

# El Pájaro Press

Canoa Seca Estates II Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I want to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I hope 2022 turns out to be a great year.

At the January Board meeting, the Nominating Committee announced two excellent candidates for the Board positions opening in March: David Day and Bob Allen. I appreciate their willingness to volunteer for the Board. I look forward to working with them in the coming year. I also want to thank the Nominations committee consisting of Peter Martin as chair along with Bill Barkley and Sandy Hill. I know there was a good deal of hesitancy as people were approached. In the coming year, the Board will need to better understand why people are reluctant to serve and to see if changes can be made to make serving on the Board less onerous.

We've now had a few weeks experience with our new landscaping company, Points West Environmental. The results look good so far. Thanks go to Melva Irvin and Susan Friedrich, co-chairs, as well as the other members of the Common Grounds Committee for their hard work identifying, vetting, and completing the contract with the new company.

The Architectural Committee has been busy developing a set of Architectural Guidelines. The purpose of the guidelines is to provide additional detail for the committee to use in making decisions on improvements and rules compliance with the goal of making consistent decisions over time. Many thanks to John Sucher, chair, and the rest of the committee.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER (continued)

People who attended the January Board meeting may have noticed unusually big smiles on the faces of two Board members toward the end of the meeting. Anna Bennett and Barb Wray attended their last Board meeting as Board members—at least for the time being. Both are retiring from the Board in March following the election of two new Board members.

Anna was appointed to the board in September 2020 following the resignation of another board member. After six months as Vice-president, she moved into the Treasurer's position. During the year in that position, Anna brought in discipline and professionalism stemming from her career as a CPA. She is responsible for modifying the Revenue/Expense reports to make them more readable and understandable.

Barb has been on the Board since April 2018, serving as Secretary during that time. Many people believe the President runs things, however, that would be incorrect—at least in this case. Barb has been the guiding light for as long as I've been associated with the Board. I've always been amazed by her ability to find relevant information and remember information from past meetings. Her presence on the Board will be greatly missed.

## Common Grounds

Our new landscape company is Points West Environmental. They began work in December and have done an excellent job from the monument on Camino Del Sol, up Estelar to west of Tordo, on the golf course side of Trogon, and about 2/3 of Tordo. The plan at this point is to work up the hill. Several homeowners have turned in requests for certain things to be done. I am putting flags in the area of each request and it will be done when they are on that street or area.

Points West Environmental will move the bench from Estelar to the “little free library” within the next few weeks.

In late February we hope to transplant some plants and get new ones to fill in some of the bare areas in the common grounds. At that time, we will ask for volunteers to help us do the work.



# ROADS COMMITTEE

- Our roads were resurfaced 18 months ago.
- During that resurfacing Tucson Asphalt buried some of our water shutoffs and survey markers.
- At our request, Tucson Asphalt has been out uncovering them.
- Last week John Sucher and I armed with a metal detector and a CSE II plot map supplied by Jim Perkins located 7 additional survey markers.
- Tucson Asphalt will be out this week to uncover them.
- As expected, we are experiencing cracking that is less than ¼” wide on some of our roads.
- The existing cracking should close a little during the summer months.
- Please do your part to prevent slipping & falling hazards outdoors.
- Please keep your sidewalks swept and repair irrigation leaking onto the sidewalk.

Thanks, from your Road Committee  
Rick, Dave, Mike & John

# ARC COMMITTEE

Tim Stewart has left the ARC committee. We appreciate his help in the transition during the past year as well as serving as the past chair. Todd Merrill and Altie Metcalf have joined the committee and we are now at full strength.

The ARC committee conducted its Fall walkabout with eighteen courtesy notices being sent out. All have been either completed or will be completed by the end of January. We appreciate the positive response and cooperation from all of you.

# FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

**2022**

March 4 (Friday) **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
Desert Hills Auditorium – 8:30AM

April 20 (Wednesday) – Canoa Hills Mesquite Rm – 2:00PM



# LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Welcome to our new Little Free Library!

It all started when the news got around that Canoa Vista II had their own little free library. Many of us would quietly trek up the hill to take a book & leave a book.

Then, Gloria Melnikoff suggested we ought to have one of our own. And the rest, as they say, is history!

The best news of all is when Altie Metcalf stepped forward to donate the entire cost of the library! Thank you Altie, for your generous donation and cutting the ribbon.

Thanks also to Mike Rass for donating the pavers, the Melnikoffs and Tinneys for the cost of installation, and the Liningers for their feedback and suggestions as we got underway.

What are the rules for the library? There are none! Just enjoy. Okay, one rule. No big dogs on the doggie leash hook we installed. This is not a “mobile” library!



