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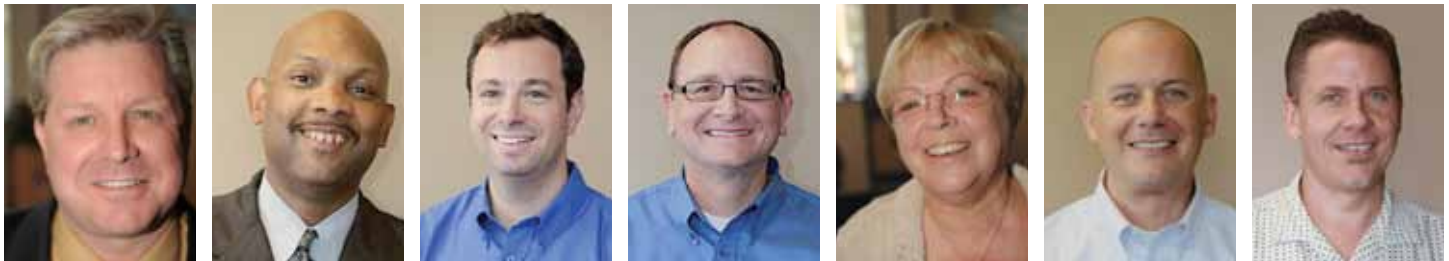
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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From the President



Doug Dickson

Hopefully you found time this summer to get away from the Phoenix heat. Here's a quick update on the projects and issues we've focused on this summer.

New Board Member

The DRCA Board welcomes Brad Slager as our newest Board Member. Mr. Slager was selected and appointed from a record pool of 7 applicants and will serve a partial term expiring in April of 2013. We are grateful to all of the incredibly talented individuals who applied and for their willingness to serve our community.

Off-Duty Officer Patrol

Last December, the DRCA Board created our Off-Duty Officer Patrol program, which hires off-duty Phoenix police officers to patrol Desert Ridge in marked Phoenix police cars. This patrol does not eliminate the service provided by the City of Phoenix, but instead provides additional patrol officers in our community to prevent crime and dramatically reduce response times. While not even a year old, the patrol has become perhaps the most successful and popular program our Association has ever created. See page 15 for an update on the program's recent success.

HOA Board "Listening Tour"

In an effort to better understand the wants and needs within our community, Terrance Smith, our Desert Ridge Community General Manager, and I have started visiting each of the ten Desert Ridge Community Homeowner

Association Boards. This "listening tour" is the first of its kind and will provide your community representatives the opportunity for direct discussion on important community issues.

Desert Ridge Facelift

You may have noticed the new decomposed granite and the facelift of our sign monuments at Deer Valley Road and Tatum Blvd. Before summer is finished we'll have installed over 8,115 tons of new granite, installed new lettering and freshened up the plantings around these important monument areas. Other large projects are scheduled including sidewalk and bridge repairs, wall reconstruction and erosion control.

Budget

We are pleased to announce that through June we are currently \$145,000 under budget.

Cashman Park

The Cashman Park Exploratory Committee (CPEC) received input from over 600 surveys indicating community support for enhancing Cashman Park; however, several features, including the splash pad and amphitheatre, were not favored and have been removed from further consideration. CPEC is revising the plans in preparation for additional input from our homeowners.

On behalf of our entire DRCA Board, we thank you for your trust and support in making Desert Ridge the best place to live in Phoenix.

Doug Dickson
President
Desert Ridge Community Association

Communications Chair



Kathy Crawford

As we approach the Fall, we look forward to what we would like to call the change of seasons. While that will likely take place closer to October, with it will

come a return of the Farmer's Market and our friends from the North. Desert Ridge is bustling with activity and new retail centers for us to peruse. Public schools will be reopening the week of August 6th and once again the yellow buses will be coming through our neighborhoods.

We are dedicating this issue to the continued discussion of the Cashman Park upgrade. Much has happened since our last issue – all of which you will see here. The CPEC (Cashman Park Exploratory Committee) has been meeting with the McGough group to help redesign and lay out a revised budget. These were presented at the July 25th Board meeting. The goal is to have a community vote. More on this inside our lead story.

We are also happy to report that Officer Mitten has provided us with yet another positive outcome of an arrest made with the assistance of our off duty officers. Please read the article he has provided to see how good this hire has been for our community.

We hope you will enjoy this issue about our community and the work in and around it. Please feel free to give us ideas for our upcoming issues.

Kathy Crawford
Communications Committee Chair
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Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012

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Active Listings	21	180
Active Listings Days on Market	50	124
Appreciation (y over y)	+24.4%	-11%

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celeBration
of the new DRCA Office in
CityCenter of CityNorth.
Please Stay Tuned!!!!

Cashman Park Committee Update

By Greg Abrams
Cashman Park Committee Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association, Director

Dear Residents,

On behalf of the entire Committee, Board of Directors and the Association management, I would like to thank all of you that have taken the time to voice your opinion and complete a survey. After collecting nearly seven hundred surveys, it is clear that our residents would like to see the sixteen year-old park upgraded (see detailed survey summary on page 9). And while I think most folks would prefer to see the City of Phoenix fulfill this financial obligation I think most understand that the City is not in a position to do so at this time; especially those residents that attended the June Board Meeting and listened to the Parks Department representative speak about their "State of the Union." And as we've highlighted before, The City of Phoenix has agreed to allow the park to be renamed, in consideration for our contribution, to Cashman Park at Desert Ridge.

Since the June Board Meeting, the Committee has been working with the Landscape Architect, The McGough Group, to incorporate your feedback. We have removed the water feature and amphitheater, and focused on upgrading and improving what we already have in the park. The revised concept reorients the sand volley ball courts from east/west to north/south, softens up the park aesthetics by adding more trees and grass, as well as provides additional seating and shade. We also kept the desert walk fitness trail enhancement and park equipment upgrade from the original concept plan.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Tim McGough, on behalf of our residents, Committee and Board of Directors, for providing us with a revised conceptual drawing at no charge to the Association. They are a solid community partner and have done an outstanding job working with this Committee.

The Committee believes that the revised conceptual design (bottom page 10) incorporates most of the feedback that we've received over the past few months. And we also think that this concept plan will be approved by the City of Phoenix Parks Department once we present the update. And finally, we believe that these proposed park upgrades will not require a special development or maintenance agreement between the City of Phoenix and the Association which simplifies the project while at the same time addresses most of the concerns raised by residents.

Additionally, the Committee has decided to start a fund raising effort for the specific components identified on page 11. Our goal is to raise \$105,000 to offset the capital requirements on the project. The Committee has already identified a few key partners that we plan to contact directly but we would love to hear from you if you are interested in making a donation also. The current budget for the project is as follows:

Construction Drawings	\$ 10,000
Park Upgrade/Construction	\$475,000
Fundraising	<u>(\$105,000)</u>
Capital Expense	\$380,000

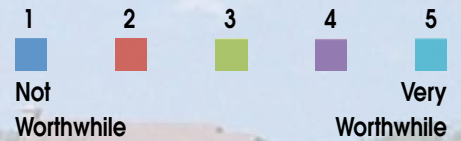
And finally, the Committee will not be taking any additional steps until the project can be put to a community wide vote. A mailer will be sent with the January assessments. If the community votes in support of the project, the plans can be finalized so that construction can commence by Spring/Summer 2013.

In summary, we believe we have developed a park program that will provide for the community based on the feedback while being sensitive to the capital expenses being incurred by the Association.

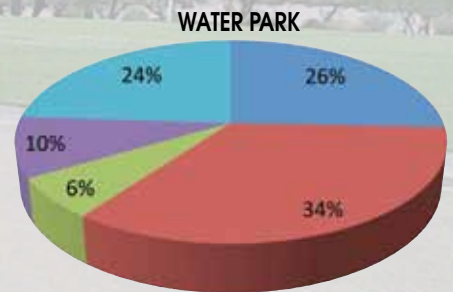
COVER STORY

Cashman Park Survey Results

The Cashman Park Survey Results below represents the final tally from the initial survey feedback provided from 673 residents of Desert Ridge to the **“Original Park Design”** and proposed upgrades depicted at the top of page 10.

