

The Springs **Chat** November 2016

A newsletter for and by the residents of The Springs at Santa Rita

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Hey Ho! Bet you were wondering where the Chat has gone. Well it is still around, just a bit late, as it is endowed with a slightly lazy, somewhat over-scheduled editor who has not yet made the transition back to AZ. Not that I don't have a little guilt. Guilt is good in moderate doses.

So I have been thinking about transitions. We all deal with them differently, but they mean something and usually require us to adapt, step up, step down, or be in denial. They often can be sources of joy if you let them. I am letting the Chat be a joyful transition as it helps me refocus from MN to AZ. Better get busy! I am looking forward to those mountains and walks along the trails, greeting folks and pets, adjusting to the sun and cacti. Here is what is on the menu: the usual notices about new homeowners and upcoming social events; killer cookie recipes; a board update; new garden art; words to the (un)wise about water; news of the weird; and some paint updates! WELCOME BACK to the snow birds who flee the cold temps (and rain, snow, sleet, ice, black ice, snow plows, snow emergencies, snow removal, snow suits, etc., etc.) and a big THANK YOU to the year round residents who keep the place nice and warm.

What's up Doc?

HOA Potluck: November 17 at 5 pm Anza Room

A-F salad, G-O main dish, P-Z dessert.

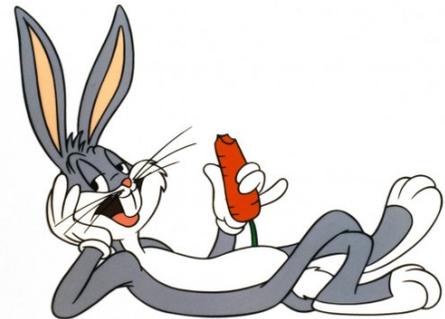
Please wear your name tag, bring your dishes and something to drink. A label for your shared dish is also helpful.

December 15 at 5 pm - Christmas Caroling (it's ok to just listen) details next month.

Meet and Greet: November 7 and December 5 from 3-5 pm, Fiesta Deck BYOB & a SNACK

Perry Park Picnics: These will start in January so as not to compete with Thanksgiving dinner and all the holiday gatherings. Just kidding. They do start in January. Dates TBA.

Monthly Board Meeting: November 14 at 9 am Fiesta Room.



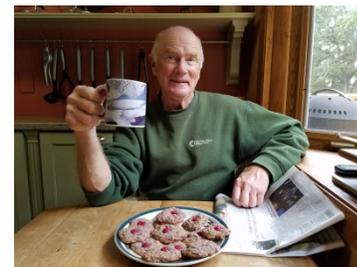
*****Reminder for January Potluck – Bring your earliest baby picture!?!#&*****



The Springs Chat is your newsletter, and it contributes to the vitality and culture of our community. The Newsletter Committee invites your contributions, your ideas, and your suggestions. It is best to contact a committee member in person: Juanita Kauffman (community and board news), Sally Bryan (brain child), Jeannie McGaughey (home sales and Chat delivery), Pat Strnad (pets and recipes), Pat Keenan (neighbor interviews and news of the weird), Cindy Deckinger (ads), Laurie Boyett (intermittent restaurant reviews), Neysa Dickey (proofreader), and Rebecca Keenan (editor). An email for the Chat has been set up: Thespringschat@gmail.com. You may contact us this way if it is more convenient.

Razzinado cookies - Simple raspberry sugar cookies by Pat Keenan

The razzinado's flavor comes from blending the rich, raw sweetness of turbinado sugar with the tartness of the raspberries. Turbinado sugar imparts a special taste, color, and granularity to the cookie (in other words, **do not substitute**). The recipe is very easy to bake and is a good choice when making cookies with kids.



Ingredients:

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour	1 tsp baking soda
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking powder	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
1 cup butter, softened	1 cup Turbinado raw sugar (do not substitute)
2 tsp lemon zest, finely grated	1 egg
1 cup fresh raspberries	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh raspberries for topping

(Note: It is possible to use frozen raspberries for this recipe, but add them/place them when still slightly frozen.)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. In small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.
3. In larger bowl, cream together butter, sugar, and lemon zest. (Turbinado sugar will retain some of its granularity). Beat in egg.
4. Add 1 cup raspberries. Mix with large wooden spoon.
5. Add dry ingredients to butter mixture. Again, mix with wood spoon until well blended.
6. Roll rounded teaspoons of dough into 1-inch diameter mounds. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Chill any unused cookie dough (really??).
7. Using the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of berries, place one on top of each cookie. Gently press the berry into the dough.
8. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, until the edges become golden brown and a bit crispy. The raspberry on top should still be a bit juicy.
9. Cool for 10 minutes. Then eat them.



