



2024



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Activity Office Hours 9 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday
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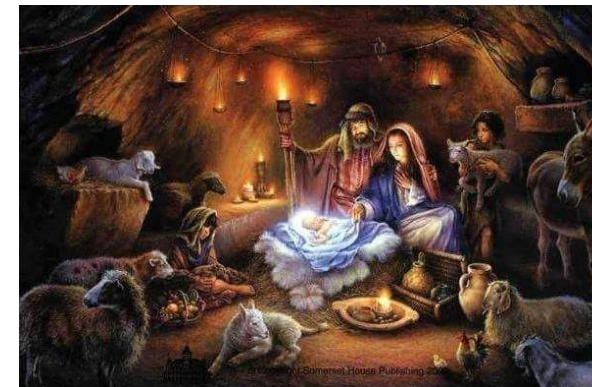
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We are here to have a good time...
that is what Greenfield Village is all about!

December 2024



From the Activity Desk

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
December happenings to look forward to

Organ Stop Pizza Dec. 3
Christmas Parade Dec. 6
New Years Eve Dance Dec. 31

Greenfield Village Resort
111 S. Greenfield Rd.
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Manager's Korner!!

Welcome home to all!!!!

Things are really getting revved up for the season with loads of excitement stirring! Thanks to Heidi, we have a fun-filled, packed calendar of concerts, events, activities, shows and celebrations to look forward to!

In order to see this season through without any accidents, I am begging all of you to obey all stop and 10 mph speed limit signs AT ALL TIMES, no matter what mode of transportation you are using! It would be awful to hear of any of our folks getting injured because of negligence. With this in mind, please do not ride your bikes in the Common Area/sidewalks.

Also, when you have contractors or guests visiting, it would be helpful for you to remind them to only park on the same side of the street you put your garbage bags out on. This would allow first responders to avoid any delays in reaching their destination and having your neighbors navigate around without incident.

Absolutely DO NOT provide water or food to birds (minus hummingbirds) or feral cats in Greenfield Village! The food and water and the animals are a food source for coyotes. The coyotes will leave when the food source is gone. I want to sincerely thank our wonderful volunteers who give of themselves for the greater good of our Resort community. Without you, GVR could be very different, affecting the atmosphere, let alone the HOA assessment costs to owners. If you find yourself with too much unproductive time on your hands and wish to volunteer to help out please contact me or Heidi and we'll be happy to assist in finding your niche.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy holiday season!!!

Respectfully,
Mary Ash, General Manager

Town Hall Meeting

Join via Zoom or join us in the Ballroom on Tuesday Dec. 3 at 10 am to hear about the issues that will appear on your Feb. 2025 ballot.

Don't miss this as you will understand your ballot better if you listen in.

Be sure you sign up with the Administrative Office to vote electronically with Election Buddy before Dec. 20. We will have training sessions before hand and someone to help you vote should you need it. More about this later in this issue of the Villager.

Help Needed

Sound and Light Committee are again looking for anyone interested in helping in the booth for Board meetings, entertainment and other meetings. It is not a time consuming job! If interested please let Heidi in Activities or Tom Robertson 206-660-8625 know. We would love to have you join us. The more people we can get trained for this, the less time each of you need to be in the booth.



Forgotten Angel

We have been asked to participate in the Forgotten Angel drive again this year. Forgotten Angel are not assigned to a specific child. Donors will purchase new toys for any child 12 and under. Bring the unwrapped gift(s) to the Activities Office and put them into the box prior to Dec. 10 for pick up. These gifts will help with the tags that are taken off the Angel Trees in the various locations throughout our town and never returned. There are also children out there that are not chosen for those Angel Trees. Your help will guarantee all of these children receive a gift at Christmas. You may also drop off money at the Activities Office and we will shop for you. Thank you!!!

Scams

Beware of evil scammers. DO NOT give your personal information out to anyone that calls you!!!!!!



Clay Group

January and February Clay Classes pay your dues now or as soon as you arrive! If you paid your \$10 supply fee and \$20 (one time year long Clay Group membership for all firing, supplies, and use of all equipment throughout the season!) it reserves your spot!

January and February Clay Classes are on Thursdays at 6 pm.

Ceramic CLAY classes are back! If you haven't signed up already come in the Ceramic Studio or go to see Donna at Lot # 517 or call 616-240-3927 for questions. Classes are posted on the clipboards in the Ceramics Room with pictures and details and in the Activities Hallway. All classes start at 6 pm.

Dec. 6-Trays and trivets
Dec. 12-Orbs (make a bird)

Dec. 19-Roses and Hearts and more!

January 18 Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner and Dance with our own Tim Eggebraaten. Tickets are available in the Activities Office for \$25.

Silversmith Shop

Welcome back to our 2024-2025 season! The Silversmith shop will be open serving you this year again. We are anxious to help you with your needs this year. We will officially be opening the first of the year in January. Our monitors will be there on a daily basis. The schedule is open, you can schedule a time to come down by calling Donna Swanson at 509-939-7293. If interested in joining our club, please come down to the Silversmithing shop and talk to any of our monitors. We welcome anyone that is interested.

Also come and see the beautiful things we make. We all have different styles of making things. Come down and learn to make beautiful things for yourself!!



It is against the City of Mesa law to feed birds, other than hummingbirds, within the City Limits. Anyone can call the City to report violations.

Stop providing food and water to unwanted critters in Greenfield Village to eliminate the "food source" for coyotes! Once the food source goes away, so will the coyotes. Some of your neighbors are concerned about coyotes in Greenfield. Cut the food source altogether. Your cooperation is imperative!!

Greenfield Village Website

We have a wonderful website that we would like to keep fresh and new. We also have the ability to advertise your park model, whether for rent or for sale, for a small fee. The proceeds come back into the Activities Office to help put on all those wonderful events here at Greenfield. Contact Tami at gfvwebsite@gmail.com or call 208-850-0924 if you would like further information. Website address: <http://www.greenfieldvillage.com>

Garbage

Garbage pick up days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by 8 am. Please DO NOT PUT YOUR GARBAGE OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE. You are encouraging rodents if you do and none of us want them in our Resort. Just remember, we are going with the traffic only for safety reasons. Thank you for helping our maintenance department keep our Resort clean!



