

# periodico de Esperanza



December 2012

## It Was A Very Good Year

*By Cynthia Surprise, Periodico Editor*

The year 2012 proved to be an exceptional one in Esperanza Estates. Creativity abounded and community spirit soared to new heights.

Early on, the tone was set for the coming year when many residents were inspired to find their inner artist and create our ceramic snake and Arizona centennial flag. Their achievement was recognized with a segment on Tucson's Channel 4 news and several articles in the Green Valley News. More importantly, it was an opportunity for participants to forge new friendships through their shared experiences over the workshop table.

On February 14th, EE celebrated Arizona's centennial in grand style thanks to the phenomenal efforts of a great many volunteers. We threw our state a birthday party which will long be remembered by the many residents who attended.

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## December Photo of the Month Congratulations to Cheri Day!



*Deadline for January entries: 1/18/13. Contest details on page 11...*

## President's Message

By Eric Ellingson



2012 has been a year of several significant events and a period of growth and HOA improvement. This has occurred thanks to an excellent Board of Directors and the efforts of numerous Homeowners who have volunteered to participate in a host of efforts to make Esperanza Estates an attractive and enjoyable place to live.

In February we conducted a very successful celebration of the centennial of our statehood. This set a new record for involvement by our homeowners. Special thanks to art director Kathy Sawin, Celebration Committee Chairperson Judy Prato and Bill Berdine for organizing the efforts at Esperanza Park.

At the February 20 board meeting we were finally able to provide some relief to the numerous complaints about the requirement to paint interior wood walls and ceilings of garages Norfolk Brown which in turn results in a very dark interior and poor visibility. Without a need to require a change to the CC&Rs the board was able to pass a resolution which will enable homeowners to paint those surfaces the color of the house.

The emergence of enthusiasm for the sport of Pickleball has resulted in an enormous increase in the utilization of the Tennis Courts. In order to accommodate the game of Pickleball the Tennis Court can be divided into 4 Pickleball courts. This increases the number of players that can be accommodated at one time from 4 to 16. We have recently had as many as 30 people involved as players and observers. There were no restroom facilities at the court and in April the Board initiated a program to rectify this. Under the capable leadership of Ben Sheffield, restrooms were engineered, necessary permits were obtained, and construction was completed by mid summer. The facilities are getting rave reviews by users of the tennis court and hikers on our trails. Special thanks to Jim Lindberg and Kevin Welsh for their assistance in design and construction and to John Meek and Ken and Patty Adler for their contributions which helped defray some of the costs of this project.

The maintenance and improvement of our 21 acres of HOA property is our largest and most costly activity. Board member Dean Hess has completed his first full year as Director of Common Area Maintenance and our subdivision has never looked better! With the help of our volunteer gardeners Esperanza Park has been rehabilitated and the two pie-shaped dust bowls on Del Norte have been reclaimed. Both Dean and our Gardeners have several beautification projects scheduled for next year and we can look forward to continuing enhancement of our neighborhoods. Another important maintenance activity is the control and elimination of unsightly weeds which are extremely invasive during the summer Monsoon season.

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## Board Meetings

Annual Mtg.: Jan. 21  
Feb. 18 • Mar. 18  
April 15 • May 20  
June 17

*No meetings in July & August*

Board member list &  
meeting minutes available  
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## President's Message

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Tom Cooke and Boyd Morse have spent countless hours with our recently acquired weed spraying equipment solving this problem in a way that has never before been possible using outside contractors. Their efforts have saved the HOA a significant sum of money while at the same time producing a superior result. Homeowner cooperation in maintaining visible private property has also improved possibly as a result of the example set by these 2 volunteers.

The most critical and potentially most costly problem we have involves repair and maintenance of our deteriorating streets. As a result of efforts by our Board Secretary Joe McCalpin and the Green Valley Council some real progress is being made. This has been focused on major thoroughfares in Green Valley but there is some hope that the County will eventually deal with residential streets as well.

Finally, my personal thanks, and that of the Board, to the numerous volunteers that have made Esperanza unique in all of Green Valley. Our Gardeners, Public Art folks, Hospitality volunteers and those who are responsible for our Monday Morning Memo and our monthly Periodico put in long hours and produce products of the highest quality.

Most of us were first attracted to Esperanza Estates by its unique architecture but it has become much more than that thanks to the efforts of our residents to make this a friendly, attractive and exciting place to live.

## A Very Good Year

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Highlights included the unveiling of the ceramic flag and snake, an Arizona history lesson, a golf cart parade, and the debut of the EE anthem "I Love You Esperanza."

