

# Periodico de Esperanza



November 2011

## EE's Centennial Murals Project

Arizonans will celebrate the state's centennial on February 14, 2012, and thanks to the creativity of artist Kathy Sawin, EE will have its own unique way to commemorate the occasion – the Centennial Murals.

Kathy is creating several large ceramic murals depicting various aspects of Arizona, which will be displayed in EE. Her goals for this public art project are to celebrate the centennial, show pride for EE, increase community involvement and encourage interest in future neighborhood projects.

Kathy has recruited other EE residents to work with her on the project. She has started constructing the murals at the Ramada and welcomes any interested resident to stop by and work on it under her guidance. No prior experience is necessary to work on the project. All you need is an interest, and Kathy will show you what to do.

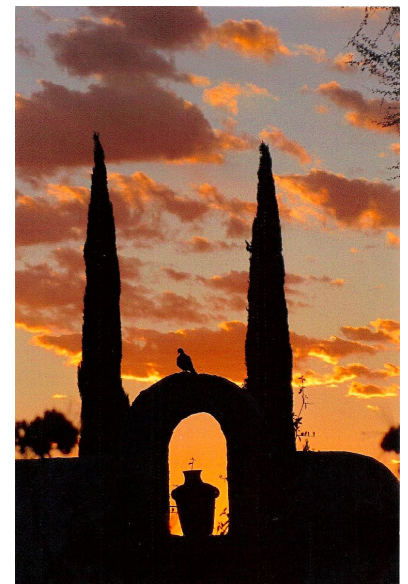
The murals will be constructed using broken ceramic pieces. Residents can help by contributing ceramic pieces such as chipped or broken dishes.

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## Photo of the Month

*Congratulations to Jim Lindberg (Vereda Calma) for this photo which truly captures the beauty of Esperanza Estates. This makes Jim a three-time winner in the monthly contest.*

*To enter your best photos taken around EE, see detail on page 5.*



## President's Message

By Tom Cooke

November 15th marked the end of an era in Esperanza Estates, when our neighbors, Steve and Nancy Brown, moved away for health reasons.

Steve, affectionately known as "Stoney," together with his wife Nancy moved to our neighborhood in 2002. We first learned of Stoney's arrival when we noticed that various problems in our common areas were mysteriously getting corrected by a volunteer who no one knew. We soon traced him down, however, and a short time later, convinced him to run for the Board, where he served until his recent health-related resignation. He served two full terms, and the majority of a third—nearly nine years. Most of that time, he was head of the Common Areas committee, in charge of our over-all subdivision maintenance and appearance.

Steve got his nickname from his talents doing stone work in many places in Esperanza Estates, all of it intricate and interesting. Examples may be seen along the edge of Arroyo Number 9, and on our walking trail, both on the south edge of EE. We expect this work will live for many years into the future, thus being a constant reminder of just one of the many things Stoney did for us while he was here.

Stoney was generous with his time and his talents. He went far beyond just supervising our landscaping crew, spending many hours doing actual physical labor—much of it hard and demanding. He frequently helped out many of our owners who needed assistance with yard work, never asking a penny in return. His reward was the appearance of Esperanza Estates, and he worked hard to keep it looking its very best. His work didn't make headlines—but it did make a difference. It made no difference to him that no one was watching his hard work.

The best way we can pay tribute to Stoney is to follow his example. Do your part to help Esperanza Estates where you can, and we'll all be richer for it.

Every subdivision needs a Stoney Brown. A person who is tireless and devoted. A person who will see things through. We are going to miss ours, but we thank him sincerely for all he did for us.

Goodbye, Stoney and Nancy. Your time here will always be remembered.

### Board Meetings

Dec. 19

Jan. 16 (Annual Mtg.)

Feb. 20, Mar. 19,

April 16, May 21,

June 18

1:00 p.m.

Sunset Ramada

Board member list & meeting minutes available at  
<http://esperanzaestates.net>

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**For the results of the recent EE  
Trash Survey, go to page 14.**

# Eric Ellingson & Jim Lindberg Join HOA Board

The Board has appointed Eric Ellingson and Jim Lindberg to fill the Board vacancies created by the recent resignations of Steve Brown and Craig Surprise.

