

**The Springs HOA
VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
January 4, 2011**

Elections

Volunteers for the Ballot Committee for this year's annual elections are as follows: Diane Serek, Chair, Marian Engle, and Mary Yager. In order to clarify voting procedures, the Board voted that if a ballot contains more than one vote per candidate, the vote will count as one. However, if the total of votes on the entire ballot is more than three (3), the ballot is invalidated. It was also decided that ballots would be retained in the HOA office for at least 6 months following the election.

GVCCC Membership

The Springs has rejoined the Green Valley Council (formerly known as the Green Valley Community Coordinating Council).

The Board has received a letter of complaint regarding a residence that may be rented by a family out of compliance with our age restrictions. We understand from others attending the Board meeting that there may be other homes in age-restricted communities where residents do not meet the standard of compliance. A decision was made to carry this issue to the Green Valley Council to determine the degree that this occurs in other Homeowner Associations. I will attend the GVC meeting this month and our new Board members will join in the decision making on this issue during the upcoming Board meetings

Emergency Egress

Discussions have continued with the Green Valley Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and the Manager of Torres Blancas Golf Course to determine an emergency egress in the event of an emergency resulting in a closure of our only exit, the front gate and maps will be distributed to identify the routes. In March, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will conduct a drill simulating an emergency. It will be carried out in the southeast portion of The Springs.

Annual Garage Sale

The date for our annual garage sale is March 5th 2011. We are in need of someone to take over the duties of organizing the event. We have excellent notes on the past sales which will help tremendously.

Volunteers Needed

Sally and Howard Bryan are no longer able to host the potluck dinners. We are looking for an individual or a group to step in and take the reins. Please contact me or send a note to our HOA office if you are able to assume the role of this wonderful social function or the organizing of the popular garage sale.

Phillis Hiraga, VP, The Springs

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February 12, 2011**

Home Owner Concerns:

We have received letters from the neighbors of two properties in the Springs that were the source of noise and disruption. The question was raised at that time as to whether the occupants met the age requirement to live in The Springs. It has been determined that the all occupants, except one do meet the age requirement. That one individual will meet the requirement this month.

It is incumbent upon the residents of The Springs to respect their neighbors by maintaining a peaceful, quiet neighborhood.

There will be discussion at the March board meeting about the HUD required age restriction to assure our continued compliance.

Garage Sale:

On March 5th our community wide garage sale will take place. We expect to have an expense of \$75 for the newspaper ads, plus a few items, an additional cost of \$10-15. The HOA will cover those costs this year; however in the future there may be a nominal fee charged to the participants. Further discussion in this regard will be included on the November agenda in preparation for the 2012 garage sale. Juanita Kauffman, the chair for this year's event states that there are 20 homes signed up thus far.

Volunteer Picnic:

We have been fortunate to have many volunteers willing to serve on several committees. Saturday, April 2nd is the date for a Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. Invitations will soon be sent, we look forward to seeing a nice turnout.

Potluck Committee:

I am pleased to announce that we have new coordinators for our Potluck Events. Suzy Baker and Malou Nelson will be hosts for the dinners. A big thank you to the two of them. Bill Perry will continue as an ex-officio host assisting with the behind the scenes preparations. His involvement is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Phillis Hiraga

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March 12, 2011**

The March 5th Garage sale was a great success. It was a chilly morning, but very well attended. We received many thanks from both buyers and sellers for having the maps available. As in the past this, along with the balloons, makes it much easier to negotiate the roads and find the treasures.

On Saturday, April 2nd we will have the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at Perry Park. We look forward to showing our gratitude to those who contribute time and talent to the many projects here in The Springs.

Once the Emergency Evacuation Plan is approved by the board, the map and instructions will be available on our Website. It is important for everyone to study the map, familiarize yourself with your exit option in the event that our front gate is blocked by an accident. It is also wise to have a personal plan and list of necessary items to take with you on evacuation. If you have no access to a computer, please send a request to The Springs HOA office, a copy will be mailed to you.