Not content to rest on their laurels, the EE Gardeners spruced up Esperanza Estates Park and reconstructed the fire pit to be a focal point for community gatherings. We have already seen the park used for several parties and as a concert hall complete with bonfire.

Several new groups formed this year adding to the diversity of activities available to residents: the EE Arts Club with a number of plans for works of public art, the Fiber Arts Group, and a Book Club to start next month. Our other groups continue to be strong as a growing number of residents play pickleball and tennis, hike or do aqua exercising. And, we now have movie nights at the Ramada.

This year saw a project several decades in the making finally come to fruition with the construction of restrooms at the tennis/pickleball courts.

An increase in the number of EE homes sold this past year brought us new residents who are eager to become involved in the life of our community. Their enthusiasm and willingness to help out is very welcome and means we will uphold our reputation for being the most vibrant community in Green Valley.

As we look back at the achievements of the past year, we can't help being proud to live in Esperanza Estates and looking forward to what's in store for 2013.

## Volunteer of the Year Nominations

Don't forget to submit your nomination for Volunteer of the Year Award. Email your choice to Kay Miller at [gvkaybaby@msn.com](mailto:gvkaybaby@msn.com). Those without email may phone Kay at 393-1914 (if there's no answer, leave a message with your nomination). The deadline for nominations is March 1.



# Upcoming Events



## First Day Celebration & Potluck Tuesday, January 1 • 1:00 p.m. at Sunset Ramada

Join the fun! Bring your favorite beverage, table set-up & a dish to share.

## Hamburger Night Tuesday, January 8

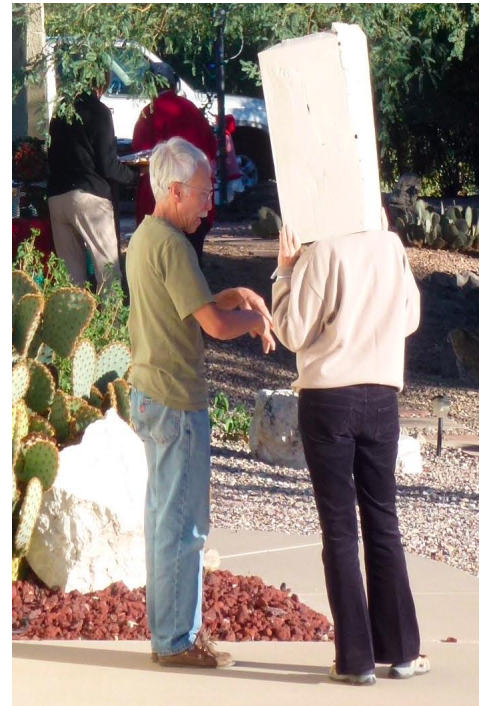


Sunset Ramada • 4:30 Cocktails, 5:00 Grilling Begins  
\$6.00 per person includes a hamburger, cheeseburger or veggie burger and chips. Sodas, beer and mixers supplied.

## EE Coffee Klach at the Ramada

Join your neighbors on the third Wednesday of each month, 8:30 a.m., for coffee, pastries and conversation.

*Who's that woman with the fashionable boxy hairdo talking to Craig Surprise during the EE holiday decorating? The first person (other than Craig or the mystery woman) to email the correct answer to photographer Bill Berdine ([whberdine@roadrunner.com](mailto:whberdine@roadrunner.com)) wins an EE license plate of their choice.*



## Show your pride in EE

The Gardeners will be selling these license plates for \$10.00 each. A great way to show your pride in EE wherever you go. To order a plate, contact Bill Berdine at [whberdine@roadrunner.com](mailto:whberdine@roadrunner.com) or 344-7301.



# GVC: The Year in Review

*By Joe McCalpin*

The year for GVC has been most interesting. The first and most timely achievement was to change its name from the Green Valley Community Coordinating Council to simply the Green Valley Council. In case you think that this is insignificant, think again. If it takes five words to tell you what your name is and people are still confused, you should shorten your name. It still doesn't describe what they do, but now the tongue twister has been relegated to history. In case you don't know what the Council does; it is an aggregation of HOAs to represent us, the homeowners, to local and State government. Since Green Valley is not incorporated, we have no voice that represents all of us to those entities. Through GVC the message has been delivered, particularly to Pima County, that we are a community and we vote. Our District Supervisor attends nearly all of the meetings of the Board of Representatives and at those meetings, speaks to the issues of our community. Each participating HOA has a representative and an alternate with proportional votes based on the size of the HOA. We have six votes.

