November 2026

The Wellspoken

THE WELLS
A 55+ COMMUNITY

Important Dates to Remember

- **Thursday November 5th** Wells Belles Happy Hour in the Clubhouse at 3:00pm
- **Wednesday November 11th** Veterans Day Celebration in the Clubhouse at 11:00am
- **Wednesday November 11th** Veterans Day, Office closed in observation.
- **Saturday November 14th** Meet Your Neighbor Potluck in the Clubhouse at 5:00pm
- **Wednesday November 18th** Board of Director's Meeting in the Clubhouse at 7:00pm
- **Thursday November 26th** Thanksgiving Day Dinner in the Clubhouse at 1:00pm
- **Thursday November 26th** Thanksgiving Day, Office closed in observation.
- **Friday November 27th** Office Closed

The Deadline for the December's Wellspoken is November 20th, 2026



The HOA President's Report

It's November, the extreme heat is for the most part in the rear view mirror and The Wells Community is seeing an influx of homeowners returning to their Winter homes. As most of you are aware it was a very frustrating Summer for full time residents having to endure the extended renovations to the pool and the clubhouse.

As the pool project advanced it was found to have more problems than were originally expected, thus increasing the amount of down time to repair and get the pool back up and running.

With the clubhouse, we experienced a situation that required a complete replacement of the floor and baseboard. This meant that we had to deal with the insurance adjuster which always increases the amount of time needed to get the job done. During this insurance delay, the Board stepped in and guaranteed payment to the contractor, which enabled the job to be started before we heard from the insurance company. Otherwise the clubhouse could have been a disaster zone for 2 or 3 more weeks.

With those two bad experiences behind us we are now looking forward to a return to a great community.

The Board and Finance as well as all the committees are in the process of formulating their budgets for the new year. This will be presented in December. The first open meeting of the year will take place on the 3rd Wednesday (18th) in November at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse. The Board will meet in executive session on Tuesday, November 3rd at 9:00am. This is a closed meeting. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

HOA President, Bob Tomasic #41

HOA Manager's Report

Many have returned or are planning on returning to your homes here at The Wells, the HOA office wants to give a gentle reminder for pedestrians to share the road and move to the side for vehicular traffic. Please reframe from walking in the middle of the street and blocking oncoming traffic as it makes it difficult for vehicles to pass safely. We would also like to extend the same courtesy for all drivers to please be mindful of the 15MPH speed limit. As seasonal residents return, we want to ensure the streets remain safe and accessible for everyone.

Please be courteous to your neighbors and breakdown all boxes so everyone can utilize the trash bins. Also, large items such as mattresses, toilets, water heaters, bookshelves etc. are not to be thrown in or around the bins. Please contact the office to schedule a bulk trash pick up.

Many activities will be starting over the next several weeks, please watch the bulletin boards and The Well-spoken for more details. Please check in with the office when you arrive. This can be done in person or by email.

The HOA office will be closed Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

The HOA office will also be closed Thursday & Friday, November 27th & 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Please pick up after your pet.

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 Kyle 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

Greetings to all of our full-time residents and welcome home to our seasonal residents. Please let Sharon Nelson know if you have any Clubhouse questions or concerns.

