

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. NOVEMBER 2017**

Things are gaining momentum for the winter season in The Springs. In my role as Vice President I have several tasks in progress, and one of them is actually complete!

### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN**

Finally complete is the review of the Emergency Evacuation Plan for The Springs of Santa Rita. Sandi Stone has helped tremendously with her organizational abilities and knowledge. After several meetings with safety officials from the community, the committee learned there is no way to specifically prepare for each and every emergency. Our goal then, was to think of the most likely emergencies, discuss what would be needed, and study our property to look for safe evacuation routes, should they be needed. This is what the committee did, and **found our current plan to be satisfactory**. The plan can be found on the HOA website. We did identify a couple of minor concerns with two of the options for evacuation, so over the summer those were addressed.

The step remaining was to communicate with the Master Association (our nearby neighbors) this fall to discuss the concrete bridge near the water tower, which Sandi has done. The metal railings on the bridge posed an issue to safe evacuation because the narrowing of the access points would impede some vehicles. The Master Association is going to replace the railing, which is broken, and install a more access friendly structure.

In summary, the key to a good evacuation plan is the advise to stay alert and be flexible, be aware of neighbors who might need help, and follow directions given by law enforcement officials. Often times, remaining in your home is a safe option, IF recommended by law enforcement. There are multiple evacuation routes for our community should they be needed. The officials are able to assess the best options needed and have the tools to prepare a site for evacuation, if that is necessary. The Emergency Evaluation Plan will be published in the next CHAT to highlight how residents can have an individual plan, similar to the fire safety plan we all had to think about in grade school. Included with the map which will identify routes closest to your home, are recommendations for what you should think about having with you, should you need to evacuate.

Thanks to all who participated including Sandi Stone, Tom Kramer, Joe Barton, Ted Boyett and members of law enforcement from Pima County, the Green Valley Fire Department and AZ Highway Patrol.

### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

We will have two vacancies on our HOA Board for The Springs in January 2018. Retiring are David Dethmers and Michael Ford. I have been contacting multiple members of our community to gather names of individuals who are interested in serving on the board. If you wish to suggest a name or want to volunteer your own name, please contact Rebecca Keenan by December 1st at [hoa@thespringshoa.org](mailto:hoa@thespringshoa.org).

### **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT**

I am checking on dates in mid January. The committee is working to make this a world class volunteer event for world class volunteers. Stay tuned!

### **DOCUMENT REVIEW**

The By-Laws were last amended in 2009. Upon review, no changes were needed.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Social activities as managed by Cindi and Jim Uminski (Meet and Greet) and Bill Perry (monthly potlucks) are running flawlessly. Sylvia Collins and her crew will do Christmas decorations on December 2nd at 1 pm. The new social calendar for the first half of 2018 can be found on the HOA website. Perry Park Picnics are due to start in January.

Respectfully submitted,  
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HOA Vice President