

SpringPointe Quarterly

News and Views Of Your Community



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Events

Board Meeting

Oct 25 at 2 PM

Street Socials

Oct or Nov

Rosaldo Chair: **Julie Stein**

Jan or Feb

Mayo Chair: **Sylvie Robertshaw**

Mar or Apr

Yaqui /Alamos Chair: **The Koentopfs**

Welcome New Homeowners

Daniel & Francisca Amaya

1767 N Rio Mayo
602.293.6146

Kelsi Dornquast

1665 N Rio Yaqui
520.878.3878

Mike Nopper

1636 N Rio Mayo
619.761.9172

SPHOA President's Message

By *Mitch Koentopf*

SpringPointe President

It appears we have finally escaped an unusually warm summer. I think our high temps ran about 7 to 10 degrees above normal. We had some nice rains from our monsoons and thankfully, no major damage or flooding was reported.

I would like to "take the pulse" of our members regarding the use of our clubhouse. Other than Board meetings it is rarely used. I am wondering if there is any appetite to change it to a game room...Pool tables, Bumper Pool tables, Ping Pong tables and/or Foosball tables? Other social activities could still be covered. Any comments or suggestions can be sent to <springhoa16@gmail.com> . It would be great to see that facility utilized more than a few times a year.

The HOA continues to be in need of volunteers. Areas of need are Communications (website management), Cul-de-Sacs, Insurance, Waste Management and Governing Documents.

Arizona Statutes require an annual financial audit, review or compilation of the HOA. If you are or know an accountant capable of performing this audit, please respond using the email listed above. Being a CPA is not a requirement but would be preferred. This is a paid opportunity.

The next Board meeting is October 25th at 2 PM at the clubhouse (*rescheduled from 10/17*). All members are encouraged to attend.

The Social That Almost Didn't Happen



The Ice Cream Social scheduled for July 27th almost didn't happen. The air conditioner in the clubhouse refused to cooperate for the event. At the last moment it was moved to 1779 N Rio Yaqui which had a functional HVAC system and plenty of chairs. The event featured three homemade ice creams (citrus, raspberry, and chocolate) plus some good vanilla.

Julie and Ron Stein, Kaye and Jim Novak, and Judy and John Prairie brought lots of cookies to share and they were "a hit." Kim Walters also brought several good toppings for the ice cream. The event brought a good crowd and no one went away hungry.

It was a fun thing to do on a hot, hot late afternoon. Stay tuned for more HOA events, hopefully at the clubhouse!

By *Susan Davis*

Did You Know?

The President and First Lady send Greetings from the White House to U.S. citizens for multiple special occasions.

You can request a Card/Greeting for yourself or someone else. Send your request 6 weeks before the occasion with the exception of births. For this special occasion the request is sent after the event.

Categories for Greetings/Cards

Achievement	Graduation
Adoption	New U.S. citizen
Birth of a child	Spiritual Achievement
Birthday 80 or greater	Wedding
Veteran's Birthday 70	Wedding Anniversary – 50, 60, 70 years
Condolences	Retirement of 30 years or more in a profession.
Eagle Scout	
Girl Scout Gold Award	

Request Greetings at the White House website.

www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-greeting

Call 202.456.1111 if you do not receive the greeting.

Information from WIKI How to do anything and White House websites

GVR Eligibility for SpringPointe Lots 21-28

An old GVR ruling for our eight non-age restricted homes has been changed. The GVR Board voted and approved eligibility for GVR membership to 400, 408, 416, 424 W Via Alamos and 1661, 1665, 1669, 1673 N Rio Yaqui.

Current homeowners of these homes may choose to "Deed restrict their dwelling to GVR." This option will be on record for future homeowners buying a non-GVR SpringPointe townhouse. The other 98 SPHOA homes are GVR homes... Once a GVR home, always a GVR home!

This GVR decision will not change the status of non-age restricted to age restricted. Children living in one of these homes will be able to use GVR facilities during the designated children's hours.

2024 has been a year of positive change and options for SpringPointe's original 8 homes. The "originals" are now included in the SPHOA insurance plan and GVR membership is available



Slam, Dunk, Money in the Cashier's pocket

By Kae Vinson
Quarterly editor

This article does not imply all cashiers are dishonest people. Most are honest people working to “make a living”. A retired cashier with 20 years of cashier experience is the information source about the ways some cashiers steal from their customers and employers. Names of people and establishments will not be disclosed.

Scenario 1

You use a card and ask for cash back. The cashier involves you in a conversation, hands you your receipt, and bids you a cheerful goodbye. Be Alert! You did not receive your cash back. Your attention has been directed elsewhere.

