

# The Springs **Chat** November 2017

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

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**Isn't the turkey a splendid bird?  
Audacious even?**

**May you all have things to be grateful for. I am grateful for the people who have stepped up to help with the CHAT, with Block Captains, and several projects.**

**I am also grateful for the folks who are interested in being on the board of directors. It's not rocket science but it is work. It is also fun and illuminating. People want a good HOA and they value their homes. It's a no-brainer to contribute what you can to the community. Step up folks. It's time. And truly, if the board is not your cup of tea, then find another way to help The Springs. It is worth it and we need you. You know who you are.....thank you.**

**Enjoy the next few weeks as the snowbirds arrive for the winter. It is such fun to have more folks around, activity at the mail boxes, larger groups at the potluck, and just that buzz of lots happening.**

**Best, Rebecca Keenan, Editor**

## **WHAT IS COMING UP? (details on page 7)**

**DEC 1<sup>ST</sup> - MAILING PARTY FOR THE SPRINGS - 10am to noon in the Fiesta Room**

**DEC 2<sup>ND</sup> - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - 1 pm at the gatehouse.**

**DEC 2<sup>ND</sup> - MEET & GREET - 3-5 pm on the Fiesta Deck.**

**DEC 14<sup>TH</sup> - COMMUNITY POTLUCK AND CHRISTMAS SING - 5 pm in the Anza Room**

**DEC 19<sup>TH</sup> - BOARD MEETING - 9 am in the Fiesta Room**



Call for applications to the position of **Compliance Agent** for The Springs at Santa Rita

**Typical duties:** reviews, and awards or declines requests for architectural structural and property changes; inspects properties and manages non-compliance issues until they are resolved; and maintains records of ARC requests, notices of compliance violations, and with approval of the ARC/BOD places properties that are in violation in enforcement until the issue(s) is/are resolved

**Qualities of the successful candidate:** Proactive and assertive with excellent interpersonal skills, good organizational, computer & record keeping skills, and have worked previously as a compliance agent, served on an ARC, BOD or other governing board

**Compensation:** \$5,300 per year paid quarterly, with a first year performance review at six (6) months

Preferential treatment will go to permanent residents of The Springs

**To apply:** send a resume indicating your qualifications and contact information to David Dethmers, Chairperson Personnel Committee at [hoa@thespringshoa.org](mailto:hoa@thespringshoa.org)

**Application Deadline:** 5 PM December 22, 2017; **Interviews:** first week January, 2018; **Starts:** February 1, 2018

**For more information:** contact Ted Boyett, Chairperson ARC [TBoy@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:TBoy@stanfordalumni.org) 1-(401) 649-0991



