

# Board Approves Guest Policy

A t their May 18th meeting, the EE HOA board approved a guest policy for the first time. It is as follows:

Esperanza Estates is a friendly and welcoming community and desires to extend its hospitality to guests of its residents.

*Invited guests are welcome to use our recreational facilities and attend social events, subject to only a few rules:* 

We ask that guests at all times be accompanied by their EE resident hosts;

We reserve the right to limit the number of guests that can accompany a resident;

Guests should recognize that EE residents shall be given priority in the use of HOA facilities.

For the purposes of this policy, renters of EE homes are considered to be EE residents.

Privately organized events hosted by an EE resident may set their own rules on who may attend.



Thank you, Cheri Day, for submitting these beautiful photos of May sunsets in EE. We welcome your photos!



# Upcoming Events

# Independence Day Celebration Saturday, July 4th

Details to come...





Halloween Party
Saturday, October 31st
Start thinking about your costume! Details to come...

### Reminder...

The EE HOA requires residents to trim palms on their property during June, prior to the monsoon/lightning storm season, during which dead and dry fronds present a substantial fire hazard. Common area trimming will begin on June 15th. Monstrosity Tree Service offers residents the same rate for trimming palms on their property as the HOA gets (\$45 each) if the work is done while they are in the neighborhood trimming common area trees. To make arrangements, contact them at 625-8733.



## **Enhancement Team Update**

Barb McCalpin reports that the Enhancement Team has discovered yet another way to raise money to support their efforts to fund improvements in EE. Craig Surprise has sold several electronic items on NextDoor. As always, he makes sure that they work and are in good condition. Selling them sooner, rather than wait for the March Ramada Sale each March, prevents them from deteriorating in storage and generally brings in a higher price than the team might get at the sale. If you have electronics or other high-end items you'd like to donate, please contact Barb at 867-8067 for pick-up. Should they not sell, they can be returned to you or donated to the White Elephant.

### **Board Meetings**

June 15 1:00 at the Ramada No board meetings during July and August.

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

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The wood-fired oven at Parque Felicidad is ready for use! See story and photos from the training session on page 6.

# May GVC Happenings

By Joe McCalpin

There are some very important activities ongoing at the Council that will impact EE and every other HOA in Green Valley. Before delving into them, Barb and I would like to express our thanks to our friends and neighbors for your care and concern for our recent medical issues with our family. Green Valley is a unique community with values that stand above normal. EE is a prime example of the way these values are expressed. Your support of your neighbors is key to EE's being a great place to live.

On with GVC. The most important activity is the \$800 million Bond issue that will appear on the November ballot. When the Bond package was first introduced, there were no funds directed towards roads and streets. After several "Town Hall" type events and a lot of one on one meetings, it became clear that if roads and streets were not included in the package, the whole package would likely not pass. The County Administrator inserted Proposition 425 Road and Highway Improvements into the package. Somehow it dawned on our politicians the improvements in tourism, parks and recreation as well other fundamental areas could not be enjoyed if residents had to take an ATV to reach those facilities. Proposition 425 calls for \$200 million to be spent on Roads and Highway improvements. The breakdown is as follows:

Sonoran Corridor Highway (Read Huckleberry Highway) \$30,000,000 Science Park Drive at UofA Tech Park \$10,000,000 Road Repair and Pavement Preservation \$160,000,000

The Roads funds will be divided among incorporated areas and un-incorporated areas. I don't have a good handle on how it will trickle down to Green Valley, but I will keep pressing. When the Bond Package came to a vote by the Supervisors, it passed 4 to 1. Any idea on the one dissenting vote? Wrong, it was cast by Allie Miller. Supervisor Carroll seems positive on Proposition 425.

Each of the Propositions will be voted on separately and it is expected that some will not pass. The entire package is called Resolution No. 2015-15. Pro and Con Arguments will be generated between May 15th and June 5th. There will be a public forum in October before the election. It appears that our politicians have "put the ball in our court." Finally we have control of the issue. Now we need to work for passage of 425.

One other significant activity is the formation of a Consolidated Emergency Plan for restoration of utility services in the event of a disaster. The Greater Green Valley Emergency Response Team is sponsoring a series of meetings first to analyze methods of restoring water service in the event that one or more of the seven water companies fail. Several agencies and other entities have emergency response plans so efforts will be made to coordinate these plans.

As an aside, the Green Valley area is in an earthquake fault zone along the Santa Rita Mountains. Remember, in the '50s and '60s Green Valley was an important target in the Cold War. Stuff happens. In a future article I will tell you about residents supporting Household Hazardous Waste.

