



The Springs at Santa Rita, 951 West Via Rio Fuerte, Green Valley, AZ 85614

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The Chat is a venue for the Springs HOA Board of Directors to communicate with the residents of the Springs, but more than that, the newsletter hopes to contribute to a sense of community camaraderie.

Board of Directors : Bruce Grieshaber, President; Becky Schroer, VP; Cathy Roberts, Secretary; Sharon Toborg, Treasurer; Jim Owen, Grounds; Victor Frankfather, Streets & Infrastructure; Rick Fillion, ARC.

JUNE CALENDAR

June 20 - Thursday - Potluck - Anza Room 5-9

Potlucks are open to residents, their guests, and renters. 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 people (also a name tag) 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. Bring a board game or playing cards if you want to stay and socialize.

Food assignments for June:

Last name starting with A-F (dessert)

Last name starting with G-O (salad)

Last name starting with P-Z (main dish)



We will have potlucks during the summer. Tish Mowrer will host the potlucks in June, July, and August. Kathy Szeto will resume hosting in September. Jeannie will send reminders with food assignments a week before the event. It will also be posted on the bulletin boards.

Highlights From Your May 12 HOA Board Meeting

By Cathy Roberts

The meeting was held in the Anza Room following the hybrid format. The meeting was called to order with 21 homeowners present. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

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: It was a busy as well as productive month. Finally resolved the issue of Republic emptying the wrong dumpster; or so it seems. Thanks to the diligence of Sharon Toborg on this task, three weeks in a row they have emptied the correct one. Responded to resident concerns. Worked with Victor installing new pet waste/leash law signs and speed limit signs. Went door to door making affected residents aware of paving dates. New flashing speed detection signs will be placed as a beta project for information gathering. They will be placed again once the snowbirds return.
- Vice President: Continues to becoming familiar with the CC&Rs and interacting with residents and other board members. Will be available for grant writing.
- Treasurer:

Checking/Savings Balance	4/30/2024	\$504,003.81
Reserve Fund/Savings	4/30/2024	\$362,437.37
Operating Fund Savings	4/30/2024	\$135,733.79
Operating Fund Checking	4/30/2024	\$ 5,832.65.
- ARC: 4 new requests were submitted for approval. Compliance Agent reports that 7 of the 45 maintenance violations issued on April 1 have been corrected in a timely manner. Six 2nd violation notices were issued and will be reinspected in June. Yard notices are being addressed timely with one being challenged.
- Grounds: There have been 840 total volunteer hours worked through the end of April 2024. The snowbirds have returned to their respective summer homes and the available volunteers have been drastically reduced. This is such a valuable service that these individuals provide. If interested in volunteering, contact Jim Owen or email Grounds.thespringshoa@gmail.com
- Infrastructure: Arizona Painting has completed the bell tower, gate house, and frontage road wall project. Tucson Asphalt will be resealing the south end roads that did not receive new paving in the last project. Scheduled May 14-17. Please make arrangements for this small imposition that will preserve our streets for years to come. Over the summer months you can expect to see new "SLOW" and "STOP" signs painted on the pavement in strategic areas along with the addition of disc bumps installed as a reminder to watch your speed through The Springs. A beehive was relocated with the assistance and expertise of Mark Koruga. Monthly AED inspections are current and in good working order.

In new business, a motion was made to have the board meetings “go dark” during the months of June through August, as is customary. In September the ARC will present a new Paint Guidelines for board approval. It is proposed that there be twelve colors available for doors and screen/security doors as opposed to just the current five. Board approved additional \$400 for social committee expenses.

A reminder that the full minutes and other reports are available in their entirety on

The SpringsWeb site: <http://www.thespringshoa.org>

The Voice of the Board

The Voice of the Board is one way the HOA Board communicates with The Springs HOA residents regarding current activities or issues.

From the President

Here we go! Summertime, 100 degree days, monsoon season, and a couple more small road projects, while we have less traffic, that will be completed by volunteers. It’s also a time when the Board will not be meeting unless there is a need for a Special Meeting, which would be announced, by e-blast, at least 10 days prior to the date. During our summer hiatus we will be working on Grounds projects, Infrastructure projects, ARC issues, and policy reviews of a few topics on which we will keep you informed.



