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## From the President

# Raising the Dar



Doug Dickson

Looking back at 2013, the Desert Ridge Community Association had another excellent year. We're proud to have finished under budget for the 9th consecutive year and

avoided raising any fees for the 18th year in a row. Our reserves are fully funded and our community has never looked better.

We reinvested funds back into our community with a number of large scale landscaping projects including:

- New entrance monuments with branding, signage and lighting
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- Repaired, replaced and repainted community walls
- Replaced over 3,400 plants
- Refurbished community historical plaques
- Removed noisy scored concrete from roadways
- Added 30 additional dog waste stations
- Installed state of the art, water conserving master irrigation controllers
- Converted and installed 207 walkway bollards with LED lighting and retrofitted bollard light covers with new tamperproof screws
- Enhanced the common area landscape throughout Desert Ridge with the removal of the Angelita Daisies

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Our efforts didn't go unnoticed, as members of our Association gave us a great deal of positive feedback. We're also proud to have received the award for bestmaintained community from the Arizona Landscape Contractors Association.

Looking forward to 2014, we will continue reinvesting into our community and raising the bar. Our efforts will focus on reducing crime, creating lifestyle, enforcing our CC&R's and making Desert Ridge the very best community in Phoenix.

We appreciate your support and the opportunity to serve you. I hope to see you in the neighborhood.

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Doug Dickson President

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## **Communications Chair**



Dan Oseran

A thriving community, by its nature, must grow. People want to invest in a thriving community, buy property, build houses, and establish businesses where they

know that community growth will provide positive returns. Desert Ridge is lucky to be one of the top thriving communities in the Valley. The Communications Committee is always trying to provide our Desert Ridge community with relevant and timely articles and issues affecting our community. With the recent changeover in the Master Developer and the sale of Super Block 7.L.1 (also known as the southwest corner of Tatum and Pinnacle Peak) to Taylor Morrison, we thought we

should provide a view into the growth that is underway within Desert Ridge.

Although we're a popular and established community, Desert Ridge is still at the beginning of its long term growth potential. Currently we have about 5,000 residences and projections have us growing to over 20,000 in the neighborhood. This growth is substantial, and it's incumbent on the Board of Directors and the Master Developer to ensure that the growth has proper focus, community engagement, and takes into account the Desert Ridge lifestyle. (My public plea to Retail Developers: A high end department store would do well at City North because of our community lifestyle and the draw of surrounding North Scottsdale communities - don't lose the opportunity to a development in Scottsdale).

The growth of Desert Ridge will provide new resources and opportunities for our community. Undoubtedly, growth will put some pressure on our infrastructure, but there are plans to address this pressure with road construction and school expansion. In addition, we will be able to have additional HOA funds to improve our community and ensure that we continue to maintain an unparalleled lifestyle in the Valley of the Sun.

If you have thoughts on the growth of our community (including a High Street department store), submit your comments to us at desertridge.az@fsresidential.com to have them included in the next issue of Desert Ridge Lifestyles Magazine.

Dan Oseran Communications Committee Chair Desert Ridge Community Association

# Welcome to Desert Ridge

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# RESMARK AND GREYSTAR BEGIN PRE-LEASING LUXURY APARTMENTS AT **ELAN AT DESERT RIDGE**

Resmark Apartment Living, in joint venture with Greystar, is pleased to announce pre-leasing has begun on a new luxury apartment community, Elan at Desert Ridge, in Phoenix, Arizona. The 370-unit apartment homes are located at 21155 N 56th Street, at the northeast corner of Deer Valley Drive and 56th Street, within the Desert Ridge master-planned development. The new community's architecture reflects a modern craftsman design with two- and four-story buildings, set around outdoor gathering spaces and stunning community amenities.

"We are delighted to begin pre-leasing at Elan at Desert Ridge," said Ziv Cohen, COO of Resmark Apartment Living. "Desert Ridge offers residents a highlydesirable lifestyle and location with easy access to employment centers and attractions in downtown Scottsdale and downtown Phoenix."

The community offers one- and twobedroom apartment homes ranging in size

from 729 to 1,225 square feet of living space. Designer-selected interior finishes include quartz countertops, clean steel appliances, brushed nickel hardware, modern carpeting and faux wood flooring. Floor plans incorporate features such as gourmet kitchens, dual pane windows, spacious walk-in closets and high capacity washers and dryers.

Elan at Desert Ridge amenities include a 4,702 square foot clubhouse with a fitness facility, conference center, video gaming room, and a multi-station business center. Residents can also enjoy our resortinspired swimming pool with a spacious sundeck, cabanas with HD televisions, complimentary wi-fi, grilling stations and a fire pit. The gated community includes single and double attached garages, a fenced dog park and is in close proximity to several biking and hiking trails.

"Residents will have the opportunity to live in a vibrant community steps away from the Desert Ridge Marketplace and JW Marriott

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# Hello Residents of Desert Ridge!

As you may already be aware, Taylor Morrison recently acquired the 105-acres of land located at the southwest corner of Tatum Boulevard and Pinnacle Peak Roads from the Arizona State Land Department at an auction that was held in early December of last year. This marks the first significant land transaction in the Desert Ridge area in more than 7 years. We are very excited to be a part of such a wonderful community.

The project is in the very early stages of planning however our intent is to deliver an exclusive neighborhood consistent with the standards that have already been established within the community. We are currently planning nearly 270 home sites that range in size from 3,250 to 18,000 square-feet for homes that range between 1,600 to 5,000 square-feet. The community will likely be gated and will include trail connections to the existing network as well as several amenities.

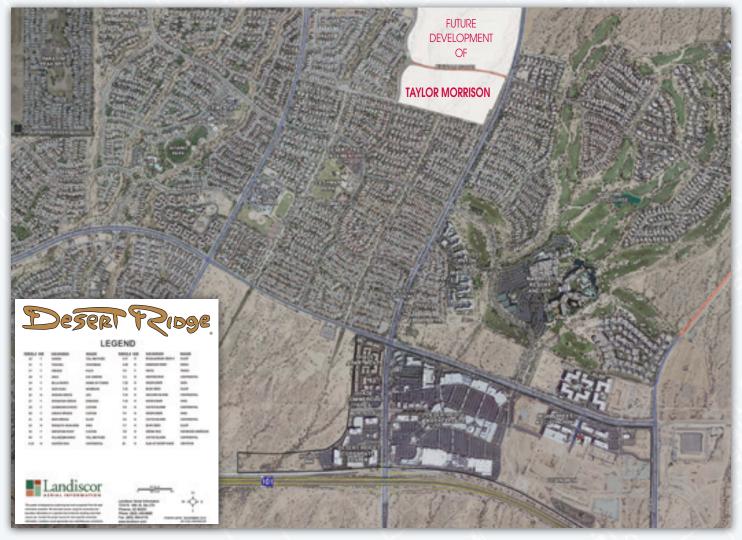
The goal is to have the community open for sales in late 2015.

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## La Bocca Wine Bar & Urban Kitchen, Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill and Rick Bronson's House of Comedy Will Enhance the High Street **Experience in 2014**

Scanlan Kemper Bard Companies and Wayzata Investment Partners purchased the 628,000 square-foot mixed-use development, formerly known as CityCenter of CityNorth, in April of 2013. Just nine months later, they are building on success after success, bringing in new tenants and renovating the property into a fun, entertainment-driven locale known by the street it resides on - High Street.

#### **WELCOME TO HIGH STREET!**

Whether you're a stylish single looking for an unforgettable date night, or an energetic family searching for affordable weekend fun, High Street welcomes you and the memories you can create along its modern streetscape.

The Restaurant and Bar Collection. Current restaurants include:

- Blue Martini, Kona Grill, Mellow Mushroom, Ocean Prime, Mojo Yogurt & Coffee
- And, Now Open: La Bocca Wine Bar & Urban Kitchen (opened January 22, 2014)

And to further spice up the North Phoenix dining scene...

- Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill and Rick Bronson's House of Comedy are coming soon!
- The Shops on High Street. Tree-lined walkways frame four city blocks of stunning suites including: Aspire Salon & Spa, AZ Body Mechanics Pilates Studio & Wellness Center, Almond Tree Bridal Boutique and LensCrafters.
- The Residences on High Street. These modern one, two and three-bedroom amenity-rich luxury rentals, where location is key, are ready to welcome you home.
- The Offices on High Street. Contemporary work environments and medical suites create the ideal atmosphere for energetic, forward-thinking businesses.
- **High Street Events.** A community gathering space, High Street is an idyllic venue for The Market On High Street High Street (put on by your favorite High Street retailer's and restaurant's) and live music (hosted by The Restaurant and Bar Collection.) Each public event demonstrates High Street's commitment to its neighbors – the individuals, businesses and families that make north Phoenix and Scottsdale great.

#### **HIGH STREET ADDITIONS**

#### Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill

As the third location in Arizona, Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill on High Street will be a full-service bar with a seating capacity for more than 300 guests. The 14,500 square foot venue will feature live country music, country dancing and dancing Whiskey girls.

Opening daily at 11 a.m. for lunch, the bar will also offer birthday

parties, bachelor/bachelorette parties, private event and corporate gathering packages as well as military discounts.

Consistent with Toby Keith's vision, the venue will feature local, regional and national up-and-coming artists. Its corporate team anticipates a mid-late summer 2014 opening.



#### Rick Bronson's - House of Comedy

With operations in North Americas two largest retail centers – Mall of America in Minnesota and West Edmonton Mall in Canada – and another slated for The American Dream in New Jersey, High Street joins an impressive list of retail and entertainment centers to host the House of Comedy.

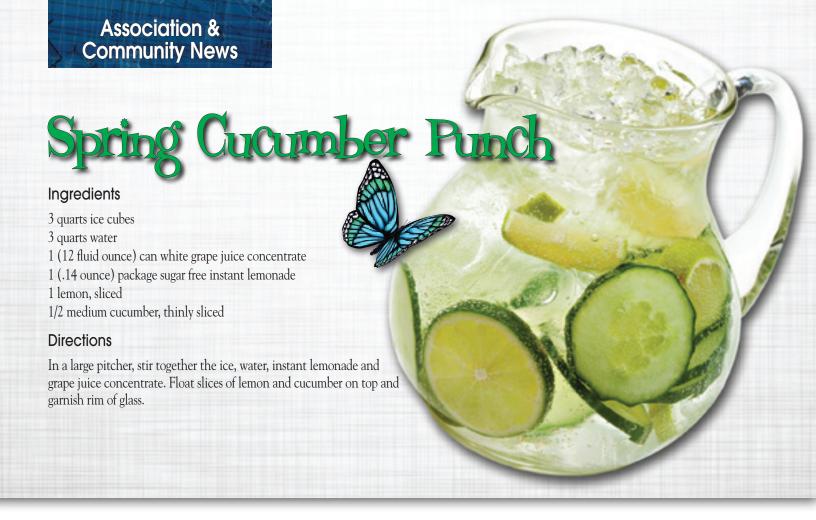
The live comedy and dining venue is scheduled to open summer of 2014 in a 6,600 square foot location just east of Toby Keith's I Love This Bar and Grill. Audiences will be able to wine and dine while enjoying the absolute best in live, Stand Up Comedy. The menu will feature burgers, sandwiches, salads and a variety of comedy cocktails. The club will provide the North Valley with the perfect location to host special events, private parties, corporate functions, holiday parties, bachelor and bachelorette parties.

#### OTHER RECENT GROUND LEVEL ADDITIONS

- Mojo Yogurt & Coffee now open
- Desert Ridge Pediatric Dentistry now open
- Desert Ridge Prosthodontics now open
- La Bocca Wine Bar & Urban Kitchen now open
- Murphy Orthodontics open soon

#### **RENOVATIONS**

High Street is currently undergoing a series of targeted renovations and enhancements to support the growth of the development while maintaining its impeccable building standards and modern architecture. A second parking garage containing 224 spaces will be built on the east side of the property. Additional planned improvements include new building and monument signage, improved lighting, landscaping and more.







