



December 10, 2020

Dear Community Member:



Council Committees
Environmental Committee

Help Keep Green Valley Beautiful and Litter Free

Jerry and Norma Marrion, residents of Green Valley for 33 years, walk the community's main streets picking up trash and litter. They fill garbage bags—as many as five or more in one outing—with debris, including **countless** liquor bottles, cardboard boxes, etc. They even left a sofa cushion and political signs at the Green Valley Office for disposal, which we deposited in our office dumpster. They also left the trash to make a point to remind community residents that litter thrown out of a car or truck tends to accumulate as others follow suit. We can prevent the **deluge** if everyone is vigilant and if possible, takes a walk outside, picking up garbage along the way. Thank you from GVC and Jerry & Norma Marrion!

Dog Walkers – Be Sure to Clean Up After Your Pet and Deposit Your Bag in an Appropriate Trash Container

One of the biggest problems in keeping our County Parks clean, especially Canoa Hills Trails, is the inappropriate disposal of “poop” bags. They have been found thrown at the edge of the park next to homes and in the Canoa Hills Trails bathrooms and former ball wash stations that have since been razed by Pima County. In all cases, whether a walk in the park or on Green Valley streets, clean up after your pet and carry the bag to an appropriate disposal site—probably your home trash bin. No one likes to smell, wade through poop bags, or view such a site, even if they are “dog lovers.”

New Interim Chair

Sandi Richie has agreed to be Interim Chair of the Environmental Committee. Colleen Bergmanis, former Chair, had to resign due to her work schedule. We have had volunteers contact us to serve on the committee, and we expect that committee members will step up to serve as Chair, Vice Chair, and Communications Coordinator.

Thank you, Sandi!

Health and Human Services Committee

MOU between the Council and the Hospital

Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital (SCVRH) Update

Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital (SCVRH) is experiencing an increase in suspected and positive COVID-19 patients presenting to the Emergency Department (ED). An increasing number of these patients are requiring admission to the hospital to treat their medical condition. As is the case with other hospitals, at times the hospital has been challenged with nurse staffing shortages. We are working with the Arizona Department of Health Services, Pima County Health Department and our own staffing vendors to secure supplemental nursing staff. Due to shortage of COVID-19 testing supplies which is community wide, SCVRH is not able to provide COVID-19 testing to the general community at this time. SCVRH is performing elective procedure and services at this time, and all patients are in a safe, secure and healing environment.

Due to the increase in positive COVID-19 patients being treated in the ED and inpatient areas, visitation is restricted. Visitor restrictions are as follows:

Emergency Room:

- Patients receiving care in the ED are not allowed visitors at this time. Upon presentation to the ED, staff will obtain the name and phone number of the person accompanying the patient. The person will be asked to wait outside the hospital and the staff will communicate with the person using the phone.

Inpatient:

- No inpatient visitation with the following exceptions:
- Visitation for end-of-life patients will be accommodated; more than one visitor will be considered on a case-by-case basis with approval of the Department Director.
- Persons with disabilities who, due to the specifics of the disability, require assistance from someone in order to effectively participate in the health-care process will be allowed to designate a support person to accompany them while in the hospital.

To ensure that hospital resources are available for all who need care, please stay at home as much as possible, wear a mask, self-distance, and wash your hands. Each of us plays an important part in ensuring the health and well-being of everyone in our community

Jennifer Biggs, RN, MS
Chief Nursing Officer



SCVRH's New CEO

Stephen J Harris

Stephen is a Vietnam veteran with a degree in Accounting and Business. He began as a Chief Financial Officer and ultimately Chief Executive Officer moving to Phoenix in 1990. Before moving to Green Valley, he served as President of Arizona Heart Hospital and Phoenix Baptist Hospital in Phoenix. He has resided in Arizona for 20 years and now happily lives in Quail Creek with his wife, Kai Harris.

Citizen Corp/Emergency Planning Committee

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the Pima County Sheriff's Department, Green Valley Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers, and the Green Valley Fire District. These men and women, in the performance of their duties work tirelessly to promote and ensure the safety of our community. For more information or to serve on the CC/EPC please contact the GVC office at 520-648-1936 or info@gvcouncil.org.



REMINDER: Being safe during the Holidays includes indoor and outdoor fire safety. Please be cautious when building fires, using fire pits or smoking that cigarette. Check and clean your fireplace. It only takes one spark to create a catastrophe.

Arizona is dry and the fire hazard is high. To check the status of fire hazards and alerts in specific areas, access the website for the Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention at <https://wildlandfire.az.gov>.

Council Services

Service Requests

The Green Valley Council is your local office for securing services from Pima County. One contact mechanism is the Service Request Form conveniently located on the GVC website. An average of ten requests per month are submitted to Pima County. Approximately 90% of the requests are for pothole remediation. The majority of requests average a 2-week response time. Those taking longer are primarily due to situational severity. All requests are recorded and the GVC receives monthly status reports from Pima County. To utilize this resource: Go to: www.gvcouncil.org ... Scroll down the homepage to Quick Links ... Click on the menu bar for Service Requests...Fill in the form and send.

Quote for Today: *With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are obtainable.* ...Thomas Fowell Buxton

Until next week, take care and stay well.
The Green Valley Council



Dick Roberts, Acting President

