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The Future of Desert Ridge...



Doug Dickson

Wouldn't it be great if we could look into the future and know exactly what was going to happen? Imagine how much better our decisions would be, not to mention the improvements to our NCAA basketball

brackets. While it would take away some of the fun from the office pool, it would dramatically improve our life. That's the power of information and how a better understanding of what's ahead can reduce stress and improve outcomes.

While it's impossible to know exactly what's ahead. I'd like to share what I see in the future of Desert Ridge.

The depressed economy has hit Arizona real estate hard and we've felt the impact. While better than most areas of Phoenix, the number of foreclosures in Desert Ridge has reached record levels, and developers who purchased large blocks of State land have given them back. These events have negatively affected us all by lowering home values and reducing the income to our Association by over \$500,000 per year.

I believe we have weathered the real estate storm and a prosperous future lies ahead. The number of foreclosures is down and real estate values are moving

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up. Within the year, you'll see the Arizona State Land Department auction off properties within Desert Ridge and bring back the echoes of hammers and saws. Because of the work already completed, the first of the properties to develop will likely be the southwest corner of Pinnacle Peak Road and Tatum Boulevard. After that, we'll see additional development in Toscana, along 56th Street and in CityCenter of CityNorth.

CityCenter of CityNorth? No, that wasn't a typo. I have tremendous faith in the new owners of CityCenter of CityNorth (Scanlan Kemper Bard Companies and Wayzata Investment Partners) and in our Master Developer Gray Development Group. The synergy of these two powerhouses will forever change the commercial landscape and finally bring familiar retail names into Desert Ridge. Look for announcements to occur much sooner than you previously expected.

Traffic levels will escalate on 56th St. and Tatum Boulevard, but we'll get some relief from the new Black Mountain Boulevard exit off State Route 51. This extension will pass to the east side of Pinnacle High School and extend up to Pinnacle Peak Road,

shortening commute times and opening the lands north of Pinnacle Peak Road for development.

As the pace of growth quickens, we'll be given many more choices, but with it will come serious challenges. Our DRCA Board will be called upon to be a key stakeholder in defending property rights and home values within our community. We'll be successful because we have foresight and the support of the best neighbors in Phoenix.

Yes, I see an incredibly bright future for Desert Ridge...now somebody please help me with those basketball brackets!

Doug Dickson President Desert Ridge Community Association

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Kathy Crawford

Spring is upon us and we look forward to the flowers being in bloom and the desert awash with color! Much has happened in the last couple of months. We have

approval by the community to go to the next level with Cashman Park which you can read about in this issue. Our management company has moved to its new location in CityCenter of CityNorth which you can see in the article in this magazine. We are fortunate that in this new location, we are able to hold our monthly meetings without having to make outside arrangements. And, this venue is available for use by other groups as well.

As you know, we have a new Master Developer – we are introducing them to our community through the article inside. This issue also will give you an update from Officer Mitten as well as an update on Cashman Park. We are hoping to meet with the City of Phoenix before our next issue with resolution on many issues. We will also have an update on the Board elections which will be announced at our annual meeting on April 18th.

We have also decided to upgrade the website so that it can be used more effectively and as a better tool to disseminate information to the community. If you haven't registered your email address with Rossmar & Graham, you can just go to desertridgelifestyles.com and check in there and see what's going on.

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UP, Up, and Even Further Up!

This seems to be the month to month trend of home prices appreciating throughout Arizona. The Phoenix Business Journal recently reported on ASU's housing expert Mike Orr's latest housing report for January 2013. This report indicates that the metro Phoenix home prices continued on their steady incline during the first month of 2013, surging 35.3 percent year-over-year. Unbelievable some would say but actual figures state that a median single-family home price of \$163,000 in January of 2013 is up from \$120,500 a year ago! Even though this is fantastic news for sellers, it's been incredibly frustrating for buyers who are struggling to land a fairly priced home.

Market Update

Single Family Average Price per Sq Ft	\$/SF Jan 2013	\$/SF Jan 2012	% Change
New Home Sales	\$113.86	\$105.17	+8.3%
Normal Re-sales	\$122.01	\$111.63	+9.3%
Investor Flips	\$99.33	\$79.72	+24.6%
Short Sales & Pre-foreclosures	\$85.84	\$71.35	+20.3%
Bank Owned Sales	\$93.69	\$68.46	+36.9%
GSE REO Sales	\$85.19	\$65.51	+30.0%
HUD Sales	\$67.02	\$48.50	+38.2%
Trustee Sales to 3 rd Party	\$78.04	\$61.48	+26.9%
All Sales	\$106.20	\$82.62	+28.5%

Average price per square foot is up 28.5% from \$82.62 to \$106.20*Data is from ASU W.P. Carey School of Business with Michael Orr, Director Center of Real Estate Practice and Theory



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When foreclosure is a possibility, there are several programs in place that help borrowers with relocation assistance. If you are facing default, you owe it to yourself to Know ALL Your Options!

Are buyers pricing themselves out by waiting - This continues to be the worry! The frustration of competing with multiple bids has actually deterred some buyers to act now. They are hoping for a slow down so that the inventory can rise so that they have more choices. Well guite the opposite is happening. Inventory has once dropped. This is three consecutive months. Predictions were that we may see an increase come January 2013, but the opposite has occurred. Listings in February dropped 10.7% from the prior month and overall inventory continued to decline by 1.7% since January 2013. Buyers need to be aggressive and act with urgency when placing an offer on a home!

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COVER STORY

The Desert Ridge master-planned community is over 5,700 acres and is anticipated to have a population someday of approximately 50,000 residents. Creating the master plan and zoning for Desert Ridge took more than 8 years to complete. The end result is a thoughtfully designed community that ensures long-term value and a high standard of living for Desert Ridge residents. With exciting amenities, award-winning community landscaping, inviting neighborhoods, and quality builders, there's no better place to live.



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Did You Know.....that we have several spas here in and around Desert Ridge?

THE SPAS

There is, of course, Massage Envy in the Marketplace which is relatively new as well as the very established Spa at the JW Marriott at Desert Ridge and other services that include massage around Desert Ridge.

Massage Envy is located between Kohl's and DSW in the Marketplace and offers packages for friends and/or family or for yourself not only for massage but for facials and feet as well. They offer discounts for Military folks and have the following types of massage:

Swedish Massage Deep Tissue Massage Reflexology

The spa at the JW Marriott is called Revive.

Revive Spa's 28,000 square feet and has 41 well-appointed treatment rooms that have a diverse menu of spa experiences. Guests are invited to unwind in separate male and female indoor relaxation rooms and private patios.

Revive Spa features the Sanctuary lap pool and a full-service Salon featuring hair cuts, color, manicures, and spa pedicures. Revive Spa has been recognized by Conde Nast Traveler Magazine readers as one of the Top Resort Spas in the US.

Close by our Marketplace is the Arizona Day Spa on 62nd and Bell Road, Rolfing Center on Tatum just south of Bell and Elements Therepeutic Massage on Scottsdale Road just north of Pinnacle Peak.

We would be remiss if we didn't mention that there are chiropractic services available within Desert Ridge including health coaches as well as individuals who offer massage services who can come to your home. You can find these and others offered on the web.

Did You Know.....that JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa is the home of the LPGA?

GREAT GOLF

The JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa has been the preferred LPGA venue for the RR Donnelley Foundation Cup Tournament for the past 3 years. We appreciate the continued community support and attendance that has enabled Desert Ridge to grow this event year-after-year!

Did You Know.....that we have a movie theatre in Desert Ridge and many other theatres near our community?

MOVIE THEATRES

We are fortunate to have a movie theatre

available to us here with our very own AMC Desert Ridge 18 right in the Marketplace. We also have a Harkins theatre in the Scottsdale 101 shopping center at Scottsdale and the 101. Just south of the Scottsdale 101 is the iPic Theatre (one of the new theatres that serves food right at your very plush seats) which is in the Scottsdale Quarter. A few exists east of that is the Studio Movie Grill which also offers in-theatre dining and is located off of Frank Lloyd Wright and Hayden. Just southwest of Desert Ridge along Bell Road, off of 32nd Street is another Harkins theatre. And, we have an AMC Deer Valley which is west of the I 17 right off of Beardsley. Aren't we lucky to have so many, so close to our neighborhood?

Did You Know....that there is horseback riding nearby?

