February 2020

The Wells
A 55+ Community

Important Dates to Remember

- Saturday, February 1st: Wells Workday Meet around Clubhouse at 8:30am
- Saturday, February 1st: Pre-Souper Bowl Party in Clubhouse at 5:00pm to 8:00pm
- Tuesday, February 4th: HOA Election (Clubhouse Closed)
- Thursday, February 6th: Wells Bells Fashion Show in Clubhouse at 11:00am
- Saturday, February 8th: Monthly Potluck in Clubhouse at 5:00pm
- Sunday, February 9th: The Wells Variety Show in Clubhouse at 7:00pm
- Tuesday, February 11th: Morning Board Meeting in Conference room at 8:00am
- Wednesday, February 12th: Casino Bus Trip Meet in front of Clubhouse at 8:00am
- Friday, February 14th: Valentine’s Dinner Dance in Clubhouse at 5:00pm to 9:00pm
- Tuesday, February 18th: City of Mesa Fires & Falls Safety Meeting in Clubhouse at 4:00pm
- Wednesday, February 19th: Annual Board Meeting in Clubhouse at 7:00pm
- Thursday, February 20th: Certified Life & Health Coach in Clubhouse at 1:00pm
- Saturday, February 22nd: Wells Bells Flea Market in Clubhouse (7:00am to 1:00pm)
- Tuesday, February 25th: Fat Tuesday Pool Party Pool side at 2:00pm to 5:00pm
- Saturday, February 29th: Pancake & Sausage Breakfast in Clubhouse, 7:30am to 9:30am
- Saturday, February 29th: Kicking Off Leap Year (Check Sandwich Boards for details)

The Deadline for the March
Wellspoken is February 24th, 2020

Website: thewellshomeowners.com   Email: office@thewellshoa.com
President’s Report

We have much currently happening at The Wells as a number of projects are at or very near completion. The new LED lights have been installed at the mail area and installation is scheduled for next week in the pool ramada area. This will be a vast improvement over our current lighting capabilities and should save us money in the long run.

The new multi-use court has now been lined for pickleball and is seeing almost daily use. This is a much needed and anticipated addition to our recreation options. A further option in the way of a turf putting green is in and will be functional in the next couple of days.

Water pressure checks are now under way and so far are showing a minimum of problems with pressures a few pounds higher than before the pressure valves were replaced. You will be notified of verifiable leaks at your property in the next couple of weeks. Some of you may already have been told of problems.

In casual observation during these checks, there have been some notices of rodent activity. As Mike monitors and refills bait boxes, it is still imperative that home owners clean up their property and pick up dead fruit off the ground. This is very critical now that fruit is ripening and apt to fall from the trees and litter a yard.

We are also getting complaints about pet droppings and unleashed dogs in areas of the community. Remember you are responsible for the behavior of your pets and required to clean up after them as well.

Lastly, the scheduled board meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 4th has been cancelled due to the election. Instead the Board will hold a "work session" with the finance committee to revise and extend the 10 year plan on Tuesday, Feb. 11th. The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 19th at 7:00 pm. At this meeting we will be installing two new board members and a quorum is required so I do urge you to, set that date and time aside and attend. **Thank you!**

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON FEBRUARY 4 th**       Bob T. #41

Manager’s Report

*Scott Brenner, HOA Manager*

_Wells HOA Office, 480-641-3776, office email: office@thewellshoa.com_

Residents encountering problems with their Cox cable TV, may try calling Cox at 623-594-1000 for tech support. If still encountering problems come to the office and take a paper explaining exactly what you are entitled to receive through the bulk account with The Wells HOA. Then take the paper along with your cable boxes to the Cox store located at 6005 E. Southern Ave. They will need the old boxes to update you to the new improved boxes. If you wish to have any expanded service though Cox communications, billing will be to you at your address.

There has been a concern brought to my attention. It makes good common sense to give the trash truck driver a break and not get close to the truck when he is dumping the trash bins.

I have had a few homeowners upon their return come to the office and report their fruit trees have been picked clean of fruit. Whoever has been doing this, stop! You do not have permission to be on their property. This type of activity, to many people, is considered stealing which is against the law.