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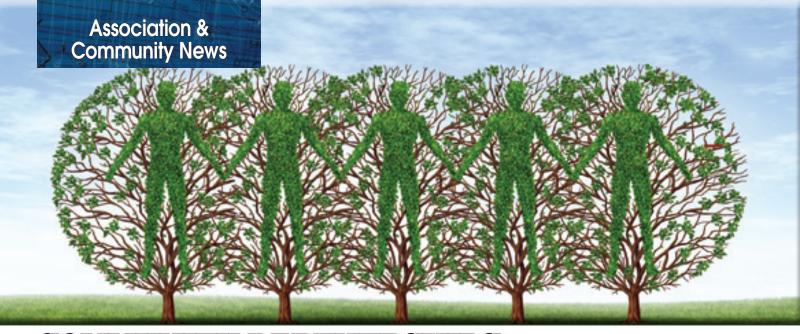
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# COMMUNITY PARTIMERSHIPS

By Officer Tim Mitten Community Action Officer Black Mountain Precinct, Phoenix Police Department

Another year has come and gone; the passage of time marches on whether we like it or not. A new year is upon us, new challenges, new dreams, and new commitments to improve and whether it is to get in shape, quit smoking, be more involved in your community, or whatever other personal and professional goals you have set for yourself, it is important to remember that change can only happen when you decide it will happen.

Your neighborhood and community is an important aspect of your life and your family. You choose a neighborhood based on many things; schools, proximity to work or activities, friends or family, the style of the home, sales price, all figured somewhere in that equation. You may have also considered safety in considering where you live. The safety of neighborhoods and every individual in that community is our responsibility at the Phoenix Police Department. We take great pride in serving and protecting you and working to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood.

The Phoenix Police Department works to build community partnerships in many aspects; whether we are partnering with other law enforcement agencies or governmental departments for enforcement programs or to apprehend fugitives, partnering with schools to provide a safe school environment for our children, with HOA's to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods or with our many businesses on a variety of programs. All of these are very important to us but the biggest partnership is with you, the resident of Phoenix. We as police officers are your partners in this endeavor, and will be there when you call and also when you don't call, out patrolling the streets of your neighborhood as you sleep, work or enjoy time with your family.

There is a common theme I get in the questions poised to me, do we at the Phoenix Police Department know of things going on in the area. Sometimes we do know since we are out taking the reports, arresting the ones who are breaking the law and are out talking with residents. Law enforcement can be reactionary at times; we strive to be very proactive though and work to identify persons, places, and behaviors that are causing problems in our community. This approach leads us to be more involved in our communities, partnering with our residents to solve or prevent crime and to improve the quality of life for everyone in the City of Phoenix.

There is a common theme in most crime prevention and that is communication and awareness; communicate with your kids, your neighbors, your kids schools and your police department. If you see something suspicious in your neighborhood, call Crime Stop at

602-262-6151 or for crimes in progress, 911. I am contacted numerous times asking if I am aware of something going on in a neighborhood. With a city of 1.6 million and an area of responsibility for me of 85 square miles and 90,000 people, it is sometimes difficult for me to hear of everything going on but I do keep in contact with all of the communities I serve as much as possible so that I may respond with the needed resources to address whatever issue comes up.

I occasionally send out community safety emails if I have important public safety information that you need to be aware of. I don't report every crime that occurs in an area but if we have suspect or vehicle descriptions, or are noticing a wave of thefts or other criminal activity I will send something out so that you and your neighbors can watch out for your neighborhood and call us. If you would like to get these emails, please email me at the email address below with your community name and email address. I do not share my distribution lists with anybody else, it is strictly for me to communicate crime prevention and public safety awareness information.

I am committed to helping each and every one of the neighborhoods I serve to improve their quality of life so if you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at 602-495-5238 or at <a href="mailto:tim.mitten@phoenix.gov">tim.mitten@phoenix.gov</a>. Thanks again for being involved in your community and partnering with the Phoenix Police Department to help improve the quality of life and safety of your neighborhood.



# ANNUAL MEETING TOPICS

#### By Dan Oseran

Communications Committee Chair Desert Ridge Community Association

The Desert Ridge Annual meeting is one of several meetings that the Desert Ridge Community Association has throughout the year. The annual meeting, which is required by our bylaws, serves the purpose of installing new Directors to the Desert Ridge Board, and we have historically used it as an opportunity to have key business and political leaders talk to us about our community and its place in their agenda. In the past, we have had the Police Chief, City Council Members and Congressional Representatives meet our Community at the annual meeting. Although our monthly meetings are where more routine business happens, our annual meeting also requires an approval of the previous year's minutes and allows for Community members to address the Board with questions and comments.

This year's Annual Meeting will take place on April 17, 2014 at 6pm. The JW Marriott is once again kindly playing host to our annual meeting in their conference and ballroom center. We will have a special guest on hand for this year's annual meeting in Mayor Greg Stanton. It will be a great opportunity for us in Desert Ridge,

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We will be electing 3 new board members this year, so take a moment to meet the people that volunteer to help run the Community Join us and the Mayor on April 17th at 6pm for the 2014 Annual Meeting.



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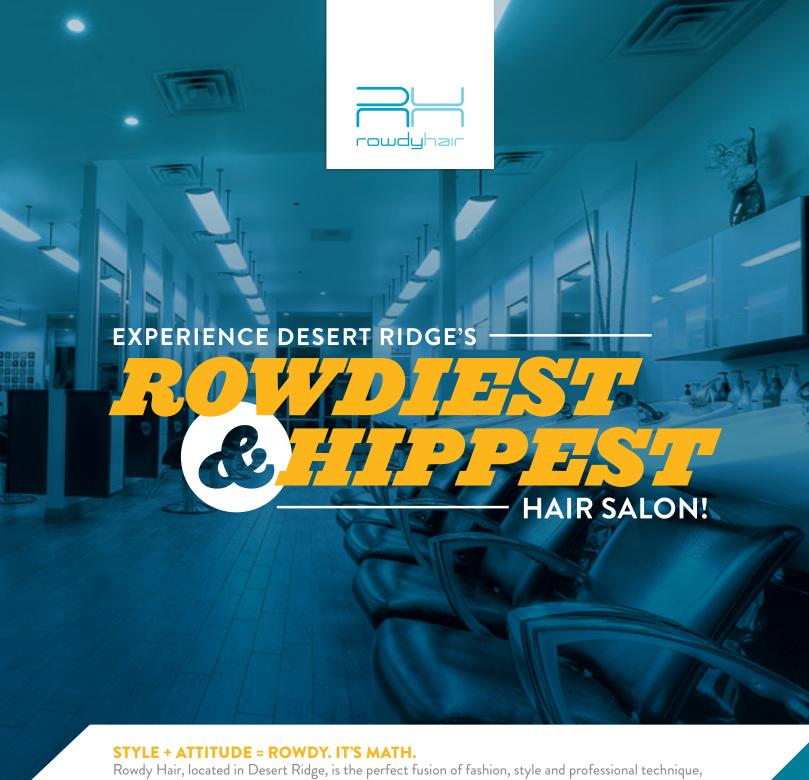
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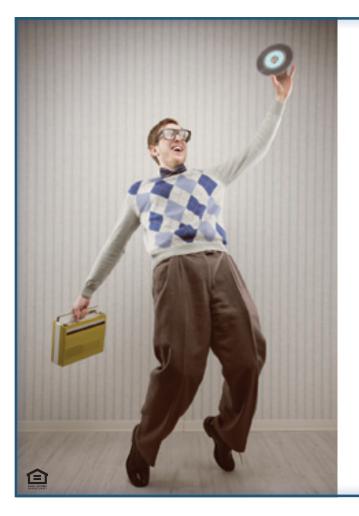
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# JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort Home To LPGA Founders Cup



### Tournament returns to Wildfire Golf Club on March 18

By JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa

After three years and more than \$1.5 million raised for charity, The LPGA Founders Cup is here to stay in the Desert Ridge community. Returning March 20-23 after three successful years at the resort, this year's tournament marks the beginning of a five-year run at Wildfire Golf Club at JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa.

Professional female golfers from across the world are participating in the prestigious tourney featuring a \$1.5 million purse, with \$225,000 going to the champion. The tournament was established to honor the 13 original Founders of the LPGA tour, as well as to help provide a future for the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program, which has received more than \$1.5 million from tournament proceeds in the last three years.

The LPGA selected JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa because of its two high caliber golf courses - the Faldo Championship Course and Palmer Signature Course -- and the ability for combining the two as well as the benefit of the event being held at the luxurious resort rich in amenities.

The picturesque Wildfire Golf Club is a multi-award winning club including "Best Courses You Can Play" by Golfweek, "Best Resort Course in the Southwest" by Travel & Leisure Golf and certification by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

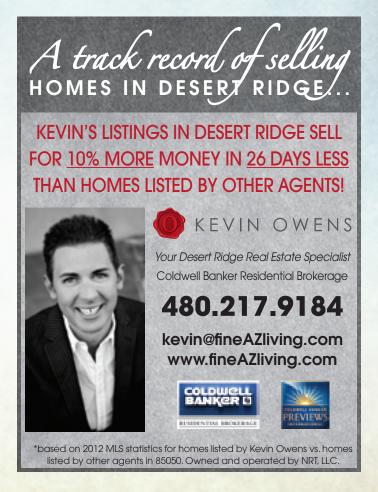
The relaxed atmosphere of the LPGA provides a great outing for families and avid golfers alike. Tickets can be purchased online at www.LPGAFoundersCup. com. Children 17 and under will receive free tournament admission with a ticketed adult. Active military members can receive free tournament admission with a valid active military identification.

The Founders Cup will feature a special tribute to LPGA pioneers who had a major role in creating one of the most successful women's sports organizations in history. Two pioneers who have left an indelible imprint on the LPGA will be honored: Kathy Whitworth and Renee Powell. Whitworth holds the record for

the most LPGA career victories with 88. Powell was the second African-American woman to play on the LPGA Tour, and changed the face of the sport of golf by promoting diversity.

"For the LPGA, the Founders

Cup is more than just a tournament – it's a chance to say 'thank you' to those who blazed the trail before us, and to make a real difference in the future of the game," said LPGA Commissioner Michael Whan.



# Holiday Trolley Tour

# LOOK AT THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS BY TROLLEY!

The Desert Ridge Holiday
Trolley Tour and Lighting
& Decorating Contest was a
huge hit and our homeowners
have expressed their interest
to have it again this year.

We would like to thank our community partner, Paradise Bakery for contributing to our holiday event. Paradise Bakery welcomed our trolley riders prior and during our tour with some freshly baked treats and warm drinks. After boarding the trolley's, our residents and guests were able to view many of the wonderfully decorated homes all over the Desert Ridge community. If was such a wonderful evening! Here are the winners of the 6th Annual Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest.



Paradise Bakerty & Cafe sponsored the event.



Carmello Musarra (left) and Dustin Watkins standing in front of Ollie the Trolley

# Bee Season



You may notice more bee hives in your community as the temperatures warm up. It's bee season and experts say they're expecting an increase in

activity. Africanized killer bees are those that pose the biggest threat. Experts estimate that roughly 65 percent of bees in the Valley are killer bees.

Killer bees tend to swarm and, if attacked, you'll likely be stung multiple times. If a colony believes its queen is threatened, it will attack aggressively. Swarms have been spotted in the Valley as large as pickup trucks. If you are outside, remember to wear white or light colored clothing.

Also, wear a hat if you have dark hair. Bees are extremely attracted to dark colors, like black. If you notice multiple bees buzzing around a light or lamp on your property,

it's likely you have a hive nearby and you should call an expert to remove the hive.