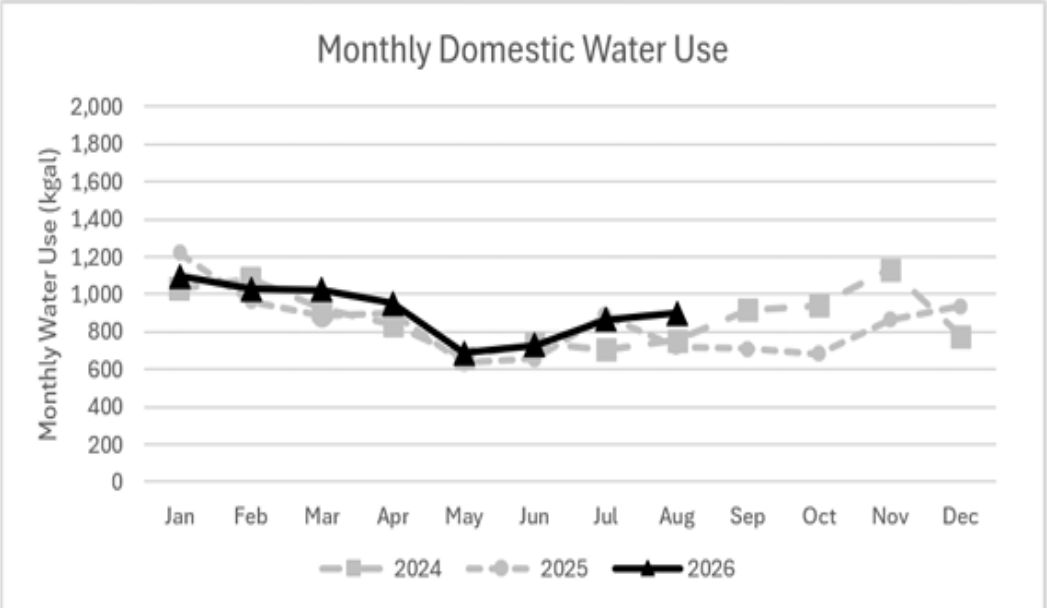
Early morning and night swimmers – bring your Clubhouse key with you to access the bathrooms for early mornings and night time swims. All homes should have a key that opens the Clubhouse doors. It is a good idea to bring your key with you on early morning or evening visits to the library, gym and pool.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Financial Report
thru September 2026

Chairperson - Mark Collins
Finance Committee Members - Ivan Jenkins, Pat Johnston, Nancy Lane, Marge Lesnever, Don Popowski
Board Liaison - Dale Emerson

YTD Income	Budget	627,740.00	
	Actual	630,147.07	
	Difference	2,407.07	more than budget
YTD Operating Expenses	Budget	545,073.00	
	Actual	554,870.69	
	Difference	9,797.69	more than budget
YTD Out-of-Ordinary Net Expense		69,789.88	
YTD Total Expenses		624,660.57	
Checking Account		81,731.96	
Reserve Accounts	Operational Reserve	228,865.52	
	Capital Reserve	647,654.90	
	Total Reserves	876,520.42	
Accounts Receivable	Total Receivables	16,378.88	
	Monthly Change	2,093.32	increase



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 (712) 299-5171
Board Liaison: Jim Riedl
Members: Donna Breezee, Jim Dent, Alice Fitzgerald, Shirlee Magnusson, Barb Justice, Dave Nelson, Sharon Nelson, Donna Sennert, Bob Tomasic, Penny Urbatsch, and Sherri Weixel

The Wells HOA 2027 election will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2027. There will be three (3) positions open for the Wells HOA Board of Directors. Directors are elected for a three (3) year term – there are no term limits. If you are interested in one of these positions, file a Letter of Intent along with a 100-150 word resume with the Election Committee. Please submit a head shot along with your letter of intent. Forms are on file in the office. The cutoff date for filing is by the close of business day on the second Friday of December (December 11, 2026, 4:30pm), for your name to be on the ballot. Names of candidates will be posted on the Manager's Bulletin Board and the Notice Board. Resumes along with the photo will be published as submitted in the January 2027 Wellspoken.

Current Board of Directors
Dale Emerson (03/24 - 02/27)
Kenneth Shadle (03/24 - 02/27)
Jim Riedl (03/24 - 02/27)
Robert Tomasic (03/25 - 02/28)
Marge Lesnever (03/25 - 02/28)
Joe Lander (03/26 - 02/29)
Nancy York (03/26 - 02/29)

THE ELECTION SCHEDULE AND ANNUAL HOA MEETING

December 11, 2026: Cut-off date for candidates to file and have their names placed on the printed ballot

January 13, 2027: "Meet the Candidates Night" at 7:00pm in the clubhouse. Anyone announcing their candidacy this night, may do so, but will have to be a write-in vote on the ballot.

February 2, 2027: Election Day – Polls open 10am -6:00pm in the clubhouse.

February 17, 2027: Homeowner's Annual Meeting – 7:00pm in the clubhouse.

