

April 2026

The Wellspoken

THE WELLS
A 55+ COMMUNITY

Important Dates to Remember

- ◆ Thursday April 2nd Wells Belles meeting in the Clubhouse at 11:00am
- ◆ Sunday April 5th Easter Dinner in the Clubhouse at 1:00pm
- ◆ Saturday April 11th Potluck in the Clubhouse at 5:00pm

The Deadline for the May
Wellspoken is April 22th, 2026



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The HOA President's Report

Welcome to April here at The Wells, and hoping that all have adapted to the extremely warm weather. We are experiencing the warmest winter on record for the Phoenix Valley, so I might add that is always great to be part of a record ----- or not.

As many of us start to plan for our trip to the North or to the Midwest, keep in mind that many things will be happening here during the next two months. Our streets will see repair and filling of cracks which will require a slight inconvenience and an awareness of where the work is being done. In May the pool and spa will be shut down for necessary repair and improvements.

As most of you are aware we have had much discussion and some disagreement as to the rules that govern our community and in particular the pool and spa. So, a word or two about that issue. The rules are there for a specific reason. That being to maintain safety, order, and fairness in the community so that all members can enjoy the amenities to their satisfaction. When a few people decide to ignore those rules they make it very uncomfortable for their neighbors. We rely on and expect our homeowners and guests to self adhere to the standards of the community. Please respect the rights of all to partake and enjoy in all that The Wells Community has to offer. We do not want to have to discipline individuals, however, we do have the means to do so if needed.

Finally, as the weather heats up, be aware and look out for the welfare of those around you who may be in need. With that Carol and I wish you only the best until we see you again in the Fall. Thank you for a great year in a great community.

HOA President, Bob Tomasic #41

HOA Manager's Report

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".

Maricopa county has stated there is No diving or jumping into the pool for safety reasons. The Wells community pool is not deep enough to dive into. Persons diving/jumping into the pool may suffer great injuries.

All drinks must remain 4ft from the pool and clear of walkways. Residents are to keep all objects at their table or lounge chair.

Drinking (Per the CC&Rs section 3.12) This is an annoyance, nuisance behavior and a violation to the CC&Rs and rules and regulations. If you are seen with a cup, tumbler, or liquid holding receptacle of any kind within 4 ft. of the pool the HOA will be giving violation notices resulting in escalating fines starting at \$50.00. The HOA also has the right to ban you from common facilities.

Please be sure to follow the posted rules so all residents can peacefully enjoy The Wells community amenities.

Happy Easter & safe travels to those leaving for the Summer!

*Mindy Hopkinson,
The Wells HOA Manager,
Wells HOA Office, 480-641-3776,
email: office@thewellshoa.com*

THE WELLS COMMITTEES

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Chairperson: Ken Shadle

Members: Tom Crosbie, Bob Winkels, Judy Craver, Barb Justice, Hal Severance, Dale Emerson, Barb Cramer, Denise Kozlowski, and Klye Prodoehl

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. The ARC Committee meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 9:00am 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 that 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. After approval, post the yellow copy of the form on the front window of your house until the work is completed.

Bingo

Chairman: Don Bassett

Board Liaison: Jim Riedl

Members: Karen Bassett, Alice Fitzgerald, Pat Johnston, and Sue Hutchinson

No Report.

Building & Grounds Committee

Chairman: LeeRoy Perry

Board Liaison: Joe Lander

Members: Dale Emerson, John Burns, Terry Meikle, Larry Berg, Sue Hutchinson and Dave Slattery

No Report.

Clubhouse Committee

Chairman: Sharon Nelson,

Board Liaison: Bob Tomasic

Members: Marlene Trunkenbolz, Laurie Page, Marion Roberts, Marla Hausauer, John Burns, and Judy Miller

Thank you to everyone that came to our cleanup day on March 7th! It was a small, but mighty crew in the Clubhouse.

Thank you to The Wells Belles for the three new banquet tables.

