

# The Springs CHAT

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## Dog Rescued by Springs Residents

On Tuesday, February 13, as members of the Grounds Crew gathered to plan their morning tasks, **Gary Moe** approached those present with **Heidi**, his hunting dog, and told how she had found, at the southeast edge of The Springs, a medium-sized dog quietly lying between two utility boxes and not wanting to move.

The Grounds Crew knew of no missing dog, so food and water were brought. Slowly, and with effort, he drank the water. At various times that morning, he rested but moved only with labored effort. More food and water were delivered by concerned volunteers throughout the day as they monitored the dog's condition.

**Lee Blahnik** called different agencies asking for help with only the promise that a rescue effort "might" be possible. About 3:00 p.m., as **Lee** was trying to move the dog to the home of **Marilyn Harris**, a well-known dog lover and dog sitter in The Springs, **Bob** and **Connie Muldoon** arrived with **Cathy Roberts**. **Cathy**, a Blue Fox resident, is a dog rescue specialist in her Oklahoma home town.

She gained the dog's confidence and attached a leash. Miraculously, the dog became energized and jumped into Bob's vehicle. **Connie Muldoon** then called Valley Verde Veterinary Clinic and they volunteered to scan the dog for an implanted



Marley & Kevin: Overjoyed

Identification chip. Having found a chip, **Connie** called to inform the owner that its dog has been found. The owner started to Green Valley immediately and met the **Muldoons** in the parking lot at Continental Plaza, near CVS Pharmacy.

Oh, the joy! One could tell the two knew each other by the way the dog licked and nuzzled its owner, **Kevin**, from Tucson. He told how he had been camping in Madera Canyon and **Marley** had gotten away – three days prior to being found by The Springs Ground Crew in Green Valley. What a tale that dog could tell if only able to speak! **Kevin** gratefully thanked all involved in the successful recovery of **Marley**.—**BOB AND CONNIE MULDOON**

### Editorial Policy

To meet our community’s needs, both deadlines and light editing are needed. Our HOA CHAT is limited to about 4 Mb per issue. We ask that articles, except for occasional with multiple contributors, be limited to 500 words (UP from our original understanding). Photos need to be formatted as JPEGs. If you are able to check your photo’s size before sending, that would save the Editor lots of time; if not, she’ll do that. Deadlines, approximately mid-month preceding the following month’s issue, are printed on the front page. Your generous cooperation with these few suggestions is much appreciated. --THE EDITOR

### Managing the Food Chain

#### Don’t Feed Little Critters; they Attract Bigger Predators!

Last month I wrote about packrats. As a follow-up I want to talk about the food chain. Just as bird seed, quail blocks, water and pet food attract birds and packrats, these little creatures are food for rattlesnakes, hawks, owls, coyotes, and bobcats. All these pillagers are capable of entering our walled gardens. Several people in The Springs have wildlife cameras and can attest to photographing these animals in their yards, or on their walls. Just as packrats seek food, predators also are seeking food.

For the safety of our community and pets, it is important that we follow our CC&R’s. Do not put out bird seed, food waste or pet food, Stop attracting the little creatures that attract the larger marauders. **NANCY KELLY**

## Why Your House May Attract More Scrutiny for Compliance

**“Why’s everybody always pick’n on me?” – Charlie Brown**

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is charged with monitoring the community for violations of the CC&R’s and other community documents and for bringing violations to compliance. This is performed through bi-annual community inspections along with violation noted by the compliance agent at any time. Either of these may result in issuance of a notice to the homeowner for non-compliance. Progress is then evaluated through monthly walk-arounds. Violations that are not corrected may result in other enforcement measures.

**Safety, Livability, and Property Values** are considered when interpreting and implementing rules.

When issuing non-compliance notices the following are considered:  
Is the issue at hand in violation of the CC&R’s or other community documents? Has there been a complaint to the ARC or compliance agent by a neighbor? Can the violation be seen from a height of no greater than six feet without trespassing on the non-compliant property?

Some of the most common citations are:

- obstruction of the sidewalk
- weeds, dead plants, or debris on the property
- wrong colors and faded color
- failure to attach and paint exterior wires/cables
- cracks in the parapets and stucco walls
- wood rot or termite damage
- failure to apply for tree and bush planting or home modifications.

The following items might bring more attention to your property:

- brightly colored objects next to a violation
- fancy, unique or historic vehicle parked in the same spot for a long time
- trash cans partially hidden behind a non-conforming wall
- homes on either side that are out of compliance.

One important thing that makes The Springs a great place to live is neighbors helping neighbors to maintain community standards through friendliness and neighborly conversations. This works best if you have developed a pleasant relationship before the potentially uneasy conversation with the compliance folks. --**TED BOYETT, Chairperson, Architectural Review Committee**

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

La Quinta, California, is even “hotter & drier” than Green Valley, according to **Grace** and **Marc Dallanegra** (photo at right). They moved from there to Green Valley 13 years ago and purchased a home in our Springs community two years ago. You’ll find them most days walking throughout the neighborhoods. **Marc’s** pockets are filled with treats for the dogs, who all know and love him!