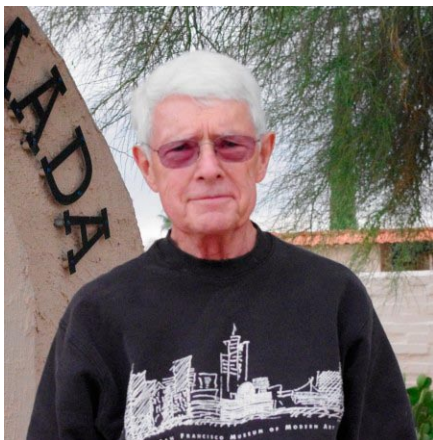
**Eric Ellingson** and his wife, Jane, have been very significant contributors to our community during their almost 15 years as winter residents of Esperanza Estates.

Eric graduated from Pacific Lutheran University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and chemistry. During his career, he worked in MIT's Lincoln Lab and the MIT Digital Computer Lab during the early days of computers. He was also a member of Boeing's preliminary design team for the B-52, Technical Director of MITRE Corporation and Engineering Vice President for GTE/Sylvania.



Eric served on the board of selectman for the town of Bedford, Massachusetts as a member for four years and chairman for one year, and was chairman of the finance committee for 12 years. He looks forward to being on our HOA Board. "In the past, I have been able to apply common sense and reasonable judgment to make things go relatively smoothly, and I find that satisfying," he said.

Eric and Jane spend summers in New Hampshire, where Eric has volunteered at The Squam Lakes Natural Science Center for the past 11 summers as a tour boat captain on the lake made famous by the movie "On Golden Pond."



**Jim Lindberg** was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, and he and his wife, Geri, moved to Esperanza Estates in July 2005. An active EE volunteer, Jim has served on the EE Men's Auxiliary, worked on maintaining our common areas, designed and fabricated the Sunset Ramada sign, designed the recent curved wall at the Ramada and the colorful tile work on EE's three monuments and is a member of the EE Gardeners.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota with a degree in architectural engineering, Jim served two years in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. He then worked for a large architectural firm and later opened an architectural firm specializing in municipal and corporate projects.

Jim served two terms on the board of directors of a condominium association in Minnesota, where he honed many of the skills he will bring to EE's Board. Jim accepted the position on our Board to give something back to this community that he enjoys so much.

With their proven experience and long-term commitment to our community, Eric and Jim will make outstanding members of our Board.

# Upcoming Events



The Periodico de Esperanza is pleased to present

## Esperanza Estates Ramada Art Walk

Sunday, December 4th

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Sunset Ramada

The Ramada will be transformed into an art gallery, workshop, and boutique, showcasing the creative talent of a number of Esperanza Estates Artist and Artisans.

You will have the opportunity to watch some of them at work, and a few will offer items for sale in the boutique.

All EE residents are invited to attend this celebration of the creativity of our neighbors.  
Admission is free.

## Annual Holiday Party at the Ramada December 7th (Pearl Harbor Day) 5:00 p.m.



Potluck: Bring your favorite entree, salad, or side dish.  
Beverages will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.

Raffle tickets on sale for a chance to win great prizes  
Christmas Carol Entertainment  
Wear your holiday finery



## Coffee & Donuts

Join your neighbors the third Wednesday of each month, 8:30 a.m., at the Ramada, for complimentary coffee and donuts.

## Next Hamburger Night Tuesday, January 10th

Mark your calendar!





## Time to Decorate Your Light Post

**E**speranza Estates has a wonderful holiday tradition--decorating your street light post. This has been done for many years here, and it looks so festive when you look up and down our streets and see each light post dressed up for the Holidays. EE has a reputation all over Green Valley for this activity, and we get many lookers from all over who come to see what we have done.

For those who don't have the time, or the energy, to decorate their post, we have Enhancement Elves who will do it for you for a nominal charge. They charge a mere \$10 if you have the decorations, and \$15 if you don't. If you don't have the electrical adaptor (the plug-in) to go in the socket in your post, the charge is an additional \$2.00 (the adaptor then becomes yours). The charge includes both putting up the decorations, and taking them down after the first of the year.

Deadline for this service is December 15, so if you want an elf to handle it (and they do a really nice job!), call Jackie at 269-7864 to sign up.

