

# SpringPointe Quarterly

News and Views Of Your Community

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## EVENTS

### Board Meeting

Oct 24—Monday  
2:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

## WELCOME

### New Homeowners

#### *Candy Burns*

1664 N Rio Mayo  
520.822.6797

#### *John Vincent Husted*

1665 N Rio Yaqui



## SPHOA Involvement Opportunities

*By Jim Armstrong*

SpringPointe HOA President

***Becoming involved with your Homeowners Association is important! Our HOA relies on volunteers: Directors, Block Captains, committees, and others. Here are a couple immediate opportunities and another for the near future.***

**Social Chair** - (a.s.a.p.) Someone to organize occasional events like a potluck or cookout at the clubhouse. Plan a date and event, compose an announcement or flyer, and set-up the clubhouse with tables, chairs, decorations, etc. (Bring along some helpful neighbors). The HOA will provide you with email promotion of events and a budget for supplies.

**Communications** - (a.s.a.p.) Someone to manage our website and email system, and to organize two major mailings (annual billing and election) each year. The necessary administrative skills include office software like Word and Excel, and familiarity using online applications. We use Squarespace for the web and Mailchimp email.

**Board Candidates** - Remember we elect three Board positions at the annual meeting every winter. Please consider whether this is your time to step up into some leadership responsibilities in our neighborhood. We need owners throughout the HOA to participate in operating our organization. **Accounting, booking, and/or financial skills** are especially needed. Our current Treasurer's term on the Board expires this winter. That position will be critically important if he decides not to run again.

## Alert the SPHOA about Hazards

*By Jim Armstrong*

SpringPointe President



Yikes! A Block 8 (591 – 627 W Via Rosaldo) homeowner found this situation in their driveway after one of the August storms. Their experience is a warning to all of us. The intensity of storms can cause branches, trees, even a stately saguaro to fall. Desert plants may not have deep roots. If the soil is softened by enough rain, plants can fall over just from their own weight.

Please be aware of large flora near your home and driveway. Be cautious about placing anything in the “hazard zone” – the circle around that plant out to its full height. Even if you think you know which way it might fall, nature can surprise us in storm conditions.

This cactus was in the yard in front of the home. In most of SpringPointe, that’s common area owned by the HOA. However, the HOA and its insurer are not liable for damage like this resulting from a storm, which is considered “an act of God.” Insurance regulations and tort law typically treat damage from natural events as unforeseen, no-fault situations. An exception to this for trees (or other plants) may occur when there is evidence the owner was given notice of a likely hazard, but failed to correct it. For example, a dead limb in a tree could be a hazard to fall on a neighbor’s house. The owner of the tree might be found liable if they’d been notified of the issue but failed to do anything, then the limb later falls and causes damage.

*Please alert your HOA with the details in writing if you see any large plants with dead limbs, cracks, trunk leaning, or other likely hazards around your home or elsewhere in SpringPointe.*

### Did You Know?

Conversations during the summer often include tales about close calls with snakes. Rattlesnakes are mistakenly referred to as poisonous snakes. Let’s use the terms poisonous and venomous correctly. Poisons are delivered by ingestion, inhalation, or adsorption through the skin. Venomous is the term used when a toxic substance is injected into the body by critters that have fangs or stingers. Therefore, our rattlesnakes are venomous snakes and not poisonous snakes.

## Pet Profile

I met this cat on a quiet Venetian street in Italy. He seemed to own the place and the moment as nothing else could disturb his meditation. *By Sylvie Robertshaw*



### Festive SpringPointe

Let's make SpringPointe bright and cheery during this holiday season. Surely, we all have something to celebrate...Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, and/or the New Year.

Just a single strand of energy efficient outside lights with an outside timer will help make SpringPointe festive.

Look out Pueblo Estates, SpringPointe has the spirit too.

### Contributing to the newsletter

"Hats Off" to the eight people who contributed news, articles, and photos for the October Quarterly.

**You** can take part by submitting letters to the editor, commentaries, block news, photos, profiles, jokes, poems, travel articles, recipes and celebrations. Block Captains are in a perfect position to encourage homeowners to share information.

The next Quarterly publication is in January. Articles need to be received by the 8th of the publishing month. Please send photos as an attachment to your email.

Send to Kae Vinson <[apoarizona@cox.net](mailto:apoarizona@cox.net)>



## Garden Article

*By Margaret Park*

Block 3 (1743 – 1813 N Rio Yaqui)

**A garden is always a series of losses set against a few triumphs, like life itself.**

-- May Sarton

Gardening in Green Valley presents challenges unlike any I faced in the Northeast. The Green Valley zip codes are Zones 9a and 9b representing a wide swing of temperature and moisture. But I love to play in the dirt and thrive seeing the smallest progress among the vegetables I try to grow in pots.

I've learned I must put up shade to counteract the intense sun and heat from May to October. The air temperature might feel cool but the sun is intense and broils tender plants. Collecting rain in water barrels allows me to avoid the chlorinated local water as much as possible, but I depend of the monsoons and sometimes run out before the next cloud drips over my yard.

Gardening is my entertainment, not my food supply as much as I wish it were. Any morsel picked and eaten is rare and treasured. Many a mouse has savored my spinach or cabbage before I did. But the first taste of a sweet juicy cantaloupe is like the nectar of the gods. And just as rare.

