

# The Ridgerunner

December 2014

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## **Notes From Your HOA President**

I'm dreaming of a White Christmas... just not here in Green Valley. All of the holiday decorations around town look wonderful. It's easy to get into the spirit of the holidays here without that cold, wet, slippery white stuff. This wonderful winter weather is one of the many attractions of living down here.

As my first year of being your HOA President winds down, I would like to express some of my thoughts about the past year.

Your HOA is running very smoothly due to the contributions of our past leaders and volunteers. I can't express to you how much I, and the entire Board of Directors, appreciate their efforts. Are we perfect? – No. We have learned from our little mistakes and are constantly improving our processes for the future leaders and volunteers.

We are fortunate to have people willing to step-up and help when asked. That being said, we are always looking for new helpers and will continue asking for your assistance. Please remember that your HOA will only be successful with your continued help and support.

I would like to especially mention Christine Bohannon who will be stepping away as the Editor of our local newsletter – The Ridgerunner. She did this and also was our HOA Secretary for quite a few years. Please take time to thank her when you see her.

My wife, Lynn, and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season and a safe New Year. May the white stuff remain miles and miles away.

*Jim Chisholm*

## **2015 HOA Annual Meeting**

Our 2015 HOA Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, 18 January 2015, - 6:00 PM at Las Campanas recreation center. There will be a Potluck at 5:00 PM so please bring a dish to share. Flyers for the Annual Meeting will be included in our end-of year mailing.

## **2015 BOD Elections**

Two HOA Board of Director (BOD) positions will be decided in the January, 2015 elections. Pete Mundy's and Ed Davis' terms expire this year. We are fortunate to have two candidates for the two openings. Their biographies will be included with the election ballots.

The Election Committee will count the ballots at the Annual Meeting and will report the results when completed.

## **Reminder - Annual Dues**

Last year the HOA Board of Directors decided to delay mailing the notice of your annual dues to December instead of November. This was due to the fact we are on a "cash basis" with the IRS. We have to declare dues collected in the year that they are received.

To keep our books easier to understand, we will continue to delay the mailing until mid-December. The funds are due on January 1, 2015, but are not considered late as long as we receive them by the 16th of January. Any monies received in 2014 for 2015 dues will be deposited on January 2, 2015.

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## Appetizers & Bocce Picnic

Our fall social event was an Appetizers and Bocce Picnic on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Canoa Hills where 26 Portillo Ridge friends and neighbors gathered to enjoy a pleasant autumn evening.

After sampling a wonderful assortment of hearty snacks in the picnic area, our group took to the bocce courts. Several of the participants had never played the game before but showed impressive skills, much to the delight of the cheering section!

Many thanks to all who attended this fun event.

*Lynn Chisholm*



## Concern and Caring Committee

If you know of a neighbor who would appreciate receiving a comforting note due to serious illness, hospitalization, or bereavement, please contact Jan Sink at 625-9471 or Lynn Chisholm 777-8334 or E-mail – [arichizona@cox.net](mailto:arichizona@cox.net)

## 2015 Holiday Party

On Friday, 12 December, 62 neighbors and friends gathered for Portillo Ridge HOA's Holiday Party at the Grill on the Green. Everyone had a great time. The food was great!

*Donna Severidt*



## Recent Transfers

Lot 90 – From Joe & Joan MacIsaac to **Ken & Gwen Becker**

Lot 106 – Richard & Leslie Bass to **Darren Selvage & Cheri Golden**

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## **HOA 2014 Food Drive Report**

We thank you for choosing to invest in your community by supporting the Green Valley-Sahuarita Community Food Bank with your donations.

Our two food drives, Spring and Fall, were very successful. The totals of food donations for the two drives were 1017 lbs. and cash donations of \$3,115.00. This includes the donations from our Holiday Party.

The Turkey drive this year was very successful using only the zip codes of Green Valley and Sahuarita. Only the Green Valley and Sahuarita families were each able to get one turkey. We are now able to better take care of the needy families in our area.

