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President's Remarks

Dick McGann, President



Hi Neighbors, We had a very good turnout at our Annual Meeting in November. Residents elected Susan Arbuckle as a Director and she will serve on the SMR Board. We amended our bylaws and voted to move the operating budget surplus to the SMR reserve fund, and finally, we expressed appreciation to three of our retiring chairs. A draft of the Annual Meeting minutes is on the SMRHOA website.

Herb Burton is retiring from his position as Publications Chair after 13 years. Herb has crafted our Newsletter, produced our Annual Meeting mailers, published our Homeowners Guide and Directory, maintained our website and been the chief "alert"

communicator via email. Herb also served as an SMR Director for two terms -- 2008 through 2010, and 2011 through 2013. He has been instrumental in the development of our database and archives. Herb's calm demeanor and common sense have contributed to our board meetings and decisions.

Not to be outdone is Ruth Turpin, the Resale Manager for sixteen years! I think this has to be a record. Every real estate firm and title company in the area knows who Ruth is. Ruth has created a process that has facilitated a property resale and helped protect buyer, seller and SMR and executed this position flawlessly. She has done all this with a willing smile.

Pete Read is exiting the position of Sunrise Area Council representative. Pete has done this job for two years as well as served as our President from 2009 through 2012. Pete helped resurrect this organization of all Sunrise HOAs that serves as a forum for issues common to our communities.

Angie Perryman has joined the Board as Resale Manager, Al and Pat Frankle are taking on the Newsletter and Wendy Reed is Sunrise Area Council Representative as well as Volunteer Coordinator.

A last word to dog owners..... Please take a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog and use it to pick up your dog's waste. It is the right thing to do!

This is my last month as president of the Sunrise Mountain Ridge HOA. I was grateful to be able to work with a dedicated board and committee chairs and the many volunteers and residents of Sunrise Mountain Ridge. They all contribute to making SMR a great place to live. Thanks for letting me serve. It has been a privilege.

Dick

Landscape

Sylvia Burton, Chair, Landscape Committee



Happy holidays from your Landscape Committee to all Sunrise Mountain Ridge residents. This is a great time to be thankful for all the wonderful reasons that make our lives so special in our great community. This is the time to take a good look at your property and consider trimming or pruning now that many plants are dormant. It is also a great time to make plans for spring planting. Our zone reps are ready and willing to answer your questions and give advice. They are: Sandy Glasser, zone 1; Joey Curtis, zone 2; Bill Salisbury, zone 3; Sylvia Burton, zone 4; Sue Cole, zone 5; and Wendy Malone, zone 6. Please refer to your directory for correct phone and email information and the illustrated zone maps. We are

completing our fall planting throughout the neighborhood and the roll off area by the east pool has been given a thorough spiffing up. Thanks to all of you who support our efforts to keep SMR looking first rate.

Sylvia Burton, Chairman

Recreation

*Paul Greenberg, Chair,
Recreation Facilities
Committee*



Reminder – the West pool is now closed for the winter months. The spa continues to be in full operation. The East pool and spa remain open. Please note that the bright orange life buoy has been moved to the east wall at the east pool.

Pickle ball and tennis players continue to be active while the engineering group is evaluating the best route to resurface the court. The consultants will be doing a CAD drawing to determine if two pickle ball courts can be properly laid out within the court dimensions. We anticipate being able to present a proposal for the construction to the Board within the next three or four weeks.

The recreation committee would like to extend its thanks to Leslie Van Hoy for her donation of a full-size metal cabinet to SMR. The cabinet has been picked up thanks to Kathleen Flaherty and delivered to the outside area of the clubhouse to be used by the Book Nook committee for the overflow of donated books. If you have not seen their efforts you will be surprised at the many current books of all genre for your enjoyment. No charge, no library card needed, just take one and enjoy.

I would like to apologize for carelessly omitting Lu Salisbury's name from my thank-you list at the annual meeting. She is always there when a volunteer is needed and heads up the Trash & Recycle committee among her many volunteer duties.

