

**The Springs at Santa Rita HOA
Presidents Report
January 7, 2012**

- My sincere thanks to the six board members who have worked so hard this year to keep our HOA running smoothly. I want recognize those residents who have regularly attended our meetings. Your attendance and interest is appreciated...
- Total for the Food Bank Donations for 2011 has exceeded the 2010 giving and is in excess of \$2800 this year. Considering the funds that were matched and the extended buying power of the food bank, this amount may have been worth well over \$20,000. The Food Banks, both in GV and Amado greatly appreciate the generosity of our Pot Luck attendees.
- Nine residents from all areas of The Springs have agreed to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on Common Area Concerns.
- Debi Cox reported: "After monthly calls to ADOT regarding the Adopt-a-Highway program, we finally (after almost a year!) got word that our application has been approved for The Springs HOA to take care of a stretch of the frontage road. Several others also applied, so we had a choice of only one mile to take care of, instead of the original two. I chose Mile Marker 37 (at the north end of The Springs) heading south one mile to Marker 36, near the first bridge south of our entrance.

Soon I'll receive a packet that will include our contract and info about the safety training class and the safety vests we'll need to wear. One decision the HOA should make is regarding the sign. ADOT has decided to make the signs larger because of complaints they're too small and hard to read (no wonder this state has no money), so either we can have our name printed on the current smaller sign or wait three to six months for the bigger one.

- Tucson Electric Power (TEP) has yet to complete its site work on the new power substation. The boundary fence between the Springs and the TEP easement is yet to be replaced. Other items on the check list to be finished are the final cleanup and seeding hydro spray of on the bare areas.
- GVC is strongly urging all HOAs to participate in the effort it is sponsoring to eliminate Bufflegrass. To this end its holding a meeting January 24 to coordinate community-wide effort. Several volunteers from our Grounds Committee have attended previous meetings. Our volunteers are well aware of the Bufflegrass threat and have been very vigilant in getting rid of it whenever it is spotted on our grounds. If anyone feels they want to participate in the community effort they should contact Lance Johnson or me.
- There have been several complaints about residents feeding wildlife by place feed on the ground. This is a dangerous illegal practice because it attracts all sorts of creatures; most of us would rather not have in our yards. It is also against the law to put out feed unless it is in bird feeders above the ground. There can be fines issued. If any Spring resident is doing this, please stop before a javelina, wild cat or snake causes serious damage to property or injury to someone.

Kaye Gray,
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