## Photo of the Month Contest

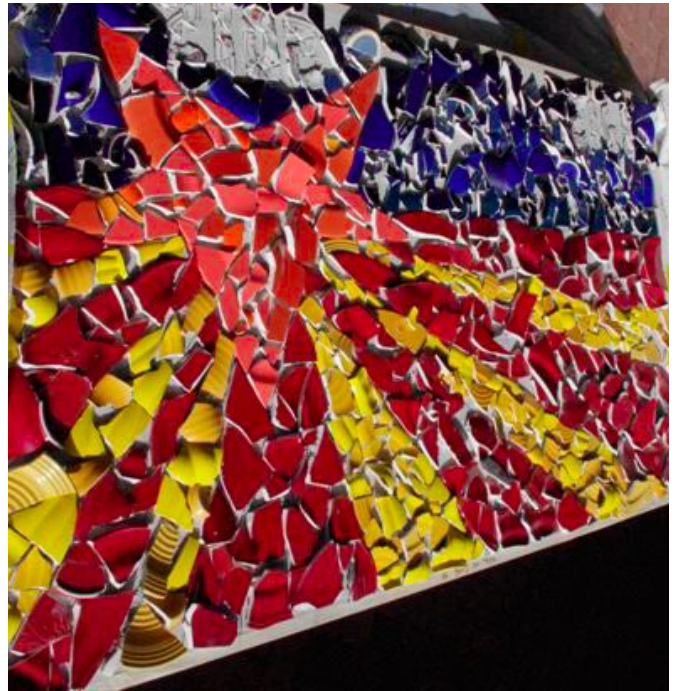
**S**ubmit up to three digital photos taken around EE during the past year. There's no limit on subject matter: flora, fauna, mountains, sunsets, etc. The Periodico Team will choose the winner, who will have their winning photo published in the next Periodico and displayed on the bulletin board at the Ramada.

*Deadline for the next contest: December 16th. Please only three photos per person.* You may submit your entry/ies to Denise Roessle (droessle@mac.com) as an email attachment, or save them on a CD and deliver it to 801 W. Circulo Napa.

## Mural Project

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Solid colors are preferred, and they can be placed in the containers located at the southwest corner of the Ramada. Leftover grout from your tiling projects would also be appreciated.



## EE's Public Art Projects

**S**teve "Stoney" Brown and Bob Venhaus started EE's tradition of public art in EE when they created the rock designs on the trail along the arroyo. Kathy Sawin's Centennial Murals, now in progress, will continue this tradition, and we look forward to others.

Kathy and other volunteers have already started a second project – a ceramic snake. Volunteers are given a piece of roof tile and asked to create a diamond on the tile using broken ceramic pieces. Kathy will tie all the decorated tiles together to form a snake. You can contact Kathy if you are interested in working on this project.

Another potential project under discussion is to decorate some of our cement benches with mosaic designs. We hope other creative residents will come forward with additional public art projects to help enhance our neighborhood.

## The Esperanza Estates Gardeners

With the return of fall weather and our winter residents, the EE Gardeners have resumed their efforts to beautify our community's landscape.

During the summer, the group purchased six large colorful pots. Several weeks ago, they placed them at our three monuments and planted them with yellow dalea (Sunset Ramada monument), agave (Portillo monument) and red yucca (Esperanza Boulevard monument). The Gardeners also installed a huachuca agave and two golden barrel cactus at the Ramada monument.

The Gardeners welcome new members. If you are interested in participating, contact Bill Berdine at 344-7301.



*There were lots of "sidewalk supervisors" on hand while the EE Gardeners landscaped the Sunset Ramada monument.*

## The "Gator" Has Arrived

*At its September meeting, the Board voted to purchase the John Deere "Gator" (pictured at right). The Board expects that owning the Gator will give the HOA control over the timing and areas of emphasis for the weed spraying program and will do the work faster and more cheaply than by using an outside company.*



## EE Name Badges Available

Name badges for Ramada gatherings are available for \$6.00 each. The badges are plastic with a magnet (not advisable for those with pacemakers) and will have the name of the individual and their street name. They can be kept at the Ramada to be used for every occasion. The profits from sales will go to the Enhancement Team. If you would like to order a badge, contact Melodye Cooke at 399-0455 or email her at [melodye1@cox.net](mailto:melodye1@cox.net).



# Enhancement Team Gears Up For Fundraisers

By Barb McCalpin

The Enhancement Team met to discuss fundraisers for this season. We're excited about the fundraising activities that we have identified; some are familiar ones and some are fun, new ones.