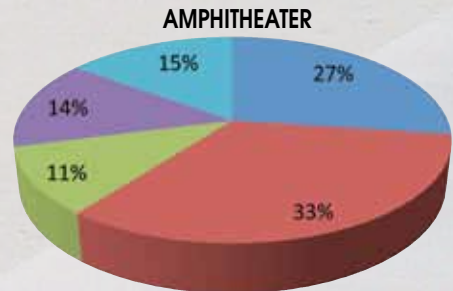


	YES	NO	MAYBE	TOTAL
Are you a Desert Ridge Resident?	661	12	0	673
Do you support the use of Association funds for the improvement of the park?	403	257	6	666
Do you think the features proposed for the park are the right features for us to consider?	337	310	12	659



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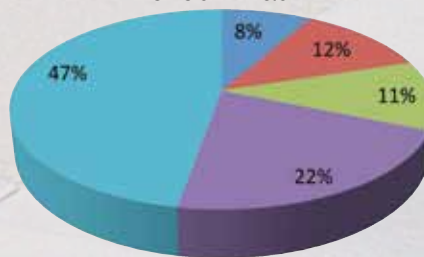
	1	2	3	4	5	AVG.	TOTAL
Water Park	172	231	43	64	161	2.718330849	671
Amphitheater	181	223	70	94	100	2.564371257	668
Playground Equipment	55	79	75	143	315	3.875562219	667
Desert Walk	123	115	98	144	189	3.240657698	669
Shade Structures	53	54	74	129	361	4.029806259	671
Additional Seating	93	107	112	164	189	3.37443609	665



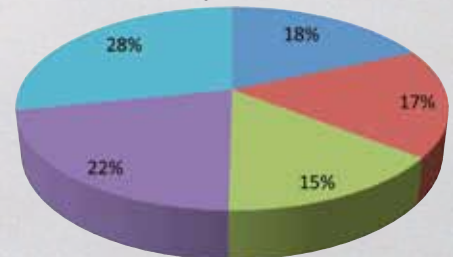
COMMENTS

COMMENTS	TOTALS
1. Keep Volleyball Courts	37
2. Keep Basketball Courts	32
3. Security	9
4. Shade	14
5. Lighting	5
6. More Trees	4
7. Tennis Courts	13
8. Play Equipment Gets Too Hot	1
9. Covered Seating	5
10. Water Park Expense Concerns	22
11. Amphitheater Concerns With Noise/ Use	23

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



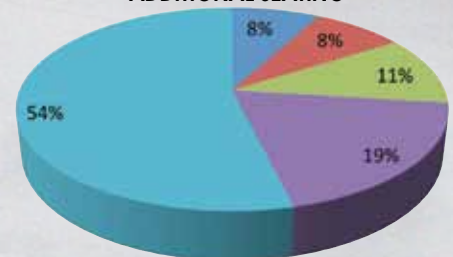
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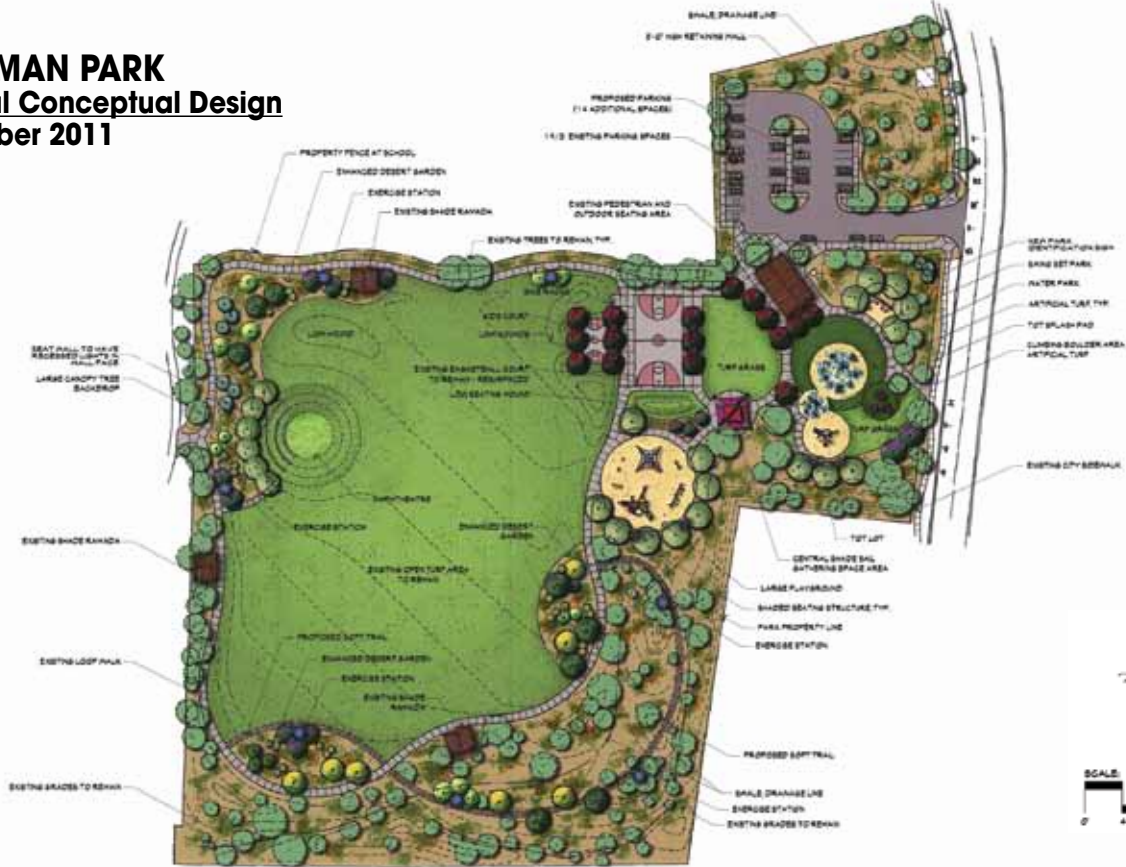
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ADDITIONAL SEATING



CASHMAN PARK
Original Conceptual Design
November 2011



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CASHMAN PARK
Revised Conceptual Design
July 2012



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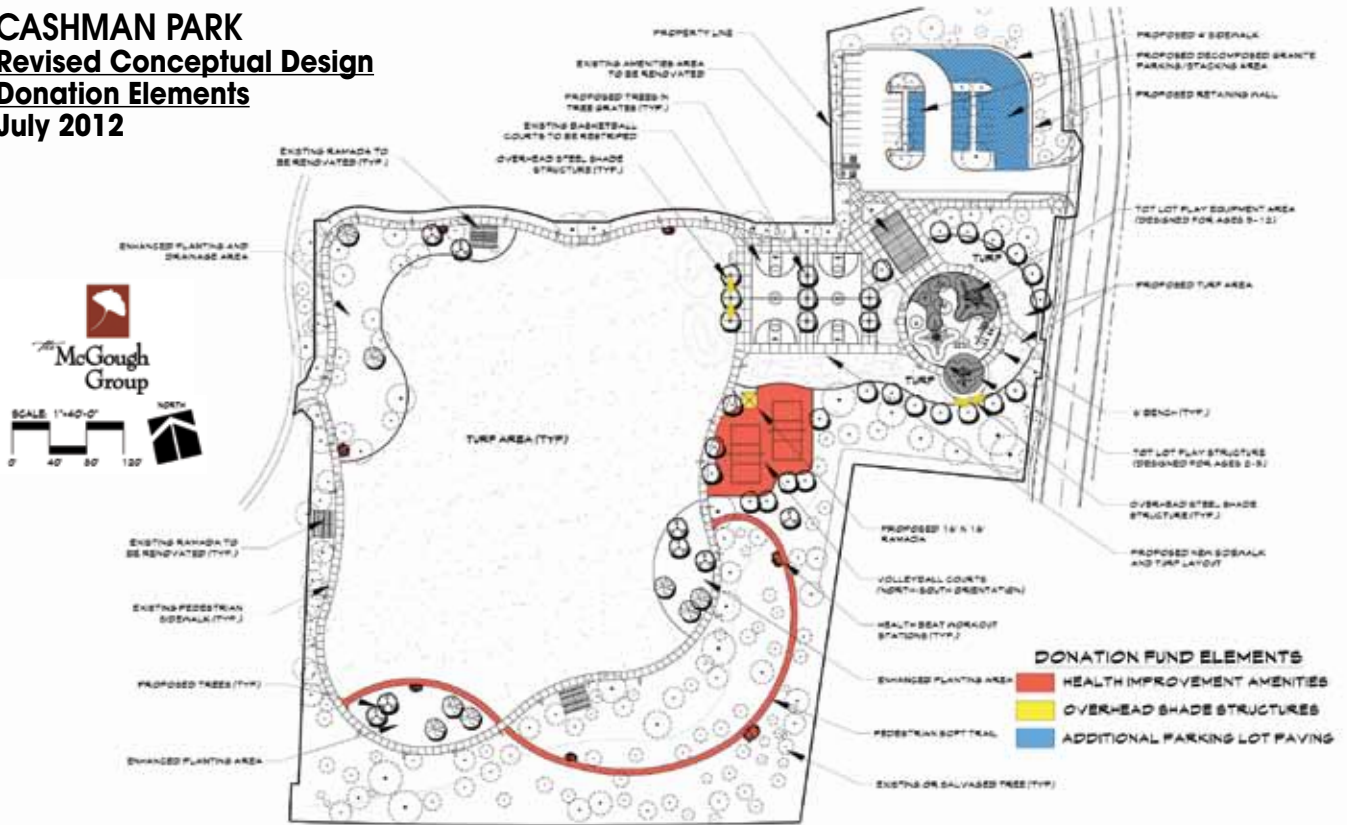
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Revised Conceptual Design
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Cashman Park Forum

