

April 2024

# The Wellspoken

THE WELLS  
A 55+ COMMUNITY

## Important Dates to Remember

- ◆ Tuesday      April 2nd    Board meeting in the Clubhouse at 8:30am
- ◆ Thursday     April 4th    Wells Belles meet in the Clubhouse at 11:00am
- ◆ Saturday     April 6th    Clubhouse Clean Day. Meet in the Clubhouse at 8:30am

The Deadline for the May  
Wellspoken is April 24th, 2024



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## HOA President's Report

Many of us are planning our annual trek back to our Summer homes and some have already made that trip. Those who are or will be traveling please be safe. We have three (3) new Committee chairs and are still looking for someone to step up and become the chair for Building & Grounds. We also have a new coordinator for the Neighborhood Watch team. Thanks to all of the outgoing and incoming chairs. As I have always said we truly rely on everyone for giving your **3 T's**: Time, Talent and Treasure in helping keep our Community such a great place to call home.

The Clubhouse remodel project should resume in early May to finish the women's washroom. We hope to have minimum disruption to use of the Clubhouse.

The water conservation team has completed their annual testing of the Community. There were a few large leaks and some small leaks and other issues which all have been corrected. Thanks to the team and all of the homeowners for cooperating with the tests.

We continue to see flushable wipes plugging our sewer lines. Please don't flush anything down your toilet unless it is **BIODEGRADABLE** (ie: toilet paper).

Our final BOD meeting for the season will be on Tuesday April 2nd @ 8:30 AM. We will be reviewing Summer plans at that time.

Have a safe Summer, hopefully there won't be as many weather related issues this year. Hope to see everyone in the Fall. -Jim Riedl, President

## HOA Manager's Report

It was great to see the many guests visiting the wells residents for spring break. We would like to remind everyone to please familiarize yourselves and guests with our Rules and Regulations. There were multiple pool violations this year. Children under that age of 4 are not allowed in the pools and there is NO diving allowed. Residents are responsible for their guests conduct.

As the season begins to wind down for many, please don't forget to fill out a departure form. Be sure to include the information of any caretakers watching over your property. We have made great strides in keeping the community landscaping and maintenance violations to a minimum. Lets keep this going through the summer! If you are in need of a bulk trash or appliance pick up contact the office. We can schedule a pick up with City of mesa. There is a charge of \$19.00 for appliance and \$9.00 for Bulk.

Friendly reminder : **Pick up fruit as it falls**. This helps keep rodents and pests to a minimum. Fallen fruit becomes food for rodents and other unwanted creatures. A few dead rats have been found around the community. Please make a conscious effort to keep up with control of weeds/landscaping to help keep the community beautiful year round. The office will continue to give notices for weeds and other violations. Be sure your lots are in "neat and clean condition".

**Please pick up after your animals. Thank you!**

*Mindy Hopkinson, The Wells HOA Manager  
Wells HOA Office, 480-641-3776*

# **THE WELLS COMMITTEES**

## **Architectural Review Committee (ARC)**

Chairperson: Ken Shadle

Members: Tom Crosbie, Barb Oberhoffer, Bob Winkels, Judy Craver, Ruth Teller, Tom Shollenbarger, Barb Justice, Hal Severance, Dale Emerson, and Scott Brenner.

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 conference room. 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. A recommended list of plants for the planter box and the side of the home is in the HOA office. 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.

## **Bingo**

Chairman: Ron Knoll

Board Liaison: Jim Riedl

Members: Cate Knoll, Karen Bassett, Don Bassett

Thank you to all who volunteered and participated with Bingo during the 3 months we played bingo this year:

You called 'BINGO' 132 times with the bingo prize patrol making their way to your table each and every time to hand deliver your winnings and obtain your autograph

You daubed your bingo cards at least 5,244 times on your journey to bingo nirvana

We prayed the bingo prayer 12 times

The bingo volunteers swept up 250 pieces of popcorn off the floor (this number is unverified and may even be a little low)

With the help of a loyal group of volunteers, 21 tables were set up 12 Monday mornings in 2024 and 109 chairs were set around the tables. Each Monday, all 12 times, many of you that came to play bingo and a few that committed to helping take down, folded up those 21 tables and put away the 109 chairs at the end of each of those 12 Mondays.