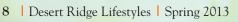
HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS

The closest place for riding to Desert Ridge is MacDonald's Ranch. It is located in the tranquil Sonoran

Desert in north Scottsdale, Arizona, just north of Pinnacle Peak on Scottsdale Road. MacDonald's Ranch offers activities for individuals, small

parties, large conventions or corporate gatherings. You can choose from Guided Horseback rides, Hayrides & Cowboy Cookouts, and also available are many varieties of Entertainment (www. macdonaldsranch.com)

If you go a little further north to Cave Creek you can find many stables available for lessons and riding in that beautiful area. One of those is Spur Cross Stable.



COVER STORY

Did you know there are three worldclass hospitals within a five mile radius of Desert Ridge?



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It also offers diagnostic imaging and noninvasive heart tests, and lung testing services. Mayo Clinic Hospital opened in the fall of 1998 and is the first hospital designed and built by Mayo Clinic.

Did You Know.....that Desert Ridge has 4 restaurants that specialize specifically in making pizzas?

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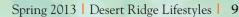
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Meet our New Desert Ridge Master Developer, Gray

Dear Desert Ridge Community Member,

Please allow me this opportunity to introduce myself and Gray. We are the new Master Developer of Desert Ridge, successor to the original Illinois-based company. The role was established by the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) in 1993 to ensure that Desert Ridge develops as a high quality master planned community consistent with the Desert Ridge Master Development Plan. The lease for the Desert Ridge Commercial Core, assigned to Gray late last year, designates the holder of this lease Master Developer for the entire community, and we are honored to be in this stewardship role.

For more than two decades Gray has been a leading real estate investment, development and management company in the Phoenix area. Although best known for its high-end multifamily communities, Gray is also a full-service architectural and land planning firm with considerable master planned community experience. We will soon be relocating our corporate offices from Arcadia to CityNorth.

Like all communities, the deep recession and painfully slow recovery of the past few years have severely slowed activity within Desert Ridge and the North Valley as a whole. That will change dramatically in the coming months and we look forward to facilitating future activity in keeping with the highest standards of existing development. Here are our initial priorities:

The City of Phoenix guiding policy document for the 5,700-acre master plan is the 23-year old Desert Ridge Specific Plan (DRSP). We will initiate a comprehensive review of the plan with the Desert Ridge Community Association, the City, and ASLD and explore affixing zoning for all remaining undeveloped land in keeping with the DRSP to ensure maximum clarity and certainty for all parties well into the future.

Mayor Greg Stanton has promoted a vision for a portion of Desert Ridge south of the freeway as a world-class biomedical corridor. We look forward to working with the City, ASLD, Arizona State University and the Mayo Clinic to help realize this exciting vision.

Gray is not involved in either the Marketplace or the first phase of CityNorth but we look forward to working with those immediate neighbors to ensure a well-planned and fully integrated build-out of the remaining 120 acre Desert Ridge Core. The existing plan and layout will likely remain very much as originally conceived but with more class 'A' corporate office and less retail.

We will immediately study ways to alleviate traffic congestion on Tatum, including potential opportunities to accelerate remaining road construction.



It bears repeating that we are truly honored and humbled to serve in the capacity of Desert Ridge Master Developer. Given the opportunities presented by the resurgent economy it is an opportune time to quickly address a number of pressing priorities of importance to the community. As Desert Ridge approaches full build-out in the years ahead, the need for a "master developer" will soon pass and we will then retire the role altogether. We look forward to working with the DRCA, ASLD and the City of Phoenix to ensure the community's goals are fully realized to the very best of our ability.

Sincerely, Brian Kearney Chief Operating Officer Gray





BUILDING A SMARTER GOVERNMENT



By Mayor Greg Stanton

When I took office last year, I made three commitments about the city's budget. I made the commitment to cut wasteful spending and build a smarter government that does more with less. I committed to use our savings and increased revenues from a recovering economy to lower taxes. And I made the commitment not to accelerate any tax cut if the result hurt our public's safety.

We've made significant strides in the past 14 months. Voters approved a pension reform measure that will save the city nearly \$600 million. Our Innovation and Efficiency Task



Force continues to find necessary savings, bringing its total saved to \$63 million. And I've kept my promise to have Phoenix government do more with less, keeping core services intact despite a city workforce that per capita is our smallest in 40 years.

We have more work ahead, of course. The economic recovery continues to sputter – currently the city's incoming revenues stand about \$20 million short of projections – and serving 1.4 million residents with a workforce that's lost more than

2,500 position in four years remains a serious challenge.

Still, I knew there would be challenges ahead when I took this job. Like the challenge I faced last month, when, after months of preparation, our City Manager showed the Council two budgets side-by-side.

One kept public safety in Phoenix intact. It kept libraries and rec centers open on a regular schedule and necessary services flowing to victims of domestic violence and child abuse. In the other budget – the one that accelerated the end of the tax - Phoenix would have to eliminate more than 100 police officers, plus shutter half the city's after-school programs. We'd have to close five rec centers, slash the schedule for the Burton Barr Library and cut \$550,000 from domestic violence and child advocacy programs.

This final choice was difficult. While this temporary levy represents \$2 per week for the

average Phoenix family, for residents living near poverty, that money means more than a Big Mac or a cup of coffee. I haven't forgotten how my family struggled growing up, how my mom, a teacher, and my dad, a shoe salesman, fought week after week to put food on the table for our family of six.

In the end, in a city that hasn't hired a police officer in three years and has lost 232 officers since 2010, further gutting public safety struck me as irresponsible. While pundits and my political opponents will continue to carp, such criticism pales before the commitment I made to every resident when I took office:

To create new jobs and improve education, to keep neighborhoods safe and keep our city moving forward. Together, we will continue to do exactly that, one day at a time, one difficult decision at a time. I look forward to seeing you and hearing from you at our city's upcoming public budget hearings.







Scanlan Kemper Bard Companies and Wayzata Investment Partners

Acquire CityCenter of CityNorth

Mixed-use Phoenix Development

Portland-based real estate private equity firm Scanlan Kemper Bard Companies (SKB), and a private investment fund managed by Wayzata Investment Partners LLC (Wayzata) through the newly formed City North Associates LLC, closed on a deal Monday, April 15th, to acquire Phoenix development CityCenter of CityNorth. With SKB's experience in mixed use developments it will put City North Associates in an excellent position to drive activity at the 628,000 square foot mixed-use, luxury project going forward.

CityCenter of CityNorth includes:

- 99 units (123,000 square feet) of residential condominiums (currently leased as apartments)
- 330,000 square feet of office space
- 175,000 square feet of ground-level retail space
- A six-level parking structure with 1,418 stalls, and an additional 458 surface parking stalls
- 4.9 acres of undeveloped, adjacent land

"CityCenter of CityNorth is an extraordinary real estate asset created by a developer with a reputation for high caliber work," said Bob Scanlan, principal and CEO of SKB. "The price and quality of the mixed-use development were very attractive to our team, as is the opportunity to participate in the recovery of the Phoenix market."



CityCenter of CityNorth is an extraordinary real estate asset created by a developer with a reputation for high caliber work.

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The project, developed by Related Companies, was completed in November 2008. CityNorth was foreclosed on in April of 2010, but has seen recent activity with new restaurant, retail and office tenant move-ins during 2012 and the first quarter of 2013.

The development is a part of the Desert Ridge Master Plan, which is currently 50 percent complete. It includes more than 2,400 residential homes and apartments, approximately 2.5 million square feet of office and retail space, The Mayo Clinic medical facility (which occupies 750,000 square feet), the 950-room J.W. Marriott Resort, and the Musical Instrument Museum. Once completed, Desert Ridge is expected to include 50,000 residents and more than 8 million square feet

of commercial space.

SKB and Wayzata plan to re-energize CityCenter of CityNorth with attractive tenant improvement allowances in order to drive new leasing activity to the project. In addition, City North Associates will rebrand CityCenter of CityNorth through a marketing strategy aimed at bringing entertainment and service oriented retailers to the project. With its reduced cost basis, City North Associates plans to increase occupancy through highly competitive rents and targeted capital improvements.

About Scanlan Kemper Bard Companies

Formed in 1993, SKB is a fully integrated real estate private equity firm based in Portland, Oregon with additional offices in Seattle and Denver. Investment types include office, retail, industrial and mixed-use. SKB also funds bridge loans and periodically provides equity to select developers of ground-up development projects located in the Western United States.

