



SPRINGS CHAT

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Highlights From Your HOA May Board Meeting

By Cathy Roberts

Meetings continue to be conducted on ZOOM with 12 homeowners present for May. Attendance was down a bit but it is a busy time in The Springs. Many part-time folks are back home or are busy getting ready to leave. However, if you have an internet connection, you can attend the board meetings via ZOOM from anywhere. Isn't technology wonderful! Our meetings will be on hold over the summer months. Monthly HOA Board Meetings will resume with our September 14, 2021 meeting.

For the May meeting all board members were present, even Mark from a sidewalk cafe in Mexico.

Board member reports were presented and can be found in their entirety on the HOA web site, www.thespringshoa.org for your review. A brief synopsis follows:

- President: Brent attended a ZOOM meeting for HOA Presidents, presented by the Green Valley Council. Several HOAs have difficulty recruiting volunteers to serve on the board therefore they employ a management company. Fortunately, The Springs has a proactive group of residents that keep the HOA board functioning without the added cost of an outside management group.
- Secretary: Monthly article submitted to the CHAT

- Treasurer: 2020 Tax return was filed, the Arizona Corporate report was filed, and the Fiscal Policy manual was updated to reflect changes in filing requirements.
 - Checking/Savings Balance 4/30/2021 \$842,140.66
 - Reserve Fund/Savings 4/30/2021 \$719,111.75
 - Operating Fund Savings 4/30/2021 \$122,203.42
 - Operating Fund Checking 4/30/2021 \$825.49
- ARC: Monthly walk-around was completed April 30 by the Compliance Agent. For the most part, Springs' residents are conscientious property owners and good neighbors. There is still an opening on the ARC committee. If interested, contact the ARC chairman on the HOA web site for more details.
- Grounds: Working on Tuesday and Friday, the crew posted 130 volunteer hours for the month of April. This is a year-round effort. Please reach out to Jim Owen if you would like to be a difference maker. It's fun work...really!
- Infrastructure: Although Mark is out of Arizona for a big part of the summer season, he will be in contact with Tucson Asphalt regarding upcoming projects. Also, he hopes to have an updated schedule for seal coating and the Green Asphalt soon. He will keep everyone informed.

Unfinished Business: Ongoing discussion regarding speeders through The Springs. Everybody just needs to slow down and obey the posted signs. Take care of each other. It was announced that Casey McInnis has agreed to chair the Grounds Long Term Planning & Design Committee. Plans are underway for a future presentation regarding Perry Park and its maintenance and sustainable future.

Trash pickup will continue twice weekly.

Open Forum discussion included the possibility for continuation of the ZOOM meetings once we are back to in person meetings. This gives more opportunity for residents to attend and still be at home in their jammies.

With COVID almost in our rear-view mirror, life is beginning to take on the appearance of the new normal. Continue to stay safe, enjoy the summer, and we look forward to working for you as board members. We are always available year-round via the The Springs Web site: <http://www.thespringshoa.org>

See you in September on ZOOM.

Desert Cottontails doing their mating dance.



Photo by Dick Bierman

Early Morning Trail Shadows at North end of SPRINGS Walking Trail

Photo submitted by Barbara Wolf



Meet Your Neighbors

By Sally Bryan

Joyce Lambert relocated from San Diego to Green Valley in 2003. Recently she moved from a larger home in Green Valley to the SPRINGS.



She loves her new home and reports that the neighbors are very friendly. She enjoys her outdoor space and soaking in her backyard hot tub daily!

She has travelled throughout AZ and other locales in the desert Southwest with the Green Valley Camera Club. In addition to making many friends through the Camera Club, she has also improved her photography skills through the classes offered there. In fact, Joyce has also taught GV Camera Classes on Smilebox, a software program to put together slide shows, along

with other topics, including Photoshop. While she learned photography on a NIKON single lens reflex camera with multiple lenses & filters, she admits that 99% of her current photography is with her iPhone!

A love of flowers and gardens is another passion of Joyce's. The home she purchased in the SPRINGS has lovely roses, cactus blossoms and wildflowers. The birds, bees and butterflies love to visit Joyce's yard.

Joyce has served as a Stephen Minister with Valley Presbyterian Church for 8 years. Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one support for people that are grieving or needing other emotional support.

Be sure to say Hello to Joyce if you see her walking in the SPRINGS. She is the lovely lady with the purple hair!



Trichocereus with 24 blooms.



Red China Roses.

Long stemmed Red Roses

SAGUARO, by Joyce Lambert

The saguaro cactus (*Carnegiea gigantea*) is one of the defining plants of the Sonoran Desert. (Pronounced suh-waa-row). These plants are large, tree-like columnar cacti that develop branches (or arms) as they age, although some never grow arms. The arms generally bend upward and can number over 25. Saguaros are covered with protective spines, white flowers in the late spring, and red fruit in summer.



Saguaros are found exclusively in the Sonoran Desert. The most important factors for growth are water and temperature. If the elevation is too high, the cold weather and frost can kill the saguaro. Although the Sonoran Desert experiences both winter and summer rains, it is thought the Saguaro obtains most of its moisture during the summer rainy season.

The saguaro is not currently listed as threatened or endangered. BUT Arizona has strict regulations about the harvesting, collection, or destruction of this species.

With the right growing conditions, it is estimated saguaros can live to be as much as 150-200 years old.



Saguaros are terribly slow growing cactus. A 10-year-old plant might only be 1.5 inches tall. Saguaro can grow to be between 40-60 feet tall (12-18m). When rain is plentiful, and the saguaro is fully hydrated it can weigh between 3200-4800 pounds.

I'm sure you've noticed the abundant blossoms appearing these past couple of weeks. The saguaro blooms for more than half a year, as early as mid-April. Typically, they bloom at dusk and by afternoon will start to fade. During the day, the pollination process takes place with bees, moths, hummingbirds, and doves.

If you can get close enough you will smell a sweet melon scent. Once pollinated it matures into fruit. You can eat the fruit raw or boil it to make sweet syrup that can be used for jellies and candies.

The saguaro is the largest cactus in the United States.

For a bit more about the saguaro: follow this link https://tucson.com/news/local/unprecedented-saguaro-side-blooms-could-be-a-bad-sign/article_dcc13746-b82f-11eb-bbd6-b375421b76f1.html

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Well, I had to get new eyeglasses
for my phone—why?
Unfortunately, it lost all of its
contacts...



IN THE KITCHEN with Tish Mowrer

This month's recipe was inspired by the beautiful spring rhubarb that made its appearance in the grocery stores. I found this old Midwestern recipe which is easy and good! To contribute a recipe, call Tish Mowrer at 520-647-9270 or 916-801-6513.

Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp

Filling:

2 cups strawberries, quartered
2 cups (about 3 lbs.) rhubarb, cleaned, ends trimmed, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1-1/2 T. corn starch
Pinch of kosher salt

Crumble Topping:

3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
3 T. granulated sugar
1 t. cinnamon
Pinch of kosher salt
6 T. cold, unsalted butter, cut into small pieces



Preheat oven to 375 F with rack in middle position. Coat 8x8-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, toss strawberries and rhubarb with the sugar, cornstarch, and salt, making sure everything gets mixed and coated. Pour into prepared baking dish.

For the crumble topping, in a medium bowl, mix the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt. Work in the butter with your hands, until large moist clumps form. (I used my 5 qt. food processor). Sprinkle over the strawberry-rhubarb mixture.

Place dish on a foil-lined baking sheet; bake until topping is browned, and fruit is bubbly, 45 minutes.

Let cool for 10-15 minutes. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream. Delicious!