We have several recycling bins located in the Citrus Complex. Aluminum is collected in the cans located on the west side as you enter the Citrus Complex. Please remove the plastic bags used to carry your cans down and put them in the garbage. The other recycling bins near the dumpster are strictly for flattened, corrugated cardboard. We are not allowed to recycle anything else in our Resort. Please adhere to these rules or we will have the cardboard recycle taken away from us as well by the City of Mesa. Thank you for helping us keep Greenfield green!

Pizza boxes are corrugated cardboard so be sure you recycle those into our recycling bins!!!



Tennis

Everyone is invited to the tennis courts! Every morning at 7:30 we have open tennis Round Robin as well as Ladies Round Robin every Monday afternoon at 1:30 and Men's Round Robin every Thursday afternoon at 1:30.

Tennis 101 is Monday afternoons at 3:00 taught by tennis player Pat Nugent with his guest helpers. Pat will teach you the basics of tennis and get you looking good on the courts.

If you're looking for a player, there is a sheet with a list of players who will play. The sheet is on the tennis bulletin board.

All residents are welcome to use the courts; if you would like to reserve a court, ask any tennis player to show you how to use the court reservation site or if the courts are not in use or not reserved, you are welcome to use them.

We have two levels of membership if you're interested, a full member which is able to make full use of all of our equipment, participate in league or Tournament play and attend social gatherings. We also have a social membership which allows you to participate in our social gatherings without paying fees. Our membership will be having their first "Fun Day" on December 7th. Planning is underway for a fun time!

Michele Stoneking

Woodburning Club

Welcome back old and new Woodburners. We will meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at the Woodshop from 1-3 pm. For anyone that would like to learn about Woodburning, call or text me at 701-214-1830 to schedule a lesson on Woodburning. First 90 minute lesson is free. If joining, a \$30 fee will be due. This lets you into Woodshop anytime there is a monitor there. Hope to see you there!

Duane Berger

Veterans Club

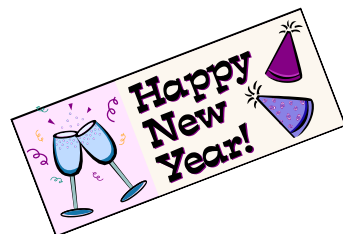
We had a great turnout for our Veterans Day ceremony, a day to remember and thank all Veterans past and present for their service and sacrifice. Please feel free to bring a fellow Veteran regardless of where they served to any of our meetings to join our Veteran family. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 12 at 10 am in the Pima Room. We will be discussing our busy 2025 spring season.. Mark your calendars now for the Activities Fair on January 8 and our 50/50 raffle on burger night on January 9. We will also be selling raffle tickets for the beautiful donated quilt that Michelle Stoneking has graciously donated to our Veterans Club again this year.

Jim Sanner, Commander

Leather Crafters

Are you open for new experiences in leather or want to rekindle your past experiences working with leather? Come learn how leather can be stamped, carved, shaped while creating your own work. The Leather Crafters like to share their knowledge making an environment great for learning. Projects can be as simple as making key fobs, book markers or round coasters. We meet Monday mornings for working individually from 9am-2pm and Tuesday afternoons with demonstrations and providing you with assistance from 1-4pm in the Wood Shop assembly room. Hope to see you there!

Thanks,
Paul Dinges
Unit 336
402-890-3720



Tuesday afternoon dance to the Softones

The Softones are here for your dancing pleasure on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. The dance is held in our Ballroom beginning at 1:30 pm. The month of December they will dance on Dec. 3 and 10 because of Christmas. Come enjoy an afternoon of dancing with the Softones.

Northwest Party

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California and Alaska: Please come to the NW Party to visit with the people from your state and neighboring states. It will be a potluck with sign-up sheets in the activity office for Entrees, Salads or Desserts. We are also asking for \$5.00 from each person to help with the costs of place settings, coffee, baskets and whatever expense may come up. Please purchase tickets in the activity office so we have a head count.

Northwest Party:

Date: Friday, January 31st

Time: 4:00pm — 6:00pm

Place: Ballroom

Bring your own beverage

Bring any item you have to donate for baskets to Jackie Hassen Lot # 59 on Resort.

Any questions call anyone on the list below.

Mollie Merck 541-788-2046

Jackie Hassen 206-498-3508

Patty Shadden 509- 995-2901

Chuck Boos 208-546-1919

Sonja Gunn 928-499-1923



Monday Madness

This is always a fun way to end your Mondays with Tacos for \$3 each from 5-6 pm. Beginning at 6 pm we will have some sort of "madness".

Dec. 2-Musical Square'z

Dec. 9-Ken Sorensen

Dec. 16- Derby Night

Dec. 23 and 30-CLOSED

Bingo

Come join the fun!

Doors open every

Tuesday at 6:30 pm

with play beginning at 7 pm. What a fun way to spend an evening and win some money! We take a short 10 minute break around 8 pm for ice cream. If you are not playing and would like to purchase an ice cream, you may do so but please do not disrupt Bingo.



Activities Fair

Calling all representatives from all GVR activities and clubs!

You are invited to attend the 2025 Activities Fair on Wednesday, January 8 from 1-3 pm.

Please sign up in the Activities

Hallway to confirm your attendance and reserve a table.

News Hour/Coffee and Donuts

Every Wednesday you are invited to join us in the Ballroom at 8 am for coffee and donuts. You will hear what is happening for the week.

We might have sponsors stop by. \$3 donation per person for coffee and donuts or just come visit with your friends and neighbors and hear the news!



New Years Eve with Vintage Gold

Come ring in the New Year with Vintage Gold on December 31 beginning at 8 pm. Get together with your friends, reserve an entire table and dance the night away. Tickets are \$20 each and available in the Activities Office now. What a night this will be as we ring in the New Year together!!

