

THE SPRINGS CHAT ~MARCH 2020~

A newsletter by and for the residents

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Sandhill Crane photo by Brent Headley

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FIVE HEART HOME

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The Springs CHAT is your newsletter.

Communication and sharing information can contribute to the vitality and the culture of our community.

The CHAT invites your contributions - information you would like to share with the community.

The editor also wants your ideas and suggestions, so just email them to

editor.thesprings@gmail.com

Letter to the GVR Clubs located in The Springs of Santa Rita

Dear Club,

As president of The Springs HOA, there are two issues I would like to bring to your attention. But first, I want to emphasize that our community values your presence here in our HOA and we appreciate all of your work to keep great opportunities available for all GVR members.

The first concern is about speeding. Please respect our speed limit of 20 mph throughout The Springs community. Your building is near the front gate where it is very important to keep your speed at 20 mph due to high traffic volume related to GVR members entering and leaving on our private roads. I have received multiple complaints about the speed of vehicles particularly when entering The Springs. The speed limit is posted clearly at two points at or near the gatehouse entry. I have included four notices for posting in your club's area which politely remind folks to slow down.

The second concern is about parking. There are three large parking areas that surround the GVR facilities, and our community prefers that GVR members use them rather than parking on our streets. Long term parking on the streets reduces visibility and creates congestion for our residents. Additionally parking up onto the sidewalks and curbing causes cracks and fracturing which The Springs pays for since we have private, not public streets and sidewalks. Please do your best to use the lots and not park on the streets. The above mentioned notice includes a request to use the lots whenever there is room available in them.

Residents of The Springs appreciate your help and that of the other local GVR clubs who have also been contacted. (The Springs community has also been reminded of the need to slow down.) We look forward to increased safety in our community.

Thank you so much for listening to our concerns.

Kindest regards,

Rebecca L Keenan
President of The Springs at Santa Rita HOA



Protect yourself, friends, and family!



- If you receive a questionable call, hang up and report it at oig.ssa.gov
- Don't be embarrassed to report if you shared personal information or suffered a financial loss
- Learn more at oig.ssa.gov/scam
- Share this information with others

Report a Scam

SCAMS:

BY PHONE CALLS, EMAILS, LETTERS, ETC.

By Brent Gordy

Recently, many of our residents received phone calls from what appeared to be our HOA office phone number. **The calls demanded we open our homes and garage doors to people who would use them for religious, garage sales, and other purported official services. These calls were authoritative and demanding in their nature, even to the point of stating that our HOA has keys to our resident's properties.**

THIS IS/WAS TOTALLY FALSE AND IS A SCAM.

That it sounded authoritative, even threatening, and was from a number you recognized made it look, perhaps, plausible. Most of us are aware that many scams are being perpetrated on the public. Older citizens, like us, are more often the target because scammers view us as easy prey as compared to the younger population. They are wrong!

Board members were called by residents questioning this scam. That is one of a number of correct things to do. We have reported these calls to the sheriff. Obviously, the scammer "stole" our phone number to make the calls look official.

Please remember that the board would never initiate such actions as to enter your private property, or demand money, passwords, account numbers, gift cards, social security numbers, etc. Yes, we do bill our owners annually for our dues. If code violations have not been taken care of, we may levy fines. All invoices to owners on these matters is by mail, **not** by phone, email, etc. Questions regarding these invoices should be made to the HOA office and will be immediately sent to appropriate board member.

The simple solution to these matters if they ever come up is to **just hang up** on the caller. This is not rude, it is the right thing to do. Anything truly important will come by US mail. If sent in email form, just delete it (and never click on a link in a suspect email).

If anything looks suspicious to you report it to the HOA office or to the sheriff. The goal of these calls is to install fear or anxiety in the person receiving it, to the extent that the person will open up their home or bank account information to the scammer. Another ploy scammers use is to make it look like you will be receiving "free" money or rewards, but only if you "do" or "send" something. Don't fall for it!

We are a small community. We care for each other. Please speak to your neighbors about this if you think they might be vulnerable to such scams. Protect and look out for each other.

Think and ask questions when these things come up. That is the smartest thing you can do.

Best regards to all,

The Board of The Springs at Santa Rita

THANK YOU'S

SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL TILE BENCHES IN THE SPRINGS

As a result of the January appeal for funds to buy additional concrete benches, we have met our goal to supply 8 additional benches for Judy Bierman to tile.

New benches are already appearing around The Springs. Please enjoy discovering them in common areas that did not have benches previously.

To all who contributed, **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

To Judy, **THANK YOU** for the gift of your time and talent. Together we are enhancing quality of life in the Springs.
Nancy Kelly

Successful Garage Sale

Thank you to all who participated in the garage sale. 36 homes signed up to participate. Juanita Kauffman

Events and Information

FINE ART SHOW

Several Springs artists will have paintings in the 12th Annual Members Juried Art Competition held at Canoa Hills Social Center March 2 to March 31.



Lefts overs from Volunteer Potluck

These items have been left at the HOA potlucks during the past several months. If they are yours, please come to the next potluck and reclaim them or contact Bill Perry. After the May potluck they will be given to the White Elephant.