Back by popular demand, we will hold our second Dessert Buffet on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Relax, football fans, that's the weekend between the NFL Championship Playoffs and the Superbowl. Linda Winterland and Sandi Oster will co-chair this event. Last year's Buffet was a great success, fun and delicious. We have some great cooks/bakers in Esperanza! We will again have an old-fashioned cake walk with delectable baked treats as prizes. As a new feature this year, we will raffle off a truly remarkable gift "basket" ... it's actually a large metal tub filled to the brim with high quality goodies of an Italian theme (pictured below). There's enough in it to hold a dinner party and still have lots of leftovers. It is the creation of and generous donation from EE resident Ann Kear. Many thanks to Ann! Jane Ellingson will be in charge of this project. Raffle tickets will be sold (\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5) at the January Hamburger Night, Coffee and Donut gatherings, and other EE events. The tub will be on display that evening.

We will hold our annual Ramada and Bake Sale on March 3, 2012. This is our traditional date of the first Saturday in March. Bev Brow has lots of valuable experience and will be chairman again this year. Additional assignments will be made at our next meeting. Lots of people, including our indomitable Men's Auxiliary, help out with this event which insures that it will be a great success. We also appreciate your donations for the sale. If you have a donation, please call Jackie Rautio, 269-7864, Lorna Kitchak, 838-0653, or Bev Brow, 625-7741.

Other projects: Enhancement Elves will decorate lamp posts for Christmas this year (see related article). If you have a special pet that you would like to memorialize, consider a pet plaque to be mounted on the pet post at the ramada. We will sell pet plaques at the annual meeting in January. Geri Lindberg will be in charge of this activity. In addition to all of these efforts, the Team is planning a gangbusters event for next year. It will be a combination of old and new ideas. LaNelle Koenigs and Jackie Rautio will take the lead on this activity. Stay tuned for more info.

Now that we have identified our fundraisers, the Team will discuss enhancement projects to accomplish this year at our next meeting. We have a long list of great candidates to consider. If you would like to join our busy Team, please call Barb McCalpin at 867-8067.

*Raffle tickets to win this Italian-themed goodie basket will be on sale at various EE events, with the winning ticket drawn at the Dessert Buffet.*



Around Esperanza

## The Musicians of Esperanza Estates

By Mary Hess

*Author's Note: I am writing this article in first person because the subject, EE musician lifestyles, is part of who I am. When I was a toddler, my momma would stand me up on the piano bench to sing songs I learned from the radio, like "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "Here Comes Peter Cottontail." It seemed like a game between us and I was oblivious to the fact that people were listening.*

*After a lifetime of singing, I have an encyclopedia of tunes and lyrics floating around in my head, and rarely a day passes by that I don't relate some fleeting moment to a song. [These marble - clad showers we have in EE make a great sound booth when I feel like belting one out.]*

*Two years ago I joined the alto section of the Green Valley Community Chorus [www.gvcommunitychorus.org]. This organization has a 30 year history and is home to some of the areas finest vocalists. Sometimes I wonder why they put up with me!*

*We are currently rehearsing for our Christmas concert, "Nowell," a program that incorporates a winsome variety of music from Frideric Handel to Mel Torme. Performances will take place at Valley Presbyterian Church on Monday, December 12 and 13. Tickets are \$10.00, and if you call me, I can fix you right up.*

*I am also singing in our church choir's Christmas Cantata, a Ralph Carmichael work titled "Specially For Shepherds." Combined with a luncheon, performances will take place on December 8, 9 and 10 at noon at the Evangelical Free Church. The event is sold out, but I understand if you call the church they will put you on a waiting list.*

*As a music lover, I have also attended concerts by the Sons of Orpheus and the Green Valley Chamber Music society, and EE residents are part of those organizations as well.*

**J**im Kitchak is a member of the well-known Sons of Orpheus men's chorus of Tucson. They are beginning their 21st season of performing this fall, and this is Jim's fourth winter with them. The group is primarily known for its Christmas Concert series at Mission San Xavier, where they perform six concerts in three days (December 13,14,15) and are joined by the famous Tucson Boys Choir.

His group usually comes to Green Valley twice a year, at Christmas and again in the Spring. This season finds them at Quail Creek on December 18th at 3 p.m. They also perform in December at Saddlebrooke, Tucson Estates and Mission San Xavier. Their Green Valley



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spring concert is scheduled for April 22nd at Valley Presbyterian Church.