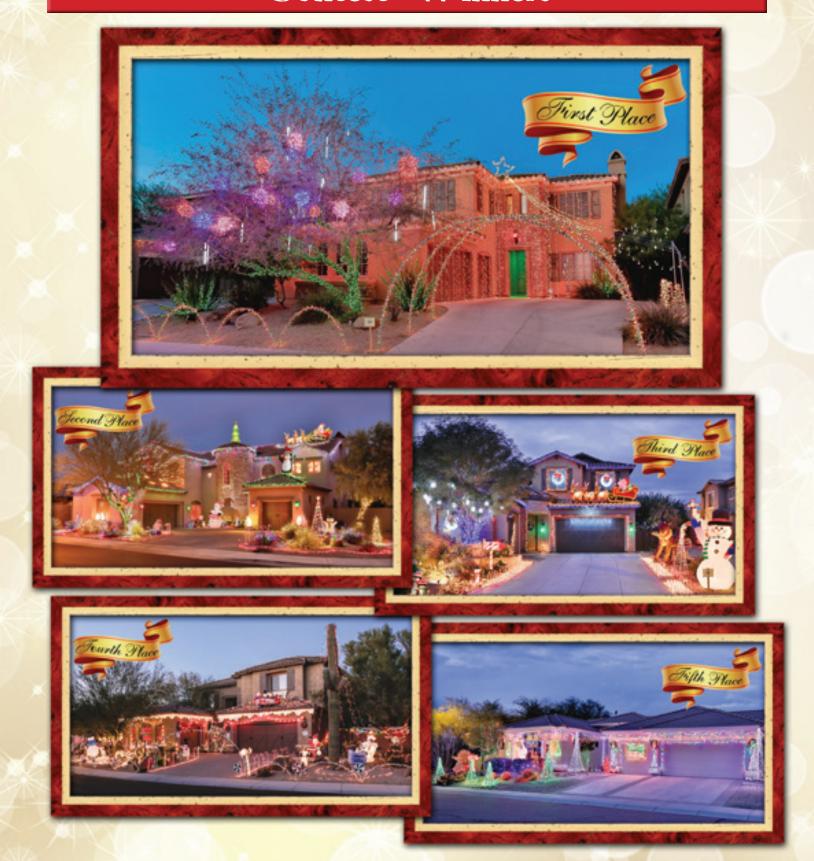
Regularly inspect your home and yard for signs of bees.



Swarms look for cavities in trees, eaves and walls as potential nesting sites. These openings should be filled or covered with a solid cover or fine mesh screening. Bees are also attracted to debris such as tires, wood piles or over-turned flower pots. When removing any debris, always look before you place your hand under or into something. Use the same caution when working around air conditioners, coolers, electrical boxes or water meters.

Photos by Tina Dickson

# Contest Winners





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By by Nolan E. Cordon DMD, MS

Resolutions to Replace your Broken New Year's Resolutions A recent survey showed that 35% of New Year's resolutions were broke by the end of January. No one likes setting a goal they don't or can't keep. Many suggest setting goals that are more achievable. For example, instead of just setting a goal to run a marathon, you may consider setting smaller, more attainable goals of running a mile, then five, and so on. In that spirit, may I suggest some simple goals that you can

keep and feel good about. They only take minutes, but the rewards are significant.

- Get regular dental check-ups and cleanings. Seeing your dentist regularly allows your dentist to diagnose problems early which usually means a more comfortable and less expensive solution. In addition, regular dental cleanings allows for cleanings in places that you cannot reach by yourself.
- **2.** Floss. It does not matter how good you are at brushing, there are areas that your toothbrush simply cannot reach. Make flossing a part of your daily routine and it will decrease cavities and improve the health of your gums and bone around your teeth.
- **3.** Avoid sticky foods with a high sugar content, as leaving sugar on your teeth will lead to decay. You have heard this one since you were in kindergarten. It is simple and it works.

Adding these three simple and attainable resolutions to your dental routine will surely make you smile!

Dr. Cordon is an orthodontist and has been serving the areas of Desert Ridge and north Phoenix for over 15 years.



## **Now Offering Notary Public Services**

Shelley Boni-Rice, Administrative Coordinator, is a Notary Public for the State of Arizona Did you know that the Desert Ridge Community Association now has a Notary Public and that the services of our Notary will be available to the members of the Desert Ridge Community Association at no charge?

The Notary acts as an impartial witness to the signing of legally binding documents. The notary ensures that the signer is actually the person named on the document and that they have not been forced to sign against their will. Documents that create a legally binding agreement usually need to be notarized, although this can vary according to local laws.

Satisfactory Evidence of

Identity: In accord with A.R.S. 41-311(11), notaries public may accept the following forms of identification as proof of identity:

- **1.** An unexpired driver license that is issued by a state or territory of the United States.
- **2.** An unexpired passport that is issued by the United States Department of State.
- **3.** An unexpired identification card that is issued by any

branch of the United States Armed Forces.

4. Any other unexpired identification card that is issued by the United States government or a state or tribal government, that contains the individual's photograph, signature and physical description that contains the individual's height, weight, color of hair and color of eyes.



## What documents need to be notarized?

- Will, Deeds and Trusts
- Medical documents
- Power of Attorney

Please note below the following conditions/requirements of the Desert Ridge Notary Services:

- **1.** Members must be in "good standing" with the Desert Ridge Community Association.
- **2.** Notary will be provided for personal (individual) purposes only. Notaries will not be provided for a member's business or third party purposes.
- **3.** Notaries are provided by "appointment only" to ensure that the Notary is available to meet with the member.
- 4. The Desert Ridge
  Community Association
  Notary reserves the right
  to refuse to notarize a
  document(s) presented to
  them upon and after review.

To make a notary appointment, please contact Shelley Boni-Rice at 480-551-4553 or email her at Shelley.Boni@fsresidential.com. All appointments must be confirmed.

## Be Aware of Posting Any Signs

By Carmello Musarra, Compliance Coordinator

Did you know that the Desert Ridge Community Association does not allow for signage to be placed on any light poles or in any common areas.

If the compliance team or landscapers see signs that are not approved they may be removed. On page C-52 of the Residential Area Design Guidelines Revised August 2011 for the Desert Ridge Community Association homeowners can find the information for signs.

Signs are not allowed on any lot where Visible From Neighboring Property except:

- (a) Signs required by legal proceedings;
- (b) A maximum of two (2) street address identification signs for each individual Lot or Dwelling Unit, each with a maximum face area of 72 square inches;
- (c) One (1) commercially produced "For Sale", "For Lease" and "For Rent" sign, in conformance with the industry size sign which shall not exceed 18 by 24 inches, and an industry standard sign rider of maximum size of 6by 24 inches;
- (d) Subdivision, condominium and apartment identification signs, the nature, number, location, content and design of which shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Design Review Committee;
- (e) Political signs may be displayed no earlier than seventy one (71) days before

- the day of an election and must be removed no later than three(3) days after the day of the election;
- (f) No signs of any nature shall be placed on any Lots or Parcels which are visible from golf courses or wash corridors or displayed over arterial or collector street perimeter walls;
- (g) No signs may be attached to public light posts or street signs;
- (h) All signs must comply with the City of Phoenix Sign Ordinance, Section 705.B.2.h.

#### FOOTHILLS CARING CORPS

## Recruiting Volunteers to Help Older Adults in Desert Ridge, North Valley Live Independently

Foothills Caring Corps (FCC), a nonprofit providing in-home and transportation services to older adults in the North Valley who are homebound, is recruiting volunteers to assist participants with basic tasks and errands needed to live an independent lifestyle.

Founded in 1999, FCC aids residents in Desert Ridge, North Phoenix, North Scottsdale, Cave Creek, Carefree and surrounding areas with the assistance of 540 volunteers. However, half of the volunteers are part-time residents and vacate the Valley

from May through October, leaving FCC with a void when many older adults need the most assistance.

In order to meet the needs of current and new participants, additional volunteers are needed to provide the following services:

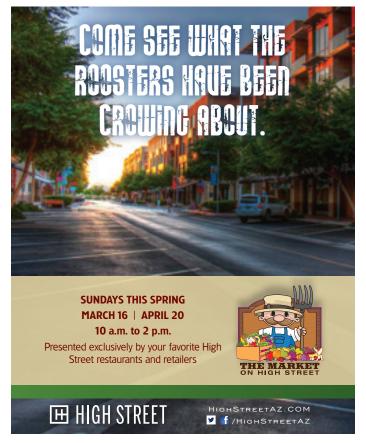
- Friendly visits and phoning
- Mobile meals
- Caregiver relief
- Business and computer help
- Minor home repair
- CareAlert emergency monitoring
- Transportation for entertainment, shopping,

care ranges from \$3,000 to \$6,000 monthly – a hefty price tag that many older residents simply cannot afford, adds Determan. "Many of our supporting others, and now they need our help. A friendly visit or household chore is easy for many of us to squeeze into our schedules. While they may seem simple, they have a powerfully positive impact, both for our volunteer and participants."

Volunteer opportunities are available for residents. neighborhood associations and employers. FCC is seeking a range of volunteers who can donate their time on a regular, semi-regular or one-time basis.

Community members interested in learning more can visit www.foothillscaringcorps. com or call (480) 488-1105.

**Iennifer** Pastiak Scottsdale Leadership- Class 28 Spooner Physical Therapy-Client Relations Manager





### **Association & Community News**

By Carmello Musarra and Dustin Watkins Compliance Coordinators Desert Ridge Community Association

#### **PAINT**

Currently compliance is doing a tour through the Community and informing homeowners



whose homes are in need of paint. Included below is the link to the Dunn Edwards website which has the paint color palette selection for Desert Ridge. Please use this link to select the paint colors

that you will be painting your home. http:// dunnedwards.com/PaintingContractors/ ExploreColor/ColorTools/ColorArchive.aspx

- The link will ask you for the zip code which for Desert Ridge is 85050
- Select Desert Ridge
- The sub-association parcel # which will pull up the schemes for your neighborhood

If you have any challenges getting the paint colors from the above mentioned link or have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office. Please be aware that it is the intention of the Design Review Committee (DRC) to space out like schemes so houses that are immediately adjacent to each other do not look the same. An architectural request form will need to be filled out and submitted to the Desert Ridge Design Review Committee (DRC) prior to any exterior changes being done.

#### TREE TRIMMING

Trees can provide a lot of shade for our yards! However, trees can also cause damage to

neighboring properties and walls if they are left untrimmed. Please take the time to evaluate your trees and ensure that they are growing healthy and trimmed back so they are not being



a danger to your neighbors' homes, lots or

common area walls.



Over the years the trees in Desert Ridge common areas and yards are have grown. Over the years the Association has come across many different scenarios where limbs and roots have caused damage to walls and homes. Please take the time to clean up after your tree and keep it trimmed to help keep it healthy through the next year.

#### TREE STAKES

Staking of your trees is extremely important for the tree when it is young and freshly planted. As your tree begins to grow and mature over time the need for these stakes may not be a necessity for your tree to continue growing...and in fact, can become a hazard to your tree if they are not adjusted or removed as the tree becomes established. During our regular inspections of the community, we have noticed throughout Desert Ridge, tree stakes that are no longer attached and are just free-standing next to the tree or they are damaging the tree because these stakes are cutting into the tree trunk and branches.

> Please check the tree stakes on all of your trees. If the stakes are no longer needed, please remove them or adjust the stakes accordingly, so that over time they may continue to stabilize your tree during its growth period. If you are unsure about keeping or

removing your tree stakes, please consult with your landscape contractor.

#### PET OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

This is a reminder to pet owners who walk their pets in the



- Keep them on a leash so you can maintain control of your pet while using the common areas.
- Carry plastic bags or use waste stations that are placed throughout the community and clean up your pet's waste.
- Don't allow pets to run loose in the community.

We enjoy many amenities in our community, nice walkways, sidewalks and green areas. It becomes very difficult to truly enjoy these if they are littered with pet waste and unpleasant odors.

Please do your part and pick up after your pet. Help keep Desert Ridge a great place to live.

#### **WEEDS**

The season is upon us again and the weeds

are beginning to sprout and take over yards. We strongly encourage homeowners to do what they can to help minimize the weeds that occur in their yards. There are options available to homeowners. Please do your part in removing the weeds from your yards and help keep the community looking its best.