As this issue of the monthly newsletter comes out, I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at pauljoy@gainbroadband.com or 615-9669.

Architecture

*Larry Glasser
Chair,
Architecture
Committee*



Thanks to You... Sunrise Mountain Ridge is considered by many to be the "crown jewel" of all the Fairfield communities!

Those of us on the Architecture Committee want to thank all of you, our friends and neighbors, for following guidelines set out in our CC&R's* and ADR's.**All the details to maintain the look of a well-cared-for neighborhood make a difference! For example, our lighted street lamps, painted utility boxes and upkeep of each home comprise the whole of Sunrise Mountain Ridge. These "details" not only enhance our neighborhood as a beautiful place to live but also contribute to our property values.

At each of our monthly meetings we discuss, plan and implement ways to maintain the visual and architectural standards of our association. This month we focused on the following:

- Review architectural requests from homeowners making renovations
- Home Sales inspections
- Clarifying items in ADR's relating to trim paint colors for each home model
- Review rafter extension maintenance
- American flag display and flagpoles
- Options for roof repair and roof edge repair issues

If you have questions about these or other concerns for the Architecture Committee, please call Larry Glasser, at 303-903-4777 or email leglasser@msn.com.

Again, thank You for helping us sustain and conserve the identity of Sunrise Mountain Ridge as a special community!

*CC& R - Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions

**ADR - Architectural Design Reference

Roads

*Tom Triplett, Chair
Roads Committee*



The safety bollard placement along Via Colorada at Pico del Monte and Paseo Penoso is nearing completion as of the writing of this report. Four reflective signs will be added in the next week or so. The signs delivered were the wrong design. I believe the uniform look of the 13 new matching black sleeves adds to the overall appearance to the SMR community. And, not insignificantly, we have added a true safety feature at those two intersections that hasn't existed in the life of the HOA. With the positive response I've received in the short time the bollards have been set place and the black sleeves attached, I feel it appropriate to give a brief background on the history of this project. The safety bollards have been in the planning stage for several years, but finally addressed this year because of the postponing of the bigger projects. The idea of the sleeves placed over the black steel bollards that will eventually corrode came from Jim Kercheval. Thank you, Jim. Great idea!

As my first year on the Board winds down, I can honestly say I've learned a so very much from so many of you as residents and friends of Sunrise Mountain Ridge. We truly have a desirable community in which we have chosen to live. As the Roads Chairman I've also learned to keep my eyes open. We've known about a few misaligned and broken sidewalk panels that have created tripping hazards. We have been gathering contractor information for these repairs attempting to consolidate as many problem areas as possible in order to achieve the lowest possible prices to complete the work. With that said, I have been finding more and more sidewalk areas needing repair. Once we are through the Holidays and upon my return to Tucson in early January, the Roads Committee will continue identifying the dangerous trip hazards on our sidewalks. And, as most of you know, if the sidewalk repair is within the boundaries of your property, you are responsible for the cost of the repair. If on HOA property, of course, that will be the responsibility of the association.

From your Roads Committee, Mont, Todd, John and Jim, have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 299-9150 or email me at thomasatriplett@aol.com with your questions, comments or suggestions.

Tom Triplett

Hospitality Committee

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November 2016 was a busy month for Hospitality as we supplied refreshments for the 11/15/16 SMR Annual Homeowners meeting. We also hosted the 11/18/16 SMR "Movie Night" which was a classic comedy evening of Carol Burnett's TV sketches. Both were a success and well attended. Our "Thanks" to Bob Nichol for being the Hospitality arranger and projectionist.

December 2016 will be equally busy, as we will be decorating the clubhouse for the holidays on 12/1/16, hosting the annual SMR "Holiday Brunch" on 12/4/16, and removing the holiday decorations on 12/29/16. January 2017 events are also planned and are listed below in "Dates to Remember".