Why it is Worth Improving the Neighborhood Gem

Sue Hutchison
Member of Desert Ridge Parents Group

For those not familiar with the neighborhood park located in Desert Ridge, Cashman Park was established over fifteen years ago. Owned and



maintained by the City of Phoenix, this heavily utilized park has never been updated. City budgets for park upgrades were eliminated before Cashman Park could be remodeled. Damaged equipment and seating has been removed, rather than repaired or replaced. As a result, our beautiful Desert Ridge community hosts an aging public park with outdated play structures, dilapidated picnic areas, rustic restrooms, sparse landscaping, limited shade, poor lighting, municipal signage and only one bench near the playground. While the Aviano and Fireside communities have attractive

private parks installed and maintained by builders and sub-associations, the rest of the Desert Ridge community enjoys a simple public park.

For those who do not believe Cashman Park is regularly used, stop by the basketball courts any early morning or evening to see dozens of adults and youth shooting hoops. Enjoy the sight of residents and their dogs cavorting in the grass. See the tiny tots with sand shovels and parents pushing strollers. Watch for families hosting barbecues and birthdays. Notice the school kids at the park for energetic play before and after class. Even spy those teens, out for an evening walk. Oh, and the soccer fields! They are full to capacity on Saturdays, and every night during fall, winter and spring with local teams practicing and competing. This neighborhood park is hopping!

The Desert Ridge Parents Group (DRPG) regularly utilizes Cashman Park to host club activities including playgroups, crafts, festivals, presentations and community service projects. In fact, many members believe the park to be the “heart” of DRPG, having joined the group through contacts made at Cashman! This park is a positive force in our community, bringing people together for healthy outdoor recreation and hours of free entertainment close to home. A freshly upgraded park will ensure a safe place for our children to play for generations to come.

The Desert Ridge Parents Group supports the Cashman Park upgrade! Specifically, some of the changes the group would

like addressed are: improved playground structures, additional seating and shade, updated restrooms, repaired picnic areas, enhanced park lighting, exercise stations, height-adjustable basketball hoops to accommodate smaller players, and additional parking spaces. Improvements, not reductions, in the basketball and volleyball courts would be welcomed. Finally, installing monument signage similar to our community entrances would greatly enhance the park’s appearance and value as a community asset.

Would Desert Ridge residents without children benefit from park improvements? Yes! Whether or not you personally use the park, well-maintained parks play a role in increasing real estate values. Clean, well-maintained parks with desirable amenities will attract new residents to a community, also potentially raising property values by increasing demand for area homes. An unused, empty park is a breeding ground for crime, while beautiful parks draw people and build communities. The proposed modifications to the park could be designed and installed without causing incremental future maintenance expense to be incurred by the HOA or the city. Yes, this expense may sound like making a donation to the city, but it is truly an investment in maintaining the integrity of our Desert Ridge community.

If you would like to include a future article for the Cashman Park Forum, please email your article to desertridge@rossmar.com

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COMMUNITY POLICING

New police chief key to keeping neighborhoods safe

The diversity of Phoenix is one of its greatest strengths. Each neighborhood, regardless of its location within the city, deserves equal protection and attention from the Phoenix Police Department.

With that in mind, my emphasis on community policing provides the blueprint for a strong relationship between Phoenix residents and our public safety and community officers.

Residents should feel that they can count on police, no matter what part of town they live in. Our new Police Chief, Daniel V. Garcia, will make it happen.

Chief Garcia is a welcome development for our city as he brings with him 34 years of experience as a veteran of the Dallas Police Department.

He has served on the front lines of policing for many years, and has worked in various assignments, uniformed and "plain-clothed." He also has been active in his community with the Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and multiple other community boards and associations.

Most importantly, Chief Garcia has a staunch passion for protecting Phoenix residents and a strong background in community-policing.

As Mayor, I hold the Phoenix Police Department to the highest of standards and I can confidently say that Police Chief Garcia shares a similar mindset. The safety and security of the City of Phoenix is much more than rhetoric; it is a fundamental commitment to each and every Phoenix resident.



Mayor Greg Stanton



Police Chief Garcia

Phoenix is fortunate to count on approximately 3,100 sworn officers to help ensure the safety of Phoenix residents across all areas, and more specifically, all neighborhoods of the city.

Under the direction of a strong and committed leader, our police department will continue to serve and protect our

residents both through crime prevention measures and collaborative initiatives.

By fostering the exchange of ideas and encouraging a close alliance, residents and the Phoenix Police Department will both benefit from an increased measure of trust and security in the safety of the city.

Phoenix residents deserve to know that their safety and the security of their families are being protected.

Through community policing efforts, the best police force in the country, the Phoenix Police Department, will continue to improve and seek to protect the safety of each and every Phoenix resident.

As Mayor the safety of our residents, families and children is my top priority. I encourage you to share your ideas and concerns with my office at any time. Please contact me in the following ways:

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UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES of the Desert Ridge Off Duty Police Patrols

By Officer Tim Mitten
Community Action Officer
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In October of 2011, your management company and community managers came to me with an idea about increasing safety in the Desert Ridge residential community. The idea was to have additional patrols in the residential neighborhoods from Phoenix police officers in marked police vehicles. These patrols would be officers hired in an "off duty" capacity or to define further, paid for by Desert Ridge but still acting as full fledged police officers in uniform and in marked City of Phoenix police vehicles. This is in addition to the regular patrol service you would get from the patrol officers who work the area.

This program was started on December 1, 2011 and the main focus of the program is to deter burglaries, thefts and stolen vehicles while also being a visible presence in the Desert Ridge Community. The area of responsibility for the officers is for all of the residential communities in Desert Ridge; the commercial properties, Desert Ridge Marketplace or JW Marriott Resort will be on an emergency basis and left to the officers discretion as to respond. **Any resident who needs police assistance is to still call 911 or Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 to have officers dispatched out to their residence.** The off duty officers will be listening to the calls being dispatched and will respond accordingly but keep in mind that off duty officers will not always be working, this is not a 24/7 assignment so please still call 911 or Crime Stop as usual.

The program has had some successes which I have sent out via email but since

not everyone is on my email distribution list I would write an article recapping some of those events. In December of 2011 with the assistance of the Desert Ridge Off Duty patrols, a serial burglar that had been burglarizing Desert Ridge and other north Phoenix communities was caught in the act. This arrest led to the clearance of several other cases and a short time ago the suspect accepted a plea deal in which he was sentenced to 8 years in the Department of Corrections Prison. This was a combined effort amongst the community and law enforcement which led to the arrest and conviction of a repeat offender who had been committing many property crimes.

More recently, the officer working in Desert Ridge came across an occupied stolen vehicle driving around in the Desert Ridge community. After following the vehicle out of Desert Ridge the suspects attempted to elude officers and ran from the vehicle. Two of the suspects broke into an apartment which had a 10 year old and 8 year old inside and they remained inside the apartment in an attempt to hide from officers. The off duty officer and other on duty officers, who had arrived to assist, extracted the children to safety and with the assistance of a police K9 took the suspects into custody. These suspects are facing multiple felony charges and their case is going through the court system now. There was no evidence in the car showing that the suspects had committed any crimes in Desert Ridge but it was found that they had just got into the community when they were seen by the officer.

The last major instance happened in July



after a 6 week investigation, officers from the Black Mountain Precinct Neighborhood Enforcement Team and with assistance from the Community Action Officer and the Off Duty Desert Ridge Officers, concluded the investigation with a drug search warrant. This search warrant targeted a marijuana grow house operation, one suspect was arrested and over 150 high grade marijuana plants were seized valued at over \$150,000, over \$25,000 in equipment, a vehicle used in the operation, and over 100 pounds of other marijuana valued at \$5000. Due to an ongoing investigation the address for this location will not be released publicly.

These are just a couple examples of how a partnership between law enforcement and the community will help in improving the quality of life for all residents by helping eliminate as much crime as possible. The officers have also noticed a

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Coffee Club Schedule

Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

Oct. 9 & Dec. 11

20860 N. Tatum Blvd.
Suite 360
Phoenix, AZ 85054

Please look for
your coffee
club email
reminder.



