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### THE SPRINGS H.O.A.

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. . . . . Green Valley, AZ 85614  
**PHONE:** . . . . . 520-648-1699  
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To contact the HOA Office use the phone number listed above. Please leave a message if the office is closed.

Communications with Board members must be in writing and signed.

Communications may be dropped off in the mail box at the

Entrance Gate, mailed to the address above or e-mailed through the website.

The HOA Board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, monthly at 3:00 p.m. in the Fiesta Room at the Rec Center and meetings are open to all HOA members.

## WALKING ON GOLF COURSE

Dear Neighbors,

As winter approaches I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being our neighbor and hope that when it comes to your golfing and dining needs you think of Torres Blancas Golf Club and our Madera Room Restaurant. I know that some of you enjoy walking the golf course property from time to time and although we don't discourage this we must ask those who do walk to follow certain guidelines.

1. Walking is permitted only during non-golfing times of the day. Should you be walking and find golfers approaching we ask that you immediately leave the golf property in a direction away from the golfers. Walking the course during golf hours are a distraction to the golf and more importantly, a safety hazard to the walker.

2. When walking, stay on the cart path, especially during the winter season. Frosted grass is fragile and when a person walks across frosted grass it damages the grass blade and leaves your footprints on the turf for days to come.

3. Never walk across greens, tees, or through sand traps.

4. Dogs are not permitted on the golf course, however if

your dog is properly leashed, you carry appropriate clean-up tools, and you stay on the cart path, we will allow it.

5. Bicycle riding, skating, or skate boarding is not permitted.

6. Practicing on the golf course, or playing without paying greens fees is never permitted.

7. Those walking the golf course do so at their own risk, and we must reserve the right to modify or deny permission at any time.

Thanks and I hope to see you on the golf course soon!

Kevin Lewis  
General Manager and PGA  
Professional  
Torres Blancas Golf Club

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## VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the residents who have volunteered for the Hospitality Committee. However, since we are only weeks away from a completed development, members to this committee are no longer needed.

Please consider volunteering for another committee, particularly the newsletter and neighborhood watch committees.

Thank you.  
Barb Wolf

## Does your computer confuse you? Need help with computer set-up... Software or hardware installation?

Paul Walter

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PLEASE NOTE: If you have already turned in your form you do not need to turn in an additional one. Thanks.

## HOA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THE SPRINGS HOA FINANCIAL REPORT		
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2003		
Checking/Savings Balance 1/1/2003		65,911.68
Checking	255.77	
Savings	10,007.51	
Reserve	55,648.40	
Income		145,935.21
Membership Dues	143,327.27	
Interest	1,639.33	
Fees	968.61	
Expense		79,188.82
Legal	-	
Grounds Maintenance	35,445.44	
Equipment & Maintenance	1,090.87	
Building Maintenance	-	
Exterior Light Bulbs	1,786.50	
Master Assn Dues	4,000.00	
Contract Labor	8,927.50	
Utilities	16,050.37	
Office Supplies	1,426.51	
Directory	114.05	
Publicity	826.40	
Insurance	2,387.00	
Taxes	898.04	
Community Events	21.53	
Bank Fees	105.00	
Capital Expenditures	6,109.61	
Checking/Savings Balance 10/31/2003		132,658.07
Checking	555.95	
Savings	68,250.60	
Reserve	63,851.52	

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A meeting of the Block Captains & Co-Captains for the Neighborhood Watch Program was held on Wednesday, 12 November in the Fiesta Room. There were 17 people in attendance. A representative from the SAV explained the program, and answered questions from the attendees. Afterwards, maps were distributed and areas were selected by the captains/co-captains. The areas were larger than previously anticipated because we didn't have enough volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering to be a captain or co-captain, please contact Paul Walter (648-3225). The success of the program is contingent on a sufficient number of Block Captains.

## TALES FROM TIPPY THE TAIL WAGGER

We dogs are so lucky to live at the Springs. I have been so thrilled with the friendliness of the residents, both canine and human. When we are out walking, I am greeted first, I get petted, I get complimented on my hair cut, and my health is asked after. Actually, I feel bad about our owners. Few call them by name; they never are hugged, or enjoy a back rub.

The third annual Halloween puppy parade was a huge success. Approximately twenty-five dogs were involved. The attendee donated a generous one hundred and sixteen pounds of pet and people food to the Community Food Bank.

Here is a quote from Dave Barry, noted columnist. "Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard."

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

WHAT: THE SPRINGS CHRISTMAS CAROLING  
 WHERE: Gather at the Fiesta Room at the Rec Center.  
 WHEN: Sunday December 21, 5:30 PM  
 WHO: Any resident wanting to spread some Christmas cheer to their neighbors.  
 DETAILS: Music sheets will be provided. Bring a small snack to share after caroling. Hot beverages provided. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.  
 Any questions, call Kay Perry at 393-7402.

## **NEW POTLUCK & MEET 'N GREET SCHEDULE**

The potluck schedule will change for 2004. Starting in January, potlucks will be held on the first Friday of each month; therefore, **Friday, January 2**, will be the first one in 2004. GVR was unable to give us the 2nd Friday of the month, so we had to change our schedule. New fliers will be available at the December potluck and in the boxes near the cluster mailboxes after that. Meet 'n Greets will still be held on the third Wednesday of each month. The new Social committee consists of: Anne Alberts, Dee Dee Carl, and Yvonne Chatterson. A big "thank you" goes to Carolyn Hubbard and Mary Shirk for the great job they did in 2002 and 2003.

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## **LIGHT BULB COMMITTEE**

All residents should be aware that a team has been working to replace address light bulbs in the Springs. The goal of this committee is to have uniformity throughout our community. Houses and streetlights are checked at night every two weeks. The house bulbs are replaced during the daytime. A team member may ring your doorbell if you are home so you are aware of what they are

doing.