I am very proud to live in Portillo Ridge. Our neighbors are very caring.

Thank you to our volunteer committee members who collected and delivered your donations: Margaret Bangs, Deanna Brooks, Russ and Mary Alice Carlson, Pat Cleveland, Anne Morrison, Mack Summers, and the HOA for the emails.

I am looking for sign boards to announce the food drives on Portillo. If you know where I can get 2 or 3, please let me know. My boxes have bit the dust.

Thank you,

*Sandy Churchill, Chairman*

## **HOA 2014 Social Committee Report**

As I wrap up my first year as Social Committee Chairperson, I wanted to take a few minutes to review our 2014 events and ask your assistance in planning our events for 2015.

In addition to the potluck held in conjunction with our annual meeting in January, our 2014 social offerings consisted of a Spring Pizza Party, Summer July 4th Potluck, Fall Appetizers and Bocce Picnic, and Winter Holiday Party.

Do you feel that the number of events is satisfactory? Would you like to see fewer events next year or more? If you'd like to see more events, would you be willing to join the Social Committee and take charge of organizing an event?

Were the events offered to your liking? Are any of the events a "must keep" for next year? Is there an event you would like to see "retired" and replaced by something else? If so, do you have any suggestions for a different event?

We prefer to offer events that are inclusive – EVERYONE is encouraged to attend – which is why you haven't seen a Ladies' Luncheon or Men's Poker Night on the schedule; however, if someone feels strongly about having an event of that kind and would be willing to coordinate it, we would be happy to add it to the calendar.

I would love to hear your thoughts on what works, what doesn't, and what can be improved upon. Although I know it's impossible to please everyone, I would welcome your comments and will try to deliver a fun assortment of activities for 2015. Please feel free to send me a note at [arichizona@cox.net](mailto:arichizona@cox.net) and provide us feedback on YOUR social events.

Thanks and Happy Holidays!



*Lynn  
Chisholm*

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## **Traffic & Arroyos Committee Report**

Just a reminder that traffic on Esperanza is changing from two lanes between Desert Bell and LaCanada sometime in mid-December.

*Donna Severidt*

## **Be Aware!**

Last week a stranger was observed going over a neighbor's wall. While the person turned out to be relatively harmless, it is important that we all keep a watch on what is happening in the neighborhood.

It is always okay to call 911 if something doesn't look right.

## **Did You Know?**

- The 3 most common languages in the world are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English
- Dreamt is the only word that ends in mt
- The names of all continents both start and end with the same letter
- The first letters of the months July through to November spell JASON
- If you try to say the alphabet without moving your lips or tongue every letter will sound the same
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear
- Perth is Australia's windiest city
- Elvis's middle name was Aron
- The flag for Libya is unlike any other being a solid green color
- Goldfish can see both infrared and ultraviolet light

## **2014 HOA Board Members**

President - Jim Chisholm

Vice President - Pete Mundy

Secretary - Marsha Barnes

Treasurer - Ed Davis

Member-at-Large – Dave Churchill

## **2014 Officers (Non-Board Member)**

Assistant Treasurer - Donna Severidt

## **2014 Committee Chairs**

Architectural Review: Dave Churchill

Audit: Tom Six

Common Area/Median Maintenance:  
Jim Chisholm

Food Bank: Sandy Churchill

Neighborhood Watch: Gene Dirkes

Social: Lynn Chisholm

## **2014 Special Representatives**

GVC Representative: Dave Churchill

GVC Traffic & Arroyos Committee:  
Donna Severidt

## **Webmaster**

Jim Chisholm and Dave Churchill

The Ridgerunner is your avenue of sharing news and events that may affect our neighborhood. Our newsletter is produced by Christine Bohannon. Please submit any news items to Christine at [Kittiecity@aol.com](mailto:Kittiecity@aol.com)