President's Corner
by Lynn Snyder

To ensure we comply with the recent AZ Governor’s Executive Order that impacts “Pausing of AZ Reopening - Slowing the Spread of COVID-19”, along with adherence to health and safety organizations, the clubhouse and pool will continue with Phase I of the Amenities & Facilities Reopening Plan Guidelines. Phase I restricts meetings at the clubhouse to no more than ten persons that achieve social distancing and restricts our 25 persons at the pool from congregating in groups greater than ten in one area in or outside the pool. More than ten swimmers can be in the pool at one time, but they need to spread out. As more information becomes available, the YHHOA Board of Directors (Board) will continue to evaluate requirements in preparation for Phase II, where larger groups will be able to meet in the clubhouse.

Through the diligence of Marty Trembly, YHHOA Firewise Committee Chairperson, and the recommendation of the Firewise Committee, the Board recently approved a USDA National Resources Conservation Resources (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Project (EQIP) two-year contract for Firewise services in five phases. The contract provides the services of a professional forester who will guide the work over the next two years and will work with our selected vendor to provide the defined work effort. As previously noted by Marty, two phases will deal with trees in common areas near the HOA Clubhouse and earlier unit/phases of the Community. The other phases focus on common areas that are mainly shrubby chaparral. The purpose of this contract,

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Getting To Know You
By Virginia Beidelman

Meet Brad and Kris Parsons

I first met Kris at a monthly Flute Circle meeting. Much later, I attended the Craft Show at the clubhouse, and there was Kris at a table selling her colorful wares. The more we visited, the more I was convinced that here was an energetic, interesting lady I would like to get to know better. I was thrilled when she and Brad consented to be interviewed for a Roundup “Getting to Know You” article.

Kris was born in Washington, D.C. to parents who had met during WW II. Her Dad grew up on the West Coast, and her Mom was born in Germany and raised in New York City. Kris and family spent two years living near a naval base in Rota, Spain. That offered opportunities for travel in Europe, including visits to her Mom's relatives in northern Germany. When Kris' Dad retired, the family settled in northern Virginia. She attended the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, including a year abroad in Freiburg, Germany.

After college, Kris married and moved to Richmond where she worked for a health

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Insurance company. When her son, Peter, started school, she began working with insurance claims at a physician’s office. She volunteered at Peter’s elementary school, and was hired as a library assistant at a newly-opened middle school. Peter was a Boy Scout, so Kris volunteered as an Assistant Scoutmaster, went camping with the troop regularly, and completed advanced leader training, including earning her Wood Badge beads.

Brad was born in Huntington, West Virginia. His parents grew up in the same small town, and married after his father returned from military service in WW II. When Brad was age 11, a job transfer for his father brought the family to Alexandria, Va. Brad attended Hampden-Sydney College in central Virginia where he graduated with degrees in Latin and Greek. He went to work for Owens & Minor, a medical supply distributor in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Brad and Kris met when their children were involved with the Venture Crew – a coed program of the Boy Scouts of America for youth ages 14-21. When Brad was offered the opportunity to transfer to a position with his company in California, they decided to make the move. Tracy, California (about an hour east of San Francisco, in the Central Valley) was their new home for three years. They got involved with bicycling and joined a local bike club. Kris volunteered at the public library and with an animal rescue group. She also started sewing again, and discovered a love of quilting (and fabric!).

When Brad was offered early retirement, they began investigating a number of cities in the southwest, much preferring a drier climate. They settled on Prescott and found the perfect house in Yavapai Hills. Their two cats, Gracie and Vincent, enjoy watching the local wildlife. Kris has spent time volunteering with Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity and the Prescott Public Library. She is also an active member of the Lonesome Valley Quilt Guild in Prescott Valley. Her current project is a baby quilt for a new grandchild due in August. Brad spends much of his free time researching and maintaining their bicycles as well as their camping and off-road equipment.

Both are members of Bike Prescott and usually go on several 20-50 mile rides weekly. They also enjoy the many hiking opportunities in the area, and recently spent a long weekend backpacking near Escalante, Utah. Two years ago, they purchased a small off-road Turtleback trailer. This has been a great way to travel off the beaten path, usually on less-traveled forest roads, and experience sights and places most people aren't able to visit. Recent highlights have included off-road trips to Death Valley, Glen Canyon, and Escalante Grand Staircase. They are looking forward to an upcoming trip to southern Colorado to run the trails through the mountain passes.

Interesting folks??? High energy??? You Bet - and Creative, too!!

Thanks, Brad and Kris for allowing us to get to know you a little better.

DID YOU KNOW?

