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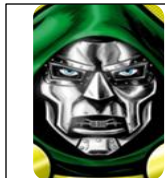
Saturday March 20 at 8:00am

Meet at the corner of Tanuri and Velazquez

Wear sturdy shoes, gloves and masks

Contact: patfrankle799@gmail.com

President's Remarks



Jim Warner
President and
Information Systems

Hello SMR!

I sit in front of a blank screen (or blank sheet of paper for those without a computer ... you know who you are) every month trying to think of items that you might find interesting or informative. There are several subjects to choose to write about and after writing a few of these articles you realize they tend to run in cycles.

For instance, there are several messages that should be repeated due to their importance. These items are reminders to all residents usually during the spring and fall when the neighborhood population changes with the migration of snowbirds. They are; observe SMR's 25 mph speed limit and posted stop signs (even when traveling on Colorada), pick up after your dog, walk your dog on a leash, follow pool and tennis courts rules and don't run with scissors (more of a good safety tip).

I get some of my inspiration from reading previous newsletters. I was reading my article from last March and realized that it was the last pre-COVID article I had written. I remember our March 12th board meeting at the clubhouse and mentioning to others there that I didn't think that COVID would amount to much (I am very good at prognostication). On March 16th the nation went into lock down forcing the HOA to comply with social distancing, pool and tennis court capacity rules and the closing of the clubhouse. It was a bumpy road in the beginning but now everything seems to be running as smoothly as can be expected. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation. I am thinking with the release of the COVID vaccine that things will get back to normal soon (You can see how well my last prediction went).

With the closing of the clubhouse the board had to move their monthly meetings on-line using ZOOM video conferencing software. I urge anyone who can make it to join the meeting, particularly committee members to see

how well your chairperson represents you and the committee. The next meeting is March 11th at 9:00 am. If you need instructions on how to join the meeting, email me at president@smrhoa.com and I will email them back to you.

COVID vaccination information is being displayed in the neighborhood bulletin boards near the mailboxes and also sent to you via email.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I am a little Irish but all I know is Lucky Charms are magically delicious!

Jim Warner

President, SMR HOA

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Landscape



Eloise Gore
Landscape Chair

The Landscape team continues planting throughout the community, including 17 fishhook barrels from the February Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society rescue sale. We are just now finishing planting the 32 Ocotillos from the January sale. Darrin and his team are also working overtime on Zone 5 maintenance and will move on to Zone 6 in early March. We expect there will be more planting, but as mentioned last month, it is best to get the plants in the ground before the Ides of March.

Speaking of timing, here are tips from the Tucson Botanical

Garden on landscaping activities for this month:

MARCH

- Purchase and plant new perennials, shrubs, trees, annuals, and herbs.
- Plant spring vegetable garden (tomatoes and peppers late in the month).
- Spread mulch under and around plants.
- Continue to harvest citrus.
- Install drip irrigation to new plantings, adjusting irrigation rate for establishing plants.
- Prune perennial herbs.
- Check for aphids on new plant growth, control by washing with soap and water.
- Check for caterpillars on flowering plants.
- New growth can still be vulnerable to late frost – do not put away covers yet*

The average last day of freezing weather is March 15th. After this date, prune frost-damaged foliage and branches.

(<https://tucsonbotanical.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/11-12-Gardening-Calendar.pdf>

and <https://tucsonbotanical.org/community-resources/>)

Here are some local nurseries that you may not be familiar with. Many of us find the selections at these lesser-known merchants (as well as the prices) to be more appealing than the more familiar and larger garden centers.

Bach's Cactus Nursery

8602 N Thornydale Rd, Tucson, AZ 85742

B&B Cactus Farm

11550 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson AZ 85748

Old Pueblo Cactus

1802 E Roger Rd, Tucson, AZ 85719

Plants for the Southwest

50 E Blacklidge Dr, Tucson, AZ 85705

Ponderosa Cactus

1870 W Wetmore Rd, Tucson, AZ 85705 and 3751 East Fort Lowell Road Tucson, AZ 85716

Rillito Nursery and Garden Center

6303 N La Cholla Blvd., Tucson, Arizona 85741

If you have favorite nurseries specializing in cacti and other desert plants, please let me know. We are always looking for good sources of plants for the community and for our own yards.

