

GVC Board of Representatives Meeting Summary

January 18, 2024

Next meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2024

UPDATES

Steve Christy, Pima County Board of Supervisors, District 4

- Pima County will encircle the county with an open access network. This will allow “internet deserts” to gain access to the internet through an underground “spine.” The work will be completed in 2028, because archaeological areas must be mapped before digging can begin. More information will follow.
- Rumors Tucson Water will increase sewer rates. However, the department is in good financial standing, so it is being opposed. Remember – your water usage now through the end of February determines your sewer bill.
- The county’s financial situation is being reviewed. Recommendations of good fiscal responsibility are being issued, including hiring freezes, reducing supplies, restricting travel and conferences, and other “non-essential costs.” A key change will be an unrestricted fund to cover cash flow or emergency situations. \$5 million is being set aside for this.

Lieutenant Courtney Rodriquez, Pima County Sheriff’s Department, absent. Report combined with SAV
Commander Doug Kenyon, Green Valley Sheriff’s Volunteers

- Scam of month involved police phone calls. Caller says they are from the Sheriff, and they owe money. Sheriff’s department will not call on any issue, they just come to your house.
- SAV has been busy in 2023. Giving the going wage rates, SAV saved the county \$850,950.

Mayor Tom Murphy, Town of Sahuarita

- To follow public events in the town, go to their website and click on Parks and Recreation. An entire listing is posted, and a newsletter signup is available.
- On January 27, 400 antique cars will be at Quail Creek Park. Car Nuts will sponsor the event with funds going to support the auto mechanics training at the schools.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringers brought in \$93,000 this season. All of it stays in the local area.
- Union Pacific starting work to coordinate the traffic lights at Quail Creek Crossing. Expected to be done by April.
- The congested intersection of Duvall Mine Road and Abrego is undergoing studies for improvements.

CEO Scott Somers, Green Valley Recreation

- Resent rumors of the firing of an exercise instructor will be in the GV News. The person was verbally abusive and threatening while conducting GVR business. This was not the first offense and they had been warned. GVR will not tolerate abusive conduct on its premises.

President Debbie Kenyon, GVC, President’s Report

- Veterans History Project is coming to Green Valley during the First Responders Fair on March 23. This project is through the Library of Congress to add audio and visual accounts to their item memorabilia collected since WWI. Veterans are invited to make an appointment to record and preserve their recollections. Appointments are through Congressman Ciscomani’s office. 530-881-3588 or Nancy Heiser@mail.house.gov.
- Future Forums:
 - Dark Skies – January 25, 9:00am at Canoa Hills Rec Center. Discussion on county rules, the whats and whys, and proposed changes. Did you know Green Valley is one of the most restrictive areas in the county? Please sign up at 520-648-1936 or info@gvcouncil.org.
 - Assessors, Zoning and Development – February 1, 9:00am at Canoa Hills Rec Center. County assessors’ office will be there to explain all the details, how to contact them, available aid, and all details. Good for anyone new to the area or taking over finances. Same sign-up as above.
 - First Responders – March 23, 9:00am at Historic Canoa Ranch. Displays and demonstrations of canine unit, equipment, and other items. Booths, demonstrations, and events...with everyone from Sheriff to State Troopers to Game & Fish to ... yeah, just everyone. Volunteers are needed.
 - Canoa Trails at the Historic Canoa Ranch will have a clean-up every 4th Wednesday at 10:00. Contact Matt at the ranch if interested. 520-724-6680.
 - GVC has a portal for members. Password protected, and will have documents, training notes and information for the HOA and Boards.

Chris Ackerly – Pima County Deputy Treasurer

- Our county taxes went up due to State Legislature not working the details. Continental School is a K-8 school, sending their high schoolers to Sahuarita. We pay to do so. We were double charged for that service. Corrections in the bill HB2173 is being made to eliminate this, and to “repair the damage.”
- Issue in Maricopa County about assessment on rent vs. resident is unique to them. Pima county does not do it that way. Any change to this is your permanent resident, check the county notification. Notify the assessor if incorrect.
- Notification of not paying taxes is a pink letter. Threatens to sell house if not paid. Actually takes 3 years to do that...so pay your taxes. Thus, the threat, not your house, goes away.