

March 2021

The Wellspoken

THE WELLS
A 55+ COMMUNITY

Important Dates to Remember

Notice: The pools & pool area will be closed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
7:00am to 8:00am for Maintenance

- ◆ Tuesday March 2nd Board Meeting in Clubhouse at 8:30am
- ◆ Saturday March 6th B & G Work Day at 8:30am meet around Clubhouse
- ◆ Wednesday March 17th St. Patrick's Day
- ◆ Wednesday March 17th Monthly Evening Board Meeting in Clubhouse at 7:00pm

**The Deadline for the April
Wellspoken is March 25th, 2021**



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President's Report

We currently have 11 confirmed (HOA Office notified) and 4 reported Covid-19 cases in the Community. Maricopa County has identified 6 layers of protection that include: the **3 W's** (**W**ear a mask, **W**atch your social distancing of at least 6 feet and **W**ash your hands) plus stay at home if you feel sick, when in doubt get a Covid-19 test and get a flu shot. I have been unable to get The Wells designated as a Point of Distribution (**POD**) but many more facilities are now offering the vaccine. Several of us, after many frustrating hours on the computer or phone, have scheduled and received the 1st dose of the vaccine and a few have received both of the doses.

We had a great turnout for the Neighborhood Watch presentation by Officer Lindy Marino of Mesa PD. We are still looking for volunteers to be the overall coordinator and block captains to move forward with this program. Please contact the HOA Office if you have any questions or are interested in the Neighborhood Watch Program. At one of the March Board Meetings, we are planning to award the contract for the replacement of Clubhouse windows and doors, based on the recommendation of the ad hoc Clubhouse Utilization Committee. Also, we are planning to have a presentation on the installation of security cameras to monitor our 2 entrance/exit gates.

Thanks to **Clayton Breezee** and **George Berg** for their many years of service on the Board of Directors and welcome to **Cherie Van Over** and **Ken Shadle** as our newest Board members. Also, thanks to all of the volunteers who spent several hours making major landscaping improvements to the South Wall of the Recreation Area under the direction of Building and Grounds with the leadership of **Ken Hanusa** and **Rich Paplow**. There are still additional plans to complete this project.

Finally, just a reminder, there will be **NO** increase in the monthly assessments (dues) this March. By lot size they remain:

\$136 (single) \$156 (one & a half) and \$178 (double).

Thanks for continuing to pay your monthly dues and stay safe and healthy.

Jim Riedl

Manager's Report

Scott Brenner, HOA Manager

Wells HOA Office, 480-641-3776, office email: office@thewellshoa.com

Now is the time for Homeowners to review their information in The Wells Directory. If necessary, let the office know of any changes or mistakes that need to be corrected. You may email any changes that occur over the summer to the office. The deadline for the 2022 directory is December 1st, 2021.

There have been several reports of residents driving in the community in excess speeds over the 15 mph speed limit. This speed limit is in place for the safety and well being of the community and it's residents. Please be conscious of the speed limit while driving in the community.

If you have a caretaker who watches over your property we ask that you fill out a departure form that includes the caretaker's contact information. This way the HOA office can contact them regarding any issues that may arise at the property.

I do have a friendly reminder: **KEEP FRUIT PICKED UP AS IT DROPS.....**to help control rodents. Please make a conscious effort to keep up with control of weeds to help The Wells stay beautiful year round.

Please only flush toilet tissue down your toilets. Thank you.

THE WELLS COMMITTEES

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Chairperson: Ken Shadle Members: Milford (Butch) Jackson, Mel York, Joe Skinner, Tom Crosbie, Barb Oberhoffer, Bob Winkels, Clayton Breeze

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 9:00 am in the Office. 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.

Building & Grounds Committee

Chairperson: Ken Hanusa, Members: Lloyd Brown, Dave Newton, Lynn Below, 'Pinkee' Martin, Dale Emerson, Joe Lander, and Rich Paplow, Board Liaison

We'll have workday on March 6th at 8:30. Meet at the south end of the clubhouse. Volunteers are needed to help clean up McDowell Rd. and 56th St. and work on the beautification of the common areas of the clubhouse. We'll also work on irrigation on 56th St.

Clubhouse Committee

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

We are working hard on getting bids for windows and doors for the clubhouse. It is a big decision to make, and we are trying to look at every aspect.

As of this date, no activities are scheduled in the clubhouse. You can play pool, shuffleboard and ping pong, and cards in small groups.