Happy Springtime!

Eloise Gore

Landscape Committee Chair

Landscape@SMRHOA.com

Recreation



Jay Flaherty
Recreation Chair

Pools and Spas continue to be open and operate under State and County Covid restrictions. State and county restrictions are monitored for any changes. Please continue to follow the posted restrictions and guidelines. We will hopefully be out of the pandemic restrictions by the end of Summer.

The East Pool is scheduled to be re-plastered during the month of May. The work is expected to take 4-5 weeks to complete but it is much needed maintenance. Every effort will be made to keep the East Spa open during this time.

Tennis/Pickle Ball Court

The use of the court is restricted to residents and their guests only. Please adhere to these rules. The use of the court by residents and non-resident guests will be monitored to see if there is a need for changes to our guest policy.

The open play court time was put in place to encourage pickle ball play by SMR residents.

Windscreens for the east side of the court were installed the week of February 22nd.

Clubhouse

The clubhouse remains closed until further notice.

We are still in need of a volunteer for trash patrol for the month of July. Please contact Kathie Flaherty at facilities_reservations if you are interested in helping the HOA.

I can be reached at recreation@smrhoa.com with any comments or concerns.

Jay Flaherty

Roads



John Mitchell
Roads Chair

We have signed a contract with Ace Asphalt of Tucson to repair the stretch of Bribon between the clubhouse and the end of the cul-de-sac. That section is very lightly used, and our landscaper, Darrin, and his crew store plants and landscape materials at the end of the cul-de-sac. They are the only ones who drive that section of the road. If you have walked down that section, you have undoubtedly noticed that the road surface is heavily cracked and at the end there are places where the asphalt has disappeared,

and the roadbed is coming through. The road will continue to degrade unless we do something about it. We have

hired Ace to treat the road with the same coating material (a micro surface or slurry seal) that was applied to the sidewalk on the west side of Colorada. We think this will preserve the road surface for another 10 to 20 years.

John Mitchell

Roads Chair

roads@smrhoa.com or 1-608-347-5992



John Mitchell

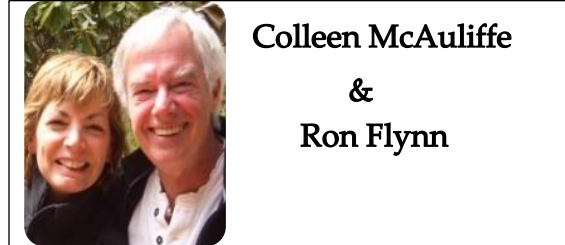
Nomination Chair

nominations@smrhoa.com or 1-608-347-5992

Nominating Committee

Although the Annual Meeting in November is a long way off, the Nominating Committee is starting to identify potential candidates for the Board and for committee Chairs for 2022. We are always looking for those of you who would like to serve and help run SMR. If you are interested in a volunteering or know of someone whom you think would be a good addition to our operation, please let me know. Your interest or suggestions will be kept confidential.

Hospitality Committee



parking spots available.

Check out their website for more information and a list of the concerts www.thegaslighttheatre.com.

Colleen and Ron

Hospitality Chairs

email colleenmcauliffe@earthlink.net or ronflynn@icloud.com

Once again, we have no plans for events for this month.

