

The Springs **Chat** June 2016

A Newsletter for and by the residents of The Springs at Santa Rita

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As I look out my window for the Santa Rita Mountains, all I see is the Mississippi River. What happened? And why wasn't there a May Chat? I can explain. In mid-April, your ambitious Chat editor was up **high** doing some stucco crack repair, managed to fall off the ladder, and sustained a concussion and head lacerations. Thanks to good neighbors, I received help quickly. And being who I am, thought I would recover quickly. I was to learn differently. And so, I was slow to master the finer points of newsletter creativity for May, and now it is June, and I am back in Minnesota. However, my hair is growing back, the muse has found me, and I am, once again, enjoying working on the Chat. My apologies for not even putting out a May calendar, but I thank Jeannie McGaughey for sending out reminders to The Springs residents.

Several folks have helped out by writing articles for the June Chat. I hope you enjoy them: I know in the past we have commended the Grounds Volunteers for their hard work, but once again they have been amazing (walking trail improvements); sweet memories of a Springs resident remind us why we like it here (honoring Sam Coggins); a guilt free recipe and a superior dining out recommendation appear once again (Sweet Black Cherry Crisp and the Blue Willow); a new different neighbor is highlighted (Camera Club); updates and reminders abound (We Need To Know); a cool trip to the skies is reviewed (Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter); and on it goes. I haven't forgotten my promise to highlight different volunteer groups. Next issue – Block Captains!

My thanks to those who sent messages and letters while I recovered. The best medicine in my world is knowing that people care. Our next Chat is due out in August. Have a fun safe monsoon summer!



What's up this summer?

June 23 HOA Potluck: A-F Main Dish, G-O Dessert, P-Z Salad. You know the drill.....

July 21 HOA Potluck: A-F Dessert, G-O Salad, P-Z Main Dish.

August 25 HOA Potluck: A-F Salad, G-O Main Dish, P-Z Dessert.

Meet and Greet on the Fiesta Deck is on hold for the summer.

HOA Board Meetings are on hold for the summer.

Picnics at Perry Park are on hold for the summer.

The Springs Chat is your newsletter and it contributes to the vitality and culture of our community. The Newsletter Committee invites your contributions, your ideas, and your suggestions. It is best to contact a committee member in person: Juanita Kauffman (community and board news), Sally Bryan (brain child), Jeannie McGaughey (home sales and Chat delivery), Pat Strnad (pets and recipes), Pat Keenan (neighbor interviews), Cindy Deckinger (ads), Laurie Boyett (restaurant reviews), Neysa Dickey (proofreader), and Rebecca Keenan (editor). An email for the Chat has been set up: Thespringschat@gmail.com. You may contact us this way if it is more convenient.



Sweet Black Cherry Crisp by Judy Burggroff

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9 x 9 inch baking pan.

½ Cup granulated sugar (or for less sweet, ¼ Cup Stevia)

¼ Cup, plus 3 Tablespoons all-purpose flour

6 Cups pitted frozen cherries, thawed (If you find yourself short of cherries, can add some fresh or frozen blueberries to make up the difference.)

1 Cup quick cooking oats

½ Cup packed brown sugar

¼ Cup butter, softened

½ Cup sliced almonds or pecan pieces

In a large bowl, combine the sugar and 3 Tablespoons of flour. Add the cherries, tossing gently to coat. Spoon the mixture into the prepared pan. **Editor's note: just dump it in. Try not to make a mess. Cherry juice can stain your clothes.**