The County, after only a few years of promising and waiting, rebuilt Abrego from Esperanza to the Sahuarita town line, and will complete the Abrego project all the way to Continental starting next month. GVC completed a study of the condition of county owned streets. The study concentrated on through streets and "distributor" streets. I participated in that study. EE's Portillo, Holgado, Napa and Vereda Calma were classified as failing. County Administrator Huckleberry said that he would incorporate the study into his planning for street repair. The Administrator meets with the Executive Board during the year, and next year, I will be campaigning for the Administrator to analyze the condition of all of the County's streets. If we can accomplish this, a cost model can be developed that will tell us the amount of funds required to repair our streets.

I do not doubt the Administrator's sincerity to rectify the street situation, but having specific goals laid out places a burden on him to perform. He has shown willingness to address the problem and to raise the money to do so. Supervisor Carroll has told me he would take a position to fix our streets with the Board of Supervisors. In the coming weeks, I will ask him to get involved in the issue to get the County to define the problem and identify the funding required. I am new at dealing with government, but I have the support of a Vice President of the Council who has that experience.

GVC has four standing committees that address specific issues relating to the HOAs. I am a member of Traffic and Arroyos and Chairman of Environmental and Community Services (I am the Chairman). Traffic and Arroyos addresses safety issues, potholes, walking trails and bicycle issues. Any citizen can call the GVC office to complain about a street issue. The Chairman of Traffic and Arroyos meets with the County people once a month and the status of each request is presented by number. This is a closed meeting between the Chair, the Vice President and a member of the Executive Director's staff but if I've got an interest they have let me sit in. These meetings are business like and vague promises are not entertained. Community Services has the Dispose-a-Med program and the Household Hazardous Waste Program among others that provide unique services to the community.

GVC's primary source of income is a contract with AT&T to distribute Green Valley phone books, somewhere in the \$200,000 range. Since fewer people use phone books, AT&T is reducing the amount they will pay GVC to distribute the books. To counter this loss of revenue, GVC is raising the dues by \$2.00 per household, establishing a foundation and applying for nonprofit status.



# Around Esperanza

## Holiday Decorating





## Birdhouse Raffle

This delightful, ceramic birdhouse can be yours if you are the lucky winner of the EE Arts Club's raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and will be sold at upcoming Ramada functions.



## New Common Area Name

EE residents have spoken. The common area on the north side of Circulo del Norte will officially be known as Palo Verde del Norte, and the area on the south side will be called Community Spirit. Of course, some residents will no doubt still call them Pie I and Pie II. Thanks to everyone who submitted names or voted.

# Enhancement Team Report

*By Barb McCalpin*

Isn't Esperanza Estates looking beautiful?! With so many lampposts decorated, our streets look especially festive. Thanks to Enhancement Elves, Jackie and Gary Rautio, for once again contributing to this effort. Also, we want to thank the many volunteers who helped decorate the monuments and common areas. Team members Barb Rydall, Lorna Kitchak, and Jane Ellingson did a great job in coordinating these decorating efforts. The Enhancement Team purchased new items where needed to augment our existing supply of holiday decorations. Some residents have added to the overall effect by decorating their individual homes. I think we can be proud of our attractive neighborhood.

After the first of the year, we'll be concentrating our efforts on our three major fundraisers for this season. Don't forget to save usable items (including furniture) for our annual **Ramada Sale**. We now have storage space, so for pick up call Lorna Kitchak (838-0653), Jackie Rautio (269-7864), Jane Ellingson (625-7782) or Sandi Oster (625-0039). **The Home and Garden Tour** will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2013. Plans are underway to make this an outstanding event. More info will be forthcoming. We're asking for your help on our third project, an **all-Esperanza cookbook**. (I've seen a sample of the type of book that is planned; they will be really nice!) We would appreciate getting three to five recipes (all types) from each household, whenever possible, including personal anecdotes and helpful notes. Entries can be given to Jane Ellingson (625-7782) or Cindy Krantz (203-8292), or placed in the manila envelope located on the bulletin board at the Ramada.

Our last project in the spring was to purchase new tables and chairs and supplemental stacking chairs for the Ramada. Since that time, we have added decorative oilcloth tablecloths for the new tables, purchased a replacement trash can and a new supply of liners, and installed a railing by the stairs at the west end of the Ramada.

In the near future, with the help of some dedicated volunteers, we plan on upgrading the electrical wiring in the Ramada kitchen. This will give us more capacity and clear up the problem of blowing a circuit when we inadvertently overload the system. We are also looking at some additional repairs of Ramada equipment. In addition, we hope to revisit the acoustical issues at the Ramada. We always welcome your suggestions for improvement projects.

We are grateful for the support that you give us throughout the year. We wish you a happy holiday season and a healthy 2013.