You snacked on delicious white cake, chocolate cake and a surprise cake each week.

All in all, a very successful season for Bingo at the Wells. We couldn't do it without all the wonderful volunteers and there would be no reason for the volunteers without the dedicated weekly players. We had a lot fun and hope you did too. We look forward to more bingo next year.

## **Building & Grounds Committee**

Chairman:

Board Liaison: Joe Lander

Members: Dale Emerson, Clayton Breezee, Mel York, Scott Brenner, Ron Knoll and John Burns.

Thank you to everyone who helped with work days and all projects completed around the community this season. All help is greatly appreciated!

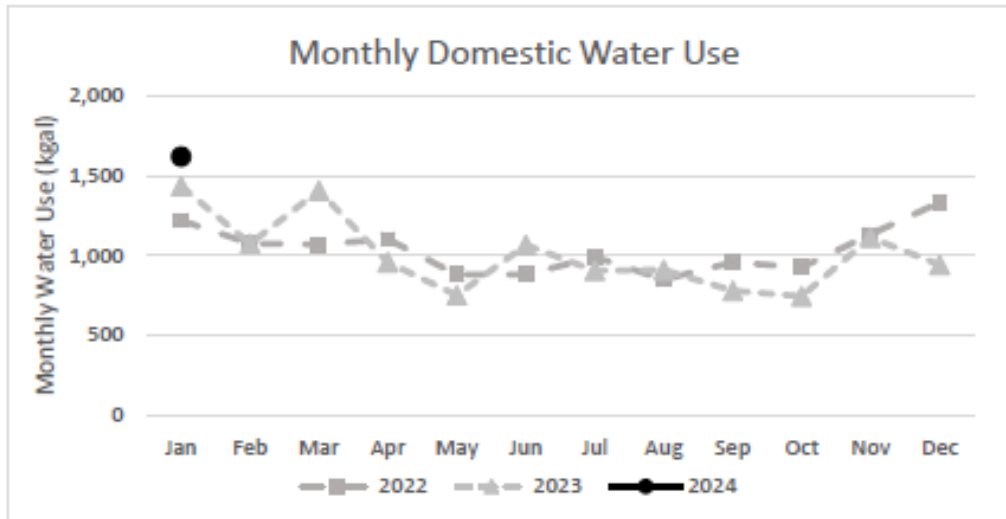
## Financial Report thru February 2024

Chairperson - Mark Collins

Finance Committee Members - Craig Erickson, Ivan Jenkins, Pat Johnston, Nancy Lane, Don Popowski

Board Liaison - Marge Lesnever

YTD Income	Budget	133,079.00	
	Actual	135,535.02	
	Difference	2,456.02	more than budget
YTD Operating Expenses	Budget	113,885.00	
	Actual	114,930.69	
	Difference	1,045.69	more than budget
YTD Out-of-Ordinary Net Expense		13,273.03	
YTD Total Expenses		128,203.72	
Checking Account		46,367.93	
Reserve Accounts	Operational Reserve	206,872.39	
	Capital Reserve	494,072.06	
	Total Reserves	700,944.45	
Accounts Receivable	Total Receivables	10,908.00	
	Monthly Change	234.06	increase



Note: Water use in January '24 was based on a 47-day meter reading cycle. Average daily use was consistent with historical use for January.

## **Clubhouse Committee**

Chairman: Sharon Nelson, 605-809-6147

Board Liaison: Nancy York

Members: Marlene Trunkenbolz, Laurie Page, Marion Roberts and Marla Hausauer.

Thanks to all of you that helped to clean the Clubhouse. We had a great turnout. Our next cleaning day will be Saturday, April 6th at 8:30 a.m. See you there!

## **Communications Committee**

Chairperson: Jean McGuire

Board Liaison: Dale Emerson

Members: Sue Berg, Judy Bialk, Mary Miller, Darlene Rolle, Wanda Saunders

Residents please verify your 2024 Directory information. Changes must be made before December 1 to be included in the 2025 Directory. Email the office or fill out a form in the office.

Residents and renters remember: Check in with the office when you have been gone for an extended period of time. Check out with the office when you are leaving for an extended period of time. Fill out a form stating who will be taking care of your property.

