

The Wellspoken

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Important Dates to Remember

<i>Summer Town Hall</i>	<i>August 6th, 7:30 am</i>
<i>RealEstateOpen House</i>	<i>August 6th, 11:00-2:00</i>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>No meeting for summer</i>

**Deadline for the September Wellspoken
is August 22nd 2011**

Mark Your Calendar!

Birthdays & Anniversaries August 18th, 2:00 pm

The Wells - A Senior Adult Community

Website: thewellshomeowners.com Email: office@thewellshoa.com



President's Report

Dean Blixt, 480-641-3776 (office)

From my contacts at The Wells, I have been informed that there has been lots of dust storms in Mesa and the weather is hot. I am sure glad that the air conditioners got serviced and replaced where needed so at least our facilities are cool. I have been watching the weather and it seems that lots of the country is hot including where we are. I am sure the pool is getting a workout.

Kindness is like a boomerang, it always returns.



Manager's Report

Farnsworth Realty & Management Co.

Lia Correa, 480-641-3776 (office)

There has been several questions regarding the purpose of the cameras in the common areas. The cameras have been installed to assist the onsite management staff so that they can better oversee these areas. It is difficult to physically stay on top of all the common areas because of the different locations. The cameras are a very useful tool in helping in this area.

The Air Conditioning in the billiard room has been replaced and the kitchen wall unit has been serviced. We are definitely grateful to have AC this summer.

We have been experiencing some heavy dust storms, a power outage, rain and thunder storms in the last month. The power outage kept residents out of power for many hours. It would be a good idea to prepare should the power go out again. Such as gathering basic supplies and preventative measures for an unexpected loss of electricity.

The dust storm brought in coats of dust & more leaves than one can handle cleaning up. Please help one another in maintaining your own property debris.

Lets continue to keep The Wells well maintained as this is a great place to live !

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Architectural Review (ARC)

Don McDermott, 480-641-9322

The ARC Committee meets the **1st and 3rd Thursday** on a regular basis. Please watch bulletin boards for updates on meetings. All ARC Change Requests are carefully studied before they are approved or disapproved. They are disapproved only when they are in clear violation of the CC&RS and Rules & Regulations. The Committee works hard.

You should have an approved ARC request form before starting any work. The residents can help them in their work by being careful to file requests for any changes in their building construction, painting or landscaping. Change Request Forms can be picked up in the office.

I wish to thank all of the residents who cooperate so well with the Committee. It is by working together that we achieve our objectives of keeping the Community looking so nice.



Buildings & Grounds

Wayne Geraldts, Co-chair 480-641-1246

Bernie Plischke, Co-chair 480-325-8529

No Report



Clubhouse Committee

Sharon Nelson, Chair 605-553-4440

Ron Radloff, Co-Chair 480-985-3900

No Report



Communications Committee

Jim Riedl, Chairperson 480-832-7853

By Joretta "J" Gray 480-272-8773 Summer Contact

Hello to all, here in Mesa we are well into our monsoon season with dust storms so large they are called Haboobs. Weather reports indicate the summer has not been very good in many other parts of the country! No doubt all of us are wondering what this month will bring.

Town Hall did not meet in July. Request for Information (RFI) forms were not submitted for the months of May, June & July. **The next meeting is Saturday, Aug. 6th @ 7:30 AM. The rolls and coffee will be provided by the Communications Committee, please join us.** If residents have liked meeting on Saturdays every other month during the summer, we will not meet in Sept. and meet again Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011 @ 7:30 AM. The Wednesday night 7 pm meetings would resume November 2, 2011.

The committee would like people to come forward to alternate as Moderator Nov – Apr. **This is a way to express opinions/ideas and resolve differences in an open forum.** Please submit any suggestions throughout the summer *480-272-8773 or e-mail j418@cox.net.

Communications Committee scheduled meetings will resume Nov. 7, 2011 in the conference room @ 9:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted for Jim Riedl, Chairperson/ by Joretta "J" Gray, HOA BD.

NOTE: The following information is a summary of an article written by someone with over 30 yrs work experience in the petroleum industry. This type of article will not appear again, however, with our economic situation and unstable pricing it is significant information for all residents and could be shared with family & friends. Joretta "J" Gray

SAVING ON GASOLINE

- To assure a full gallon only fill up early in the morning when ground is coolest. gas expands with heat. Stations do not have temperature compensation at their pumps. Even a 1 degree rise is very important to petroleum companies. Ground temperatures decrease slowly after sunset.
- Pump gas on low setting. A pump trigger has 3 settings, low, middle & high. This will minimize vapors and provide greater accuracy in the gallons being delivered and registered.
- Fill Tank when it is HALF FULL . This reduces the amount of air occupying its empty space to minimize evaporation.-
- WHEN A GASOLINE TRUCK IS MAKING A DELIVERY DO NOT FILL UP. The dirt that normally settles on the bottom is being stirred up and you could pump this into your car.