**AS ALWAYS, ONLY FLUSH BIODEGRADABLE TOILET TISSUE DOWN YOUR TOILETS!!**
THE WELLS COMMITTEES

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Clayton Breezee, Liaison, 320-894-6096, Don McDermott, Milford (Butch) Jackson, Bill Bialk, Dann Landers, Walter Wright, Russell Ahlquist, Mel York, Larry Brand, Duane Wolfgram (Sonny Olsen alt)

Homeowners who are going to alter landscape, or do any work on the outside of their home, need to get approval from the ARC committee.

ARC Committee meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 9:00am in the Boardroom. Pick up and return your completed ARC Request Form to the HOA Office prior to the next ARC meeting. If you are painting, attach a sample of the colors you selected. There is a color book in the HOA Office that contains approved colors. It also contains approved colors for driveways and planter boxes. If you have any questions when filling out the ARC form, contact one of the ARC members for assistance. If you are doing any remodeling on the outside of your house, attach a drawing of your plan along with the dimensions. You must wait for approval before you begin the work. Then post the yellow copy of the form on the front window of your house until the work is completed.

Refer to the ARC Regulations and Rules, Pages 14 & 15 in the Resident Directory for more information.

Building & Grounds Committee

Members Wally and Olga Footz, Lynn Below, David Nelson, Ken Hanusa, Dave Newton, Lloyd Brown, Mike Rudolph, Jim Gaiovnik, Russ Berntson, and Richard Johnson Board Liaison

Saturday February 1st, Work Day 8:30am, meet around clubhouse

Clubhouse Committee

Chairman: Sharon Nelson, Board Liaison, Nancy York, Members: Laveda Files, Alice Klinkenborg, Laurie Page, Marion Roberts, Ilene Thompson, Marlene Trunkenbolz.

We would like to ask you to please remember to take your things home after Clubhouse functions. There are a number of things that have been left in the facility—please check to see if they might belong to you!

Thanks so much! Happy Valentines Day!

Communications Committee


The new directories have been delivered. If you did not get one you may pick one up at the office.

The Welcome Open House was well attended on January 10th. Thank you to all who attended this annual event and to those who participated as activity representatives.

Remember the Social Activities section in the middle of the Wellspoken is for changes to the Activity Calendar, not a repeat of information! New Social Activity entries must be placed each month in the office.

A speaker will be in the clubhouse Tuesday FEBRUARY 18TH at 4:00pm to present information on PREVENTING FIRES AND FALLS.

Go to www.mesaaz.gov if you are interested in certification for CPR. It will be given at the end of March (date and location to be determined). Cost is $25.00 and class is 4 hours long (questions call Greg McDowell at 480-644-3818).

Classes are not available on defibrillator use. When needed follow the step by step instructions and call 911.
Financial Report  
December 2019

Finance Committee Members: Mark Collins (Chair), Ken Anderson, Jim Dent, Chuck Hammen, Nancy Lane, Jim Riedl (BD Liaison)

The Finance Committee meets at 9AM in the Board Room on the Monday prior to the Wednesday evening Board meeting. Homeowners are welcome to observe.

YTD Income  
- Budget: 745,404.00  
- Actual: 756,515.68  
- Difference: 11,111.68 more than budget

YTD Operating Expenses  
- Budget: 568,805.00  
- Actual: 527,091.25  
- Difference: 41,713.75 less than budget

YTD Out-of-Ordinary Expense  
- 156,032.22

YTD Total Expenses  
- 683,123.47

Checking Account  
- 134,967.76

Reserve Accounts  
- Operational Reserve: 164,897.72  
- Capital Reserve: 354,871.68  
- Total Reserves: 519,769.40

Accounts Receivable  
- Total Receivables: 5,799.61  
- Monthly Change: 491.57

2018 / 2019 DAILY HOUSEHOLD WATER USAGE

Water use in 2019 occurred at a record low pace. Despite a leak seen in September and October meter readings, billings for our water use were $3,900 below budget for the year.
THE WELLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION for 2020

2020 ELECTION

Election Committee

Committee Members: Ione Anderson, Ken Anderson, Betty Borjesson, Jim Dent, Mary Jane Howard, Nancy Lane, Chris Jergenson, Alice Klinkenborg, Shirley Magnusson, Sharon Nelson, Peggy Queensland

Chair: Sharon Hoffer, 480-261-3892

The 2020 Wells HOA Election is Tuesday, February 4, 2020. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM 6:00 PM in the conference room of the clubhouse. There are two (2) positions open for the Wells HOA Board of Directors.

Candidates: Barbara Mountain, Lot 449 and Richard Paplow, Lot 494.