Christmas Parade

Our annual Christmas Parade is just around the corner!! It is on Friday, Dec. 6 at 5:45 pm with staging at 5:30 pm west of the Flag poles. Decorate yourself, your golf cart, your car, or your bicycle and join us for a ride around GVR to see our neighbors' Christmas decorations. This year there will be an "after party" by the firepit. Please BYOB and cookies to share. We also will have a Christmas sing-a-long, compliments of our GVR Karaoke team!! Everyone is invited to the party. Please remember to sign up in the Activities Hallway.

New Image Fashions

Come out and see what's new! We will be having a fashion show during the Snowbird Café on Friday, December 13. We have our models so come enjoy a delicious meal in the Snowbird Café and be "wow'ed" by some beautiful new outfits. The sale runs 10 am to 2 pm with the fashion show starting around 11:45 am.

Organ Stop Pizza Outing

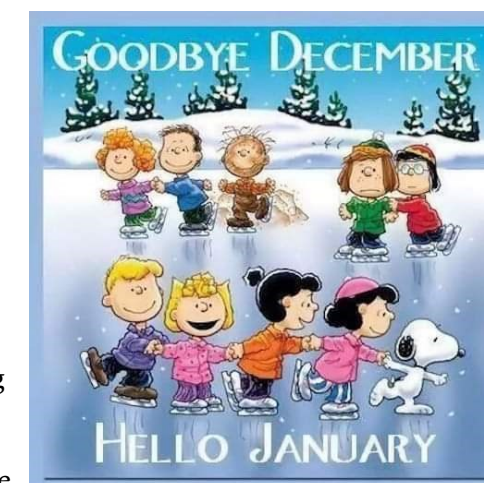
Have you ever heard the history of this organ? We are going to Organ Stop Pizza on Tuesday, December 3 at 1:30 pm. You will pay your \$10.50 at the door. We have already given our headcount but could accommodate a few more if you are interested, but you must sign up.

Snowbird Café

We will be open the first two weeks of December and then take a break for the Holidays. We will see you back on Friday, January 3 with our regular menu and on Wednesday, January 8 with \$1 Dogs, \$2 chili dogs, chips, and soda. This is also our Activity Fair so save room for the Ice Cream Social at \$1 a scoop with your choice of toppings!

Concert Series change

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change the dates for two of our concerts. Jonathan Williams is now on Sunday, January 26 and Toby has moved to Saturday, February 15. If you have already purchased your tickets you will need to do nothing, just please bring the correct ticket to the correct concert.



INVITATION TO TOWN HALL AND MEET THE CANDIDATES

As Members of Greenfield Village Resort Association, you are invited to attend and participate in the pre-election TOWN HALL and MEET THE CANDIDATES sessions which kick-off our annual election cycle and Annual Homeowners Meeting of the Membership.

The first of these two sessions, TOWN HALL, is held in accordance with Bylaw 3.12. It is designed as an opportunity for Members to ask questions and receive explanations about Issues which will appear on the Ballot for the Annual Meeting to be held Wednesday, February 12, 2025. This Ballot will contain the following Issues: election of Directors to the Board, approval of proposed Operating Fund and Replacement and Repair Reserve Fund budgets for FYE 6-30-26, approval of IRS Revenue Rule 70-604, and approval of a complete Amended and Re-stated Corporate Bylaws document. Questions from Members and responses will be recorded and included in the Ballot Information.

TOWN HALL is moderated by Board President, Ron Lamabe, and is estimated to last between 60 and 90 minutes.

Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024
Time: 10 A.M. MST (Arizona Time)
Ballroom and Zoom

The second session, MEET THE CANDIDATES, is designed as an opportunity for Members to 'meet' the candidates for the Board vacancies, to hear their answers to various questions ranging from acknowledging their skills to act as an effective director, to their familiarity with Resort governance, to their outlook to the future of Greenfield Village Resort.

MEET THE CANDIDATES is moderated by an Association Member and is estimated to last between 60 and 90 minutes.

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025
Time: 10 A.M. MST (Arizona Time)
Ballroom and Zoom

Candidate résumés, photos, and responses to questions will be posted on the Resort Bulletin Board. In addition, candidate photos and résumés will be displayed in the Administration Office and included in the Ballot information.

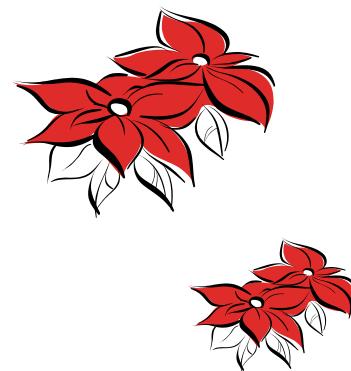
All Members are encouraged to participate in these meetings, either in the Ballroom or via Zoom. Instructions for Zoom will be e-mailed and posted on the Resort Bulletin Board.

Thank you,
Your Board of Directors

Election Buddy vs paper ballot voting

Greenfield members are urged to use Election Buddy to vote in the upcoming February 2025 election of Board Directors, the various Ballot issues, and the Bylaws amendment. Save your Association \$2000 in printing. Ballot costs \$5 for 400 printed ballots. **Sign up for Election Buddy email link at the office before December 20.** Vote from home, or help will be available in the

Computer Room. To log into Election buddy at the Computer Room, bring your phone, laptop, or be able to sign into your email. Here is a tutorial link to review how easy it is to save money, trees and time!
<https://youtu.be/TwvWQfcr7UA>
Put the above link into your browser and watch the short tutorial to learn how. The link is available on all the computers in the Computer Room



Canada Day Festivities

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on February 16 for a full day of games, food and dancing. Tickets go on sale January 23. Check the January Villager for more information. To donate items for the Silent Auction, contact John and Liz van Es, 780-720-6796, at Lot # 491 who would be pleased to accept your items.

