



June 23, 2020

Dear Community Member:



1. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ISSUES WARNING ON DANGEROUS HAND SANITIZER: The products are sold under 9 different labels so check the manufacturer's name. If you have hand sanitizer made by Eskbiochem SA de CV, a Mexican corporation, immediately discard it in a hazardous waste container. The products may contain methanol which can be extremely harmful, particularly when absorbed through the skin--like on your hands!

2. WE ASKED, YOU RESPONDED! Thanks to all of you who donated comfort masks for the hospital. In two days, 500+ comfort masks were delivered to the Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital. The way Green Valley residents step up when there is a need always amazes me! But maybe I shouldn't be amazed. That is the history of Green Valley--we take care of our own. Quail Creek women also brought in almost 200 more masks. However, the hospital needs even more of the homemade masks that are pleated just like surgical masks and have an open tunnel for adjusting the elastic so they fit tightly. The goal is 7 per employee. If you can provide or make these masks, please contact Paul Williams at 520-576-0678 or p.williamsaz75@gmail.com and he will pick them up.

3. THE MASK UP RULE = SHARED SACRIFICE: I don't like wearing a mask--hot, sweaty, itchy, funny breathing, pinched nose, etc. However, I wear one when I am out in public and the entire time I am in the GVC office. I do it to protect both myself and, more importantly, you. I strongly believe in the old fuddy-duddy concept of shared sacrifice. During WWII, shared sacrifice was what people had to do. Those not in the military (the biggest sacrifice) had to change their lifestyles to: victory gardens, no matter how tiny; rationed gas; rationed food, particularly meat; rationed cloth; lack of freedom of movement; lack of freedom to make a lot of choices; blackout rules; and more. People did it because their sacrifice would help save lives. The same is true today. Your actions can save lives. Put on that despised mask whenever you are in public and follow social distancing!

4. SAHUARITA DECIDES NOT TO FOLLOW MASK UP RULE: Mayor Tom Murphy, who oddly enough has a job in the healthcare industry, announced Saturday that Sahuarita will not follow Pima County's Mask Up Rule. Seems as though Sahuarita doesn't value you as a person but would still like your money. I guess your options are to stay home, don't shop in Sahuarita, don't go to Sahuarita restaurants, etc. if you want to stay safe. Spend your money in those businesses here in Green Valley that do have some respect for the vulnerability of our older people. We have excellent restaurants that are doing creative curb side and following the rules if you choose to dine in. Several restaurants have patio

dining. Take a little drive to a restaurant you haven't patronized before. Our stores can also provide almost everything you need. Shop and dine local in Green Valley!

5. GVC TO RESUME EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JULY: The Council's Executive Committee has not met regularly since we shut our office in March. We are going to resume regular meetings beginning July 15 from 1:30-3:30. We will not be meeting in person as our conference room and the nearby Salvation Army conference room are not big enough to provide social distancing. We will be meeting either by telephone conference or by our computer system's equivalent of Zoom. We need to start addressing how we will deal with the Board of Representatives meetings and Committee meetings that will start in September. It appears likely that no rooms will be available and the number of people is too large to safely meet in person. This is going to take some creativity. Using technology is not ideal but, given the way COVID is increasing, we don't expect it will be safe to have groups together in person for quite a long time.

6. CANOA HILLS TRAILS USERS CANNOT PARK ON THE STREETS OF SURROUNDING HOAs IF THOSE ROADS ARE PRIVATE: We have received complaints from some HOAs which surround the Trails that Trail users are parking on the HOA's private streets. If the HOA has private streets that it maintains, the public is not allowed to park on those streets. Private streets are reserved for resident and guest parking. Beware, as the HOA could have your car towed without warning at your expense. If you see a sign indicating the streets are private, do not park on those streets.

These uncertain times have been tough on everyone, including our outstanding Council staff. I cannot say enough about how they have coped with it, kept the Council's business intact, graciously worked through HOA and resident problems, and kept the Council there for you. Our employees are Lisa Coker, our Office Manager and meticulous bookkeeper (coker@gvcouncil.org), Amy Cordova, who handles Service Requests and whose artistic talent brightens up many of the notices we send out (cordova@gvcouncil.org), and Floanne Morgan, who handles the telephones and calmly and warmly greets our guests, a few of whom are not the best behaved in the world (morgan@gvcouncil.org). If you would like to send them a "thank you", that would be good. However, the best thing you can do is follow our rules if you come for an appointment to see us--mask up (we don't provide masks), use the sanitizer, and, most of all, be nice!

Be kind to each other, be kind to yourself, be safe, and be well!

The Green Valley Council

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thao Tiedt".

Thao Tiedt, President