Finance Committee

Ken Anderson, Chairman 480-218-0027

Committee members: Ken Anderson, Jim Murray Dick Korn, Dick McQueen, Chuck Hammen. Bd. Liaison: Dave Nelson

2011/06 YTD Income	Budget:	\$340,745
	Actual:	\$355,801
	Variance:	\$15,056

2011/06 YTD Expense	Budget:	\$290,809
	Actual:	\$265,410
	Variance:	\$25,399

2011/06 Reserve	Capital Reserve:	\$232,390
	Operational Reserve:	\$128,560

The finances of The Wells HOA continue to be in excellent condition and we continue to closely monitor them throughout the summer.

Capital reserve funds are used for major expense like street replacement, water line repair, etc.

Operational Reserve funds are to be used only in a financial or environmental emergency. The objective is to maintain at least a minimum balance of three months operating expense, estimated to be \$160,000.

WATER CONSERVATION

Water usage at the Wells has shown a decrease this past month, that's good news! Please continue to use good judgment when using water to keep our cost down. The June water bill showed daily usage at 33.1 K gal/per day, that's down from 40.6 in May!!

Thanks for your support:
Ken Anderson
Finance Committee chairman



Social Committee

Chairman, Marge Pond, 480-325-2813

Co-Chair, Kathy Kossila, 480-325-1302

Birthdays and Anniversaries will be on August 18th. 2pm. Make your own Ice cream sundaes will be served.

We will be celebrating **Labor Day Sept 5th with a barbeque @ 1pm** , sign up sheets will be hung up in the clubhouse in the middle of August.



MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Bean Bag Toss

Ellie DeBell, 480-981-6497

No Report

Bingo

Joretta "J" Gray, 480-272-8773

THANK YOU to everyone who helps to make BINGO a success. We appreciate those who said they would return in Nov.

GOOD NEWS – MACHINE TRAINING – Joe Skinner has offered to do this for Doty Rich and myself. We will start in October and be prepared for the start of our 2011/2012 season November 8th. Thanks Joe!

Another accountant & some willing to sell or be a substitute are still needed. Please call me to help maintain bingo within our Wells Community. Start saving plastic bags. These can be placed in the back of the clubhouse store room by the popcorn machine. Thx.

Wells Bowling

Evelyn & George Bauman, 480-325-6808

We are continuing to bowl on Friday mornings at 10:00. Join us if you can. Our scheduled bowling will start in November.

Blanket Brigade

Barbara Griffin, 480-807-1161



Bocce Ball

Ted Smith, 480-396-1151

Every Tuesday 1:00. Held by the 56th gate on the green grass. Will return after summer

Bridge

Connie Lemming, 480-654-3500

Bridge meets every **Tuesday** in the clubhouse at **1:00 PM**. Come and join a lively group of folks who love to play bridge for entertainment.

Casino Trips

Dee Campbell, 480-830-6094

No Report

Ceramics

Evelyn Bauman, 480-325-6808

Nancy Lane, 480-981-6636

Ceramics will start again in October. Come and join us in the fall.

Chess Players

Robert Stoop 480-807-1416

New, Old, Experienced and Novice: all those interested in playing chess for their own enjoyment with other interested parties, please give Bob Stoop a call at 480-807-1416. Chess sets are available for those who need them.

Computer Club

No coordinator

Game Night

No Coordinator

Game night is held every **Friday night** in the clubhouse at **6:00 PM**. Come join a lively bunch of folks who play Hand and Foot, Rummikub and other games of interest. This activity is open to everyone.



Geneology Research

Clara Strode #86, 924-0800

Walter Wright #265, 656-7292

For those interested in family research we will be meeting in the clubhouse on the **1st and 3rd Fridays between 10 am – 12pm.** Come and join us.

Get Fit Stay Fit Challenge

Phylis Maxwell #92, 654-8175

No report

Group Exercise

Nancy Lane, 981-6636 ~ Joyce MacArthur, 830-4975

Group exercise will be back in the Fall.

Library

Marjorie Pond, 480-325-2813

Carol Stoop, 480-807-1416

Phylis Maxwell will be helping in the library during the summer months. I hope you will thank Phylis if you see her working in the library.