Political signs on your property need to be removed by three days after the election (November 6, 2020). Also, there is no limit as to the number of political signs you may place on your property, however the ‘maximum aggregate total dimensions of all political signs on a member’s property shall not exceed nine square feet.” (Arizona Revised Statutes Section 33-1808(C)).
which is 100% reimbursable upon each phase completion, will reduce Wildfire risk and restore our common areas to a healthier environment, and make it easier and less expensive to maintain over time. The first phase is planned to start before year-end.

**FIREWISE MAKEOVER**

*by Bill Perry*

When Sandi and James Gravitt bought their home out on the north end of Hornet Drive in Yavapai Hills, they also bought an adjoining empty parcel to preserve the great open-space view from their back deck. At the time, that ¾ acre area contained one tall pine, a big Alligator Juniper, some Arizona Cliffrose (Purshia) and enough sharp-leaved scrub oak and brush to make a deer gag. According to Sandi, thinning things out “would allow firefighters passage if they ever needed it and provide us with a park-like setting to enjoy from our deck and home.” And because the parcel is viewed from the decks and homes of several other nearby residents, the Gravitts considered it “the neighborly thing to do since everyone benefited from the effort.”

So they got to work. Using just two simple tools—a pair of long-handled loppers for smaller stems and a battery-powered Sawzall for large cuts—James, often helped by their neighbor Bruce, began to clear brush and thin and sculpt the individual thickets of oak. They hadn't been working long when another neighbor approached them and asked, “What are you doing on our land?” They had misjudged the property line by ten feet and cleared some of hers by mistake. Fortunately, survey markers were still in place and once they agreed upon who owned what, she generously offered to pay them for the labor they’d performed on her land. And she later “Firewised” the rest of her property.

As anyone who has done clearing knows, pruning is just half the work, the other half being to actually get rid of the “slash,” all the unwanted vegetation that’s been cut to make the land more fire-resistant and attractive. The city of Prescott has a wonderful “Chipper Service” that will do this for free, but it requires getting the cuttings to the homeowner’s street curb. Because James and Sandi’s parcel is so far downhill from the nearest street, they opted instead to drive his truck and a rented trailer down to the slash “for multiple trips” to the dump.

Today, they—and all their neighbors—have beautiful views of the improved land and it is now relatively fire-resistant. They’re in better physical shape from having done the work and their property value has most likely been improved. What could be finer?
When Are You Considered A Resident in Arizona?
By Sharon Kaplan

If you are new to Arizona but still consider yourself a resident of the state where you moved from, be aware that the definition of “resident” in Arizona varies. The Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) may consider you a resident before you are considered a resident for income tax purposes. MVD would then require you to obtain an Arizona driver's license and title and to register your vehicle.

According to the MVD, you are considered a resident of Arizona, among other things, if you work in Arizona or if “you remain in Arizona for a total of seven months or more during a calendar year, regardless of your permanent residence.” See the website, https://azdot.gov/motor-vehicles/new-az-welcome, for more information.

According to the Arizona Department of Revenue, for income tax purposes, you may be considered to be a resident, among other things, if “in the aggregate, you spend more than nine months of the taxable year in Arizona.” It should be noted that Arizona Individual Income Tax Procedure ITP 92-1 states that a person may have a domicile in another state, a domicile being what an individual considers to be their permanent home to which he/she has the intention of returning, but also be considered a resident of Arizona for tax purposes. Some examples of the actions of an individual in determining if they are considered an Arizona resident include the registration of an automobile or the application for a driver's license. See https://azdor.gov/legal/procedures/itp-92-1, for more information.

Bottom line, be careful if you only come to Arizona part time and have reasons you wish to call another state home.

Adopt-A-Highway Volunteers Needed

The Fall highway cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 24. Anyone interested in assisting should meet at the Clubhouse parking lot at 8:30 AM.

For those of you not familiar with Adopt-A-Highway, it is a program coordinated with the Arizona Department of Transportation to clean up a mile of Highway 69 from Sunrise Blvd. entrance of Yavapai Hills to Costco. The Yavapai Hills HOA has been committed to this cleanup effort for several years and it really does make a difference.

Resident John Howell is in charge of the clean up efforts. Please sign up by calling the HOA Office at 928-778-5035.

DID YOU KNOW?
Speed limit in Yavapai Hills is 25 MPH!

One of the most frequent complaints we receive from community residents is speeding! Please obey the speed limit at all times. Also, please stop completely at all stop signs!

The City of Prescott owns and maintains our public streets. Although the HOA has no authority on this issue, the HOA office regularly communicates with the City Police Department to advise them of reported infractions. The Police Department also patrol our streets in marked cars to maintain a visible presence.

