



Saguaro News

Newsletter of the SKP Saguaro Co-op
Benson, Arizona



November 2011

FROM THE BOARD

It's November already! Each day sees the return of more leaseholders and guests who are excited to begin a new season with a full calendar of activities. Don't forget to check your calendar, Channel 5, and the whiteboards for all upcoming events. Also, be sure to watch the bulletin board by the poolroom for table sign-up sheets for Thanksgiving dinner. You don't want to miss the wonderful food and fellowship with your old and new Escapees friends.

Since many of us are returning from our summer travels, this is a good time for some reminders:

- Please remember to hang your car tag on your rearview mirror or in the lower right corner of the windshield.
- Please don't forget to sign out and in with the office if you are going to be away from your site longer than 24 hours.
- Please observe the 15 MPH speed limit.
- Please do not drive across the marked boondock areas.
- Please recycle the following items: newspapers; aluminum cans; all types of cardboard –corrugated or not; magazines and old phone books; and #1 and #2 plastic (rinsed milk jugs) minus lids or caps (no plastic bags



or sheeting). The recycling containers are located very close to the dumpsters to make recycling easy and convenient.

While we are discussing recycling, please give a huge thanks to all the volunteers who assist in the recycling program. Some of these volunteers have worked on the recycling project for many years. All are very much appreciated!

Be sure to read the Lot Modification Guideline from the Architecture Committee that is included with this month's utility bill. It answers many of the questions leaseholders have about making changes to their lot or casita. The Architecture Committee is a very hard-working committee year round. We really cannot thank them enough for all the work they do to ensure that our co-op is very attractive.

The Election Committee is again actively seeking leaseholders to run for the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Three positions are coming up. Our Co-op cannot operate without these critical positions being filled. Please VOLUNTEER to throw your name in the hat by seeing a current Board

member or Election Committee member today! They will be happy to assist you with the requirements for running for election.

Committee Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons, please mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 2 for a very important meeting at 9:00 A.M. in Rooms 1 and 2. If you cannot attend, please make sure your committee is represented. Please be prepared to set the date for your reorganizational meeting during the period of February 3, 2012, through February 11, 2012.

The first SKP Luncheon of the season will be Wednesday, November 9 at the *Benson City Grill* (San Pedro Golf Course) at 11:30 A.M.. Luncheons are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month. Mark your calendar for some great food and good fellowship.

The October Chapter 21 Rally was held in Columbus, NM. Those who attended had a fun, relaxing time. Those of us who could not attend really missed out. The next opportunity to enjoy a rally will be in January at Parker, Arizona. Mark your calendars for another wonderful time.

The November Board meetings will be held on the 8th and 22nd at 9:00 A.M. in Rooms 1 and 2 in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to attend. Watch Channel 5 for the time of Chat with the Board on Friday, November 11. The Chat on November 25 is cancelled so that you can all enjoy your Thanksgiving.

Faye Bragg
Board Secretary



FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Tisha Luzadder

A big welcome to those of you coming in this month. It is good to see everyone again.

Our winter hours began October 15. We will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. eagerly waiting to help you.

The Cochise County Treasurer has sent out 2011 property tax bills. Payment is due by November 1 if less than \$100. If more than that, payment is due by December 31. If you have not received your tax bill, please come in and see us. We can look it up for you. If you receive a tax bill that is not yours, bring it to the office and we will see that it gets to the correct person.

Congratulations to our new leaseholders, Chuck and Suzanne Sommerville, Lot 120

Marjorie Fisher, Lot 120, left the park.



**THE CACTUS WRENS
PRESENT**

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AUCTION

Saturday, December 3
Starring Bob Kok and Mary Bertzyk

Gather your new or "re-gifted" items (no baked goods for this auction), Please tag them with your name and lot # and take them to Carol Bezdeka, lot 177 or Linda Coughenower, lot 200

FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

Ingrid Kruegel

Welcome home everyone. A special welcome goes to JAN HUGGINS who was recuperating from a broken leg sustained while helping with Spring Fling last season. Thank you, Jan, for getting a crew together to take down the Spring Fling decorations and for putting up the Halloween decorations in the Clubhouse.

Dave and Linda Mirenec have been filling the refrigerator with goodies and sodas. This task is now being done by Chuck and Donnel Puckett.

The Neiman Marcus table has been tended by Jerry Junker this past summer. He has help from Nona Rowton and the Mirenics. So to all of you we say thank you, thank you, thank you.

Please stop and take a look at the showcase in the Clubhouse and see the beautiful crafts displayed by various people.

Kim Martindale, your new Clubhouse Co-chair, and I look forward to a fun and exciting season. Keep tuned to Channel 5 to find out what we have in store for you.



Helping Hands

Carole Melander

Thank you very much to all who extended a helping hand over the summer. We needed a few of them. We seem to get busier every summer. I hope you appreciate them as much as I do.

Last spring I had some EMTs ask me why everyone in the park didn't have a Vial of Life. They said it helps them so much when they are called. Do you have one and if so, is it up to date? Watch for the Vial of Life box at Chat with the Board.

Helping Hands has a monthly coordinator whose name and phone number are on the back of your calendar and also on Channel 5.