Social Committee

Social Chairperson: Cate Knoll
Board Liaison: Nancy York
Members: Jean Mallory, Ronnae Berry, Kathi Middendorff, Debi Whiteside, Laurie Fuller, and Linda Paplow

Saturday, November 14th, Potluck at 5pm. Please bring your own place settings. Please wear your name tags.

Thursday, November 26th, Thanksgiving dinner at 1pm. The Social Committee will supply the turkey and the rest is potluck. Sign up sheets will be in the card room. Please remember to bring your table settings. Remember to wear your name tags. Thank you, Cate Knoll

Wells Belles

President: Connie Huff-Essmeier
Vice President: Audrey Boe Olsen
Treasurer: Roni Jaeger, Secretary: Marla Hausauer, Ex Officio: Diana Butzlaff

November is here and many seasonal residents are back in town!

The November Wells Belles monthly meeting will be a 3pm meeting followed by a Happy Hour on November 5th. This will be a Taco Bar with freewill donations for the meal. Funds collected will be donated to a local food bank. Your Wells Belles Executive Committee is the hosting group. Be sure to sign up in the Card Room in the Clubhouse that you will be attending the November 5th Happy Hour. This helps the Executive Committee to plan accordingly for food preparation.

The much anticipated CHRISTMAS TEA – DECEMBER 10th is fast approaching. Sue Hutchinson and Tammy Pence are the food chairs for this event. A sign-up sheet for table hostesses will be posted in early November in the Club House Cardroom. It is always fun to see the ideas each hostess comes up with for their beautiful and unique tables. This event is one of our special charity causes and the proposed charity will be discussed and voted on at the November meeting.

Proposed funding request for Wells Belles funds must be submitted to the Executive Board prior to presentation to the entire group for a vote. If you have a funding request please contact one of the Executive Board members before October 28th so it can be included on the agenda.

January begins our new year and we are still looking for a hostess/hostesses for this meeting. Please consider volunteering for the month of January.

Activities

Book Club

Book club's next meeting will be Friday, November 20th,2026. The book is James by Percival Everett. December's meeting will be December 18th, the book will be Skipping Christmas by John Grisham. Contact Ronnae Berry 970-227-9485 for more information.

Bowling

Bowling will start November 10th at 3pm. See you then! Contact Dave Nelson 605-553-4440

Christmas Bazaar

Join us for The Wells 2026 Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 5, from 8am to 1pm in the Clubhouse. We welcome all homemade gifts, crafts, and baked goods, etc.

A vendor sign-up sheet will be available in the cardroom starting mid-October. You must be on the signup sheet to participate. Each vendor is guaranteed one table to showcase their items, with additional tables provided as possible. Whether you're selling or shopping, this is a fantastic community event. The bazaar will be promoted on numerous Facebook pages and in nearby communities. Help spread the word! For questions, text or call Heidi at 541-760-8412.

Golf– Couples / Partners

Couples' golf will begin on Wednesday, November 11th at Sunland Village with a shotgun start at 2:30pm. We have been told the golf fees will be up $5 to a total of $45 plus tax for 9 holes. A signup sheet is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board. Please sign up with a partner. The deadline for signing up is Saturday at 6pm. We will continue to post the list of pairings for the current week. New residents or renters interested in couples golf can contact Gary Christ at garychrist28@gmail.com or stop by Lot 150. We would like to give someone else the opportunity to manage this group. Gary and I will assist you in all aspects of this. We look FORE-ward to golfing with you. Gary & Linda Christ Lot 150

Golf – Men's

Men's Golf is starting on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 8am at the Greenfield Golf Course in Gilbert. The address is S. Greenfield Rd. & E. Warner Rd.

Please arrive 15 minutes before our TT. According to our golf coordinator the golf course is in great shape. With our league discount the green fees, including the golf cart for 18 holes, are $ 56 .99. To start, 2 TT 's have been booked for November 6th starting at 8am.

Don't forget to sign up by noon on Tuesday on the *Men's Golf Sheet*, located in the Clubhouse cardroom. Looking forward to seeing all our regular Golfers again. New golfers are welcome to join our group, as we are a relaxed senior group enjoying the game of golf. Further questions can be directed at this time to Bernie Plischke at: 431-458-3280 renabernie@gmail.com

Patio Sales

The Wells Patio Sales will be held in March 2027. Details to follow. Please call or text Heidi 541-760-8412 for additional information.

