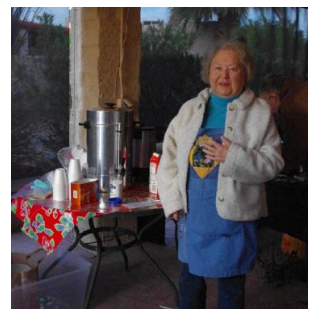


Recordbreaking Ramada Sale!

The Enhancement Team's annual Ramada/Bake Sale brought in a record \$4,300 earlier this month. They would like to thank everyone who made this success possible: the volunteers, bakers, and those who donated and purchased items. (See Enhancement Team Report on page 11.)



More sale photos on page 5

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Wed., March 25th • 4-5:30 p.m. • At the Ramada

Our spirit of volunteerism is what marks EE as a special place in Green Valley. It is why our facilities are always maintained, and always being improved upon. It is why our hospitality and social events are always so much fun, and it is why we are able to do so many things together as a neighborhood. It is why we all work together toward our common goals. Our EE volunteers have a special élan — we live here, and we care!

To honor our volunteers, the Board wishes to invite all of our present and past volunteers to a special reception at our Ramada, on March 25th from 4 to 5:30, for beverages and hors d'oeuvres. If you are presently a volunteer, or have been in the past, then please come and allow us to say thanks for your service.

Coney Island Night — Tues., April 14th

Cinco de Mayo — Tues., May 5th

Mark your calendar... Details to come!



Coffee & Donuts
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CPR Class Offered for EE

The Fire Department has offered to teach a CPR class at the Ramada on Friday, April 3, 9:00 a.m. Sixteen participants are required for the training to go forward. If there are more than 16, a second class may be arranged. The cost is \$35 per person. To sign up, call or email Barb McCalpin: 867-8067, bmccalpin@cox.net, as soon as possible.

Commemorative Bricks

Is there a friend or loved one you would like to honor or commemorate with an inscribed brick at the EE Ramada? Bricks are available for \$50 (including installation) by calling Tom Cooke, 399-0455.

Pet plaques (on the post at the southwest side of the ramada) are also available from Geri Lindberg for \$25.

Reminder from the Board

If you are planning a modification to the exterior of your home that can be seen from outside your patio walls, the CC&Rs require that you receive approval of your plan from architectural control before any modifications are initiated.

If you are repainting the exterior of your home, architectural control should be consulted to insure that you have selected the approved color and that the quality of the selected paint is sufficient to remain in compliance over time.

Installation of Solar Panels is considered an external modification and you are required to submit a plan and obtain architectural control approval before any installation is begun. While we cannot prevent the installation of solar we are able to affect the installation location of panels and supporting equipment and have done so in several instances to the benefit of both the Homeowner and the neighborhood.

Finally, if you live in a quad your property lines only extend to the outside of your patio walls and the door of your garage. Property outside these limits belongs to the HOA. While it is possible for a Homeowner to effect improvements to these areas such improvements require approval of the EEHOA Board of Directors. Contact the head of Common Area Maintenance to initiate the needed approval process.

Your cooperation with these requirements will help us maintain the integrity and attractiveness of our neighborhoods.

GVC Report

By Joe McCalpin

ACA Resolution: The Council has adopted a resolution to delete the provision of ACA requiring senior taxpayers to increase their medical deduction from 7.5% to 10%. The resolution has been passed on to both Senators and Rep McSally.

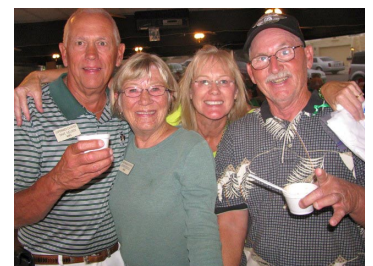
Handout to Realtors: The Council is preparing a flyer to hand out to realtors describing the operation of HOAs, the responsibilities of the HOA to prospective buyers and the benefits of belonging to the Council. The model for this flyer comes from Canoa Seca. Our Secretary already provides the information required by the Revised Arizona Statutes. I have provided a copy of the handout to Ben to see if there is anything that would enhance the package we already send to prospective homeowners.