#### ON STREET PARKING

Desert Ridge would like to remind our

homeowners and tenants that reside here in Desert Ridge that on street parking is not permitted with the exception of 48 hour guest parking. Desert Ridge does not



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# Report

#### By Steve Burns

Community Awareness Committee Chair Desert Ridge Community Association

When it comes to crime, Desert Ridge continues to enjoy lower rates than many other areas of the Valley. Standard and off-duty police patrols, along with Neighborhood Block Watches and increased community awareness have helped to keep serious crimes and felonies out of our neighborhoods.

However, our community is not crime free. Misdemeanors such as theft, graffiti or other forms of vandalism and property crimes still happen periodically. Recently, our Community Association Manager, Terrance Smith and I met with Community Action Officer, Tim Mitten of the Phoenix Police Department. We were all surprised to find out that some incidents reported to the Community Association office had not been reported to the police.

It turns out that this isn't as rare an occurrence as one might think. According to a recent survey, there are several reasons that people don't report a crime to the police. Depending on the crime, some people only find it necessary to file a claim with their insurance company. Others will inform a community representative



# Report

or report the incident to a school official. Some of the folks surveyed even felt that the crime wasn't important enough to bother filing a police report.

There are a few serious problems with not reporting a crime to the police; most notably is the misallocation of resources. Both the standard and off-duty patrols need to know if there are areas that need extra attention. Another very important reason to file is that multiple misdemeanors perpetrated by an individual, or group of individuals, can become a felony when



the left hand side of the page, click "File a Police Report" and follow the instructions. As always, if you see a crime in progress, dial 9-1-1.

If you see that graffiti or vandalism has occurred in any public area such as a park or on a common wall or street sign, etc., please report it to the Desert Ridge Community Association Office at 480-551-4553. They will then file a report and correct the issue.

Phoenix police officers do a fantastic job but they can't be everywhere all the time.



damages reach a certain level. With that latter reason, a victim not reporting even one of the misdemeanors can prevent the perpetrator(s) from being punished to the full extent of the law.

If a crime happens on your property, whether it's as simple as mischievous vandalism, a broken window, or even a failed attempted break-in, make sure that you file a police report by calling the Phoenix Police Department Non-Emergency Number at 602-262-6151. If you prefer, you can file your report online by going to the City of Phoenix website, www. phoenix.gov and under "eServices" list on

That is why it is so important to know and communicate with your neighbors and to keep looking for things that are out of place in your neighborhood. You can help make Desert Ridge a safer and better place to live by starting or participating in a neighborhood block watch program.

If you're interested in learning how to start a neighborhood block watch program, please contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4553 or contact Community Action Officer Tim Mitten from the Phoenix Police Department at 602-495-5238.

# Desert Ridge Teen Named Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Vestar Branch Youth of the Year

By Kelly Potts

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater
Scottsdale is pleased to announce that Dani
Haboush has been named the 2014 Vestar
Branch Youth of the Year. In addition to
representing the Desert Ridge-area branch
as Youth of the Year for the next 12 months
and earning \$1,000 scholarship from
General Dynamics C4 Systems, Haboush
will be honored at Celebrate Youth on
Saturday, March 22 at the Fairmont
Scottsdale Princess Resort. Presented
by Tiffany & Bosco and Great American
Title, more than 600 civic and community

leaders are expected at the gala to recognize Haboush and nine other greater-Scottsdale branch Youths of the Year. The gala also includes a silent and live auction, dinner and live entertainment and performances from the Club youth.

Haboush, who has been a member of the Vestar Branch for nine years, is a dedicated local fundraiser and volunteer, and has been active in many Club programs, including:

■ The Keystone Club, which focuses on community service including volunteering monthly at a local food

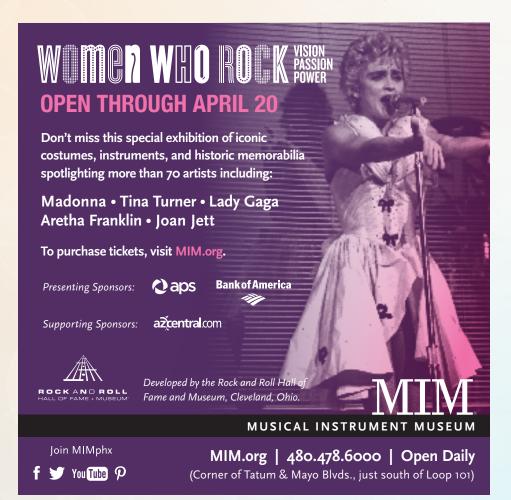


Dani Haboush

bank and assisting with homeless shelters.

- What's Hip, which is an eight-week program for high school girls covering issues such as relationships, drug and alcohol use, self-esteem, and fashion, among others.
- Leaders in Training, which allows members ages 11-15 to volunteer and learn basic job responsibilities and work habits during summer months as unpaid staff assistants.
- "The Youth of the Year program is a premier character and leadership initiative which has been in existence for more than 60 years," said Janet Caldarelli, co-chair of the Celebrate Youth. "Recipients of the award are chosen based on each finalist's demonstration of moral character, life goals, leadership, poise, public speaking ability and service to the Club, community and family."

During the Gala, one of the 10 branch Youths of the Year will be named as the overall Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Youth of the Year, taking home a \$5,000 scholarship. Some other corporate sponsors joining Tiffany & Bosco and Great





# **Desert Ridge Youth are Showcased** at the Phoenix Art Museum

By Lyndal Low
Art Coordinator
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale
Vestar Branch

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale recently held its yearly exhibition of members' artwork at the Phoenix Art Museum. The exhibit was the culmination of the year-round National Fine Arts program that provides youth from age six to 18 with the opportunity to create works in nine media forms. Nearly 100 pieces were on display at the museum's Wolfswinkel Education Center during the month of January, including 18 from the Vestar branch in the Desert Ridge Community. The exhibit was an exciting opportunity for club members to see their artwork professionally displayed before

their family, peers, and the community. Lauren R., a club member at Vestar said seeing her artwork displayed was "probably the best day of my life so far." The pieces were chosen by local artists and art educators. Those who received first place in their age division and medium will continue on to a regional contest with an opportunity for their works to be displayed at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Conference.

Each month in the art room at Vestar members work in a different medium, learning about various artists, movements, and improving their artistic skills. Specialized art classes at Vestar have exposed members to art forms not often covered in school, from jewelry making, to fiber arts, and screen printing. "I love the

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Elise Malloy with her mother, Laura Reicher

art room because of all of the choices of projects," said Lauren.

Special events are also an essential aspect of the arts program that allow youth to experience all the "fun" in art. This year's Day for Art was held at Aviano Park. Youth from the community had the opportunity make animal balloons, ancient instruments, and Renaissance paintings all while learning about art through the ages.

Vestar will host it's own art show, showcasing the works of its After school Program members' in May of this year.

American Title are General Dynamics C4 Systems, Republic Services, UMB Bank, Chasse Building Team, First Bank and First Western Trust.

The winning 2014 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Youth of the Year will continue on to the state-level competition with other organizations from across Arizona. The winner of the state competition advances

to the Pacific Region Youth of the Year competition held later this year, with the opportunity to continue to the national event.

Tickets for Celebrate Youth start at \$175/per person. Tables and event sponsorships are available at www.celebrateyouthgala.org or by calling 480-344-5682.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale

provides a positive, safe and fun environment to help 17,500 youth of all ages and backgrounds develop the qualities needed to reach their full potential. The Club offers more than 100 youth development programs emphasizing five core areas including: the arts; character and leadership development; education and career

development; health & life skills; and sports, fitness and recreation. The organization's nine branches and multiple outreach sites are located in Scottsdale, Phoenix, Mesa, Fountain Hills and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa and Hualapai Indian Communities. For more information, visit www. bgcs.org.

# Association & Community News

Desert Ridge® Parents' Group (DRPG)

The Desert Ridge® Parents' Group (DRPG) is a fun-filled organization for parents and children in the North phoenix area. All families in the Desert Ridge® community are invited to check out our activities and events! Founded in 1997, the not-for-profit Desert Ridge® Parents' Group (DRPG) hosts weekly playgroups, monthly kids' and family activities, seasonal events and parents-only nights for residents in desert Ridge and surrounding areas. Membership dues are only \$30 per year.



Visit www.DRPGonline.com to learn more, check out our events calendar and to become a member online.

Photos courtesy of Desert Ridge® Parents' Group

# Just Hear Those Bike Bells Jingling, Ring Ting Tingling Too Come On It's Lovely Weather For A Bike Ride Together With You

#### By Laura McConnell

Tis the Season to ride around Desert Ridge and look at Holiday Lights together! A group of friends who all live in the Desert Ridge Community and are all apart of the Desert Ridge Parents Group, came up with a fun and festive way to see the neighborhood Holiday Lights together! On bikes!

They called their event the "2013 Sip & Cycle." Each couple needed a bike, a babysitter, and to bring their Holiday Cheer! They picked up a map from the association office to help draw out their route and guide them to the homes entered in the holiday



Tom and Laura McConnell, Ryan and Erica Gargol, Mike and Claire Magalnick, and Cody and Mea Thorstenson

lighting competition. There was a prize for the couple with the best decorated bikes! There were bikes with garland and lights, bikes with wreaths and bells. One couple even showed up on a tandem bike. They



planned a progressive dinner, enjoying different courses at each couple's home along the way. Starting on the east side of Tatum and ending up in Aviano. It was a great evening and a fun way to see the holiday spirit put on by an entire community. The group is already looking forward to the "2014 Sip & Cycle!"

## LOVIN' THE DESERT RIDGE PARENT'S GROUP

#### By Kimberley-Anne

I remember my son's arrival like it happened yesterday. It was unexpected, and unplanned as could possibly be. Every book I read, every article I poured over, and every preparation I had mentally made, dissipated from my memory as I went into shock. After a long ordeal, the nurse finally announced that we had a handsome boy, and I awkwardly held him in my arms as he squawked and squirmed. We locked our eyes, and said our sweet "Hello's". Ten fingers, ten toes, a mass of dark hair, and gorgeous blue eyes. He was

marvelous, and I felt like life was just too perfect. As time went on, though, I found that books didn't do anything for me. The articles I read were informative, but they lacked the connection that I needed. Sure, facts are great, and so are statistics, but what really makes a difference in parenthood, is connection. As human beings, we thrive on connecting with others, and for me, motherhood was no different. Knowing that I needed friendship, I signed my son up for "Mommy and Me" classes, only to find friendship expanding within the realms of class, but not any further. I repeatedly pushed

beyond my comfort zone and forced myself to embark on a journey to friendship, and still struggled. Thankfully, I somehow stumbled upon Desert Ridge Parent's Group (DRPG), which was an oasis in a barren desert.

DRPG has made a profound impact in

my family's life, and even though my membership status has only just reached a year, I have already found friendship, support, advice, and encouragement from other members. I no





Visit www.DRPGonline.com to learn more, check out our events calendar and to become a member online.

# Chipping Success

#### By Matt Keel

I am approached nearly every day by students who struggle severely with chipping the golf ball. A chip is one of the shortest shots we make on the golf course, but causes dread in so many golfers that they will put away their wedge and putt through fifteen feet of fringe instead. Although a chip has a low ball flight and rolls out to the hole, the ball still needs to become air born. If a chip stays on the ground the entire time, it might as well be a putt. More often than not, students struggle most with chipping the ball in the air.

Most golfers I see who struggle with chipping are trying to lift the ball into the air rather than using the loft of the club head to get the ball air born. Trying to lift the ball into the air will cause the club

head to work upward creating top spin on the golf ball which causes the ball to stay on the ground. The objective for a chip, just like any other iron shot, is to get the club head down to the bottom of the golf ball creating backspin which will cause the ball to become air born. The truth is that a chip is a very simple shot as long as you set yourself up to win.

#### Setup

Keep your stance narrow and position the golf ball in the center of your stance as illustrated in picture #1.

