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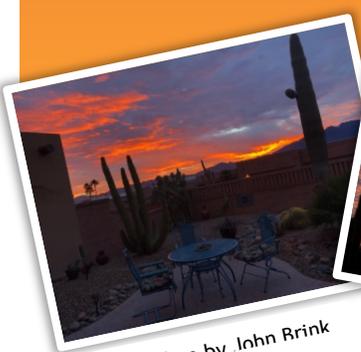


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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The cooler temperatures in Green Valley are making things more comfortable for outdoor activities. It's also good to see our friends return from points north.

I have some bad news to report. After we complained to the owner of Mochomo's Landscape service about the poor quality of the work being performed, the owner decided to give us the required 30-day notice and terminate the contract. Our landscape committee is currently obtaining bids from potential replacements. However, it will be a month or more before the new landscaper is in place. Further, the bids are all coming in at around double what we were previously paying. Undoubtedly, this is a reflection of the labor shortage throughout the country.

At the October Board meeting, the Board agreed in principle, to raise Annual Assessments by \$50 in 2022 to \$530. We will also rely on a surplus we have to make up the difference between the increased cost and the increased revenue. We anticipate that we will need an additional increase in the 2023 annual assessment to fully cover the increased landscaping costs.

During the interim period until the replacement landscaper is on board, we hope homeowners will pull weeds in the common areas near their homes. While doing so, please stay safe. The loose gravel on the slopes can be very slippery. Also, snakes are still about.

Sam Schaen

# COMMON GROUNDS

Please join me in welcoming two new members to the Common Grounds Committee. They are Larry Bennett and Pat Molick. They join Susan Friedrich, Gary Karger, Marie Leroy, Melva Irvin, and Board liaison, Bob Blaylock. We appreciate them volunteering after Sam sent out the request for committee volunteers and would welcome others as we move forward. We also look back and thank former member Brenda DiPanfilo for her contribution to the work of the Common Ground Committee during the recent past.

The committee is presently working diligently to find a new landscaping company for our common areas. Consequently, it will probably be December before we have them on board. We have received bids from three companies and have a few questions for them to answer before we send our recommendation to the Board. Until that time we ask that if you have any weeds that you cannot stand to look at in the common area, please feel free to remove them. Thus far several homeowners have done that, and it is appreciated.

We tentatively plan to set a date in December to transplant some plants in the common areas. When we have identified a specific time, we will let you know and ask for volunteers to join us in doing the work and watering the plants until they are established.

Melva Irwin & Susan Friedrich



# ARC COMMITTEE

Monsoons are over and it's time to trim and prune. The ARC will be doing their November walkabout the second week of November. We encourage everyone to look at their property for compliance.

Our guide from the CC&R's is as follows:

- No vegetation may be planted on the lot in a location, which may impose a traffic hazard.
- Except as otherwise permitted under this Section, trees and shrubs on a lot must be regularly and continuously pruned to a height that does not exceed the parapet height of the improvements on the Lot.
- Hedges planted along property boundaries must not exceed six feet in height.
- Dead fronds on Palm trees must be removed by June 1st of each year.

Thank you for your cooperation

## FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

**2022**

**January 19 (Wednesday) - 2PM – Canoa Hills – Saguaro Room**

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

**April 20 (Wednesday) – 2PM – Canoa Hills – Mesquite Room**

# VOLUNTEERS

The success of our HOA is due to the volunteers we have to staff the board of directors and the various committees. We need several more volunteers to fill some vacancies.

- The Architectural Committee has an opening. If interested, contact John Sucher ([sucherjp@gmail.com](mailto:sucherjp@gmail.com)).
- The Nominating Committee needs at least one more member. Contact Peter Martin ([pmartin410@cox.net](mailto:pmartin410@cox.net)) if you are interested.
- The Financial Review Committee is looking for members familiar with bookkeeping practices. Contact Bob Allen ([3845allen@gmail.com](mailto:3845allen@gmail.com)).
- Governing Documents Committee needs a chairperson. If interested, contact Sam Schaen ([president@cseii.com](mailto:president@cseii.com)).
- The Board of Directors will have two openings for the coming year. If interested, contact Peter Martin ([pmartin410@cox.net](mailto:pmartin410@cox.net)) for more information.