Line Dancing

Lil Gilmer, 480-218-4667

Nancy Lane, 480-981-6636

Line dance will resume Wednesdays and Thursdays at 3:30.

Men's Golf Augusta Ranch

Don McDermott, 480-641-9322

Call Don for more information.

Monthly Potluck Dinner

Betty Wallace, 480-854-1335

No Report



500 Cards

Bill and Betty Wallace, 480-854-1335

Every **Saturday night** at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. All Welcome!

Needle Work Circle

Evelyn Bauman, 480-325-6808

We will continue to meet at 1:00 the first & the third Thursday of the month through the summer. You can bring whatever you are working on and share with the group.

Paper Arts/Rubber Stamping

Fran Atkinson 480-981-3467

Jean Mueller 480-907-5599

We meet on **Mondays at 1:00 pm** in the clubhouse. Come, and let's make a card! Everyone is invited.

Pinochle

Harley Skogen, 602-770-3171

Thursday's @ 7:00 PM

Pool Gathering

A Pool Gathering for the community is scheduled for the first (1st) Friday of the month at 3:30 PM. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage. Remember: **NO GLASS.**

Quilting Club

Lulu McQueen, 480-396-2293

No Report

Red Hatters at Red Mountain

Vi Joerger, Queen Mum, 480-832-1721

No Report



Scrabble

Carol Campbell, 480-962-9387

The Scrabble time is **Wednesdays at 10:00am.**

Shuffleboard

Glen & Barb Feldmann, #80, 920-889-7051

No Report

Singspiration

Dick & Doris Delaney, 480-985-2532

Hope to see you all next November 28th for a new season.

Stained Glass

John Berg, 480-396-0891

No Report

Tennis

Lynda Riedl, 480-832-7853

There is no scheduled practice for tennis until end of October.

TOPS CLUB, Inc.

Wells Chapter, TOPS AZ 0335, Mesa

Nancy Cowperthwait, 480-924-0634

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) holds its meeting regularly on Monday Mornings. Weigh-ins are scheduled from 7:30-8AM in the clubhouse and meetings run from 8-9AM in the Conference Room. We are an affordable non-profit wellness education organization aimed at achieving and maintaining a healthy weight loss. Currently annual membership is \$26 for National dues and \$18 annually for local dues; a total of \$44 a year. The book, '**The Choice Is Mine**', costs \$12, if purchased when you join.

Now is a good time to consider a healthy nutrition, improved health or a summer resolution to shed some weight before the holidays roll around again next Fall. If interested or curious, you may visit one meeting without obligation. Come join us. We are here for you and each other.



Train Dominos

No Coordinator

We meet **Sundays at 2 PM**. Everyone is welcome.

Water Aerobics

Nadine Cooley, 480-807-5309

It's time to treat your body to some easy to follow water exercises. We meet **Monday thru Friday 8:30 to 9:15**. Come and enjoy yourself.

Wells Belles

Marilyn Crain, President 480-396-7098

No Report

Wells Billiards

Latif Tinker, 480-654-1650

Billiards meets every day **Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM**.

Wells Couples & Singles Golf Group

Dana Larimore 480-807-0840

Ronnie Kelly 641-344-7080

No Report

Women's Golf

Marion Serson 396-0891

Women's Early Golf leaves The Wells Community every **Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 AM** to golf nine holes at Dreamland Villa Golf Course. After golf, we go to breakfast (optional). All women are welcome despite their level of golfing skill. Come and join us for a morning of fun and sociability. For more information call Marion at 396-0891.

Celiac Disease Support Group

Nancy Neus, 480-540-1927

Anyone interested in a meeting for people with celiac disease (gluten intolerance), please contact Nancy Neus.



Blood Pressure

Lois Howland 807-4968

Free blood pressure check is on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of every month at **9AM to 10 AM.**

Information Up-Dates

Telephone Directory Report

Alyce Sinnard, 480-396-0561

No Updates

THE WELLS WHEELS

The following people have volunteered to provide medical transportation:

TEMPORARY CHANGE:

Joretta Gray 480-272-8773

Chris Jergenson –after July 2011

Note: Ruby Sobeck & Marcia Priebe are winter residents; please do not call.

Marcia Priebe: 507-461-2409

Chris Jergenson: 480-219-2967

Ruby Sobeck: 480-807-2509

If you need a ride to an appointment call one of the above people.
(Medical - related therapy /picking up or stopping for prescriptions).