Laughlin Bus Trip

There will be a bus trip on January 14 and 15. We will leave here around 8 am on Tuesday, travel to Oatman to see the wild burros and then on to Laughlin for the night. You will stay at the Edgewater Hotel and Casino with all meals on your own. We will depart Laughlin at check out and return to GVR with a lunch stop along the way. If you are interested in joining us, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Heidi as the rooms are filling up quickly. The trip cost is \$100 per person which includes the bus and room only.



Meet Joey O,

Joey is the Worlds' only golfing acrobatic comedian. He is an inspirational speaker and an award winning best-selling author. His passion is helping others plant dream seeds and turn those dreams into reality. His ministry has donated over 200,000 copies of his books. Joey recalls his first dream seed was planted at the age of 4 while growing up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, when his parents took him to the circus. From the joy he experienced that day, he knew early on that he wanted to entertain and inspire. Founded in the wisdom he acquired through many important friendships in his life, Joey started planting dream seeds for his future. One day, he decided it was time for him to make his dreams come true. He created a routine that he thought would support him in bringing joy to the World and worked on it 12-14 hours each day for over 20 years. In time, Joey's dreams became reality. Joey established an incredible career, including starring in commercials, entertaining PGA tours, performing with Bob Hope and Susan Summers and appearing with Jay Leno and Tiger Woods on the Tonight Show. He also performed for Jack Nicklaus, Joe Theismann and George Brett. Joey also had a great mentor in Bob Hope who told him "Just be yourself". Joey still holds on to that piece of advice today and has performed professionally for over 43 years. If you haven't had a chance to meet Joey yet, I highly recommend spending some time visiting with him. His warm sense of humor will keep you laughing and smiling long after your visit. He is a light in this Resort and we are very fortunate to have him here. You can also visit his website at joeyogolf.com to see his videos and his books.



We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing. -George Bernard Shaw

"Volunteers aren't paid...not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."



Shuffleboard

Hello Shufflers!



Pancake Breakfast

Pancake breakfast will be on Saturday, December 14. Purchase your tickets in the Activity office for \$5 or at the door for \$6. Don't miss out on this tasty start to your weekend!

Shuffleboard Club Meeting

The next Shuffleboard Club meeting will be on Friday, December 13 at 11:30 am at the Courts.

Turkey Shoot Recap

The annual Turkey Shoot held on Sunday, November 17 was a blast! Thanks to everyone who came out and made it a GREAT time!

Daily Shuffle

Shuffleboard happens every day from Monday to Saturday. Be ready to line up at **9:15 am** sharp! And remember, Wednesdays are "wacky" – expect the unexpected!

Christmas Cash Tournament

Mark your calendars for December 9-12 for our popular Christmas Cash Tournament! It's \$20 per person and open to 64 players. Interested? Contact Sylvia Smith at #794 to secure your spot!

2025 Notables

Starting in January, join us for Sunday Afternoon and Wednesday Night Shuffle. Watch the Sign at Shuffleboard for times.

New Players are Welcome!

We're always looking for new shuffleboard enthusiasts! If you want to learn a new activity and have a great time, come down to the court at **9:15 am** from Monday to Saturday. Lessons are FREE!

Reminder for Club Members

Don't forget to pay your dues when you return to GVR.

Until next time, Shuffle On!
Debbie Meise – Publicity

Computer Club



No fee to use the Computer Room. We are here to help you: with your own device help you use Election Buddy! Help you learn how to use the Condo-Web App, check your email, play a game or surf the net. Come by with your laptop or phone, you can link to the printer. We offer printer and photocopying for CASH. Black and white is \$0.10, color copies \$0.25. Please see our room door for the December schedule. There will schedule changes as monitors arrive. When the sign is out, someone is there to be of assistance. For after hours help, call Pat at 218-760-0718.

Church

Greenfield Village Community Christian Church has begun our non-denominational Sunday services from 10-11 am in the Ballroom. Please join us this month as we celebrate Advent Sundays each week until Christmas. 9:30 am coffee and fellowship is offered and All are Welcome! Pastor Roger Camerer 612-840-6130
Pastor Shealds Smith 480-818-2229
Thank you!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24 at 7 pm
Special Music by Angie Senger
Please join Greenfield Village Community Christian Church in the Ballroom to celebrate Christmas Eve with song and prayer in our traditional Candlelight Service. All are Welcome!!
Pastor Roger Camerer 612-840-6130

Cardinals Tickets

We still have one ticket to the Cardinals vs Seahawks game on Sunday, December 8. We have a bus that will take you. Total is \$131.50 per person. See Heidi in Activities ASAP!

Food Drive



We are having a Food Drive in the Activities Office for United Food Bank in Mesa. If you would like to help the less fortunate, please bring your non-perishable items to the Activities Office.

Bible Study

Please join our Greenfield Village Men and Women in weekly Bible Study each Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the Card Room. Our study time is casual, friendly, inspirational and fun. All are welcome! Info:
Roger Camerer 612-840-6130
Arnold Jol 780-916-8722



All activities and special events are subject to change without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances.



Comments by the Board President

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of a couple of issues which are upcoming in Greenfield. The first is, of course, our upcoming election for the Board of Greenfield Village. We have four vacancies this year and you will note that the Nominating Committee has been hard at work looking for Candidates. If you have an interest, please pick up a nomination form from the main office, the closing date is Dec 2nd.

This is also an appropriate time to remind owners that the ballot this year will have the usual Operating Budget and Reserve Budget to be passed. Every year we must approve an IRS Rule which may affect income tax payment. This Issue also requires your affirmative vote. We will also request the membership to approve a restatement of our current Greenfield Bylaws, including amending several Sections to up-date to current law. This revamp has been in the works for over a year and was completed by our lawyer and the Resort Document Committee. The Secretary of the Board works extensively, along with the Document Committee, to ensure we comply with Arizona Statutes. The only main change I see is we will be removing the reference for write in Candidates from the Document. This brings us in line with our sister park Carriage Manor who made this amendment last year. Your approval of the ballot items is appreciated. The Board has been recommending that members utilize Election Buddy as a means to cast your votes. Using this method of voting greatly shortens the time required to count votes. It is realized that using a computer is not the most comfortable exercise for many. To help relieve this stress, Ronda Lisowski and the Computer Club members have volunteered to give instruction in the coming weeks. Please watch for posters and advertisements for these classes. One other issue is Feral Cats, please do not feed them or offer shelter. I

have personally reported two incidents where I observed residences doing the above. The cats become food for other animals like the foxes and coyotes. Please check your skirting around your units and that of your neighbors, if they are not here, to ensure they are secure. Underneath a unit is a great home for critters.