Growing in pots has been how I have managed most of my success. In ground plants during the summer can be destroyed by grubs not common in the cool winter. Nothing like watching beautiful growth of poles beans wilt and die almost overnight. Grubs had done the deed and were fat and sassy on the roots they enjoyed. I dig out the grubs and toss them to the quail who find them tasty. The same goes with tomato hornworms.

If you have space for a pot or two and an area that has semi shade much of the afternoon, try growing a favorite vegetable or two. As we cool down, carrots, beets, lettuce can fill a container and bring you salad and a thrill. The triumphs will outweigh the losses and bring excitement and pleasure each day as you check the progress and watch the green appear like magic.

## BLOCK NEWS



**Sweet potato bed in July**



**Butternut squash**



**Shade room filled with containers**

Susan Davis comments "Meg Park has been here a long, longtime and is a mainstay and friendly neighbor to all of us in the cul-de-sac."



**BLOCK NEWS continued**



The beautiful Texas Rangers flowering with the monsoon rains have been just beautiful this year. I got to thinking about our snowbird residents of SpringPointe and what they miss when they go North for the summer.

*By Susan Davis* - BLOCK 3 (Rio Yaqui)



Flooding behind the home of Marybeth Kelly Wall located in BLOCK 2 at 1677 N Rio Yaqui.

*Contributed by Sue Kenney* - BLOCK 5 (Rio Mayo)



The peppers are ripe and the sauce ready!

*Sue Kenney*

BLOCK 5 (Rio Mayo)

Editor's Note: Sue's pepper sauce recipe was published in the July Quarterly. The newsletters are saved on the SpringPointe website.



*Don't tell secrets in the garden*

*The potatoes have eyes*

*The corn has ears, and*

*The beanstalk*

*Posted on Facebook*



## BLOCK NEWS Continued

## Tahiti Cruise

Nancy Vogel - BLOCK 9 (Via Rosaldo)



The Windstar cruise ship, *Wind Spirit* (a four-mast sailing yacht with 4 decks and 135 passengers) left Papeete, Tahiti on the 9th of September. We toured Moorea, Raiatea, Taha'a, Bora Bora, Huahine returning on September 15th to Papeete. Except for torrential rain in Bora Bora, the 80—85\* weather was beautiful and balmy. Small ship sailing is my favorite way to go. We toured two pearl farms, vanilla plantations, snorkeled with colorful reef fish, sting rays, and black-tipped sharks. Tahiti is hurting for tourist dollars. Since Covid, their economy has not recovered. My friend Lindan Wharton and I did our part to help.

## Coffee at the Florian

Sylvie Robertshaw - BLOCK 5 (Rio Mayo)



**Caffe Florian** located on St. Mark's Square in Venice, Italy, is the oldest coffee house in continuous operation since 1720. My cappuccino was served on a silver tray and was accompanied by live music. Starbucks, established in Seattle in 1971, still has a long way to go.

## Jim Erwin's Motorcycle Trips



Jim Erwin - BLOCK 9 (Via Rosaldo)

Kae asked me to write about my travels. I'm not sure where to begin. Over the past two years I've visited 45 states and toured 14 state capitol buildings. My riding partner and I have traveled approximately 20,000 miles during this time, mainly on secondary and scenic roads. Fifteen thousand miles have on motorcycle. In the fall of 2019 we left Minnesota riding east to the Atlantic Ocean, then across the southern states. The most impressive part of this trip was riding the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains.

This past spring we left Green Valley and road the Pacific Highway (cold and windy ride) up to the Lewis and Clark trail, then east to Minnesota. The most exciting part of this trip was being plowed off of the mountain pass outside of Jackson, Wyoming. This was a scary experience on a motorcycle. On September 1 we left northern Minnesota to southwest Minnesota where my riding partner picked up a beautiful new 3 wheel motorcycle. Because of time restraint we mainly headed straight west until Salt Lake City where my partner headed to California and I headed to Green Valley.

What's next? We plan to ride the Ozarks, Alaska, and Glacier National Park.

# Art-in-the-Park

Sponsored by Green Valley Gardeners  
at **Desert Meadows Park**  
999 S La Huerta

**Saturday, October 22nd**

**9 am to 3 pm**

**Art Booths**

**Food Trucks**

**Music**

**Silent Auction**

(Auction bidding ends at 1:30 pm,  
no need to be present at close.)

Including the fall  
Green Valley Gardeners

**PLANT SALE**

**Friday, October 21st**

**Saturday, October 22nd**

**9 am to 3 pm**







**ANNUAL GVC PREFERRED  
VENDOR EXPO**  
**Friday, December 2, 2022**  
**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**555 N La Canada Drive  
Green Valley, AZ 85614**

**Come join us in the GVC Parking lot and meet  
Local Vendors**

**Check out Fiesta Filipina Food Truck  
(The word on the Street is the Food is Fabulous)**

**We will have a free raffle and door prizes  
throughout the day**

**Bring a Donation of an Unwrapped Toy to Help our  
Neighbor, the Salvation Army, with their  
Christmas Toy Drive  
and/or**

**Bring a canned good for the Food Bank**

**For More information contact us at 520-648-1936**