We recently learned that the Gaslight Theatre is currently putting on "Porch Concerts". You can listen to the concert from your car or bring chairs and a table to put in the parking spaces provided. There is a maximum of 6 people per space, and masks are required if you leave that area. Tickets are \$35 per space. You can place an order for popcorn or pizza when you purchase your tickets. They offer additional food items as well as adult and other beverages on site. There are 56

Architecture

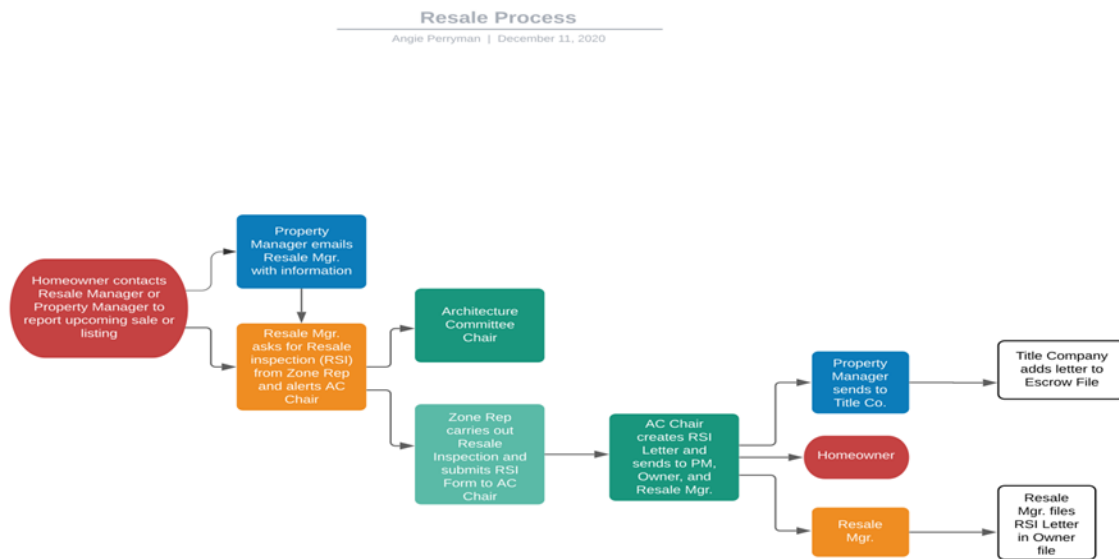


Janet Pearce Foster
Architecture
Chair

This month's column concerns 1) home sales and 2) project applications. Let's begin with sales.

RESALE PROCESS

Even with Reminder #1 that is part of this column monthly, I receive many inquiries regarding the resale process or, more simply, what happens when you wish to sell your SMR house. I hope the following is helpful.



In order for a sale to proceed, Arizona law governing HOAs requires a disclosure from the HOA stating that the house is in compliance with the HOA standards. To comply, at SMR we do a Resale Inspection (RSI), the results of which are given to the title company via Cadden, our management company. Even if property is sold privately or sells before reaching the market, the RSI is still required for the property to go into escrow and the RSI letter is demanded by the title company.

The SMR Board of Directors has tasked the Architecture Committee with doing the inspections, RSIs. This is an inspection of the exterior only and comprises about ten or twelve items, including a question regarding the overall character of your property's landscape, specifically overgrowth. Residents can view the actual list of items surveyed during these inspections by going online using the Architecture link of the SMR website smrhoa.com. It is listed in the center of the Architecture page.

Please note, you need not be present for the inspection. The process is transparent, and owners receive a copy of the RSI letter that is submitted to the title company.

To help explain the confusing sequence, our SMR Resale Manager, Angie Perryman designed a flowchart which seems an easy and clear way to explain the process. Again, I wish to point out that members of the Architecture

Committee undertake this process not because we wish to but because it is stipulated by Arizona state law. If you need to know those specifics, you may contact me, and I can guide you to the statutes. For most, Reminder #1 is sufficient. As always, if you have any question about what to do regarding the upcoming sale of your property, please contact me.

PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Hand in hand with sales are new residents. While we welcome our new owners, we are aware that in your enthusiasm to personalize your SMR property, ‘newbies’ may neglect to submit project applications for work that affects the exterior. In fact, it turns out that some new residents are not aware of the ADR guidelines. One of the reasons that Sunrise Mountain Ridge is as beautiful as it is desirable, is the adherence to the Architectural Design Reference standards.

DID YOU KNOW? Project applications are **REQUIRED** for any project that affects the exterior.