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Two Cactus Shadows Students Honored as 2013 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Youths of the Year

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Cactus Shadows sophomore Dani Haboush and junior Alexa Jenouri have been named 2013 Youths of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale's Vestar and Thunderbirds branches, respectively.

In addition to representing their branches as Youths of the Year for the next 12 months, both teens were honored at the 2013 Celebrate Youth Gala and Auction, which took place on Saturday, March 9 at Talking Stick Resort and Casino, each receiving a \$1,000 scholarship from General Dynamics C4 Systems and Google tablets from NPCE Technology Solutions.

"As we go through our lives, we go through different smiles. Toothless, gap-toothed, full of braces, bright and shiny," said Haboush when she addressed the more than 600 local business and civic leaders at the gala. "We shed smiles of excitement, joy, trust, love, and hope. For me, the most important one is hope. I feel that hope can take you miles and miles down winding roads and soaring through the bright blue skies. The Boys and Girls Club has given me just that; a positive outlook and a smile on my face."

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

- Junior Staff Career Development, which provides teens 14-18 hands-on work experience to teen members at the Club while developing their interpersonal skills, a strong work ethic, a sense of community engagement.
- Money Matters, which promotes financial responsibility and independence among middle and high school Club members by building their basic money management skills.



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

She will use her scholarship toward her dream of attending the University of Arizona and becoming a child psychologist when she graduates from Cactus Shadows.

"With kids like Dani, it is clear why our Vestar Branch was chosen from nearly 4,000 chartered clubs as the top branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America in 2012," said Steve Davidson, president and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale.

"I remember walking through the big, swinging doors of The Thunderbirds Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale, not understanding what it was," said Jenouri at the Celebrate Youth Gala. "Until that point, I had assumed it was simply a program for children in a building with a large gymnasium. I was entirely wrong. Yes, it is an after school program. Yes, it has a large gymnasium. But, it was so much more."

Jenouri, who was born in Germany, has

been a member of the Thunderbirds branch for nearly eight years and is also active in Keystone, Junior Staff Development and other programs, including:

- 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.
- Special Club Events, which has allowed her to assist in planning of holiday activities, car washes and art room projects.

She will use her scholarship toward her dream of attending the University of Chicago and becoming an orthopedic surgeon when she graduates from Cactus Shadows.

The Youth of the Year program has been an integral part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for more than 60 years and is the highest honor given to members of the organization.

The girls' seven fellow branch *Youths of the Year* were also rewarded during the gala. They included:

Ariana Alvez, senior at Desert
 Mountain High School and Youth
 of the Year representing the Virginia
 G. Piper Branch, which is located in
 Scottsdale

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By Matt Keel

One of the most common questions I hear during a golf lesson is "how far away from my feet do I play the ball?" The answer to that question is not as simple as just providing a distance, but is based on setting up in a position that supports the motion your body needs to make to swing the club. The correct distance between your feet and the golf ball is dependent on two factors: 1) your weight distribution on your feet from heel to toe, and 2) the distance your hands hang away from your body.

Your weight distribution from heel to toe is essential to set up to the ball in an athletic position. Think about preparing to return a serve in tennis. Would your weight be distributed more on your heels or the balls of your feet? Having too much weight on your heels would hinder your ability to react to the serve, while maintaining more weight on the balls of your feet will allow you to react quickly and return the serve. In the golf swing, maintaining more weight on the balls of your feet instead of your heels enables you to rotate during your back swing and rotate through to a balanced finish.

Once you have distributed your weight correctly from heel to toe, you are



Take the Guesswork out of Hand Position

now in a position for the correct hand placement. The correct position is to simply allow your hands to hang directly under your chin. Positioning your hands too close to your body will cause you to swing the club too upright, while positioning your hands too far from your body will cause you to swing the club too flat around your body.

The most common scenarios I see regarding proper weight distribution and hand position are illustrated in the photos below.

You can systematically set your hand position correctly every time. In order to set your hand position the correct distance from your body, you must first rock your weight to the balls of your feet. Once your weight is distributed correctly on the balls of your feet, let your hands hang directly under your chin. A correct set up will always ensure that you start from the same position for every swing.

Matt Keel is the Lead Golf Instructor at Wildfire Golf Club located at the JW Marriott at Desert Ridge. For more information about golf lessons, you can visit www.wildfiregolf.com or email Matt at Mattkeel@pga.com.



Figure 1 shows a student with his weight distributed on his heels and his hand position too close.



Figure 2 shows a student with his weight distributed on his heels and his hand position too far out.



Figure 3 shows a student with his weight distributed correctly with his hand position too close.



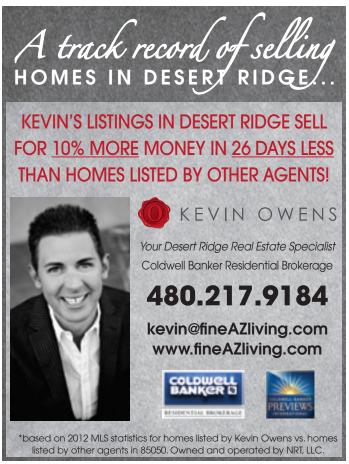
Figure 4 shows a student with his weight distributed correctly with his hand position too far out.



Figure 5 is correct. Figure 5 shows a student with his weight distributed on the balls of his feet and hands hanging below his chin.









Congratulations

Congratulations to the newly elected board members Steve Burns, Doug Dickson, Brad Slager and Reginald Younger, Jr. who were elected by the members for a 2 year term of office!



From left to right; speaking is Chief Garcia of the Phoenix Police Dept.; Doug Dickson, President; Reginald Younger, Vice-President; Dan Oseran, Secretary; Brad Slager, Treasurer; Kathy Crawford, Director; Steve Burns, Director and Greg Abrams, Director.

Photos courtesy of Tina Dickson



Brian Kearney Chief Operating Officer of Gray, speaking at the Annual Meeting on behalf of the new Master Developer, Gray

The Stars Come Out In Desert Ridge

By Doug Dickson

Communications Committee Desert Ridge Community Association

The biggest names in Hollywood joined Muhammad Ali at the JW Marriott in Desert Ridge for Celebrity Fight Night XIX. The red carpet was filled with local and national celebrities including Jennifer Lopez, Steve Martin, Billy Crystal, Mario Lopez, Bo Derek, Reba McEntire and Jerry Colangelo.

Held March 23rd, the annual black-tie fundraising event attracts celebrities, sports stars and philanthropists to raise money for the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix.

Country-music singer Reba McEntire emceed the event for the eighth year and David Foster, a Grammy Award-winner, was the musical director for his 14th year. Star performers included Andrea Bocelli, Jennifer Lopez, Billy Crystal and Billy Rae Cyrus, Steve Martin, Jennifer Lopez and philanthropist Dennis Washington, owner of the Washington Companies, received

Muhammad Ali Celebrity Fight Night Awards honoring their humanitarian efforts.

Last year, the gala saw a record 1,300 people in attendance and raised more than \$9.1 million. Over its history, the event night has raised \$80 million. Individual tickets ranged from \$1,500 to \$5,000, and tables for 10 ranged from \$15,000 to \$100,000 each.

Muhammad Ali was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1994, a degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system.











Photos courtesy of Tina Dickson



2ND ANNUAL CASHMAN PARK SPRING PICNIC

By Alyssia Saxton Lifestyles Coordinator Desert Ridge Community Association

It was another great day and turnout!
The Cashman Park Spring Picnic was here again and we can't wait untill next year already. What a nice day at the park, seeing all the homeowners in Desert Ridge enjoying a day of fun in the sun. What a better way to come together with our families.

It's always a pleasure seeing the look on the kid's faces as they went from bounce house to bounce house then conquer the mechanical bull, which was sponsored by AAA Landscape. We had such a great response on the food last year that we couldn't resist asking Roger back with his great team from JJ's Deli. As always the Boys & Girls Club provided helping hands with their dedicated group of volunteers. All of our bounce houses and rides, concessions, shade structure, tables and chairs were provided by AZ Bounce Pro's and for the second year in a row. We also had the Desert

Ridge Parent's Group join us and provide a little shade for those parents taking on the extra sun rays while their little ones are bouncing around on the farm.