I would like to thank our staff and volunteers for having the Resort in such great shape upon our return this winter. With exceptionally hot weather over the last two years, many trees and plants did not fare well. It was a pleasant surprise for me to see the greenery in the Resort when I returned. This Resort runs on volunteers and it is these people who make sure our clubs and activities are ready for our return. On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your dedication.

Last and not least by far, let's all play nice in the sand box. Treat employees and other residents with respect and in a courteous manner. Raising our voices and being disrespectful does not accomplish anything but hurts our personal image. With the ongoing changes in the Resort, we will find on occasion that our personal needs are not in the best interest of Greenfield Village Resort. This doesn't mean residents are wrong, it is just that the Board and Management have other conflicting interests to consider. It is my wish that you have a great season in our Resort. Please keep in mind that it is you, the residents, that make this place such a wonderful experience.



Remember the fruit on the citrus trees within the Resort belong to the homeowner. Please DO NOT pick any fruit without asking permission. If the homeowner is not in the Resort, they contact their friends and give them permission to pick. Please don't assume it will go to waste. Thank you for your cooperation.



Intelligent Use of Words

"What you put in your mind is more important than what you put in your mouth, because what you put into your mind comes out of your mouth." There's another Joey O-ism for you!

Be very mindful of the words that come from your lips. If you don't enjoy your life, intelligently change your verbal words until you believe them in totality. Your words are the fertilizer of your future growth. Choosing optimistic, positive words is a profound investment in your future.

If you speak of health woes or your bad golf game ad nauseam, will they improve or get worse? They'll get worse because you're using the law of cause and effect in a detrimental way. If you talk about and act on the negativity, you'll manifest that negativity in your world. Congrats for using enough word fertilizer to grow illness and a lousy golf game. That's being successful in an unsuccessful way.

Just think what could have happened if you'd spoken of health, happiness, well-being, and gratefulness to play golf. Your health situation and golf game would have at least created some smiles, and both likely would have improved a bit. Keep your negative words about your health and well-being for your doctor. Never put yourself down; always build up what you do and who you are. Here's another Joey O-ism: *"The words you choose determine whether you win or lose, and your thoughts determine whether you sink or swim."*

When I started out in my chosen career, I could not do the acrobatic golf shots. But in my mind, I saw myself doing the shots perfectly. As sore as my hands and body were from training 14 hours a day (every day!) the attitude and thoughts in my mind were creative, fresh, alert and alive with enthusiasm. Creativity flowed to me and through me, giving me a joyful attitude to find ways to improve daily with child-like excitement (which I still possess today). Hey, I'm only 63 year

young. I still get excited to train and see how I can improve. It is awesome fun. Just point to your head and remind yourself and others of the Joey O-ism: *"Never let an old person move into your mind."*

Some people in their 40s seem old and tired while others are spry with a spring in their step at 85. Age means nothing. Get into the ballgame of life. Your verbal words create mental images in your mind. Use words that create the picture you want to manifest. See yourself in your mind's eye saying the words and then say them out loud. Do your best to patiently repeat this each day to improve.

Sometimes when I'm training or performing a show I'll say, "Gosh, I train several times a day for hours and I'm only 63 years young. Can you imagine how much better I'll be when I'm 100 years young?" People think I'm kidding, but I'm not. Now there is the possibility that I may not be better at 100 than I am today, but I might be! I'm certainly a better entertainer and golf ball striker at 63 than I was at 23 or 43.

Your mind only knows how to create. Your words and the intelligent use of your words determine everything you have created and will create. Your intelligence is the power that creates your personal growth in all areas of your life. Be mindful of every word you choose. Speak in the affirmative. Do you say, "Not bad" or "doing great"? "Don't let me forget", or "please remind me"? Always speak in the affirmative with a smile. Say to yourself, "Thank you for my awesome health. Thank you for the ability to move freely in comfort. Thank you for my awesome golf swing and the enjoyment of playing golf in the great outdoors. Thank you for humor and great friends to share it with."

You see our words create picture in our minds. We think in pictures. So paint the picture in your mind through your words and thoughts of what you desire. Then what you desire can move from your invisible

imagination to your visible and physical world. That is how it works. So simple, so basic and so often misunderstood. People say, "Well Joey, easy for you." It is only because I trained for hours every day, and used my words and visual abilities until my body could perform exactly the way I envisioned and told myself I could.

If you can't do something, ask yourself if your words and mental picturing of the task matches what you cannot do. Is it a mirror image? Be honest. The key is to keep the positive words flowing and the mental pictures of what you seek while you are learning the task. The fun part is growing the skills-not necessarily achieving the end result (although it is rewarding). The process of learning is great fun. By speaking in the affirmative as if you have already accomplished your desire is an intelligent key to success. **AFFIRMATION to say out loud enthusiastically many times daily:** *"I am mindful of the words I choose. My words mirror my life of peace, success and joy. My words are filled with a happy expectation and knowledge that what I desire, I manifest. I speak knowing who I am, what I want and where I am going. And so it is."*

Please join us for our "Keep It Simple" Group!

We're a support group that focuses on healthy relationships and coping mechanisms. We work on self-awareness and self-improvement as a way to achieve these goals. We meet Monday evenings at 7 pm in the Cactus Room. Please contact Bobbi 480-280-5405 or Marilyn 480-326-1265 for more information.