Getting Serious with Siri

By Doug Dickson
Communications Committee
Desert Ridge Community Association

Debuting on the iPhone 4S, the voice-operated Siri can answer your questions, respond to voice commands, schedule meetings, take notes, place phone calls and even read you text messages. Siri is incredibly convenient, and with a little imagination, you'll find yourself using your iPhone in ways you never have before.

Siri is Simple

Giving commands to Siri is easy because you talk as you normally would. Simply activate Siri and say something like, "Tell my wife I'll be leaving the office in fifteen minutes" or "Remind me to put out the garbage cans every Tuesday." Siri will follow your command by sending out a text or creating a reminder for you in your schedule every Tuesday.

Siri is Smart

Siri not only understands what you say, but is also smart enough to know what you mean. If you ask Siri, "Are there any good hamburger joints around here?" Siri will reply with a listing of them. If you then ask, "What about tacos?" Siri remembers you have already asked about restaurants and will suggest a list of Mexican restaurants in the area.

Siri Can Search

In addition to using almost all the built-in apps on iPhone 4S, Siri can search the internet for any information you would like to know. If you asked, "Who won best picture in 2005?", Siri would search for the information and return the answer (Million Dollar Baby). Siri can also play the songs you'd like to hear, give you directions, display the weather forecast and even calculate the tip on your restaurant bill.

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Siri

Use your voice to send messages, set reminders, search for information, and more.

Sample Questions for Siri

How hot will it be in San Diego this weekend?
How did the stock market do today?
What's Apple's stock price?
Where am I?
What is a 22% tip on a bill of \$76.54?
What meetings do I have today?
Where is the nearest Starbucks?
How many days till Christmas?
How many calories are there in a pizza?
How many pesos in one dollar?
What is the scientific name for a mountain lion?
When is my wife's birthday?

Sample Tasks for Siri

Wake me up tomorrow at 7:30 am
Create an appointment with John Doe at 7 pm
When I leave here, remind me to get gas
Generate a random number
Text my wife that I'm on the way home
Call Terrance Smith on his iPhone
Show me the constellation of Ursa Major
When I get home remind me to feed the dog
Remind me to buy milk every 4 days

Siri Might Share

While Siri is a virtual concierge service that can truly simplify your life, some users have concerns about what Siri might do with the information given to it. Siri sends everything you say to a large data center in Maiden, North Carolina and no one outside of Apple is exactly sure what happens to the data after they have received it, how long its kept or who has access to the information. So think carefully about the data you are making public when you talk with Siri. That's a lot of personal information you're sending directly to Apple.

TOP 5 COMMUNITY Reminders

By Carmello Musarra
 DRCA Compliance Coordinator
 Supporting Authors: Terrance Smith
 and Chris Jenness

Desert Ridge is one of the most renowned lifestyle communities in Phoenix and our homeowners enjoy all the wonderful community amenities, events and services it has to offer, which is why they choose to live and call Desert Ridge home. To keep our community looking its very best at all times, we encourage everyone to be mindful of the following community reminders that are frequently reported and identified throughout Desert Ridge. We respectfully ask all of our homeowners to help keep our community looking its finest.

1. Parking

Please be reminded that on-street parking by residents and tenants is prohibited. Temporary guest parking in the immediate vicinity of the hosts' home for up to forty-eight (48) hours is allowed.

Please make sure all Commercial Vehicles belonging to residents or tenants are parked so that they are not visible from the street or neighboring properties.

Please keep Recreational Vehicles (boats, RV's, Trailers, etc.) parked in the garage or behind the RV gate at all times, so they are not visible from neighboring properties or any street.



2. Trash Containers

Please be reminded that all trash containers shall not be stored where they are visible from neighboring properties. The containers may not be set out prior to 6:00 p.m. the night before scheduled collection and must be removed by 6:00 a.m. the day after collection.

Help prevent litter and blowing debris by securing your trash container lids when placing them out for collection during the monsoon season.

3. Pets

All pet owners are reminded to immediately clean up after their pets and remove any pet droppings throughout the community. Doggie waste bags and trash containers are available throughout the common area of Desert Ridge to assist you in keeping your community clean and beautiful.

Permitted pets shall be kept on a leash not to exceed six (6) feet in length at any time outside of the Dwelling Unit and all pets shall be directly under human control at all times when outside a Dwelling Unit/Lot.

Please be courteous to your neighbors and do your best to prevent your pets from making any unreasonable amount of noise or becoming a nuisance.

If you are to notice someone not picking up after their pet, a

pet not on a leash, or making excessive noise please contact the management company so we can walk you through the proper steps to help correct the matter.

4. Design Review Requirements

Homeowners are reminded to obtain Design Review Committee (DRC) approval for all work, improvements, construction or changes to the exterior of their homes and lots. Prior to plans being submitted to the City of Phoenix, the DRC approval must be obtained. Construction or modification may not commence until the DRC has approved the submittal.

5. Residential Landscape Maintenance

All landscape areas shall be maintained in good condition, including but not limited to weeds, irrigation, mowing, fertilization, shrub and tree pruning (We ask that trees are maintained to an 8' minimum clearance over sidewalks and driveways for pedestrians and vehicles).

If you have mature trees and the support/tree stakes are no longer needed to support the tree please have them removed or re-staked accordingly.

More information on these and other rules can be found in the Desert Ridge Community Association Residential Area Design Guidelines, Revised August 2011. If you do not have a copy of the CC&R's, please contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4553 to request a CD.

RESERVE FUND MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

By Terrance Smith

Community General Manager, Desert Ridge Community Association

The Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) Board of Directors are committed to the ongoing maintenance, replacement and repair of the community common area assets. Since first quarter of this year, the DRCA Board of Directors have identified about \$1.3M to \$1.5M in reserve assets that are in need of maintenance, repair or replacement and anticipates reserve expenditures during the next 12-18 months totaling in excess of \$1M. Some of these reserve projects have already gone through the planning, approval and scheduling process with the DRCA Board of Directors. In that regard, the association has already planned, commenced and completed several community wide reserve projects which will enable us to keep the Desert Ridge common area assets looking beautiful for many years to come.

Below is a summary of some of the reserve fund maintenance and improvement projects that have been approved by the Board and currently in progress or nearing completion, as well as future reserve projects that are presently under review and consideration by the DRCA Board and its Management Team, Rossmar & Graham.

We value and appreciate your input, feedback, continued support, and patience as we progress through these community maintenance and improvement projects for the betterment of Desert Ridge.

RESERVE ASSETS MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

CURRENT AND IN-PROGRESS PROJECTS

Decomposed Granite Replenishment Project (March 2012)

The DRCA Board of Directors approved its Management Team to contract Landmark Landscape Land Management, LLC to replenish the decomposed granite throughout all the neighborhoods and common area washes of Desert Ridge that are the maintenance responsibility of Desert Ridge (Master Association). The decomposed granite replenishment is a major \$335K maintenance project, which was started the last week of April and will take several months to complete well into the Fall 2012.

Scored Concrete Main Arterial Replacements (May 2012)

There are four (4) main arterial intersections with scored concrete throughout Desert Ridge that has come to the attention of the DRCA Board of Directors from residents within the community that the design of these scored concrete areas, albeit decorative, are a persistent noise hazard to the residential owners that reside in proximity of these scored concrete intersections at N. 44th Street and Deer Valley and the three (3) locations along Tatum Boulevard between Deer Valley and

Ranger. The DRCA Board of Directors have been provided with competitive bids to address the scored concrete location at N. 44th Street and Deer Valley and a preliminary cost proposal for the three (3) locations running from east to west along Tatum Blvd. The scored concrete was an original design option available at the time these four (4) locations arterial intersections were installed by the developer. The scored concrete design option is no longer an available option offered under the current Desert Ridge Residential Area Design Guidelines for these arterial intersections. Management Team obtained competitive bid proposals to replace the scored concrete at these intersections with the same concrete that is consistent with all of the other intersections throughout Desert Ridge. The DRCA Board of Directors instructed the Management Team at the July 25th Board meeting to make contact with the City of Phoenix to see if they are agreeable to allowing these main arterial intersections to be asphalted and to determine if the COP would be willing to assume the future maintenance of these four (4) locations along with

the remaining portions of these main arterial streets that are the maintenance responsibility of the City of Phoenix. The Management Team is gathering additional information from an asphalt consulting firm relative to developing a maintenance proposal plan to present to the City of Phoenix Planning & Development Department. The Management Team will report back to the Board members upon obtaining a reply from the City of Phoenix Planning and Development.