Today, March 12th the Community Emergency Response Team held a drill here in The Springs. The scenario for the drill was a mock truck accident which resulted in toxic fumes being emitted. The CERT team members were activated to come to the Springs to go door to door, giving information to residents. The pamphlets given included instructions on SHELTER In PLACE. They were instructed to listen for The Emergency Broadcast System information. In order to avoid the toxic fumes residents must turn off utilities and go quickly to a room that can be taped off so the family is protected. Residents remain enclosed until the all clear is given by the Fire Department and the Police. The Drill was evaluated by monitors and was deemed a success. For the participants it was a good learning experience. CERT is a volunteer group and they have taken training to learn how to take care of self and neighbors until First Responders are available to help. Information for CERT training can be obtained by calling Bill and Patty Kerr at 520 399 1234.

Respectfully submitted,
Phillis Hiraga, Vice President

**The Springs HOA Board Meeting
Vice President's Report
April 9, 2011**

The emergency evacuation plan is in the process of being revamped. The new construction of the TEP road makes our planned exit from Golden Lynx impassable. So, for the south end of The Springs and GVR, the new route is from the west end of De La Fonda, behind our maintenance gate. This is, of course, if the incident does not prohibit us from leaving in that direction. If that should happen, we would all be directed to the other two exits, Puma Peak entry to the walking park, and the north end of Rambles as shown on the Emergency Exit map. Please realize that the small bridge going toward The Greens would not be our route; we would pass by the **east** side of the water tank, join the path and enter the Greens roadway. (The posts before the road are removable.) At today's Board meeting, there was discussion of putting signage to direct us. So, again, a work in progress and a reminder of the importance of being prepared.

I had the opportunity to observe the new ARC Committee in their meetings and the annual walk around. This is a hard working group dedicated to ensuring the maintenance of the high standards of our community. They encourage communication from homeowners in an effort to make clear the importance of preventive maintenance.

The newsletter is nearly ready to launch. It will be sent out on a quarterly basis and if you'd like to submit an article of interest, there will be an opportunity to do so. We hope to send the newsletter by email in an effort to save money in printing and postage. We encourage those who have not yet done so, please submit your email address to the HOA office.

In this day of common email use, we would like to improve our ability to reduce the costs of printing and postage for all of our required mailings. Please keep this in mind in your decision to withhold your email address. It is an important issue in keeping expenses under control.

Thank You,
Phillis Hiraga

**The Springs HOA
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May 2011**

We have reached our summer session; many homeowners are away for part of this season. Just when the flowers are filling the cacti with bursts of color, off we go to several destinations.

Neighbors, please keep watch on the vacant homes and we all look forward to getting back to The Springs for the great activities and friendly neighbors.

Quiet for the summer, the Board will meet only if a need arises.

Respectfully submitted,
Phillis Hiraga

**The Springs HOA
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September 10, 2011**

There are four open Board positions for next year and we request that each homeowner will seriously consider running for the Board.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the ongoing improvement of our wonderful community.

Phillis Hiraga
Vice President

**Springs HOA Board Meeting
November 12, 2011
Vice President's Report**

2012 Elections

We will have four open board positions, and I would like to remind you that the deadline to submit a nomination profile is November 30th, 2011. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for getting involved. There is a nomination profile form on The Springs at Santa Rita HOA website, under NOTICES.

Please send the paperwork to the office and it will be included in the annual mailings to the residents for their vote. I will confirm via email once I receive your information. If you have any questions, please send them to the HOA office, I am happy to respond.

Emergency Evacuation Plan

Tucson Electric Power is now completing the work on the new substation on the south end of our community. They have provided us with a map to be used in the event of an emergency which would require us to exit by way of the Canoa Ranch property. This updated map will be made available after the first of the year.

Phillis Hiraga
Vice President

**The Springs HOA
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December 10, 2011**

We have four candidates for the Board for 2012-2013. The candidates are:

Joe Barton
Paul Dittmer
Steve Gilbert
Sandie Stone

Biographies will be mailed out along with the ballots by the end of the month. We will also have a "meet the candidates" night at the January potluck.

Phillis Hiraga
Vice President