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Pet Club

A fenced-in Pet Park is provided in the Citrus Complex for the pets and their owners to enjoy. A list of rules for pet owners is available at the Administration Office and on a poster on the fence. **WASTE MUST BE CLEANED UP BY THE PET OWNER**, whether in the Pet Park, residential Pet Section, or outside the 48th Street wall. **PLEASE TAKE TURNS** at taking the almost full plastic bag to the brown garbage dumpster close by and replacing it with a clean empty bag from the bottom of the container. The smaller bags for individual use are furnished by Greenfield and placed there by the Maintenance Department as a courtesy. It is suggested that members supply their own small waste bags. Please borrow one if there are none available. Be a responsible pet owner and do not leave waste for other people to pick up.

We need to keep our pet area free from illness for our furry friends. If you are taking your dog down when it is dark and it is hard to find their waste, please leave your pet on a leash until they are finished.

WHEN LEAVING THE PET PARK MAKE SURE THE GATES ARE BOTH CLOSED AND LATCHED. The grass is cut on Tuesdays so any help picking up balls, moving chairs and twigs on Monday is very much appreciated by the maintenance staff.

Audrey Davies
778-212-1827 Lot # 569

Lapidary Design Studio & Rock Shop

Interested in what we do in "Lapidary"? Come in to the shop and sign up for our beginners class to be held on Wednesday, December 4 from 1-3 pm. Equipment and supplies required for the first class are free and upon completion, if interested, a yearly membership is available for \$40.

We are located on the North side at the west end of Building B and our sign will be outside the door whenever a monitor is available. Feel free to visit when the shop is open as monitors will show you the equipment we use and explain what is involved.

Christmas Dinner

Residents can join us in the Ballroom for a potluck dinner on Christmas Day. You can choose one of two options:

1. Private Group. Put together your own group of friends and family. Reserve your space on a sign-up sheet in the Activities Hallway. Mark your sheet "Private Group." Your group will be responsible for bringing ALL the food for your group's meal. (No charge.)

2. Open Group. All individuals not in a Private Group can sign up in the Activities Hallway to bring a prepared dish to share. The cost is \$2.00 per person, paid at the door.

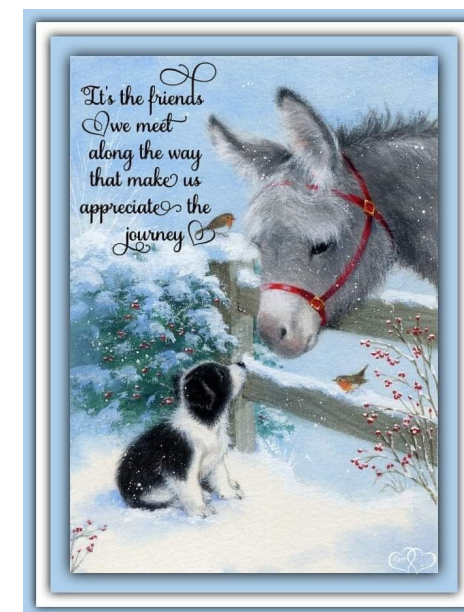
Each person should bring his or her own table service and extension cords for your crockpots, along with your own serving spoons.
Happy Hour: 5 pm
Dinner: 6 pm

You are welcome to bring cards or games to play after dinner. We will be looking for someone to head this event next season. See Marilyn Baril for more info.

Village Voices

Attention all singers! The Village Voices Choir is about to begin its new season, and we're always eager to find some fresh new talent! A Greenfield treasure for over 25 years, our 30 voice-vocal ensemble welcomes any and all residents for whom singing has been an important part of their lives, regardless of their level of experience or talent. The main thing is that we continue to do something together that we all love and have fun!

The Village Voices will have weekly rehearsals every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 pm beginning Jan. 8 in the Pima Room, culminating with our annual concert on March 19. Once again, we will be under the enthusiastic direction of Ms. Ashley Jones, ASU School of Music PhD. For more information please contact President Rick Stockstad at 253-759-7785 (rbstockstad@hotmail.com), Lot # 662.



Merry Christmas



Pickleball Club

Welcome back to the sun and fun! You can check the Pickleball bulletin board for your weekly schedule, and the schedule in Holdmycourt is current. You can find the instructions for Holdmycourt on the bulletin board as well.

If you haven't done so already, Karen Sanner is now taking memberships at \$25 per person with a completed form. Forms are available down at the Pickleball courts. You can use cash or check made payable to Greenfield Village Resort. Karen is at Lot # 553 on Candice, and if she is not there, she leaves a container out for you to put your forms/money in. Karen can also be reached via email at karen.sanner@gmail.com. The Citrus project is still on schedule to be started this coming spring. We are going thru the necessary approvals with Greenfield and the City of Mesa. For those wondering what is the Citrus project? The project is a food service building (14x20) combined with a patio area. It will be equipped with appliances, electricity and water. This will allow an area that can be used by the Resort and Pickleball for social and neighborhood engagements. Watch for updates on lessons, skills and drills and tournaments to start in January.

See you on the courts!

Debbie Warnke
GVR Pickleball Club Secretary
Cell 780-361-9590
E-mail: farmurrswife@gmail.com

Golf

Just a reminder, some of our golf leagues started in November and others begin in January. League Captains post their sign-up sheets across from the Post Office on our Golf Bulletin Board.

Membership is just \$10 per person/ per year, payable to your League Captain or Sandy Gores (treasurer). Please join us for our January General Membership meeting which will be held in the Pima Room, January 15 at 10:30 am. We hope you plan to play in our Annual Golf Tournament which is set for March 2 at Fountain of the Sun. Our Golf Banquet will be held in the Ballroom on March 12. Details to follow.

We hope to see you at the Activities Fair on January 8 to answer any questions you might have! Happy Holidays from your Co-presidents, Debbie Weed and Deborah Holcomb

Woodshop

Welcome to the Woodshop. We are open daily from 9 am to noon and 1-4 pm with the exception of holidays, Saturdays and Sundays.