Communications Committee

Chairperson: Jean McGuire, Cherie Van Over Board Liaison. Committee Members: Sue Berg, Donna Hammen, Mary Miller, & Wanda Saunders

The Communications Committee welcomes Cherie Van Over as our new Liaison. We look forward to working with you.

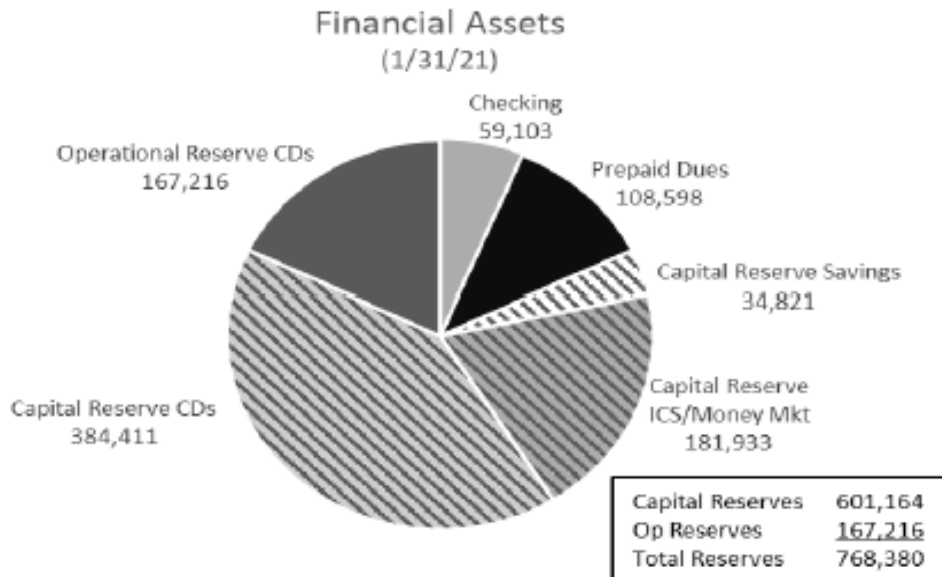
Over 50 residents attended the neighborhood watch program meeting on February 17th. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile program. More information regarding the program will be in April's Wellspoken.

Financial Report January 2021

Finance Committee Members: Ken Anderson, Mark Collins (Chair), Jim Dent, Chuck Hammen, Nancy Lane, Mike Rudolph, Marge Lesnever (BoD Liaison)

The monthly Finance Committee meeting will be at 9AM on Mar 15 in the Clubhouse. Residents are welcome to observe.

YTD Income	Budget	63,782.00	
	Actual	65,297.28	
	Difference	1,515.28	more than budget
YTD Operating Expenses	Budget	46,814.00	
	Actual	52,032.25	
	Difference	5,218.25	more than budget
YTD Out-of-Ordinary Net Expense		10,610.00	
YTD Total Expenses		62,642.25	
Accounts Receivable	Total Receivables	2,537.11	
	Monthly Change	375.00	less



2021 ELECTION

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Ione Anderson, Ken Anderson, Betty Borjesson, Jim Dent, Chris Jergenson, Alice Klinkenborg, Nancy Lane, Shirlee Magnusson, Dave Nelson, Sharon Nelson, Peggy Queensland, Bob Tomasic, Board Liaison: Jim Riedl

The Wells HOA Election was held February 2, 2021. Three candidates ran for three positions and were elected for a three-year term. Following are the results of the election:

Candidates:

Kenneth Shadle	Total Votes	109
Cherie Van Over	Total Votes	110
Jim Riedl	Total Votes	118
Write In Votes	Total Votes	6
Total Votes Casts		343
Total Ballot Casts		127
% of Eligible Voters		30.09%

The following is a comparison of the eligible voter percentages from previous years: 2013 - 70%; 2014 - 60%; 2015 - 63.9%; 2016 - 55.8%; 2017 - 49%; 2018 - 54%; 2019 - 43%; 2020 - 38.4%

A special "thank you" goes out to Mary Jane Howard who is retiring from the election committee. Her years of service are deeply appreciated. And, a welcome is extended to Bob Tomasic who joined the election committee.