We have been told by the company we bought our flooring from that moving the heavy table racks over the floor is what is causing the floor to ripple in front of the storage room, so we are asking everyone to please NOT move the table racks in and out of the storage room. We know this will make setting up harder, but we want to ensure that our new flooring does not get more damaged. Thank you for understanding this new way of doing things.

Communications Committee

Chairperson: Jean Mallory

Board Liaison: Marge Lesnever

Members: Nancy Lane, Carol Tomasic, Mary Miller and Debbie Boe

No Report.

Election Committee

Chair: Kathi Middendorff

Board Liaison: Jim Riedl

Members: Donna Breezee, Jim Dent, Alice Fitzgerald, Shirlee Magnusson, Barb Justice, Joyce MacArthur, Dave Nelson, Sharon Nelson, Donna Sennert, Bob Tomasic, Penny Urbatsch, Sheri Weixel

No Report.

Social Committee

Social Chairperson: Cate Knoll

Board Liaison: Nancy York

Members: Jean Mallory, Ronnae Berry, Kathi Middendorff, Debi Whiteside, Laurie Fuller, and Linda Paplow

April 5th, Easter Sunday: Dinner is at 1:00pm. The Social Committee will supply the hams. Bring a dish to share. Sign up sheets will be in the card room. Bring your own place settings. You will be able to decorate your tables one hour before the event. **Please remember to wear your name tags to all social events.** Thanks, Cate Knoll.

Saturday, April 11th: Potluck at 5:00pm. Bring a dish to share and your place setting. Sign up in the cardroom. Wear your name badge!

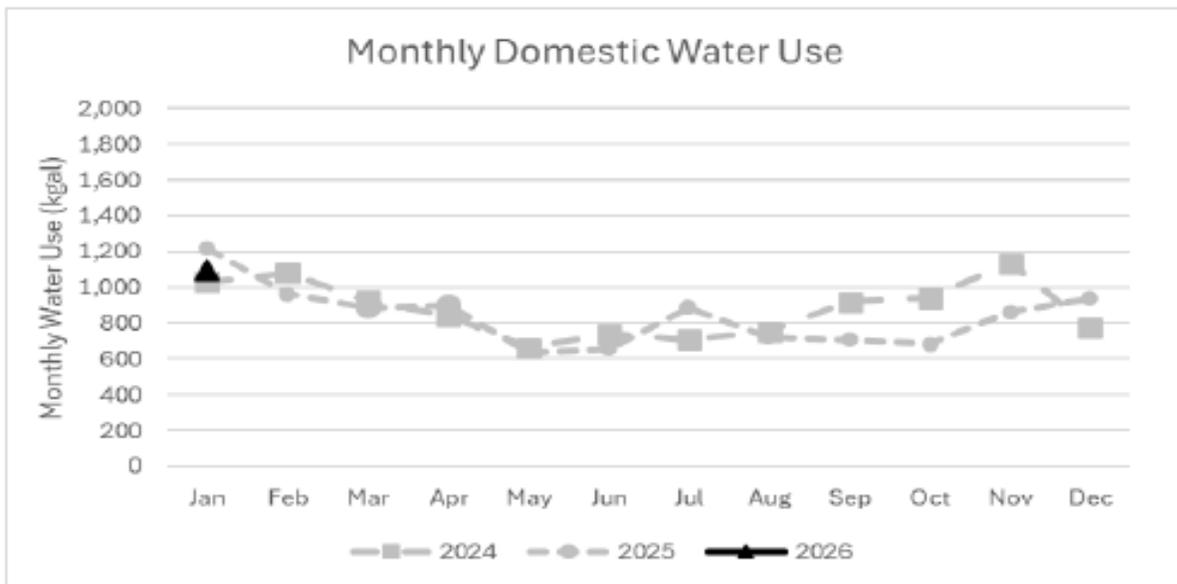
Financial Report thru February 2026

Chairperson - Mark Collins

Finance Committee Members - Ivan Jenkins, Pat Johnston, Nancy Lane, Marge Lesnever, Don Popowski

