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Five Southwest Seasons

By Kae Vinson—Quarterly Editor



The Southwest has 5 seasons. Residents acknowledge the monsoon time between June 15—September 30, as a special 5th season. In past years, the National Weather Service defined the season as starting when 3 consecutive days had dew points above 55 degrees. This caused so much confusion that in 2008 the season was changed to our current 107 days definition.

There are basically 3 areas of concern during the monsoon:

(1) Lightning (2) Floods (3) Dust Storms

The National Weather Service says “Thunderstorms are at their peak during August with Arizona and Southeast New Mexico having 1.5 million strikes a year.” Count the seconds between lightning and thunder. Five seconds equals 1 mile away. Find protection immediately.

Flash Floods live up to their name. Drivers need to be alert and cautious when approaching flash flood areas. One moment there is no water and in a flash there is dangerous swift moving water. Arizona has a Stupid Motorist Law A.R.S. 28-910. You must pay for a needed rescue by a public agency if you ignore warning signs or drive around barricades and become stuck in a flooded wash.

Haboobs are severe dust storms with 30-50 mph winds creating dense walls of dust that can be a mile high. There are Haboobs in Arizona. Luckily, most of our wind storms are not severe.

KGUN 9 predicts the 2020 monsoon season will be warmer and have more rain than last year. Flora, fauna, and people look forward to the rain of the Sonoran Desert 5th season!

EVENTS

Meetings and socials have not been scheduled due to Covid-19.

WELCOME

NEW HOMEOWNERS

Barbara Elsner

1775 N Rio Yaqui

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Jack & Kay Susin

1808 N Rio Mayo

Please add our new homeowners to your SpringPointe Directory.

Thanks to the U.S. National Weather Service—Tucson, Arizona State University, Arizona State Climate Office, Wikipedia, and KGUN 9 for information used in the Five Southwest Seasons editorial.

## **SpringPointe Homeowner's Association Mid-Summer Update**

By Travis Gamble - SPHOA treasurer

Greetings from the Northwest where it has been struggling to get into the 70's. The kale, radishes and lettuce love it but the maters like it hot. I have been staying close to home with some golf. I am painting the outside of my house this summer... the perfect virus home project.

We are down to the Sweet 16. About 16 homeowners have yet to pay all of their 2020 dues and the remainder was due July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Treasurer would prefer just one payment per year with a due date of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

There have been no unusual expenses in the last couple of months and no insurance claims for any building damages. As I have said before, if you are paying more than \$300 per year for insurance on your condo, you may be paying too much. I pay \$210 per year with a \$2000 deductible. It seems to be about how much building property insurance your policy covers. Since the HOA policy covers your building inside and out for damages, the amount does not need to be very high. I have \$20,000. If you have solar panels and/ or an Arizona room it should be higher, since the HOA policy does not cover either one of these items. I have been told by more than a dozen homeowners that they saved over \$200 per year by talking to their agents about this. Go for it. It may be your Best Home Project of the summer.

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**Remember to vote**



## Sonoran Desert Toad

This harmless looking creature is “The second most toxic toad in the world” according to the Rolling Hills Pet clinic in Maricopa County.

The olive green Sonoran Desert Toad can grow as large as 8” earning it the title of “Largest native toad in the U.S.” The toad lives underground until the monsoon or rainy season. When the ground is damp, toads appear above ground for the mating season. This is a critical time for exposure to your dog or cat. Amy Burnet of AZ Game & Fish says “ They are toxic to dogs and cats and kill more dogs than rattlesnakes.”

Dogs grab them with their mouth receiving a surprise when the stressed toad releases a dose of toxic ooze. Vet Med in Phoenix reports “Your dog or cat may froth from the mouth and have seizures.”

Quickly rinse your pet’s mouth downward to the ground and not backward toward the stomach. Go to the Vet immediately.

Yes, the Sonoran Desert Toad has been occasionally seen in SpringPointe, especially along the Rosaldo Arroyo.

**For Information:**

**Contact Tucson Herpetological Society**

## BLOCK NEWS

### Block 7 (561—579 W Via Rosaldo )

Thirty cars displaying Happy Birthday signs and colorful balloons honked their way to 575 W Via Rosaldo on the 4th of June.

SpringPointe became alive at 4:00 P.M. with yells, chants, and the traditional Happy Birthday song played on a banjo.

Pres Johnson, sitting at the end of his driveway, received greetings and wishes from his friends for a Happy 90th Birthday. A special birthday celebrated in a unique way during the Covid 19 pandemic.

*Pres*

HAPPY 90th



BIRTHDAY

From SpringPointe

### Block 9 (635-675 W Via Rosaldo)

Block 9 is looking trim and spiffy these days. Our block has 16 homes making it the largest block in SpringPointe. We

are the first block to have 100% of the garage trims painted. Do we win a blue ribbon?