Dates to Remember

December – Sunday 12/4/16 - "Holiday Brunch" - 11:00am to 2:30pm – Brunch – This is the only time of the year we ask for everyone to bring their favorite dish to share with everyone for the brunch. The Hospitality Committee will supply all drinks. Also, please bring an unwrapped toy or gift to be donated to children by "Friends of SMR" for the Holidays.

January – Sunday – 1/15/17 – New Homeowners Cocktail Party – 3:00pm to 6:00pm – The Ladd's residence.

January – Sunday – 1/29/17 - "Wine Pairings of Italy" - 4:00pm to 6:00pm – All wines and food pairings prepared by Hospitality and hosted by Jenny Didas. Reservations and the payment of \$20.00 per person are required at the time of sign-up and the deadline for reservations and payment will be due by 12/31/16. There will be a sign-up sheet at all upcoming events.

Potluck Season 2017

Hello SMR Community!

It's time again to think about the coming Potluck Season 2017!! Potlucks are a great way to get to know others in our community that we would likely not have met otherwise. They've been such fun that we wanted to provide one more opportunity for those who may have not signed up at our last SMR annual meeting.

On Sunday, January 8 at 4:00 PM we will have our initial meeting at the clubhouse. Mark your calendars! Folks who have signed up will meet their potluck groups and schedule their respective potlucks over the next few months. Be SURE to bring your calendars to help decide on your dates!! Some groups have decided to eat out. Others have chosen to divide the meal 3 ways: i.e. hors d'oeuvres and dessert, with the "host" for the night providing the main meal. There will be 6-8 people per group, likely rotating each potluck from home to home.

The meeting on January 8 shouldn't take too long. If you haven't already signed up at our Annual Meeting, or let us know, please send us an email if you decide you would like to try this opportunity. We'd love for you to join! If you could let us know by Friday, Dec. 30, it would be very much appreciated.

Please respond to: marylyso@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch

*Roger Wiswell,
Chair,
Neighborhood
Watch
Committee*



On Monday, November 7, 2016, it was discovered that one of the large parcel mailboxes at Pico/Sendero Chico was broken with the lock mechanism completely torn off. It is assumed the break-in occurred the night before. This reminds us all of the importance of not leaving mail in our postal boxes overnight. The large postal boxes are particularly vulnerable because the box keys have been removed when they contain a package. In addition to this reminder, I offer the following suggestions to avoid thefts and burglaries:

- Make your home look occupied when away.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Make it difficult to break in by locking all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or before going to bed.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Make certain that you put a hold on your newspapers and other deliveries.
- Arrange for your yard to be maintained when going away for an extended time. Keep sidewalks around your home and your driveway free of weeds.
- Make certain that your post lamp is operating from dusk to dawn.

I again wish to emphasize that we have no reason to live in fear here in SMR, but we also shouldn't allow ourselves to get complacent. By taking these and other actions, we'll continue to keep criminal activity very low throughout our community.

To further strengthen SMR, please get to know your neighbors and your Neighborhood Watch Block Watch leaders. The most current list of Block Watch Leaders is available on the SMR website and is posted on the East Pool bulletin board.

Our Neighborhood Watch Committee wishes you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Roger Wiswell, Chair

Neighborhood Watch Committee

Volunteer Liaison

*Susan Arbuckle
Volunteer
Coordinator*



It has been a pleasure to serve as Volunteer Liaison/Coordinator this past year. I would like to thank all the volunteers who stepped forward to serve on a Committee or as a Board member. We have successfully self managed the HOA and kept control over the way our community functions. There is always a need for volunteer help, either for ongoing projects or one time only events. Wendy Reed maintained the volunteer sign up table at the annual meeting and had 16 new volunteers offer to help.

Thank you all.