You can't have a new library without a grand opening! Thanks to all the neighbors who came out to celebrate. I'm not sure if it was the books or the donuts, but we had a great turnout!

Be sure to stop by and check out the library located at the south end of Tejedor by the common parking lot.

# LITTLE FREE LIBRARY (continued)

Here are the 19 latest titles available at the library. Thank you all for your support and lovely books!

- The Making of The African Queen by Katherine Hepburn
- The Summer House by Julie Deveraux
- Quality of Care by Elizabeth Letts
- Here if You Need Me by Kate Braestrup
- The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs
- Emma's Secret by Steena Holmes
- Fairy Tale Weddings by Debbie Macomber
- Middle March by George Eliot
- Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
- Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah
- Fortunes Daughter by Alice Hoffman
- Blessings by Anna Quinlen
- Three Pedals Down Mainstreet by Don Jennings
- Europe Travel Book by AAA 2000 Edition
- Gardening in the Desert by Mary Irish
- Celebration by Fern Michaels
- From Doon with Death by Ruth Rendall
- Cutting Loose by Tara Janzen
- Spanish Dictionary

Happy Reading!

Patricia (aka "Marian the Librarian")



# WELCOME COMMITTEE

Many thanks to everyone that helped decorate our monuments for the holidays. They looked awesome.

The turnout for the January dismantling was so enthusiastic we finished so quickly that many “would be elves” were just arriving. The morning tuned into a fun gathering, greeting neighbors who were just arriving in Green Valley and those we’ve rarely seen since social distancing became the norm.

Our neighborhood was very festive this year. Great job with all the holiday lights and decorations.

2022 is looking very bright! Thank you all!!!

Looking forward to February – Stay tuned for more.



# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The December Party was a great success. We had wonderful decorations courtesy of Carlene Munro and her committee. The food catered by El Patio was delicious and the entertainment was great thanks to Johnny Bencomo.



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE (continued)

Our annual February Social has been **cancelled** this year due to Covid.

We are hoping to have our **Spring Picnic on April 9<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held at Canoa Hills Rec Center in the park next to the Bocce courts. Look for details soon.



## LADIES LUNCHEON

February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Stables Restaurant in Tubac

Please RSVP by February 11<sup>th</sup>  
[Marilyn.gaizband@gmail.com](mailto:Marilyn.gaizband@gmail.com)



# LADIES COFFEE

**Ladies Coffee - 9AM at Posada Java**  
See day of week rotation below

**January - Tuesday**  
**February - Monday**  
**March - Wednesday**  
**April - Friday**  
**May - Thursday**



# PET CORNER

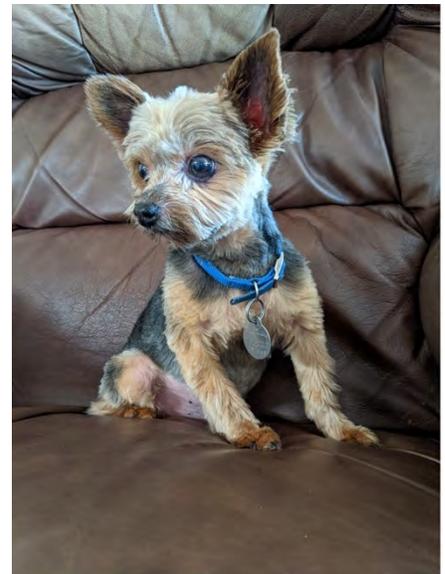
You probably see several of our neighbors out walking their pets every day. We decided to profile the pets, so you get to know them and their owners.



My name is Grizzy and I am a 10 year old male Yorkie. My people, Steve and Sharon, adopted me from The Animal League of Green Valley. My previous owners gave me my special name and I was so used to it that Steve and Sharon let me keep it so as not to add another new thing for me to learn, which was much appreciated.

At first, I was very fearful of the outdoors but with time have mostly gotten over that and will venture outside if called. I will not eat out of a bowl, dish, off a piece of paper, a placement, or a piece of plastic wrap. It's a "bad" habit I can't seem to shake and just need to eat my kibble off the floor, pulling each piece out of the pile with my paw, and then eating it. What can I say?

I love to sit on Steve and Sharon's laps or next to them on the sofa. Guess I'm just a cozy cuddly kind of guy. I spend most of my day watching what they do and following them around the house. My VERY favorite treats are Cheerios or raw carrots - YUMMY!! I show excitement by bobbing my head up and down like a chicken. My people think I am a funny little fellow and I have given them many hours of laughs, entertainment, and snuggles. I have my people well trained!!!!



## PET CORNER (continued)



Hiya Everybody! My name is Max and in May, when I have my birthday, I am going to be three years old. I am a male, and am one-half Maltese, one-fourth Lhasa Apso, and one-fourth Cavalier.