Thank You to all who are serving or have served our beautiful neighborhood.



# NEIGHBOR SAFETY

With the increased traffic through our neighborhood at this time of year it is a good idea that walkers use the sidewalks when walking and not walk in the middle of the road. For bike riders, slow down and watch the corners. You never know what you might run into. With more and more electric and hybrid vehicles you really can't hear them coming, especially from behind.

Everybody be safe out there!

# WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

As our days are cooler and shorter, we are welcoming back so many of our summer travelers and dual residence owners. It is good to see everybody looking so well and eager to start another wonderful season in their CSE II homes.

Welcome Back Everybody!

Our newest neighbor, **Cathy Claussen**, has arrived to settle into the former DeLange home (*2021 Picamaderos*). She has come to Green Valley from the Pullman, Washington area. Cathy was lured to Arizona by lifelong friends who promised she would find great golf and great people in this area. When they mentioned the absence of rain and grey skies she was sold. Her new home provides her with the golf course view she wanted and a bonus mountain view. She packed up her stuff, her golden retriever Riley and is here to stay.

Welcome Cathy. May the birdies of Green Valley be plentiful.



# CHRISTMAS MONUMENT DECORATING

**Save that date!**

**Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12-00.**

Please come help decorate our neighborhood monuments for the holidays.  
We've gotten so good at this; it takes no time at all!

Meet at the Trogon monument at 10:00 a.m.

If you want to bring treats for your co-workers, they will be happy elves.

# LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

We're excited to announce that a new Little Free Library is coming to our neighborhood soon! The board approved the new initiative in October and plans are underway for purchase and placement.

We'll be fundraising for this wonderful addition to our HOA and hope that everyone can find their spare change or dollar bill jar, polish it up and help with our cause. Would you like to help? We'll need those pesky dollars, some good painters (I know who you are!), and possibly a lumber jack to help with assembly.

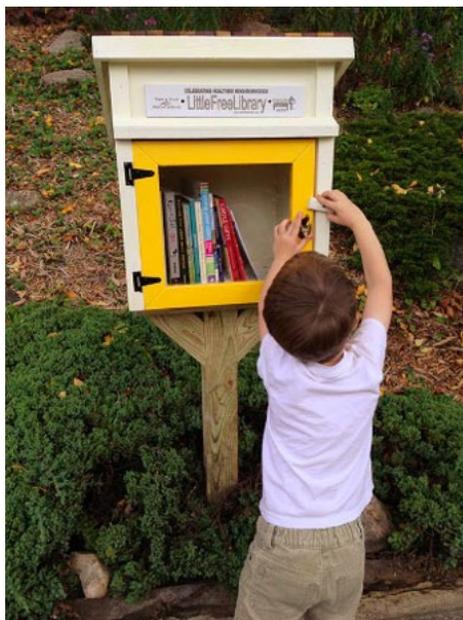
Want to learn more about our Little Free Library? Go to <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

Also, check out the latest article in the Costco Connection on The Little Free Library. <https://www.costcoconnection.com/connection/202111/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=60#pg63>

Coming soon...instructions on how to donate your time, \$\$\$, and of course books!

A big thanks to Gloria Melnikoff who thought of this wonderful idea and to Annie Lininger who will be helping us as we get underway.

Questions? Contact Patricia Tinney - [patinney@gmail.com](mailto:patinney@gmail.com)



# 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.



Hi! My name is Boogie and do I have a great story to tell all my new friends and neighbors in CSEII. In 2015 I was picked up by the Nogales Animal Shelter on the streets of Nogales. I was so matted that I couldn't walk, eat, or wag. When my new owners, Jack and his wife Nancy (Garzota), were looking for a new pet, they were only interested in a small dog which is how they ended up in Nogales. When they first saw me at the shelter, I must have been the sorriest, straggiest of the small dogs

and didn't even try to get their attention. Something magic happened though when Jack and Nancy saw me - they just knew, without any discussion or disagreement - that I was the one they wanted. I am so fortunate they walked into the shelter that day and took me home. I'm not sure of my age - probably 6 years old at the time and I think I am part toy poodle and part spaniel. My tail curls around my back so I may have some Havanese in me too!