Desert Ridge Bridge Sidewalks Maintenance (June 2012)

The DRCA Board of Directors were presented with two maintenance repair options to address the textured bridge sidewalks settling based on the Desert Ridge Bridge Maintenance Agreement and Management Team site meeting with Byron Farnsworth, City of Phoenix Bridge Maintenance. The DRCA Board of Directors initially wanted to explore the possibility of a permanent solution to the ongoing bridge sidewalks settling problem that occurs with regularity every 5-7 years; and in light of the proposed sidewalks replacement costs totaling \$42,464. The Management Team was subsequently directed by the DRCA

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Board at the July 25th meeting to obtain two additional cost proposals for their approval consideration at the August 22nd Board meeting.

Tatum & Deer Valley Arterial Monuments Enhancement (June 2012)

AAA Landscape was approved by the DRCA Board of Directors to make



landscape, irrigation and lighting enhancements to the two (2) major arterial monuments located at the corner of Tatum Boulevard and Deer Valley Road at a cost of \$50,781.64.

The monuments landscape will be enhanced with new plants/shrubs providing more color and vibrancy, cacti and chollas, replenished decomposed granite and decorative boulders. The existing irrigation will be upgraded, along with new irrigation lines installed to support the additional landscape material. The landscape lighting will also be upgraded to accent the monuments overall curb appeal. The monuments enhancement was preceded by vandalism repairs to replace the

stolen monument letters and to perform needed paint maintenance at these two monuments. This enhancement project is scheduled to be completed by the second week of August 2012.

Common Area Sidewalks and Wash Walkways Project (June 2012)

The DRCA Board of Directors approved the Management Team to contract Nautilus General Contractors, LLC at a reserve fund expenditure of \$49,310 to remove and replace seventy-nine (79) 5x5 and fifteen (15) 8x8 common area sidewalks and wash area walkway textured/colored concrete panels identified throughout Desert Ridge involving resulting damage from tree roots, settling, etc. The planned completion date for this project will take about two months into early Fall 2012.

Perimeter Walls Replacement (June 2012)

The DRCA Board of Directors approved the Management Team to contract ACE Construction at a reserve cost of \$5,013.80 to replace two (2) perimeter walls that were damaged due to common area tree roots associated with the trees having been planted too close to the adjacent lot walls. The common areas trees were removed and will not be replaced since there is still a significant number of common area and private lot trees in this surrounding area.

Root Barrier Installation Project (June 2012)

The DRCA Board of Directors approved the Management Team to contract AAA Landscape to install 14 root barriers at the designated common area tree locations identified to prevent future root damage to any adjacent common area assets (e.g., sidewalks, fixtures, structures, etc.) at a total reserve fund cost of \$6,998.97.

Coconino Wash Erosion Repairs (June 2012)

Erosion maintenance and repairs were approved by the DRCA Board of Directors authorizing the Management Team to contract AAA Landscape at a cost of \$5,517.31 to address the landscape erosion damage adjacent to a very busy common area walkway abutting the Coconino Wash. This repair was completed in mid-July.

Common Area Valve Boxes Replacement (July 2012)

The DRCA Board of Directors approved the Management Team to contract AAA Landscape to replace the remaining 254 irrigation valve boxes and covers throughout Desert Ridge at a total cost of \$7,440.20, which includes the cost of labor to deploy a dedicated crew and for them to install pea gravel in each valve box as they progress through this project. This replacement and maintenance project should be completed by the end of August.

RESERVE ASSETS MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

FUTURE PROJECTS

Common Area Wash Walkway Lightings Project

There are two wash area walkways within Desert Ridge that do not have walkway light bollards to accommodate use of these areas that is consistent with the other wash walkway areas throughout the community. The DRCA Board of Directors instructed the Management Team to develop the



necessary bid specifications to install the type LED light bollards approved by the DRCA Design Review Committee

for the purpose of obtaining competitive cost proposals for this capital improvement project and their approval consideration. The Management Team expects to have the competitive cost proposals for DRCA approval consideration at the August 22nd Board meeting.

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Now Is the Time To Join A Play 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 wonderful variety of 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 child-free parents' nights for residents in Desert Ridge and the surrounding areas. Membership dues are only \$30 per year. Now that's a great value! Visit www.DRPGonline.com to learn more, view our events calendar and to become a member right online.



By **Michell and Joe Palermo**
Members of Desert Ridge Parents Group

A Mom's Story

When I first had my daughter, I suddenly felt thrown into a whole new world that was very unfamiliar to me. Prior to that, I had worked hard at my career and enjoyed an active and fun social life. Suddenly, I felt isolated at home with this little infant who needed so much of my attention. My circle of friends didn't include anyone with a baby or any moms who stayed home with their children. I absolutely loved and adored my new daughter, and at the same time, I felt lonely for adult companionship. At times, I also felt overwhelmed by this new responsibility, and I had so many questions about raising a baby. I really didn't know where to turn.

A few months later, a chance meeting with a mom at a local library led me to the Desert Ridge Parents Group. I checked out their website and felt excited and intrigued just from the information that I read. I signed up immediately and noticed that they were hosting a Meet and Greet for new members that weekend. My husband, eleven month old daughter and I attended the Meet and Greet where we felt welcomed with open arms. The gathering was hosted by some current DRPG members, and we just seemed to click right away with everyone that we met. We learned all about the various events

that the group hosts, and we shared with parents who were going through the same things that we were. On our car ride home, my husband and I remarked that we had finally found "our people". It just seemed like such a natural fit.

It's been almost two years since we first joined DRPG, and the friendships that my whole family has formed are amazing. All three of us now have very full social calendars and a support network that I never knew was possible. My husband has even become the organizer of the Dad's Night Out. If becoming involved with the Desert Ridge Parents Group sounds good to you, check the website for information about the New Mommy Meet-Up that will be hosted in September.

A Dad's Point of View

When my daughter was born, I welcomed the change and looked forward to guiding my family in our new adventure. Most of my friends had established careers and grown kids of their own. It seemed like my friends had forgotten what it was like to actually deal with a baby. In a sense, I was kind of on my own as a dad.

Fortunately, I've had really good friendships in my life, and I've been a part of a couple of informal men's groups. There is something important to me about guys just getting together and doing whatever. With that in

mind, I volunteered to organize the Dad's Night Out (DNO) for DRPG.

The Dad's Night Out is scheduled once each month and usually occurs on a Wednesday or Thursday evening. In the past two years, we have attended a Coyotes Hockey Game, gone to the Scottsdale Gun Club, played billiards, gone bowling, and attended several different Happy Hours at venues around the North Valley. This fall, we are planning to attend a Diamondbacks game and a night at Turf Paradise for horse racing.

The thing that has really surprised me about the Dad's Night Out is how well the group just gets along. Almost all of the dads are established professionals, and our common interest is raising our kids and being a decent family figure. With much credit to the other guys, I've been surprised at the like-minded, easy-going attitudes that everyone brings to the Dad's night. It's always about just getting together as guys laughing, talking and taking a break from the responsibilities of a career and leading a family. DNO is definitely something that I look forward to every month!

Many events including the New Mommy Meet Up, weekly playgroups and the upcoming Fall Festival are free to Desert Ridge Parents Group members. Learn more and join online by visiting the DRPG website at www.DRPGonline.com.



These events, including our fantastic DRPG Bike Rodeo/Chili Cook-Off and playgroups are free to Desert Ridge Parents Group members. Learn more and join online by visiting the DRPG website at www.DRPGonline.com.

FALL TIPS

THE END OF SUMMER IS NEAR



Successful Fall Flower Planting

Even if your summer flowers are still looking good, it's time to start planning to change them out with cool season flowers for fall and winter color.

You may be hesitant to replace summer bloomers like periwinkle, zinnia, verbena, and portulaca that are still flowering, but if you wait too late into October to replace them, there won't be enough time to get cool season flowers up and growing vigorously before the cold weather arrives in December. Late plantings of fall flowers just don't perform as well as those planted earlier in the fall.

Some of the best cool season flowers for our valley are pansy, petunia, geranium, dwarf snapdragon, calendula, alyssum, lobelia, ageratum, and stock. Marigold and cosmos can be planted for fall color but will fade in the winter. Pansy and petunia are the most cold hardy and can tolerate temperatures down to 17 degrees F. If you're looking for flowers that perform well in shady spots, geraniums, begonias, and impatiens are your best choices.

To prepare the flower bed, you start by mixing in lots of organic matter. Bagged compost, peat, composted manure, or potting soil can be used. Spread a 4 to 6 inch layer of organic matter over the areas to be planted and mix it 12 inches deep. At the same time, mix in a time-released fertilizer for flowering plants.