Lean your target side shoulder toward your target. You should feel like you can lean your shoulder into a wall, but your hip wouldn't be able to touch the wall. See picture #2.

Press your hands forward so your hands are positioned in front of the golf ball as shown in picture #3.

Now you are set up in a position that allows your body to make a swing that will impact the ball near the bottom. From this set up simply rock your shoulders back and through like you're making a putting stroke. See pictures # 4 and #5. It is important that your lower body remain as still as possible through the chip. Keeping your lower body very static will allow your shoulders to create the motion for the chip. Try focusing on a good setup, and in no time you'll see much better chips.

Matt Keel is the Lead Golf Instructor at Wildfire Golf Club located at the JW Marriott at Desert Ridge. For any questions or information about golf

lessons email Matt at <u>Mattkeel@pga.com</u>.

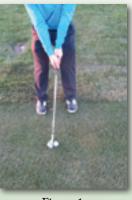










Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3

Figure 4

Figure 5

longer have to push myself out of my comfort zone because DRPG has become my comfort zone. Whether it be Mom's night out, Craft night, Book club, or Parent's night out, there is always a way to connect with others. The best part is that each member comes from a different background with different philosophies and beliefs, but we all have one goal; to raise happy and healthy children. We embrace each other's differences the same way we accept common philosophies.

While I joined DRPG because I needed the connection, I quickly realized how much my children benefitted, as well. We attended numerous play dates; baby play dates, toddler play dates, kids crafts, outings, and family events. Each time I saw my children grow and learn how to socialize in a positive and nurturing environment. My son who has a reserved nature, blossomed into a social butterfly. And my daughter who doesn't like to leave my side, willingly and happily evades my presence to play with her friends. Last,

but not least (and much to my surprise), my beloved husband jumped on the DRPG train, and joined Dad's night out. He has enjoyed his time chatting with friends, and being amongst others who are in the same boat. Like me, I think he has found DRPG to be his comfort zone, too.

Desert Ridge Parent's group is a remarkable organization, and whatever stage of life you are in, you have friends waiting for you. Check us out! We would love for you to join us!

## Events at Desert Ridge Marketplace www.shopdesertridge.com/events/live-music/



**DISTRICT STAGE** Performance times are from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**AMC FOUNTAIN STAGE** Performance times are from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM



#### MARCH

#### Ratio (Funk, Soul, Jazz and R&B Band) Sat. 1

District Stage

#### **Grady Soine' (Easy Listening Keyboard Player)**

AMC Fountain Area

#### Fri. 7 **Come Back Buddy** (Buddy Holly Tribute – 50's, 60's Cover Band)

District Stage

**Tony Putrino** (Accordionist Extraordinaire)

AMC Fountain Area

#### **Knee Deep Experience** (Funk, Soul, R&B Band) Sat. 8

District Stage

**Scott & John of Hello Swindon** (Guitar and Percussion Duo)

AMC Fountain Area

#### **The Bailey Glass Band** (Current Top 40 and Original Band) Fri. 14

District Stage

M Squared (Easy Listening Acoustic Duo)

AMC Fountain Area

#### **Sat. 15 Hello Swindon** (High Energy Original Alternative Band)

District Stage

**Leon Santiago** (Indie Alternative singer/songwriter)

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#### Fri. 21 Kenny Love & The Rockerfellers (Rock, Roots, Americana,

Swing Band)

District Stage

David & Amy of Peppermint James (Alternative Acoustic Duo)

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#### **Sat. 22 Traveler** (Eclectic World Music Band)

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West Hills Brothers (Acoustic Guitar Duo)

AMC Fountain Area

#### Fri. 28 **Mojo Farmers** (Unique Psychedelic Band)

District Stage

**Janelle Loes** (Indie Singer/Songwriter)

AMC Fountain Area

#### Sat. 29 Premier appearance of Natty Fox

(Current Top 40 Rock Cover Band)

District Stage

**Jimmy Lee Boggs** (Keyboard singer/songwriter)

AMC Fountain Area

#### Fri. 4 **Vinyl Nova** (Current Top 40 Cover Band)

District Stage

Premier appearance of Christie Huff (CW singer/songwriter)

AMC Fountain Area

#### Sat. 5 Ratio (Funk, Soul, Jazz and R&B Band)

District Stage

**Jeordie** (Indie Alternative Guitarist & Vocalist)

#### Fri. 11 Caribbean Cruisers (Steel Drum Island Sound Band)

District Stage

West Hills Brothers (Acoustic Guitar Duo)

AMC Fountain Area

#### **Sat. 12 Knee Deep Experience** (Funk, Soul, R&B Band)

District Stage

**Jess Hawk Oakenstar** (Folk Singer/Songwriter)

AMC Fountain Area

#### Fri. 18 **Diamond In The Rough** (Neil Diamond Tribute Band)

District Stage

**Tony Putrino** (Accordionist Extraordinaire)

AMC Fountain Area

#### **Sat. 19 Premier appearance of Supernatural**

(Current Top 40 Rock Cover Band)

District Stage

**Johnny & Reg of Upper Strata** (Acoustic Guitar Duo)

AMC Fountain Area

#### Fri. 25 **Think Horses** (Original Alternative and Cover Band)

District Stage

**Michael Ferraro** (Contemporary Acoustic Guitarist)

AMC Fountain Area

#### **Sat. 26 Laura Walsh and Her Band** (Country's newest superstar)

District Stage

#### **David & Amy of Peppermint James**

(Alternative Acoustic Duo)

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AAA Landscape has been providing professional landscape services around Arizona since 1975. It is our goal and commitment to provide the best landscape services to our clients. Right Now, AAA Landscape is offering Decomposed Granite Installation for a great rate to the residents of Desert Ridge.

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#### Residential Decomposed Granite Replacement Program Includes:

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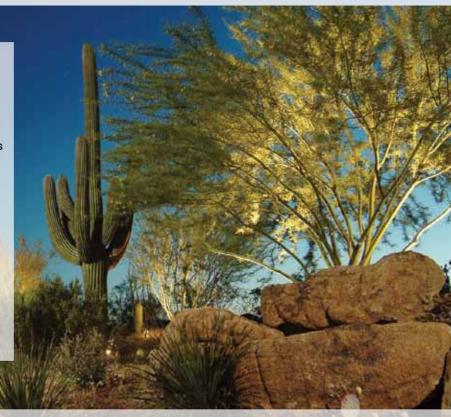
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# Desert Ridge Community Roofing Program

Homeowners living in Desert Ridge receive free roofing consultations by appointment only. Contact the Seamless Services scheduling department to have your roof inspected: 480-964-1052



You've seen the signs... Signs mounted on a utility pole announcing weight loss services or legal aid; Signs on sidewalks advertising easy credit card memberships; Signs on the shoulder of the road or on bike paths noting a new business around the corner; Signs advertising a garage sale; Signs giving directions to an apartment complex or a new housing development.

All these signs are very common and have always been ILLEGAL.

The city of Phoenix signs in the right-ofway ordinance includes severe penalties for anyone violating the ordinance. Posting your signs isn't just illegal, it's dangerous.

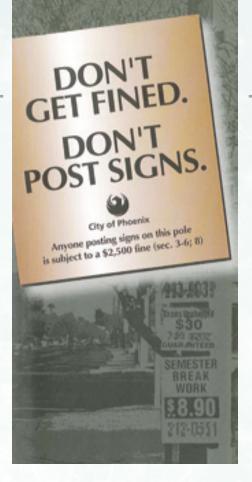
# WHY DOES PHOENIX HAVE A SIGN ORDINANCE AND PROHIBIT SIGNS PLACED IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY?

The purpose of the sign ordinance is to provide for safe and well-maintained environments in communities throughout the city. Illegal signs can be dangerous if they become loose and fall into the street or hit a pedestrian. Signs are a hazard if they block the view of motorists or the view of pedestrians. Signs can damage the integrity of poles and create a hazard to utility workers. Signs on sidewalks or bike paths can force pedestrians into traffic. Signs on corners make it difficult for drivers to see into intersections.

Signs are an eyesore; they can become paper graffiti or litter, adding to the blight in many areas.

#### What is a Right-of-Way?

The right-of-way varies widely throughout the city of Phoenix. As a rule of thumb, it includes streets, curbs, medians, traffic light, utility poles, and unimproved shoulders of streets up to private property



and generally 2 1/2 feet beyond sidewalks. Placing signs in these areas is always illegal. A-frame signs are also illegal in the right-of-way—which includes sidewalks and private property—throughout Phoenix.

Business owners do have the right to attract customers and advertise by posting signs on his/her property as long as the owner has received the necessary sign permit from the Development Services Department. Permit applications are available by calling 602-495-0301.

# What Are the Penalties for Posting Signs in the Right-of-Way?

The fine for placing signs in the right-of-way ranges from \$250 to \$2,500. These fines are imposed PER VIOLATION.

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#### Who Will be Cited for Violations?

The sign ordinance allows police officers to cite businesses or individuals that might benefit from the illegally posted signs, even though they may not have actually placed the signs themselves. As always, individuals caught placing the signs in the right-of-way will be cited.

#### How Can Private Citizens Advertise in Their Neighborhoods?

Perhaps the safest and best way to spread the word about your garage sale, lost dog or other personal message is to advertise in one of the many newspapers and publications available around the Valley. You can also seek to advertise on neighborhood grocery store bulletin boards or on the internet.

# What About Signs That Are Up Right Now, But Have Yet to be Reported?

The city of Phoenix highly encourages businesses and individuals that currently have signs illegally in the right-of-way to remove them before costly citations are issued. The city also strongly discourages individuals or groups from attempting to remove other peoples' signs. There are several potential safety hazards by working in the right-of-way; not to mention possible legal ramifications if damage is done to another individuals's sign or what it is attached to.

## Where do I Go For More Information?

For more information about illegal signs or to report a violation, call 602-534-7100, or send an e-mail to: illegal.sign.rightofway. nsd@phoenix.gov

Don't Get Fined. Don't Post Signs.



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Neighborhood Services Department, 200 West Washington Street, 4th Floor, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-1611 ADA Liaison at 602-495-5459, TDD: 602-495-0685.

Does your child like to take photos, write, and design photos? If so, then your child should take the Digital Media elective at Explorer Middle School. In Digital Media, we take photos of the students here at Explorer. We make magazines to show students what is happening in school and outside of school. We help students become better photojournalist and designers to create magazines. We hope you consider taking Digital Media as an elective class at Explorer Middle School.

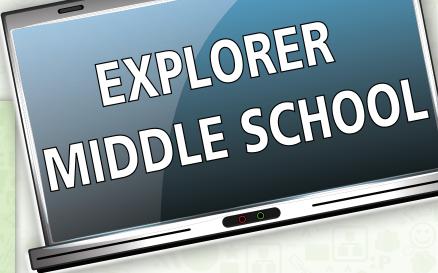
# Desert Ridge Hidden Talents



## Lily Castle

Lily Castle is a 7th grader at Explorer Middle School. Lily has a passion for doing plays as well as singing. I asked Lily a series of questions about her career as an actress. My first question was "What age were

you when you first started acting?" she answered "I was 9 when I first started acting." My next question was "what was your first play?" she took a few seconds to answer "I am pretty sure it was Jungle Book Kids." I asked "What had been your favorite play to act in?" she answered "My favorite play to act in was Annie." I next asked, "What places have you acted before?" she said, "I have acted at Musical Theatre of Anthem, Valley Youth Theatre, and Desert Foothills Theater. I continued asking "What has been your favorite play to act in?" she answered "My favorite play was Annie." I ended up by asking Lily "Do you sing at all and if so where do you sing?" Lily answered "Yes I do sing and I sing in plays, choirs, homeless shelters, funerals and hospitals. I have watched many of Lily Castles play's and I am excited to see many more. Lily is very talented and is a wonderful actress.





## Adam Sweet

Adam is a 13 year old boy that enjoys playing the piano. He has been playing ever since he was 6 years old. In any spare time that he has, he likes to play the piano as well as singing. He has had some vocal lessons

from his big brother Ben and Ben also helped with learning the piano. Besides being taught by Ben, he also plays songs with him.

