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## WHERE'S THE FIRE (CORPS)?

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### **Congratulations 500+ hours:**



Please join with me in celebrating with Bonnie Myers who has volunteered over 500 hours with Green Valley Fire Corps. Bonnie wears a lot of hats in the community. You can find her coordinating volunteers at the Animal League of Green Valley, working in her HOA (cleaning the common areas, helping neighbors, and more), she also serves as the President of her HOA, and Fridays she is busy serving at Fire Corps.

Bonnie has always served the public and helped others. She has owned her own gyms, served and retired as a police sergeant where she had patrol, investigation, and administrative roles. Bonnie is thorough in her work and makes sure everything that needs to be done is accomplished. She goes above and beyond what is expected. Please join me in Congratulating Bonnie.

### **Annexation Efforts:**

Members of Fire Corps, Green Valley Fire, Drexel Heights, and Rural Metro gather outside of Fry's in July to canvas neighborhoods and collect signatures from those living in Rancho Sahuarita.





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September Birthdays:



Evelyn Gooch



Dale Sonnenberg



Ellen Brancazio



Gary Hanks



Stephen Dreier



Mark Dean



Amy Rosenberg





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## Save the Dates:

<b>September 11</b>	Fire Corps at GVR (Las Campanas 1 PM)
<b>September 19</b>	Field Training - Overview of Admin Office Ladders, Chirpers starts at 10 AM in Fire Corps Office
<b>September 21</b>	530 PM Drinks/Dinner at Dominick's RSVP to Kevin (dinner/drinks on your own, order off the menu)
<b>October 11</b>	Radio Training/Tour of Valley Fire (Peacock) additional dates November 8 and January 11
<b>October 13</b>	GVFD Pancake Breakfast
<b>December 19</b>	Gas Light Theatre Outing 3 PM Showing \$28 each ticket.

## Fire Corps Making a Difference:

**Steve** and **Karen** were efficient and personable. They were careful to make sure the detectors all worked correctly before they left even though it meant replacing one. **Tim** and **Karen** were great. Both explained everything well beyond what was expected. Both were very knowledgeable regarding the total program. I appreciated the "Envelope of Life" and the telephone number card for various services they provided. I also requested a CO2 detector. Very glad these people are serving our community. Good work to all of you for the jobs you do. **Dave, Tom, and Bill** were here. They found that one of my smoke alarms was faulty, even though it was not expired. I told them about a story I had with GV Fire Department where I thought I had a smoke alarm issue, but when the team arrived, they found it was my CO2 detector. I think it was **Tom** who offered to change the battery in this device as well. **Tim** and **Steve** were efficient, professional, and knowledgeable.

**Picture: Denny Mart placing a Western Diamondback in a snake box.**







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It was Grand Central Station in this house as plumbers were here as well as Cox trying to resolve a problem. **Steve** and **Tim** went right to work, installed the batteries, and then explained that I would probably need new smoke alarms

in 2 years. They were so professional and business-like as I was dealing with so many issues at the same time. Thank you for this service! This is such a help to seniors and to widows. We are so blessed in GV to have you perform this service. Great job of installing new smoke alarms by **Dennis** and **Tom**. **Dan** and **Karen** arrived on time and called ahead to let us know they were on the way. They were very pleasant to deal with and kept us aware of what was going on. They got the job completed efficiently. Very responsive and friendly from the dispatcher taking the call to the guys (**Gary** and **Daniel**) arriving for snake removal. We are so grateful to the team of professionals keeping us safe. Green Valley is so fortunate to have such a dedicated group providing much needed services to the community. **Tom**, **Dave**, and **Bill** changed the batteries in my smoke alarms. They even offered to change the lightbulbs in the ceiling! They were quick, professional, and answered all our questions. This is such a wonderful service, and I appreciate it so much! **Kathleen** and **George** just replaced my smoke alarm batteries. Very fast and friendly service. They were in and out of here within 10 minutes. **Karen** and **Tim** were fast and efficient. They ensured we had everything we needed. **Tim** and **Karen** came out to replace smoke detectors. **Karen** gave me the Envelope of Life and spoke about the importance of it as well as discussing the lock box program, desert pest removal and chirping smoke detector phone numbers. **Tim** brought up the carbon monoxide program and recommended the installation of the alarm. He was very fast and efficient at replacing smoke alarms. Both employees were courteous and friendly and provided a lot of useful info in addition to replacing the batteries. Very impressive service. **Tom**, **Dave**,