## **Election Committee**

Chair: Kathi Middendorff

Board Liaison: Jim Riedl

Members: Donna Breezee, Jim Dent, Alice Klinkenborg, Shirlee Magnusson, Joyce MacArthur, Dave Nelson, Sharon Nelson, Donna Sennert, Bob Tomasic, Penny Urbatsch

No Report.

## **Social Committee**

Social Chairperson: Jean Mallory

Board Liaison: Barb Mountain

Members of the Social Committee: Dale Emerson, Alice Klinkenborg, Ronnae Berry, Kathi Middendorff and Cate Knoll

Social Committee doesn't have a report for April.

## **Wells Belles**

President: Laurie Page, (515)518-6502, lpage821@gmail.com

Vice President: Diana Butzlaff

Treasurer: Donna King; Secretary: Marla Hausauer; Ex Officio Linda Christ.

Our Baskets and Bonnets Luncheon was a huge success. Thank you to Sue Berg and Nancy Fochs for once again doing a fantastic job. Cate Knoll and Kathy Kosilla did an outstanding job as our auctioneers. We had 17 baskets donated and raised \$2297. Combined with our door donations of \$1027, we raised a total of \$3324 for our charity, Gabriel's Angels.

Our last meeting of this season will be April 4<sup>th</sup> with the business meeting beginning at 11:00. Luncheon to follow. Be sure to check sign up board if you have any questions.

Just a note to help our hostess: If you have signed up and later find that you are unable to attend, please call Wanda Saunders at 480-330-5776 to let her know so she can offer that place for someone who may be on a waiting list.

## **Activities**

### **500 Cards**

Saturday nights at 6:30 pm. \$0.25 to play. See you there. Pat Johnston 651-503-6822

### **Book Club**

Monday, April 15 at 3:00pm. Switchboard Soldiers by Jennifer Chiverini. Ronnae Berry 970-227-9485

### **Bowling**

Bowling is on Tuesday at 2115 East Southern Ave., Mesa AZ. Starting time 3:00pm. Cost will be \$9.00 a week. For more info contact Sharon Nelson: 605-809-6147 or Dave Nelson: 605-553-4440

### **Bridge**

Bridge is every Tuesday at 12:30pm in the card room at the Clubhouse. Please sign-up. We must have 2 tables. Cost: \$.50 If you are unable to come as signed up, call Marlene Shadle (480) 532-1508

### **Chair Yoga**

Chair Yoga: 7:30AM Monday thru Friday, in the Clubhouse. Ilene Thompson, 641-414-8174. Thank You.

### **Golf – Couples**

The Wells Couples Golf League has completed another successful season. Three scrambles were held with an average of 50 golfers each time. With guests we had 60 people at the pizza parties afterward. Our plan is to golf into April. Remember, you will need to sign up on the April sheet in the cardroom by 6 pm on Sunday. We will continue to inform you by email and post the pairings on Monday morning. We appreciate all your support and positive comments. Have a great summer. Gary and Linda Christ Lot #150

### **Golf – Men's**

Men's golf is Friday morning at Greenfield Lakes Golf Course. Don't forget to sign up by Tuesday at noon, sign-up sheets are in the Clubhouse. Sign up with Yes or No. Further information can be obtained from Gary Christ at 715-225-0796 or email: garychrist28@gmail.com.

### **Horseshoes**

Come join us Thursday at 1:00pm for horseshoes at the court by the gazebo. We will continue to play each Thursday. For more information contact Bob Boe ( Lot #476 ) 701-527-5966. Thank you! Bob

### **Line Dancing**

Wednesday Line Dancing is discontinued until Fall.

### **Mahjong**

Learn to play Mahjong! Instruction provided. Easy game to learn. Mondays at 1:00 in the clubhouse. Stop by and see what it is all about.

## **Activities Continued**

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Our next meeting will be held on April 8th 2024 @ 10am in the conference room. Thank you to Sharon Hoffer, Barb & Jim Oberhoffer, Ken & Marlene Shadle, Cheryl Gabriel, Marlene Trunkenboltz for attending the last meeting. Everyone's voice should be heard. Your suggestions and concerns are valid and appreciated. Help us so that together, we can ensure the safety and well being of the residents of our community. To our neighbors and friends, who soon leave, safe travels and we'll see you in the fall.

