

## GVC Board of Representatives Meeting Summary

APRIL 2023

Next meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2023

This is the last meeting until September. August will be a workshop forum.

### UPDATES

Steve Christy, Pima County Board of Supervisors, District 4

- County road plan being reevaluated. 2019 promise was an 80% updating in 10 years. Current plan will not do it. He wants the county to keep its promise.
- Trash bag still available. Good response, and important with fire season coming.

Deputy Chief Joey Kosiorowski, Green Valley Fire District

- New fire house 2 weeks ahead of schedule. Roof on 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Open house between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Old house will be storage and maintenance. Built in 1984, too much hazard material in walls for firefighters' health.
- Northern Sahuarita Fire Annex in petition stage. Need 51% and entire town will be under Green Valley Fire District.
- Increase rescues in Madera Canyon due to winter visitors.
- Snake call way up. 30 calls just past Tuesday. Be aware.
- Tour de Tucson is November 18 with same route. USA Today named this the best bicycle race in the US. Expect big crowds. Plan day accordingly.

Lieutenant Paul Hill, Pima County Sheriff's Department

- Crime stats about the same. Thefts and burglary down.
- Increase in 911 to suspicious activity. Good trend and want it kept up.
- Traffic stops the same, but tickets issued up 25%. Drive carefully.
- Dogs in cars now issue. If called, the officer will decide if animal is "in distress." If so, ticket issued and subject to criminal arrest. Time to keep pets at home.

Commander Doug Kenyon, Green Valley Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers

- Scam of month are gas pumps and ATM getting skimmers to get card number. None in area, but warning to travelers.
- Catalytic converter thefts are down, due to State law making more difficult to sell.
- If away from home, sign-up for home watch weeks before. Don't wait to the last minute.
- Ride of Silence is on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. Be aware of cyclists.

Mayor Tome Murphy, Town of Sahuarita

- Planet Fitness is now open next to Ashley's. On other side will be Goitoea, a Mexican restaurant from Oro Valley.
- Need for apartments growing for firefighters, nurses, etc. Plans are underway and being approved.
- Asphalt Company issue still in comment and debate stage.
- Birthday Fiesta drew 2,600 people, with showy drone display at nights.

CEO Scott Somers, Green Valley Recreation

- Election over with Board and Committee chairs assigned.
- Desert Hills will be done in July.
- Del Sol will have bathrooms soon. Access for park walkers will be available.
- Glass Club area will be open in October.
- With new homes in Canoa area, discussions underway for expanded facilities. Pool and fitness area fine but will expand to other offerings.
- Working on changing how rooms are scheduled. One change will be combining similar activities. Less individual classes, but more days per week. Ex: Yoga has numerous teachers, each with few students meeting once a week. Each takes space. Combine to one class meeting everyday as a drop in.

Tom Berezny, Board of Supervisors, District 4 Representative

- Buffel grass control problem. State does not list it as noxious weed, so do not control. Property owner's responsible, but state will do nothing. If seen on other property, contact State Environmental Quality to investigate. State Forestry and Fire trying to get designation changed.

President Kenyon, GVC, President's Report

2024 Dues

- Will be going up \$14.00 per household.
- Hand out and power point available to explain if needed.

Buffelgrass

- Forum on this and other environmental issues on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 at East Center.
- Hand out if needed.

Monsoon Forum

- Citizen Corp/Emergency Planning will hold Monsoon Madness on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone new to the area is encouraged to attend. Emergency, weather, power personnel will be there.

New Opportunities

- Need open board members
- Need treasurer. About 10 hours per month.

HOA Board Support

- Over 100 mentor hour last month to help HOA Boards. This is a service to the HOA Boards and individuals who serve. Quality of HOA vary from excellent to dysfunctional.

GVC Building Lease

- Least up in 2025. Look for new place, possibly to share with other service.

HOSPITAL

- No news on GV Hospital
- Northwestern expanded clinic to clinic building by north Safeway. Specialists rotate for specialty practices.
- Urgent Care to open at Esperanza and La Canada, old Commerce Bank building. Date to be announced.
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## **PRESENTATION**

Corey Guerin, Lead Prevention Officer, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management

- Firewise Community certifies an area as fire prevention active. Specific steps must be taken, and reports filed.
- It involves clearing areas around homes and maintaining open areas.
- This may not be possible in SCEII because all vegetation must be removed 5' from home to quality.
- Can still look at possible hazard areas and clean them out. A review can be done by Green Valley Fire, even if not applying for Firewise Community.
- The time to reduce risk is before fire season.
- Fire season in our area comes earlier each year. This year, the time is June until Monsoons start in early July. But with the winter rains, lots of grass is drying out now. That is the main problem.
- Most house fires start with flying embers. The home does not have to be on a direct path to be in danger.
- Important for homeowners leaving during this time to remove any debris in yards, no matter how small.
- May want to add this is home check list before leaving.
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