

SpringPointe Quarterly

News and Views Of Your Community

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Positive Thoughts

Liking yourself during times of isolation is a positive uplift. Covid 19 has given us a chance to re-discover ourselves....Discoveries of all types such as strengths, love, forgotten talents, attitude, venerability, etc. Command negative and depressing thoughts to disappear. Welcome positive thoughts and actions with enthusiasm.

Days, months, years, are not something to take for granted. "Each day is a gift" of life. A gift to use wisely... A day to be greeted in a special way. But most of us, at our ages, already know this. .

Your attitude can produce positive days during this crisis. You are special. Our SpringPointe neighbors are special. WE are special! Stay safe and give yourself a big hug. You deserve it.



Windstorm Damage

Notice to SpringPointe Residents:

If we have severe wind damage with downed trees or limbs do not try to clean-up the heavy debris. We have budgeted extra work days for our maintenance person, Bert Nido. He will come and do the heavy work.

An example of this was a recent windstorm in August. Bert worked an extra day (Monday, August 31) to help in our clean-up.

Bert's normal workday is the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Jim Novak — SpringPointe HOA President

Editors Note: Susan Eaton, SPHOA director, reported the August windstorm hit late in the day with a forceful crazy wind. The next morning calls were received from Rio Mayo and Yaqui homeowners about downed tree branches.

EVENTS

There will be future notifications about SpringPointe events when Covid 19 is not a health problem.

WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNER

Cinda Erickson

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The Case for Native and Desert Adapted Plants in the Landscape

David Grondin

SpringPointe HOA Director

When my wife and I started snow birding from the shores of Lake Superior in Northern Michigan to SpringPointe my knowledge of the Sonoran Desert was minimal. The contrast in ecosystems was literally night and day. For sure, I've made my share of landscape mistakes. However, what I have learned is simply the more I use plants, shrubs and trees that like to grow here, the greater my rate of success.

Our Desert plants need to stand up to extreme arid conditions. In addition, they must tolerate temperatures that range from frost to blazing heat. They are well adapted to our native alkaline soil. It is truly inspiring to see how well these plants have flourished in the Sonoran Desert.

The University of Arizona recommends the following principles for successful landscaping:

1. Use careful planning and design for water conservation.
2. Group plants with similar water needs together.
3. Irrigate efficiently. **Water the soil not the plant.** Irrigate to the full depth of a plant's root zone. Generally, 12" for small plants, 18" for shrubs and 36" for trees. When irrigating, use a soil probe to establish the correct drip settings. **The principal is to irrigate slow and deep to the right depth.**
4. You **do not** need soil amendments for native plants.
5. **Mulch is recommended.** A 2 to 4 inch layer reduces evaporation, minimizes weeds and cools the soil. Both organic (wood chips) and inorganic (gravel) work well. Keep mulch away from the main trunk of the plant.
6. Your reward will be reduced maintenance and long term success.

If I've piqued your interest, here are two excellent websites to expand your knowledge. I use both of these all the time.



- The University of Arizona publications website is an excellent resource for almost any question you have. Simply use the keyword search and explore. That website can be found at: <https://extension.arizona.edu/pubs>
- The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association is a great plant selection resource. Beautiful photos and comprehensive plant specific information. Link to this website at: <http://www.amwua.org/plants>

Pima County Roadway Repair and Improvements

Pima County sent a letter to residents about the 2020 - 2021 Road Repair and Preservation Improvement Program. They will be adding new pedestrian ramps which will comply with the Disabilities Act. This means portions of curbs and sidewalks will be replaced with the new ramps.

Work will begin in our area on October 15, 2020. SpringPointe does not have sidewalks but work could be done in neighboring homeowner associations.

For more information contact : email at roadprojects@pima.gov or call (520) 724-6410.

Southwest Gas Repair

Southwest Gas is removing abandoned gas pipes around October 19 or 20th. Our HOA is not included on the work list but don't be surprised to see this work being done around Green Valley and Sahuarita.



Free Covid 19 Testing in Green Valley



This event was well organized at the large parking lot between the church and Desert Hills Recreation Center. It took only 20 minutes to complete the testing. Many people took advantage of this health event. Plus they gave us free masks!

Block News

Block 9

Living along the arroyo provides the opportunity to observe wildlife. There have been even more sightings this year. Many flying visitors made our spring alive with song and color. A special sighting was of several Pyrrhuloxia. When summer arrived the small birds stayed, including tiny gnatcatchers.

Some of our summer's happenings include:

- ◆ Many Hawks perched high on mesquite branches.
- ◆ Javelinas ate flowers in front yards and moved pots & plants.
- ◆ Thrashers tossed gravel around while hunting for insects.
- ◆ A Screech Owl took a long daytime nap on the top of a front entry column.

Two weeks ago, a bobcat was seen in our cul-de-sac. The homeowner was drinking coffee in the front yard when a bobcat appeared from the side of a large bush. Both human and animal were shockingly surprised. They stared at each other from a distance of 10 feet for about a minute before the Bobcat decided to leave.

Rattle snakes have not been a big problem in Block 9 this year.