The only exception is if the replacement is of the same material, color, form, style and size. **All other changes or upgrades must be approved by the Architecture Committee.** We have many new residents that are excited to be upgrading SMR properties. Please, please please, check the ADR or contact me to learn whether your intended upgrade, replacement or refurbishment needs committee approval. This saves costly re-dos as well as misunderstandings.

Remember, too, that **the Architecture Committee is the last word on whether you need to submit a project application.** Neighbors may suggest, block captains may give an opinion, friends may assure, but the committee knows. The ADR is our guide and so it should be yours. Please take our community efforts seriously; it is what you agreed to when becoming members of the Sunrise Mountain Ridge Homeowners’ Association.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation,

Janet Pearce Foster, Chair

Email: architecture@smrhoa.com

REMINDER #1: If you plan to sell your SMR home, please contact resale@smrhoa.com or phone Angie Perryman at 520-615-4074 **before** putting your house on market and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

REMINDER #2: If you are contemplating **any** exterior project work, please check the Architectural Design Reference (ADR) or contact me **BEFOREHAND** regarding the SMR Project Application requirement. Failure to this may result in a fine, unnecessary delays and/or expensive revisions.

Janet Pearce Foster

Chair, Architecture Committee

Email: architecture@smrhoa.com

Volunteer Liaison



Allen Hile
Volunteer Liaison

To volunteer for SMR Committee or Board work, contact me VOLUNTEER@SMRHOA.com.

Allen Hile

Chair, Volunteer Liaison

Neighborhood Watch



The 2021 edition of the SMR Directory is on its way to your home as you read this newsletter.

On the last page of the Directory is the Resident Information and Emergency Contact form. A “fillable” version of this Resident Information form is available using the SMR website; www.smrhoa.com as well as directly using:

<http://www.smrhoa.com/Online%20Resident%20Information%20Form%20-%20Fillable.pdf>. The “fillable” feature allows easy updating and the ability to forward your completed form to SMR’s Database Manager, Herb Burton at database@smrhoa.com.

Our HOA uses information you provide to create the annual directory and to contact you or the person(s) you designate in case of emergency.

There is also space on the form to optionally let us know about your hometown and hobbies. I hope to use this information over time to connect SMR residents with common interests.

Please take a look at this form and decide to add new information or see if any of your previously supplied information needs updating. You may also consider sharing your completed form with your SMR Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, who can help you while you are away or if an emergency occurs at your property.

Please be proactive in obtaining your COVID vaccine shots, which will hasten our return to the community we all desire...a neighborhood of caring, sharing, and interacting residents who share their lives with each other.

Bob Shaff

SMR Neighborhood Watch Chair

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Database



The new SMR Directory contains all of the updated information. Please submit any updates, changes, corrections and new information to: database@smrhoa.com

Herb Burton

Database Chair

Advertising by Residents

Procedure: Ads must be limited to 50 words, text only, no pictures, include a phone number and/or email address, and be submitted by the middle of the month preceding the newsletter publication date (the first of the month, except for a combined mid-summer issue on July 15). The ad is good for one issue. If you want it repeated, you must submit another request. Ad copy should be sent to Alan Frankle, Pubs@smrhoa.com.



SNAP phone: 437-9556

<http://www.sunrisesnap.org>

A Shot in the Arm: COVID-19 Vaccination Update

“You can’t tell the players without a scorecard,” the caption of a 1947 cartoon by Herbert L. Block (Herblock), aptly describes today’s constantly changing COVID vaccine information. Amidst the confusion, Sunrise Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) wants to provide updates for scheduling vaccination appointments for all those who are eligible.