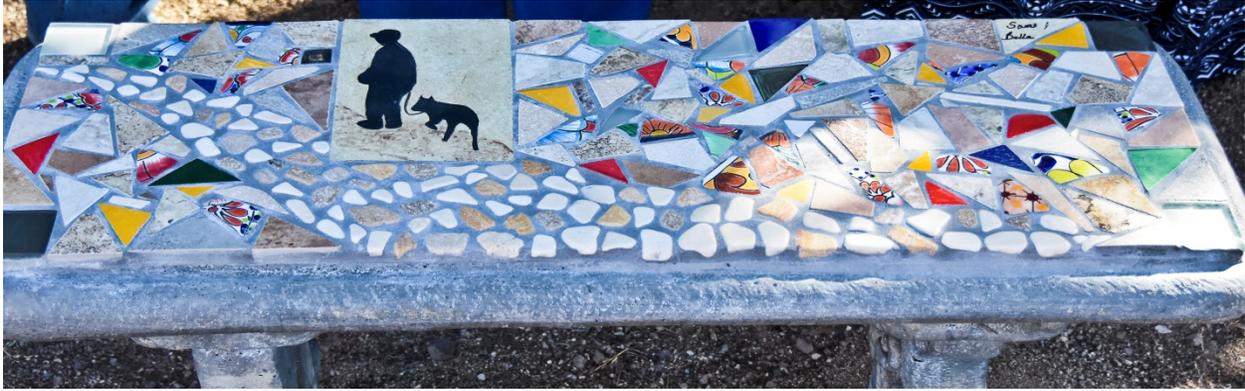
In a medium bowl, combine the oats, brown sugar, and the remaining ¼ Cup flour. Using a pastry blender, cut in the butter until the mixture is crumbly. Stir in the nuts.

Sprinkle evenly over the cherry mixture. Bake until hot and bubbly and the topping is golden brown, about 30 minutes. Let stand for 15 minutes before serving.

Makes 8-10 servings.

Editor's note – this recipe seriously deserves some good vanilla ice cream to go with it.

Sam's Memorial by Sally Bryan



A project has been underway for several months to recognize our Springs neighbor, Sam Coggins. Sam and his wife, Barbara, moved to The Springs in 2007. They both quickly became involved in our community through volunteering. Barbara coordinates the Welcome Committee, the Block Captains, and also orders Springs name tags for new residents, when requested. Sam joined the Grounds Crew and was very active working on the Nature Trail and our many parks with the Grounds Crew throughout the years.

After several years in Green Valley, they adopted their sweet dog, Bella, from the Animal League. Sam and Bella befriended many of us while on their daily walks.



In August 2015, Sam and Barbara celebrated 60 years of marriage with a surprise card shower. Sam had been ill for several months and passed away on September 19, 2015. Since then, a memorial project has been underway to commemorate Sam and Bella. Judy Bierman has been decorating many of the concrete benches throughout The Springs. A special design for the bench closest to the dog run on the Nature Trail was coordinated by Juanita Kauffman and Sandie Stone. Judy Bierman executed the design and the unveiling took place on Saturday, April 16th.

Two of Sam and Barb's three children were here for the unveiling. Chuck Coggins travelled from Brooklyn, NY and Laurie Coggins Vasquez and her husband Steve travelled from California. Their daughter Luanne, was unable to attend due to health issues.

Forty-five friends and neighbors attended the unveiling to express their appreciation of Sam, Barb, and Bella. Oh, the stories they told. A beautiful afternoon for all !!!

Editor's note: Some folks have defray Judy Bierman's expenses for Springs. People wishing to donate any Please email us at gather and then contribute the will give you a follow-up in August.

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suggested that they would like to help decorating the concrete benches in The amount can do so through the Chat. Thespringschat@gmail.com and we will donations to Judy. What a great idea. I Thanks!

Meet your Springs Neighbor

By Rebecca Keenan
& Jerry Marrion

This month we are looking at a different sort of neighbor in The Springs. It is the **GVR Camera Club**. Many of us don't realize just how much the Camera Club has to offer and it is just steps away from your home. Here are **THE TOP TEN** reasons why you might enjoy meeting this "neighbor":



1. You can **learn** to scan old photos and slides.
2. You can **copy** CDs and DVDs.
3. You can **get help** cleaning up photos with software programs.
4. You can **print** your photos.
5. You can **mat** your photos.
6. You can **educate** with hands-on classes for a variety of beginner and advanced skills.
7. You can **enjoy** photography lectures.
8. You can **go** on field trips and photograph cool people and funky places.
9. You can **show** off your photos via several club displays.
10. You can **read** about photography in the lending library.