So that has created a tight bond between the two. And besides the piano and vocals, he likes to sometimes play the bongos! "I don't really play I just like to mess around with them." he told us as we interviewed him. It's not his favorite thing to do but it is another option. Besides singing and playing the piano solo (which he really enjoys more than playing with a band) he put together a few bands but didn't exactly end up working out. But when he did have a band he enjoyed it. He has learned a lot of songs from his big brother Ben. Some of the songs he has learned and enjoys playing are: Locked out of Heaven, What a Wonderful World, Forever Young, Fall for You, etc. Adam is a sweet boy that came from a Sweet's family. He loves to sing and play the piano. And that is a little about Adam.



## Kamryn Castro

Kamryn Castro is a 12 year-old girl who attends Explorer Middle School and her hidden talent is playing the guitar, piano, and singing. Kamryn even played the trumpet when she was in 5th grade and

was taught by her brother. She has performed at 4 of her schools talent shows and also performed at Explorer Fest! In Kamryn's free-time she enjoys playing video games, doing lots of sports, hanging out with friends, and cooking. Her sister gives her vocal lessons. However, she went to Voices Studio to learn how to play the guitar. Kamryn's dream is to perform at Madison Square Garden, play on New Year's Eve in Times Square, and go on many world tours. We all hope that Kamryn will be able to accomplish her dream in being a famous musician!



# Grant Chapman

Grant Chapman is a 13 year old boy that attends Explorer Middle School and his hidden talent is gymnastics. He has been doing this for many years now. Seven years to be exact. He has been going to North

Valley ever since he started his gymnastics career. At North Valley,

he is taught by his strong, trustworthy coach Travis Rainer. If it were not for him, Grant wouldn't be in the level of gymnastics he is currently in. He not only is in level seven but he is training for level 8 already! Wow! Grant is definitely very advanced in his hidden talent and we all hope that he goes places in life with his dream.



# Madison Holmes

Madison Holmes is a 12 year old girl that attends Explorer Middle School and her hidden talent is playing the guitar, piano, and singing. She has been playing the piano since she was

7 years-old and the guitar as well as singing since she was 10. Madison has played all around the valley at venues such as Grayhawk Golf Club every Wednesday, Isabella's Kitchen, The Hideaway Grill, and even for over 4,000 people at Harold's Corral on their 3rd of July Event. Her mentor is Ryan Sims, also a musician and he takes her with him to many of his gigs. Madison says she would be nowhere close to where she is now if it weren't for all he has done for her. She is honored to be able to communicate and learn from experienced musicians that she is surrounded by each and every day. She then continued to add that she had taught herself most of her abilities on the guitar in the beginning, However, later on she found an amazing guitar teacher, Billy Cioffi. Billy has taught her so much on the guitar and has written many amazing songs with her as well. Some of her favorite songs that she has written are, It's Obvious, Always a Reason, and Where are you now. Madison is also taught on the piano by Dr. Lory Peters. She has learned the main skills of the piano and how to write songs on the piano as well. Some of her inspirations are: Ryan Sims, Ethan Newman, Miranda Lambert, and Taylor Swift. Madison's dream is to perform at Madison Square Garden and start a world tour. We all wish Madison luck with her dream!

Introducing the new Staff for the Desert Ridge Life Styles Magazine. These two lucky students were chosen out of the whole class to be apart of the Desert Ridge magazine. Zoe Pepin is the photo journalist and Matt is the designer and they are both thrilled to be apart of Desert Ridge.

# **Zoe Pepin**



My name is Zoe Pepin and this is my first year at Explorer. I am 13 years old and I'm in 7th grade. In my free time, I enjoy playing volleyball and taking pictures. I am really excited to be working for the Desert Ridge Magazine and hope that you enjoy.

## **Matthew Faust**



My name is Matthew Faust. I am 14 years old and I'm an 8th grader at Explorer Middle School. The things I like to do in my free time are play basketball, ride my bike and play video games. I will be a part of the Desert Ridge Magazine this year.

The way I mostly design stuff is with 3D modeling. I am the designer for the Desert Ridge magazine.

# PV Schools is expanding its popular self-contained gifted program in the Desert Ridge area

By Marty A. Macurak PV Schools

Desert Trails Elementary School, near 40th Street and Pinnacle Peak Road, will feature self-contained classes beginning in August 2014. The self-contained gifted program is designed for high-achieving, highly and profoundly gifted students who are working well beyond their current grade. Students who are significantly accelerated in academics and highly motivated to learn thrive in these classes.

The program provides both challenging curriculum and instruction that is infused with technology using a problem-based,

interdisciplinary instructional approach. Curriculum is balanced between classical liberal arts, accelerated mathematics and exploratory science. As in all PV Schools gifted programs, instructors are highly qualified, experienced, and hold special endorsements in gifted education.

Students in the self-contained gifted program participate in daily special areas such as art, music and physical education, and spend lunch and recess with other grade-level classes. Enrichment activities and field trips are part of the experience, and students will also benefit from the addition Desert Trails' curricular

enhancements in science, technology, engineering and math that begin in the 2014-15 school year.

To apply for the self-contained gifted program students must:: qualify as gifted by scoring 97 percent or higher in two of the three areas tested for gifted identification with the third score being 90 or higher, or have an IQ of 140 or greater; and must demonstrate accelerated learning needs that are two years beyond grade level, and have an AIMS test results that meets or exceeds grade level standards.

For more information on the program, and to download the application visit pvschools.net/gifted. Prospective parents are always welcome to visit the school and talk with Principal Sheri Duggan.

Desert Trails Elementary School is located at 4315 E. Cashman Dr., Phoenix, 85050. Call 602-449-4100 to make an appointment with Ms. Duggan.



# NEW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2014-15 AT PV SCHOOLS

DISTRICT LAUNCHES FOUR NEW INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS TO SPARK STUDENT SUCCESS

By Marty A. Macurak PV Schools

The Paradise Valley Unified School District has announced the launch of four new educational programs as well as enhancements to existing services to parents of students from kindergarten through high school.

# CREST Computer Sciences - new high school focus area

Continuing the district's tradition of integrated application and problem-based learning, the Center for Research in Engineering Science and Technology (CREST) will begin offering an information technologies program starting August of 2014. Featuring honors-level classes, college credit, community outreach, and internship opportunities throughout the Valley, students will work alongside industry professionals and gain skills critical for a career in areas including programming, networking and data analysis. CREST is located on the campus of Paradise Valley High School at 3950 E. Bell Rd. in Phoenix. Admission is by application only. Call 602-449-2102.



Elementary

Some 50 years ago Shinichi Suzuki, a violinist and educator, realized that children have a natural ability to learn languages with ease and applied the basic principles of language development to the learning of music. Suzuki teachers believe that musical ability can be developed in all children and begin music instruction in early childhood. Suzuki strings begins in August 2014 at Desert Shadows Elementary for all students from preschool to Grade 6. Desert Shadows is located at 5902 E. Sweetwater Ave. in Scottsdale. Call 602-449-6900.

#### Mandarin immersion at Whispering Wind Academy

With more than one billion speakers, Mandarin has more native speakers than any other language. As China grows into one of the world's great trading partners speakers of Mandarin will be at a considerable advantage. Starting next school year, Mandarin immersion will be offered for kindergarteners and 1st Grade students as well as a special program class for grades 2-6. Whispering Wind Academy is located at 15844 N. 43rd St., just south of Bell Road. Call 602-449-7300.

# Gifted Education continues to expand

PV Schools offers a variety of programs district-wide for gifted and talented children from preschool through high school early graduation. The offerings include accelerated and honors classes. self-contained and cluster groupings, and programs for profoundly gifted and uniquely gifted students. All programs emphasize critical and creative thinking, problem solving, reasoning skills and logic, and testing is required for admittance. Visit pvschools.net/gifted for more information.



#### MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM



Purchase tickets online at MIM.org, in person at MIM, or by calling the MIM Ticket Office at 480.478.6000. For the most updated event information, please visit MIM.org or 480.478.6000. Musical Instrument Museum Music Theater, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050. General Admission: \$18 ■ Teens (ages 13-19): \$14 ■ Children (ages 4-12): \$10 ■ Children 3 and under: Free

Programing subject to change

#### **MARCH**

#### Women Who Rock Exhibition Now - April 20, 2014

Tickets: \$7 with museum admission \$10 for exhibition only

Women Who Rock is a groundbreaking and provocative special exhibition created by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio, that illustrates the important roles women have played in rock and roll, from its inception through today. This special exhibition of iconic costumes, instruments and artifacts spotlights more than 70 artists.

#### **MIMkids: Musical Adventures Series** Saturdays, March 1, 15, 22, 29 | 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tickets: \$12 per class or \$40 for all four

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#### Women Who Rock: Nicole Atkins Opening Act: Arc Iris Saturday, March 8 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$24.50-\$34.50



With her throaty vibrato and nostalgic, orchestrated pop songs, singer-songwriter Nicole Atkins brings to mind a blend of Roy Orbison, Loretta Lynn and Jenny Lewis. After be-

friending members of the Avett Brothers and logging several years with the alt-country band Los Parasols, she briefly returned to the tri-state area, where a series of open mic performances in Manhattan's East Village helped her hone a sound that was more indebted to pop music.

#### Charles Lloyd's Sangam with Zakir Hussain & Eric Harland Sunday, March 9 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$52.50-\$62.50

Conceived as a tribute to drummer Billy Higgins, the Sangam project has since taken on an aura of masterwork, fusing subtlety and refinement.

#### Women Who Rock: Mavis Staples Wednesday, March 12 | 7 p.m.



Legendary soul singer Mavis Staples exists outside of any scene or genre, and instead weaves herself into the fabric of soul, R&B, jazz, gospel, rock and blues. She has created her legacy as an interpreter of others.

#### Rachel Barton Pine with Mike Block: "Old World, New World"

Thursday, March 13 | 7:30 p.m.

Brilliant violinist Rachel Barton Pine teams up with cellist Mike Block of Silk Road Ensemble for an evening that pairs works from Bach to Kodaly to

#### **Experience Ireland** Saturday, March 15 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 16 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All activities included with paid museum admission. Enjoy traditional music, crafts, Irish dancing and storytelling – it's the perfect way for guests of all ages to spend St. Patrick's Day weekend! Sponsored by PetSmart.

#### Trace Bundy with Sungha Jung Saturday, March 22 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

Bundy's music is poetry in motion, using harmonics, looping, multiple capos and his unique banter to deliver an unforgettable live concert experience.

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#### Music and Dementia: Hitting the Right Note Tuesday, March 25 | 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tickets: This activity is free; tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, starting at 9 a.m. Museum admission may be purchased separately.

"Music and Dementia" will highlight the power of music to maximize comfort and enhance quality of life for persons with dementia. Dr. Maribeth Gallagher will discuss the role of music in dementia care for patients and caregivers. Frank Thompson of AZ Rhythm Connection will provide a detailed perspective of his experiences in facilitating group music in dementia care. He will illustrate the practical application and positive effects of music and invite all participants to join in an engaging hands-on drumming session.

#### MIM Musical Interludes Series featuring: **ASU Brass Faculty**

Wednesday, March 26 | 10:30 a.m.

Tickets: Included with paid museum admission or \$7 for concert only.

David Hickman on trumpet, John Ericson on horn, Douglas Yeo on trombone and Deanna Swoboda on tuba present a crowd-pleasing program of solos and chamber music of various styles from around the world.

Friday, March 28 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$37.50-\$47.50

This musical duo from Hawaii performs hypnotic, liquid guitar runs woven around clear, tenor Hawaiian vocals and immaculate



harmonies. HAPA's self-titled debut album released in 1993 became the biggest selling album by a group or duo in the history of recorded Hawaiian music. The album changed the tide and terminology of music from Hawaii, since it was the first to establish itself outside of the musical category "Hawaiian Music" and be referred to as "World Music."