All pets are
therapy pets.
Most are just
working undercover

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**Please respect our speed
limit
of 20 mph.**
**Please park in the lots when
there is room.**
**Thank you so much,
Residents of The Springs**

2020 HOME SALES

Address

3733 S. Camino Comica
3781 S. Avenida del Encino
812 W. Puma Peak Rd
701 W. Calle de la Pelotita
3725 S. Camino del Golfista
3755 S. Camino del Golfista
3664 S. Paseo de los Nardos
3773 S. Calle Rambles
880 W. Calle de la Pelotita
973 W. Via del Placio
3665 S. Avenida de Encino

Sold To

Curtis & Patricia Thompson
Doug & Johnene Deasy
Richard & Debra Fillion
Heidi Youssef
Doug Schaffer & Kathy Storm
Nancy Leonard & David Maier
Thomas DeToma
Deborah Flickinger
James Fiegel
Mary Susan Agan
Lynn Powell

Home Town

New London, MN
Green Valley, AZ
Green Valley, AZ
Green Valley, AZ
Big Stone City, SD
Waldport, OR
Tucson, AZ
Walsenburg, CO
Green Valley, AZ
Knoxville, IA
Lake Oswego, OR

President's Report for March 10, 2020

I hope everyone is enjoying the coming of spring in The Springs!

The first issue I want to address is the problem with nuisance calls to residents here in The Springs. Since the initial “outbreak” there haven't been additional calls (to the best of my knowledge). Also, there is no follow up information from law enforcement. I would like to call the matter “over” and acknowledge that we all have learned a few things. Please see the CHAT article by Brent Gordy and be vigilant when answering calls. It's ok to email the HOA to let us know if you receive a nuisance call so we can track the number or identify another “outbreak”.

Next I would like to clarify soliciting issues in our HOA. Our roads are private and in a gated community. Our lawyer confirms that we, as residents, have every right to tell solicitors (people witnessing, salesmen or political canvassers) to leave our HOA. A sign is posted at the gate. I am contemplating putting up a different sign, to have more detail, but the word “soliciting” does cover trespassers who seek to interact with you for uninvited purposes. And trespassing is what the people are doing. Folks do not want to be bothered with uninvited visitors and safety is a priority. If possible email the HOA and let us know, so we can look for patterns. A call to the sheriff, if the uninvited folks won't leave, is also an option. The email is hoa@thespringshoa.org .

At the end of February Ted Boyett and I attended a ‘lunch and learn’ conference put on by our legal firm, Goldschmidt & Shupe. The focus was on ARC issues (which Ted will report on) but there was also a short presentation about politicization of HOAs. The main takeaway was “HOAs are sometimes viewed as quasi-governmental bodies but they are actually private corporate entities and as such are responsible for obeying county and municipal restrictions.” As usual, the lunch was great, and Springs’ residents please note there are political sign ordinances in our county.

Lastly, at the ‘lunch and learn’ I had an opportunity to talk with a Sunland representative about our curbs about which there has been an ongoing discussion in our community. As you know, most, but not all are wedge shaped. I asked his opinion about vehicles parking on them. His **opinion** was that the curbs were not as much at risk for damage as were the sidewalks, due to the depth of the concrete. Sidewalks have a thinner pour and are more likely to crack. His additional comment was that truly large vehicles are more often the culprits for damage, and to warn vendors with them to stay off the concrete. The curb joint is also at risk, but opinions regarding that vary widely.

I was not able to attend the volunteer recognition gathering, but want to offer my thanks for the generous volunteerism in our community. It makes life here truly special and community oriented.

Rebecca Keenan
President of The Springs HOA

Green Valley Fire Corps

www.qvfire.org

This wonderful program in Green Valley provides some essential programs to make our lives safer.

Some Highlights that are Provided

Smoke Alarm and Battery Replacement:

Volunteers from the Corps will come to your home by appointment, inspect your alarms, change all batteries and install replacement smoke alarms (some installs are fee and some for minimal cost)(520-393-7505)

Desert Pest Removal:

Volunteers respond to NON-EMERGENCY situations relocating snakes and Gila Monsters (520-629-9200)

Lockbox Program:

Residential lockbox installed at your home. These lockboxes are only used by GVFD firefighters. A residential safe-entry lock box can give you peace of mind knowing that help can get to you if you cannot let help in. (minimal cost) (520-625-9438)

SHiM- Safety, Health in Motion

Fall prevention program, performs a home safety check which identifies potential fall situations and other safety considerations.



You didn't Yell "4"-You yelled "MOO!"

While playing golf on Torres March 1st, 2020 a small herd of cattle were enjoy the ponds and grass between hole 12-17. The cattle shooed off the course by cart cowboys! It was noted by the ground keepers of the golf course, that two Mountain Lions were spotted. No wonder the cattle were restless.

Photo by Marina Carey-Harsha



Rockin' Party

The details:

We had a big rock party this morning. Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, Mike Mitchell, John Kangas. Cathy Roberts, Dave Koch, Mike Seipel, John Frederickson and Jim Owen. We got that rock back in place and cleaned up in no time at all. We hooked up with a strap and John hauled it back up where it belonged. Someone has some major car damage. A Really Big Thank You for all of your help.
Jim Owen

UNDERSTANDING THE CENSUS

Once every decade, the federal government conducts a census of the entire population to count everyone in the United States and record basic information about them. Our nation's founders believed this data was so important that they mandated the decennial census in the Constitution.

Easy and Convenient

In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer.



Confidential and Secure

Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual or business. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.

The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

To make sure you and your community are counted, learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting 2020census.gov.