Let's not forget about our new potential candidates. Our Candidate "Meet and Greet" was part of the festivities as well. The candidates made themselves available for questions and answers for our residents and got to enjoy the food and activities as well. Another great day for Desert Ridge!



















Photos courtesy of Alyssia Saxton and Tina Dickson



Grand Opening of the Desert Ridge Community Association...new digs!

By Alyssia Saxton Lifestyles Coordinator Desert Ridge Community Association

In our last issue of the Winter 2013, we announced the Grand Opening of our new Desert Ridge Community Association office location in CityCenter of CityNorth at 5415 E. High Street, Suite 220, Phoenix, AZ 85054 and invited all our residents to come take a look and share in the celebration. Our official Grand Opening was held on February 27, 2013, prior to our Board of Directors Meeting. There were many residents, Board Members,

staff and an appearance made by our very own District 2 Councilman, Jim Waring. We offered an office tour, had a cutting of the ribbon ceremony and provided food, drinks and of course....cake!

There was a lot of construction behind all this and many other hands were involved that contributed towards bringing the new office to completion. Our new office now provides 2,600 square feet of space, including 1,000 square feet of space dedicated to a much larger conference room that will enable us to

facilitate Desert Ridge Lifestyles relative to our coffee clubs, DRCA board and committee meetings, sub-association meetings as well as future events.

The Rossmar & Graham Team is very privileged to have partnered with Desert Ridge in the negotiations and acquisitions of the new office lease at CityCenter of CityNorth. If you haven't stopped by to see it yet, please

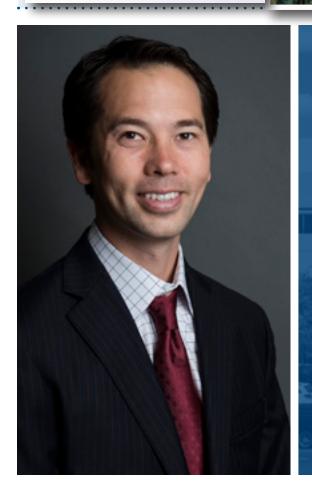
feel free to. Our office hours are 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday. We look forward to seeing you. We have finally settled in and back to work as usual!

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Cashman Park Update - CPEC Next Steps

Now that a majority of the community has voted in favor of the project for the Association utilizing \$500,000 from the Desert Ridge Reserve Funds to make improvements to Cashman Park, the work for the Cashman Park Exploratory Committee (CPEC) is just beginning. We have already started working with the City of Phoenix on a Development Agreement. The Development Agreement will be presented to the DRCA Board for approval consideration.

Here are the key deal points proposed by CPEC:

1) In exchange for funding the project the Association would like the park renamed to "Cashman Park at Desert Ridge". We feel adding Desert Ridge to the name will provide a stronger connection to our residents and the association.

- 2) We would like the City to inspect and accept the "Improvements" at the completion of the project for long term maintenance. We would like a basic maintenance schedule established in the agreement. We understand that replacement cannot be guaranteed however some level of commitment in that regard is desired.
- 3) The Association would like some level of "self-help" rights in order to maintain the Improvements, if necessary.

Once the agreement has been established we will begin working with McGough Group, our landscape consultant, to develop the concept plan that was approved into final construction drawings. When complete we will competitively bid the

project to a qualified list of contractors. The results will be presented to the DRCA Board for approval

Our goal is to have the park improvements completed by the fall of this year; however, the schedule will largely depend on how long it takes us to reach an Agreement and obtain City of Phoenix approval of the construction drawings.

We look forward to completing this project on behalf of the residents and DRCA Board. We will continue to provide progress updates at the monthly board meetings.

Thank you for you continued interest and support!

Greg Abrams Chair Cashman Park Exploratory Committee

March 1, 2013



March 1, 2013

To the Board of Directors and Management of Desert Ridge Community Association C/o Rossmar and Graham 9362 East Raintree Drive Scottsdale, Arizona 85260

On February 27, 2013, Desert Ridge Community Association held February's monthly meeting of the board of directors. Prior to that meeting, Association members were asked to vote on proposed improvements to Cashman Park. Butler Hansen, P.C., did not audit or review the election process and therefore, issues no opinion on them. The engagement included the following services:

At the Meeting:

1. Provided two Firm representatives (one partner and one staff) to be present to serve as the inspector of the Cashman Park Exploratory Committee (CPEC) park improvements election, receiving and tallying all in-person ballots. After the in-person ballots were received, their eligibility was verified against an eligibility list, as provided by the management of Desert Ridge Community Association on February 26, 2013.

At Firm's Office:

- Ballots were received by USPS directly to the Firm's Mesa, Arizona office so as to maintain
- Tabulation of the results of the voting in relation to the Cashman Park Exploratory Committee (CPEC) park improvements election.
- 4. Tabulation began on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, in the morning. Tabulation consisted of two to three staff members of the firm counting the total number of ballots cast and then recording the votes. Tabulation continued to occur through 4pm on February 27, 2013.
- 5. The procedure used to count the votes for each of the candidates was as follows: one firm staff member read the result of each ballot while the other verified eligibility and recorded the result on
- The final numbers were computed by each of two staff members independently and then compared to one another. These totals were in agreement. The chart below represents the actual results of the tabulation of each of the ballot items.

Results:

Initiative	Votes
In Favor	2,259
Opposed	817
Abstained	164
Total Votes	3,240

Board of Directors and Management of Desert Ridge Community Association

Additional Information:

A. 1,594 valid and eligible votes were received from residents of the Association. Of those 1,594 votes, 779 were in favor of the initiative, 767 were opposed to the initiative, and 48 abstained from voting. All 1,594 were counted for the purpose of meeting quorum, and represented a response of approximately 30% of the Association's total residents. Nineteen ballots were received by the firm representatives at the February 27, 2013 meeting, at which time they were tabulated and validated; the remaining 1,575 votes were received by mail to the Firm's office. None of the in-person ballots received from residents on February 27, 2013 were determined to be ineligible.

B. 70 invalid and/or ineligible votes were received from residents of the Association. Of those 70 votes, 54 were determined to be invalid due to incorrectly completed or incomplete ballot forms, while 16 votes were determined to be ineligible to vote due to delinquencies or deficiencies in homeowner assessments. None of these 70 votes were counted for the purpose of meeting angular.

- quorum.

 C. 1,646 valid and eligible votes were received from commercial entities within the Association. Of those 1,646 votes, 1,480 were in favor of the initiative, 50 were opposed to the initiative, and 116 abstained from voting. All 1,646 were counted for the purpose of meeting quorum, and abstained from voting. All 1,646 were counted for the purpose of meeting quorum, and very experience of approximately 14% of the Association's commercial entities. 1,015 represented a response of approximately 24% of the Association's exerting at which time they were received by the firm representatives at the February 27, 2013 meeting, at which time they have been approximately a superior of the in-person ballots received from commercial entities on February 27, 2013 were determined to be ineligible.
- D. No invalid or ineligible votes were received from commercial entities within the Association.
- E. The quorum for the meeting was determined by Desert Ridge Community Association's management to be 1,924, which the Association met with its 3,240 received votes, which was verified by the firm.

Butler Hansen, P.C. was not responsible for determining the validity of the election, whether any notification requirements were met, or whether the vote process was in conformity with Desert Ridge Community Association's organizational documents.

We express our appreciation to the board of directors and management for allowing us to perform this service. If management or a member of the board should have any questions, please contact Paul Hansen at (480) 497-1250.