The most important component of successful fall flower planting is

purchasing healthy, vigorous plants. How do you tell? First, buy from a plant store you trust, but always check each flower before purchasing it. Remove the flower plant from its pot and look at the roots. Don't pull the plant out; just push it out from the base. Roots should be white or cream-colored, extending all the way around the sides and bottom. If patches of roots are black or gray you do not want that plant. Dark, slimy roots indicate the presence of a fungus disease that will eventually kill the plant, even though it appears healthy. Appearances can be deceptive!

At the time of planting, scratch the sides of the root ball with a fork, gently pulling the outer roots loose from the soil. This

will encourage them to grow out into the planting soil faster. Immediately after planting, water the bed thoroughly. Continue watering daily. When plants become established, you can water less often but try to keep the soil evenly moist, not too wet or dry.

Finally, remember that many flowers will bloom more profusely if you remove the old flower blossoms as they fade. Geranium, calendula, marigold, cosmos, and stock fall into this category. Remove the flowers with sharp scissors or hand pruners. Pulling may only remove the petals and leave the flower embryo, allowing seeds to develop. It's the formation of seeds that puts a damper on new flower production.

Cool season flowers for fall and winter color

ALYSSUM



PETUNIA



AGERATUM



GERANIUM



PANSY



CALENDULA



Subject to DRC approval

Ideal Time to Plant Trees

They say the best time to plant a tree was ten years ago and the second best time is now. September and October is the ideal time to plant trees in Arizona. Trees planted now have near ideal conditions in which to establish themselves. Cool temperatures and less intense sun means less stress on new plantings. Warm soil temperatures encourage root growth well into November. This is especially important for the success of new trees.

Avoid purchasing trees that have had all their lower limbs removed. Half of the tree's branches should originate on the lower two-thirds of the trunk. Select trees with trunks that have a gradual taper.

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Events at Desert Ridge Marketplace



District Stage performance times are from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 AMC Fountain Area performance times are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Sat. 1 Ratio

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

Jennifer Kelber

(Acoustic Contemporary Guitarist) – AMC Fountain Area

Fri. 7 Rhythm Edition

(Top 40 Cover Band) – District Stage

Jamie Lynn

(Country Western Acoustic Guitarist Vocalist) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 8 Knee Deep Experience

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

Lawrence Zubia

(Indie Singer/Songwriter) – AMC Fountain Area

Fri. 14 SPECIAL EVENT

Teen Lifeline 6 pm-9 pm – District Stage

Mark Zubia

(Indie Singer Songwriter Guitarist) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 15 Ghandi's Garage

(Top 40 Cover Band) – District Stage

Legendary Blues singer Hans Olson

(Blues Singer/Songwriter) – AMC Fountain Area

Fri. 21 Kenny Love & The Rockerfellers

(Rock, Roots and Americana Band) – District Stage

Tony Putrino

(Accordionist Extraordinaire) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 22 Night Groove

(Top 40 Powerhouse Band with horns) – District Stage

Leah & Stephanie

(Acoustic Contemporary Duo) – AMC Fountain Area

Fri. 28 Lara Walsh Band

(High Energy Country Rock Band) – District Stage

Grady Soine'

(Easy Listening Keyboard Player) – AMC Fountain Area

Sat. 29 Zimis

(Original Alternative Band) – District Stage

David & Amy of Peppermint James

(Acoustic Duo) – AMC Fountain Area

Update on Activities of the Desert Ridge Off Duty Police Patrols

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marked decrease in the instances of open garage doors. The simple act of keeping your garage closed and locking your gates and doors will aid tremendously in helping reduce property crime. We have also been keeping busy with vacation watches, so continue to contact the Black Mountain Precinct at 602-495-5002 and ask for a vacation watch and we will get the information to the officers working in Desert Ridge. I am also working on getting a statistical comparison of the crime types we targeted with this program to compare with before and after the program started so hopefully that will be out soon.

Hopefully you have noticed the officers patrolling your streets; the extra visibility is one of the important aspects of this program. Please continue to maintain your vigilance of activity in your community and report any suspicious activity to Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 or crimes in progress to 911. We have had some successes but the unfortunate side of law enforcement is that there are more criminals out there and we must continue our efforts to deter and arrest them. This is a valued partnership and we are committed here at the Phoenix Police Department to helping keep your community safe and to improve the qual-

ity of life for you and your neighborhood.

If you would like to receive email updates directly from me on public safety information in the Desert Ridge area, please send me an email and I will add you to my distribution list. I do not release the list to anyone else in the City of Phoenix or Police Department and only send out information on current public safety threats, recent major police activity or occasional crime prevention tips. I can be reached directly at 602-495-5238 or at tim.mitten@phoenix.gov if I can be of assistance on any matter or if you have questions regarding this article.

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Everything Kids Fest

For more information about Everything Kids Fest please visit www.everythingkidsfest.com.

Written by Kirsten Fargotstein

Everything Kids Fest (EKF) is a two-day family festival featuring live entertainment, special character appearances, exhibitors showcasing the latest products and services for families, and hands-on activities including face painting, domestic and exotic petting zoos, arts & crafts, interactive inflatables and more! The event recognizes local Valley companies and organizations geared towards the development of children and families. The second annual festival returns November 17 and 18 at Reach 11 Sports Complex located at 2425 E. Deer Valley Rd. in Phoenix, Arizona.

This year's event welcomes some of the most recognizable princesses, fairies and characters from classic children's books. Cinderella and the Fairy Godmother, the Little Mermaid, Tinkerbell, Peter Pan and more, will all be in attendance participating in various activities with young fans, performing stage acts and unique classic songs.

Other activities on the main stage will include a show hosted by the Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium with live birds, mammals and reptiles from around the

world. Their Animal Ambassador will talk about their survival, natural history, geography, natural behaviors and conservation education.

Inside the play zone, the Arizona Rattlers will host a mini-football clinic where your children can interact with their favorite players while working on physical skills & drills.

A special new addition to the festival will be the Storybook Village, a giant reading area where characters come to life. The Lorax, Cat in the Hat, Wild Thing from Where the Wild Things Are, the Very Hungry Caterpillar and Mouse from If You Give a Mouse a Cookie will be in attendance, visiting with the children as their stories are told. Other books will be available for kids to look through as they lounge in the shade.

"When Everything Kids Fest was in the making, there were four major ingredients that I considered essential to the recipe of creating a great family festival: to



entertain, have fun, be charitable and support the community," said event director and creator Tracy Reuter. "These goals and more were achieved in our inaugural year and I couldn't be happier. I look to 2012 with enthusiasm and using the same formula with a few added twists, it will surely be a weekend of smiles."

Last year's event won a 2012 Zonies Award for the Best Festival, Fair or Event Series and saw a total attendance of over 7,000 people. Shamrock Farms, Truly Nolen, Doctors Express Urgent Care, Phoenix Skin Dermatology, Arizona Bounce Around, Fancy Faces and Gamez on Wheelz will be sponsoring the event this year.

The festival is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days and tickets are on sale now at www.everythingkidsfest.com. General admission tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for children and children under two years of age will receive free admission. Attendees will be able to enjoy an array of activities and more at no further costs. VIP tickets can be purchased for \$50 and include early admittance to the festival from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. as well as a youth size Everything Kids Fest t-shirt.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale's Vestar Branch Honored as #1 in the Nation

PRESS RELEASE

By Andrea Omer
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Manager, Boys & Girls Clubs
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The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale's Vestar Branch was recently chosen from nearly 4,000 chartered clubs as the top branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA). The award was recently given to the Vestar Branch at the non-profits national conference held in San Diego, Calif.

"This award is a tremendous honor," says Caitlin Sageng, Vestar Branch Director. "It is also a direct reflection of how hard our staff works every day to make sure our youth receive the programming they need to reach their full potential."

The award was given to the Vestar Branch as determined by entries submitted in each of BGCA's five core program categories: character and leadership development; education and career development; health and life skills; the arts; and sports, fitness and recreation.

The Vestar Branch's main programming objectives are to empower youth to better themselves, their club and the community. Some of the different programs that provide



varied and unique opportunities for their members include:

- Adopt-a-Family – supports over 91 kids and parents in need at the organization
- Primal Fitness program – reinforces members fitness knowledge and nutrition levels
- The Keystone Club – this teen group focuses on community service including volunteering monthly at a local food bank and assisting with homeless shelters
- Power Hour – an academic program that helps youth reach their educational potential and set goals throughout the school year
- Drama Club – encourages club members self-esteem by performing plays like Alice in

Wonderland during summer programming

- Center for Telepresence – through this high tech center youth can connect, communicate and learn from experts around the world in a variety of fields
- "We feel the best way to make the Vestar Branch successful in our community is by offering quality programs to youth and maintaining a positive connection between members and staff," says Caitlin. "These relationships transcend through all programs and keep members coming back more and most importantly, allow us to have a lasting impact."

