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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Since the annual meeting your response to the discussion of self-governance has been fantastic.

We now have several new chairs; Anna Bennett, FRC, Sandy Hill, Nominating, Todd Merrill, Roads, and Diane Day, Social, along with many new committee members. Thank you for your support. During the last few weeks, the Board has experienced two resignations: Pam Burress, secretary, and Bob Allen, treasurer. Fortunately, two homeowners have volunteered their service and have been appointed by the Board. Marilyn Gaizband will take on the responsibilities of secretary this year and serve out the three-year term vacated by Pam. Diane Day will take on the responsibilities of Treasurer for this year and serve out the two-year term vacated by Bob. Thank you to all of you for your service to our HOA.

The new Waste Management contract went into effect on April 1st. One major difference in this contract has a variable administrative fee added to your bill which can be avoided by going to the WM website and enrolling in paperless billing and auto pay.

During the annual meeting we discussed the aging infrastructure in our common grounds, such as retaining walls, timbers, and drainage ways. It is time to address that, and I would like to see us develop a long-term infrastructure plan. Anyone interested in participating should contact me at president@cseii.com.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER (continued)

Finally, I would like to wish our Winter residents safe travels, and to all of you a healthy and enjoyable summer. We plan on conducting a hybrid zoom/in person meeting for our August board meeting. Stay tuned for information regarding that.

My Best Wishes to all,

John Sucher

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sandy Hill is the new Nominating Chairperson.

Historically it has been difficult to find members to run for the Board. With this in mind, she would like to take a fresh look at how the committee might better serve the HOA in identifying/selecting members to run for Board positions. This will likely include looking at the current processes, reviewing application materials, surveying the membership, and more.

For the last several years, the committee has been made up of only three members. She would like to expand the committee membership to five members. This would be an additional two members, joining Bill Barkley, Bruce Tinney (new to the committee) and herself. She is looking for members who have the desire to see that our HOA continues to have directors with the best interests of the HOA in mind. A history of being active in the HOA would be a bonus.

If you are interested, please feel free to reach out to Sandy in person, by phone, text (520 591-2138) or email (sandyhill749@gmail.com).

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, Aug 16th - 2pm

GVR Canoa Ranch Social Center - Amado Room

Bring your GVR ID - Sign in as early as 1:30pm

**This will be an in-person and zoom meeting (Hybrid)*

ROADWAY CLEANUP

On March 11th, two groups of volunteers from CSE II HOA collected litter and debris along Camino del Sol.

The first group (the yellow group in the photos) went south from Estelar while the second group (the blue group) went north. A couple stragglers filled in as needed. Altogether, there were 14 volunteers (some were not caught in photos) we collected 19 pounds of trash. As usual, we collected a lot of cigarette butts (we hope that none ever catch the weeds on fire) and quite a few alcohol bottles (including a matched set of LTD Canadian Whiskey bottles). One would think that golfers drink and smoke a lot? Thanks to all who helped! Mike Rass even drafted Arthur (a visitor from Illinois) to help!

A downed sign was also spotted and the information passed on to Pima County through [SeeClickFix.com](https://www.clickfix.com) website.

We will have our second litter pick-up of the year in early November after the snowbirds start returning. If you want to volunteer or have questions, contact Larry Bennett on Garzota (phone number and email address are in the book).



COMMON GROUNDS

Please welcome the following new members of the Common Ground Committee:

Jean Ashby, Steve Marshall, Sandy Noreen and Phyllis Sucher. The other members of the committee are Larry Bennett and Candy English.

When a homeowner has a special request for the common grounds it is best if you send it to both Susan and Melva. Susan has been meeting with the PWE crew each Tuesday to discuss how we would like the bushes trimmed and to specify work on the cacti. The grounds are beginning to look the way we think they should.

As a reminder, homeowners own the walls and inside of the walls. Everything outside the walls is common ground. Therefore, if you want to make changes outside your walls you should contact the committee. This is also a reminder that there should be **NO feeding** of birds or animals outside the wall of your property.

Melva Irvin & Susan Friedrich
Committee Co-Chairs

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

We have welcomed two couples to Picamaderos this last quarter.

Another couple are moving into their new place at 2021 Picamaderos. Sarah and Stan Laidlaw are from Melrose, Colorado where they will spend their summer months. Wait until you meet Wilson, their 200 pound Bull Mastiff. He's gorgeous, mellow and loves to spend his time cheering humans with his therapy dog talents. Wilson is looking forward to joining Canine Therapy groups in the Tucson/Green Valley area.