# Around Esperanza

Some new faces at Mountain View Park, thanks to the Arts Club! Stroll down and have a look.













Thanks to EE's volunteer waterers! At left, Kathleen Normand, Lynn Gillespie, Cyndy Gates and Nancy Moore watering the MedianGreen area. Above and right, Dave Sielken waltzing Matilda (AKA Tilly) through Mountain View Park. Other waterers include Louise and Frank McCabe.







A small but enthusiastic crowd gathered by the pool for hot dogs and a showing of "The Last Picture Show." Thanks, Kevin and Linda!

# Cinco de Mayo Celebration



































## Wood-Fired Oven Training

The wood-fired oven at Parque Felicidad promises to be one of EE's most popular amenities judging from the number of eager residents who turned out for the first training session. Kevin Welsh conducted the training and explained all the basics you need to know before using the oven on your own. There will be additional training classes later this summer and in the fall, and you must attend one before you will be qualified to use the oven.

You'll find a calendar in the storage section under the oven, so you can reserve the pergola or oven to hold small gatherings.

Monstrosity Tree Service has agreed to provide wood, which will be stacked near the storage shed at the courts. But, there will generally be an adequate supply of cut wood for your baking needs in the area under the oven.

Pizza, bread, chili, pie, comin' right up! Bon Appetit!



Kevin tiling the oven earlier this month.

















## Like to Read? Homebound?

### The Pima County Library Has an Answer to Help Homebound Patrons

By Cindy Krantz

If you have ever found yourself homebound, but wanting a good book to read or listen to, The Pima County Library has a service available to help you. Whether you have a short-term re-hab situation or a longer period of being housebound, all that is needed is a Pima County Library Card and a phone call to the library (594-5295) to have your name added to the list of Green Valley residents who receive this helpful service.



When you reach the library staff to enroll in the "Homebound" Service, you will be asked for your library card number in order to validate that your card is active, as well as to check your current address. You will be given the opportunity to choose the types of materials you wish to have delivered, such as books (hardcover or paperback), audio format, etc. Patrons may also be specific with their areas of interest, naming a particular genre (historical fiction, best sellers, romance, non-fiction, etc.) or a particular author or series of titles. Patrons registered for this service can also log on to the Pima County Library Website (www.library.pima.gov) to select materials from home by themselves and the service will deliver them to your home.

Generally, books are selected by volunteers who know you by your first name and library bar code number; they will do their best to find titles to your liking. Books are checked out by library staff and put into canvas bags for delivery by volunteers or for pick-up if the homebound patron has a neighbor or care-giver who is designated to pick up the books at Joyner, usually around the 15th day of each month. Forms are included with materials for the homebound patron to communicate which materials met their needs or to request other materials not previously described.

Barb McCalpin (867-8067) and Cindy Krantz (203-8292) are both library volunteer selectors who can answer any questions you may have before calling the library to request this service.

In addition, there are many other opportunities to help out at the library: shelving, shelf-reading, helping at either of the library's used book stores or, for the computer-literate, volunteering to aid in the computer lab. All opportunities are a way to help others and to assimilate yourself into our community. Give it some consideration--you may discover how good you feel when you contribute to help your library serve the Green Valley community!



### In Memoriam

Ron Keitzer 302 Calle Portillo April 29, 2015

Harold Macisaac 159 Camino Holgado May 5, 2015

## Wildlife Watch: Javelinas

By Mike Gerrard

If there's one thing people know about the javelina, which they're always delighted to share with you, it's that it isn't a pig. Well, the one thing they know is wrong. Javelinas belong to the Tayassuidae family, which covers New World pigs, and is related to the Suidae family, which are the Old World pigs. What we have in our neighborhood is what other countries call a collared peccary.



We haven't seen javelinas round our neck of EE for a few years, but we know they're still around from other people's trashcan tales of woe. There are parts of EE where no-one can put their trashcan out the evening before a collection, as javelinas roam the streets at night like gangs of Hell's Angels whose idea of a good time is to tip over a 90-gallon trashcan and tuck in.

One neighbor told me that a friend of theirs knows when there are javelinas outside because their dog starts frantic barking. It can smell the animals even when doors and windows are closed. Dogs and javelinas do not make good friends. People walking pets have reported encounters with javelinas and having to run to safety inside a neighbor's gate.

Both dogs and coyotes will attack and try to kill a javelina, if they're big enough and they feel they can take it on. They are natural enemies, so if a javelina sees a dog it automatically regards it as a threat and, if the dog is small, may attack it. This is in addition to the usual reasons for an attack, like mothers protecting their young and the animal being startled and therefore frightened. Although most young javelinas are born between June and August, the adults are unusual in that they can breed all year round. Or maybe they're just horny little devils, but young javelinas can appear at any time of year - so dog walkers beware. If you spot a javelina, go in another direction.