Jim began his connection with Orpheus by searching the internet for choruses in the Tucson/GV area. He had started a small men's group back in Racine, Wisconsin, and wanted to continue singing during the winters. After many emails with its founder and director, Grayson Hirst, Jim joined the group. He loves the many hours of hard work, both in group and at home, and the rewarding concert performances. He does not, however, love the trip to East Tucson twice a week for rehearsals. He often carools with two other men from the GV area.

Jim finds singing a wonderful hobby as well as a 'mission' of making people happy through music. The group is also known for its charity concerts for the Community Food Bank, as well as U of A scholarships and work with the ASDB, the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind. Other performances include the veteran's hospital in Tucson, the candlelight vigil for Pima County homicide victims, Pima Community College, Green Valley CPAC and many other venues.

For a performance schedule and general information, check Sons of Orpheus website at <http://www.sonsoforpheus.org>



The Green Valley Chamber Music Society [[www.gvcms.org](http://www.gvcms.org)] is musical home for EE winter resident Patty Adler. The society is described as a group of music lovers in Green Valley who meet monthly to play for each other. The focus is primarily classical music. Members include former teachers or professional musicians as well as amateur musicians. And there are lots of enthusiastic listeners.

Patty plays the violin in the GVCMS orchestra, but enjoys performing in Celtic and bluegrass styles as well. She says she is the "official fiddler" for the Clan Johnston/e, and has performed at the Scottish-Irish Highland Festival for the last 10 years. She has also been known to take up her bow at special events in the neighborhood Ramada.

The society meets in the Parish Hall of the St. Francis-In-The-Valley Episcopal Church. Meetings are free and take place on the second Monday of each month at 9:45 a.m.

Former professional musician Richard Rose played with big bands in the Seattle area for almost 50 years. Though not currently active in musical circles, he carries a lifetime of memories of his days as a clarinetist and saxophonist. He studied music as a child, and began his adult music career when he passed the Navy's musician exam as a young recruit during the waning days of World War II. His assignment was to play with a navy band aboard the USS Midway on her maiden voyage. The ship is now a museum anchored in San Diego.

A recently published book, "Before Seattle Rocked" by Kurt Armbruster (available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)) studies the history of music in that area of the U.S. The author used information Richard provided, and one photo was selected for an exhibit at the Seattle Museum of History and Industry. It is a magnificent shot of young people enjoying the music of the Jackie Souders Orchestra taken in 1955, a time when full orchestral arrangements dominated popular music and dancing trends.

"Jackie treated us like family," he said. "He paid better than anybody, and his music was first-rate." In 1962, the Souders band was the official band of the Seattle World's Fair.

Rose's favorite colleague was Corky Corcoran, a tenor saxophone player with an international reputation who once played with Harry James. His favorite gig was the Aqua Follies of Green Lake. His band accompanied elaborate water ballet and Olympic caliber diving performances.

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But by far his favorite memory is an early stint with the Seattle Elk's band, which brought Richard into contact with a dazzling baton twirler named Bonnie, who eventually became his wife. Bonnie was head majorette at her high school, 3-time state champion and 2-time national champion twirler. She now resides in an Alzheimers facility in Tucson, and he cherishes the memories of the years they marched together down streets in Washington State. Together they raised one daughter.

*At right: Jackie Souders Orchestra provides music for the National Guard Ball in the Spanish Ballroom of the Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Washington, 1955. Richard Rose is third from the left, standing next to Jackie, fourth from the left.*



## Gardening Resources

Feeling a little intimidated by gardening in Green Valley? Here are several places to go for some inspiration and good advice.

Pima County Cooperative Extension Service, 1100 W. White House Canyon Rd. Tour the demonstration garden which includes cactus, flowering plants and vegetables. The Master Gardeners hold a free plant clinic Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon when they are available to answer your questions on a walk-in basis or over the phone (648-0808).

Green Valley Gardeners' Arid Garden, Desert Hills, just off Camino Encanto. This one-acre demonstration garden includes over 600 low water, native and desert adapted plants, shrubs and trees. It is free and open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. Volunteers work in the garden every Friday from early morning until noon and will be happy to answer your questions.

Green Valley Gardeners Seminars, East Recreation Center, at the intersection of Abrego Drive and Esperanza Blvd. Weekly gardening seminars are held September through April on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. All are free of charge and open to the public. The seminars cover a variety of gardening topics and are presented by horticulturalists, master gardeners, authors and growers from throughout the area. Master Gardeners are available to answer your questions. For more information on scheduled seminars, go to [www.greenvalleygardeners.com](http://www.greenvalleygardeners.com).