**Marc** and **Grace** love to tell how in their 40s they both came to a life-changing faith in God, which sustains them daily.



**Grace** is devoted to doing all she can to help **Marc** be healthier and happier, as he was diagnosed with dementia five years ago. She adds that their relationship is better than any time in their 63 years of marriage.

**Grace** begins her day with Bible reading and prayer. **Marc** reads the 91st Psalm aloud every morning, as reading aloud is an activity that has been found to create new pathways in the brain.

While playing pool at their daughter’s home a few years ago, they discovered that **Marc’s** “shuffling” gait had measurably improved. They soon learned that playing pool opens another pathway in the brain. They now have a pool table in their living room, so that **Marc** can play regularly.

Another interest they share is artistic. **Grace** has been painting since the age of 12 and is a member of the Santa Rita Art League, serving as a volunteer in several roles. She enjoys teaching Workshops on palette knife painting to other members of the Art League.

Tuesday morning finds them at the Santa Rita Art League Studio with **Marc** wearing his signature pink sweater (he owns four pink sweaters). He works with colored pencil in adult coloring books, another activity that has been shown to heal pathways in the brain. **Grace** is usually painting with acrylics or oils.

used to golf five days a week, and now golfs weekly with **Michael Ford**, another Springs neighbor. **Marc** was recently delighted to sink a 50-foot putt at Torres Blancas Golf Course.



**Marc** also spends two days a week at CASA Adult Day Services. He reports that it’s lots of fun with friendships, food, dominoes and even prizes. He also enjoys the interaction with the children from the Los Niños del Valle Preschool/Child Care.

**Grace** attends a caregiver support group at CASA, from which she shared two things that she has learned: 1--It’s important for the caregiver to make self-care a priority. **Grace** will often relax at home on one of the days that **Marc** is at CASA, rather than running around and doing errands.

2--There are many resources available for caregivers that can help relieve the exhaustion which can result from full-time caregiving.

**Grace** and **Marc**'s positive, grateful demeanor is an inspiration, as evidenced by her closing comments during this interview. She says, "I don't look at what we've lost. I look at what we still have. I live a life of thankfulness."

If you haven't already had the pleasure of meeting and knowing these neighbors, be sure to make it a priority!—**SALLY GRACE BRYAN**

(PHOTO CREDITS: **SALLY GRACE BRYAN**)

## RIP Mr. Golfista Saguaro

**Mr. Golfista Saguaro**, 100 years old-plus, a resident of The Springs in Green Valley, passed away in a crash on Feb.23, 2018. He is survived by **Margot** and **Fiona Heuman**. **Mr. Saguaro** is a native of Mexico and moved to Green Valley several years ago.

"I heard this crash," said **Margot**, adding that the whole thing happened in front of her home and blocked the street. Wind and water are believed to have contributed to **Mr. Saguaro**'s demise. "Every man in the neighborhood came out to help," she explained. It took four to five hours to extract **Mr. Saguaro** following the crash.

"It's a loss. I liked it. It was very stately," **Margot** said. She added that no one knows **Mr. Saguaro**'s exact age. He had four or five arms, making him well over 100 years old.—**REBECCA SCHROER**

### Fallen Giant

LAURIE BOYETTE PHOTO



## Restaurant Review

### Fill Up and Avoid Airline Food

If you have an early-morning flight out of Tucson Airport, you'll do well to drive right to The Donut Wheel, located at 675 West Valencia Rd. Only one and a half blocks off I-19, on the south side of Valencia, this shop has two delicious specialties: apple fritters and buttermilk bars.

The fritters are huge, crunchy, glazed to perfection, and have real chunks of apple in them. The tasty buttermilk bars are a cross between a cake and a regular donut. Their unique flavor is highlighted by a sugary glaze.

Prices are reasonable and there is a convenient drive-up window. Trip Advisor reviewers warn, though, that the freshest donuts are always the ones inside.

This store opens at 4:30 a.m. and sometimes runs out of specialty items by noon. The earlier you arrive the better your chances are of biting into a melt-in-your-mouth treat.—**LAURIE BOYETT**

## CHAT NOTES

Your sewer bill can be reduced while you are away for the summer. You will need your sewer billing account number. Request a Sewer Fee Vacant Rate: <http://dot.pima.gov/wwm/apps/sewerbillingsuspension/> or call 520-724-6609 for more information. Last year the summer rate was approximately \$13. per month.

Does the HOA have your correct phone number on file? Many persons have changed to cell only and the former house telephone numbers are what is listed in the HOA directory. Send a message to [hoa@thespringshoa.org](mailto:hoa@thespringshoa.org) to change your info.

The Green Valley Council has a vetted Preferred Vendor Program. You can contact them at [info@gvcouncil.org](mailto:info@gvcouncil.org). Phone #520-648-1936. Our HOA is a member of the GV Council.—**JUANITA KAUFFMAN**

## Fur, Feathers, and Scales



Pyrrhuloxia

Exciting sightings around The Springs! According to *Birds of Southeastern Arizona* (**Richard Cachor Taylor**, author), the adult male, left, is a **pyrrhuloxia**, normally found between Phoenix, and east to Sierra Vista. The way you tell the boys from the girls is that the males have a “lipstick smear” down their breasts (WOW! What have they been DOING?) and a red frontal face. Females sport a “red eye ring” but a “neutral, grey-brown breast.” They are related to the northern cardinal, which has a bigger, bushier crest than our pal, above.