Reminders

In the event of a power outage in the park, the following individuals can be contacted to open the gates:

Joe Skinner 480-854-1871

Phil Ragaisis 480-854-0712

Dean Blixt 480-981-6636

Carmella Staley 480-307-8338

The Wells Website

Marge Pond, 325-2813

Any homes listed on the website and are sold please call the office or Marge Pond so those homes can be removed. Homes are only listed by request of a homeowner or real estate broker. Please call and a photo will be taken. We will post a photo, number of bedrooms and baths and a contact phone number.



Larry & Ruby greatly appreciated the good wishes received from our "Wells" friends in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary.
The Sobecks

Old Computers, etc.

Bill Cowperthwait, 480-924-0634

Last day for pickups is 19 May 2011, School reopens in Sep 2011. Monitors, keyboards, towers, laptops, etc., give me a call. Thank you for helping to dispose of computer items properly.

East Valley Men's Homeless Shelter

Bill Cowperthwait, 480-924-0634

Men's clothes, underwear, socks, belts, suits, or shoes, etc., are needed. Toilet paper, tissues and toiletry items you pick up at motels or hotels are particularly needed. Give me a call.

Flag Disposal

Bill Cowperthwait, 480-924-0634

To properly dispose of American Flags no longer serviceable, please take to the office.

Phones for Soldiers

Bill Cowperthwait, 480-924-0634

More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas. Cell Phones for Soldiers is calling upon all Americans to support the troops by donating old cell phones. Cell Phones for Soldiers hopes to collect over 50,000 unused cell phones this year. Proceeds will be used to purchase calling cards for our troops so they can stay connected with their families. Phones can be dropped off in the office, or taken to Impact Auto Body, 5035 E McKellips Rd Mesa. 480-325-5035.

United Food Bank

Clara Strode, Coordinator, 480-924-0800

There will be no collection during the summer. We'll start up again in late September. Thank you all. United Food Bank. Clara Strode

Happy Anniversary

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Jurgens, Ron & Karen	53 Years	08/02/1958
Chester, Wayne & Carrol	48 Years	08/03/1963
Lindberg, James & Kristine	33 Years	08/05/1978
Winkels, Bob & Gloria	36 Years	08/09/1975
Evans, Robert & Colleen	21 Years	08/10/1990
Urness, Reginald & Roselynn	06 Years	08/13/2005
Hendricksen, James & Olvold, Barbara	01 Year	08/14/2010
Tharp, Jon & Audrey	49 Years	08/18/1962
Dabbert, Joan & Steve	33 Years	08/19/1978
Vinje, John & Kay	64 Years	08/22/1947
Sonnenberg, Marlo & Bonnie	14 Years	08/23/1997
Wilson, Dick & Marcia	48 Years	08/24/1963
Koser, Erv & Theresa	61 Years	08/25/1950
Stephen, Jerald & Brigitta	45 Years	08/25/1966
Long, Leland & Betty Lou	61 Years	08/27/1950
Queensland, John & Peggy	07 Years	08/28/2004
Skogen, Harley & Donna M	64 Years	08/29/1947

Happy Birthday

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Ross, Angie	8/2	Berg, John	8/14
Cole, Sandra	8/4	Serson, Marion	8/14
Gleason, Sheila	8/4	Tomasic, Robert	8/15
DeWeerd, Theresa	8/6	Stork, Jerry	8/16
Huddleston, Carl	8/6	Torres, Oscar	8/16
Feldmann, Barbara	8/6	Hoffman, Leo	8/17
Hoffer, Jerry	8/7	Redmond, Margaret	8/19
Fournier, Frenchy	8/7	Felker, Patricia	8/20
Rokely, Florence	8/8	Southwood, Anita Jo	8/20
Skinner, Betty	8/8	Rogalla, Katherine	8/20
Boughton, Nova	8/8	Lewis, James	8/21
Neus, Nancy	8/8	Soyring, Ivan T.	8/23
Cook, Wesley	8/8	Gilmer, Lillian	8/24
Smith, Dorothy	8/10	McDermott, Don	8/26
Nelson, Sharon	8/11	Bakken, Doris	8/27
Volker, Billy	8/12	Anderson, Bonnie	8/28
Sartori, Arnold	8/12	Caraghar, Elouise	8/30
Urness, Roselynn	8/12	Graham, Karen	8/30
Markham, Norm	8/12	Baden, Nicholas	8/31
Mello, Bobbie	8/13	Van Wyk, Jan	8/31
Queensland, Peggy	8/13	Viker, Denise	8/31

August 2011

The Wells Special Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Real Estate Open House 11:00-2:00 Town Hall 7:30am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Birthdays & Anniversaries 2:00 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

See Bulletin Board for Standard Weekly activities and read information under alphabetized headings.