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Let the good times roll!



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to leaseholders and renters at the SKP Co-Op RV Retreat, Inc., aka RoVer's Roost! Let's hope that 2021 is a more joyous and enjoyable year than the one just past.

As I near the end of my two years on the board and my year and a quarter as President, I want to reflect on my time of service to you. It is very clear to me the success of RoVer's Roost is based on its friendly and helpful people. "Caring and Sharing" is an Escapee's value and it has remained an essential element in the life of this Co-Op. This is also made manifest in the many ways members contribute to our common life, whether it is in loving care for the landscaping, hard work in construction (or destruction) projects, committed efforts on committees, or contributions to the on-going work of the Roof Raisers. Thank you, one and all, for what you do for the Co-Op to make it a good working organization.

For all its frustrations and difficulties, 2020 had some significant moments and successes. The new floor in the clubhouse is one that really stands out. Another is the rock art that decorates the roadside in front of our park. The cleanup of the area immediately outside the walls of the park has contributed greatly to improved looks of our environment. Thanks to the crews who have removed old, worn-out sheds and who built a new and improved water house shed at the back gate. And thanks, as well, to our management team of Mike, Jan, Tommy, and Janice who have kept our daily operations flowing smoothly. Let's all work hard to make 2021 another great year at RoVer's Roost!

-Forrest Clark

ROOF RAISERS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every year Roof Raisers sponsors *the Follies* and its time to start thinking about it.

The Follies is the biggest fundraiser of the year and many great projects and improvements have been realized from money raised by this event. Funds from last year's festivities helped pay for the beautiful new floor in the clubhouse. Because of the pandemic, we know this year will be leaner, but it will be a great event with your help. The more you participate, the more fun you will have and the more people you'll get to know. Participate in an auction using donations from leaseholders and renters. See what might capture your fancy at the brown bag drawing.

Donations are needed for both these events. For brown bag items, check with Ginny W. at lot 114. She has volunteered to handle those for us again. If you have large items and need storage until the auction, storage can usually be found. Over the next few weeks we will start hearing hints of Mardi Gras around the park. Let's make this event profitable for the park and have a lot of fun participating!

-Jeri Williams



NEW LEASEHOLDERS



Jim Onest and Luann Keys both worked for NASA and between them retired with 77 years of service! They have a home in Spencer, Ohio and traveled to Mexico last year with Escapees Chapter 8 – The Mexican Connection. They enjoy hiking, biking and kayaking. Jim likes woodworking and is using his skills to build a new shed on their lot. Luann enjoys creating in stained glass and some of her projects hung in the window of their RV during December. Please welcome them to the co-op – they are on lot 9.



Otto Thureson grew up in Massachusetts and joined the Navy when he was 18. He later drove trucks on routes across the country and finally landed in Colorado where he worked in several jobs before getting a gaming license and working at casinos in Blackhawk and Central City, Colorado. He found out about Escapees around 2012 when he stayed here for the first time and then began visiting co-ops and Rainbow Parks before settling here at the Roost. You can find him working in his shed on Lot 68—be sure to welcome him!

WATER SHED REBUILT

The water control shed on the southeast corner of the park was damaged and needed to be rebuilt. In stepped Jerry W., his cousin David, and John W. They used lumber from a shed that was torn down and Susan N. repainted the picture located on the old shed. The new building now it has easy access doors, a fresh coat of paint and the lovely re-done painting. Many thanks to these community members for completing this project.

The co-op was also responsible for tearing down two sheds this season for different reasons. Thanks go to the people who helped in each phase of the tear-down and clean-up on these lots.