My people, Jill and Bill, searched for several months to adopt a pet, and after giving up, drove to the pet store with their daughter, and found me. I had a brother, who looked just like me, at the store, and while Jill and Bill were playing with me, a couple came in to get a pet for their granddaughter and were playing with my brother. They were trying to think up names for him and the grandfather

suggested Max. Well, by golly, that name seemed to fit me too and I was also named Max. I think it's awesome that my brother and I are running around with the same name. Why not?

I am full of life, and I just LOVE to RUN! When I'm at my other home in Minnesota, we have a large fenced-in yard that I can really tear around in. Here in Green Valley, I go for

walks around the neighborhood and my people take me to play with other dogs at our dog parks. I have taken puppy obedience classes and have passed with flying colors, but since my family is a bit lax on working with me, they feel they need to get back on track and do some retraining. I hope that isn't as awful as it sounds, right?

I love to lick, and faces are my favorite. I've never met another dog with whom I didn't try to get a chase game going. Jill and Bill were hoping I would not end up weighing over ten pounds so that I could comfortably ride with them on airplanes but unfortunately, I weighed 23 pounds this past summer. Oops! But no matter - they still love me. Oh, did I tell you that I like mud?

## PET CORNER (continued)

Hi! My name is Riley and I'm a 10-year-old male Golden Retriever, hailing from the beautiful state of Washington. Cathryn, my person, was looking for a new companion after she lost her beloved cat of sixteen years. She saw a picture of my entire family in a pet store window and had her eye on every one of them, except for me - the puppy on the far left - because I may have had a "rascally rebellious" look in my eye. However, when she went in later, to take a look, I was the only one left. HA! I was the runt of the litter, and it turns out she was right on target with her assessment of my personality.



Cathryn named me while bringing me home in the car. She went through all the letters of the alphabet and decided my name had to start with an R to go with my color and personality, and that the name had to somehow capture the dignity of my good looks and, hopefully, future charm along with my rascal side. She went through every R name (it was a 45-minute drive) and when she got to the name Riley, it seemed perfect. So, I am Riley the Red Rascal.

It took four years before I would obey her more often than not, and that was after I nearly flunked Good Citizenship training class by rolling onto my back and doing bicycle legs in the air when I was supposed to be holding a down-stay for 30 seconds. I also had to go to a hunting dog training camp for six weeks to put the fear of God into me because all the positive reinforcement classes failed. End result - I am now a well-behaved dog, most of the time. {Sheepish grin}

All joking aside, I am a sweet, joyful, 85 pounds of unbridled enthusiasm for other people, other dogs, and other dogs' tennis balls. On our walks, I insist upon trying to check out each little round piece of cactus, hoping it's a new tennis ball. I chose a chunk of cholla that had fallen into in our backyard one day, and Cathryn had quite a challenge getting that out of my mouth! Oops - bad mistake on my part!

If you see us out walking, I will probably race over to greet you with delight causing Cathryn to drop the leash or get dragged down the street. I think quite possibly I have befriended nearly everyone we've seen while out walking and have probably donated a lot of red hair to your clothes when leaning in to hug you. I want you ALL to know that I just LOVE the attention and hope to meet you on the street soon!

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

*May every day of the year inspire you!*



This beautiful photo was taken by Bob Allen.

Thanks, Bob, for giving us such wonderful photos throughout the years!



**GVC Parks Advisory Committee and GVC Foundation/Friends of the Park Presents:**

**Living with Urban Wildlife**  
**Tuesday, January 25th @ 9:00 am**  
**Santa Rita Springs Social Center - Anza Room**

We share our environment with coyotes, bobcats, javalina and a rich assortment of other critters and birds. Learn about wildlife interactions that are part of our everyday life in urban and rural communities of the desert southwest. Come and interact with staff from Pima County's Environmental Education Division. Don't miss this opportunity!

Call the Green Valley council at 520.648.1936 or email [info@gvcouncil.org](mailto:info@gvcouncil.org) to reserve your seat.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Best Regards,  
Sue Tinnin  
Administrative Assistant  
Green Valley Council

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Picamaderos – Altie Metcalf

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Members: Jane Barkley Marilyn Gaizband  
Doris Sharrock Phyllis Sucher  
Nikki Vick

## NOMINATING

Chair: Peter Martin  
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## ROADS

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Board Liaison – John Sucher  
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## WELCOME

Chair: Leslie Kush  
Board Liaison – Sam Schaen  
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Tordo – Marilyn Gaizband  
Urraca – Lynn Shinnick  
Tejedor – Doris Sharrock  
Garzota – Leslie Kush  
Reyecuelo – Tamara Bohn & Jim Barker  
Picamaderos – Leslie Kush

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Alternate: Gary Karger