sense. It is maintained primarily as a natural area at 3000 feet of elevation, with a few concessions to the human inhabitants - not a fancy place, but definitely homey and welcoming. Groups are limited to 8 people (yah!) and Chris leads an informative introductory walk along the trails before turning folks loose to explore on their own.

Thirdly, at the time we went (mid January) the gardens were, of course, mostly brown, and provided cover and food for the wildlife. We saw two casual or uncommon birds there – the brown thrasher (right) and the gilded flicker (below). We enjoyed multiple good looks at them along with all the usual suspects. The morning bird chorus was stunning, stereophonic, and cheerful. Birds were darting all around us. Standing still afforded many nice bird sitings as they fed and bathed and sang. I can't wait to go back when the flowers are in full bloom and the migration is in full swing.



As a free Audubon field trip, it was a good bargain! Chris and Mary Ellen happily accept donations for their bird food. Visits are by reservation

only, as this is also their home. Complete directions are available when you contact them on their website, which is attractive and informative (wowarizona.org).

Sigh, there is nothing better than "coffee birding" at the end of the morning, warming up in the sunshine and watching two dozen hummingbird feeders from chairs on the comfy patio. Submitted by Rebecca Keenan

HOME SALES

(since the last newsletter)

4151 S.Wolf Run Road - Robert & Deborah Fillion, Green Valley, AZ

Help Wanted

We need a new editor for the Chat. Please see a Board member to volunteer.

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. mghorse@yahoo.com

For Sale

Computer & Printer for Sale

DELL Inspiron Notebook Computer \$300
Upgraded to Windows 10; Intel Core i5, 64 bit SP1. 2410Mp; [cpu@2.306](#) Hz. 6 gb of Ram; 500 GB hard drive, Optical Drive installed. It has always been plugged in with adapter, so battery may not last more than an hour. [Barb Wolf 399-1204](#)

HP Deskjet Printer (D4360) works with windows 7. \$30. [Barb Wolf 399-1204](#)

Printer Cartridges for Sale

4 Dell black ink cartridges (9XL), and 2 Dell color cartridges (9XL)--\$75. [Mike Dant 777-5760](#)

Ink cartridge, HP61, tricolor

Ink cartridge, HP901, tricolor

Call Pat, 398-7609

Two large area carpets: 5 ½ x 7 ½. green and tan with black pattern.

8 x 10, plush, soft colors of blue, mauve, tan, etc. Contemporary pattern. Call Pat, 398-7609

Wanted

Want to buy gas street-ready golf cart. Call Frank 398-7609.

Found

A nice pair of black and orange gloves were found and turned in to the office.

A large set of keys have been turned in and unclaimed for about two months.

Call the HOA office if either belong to you. 520-648-1699

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