Your EE Neighbors. Take a walk around our neighborhood to get ideas on what to plant. Most owners are happy to share information.

What is an Arizona Master Gardener? An individual who completes a University of Arizona, County Cooperative Extension specialized course in gardening in the low desert and then provides educational leadership to the community in home gardening and landscaping.

# Green Valley Council Report

By Joe McCalpin

The November meeting was interesting and informative. There were two speakers. The first speaker was Tom Kelley from Pima County Traffic Control. Mr. Kelley discussed the traffic issues surrounding the area on Continental from the La Canada intersection to the Post Office. The road allowing access to the Continental Mall is not really adequate for the job. The mall entrance and the Post Office access represent the two most traveled access roads in Green Valley. These roads are about two-thirds of a mile apart with four traffic lights in between. To reduce the chaos the County tried to optimize the traffic light patterns and in so doing made it slightly inconvenient for everyone. The inconvenience was characterized as about two minutes. The mess on the access ramp/road to the mall is more irritating to this writer.

The editor of the *Green Valley News* spoke about a project delving into the affect of the economic downturn on residents of Southern Arizona. The newspapers in Southern Arizona are contributing to the project and we will be seeing stories in the local papers.

On the 15th of December Edward Petrow, Jr. D.O. will present a program called "Feel Hip Again: Treatments for Hip and Knee Joint Pain." Reasons for hip and knee replacements will be presented as well as how the latest advancements can help us. The program will be presented at 2 p.m. at the East Center. Since all of us are falling apart, it might be worthwhile to listen to what might make our lives a little better.

I copied down the names of the GVC reps from our neighbors to the west on Portillo and to the east on Desert Bell. I think it would be of benefit to communicate and to find areas of common interest.

GVC is working towards banning bicycle traffic on the West Frontage Road in the interest of safety.

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## Holiday Book Fair

On Saturday, December 3rd, two EE authors will be among the 40 presenting their books at the Society of Southwestern Authors/Santa Cruz Valley Chapter's Holiday Book Fair. The fair will be held at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 1-4 p.m. The public is invited and admission is free. You'll find books in all genres — just in time for holiday gift giving. With the bonus of getting to meet the authors personally and purchase signed copies.

Robert Hunton will be on hand to talk about "Gift of the Desert Dog," the first book in his Borderlands Trilogy. Book Two, "Secrets of the Medicine Pouch: Adventure in the Borderlands," will be available soon.

Denise Roessle's memoir "Second-Chance Mother" about her reunion with the son she relinquished for adoption is currently available in ebook formats, with the print version due out in January.

## Day Trips in Southern Arizona

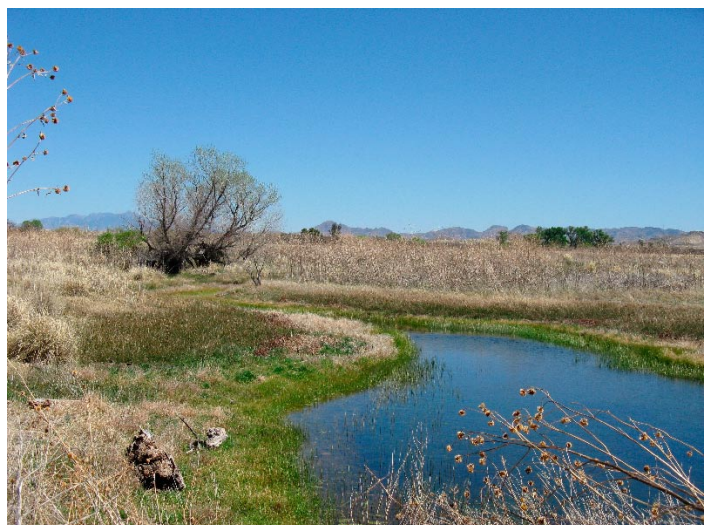
Looking for new places to visit or take your guests after you've seen all the major local attractions? Here's one that might fit the bill. We'll feature others in future Periodicos and welcome suggestions from our readers.

### BUENOS AIRES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge is an area of rippling grassland surrounded by mountains, and riparian (wetland) zones rich in bird life. The refuge is open for public use 24 hours a day. Go to [www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/arizona/buenosaires/](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/arizona/buenosaires/) for further information about the refuge.