I attended the May, Green Valley Council Board of Representatives meeting as an interested bystander, and the Green Valley Council Monthly President to President Roundtable. I’d like to share a few items that came out of those meetings:

- There has been a continuing issue with predatory scams throughout Green Valley (and everywhere else in the country!). Here is a condensed list of ways you can help yourself avoid or stop a possible scam:
 - If using a contractor for any work, check them out on the Better Business Bureau website and the Arizona Registrar of Corporations website prior to contracting them.
 - If you are feeling pressured to commit to a project, ask them for references and say that you will check them. One recent contractor soliciting in The Springs was telling folks he had the president’s ok. Too bad he didn’t knock on my door!
 - If you enter into any contractual agreement, Arizona state law has a 3 day “cooling off” provision whereby you can cancel any contractual agreement within 3 days with no further obligation and receive back any deposit money.

- If you have a “No Soliciting” sign on your door, it is unlawful for a vendor to knock or ring the doorbell. Unfortunately, the “No Soliciting” sign at the front gate does not provide that protection.
- If you buy items from online vendors (who doesn’t?), it is better to use a third-party payment service like PayPal. That way the vendor never sees your credit or debit card numbers. And don’t use debit cards! They are generally attached to your cash accounts.

A couple other pieces of information that I learned from the Presidents’ Roundtable include:

- Arivaca Road is being repaved from June 3 to June 28. You’ll experience delays and/or closures during that time.
- If you visit the Green Valley Council website – www.gvcouncil.org – you can register for a Community Portal which allows all homeowners to stay informed about all the services, project, legislative changes, and activities of the GVC. There will be no solicitations or list sharing by the GVC.

Have a great summer and contact us with concerns, compliments, or to volunteer!
 Thanks to you all for our great community. --Bruce Grieshaber, President

Pot Lucks in June, July, and August

Summer months are here and with less attendance and no guest speakers scheduled, how about a Game Night after the potluck dinner. Games you might be interested in playing such as Mexican Train, (dominoes), board games like Aggravation, Scrabble, Sequence etc; or card games like cribbage, hearts, rummy, etc. Plan to stay after and make your own entertainment. Call Tish Mowrer and share your thoughts at 916-801-6513! Potluck dates are:

- June 20** – Thursday – Anza Room 5-9
- July 18** – Thursday – Anza Room 5-9
- August 15** – Thursday – Anza Room 5-9

HOME SALES (May)

<u>Address</u>	<u>Sold To</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
3701 S. Avenida de Encino	Rick & Debra Fillion	Green Valley, AZ
3780 S. Camino Comica	Keith Hewitt	Green Valley, AZ
3796 S. Paseo de los Nardos	Sammy Jo Riley	Chandler, AZ
3700 Paseo de los Nardos	Thomas & Terrie Velasquez	Tucson, AZ
3817 S. Camino del Golfista	Stephen Sleeman & Cynthia DeGraaf	Plainwell, MI
3965 S. Camino del Golfista	Daniel & Margaret Lush	Anchorage, AK
3807 S. Avenida de los Solmos	Jill Cross	Sedona, AZ
3957 S. Calle Viva	Ronald Powell	Green Valley, AZ
3800 S. Calle Rambles	William Webb	Phoenix, AZ

What did the Grounds Crew do this month?

With the winter visitors gone and the crew reduced to a few, work is still being done by these hard working volunteers. They have mowed and cleaned up behind the Pelotita wall, cleaned up and mowed in the area between the Springs and the Greens, mowed along the walk way in the Nature Park. They have also pruned and cleaned up cactus in the common areas as well as watering the newly planted pups in the Nature Park.

The grounds crew will meet on Fridays only during the month of June and will not meet in July due to high temperatures.

The following tools have been donated to The Springs Ground Crew from The Greens HOA Master Association: 1 brand new Stihl 170 chain saw; 1 brand new Stihl string trimmer; 1 slightly used string trimmer; 1 slightly used gas blower String for trimmers; Oil for chainsaw.

We are grateful for their generous donation.



Bierman's pics



Above are two of the more common ducks that are seen in our area in winter. A male Redhead and a male American Widgeon. The Widgeons can be seen often on the many golf course ponds and fairways.

A Pause

This will be the last Chat until October. The Board goes dark (doesn't meet) over the summer months, June, July, and August, so no Board business to report. Social events like Happy Hour and Picnic in Perry Park don't resume until October so no pictures or write-ups there. If you have anything you would like to have covered or added to The Chat for next season or an article you would like to contribute, please email me at eileenowen42@yahoo.com. Jeannie will send out an e-blast this summer if something important needs your attention. Have a great summer everyone. Stay safe.Eileen

May Potluck

About 40 residents attended the May potluck. Kathy Zeto and Bonnie Roundtree created a party atmosphere with margaritas and Mexican food. It was truly **la gran fiesta**





Three residents celebrated a birthday and one couple celebrated an anniversary. There was one new resident. Of course they had their pick of candy bars.