Although javelinas can get aggressive towards humans, and charge and make threatening noises, incidences of javelinas actually biting humans are said to be rare. When it does happen, most of the time it's because the human has been trying to feed the animals, which is definitely not recommended. Start that game and you may never get rid of them. If you stop feeding them they will still stick around and make nuisances of themselves. They may even come to you expecting food, you wave at them to get them to go away, the javelina sees this as a threat and might attack you. Feeding them also makes them lazy and they will stop hunting for natural food, which can ultimately mean the animal starves — so you're not doing them a favor.

Sometimes what seems to be a javelina attacking can be caused by the fact that they have very poor vision. They run to get away and even though they have a sharp sense of smell, they can sometimes run towards what they think is threatening them and only veer off when they realize their mistake.

Javelinas eat mostly plants, when they're not having garbage pie, and their mouths are tough enough to enable them to eat cactus. We know this from personal experience as a few years ago we found four or five road kill prickly pear pads, and planted them outside our gate. Within days there were chomp marks as the javelinas tucked in, and that was the end of that experiment.

If you think you're in trouble now because you can't stop the javelinas tipping over your trashcan and causing all kinds of other havoc, just stick around. There's rumored to be a giant peccary living in the Amazon jungle. Science hasn't confirmed it yet, but let's hope they don't do what the collared peccaries did not too long ago and make their way up to Arizona. But if they do, you can bet it'll be on garbage day.

# EE History: Then and Now

By Cynthia Surprise

Donna Dailey and Mike Gerrard purchased their home on Calle Excelso from Donna's aunt who lived in EE in the 1980s. While searching through some boxes her aunt had stored in the house, Donna came across three photos taken in 1985-1986. The first is of EE Park, and explains the mysterious circle inside the area of rock that the Gardeners had wondered about. The photo shows that a mesquite tree was planted there originally.

The other old photos show the front of their home on Excelso and the view down the back alley to the park. Compare them to the current photos taken from the same spots. What a difference 30 years makes.

We hope other long-time residents will share old photos of EE with us.













# John Meek: Medicare, Watergate and More

By Mary Hess

He's been in the hospital often of late and lost a lot of weight, but our neighbor and friend John Martin Meek can still charm and entertain with memories of his years as a Washington DC insider.

"It's the 50th anniversary year of the passage of the Medicare law, and I had a little something to do with that. Just about everybody in Green Valley depends on Medicare today," Meek says with a smile.



The bill enacting Medicare was approved in the House and Senate, on July 27 and 28, 1965, respectively.

Meek went to Washington to work as press secretary for Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D-OK) the week JFK was inaugurated. Earlier he had served with the Marines in the Korean War, earned degrees at the U. of Oklahoma and Syracuse U. and was a journalist for newspapers in Texas and Oklahoma.

Kerr, arguably the most powerful member of Congress then, was teamed with powerful Ways and Means Chair Wilbur Mills (D-AR) to devise a workable government health insurance plan for America's aging population (originally introduced by President Truman).

Many Americans opposed the idea.

"The American Medical Association lobbyists camped out in Kerr's office," Meek recalls. "They said Medicare would never work. It was socialized medicine just like the Brits."

Senator Kerr was adamant that there be a means test in the bill to determine eligibility. But when he died on Jan. 1 1963, the Kerr-Mills Bill lost momentum. (It later became Medicaid.)

The political climate also changed with the assassination of President Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963. President Johnson, after being elected in 1964, put together a team to lobby for passage of Medicare, and Meek was chosen to join it – now knowledgeable about both sides of the issue.

"We met regularly in the Roosevelt Room of the White House and divided up the task of convincing congressional members to support the bill. We called it the Fish Room then because it was decorated with FDR's stuffed marlins," Meek said.

Many new Democrats were elected to Congress on LBJ's coattails in 1964, and the situation was right for promoting social programs.

"If you could see a list of bills we got through during the Johnson years, it would boggle your mind," Meek said. He considers the 1965 Voting Rights Bill to be among the most important accomplishments of the LBJ era.

"The secret to lobbying members of Congress for me was really quite simple. You give the members a reason to vote with you so they won't be defeated in the next election. You find out what they want, and find a way to make it happen. They all want to keep their jobs," he explains.

Meek's Washington years were enlivened by major political events as he went about his business as a private sector lobbist. Take, for example, Watergate.