I would like to highlight the Architecture committee this month. It is chaired this year by Larry Glasser who has nine committee members helping him. This committee is charged with "preserving the appearance of SMR properties consistent with the standards originally established by the developer (Fairfield)". To that end, the committee provides a current Architecture Design Reference (ADR) for homeowners to use when choosing materials to update homes. This reference is found in the back of the annual Homeowners Guide and Directory and on the SMR HOA website.

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving all remodeling projects that "alter any exterior structures or are visible from outside the house" before they are begun. This includes many things such as roofs, awnings, flagpoles, front gates and walkways, paint, and water features. To find the total list, you can refer to the guide or the SMR website. They also do resale inspections to confirm that only approved exterior modifications are passed on to the new homeowner. The value of our homes continues to be high, in part because of the help and support of the Architecture Committee. We are all proud to call Sunrise Mountain Ridge our home and thank the Architecture Committee for their work.

Stay tuned for further highlights of the Hospitality Committee chaired by Susan and John Ladd, Recreation chaired by Paul Greenberg, Resale with new Chair, Angie Perryman, Finance chaired by Bob Cole, Nominations which was chaired by Carmen Wiswell this year and will have a new chair in 2017.

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 Joy Jensen, mjensen1@msn.com, 577-8208.

Database

Kathleen Flaherty
Chair, Database



Need to update your phone number or email address? Instead of filling out the Resident Information Form, just send an email with your changes to smr_data_update@smrhoa.com

The new Directory will be printed in February 2017. Please submit any updated information as early as possible to:
smr_data_update@smrhoa.com



SNAP phone: 437-9556

www.sunrisesnap.org

November was National Alzheimer's Awareness Month. Many thanks to the twenty SNAP members and friends who participated in the local Walk to End Alzheimer's and/or helped to raise monies (exceeding our \$2,000. goal) to support research and programs for those challenged by dementia. Alzheimer's Disease is the most expensive disease in America (costing \$236. billion annually) and the only leading cause of death in the USA that cannot be prevented, cured, or even slowed. For excellent Care Partner Tips on home safety, communication, medication, and caregiver stress etc., visit <http://aging.arizona.edu>. Also, please join us at 2 PM on January 9th at the Lutheran Church of the Foothills for the kickoff of our 2017 Education Series on Brain Health, Dementia, and The Conversation Project.

December 8th marks SNAP's final tour of senior living facilities in the Tucson area. If you are interested in visiting The Forum, a Continuing Care Retirement Community (including independent, assisted, memory care and skilled nursing/rehab levels), please call 437-9556 and reserve your place now; transportation, lunch, group support and camaraderie provided.

We are in the midst of our "paper to electronic transition of service delivery." It will not be long before all SNAP volunteers will have access to choices for transportation (and other) assignments on their own computers and can choose those which fit best with their own schedules and/or vacations. Our new "Ride Scheduler Program" is internet-based and is used by many similar non-profit organizations throughout America.

Join us from 11:30 – 1 PM on December 28th for our monthly Lunch Bunch gathering to celebrate the end of 2016 and the beginning of whatever lies ahead; dessert and a beverage are provided.

SNAP's Annual Appeal letters have been mailed; EVERY BIT HELPS! Thank You.

Happy Holidays from Tiny Read and Tamela Nelson, SNAP Coordinators

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December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	10:00 AM Spanish I (2 hrs)		9:30 AM Yoga (1.5 hrs) 11:30 AM SNAP Lunch Bunch (1.5 hrs) Tiny Read	8:00 AM Hospitality-Xmas Decorations	8:00 AM HOA Secretary Meeting	5:00 PM The Bronx Club
8:30 AM Hospitality Party (7.5hrs) - Ladd	10:00 AM Spanish I (2 hrs) 3:00 PM Architecture Committee (2 hrs)		9:30 AM Yoga (1.5 hrs)	2:00 PM Brd of Directors (2 hrs)		4:00 PM Event Rental
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1:00 PM Hospitality - Wine Tasting	10:00 AM Spanish I (2 hrs)		9:30 AM Yoga (1.5 hrs)			

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