

THE HIGHLANDS FLING

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March 2024

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MARCH EVENTS

Tues. - March 12th

Food Truck and Country Band
4:30 pm

Wed.- March 13th

Men's Breakfast
8 am

Saturday- March 16th

Pancake Breakfast
7:30 am

Wed.- March 20th

Open Board Meeting
10 am

Tues.- March 26th

Outdoor Concert
2 pm

Thurs.- March 28th

International Luncheon
11:15

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Golf Banquet
4:30 pm

INTERNATIONAL LUNCH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN LUNCH AND MEETING NEW PEOPLE. MEN AND WOMEN are welcome. Husband and wife or singles, come join us! March 28th, Thursday. Relaxed, family-friendly spot offering Native American fare such as red or green chile popovers. (FRY BREAD) Sign up in the clubhouse. Meet at the clubhouse at 11:15 and we will carpool to the restaurant. Hope to see you there!

Suzan Wilkinson

OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Open Board meeting will be held March 20th at 10:00 a.m. Please submit agenda items by Monday, March 11th.

BEAT ON THE STREET

From Neighborhood Watch: Dear neighbors, as you know, we are still striving to participate in the safety of our neighborhood, and part of that responsibility is conveying information to the rest of our community. Oro Valley Police have informed us that OV has had an increase in home invasions, some of them in broad daylight. Please don't leave car or home doors unlocked, even in the daytime, although the perpetrators seem to be targeting homes with absent residents (So don't make it obvious you're not here if you're seasonal). This is why if you see a solicitor or other strange person in the area, please call 911 immediately. The police are there to protect us and have

insisted over and over that they would rather have it be a false alarm than have you endanger yourself by trying to interact with strangers, or even leaving your home to try to take photos of strange vehicles. Recently a truck and motorcycle were parked across from the clubhouse, around midnight, with two persons fleeing on foot. At some point they returned and abandoned the stolen truck nearby, escaping on the motorcycle, fleeing from the police. The police are not yet sure what tie they might have to the Highlands, but the perpetrators, a man and woman were caught and are apparently from the Phoenix area. This summer we had lawn furniture and decor stolen over the summer, cacti stolen from our beautiful landscaping and now this. Police also informed us that a perpetrator was seen looking into windows at night again. They used drones and helicopters but were not able to find them. The police have done middle of the night 'wellness checks' in the past couple of weeks because of suspicious activity in the community. Many of you have reached out to say there

seem to be a lot more 'unknown' persons in the area. Please be aware of your surroundings at all times and call 911 at once if you feel there is something suspicious happening. There has been an increase in volunteer patrol persons seen in our community, and late-night police patrols have been scanning the neighborhood with spotlights recently. We are on a heightened alert to possible crime right now. That said, we could really use some help to increase the members patrolling our neighborhood. Even if you are an early morning walker or casual golf cart rider and are willing to notify the police and Neighborhood Watch of any suspicious persons or activity so we can keep on top of problems here at the Highlands, we could use your participation. Even once a week would lighten the load of others. OV Police have stepped up their patrols, and we would like to help be their eyes and ears because we know better than anyone what is normal and suspicious in our community. If you would like to help out with our Neighborhood Watch, please call: Elizabeth Hinds or Terry Reagan. We will also put a sign-up sheet in the poker room.

HIGHLANDS HIKERS!

Save these dates for some springtime hikes! Fridays-March 1st, 15th and 29th. See details and hike locations in the clubhouse in the sign-up area. Contact Cheryl Stafford with questions.

CLUCK, CLUCK, CLUCK!!

Chicken and karaoke again. Join us Sunday, March 17th, at 5:00 pm for Chicken and Karaoke/Sing-Along. Join your friends and neighbors for a nice chicken meal, then stick around to help entertain or be entertained by those same friends and neighbors. Only \$5.00 each will get you fried chicken, potato wedges, salad, and coffee (or bring your own beverage). Please sign up in the poker room so we know how much to buy. Don't forget to **bring your own table service**. Also, we'll give you 4 chances to win back your \$5.00 with a few trivia questions. See you there.

HIGHLANDS BOOK CLUB

meets March 11 at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse. Come share a favorite book related to Ireland: history, travel, biography, an Irish setting or by an Irish author. This is Informal conversation. No signup needed.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next men's breakfast will be on March 13th, 2024, at the Ole Mexican Grill located at 2080 W Orange Grove Rd. The sign-up sheet is located in the Clubhouse. Please sign up by March 11th so that I may give the restaurant an accurate headcount ... 25 were present for the February breakfast.

The restaurant opens at 8AM.
See you there!!
Steve Horst

ARTS AND CRAFTS SPRING FLOWER ARRANGING

Spring Flower Arranging
Did you ever buy flowers at the store, bring them home and plunk them in a vase only to think something is lacking in the arrangement? Come and join us on Monday, March 11 at 1:00 in the Resource Room to learn how to arrange them. Bring one or two bunches of mixed spring flowers, your own vase, and a sharp knife. I personally like to get my flowers from Trader Joe's. The class is free, but please sign up in the clubhouse. If you have any questions, call Patti Triplett at 520-887-4120.