# Say What?

By Cynthia Surprise



When you moved to Green Valley you figured there would be no language problem, right? But occasionally the various words and expressions used by your neighbors from other areas of the country may have you puzzled. Here's some help with a few common regionalisms.

I'm from the Boston area, so of course, I "pahk my cah," know Havana is the capitol of "Cuber," refer to the top of my house as a "roof" not a "ruff," and never confuse those pesky insects at picnics with my uncles' wives.

I often get puzzled looks when I order an ice cream cone and ask for "jimmies," (probably known to you as "sprinkles") and have to remember that outside of Boston, "milk shakes" contain ice cream. For me, a drink blended with ice cream is a "frappe" (pronounced "frap"). If the ice cream isn't blended in, it's a "soda," which shouldn't be confused with "tonic" (what Bostonians call "Coke") or with "pop" (who is just mom's husband in my neck of the woods).

It always makes me chuckle when I hear an Ohioan talk about the "warshes" (washes, as in arroyos) or someone from Minnesota invite me along by asking if I "want to go with."

Then there is that familiar long sandwich. Do you call it a sub, giro, grinder, po'boy, hogie, or wedge?

Depending on where you are from, an "elastic" may be a "rubber band," a "drinking fountain" may be a "bubbler," and the store may put your purchases in a "sack" rather than in a "paper bag." In Kentucky, a bag is called a "poke," which explains the expression "buying a pig in a poke" (concealed from the buyer).

"No worries" is a popular Midwestern expression, but others say "Don't worry about it."

Be careful not to confuse a "package store" ("the packie" for short) with the UPS Store. In a few parts of the country, you go to the package store to buy liquor. The term refers to the fact that the store was only allowed to sell packaged alcohol for consumption off the premises.

If someone from New Jersey asks you if you want "gravy" on your spaghetti, don't be dismayed; that's what they call pasta sauce. Of course, if they invite you over for "pie," don't set your heart on apple or blueberry because they mean "pizza."

Did you get a strange look when you said you bought a new "toboggan" to keep your head warm on your morning walks? That's because in most parts of the country, a toboggan is a type of sled, not a knit cap.

Why does your neighbor say "uff-da," when his computer freezes up for the third time? It's a Norwegian exclamation sometimes heard in Minnesota and North Dakota as a response to surprising or exasperating circumstances.

Traveling through Wisconsin and Minnesota this summer, I saw a lot of "supper clubs." These are popular, family-style restaurants that serve late afternoon/evening meals only. To be a true supper club, it seems they must do fish fry specials on Fridays. I never saw one back East. But, then we didn't have fish fries either.

Over the years, television has standardized much of our language. It's delightful to know regionalisms are still alive and well in EE.



# Bienvenidos

**I**n November, the Bienvenidos Committee hosted a well-attended and enjoyable reception for new EE residents. These newcomers are very energetic and eager to carry on EE's long-standing tradition of active involvement in our community. Please join us in welcoming them.

## **Neil and Jeraldine Lininger** (Napa)

Neil and Jeri are not new to either Green Valley or Arizona. They own a Villa and a home in Tombstone which they plan to sell in the near future. Neil, a skilled woodworker, is slightly reluctant to sell the house with its great workshop where he makes rocking horses, toys and other items for children's causes. He also enjoys photography and motorcycles. Jeri is originally from Florida, and the couple has lived in Iowa, Michigan and Las Vegas.

## **Steve and Kathleen Normand** (Calma)

Steve and Kathleen recently moved here from Michigan, but they have lived in Green Valley before. Steve is a retired Air Force pilot who flew commercial aircraft in the Northeast after retirement. Kathleen, who calls herself an "Air Force wife," stayed busy raising their two sons. She also has varied interests including yoga and golf.

## **John and Karen McMasters** (Ensalmo)

John and Karen are from Austin, Minnesota where John worked for Hormel for 33 years. After retirement, he worked "on the road" fixing forklifts. Karen had a career as an infusion nurse. They have three children and many grandchildren. The McMasters learned about Green Valley when they attended a high school reunion. Avid "off road" riders, they towed their vehicle here where there are great places to ride.

## **Paul and Kathy LaVanway** (Calma)

Paul and Kathy bought their EE home a few years ago, but this is the first winter they will spend here. After living in Wisconsin for years, they now spend summers in Copper Harbor, Michigan. Before their recent retirement, Kathy taught junior high school children with learning disabilities and Paul was CEO of a small chemical business. Paul is very interested in history and wrote for the Historical Society of Northern Michigan. He now wants to get involved in the history of our area. Kathy has volunteered to lead EE's new book discussion group.