Photo by Mary Kult

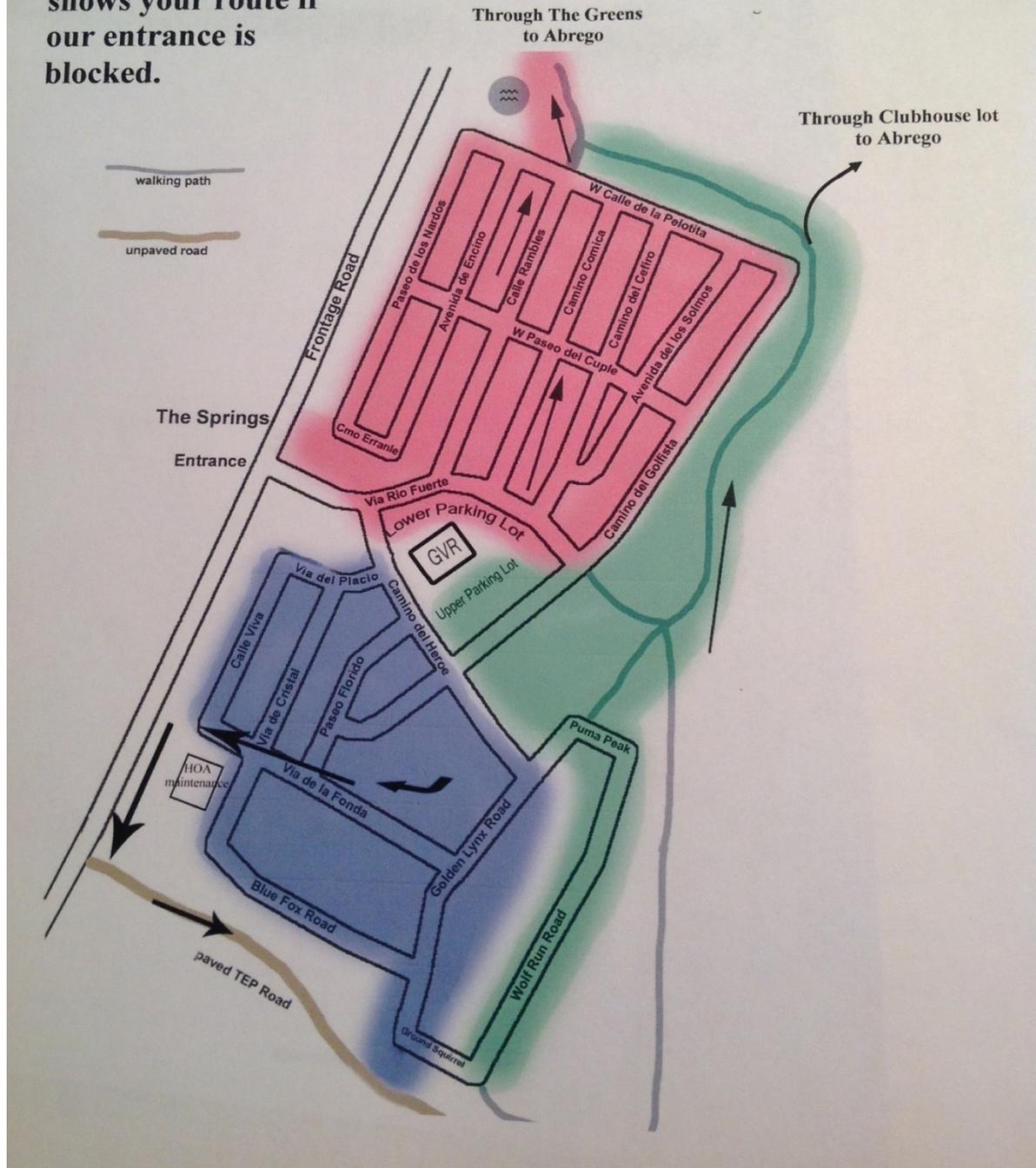
**Oops!**

**Mostly the road repair went very well. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation and patience.**

# FYI

## EMERGENCY EXIT MAP & INSTRUCTIONS

Each shaded section shows your route if our entrance is blocked.



If it is determined there is a threat to the community, you will be notified by law enforcement, firemen, or qualified volunteers from Pima County SAV. Follow their instructions, and evacuate only if told to do so. You will be told where to go. Go there! If there is time, gather identification, medications, eye glasses, battery powered radio, important papers and cash. Try to turn off appliances, leash or crate your pet, and bring special dietary needs. Lock your home. Avoid using your phone. Follow instructions and stay calm. This is found on the HOA website under *Notices*.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW by Laurie Boyett

My husband Ted and I visited Famous Dave's in Tucson on November 17. Only a 35 minute drive from The Springs, it is located at 4565 North Oracle Road. I was so inspired I wrote my first restaurant review for Yelp. See below:

*Best food on the planet, especially when it is slathered in Devil's Spit hot sauce. Brisket tacos were a bit bland for a hot pepper eating grandma like me, but with that sauce I could have eaten forever. My husband ordered the Sassy Brisket Salad and loved it. After taking a bite of the accompanying cornbread muffin, we ordered six to go! Waitress Elise was efficient, friendly, knowledgeable, and made excellent suggestions. She was fantastic. Prices were reasonable and because we got there at 2 pm it was quiet, so we could hear each other. It's a great idea to have the calorie count on the menu. My only regret is that we did not buy a bottle of Devil's Spit to take home. I could have slopped it up with my cornbread muffins.*



Winner of over 700 BBQ awards, Famous Dave's also offers membership in an awards program commonly referred to as "The Pig Club". You can join at [famousdaves.com](http://famousdaves.com), through Facebook, or by completing a form and giving it to your server. You will receive a free burger or sandwich to welcome you and other exclusive offers will be sent to your email. Members also receive ½ off their meal during the month of their birthday. One last "freebie".....if you complete an online survey within three days of your visit, you will receive a validation code for a free dessert on your next visit.

If you appreciate great BBQ, I recommend you visit Famous Dave's!

### HOA DUES

***At the November board meeting, it was voted unanimously to increase the HOA dues to \$500 per year. This modest dues increase helps balance the budget and maintain the funds for capital improvements needed each year. Thanks to our hardworking volunteers, our dues are kept at a reasonable level.***



# What's New?

We have a new **CHAT editor** who will start January 1st, 2018. Her name is **Jan Koltun** and she lives conveniently close to me on Calle de la Pelotita. Jan has written newsletters in the past, and unlike me, is quite accomplished with technical programs and computers. Thank you for volunteering Jan. I have had great fun doing the CHAT but life has gotten busier and The Springs deserves a good consistent editor. Good luck, and have fun with the excellent newsletter committee.