We also have wood carving, leather tooling and wood burning classes. Wood carving is on Mondays and Thursdays at 1 pm.

Leather tooling is on Mondays at 9 am and Tuesdays at 1 pm.

Wood burning is on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1 pm.

We also offer lathe classes periodically.

These classes are for beginners and all are welcome. The Woodshop provides monitors to assist you. We have the power tools and hand tools to facilitate and help you with your projects. Membership dues to use these facilities are \$30 per year. Come in and look around, see you soon.

Monday Game Night

Please plan to join us on Monday nights in the Card Room beginning January 6 at 6:30 pm. Pinochle plays at one end and we play at the other end. We play a variety of

games, but Fast Track is the most popular and we have several Fast Track boards to share. Feel free to bring a new game to share.

If you are a beginner we love to teach. Fast Track is a quick game to learn! Just bring your enthusiasm and join us! We hope to see you on Monday Nights at 6:30 pm!

Contact info:

David Holcomb, Lot 284
(480) 404-3832

Library

Thank you to all the volunteers that worked in the Library over the summer months. Great job! The Library is in full swing. We have a children's basket with a few books, puzzles, games etc. when the grandchildren are visiting. New books and old books are on our shelves: mystery, fiction, romance, western, true stories, special interests, large print, etc. We have abundance of puzzles so at this time please do not donate any puzzles, feel free to come in the Library and work on the wonderful puzzles or just have a look at the work that is being done. We are trying to organize our puzzle cupboard as it is overflowing and the same for DVDs, at this time please do not donate any DVDs, we are running out of space. Enjoy our great facility which is open 24/7 and Happy Reading!! Ivana Zuccolin
250-919-1854

Village Players

For many years GVR had a Drama Club called the Village Players. They were residents of GVR that loved to put on plays. All of those plays were taped and some of the Village Players would like to share them with you. If you are interested in watching them, please let the Activities Office know and we would be happy to schedule the Ballroom for you to view them as a group. We miss our Village Players!

Bicycle Riding Group

We are looking forward to another great season here at Greenfield Village Resort. Our Bike Group has already started riding, so you are welcome to join us, no matter if it's your first season here, or you're returning for another season, everyone is welcome with a regular bike or an E bike. We are a casual group and make sure all riders stay together and no one is left behind, we want the rides to be a pleasant experience for everyone. If you haven't ridden with a group before, we will help you so you feel comfortable. We are a Bike Group, which keeps it simple, we're not a Club so there are no dues or election of officers. All that is required is a smile on your face, a bike with air in the tires, an oiled chain and brakes, sometimes a spare inner tube is useful.

We meet at 9 AM by the flag poles in front of the office Tuesday and Thursday. Our shorter ride is on Tuesday which is approximately 10 miles, which has taken us through Sunland Village and Greenfield Park by the fire station and around Val Vista Lakes. Thursday is our longer rides on canal paths and bicycle paths, which is usually between 16 and 24 miles and with the group deciding the destination, unless wind direction and construction are a deciding point. Thursday's rides have become the favorite of the group. After our rides, if you care to join us, we have coffee and hot chocolate with treats in the Arizona Room. Looking forward to having you join us. If any questions call Merle McMullin, 641-420-3140

Village Quilters

Welcome all GVR Quilters! We are looking forward to another fun and exciting season of quilting. The annual quilt show/craft/bake sale will be held December 11. Sign up



sheets are in the Kokopelli Room or you can reach Linda Hinkley at 641-583-0510. Please consider sharing your quilt projects and making articles for the craft and bake sale. We will need all your help to make this a huge success. Special thanks to Linda Hinkley for spear heading this project. The first monthly meeting was held in November and all monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday at 10 am in the Kokopelli Room.

Classes are being lined up and you will be able to sign up at the Activities Fair on January 8! Don't forget your Challenge projects to be presented at the March meeting - should prove to be a colorful event! Lots to look forward to! Remember, Quilts are like friends-a great source of comfort! Happy quilting!
Shawna Dreyer

Welcome Committee

Welcome to all new and returning owners and renters! The Welcome Committee is composed of a group of volunteers from Greenfield Village Resort, whose purpose is to welcome new owners and renters each season. The Welcome Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Activities Fair held on January 8 to offer welcome and information to all. If you are looking for information on all the different activities here at Greenfield, check out the Passport for Fun found at www.greenfieldvillage.com under the activities tab.

If you are a new resident within the last year and we have not yet connected with you, please contact any one of us or let the Activities Office know you would like to be contacted.

Your Welcome Committee 2024-2025 are:
Co-Chair Barbie Stockstad
Lot # 662 Cell 253-318-9914
Co-Chair Gayle Doyle
Lot # 294 Cell 309-236-7213
Committee Members are:
Brenda Jabusch Lot # 729

Cell 306-222-2795
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Cell 509-910-0293
Shirley Baker Lot # 580
Cell 406-250-7120
Deb Stein Lot # 635
Cell 651-815-1282
Sandy Devine Lot # 579
Cell 306-530-2317
Donna White Lot # 76
Cell 780-916-3436
Gwen Peters Lot # 453
Cell 303-842-5328

AZ Blankets for Kids

Nothing to do on Tuesdays or Monday evenings? Come to the Kokopelli Room any time between 9 am and 4 pm Tuesdays or 6-9 pm Mondays and help create quilts for children who are hurting emotionally and physically. Share your time, talents, and love by making quilts for seriously ill or traumatized children in the Phoenix area. After the quilts are made they are distributed to hospitals, police departments, crisis centers, fire departments and child protective services.

You do NOT need to know how to sew. We also need people to cut backings and batting, iron fabric, pin and tie quilts. See you soon!
Sue Baker
Merla Murphy
Florence Scott
Joan McMullin

Outdoor Quilt Show plus Bake and Craft Sale

ATTENTION: On December 11 we will be having a "December Outside Quilt Show plus Bake and Craft Sale" from 9 am to 1 pm. Projects by the GVQuilters will be on display along the pool fence across from the Library/AZ Room. There will also be a Bake and Craft Sale with a Lefse demo with free samples. All proceeds go to GVR Quilters Club projects. See you there!