In addition to the award, the Vestar Branch also received a \$5,000 award from MetLife

Foundation, sponsor of the awards program, which honors local Clubs for innovative, effective programming leading youth to a great future.

This is also the second time a Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Branch has been given the honor – the organization's Virginia G. Piper Branch also received the award in 2009.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale provides 16,000 Valley children and teenagers with a positive, supervised and fun environment to explore the power of their potential. The Clubs offer 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 12 outreach sites are located in Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Salt River Pima-Maricopa and Hualapai Indian Communities and other Northeast Valley neighborhoods. For more information, visit www.bgcs.org.



Photo by Dusty Watkins

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My Battle with Floss

By Dr. Nolan E. Cordon



Ask your dentist how many days they work without mentioning flossing and my suspicion is that there will not be too many. While routine dental examinations and cleanings are an essential ingredient of excellent dental health, a daily regimen of good personal hygiene, including flossing, is likewise important.

Bleeding, red, swollen, and/or sore gums are often a sign of gingivitis, or inflammation of the gum tissue. These symptoms often are the result of inadequate oral hygiene including not flossing regularly. Flossing allows you to clean areas that our toothbrushes usually miss, including the area between the teeth and around the gum tissue. Flossing also helps reduce cavities as well as bad breath. Left untreated, gingivitis can progress into a much more serious condition called periodontitis, which can lead to infection and tooth loss.

More recently, research has shown the importance of good oral hygiene and its relationship with the health of the body. Make the decision today to make daily flossing part of your dental hygiene regimen.

Dr. Nolan E. Cordon is a specialist in Orthodontics for children, teens and adults and has been providing care for patients in the Desert Ridge area since 1999.

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The lower trunk should be thicker than the upper trunk. This is a good indication of trunk strength. If the stakes are removed, the tree should be able to stand on its own.

Trees must be planted at the right depth and receive the right amount of water if they are to establish themselves and flourish. Planting too deeply is the most common reason why trees fail. Close behind is under watering, particularly when trees are young.

Dig a planting hole no deeper than the root ball. This is to prevent the tree from sinking in the hole caused by the loosened soil in the bottom of the hole settling. Tree settling often results in the tree's death because soil fills in around and over the base of the trunk causing crown and root rot. This damage can develop within months of planting. In

well drained soil, you want to locate the top-most roots in the root ball so that they will be level with the soil surface. Check to be sure that there is not an excess layer of soil already covering the root ball. As little as half an inch of excess soil over the root ball can inhibit or prevent water

PLANTING TREE



and oxygen from entering the root ball. Only mulch should be placed over the root ball.

You will want to water the tree

daily during the initial establishment period. After two or three weeks the days between watering can gradually be increased. By late autumn trees should be receiving two to three waterings weekly. In winter when temperatures are cool, one watering per week should be sufficient. Once established, usually one year after planting, desert adapted trees such as mesquite will need little or no supplemental irrigation. Desert tolerant trees such as live oak and Arizona ash will continue to require some regular watering.



MIM

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2012 September Concerts & Events

Purchase tickets online at www.theMIM.org, in person at MIM, or by calling the MIM Ticket Office at 480.478.6000. For the most updated event information, please visit our website at www.theMIM.org. Musical Instrument Museum Music Theater, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050

Programming subject to change

Brahms and Friends

Friday, August 24 | 7 p.m.

Elmira Darvarova, former concertmaster of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, is joined by Japanese pianist Tomoko Kanamaru and Howard Wall of the New York Philharmonic on French horn. Featured composers include Johannes Brahms, Robert and Clara Schumann, and Robert Kahn and Amanda Maier in two Arizona premieres.

Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

Educator Preview Day

Saturday, August 25 | 10 a.m.

Check-in and on-site registration begin at 9 a.m. MIM Education invites Arizona K-12 educators, principals, registered student teachers, and homeschool educators to MIM Educator Preview Day. Events during Educator Preview Day are dedicated to helping teachers plan and justify a fieldtrip to MIM for their students. Teachers will learn all about fieldtrips to MIM, including information about docent-led and self-guided tour options, pre- and post-visit curricula that align with Arizona state standards, Student Signature Workshops, and Artist Residency programs. Educator Preview Day will include free museum admission for teachers, a free performance by one of the 2012-2013 Artists in Residence, light refreshments, the opportunity to tour MIM's galleries, and a preview of the newest school tour option: an interactive, instrument cart tour. Skip the line and pre-register for this program: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22F-VU6SQ7J8>.

Tickets: free, registration required

Sonya and Elizabeth Schumann

Sunday, August 26 | 3 p.m.
The internationally acclaimed pianists and sisters present Piano Theater, a unique program that combines music and acting. Works by George Gershwin, Johannes Brahms, and others are featured.

Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

Eric Johnson

Tuesday, August 28 | 7 p.m.

One of the premier guitar players in contemporary music, with influences ranging from the Beatles to Jeff Beck

Tickets: \$37.50- \$42.50

Red Rocks Music Festival Ensemble

Friday, August 31 | 7 p.m.

Classical meets jazz in this concert featuring works by Johannes Brahms, Astor Piazzolla, and Duke Ellington, plus Paul Schoenfield's Café Music for violin, cello, and piano.

Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

The Dunwells

Sunday, Sept. 9 | 7 p.m.

An organic blend of acoustic and electric folk rock music laced with luscious five-part vocal harmonies.

Tickets: \$17.50-\$24.50

Arturo Sandoval

Friday, Sept. 14 | 7 p.m.

Brilliant and award winning Cuban-born musician, who's an ace trumpeter and flügelhorn player.

Tickets: 7 p.m.: \$42.50-\$47.50, 9 p.m.: \$37.50-\$42.50

Balinese Gamelan Workshop

Saturday, Sept. 15 | 10:30 a.m.

Experience the sounds of gamelan at MIM's workshop! Led by curatorial assistant Colin Pearson, these workshops include an introduction to Balinese culture and music, and experience playing authentic Balinese instruments. Musicians and non-musicians will enjoy this unique musical experience, so come join us! Please note that each workshop is an introductory class but participants are welcome to register for more than one session. Best for guests ages 8 & older (children between eight and eleven must be accompanied by a paying adult). Guests will be asked to sit cross-legged on the floor and remove their shoes during the workshop. If you require extra accommodations or are unable to sit cross-legged, please email colin.pearson@theMIM.org prior to your arrival.

Tickets: \$12 per class (\$10 per class when purchased with museum admission)

Matt Haimovitz: Beyond Bach

Saturday, Sept. 15 | 7 p.m.

A renowned musical pioneer who has made the solo cello recital his hallmark.

Tickets: \$32.50-\$42.50

Fiestas Patrias

Saturday, Sept. 15

Sunday, Sept. 16

Enjoy celebratory music, dancing, food and fun as the Musical Instrument

Museum partners with the Consulate General of Mexico in Phoenix to present a two-day Fiestas Patrias event celebrating Mexico's independence from Spain. Learn about the rich traditions of Mexico while experiencing the recently revised Mexico exhibit.

Tickets: Free with museum admission

Museum Encounter: All Things Strings with Richard Chapman

Sunday, Sept. 16 | 2:30 - 3 p.m.

Guitars, banjos, and dulcimers, oh my! Richard Chapman is a classically trained guitar player who feels at home playing music ranging from the baroque era all the way to hard rock and all points in between. Aside from these three types, he also plays other stringed instruments. Join him for a special presentation at MIM, as he combines them all for a truly unique experience. This program is presented in partnership with Desert Ridge Music Academy.

Tickets: Free with museum admission.

La Catrina String Quartet

Monday, Sept. 1 | 7 p.m.

Mexican string quartet that blends Mexican and Latin America pieces with the standard classical repertoire

Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

Rodney Crowell

Thursday, Sept. 20 | 7 p.m.

GRAMMY winning songwriter, producer, and artist, brings poetry and earthy tautness to songs steeped in country and Americana.

Tickets: \$37.50-\$42.50

Rachel Barton Pine

Friday, Sept. 21 | 7 p.m.

A classical violinist hailed as one of the most charismatic and compelling American violinists of her generation.

Tickets: \$32.50-\$42.50

Sondre Lerche

Tuesday, Sept. 25 | 7 p.m.

Indie-pop singer-songwriter with contrasting musical styles that have gained critical praise from Rolling Stone and the New York Times

Tickets: \$23.50-\$28.50

ASU Interludes- Oboes

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

Tickets: Free with museum admission; \$7 performance only; free for Circle of Friends members

Plena Libre

Wednesday, Sept. 26 | 7 p.m.