Board Liaison - Dale Emerson

YTD Income	Budget	138,600.00	
	Actual	139,455.66	
	Difference	855.66	more than budget
YTD Operating Expenses	Budget	126,094.00	
	Actual	105,255.63	
	Difference	20,838.37	less than budget
YTD Out-of-Ordinary Net Expense		3,006.62	
YTD Total Expenses		108,262.25	
Checking Account		114,523.85	
Reserve Accounts	Operational Reserve	224,484.33	
	Capital Reserve	637,224.15	
	Total Reserves	861,708.48	
Accounts Receivable	Total Receivables	10,016.89	
	Monthly Change	1,014.00	increase



Wells Belles

President: Connie Huff-Essmeier

Vice President: Audrey Boe Olsen

Treasurer: Roni Jaeger, Secretary: Marla Hausauer, Ex Officio: Diana Butzlaff

Another very successful **Baskets and Bonnets** event was held on March 5th with 118 attendees including 3 guests from Matthew's Crossing Food Bank - the selected charity this year. Matthew's Crossing Food Bank serves families, seniors and students. They work with over 13 schools in the greater East valley including in-school Food Closets and Weekend Backpack meals for students.

14 amazing Auction baskets and 14 wonderful raffle baskets were donated by residents. Each attendee wearing a nametag received one free raffle ticket and almost an entire roll of 2,000 raffle tickets were sold or handed out! Not bad for the change in format in the event and our first raffle. All proceeds from the basket auction, raffle ticket sales, straight donations and sales of leftover food from the luncheon went to Matthew's Crossing Food Bank for a total of \$5,400!

Thank you to all who made baskets, bought raffle tickets, worked at the event, helped in the kitchen to prepare and serve the lunch, and attended the event. You each contributed to the success. A thank you again to Kathy Kossila who started Baskets and Bonnets 21 years ago supporting charities in the Mesa community that serve women and children. What a wonderful tradition you began all those years ago.

In follow-up to the presentation by the staff of Matthew's Crossing Food Bank a food donation container has been placed at the club house (under the portico by west handicap entrance). This can be used for canned goods and staple food items that seasonal residents might have "over-purchased" as well as other foods in high demand listed on the poster on the container. The dates of collection in April are also listed on the poster on the Sandwich boards.

The **April 2, 2026 Wells Belles meeting** will be at 11:00 am and Lunch Out following the meeting will be at Tasty Joe's with Hostess Ronnae Berry. Due to the limited seating a sign-up sheet was posted in the Club House Card Room.

Summer Socials/Happy Hours list still could use hostesses. These don't necessarily have to have a theme but can be a simple social with appetizers. If you reside full time or will be at your Wells residence May through October please consult the Club House Card Room bulletin board for information on these fun events.

Neighbors Watching Out for Neighbors initial informational meeting was held on 3-11-26. This project is an expansion of the Wells Belles Sunshine Committee. Please watch for more information as this program gets implemented. Let's all be mindful of being a good neighbor. Submitted by Audrey Boe Olsen, V. Pres.

Dear Wells Friends,

I am so grateful that I was entrusted to manage the 37th Annual Wells Belles Flea Market and Bake Sale. I thank the many people who gave their time and effort to create a successful and fun event: my co-chairs Patty Anderson, Karen Bassett, Cheryl Conarty and Darlene Rolle, our mentors Linda Brown and Kris Perry, our Team Leaders and of course our wonderful team of volunteers.

Due to my family and personal life changes I will not return to manage the 38th Annual Flea Market. I intend to take an active role in the event to ensure a smooth transition to a new management team. Many of our co-chairs, team leaders and volunteers will return for next year.

I saw from the inside the strength of community and the joy of a shared job well done. Please consider if the Flea Market management role is a good fit for you and we will continue the Annual Flea Market and Bake Sale for many years to come. Sincerely, Donna King.

Activities

500

500 card games are Saturdays at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse. Please bring a quarter to play and enjoy an evening of fun with your friends and neighbors. Questions call Pat Johnston at 651-503-6822.

