

SpringPointe Quarterly

News and Views Of Your Community

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2022 SpringPointe Board

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Director Bob Waldorf

Director Phil Vande-Riet

VP Mitchell Koentopf

President Jim Armstrong

Secretary Jim Erwin

Treasurer Rod Sundsted



Five volunteer directors managed the 2021 SpringPointe business. Our 2022 annual election had one candidate on the ballot but ABRACADABRA a full board of six directors was complete by the end of the 2022 organizational meeting.

WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS

David & Mary Lou Bennett

1697 N Rio Yaqui

503-720-8779

Joseph & Lesley Bruce

561 W Via Rosaldo

610-468-5073

Louis & Penelope Costello

1772 N Rio Mayo

575-313-5556

Lisa Mitten

1720 N Rio Mayo

520-505-7591

New SPHOA President Looks Ahead

by *Jim Armstrong* - SpringPointe President

After serving three years as HOA secretary, this year my fellow Directors selected me as President for 2022 - 2023. I appreciate their confidence in me and will do my best to keep SpringPointe performing as a good association...and a great neighborhood to live in.

I believe that the past two years of living with Covid – 19 have reduced social contact and cohesion. Let's hope the situation continues to improve and we can all get back to being out – and – about more freely, hosting social gatherings, etc. That would go a long way to restore the neighborly feeling of our HOA.

Home sales in SpringPointe have been very positive. Ten units changed hands this past year, most with prices above \$200,000. That's testament to the desirability of our HOA. We all contribute to that by maintaining and improving our homes. On that note, this is a great time to think ahead to any improvements you might be considering. Please remember that *any exterior modifications, even maintenance like painting, usually require an approval* with a submitted Architectural Request Form. You'll find the rules and form in our HOA Directory or our website SpringPointeHoa.com under "Legal Documents and Forms."

With last summer's strong storms in mind, this is also a time to be sure the roof and parapets are in good shape. One potential problem is the scuppers where water drains from the flat roof. Check for any debris blocking them, like leaves. Also make sure they're well sealed with no cracks in the caulk where the scuppers go through the brick wall—that's a potential leak into your walls during a storm.

Our HOA faces a significant budget challenge: Building more reserves to eventually repave our *cul de sacs*. Eighty of our 106 homes are built on the seven *cul de sacs*, so the great majority of owners are directly affected by the condition of our pavement. We're approaching the useful life of the asphalt. Last fall, the Board reviewed a multi-year plan to devote more of each year's budget to reserves. We all need to stay committed. Unexpected events like last summer's destructive storms can affect these plans. As a community, we'll need to be open and honest about HOA finances and priorities.

Wondering what you can do? I encourage every homeowner to stay informed—read our minutes, emails, and newsletters. Please consider where and how you might volunteer your time and talents. Our HOA would benefit from re-starting some social events—we need someone to chair **Social Activities**, like arranging a potluck or cookout at the clubhouse, or a group meal at a local restaurant. A volunteer **Clubhouse Manager** would help assure that the facility is tidy and well-organized for homeowners to use for their own gatherings. Late this year we'll need someone to chair the **Nominations and Election Committee**, encouraging people to run for the Board seats. All of these are opportunities for homeowners to make our HOA stronger and more successful. There's plenty of room to get involved!



Our Town's Heroes

The Green Valley firemen are our town's heroes. These men and women perform emergency and non-emergency services ranging from one extreme to another, making the versatility of their job incomprehensible. Our Firemen could easily be on Marvels list of Super Heroes.

The firemen from four stations in Green Valley are on the scene for:

Fires

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Emergency medical calls

Patient Assists

Desert Animal Relocation

Hiker and Swift Water Rescue

Their job description continues with education programs and services.

Public Education

CPR and First Aid Training

Fire Corp

CERT - Community Emergency Response Team

SHIM - Safety & Health in Motion

Fire Prevention

The Fire Corp consisting of men and women volunteers give non-emergency support in prevention and safety services. Two of their special programs are the Smoke Alarm and Lock Box. The Fire Corp will change the smoke alarm batteries for a max of 8 alarms for \$20. The alarms are also tested to make sure they are working properly. You can buy a new \$20 alarm which is installed by the volunteers. Spring-Pointe has high ceilings with alarms near the ceiling. Using ladders is dangerous and this program is a real benefit for seniors. However, this program has been placed on hold due to Covid 19 until it is safe for volunteers.

Lock boxes cost \$50 and \$25 for installation. Home keys are placed in this outside strong box and can only be opened with a special key by GVFD firefighters or Fire Corp Volunteers.

Important phone numbers:

Smoke Alarms—520-393-7505

Lock Box—520-625-9438

Rattlesnake removal and Chirping Smoke Alarms—520 629-9200

Emergency—911

You can also call 911 and quickly announce non-emergency. They will ask "What is your problem?" You will be connected to the agency needed. I have used this method for snake removal and patient assist. For more information about the Fire Department programs search with <https://gvfire.org>

By *Kae Vinson* — SpringPointe Quarterly Editor

MEET TIFFY

This year, we started introducing you to our SpringPointe pets. In January, you got to meet poodle Sadie and SpringPointers who take regular walks around the neighborhood probably saw her with either Rich or Joan in tow. Sadie is currently happily roaming her large Wisconsin garden and sends you her love.

The pet we are going to introduce you to today, you probably never met and for a good reason. She is a strictly indoor cat and a very cute one at that. She lives at 1632 Rio Mayo with Gloria Lee who was on the board and in charge of our common grounds a few years ago.

Good morning, Gloria! What's your lovely cat's name?

Her name is Tiffy, a friend of mine named her.

What's special about Tiffy?

Well, she's already 10 years old but still weights only 4 1/2 pounds... Very small framed. Also she is a tortie, that is a tortoiseshell cat with the tortitude personality that goes with it (just google it), but with a distinctive white spot on her chin. She's not always very social but she knows when somebody is a cat person (I experienced that first-hand when Tiffy came to me and licked my finger).

Where and when did you adopt Tiffy?

We found each other at the local Animal League, like five years ago.

What's Tiffy's favorite dish?

She would probably say chicken dry food.



What's the best thing about having a cat companion?

I always had a cat pretty much for the past 20 some years and she's very good at playing fetch, which I love because as a kid I used to have a dog.

So why did you choose having a cat over a dog?

Well, the absence of sidewalks in many areas around here makes it harder for me to safely walk a dog.

That's right, I can personally attest to the lack of sidewalks being an issue sometimes, like near the intersection of Alamos and Rio Mayo, where speeding vehicles can be a risk factor. Any sidewalks for the whole area in the making soon?

Photographs and article by *Sylvie Robertshaw*

APPRECIATION



Susan Eaton and Travis Gamble volunteered to make SpringPointe a better place by serving many years on the SPHOA Board.



In Memorium

Suzanne Quincey passed away in early April, 2022. She was a resident of SpringPointe for many years. Condolences to her family!

BLOCK NEWS

Block Six

Brenda Russell is a SpringPointe homeowner who enjoys spending time outside walking and gardening. She passed along this in-depth video from a snake removal company - [Rattlesnakes! Living Safely and Feeling Better about it](#) (If clicking the link doesn't work, search for this title on You Tube.

The video explains a lot and will clear-up many mistaken impressions.

Block Nine

Jim Irwin hosted a Block Pizza Party