



SPRINGS CHAT

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Board Highlights from the 2021 March Meeting

By Rebecca Keenan

Board meetings continue to be held via Zoom. Attendance increases each month. Thanks to all for tuning in.

A wide angle mirror was installed at the turn on the path to the water tower to help walkers, cyclers, and golf cart drivers. Thanks to the Board for addressing the issue so quickly.

Other concerns include careless, noisy, and fast drivers. Though well founded, they are difficult to address and tend to be isolated incidents. Because they happen so fast, they are hard to document with a photo or license plate number. A description of the model & color of car can be helpful. Drive fast on the freeway, not in The Springs. The Board will continue to study the traffic issues.

Treasurer, Roger Olson, presented reports reflecting the financial stability of our community assets. The reports will be filed for audit and can be found on the HOA website.

President, Brent Gordy, reminded residents to stay vigilant about the COVID-19 recommendations. It's not over yet. GVR restrictions are changing and will start to affect our community, as more people begin to use the recreation center.

Vice President, Elvira Bayless, reminded residents that, at this time, our garbage hauler has not announced any recycling changes. Though Tucson has announced different guidelines, this does not affect Green Valley.

Director, Ted Boyett, announced that the semiannual walk-around will begin on March 15, 2021. Our new Compliance Agent, Peter Casey, is doing a great job. There is still an opening for a volunteer to help on the Architectural Review Committee.

Director, Jim Owen, reported that the Grounds Crew put in 180 hours in February. Most work was near the nature path and in the wash. Thank you to this busy volunteer crew!

Infrastructure Director, Mark Koruga, updated residents that he has installed an antenna to provide a stronger internet signal for our HOA office. Updated TEP street lighting has been slowly added as bulbs burn out. Please report outages to the HOA Office. Bids are being secured for painting the gate tower and for a street maintenance plan as we transition to Green Asphalt.

Secretary, Cathy Roberts, has been working with Jacke Marketti to create a resource that can be distributed by each block captain. It will contain contact info for the block captain, HOA, GVR, and other helpful information. There is a new sign board to announce Board meetings and other public service updates. An electric sign is still being evaluated.

Capital Reserve Chair, Sharon Toborg, gave a presentation. This fund plans for the HOA's future capital expenses. Maintenance for roads continues to be our greatest expense.

New Business

Mark Koruga discussed ways to remind drivers to slow down and watch for pedestrians and cyclists. He also explained the 4 phases for road maintenance. While it is a work in progress, it appears to be a more economical plan for our community.

Perry Park continues to be discussed as it is costly to maintain. Options include no change, decrease the amount of grass and adjust irrigation, or artificial turf. The javelina grass attacks have ceased and were probably related to the drought.

Open Forum

Topics included cracks in the nature path, slow opening of GVR activities, again approaching GVR for help with street maintenance, and Jim McGraw's 100th Birthday Celebration.

Thanks to all for supporting our HOA! Individual reports from this meeting are on the HOA website.

ADOT Adopt a Highway

by Cathy Roberts with Deby Cox

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Adopt a Highway program, or Frontage Road Cleanup, is a vital part of keeping our stretch of road looking neat and litter free.

In 2011 the Frontage Road, as it is today, was completed to reach beyond The Springs and accommodate the new hospital at a cost of nearly \$24 million. When Deby Cox saw the signs stating the new section of roadway was available for adoption she approached the HOA Board with an enthusiastic “Hey, we should do that”. Thus, the Frontage Road Cleanup project ensued with Deby at the helm.



The most recent cleanup was Saturday, February 20th. Deby said, “There were only three of us this time, but we were enthusiastic and enjoyed our stroll in the sunshine with our gigantic blue bags, wearing our fashionable green glow-in-the-dark vests”. We applaud the efforts of Deby Cox, Valerie St. Marie, and Ron Stevens on this day. They once again found interesting items as you can see from the photos. Deby has lots of stories, including finding a complete deer skeleton, the jaw bones of a javelina, bags full



of beer cans and bags of wine bottles at different intervals. Deby's favorite find was a



bouquet of four dozen roses; dry but still fragrant.

Cleanup up days are held 2-3 times each year. You are welcome to join in the effort. As residents and property owners, we all benefit from having our frontage road looking spiffy. It's easy and we reap the long term benefits. A notice will be posted a week ahead of each cleanup day at the mailbox stations; you will also receive an HOA email notification. It's usually on a Saturday at 9:00am and only for an hour or so. There is a video on YouTube from ADOT if you have an interest in exactly what takes place. Hope to see you out there next time.

IN THE KITCHEN

Submitted by Jo Adams

Finding Cheese Ravioli in my freezer, I searched for a recipe. I found this online & it is now a favorite.

RAVIOLI CASSEROLE

Prepare: 10 minutes

Bake: 30 minutes

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients:

1 pkg (20 oz) refrigerated cheese ravioli
3 ½ cups spaghetti sauce (homemade or jar)
2 cups small curd cottage cheese
4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
Minced fresh parsley

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350*. Prepare ravioli according to package directions; drain. Spread 1 cup spaghetti sauce in an ungreased 13 X 9 inch baking dish. Layer with half of the ravioli, 1 ¼ cups sauce, 1 cup cottage cheese and 2 cups mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.
2. Bake, uncovered, until bubbly, 30-40 minutes. Let stand 5-10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with parsley.



It's time to watch out for snakes! This Western Diamondback Rattler was ready to strike. I had to tease it to get it into this pose. They are normally quiet and just want to be left alone.

Photo taken on Our Nature Trail by Dick Bierman

100th Birthday
Jim McGraw Honored by American Legion Riders



JIM MCGRAW ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY, SURROUNDED BY AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Garbage & Recycling Reminder

From Springs HOA Board

When strong winds and breezes arrive, they pick up loose items and toss them along our streets into trees, bushes, and neighboring residences. Please remember to put a lid securely on your trash can when putting it out for garbage day. This will help keep streets and residences free of unwanted trash and debris. You also may want to consider placing a large rock on top of your recycling on windy days. The pick up crew should remove the rock before dumping. □ □

2021 HOME SALES

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The Chat Newsletter

Is there something you'd like to see added to our monthly missive? Have you discovered interesting activities during this global pandemic? Do you have a suggestion of how we can support YOU or how you support YOUR neighbors during this time? Do you like to write and would like to contribute an article regularly or occasionally?

If so, contact Sally Bryan, CHAT Editor, at thespringschat@gmail.com.