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## MONSOON STORM – July 16, 2022

Two weeks ago, a violent storm hit our area. Patches, fixes and clean up continue. Many of us relied on friends, neighbors, and services in Green Valley to help out. Below are some heart-felt thanks to those individuals who hustled to help those in need and personal stories of the storm's impact. A big thank you to all who are named and those that remain anonymous. We are so blessed to have each other.

In no specific order...

- Sharon Perkins coordinated activities and relayed information to neighbors out of town
- Dana Berry, Jim Barker, Terry Steenrod, Bob Schultz – were up on ladders taping and covering broken skylights, almost before the storm subsided. Their actions spared a lot of folks further water damage.
- Dana Berry and Linda swept sidewalks all along Estelar to clear debris and washed-up gravel before the landscaping crews arrived. This prevented slips, trips, and falls.
- Everyone shared any info they had on good contractors, prompt service insurance success stories and warnings of scoundrels.
- Block captains roamed the streets looking for obvious damage, relaying feedback to owners not in town, picked up flyers left in gates and doors by storm chasers looking for a quick buck.
- From Minnesota – We heard about the storm right away from our neighbors, Denny, Pat, and Andy Molick. Andy had already climbed a ladder, checked our roof and taped a cracked skylight in the garage. Pat checked the ceilings, walls, and floors for moisture. They also dealt with the insurance claim adjuster. We marvel at how lucky we are to have them as neighbors and friends – Kathleen Brady

- From Washington – Andy Molick visited many of the roofs of homes on Urraca for those of us who are not currently in AZ. He duct-taped six of my broken skylights and sent me pictures of the damage. I know he did this for others in the neighborhood as well. He did all this before I knew that GV had a storm. Thank you, Andy! – The Hulberts
- From Washington – As absent homeowners, we were very appreciative of Pat, Dennis and Andy Molick and the help they provided. Pat stayed in communication with us, even sending us a video of the storm as it was happening. Dennis sent us photos of the damage in our yard and Andy purchased materials and climbed on our roof to cover the damaged skylights. We are lucky to have such great neighbors. – Mike and Sandy Noreen
- Terry Steenrod is the hero of the southern end of Reyecuelo. He helped me by taping up two broken skylights, inspected and made temporary repairs to at least four others. A good neighbor. – The Allens
- The hero of South Urraca was Bill Barkley who has earned the moniker “Duct Tape Bill “. He contacted and kept residents from the Ashby’s condo south to Picamaderos informed on the impacts of the storm. Our roof is visible from his and he sent pictures and offered his services to make a temporary repair. Best of all he sent a picture of his own repaired skylights. I’m pretty certain he’s done this before 😊 Thanks Bill. - Sandy Anderson & Richard Ross
- We were having dinner at Los Agaves when the storm hit. We were in their east dining room which took the brunt of the storm. It was so loud that we could not hear each other's words. All the wait staff came into the room and looked out the windows to check on their cars and to see the hail. During the storm, the power went off a few times but came back on within 20 to 30 seconds each time. When we left the restaurant after dinner and the storm, we found that our car had sustained almost \$2000 in damage due to hail dents and the destroyed rear window. The destroyed rear window was strange because the car was facing east, so the rear window was facing away from the storm. Due to the daily rains that would enter the car through the open window, we have not been able to drive our car for most of the two weeks since the storm. Our Auto insurance policy is paying for all but the deductible. As with most of our neighbors, we had hail damage to the house. When we drove into the garage, we found pieces of a skylight on the floor of the garage. We found a second broken skylight in the master bathroom. There was a lot of wet carpet along our east window wall where the rain had seeped under the sliding glass door (there was still a 6-inch-high hail bank against the window when we got home). Upon inspecting the roof (which had been recoated in June), we found many puncture holes at the corners where the flat roof meets the parapet, especially around the chimney which is on the east side of the roof. Also, lots of paint damage. We had installed Anderson Windows in 2021 and the east window had the screen destroyed and the window trim badly dinged. None of the windows were damaged. The solar screens over two skylights were also destroyed. The rain gutter along the east wall is heavily

dinged. Our insurance company is reimbursing around \$3800 of the \$4600 in house damage (the gutters are not covered and there is a \$400 deductible). Our heavily damaged Jade plant also took a direct hit. On the day after the storm, Sharon Perkins introduced us to Juan Isidro, a handyman, who offered to replace the broken skylights as he had others to replace. On Monday morning, he was early to the store because he expected that there would be many customers. He was right. He placed the order for about 20 skylights and had to return hours later to get them. There were a limited number available so not all the customers got their orders but because he was insistent, he did get all he needed. On Tuesday, he and his crew of 4 spent all morning replacing skylights, ours included. Considering the rains that we have had since then; it was great to get the skylights replaced so promptly.

An interesting side note, we were having dinner with Jeanne and Jim Campbell (ex-owners of our house) and another couple. Last year, when the Haboob hit, we were with the same two couples at the Campbell's house for games. We may decide to not ever again meet with those two couples during Monsoon season! - Larry and Anna Bennett

- From Washington – our neighbor Donna Lou Hetler called us to tell us about the storm. She went in the house to see if there was any damage. Rich & Altie Metcalf also went to check things out. We called our handyman to check our roof and he taped up one skylight until we can get it replaced. So grateful for our wonderful neighbors and friends. – Ed and Ginny Lippert
- Anonymous - many more examples of sidewalk and street cleanup, roof inspections, etc. All silent heroes!
- Walking alone or with dogs after this storm was very difficult with sand, gravel, rocks and cholla bundles blown onto the street and sidewalks. PWE – Our landscapers, were busy most of Tuesday following the storm with their blowers. The gravel, sand and rocks that were on the streets were blown back onto common area or lots, making walking, and driving manageable.

Thank you ALL for your assistance to neighbors across CSE II.