There are circumstances when light bulbs will not be replaced. For example, shrubs, cactus or the height of the fixture impairs replacing the bulb. In addition, some homeowners have shut off the electricity to the address light. We would prefer if this is not done.

If any resident needs a bulb, they may call Barbara Wolf, the chairperson at 399-1204. She will direct the message to the appropriate volunteer.

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## **Calendar of Coming Events**

**Board Meeting** - Fiesta Room  
3:00 pm  
Monday, December 8, 2003  
Monday, January 12, 2004  
Monday, February 10, 2004

**Potluck** - Anza Room 5:30pm  
December 12  
January 2, 2004  
February 6, 2004  
March 5, 2004

**Meet 'n Greet** – Deck 3:00 pm  
No Meet 'n Greet for December  
January 21, 2004  
February 18, 2004  
March 17, 2004

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## **THE SPRINGS HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Phil Gray - President  
Dave Mathews - V.P. & Bylaws & Elections  
Paul Walter -Treasurer  
Dee Dee Carl - Secretary  
Lee Huey - Building & Streets  
Connie Fish - ARC Com.  
Ernie Cox

### **Office Manager**

Lucinda Walter

### **ARC Committee**

Connie Fish, Mary Yager,  
Paul Walter

### **Pot Luck Hostesses**

Caroline Hubbard  
Mary Shirk

### **Welcome Greeter**

Barbara Wolf

### **Newsletter Chairman**

Dee Dee Carl

### **Light Bulb Committee**

#### **Chairman**

Barb Wolf

### **Neighborhood Watch**

#### **Chairman**

Paul Walter

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## **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**

By Barbara Wolf

It rarely happens! I am still in awe! A group of people volunteered for a job, came to a meeting, accepted their assignment and within a month the task was up and running.

This miracle group is the Light Bulb Replacement Committee. I am proud to be their Chairperson. I would like the community to be aware of the volunteers whose work has "lit up the Springs."

Thank you to MAVIE ARMSTRONG, BOB BRASWELL, DENNIS DOBBEL, GAIL DOWNING, LEE HUEY, LORETTA NOLL, PATRICIA STRAWN, TOM TARPEY, PAUL WALTER, STEVE WENTZ, MARY WARD, and MARY YAGER.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFORMATION SHEET**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Springs

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact (include phone number):**

Local \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Family \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Residency:**

Rental? \_\_\_\_\_ Year Round? \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time? \_\_\_\_\_

If Part-time specify months \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical/Physical Information:**

Wheel Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Oxygen Tank \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Pets in house (list) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER FORM**

(I am willing to help with the following:)

\_\_\_ Co-chair Potlucks and Meet 'n Greet

\_\_\_ Neighborhood Watch Co-chair (preferably year Round)

\_\_\_ Neighborhood Watch block Captain

\_\_\_ Firehouse benefit Springs representative

\_\_\_ Springs Ticket Chair for Firehouse Benefit

\_\_\_ Ticket Sales for Firehouse Benefit

\_\_\_ Newsletter committee

\_\_\_ Light Bulb Replacement

(I would be willing to help form a . . .)

\_\_\_ Special Events and Projects Committee

\_\_\_ Hospitality Committee

\_\_\_ Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return forms to**

**The Springs HOA**

**951 W Via Rio Fuerte**

**Green Valley, Az 85614**

**To date only 124 out of 431 homeowners have filled out the SAV information. That is less than 30% of the homeowners. We are asking for the information to help you as a homeowner in case of an emergency. Only 52 out of 431 homeowners have volunteered. The association does not run by itself it needs people to make it run.**

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*Here is an explanation of the Neighborhood Watch form.*

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The Neighborhood Watch Program, to be effective, requires a number of owners to volunteer to assist. Specifically, there should be three Neighborhood Watch Chairpersons, one each for Springs I (north of Rio Fuerte), Springs II, and Springs I (south of Rio Fuerte). Each of these areas would be divided into blocks headed by a Neighborhood

Watch Block Captain. The chairs work with SAV by submitting rosters and keeping them up to date and also serve as liaisons with the SAV contact person. Block Captains provide changes to the chair and provide residents with various information and materials. They would also serve as contact persons for residents in their area.

Under the Neighborhood Watch Program, each homeowner becomes the "eyes and ears" of the program. Homeowners report unusual or suspicious behavior, let a neighbor know when they will be gone, and complete a card for SAV if they wish periodic security checks while gone.

Although the HOA has a list of owners in the Springs, we do not know which are absentee owners, who is here only part of the time, nor do we know of any medical or physical situations which could be of concern in case of an evacuation.

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*Here is an explanation of the Firehouse benefits on the volunteer form.*

#### **FIRE STATION #153**

This past spring the Green Valley Mangia Mangia prepared dinner for station #153 (corner of Abrego and Continental) firefighters and their families. The club used the station kitchen to prepare much of the dinner and found it needed upgrading, particularly the stove. As an expression of goodwill and to help the Fire Department in its community relations efforts, the club decided to hold a barbecue benefit to upgrade the kitchen. Invited will be all those living in the area served by Station #153.

Since this could become a large event the Mangia Mangia Club has asked for the help of the HOA's in this area, and the Springs Board of Directors has agreed to our participation. The number of volunteers needed is minimal. The Club has asked that we provide one or two persons to serve on their committee, another person to serve as a ticket chair for sales in the Springs, and several people willing to sell tickets. This is a good opportunity for those of you who are only here a few months of the year to help. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a volunteer form. Please fill this form out and return to the Springs Office on Rio Fuerte.