Directors are elected for a three-year term and there are no term limits.

* Only one ballot per lot. (For example: If you own a lot jointly with another person, you are entitled to one ballot only.)

* Absentee ballots are available in the office if you are unable to vote in person on election day. You will be required to sign a Voter Registration Book, complete an absentee ballot information form attached to a secrecy envelope. Vote your choice, insert the ballot into the secrecy envelope and place the envelope into the locked ballot box.

* If you are mailing, the ballot must be received in the HOA office no later than February 3rd one (1) day before the election in order to be counted.

* Owners in arrears in payment of any amount due the HOA for 30 days or more shall have their voting rights suspended. (Reference CC&Rs Section 5.4)

* REMEMBER: The clubhouse will be closed to all other activities on Election Day.

BE SURE TO SUPPORT THE WELLS COMMUNITY BY CASTING YOUR VOTE ON

Social Committee

Jean Mallory, Chairperson 615-969-6197
Marge Lesnever – Board Liaison
Members of the Social Committee: Kay Vinje, Valerie Kropewnick, Jane Carlson, Linda Dent, Judy Schoneman, Dale Emerson and Alice Klinkenborg

Saturday February 1st - 5pm to 8pm – Pre-Souper Bowl Party
Wear your favorite team’s jersey and get in the mood for the Super Bowl game
Variety of homemade soups & ham salad sandwiches @ 5pm
Dance and listen to the music of “Harry Mathews” from 6pm-8pm
Tickets are for sale in the office $10.00 each

Saturday February 8th – Monthly Potluck @ 5pm
Bring a dish to share with your friends and neighbors and your own place setting. Sign up sheet will be in the card room. Please wear your name tags and get to know your neighbor.

Sunday February 9th – 7pm - The Wells Variety Show
At this date our Variety Show has 8 different acts. This will be another fun night. We’re looking for more entertainment. Those of you that would like to be a part of the show, please contact anyone on the Social Committee to get your name on the show’s line-up.
There will be no charge for this show but you will need to get your free ticket at the office for admittance to the show.

Friday February 14th – 5pm to 9pm - Valentine Dinner and Dance
Pasta Dinner served at 5pm. Dance to the music of “Southern Drawl” from 6pm to 9pm
Tickets on sale in the office for $10.00

Thursday February 20th - 1pm to 2pm– Certified Life & Health Coach
Tracy Schoneman-Certified Life & Health Coach will talk about health life styles to improve our physical, mental and emotional well-being

Tuesday February 25nd – 2pm to 5pm – Fat Tuesday Pool Party
This is the first pool party this season. Pam & Dave will be singing. There will be a $5.00 charge for food at the pool.

Saturday February 29th – 7:30am to 9:30am Pancake Breakfast
$5.00 donation at the door. Please bring your own plates, cups, and silverware.

Saturday February 29th- Kicking Off Leap Year. Take a leap and join us for a surprise night of fun.
More details to come.

Coming in March

Saturday March 14th - Potluck
Tuesday March 17th – St Patrick’s Pool Party with Band
Sunday March 29th - End of season party with Ron E. Cash
Social Activities

Bridge

As happens each year, the clubhouse will be closed on the first Tuesday of February for the election; thus, NO Bridge on Feb 4th.
On February 18th our bridge session will begin at noon instead of 1PM to accommodate a community presentation by the City of Mesa and the Fire Department on ‘Fire and Fall Prevention’. Please arrive by 11:45 so play can begin right at noon, and end in plenty of time for the hall to be ready for others arriving for the event. Hopefully, many of you will want to stay for the presentation.
Just as we ask players to let us know by Monday morning on the card room clipboard list if they chose to play or cancel, we also need individuals choosing to attend the Friday instruction to please sign up or cancel by Thursday morning on that clipboard.

Nancy Cowperthwait, 480-236-0204
Betty Borjesson 480-616-6247

Casino Trips

Our trip this month is to Wildhorse Pass Casino on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020. The pick-up time at the clubhouse is 8:30am and the return time is 2:30pm. The sign-up sheet is in the office. The cost for the casino trip is $20.00 with $30.00 in rewards ($25.00 is slot play and $5.00 food voucher). If you have a Gila River slot card bring the number when you sign-up. If you do not have a card, one will be prepared for you at the casino. The casino trips are a fundraising project for The Wells. Cancellations for a refund must be made before the trip by noon on Monday, February 10, 2020. Please sign-up as soon as possible. Guests are always welcome.