Acknowledgements: basic recipe - Irma S. Rombauer's *Joy of Cooking*; fruit - wife Rebecca's prolific raspberry garden.



HELLO DOLLIES

by Anna Dithmers

Preheat oven to 350° and layer (in order) in a 9 x 13 pan:

- 1 stick melted butter
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup coconut flakes
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Bake 30 min. at 350° or until chips melt. Let cool, do not refrigerate.

Note: I melt the butter right in the pan as the oven preheats (doesn't take long), then layer up all the other stuff in order. This has been a standby for years, as you can take it places and it doesn't need refrigeration. Enjoy! (Editor says "seriously, use more chips!")

Water safety



This photo was taken this past summer by Mark Koruga, of a wash in The Springs. Don't forget the speed and power of rain water in the desert.

If there is moving water in a dip in the road, you need to stop and wait. If you need to stop and wait, then you need to stop and wait.

Your life is worth more than your vehicle, but save both, and don't cross any low standing areas with water until proven safe.

Someone you know drove through a low point on a road in Minnesota during a bad rain storm this summer. While I did not swamp my vehicle (I was behind a fire truck), I spent some \$\$ to dry out the engine. I was lucky! Sometimes it is hard to physically stop. But try to safely. And just wait.



Just wait.



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And support for the V.A.'s Fisher House

December 2nd: Learn and support your local Food Bank!

December 16th: Get that Christmas shopping done and BUY LOCAL!

This is now a MONTHLY EVENT!

Thanks to the kind folks at . . .

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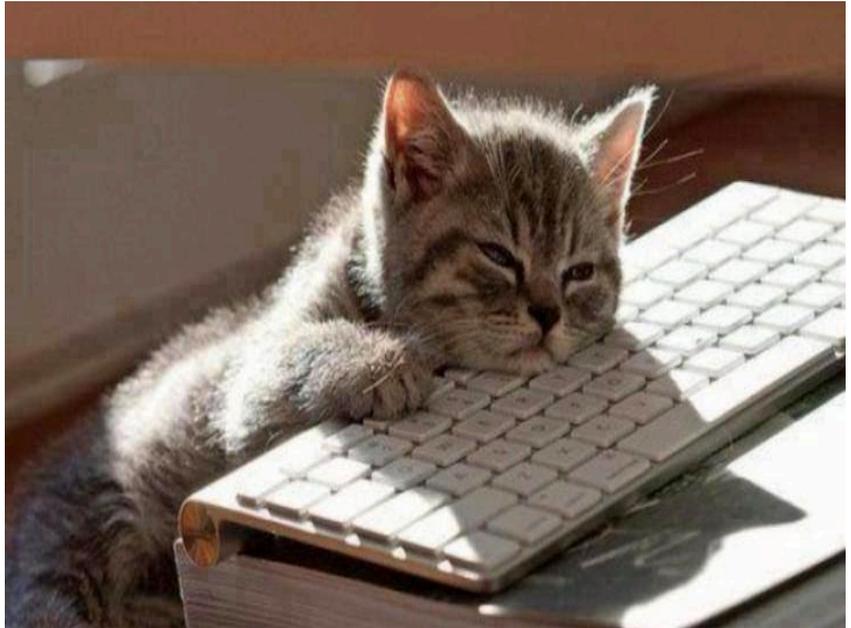


ARE YOU BORED? WANT TO BE (ON THE) BOARD?

It was last year about this time that Anna and I attended a neighborhood social event in The Springs. I happened to sit down at a table with Gene McGaughey. Anna and I were relatively new to The Springs, having been snowbirds for just a couple of years. We loved the community but didn't really know too many folks yet.

The conversation eventually came around to The Springs HOA and our need for individuals who were interested in serving on the board. Gene had served in the past and described it as "a great experience" and "a great way to get to know folks and make a contribution at the same time."

I knew from past experience that volunteers usually get at least as much out of the experience as they give to it. Study after study tells us that volunteering, serving, getting out of ourselves and into the lives of those around us is one of the keys to happiness. As they say, "What goes around comes around."