Good News of Great Joy

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy...” Luke 2:10

I remember my first Santa Claus doubts. How could a fat man get down a skinny chimney, not just at our house, but at the houses of little boys and girls all over the world? I mean there must be hundreds.

Then came the fateful day when I learned the Truth. Two truths, in fact. My mother was cleaning something in the living room and she said, “You know the Easter Bunny is just make believe.”

That didn't bother me. The Easter Bunny always hid the baskets behind the TV. He was expendable.

Then she added, “You know, make believe, just like Santa Claus.”

I nodded like I had known all along. But inside this revelation hurt. I wanted to believe that somewhere there was someone who cared enough about me to find out just what I wanted and to risk getting stuck in the chimney to bring it to me.

I missed Santa Claus. He had been a good friend.

I think my dad missed Santa Claus too. Now he had to take the place of the man from the North Pole. And my dad's sack of toys wasn't as big as he wanted it to be. Every December he sat us down and delivered the sad news. “I'm afraid there won't be much of a Christmas this year,” he told us. “We just don't have the money.”

I felt for him. I wanted to tell

him it was okay.

“We don't have the money,” he said and so my brother and I prepared ourselves to face the sparse holiday my father had predicted. Yet, on the morning of the 25th, we came downstairs to find our stockings stuffed and the floor beneath the tree littered with presents.

Santa slipped out of my life, and, as I grew older, a chilling realization slipped in—one that haunts me even to this day. In every city and scattered across the country, little ones, with hearts full of hope, hang up their stockings with care. But the man in red flies by their homes without stopping. In the morning their stockings look no different than they did the night before.

These children don't need to be told that there is no Santa Claus. They find out quite on their own.

Now I'm a dad. My little girl never heard of Santa Claus until one of the neighbors told her. And, at bedtime, she doesn't ask me to tell her about a man with toys and eight reindeer. Instead she says, “Tell me about when Jesus was born.”

She knows the story well, but she asks me to tell it to her just the same.

I start with the decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. I tell her that Joseph and Mary had to walk a long time. And when they got to Bethlehem, no place was found for them to stay.

My daughter and I ponder that in the silence of our own thoughts. I suppose she thinks of how it would be to never find a McDonald's with a Playland and

how it would be to ride on a donkey without a car seat. But I think of Joseph. There he was, pushed out of his home by a senseless decree from a Roman emperor. He comes to the town that is rightfully his own, but no one greets him. No one takes him in. Worried, he asks around for a midwife and a dry, warm, comfortable bed for Mary. “Sorry,” people say. “Sorry, we can't help you.” In the end, he takes shelter in a barn. And all he can offer the one he loves is a wool blanket and some straw.

I feel for him.

Then my mind goes back to my dad. I see him there at the kitchen table, sifting through a stack of bills, wondering where he will get the money to buy toys for his children. And for the little ones everywhere whose stockings are empty, I hurt. I wish I could shower gifts on them all. And I wonder, Where is the outrage from heaven?

My daughter tugs at my arm. “Tell me the rest of the story, Daddy.”

We switch to the hills around Bethlehem. “On the night Jesus was born,” I tell her, “in the hills, the sheep were sleeping – sleeping away. ‘Baaa. Baaaa.’ They were dreaming sheep dreams. The shepherds were there, watching over their sheep.

“All of a sudden, an angel appeared to the shepherds! They were afraid.

“But the angel said, ‘Do not be afraid.’”

My daughter always smiles when I tell her this.

“The angel said, ‘I bring you good news of great joy. For tonight unto you in the city of David is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord. And this will be a sign unto you: You will find the baby lying in a manger.’”

“And suddenly, all across the sky, the night was bright with angels. And they were singing, ‘Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace, goodwill to men.’”

My little girl's eyes get big as we look at the bedroom ceiling together. And I wonder to myself, Can she see what my eyes cannot? Can she see the heavens filled with angels?

What would it be like to see the heavens open? I ask myself. But, though I try, I can see no vision of angels. Instead of angels, I see a man. But he's not in a shepherd's field; he's in a hospital room. And he's not singing. He's dancing, holding his newborn daughter in his arms, filled with emotions he could never put into words. I see him there, spinning and twirling, and I realize that man is me.

“Daddy, tell me the rest of the story.”

The reason for the angels' visit begins to make sense. So, tonight, I change the story. “What do you suppose those shepherds saw when they came to the barn where Jesus was born? Do you think they saw Joseph out in front, dancing under the stars?”

“Daddy, you are silly. They saw the baby Jesus lying in a manger.”

Oh, yes. I sit there for a long time while my daughter falls asleep and dreams of angels. I sit there and think about those words

from heaven: “Do not be afraid.”

And, suddenly, I want to rush back through the years and talk to a little boy who grew up to be a daddy himself and say, “Have you seen the angels? Have you heard their song? Did you know that Jesus is here?”

And then I want to stop at a kitchen table and speak to my tired and discouraged dad. “Do not be afraid. What you cannot give has been given for you.”

And I want to swoop down chimneys everywhere with angels at my side and bring the good news to every little one whose heart was filled with hope. “Do not be afraid. The heavens have opened for you. The angels are here for you. Emmanuel has come. Do not be afraid.”

If I could, I'd bear presents to them all. Not because I think the trinkets I can give will satisfy Christmas needs. Instead, I'd bring gifts as tokens of a giving, caring God. And I'd pray that when the children finally unwrapped the paper, they'd find not a doll nor a toy truck, but rather a tiny baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

The next morning, my wife and I are busy in the kitchen. Company is coming. Our little girl is talking to her dollies and her stuffed animals, saying this and that. We don't pay much attention, glad to have a few minutes to straighten the house and make a meal. All at once we are arrested by her words:

“Do not be afraid. For I bring you good news of great joy.”

(Written by a dad...)



Merry
Christmas

Happy
New Year

