



GVC News



Our Unsung Heroes

"What truly makes Green Valley special isn't just where we live, but the people who choose to show up for it." Strong communities aren't built by chance - they are built by neighbors who choose to step forward and serve. Green Valley doesn't just "happen". At the heart of the Green Valley community are neighbors who quietly give of their time, their energy, and their care - simply because they love where they live and they believe that we have a shared responsibility to our community.

Green Valley thrives because ordinary neighbors choose to do something extraordinary - show up for one another. Behind every meeting, every decision, and every shared space in Green Valley is a volunteer who chose service over silence. The true distinction of Green Valley is not just in the community we call home but in the dedicated residents whose contributions sustain our community's resilience.

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President's Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Home Title Fraud petition drive - it was highly successful. We will submit the 1,822 signatures to Pima County officials, Arizona Legislative District 19 officials, and our federal representative and senators.

Applications for our GVC wildfire mitigation grants are due by Thursday, April 16. This program is funded through a generous contribution from Freeport-McMoRan - please call with any questions. In conjunction with this effort, we were able to supply three roll-off dumpsters located at the Abrego Trailhead, Canoa Hills Trails Park, and CPAC resulting in almost 5,000 pounds of invasive plants and wildfire fuel cleared from GV.

Your Council now holds a seat on the Pima County 30-Year Transportation Master Plan Committee, which will conduct outreach through 2027. Visit movingpima.com for more information or to provide your input.

Thank you,

Debbie Kenyon



Supervisor's Corner

Supervisor Steve Christy
Pima County Board of Supervisors
District 4

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Our Unsung Heroes, continued

On March 26 of this year, 97 men and women stepped up to affirm a commitment to their communities. New HOA Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Representatives took the position trainings offered by the GVC. A total of 97 dedicated individuals stepped forward to provide essential leadership and service, for the benefit of their neighbors and their HOAs.

We talk often of our personal and collective responsibility to our community. We talk often of expressing our gratitude to the men and women who step forward and give back. You are our unsung heroes. Thank you for all that you do.

-The Green Valley Council has an open Member-at-Large position on our Executive Committee. If you are interested in this position or would like information about other volunteer positions in the community, contact our office at 520-648-1936 or at info@gvcouncil.org.

Supervisor's Corner

I could hear it all the way down here in my office downtown. The collective sigh of relief from many of us in the community now that the RTA Next election is over.

No one is breathing easier than the supporters of the RTA Next measures, and those now serving on the RTA Board of Directors, especially since both propositions passed decisively. As someone who was involved intimately with the creation of the original RTA plan back in 2005, I too, am glad that it passed.

I have watched the RTA's transportation enhancements and roadway improvements for the past 20 years and can confidently say that our region has greatly benefited by having the RTA and its completed and proposed projects, and can't imagine where we would be without having the RTA.

I do understand however the feelings behind those who were against the RTA renewal. The City of Tucson's shenanigans and threats to leave the RTA were beyond annoying. Their "pick up our marbles and go home" attitude if they didn't get what they wanted caused great disruptions. Unfinished projects did not help matters either. Add to that the City's vision of transportation goals which clashed with the original intent of the RTA.

Clearly, those who were against renewing the RTA were motivated in many cases by the fear that City of Tucson leaders would inflict negative consequences on the whole plan. I understand. I called for a "Plan B" back in 2022 when the City was threatening to bail out of the RTA, and back then, I welcomed the opportunity to have a Tucson-free RTA plan.

Hopefully, all of the drama is now behind us and we can be thankful that major projects throughout our region can move forward for all of our benefit.



Tied to the RTA Next election were the changes in how we voted: Countywide mail-in voting – a first - without the exterior "privacy envelope", another first, which caused the exposure of private information including our signatures.

We heard many concerns from throughout District 4 over these drastic changes. Toss in the debut of the new "Votemobile" - which came as something of a surprise - late in the election period, with little description of its utility, implementation, or deployment.

Our office has requested After Action Reports from both the Pima County Recorder and the Pima County Elections Director addressing these and other election related issues, which they will present to the Board in April. We hope to get illuminating answers.