### **Pinochle**

Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. Bring a quarter and have a good time. If you are still here in April and May, Dale Emerson, 480-734-7095, will be in charge. Roger & Gerry Resseguie 303-776-5415.

### **Shuffle Board**

Shuffleboard will continue at 9:00am until late April. It will start again next November.

Winners from Shuffleboard tournaments were: First Place: Dennis Weixel, Second Place: Linda Paplow Third Place: Ken Hanusa, Fourth Place: Gerry Resseguie. Congratulation!

### **Tennis**

We will continue on playing tennis as long as we have enough players for the next few weeks. The existing schedule is still in place.

### **Wells Singers**

The Wells Singers has ended for the season. We will resume next Fall, watch for start-up notices and then come join us. Roselynn Urness # 130. 480-396-402.

## Happy Birthday

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Reiten, Jon	04/01	Young, Gregory	04/08	Blaurock, Michael	04/20
Sharkey, Marlene	04/01	Kelly, Loretta	04/09	Karlin, Gaye	04/21
Wodtli, Bobbi	04/01	Aakre, Judith	04/09	Gasswint, Pamela	04/22
Bowerman, Patricia	04/02	Caligiuri, Phil	04/10	Munsey, Kyle	04/23
Patton, Joe	04/02	Price, Donna	04/11	Tunis, Betty Lou	04/24
Lewis, Barbara	04/03	Fortney, Kathy	04/13	Schneider, Dolores	04/24
Wilson, Lois	04/03	Winkels, Bob	04/13	Falconer, William	04/25
Bigler, Debbie	04/04	Fochs, Nancy	04/14	Hill, Gary	04/26
Buck, Tad	04/04	Christensen, Jim	04/15	Hillyer, Carlene	04/27
Randall, Jason	04/05	Urness, Reginald	04/16	Korn, Russel	04/27
Herms, Gail	04/06	Bauman, Evelyn	04/16	Dearmore, Lori	04/28
Bergeson, Terry	04/07	Graham, Kathy	04/16	Essmeier, John	04/29
Alt, Roger	04/08	Gurule, Minnie Jo	04/17	Tangeman, Dorothy	04/29
Anderson, Richard	04/08	Johnson, Mitch	04/17	Boden, Linda	04/29
Blanchette, LisaRose	04/08	Sierra, Mariel	04/18	Van Gorp, Ron	04/30
Joerger, Vi	04/08	Stutzman, David	04/19		
		Bergeson, Wendy	04/20		

## Happy Anniversary

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

McNaughton/Vanover, David & Cherie	04/10/1999	Medina, Mike & Bertha	04/17/1987
Rolle, Richard & Darlene	04/12/1958	Boughton, Steve & Nova	04/18/1964
Urbatsch, Gene & Penelope	04/13/1985	Brown, Lawrence & Patricia	04/24/1971
Calhoun, Kent & Teri-Lyn	04/15/1978	Helgeson, Bob & Jane	04/26/1986
Adams, Edmund & Karen	04/17/1998	Resseguie, Roger & Gerry	04/27/1958
		Wodtli, Dennis & Bobbi	04/28/1973

## On a Personal Note

For many years, Raintree Landscaping has been taking good care of the common areas here in The Wells, and I for one, am grateful for all the hard work they've given us. Many of you heard the news last year that Rose (aka, "Rosie") Pfaltzgraff, co-owner of Raintree Landscaping (alongside her husband of 23 years, Mike Pfaltzgraff), was diagnosed with Stage 4 liver and colon cancer. For many months, we have missed seeing her sunny face working with her crew around the park here. As you can imagine, today, she is much thinner and easily fatigued, but has had to return to work (against her doctor's orders) in doing the landscaping here in the park because her husband, Mike, who had retired a few years ago due to health issues, died suddenly on Feb 16th of a massive heart attack at home. What else can happen to this sweet family? Rosie and Mike have three sons--the oldest is 21 and has joined his mother in working and managing the business, while Rosie is once again driving the trucks for them. Their other two boys are still in school - one in high school, and the other in junior high. At the time of Mike's death, a GoFundMe page was set up to help Rosie with Mike's funeral expenses. But as you can imagine, their needs continue. Much of what has been raised so far went to Mike's funeral last month, so they need our help. After the many years of very hard work they have poured into this park, including many individual residences (like mine), I ask you to PLEASE DONATE--and often--to this fund to help Rosie with her medical expenses, and to help her boys with their futures. The page can be found at <https://gofund.me/938b335d> or by going to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) > Search (the magnifying glass icon) > and search for "Mikes memorial and funeral fund". THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! Marilyn Montgomery, Lot 345, (480) 270-9378

