

Senior The Village Voice

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FEATURE SPOTLIGHT CHILL OUT: SENIOR VILLAGE TO THE RESCUE

Question: What do you do if your refrigerator breaks down during the summer, new parts won't be available for at least a week and ice in the chest is melting too fast? One of our members had a ready answer: **call the Senior Village number at 314-1042.**

As soon as that call was received, a dispatcher emailed an urgent message to all Village volunteers. The response was immediate! Within five minutes, a volunteer had offered to loan an extra refrigerator. Within half an hour, another volunteer picked up the loaner, delivered it to our distressed member and plugged it into an outlet in her garage. The loaner was even large enough to fit all her refrigerator items.

Remember: Senior Village stands ready to help you. Please don't hesitate to call. If we cannot handle your request, we'll try to find someone who will. Volunteers are not allowed to accept tips for their services, but our gratified member sent home slices of homemade lemon cake with the helpful volunteer, smiles all around.

NEWS AND VIEWS By THE STEERING COMMITTEE



You will soon receive notice of our 2017 dues policy: \$48 a year for singles and \$60 a year for couples (household). The Steering Committee crunched numbers for income donations and outflow expenses to arrive at this minimal annual amount which will allow Village members access to all services from our teams: Friendly Contact, Going My Way and Helping Hands.

This dues fee will provide the working capital to pay for our costly liability insurance for our drivers, the security background checks for each volunteer, our web page and software programs plus administrative expenses such as copying and mailings. We have no paid staff or rented office space; dedicated volunteers are the backbone of our chapter.

You can pay your dues by check made out to Senior Village at SaddleBrooke and sent to PO Box 8584 Tucson, AZ 85738 or through Pay Pal/credit card by clicking on the button that will be sent to you shortly in the dues invoice. Senior Village at SaddleBrooke is committed to helping its members "age in place" in our community. Thank you for being part of this mission.

MEMBER ALERT!

You must phone the Village dispatch at least 3-5 days prior to the day you need a ride. We cannot guarantee a driver if you call the day before.

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



Helping Hands - Are those recessed lights too high for you to reach? How about that door knob that doesn't turn or that screen door that squeaks?... Yup, maintaining a home can be a rewarding yet challenging aspect of independent living. But when simple tasks become monumental and even dangerous to perform, they now become a challenge and a struggle. How fortunate we are to have Jack Stebe and his skillful Helping Hands team available to step in and assist you. Think of Helping Hands as helpers who can do things around the house that you can no longer do or have been putting off. They'll consider any task, and are usually able to accomplish things that don't require a permit. Helping Hands Team Volunteers offer many skills to assist you around your home and yard. This is a partial list of what they can do; just let us know how we can help!

- ▣ hang pictures or mirrors
- ▣ lift heavy boxes
- ▣ fix a hinge or door knob
- ▣ flip bed mattresses
- ▣ make thermostat work
- ▣ fix toilet flushing mechanism
- ▣ replace/repair doorbells
- ▣ repair a drip in your line
- ▣ move patio furniture
- ▣ replace heater/refrigerator filters
- ▣ help with computer issues
- ▣ replace lights
- ▣ lubricate sliding doors
- ▣ set up TV remotes



The mission of the **Friendly Contact** team is to offer companionship by phone or in person to our members who want more social interaction in their lives. For Senior Village members who are homebound or who might be feeling lonely or out of touch with friends, **Friendly Contact** is their link to the community.

New Friendly Contact services for members include:

- Pick-up and delivery of your library books
- A volunteer 'walking buddy' for members who would like some company on their morning walk
- Pick-up and delivery of an occasional meal you order from an HOA restaurant
- In the planning: ladies' birthday lunches and men's happy hour



Going My Way Team: Since February of this year, volunteers have driven over **3,500 miles** transporting members, a service greatly appreciated by our less mobile members.



Double-check your volunteer form: If you want the chance to perform more Village services, increase the number of days and hours you are available. You don't have to accept jobs if you are busy. Go to www.svatsb.org and edit your day/time information. More availability means more opportunity to serve.

Photo: Jim Becker, Going My Way Team. Read more about Jim in the October SaddleBrooke newspapers. And below-a touching tribute from an appreciative member when Jim went "above and beyond" our normal service area:

"Jim Becker was my driver, who volunteered to take me far and beyond a reasonable journey for an appointment at the Southern Arizona VA on Sept 13th. A task that had taken approximately 3 + hours. His positive attitude and demeanor was extraordinarily outstanding, considering the unexpected waiting time for me to see my doctor. Jim is obviously a man with patience, an asset to your organization, Senior Village at SaddleBrooke. In gratitude, I wish to make a donation towards the ongoing help, your services provide to its members. Thank you, Stuart Pekarsky."

FALL IS A BUSY TIME FOR SENIOR VILLAGE

Look for the weekly Senior Village notice in your Community Update email sent to all residents of HOA1. We're waiting for approval from Robson to publish the same information in the HOA2 weekly bulletin.

Friday, September 9: Membership team made a **presentation to the GLAAS Club**. The Senior Village membership team has enrolled almost **300 members** since February.

Saturday, Oct. 15: SB Health Fair at HOA1. Volunteers spoke with hundreds of residents about Senior Village. Thanks to Shawne Cryderman for our impressive posters!

October 19 and October 25: Volunteer Refresher Training on how the dispatch system functions.

November??? **Basic Orientation and Going My Way** sessions for new volunteers; info to be sent via email. To register to go: <http://www.seniorvillageatsaddlebrooke.org/training.html>

ASK THE VILLAGE...



QUESTION: Can my home insurance premium be lower living near the Fire Department?

ANSWER: Possibly - Effective July 1, 2016, Golder Ranch Fire District (GRFD) has been re-rated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to a Protection Classification of 2/10. If your home is within five miles of this station and/or is within 1000 feet of the nearest fire hydrant, this new rating may lower your homeowner's insurance. First, contact your insurance carrier and inform them that the Fire Department near your home has a new Protection Classification rating of 2/10. Then ask if this new rating applies to you and if

you need a verification letter from the Fire Department. If yes, then call GRFD's Fire and Life Safety Division @ 520-818-1017 to obtain that letter.

Please send "Ask the Village" questions to Sandymorse@centurylink.net or call 520-314-1042

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR PATRONS YEAR-END TAX DONATIONS

Now's the time, before January, 2017, rolls around to make donations to non-profit organizations so that those tax-free deductions will be reflected on your 2016 IRS forms. The Senior Village of SaddleBrooke, Inc. is a 501 (c)3 non-profit corporation which operates only on donations. By giving to Senior Village, your charitable dollars stay in SaddleBrooke, and you join us in "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." We acknowledge with appreciation our recent donors:

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