If you are a full time Green Valley resident, summer is a good low-key time to start taking advantage of the Camera Club to see where your interests lie. (Summer hours start in May: Monday-Friday, 9 am to noon, closed on Saturdays.) If you are a winter visitor, it's a busier place with more programs going and more people around, but with the same charm and desire to help photographers do their best. (Winter hours start in November: Monday – Friday, 9 am to 4 pm; Saturdays 9 am to noon.)

The Camera Club is located on the second floor of the Recreation Center in The Springs. The office phone number is 520-648-1315. Visit the web site at dev.gvcameraclub.org. It has oodles of information, lots of pictures, and tons of ideas for activities to enjoy in and around Green Valley. If you have questions, Jerry Marrion is a board member and the chairman of the publicity committee. He can be reached at 520-625-0094. He kindly donated information and photos for this article.



Let's Eat Out!



by Juanita Kauffman

The Blue Willow

2616 N Campbell, Tucson

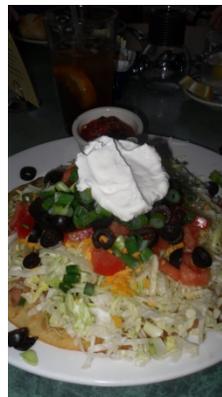
In discussing restaurants with Green Valley people, the name of the *Blue Willow* in Tucson kept coming up as a good place to go. It is known for hearty all-day breakfasts, wholesome lunches, and delicious dinners. Therefore, my friends graciously consented to go with me to see what it was all about. The restaurant is



located north of Banner University Medical Center between Grant and Glenn Avenues. The restaurant has cozy inside seating in a converted adobe house and also a lush year-round patio area. The Blue Willow has been in operation since 1978 and has won numerous awards from *Tucson Lifestyle* magazine, many of them for its breakfasts.

When we before we their gift shop

charming. It featured cards, unique gifts, jewelry and there on a Saturday and many folks were having however, opted for the luncheon menu. Our quiche, a humus platter and a tostada. We each Typically, most entrees were between \$13-17. The daily and reasonably priced, except one. The banana not observed, but we all wondered what made it



arrived, there was a short wait were seated, but we browsed in near the entrance, which was very lots of colorful socks. We were breakfast items at 11 a.m. We, selections were the daily special enjoyed what we ordered. desserts are all baked in-house split was \$8.95. This dessert was worth that price???

The Blue Willow is known for using local produce and



meat as much as possible, and paper and other disposable products are compostable/degradable items.

When examining reviews of the restaurant, some folks were not happy with the wait, others not impressed with the breakfast menu. Many more were loyal customers who stated they came back time after time because they always got good service and great food. My group found the staff was very efficient, we liked the food, and the patio area was like sitting in a garden. It was a very pleasant dining experience.

Here are the newest home owners in The Springs



3989 S. Via de Cristal, sold to David & Pamela Koch, from Coon Rapids, MN

710 S. Calle de la Pelotita, sold to Jan Ferris Koltun, from Tucson, AZ

810 S. Calle de la Pelotita, sold to Charles & Connie Podaza, from Sterling, CO

3747 S. Avenida de los Solmos, sold to Steven Lathrop, from Tucson, AZ

3797 W. Camino Del Golfista, sold to Don & Lois Meyer, from Spicer, MN

3665 S. Avenida de Encino, sold to Debra Senior, from Tucson, AZ

3824 S. Calle Rambles, sold to Joseph Duvall, from Green Valley, AZ

3656 S. Paseo de los Nardos, sold to Gareth Nicholson, from Chatsworth, CA

3824 S. Camino Comica, sold to John & Cheryl Greene, from Waukesha, WI





A Century plant in The Springs was photographed this spring by Juanita Kauffman. It has its early growth spike on the left, and is shown in full bloom on the right. This plant has been mature for several years, waiting for the right time to send up its final growth. When growth conditions are right, the plant blooms, and then will die. Its spot will often be taken by one of the pups, or volunteer growths that appear along the side of the original plant. This plant is found on Via Rio Fuerte.