Very truly yours,

Paul E. Hansen, CPA - Director Butler Hansen, P.C



Cashman Park Proposed Amenities Comparison

ORIGINAL CASHMAN PARK CONCEPT

- 7 Health Beat Exercise Stations
- 1 Soft Trail
- 1 Large Playground (Ages 5-12)
- 1 Small Playground (Ages 2-5)
- 1 Boulder Climbing Area
- 1 Large Splash Pad (Ages 5-12)
- 1 Small Splash Pad (Ages 2-5)
- 1 Swing Set
- Playground Artificial Turf Area
- 1 Mini Basketball Court (In Place Of Removed Full Size Court)
- 1 Amphitheatre
- 3 Enhanced Planting Areas
- 1 Central Gathering Area/Shade Sail
- Additional Parking Spaces (14)
- Renovation Of Existing Ramadas
- 6 Steel, Overhead Shade Structures With Bench

REVISED CASHMAN PARK CONCEPT

- 7 Health Beat Exercise Stations
- 1 Soft Trail
- 1 Large Playground With Swing Set (Ages 5-12)
- 1 Small Playground (Ages 2-5)
- 5 Playground Area Benches
- Playground Natural Turf Area
- Reconfigured Existing Sand Volleyball Courts
- Restriping Of Existing Full Size Basketball Courts
- 3 Enhanced Planting Areas
- Renovation Of Exising Ramadas
- 4 Steel, Overhead Shade Structures With Bench
- 1 New 16' X 16' Ramada (Near Volleyball Courts)
- Additional Parking Spaces (14)



Beat the Heat

The Desert Ridge® Parents' Group

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 playgroups, kids' and family activities, seasonal events and parents-only nights for residents in Desert Ridge and surrounding areas. This summer we have at least one kids' and one parents' activity every week. 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.

Jasleen Kohli

Desert Ridge Parents' Group Publicity and Advertising Chairperson

All of us Arizonans love Arizona, but dread the summer months. As the mercury starts rising and being outdoors becomes more and more limited, we all rattle our brains to come up with activities to keep our kids sufficiently occupied.

However, if you are a part of DRPG, this is not something that you really worry about. You know that be it spring or summer, you will still have a busy social calendar and good friends for you and your kids to have fun with. We do activities for kids of all ages and you can do as much or as little as you like. Below is a snapshot of some activities that we did as a group last summer:

For the Kids

- Story Time at the Library and Barnes and Noble
- Play dates at the
 - Phoenix Zoo
 - Splash Pad
 - Children's Museum of Phoenix
 - Shiloh Community Church

Tot Town (Open to anyone with a \$15 fee for a year long family membership)

- AZ Air Time
- Super Hero Play date
- Kindergarten & Preschool
 Mixer
- Mother's Day Craft making paper flowers in a clay pot
- Father's Day Craft decorating a BBQ apron
- \$2 Movies at Harkins every week

For the Parents

- Mom's Night Out Dinner at Yard House followed by Movie at AMC
- Dad's Night Out at Dave and Busters
- Parents' Night Out at Kona Grill
- Book Club
- Bunco Night
- Mom's Craft Night –
 make a memory board
- Mom's Weekend Away Vegas 2012

For the Family

- Family Night Dinner & play at Desert Ridge Splash pad
- 4th of July Fireworks at Aviano Park

 Family Night at Chuck E. Cheese

You don't have figure out what to do on a hot summer day or how to pass those never ending afternoon hours by yourself. We learn about so many new places to go to by sharing our knowledge as a group. The best part is that you have friends to have an adult conversation with while the kids enjoy forming new friendships and playing with their friends. Over the years, we have discovered places that are free and also some great indoor play areas where we often get group discounts. Some of the places we have play dates at, are:

- Imagination Avenue
- Jambo! Park
- Pump it Up!
- Jump street
- Arizona Museum for Youth
- Alltel Ice Den
- Speed Street
- AZ Air Time
- McDonald's kids area

- PV Mall kids area (free!)
- Scottsdale Fashion Square kids area (free!)
- Barnes & Noble kids corner (free!)
- Public Libraries (free!)

We have an online forum where members can access the calendar of scheduled activities. This way you know what activities are scheduled that week, month etc. Other than these scheduled activities, members also post impromptu get-togethers on the forum i.e. if a member is going to the Chick-fil-a for lunch and would like to see if someone else is available for company, they can post on the online forum and invite other members to join them.

Don't be alone this summer. Join in the fun at DRPG! Become a member today by checking us out at our website www. DRPGonline.com. You will be glad you did!





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





By Dr. Lee P. Laris

My patients at Phoenix Skin Dermatology ask me everyday, Dr. Laris, what do you do for your skin? or what are the best ways to look and stay youthful? This is the advice and skin secrets I tell them, and for the most part, follow personally.

Protect yourself from the sun

The need to bask in the sun to achieve that "glowing complexion" is becoming a glowing concern at Phoenix Skin Dermatology because it is obtained from being in the sun or tanning booths, both of which accelerate the skin's aging process and increase your risk of skin cancer. If you have to be in the sun, make sure to slather on a good SPF such as Skinceuticals Sport SPF 45 or PCA Perfecting Protection SPF 30. They are made of zinc, which is superior in blocking both the UVA and UVB rays, apply easily, are sweat/water proof and do not interfere with make-up. You might ask yourself, is a fancy SPF really necessary? The answer is ves because most SPF's sold over the counter do not contain a physical block like zinc.

Use high-quality medical skin grade products

Powerful, antioxidant-rich products such as Prevage, vitamins C & E and retinol growth factors are daily essentials when it comes to caring for your skin. These products not only assist in wrinkle prevention, but also build collagen and normalize damaged skin cells. A \$10 moisturizer from the drug store or the over-priced creams found in department stores are not up to par with the medical grade products found in Doctor's offices. Some of my personal favorites are Prevage MD (it is the strongest anti-oxidant on the market today), Skinceuticals Serums and the Obagi-C RX System - all of which are available at Phoenix Skin Dermatology.

A little Botox never hurts

There is a reason why over 11 million men and women have chosen treatment with FDA approved Botox Cosmetic, because it has proven results and amazing safety! Botox smoothes and softens moderate to severe lines and wrinkles, while still allowing your natural facial expressions to come through. It also prevents new lines from occurring and with continued use, your face will begin to "forget" to wrinkle and require fewer treatments over time. Phoenix Skin Dermatology offers botox for the forehead, the eyes (crow's feet) and between the brows (glabellar lines).

Juvederm and Perlane are my favorite dermal fillers

These hyaluronic acid facial fillers are the best because of their versatility; they can be used to plump lips, volumize cheeks and soften fine lines and scars. The injection is quick, relatively painless and lasts for up to 12 months. It can provide a lift to cheeks, brows or jaw line without surgery or significant downtime.

Do not make negotiations with exfoliation

Exfoliation removes dead skin cells which give the skin a dry, dull appearance. Chemical peels and/or microdermabrasions are incredibly effective in removing these dead cells, thus improving the tone and texture of the face to make the skin have a natural glow. Our licensed aestheticians at Phoenix Skin Dermatology can assist in determining what treatment is best for your skin type.

Please contact us at Phoenix Skin Dermatology for questions or to schedule an appointment!

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Events at Desert Ridge Marketplace



MAY 2013

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

JUNE 2013

DISTRICT STAGE

performance times are from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

BARNES & NOBLE AREA

performance times are from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Fri. 3 Rhythm Edition

(Top 40 Cover Band) - District Stage

Tony Putrino

(Accordionist Extraordinaire) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 4 Ratio

(Funk, Soul, Jazz and R&B Band) – District Stage

Lawrence Zubia

(Alternative Indie Guitarist) – AMC Fountain Area

Sun. 5 Special Cinco de Mayo Performance by Tesoro

4-6pm District Stage

Fri. 10 My Message Awards Ceremony – District Stage

David & Amy of Peppermint James

(Acoustic Duo) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 11 Knee Deep Experience

(Funk, Soul, R&B Band) – District Stage

Jess Hawk Oakenstar

(Folk Singer/Songwriter) – AMC Fountain Area

Fri. 17 Casey Lee Smith

(Country Western Band) – District Stage

Leon Santiago

(Alternative Guitarist/Vocalist) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 18 Mary Hoffman Band

(Country Western Band) – District Stage

Grady Soine

(Easy Listening Keyboard Player) – AMC Fountain Area Area

Fri. 24 Come Back Buddy

(Buddy Holly Tribute and 50's, 60's Cover Band) -

District Stage

West Hills Brothers

(Acoustic Guitar Duo) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 25 Diamond In The Rough

(Neil Diamond Tribute Band) - District Stage

Michael V.

