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Community Garage Sale March 10, 2018 Participate in the community-wide garage sale by emailing www.samtootsie@aol.com. Send your name, street address and phone number. If you are emailing send your list of items. We distribute a map of The Springs to incoming vehicles showing where the sales are. On the back of the map are items of interest you have for sale to draw people to your garage. There are 40 characters available for listing items so pick items that will sell the best for your listing. Last year 36 homes participated. More participants on a street help draw more lookers. **Go to Page 4**

Be a Good Neighbor

It is so important when living in an HOA, to be aware of how your actions affect your nearby neighbors. People in The Springs are usually respectful and mindful of their actions. But there is a neighbor who is forgotten at times, and at times taken advantage of. This is our neighbor, Torres Blancas Golf Course. Their open space is lovely; the cart path is a nice walkway; their watered grass is soft and inviting; and it often looks empty or has wildlife to watch. HOWEVER, this is not part of our HOA. It is private property. It is not our public park.

Dog owners and walkers without pets have been observed on the golf course while golfers are playing in the middle of the day. This is unacceptable for several reasons: It is unsafe. It is disrespectful. It is not being a good neighbor.

Some folks, myself included, walk early in the morning and late in the day when golfers are not present. This is a privilege that has in the past been tolerated by the golf course owners IF folks are mindful of the property and clean up pet waste. Some walkers even pick up loose trash.

The owners of the golf course have every right to forbid use by unpaid clients at any time of day. Please be a good neighbor and use good judgment when taking advantage of the course. Don't ruin it for everyone by offending the owners and clients when they are paying for and playing golf. It is a beautiful area that is well maintained. The Torres Blancas Golf Course has been a good neighbor to The Springs. We need to respond with equal neighborliness and stay off the course when golfers are present.

Thank you.

Rebecca Keenan

President, The Springs HOA Board

CHAT Editorial Policy

In order to meet our community's needs, both deadlines and light editing are needed. Our HOA CHAT is limited as to mb/kb per issue. We ask that articles, except for occasionals with multiple contributors, be limited to 250 words. Photos need to be formatted as jpegs. Deadlines, approximately mid-month preceding the following month's issue, will be printed on the front page. Your generous cooperation with these few rules is much appreciated.

THE EDITOR



STEPHANIE WALTERS

New Compliance Officer has ‘Seen it All’

Stephanie Walters, who has previously served on an HOA board as member and officer, with experience as a medical transcriptionist, and certified coder, officially started work Feb. 1, but has been in training since January to become the Santa Rita Springs compliance officer. The HOA board chose her for the job of ensuring that our homes and plantings meet our quality standards.

An Illinois native who first ventured west to Chandler, she later moved to be near her dad in Green Valley. A Springs resident, she can be reached at HOA.ARC AgentGV@gmail.com.

Book Review

Joseph J. Corso Jr, *A Sicilian-America Comedy* (Mineola, N:Y: Legas Publishing Company, 2015)

Joe Corso and his wife, Barbara, call The Springs home during the winter. A brief biographical sketch of the author makes up the back cover of the book, which is available on Amazon. He wrote this book for his family and has made it available for the world.

Mr. Corso brings both tragedy and humor into real-life situations and looks at both through the eyes of a young male as he grows into manhood. Occasionally the reader may need to remember that the book is a novel. He describes his heritage by engaging his audience as a grandfather engages his offspring with tales of their ancestors. You will meet a Sicilian family. From your introduction, follow the journey of four generations from pre-World War I into the 21st century. Family members immigrate to the United States following the war and find life in the United States difficult but possible. Meet the Don who presides over the boroughs of New York City. Observe family traditions. Understand the differences that make our world interesting. Form opinions and perhaps indulge in introspection as the author traces cultural changes and weaves poetry, theater, music, and politics into the 100-year journey of the family. While the matriarch was considered chattel, by the third generation, women emerge as fully engaged individuals balancing careers, loves, and family. Sicilian men command respect as family protectors and savvy commandos. Political figures swap sides and remain popular. Conservatism is challenged and liberalism embraced. **Suzanne Mandeville, Reviewer**

Notable Fundraisers Around Town

Why not gather some pals and take in two of Green Valley's largest church fundraisers next month? St. Francis in the Valley (Episcopal) will feature seven outstanding homes during their 50th anniversary Tour of Homes on March 9 (10AM-4PM). All proceeds from the \$25/person ticket will benefit local charities. The tour offers free chauffeured transportation, gourmet delights for sale, and a silent auction. Call (520) 625-1370 for information.