GVC Standing Committees

Citizen Corps Emergency Response Committee

On March 14, the 4th Annual First Responders Safety Fair was held at Historic Canoa Ranch. It was an opportunity to thank our first responders. Our community partners were there to interact with the attendees. The Santa Rita Fire District, the Pima County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit, and Trico Electric gave large demonstrations. The Kids Zone had fun safety activities. A bald eagle and a blackhawk (helicopter) flew in for the festivities.

Safety Tips: the SRFD responded to 61 rattlesnake calls in February. Snakes, Gila Monsters, and Javelina may be interesting to watch, but they can be extremely dangerous. Please keep your distance. Distracted driving is an ongoing concern in our community. During February, the SRFD responded to 16 motor vehicle accidents. Please follow the traffic laws and pay attention when you are driving. You must be a defensive driver in Green Valley. Keeping hydrated is extremely important in Green Valley, so always keep water with you. If you are going to hike in the area, please take heat into consideration, make sure that you know where to hike, have the proper shoes, and plenty of water. The Pima County Sheriff's Department and Santa Rita Fire District do not want to have to rescue you.

The 4th Annual Monsoon Madness Forum is on June 4th at CPAC. Monsoon seasons can be mild, but heavy rains can hit at any time. This forum will teach you what to do to prepare for the rain and what to do during and after heavy rainstorms. This is an important forum to keep our community safe.

CCER Committee meetings are on the third Tuesday every month at 11AM in the GVC office.

Environmental Committee

AIR and LAND! When one thinks of the Environment, three things come to mind: Air, Land, and Water. During the past month, the GVC had very good discussions/forums on two of these topics. In early March, the GVC coordinated the Green Valley Land Stewardship Workshop which was held at Historic Canoa Ranch. Presenters included individuals from Pima County Flood Control, Pima County Conservation Lands & Resources, the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum, and the U of A Cooperative Extension. The presenters did a great job of describing what their organizations do in the Green Valley area to minimize erosion issues and to protect our riparian ecosystems. This was followed by a discussion of invasive plant species; particularly Buffelgrass and Fountain Grass, as well as hands-on training on how to effectively remove Buffelgrass. The GVC recently received two grants to assist member HOAs in removing Buffelgrass. We hope to leverage these grants to secure even more funding.

At the March GVC Board of Representatives meeting, Natalie Shepp, from the Pima County Environmental Quality Department, gave an overview of air quality issues in Pima County and particularly in the Green Valley area. Of the most significant air quality issues, the most significant in Green Valley is ground-level Ozone (the other two are dust and smoke). Ozone becomes more of an issue as temperatures rise. To help minimize your exposure to poor air quality, Natalie recommends signing up for Pima County's Air Quality Action Day Alerts at: www.pima.gov/481/Air-Quality-Forecasts-and-Action-Days.

Committee meetings are on the second Tuesday every other month at 10AM in the GVC office.

GVC Standing Committees

Parks Advisory Committee

The Pima County Parks & Recreation Master Plan is complete. It was announced at the Pima County Parks Commissioners' meeting that Green Valley will be getting a dog park at the Canoa Preserve Park on Camino de la Canoa. Some of you may have participated in the public comment period regarding the park. Both large and small breeds will be accommodated. Planning is underway and construction is slated to begin in April.

Pima County Conservation Lands and Resources (CLR) department is currently interviewing for a new site manager at Historic Canoa Ranch. Our good friend, Matt Roberts, accepted a well-deserved promotion to Parks Superintendent and will now oversee Historic Canoa Ranch, Agua Caliente Park, and Tucson Mountain Park.

CLR has requested funding in the 26/27 county budget to implement Phases I&II of the proposed RV park and Rodeo Training Grounds on the south end of Historic Canoa Ranch. We will provide more information about planning and scope as the process continues.

The monthly volunteer workday at Canoa Hills Trails Park will continue through April and then resume in the fall. Thank you to all the volunteers and the neighboring HOAs that have supported and participated in these events to help keep the Canoa Hills Trails Park clean and vibrant.

Remember our Committee meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30AM in the GVC office.

Health & Human Services Committee

Both United Community Health Care (UCHC) and Northwest Hospital Sahuarita have continued to grow their staff. UCHC has a new Internal Medicine Practitioner and Nurse Practitioner. Northwest Hospital has added a new surgeon, hospital robots, and a cardiologist to their roster. Both organizations continue to monitor the growing healthcare needs of the community.