YOUR CHANCE COULD CHANGE A LIFE

Tere'Nuñez is a volunteer at NEW LIFE PREGNANCY CENTER where free services are offered such as pregnancy testing, parenting classes, ultrasounds, peer counseling, material assistance. Each parent who attends a parenting class receives "BABY BUCKS" which they can use to purchase new and gently used items in their Baby Boutique. New Life is providing hope and care to those facing a pregnancy, planned or unplanned, through Christ centered ministries.

When you see the giant baby bottle Tere' is carrying around, please remember...YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE. You can contact Tere'@520-647-1166 if you have any questions or donations.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/01 Colleen Nolan
3/02 Jan Gates
3/05 Joann Leider
3/09 Jeanie Weihl
3/10 Darlene Sand
3/11 Kay Delong
3/13 Barbara Moe
3/19 Dan Wojdyla
3/24 Lela Krohn
3/28 Tony Springer

CARDS SENT

Willis Jackson – Get Well
Ken Swearingen- Get Well
I want to thank the generosity and thoughtfulness of those who donated their cards to me. I do so appreciate your kindness. - Marijln Staley

H.O.R.A.C NEWS

The 1st Highlands Olympics was enjoyed by all who participated. Consensus was "Let's do it again next year." Upcoming events include: March 1st Hikers meet at the clubhouse at 8:30 and then carpool. Check signup sheet in the clubhouse. The H.O.R.A.C. committee meeting will be held in the Resource room on Thursday, March 7th at 1 pm. Tan/Tunes at 2 on March 26th, "Cochise County All-Stars."

HIGHLANDS ARTISAN AND CRAFT MARKET

Come see on Saturday,

March 9th the Craft Market. Adjusted time 9 am-1 pm. This market is an opportunity to showcase all the wonderful talent we have in The Highlands Community.

FOOD TRUCK OPPORTUNITY

We're trying something new for the Highlands, so on March 12th we'll have 'Black Market BBQ' on site to serve up some delicious food. There is a sheet in the poker room that we're asking you to review and place a "tally mark" by what items you'd be interested in eating that night. And there are two ways to enjoy this meal: 1) you buy a \$5 ticket for the **Clear Country Western Band** that will be playing from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and bring your food into the clubhouse to eat or 2) after you purchase your meal you can enjoy it at your home. The food truck will be on site and ready to serve dinners at 4:30 p.m. and leave the Highlands around 5:45 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale at every event we have and always at the social hour on Friday nights. Jamie will be selling them by the north patio door, so you don't have to stay. He'll also be selling them at Tuesday coffee, Saturday Coffee Chat, Sunday bingo or you can stop by 202 Appalachian St. and pickup a ticket or two!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The pancake breakfast will be held on March 16th from 7 am

to 9:30 am. 2 pancakes, 2 sausage patties, scrambled eggs, potatoes, orange juice and coffee. \$7.00 per person. For tickets, call Bernie Lee 520-409-8709

PIZZA PAN HANGER

March 25th, pizza pan hanger! join us for a new craft, we will have supplies to decorate your painted pizza pan hanger, spring/summer, patriotic, or watermelon! The cost will be \$7.00, includes pan, plus different embellishments. Sharon Dennis, teacher, limit 10, sign up early, as supplies need to be purchased!

KUDOS CORNER

HORAC put on a very "Professional Olympics", the very FIRST! Everyone on the team needs a big THANK YOU. There was the Olympics Torch, Our American Flag and all the participating teams in sections as they marched into the arena, the first 4 person team competition at the Miniature Golf, then besides them was the shuffle board, 4 person team, then there was the Corn Hole, scores tallied and the grand finale at the Bocce Ball Court to determine the Grand first place Prize, with awards handed out to second place, and WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS song playing, refreshments and snacks to all competing. A very well organized first Highlands Outdoor Recreation Activity.

MARKETPLACE

Residents can buy/sell/items or services to other residents of the Highlands.

This section is for bartering or marketing from neighbor to neighbor in the Highlands.

Your item will be listed for one month, and if you want it continued or changed you must email me before our 3rd week of the month production. *CROSEHIGHLANDS23@GMAIL.COM* and put Marketplace in subject line.

Drywall repairs:

Install drywall. Tape, Texture and finish.
44 years experience.

Lenny Beyer 847-417-9684

For Sale: Schwinn recumbent exercise bike.

I paid \$450, virtually new, reduced price – \$130. Text Rich Vertel at 847-431-0232.

..... **VOLUNTEERS make our world go round!**

We've had various examples of our volunteers at work. And thanks to them we have fun activities and experiences in our neighborhood. It took an army of volunteers to organize and display the White Elephant Sale. Special KUDOS to Jamie and Steve Horst - I saw them working for days ahead of time in the Clubhouse.