Contact Donna Breezee at (320) 974-8855

Coyote Book

Coyote Coupon Book can be purchased in the Wells office. Support the community you live in and save $$ on food and recreation.

Pinochle

Every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse. Bring a quarter. No Pinochle on Tuesday February 4th, 2020

Contact: Roger & Gerry Resseguede, 303-776-5415

Quilting Club

We meet on the second and fourth Friday in the Clubhouse. We usually have a presentation of a fun quick sewing project (not necessarily a quilt!) and then do show and tell of wonderful projects members are working on. This month it is folded diamond cut outs in a wall hanging and tea towel aprons.

Contact: Bobbi Wodtli 360-990-4434
Shuffleboard

Our **new, beautiful shuffleboard courts** are ready and waiting for players. Thanks to the Board and everyone involved in the replacement of the courts. We are so grateful, and it enhances The Wells Sports Complex.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  9:00am – 11:00 am

Never played before, but might be interested in learning the game? Then come on out! Just bring two dimes and be prepared to have a good time. Equipment provided. **Everyone is welcome** and we offer on-the-spot training for new players.

February -
  Valentine Pizza Party and Fun night.
  Double Trouble Tournament

March - Annual Singles Tournament

April - Easter Bunny Shuffle

Contact: Ken Hanusa  608-370-3879

Tennis Club

There is only one (1) month left in the East Valley Senior League (EVSTL) for the 2019-20 season. We play social tennis Tuesdays and Thursdays on our courts and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the Apache Wells RV (AWRV) courts across 56th Street. Due to the cool mornings we have pushed the start time to 9am. Once the weather warms (hopefully soon) we will return to the 8:30am start time. On February 8th we will have a social tennis round robin followed by a club cookout. There is a signup sheet at the AWRW breezeway next to their courts. Hope to see you on the courts!

Contact: Jim Riedl 480-832-7853
FLEA MARKET DONATION PICKUP CONTINUES!

FEBRUARY 22! THE DATE OF OUR FLEA MARKET will be here before we know it. The Perrys are still out there, every Friday morning, picking up your donations of furniture, clothing, linens, books, games, tools, bikes, golf clubs and other sports equipment, tableware and other kitchen necessities. The list of NEEDS goes on and on. Please take some time in the next two weeks to clear your home of any gently used items you are no longer using, and schedule pickup through the HOA office. Set your donations on your driveway or patio by 9:00am Fridays.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED IN KEY POSITIONS. HOW CAN YOU HELP?

ADVERTISING CHAIRMAN: Individual needed to place ads in local (free) publications.

PRIZE RAFFLE SOLICITORS: Individuals willing to search out and secure raffle prizes.

SET UP-TAKE DOWN-PACK UP CHAIRMAN: Chairman needed to wrangle all strong, able bodied men to get this event set up on Thursday (02/20), taken down on Saturday (02/22), and to load unsold items onto the Sunshine Acres Donation Truck(s) at the end of the sale.

REQUESTS FROM TEAM LEADERS:

JEWELRY/BOUTIQUE: The Jewelry Team would like to begin pricing jewelry ahead of our event. Anyone with jewelry yet to be donated is asked to deliver to, or to make arrangements for pickup with, Jane Carlson, Team Leader (218) 260-1332.

CONCESSION: Team Leader, Nancy Fochs, wants to remind all bakers to consider warming your ovens to create your yummy homemade baked goods for our Bake Sale. This year, the Kitchen/Concession Team will be manning the all new “Wells Belles Cafe” a lot of homemade cookies, cakes, pies and bars are needed to accommodate this venue. QUESTIONS? Call Nancy Fochs at (715) 409-9695.

SILENT AUCTION: We continue to search for new and interesting items for our Silent Auction. Have you thought about donating to this event? Whether you have a specialized item, or a package (travel, golf, movies and entertainment, arts and crafts, gift baskets), or even a specialty service (pet sitting, gardening, custom name plates or house numbers), we hope you will consider donating to the Silent Auction. Thank you.

MITCH JOHNSON, talented photographer, thank you, for your generous donation of TWO original prints of our incredible Arizona landscape.

To donate, contact Barb Cramer, (480) 286-2871

TO SCHEDULE A DONATION PICKUP, LEAVE YOUR UNIT NO. AT THE HOA OFFICE.