Three measles cases were documented and reported by the Pima County Health Department. Their wastewater monitoring program is asking the state to include measles in their monitoring protocol. While the state is actively monitoring this, Arizona is not considered a hotspot. Wastewater concentration levels for both COVID and Flu have been much lower this respiratory season, with a slight uptick during the holidays. Current wastewater testing focuses on Influenza A&B, COVID, and RSV.

Please remember that the GVC hosts the Pima County Health Mobile Clinic at our office on the first Thursday of every month. They offer services such as blood pressure checks, A1C testing, mental health support, vaccinations, and resources for healthy aging. -Next clinic date April 2nd-

HHS Committee meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month, 1:30PM in the GVC office.

GVC Standing Committees


HOA Relations Committee

REALLY ANGRY AT YOUR HOA? DISSOLUTION?

(The easiest way to dissolve your HOA [it is a corporation] is to fail to file the required documents with the State of Arizona. Failing to file also risks your 501(c) tax filing status. Both are expensive to re-acquire)

After you have settled into your wonderful new home, the first thing you might want to do is change something. The home is painted a desert beige, and you decide that you want to paint your home a bright pink to honor your daughter's favorite color. Because you have read your CC&Rs, you realize that you must ask your HOA for permission to repaint the home. But you then find out that your color choices are limited, and that pink is a prohibited color. You make proper appeals to the Board and/or Arc Committee for an exemption. Your request is strongly denied - no pink! Now you are furious at your HOA. How can they take away my right to paint my house the color of my choice? You talk to your neighbors and they all support your position. Then a plan emerges to dissolve the HOA to restore your freedom of choice.

Is dissolution even possible? Yes, it can happen, but you will not like the result. The restrictions contained in your CC&Rs run with the land. If you are successful in dissolving your HOA, the restrictive covenants remain in place.

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Traffic & Arroyos Committee

Want to improve traffic safety in your neighborhood? Upon request, the Traffic & Arroyos Committee will install traffic radar signs in GVC member HOAs that will collect traffic data and prepare a comprehensive report that includes vehicle speeds, traffic volume, and other important data for your use in regulating excessive speed and congestion. During the three-week deployment, the solar powered radar sign will flash the incoming vehicle speed and correspondingly apprise the driver to slow down or alternatively flash a "Thank You" for those obeying the designated speed limit on that roadway. All at no cost to GVC member HOAs.

The GVC Traffic & Arroyos Committee works with Pima County and the State of Arizona departments of transportation, as well as other regional transportation and infrastructure entities, to ensure that Green Valley roads, infrastructure, and arroyos are well-maintained and that public transportation is preserved for our residents.

The GVC maintains a proprietary work order system for GVC member HOAs to report issues that need attention and then the Committee follows up on the status of each request to ensure timely completion of projects.

Our monthly meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM at the Green Valley Council office and are open to all of our member HOAs.

GVC Standing Committees

HOA Relations Committee

REALLY ANGRY AT YOUR HOA? DISSOLUTION?, continued

But, if the HOA is dissolved, so what? Who can enforce the covenants? The answer is that no one will be able to enforce them. You are then free! But what happens to the HOA's common property, like your clubhouse or tennis courts? After dissolution, you could get a court order granting you an undivided share of the HOA common property. If your HOA has 300 units, that would mean that you would own 1/300 of each piece of the common property. Does that have any value? But when our HOA is dissolved, who or what entity would maintain the common property, the clubhouse, tennis courts, and your private roads? No one person or entity would have the power to collect funds from the ex-members. Voluntary requests for donations may be made (good luck with that). Your HOA is the only legal entity that can charge and collect the necessary funds to maintain your common property.

So think carefully before going down the dissolution path.

Planning & Architecture Committee

The GVC Planning & Architecture Committee serves to review the future use of property in Green Valley (Planning), the regulation and specific use of the land by ordinances (Zoning), and Architecture and Site Planning considerations of new developments. The committee ensures that new development and redevelopment projects enhance the community while remaining compatible with Green Valley's unique local priorities—including flood control, native plant preservation, traffic flow, and topographic integrity. By maintaining close partnerships with Pima County Development Services, the Regional Flood Control District, and other key agencies, the committee works to ensure all growth is managed responsibly and serves the long-term interests of our residents.

