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Save the Date

Canceled

We will have our annual
Happy Hour on Monday,
March
23, 2020
at the



Desert Hills Social Center
Auditorium from 5:00 PM to 8:00
PM. Please bring a light snack to share with 10 people.
Also bring your plates, napkins, silverware, glasses,
and beverage of your choice. Ice will be provided.

Meeting Dates

The meetings of the Board of Directors in 2020 will be
held at the Desert Hills
Social Center.



Friday, March 20th at 3:00
PM in Room A

Friday, April 17th at 3:00 PM in Room A

Friday, October 16th at 3:00 PM in Room A

Friday, November 20th at 3:00 PM in Room A

The Board welcomes your input. Please attend.

SAV

Pima County Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers have
changed their website. The website no longer has
scams or helpful tips but they do have a list of
services they provide. For



more information go to <http://www.gvsav.org/>.

The top three scams for 2019 involve one "oldie but
goodie" and a couple of new ones, at least to us.

The first is the Microsoft Technician Scam. Someone
calls claiming to be from Microsoft who has detected
a problem on your computer. They will ask you to visit
a few different websites to fix the problem. The caller
is actually hijacking your computer. Microsoft **never**
calls consumers.

If you fall for this one, it could lead to a scammer
installing the FBI MoneyPak virus on your computer.
This virus appears as a warning on your screen that
claims that it is the FBI telling you that they have
locked your computer accusing you of viewing porn or
illegally downloading music [see how to unlock your
computer here](#). It tells you to get a Green Dot
MoneyPak card worth several hundred dollars and
enter the number on the screen. If you are really in
trouble with the FBI they will not communicate with
you like this. They will show up at your door.

The online rental scam most often runs through the
Craigslist website but can appear in many places on the
internet. The scammer places an ad for a rental
property at a meager price. Through an email, they tell
the victim that they are in a foreign country and just
looking for someone to occupy the home and take care
of the property during their absence. The scammer
asks the victim to wire money for a rental deposit and
the scammer disappears with your deposit payment.

Contact Pima County Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers
Scam Squad with information about scams and fraud
at [\(520\) 351-6715](tel:5203516715). Their office is open from 9 am to
12 pm Monday through Friday or email them at:
scamsquad@gvsav.org.

GVC

The Green Valley Council (GVC) through its member
homeowner associations represents over two thirds of



all Green
Valley
residents
and is as
close to a

local government as exists in this unincorporated
retirement community. Frequent communication with
County, State and Federal government officials has
proved effective in getting things done

Some of the accomplishments of the council are:

- Worked with Pima County on the new Canoa
Hills Trails Park. This is located on the former
Canoa Hills Golf Course.

- Established a Preferred Vendor Program which provides Green Valley homeowners with well-vetted business and service providers.
- Median Green whose mission is to replant and beautify the public medians along our main thoroughfares for the benefit of both residents and visitors.
- The Health Fair which is held each year.

Courtesy Lights

Courtesy lights must be kept lighted during dark hours. If you are away, have someone responsible for the maintenance of the lights. Keeping your courtesy lights on while you are away will discourage break-ins. The Board has voted some changes to our lighting rules. They include the use of only yellow light bulbs, except for those fixtures that have candle lights. All yellow bulbs must not exceed 40 watts and the candle light may not exceed 15 watts (30 watts for two bulbs). Motion detection lights will still be allowed, however spotlight wattage cannot exceed 40 watts. Also, if you replace your light fixture it must be approved by the Architectural Committee.

Common Ground

Desert Hills 4 has 20 acres of common ground. We pay our landscaper more than \$40,000 a year to maintain the common ground. As homeowners, we cannot remove or add materials to the common ground. HOA guidelines must be followed to allow access by the fire department, if necessary, and keep the beauty of our community. Please do not add or remove materials from the common ground. If you have questions, please contact Ann Brooks at 253-670-5246.

Architectural Approval

According to Article X11 Section 3 of our CC & R'S... prior to any improvements all Owners shall be required to obtain the written approval of the Architectural Committee for any improvement to their property. A copy of the approval must be delivered to the

homeowner prior to beginning any work by the homeowner.

Improvements include but not limited to the installation of light fixtures, cabling, radio antennae, television antennae, satellite stations such as cable television or dishes, painting exterior walls, patio walls, fences, copings, awnings, sunshades, flagpoles, landscaping, solar panels and any and all related matters such as gates, security and front doors.

The Committee has created an Architectural Form which may be requested from the Chairperson of the Committee, Phyllis Buchanan at 399-1508, 313-801-7723 or buchannp@msn.com. The form may also be found on our website, www.deserthills4.com. The form can be mailed to our Association address or can be emailed to Phyllis Buchanan.

Just as a reminder, if you have a project and you are unsure if you need an approval, please ask first by contacting the chairperson.

Certified Mailings

Occasionally your HOA sends letters to homeowners via certified mail. As most of you know, your HOA does not have an office. As a result, any certified letters to the HOA requiring a signature are not delivered to the HOA, but a notice is put in our local mail box and the letter is held at the post office for pick up. We ask that any of you who have certified letters to send to the HOA, please look at the website for the address of the appropriate person and mail the certified letter directly to that person. If you have any questions of who to contact, please contact Phyllis Buchanan at 520-399-1508. Thank you.

Waste Management

We are currently in year 2 of our five-year contract with Waste Management for garbage & recycling services. On 6/1/20 we move into year 3 and the

monthly rate increases to \$14.85 per month (billed quarterly).

Some reminders:

- If you sign up for Paperless Billing and Auto Pay, the \$5.00 admin fee on your invoice can be waived. Register at www.WM.com.
- Garbage is picked up twice a week – Mondays and Thursdays. Recycling is picked up once a week – Thursdays. Cans should be out on the curb by 7:00 am
- Approved recycling items include: magazines, office paper, brown paper bags, newspapers, paperboard, cardboard, paper cardboard (such as dairy and juice containers), junk mail, phone

books, glass bottles and jars, #1-7 plastic bottles and containers, aluminum cans and tin or steel cans.

- **DO NOT PUT IN RECYCLE BINS:** food waste, yard waste, shredded paper, films, plastic bags, plastic wrap or foam cups and containers.

Homeowners should contact WM Customer Service for starting or stopping service or vacation holds (greater than 30 days) at 520-744-2600. If anyone has issues with Waste Management service that cannot be handled through WM Customer Service please contact Phyllis Buchanan at 313-801-7723. She will contact Waste Management’s HOA team to get the issue resolved.

To all our winter homeowners and visitors, have a safe trip home. And to our full-time residents safe travels wherever you may go. To all of you, have a wonderful summer.



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