New Hospital: David Wanger gave a presentation on the progress towards opening the hospital. The projected opening is May 1, 2015. The opening is based on a temporary permit of operation, followed by an evaluation of operating procedures, environment, and facilities. The medical offices are scheduled to open June 1, 2015. Over 240 volunteers have signed up to support the hospitals.

Initial emphasis of hospital operation will be based on the Green Valley demographics, i.e. Orthopedics, Cardiovascular, Gastroenterology and Oncology.

St. Patrick's Day Soup Cook-off

EE residents and their guests enjoyed a delicious and hearty array of 15 soups at the cook-off held on St. Patrick's Day at the Ramada. Melodye Cooke's Chicken Tortilla Soup took top honors. Terry Shay (winner of last year's chili cook-off) placed second with his Lobster Bisque and Marla Ries' New England Clam Chowder took third place. Thanks to all who entered and to the volunteers who made this event a success. (Melodye's winning recipe is on page 9.)



Around Esperanza



Jim Copeland recently led a lazy susan class. Participants were Ken Kurt, who had to leave after second session, Marilyn Scott, Sharon Conboy, Fern Gunther, and Edie Webber.



Participants in the Arts Club plate flower class show off their creative results.



Jim Copeland sanded and refinished the picnic tables in Esperanza Estates Park.

More from the Ramada/Bake Sale...



In Memoriam

*Elaine Judd
Placita Nueva (20-yr. resident)
February 23, 2015*



How to Create A Shade Tree Park

By Cynthia Surprise

Step 1: Start with a barren wasteland.



Step 2: Gather a group of creative volunteers with a vision of what a park can be.

Step 3: Select and plant trees appropriate for the spot. Members of the EE Gardeners chose the trees and shrubs, which include: two Chinese Elm, two Chinese Pistach, two Palo Verde, one Bonita Ash, one Texas Ash, and two Purple Flowering Plum, Texas Rangers. Donations from EE residents purchased the plants and shrubs.



Step 5: Install an irrigation system. The trees will only need supplemental water for several years.

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Step 6: Build a pergola. Thanks to a significant contribution from the Enhancement Team, a spot for intimate gatherings was created.



Step 7: Build a fireplace/oven. The Arts Club held an art auction which raise over \$3,500, some of which was used for the fireplace/oven. The picture above shows just the base. The Arts Club will be installing and decorating the oven shortly.

Step 8: Install a meandering walking path through the park.

Step 9: Name the park. Consistent with EE's Spanish street names, the park will be known as Parque Felicidad (Happiness Park).

Step 10: Sit back and enjoy it.



Your Fascinating Neighbors

Nogales Natives

By Cynthia Surprise

"If I had been born a half block farther south, I'd be a Mexican," said EE resident Orville Smith.

Orv and his sister, Elizabeth Johnson, are two of the several EE residents who grew up in the border town of Nogales, Arizona. Those of us who are recent transplants to Southern Arizona have an impression of Nogales that is vastly different from the one they recall from their youth.

Liz and Orv's father was a minister, and the family lived for a time in the back of the Congregational Church on Terrace Avenue.

Liz was born on Christmas Day in a hospital half a block from the border and lived in Nogales until her senior year in high school which she spent in Chicago with her sister.

She then returned to Arizona when she went to college at the University of Arizona. She remembers that during her childhood "the streets were neat and there were many nice department stores. Nogales was very cosmopolitan back then."

She later moved to South Dakota with her first husband and lived for several years in a home with an outhouse but no running water. "Winters in South Dakota were not good for an Arizona girl" she said, so she was happy to return to the warmth of Nogales.

Her second husband was a pilot and flew planes on the border checking for animals with hoof and mouth disease. There were times when he returned and discovered mesquite brush attached to his landing gear.

Liz worked at the Nogales airport and took flying lessons. She remembers her solo flight when the wind shifted as she was landing. She landed safely, but everyone at the airport came out to watch.

Later, Liz and her husband lived in Hermosillo, Mexico where she home schooled her children. "I taught them using the Calvert Course, which was a "school in a box," Liz explained.

The recollections of the Nogales natives give us an interesting glimpse of life in the border town in a bygone era.