We have many services to offer those needing help for a short period of time such as meals, light housekeeping, laundry, grocery shopping, and pet walking. We have a lending closet with wheel chairs, walkers, stool risers, shower chairs and a few unusual items. The monthly coordinator will help you with any of those needs. We also coordinate memorial programs in the Clubhouse. Some of you have donated Depends. If you find you need those personal items, call Carole Melander at 520-586-7092 or 512-944-6641.

Helping Hands is also the Sunshine Team so if you know someone who needs a greeting card, call the monthly coordinator. We would rather have too many calls than none.

Have you had your flu shot? Flu shots are available at Safeway, The Medicine Shoppe and Walmart. Medicare covers the cost.



Foster Children and Seniors' Christmas Gifts

The kick off for our fund raiser will be in November and end Thanksgiving Day. Watch for the date on Channel 5. I have already made contact with them. They are excited. We will continue this heart warming project.

OTHER PARK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chorus and Channel 43

Norma Taylor

Chorus begins on October 24 with rehearsal time 10:15-11:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays (right after Flexercise). Norma goofed with the wrong time in last month's newsletter.



Please join us if you enjoy singing. We will be rehearsing for two programs in December. You do not need to read music. We'll help you learn the music. The only prerequisite is for you

to have the desire to sing, and plan to attend as many rehearsals as possible.

Questions? Norma, Lot 44 520-586-0114

Last month I promised to tell you what Channel 43 committee members do. Typical tasks are:

Production people: Secure content, modify as necessary and package content for broadcast.

Scheduling and Daily Operations Content

Review: Committee members discuss programming suggestions, screen submitted material for content when material is in question for suitability, help with video taping of events. The Committee has many tasks, and there is something for most everyone. Join us. Watch Channel 5 for meeting dates.

Norma Taylor, Secretary



Co-op Yard Sale

Saturday, November 12, 8:00 A. M. - Noon
Pat Horat

The Co-op yard sale, held in November, has been a tradition for many years. We always hold it on the same weekend as the big program at the Monastery in St. David and the craft sale at the Presbyterian Church in Benson.

Our yard sale friends love to come here and wander the streets and Clubhouse looking for those big bargains. Won't you join us and make this a big year for your own lot sale or by donating items to the Cactus Wrens for their sale on the porch and in the Clubhouse?

We will also be selling coffee and donuts and some people will have their crafts for sale in the Clubhouse. Those selling **MUST** be residing in the park during the sale and items **MUST** be homemade.

If you have items to donate to the Wrens please bring them to the Clubhouse porch Friday, November 11 after 10:00 A.M. This is one of the ways for us to earn money to purchase items for the Clubhouse and pay for entertainment and Park improvements.



There will be a presale for our residents Friday afternoon from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Questions?

Pat Bunselmeier Lot 136 or Pat Horat Lot 150.

Valley Crafter's Show and Sale

Fellowship Hall, Presbyterian Church
590 S. Huachuca St., Benson
(Watch for signs in town.)

Thursday, November 10 5P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Friday, November 11 9A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, November 12 9A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

There will be a variety of crafts and delicious baked goods.

Questions to Ruby Riddle 520-586-1908



Annual Diabetes Class

Fellowship Hall, Presbyterian Church
590 S. Huachuca St., Benson

This is a free 12-hour course that is good for anyone who has diabetes, is peripatetic or at risk of getting diabetes. It starts Wednesday, January 18, 2012 and every Wednesday for six weeks. The first class starts with registration and getting acquainted at 9:30 A.M. If you wish to walk, Ann usually takes all the walkers for a mile walk at that time. There are flyers in the Clubhouse and also in the office. Some new medications have been released by the FDA this year. You may learn about them. Ann is a Certified Educator; MS and RN. She teaches an American Diabetes Association Approved Curriculum. If you have to miss a class, you can return whenever you wish. You are getting this message early so that you may be able to schedule your doctor's appointments on a different day. You learn more if you are able to attend every class.

Questions to Ruby Riddle 520-586-1908

BEST PLACE TO LIVE

*Jan Huggins
Lot 212*

SKP Saguaro Co-op is by far the place!

Where else would you have at least a dozen people running into your yard answering a call for help within 15 seconds, a call made to 911, and a neighbor to follow the ambulance to Tucson, stay all day, and return to visit several times in the next few days? Friends and neighbors visiting the nursing home later, bringing mail and personal belongings, etc. Numerous people visiting, some who don't really know you very well, bringing flowers and small gifts. Volunteers building a ramp from your door to aid in access to and from your home. Upon returning home, a loan of a golf cart for access to park facilities, and offers of transportation to and from town, etc., including transporting arriving family to and from the airport in Tucson. Of course, there is the Medical Equipment Closet, and loan of a wheelchair/walker from an empathetic neighbor.

This is just one of many, many stories like this happening in this park all the time, and that is what makes it the best place to be. I love my SKP Family, and want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped my story develop to a successful conclusion, and to all of you who have expressed your concern, and pleasure at my recovery. Thank you all, and God Bless!

A couple were debating what vehicle to purchase next.
He wanted a truck. She wanted a fast sports car.
She said, look, I want something that will go from 0 to 200
in less than four seconds. My birthday is coming up. Surprise me!
So he did.
He gave her a brand new bathroom scale!

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