



November 19, 2020



Dear Community Member:

1. Positive Covid-19 Cases and Deaths in Greater Green Valley to Date. According to Pima County's Dashboard for Covid-19, Green Valley zip code 85614 has the second highest recorded deaths from Coronavirus ranked by zip code, i.e., 61 deaths out of 469 positive cases. Zip code 85622 has had 77 cases with 13 deaths. These data are the cumulative counts as of the November 13, 2020 update (pima.gov/cv19data). Almost all the positive cases and deaths from Covid-19 occurred in adults aged 65+ in both zip codes. The first defense for Greater Green Valley residents is to keep social distancing, wearing masks, and washing hands. Be careful and especially during this flu season, avoid leaving home for unnecessary trips and/or large social gatherings.

2. LATEST CDC FINDINGS: MASKS PROTECT MORE THAN REALIZED: On November 10, the CDC said not only does wearing a mask protect others, it protects you too. This stronger "mask up" statement from the CDC came from the results of recent experimental and epidemiological data. The evidence supported mask use as "... individual prevention benefit increases with increasing numbers of people using masks consistently and correctly. Updated November 10, 2020; <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/masking-science-sars-cov2.html>) The CDC also said increasing the proportion of people who wear masks by 15% could prevent the need for more lockdowns and cut associated economic losses of up to \$1 Trillion. Their overall conclusion was that masking up protects you, your community, and our economy.

3. GVC SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PIMA COUNTY INCORPORATES MORE GVC STANDING COMMITTEES From 2016 through 2020, GVC contracted for services with Pima County. During the past 5 years, the Council has received \$75,000 annually under the contract for a total of \$375,000. Through its Standing Committees,

Board of Representatives and other formal and informal activities and meetings, the Council has contributed about 28,000 volunteer hours (valued at \$25/hr. or \$700,000) to improve the liaison and advocacy of Green Valley interests to the County. In doing so, GVC has reduced the number of occasions and the time involved on the part of Pima County staff to respond to singular and/or unfocused concerns of community members.

Exhibit A of the new Contract awarded to the Council identifies the Scope of Services provided by the Council and its Standing Committees. The Health & Human Services Committee will be the primary advisor to Pima County Health Department on access and functional needs of community residents and will coordinate with the HOA Relations Committee and the Citizens Corps/Emergency Planning Committee on issues of specific concern for the HOA. The Traffic & Arroyos Committee will provide service requests, road assessment reports, review Sun Shuttle needs and assist with residents' over the status of the roads in Green Valley. The Environmental Committee will coordinate with Pima County Department of Environmental Quality to recommend information on air, water, alternative energy, and beautification for Pima County's budget planning purposes. The Planning & Architectural Committee will provide residents' comments to proposed development and installations and will coordinate Green Valley forums to provide feedback relative to major installations. The Traffic & Arroyos Committee, and the Parks Advisory Committee will provide review and comment on flood control related issues, provide information for drop-in questions, and direct more involved questions to appropriate Pima County departments. Finally, the Community Services Committee will provide review and comment on wastewater and reclamation issues related to regional flood control.

GVC STANDING COMMITTEES. The Council is seeking active and interested participants to liaison with community residents and Pima County agency officials. One of the best ways to assure your voice is heard at the County, State, and Federal level is to

serve on one of the Council's Standing Committees. Because of the Council's quasi-governmental standing and its services to Pima County, Pima County listens to us as representatives of the community.

The Council has done well in fulfilling its promises to Pima County under the former 5-year contract. In appreciation of the Council's volunteer efforts, Pima County has responded with a new, 5-year, renewable contract. To keep the information flowing, relevant, and current, the Council is looking for more involved community members to join GVC's Standing Committees.

Further information about these committees can be found on the Council's web and facebook sites. Please check our website to see when the next zoom meeting of a GVC Standing Committee will be held and

call or email the office to sign up to join the teleconference.

The Council has also prepared a brochure that identifies the committees. It is attached here for you to cut out and save.

But don't just save it! Read it and find your reason to Volunteer! Share it with your neighbors and friends who may also want to Volunteer and show their support!

If you need a larger copy of the brochure, please email us at info@gvcouncil.org or call us at 520-648-1936.

Saying of the Week: "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." A. Einstein

You can reach me with comments, criticisms or suggestions about the Community Newsletter at president@gvcouncil.org or call me at 520-648-1936 and leave me a message.

Next Thursday, November 26th, is Thanksgiving. We wish you, your family and friends, a safe Holiday.



Remember that Covid-19 and now the flu are surging, so using, email, Facebook, zoom, and other technologies, such as smart phone, face-to-face conversations, will help keep you in touch with loved ones without fear of passing along the diseases.

The next Community Newsletter will be emailed on December 3, 2020. [Wow, December already !!!] Until then take care and stay well.

The Green Valley Council



Dick Roberts, Acting President

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