

GVC Board of Representatives Meeting Summary

April 18, 2024

Next meeting: Thursday, May 16, 2024

UPDATES

Steve Christy, Pima County Board of Supervisors, District 4

- Pima Board of Supervisors are looking to raise Primary Property Tax Rate. Currently at 4.1¢, a proposal would raise it to 6.5¢. The funds would increase social programs such as affordable housing and pre-K programs. Christy stated he did not believe these were the responsibility of the county.
- \$20M Federal funds for immigration will allow Pima to handle this until the fall. Since 2019, \$70M has been spent for 400K immigrants through Pima County. Pima County has spent \$5M on facilities.
- The Pima County Jail Blue-Ribbon panel looked to repair the current jail or build a new one, but no recommendation was made. The County Administrator is reviewing options to make recommendations later. Reducing sentences is being considered to alleviate overcrowding.
- Four Green Valley HOA are now certified Firewise. Ten HOA have been assessed.

Fire Chef Chuck Wunder, Green Valley Fire, absent, Joey Kostorawski reporting

- Rains brought great vegetation, that will dry up very soon. Watch out for fires.
- Green Valley houses mainly stucco and fire-resistant materials, so low fire danger. Clean up dry materials around the house, especially if you plan to be away.

Lieutenant Courtney Rodriquez, Pima County Sheriff's Department, absent

Commander Doug Kenyon, Green Valley Sheriff's Volunteers.

- Scam of the month tips. A woman was scammed out of \$35K. Yet Red Flags were obvious. If contacted by either email or phone concerning any account, watch for the following:
 - Red Flag #1 – A “problem” with your account. Do not deal who contacted you. Look up the official number and contact the company directly. Do not use the numbers or emails used to contact you.
 - Red Flag #2 – If the person claims a “mistake” paid too much or too little, watch out. Any errors are corrected automatically by computer. You do nothing.
 - Red Flag #3 – Never take cash out of your account to resolve an issue. Always have a paper trail.
 - Red Flag #4 – Do not take \$20K out of your account and say, “It’s to buy a car.” The bank is there to protect you, so let them.
 - Red Flag #5 – Do not change the dollars into bit coins...totally untraceable.
 - Red Flag #6 – If they come back again for \$15K more, don’t do the same things again!
- Register for Home Check now. Need to get paperwork and permission info done early. The usual problem is with relatives deciding to use the home without permission. But this is particularly important with recent squatter problems in the news. Make sure your house is being watched.

Mayor Tom Murphy, Sahuarita, absent

CEO Scott Somers, Green Valley Recreation, absent.

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- RTA Next is reviewing projects county-wide. In this area, bike lanes will be added in several places.
- Potholes at Encanto and Frontage Road is a red tape problem. ADOT owns the land, but will not maintain roads, nor let Pima County fix them. In the works to give county easement rights. They will then do a major repaving of the intersection. Date not known.
- Vail recently voted not to become a town. They are looking to GVC for an example of how to manage an unincorporated area. Also, Catalina Foothills is interested. They will be attending future meetings.

Debbie Kenyon, GVC, President's Report

- Future Forums:
 - June 6 – Monsoon Madness at CPAC. Great response last year, so sign-up early
- Future forum workshop:
 - On June 20, GVC representatives will hold discussions on issues, problems, and ideas for future forums. Please pass on any ideas to Paul Schumann, CSEII new representative.
- Future Forums ideas:
 - Private roads maintenance
 - Water issues
 - End of life
 - HOA Insurance
 - Fraud and Scams
 - Invasive species, including stink net, a toxic plant
 - Repeat of 1st Responders and Monsoon Madness

Digital Inclusion

- Pima County will be creating a 134-mile internet fiber optic ring around Pima County for underserved or weak signal areas. This will also allow smaller providers to enter the market, increasing competition.
- Currently in the environmental assessment stage. Plans are to have it active by Spring of 2025,
- Pima is mapping the low and high spots in the county. If you would like to participate, go to pima.gov/speed test, then click on "Do you have the speed..." Remember you must do this 3 times at different days and times.