(Adult Contemporary Acoustic Guitarist) –

AMC Fountain Area

Fri. 31 The Persuaders

(Original Alternative Indie Band) – District Stage

Rachel Brown

(Acoustic Guitar/Vocalist) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 1 Ratio

(Funk, Soul, Jazz and R&B Band) – District Stage

Janelle Loes

(The premiere appearance Indie Singer/Songwriter) –

AMC Fountain Area

Fri. 7 Sonoran Swing Band

(Big Band Swing) – District Stage

Leah Koestner

(Acoustic Contemporary Guitarist and Vocalist) –

AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 8 Knee Deep Experience

(Funk, Soul, R&B Band) – District Stage

Scott & John of Hello Swindon

(Guitar and Percussion Duo) – AMC Fountain Area

Fri. 14 Raun Alosi Band

(Current Top 40 and Original Band) – District Stage

Tony Putrino

(Accordionist Extraordinaire) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 15 Wes & Nick, Dueling Pianos

(The premiere appearance) – District Stage

Grady Soine'

(Easy Listening Keyboard Player) – AMC Fountain Area

Fri. 21 Kenny Love & The Rockerfellers

(Rock, Roots, Americana, Swing Band) – District Stage

Tera Crisalida

(Brazilian Jazz Guitarist) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 22 Peppermint James

(Original and Top 40 Alternative Band) – District Stage

Michael Fierraro

(Adult Contemporary Guitarist and Vocalist) –

AMC Fountain Area

Fri. 28 Think Horses

(Original Alternative and Cover Band) – District Stage

Ariana Loraine

(Indie Alternative Guitarist and Vocalist) –

AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 29 Ghandi's Garage

(Top 40 Cover Band) – District Stage

William Oren Cox

(Premiere appearance - Ukulele & Vocalist) –

AMC Fountain Area



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pring and Crime Prevention

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

This time of year brings on many changes, the plants awaken and bloom, allergy season rears its ugly head, the kids start thinking of summertime instead of schoolwork, and families will start taking vacations away from home. That of course might lead to increased opportunities for someone to commit a theft or even burglarize your home. While no crime prevention tips are 100%, there are some simple and common sense methods you can take to reduce your chances of becoming a victim and eliminate opportunities for thieves to steal from you. It is these easy targets that thieves look for since they carry low risk and potentially have high rewards.

Lock all your doors and windows. At the minimum ensure that the front door has a good deadbolt lock, 3 inch screws in the hinges and strike plate, and a peephole. If you can afford it, get a security door and make sure it is properly installed.

Put a lock on your side yard gate or any gates that lead to the backyard. Eliminating access to an area of your house that watchful neighbors can't see suspicious people around helps reduce your chances. If you have service personnel who use the gate, make sure it is locked immediately after they leave.

Keep your garage door closed at all times,

even if you are just inside for a short time. It does not take long for someone to enter your garage and grab items from inside your car or garage and leave. It is easy to get distracted when unloading kids, groceries, etc but take a few extra seconds to make sure the door closes all the way when you leave and when you arrive home.

Put your vehicles in the garage. If you must park in the driveway or outside, lock the doors and have windows rolled up all the way. Do not leave any valuables inside car or even bags that look like they may have something of value inside them, this is an easy opportunity for someone walking or biking by to break in.

Leave your front door and exterior garage lights on all night, from sundown to sunrise. Get a timer or timer switch if unable to remember or for out of town trips

If an unknown person comes to the door, do not open the door, talk through the door and ask what they want. If they persist on you opening the door or refuse to leave, call police. Do not ignore the knock or doorbell ring.

No one knows your neighborhood better than you so be watchful of your surroundings and watch out for each other in your neighborhoods. Having an involved and watchful neighborhood is one of the most important crime prevention methods around. Get to know your next door and neighbors across the street and exchange at least phone numbers or email addresses so you may keep each other informed of absences on trips. Report to Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 any suspicious behavior or 911 for crimes in progress If you are going to be out of town for any length of time, please contact the Black Mountain Precinct at 602-495-5002 and ask for a vacation watch. This will allow the officers who work the area to check on your house while you are gone. If I can be of further assistance, please fell

free to contact me at 602-495-5238 or at tim.

mitten@phoenix.gov. 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

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE The next DRC dates are as follows and subject to change. MAY 17 ■ MAY 31 ■ JUNE 14 ■ JUNE 28 ■ JULY 12 ■ JULY 26 ■ AUGUST 9



neighborhood.



SUMMER TIPS

THINGS to WATCH FOR WHEN THE TEMPERATURES RISE

When temperatures begin to heat up, it is very important to keep an eye out for unwanted creatures both outside and inside your home. Scorpions and rattlesnakes are very active during the summer. Bites and stings can be prevented by being cautious. Here are some tips to prevent creatures from entering your home.

To prevent scorpion stings, don't leave shoes, boots, clothing, or wet towels outdoors where scorpions can hide. Shake towels around the swimming pool and shake all clothing and shoes before putting them on. Put on gloves when working in the yard. Wear shoes outdoors, especially during the evening hours. A portable black light (UV light) may be used to survey for scorpions in and around the home. Scorpions glow brightly under black light and are therefore easily found and removed.

Scorpions can enter buildings through openings around plumbing fixtures, loose-fitting doors and windows as well as cracks in foundations and walls. Outdoor lights attract insects, thus providing scorpions with their food source. Yellow outdoor lighting is less attractive to insects and is recommended in areas where scorpions are prevalent. The first strategy for control is to modify the area surrounding a house, because scorpions are difficult to control with insecticides.

6 Tips to protect your home from scorpions:

- Clean the yard by removing all trash, logs, boards, stones, bricks, and other objects from around the foundation of the home.
- Prune overhanging tree branches away from the house, as they provide a path to the roof.
- Don't store firewood inside the house; bring in only wood to be directly placed on the fire, and check before bringing the wood inside.
- Install weatherstripping around loose-



fitting doors and windows.

- Caulk around roof eaves, pipes, and any other cracks that allow entrance into the home.
- Make sure window screens fit tightly in the window frame.

Along with scorpions, rattlesnakes are more active during the summer, emerging from winter hibernation. Here's what you should and should not be worried about when encountering one of these slithery companions.

First, call the fire department or 911 and not the local animal shelter— a venomous snake in one's yard is considered a life-threatening emergency. If a friend, neighbor or stranger volunteers to remove the snake, you may want to refuse the offer due to potential homeowner liability issues. While awaiting help, keep an eye on the rattler's whereabouts from a safe distance. Alert your neighbors since the snake can travel onto adjacent properties.

If you live close to open space, parkland or fields, create a rattlesnake perimeter—trim up all shrubs and ground covers so there's improved at-a-glance visibility at ground level. A snake's pattern can often be hard to discern in dense dappled shade. Don't be a pack rat around your yard because stacked firewood, building materials, car parts and



other debris will attract rodents, which in turn may attract rattlers. Stack cords of wood atop pallets rather than flush to the ground—it'll be easier to see what may be lurking beneath.

When days are hottest, rattlesnakes tend to be extremely active at night. Be sure to carry a flashlight when hiking in the mountains or walking or jogging after dark in rural settings or near open space. Surprisingly, rattlesnakes tend to be found out in the open, often crossing trails or paved roads after a day of inactivity spent hiding beneath a rock or in the shade of a dense shrub.

Facts about rattlesnakes:

- Scientists have identified 36 rattlesnake species
- Rattlesnakes live only in North and South America
- 13 species live in Arizona, more than any other state
- Rattlesnakes use the "loreal pit," a heatsensing organ between the nostril and eye to locate prey and predators
- Snakes have glands that make venom, much like human saliva glands.
- The rattle is made of keratin, the same material found in human hair and fingernails
- The age of a rattlesnake cannot be determined by counting the segments of its rattle

Source: http://www.azgfd.gov/w_c/ arizona-rattlesnakes.shtml http://www.toacorn.com/news/2012-04-26/ ColumnsRattlesnake_awareness_tips.html



SCHOOL NEWS

Gardens are soothing places filled with plants that are islands of serenity. Gardens can also create wonderful learning opportunities for all ages. One visit to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Globe will get you hooked on the sculptural beauty of desert plants from around the world and agree that it is a wonderful place to fill an afternoon.

But of course, not every campus has a place for a garden. But Pinnacle is special in that there is already a space behind the library that is quiet and surrounded by a wall, just waiting to be developed into a space that can be utilized by students. What's more, this space is large enough to make a small, built-in amphitheater that could be used as a classroom, or a place to hold intimate musical performances. Of course, the beauty of the plants would also inspire amazing photographs and

A GARDEN SCHOOL FOR PINNACLE HIGH SCHOOL

Why a Garden for Pinnacle? Great question. Maybe the question should be, why not a garden for Pinnacle?

drawings from the Visual Arts Department. In the end, such a space would be multi-disciplinary and a quiet haven for both staff and students.