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and **Bill** were very professional and answered some questions. I am very



grateful. thank you! **Dennis** and **Mark** were very polite and did their work quickly. Such nice, efficient people. We certainly appreciate **George** and **Kathleen** and the services from all of you. **Dan** and **Kevin** arrived promptly, provided excellent service, and gave us valuable information. **Mark** and **Dennis** were very cordial and made sure my alarm was in working order. **Clem** and **Mark** were very professional. Excellent Service. **George** and **Kathleen**, you are much appreciated. **Carol** and **Mitch** were friendly and did their work quickly. It was fun to have them here. **Dennis** and **Carol** were quick in changing everything and answered all our questions. **Tim** and **Steve** really did things right. They were fast and efficient and friendly. **Gary** and **Bonnie** were outstanding! **Steve** and **Bonnie** couldn't have been better. I highly recommend **Dan** and **Tom**. **Denny** and **John** were great. **Steve** and **Bonnie** were/are angels!! Thank you all so much for having this program. You've literally saved me a fall! That's what happened last time I was on a ladder! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the program and my two angels today! **Carol** and **Dan** were excellent. Please thank them for me. **Tom** and **Mitch** are the dream team. They installed 3 new alarms quickly and cheaply. I really appreciate the help. **Tom** and **Mitch** were professional and courteous. **Steve** and **Tim** quickly and efficiently replaced the batteries in our 5 smoke detectors. They were delightful and it was apparent they very much enjoyed providing this great service to the community. We have always appreciated any help we have received from the Green Valley Fire Dept. They are a treasure. **Carol** and **Clem** were prompt and did a great job. **Carol** and **Clem** worked well together. Cheerful and pleasant. I truly appreciate the work they do with changing batteries in my 6 smoke alarms. **Daniel** and **Mark** were so friendly and informative. And the office lady setting up the service was very kind and accommodating. Thank you. Wonderful friendly people. **Steve** complimented me on my



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garden! **Clem** and **Steve** - you could not have two better people working for you. **Carol** and **Clem** were just wonderful. We give them a big high five, and 5 STARS. **Tim** and **Steve** came out and replaced our old alarms. They were wonderful! **Dennis** and **Mark** installed my new smoke detectors. They were fast, efficient, and friendly. Awesome customer service. **Steve** and **Tim** did a great job replacing the batteries in my smoke alarms. It took very little time. A few weeks ago, the regular firefighters came out at 4 AM and replaced the battery in one alarm which was beeping. Great job all around. This is a great service you provide for the community.



**Green Valley News Article Excerpt – Annexation Update (Click link for full article by Kim Smith of the Green Valley News):**

[https://www.gvnews.com/news/local/gvfd-turns-in-signatures-in-annexation-effort/article\\_c62ac9fc-475c-11ee-94e9-bfc820566449.html](https://www.gvnews.com/news/local/gvfd-turns-in-signatures-in-annexation-effort/article_c62ac9fc-475c-11ee-94e9-bfc820566449.html)

The Green Valley Fire District took a big step forward in its quest to annex the northern portion of Sahuarita by turning in 3,626 signatures to Pima County on Aug. 24. GVFD Chief Chuck Wunder said his firefighters collected 505 signatures, or nearly 14% more than required. The signatures also had to represent 50% plus 1 of valuations, or \$72 million, and Wunder said they surpassed that requirement by \$18 million. **Pima County is in the process of verifying the signatures and Wunder hopes the Board of Supervisors will formally recognize GVFD met the requirements at its Sept. 19 meeting.** Once the supervisors have done so, the matter will come back before the GVFD Governing Board to authorize the expansion of GVFD's boundaries, Wunder said.



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## Safety Tip of the Month

### When working near ceiling fans:

- 1) Turn off ceiling fan,
- 2) Ensure you have room to work,
- 3) Place your ladder where you can work in front of your body,
- 4) Look up before and as you go up the ladder,
- 5) In the event you get injured, notify Kevin and/or the Battalion Chief immediately whether you require medical attention or not. Their numbers are programmed in the Fire Corps cell phone contacts.
- 6) Kevin or the BC will ensure you get the appropriate forms completed in the event you require medical treatment. Even if you do not require medical treatment, we want to complete the necessary forms because we know the next day may be more painful or require follow-up.
- 7) Don't hesitate to remind your fire corps partner of potential hazards.

As illustrated in the picture, please make sure there is enough clearance to change the battery safely, and if the ceiling fan is on make sure it is completely off. We want everyone to go home safely to their families.

