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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From the President



Doug Dickson

Happy New Year and welcome to 2013! As we move forward into the new year, we wanted to communicate some of the major goals and objectives we've set for 2013. The Desert Ridge Community Association

Board will be concentrated on achieving six major goals:

Maintain Budget and Fiscal Discipline

Over the past four years, we have focused on reducing costs and finding creative ways to live within our budget. Those efforts have paid off with four straight years of balanced budgets, reserves that are funded above 100% and refunds to our membership exceeding \$250,000 in the past two years. We will continue to stay under budget and expand the services provided to our members.

Reduce Association Fees

With our reserves fully funded, our Board has elected to refund unspent funds back to our membership for two years in a row. Our continued efforts to reduce costs may

create an opportunity to eliminate refunds and permanently reduce fees charged to our members near the end of 2013. Note: we have not increased fees since they were set 18 years ago in 1994.

Increase Community Safety and Awareness

We will introduce a new Community Awareness Committee (CAC) that focuses on fighting crime, reducing graffiti and strengthening Block Watch neighborhoods within Desert Ridge. Our Off-duty Officer Patrol Program alone reduced property crime over 30% last year. You can read more about this important committee on page 15 of the magazine.

Continue Reinvestment into our Community

In 2012, we reinvested over \$1.25 million of reserve funds into maintenance and enhancement projects within Desert Ridge. We will uphold the same high standards for maintenance and repairs throughout 2013. Our new office with additional meeting space will become an important asset for our community.

Develop and Implement Pet Waste Plan

We have received a number of complaints regarding pet waste in Desert Ridge. A field study has confirmed an issue exists and indicates that a large-scale solution is needed. We will develop and implement a plan to dramatically reduce pet waste.

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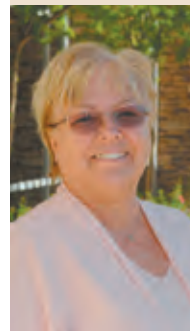
The initial development of the www.desertridgelifestyles.com website has created an excellent base for communicating information to our members. We will continue to expand and develop this important tool.

We're thankful for your support and look forward to accomplishing great things with you.

Best Wishes for a Prosperous 2013!

Doug Dickson
President
Desert Ridge Community Association

Communications Chair



Kathy Crawford

Isn't this our time of the year? Beautiful sunny days and cool nights in the lovely neighborhoods of Desert Ridge. In this issue, we are focusing on the "happenings" in and around our homes.

We can't let the holiday season pass without spending a few moments on the fabulous holiday lights that our neighbors displayed for us. We are showing you the winners of our contest and telling you a bit about the judging. We are also mentioning some of the new stores we have in our area and letting you know about the move that our management company is making over to CityCenter of CityNorth.

By the time you read this, we will have mailed out the ballots for the Cashman Park renovations. Please do fill those out as your votes will determine the outcome of this project.

And last but not foremost; this issue is spotlighting upon our terrific neighbors, the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa. We hope you enjoy learning a bit more about what the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa brings to us and the restaurant review will give you an idea of how well we can dine right here at our resort.

As usual, we hope you enjoy this issue and please do let us know if there is anything you would like to see covered in future issue of Desert Ridge Lifestyles.

Kathy Crawford
Communications Committee Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association

BOARD MEETING DATES
FEBRUARY 27 ■ MARCH 27
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Phoenix Home Values on the Rise...



Phoenix home values continue to show signs of great recovery. Many factors play a role in this recovery. Inventory being at an all time low as well as very desirable interest rates are two important factors. Buyers have realized that waiting to buy will result in paying more for their home later. Boy, these past eight to ten months have shown an incredible influx of buyers, both primary and investment. This past month, majority of our buyers using 30 year conventional financing and FHA financing paid an interest rate in the 3.5% range.