I hope you've all had a chance to meet Carol & Don Malless and Susan & Jim Morrison at our recent CSEII picnic at Canoa Hills. If you haven't met them yet, you are in for a treat. As always, we have some pretty special people joining our tribe.

Welcome to all!



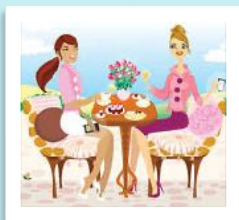
LADIES' LUNCHEON

May 24th - Noon

Maria's

Continental Plaza

RSVP - Marilyn Gaizband



LADIES' COFFEE

Posada Java
9:00 AM

May - Tuesday
June - Monday
July - Friday
August - Thursday



APRIL SOCIAL

It was a great turnout for our Party in The Park

We had a trifecta with weather, food and attendance. It was nice to enjoy a calm day outside and not worry about tablecloths or napkins blowing away. A wide range of delicious food was provided and eaten. If anyone was hoping for leftovers they were out of luck. We had 80 neighbors join the festivities including several who recently moved in. What a great way to meet and welcome them to our wonderful neighborhood.

A special thanks to Marilyn Gaizband and Doris Sharrock for their years as Co-Chairs of the Social Committee. We greatly appreciate the wonderful social gatherings you have organized.

We welcome Diane Day as our new chair of the Social Committee and look forward to more great get togethers.



FOOD DRIVE

May 13th will be celebrated as the National Association of Letter Carriers “Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive” day. All food items collected in Green Valley will stay in Green Valley. If you would like to help people impacted by rising food prices, make sure you leave non-perishable food items by your mailbox on Saturday, May 13th.

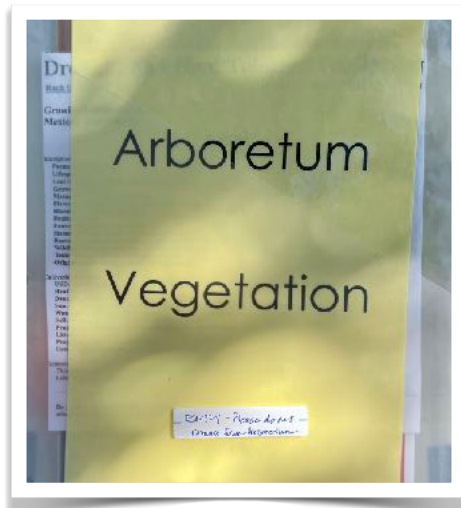


CSE II ARBORETUM

The Arboretum is operational!

The tables that you all funded arrived the day before Easter. With the help of Alex, Roger J, Sean (our vendor), Ray K, Lyle and miscellaneous “Friends” we got tons of concrete tables and a view bench safely situated under our shade trees. We thank Dana Berry for his generous gift of path side benches, they add just the right polish to our beautiful space.

Planting has begun and is nearly complete for this season. Through your generous donations we have planted a Desert Willow tree, an Arizona Feather tree and a Redbud tree. In addition we have planted Fairy Dusters along the upper round railings, a Globe Mallow on the east side of the small table and a Desert Sage on the west side. Gooding Verbena will spread beneath the Desert Willow and a Chuparosa will add color to the south side of the Tejedor path. A watering schedule is in the works. Please contact Lyle Lininger if he can count on you through the summer months. Alex Verhoogen is graciously providing access to water through this critical first season as the plants & trees get established.



RIBBON CUTTING

April 28th was the official ribbon cutting for the CSEII Arboretum.

The arboretum was christened with a social gathering, ribbon cutting and tree planting.

Stop by and enjoy the shade and the many new plantings.

(Photos by Candy English & Bob Allen)



WEBSITE UPDATE

The website has some information you might find handy to access.

On the HOME page, midway down, look for the following

Arizona Rainlog
Current Air Quality
AZ 511 ADOT alerts

Arizona Rainlog - rainlog.org/map

This link will give you rain fall amounts in Arizona and even in our neighborhood in Green Valley.

Current Air Quality -

Air Quality statistics can be viewed.

<https://www.airnow.gov/?city=Green%20Valley&state=AZ&country=USA>

AZ 511 ADOT alerts -

AZ traffic, road conditions & construction reports. Check this before setting out on your summer road trip.

<https://www.az511.gov/map>

PHONE DIRECTORIES

Block Captains have delivered new phone directories

The CSEII phone directory and the Green Valley Community directory were both delivered Friday & Saturday April 21st and 22nd.