"Most people don't realize the Watergate complex was built by the Catholic Church, and they had trouble filling the office building at first. Serving as special assistant to the chairman of the Democratic Party, I helped negotiate a deal to place our headquarters on a full floor in July 1967. We had a great view of the Potomac River, and everybody enjoyed being there," he said.

After Meek took over responsibility as coordinator of the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, his office in the Watergate was occupied by another assistant.

"When President Nixon's 'plumbers' bugged the DNC headquarters, my old office was one of the spaces rigged with listening devices."

Meek is like most analysts who marvel at the inept mission of the Nixon reelection conspirators who broke into the offices at the Watergate.

"They were literally the gang who couldn't shoot straight," he said.

Larry O'Brien, former JFK aide, was Democratic National Committee Chairman and he was also employed as a lobbyist by Howard Hughes.

"I think the Nixon people wanted to know what conversations were taking place between Hughes and O'Brien," Meek added.

Hughes had investments in Nevada that could be enhanced if nuclear testing was stopped, and it is believed he encouraged Nixon to protect those interests by making cash contributions to him through his friend, Bebe Reboso.

"I think they got nervous about it, and made some reckless decisions, " he explained.

Meek says he has voted for Republicans from time to time, but his commitment to the ideals of the Democratic Party are strongly rooted in his depression-era early life experiences in Oklahoma.

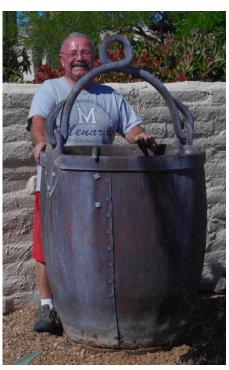
"My dad struggled to support his big family when no steady work was available, and Franklin D. Roosevelt was our hope. We listened to his "Fireside Chats" on the radio and he brought us out of despair."

## What Is It?

If you walk by the Shay's house on Circulo del Sur, you'll see an unusual piece of yard art in front of their wall.

Leave it to Terry Shay to find such a unique item while out looking for a golf cart and deciding to bring it home. Not an easy feat when it weighs a few hundred pounds.

The Shays now own a piece of Arizona history. This curious item is a smelting pot and was used in copper mining. Smelting is a process used to produce a base metal from its ore. Terry says they won't be turning it into a planter.



# Tlaquepaque and Tonala

By Cynthia Surprise

Tlaquepaque (Tla-kay-PAH-kay) along with Tonala are two types of Mexican pottery you can easily find in this area. Less colorful than Talavera, Tlaquepaque and Tonala are (in my opinion) more interesting with their fantasy-like animal motifs and childlike drawings of romanticized Mexican rural life.

Both types of pottery were popular with the droves of tourists that travelled to Mexico down the Pan American Highway in the 1930s and 1940s. While still made today, newer pieces are often mass-produced and of lesser quality, and the vintage pieces have become highly sought after by collectors.

Tonala and Tlaquepaque are neighboring towns located on the outskirts of Guadalajara, the second largest city in Mexico and the capital of the state of Jalisco. They each have a long tradition as pottery centers and were two major stopping points for tourists.

Tlaquepaque pottery is twice-fired clay that was dipped in a lead oxide bath for its second high firing to giving it a shiny glazed surface. The pieces could be used for food service or to hold liquids, although the mixing and glazing processes were primitive and resulted in a rough surface that could be easily chipped with use.

Tonala (often referred to as "brunido," meaning burnished) is made of soft clay and is brush painted, rubbed with either leather or stone to adhere the design into the clay and then fired only once at a medium temperature. The pieces were used primarily for decoration.

If you are interested in these types of Mexican pottery and want to learn more, I suggest you spend some time talking with the owners of one of my favorite little antique shops in Tucson, Arte de la Vida. They have been collecting Mexican tourist trade pottery for decades, and are happy to share their knowledge with you.

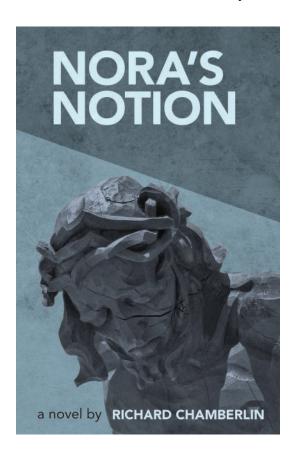




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The novel *Nora's Notion* is available at spinozapublishing.com, at The Book Shop in Green Valley or by contacting Richard directly at 404-5493. It is also in the local library.





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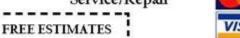
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