Onward and upward to the Scales part of this compilation:

**Yolande Young** sends this timely tip: “Did you know that the Green Valley Fire District has a local volunteer organization called ‘Fire Corps,’ that will remove and relocate snakes for free? They can be contacted by calling **629-9200.**” It’s been chilly enough that we haven’t had any snake sightings, but we will by May at the latest. Thanks, **Yolande!** Readers may want to post the above number on the refrigerator.

**Bob Ferguson** sends this photo (at right) and comments: “I saw him wandering around the streets of Tucson. I don’t know if it is a sick coyote, or a dog with mange? Looking up ‘mange’, I found that an Arizona Game and Fish Department spokesman said the disease – caused by parasitic mites that burrow under the animal’s skin, which results in extensive hair loss and open sores – appears to have spread widely among the Tucson-area coyote population.

“**Bob Miles**, information program officer, said: ‘[Mange in coyotes] is at the highest level I’ve seen in the six years I’ve been here. We get calls from people virtually every day, reporting them.’” –**‘FUR, FEATHERS, AND SCALES’**  
**COMPILED BY JAN KOLTUN**



Sick dog or mangy coyote?

Book Review

## LUCKY ON THE LOOSE

Do you need to prepare your grandchild to adopt a pet? This 32-page book by **Hal Mansfield**, a tale of adventure, deals with the ups and downs of pet ownership. It can easily be read by third or fourth-graders. If you want reading time with your special child, you could read this for a few days. Each part stands alone and provides opportunity to discuss life's lessons.

**Lucky**, the mutt, becomes **Misty's** forever friend. Together they romp through the suburbs and into the country, meeting and overcoming obstacles along the way. With each obstacle, the author interjects a moral for your consideration.

Not a primer for pet ownership, it's rather a tale about a mutt without training. If you grew up in the fifties on a farm, you can relate to the dog's adventures. The book is written as a children's book. I would recommend reading it with the child so you can discuss the situations detailed in each chapter.

**Mr. Mansfield** has written other books and you may see samples of his work in the Computer Club.—**SUE MANDEVILLE**, Reviewer

## CHAT ADS WE NEED YOU!

**WANTED:** Host/hostess for seasonal "Meet and Greets" (The April one will be on the 13<sup>th</sup>.)

**WHERE:** Upper Fiesta deck of The Springs Rec. Center

**WHEN:** Once per month during the 2018/2019 fall/winter season, normally 3PM-5PM .(You don't have to live in The Springs all year to do this; if you are only here after December that will work!) Small amount of time and effort, big rewards in smiles and fellowship. No out-of-pocket expense. We will help you get started. The previous Meet and Greet host/hostess will walk you through it and I will also help.

**WHY:** Make new friends and acquaintances. Renew old friendships, stay in touch with what is happening in The Springs. Everyone is welcome. It is, simply, fun!

**WHO TO CONTACT IF INTERESTED:** Brent Gordy, HOA Board V.P

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402-657-1730

## CHAT ADS, (continued from Page 8)

**FOR ALL COMERS:** Free electric stove. Call 401-228-5894 and leave a message.

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**WANTED:** a small car such as a Corolla or Yaris with low mileage (less than 60, 000 miles) about five years old. We will consider anything you have to offer. Call **Gene Stein** @ 206-276-2590.

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**FOR RENT:** September, October, November or December, 2018: 2 BR, 2BA in the Springs HOA. Updated townhome with granite and stainless appliances, 3 skylights, partial mountain view. On corner lot near pool, rec center. Call 309-370-1977.

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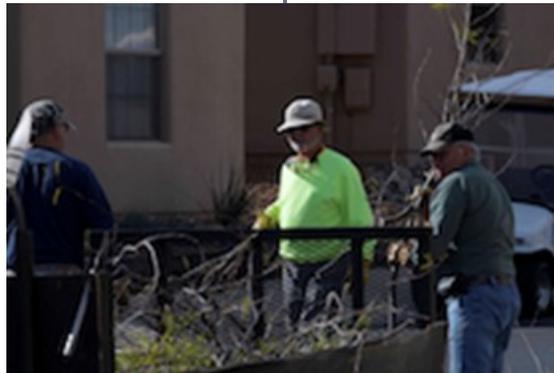


**The Grounds Crew's Mark Karuga, up in the air without a parachute** He's cutting some pesky mistletoe out of a tree in Perry Park. Just another typical grounds crew member taking care of our open spaces here in The Springs. The Grounds Crew meets on Tuesday and Friday mornings. See Page 10 for what else they do!—**DON KELLY PHOTO**



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Lindemann

**HARD-AT-WORK GROUNDS CREW: Bob Fillion, Jim Owen, Lee Blahnik, Mark Koruga**



**ABOVE: Brent Gordy, Bob Muldoon, and Unidentified Participant**



**Lee Blahnik Attacks A Foe**