The idea sprang forth from a former staff member, Tom Luks, who was a beloved social studies teacher. He dreamt of a space for an outdoor classroom to utilize Arizona's great weather and to create a unique learning environment for kids. Tom has since moved on to another position at PVUSD, but his dream remains with Pinnacle.

The Environmental Society

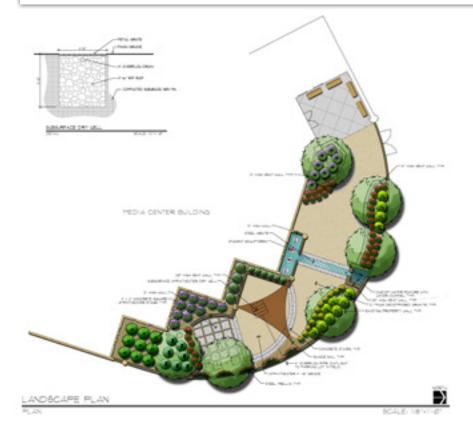
was asked to get input from its members on what they wanted that space to look like and feel like. The students requested a water feature to create soothing sounds, shade trees, and wheel chair accessibility. They also requested an area where the culinary department could grow herbs. All ideas have been incorporated into a master plan by a talented local landscape architect, Tim McGough of the McGough Group, who generously donated his time to the project.

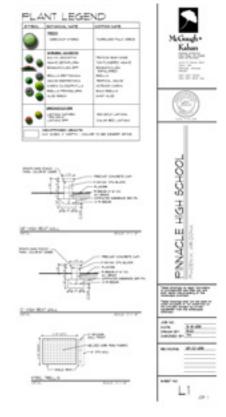
Pinnacle is ready to make Tim's professional plan a reality. The

design incorporates succulents and desert trees to form a xeriscaped, low maintenance garden that can be used from November-March for outside classroom space. The plants selected by Tim, of course, are thorn-free in raised beds, with built-in seating areas. The Sierra Club has also gotten the ball rolling by donating \$1000 to get the project started. The entire project is estimated to be \$35,000.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Garden Project or how you can make a donation, please visit the website: https://sites.google.com/a/pvlearners.net/pinnacle-garden-project/.

Juli Thomas Environmental Science and Chemistry Pinnacle High School







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Programing subject to change

Doc Severinsen and the San Miguel Five Wednesday, May 1 | 7 & 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$37.50-\$47.50

The vivacious trumpeter and bandleader Doc Severinsen leads the San Miguel Five in an evening of sophisticated Latin rhythms and jazz. It is classical Spanish with a jazz flair, gorgeous ballads, both Latino and American, plus some great movie music and some gypsy jazz, à la Django Reinhardt.

David Bromberg Friday, May 3 | 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$37.50-\$42.50

A string wizard whose virtuosity led him to be a firstcall guitarist for recording sessions, David Bromberg has played on records by Bob Dylan, the Eagles and Willie Nelson.

Simone Dinnerstein & Tift Merritt Saturday, May 4 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

Classical music sensation Simone Dinnerstein, a Juilliard-trained pianist, joins forces with Tift Merritt, a critically acclaimed Americana singer-songwriter, in a unique collaboration uniting their two musical



Sara Watkins

Sara Watkins Sunday, May 5 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$22.50-\$27.50

Acclaimed singer, songwriter and fiddle player Sara Watkins first came to prominence in the Grammywinning, platinum-selling bluegrass-hybrid band Nickel Creek. She's just released "Sun Midnight Sun," her second solo album, and has been a frequent guest on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion."

La Santa Cecilia Thursday, May 9 | 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$19.50-\$27.50

La Santa Cecilia is a Los Angeles based Mexican American band that exemplifies the modern-day

creative hybrid of Latin culture, rock, and world music by utilizing Pan-American rhythms like cumbia, bossa nova, rumba, bolero, tango, jazz, rock and klezmer music.

R. Carlos Nakai & Will Clipman Saturday, May 11 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$32.50-\$37.50

Tucson-based multi-instrumentalist R. Carlos Nakai is the world's premier performer of the Native American flute. Nakai is a traditionalist who views his cultural heritage not only as a source of inspiration, but also as a dynamic continuum of natural change, growth, and adaptation subject to expressive needs.

Kaumakaiwa Kanaka'ole Sunday, May 12 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$32.50-\$37.50

Considered "the voice of Hawaii's new generation," Kanaka'ole carries the mantle proudly with ancient chant, traditions, modern melodies and original

I Am AZ Music: Extreme Acoustic Guitar Monday, May 13 |7 p.m.

Tickets: \$15

Jake Allen, Bill Dutcher, Duffy King and Anthony Mazzella bring their jaw-dropping talents to MIM Music Theater for an evening of acoustic guitar music that is sure to leave you spellbound.

Wednesday, May 15 | 7 & 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$52.50-\$62.50

The world's preeminent banjo player, Fleck's genrebending collaborations and virtuosity have expanded the musical reach of this traditional instrument beyond bluegrass into jazz, classical, African music and beyond.

Marcia Ball Friday, May 17 | 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

2012 Grammy-nominee Marcia Ball is a living example of how East Texas blues meets southwest Louisiana swamp rock. "Rollicking, playful, good time blues and intimate, reflective balladry her songs ring with emotional depth."—Rolling Stone

Tom Rush Sunday, May 19 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

Tom Rush's impact on the American music scene has been profound; artists ranging from Tom Petty and Emmylou Harris



Tom Rush

to Garth Brooks have named him one of their major influences. He helped shape the folk revival in the 1960s and the renaissance of the 1980s and 1990s, and his return to touring a few years ago has brought him to a new generation of fans.



Carla Morrison

Carla Morrison Thursday, May 23 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.59

Morrison is a Mexican singer-songwriter whose powerful vocals and heart-wrenching lyrics have earned her two Latin Grammy Awards and multiple Latin Grammy nominations. "Call her Mexico's answer to Adele."—ABC News

Maria Muldaur and Her Red Hot **Bluesiana Band** Saturday, May 25 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50-\$32.50

Best known for her seductive 1970s pop staple "Midnight at the Oasis," Maria Muldaur has since become an acclaimed interpreter of American roots music: blues, early jazz, gospel, and New Orleans music, with her Bluesiana Band.

Jane Monheit Wednesday, May 29 | 7 & 9 p.m. Tickets: \$29.50-\$42.50

Praised for her exceptional sultry jazz vocals, Grammy-nominee Jane Monheit electrifies critics and audiences with her expressive interpretation, tone, and poise. "Monheit decorates a melody, lights up a lyric, but never loses the essential thread of the song

Joy Kills Sorrow Thursday, May 30 | 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17.50-\$22.50

itself."—Guardian (London)

Bringing together a national flatpicking guitar champion, a Béla Fleck inflected banjoist, a young mandolin dazzler, and a John Lennon Songwriting Contest winner with a haunting

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Jane Monheit



Rickie Lee Jones



Joy Kills Sorrow

voice, Joy Kills Sorrow is a modern American string band with an indie rock sensibility. "Subtle and snazzy, this new jack acoustic outfit merges bluegrass with jazz like it was the most natural combination in the world. . . . These are virtuoso art folkies."—Daily News (Los Angeles)

Rickie Lee Jones: My Life in Words and Music Friday, May 31 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$42.50-\$57.50 Rickie Lee Jones, the iconic hipster, defined a laid-back style along with her then boyfriend, Tom Waits, and when she told everyone that "Chuck E.'s in Love," the world fell for her. Her 2012 release of deconstructed rock classics, "The Devil You Know," got rave reviews. "Rickie Lee Jones has made a career out of surprising people. She takes on these iconic tracks fearlessly and never disappoints."—National Public Radio

I Am AZ Music: Bluegrass/Americana Tuesday, June 4 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 Flagstaff-based Bluegrass band Muskellunge and Telluride Bluegrass Festival Band Contest Winner Run Boy Run incorporate touches of classical, jazz, and folk to create contemporary, original American music.

Young Sounds of Arizona Thursday, June 6 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15.50-\$20

Called "the best young talent in the Valley," Young Sounds of Arizona consists of 40 young jazz musicians aged 14 to 19, chosen annually by audition from Phoenix area schools. The evening will feature a new composition scored and arranged especially for Young Sounds by music teacher and trombonist Ryan Haines.