Valley Presbyterian Patio Sale Is another much-anticipated event, this year on March 15-17, offering all sorts of furnishings. Admission (Thursday only): \$5. Call 520 625-5023

Cowboy Gathering
Draws Many Poets,
Musicians

By Pat Lindemann

We (my husband, Vernell, and I) last month attended our second annual Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering in Sierra Vista, which takes place the first weekend in February. We have enjoyed the music and poetry both years.

The Saturday sessions begin at 10 AM and go until 4 PM. Each is 50 minutes long and usually features three artists. You can't see them all but you can choose which you want to see. We were able to see about 20. Some provide music; some do poetry; and some do both. The photo (above) is of **Trinity Seely**, from Cascade, Montana. She is a wife, mother, and working ranch partner who makes time for singing and songwriting. Her music is sincere and authentic. The Gathering also has evening sessions on Friday and Saturday and Sunday afternoon get-together.

(GARAGE SALE--Continued from Page One)

The newspaper will have the ad on the Sunday and Wednesday prior to the sale. The ad for the newspaper must be turned in by noon on March 2. The printed sale times will be 7-11 AM. You may open and close your area whenever you want. However, vehicles will be coming in by 6:30 AM.

There is no cost to you to participate. Currently 25 homes are signed up.

This month, we gratefully turn over this regular space, “Fur, Feathers, & Scales,” to Nancy Kelly’s wonderful article on packrats. How anybody can make the subject both useful and interesting in 250 words is beyond the Editor! To learn about Nancy and Don’s experience with these critters, seek them out at a Potluck, Meet & Greet, or Picnic in the Park. [THE EDITOR](#)

Your Help Is Needed!

Discourage Destructive Packrats

By Nancy Kelly

I recently had a packrat encounter which prompted a new interest in these busy little desert creatures. You might see a nest under a low growing prickly pear cactus, in a covered BBQ, or a low-growing palm with fronds on the ground. Packrats even like the cute little box built around a sprinkler controller. Holes in the ground, with lots of plant debris piled around the hole are typical. Packrats will chew vehicle wiring, outdoor cushions, and more. They can be quite destructive.

The breeding cycle is every eight weeks. The female babies are ready to breed at eight weeks old. They produce three or four babies every eight weeks. With a little math you can see why we do not want to encourage packrat habitat around our homes.

When a nest is located it needs to be removed so that the occupant will move away. If the nest is not removed another rat will move in.

Packrats are attracted to bird seed. That is one reason the Springs HOA CC&Rs do not allow feeding birds other than hummingbirds.

Packrats are also part of the wildlife food chain, a topic for another time.

Watch for the March 21-22 Walkaround

This march will be when our new Compliance Officer (See Page 3) and various HOA Board members walk through our neighborhood to ensure compliance with (or violation of) our CCNRs. Please welcome them; they help to make our neighborhood both safe and beautiful!

Restaurant Review

Brushfire B.B.Q

By Laurie Boyett

Brushfire B.B. Q. went above and beyond our lunch expectations on Feb. 3. I had the smoked turkey sandwich with optional caramelized onion topping (\$8.35). Not only was the meat juicy and tender, but the bread was super fresh and toasted perfectly. Six barbecue sauces were available on the table and I tried them all!

My husband ordered a smoky brisket sandwich with a \$3. order of fries. For \$11, he ate like a king! Plenty of food and everything was delicious. This is not a fancy restaurant, but the menu is extensive, the food is fantastic, and the prices are reasonable.

The wall decor is colorful and unique. Go see for yourself what it is! There are two Tucson locations, one at 2745 N. Campbell Ave. the other at the corner of Kolb and 22nd St. The second location is easier to find than the first.

Bring Your Talents to the March Potluck!

'YOU GOT TALENT' is the theme of this month's potluck. Even if your first-grade teacher said you didn't have any talent, try to convince us that you do. Do you play an instrument, read poetry, tell jokes, perform skits, yodel, or have other skills to share with us?