Thanks to the pool coverer/uncoverers too - At this time of year. It is very important to get that pool covered in the evening - as the temperatures drop down into the 40s at night here still. So please follow through.

And - the Highlands Olympics - what a fun, mammoth undertaking that was. That was a ton of fun put on by the HORAC committee volunteers.

And The Winner Is...well everyone won that day. But there were medals handed out to:

FIRST PLACE: *the dark horse dingos* team – with Chuck Ardingo, Nancy Clark and Rick and Shari Sanders.

SECOND PLACE: *the no names* team – Al and Mary Rausch and Danny and Joyce Emory

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This section is a communication between the board and our residents, plus a Marketplace to list sale/rent/trade/services in the neighborhood.

THIRD PLACE: The team – *'the real winners'* – Reed Snell, Don Hall, Alicia Gatti and Teri Sebastian.

FREE CONCERT by RUKUS, a group of neighbors comprised of Dennis Thate and Brian Tomac and company, was fun and well attended. A beautiful day at the pool! THANK YOU!

We applaud everyone for creating the fun.

REMEMBER - any of these committees always could use volunteers. The Neighborhood Watch group could use more volunteers right now, calling night owls, and day-time folks as well. As the summer approaches, people in this group have helped during day times, like helping someone who had fallen in their yards, seen water leaks or checked on general welfare – as well as monitor scoundrels and interface with Oro Valley police, as Elizabeth wrote in her column. Please contact Elizabeth Hinds or Terry Reagan or sign up on the sheet in poker room.

TREE DONATIONS. And a big thank you to the following people who donated to our Memorial Tree Project.

The Scantlans led off the rally right away with a generous donation. They were followed by the Keilmans, Charlotte Marshall, Ken Kemerling, Dee Farris-Morelli, Jan and Curt Hagen, the Pickars, the Dennis', the Tomacs, Kathy Kouzmanoff and Bob Wallace.

RAINS BRING WEEDS, WEEDS WEEDS

We had about 2-1/2" of rain in Feb. It's been a very rainy winter! Please be aware and stay on top of the weeds on your property. If you need help with referrals, please contact someone on the board. Thanks.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Hiking 8:30 am Social Hour 4 pm Games 5 pm	2 Texas Hold'em 2 pm Clubhouse Rented 6 pm
3 Bingo 2 pm	4 Pickleball 9 am Clubhouse Rented 1 pm Arts & Crafts 1 pm Ping Pong 6:30 pm	5 Coffee 8 am Riverfront Yoga 10 am Texas Hold'em 2 pm	6 Chair Yoga 11 am Hand & Foot 1 pm Gourds 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	7 Pickleball 9 am Riverfront Yoga 10 am HORAC Meeting 1 pm Quilters 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	8 Social Hour 4 pm Games 5 pm	9 Coffee Chat & Craft Fair 9 am Texas Hold'em 2 pm
10 Bingo 2 pm	11 Pickleball 9 am Hand & Foot 1 pm Arts & Crafts 1 pm Ping Pong 6:30 pm	12 Coffee 8 am Riverfront Yoga 10 am Texas Hold'em 2 pm FOOD TRUCK & Country Bar 4:30 pm	13 Men's Breakfast 8 am All Faiths 9:15 am Chair Yoga 11 am Hand & Foot 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	14 Pickleball 9 am Riverfront Yoga 10 am Quilters 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	15 Hiking 8:30 am Social Meeting 9 am Social Hour 4 pm Games 5 pm	16 Pancake Breakfast 7:30 am Clubhouse Rented 3 pm
17 St. Patrick's Day Bingo 2 pm Karaoke 5 pm	18 Pickleball 9 am Hand & Foot 1 pm Arts & Crafts 1 pm Ping Pong 6:30 pm	19 Coffee 8 am Riverfront Yoga 10 am Texas Hold'em 2 pm Clubhouse Rented 5 pm	20 Board Meeting 10 am Hand & Foot 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	21 Pickleball 9 am Riverfront Yoga 10 am Quilters 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	22 Social Hour 4 pm Games 5 pm	23 Coffee Chat 9 am Texas Hold'em 2 pm
24 Bingo 2 pm	25 Pickleball 9 am Hand & Foot 1 pm Arts & Crafts 1 pm Ping Pong 6:30 pm	26 Coffee 8 am Riverfront Yoga 10 am Texas Hold'em 2 pm Outdoor Concert 2 pm	27 All Faiths 9:15 am Chair Yoga 11 am Hand & Foot 1 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	28 Pickle Ball 9 am Riverfront Yoga 10 am International Lunch 11:15 Quilters 1 pm Golf Banquet 4:30 pm Poker & Games 5:30 pm	29 Good Friday Hiking 8:30 am Social Hour 4 pm Games 5 pm	30 Texas Hold'em 2 pm
31 Easter		Notes			All Activities Held in the Clubhouse/Pool EXCEPT: Green= Resource Room Red= Off Site Activity	