We have a new **Block Captain** for Paseo De Los Nardos. Her name is **Laurie Boyett** who is kindly branching out to cover a street she does not live on. Thank you, Laurie, for volunteering. She also writes enthusiastic restaurant reviews for the CHAT.

There is a new **Block Captain Coordinator** for The Springs. Her name is **Richelle Konshak** and she will be in charge of the 29 block captains for our community who welcome new residents, provide support to existing residents, and hand out important information and updated phone books. Thank you, Ricky, for volunteering.

The board plans to sponsor a **new owner workshop** in February, to provide the opportunity to ask questions, emphasize some of the ARC policies and enjoy a snack with new neighbors. **Nancy Kelly** has offered to coordinate this. She also plans to write several articles for the CHAT about home maintenance in The Springs. If you have suggestions for the workshop presentation, please send them to the CHAT email. Thanks, Nancy, for volunteering.

## Quick and Easy Recipe

by Pat Strnad

### Pasta Casserole

**Boil together 8 oz. bow tie noodles and 1 package frozen chopped spinach until noodles are done according to package directions. Drain and add 1 pint small cottage cheese, 1 pint. sour cream & black pepper seasoning to your liking. Mix together. Place in casserole dish and sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Heat in low oven for 20 minutes, and serve. This is a delicious meat accompaniment and serves 6-8.**





**New**

**Homeowners in The Springs**

**840 W Calle de la Pelotita   Mike Cooksey   Keiser OR**

**3966 Camino del Heroe   Leon & Anne Blahnik   Green Valley, AZ**

**3964 S Calle Viva   Marian Roberta Shanks   Citrus Springs, FL**

**3948 S Calle Viva   Deanna Thompson   Washington, DC**

**3648 S Paseo de los Nardos   Hannelore Carr   Sahuarita, AZ**

**3864 S Camino del Cefiro   Casey McInnis & Scottie Winters   Green Valley, AZ**

**3809 S Calle Rambles   Andreas Alers   Tucson, AZ**

**3739 S Paseo de los Nardos   Bill & Linda Dollar   Salem, OR**

**Ahem.....!**



The Grounds Committee Director has commented that after diligent work to keep the common areas looking good, some residents still see fit to dump their yard waste out onto those areas. This is naughty. Either, cut up the plants, bag them, and give it to the garbage man, or if you must, request help with disposal from neighbors or the grounds crew. There might be misconstrued ideas about what is a 'common area' but if it is not personal property, and it is in The Springs, it is common area. Often time irrigation lines run behind walls and those need to be maintained. Dumping waste over the wall, thinking it is not visible from the street is not appropriate. You make condos for pack rats, you encourage snakes to hang out and guess what, Santa sees everything. Please dispose of yard waste properly. Our volunteer Grounds Crew thanks you.

Santa also sees when you cut down a shrub on golf course property. If you live on Pelotita or Golfista, and if the plant is not within your wall, it is probably on golf course property. Please do not damage or destroy plants that are not yours to meddle with. The Springs' mission statement makes a good point - we all need to be good neighbors and cooperative citizens, particularly when living in an HOA. If you have a concern about a tree or shrub, speak to the golf course manager. It is just common courtesy. The elves who keep the 'good' and 'bad' lists, also thank you.



## Other Stuff

\*\*According to the Arizona Automobile Association, the average life span for an auto battery is only 2-3 years. This goes for key fob batteries as well. This is due to the high summer temperatures. Keep your battery receipts!

\*\*Jeannie McGaughey needs committee chairs to give her a current list of your volunteers. Please submit ASAP.

\*\*Potlucks are open to residents, their guests, and renters. Held at 5 pm in the Anza Room, the food is excellent and it is a good way to go off your diet. You need to bring your dinnerware and beverage. In addition, bring a dish to share that will feed 8-10 people. If nuts or shellfish are in the dish, please make a small card stating that. Also if you make gluten free or vegan dishes, a sign is helpful. For the December 14 Potluck: last names A-F bring main dish, G-O bring dessert, P-Z bring salad. There will be caroling after the meal. Come and sing along even if you don't do the potluck. Hope to see you there! Nametags!



\*\*Meet and Greet festivities are held on the Fiesta Deck from 3-5 pm if the weather is good. Otherwise, we move indoors. Bring your beverage and a snack to share. Nametags! The next Meet and Greet is on Saturday December 2. Hope to see you there too!