Twelve-piece Puerto Rican based ensemble of virtuoso musicians.

Tickets: \$37.50-\$42.50

Experience SANZA: Drop-in Thumb Piano Lessons

Saturday, Sept. 29

1:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

Ever wonder how to play a thumb piano? Drop in for a quick lesson from musician and teacher Mark Holdaway of Kalimba Magic (<http://www.kalimbamagic.com/>). He will demonstrate how to play this fascinating instrument and give participants basic lessons for simple melodies. This workshop, inspired by MIM's special exhibition SANZA: African Thumb Pianos in the Target Gallery, will help make the instrument come to life.

Tickets: Free with museum admission

Instrument Spotlight on:

African Thumb Pianos

Saturday, Sept. 29 | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 30 | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Enjoy the opportunity to play a thumb piano in MIM's Africa Gallery. Try your hand at this instrument, which is found all over the African continent. Learn about the cultural significance of these fascinating instruments from a MIM docent. This instrument spotlight is in conjunction with the SANZA: African Thumb Pianos special exhibition.

Tickets: Free with museum admission

Mini Tour of SANZA:

African Thumb Pianos

Saturday, Sept. 29

10 a.m., 11 a.m., Noon and 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 30

10 a.m., 11 a.m., Noon and 1 p.m.

Join a docent-led mini-tour of the SANZA: African Thumb Pianos exhibition featuring more than two hundred lamellaphones. MIM docents will share insights and fun facts about the history, forms, uses and multiple names that define this important instrument; for example, the meaning of the term "lamellaphone."

Tickets: Free with museum admission

SCHOOL NEWS



FIRESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY

By Kathy Crawford
Communications Committee Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association

On July 30th, Fireside Elementary School celebrated their opening with a dedication ceremony attended by such dignitaries as Nancy Barto, Arizona State Senator, Heather Carter, Arizona State Senator, Jim Waring, Councilman District 2. The ceremony was mastered by Drew Davis, the new school's principal along with representatives from the Paradise Valley Unified School District: Dr. Sue Skidmore, Governing Board President, Dr. James P. Lee, Superintendent, and members of the board. Tom O'Neil, lead architect from DLR and Shawn Mauer, Core Construction were there to describe the unique design of the school.

The two-story, 88,660 sq. ft. elementary school campus is designed to be a near "net-zero" energy building, meaning it will

produce nearly as much energy as it will consume resulting in low or no energy cost. The design team explored new energy efficient techniques to reach net-zero goals. Some of the major energy reduction and production features in the school include:

- Solar collection panels
- Water harvesting for irrigation
- Daylight harvesting
- Solar hot water system
- Energy efficient lighting design
- Low Flow plumbing fixtures
- High performance building envelop

Check out the next Holiday issue of Desert Ridge Lifestyles for a feature story on Fireside Elementary School

All of the speakers looked to the students to welcome them as the first class of the new school. Many of these new students of the school and the new faculty were there to celebrate the new school and were among those along with Principal Davis to cut the ribbon with a resounding "Go Mustangs"!!!!

Photos by Tina Dickson



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DINING GUIDE

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RESTAURANT REVIEW 

MELLOW MUSHROOM

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TUNE IN. TURN ON. PIG OUT.

Few foods create such strong opinions as pizza. Whether it's New York, Chicago deep dish or wood-fired artisan style, there are large numbers of fans arguing that their favorite slice is the very best. To capture a wide range of opinions, we invited the entire office of Rossmar & Graham to join us for this first-time gang review.

The restaurant was easy to find due to its location on a corner near the center of High Street in CenterCity of CityNorth. Inside, the décor was eclectic, colorful and nearly psychedelic. There were sculptures of mushrooms everywhere and it reminded us of a strange homage to Alice in Wonderland. Because of the loud music and hard finishes, this is not a restaurant for a quiet, romantic dinner. Mellow Mushroom was built for loud fun and a groovy time.



Understanding the menu takes some time, especially because the combinations of food flavors are quite original. Ask your server for some suggestions and follow our reviews below.

Pretzels – Terrific, especially the sauce, which is called the Turbodog beer cheese sauce. It absolutely made the dish! The pretzel dough was so buttery and soft! Caution: pizzas take some time and you could spoil your appetite on this addictive dish!

Bruchetta – Good, maybe above average, but not outstanding. This was your basic diced tomatoes, basil and feta tossed in balsamic vinegar and olive oil, served on toast points.

Hummus – Advertised as “creamy,” but we didn’t agree. Perhaps it should be renamed “Ho Hum Hummus.” Skip this dish and order some more of those pretzels!

Spinach and Artichoke – Another GBNO (Good, but not outstanding). It had all the usual suspects of spinach, artichokes, mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses, but according to Kathy Crawford the secret to the creamy sauce was cream cheese.

Melchacho Pizza – The consensus very best pizza! We enjoyed the tasty and spicy chorizo and chipotle red sauce. It was made with mozzarella and cheddar cheeses, red onion, diced tomato and topped with avocado – deliciously different!

Fun Guy Pizza – Made with five different types of mushrooms (shitake, crimini, button, Portobello and oyster) this pizza is a mushroom lover’s fantasy. Excellent taste and our group’s silver medal pick.

Mellowterranean Pizza – A salad on top of pizza dough. It is made with chicken, onions, red peppers, black olives chives, feta cheese and mozzarella cheese. A terrific tasting pie!

Yukon Gold Hot Potato Pie – Mashed potatoes with olive oil, garlic, chicken, applewood bacon, caramelized onion, cheddar and mozzarella cheeses with some sour cream and spicy ranch dressing on top of pizza dough. We liked the pizza, didn’t think the chicken added much to this pie and might have been better without it.

For those who aren’t in the mood for a “signature” pizza dish filled with somebody else’s favorite toppings, we recommend ordering a simpler pizza or putting together one of your own taste. Mellow Mushroom offers a great variety of toppings along with sauces like marinara, pesto, garlic oil and others.

Special thanks to Kathy Crawford, John Rondthaler, Doris Trojan, Alyssia Saxton, Terrance Smith and Andrea Abel.



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OUR RESOURCES

Reserve Fund Maintenance and Improvement Projects

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Maricopa Wash Erosion Repairs

The Management Team obtained competitive bids from four (4) contractors to address the extensive erosion damage existing in the Maricopa Wash that extends about 1,000 square feet. The proposed bids will be presented to the DRCA Board of Directors in August, along with a Geological Consultant's Report the Board commissioned the Management Team to assess the scope of work and two (2) proposed options presented by the contractors to address the erosion area on a permanent basis. Based on the findings and recommendations provided to the DRCA Board from the Geological Consultant, a course of action will be determined as to the next steps the association will need to take before approving the Maricopa Wash Erosion Repairs to begin after the monsoon season comes to an end.

Central Irrigation Control System

The Desert Ridge Community Association Central Irrigation Control System is being assessed for possible repairs or replacement by the Management Team and AAA Landscape. This system is now 15 years olds since being placed in service and we are experiencing multiple problems that will require either expensive repairs to get a few additional years out of the existing system or to replace the aging system with a new one. The Management Team has obtained an initial assessment and cost proposal for reserve repairs or replacement of the existing system for the Board of Directors consideration at the August 22nd DRCA Meeting.

Common Area Walls/Fencing/ Mailboxes/Bridge Maintenance

The Management Team spent several weeks performing extensive site inspections of the common area walls, fencing,

mailboxes and bridges community wide that are the maintenance responsibility of DRCA (Master Association) for the purpose of assessing the current condition of these reserve assets for future repairs and paint maintenance. The Management Team has developed and prepared the bid specifications to solicit competitive bids from 3-4 paint contractors, so this common area reserve project can be presented to the Board at the August/ September DRCA Meeting.

Secondary Monuments Landscape/Lighting Enhancements

The DRCA Board of Directors will be reviewing future cost proposals in consideration of making proposed landscape and lighting enhancements to the ten (10) neighborhood secondary monuments throughout the community. Based on the reserve costs involved, it is possible that the secondary monuments enhancements may be phased in over time to allow the association time to plan this cost into the reserve funding that is consistent with the proposed phasing schedule. The Management Team is planning to present the secondary monument enhancement plans and cost information to the DRCA Board at the August 22nd meeting.

Common Area Groundcover Enhancements


The DRCA Board of Directors will be presented with a future cost proposal for replacement of the Angelita Daisies installed throughout Desert Ridge, involving locations that can be significantly enhanced with a better groundcover selection(s) that will accent and add more "curb appeal" to the community. This also may be a phased in reserve enhancement to allow the association to plan this cost into the reserve funding that is consistent with the proposed phasing schedule.

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