Activities cont.

Pinochle

PINOCHLE will be starting on Tuesday night, October 20th, at 7pm in the main hall of the Clubhouse. (We might have to meet in Card Room until floor is fixed.) Bring a quarter and have a good time.
Roger & Gerry Resseguie, 303-776-5415. Dale Emerson, 480-734-7095.

Quilt Club

Our meetings for the rest of the year are November 20th and December 18th, then we will start up on January 8th. Remember to put on your calendars for 2027 we meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. We are a group of 20+ quilters in The Wells who enjoy sharing our quilting projects, learning new tricks for quilting, sharing simple sewing projects, having many presentations and then share our work at a quilt show in March. Our skill level is all the way from very beginners to advanced. Come check us out on the dates above as well as the 2nd and 4th Fridays through April in the Clubhouse main room. Any questions? Contact Bobbi at #307.

Shuffleboard

Welcome back everyone, Shuffleboard Starts November 2nd at 9:00 am. Monday, Wednesday,& Friday. Everyone is welcome, we have on the spot training. Linda Paplow

Spring Craft Fair

The Wells Spring Craft Fair will be held in March 2027. Details to follow. Please call or text Heidi 541-760-8412 for additional information.

Tennis

We will start playing tennis on our courts Mondays thru Fridays as soon as we get at least 4 players. We will set starting times once more players get here, but for now it will be 8:30am or 9:00am (somewhat based on the weather).
Jim Riedl

Veterans Day Celebration

Veterans Day is just around the corner and we will be honoring our veterans this year with a free a luncheon and program. Please join us in the clubhouse on November 11th at 11am.

This event is open to the whole community, but seating is limited. The luncheon is free, but we need to know how many people to plan on serving, so please pick up your tickets from the office starting 10/14 until 11/6.

There will be a voluntary Free Will Offering at the door if you would like to contribute to the Arizona Veterans Resource Center in Mesa. Our nation's theme this year is, "Veterans Helping Veterans". This will be our way of helping veterans and their families in the Mesa area.

Marge Lesnever is collecting photos of veterans to use in our program. Please forward a photo of yourself or your family member in uniform, if possible, with name, rank and dates of service. melesnever118@gmail.com
Contact Kris Perry for questions or to volunteer. Text or call 208-451-3890.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Boe, Debbie `	11/01
Jaeger, Ronnelle	11/01
Metcalf, Karen	11/01
Miller, Judy	11/01
Breezee, Clayton	11/01
Koehler, Ingrid	11/07
Halferty, Patrick	11/08
Middendorf, Kathi	11/08
Prodoehl, Kyle	11/08
Chester, Wayne	11/09
McNiel, Michael	11/09
Diernberger, Louis	11/10
Slattery, Colleen	11/10
Fajardo, Mary	11/11
Brown, Lawrence	11/11
Mallory, Jimmy	11/12
Dent, Linda	11/13
Stoop, Carol	11/14
Perry, Kris	11/14
Good, Jean	11/15
Shelton, Rodney	11/15
Swirbul, Michael	11/15
Jackson, Milford 'Butch'	11/16
Pavela, Suzanne	11/17
Kinghorn, Kal	11/18
Rothchild, Charla	11/18
Patton, Monica	11/21
Scott, Barbara	11/23
Anderson, Shareen	11/22
Blaurock, Dawn	11/25
Caputo, Stanley	11/25
Wodtli, Dennis	11/25
Hutchinson, Susan	11/26
Montoya, Pamela	11/27
Rasmussen, Stanley	11/27
Magnusson, Shirlee	11/29
Oberbroeckling, Marge	11/29
Smith, Karen	11/29
Bassett, Don	11/30
Struth, Eleanor	11/30
Herms, William	11/30
Shadle, Kenneth	11/30