Bowling

We bowl on Tuesdays at 3:00pm. Practice at 2:45pm. The address is 9260 E. Broadway Rd., Mesa 85208. Please let Dave Nelson know if you want to bowl. (# 332) 605-553-4440

Book Club

Book Club's next meeting is Friday, April 24th the book is "Daughter of the Moon Goddess" by Sue Lynn Tan. The next meeting will be Friday, October 23, 2026. The book is 1,000 White Women by Jim Fergus. Contact Ronnae Berry 970-227-9485 for more information. Thank you.

Bridge

Come play bridge at 12:30pm every Tuesday in the Clubhouse. Please sign-up in the Clubhouse cardroom. We need at least 2 tables of 4 to play. Cost \$.50. Call Marlene Shadle with any questions. 480-532-1508

Golf-Couples / Partner

The Couples Golf League has completed another successful season. Our plan is to golf into April. The signup sheet deadline is 6 pm on Saturday.

Thank you to all the golfers who participated this season. We appreciate all your support and positive comments. A big thank you to Bonnie Anderson for the delicious salad and to those who brought desserts for the March pizza party. Have a great summer.

Anyone who would like to become the Couples League facilitators, please contact us and we will assist in the transition. Gary & Linda Christ #150

Golf – Men's

The Men's golf meets at the Greenfield Lakes Golf Course in Gilbert, AZ. Fridays, approximately 8:00am. You have to sign up on the Men's Golf Sheet that is displayed in the Clubhouse by Tuesday noon. Further questions can be directed at this time to Bernie Plischke at: 431-458-3280 renabernie@gmail.com or Gary Christ at: 715-225-0796, garychrist28@gmail.com

Horseshoes

Congratulations to our March tournament winners: Pete Hupcik and Stan Rasmussen. We will continue to play each Thursday at 1:00pm until we run out of players. For more information contact Bob Boe (# 476) 701-527-5966. Thank You!

Activities continued

Line Dancing

We have had a great time teaching beginner line dancing this season. We plan to start again in the fall.
Darlene and Monica

Advanced Line dancing class will start in the fall. Hope to see you then.- Nancy Neus #210

Mahjong

Mahjong players join us Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the clubhouse. If you would like to learn the game, stop by and observe. We will teach you how to play. Contact Jean McGuire if you have questions.

Needlework Circle

The ladies of the Needlework Circle would like to thank the Wells Belles for their gift and everyone that has offered their help to us. A little recap of what we have done in the year of 2025. We have donated 18 Afghans to our residents that have been hospitalized or need a little cheering up. We donated 68 Afghans and 72 adult hats to Fresenius Medical Care (FMC); 910 surgical hats to Cardon's Children's Hospital; 2,376 baby hats including 110 red & white Christmas hats to Desert Banner Hospital together working with several other communities; to the homeless 28 scarves and 56 hats again. Thank you everyone for helping us to be able to donate all these items and help others.
Evelyn Bauman (# 403) 480-510-3779

Pinochle

Tuesday nights at 7:00pm in the main hall of the Clubhouse thru April 2026. Cards will be in the cabinet at the card room. We don't know how many will be still here, and Dale may or may not be setting up. Bring a quarter and have a good time. Roger and I will be leaving on Sunday March 29, 2026 – to Cool Colorful Colorado. The Clubhouse has already been reserved for next November 2026 – thru April 2027.

Roger & Gerry Resseguie, 303-776-5415. Dale Emerson, 480-734-7095.

Shuffleboard

Thanks for a great year. See you next year. Linda Paplow

Tennis

We will continue to play tennis as long as we have at least 4 players. Starting time has moved to 8am due to the heat. Hope to see more of you on the courts in the Fall. Jim Riedl

Wells Singers

As the 2025/26 season draws to a close, there are so many wonderful memories to recount. In December we caroled around the park, followed by a sing- along in the Clubhouse. We were honored to provide music for the Memorial Service in February and recently presented the CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM program on March 15. Many of us attended The Barleens Dinner Show in Apache Junction, and we had an end-of-season gathering around the pool to say farewell at the end of March. Each Monday morning, we gathered around the piano for singing, and much laughter. We are a very happy group! As the director of The Wells singers, I am so grateful for all the talent, enthusiasm and cooperation of an amazing collection of friends and fellow music lovers. If you enjoy singing and would like to add a new adventure to your life, please come join us next year. We welcome new singers and EVERYONE is welcome! Monday morning, 10:00am, around the piano. Questions? Contact Nancy Johnson, 402-490-8555