This will be a opportunity to show your hidden or not-so-hidden talents. Plan ahead, and talk your neighbors into a group performance.—Bill Perry

Meet Your Neighbors

by Sally Bryan

The first thing I noticed when I met our new neighbor, Jay Adams, is his smooth, warm Southern speech. Jay hails from Monroe, LA and has moved to Green Valley, for the SECOND time. Yes, that's right! Quite an endorsement for our wonderful Springs community and Green Valley.

Jay & his wife, Corinne, first moved to The Springs in January, 2000. However, as his wife experienced health challenges, they found it necessary to move back to Louisiana in October of 2011. They enjoyed being close to family and having the support of his wife's brother. Corinne passed away in December of 2016, just short of 60 years of marriage.

The Springs community was still in Jay's heart, primarily because of his love of building and rebuilding computers and of the many friends he has here, particularly in the Computer Club. He purchased a home on Camino del Heroe, completely from the photos he saw online! He said it was a long drive from Louisiana to Green Valley, but he's happy to be here.

Jay began his career as a marine biologist with Louisiana State Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Oyster Division. He also worked on a team who was instrumental in building the marine laboratory on Grand Terre Island. He retired from Burroughs Welcome, a British pharmaceutical company.

Be sure to say hello to Jay and give him a warm welcome back to our Springs Community.



(at left) Jay doing what he loves best, rebuilding his computer

CHAT ADS

For Rent 2018 & 2019:

Updated 2 BR, 2 BA with granite and stainless appliances

Mountain view and corner lot

Call: [309-370-1977](tel:309-370-1977)

[Does anybody have a Focus Rail \(single/double axis\) for sale? Contact \[vplindemann@mlglc.com\]\(mailto:vplindemann@mlglc.com\) or call Pat at 701-820-0498.](#)

For sale:

Walk-in Tub (below)

520-262-8622

\$400.00



March Recipe: Tiny Zucchini Pizzas

(Courtesy of Jo Adams,
Realtor Extraordinaire, pet lover)

This recipe was vetted at the February potluck. It takes 20 minutes to prepare and makes 24 servings.

Ingredients: 1 zucchini (about 11 ounces), sliced into ¼-inch rounds

1/8 teaspoon salt

Fresh-ground pepper

1/3 cup pizza sauce

¾ cup shredded mozzarella cheese

½ cup miniature pepperoni slices

Minced fresh basil

Directions: Sprinkle zucchini with salt and pepper; top with cheese and pepperoni. Preheat broiler. Arrange Zucchini in a single layer on a greased baking sheet. Broil 3-4 inches from heat, just until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with basil.

2018 HOME SALES

<u>Address</u>	<u>Sold To</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
3809 S. Camino del Golfista	Mary Ann Painter & Charles Smith	Portland, OR
3788 S. Camino Comica	Thomas Woolard	Sahuarita, AZ
3969 S. Camino del Golfista	Vincent Alberta	Henderson, NV
3990 S. Camino del Heroe	Jay Adams	Green Valley, AZ (via FL)
810 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Charlie & Judy Arteaga	Ketchikan, AK
890 W. Calle de la Pelotita	Christopher & Vivian Murphy	Tucson, AZ

Camera Club Speaker,
Travelogue, Will Delight

Camera Club, located right here in The Springs, will offer two free events in the Anza Room during March. Both promise to delight camera buffs, travelers, and artists.

The group's monthly speaker series, Thursday, March 15, at 1:30 PM, will feature juried artist Le Craven, who combines photography in France with her current interest in photographing the Southwest.

The Travelogue series, of video presentations by Camera Club members sharing their travel experiences will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 20.

And sshhh, here's a little secret: the Camera Club is open about 15 hours/week during the summer. There are SIGS (special interest groups for sharing photos, learning new techniques, of talking photography with a geek). Equipment is available then, with no waiting, and it's cool in there (no air conditioning).

So come to one of the free events and find out what a \$30 annual membership can get you. Please pre-register by visiting our website (<http://dev.gvcameraclub.org/Calendars/club> calendar, or stop by 9-4 M-F, 9-12 on Saturday.