Happy Anniversary

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
Sperling, Del & Carol	11/01/1963
Scott, Ronald & Barbara	11/03/2001
Jackson, Milford 'Butch' & Susan	11/05/1977
Cook, Bob & Judy	11/08/1967
Berry, Rob & Ronnae	11/17/1990
Warrick, David & Kelly	11/17/1990
Thompson, Tom & Ilene	11/19/1961
Fitzgerald, Tom & Alice	11/22/2024
Roberts, Zachary & Marion	11/24/1978
Shadle, Kenneth & Marlene	11/25/1962
Byrne, Ronald & Florence	11/26/1959
Bowerman, William & Patricia	11/29/1968
Gunderson, John & Patricia	11/30/1968

In Memoriam

Joe Dallio in lot 062 passed away Saturday, October 3, 2026

On a Personal Note

Black Friday not your thing? Then join us and pack food for Feed My Starving Children. Friday after Thanksgiving from 11:30-2:30. The Signup sheet will be in the card room by the 15th.

THE WELLS 2026 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	CONTACT	PHONE	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	REMARKS
500 (Cards)	Pat Johnston	651-503-6822						7:00pm		Clubhouse
Bocce Ball	Paris Penfold	208-709-5411								Bocce Court
Billiards-Men	Dave Nelson	605-553-4440	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am		Billiards Room
Bingo	Don Bassett	612-398-6901	6:30pm							Clubhouse
Book Club	Ronnae Berry	970-227-9485					3:00pm			Various Fri. Clubhouse
Bowling	Sharon Nelson	605-809-6147		3:00pm						Bowling Alley
Bridge-Cards	Marlene Shadle	480-532-1508		12:30pm						Clubhouse
Card Making	Karen Turner	480-454-6668	11:00am							Craftroom
Cards / Games	Mary Miller	515-238-0503	6:00pm		6:00pm		6:00pm	6:00pm	1:00pm	Clubhouse
Golf - Couples/Partners	Gary & Linda Christ	715-225-0796			2:30pm				sign up	by Sat. 6pm
Golf - Mens	Bernie Plischke	431-458-3280					8:30am		sign up	by Tues. Noon
Exercise-Chair Yoga	Melissa Lage	218-849-4818	7:30am	7:30am	7:30am	7:30am	7:30am			Clubhouse
Exercise-Walking Tape			8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am			Clubhouse
Horseshoes	Bob Boe	701-527-5966				1:00pm				Horseshoe Court
Line Dancing- Beginners	Monica Patton	218-838-4968				3:30pm				Clubhouse
Line Dancing- Advanced	Nancy Neus	507-582-1326			1:30pm					Clubhouse
Mahjong	Jean McGuire	763-360-1215	1:00pm		1:00pm		1:00pm			Clubhouse
Morning Coffee & Donuts	Sharon Gaiovnik	612-570-2030						TBD		Clubhouse
Needle Work Circle	Evelyn Bauman	480-510-3779				1:00pm				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 Resseguie	303-776-5415		7:00pm						Clubhouse
Quilt Group	Bobbi Wodtli	360-990-4434					10:00am			2nd & 4th Fri.
Rummikube	Carol Tomasic	419-290-2199	2:00pm						1:00pm	Clubhouse
Shuffleboard	Linda Paplow	507-468-2780	9:00am		9:00am		9:00am			Shuffleboard Court
Stained Glass	Janet Penfold	208-351-9938			10-Noon					Craftroom
Tennis	Jim Riedl	480-832-7853	8:45am	8:45am	8:45am	8:45am	8:45am			Tennis Court
Texas Hold'em Beg	Rodney Shelton	608-712-6332		5:30pm						Card room
Texas Hold'em Int	Rodney Shelton	608-712-6332						1:00pm		Card room
Texas Hold'em Adv	Rodney Shelton	608-712-6332		7:00pm						Card room
The Wells Jammers	Bill Behrens	218-760-0419				6:30pm				Clubhouse
Water Aerobics	Ronnae Berry	970-227-9485	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am		Pool
Water Aerobics	Donna King	360-333-1013	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am			Pool
Wells Belles	Connie Huff- Essmeier	425-466-1601				1st Thurs.				Clubhouse
Wells Singers	Nancy Johnson	402-490-8555	10:00am							Clubhouse
Wood Carving	David Jaeger	507-581-3047		10:00am						Craft Room
Yoga - Men's	Craig Pool	701-590-3067		9:00am		9:00am				Clubhouse

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

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