## **Harry and Mary Furhrman** (Regalo)

Natives of California, Harry and Mary owned a used book store that focused on fiction, art books and first editions. They lived in Green Valley for a number of years before moving to Oregon to care for Mary's mother. In August, they moved to EE and are full-time residents. Before his retirement, Harry worked in marketing for AT&T. Mary is still working as a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital. The couple is very active in both hiking and biking.

## **Charles and Donna Watt** (Regalo)

Charles was a munitions specialist in the Air Force. During his career he and Donna moved 28 times and lived in Guam, Hong Kong, Michigan, Newfoundland, Cape Cod, Las Vegas and Carson City. After retiring, Charles worked for the post office. He started out as a letter carrier, but became a clerk when he got tired of fighting the weather. Donna had a career as a secretary, working for a subcontractor to the test site in Carson City, a computer company and an advertising agency among others. Charles and Donna plan to spend summers at their home in Iowa.

## Welcome New Owners

*Gary & Terra Williams  
1100 Circulo Del Norte*

*Robert & Carol Harrison  
860 Vereda Calma*

## Tips for Preventing Frozen Water Pipes

If you lived in EE in 2011, you'll remember the unprecedented freeze we experienced in February. If you weren't here, no doubt you heard all about it. In case there's a repeat this winter, here's a reminder about how to prevent or deal with a freeze-up of your home water pipes.

First and foremost, make sure the pipes outside the house are insulated. If you wait until a hard freeze is forecast to buy pipe insulation, the hardware store may be out. In that case, use an old blanket or a couple of towels.

Wrap the insulation around every bit of the pipe that is exposed.

If you have a water softener installed outside, put some insulation around the tank and the control valve on the top of the unit.

If an overnight freeze is forecast, keep a bathroom faucet open a tiny bit, so the water is running at the slowest rate possible. This will keep the water running in the pipe so it won't freeze.

If you do experience a freeze-up, try the following:

- If you have no water at all, try using a hairdryer (not a blowtorch!) to heat the water pipe where it enters the front of your house. Keep an inside faucet turned on slightly while you are doing this so that water can start flowing as soon as the blockage turns to slush and so you'll know when the pipe is thawed out (so that you don't have to stay out in the cold any longer than necessary!).
- If you have cold water in the kitchen sink, but none in the bathrooms and no hot water at all, you might try heating the pipe at the back of the house -- where there is usually a U-shaped piece coming out of the house and going back into the house -- along with a spigot for use with a hose. The procedure is the same as before: leave an inside faucet turned on slightly so that water can start running and you will know when the pipe has thawed out.

## Plant of the Month: Sweet Acacia Tree

You may have noticed a new tree planted recently in the garden at the Ramada. It's a Sweet Acacia Tree, and was donated by Bill Berdine and Stacie Meyer.

Sweet Acacia is a charming tree that is found in a number of spots in the local area. Its lush canopy for shade and the brilliant display of its small, golden, puffball-like flowers account for much of its popularity in a desert landscape.

Sweet Acacia (*Acacia farnesiana*) blooms during the winter and spring. The tree in the Ramada garden is a smaller type known as *Acacia smallii*. It is more cold hardy than the larger trees and blooms only in the spring.

Acacia trees have a rapid growth rate and their common name comes from the unmistakable fragrance of their flowers. Because they tend to be messy, frequent pod cleanup is needed and they are not recommended for use near pools.

Sweet Acacia has been cultivated in Europe since 1611, and is an important component of the French perfume industry.





## In Memoriam

*Dorita Navarro  
178 Calle Holgado  
October 2012*

*Rudolph Schuster  
821 Calle Del Regalo  
November 16, 2012*

*Doris Klusener  
1112 Circulo del Norte  
November 20, 2012*

*Penny Balas  
851 Circulo Napa  
December 11, 2012  
Memorial Service: Dec. 28, 10 a.m. at  
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church*

## Photo of the Month Contest

Resident photographers are invited to submit up to three photos taken around EE during the past year. The judges will choose the winners, whose winning photo will be published in the next Periodico and displayed on the bulletin board at the Ramada. They will also receive a gift card.

Deadline for this month: January 18th. 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 or provide actual prints for scanning and deliver to 801 Napa.

## EE Name Badges Available

Name badges for Ramada gatherings are available for \$6.00 each. If you would like to order a badge, contact Melodye Cooke: 399-0455 or melodye1@cox.net.



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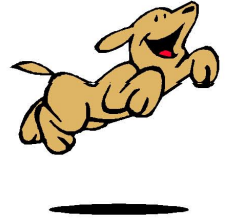
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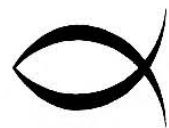


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