\*\*HOA Christmas Decorations will be assembled and wired up on December 2 at 1pm near the gatehouse at the entrance. It's fun and not nearly as cold as putting them up in Minnesota. Come on out to help, and if you are smart, you will traipse over to Meet and Greet afterward for a snack and libation!

\*\*One last thing, don't forget to **once** at one other person each home bound, please use a



smile **at least** day. If you are mirror.

**Volunteer recognition party is January 13 from 4-6pm in the Fiesta Room. Please mark your calendars, and plan to have a great time. Partners welcome to join us.**

# Special Notice

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Elections for Board members will take place at our Annual meeting in January. This election will fill three Board seats expiring at the end of this year.

If you would be interested in becoming a Board member, please complete the form below and submit it for inclusion in the ballot to be mailed to all homeowners. These forms must be returned to the HOA, either by email or regular mail no later than December 15, 2017.

Being involved in your community is ever more important. Good decisions are best accomplished to the approval of all when a wide base of opinions is submitted. Your valuable ideas and input will keep The Springs our beautiful treasure.

### NOMINATION PROFILE

- Yes, I would like to be a candidate for the Board of Directors. My personal data is listed below.
- I do not wish to be a candidate for the Board but would volunteer to be on a committee.

### PERSONAL DATA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Background: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for Running: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Pertinent Information or Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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## For Sale

Men's Bike, Like New, \$150

Mike Dant 520-777-5760

### *Full of Thanks* by Ilan Shamir (This poem is in honor of a friend who helped me to be thankful, RK)

*I'm full  
So full  
Full of thanks  
Full of dreams  
Full of memories  
Full of the cool air I breathed today  
Full of the earth under my feet  
The touch of a friend reaching out  
Full of the child that looked at me with wonder  
More and more I see how much I really have  
More books than I'll ever read  
More clothes than I have occasion  
More light shining on me  
Than I'll ever see  
More food than I can savor  
More memories than I can remember  
More dreams than I can live  
I'm full  
So full  
Full of thanks  
Thank-full*



Thanks!

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## *CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS*

1. To Mike Ford and his committee for coordinating the road repair work in October. While nothing is ever perfect, the project went smoothly and multiple efforts were made to communicate the necessary adjustments during the project. Well Done. Thank You!
2. To the “fountain workers” who dug, scraped, smoothed and unplugged the waterworks. Wow. I have never seen such dusty folks have so much fun. It just warms my heart to see these guys working and supporting each other doing Grounds Crew work, but this was over the top. Well Done. Thank You!
3. Which brings me to the summer Grounds Crew. Talk about hot guys, temperature-wise. The Springs looks great. Well Done. Thank You!
4. To Roger Olson and his support committees. Our HOA has excellent financial maintenance and responsible oversight. They work all year long and the numbers reflect their diligence. Well Done. Thank You!
5. To Jeannie McGaughey who keeps smiling, no matter what happens and has an answer to most questions. She is an integral part of our successful HOA board. Well Done. Thank You!
6. And let us not forget the ARC director Ted Boyett and his committee members. It has been a busy intense working year for these folks. They get the job done and keep our community standards high. Well Done. Thank You!
7. Lastly, to Gene McGaughey for his years of work as a compliance officer on behalf of ARC and The Springs as a whole. Well Done. Thank You!
8. Now, I could go on and on and on. David Dethmers, Jim Owens, Barb Coggins, Joe Barton, Sandi Stone, Block Captains, Dog Parade Organizer.....but I am running out of ink. Bless all of you kind and generous and occasionally grouchy volunteers! Enjoy the pictures, sorry I don't have all the names!

**Fountain  
Waterworks  
Repair 1001  
(just shut up and dig!)**

Photos by Sharon Tuborg  
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**The 2017 Annual**



# Halloween Doggie Parade

photos by Suzanne Mandeville

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**I think that Barb was the grand marshal of the parade. Look at that buggy!**

**Fact of Life:**



**After Monday and  
Tuesday...  
even the calendar  
says.**

**W T F**

**The Springs Chat is your newsletter, and it contributes to the vitality and culture of our community. The Newsletter Committee invites your contributions, and your suggestions: Juanita Kauffman (community and board news), Sally Bryan (neighbors and activities), Jeannie McGaughey (home sales and Chat delivery), Pat Strnad (pets and recipes), Pat Keenan (local color and news of the weird), Laurie Boyett (food and photos), Neysa Dickey (proofreader), and Rebecca Keenan (editor).**

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