Eighty five percent of Nogales' residents were Latino, but the town was well integrated and despite the cultural differences, lived in great harmony. These were the depression years, so there was poverty on both sides of the line, but it was much worse in Sonora.

Living on the border meant Mexican culture was part of the daily lives of citizens on the U.S side. Liz and Orv are bilingual.



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As teenagers, they frequented the well known Cavern Cafe on the Mexican side famous for its green turtle soup. There they danced and listened to some of the finest mariachi groups in Northern Mexico. Orv plays the guitar, but only Mexican songs because those were the only kind his neighbor, who taught him to play, knew. It came in handy when he, as part of a trio, serenaded the girls' dormitories at the University of Arizona.

In those days, the border was rather porous. The Customs and Immigration officers were not rotated all that frequently so a smile and a wave was all that was required to freely cross the border. Orv recalls "One of my favorite times as a little boy, was when my mother gave me a dime and asked me to go to the "tortilla factory" in the market five blocks south of the border. The dime bought a large stack of warm tortillas that were carefully wrapped in gray paper and tied with grocery string. Then the rapid run back across the border, waving at the Customs men and the dash to the house where the reward was a warm tortilla wrapped around a big chunk of butter."

Orv tells of being held by his mother on the front walk of the church watching the bi-planes of the Mexican Federales drop bombs on the revolutionaries who had been surrounded, pushed up to the American border, and had sworn not to surrender. This was during the "Six Weeks Revolution" in 1929.

Orv recalls using long sticks to knock the ripe "tunas" off the nopal cactus that grew across the street. "You then use a stick on each side of the prickly pear to lift it so you can rotate it over an open flame, and burn off all the small stickers – then you can pick it up, open the purple skin and indulge yourself with the orange colored flesh with its small seeds – delicious."

But probably his most vivid memory is the time he jumped out of bed in the middle of the night to get a drink of water. When his bare feet hit the kitchen floor he immediately knew he had made a mistake and he screamed out "A little brown bug bit me!" His father killed the scorpion with his slipper and his mother applied first aid so there were no after effects.

While the border town has changed considerably since the two residents called it home, they both agree that it was a wonderful place to grow up and they cherish their childhood memories.

Melodye Cooke's Chicken Tortilla Soup

(Serves 6-8)

2 T olive oil
1 large onion diced
2 medium carrots chopped
2 T minced garlic
3 cups chicken broth
1 (14oz) can diced tomatoes undrained
1 cup corn
1 can (15oz) black beans drained
1 can (15oz) Ranch beans (pinto)
1 cup picante sauce
1 tsp ground cumin
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp oregano
1/2 tsp chili powder
1/8 tsp paprika

2 cups diced cooked chicken
1/4 cup chopped cilantro
Tortilla chips crushed
Shredded cheddar cheese
Avocado
Sour cream

Heat oil in large pan, over medium heat. Add onion, carrots and garlic, cook until tender about 6 minutes. Increase heat to high add broth, tomatoes, picante sauce, beans, corn and spices. Cover and simmer 30 minutes. Add chicken and cilantro and cook until thoroughly heated. Ladle into bowls, garnish with chips, cheese, avocado and sour cream.

Vacation Checklist

Starting next month, many EE residents will be leaving for the summer or an extended vacation. If you have lived here for a while, you no doubt have your own checklist of items to do to close up your house before leaving. The following list combines ideas from the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers and their Neighborhood Watch group. Plus, there are a couple of things specific to EE.