TO VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED POSITIONS, CALL OR TEXT BARB CRAMER (480) 286-2781
February is “Fun” month for the Wells Belles! **Fashion, Friendship, Food** and *Frivolity* will prevail at our next meeting on Feb. 6th, at 11:00. After the meeting we will be served a delicious meal prepared by Jill Holmes, Shirley Magnusson and several volunteers. There will be a Free Will offering at the door to offset the cost of the meal. The program for the day is **“100 Years of Fashion”** which should prove to be **Fantastic**! Join in the **Fun** and wear something vintage to the meeting!

Plans are coming along for the Wells Belles Flea Market on Feb. 22. We are in need of a person to seek raffle prizes from the local businesses. Please read Barb Cramer’s report for more information. Be sure to get your raffle tickets for a beautiful hand-made quilt, donated by Gladys Grosze. The money raised will go to a charity benefitting a children’s organization in Mesa. Tickets are available from Betty Borjesson and Donna Breeze or may be purchased at our February meeting and the Flea Market. Drawing for the quilt will take place at the end of the Flea Market.

Our next meeting is Baskets and Bonnets on March 5th. Carol Holum and Pat Brown will be organizing the luncheon. We still need a team to organize the basket auction. Now is your chance to be in charge. There are many ready and willing to follow your lead.

**Writers Group**

**WRITERS AT THE WELLS**

We know you’re out there. We know you’re just like us in having a story to tell and wanting to get that story put down on paper. A story to be read and remembered by those most interested in what your life has been like. Maybe it’s the whole book or just a chapter most important to you. It could be something you’ve read or heard that inspired you to tell your story or it might be a loved one’s story that you would like to share. These are acceptable reasons for you to attend the weekly meetings of the Wells writers’ group. This is a small group of folks, just like you, that have no special qualifications as writers other than they enjoy writing and are willing to share their stories with other like-minded individuals. It’s common for one of our stories to re-ignite memories from the past. This often leads to discussion and sometimes the background and characters for a new story is set. It’s easy, it’s fun, this outlet is available to you.

Admittedly, so far, our attendance this season has been poor. Those of us that show up have heard some great stories and we have new writers that are sharing great new stories. We also have at least two in the park here that would like to attend but have scheduling conflicts with the Thursday afternoon at three time slot. If you have a desire to attend but the timing is bad let me (LeeRoy) know - maybe we can get the meeting time and the meeting place changed to accommodate more interested members. Please let me know by getting in touch via text at 208-926-2065 or by email at krisperry66@gmail.com I promise I will respond to each and every communication. Thank you, LeeRoy Perry, Lot 252.

**Spam Cookie Recipe**

We had requests for the recipe for the SPAM cookies.

1 cup butter (softened)      1 cup sugar
1 cup packed brown sugar    1/2 tsp vanilla
2 eggs                     3 cups flour
1 tsp baking soda           1/2 tsp salt
1/2 can (12oz) SPAM (cut small)       1/2 cup butterscotch chips or chocolate chips
1/4 cup of chopped walnuts (optional)

Oven at 375, drop by rounded Tbsp, 2 “ apart on greased cookie sheet
Bake 8 to 10 min
### Happy Birthday

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### In Memoriam

Margaret Varley Lot #294 Passed January 25, 2020

### On A Personal Note

PACIFIC NORTHWEST POTLUCK

Sunday February 16th, 2020: All Washington, Idaho and Oregon residents are invited. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse. We will also have a sign-up sheet for help in set up and clean up.

Please bring a dish to share and your own table service and a beverage. We are trying to go GREEN so please refrain from plastic.

LOCATION: Clubhouse

SOCIAL HOUR: 3:00pm       POTLUCK: 4:00pm

We look forward to greeting old friends and meeting new ones. If you have a small item to share about your special part of the NW please feel free to bring it along, i.e., photo’s, maps.

Questions please call Martha Copp, (509) 432-9690, Penny Urbatsch (208) 691-7636 or JoAnne Jenkins (509) 951-0252.

Emerald Groves North

Christmas Blessings. You delivered beautifully crafted afghan to the residents of Emerald Groves North. My Mother was one of the recipients and she loves and enjoys the warmth of the cover-all. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Gods Blessings,

Glenda Havel & daughter Pam Morris

Thank you all for your support for the SPAM & Eggs Breakfast again this year, and thanks to all the helpers that made it another success.

We served 206 meals and plan on having the 2021 breakfast on Saturday, January 30.
## THE WELLS 2019 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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