Currently, we know the following ways to make a COVID vaccination appointment:

Arizona Department of Health Services website at azdhs.gov/covid-19. If you are 65 or older, you may register for the vaccine, which is being administered at a drive-through site on the campus mall at the University of Arizona on Campbell Avenue. If you are unable to access the website or wish to speak to someone, call 844-542-8201. **Note: As of February 18th, all available vaccine appointments at this Tucson state-run POD (point of distribution) have been filled until early March.**

- The Pima County Health Department is opening pre-registration for the 65+ population this week. Vaccine sites are Banner Health South (Kino Stadium) Tucson Medical Center (TMC), and Tucson Convention Center (TCC). Kino Stadium and TMC are drive-through sites. TCC is a walk-up site. To register, go to pima.gov/covid19vaccine or if you prefer, call 520-222-0119 for appointments at TMC or TCC or call 833-509-0908 for help getting an appointment at Banner South-Kino Stadium. **Note: Vaccinations at the Banner North Cancer Center location will end on March 4.**
- Veterans with a VA Medical Card can call 520-792-1450 to schedule a vaccine appointment. Callers MUST have a VA Medical Card, which allows them to receive care at the VA facility.

Please remember that the amount of vaccine available each week in Pima County will determine the number of actual inoculations. The allotment nationwide still is uncertain and imprecise.

If you cannot schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment on your own, call the SNAP line at 520-437-9556. We will help you.

SNAP will provide transportation to vaccination appointments if there are volunteers available. If you need transportation assistance, call the SNAP line as soon as you have an appointment date and time.

Remember to call SNAP at 520-437-9556 for information, assistance, and resources. We are here to help our older adult neighbors age in place!

Sincerely,

Lynda Stites

Volunteer Program Manager

Sunrise Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP)

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We interrupt this pandemic for the following important messages!!

Dear Friends of Scottycar,

- 1) Happy New Year! May 2021 be your best year ever!
- 2) I'm now in my 9th year in business! Amazing. Thanks for your support, SMR!
- 3) Please know that all systems are go at Scottycar, and I'm at your service; masks, wipes, and Lysol at the ready!
- 4) Home Watch Clients - If your return to Tucson has been delayed, we can extend (or start) your service over the phone. Just give me a call.
- 5) Though 2020 was no picnic business-wise, the worst part was not seeing you, my terrific Clients. I'm SO looking forward to catching up with you when things get back to normal. In the meantime, I think I'll paint the living room. Again.



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SMR PHOTO GALLERY

For our website users we are starting a monthly Photo Gallery. Please send any interesting photos of fauna, flora, sunrises, sunsets or any other photos of items that make SMR special. Please e-mail to pubs@smrhoa.com.



SMR Sunrises – Eloise Gore



Sabino Canyon SMR Playground – Eloise Gore



Clean the Roads Volunteers November 2020 – Pat Frankle

This information and photos were provided by Dan Weisz a friend of Carol and Charles Sumner.

Great Horned Owls are the largest owl of 13 owl species found in Arizona and the most common owl throughout the United States.

In AZ, a Great Horned Owl might weigh up to 2.5 pounds.

Great Horned Owls live in a wide variety of habitats.

Great Horned Owls living in southern Arizona are smaller and lighter colored than those in other parts of the US.

Great Horned Owls are the apex predators of the night sky.

Contrary to popular belief, Great Horned Owls do not view cats or dogs as prey items. Those pets are too large for the owls to carry and they both come with weapons that can injure or kill an owl. There are hundreds of other potential prey items that cannot harm an owl. There is no science behind the belief that owls hunt cats or dogs.

Poisons set out for rats will kill owls. Owls will eat the poisoned rats and then will, themselves, be poisoned. Other options are available for getting rid of rats without doing harm to owls.

They do not build nests but will ‘reallocate’ last year’s nests of hawks or ravens and they are just as likely to “nest” on any flat surface, but when they do so, they do not add any substantial nesting materials.

Typically 2-3 eggs are laid each year.

Incubation lasts 30-37 days and begins when the first egg is laid. Your owl is already sitting on eggs so I’m guessing the eggs may hatch sometime around the 25th+ of March. Only the female incubates the eggs. The male will bring food to the nest which the female will tear into bite-sized bits for the owlets. The owlets will remain on the nest for 5-7 weeks but will not be able to take sustained flights for another few weeks after that.

A great resource for more information is at https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Great_Horned_Owl/overview



Owl on Carrillo – Dan Weisz