A Pet Profile by Pat Strnad

Nǐ hǎo, zài jìn hào mǎ



Or, in English, “Hello, how are you?” Why are you talking to us in Chinese? you ask. Well, I am a Shih Tzu, and my breed was developed as the emperor’s breed in China, to resemble a small lion, but with a flatter face, like a cat. Hmmm, maybe that’s why I like cats.



I was named Ming, after the Ming Dynasty, by my human mother, Mary Dow, but since she was known as Miss Mary where she worked, I became MsMing, which we now use. My human dad is named Eric Kohnen.

My human parent first saw me in Buckley, WA during the month of February, when I was only three weeks old in a litter of five puppies, but I actually didn't come home to them until early April of 2008. So now I'm 8 years old.

They say the Shih Tzus are a stubborn breed and it's best to train them young. Otherwise, the puppy does the training. My parents installed a doggy door for me both here and in Olympia, WA, where we live for about half the year. It took me three days to learn to use it, not because I was dumb, but I figured that getting all those training treats every day was worth holding out for a while. Is that why they

You probably can't tell from my picture, but I have right is blue and my left is brown. People often eyes, but my parents don't know, as I refuse to an eye chart. Only I know, and I'm not telling.

You may see me on my morning or evening walks the "OK" before crossing the street. Walking bunnies. They are such fun to watch, but NOT eat and then must have my nap. I'm getting older, the foot of my parent's bed, just like the Shih Tzus couple's feet warm. But, that's not why I do

I am more of an inside dog. I don't like to be usually quiet, I'm still playful, but only when I feel Fonzies (all of my toys are called Fonzie) so my parents will play "keep away" until I get tired. It's always so funny to watch them try to get up off the floor.

I took rattlesnake awareness training in 2014, with a refresher test in 2015, so I DON'T GET BIT LIKE ONE OF MY DOGGY FRIENDS in Phoenix. Fortunately, she survived but it cost her parents \$5,000 in vet bills.

Last summer I received my Canine Good Citizenship certification. This has allowed me to visit Continental School, on Wednesdays, so 3rd grade students can read to me. When my dad says "let's go to school", I get so excited I can hardly wait to go. That certification also allows me to visit local nursing homes. My therapy work is so rewarding.



Did I mention that I don't have fur? I have hair. That's because I don't shed and thus, I am hypoallergenic. Unfortunately, that means visiting a groomer every month or so. Bummer. You see, going in the car is my least favorite thing. Maybe it reminds me of having to ride for eight hours a day on our long trip home to Olympia. When it's time to leave, I get so nervous, I shake (not the same way as after a bath or a walk in the rain when I'm told to "shake" and also not the same as shaking paws). During that trip, I lie on the front seat between my dad and my mom, who usually drives. There, I rest my chin on her leg and stare up at her the whole time.

Uh oh, now that I mentioned it, I know we are going soon. They may even be packing the car right now. I am so nervous, I can't talk to you anymore. Since I haven't learned any more Chinese, I'll just leave you with "goodbye!" **MsMing**



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HEAVENS!

By Bette Briggs

Do you want to learn more about the constellations and/or view the wonders of the cosmos? Have you wondered if the stories about the “green flash” of the setting sun are more than just rumors?

On a beautiful warm Arizona day recently, three of us headed up Mt. Lemmon to the University of Arizona SkyCenter in hopes of having all our questions answered, and they were!

We took part in their program, called SkyNights and, as their website will tell you, “SkyNights is a popular after-dark program that takes advantage of the unique capabilities of the SkyCenter for experiencing the heavens. The SkyNights experience is offered nightly throughout the year. Learn the constellations, observe interesting atmospheric phenomena, and view the wonders of the cosmos from a high-quality astronomical site using an outstanding 32-inch Schulman Telescope - Arizona’s largest dedicated public viewing telescope!”

If you are interested, here is a little more information on the program:

- The five hour program starts in late afternoon and accommodates approximately 7-20 people. (They can also handle larger special groups, but call for more information.
- The cost is \$65 for Adults; \$40 for Youth (7-17) and includes a light dinner.
- The program starts at varying times throughout the year based on when the sun sets. Roughly start times are 3 pm in Winter, 3-4 pm in Spring and Fall, and 4-5 pm in Summer.