So, after some thought, prayer, and conversation with Anna, I threw my hat into the ring. And I was swept into office by an overwhelming margin. (It was an uncontested election.☺) Serving on the board has indeed been a great experience. I've gotten to know some quality people at a level that would not have been possible apart from working with them. And hopefully I've made a small difference in the life of our community. It feels good to be a part of the team.

A year has passed. And now I'm passing Gene McGaughey's invitation on to you. Want to make some great friends? What to make a difference? Why not consider tossing your hat into the ring?

If you're interested in exploring the opportunity, I'd love to have a cup of coffee with you and talk more about what's involved. Just shoot me an e-mail or give me a call.

For the Board,

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(since the June Chat for 2016)



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WELCOME



And now for something completely different!!!

News of the Weird: **The Big Year** is the premier competition in the birding world. The winner is the birder who sees the largest number of North American species in a calendar year. For birders, this is like World Series, the Super Bowl, and the Kentucky Derby all wrapped into one event. A contestant might fly to Texas to spot a crimson collared grosbeak that wandered across the border from Mexico. The next day there could be a rare bird off the coast of Newfoundland or perhaps Florida. In order to compete, a contestant needs a lot of time and a good strategy. Money helps too (at least \$75,000). So the contestants end up crisscrossing North America, seeking new birds.

2016 has already become a year for the record books. With weather changes produced by El Nino and global warming, Mexican rarities have been turning up in the southwestern US. Also DNA analysis has, for better or worse, provided us with four new species. For example, there are now two species of warbling vireo instead of just one and sparrows are getting new names.

The old record of 749 species was broken mid-year (*July 28*) by an Australian zoo keeper named **John Weigel** when he spotted a Buller's shearwater off the coast of California. And as this CHAT is being written, he has at least 771 species on his list. Right on his heels is a quirky birder from Wisconsin named **Olaf Danielson**. Danielson also broke the record but 2 days later than Weigel, with a red-faced cormorant. He is currently at 766 species.

Side Note: How quirky is Danielson? His main claim to fame amongst birders is that in 2013 he tallied 594 species **in the nude!** Setting his own standards, he did allow shoes, socks, and a hat to be worn. At no time during that year was he arrested. He did report being chilled on Attu, a remote Island off the coast of Alaska. Also the mosquitoes in Wisconsin were rough. The progress of both birders can be followed on their blogs: John Weigel - ***Birding for Devils***; Olaf Danielson - ***The Bad Weather Big Year***.

So when January 1, 2017, rolls around and everyone's glued to the tube watching the Rose Bowl, I'll be checking to find out the winner of **The Big Year**. And, personally, I'm pulling for the nudist cheesehead. **By Pat Keenan**

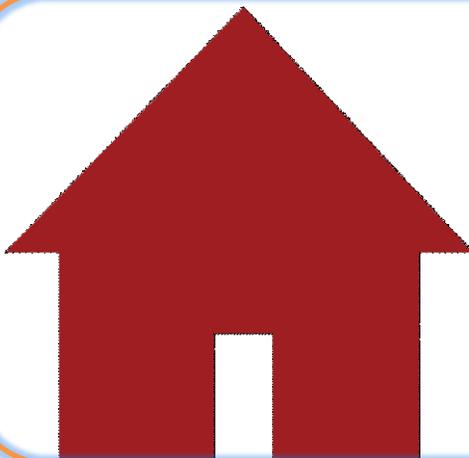


A New Neighbor



Many folks had fun watching the development of the tree sculpture on the corner of Golfista and Pelotita.

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OH BOY!!!! The Architectural Review Committee has approved new paint codes. by Ted Boyett

After reviewing the application of several new paints from Dunn Edwards the ARC approved the additional codes listed below and they will be listed to those paints allowed to repaint properties in The Springs. If you have additional question you should contact Gene McGaughey, the Compliance Agent, at hoa.arcagentgv@gmail.com, or a member of the ARC Committee.

Listed below are the codes that are in Dunn Edwards*** database for our HOA and my understanding is that Ace Hardware also is a supplier of Dunn Edwards and can use the same codes.

