



September 10, 2020



Dear Community Members:

1. POLITICAL SIGNS IN HOAs: With the elections fast approaching, GVC has received a lot of calls/emails about political signs in HOA governed yards. Most HOAs in Green Valley have a CC & R prohibiting signs except “for sale” signs of a certain size or type. Arizona statutes, which supersede all HOA regulations, provide that indoor or outdoor political signs must be allowed in HOAs for the 71 days prior to the day of the election and removed within 3 days after the election. The HOA can regulate the size and number of signs as long as the regulation is no stricter than those of the governing body of the area. The aggregate square footage of all the signs in one yard can be limited to a total of 9 square feet if the governing body has no different restrictions. Political signs are defined as signs that attempt to influence the outcome of an election, including supporting or opposing a candidate or a recall of a public officer. It also includes signs supporting or opposing a ballot measure, question or proposition. It does not include signs supporting/opposing/espousing a societal issue.

2. REPRIEVE: The Governor announced last week that if your driver’s license is set to expire, or did expire, between March 1 and December 31 of this year, your driver’s license renewal period will be extended for a year. We have heard that you can get your license renewed if you go to the Motor Vehicle’s substation in the mall where Desert Sky is located, knock on the door and politely ask for an appointment at a future date, the employees will make that appointment for you. Several people have reported renewing their licenses following that process. If you go, masks are mandatory even though that area is technically Sahuarita. Yes, you can wait for the year’s reprieve to expire but will you remember?

3. CAREFUL WITH THAT HAND SANITIZER: On Monday, an ABC online news article reminded us that hand sanitizer is flammable. Recently a woman used it and then lit a candle while her hands were still a little damp. The result was a house fire and several days in intensive care for her. Always be sure

your hand sanitizer is completely dry before lighting something, using your gas stove or going near any other potential source of ignition. The alcohol vapor can stay in the air for a few minutes.

4. COVID THIS PAST WEEK: Colleges are finding that no matter their precautions, warnings and punishments, young people are young people so the COVID cases are surging. Here is Pima County and Arizona as a whole, the COVID rates are slowly improving. As of Wednesday, Pima County had reported no new deaths for four days in a row. The State was not faring as well--30 new deaths yesterday, a total of 186 in the last week. The State's testing still shows 12.2% positive while Pima County shows only 9% positive. Because this pandemic has been going on so long, we don't seem to pay as much attention as we should to the real dangers that still exist. I know you are tired of hearing it, but mask up, socially distance and keep yourself and others safe.

5. OLD TUCSON CLOSED INDEFINITELY: On Tuesday, Pima County and Old Tucson announced that Old Tucson will not reopen under the present lessee. Old Tucson said the closure was due to COVID pandemic's financial effects on the tourist attraction. The actual site is owned by Pima County, which said it will be working on a new plan for the park's future. The County said it has a responsibility to protect and maintain this historical and cultural icon that is so vital to the Tucson tourism industry.

6. ON A PERSONAL NOTE: It is with sadness, but also anticipation, that I announce my upcoming departure from Green Valley. The date is not certain as it depends on when my house sells (it is going on the market soon). I am going back to the greater Seattle area where my two daughters, their husbands and my only grandchild live. The serious health scare I had earlier this year made me realize it was time to go. I had always promised I would return if my health started to fail rather than them having to haul me back when my health had already seriously failed. My health is not failing but COVID has also taught me I need some reasonably healthy years to enjoy my family. I planned on going next year. However, my older daughter found out about 1 ½ months ago that her chronic health condition was taking a more acute turn--not life ending, but life altering. I knew I needed to go now. I will continue to fulfill my duties as President of the Council at least through September and probably longer. I will miss the desert, Green Valley, my very special friends and all of you, but I regard this as an adventure and a refresh of my life.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Even an old tree can sprout new buds. (Anon.)

As usual, I am available for comments, criticisms, and feedback at thaotiedt@gmail.com (anytime) and telephone (weekdays 8-5, weekends if urgent) 520-398-5443. Be kind to each other, be kind to yourself, be safe, and be well!

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