I shook violently the first week in my new home and could not stay in the kennel that the shelter had given my new people. They let me out, despite the risks of "doggie accidents", and I eventually settled down. However, during our first outing, I became afraid and jumped out of the too big harness the shelter had given us to use and ran away. Miraculously, I found my way back but not until my people and their friends the Redfields had looked ALL over the neighborhood. The next day I sneaked out of the house and was rescued by Patricia Tinney as I was trying to play with a herd of javelinas. I just didn't know any better - what can I say?

I don't care for men dressed in black, most notably Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones on TV, and will bark and growl. I don't like brooms, rakes, or sticks, but am doing better now. My people like that I was house trained, and leash trained and am really a very loving and well-behaved dog, once I get to know you and feel comfortable with you. I reward my newfound friends with slobbering kisses!

I don't care for and growl at large dogs and don't always understand if they just want to play. I am good friends with Julius, Rocket, and Oso and get along pretty well with other small dogs. My human has kept track of the words and phrases that I understand and have come up with about 60. He is amazed at how much of our language I can figure out.

Now you know my story - and it's a doozie, isn't it? See you around the neighborhood!!

## PET CORNER (continued)



Hello everybody! My name is Teddy, and I am an Australian Shepherd born at Rockford Bay, Idaho. When my people, Gloria, and Arnie (Urraca), came to pick out a pet, they had to choose between me or my sister but since I was so friendly and happy, they chose me. Their neighbors were so taken with me that they went and adopted my sister, and we get to play together; sometimes because she will sneak out of their gate to visit me.

Isn't that awesome! How lucky can one dog get?

My humans named me Teddy because they thought I looked like a fluffy, little teddy bear. Aw shucks! My belief in life is that we are all meant to play together, humans and all other dogs alike, so my wonderful humans put a gate in their fence so neighborhood dogs can come over to play anytime! Oh boy!

I ABSOLUTELY love my walks and my treats. When my humans go to their lake house, I have trained 3 of their neighbors so that after just 1 bark, they let me in for petting, treats, and water. I am one spoiled boy!

When you see me again soon, don't let my new hair cut throw you. I am 14 now and am still very good natured. I would love a pet or two when next we meet!



# HALLOWEEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



## ***THE STORY OF WYNONA DALTON***

Canoa Ranch, during the late 1920's through the mid1930's was the social and economic center of the middle Santa Cruz River Valley and visitors were plentiful. One of these visitors was Wynona Dalton, recently divorced, who traveled from Bisbee to visit her sister, Elaine, wife of the Ranch foreman. She had a brief fling with a ranch worker, Jesu Hernandez, but her sister advised her not to get involved with a 'peon'.

Soon, Wynona had other admirers and Jesu was no longer a significant factor in her life. This obviously hurt. He was not going to be pushed out of the picture by some Gringo. He could not take on all the visitors, but he could take her out of the picture. By some means or another, Jesu convinced Wynona to take a ride with him and they crossed the valley and rode west. No one knows what took place during that ride, but Jesu came back without Wynona. He said they had been attacked by a band of Mexican immigrants. Whatever the story, no one believed it and he was found guilty of her murder. He was found hung in the desert." Roger stopped his tale to light a cigarette, then added. "The general consensus is that she was murdered right where this HOA is built. So, if you believe in the supernatural, she may well show up here."

*From the book KILOMETER 68 by Robert Allen*



Wynona Dalton has stopped for a visit at Bob & Nancy Allen's house.

Stop by 3845 Reyecuelo to say Hi.

# LADIES LUNCH OUT

## Our next outing will be:

Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon  
Coyote Grill – 4201 Camino Del Sol

Seating will be indoors  
If you have out-of-town guests, INVITE THEM

RSVP by November 22<sup>nd</sup> – [marilyn.gaizband@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.gaizband@gmail.com)

# LADIES COFFEE

Thursdays through 2021

Posada Java – 9AM  
6565 S Park Centre Ave – Green Valley

\*\*\* After the first of the year the day of the week will rotate \*\*\*

# ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

## TEX-MEX HOLIDAY PARTY

Entertainment by Johnny Bencomo

December 11<sup>th</sup>

Details coming soon



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Garzota – Leslie Kush  
Reyecuelo – Tamara Bohn & Jim Barker  
Picamaderos – Leslie Kush

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**CSE II Representative to GV Council**

Representative: Bob Allen  
Alternate: Gary Karger