

GRHA Newsletter December 2011

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year to you!

There has been a lot of activity carried out by your GRHA board on your behalf.

The annual bonfire event was a great success and our thanks go out to Marty and Debbie White for hosting it and to all the great support from members who helped pre, during and post the activity. A few attendees were disappointed that the Pulled pork/chicken contest replaced the Chili cook off this year. What's your opinion? Give feedback to me or any board member.

The Bonfire has been such a great success and has been so well received that we are considering a Goldfield Spring Party probably occurring about mid April. No final plans yet, but we will keep you informed.

A newcomer's party was planned by Kimberlee Robinson and Gina Waldo. It was held at Keith and Kimberlee's home with 7 of the 11 newcomers attending. They received good information about Goldfield and Fountain Hills and had a chance to meet some of their new neighbors and longer term Goldfield residents. This has been well received by the newcomers and will be repeated as new people arrive. Thanks Kimberlee and Gina for all your work.

It's great to see new occupants, be sure to welcome them and demonstrate the congenial Goldfield atmosphere we are known for.

You will notice the great improvement in the message board at the front gate with the new glass changes. We again need to thank Keith Robinson and his company GLASSBUSTERS for that most needed replacement.

The annual Spring Cleanup event date and time will be announced. Is there a need for such an activity twice a year? Let us know how you feel about that!

While we all have reasons to be excited about the Holiday Season, there is a special reason this year. The GPOA board met last Wednesday evening and the results are that the plans are finally being submitted to Maricopa County for their review to permit chip sealing of our roads. There will be a delay during the county's first and second review, but in the interim, bids will be solicited on the county submitted plans from several contractors. As you probably know the plan is set up with 5 "phases" for job completion. The entire job will be bid out and all phases will be started, weather permitting, in March. Nighttime temperature must remain above 55 F and daytime temperature should not exceed 110 F. The first three roads to be done are the main entrance roads, Goldfield, Vista Del Oro, and Burnt Water. The other roads will be done depending on the bids and cost of the first three. I know we all are excited about this and please take time to express your appreciation to Marty White, Pres of GPOA and the board members that include Bob Waldo, Tom Zollars, Bob Kammerle, and Randy Haines. These people have put in enormous amounts of time and effort to work out all the problems to bring us to this point. Start thinking about your driving habits now. The Chip Seal has to mature, particularly during the first month. Aggressive driving will result in tearing up the surface and result in damage to your cars from loose flying chips. Even after the first month, excess speed, aggressive acceleration and high speed turns (think ATV and off road vehicle "wheelies") will tear it up. It is estimated that several months are required for the surface to fully settle.

Also be aware that wash areas crossing the roads, one on Vista del Oro and two on Burntwater, will not be chip sealed and will be a real hazard if you are speeding. But just Imagine No Dust or Wash boarding!

Jane Heekin is working on a personal medical notification system for 911 first responders. It entails the use of a refrigerator container, plastic bag or vial, containing a list of drugs used by each occupant of the house and is to be used in the emergency care of occupants when 911 is called. The details will be forthcoming when plans are completed. This is a voluntary program for those interested in improved communications with emergency responders.

From the Doctor's corner, unused and out dated prescription drugs is a real hazard. Three juveniles in the Deerfield area have died this year because of drug accessibility resulting in poisoning. I know a lot of us do not have young children in the home but we are responsible for visiting grandchildren and others. Kids are curious and explore. Get those meds out of reach and if not being used currently, get rid of them. Better safe than sorry.

We have had no new burglaries reported recently and although we cannot credit the use of the GR stickers for your vehicles as the reason, they are still a good idea. It makes recognition of a strange or suspicious vehicle more obvious. Keep them on please. If you need replacements or just a larger number of stickers, they are still available. Contact Jodi Storms.

Finally, we will have several board members finishing their terms of office this year. They are Janet Heekin, Geno Mei, Karl Mann, and Wendy Zollars. They have represented you very well. Jodi Storms and I will remain on the new Board. I know I speak for Jodi as well as myself when I say it has been a pleasure working with all of them and Thank you very much.

I recently asked for nominees for GHRA board members. We will compile a ballot for the election which will take place at our annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. You will receive the location and time of the meeting as well as biographies of the nominees prior to that time. Those who are GRHA members on or before December 31, 2011 are eligible to vote in this election. Make sure you attend. Make your voice known.

As you can see, the GRHA is active and we are planning even more activities in 2012. We need your active membership, obviously for financial reasons, but also for your support in supplying the all important monitoring and communications about community actions and in planning events for our Goldfield community. Only if you participate do you have a right to complain. Help us, participate and we will try to keep your reasons to complain to a minimum. No organization is perfect but we try.

Your GRHA Board

David Dudgeon, Pres.

Janet Heekin, Board alternate and interim secretary

Jodi Storms, Treasure

Geno Mei, Member at large

Karl Mann, Member at large