WELLS OFFICERS FOR 2021

President:	Jim Riedl
Vice President:	Richard Paplow
Treasurer:	Marjorie Lesnever
Secretary:	Barbara Mountain

Demographic Report for Beginning of 2021

There are 422 homes at The Wells. The demographics I will be sharing will be for 395 homes which does not include the seasonal rentals. I will be using the term "snowbirds" to indicate part time residents.

How many people live in The Wells? 569

What is the average age - Men? 75 Women? 74

When talking about the homes (not the number of people), what percentage of homes do you think are occupied by "snowbirds" 52%

What percentage of the homes are occupied full time? 48%

What % of the people are "Snowbirds"? 58% Full time? 42%

What % of the residents are Men? 41% Women? 59%

Ages - - - Males range from 48 to 94 Females range from 45 to 97

Snowbirds come from 23 states and 6 Canadian Provinces. The state with the most snowbirds is Minnesota with 80. Next is Iowa with 39, Washington 28, Wisconsin 27, Canada 27, North Dakota 24.

Number of trusts 79 Corporations 4 Total 83

Our annual Memorial Service honors residents who have passed away during the past year.

The first year was 2002. In our programs we honored between 10 and 28 each year. The average is 17 per year.

ACTIVITIES

Mondays	8:30 to 9:15 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Water Aerobics Rummikub (a rummy game using tiles instead of cards) Hand-Foot-Toe card game
Tuesdays	8:30 to 9:15am 12:30 to 3:30pm	Water Aerobics Bridge
Wednesdays	8:30 to 9:15am 1:00 pm 3:30pm-4:30pm 6:00 pm	Water Aerobics Hand & Foot card game Line Dancing Games
Thursdays	8:30 to 9:15am 3:30pm-4:30pm	Water Aerobics Line Dancing
Fridays	8:30 to 9:15am 6:00pm	Water Aerobics Game Night
Sundays	1:00pm	Mexican Train Dominoes

Golf

Men's golf is at Greenfield Lakes in Gilbert on Fridays at 8:30am. Golf fees are \$38.00, for 18 holes and includes cart. Golf fees will increase as the season progresses.

Signup sheets are in the clubhouse. **Weekly signup deadline is – Tuesday noon!** Golf spots are limited.

Further questions can be directed to Bernie Plischke at 480-550-7508 or Robyn Tangeman at 563-880-7363.

You are asked to wear a mask while in the golf clubhouse.

Any questions contact Robyn Tangeman, Lot #119, at (563) 880-7363.

Group Exercise

Please note: There will be no exercise class in the clubhouse on Tuesday March 2nd, 2020, due to the Board of Director's meeting to be held in the main hall of the clubhouse.

Due to the pandemic and the absolute need to keep this community safe from COVID-19, the following rules have been established and must be followed to participate in exercise class:

All participants must wear masks – once the group size reaches 10 participants. Please bring masks and be prepared to cover your face once we can no longer safely social distance.

Monday through Friday 7:30 am Chair exercises; 8:00 am Walking exercises

This schedule will be followed until further notice. Thank you all for understanding the necessity of wearing masks while exercising indoors.

Sharon Hoffer 480-261-3892

BRIDGE

ATTENTION BRIDGE PLAYERS

We will be playing bridge at the clubhouse beginning March 2 at 12:30 pm. Please wear a mask and bring 50 cents.

Following the March 2 game, A signup sheet will be available in the clubhouse or you may call Betty Borjesson at 480-616-6247 or Nancy Cowperthwait at 480-236-0204

QUILTING CLUB

We will meet March 12th and 26th. We'll have show and tell. Masks will be required.

Contact: Mary Ann Hanusa 608-963-3879

SHUFFLEBOARD

We will be playing shuffleboard Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:30. All are welcome.

Shuffleboard Championship will be the week of March 15th through the 19th. Anyone can come. Marv and Loraine Messing will be in charge of the championship shuffle.

Contact person is Ken Hanusa (608) 370-3879.

TENNIS

We will be playing social tennis Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings @ 9:30 AM. All are invited to come out and play. If you have any questions please call or see Jim Riedl at 480-832-7853

THE WELLS JAMMERS

THE JAMMERS INVITE YOU TO THE JAM SESSIONS EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 PM. SAFETY PROTOCOLS REQUESTED

Wells Belles

President-Kris Perry, 208-451-3890, krisperry66@gmail.com; Vice President Betty Borjesson; Treasurer Donna Breezee; Secretary Coke Anderson; Ex Officio Carol Weber.

Our March and April meetings are cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. We are hopeful that we will be able to resume our monthly meetings next November.