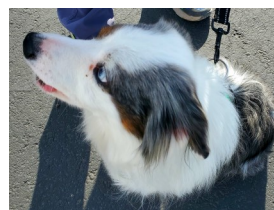
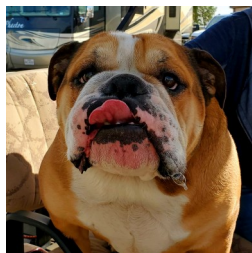
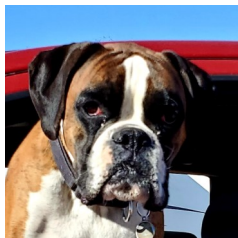
Board of Directors Candidate

Diane LeBourdais has been a leaseholder for more than ten years. She has served as president of Roof Raisers and Board of Directors president twice. She volunteers at the Humane Society and delivers food to the Food Bank for the Co-op. She will bring her experiences of living in the co-op and serving in many capacities to the governing body.

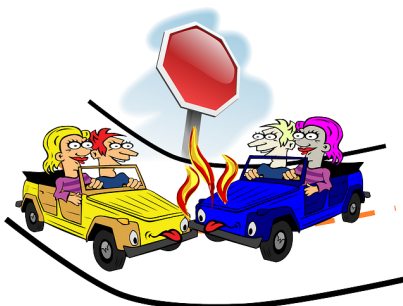


PET CORNER

Hey pet owners: Remember to pick up after your pets especially outside the gates. Have your pets use the area beyond the gates or the gravel near the dump station, not other lots in the park. Thanks for your cooperation!



A reminder to leaseholders and renters: the speed limit inside the park is not a suggestion. It is a rule....Section 1.i.



Please observe the 10 MPH speed limit and the stop signs at the exits from the park.





FRONT PARK ENTRANCE RE-DONE



Many thanks to the people who helped with the redesign of the two areas on either side of the front entrance. Cactus was removed and a new design created by Susan Nelson was installed. The south side was finished first and this fall the north side was completed. All who helped should feel proud of this community effort!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December and June birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated on December 27 with cupcakes and an ice cream cup. It was a good day for an outdoor celebration—not too windy and not too cold! So nice when the weather cooperates with our social distancing celebrations!



February Follies theme is Mardi Gras

Maura Clary

This year a fun-filled and enthusiastic Follies with socially distanced activities is being planned by Maura Clary and Mary Clark. It will begin with the annual meeting on February 11, 2021.

Mardi Gras is known for its parades. RoVer's Roost will have its own golf cart parade. Residents are encouraged to start thinking about cart decorations, which can include beads, feathers, masks, and/or crazy costumes.

There will be outside events and a limited number of badges will be available for purchase. The brown bag auction and a live auction will be held.

More information will be forthcoming at the Monday and Friday Meet and Greet gatherings. So, come by and plan to join the fun.



SUCCESSFUL ROAD CLEAN-UP!

Thirty-nine people participated in the road cleanup held on December 12. One family from the housing area north of our park helped Frank Damron and Gene Skeen clean up some of the Peters Road area. Everyone else worked on Montgomery south from highway 84.

Thanks to all who gave their time and effort helping to keep Montgomery Road clean!



QUILTING

Carole Frederick and Barbara Meek

December is the closing month for counting our yearly progress providing quilts for those in need. Because of covid restrictions at the Roost during this fall season we modified our plans and activities. We did, however, have a very active January-April in which 9-11 women produced many quilts for charity. Many of the quilts were prepped in the spring and finished in the summer by Carole Frederick and Barbara Meek.



This fall we moved supplies to an Escapee's house in town where we can work unrestricted with about 12-14 other women of like minds. Six go on Tuesday and six on Thursday. Prep work is done there and then brought home for sewing. Our group has adopted a teenager, Kenia, a glowing 19-year-old from the Gwinn neighborhood. Under Barbara Meek's watchful eye, Kenia has picked up many quilting skills. Members gave her a Singer machine, a table, and supplies we had gathered.

You can help with the quilting. If you don't want to be in a group, you can do things at your rig like Clara, who comes to lot 45 regularly and gets scraps, cuts squares, and then stacks them in my shed. If you want to layout squares by yourself, see Barbara on Lot 89. A public machine is on lot 45 if you want to sew them together or quilt. You can also join us on Tuesdays or Thursdays. We have lots of fun and lunch, too.