The 25 mph speed limit may seem slow, but it is for your safety on our hilly streets. Also, wildlife is abundant in our natural environment in Yavapai Hills. Deer, javelina, rabbits, quail, and even coyotes may dart out into the street at anytime, increasing the potential road hazards.
In this digital world of social media, smartphones and other electronic trifles, the American cowboy is a throwback, the flesh-and-blood epitome of a robust, romantic past that is rapidly fading in our awareness. Many folks eat beef but never think about the sturdy people who raise the cattle that produce it. Even those of us who live here in Yavapai Hills, formerly Tom Mix’s Bar Circle A Ranch, rarely see a cowhand herding Herefords up Sunrise Boulevard in the morning. These days, we’re most likely to see a cowboy while sipping martinis at The Palace bar on Whiskey Row. But those clean-jeans-pistol-packing dudes at the next table probably haven’t mucked out a corral recently—or even saddled a horse. They’re there to reap the romance of the image, not the dirt.

The way to know an actual cowboy is to look at his hands. If they seem to belong to a much larger person, then they’ve probably spent their lives in the elements, twisting wire, gripping rope and being used in place of tools to shove, punch and take the impact of whatever their owner encounters. Working cowboys, whether they own the ranch or live in the bunkhouse, perform such essential and demanding chores as mending fences, shooting varmints and doctoring cow-calf combinations. An easy place for us city folks to observe actual cowboys is at the “World’s Oldest Rodeo,” on July 4th weekends in Prescott. Young men and women gather here from all over the West to compete in various events for fame and prize money. They also expect broken bones and concussions.

When the Soviet Union broke up in 1989, a major Neanderthal site, a cave in Eastern Europe, was made available to western anthropologists. There they were able to examine large numbers of human skeletons and arrive at some fascinating conclusions. Many of the bones, especially the arm and leg bones of probable males, showed signs of healed fractures. The scientists speculated that this was related to their ancient hunting technique, which was to approach their quarry—a large mammal like a bison, wooly mammoth or giant ground sloth—and rather than throw their spears from a distance, they would surround their prey and then run in and stab them from the side or rear. Evidently, the hunters were often trampled or tossed through the air for their efforts, thus the broken limbs. The same researchers also decided which modern occupation most closely matched those Neanderthal men: rodeo cowboys.

My favorite place to observe cowboys isn’t in Prescott, but at a small, unpublicized three-day rodeo around the first of February in the little town of Sells, on the Tohono O’odham Nation in southern Arizona. There, all the cowboys—and cowgirls—are Indians, off of working Native American ranches, and they are as lean and tough and strikingly attractive as any group of people you will meet. To see them bronc- and bull-riding, barrel-racing, calf-roping and wild-horse breaking is a delight that’s as close to the pure core of cowboy tradition as we can get. And what could be more American?

**Help Create Our Events**

The Yavapai Hills Social Committee is looking for guys and gals that have new ideas for events for our residents or would like to volunteer to help out with our events. If you are interested, please stay tuned to updates regarding meetings in the Clubhouse, and attend our next scheduled monthly meeting (1st Thursday of each month) in the Sunroom at the Clubhouse at 3:00 PM.
Communications Committee
Needs A New Chair And
A New Layout Editor

We are in need of new volunteers for the Communications Committee. The Communications Committee gets the Roundup ready for publication, works with the HOA Board to establish policies for the HOA Bulletin Boards and eblasts, and when necessary assists in updating the new owner Welcome Packets and the HOA website.

The Chair of the Committee is editor-in-chief of the Roundup, provides some of the content, and edits all drafts of the layout of the Roundup before publication. The Chair is also responsible for preparing the minutes of the Committee's meetings and submitting recommendations to the HOA Board, as needed. Since the Roundup is a publication of the HOA, the Chair also keeps the HOA Board informed of the Committee's activities and the content of each Roundup.

In contrast, the layout editor is a member of the Committee and is responsible for the arrangement of text, photographs, ads, and graphics in the established format of the Roundup, as well as making corrections in accordance with the Chair's edits.

Anyone who is interested should please contact the HOA Office. Thank you
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Board of Directors Positions

According to the Yavapai Hills Homeowners Association (YHHOA) By-Laws, the Association is managed by its Board of Directors. Directors are elected by the general members to serve staggered two-year terms. There are four (4) positions available as of January 2021. If you have an interest in serving on the YHHOA Board of Directors, you must complete a Statement of Interest form. This form can be picked up at the YHHOA Clubhouse Office. This form will need to be returned to the YHHOA Office by 2:00 PM, Monday, November 17, 2020.

Should you have any questions or want more information about serving on the Board, please contact Sandra O’Clock, Community Association Manager at 928-778-5035.

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