#### **Curator's Choice Lecture: Ritual Musical** Instruments - The Divination and Healing Arts of Central Africa

Saturday, March 29 | 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tickets: Free with museum admission.

Join Manuel Jordán, Chief Curator and Director of Collections, for this short, informal lecture as he highlights the use of a variety of musical instruments in the context of divination and healing among Central African peoples. Jordán will present specific cases to illustrate how music and musical instruments become

strategic devices in the process of redressing illness and misfortune. Among different Central African groups, divination is viewed as a process through which individuals with extraordinary knowledge attempt to find solutions to the problems of others. Learn how a diviner and/or healer aims to create order out of disorder and, through the use of divination and musical instruments, has the ability to identify an agent of misfortune and recommend actions toward resolution of afflictions.

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#### Joshua Redman Quartet Thursday, April 3 | 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.



Joshua Redman is one of the most acclaimed and charismatic jazz artists to have emerged in the 1990s. The son of legendary saxophonist Dewey Redman and dancer Renee Shedroff,

Redman is now touring as the Joshua Redman Quartet, with Aaron Goldberg on piano, Reuben Rogers on bass and Gregory Hutchinson on drums.

#### Friday Night Unwind

Friday, April 4 | 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tickets: Activities included with paid museum admission. You made it to Friday! Why not take time to slow down and soak in the start of the weekend? Guests of all ages are invited to "unwind" during extended museum hours at MIM. Don't miss your last chance to see Women Who Rock! Join the final party as we celebrate with rock-star makeovers and performances by some of Phoenix's fiercest female musicians.

#### Rafael "Chapito" Chavarria's 100th Birthday Celebration

Sunday, April 6 | Noon-4 p.m.

MIM will present the dynamic Latin sound of bandleader Rafael "Chapito" Chavarria, whose signature musical style combines popular Mexico City tropical rhythms of the 1940s and 1950s with American swing and jitterbug. Chapito is cherished by generations of Arizona Latinos who have danced to his music at thousands of social events and at the glamorous Calderon and Riverside Ballrooms of central Phoenix.

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Tickets: \$37.50-\$47.50

Grammy-winning country music and bluegrass singer who incorporates elements of folk, Celtic and traditional country sounds.

#### Huun-Huur-Tu Wednesday, April 16 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$27.50-\$37.50



Ancient. mystical sounds of Tuvan throat singing. "It is unfamiliar yet very accessible, an

other-worldly but deeply spiritual music that is rooted in the sound of nature."—Chicago Tribune

#### Women Who Rock: Storm Large Thursday, April 17 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50-\$34.50

A formidable, commanding and oneof-a-kind performer with an inspired, beautiful and ferocious voice



#### Mini Tours: Women in Music

Sunday, April 20 | 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tickets: Included with paid museum admission.

Discover the female stars of MIM in this short tour featuring the Women in Jazz, Taylor Swift and Clara Rockmore exhibits. Led by a Museum Guide, learn about these famous women, their instruments and the impact they've had on the history of music. Tours start at the Women in Jazz exhibit in the United States / Canada Gallery.

#### **Instrument Spotlight: Guitars**

Sunday, April 20 | Noon-3 p.m.

Tickets: Included with paid museum admission.

Ever dream of being a rock star? Stop by and learn to play a chord or two on an electric guitar. Volunteer team members will be on hand to help you get some real life experience on these iconic instruments and discover your inner star!

#### **Tinariwen**

Monday, April 21 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$34.50-\$39.50

A combination of Berber, Arab and African influences, plus Western blues and psychedelic rock.

#### Curator's Choice Lecture: Spotlight on the Gusla

Saturday, April 26 | 1 p.m.

Tickets: Included with paid museum admission. Join Europe curator Kathleen R. Wiens for this short, informal lecture highlighting the gusla, a bowed fiddle that is iconic throughout the Balkans.

#### **AZ Musicfest Young Musicians** Sunday, April 27 | 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$12.50

Award-winning soloists and ensembles create an inspiring classical experience.

#### MIM Musical Interludes Series featurina: **ASU Guitar Ensembles**

Wednesday, April 30 | 10:30 a.m.

Tickets: Free with museum admission or \$7 concert only Featuring both original works and arranged classics, these duos, trios, quartets and large guitar orchestra are sure to entertain.

#### Will the Circle Be Unbroken: A Tribute to the **Carter Family**

Wednesday, April 30 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$37.50-\$47.50

Featuring John McEuen, John Carter Cash and Family.

# **Dining & Entertainment**

# **DINING GUIDE**

#### **DESERT RIDGE MARKETPLACE**

**BJ'S RESTAURANT AND BREWHOUSE......480.538.0555** Serving Chicago-style pizza with generously portioned salads, sandwiches, soups, entrées & desserts.

CAFÉ ZUPAS ......480.339.8038

Café Zupas specializes in gourmet soups, salads and sandwiches using fresh and exotic ingredients in a fast-casual setting. The menu offers ten homemade soups, twelve exotic salads, seven Panini's, and five Gourmet Sandwiches. In addition, the Café Zupas Drink Bar offers sixteen different types of soda, Crystal Light, and Italian Soda flavorings.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN ......480.473.3336

Authentic California-style cuisine! Try one of their hearth-baked pizzas such as The Original BBQ Chicken, Thai Chicken, and Jamaican Jerk Chicken, cooked in an open kitchen or indulge in distinctive pastas, salads, soups, appetizers and desserts. You can order online and curbside pickup is available.

COLD STONE CREAMERY......480.585.7952

From unique ice cream creations to smoothies, cakes and shakes – nobody serves up the ultimate indulgence like Cold Stone. It starts with using the highest quality ingredients and ends with our signature process for preparing your custom creation on a frozen granite stone.

DAVE AND BUSTER'S ......480.538.8956

The ultimate group entertainment destination with the best games, food, drinks, billiards, bowling, music, & video all under one roof!

EINSTEIN BROS. BAGELS......480.585.3920

Einstein Bros. is your Neighborhood Café with fresh-baked bagels, Darn Good Coffee® & Espresso, made-to-order sandwiches, and fresh salads.

#### GARBANZO MEDITERRANEAN GRILL ......480.397.9510

www.eatgarbanzo.com

Garbanzo uses only the freshest, quality ingredients for its made-from-scratch recipes, and provides several vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. Enticing options, including flavor-packed pitas and laffas filled to order with crisp veggies and freshly-grilled shwarmas combined with signature sauces and accompaniments making endless amounts of craveable combos. Tender and savory kabobs atop fluffy Mediterranean rice and hummus, and nutritious and delicious Mediterranean-style soups and salads round out the menu that will leave diners feeling fresh and satisfied.

IN-N-OUT BURGER ......480.563.9021

Quality you can taste - classic made burgers, hand-diced french fries & creamy shakes.

ISLANDS FINE BURGERS & DRINKS.......480.513.7231

Gourmet burgers, Island fries, chicken sandwiches & fresh salads served in a casual, tropical atmosphere.

IT'SUGAR ......480-513-1902

IT'SUGAR is a trendy sweets shop where you'll experience an unpredictable sense of excitement and wonder along with the sights, smells and especially the tastes of all your favorite treats.



everyone else's. Bread is baked in-house everyday and served fresh. Meat and veggies are sliced fresh in-house every day.

THE KEG STEAKHOUSE & BAR ......480.419.7772

When it comes to steak, The Keg serves only the finest cuts. They are aged for tenderness and a very special blend of seasonings is added to lend unique flavor while still allowing the natural properties of the high quality. This ensures that a tender, succulent, flavorful steak is guaranteed off the grill every time.

MACARONI GRILL......480.538.8755

More than 35 Italian specialties prepared in an exhibition kitchen. Recipes are made with the finest ingredients such as imported artisan pastas, vineripened tomatoes, colorful vegetables, extra virgin olive oil, fresh lemons, select seafood, grilled meats and fresh, fragrant Italian herbs. Life is delicious.

MCFADDEN'S ......480.502.5480

www.mcfaddensdesertridge.com

Established in New York City in 1977, McFadden's Saloon has been a landmark pub for almost 30 years. Offering Lunch, Brunch and Dinner. McFadden's is the perfect place to catch your favorite game, join your friends for a few cocktails, plan your next event, or dance the night away. Our resident DJs and and fun bar staff deliver an experience you will not soon forget!

MIMI'S CAFÉ ......480.419.5006

Classic, made-from-scratch American dishes served in a friendly, French New Orleans-atmosphere.

NORI.....480.515.9777

An elegant and fun destination to enjoy cutting edge sushi and craft cocktails.

PANDA EXPRESS ......480.502.8399

High-quality Chinese food at a very reasonable price.

PARADISE BAKERY & CAFÉ ......480.538.8406

Freshly-baked cookies & muffins, soups & made-to-order gourmet sandwiches.

PORT OF SUBS/SMOOTHIE KING......480.502.7962

Made-to-order subs & refreshing smoothies.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHOCOLATE FACTORY......480.342.9993

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RUBIO'S FRESH MEXICAN GRILL......480.473.9225

Rubio's food is a combination of our south of the border roots and the influence of California's coastal waters, farm-fresh ingredients and friendly people.

SANDBAR.......480.585.5900

Known for its spicy Mexican menu and array of tropical drinks and ice cold cervezas.

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WOLFLEY'S ......480.515.2424

Wolfley's Neighborhood Grill is a place you can count on for quality food, value pricing and personalized service.

YARD HOUSE......480.563.9273

Yard House is an upscale-casual eatery known for great food, classic rock music and 130 tap handles of domestic, imported and craft beer.

# JW MARRIOTT DESERT RIDGE RESORT & SPA

STONEGRILL ......480.293-3636

American southwest cuisine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner with daily breakfast buffet. 6:30 to 11 am (breakfast buffet until 1 pm on weekends)

TUSCANY ......480.293.3988

The modern Italian menu at Tuscany is all about authentic Italian comfort flavors featuring handmade pasta, seasonal ingredients, the freshest seafood and superb and affordable wines with exceptional service in a warm, inviting atmosphere. Guests of all ages are encouraged to share in a journey of Italian cuisine, using an array of menu combinations comprised of mouth-watering small plates, generous sharing dishes, and individual entrees. Specializing in creating hand-crafted pizzas, pastas, and cheeses, as well as delightful house-made desserts prepared by the resort's National Pastry Champions, the seasonal menu focuses on locally-grown produce and products, fresh from local farms as well as the resort's own organic herb garden. Tuscany features an open exhibition kitchen, wood-fired oven, indoor and outdoor fireplaces and patio seating. Tuscany is open for dinner.





#### MERITAGE STEAKHOUSE ......480.293.3988

Where fine wines meet prime aged steaks. Meritage Steakhouse is located at the resort's championship 36-hole Wildfire Golf Club featuring award-winning courses designed by Arnold Palmer and Nick Faldo. Meritage's hearty menu, alongside prime steaks, also features chicken, seafood and a selection of signature side dishes in a cherry wood country club like setting. A bold selection of wines by the glass, half and full bottles encourage diners to sample from the steakhouse's fine wine cellar. The restaurant offers a scenic outdoor patio with welcoming fire pits and sweeping views of Wildfire Golf Club's green fairways. Flat screen TVs are tuned into the latest sporting events. Meritage Steakhouse is open for lunch and dinner.

ROY'S HAWAIIAN FUSION CUISINE......480.419.7697

Famed Hawaiian restaurateur Roy Yamaguchi's renowned Hawaiian Fusion Cuisine is sizzling in flavor and style. First founded in Honolulu in 1988, the highly regarded dining establishment features locations throughout the nation serving innovative Asian-influenced cuisine that makes the most of fresh local ingredients with "Aloha-style service." An impressive wine list allows diners to sample a wide selection of varietals with their meal. Outdoor dining, appetizers or drinks near a welcoming fireplace make this restaurant a favorite among Resort guests. Open for dinner. Reservations recommended.