1. Call SAV (Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers) and request house checks. About once a week all your doors and windows will be checked. They also look for running water, ee activity, etc. Make sure your house street number is on the back of the house / gate. There is no charge for this service. Call SAV at 520-351-6744 one week before you leave. Remember to call them as soon as you return too, or they will think a burglar is in the house and call the sheriff.
2. Make sure all doors and windows are locked. Use track locks and pin sliding windows. If possible, use security bars or wooden dowels on sliding doors. Lock security screen doors.
3. Close all drapes and blinds.
4. Suspend all deliveries and forward mail if leaving for the summer.
5. Arrange for a keyholder (2 if possible). Make sure they have your contact information.
6. Arrange for yard care. Eliminate weeds, debris and keep trees and shrubs trimmed. If you have a rear gate, make sure shrubs and trees are trimmed back for easy access by house checkers.
7. Turn buckets or containers upside down so they won't collect water and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Make sure ponds or pools are empty or properly maintained.
8. Have a neighbor keep watch for strange occurrences. Neighborhood watch programs are very effective.
9. Warning decals are available to put on front and rear windows.
10. It is safest not to discontinue your phone service.
11. If possible, use electric timers with multiple settings to turn lights on at different times and also a radio.
12. Outside motion sensor lighting can also be a deterrent.
13. All valuables should be marked with your driver's license number and state.
14. Have a written record of your possessions.
15. An alarm system is added security.
16. Rolling shutters are expensive, but offer great protection.
17. Window film reduces glass breakage and visibility from outside.
18. Turn off the water to your house, flush toilets and turn water off to the toilet bowls. If any water remains, pour in a little bleach so it will not turn green.
19. Make sure your garage door is locked and can't open. Some burglars have numerous remotes and can open quite a few garage doors.

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20. Leaving a car in a carport hooked up to a charger is a dead giveaway you are not there. Take your battery out and charge it on a back porch or out of sight.

Addendum for EE residents:

Make sure your Neighborhood Watch block captain knows when you are leaving and has your updated contact information. They can call you or your emergency contact if anything happens to your home during your time away.

When cleaning out your pantry, consider donating unused items to the Food Bank. There is a bin at the Ramada, or you can drop off your donation at the Food Bank on Whitehouse Canyon Road. The Food Bank will accept unopened frozen food.

Consider donating your previously read books to the EE Book Exchange in the pool enclosure at the Ramada.

Enhancement Team Report

By Barb McCalpin

The Enhancement Team is finishing up the season with a bang. We have financed the building of the pergola at the new Parque Felicidad for \$4,100. A table and chair set has been relocated from the Ramada to the pergola. We have also authorized the purchase of a bench to be placed in a shady spot with a view of the mountains, a good place to sit and appreciate our spectacular surroundings and our beautiful new park.

To replace the relocated furniture, we have placed an order for two new rectangular tables and twelve chairs for the Ramada. They should be in place in the next couple of weeks. With the increasing attendance at our popular events, the new furniture will be put to good use.

We have also added basic first aid kits at both the tennis/pickleball court and the pool area of the Ramada. They will be useful to treat the occasional scrape or scratch. Not sure why we didn't think of putting them there before.

There is a continuing need for storage space, not only by the Enhancement Team, but by other groups as well. The Team agreed to start a building fund of \$2,000 earmarked for storage space. We hope to pursue this goal as a capital project in the not-too-distant future.

Finally, we have ordered a defibrillator to be located near the pool at the Ramada. We hope we never need to use it, but this vital piece of equipment may save a life one day. In this vein, we are also trying to set up a class to be conducted by the fire department to teach CPR. At the same time, we hope to have some basic instruction on the use of the new defibrillator. Watch the Monday Morning Memo for further news about this event. If we are satisfied with the new defibrillator, we hope to add a second one at the tennis/pickleball court.

All of these new additions are the result of your continuing support. Thank you!

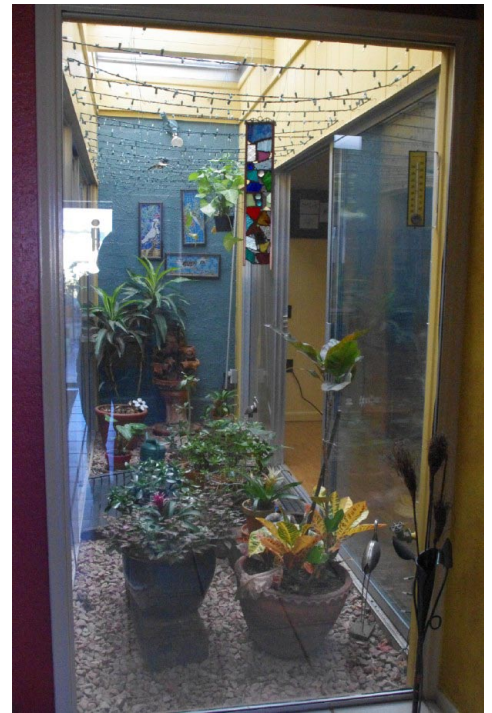
The EE Atrium

By Cynthia Surprise

I'll be perfectly honest. I decided to write this article to give me an excuse to peek at what other homeowners had done with their atriums because I want some inspiration for mine. (Not pictured for obvious reasons.)