All three of us had a wonderful time and learned more than we imagined we would. The staff was helpful, knowledgeable, and extremely enthusiastic.

One caveat: The website says visitors should “wear warm clothing regardless of the time of year – winter coats, hats, and gloves. We have even made Alaskans cold!” They are not kidding. Our visit was on March 22, and the temperature at the summit was 34 degrees F, with an unusually strong wind of about 40 mph which dropped the temperature much, much further. It was darned cold! Thank goodness the gift shop sold hand warmers.

Contact the SkyCenter for more information. Phone: 520-626-8122

Website: <http://skycenter.arizona.edu/programs/public/skynights>

Photos: by Adam Block, Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter, University of Arizona



The Nature Trail - Our Walking Path by Sally Bryan



For several years, Harold and Georgia Moberly have been spearheading a project to more permanently address the problem of cracks in our walking path. They started repairing cracks down by the dog run, and left the repairs in place for a couple of seasons to learn how durable the material/ method would be. Once it was determined to be successful (last year), their method was approved by the board, and they started repairing the cracks throughout the trail.



The process they use includes digging out the old gravel and soil in the crack down to the depth of the existing asphalt. Next, they sweep the crack clear, so that the new patch will properly adhere. If it is a small crack, they fill it with thick tar. For the large cracks, 60 lb. bags of ready-mix asphalt repair (called **Patch**) are opened and the is troweled and shoveled to slightly overfill the The asphalt is then compacted, or tamped the level of the existing asphalt.



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This year, progress has been dramatically increased, as a result of the many willing Volunteers coming alongside Harold and to assist in the process. On Friday, April 22, a volunteers met at 8 am. They included Harold Georgia Moberly, Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, Bierman, Howard Bryan, and Bob Fillion. (Jim Bill Studer and Larry Smith helped at earlier sessions.) This energetic group used up ten bags of asphalt repair mix and filled 25 cracks under 2 hours. A large section of the nature repaired. Future work sessions are planned to the job. When the cracks have been filled and bids will be solicited for sealing the entire path.

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Project Update: As of the end of May, **all** the cracks have been completely repaired. **50** sixty pound bags of asphalt **Patch** were used. That equals 1½ tons of **Patch** applied by our great volunteers. We owe you all a huge **thank you** for work well done.



Safety Reminder: To folks traveling on Calle de la Pelotita, remember there is a bike/cart path on the north side near the water tank which carries folks over to The Greens and back. While there is a stop sign on the path for the bikes and carts, several people have witnessed near misses between them and cars. Please slow down and take time to check for fellow travelers, no matter what you are driving.

We Need to Know

by Juanita Kaufmann

Architectural Review Committee reminders:

- 1) If you received a request/letter from the ARC and have completed the task, please let the compliance agent know by sending a brief note to the HOA office.
- 2) Please check the directory information attributed to your property. Is the phone number current or does it need to be updated?
- 3) Winter residents, are you still in the same summer home address you listed several years ago, or has it changed? Is the person watching your Springs property still the same? All this information is vital to problem solving while you are gone, as it allows us to reach you in a timely way.



Updated information should be sent to Springs HOA office (address is 951 W. Via Rio Fuerte).



FYI: The Green Valley Fire District will put a secure lock box by your front door for \$75. The box will contain a key to your home, and therefore the fire department will be able to enter your home in an emergency without destroying the door. The box cannot be accessed by others. Only the fire department has a special coded key to the box which they carry on the fire apparatus. To request a lock box, call 520-625-9438. The homeowner must provide the house key to be kept in the box.



Do you want to advertise in The Chat? If you are a resident of The Springs and have property or a household item to sell, or a service you wish to provide (such as house sitting, remodeling, or painting), or are looking for an item, you may place an ad in The Chat. There will be four sections: FOR SALE, FOR RENT, WANTED, and SERVICES OFFERED.



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