Scenario 2

The cashier asks if you want your receipt. If you reply no, a smaller amount can be entered on the cash register and the cashier pockets the difference. You are given the correct change and you are not cheated but the employer loses money. Sometimes, a No Sale is entered and the entire amount goes into the cashier's pocket. If questioned about No Sale the reply can be “the customer just wanted smaller change for a large bill”. You can also be billed for more than you owe. The sly cashier has made money on the additional cash amount.

Scenario 3

You pay with a card and do not receive a receipt. A reasonable cash back can be added to your charge bill. You will probably not notice the increased amount when paying your monthly charge bill.

Scenario 4

Always ask for your receipt. Check the prices to see if they are correct. Prices sometimes increase from the order box to the pay window at fast food establishments.

Scenario 5 Check all of the change owed you from overpayment...large bills, \$1 dollar bills, and small change. We often forget to check small change...25 cents X 4 customers and the cashier has made \$ 1 dollar.

Your best defense against stealing cashiers is be alert, always take your receipt and review it, and check all of your change. The source for this article said some cashiers make an additional \$25—\$ 100 daily.

There are thieves among us and cheaters in the area!

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By Sylvia Robertshaw

LIVE FROM KENT SPRINGS CABIN

Even if my husband and I didn't actually spend the night up there, we had occasion early October to visit Kent Springs Cabin in Madera Canyon. Managed by the U.S. Forest Service, it is a well kept secret not far from our SpringPointe backyards for a few hours or days of beautiful escape at higher elevation and lower temps.

With the help of neighbor Rich Griffith, who knew the cabin from attending a trail tracing class right there years ago, we drove out of precaution the final stretch of the road in his high clearance vehicle.



Upon booking the cabin at www.recreation.gov you will be given a couple of codes to enter the handicapped-accessible house, complete with fridge, microwave, and coffee maker...Just bring your own supplies. And take them back with you.

The cabin sleeps up to 8 people (bring your own linen as well) and parks up to 2 vehicles with plenty of space to spare. However, be aware that phone reception is at best unreliable and at worse nonexistent in the mountain. So, come prepared with a Plan B.

Besides the obvious outdoor joys of hiking and bird watching at dawn, another pleasure to be found indoors is leafing through the notebook left near the fireplace by the USFS for the visitors to leave their comments and thoughts: nature observations, news from resident mice, and children drawings all make for a very enjoyable experience...Just like being a kid in the woods again.



Summer 2023

by Jim Erwin

SpringPointe Traveling Man



Galaxy A51 5G Anheuser Busch beer vat

We left Green Valley June 25th, driving a friend to Minnesota where we spent the next five weeks staying in a dorm room at the University of Minnesota in Duluth. While driving the beautiful North Shore, we visited Goose Berry Falls, Two Harbors, and Grand Marais.

After leaving Duluth, at the end of July, we spent another week on a Lake Vermilion island in Northern Minnesota where we joined 10 friends from Green Valley. We all had a great time...fishing, playing corn hole, miniature golf, dancing and a drink or two.



Galaxy A51 5G Lake of the Ozarks

Leaving Lake Vermilion we headed south to Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri to visit their state Capitol buildings. My bucket list is to visit every state Capitol building. While in Missouri we also visited The Arch and Anheuser Busch located in St. Louis.

Leaving St. Louis, we headed to Lake of the Ozarks and Branson, Missouri. The Ozarks and Branson were very scenic but were too commercialized for my taste.

After visiting Missouri, our trip headed west to Colorado where we drove the Million dollar highway to Arizona.



Galaxy A51 5G Springfield, IL. Capital Building



Galaxy A51 5G Jefferson City, MO. Capital Building



Galaxy A51 5G St Louis Arch



Larry and Sylvie Robertshaw celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary



The Robertshaws celebrated in style at the rooftop restaurant of the Ausonia Hungaria Palace - near their home on the Lido di Venezia, Italy. Their daughter Cecile flew from London to join the August 2nd celebration.



Larry and Sylvie Robertshaw relaxing in Piazza San Marco...Venice, Italy...while attending a Laura Pausini concert.



Sylvie Robertshaw



Virginia Goodrich passed away in August. She is survived by her husband Fred who lives at 669 W Via Rosaldo in Block nine.

Ron's 3rd Eye

Accomplished photographer Ron Stein (649 Rosaldo) has graciously shared his quail photo for the October Quarterly Critter Corner.

When asked about his interest in photography, he modestly replied "I started in photography when I was in the fourth grade , using a closet under our basement stairs. In those days it was black and white, developing and printing. Today, we are in a digital world and I use a Cannon R5 mirrorless camera and a computer to do my processing.

This photo was taken out in the desert. A lot of waiting is involved in trying to get a good photo."

Critter Corner