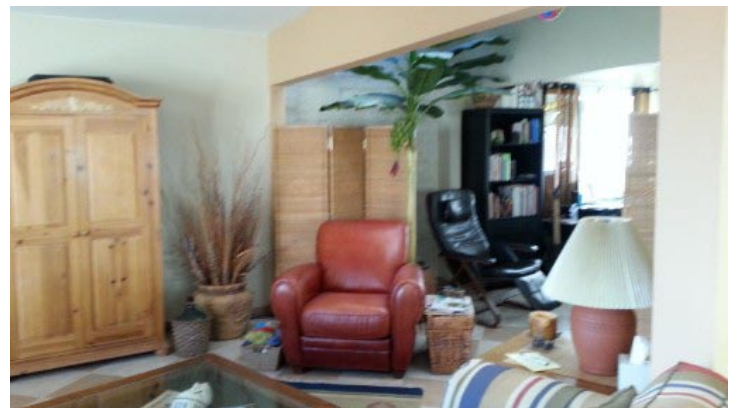
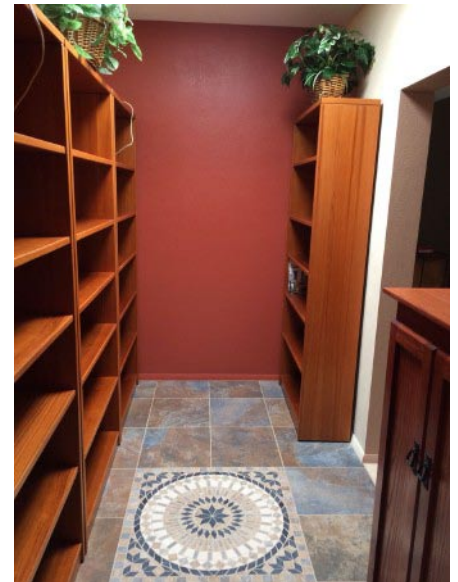
The atrium was an architectural feature included in several EE home models. Originally, most were open to the sky, but many people have now screened the opening to keep out debris and critters. Others have enclosed the top completely to keep rain out too.

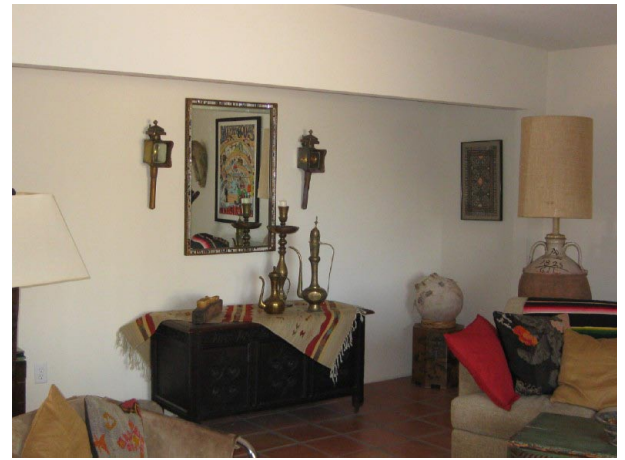
A popular remodel project has been to remove the atrium entirely and use the space to increase the size of the living room or bedroom.



I use the room behind the atrium as my office and keep the atrium for the light and the view through to the courtyard. Opening the atrium door also brings a pleasant breeze into the house in the summer.

Whether you keep the atrium or remove it, these photos will get your creative juices flowing.





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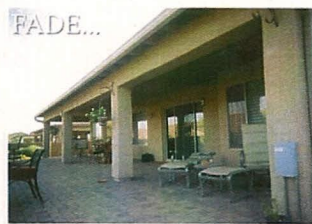
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