TWENTY6 ......480.293.3726 Amazing new lounge with fresh juice crafted cocktails, featuring drinks from JWs around the world. Entertainment Fridays and Saturdays 6 pm to 10 pm. Menu features bites, charcuterie, flatbreads. Best patio

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#### **HIGH STREET**

BLUE MARTINI LOUNGE.......480.638.BLUE BLUEMARTINILOUNGE.COM

Upscale, casual martini lounge featuring 25 superior martinis, tapas and live entertainment nightly.

KONA GRILL......480.289.5707 | KONAGRILL.COM

Casual elegance and an eclectic menu of dishes ranging from pasta and pizza to sushi.

LA BOCCA WINE BAR & URBAN KITCHEN ......480.850.1799

La Bocca will build on the menu of its sister location with expanded wine and food pairings and small plates for sharing. Wright is partnering with Certified Wine Sommelier Mark Pope – previously the Lead Sommelier of the Boulders Resort & Spa. As Managing Partner, Pope will hand pick more than 150 wines for La Bocca's guests to enjoy.

MELLOW MUSHROOM...... 480-889-0999 MELLOWMUSHROOM.COM

Mellow Mushroom is much more than pizza and beer. It provides an experience filled with colorful art, eclectic music and an extensive menu with food that comforts the soul.

#### MODERN MARGARITA ......602-795-8111 MODERNMARGARITA.COM

Modern Margarita, a Fork & Dagger Restaurant Group concept from Valley restaurateur Julian Wright, offers a fresh spin on the traditional margarita. It features a large selection of freshly made margaritas, gourmet street tacos, burgers, fresh guacamole and additional sharing-plate options. Visitors appreciate Modern Margarita's high-quality, locally sourced food and beverages, in a lively atmosphere where the party continues until 2 a.m. Located on the north side of High Street, Modern Margarita include as 1,200 square foot patio where guests can enjoy margaritas from \$7 to \$12, and happy hour pricing between \$3 and \$10. Unusual flavors include hibiscus, prickly pear, cucumber and other modern approaches to the classic margarita.

MOJO .....MOJOYOGURT.COM

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#### OCEAN PRIME.... 480.347.1313 | OCEAN-PRIME.COM

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#### **WEST OF TATUM**

CAFÉ AT DESERT RIDGE......480.473.4387

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HUMBLE PIE......480.502.2121

Featuring a medley of starters, salads, pastas, sandwiches, and pizzas with fresh ingredients and a crust to crave.

PITA JUNGLE......480-473-2321 | PITAJUNGLE.COM

An eclectic blend of fresh ingredients, creative energy, and good times. Take your family or meet your friends and discover the art of eating healthy

STARBUCKS COFFEE .......480.342-8231

High quality roasted whole bean coffees & fresh, rich, Ítalian-style espresso beverages.

Whatever you're in the mood for, SUBWAY has a wide variety of subs, salads, and sides to choose from and every one of their Subs is made fresh in front of you, exactly the way you want it!

SUSHI STATION .......480-513-8699
SUSHISTATION88.COM

The popular "Kaiten Sushi" (Revolving) Japanese concept is now available. You will enjoy quality sushi and fresh ingredients from all over the world. Fun for the family and available for special events.

TRYST CAFÉ...... 480-585-7978 | TRYSTCAFE.COM

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner featuring organic, natural and locally grown products; extensive gluten free menu and full bar all in a friendly, urban environment. Dine in or carry out.

YOGURT PLUS+ .......480-502-4200 | YOGURTPLUS.US

An exciting self-serve yogurt shop with 12 rotating flavors and over 70 different scoops of toppings!

#### The MIM

#### THE MIM CAFÉ & COFFEE SHOP

The Musical Instrument Museum Cafe & Coffee Shop is open to non-museum patrons. Hours: Cafe, 11-2; Coffee Shop, Normal Museum Hours.

Hunt for the Best Hamburger

Some of the best burgers can be found right here in Desert Ridge. Tease your taste buds at an assortment of upscale, casual-theme restaurants right here in your neighborhood.

Go online and let us know where YOUR best burger can be found! The Desert Ridge Community Association went on a burger hunt and gave their tasty reviews.

Photos by Alyssia Saxton

# Islands Fine Burgers & Prinks Break Point Burger

The "Break Point" burger was very delicious and one of the best melt in your mouth burgers I have eaten in Desert Ridge. I had my burger cooked well done (which I



rarely do) and it was still one juicy and tender burger from the first to the last bite. The burger comes with Gruyere & bleu cheeses, caramelized bacon & onion relish, lettuce, tomato & mayo.accompanied with a wellseasoned and flavorful side of hot sweet potatoes fries (other side options are available)

that complimented my burger. Although I opted out on the caramelized onion relish and mayo with my burger, you can certainly customize the burger to your liking. I would recommend this burger as a "must try" once to the burger lovers of Desert Ridge. The "Break Point" would have garnered a higher rating had it not been for the \$10 burger menu stratosphere that this burger resides... making it difficult for me to make another trip to the Islands!!!

4 out of 5 stars

# Kilauea Burger

Jalapeno & black pepper-crusted burger w/ pepper jack cheese, Island Reds, chipotle aioli, lettuce & tomato. (choice of white or whole wheat bun and side of fresh cut fries)

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This burger was so delightfully tasteful with a Jalapeno & black pepper-crusted burger



and juicy even cooked medium well. Even though it sounds spicy, it was just right in between to give that distinct flavor and the chipotle aioli sauce made it even better and with Island Reds (crispy fried red onions) wow...what a great burger!!!

5 out of 5 stars

#### **SMASHBURGER**

Smashburger is one of my favorites!! If you want a good ole burger with fries, this is the place to go. There are so many options to choose from to customize our burger. (They should call it YOURBURGER instead of SMASHBUGER) I got a Big Smash with cheddar cheese and added bacon, on a classic bun. I also chose their signature Smashfries that were tossed in rosemary, olive oil and

garlic.
The
burger was
delicious. It
was juicy and the
perfect sized patty.
Only a little greasy, not too
much and the smashfries were very
flavorful. Smashburger gets an easy A+, the
modern, best choice for a classic burger.
4 out of 5 stars

# In-N-Out Burger

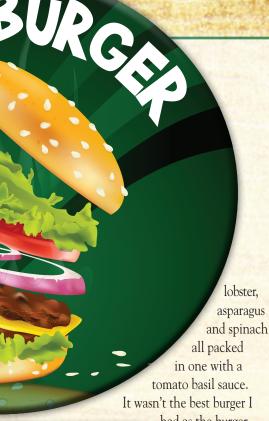
If you haven't had a burger from In-n-Out, then it's time to try one since they've been around since 1948. This freshly hand-crafted burger (not freezed or pre-packaged) is unlike any other franchise burger and you can also get it any style...mine would be "Animal Style" which is only one of the "Not-So-Secret Menu" styles that was created in 1961 where you can get your patty mustard-cooked and add your choice of hand-leafed lettuce and tomato, plus pickles, extra spread and grilled onions. What a great burger!

4 out of 5 stars

# YARD HOUSE

#### Surf N Turf

When I saw Surf N Turf on the menu under the burgers I became very intrigued. Mainly because I'm a seafood lover, but was curious how seafood would be incorporated with a burger! The Surf N Turf burger came with



SURF N TURF BURGER

had as the burger was a little dry, but it wasn't bad either. The combination of the four main components tasted really good. Adding the tomato basil sauce was an added bonus. I even used it to dip my fries in. Yardhouse definately

received an A+ for creativity and a C for the whole burger. In all I would give the burger a B. If the patty wasn't so dry, the Surf N Turf would get a sure A.

4 out of 5 stars

# Turkey Burger

This thick burger was house made, very juicy but could use more seasoning, was not as favorful as most of their burgers. The roasted roma tomatoes and mozzarella put a nicer touch on the burger as well as the potato bun, but the garlic aioli sauce was an awesome dipping sauce.

4 out of 5 stars

# BJ's Restaurant Brewhouse Grilled Burger melt

The "Grilled Burger Melt" was an amazing flavor punch to my taste buds. I was surprised to find out that the grilled sourdough bread was a flavorful garlic bread. My burger was cooked medium-well, and was nice and juicy. This burger had both



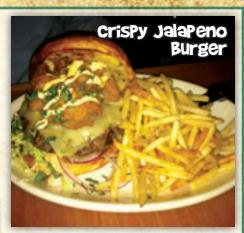
cheddar and Swiss cheeses on it. It came with caramelized onions and their special burger sauce. I added bacon because bacon makes everything better. I can say that even without the bacon, this burger would have still been melt-in-your mouth enjoyable. I ordered the shoe string fries as my side item. They were light, crispy and delicious. I highly recommend this burger and I will return to try the other food. BJ's was busy, however the wait wasn't too long and I can promise that I won't mind waiting when I do return. It is worth it.

4 out of 5 stars

## Turkey Burger

The turkey burger was all white meat and came on a multi grain wheat bun which was excellent. The burger was full of flavor and not in the least bit dry, as most all-white meat turkey burgers. The grilled mushrooms were a nice addition and we omitted the cheese to keep it a bit lighter.

5 out of 5 stars



#### Crispy Jalapeno Burger

Bigger than my hungry appetite could have ever hoped for! Piled high with breaded deep fried jalapeno pieces, spicy pepper jack cheese and two delicious sauces (chipotle mayo & Baja sauce). Red onions, tomatoes, lettuce and cilantro completed this enormous meal on a bun!

5 out of 5 stars

## MCFadden's Restaurant & Saloon BBO Burger

This burger was quite tasty and not over cooked. The Jameson bbq sauce is awesome and would've been tastier if incorporated into the patty itself, I definitely put lots of sauce on mine. I love my burgers with cheese and sharp cheddar is even better with bbq sauce but what really makes the burger even tastier is the bacon, without it, it just wouldn't be a great burger! Their fries are thin-cut and were cooked perfectly Someone needs to try ... the Bellfast Burger!

3 out of 5 stars



# **RESOURCE NUMBERS**

#### **ASSOCIATION**

Desert Ridge Community Association 480.551.4300

**24/7** Customer Care Center 480.551.4300



Cox Communications...623.594.1000 Qwest Communications 800.244.1111

 Green Pools
 602.506.6616

 Maricopa County
 602.495.7014

#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Vestar Branch......480.585.0170

#### **SCHOOLS**

Fireside Elementary	602.449.4700
Principal, Drew C. Davis,	
ddavis@pvschools.net	

Desert Trails Elementary......602.449.4100 Principal, Sheri Duggan sduggan@pvschools.net

#### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

Phoenix Water Department M-F, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 602.262.6251 Weekends, holidays, after 5 p.m. 602.261.8000

Parks Forestry Department
Downed Trees in Right of Way .... 602.262.9440

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permit on street parking because the streets are narrow and with vehicles parking up and down the streets constrict the flow of traffic and visibility. With clear visibility drivers are able to watch for children at play, pets that may be out, people crossing the street, or the wildlife that runs through the neighborhoods.

Desert Ridge has contracted with Arizona Parking Solutions (APS) to do tours through the community multiple times throughout each month of the year and report back to the association vehicles that

are on the street. Vehicles that are noticed on the street are time stamped and a picture is taken of the vehicle and location via GPS. Logged vehicles are then sent over to the association the next morning in a report. If vehicles are continuing to park on the streets overnight then the managing agent will follow up with all applicable violations.

Desert Ridge Community Association is working with the APS to minimize the number of vehicles that are seen parking on the streets overnight. Please help us clear the streets of vehicles to help make the streets in the community safer for everyone.



# **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

#### MEETING LOCATION

5415 E. High St., Suite 220 Phoenix, AZ 85054 (Parking Garage on 54th Street)

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

March 26

May 28 June 25
Open session meetings at 6 p.m.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

JW Marriott Ballroom, at 6 p.m.

April 17

#### **DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Subject to change

March 6 March 20

April 3 - April 17 - May 1

May 15 - May 29

June 12 June 26

# **COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

April 21



**EVENTS** 

SPRING PICNIC

March 15

# **MORNING COFFEE CLUB**

Sponsored by AAA Landscaping

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MOVIE IN THE PARK

May 23

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