January 1 – December 31, 2020:

Against Abuse – 86 quilts constructed and given from the Roost

6 Casa Grande police detectives 136 quilts with 42 through our machines

Families at Church of the Nazarene 14.

Dog beds for AAI and City pound 45 beds

We need old bath towels and used sheets for dog beds, sizeable scraps from your projects, yardage that has been long forgotten, rolls of batting, and deconstructed clothes that can be cut into squares or strips. Please make sure fabric is clean and has not been washed using fabric softener. Everything sewn is give to those in need.



LAUNDRY SIGN NOW IN PLACE

Several residents of the co-op have wanted a parking space near the entrance to the laundry room. Now thanks to Steve R. there is one! It is the space closest to the south wall.

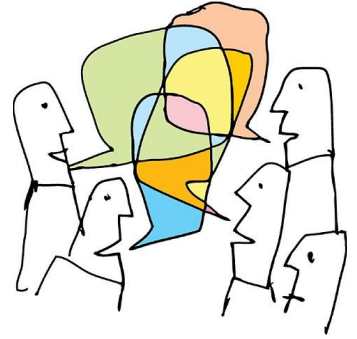
Please be sure to use that space only when you are doing your laundry.

Thanks, Steve, for building the sign.



From the Editor

I like to watch the CBS morning show and I especially like the January New Year's Day program. For the final ten or fifteen minutes of the broadcast each person who has contributed something that year is given a moment of thanks and post a picture of themselves, their family, pets, or favorite place. On the sidebar is the person's name and the role played in the broadcast be it teleprompter mechanic, student intern, or Saturday Morning Show producer. There are writers of scripts, assistants to the assistants, and someone who is a NJ3 - whatever that is. Everyone, no matter their position at CBS, becomes visible if only for a few seconds. Their work, and a glimpse of who they are in life, is acknowledged and appreciated.



If I had the technical knowledge and expertise to make a video, I would highlight the people who serve on Rover's Roost committees year after year, acknowledging the hours put in, and the hard decisions made to insure the health and continuity of our community. And, it would be great for these people to be known, if only for a moment, for who they are apart from their volunteer work. Each month I am highlighting one or two committees as a way of saying thanks for their donation of time, experience, and insights and to highlight the inner workings of RoVer's Roost. We only succeed because of the work these volunteers do!

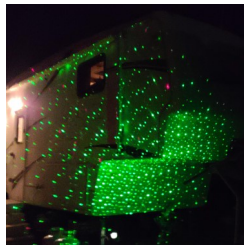
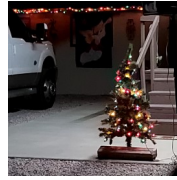


APPRAISAL COMMITTEE

The job of this Board committee is to provide a fair assessment of a lot concentrating on the shed, concrete and gravel. At least three members of the committee must be present for the assessment and all committee members must be leaseholders. Improvements to the lot are added to the base price – this might include added concrete, a new roof on the shed, and/or added electric to an already existing shed. Maintenance items are noted – shed painted, gravel in good shape, and termite inspections done regularly.

The committee also does yearly lot inspections to be sure that the required safety items like hoses are present and the water boxes in good condition.

When the road pavement project was assessed the committee was faced with about 40 relinquished lots. People who had kept the lots but hadn't been staying at RoVer's Roost did not want to pay the assessment. The committee was very busy over a period of two years but have found this year to be much calmer. If you have questions about the work of the Appraisal Committee or just want to know more, the committee guidelines are available in the office. If you want to know who serves on this committee, the names are posted along with all other board matters on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Thanks to all those who serve in this capacity!



HOLIDAY JOY - DAY AND NIGHT!



PHOTOS:

Deb Heen and Tom Anderson