Happy Birthday

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Reiten, Jon	04/01	Aakre, Judith	04/09	Blaurock, Michael	04/20
Sharkey, Marlene	04/01	Caligiuri, Phil	04/10	Karlin, Gaye	04/21
Wodtli, Bobbi	04/01	Iverson, Mark	04/10	Gasswint, Pamela	04/22
Bowerman, Patricia	04/02	Price, Donna	04/11	Munsey, Kyle	04/23
Patton, Joe	04/02	Fortney, Kathy	04/13	Schneider, Dolores	04/24
Wilson, Lois	04/03	Winkels, Bob	04/13	Hillyer, Carlene	04/27
Bigler, Debbie	04/04	Pool, Craig	04/14	Hughes, Brigitte	04/27
Buck, Tad	04/04	Fochs, Nancy	04/14	Korn, Russell	04/27
Randall, Jason	04/05	Urness, Reginald	04/16	Dearmore, Lori	04/28
Herms, Gail	04/06	Bauman, Evelyn	04/16	Essmeier, John	04/29
Bergeson, Terry	04/07	Graham, Kathy	04/16	Tangeman, Dorothy	04/29
Anderson, Richard	04/08	Gurule, Minnie Jo	04/17	Boden, Linda	04/29
Blanchette, LisaRose	04/08	Johnson, Mitch	04/17	Croteau, Karen	04/30
Young, Gregory	04/08	Sierra, Mariel	04/18	Van Gorp, Ron	04/30
Kelly, Loretta	04/09	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	Brown, Lawrence & Patricia	04/24/1971
Urbatsch, Gene & Penelope	04/13/1985	Helgeson, Bob & Jane	04/26/1986
Calhoun, Kent & Teri-Lyn	04/15/1978	Resseguie, Roger & Gerry	04/27/1958
Adams, Edmund & Karen	04/17/1998	Wodtli, Dennis & Bobbi	04/28/1973

In Memoriam

Virginia Joeger in lot # 463 passed away Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Kathleen Rudolph in lot # 346 passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2026

On a Personal Note

After 2 terms on the board I have learned so much about our community and have been privileged to meet many of our homeowners.

Being on the HOA board is not always easy. I want to recognize my fellow board members for caring so much about The Wells and making thoughtful decisions which benefit our community.

To my fellow Homeowners, thank you for caring about The Wells by volunteering hours of your time and speaking up. Even when we don't always agree, conversation matters.

Thank you to all the volunteers that do so much to maintain The Wells, making for our wonderful shared life-style at our Arizona home.

Now I'm looking forward to attending meetings without the responsibility of producing the minutes!

-Barb Mountain

On a Personal Note continued

A huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful people who came to my birthday party. Sure hope I talked to you all. I sure tried! The cards, flowers, and gifts were all so appreciated. Tags mixed up but would whoever sent the little girl figurine and beautiful red roses let me know. Hope I see you all again!! SOON!! Love and prayers, Lois Howland 480-550-2919

Just want to pass along a huge *thank you* and give results from our SHP bedding donations! We did great, which is really no surprise. You can surely count on the women from *The Wells* to come through with their donations! Like I've said before, they are the best of the best!!! SHP was so thankful! We ended up with **54 twin sheet sets, 43 blankets, and 51 teddy bears and other stuffed animals!**

Ladies, I'm sure you made quite a few kids happy to have their very own comfortable bed! Thank you all so much for making this possible! Looking forward to next year's bedding drive; making more smiling faces and happy hearts! Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Thank you! Rita Baden

The Wells Buddy Check-in program

A neighborhood check-in program is starting this summer. If you would like to have a daily call or text, please sign up. Volunteers are also needed to be the caller. Barb Justice #01, will coordinate the matches. The process is simple, call Barb at 503-466-2347 and leave a message.