If you did not receive them please contact your Block Captain for your copies.

LOCKBOX PROGRAM

Recently, one of our neighbors had a kitchen fire that filled the house with smoke.

The stove was accidentally left on with a pot on the burner when the couple went out. Fortunately, a neighbor delivering directories noticed the smoke and called the fire department. When the fire department arrived, they needed to break a window to get inside. Fortunately the damage was minor.

The broken window could have been avoided with a simple residential lockbox. The GreenValley Fire District will provide a secure lockbox that makes a key to your house available to fire and other emergency responders. The cost is \$50 for the lockbox and \$25 for installation. You can find more information at <https://gvfire.org/residential-lock-boxes> or by calling 520-625-9438.

FIREWISE COMMITTEE

FireWise is a program to reduce wildfire risks to the home (and, in our case, to the HOA).

We are seeing more instances of wildfires burning houses and injuring and killing people. As part of my work on the Common Grounds Committee, I viewed the vegetation south of the houses along Picamaderos and saw some trees of concern. For these reasons, when we heard about this FireWise program, we were interested.

FireWise is a national program that is done in cooperation with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the US Department of the Interior, and the National Association of State Foresters. More information about the program can be found at firewise.org.

On Nov. 3, Anna and I attended the “911 Forum” hosted by Green Valley Council. Many of the local first responders made presentations. One presentation was by the Green Valley CERT and included FireWise, a free program administered in Arizona by the state of Arizona.

After hearing about the program, I suggested to John Sucher that our HOA might benefit. He brought it up to our HOA board who concurred with hearing a free presentation.

At the Jan. 19 board meeting, John McGee of the Green Valley CERT made a presentation. The on-site evaluation is free. It will be used to develop an action plan. There may be grants available for some identified projects. Once the required work is completed, some insurance companies provide home owner insurance discounts.

Subsequently, the board approved submitting an application for the on-site evaluation to be done.

The evaluation will be done by employees of the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management; people who fight wildfires and fully understand the dangers. Since their first priority is fighting fires. The evaluations are done during their less busy periods. I recently received a phone call scheduling the site evaluation for May 2.

Since all the land that surrounds our HOA is owned by the San Ignacio Golf Course, the evaluation will be available to them and we have invited a representative to participate in the on-site evaluation.

Our committee members are Larry Bennett (chair; Garzota), Kathy Merrill (Trogon), Candy English (Urraca), Terry Steenrod (Reyecuelo), and Gary Karger (Reyecuelo). At the April 20 board meeting, I asked for a volunteer from Picamaderos but have not yet had any volunteers. We are very fortunate to have Kathy participating since she worked on a previous FireWise evaluation for her subdivision in Colorado.

Larry Bennett
Firewise Ad Hoc Committee, Chairman



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Mbr At Large: David Day

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 Tordo - Ward Olsen
 Urraca - Bill Barkley
 Garzota - Sharon Perkins

Block Captains**Chair: Sandy Anderson**

Trogon - Susan Friedrich (Alt) Kent Tuggle
 Tordo - Sam Schaen (Alt) Ford Demming
 Urraca - Mike Ketchen
 Tejedor - Doris Sharrock (Alt) Peter Martin
 Garzota - Jack Gardner (Alt) Larry Bennett
 Reyecuelo - Terrie Hodson
 Picamaderos - Jill Pawlowski
 Estelar - Susan Friedrich (Alt) Kent Tuggle

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Members: Jean Ashby
 Larry Bennett
 Candy English
 Steve Marshall
 Sandy Noreen

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Members: Ginger Johnson
 Phil Suter

Governing Documents**Chair: Sam Schaen**

Members: Sandy Hill
 Leslie Kush
 Mike Noreen

Nominating**Chair: Sandy Hill**

Members: Bill Barkley
 Bruce Tinney

Roads**Chair: Todd Merrill**

Members: Steve Marshall
 Mike Noreen
 Alan Roman

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Members: Julie Carter Candy English
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 Janet Strobridge Phyllis Sucher

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Members: Tamara Bohn & Jim Barker
 Candy English Marilyn Gaizband
 Doris Sharrock Lynn Shinnick

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Patricia Tinney Donna Lou Hetler

Firewise (Ad Hoc) - Larry Bennett

Members: Kathy Merrill, Candy English, Terry Steenrod, Gary Karger

Arboretum (Ad Hoc) - Ray Kush**Drainage Channel Repair(Ad Hoc)****Chair: Bill Barkley**

Member: Duane Youngquist