Thank you to everyone who volunteered this season for Feed My Starving Children. We've packed 7,273 meals which feeds 20 kids for a year. Also a big thanks to Thrivent who gave the organization a grant for supplies.—  
Diana Butzlaff



**THE WELLS 2023 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

ACTIVITY	CONTACT	PHONE	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	REMARKS
500 (Cards)	Pat Johnston	651-503-6822						6:30 PM		Clubhouse
Bocce Ball	Rick & Darlene Snyder	330-502-9043		1:00pm		1:00pm				Bocce Court
Billiards-Men			10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM		Billiards Room
Bingo	Ron Knoll	218-838-3940	6:30 PM							Clubhouse
Book Club	Ronnae Berry	970-227-9485	3:00 PM							3rd Mon.Pool side
Bowling	Sharon Nelson	605-809-6147		3:00 PM						Bowling Alley
Bridge-Cards	Marlene Shadle	480-532-1508		12:30 PM						Clubhouse
Card Making	Karen Turner	480-454-6668	11:00 AM							Craftroom
Cards	Mary Miller	515-238-0503							1:00	Clubhouse
Cards Night	Mary Miller	515-238-0503					6:00 PM			Clubhouse
Golf - Couples/Singles	Gary & Linda Christ	715-225-0796			2:30PM				sign up	by Sun 6pm
Golf - Mens	Bernie Plischke	480-590-3880					8:30 AM		sign up	by Tues Noon
Exercise-2Mile Walk	Jlene Thompson	641-414-8174	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM			Clubhouse
Exercise-Chair Yoga	Jlene Thompson	641-414-8174	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:30 AM			Clubhouse
Hand, Foot & Toe Cards	Mary Miller	515-238-0503			6:00PM					Card room
Horseshoes	Bob Boe	701-527-5966				1:00PM				Horseshoe Court
Line Dancing	Nancy Neus	507-582-1326			3:30 PM	3:30 PM				Clubhouse
Mahjong	Jean McGuire	763-360-1215	1:00 PM							Clubhouse
Needle Work Circle	Evelyn Bauman	480-510-3779				1:00 PM				Cardroom
Pickleball	Laveda Files	515-480-1420	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am		Pickleball Court
Pickleball	Laveda Files	515-480-1420	3:00PM	3:00PM	3:00PM	3:00PM	3:00PM	3:00PM		Pickleball Court
Pinochle	Gerry Ressegue	303-776-5415		7:00 PM						Clubhouse
Quilt Group	Bobbi Wodtli	360-990-4434					10:00 AM			2nd & 4th Fri
Morning Coffee & Donuts								TBD		Clubhouse
Shuffleboard	Ken Hanusa	608-370-3879	9:30 AM		9:30 AM		9:30 AM			Shuffleboard Court
Stained Glass	Mike Rudolph	701-337-6950			10-Noon					Craftroom
Tennis -Off site	Jim Riedl	480-832-7853	8:30 AM				8:30 AM			TBD
Tennis-on site	Jim Riedl	480-832-7853		8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM				Tennis Court
Texas Hold'em Beg	Rodney Shelton	608-712-6332		5:30 PM						Card room
Texas Hold'em Int	Rodney Shelton	608-712-6332						1:00 PM		Card room
Texas Hold'em Adv	Rodney Shelton	608-712-6332		7:00 PM						Card room
The Wells Jammers	Bill Behrens	218-760-0419				6:30 PM				Clubhouse
Water Aerobics	Ronnae Berry	970-227-9485	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM		Pool
Wells Belles	Laurie Page	515-518-6502				1st Thurs				Clubhouse
Wells Singers	Cate Knoll	612-327-2557	10:00 AM							Clubhouse
Wood Carving	David Jaeger	507-581-3047		10:00 AM						Craft Room
Yoga - Men's	Craig Pool	701-590-3067		9:00 AM		9:00 AM				Clubhouse

**\*\*Contact Office for any changes 480-641-3776**

***Special events etc.: See office calendar and bulletin board postings.***