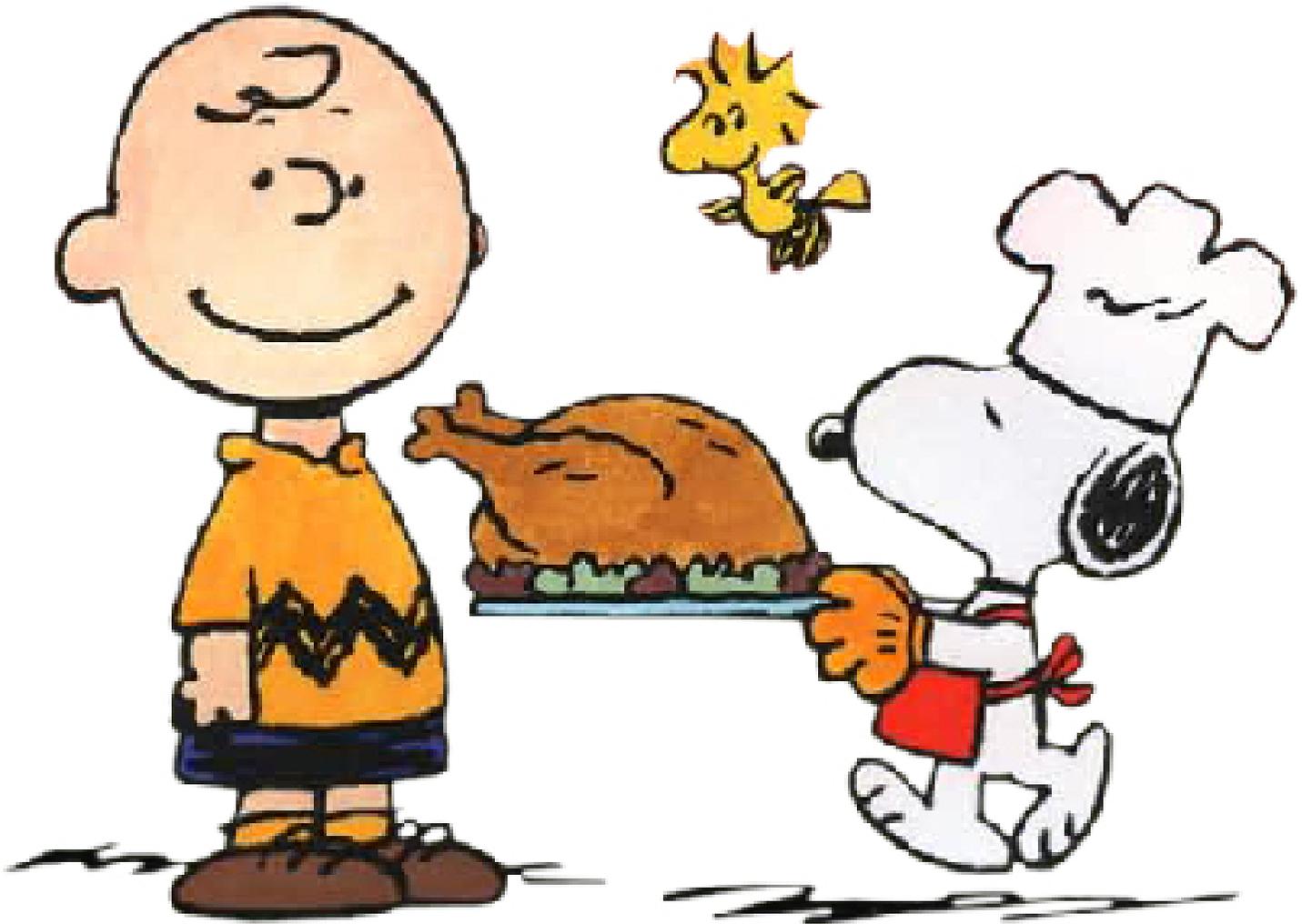
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We have so much to be thankful for that it is sometimes overwhelmed by our busy lives. But take a moment to breathe and smile each day, and say “thanks” for something that is a blessing. Wonderful neighbors, the crew that helps with landscape and trail care, the organizers of social events, cheery greetings, our HOA board, energetic volunteers who do more than we will ever realize, good health (even pretty good health), people with grace and sensitivity who help when we need it, and the beautiful area we live in, are just a few things that come to mind.



If you have special “thanks” you would like to acknowledge, send an email to:

Thespringschat@gmail.com and we will print them next time. THANK YOU!