Jerry Douglas Wednesday, June 12 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$52.50-\$62.50

Internationally recognized as the greatest living Dobro guitar player, Jerry Douglas ranks among the top contemporary artists in American music. Douglas has graced more than 2,000 recordings by artists ranging from James Taylor and Paul Simon to Ray Charles, Lyle Lovett, Emmylou Harris and Phish. He has won 14 Grammy Awards

Sarah Jarosz Sunday, June 16 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$22.50-\$27.50

Grammy-nominated, singer-songwriter and multiinstrumentalist, Sarah Jarosz is hailed by the New York Times as "one of acoustic music's most promising young talents."

Iris DeMent

Friday, June 21 | 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$37.50-\$42.50

One of the most celebrated country-folk performers of her day, singer-songwriter Iris DeMent recently released her first album in 16 years and the first recording since her hauntingly beautiful song in the movie, True Grit.

Pavlo Saturday, June 22 | 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$24.50-\$32.50

Canadian-born of Greek parentage, Pavlo Simtikidis (better known simply as Pavlo) incorporates the world's most exotic instruments into his classic Mediterranean sound. Influenced by his travels, Pavlo's music integrates the Chinese erhu, the Portuguese guitarra, the Arabic flute, the Indian sitar and, of course, the Greek bouzouki.

John Joregenson's Gypsy Jazz Quintet Sunday, June 23 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

Leader of America's best gypsy jazz band and MIM artist-in-residence, John Jorgenson plays the MIM Music Theater for an evening of dazzling music in the spirit of Django Reinhardt.

Fanfare Cioc rlia Thursday, July 18 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$34.50-\$42.50

This 12-piece Balkan gypsy band takes pride in their ability to play as an extremely fast and tight unit, utilizing timpani, trumpets, horns and clarinets.

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John Scofield's Überjam Band Saturday, July 20 | 7 & 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50-\$42.50 Scofield's "Überjam" merges his cutting guitar with raucous electronic-infused rhythms; including jazz fusion, jazz-funk, drum, bass and acid jazz.

John Pizzarelli & Jessica Molaskey Tuesday, August 6 | 7 & 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$34.50-\$42.50

Jazz guitar ace and singer John Pizzarelli joins with his wife, Jessica Molaskey, a jazz-wise Broadway singer "who deconstructs songs with a subtle but devastating psychological acuity" (New York Times) in a brilliant cabaret-styled show.





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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 between 53rd and 54th Streets, 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. Modern Margarita also includes the number one seller from its sister bar in Tempe, (Canteen Modern Tequila Bar) the "Casa Margarita" with fresh squeezed lime.

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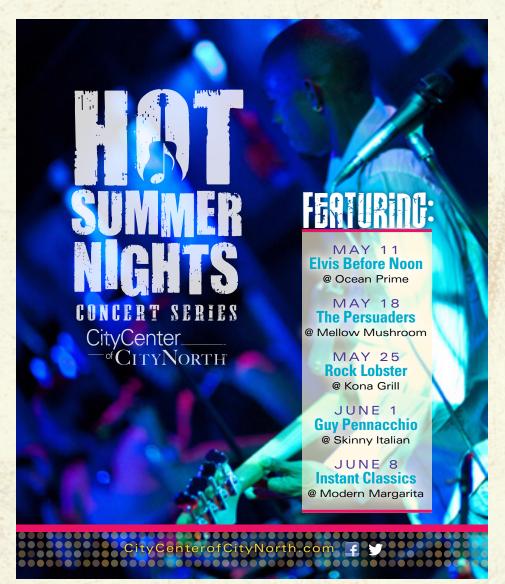
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MODERN MARGARITA

602.795.8111 5410 E. High Street, Phoenix, AZ 85054 4 out of 5 stars ★★★☆

Modern Margarita is a Fork & Dagger Restaurant Group from Valley restaurateur Julian Wright. They are located directly north of the new Desert Ridge Community Association office in CityCenter of CityNorth, between 53rd and 54th Streets. The restaurant features a large selection of gourmet street tacos, burgers, fresh guacamole, dishes to share and....yes, freshly made margaritas. Our gang of six reviewers enjoyed the food: it was fresh, flavorful and had just enough olé!

MARGARIT

STREET TACOS Flour/Corn Tortillas, 3 per order (\$7 - \$8)

CHICKEN - Grilled marinated chicken with roasted red pepper salsa, cilantro, onion and cabbage. The chicken was moist and flavorful and the grill really brought out the flavor of the marinade. Several reviewers felt this should have been spicier!

PORK - Slow roasted Yucatan-style pork with pineapple, avocado crema, cilantro, onion and cabbage. We all agreed that the pork was amazing and wished we'd ordered more! FAVORITE!

GRILLED FISH - Grilled mahi mahi with pico de gallo, spiked aioli, cilantro, onion and cabbage. The fish had a near perfect char on it, reminding us of the street tacos down in Mexico. The pico de gallo sauce had some "zing"! FAVORITE

SANDWICHES & SALADS

Sandwiches are served with hand cut fries (\$8-\$11)

RED CHILE PORK SLIDERS - Slow roasted pork, avocado, Oaxaca cheese, pickled onions and Mexican crème. The pork melted in your mouth and the toppings truly complimented the meat. The bread was light and airy and he seasoning made from avocado was terrific. FAVORITE OF THE NIGHT

CHIPS, SALSA, & HOUSEMADE GUACAMOLE (\$3-\$4)

CHIPS & SALSA - Chipotle tomato, salsa verde (tomatillo) or homemade pico de gallo.

SALSA FLIGHT - Try all three homemade salsas (Free refills with the flight) - All three flavors were terrific, but we especially liked the tomatillo salsa. Chips were authentic, fresh and had enough salt to

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keep us ordering another round of Margaritas! The salsa flight is a great mix of flavors.

HOMEMADE FRESH GUACAMOLE -

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EL PLATO - Shrimp, chicken, steak Skewers (2 each), onion rings and a cheese quesadilla. There was enough food for a small family to share as an appetizer or as a meal for two. The onion rings were fresh and the quesadilla had enough cheese to satisfy even the most hearty of appetites.

STEAK SKEWERS - Three grilled beef skewers with chimichurri dipping sauce. The steak was tasty and tender enough to eat right off of the skewer. The chimichurri was delicious and added just the right amount of heat.

SHRIMP SKEWERS - Three grilled marinated shrimp with aji rocota aioli dipping sauce. Large sized shrimp perfectly cooked, so they stayed moist. The aji rocota aioli was another favorite on the table.

CHICKEN WINGS - Choice of agave glaze or traditional buffalo sauce & blue cheese. The wings were meaty, flavorful and perfect for those who like a sweet sauce.



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PUBLIC SERVICES Phoenix Water Department

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Trash/Recycling 602.262.7251

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ADC

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Communications Chair

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And, we have devoted this issue to "Did You Know..." which is all about Desert Ridge and the surrounding areas. We have gathered a lot of wonderful tidbits for your enjoyment of the area – for example do you know how many spas we have in the neighborhood? Well, that and many more appear here so enjoy learning all about things in Desert Ridge.

And finally, "it takes a Village" as they say to put this magazine together and we thank all of our contributors as well as the people it takes to put this out each quarter. Special thanks to Alyssa Saxton, Terrance Smith, Officer Tim Mitten, Doris Trojan, Doug Dickson and our newcomer, Brad Slager for all the hard work.

Kathy Crawford Communications Committee Desert Ridge Community Association

Two Cactus Shadows Students Honored

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- Jessica DuBois, junior at Arcadia High School and Youth of the Year representing the Hartley & Ruth Baker Branch, which is located in Scottsdale
- Samantha Elder, sophomore at Fountain Hills High School and Youth of the Year representing the Mary Ellen & Robert McKee Branch, which is located in Fountain Hills
- Amari Gonzales, junior at Westwood High School and Youth of the Year representing the Lehi Branch, which is located on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Marissa Masters, junior at Saguaro High School and Youth of the Year representing the Rose Lane Branch,

which is located in Scottsdale

- Kristofferson Walker, junior at Seligman High School and Youth of the Year representing the Hualapai Branch, which is located in Peach Springs
- Lane Yazzie, sophomore at Salt River High School and Youth of the Year representing the Red Mountain Branch, which is located on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

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