The committee meets as required by current projects or pending applications - notifications to the community are sent out by the GVC office ahead of any scheduled meetings or public hearings.

Upcoming GVC/Partner Events

April 2	10:00-2:00	Pima County Mobile Health Clinic	GVC Office
April 2	9:30-11:00	Public Water Meeting	Sahuarita Town Hall
April 18	8:00-Noon	GVS Chamber Shred-a-Thon	Continental Shopping Plaza
May 7	10:00-2:00	Pima County Mobile Health Clinic	GVC Office
June 4	10:00-Noon	4th Annual Monsoon Madness Forum	CPAC Green Valley

To register or for more information: 520-648-1936 | info@gvcouncil.org

Standing Committee Monthly Meetings

Citizen Corps Emergency Response	2nd Tuesday	11:00	GVC Conference Room
Environmental Committee	E/O Month	10:00	GVC Conference Room
Health & Human Services	1st Tuesday	1:30	GVC Conference Room
CLR Parks Advisory Committee	2nd Tuesday	9:30	GVC Conference Room
Traffic & Arroyos Committee	2nd Wednesday	9:30	GVC Conference Room
Planning & Architecture	As Announced	----	-----

Ongoing Events & Resources

Pima Council on Aging in GV

PCOA now has regular office hours at the Green Valley Council. Take part in these valuable no-cost programs to enhance your long-term wellness.

Schedule is as follows:

- First Wednesday - Dementia Capable Southern AZ, providing support & resources for caregivers and those navigating dementia and Alzheimers
- Second Wednesday - Family Caregiver Services, assistance for anyone providing care for a loved one
- Third Wednesday - Medicare Counseling, providing free, unbiased help with all things Medicare, including savings
- Fourth Wednesday - Rights & Benefits, providing assistance with community resources and issues
- Fifth Wednesday - Rotating Services, call for info

To make an appointment call: 520-790-7262

PCOA is in Green Valley on Wednesdays!
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

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PCOA
Aging well for life

Your health and wellness is important

In collaboration with the Pima County Health Department, the Green Valley Council is pleased to host Mobile Health Clinics at our office on the first Thursday of every month. Medical professionals will be on-site to provide essential services, including blood pressure screenings, A1C testing, mental health resources, and guidance on healthy aging. We invite all residents to take advantage of this comprehensive community resource as we work together to support the continued well-being of Green Valley.

Let's work together to keep Green Valley healthy, active, and thriving!

- Next Clinic Day: Thursday, April 2nd-

Pima County Mobile Clinic at The Green Valley Council

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Annual Events

Join us for these great upcoming events.
Registration required for Monsoon Madness.

4th Annual First Responders Fair

A huge thank you to everyone in the Green Valley community who joined us for the Fourth Annual First Responders Public Safety Fair! Your enthusiastic participation made this year's event a standout success and truly highlighted the strong bond between our residents and those who work so hard to keep us safe. Please know that we are already looking ahead; we are working diligently to ensure that next year's milestone fifth anniversary is our biggest and best yet. We are actively expanding our outreach to bring you even more expert exhibitors, dynamic live demonstrations, and interactive family activities. We can't wait to share what's in store for 2027!



4th Annual Monsoon Madness Forum

The Green Valley Council will be hosting the 4th annual Monsoon Madness Forum on June 4, 2026, at the Green Valley Community Performance and Art Center "CPAC" (1250 W Continental Road).

All Southern Arizona residents—new and established—are encouraged to attend our informative forum on monsoon preparedness. We will cover the essentials of the monsoon season and detail critical safety measures you can implement before the storms arrive, actions to take during severe weather, and steps for staying safe after the storms pass.



Fourth Annual Monsoon Madness Forum

All Green Valley residents -new and established- are invited to attend our integrative forum on monsoon preparedness. We will cover the essentials of the monsoon season and detail critical safety measures you can implement before the storms arrive, actions to take during the severe weather, and steps for staying safe after the storms pass. Seating is limited, so please register now.

June 4 2026
10AM - Noon
CPAC Green Valley