Every year there are a number of new residents in the Wells. So, for those of you who are not familiar with the Wells Belles, this is a snapshot of what we are all about.

All women of the Wells, homeowners and renters, are automatically members of the Wells Belles. We do not have dues. Our stated goals are to: support the activities of the Wells; raise money to support women and children in the Mesa area; and have fun doing it! We meet on the first Thursday of the month, November through April.

Our first meeting next fall will include the election of Vice President and Secretary. We have been seeking volunteers to fill these positions. We know that some of you have already been approached and your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. If there are any other ladies interested in being nominated, please contact any of our current officers listed above.

"May your troubles be less. And your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door."

Irish Blessing

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Kris Perry, Wells Belles President

Happy Birthday

Carlson, Jane	03/03	Iudiciani, Kathy	03/13	Byrne, Florence	03/22
Trammell, Sharon	03/03	Cousins, Nancy	03/14	Helfenstein, Ronnie	03/22
Mair, Mark	03/03	Hammen, Donna	03/14	Urban, James	03/22
Tatton, Catherine	03/03	Rithmiller, Clayton	03/14	Worden, Larry	03/22
Young, Barbara	03/05	Mallory, Jean	03/14	Turner, Roger	03/23
Bialk, Judy	03/05	Quien, Janice	03/14	Bullock, Douglas	03/23
Jensen, Loretta	03/05	Wallace, Bill	03/15	Boehm, Anna	03/24
Wallace, Steve	03/05	Nelson, Janet	03/15	Newton, Kassie	03/24
Howland, Lois	03/06	Gaul, Ambrose	03/15	Sack, Rosan	03/26
Hofer-Thurston, Elaine	03/06	Plischke, Rena	03/16	Boyd, Mike	03/27
Kelly, Ron	03/08	Salinas, Carlos	03/16	Danczyk, Debra	03/27
Planck, Russ	03/08	Berntson, W. Russell	03/17	Hoffer, Charlene	03/28
Binder, Gary	03/09	Kropewnicki, Valerie	03/18	Sack, Albert	03/29
McGuire, Jean	03/09	Becker, Daniel	03/19	Serson, Marion	03/30
Files, Ray	03/09	Jackson, Susan	03/19	Hanusa, Kenneth	03/30
Breezee, Donna	03/10	Swift, James	03/19	DeSchepper, Arlene	03/30
Graham, James	03/12	Johnson, Nancy	03/21	Snyder, Richard	03/30
Mountain, Timothy	03/12	Weber, Rick	03/21	Deras, Carol	03/31
Hill, Adrienne	03/12	Atkinson, Frances	03/22	Gohl, Jerome	03/31
		Murray, Debra	03/22	Norman, Bain	03/31

Happy Anniversary

Wantroba, Donald & Elaine	03/04/1989	York, Mel & Nancy	03/14/1980
Larimore, Dana & Marilyn	03/04/1978	Larson, Bruce & Rhea	03/15/1986
Tuberg, Larry & Barbara	03/04/1989	Newton, David & Kassie	03/21/2003
Whitehurst, Richard & Cynthia	03/06/1965	Schoneman, Vernon & Judy	03/22/1969
Emerson, Dale & Thora Dale	03/06/1971	Harrison, Robert & Maria	03/24/2018
Jaeger, David & Roni	03/08/1998	Brown, Lloyd & Linda	03/25/1999
Struth, Jerry & Eleanor	03/10/1973	L'heureux, Joe & Debby	03/28/1981
Kelly, Ron & Loretta	03/11/1956		

In Memoriam

Former resident Loraine Stephensen passed on February 6, 2021

On a Personal Note

Thanks for all of the support that I received before and after the most recent Board of Directors election. As stated in my resume, I will continue to focus on making decisions based on facts that are in the best interest for The Wells Community, especially in regards to health and safety issues. Jim Riedl # 304

Resident author Loretta Jensen wants to invite you to her book signing on Monday, March 15th at the gazebo. Her books are "Money well spent" and it's sequel "Love is a Mystery". Both books are adventure and love stories for all ages.

We want to express our appreciation to our community here. Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, food, cards, phone calls, visits and more. This is such a special place to live! It has been overwhelming to receive Ilene's multiple myeloma diagnosis and we have received an overwhelming amount of support from all of you. An extra thanks to needlework circle for the beautiful lap throw, which I'm using daily.

Tom & Ilene Thompson #295