The Tucson Audubon Society conducts a free, mostly level, 2-mile bird walk at the refuge's Arivaca Cienga Trail (one-quarter mile east of Arivaca) every Saturday at 8:00 a.m., November through April. From Interstate 19, take the Amado/Arivaca exit west, turn right at the T, then left at the Cow Palace onto Arivaca Road. Then drive 23 miles to Arivaca. Arivaca Cienega Trail is one-quarter mile east of Arivaca.

Go to [www.tucsonaudubon.org](http://www.tucsonaudubon.org) for more information about the bird walk .



## Bienvenidos!

Please join the Bienvenidos Committee in welcoming some new residents to Esperanza Estates. Del and Kris Bean (Ensalmo) are from Hays, Kansas, where they owned and operated Hays Optical. The Beans have been visiting Green Valley since 1986, when Kris's parents bought a home in Desert Hills. After spending several months in Green Valley in 2011, Del and Kris decided to purchase a home here, and the architecture and solid construction of homes in EE appealed to them. Initially, they planned on returning home to Kansas for the summers, but the thought of maintaining two homes persuaded them to reconsider that plan. Fortunately, their home in Kansas sold very quickly, and they are now happy to be full-time EE residents. Kris enjoys reading and knitting, Del enjoys golf (but is not a fanatic) and they both love birding. They look forward to participating in EE's activities, and living right next to the Ramada will make that easy.

## Adult Education at the University of Arizona

For our residents who want more than our OLLI classes here in Green Valley, the University offers stimulating courses in letters, arts and sciences for adults. The Humanities Seminars Program is offered at the Tucson campus and is taught by U of A professors. For information about upcoming courses, go to <http://hsp.arizona.edu>.



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## EE Trash Survey Results

Boyd Morse reported the results of the recent Trash Survey, distributed via email, at the November Board Meeting. Out of 236 surveys sent, 158 households (67%) responded.

On the question, “Would once weekly trash pickup be adequate for your needs?” Nearly 85% responded yes; 14% said no, and just over one percent didn’t respond to this question.

Re: “What size container would you prefer?” 26% preferred a 30-40 gallon can (current Talking Trash size); nearly 20% preferred a 60-70 gallon can; almost 30% preferred a 95-gallon can (current Saguaro size); and almost 29% wanted inground can service. *Note: the survey did not address the pick-up of extra bags (such as yard waste) at no extra cost.*

Re: “How important is the cost of trash pickup service to you?” Main factor, almost 13%; a consideration, 73%; not relevant, 12%; just over one percent didn’t respond to this question.

And, “If your yearly pickup could be substantially reduced from what you currently pay, with no reduction in service, would you be willing to pay annually for a contract with a single hauler that covered all of EE?” Yes, nearly 55%; No, almost 13%; prefer to pay quarterly, 25%.

## Your Phone Calls Can Help Improve GV Roads

In a November 9th *Green Valley News* article, GV Council President Stan Riddle shed some light on the reasons behind the lack of road repairs and maintenance in Green Valley.

Riddle, along with members of the GVC Board and Executive Director, Sandy Richey, had recently met with Pima County Chief Administrator Chuck Huckelberry, members of his staff and the heads of all of the departments in the Public Works Department to discuss a number of issues that are of concern to the Council and Green Valley residents. The meeting produced some interesting facts:

- State shared Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) monies, a compilation of gasoline, vehicle and income taxes, are the only source of county revenues for road repairs.
- The money available to the county for transportation needs today is less than it was eight years ago.
- The lack of repairs and maintenance is not unique to Green Valley. Every city, town and unincorporated county area is having the same problem when it comes to funding adequate road maintenance.
- The state is now funding two state agencies — the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Motor Vehicle Division of the Arizona Department of Transportation — with money formerly available for road maintenance and repair. These state fund diversions total nearly \$12 million in the last three years, just for Pima County alone. The money could have repaired and repaved a number of roads in Green Valley.

“To help to alleviate this problem, we ask that you call on our representatives in the state Legislature — Sen. Frank Antenori and Reps. Ted Vogt and David Gowan — to initiate or support legislation that stops the diversion of HURF funds to balance the state budget and restore funds previously taken and require that these funds be used only for road maintenance and repair,” Riddle wrote. “The Green Valley Council seeks your support in this important issue that not only affects our area, but the entire state of Arizona as well.”

Here is their contact information:

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