Recent Sales

Address	SqFt	SP	COE	Subdivision
3712 E Robin LN	3053	409,000	12/10/2012	Aviano
3726 E Adobe DR	4700	655,000	10/17/2012	Aviano
23214 N 39th TER	5,226	750,000	10/17/2012	Aviano
22208 N 36th ST	5,123	680,000	9/12/2012	Aviano
21320 N 56th ST 2027	1408	203,900	10/31/2012	Bella Monte
21320 N 56th ST 1133	1835	295,900	10/12/2012	Bella Monte
3662 E Zachary DR	1448	240,000	12/5/2012	Desert Ridge
3687 E Zachary DR	1444	267,800	12/11/2012	Desert Ridge
21118 N 37TH Run	2388	436,000	11/30/2012	Desert Ridge
3813 E Huett LN	2859	470,000	11/8/2012	Desert Ridge
3835 E Matthew DR	2975	474,000	10/30/2012	Desert Ridge
21824 N 40th WAY	1,500	145,000	9/28/2012	Fiesta
4046 E Melinda LN	1,505	185,300	9/26/2012	Fiesta
21160 N 36TH PL	1654	275,000	11/20/2012	Fireside
2021 W Tallgrass TRL	2783	300,000	10/26/2012	Fireside
21531 N 39TH TER	3566	545,000	10/31/2012	Fireside
27319 N 16TH LN	1480	269,500	11/30/2012	Fireside
1535 W Tombstone TRL	2145	319,500	11/30/2012	Fireside
1913 W Chimney Rock RD	3633	325,000	10/26/2012	Fireside
5044 E Robin LN	2,121	335,000	11/29/2012	Glen Eagle
5028 E Robin LN	1,739	320,000	9/19/2012	Glen Eagle
22828 N 55th ST	4,745	815,000	10/4/2012	Ironwood Greens
5350 E Deer Valley DR 1436	1423	200,000	10/19/2012	Toscana
5350 E Deer Valley DR 1247	1246	207,500	10/30/2012	Toscana
5450 E Deer Valley DR 1207	1392	245,000	11/21/2012	Toscana
5450 E Deer Valley DR 1273	1246	289,900	11/20/2012	Toscana

Buyers who financed their loans for just 15 years using conventional financing paid an interest rate in the 2.5% range. Simply incredible! The struggle that many of these buyers did face in their pursuit of home ownership was inventory. We seem to have returned to the madness of multiple offers on resale homes and lottery systems for new builds! Multiple offers for our resale inventory brought on over-bidding and leniency of purchasing terms and conditions which once again established a great seller's market!

Basically, if your home is in good condition and priced at today's fair market value, you are sure to have a handful of buyers just waiting for it to List! Even though this buying boom was felt nationwide, Phoenix set incredible records with price increases. Nationally we increased by a total of 6-8% in terms of home values however; Phoenix shows an increase of 25% - 34% in some area. Fantastic news for our sellers! Encouraging news for our buyers also because forecasters believe we will continue on this pace. Buyers should take comfort in knowing they are purchasing Real Estate which is appreciating in value.

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JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa *Celebrates a Decade in the Desert*

The fires are lit. The water is flowing. The earth is flowering. The sky is limitless. All of these elements have awakened the senses of visitors at JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa since its opening in November 2002. Ten years and 10 million guests later, it has become one of the most highly-rated and awarded resorts in Arizona.

By Richard Romane
Director of Sales and Marketing
JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort
& Spa

JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa commemorated its 10th anniversary this past fall and during the last decade earned multiple AAA Four-Diamond Awards, as well as top travel ratings from *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Travel + Leisure*, *Meetings & Conventions*, *Zagat* and more.

Along with being Arizona's largest resort, the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa is also big on luxury. With 950 guestrooms (including 81 suites), it is set on 316 acres in the Sonoran desert and features sweeping views of the McDowell Mountains. Conveniently located in northeast Phoenix just 20 minutes north of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport with easy access to the Loop 101, the resort is the centerpiece of the Valley of the Sun's northeastern corridor.

With 950 guest rooms and 240,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space, the resort has been able to attract larger group business to Phoenix for their conventions that could never come before with the prior hotel landscape.

Inspired by the grandeur of the Grand Canyon, JW Marriott



Photo courtesy of JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa

Desert Ridge Resort & Spa redefines the resort experience. The resort features 10 dining experiences, JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa's first Revive Spa – a 28,000-square-foot facility – eight tennis courts and four acres of elaborately landscaped pools including the Lazy River with serpentine slide, two championship golf courses and the Wildfire Golf Club. Panoramic views of crimson-hued mountains, fiery Arizona sunsets and the picturesque, cactus-studded Sonoran desert add to the resort's serene setting.

The elements of nature -- fire, water, earth and sky -- have been woven into the resort's architectural design to let every guest experience the pleasures of the distinctive surroundings.

Upon arrival, guests are greeted

by the sounds of splashing fountains under the sun-dappled porte-cochere. Stepping into the expansive tumbled marble lobby, guests are dazzled by the sight of stunning floor-to-ceiling windows opened wide, spilling out onto sparkling waterways and majestic palm-lined pathways.

The resort's guest rooms feature oversized balconies overlooking

wildflower gardens, swimming pools, lakes, waterways and golf course or mountain views. Included in the 950 rooms are four presidential suites, four hospitality suites, 35 luxury suites and 38 executive suites, offering a variety of options for groups large and small.

The rejuvenating elements of nature continue to play an important role in the architecture of the resort's exquisite Revive Spa. This 28,000-square-foot, two-level oasis features 41 elegantly appointed private treatment rooms. A diverse spa menu offers every massage imaginable, as well as facial and body treatments inspired by native desert plants.

Private balconies are the perfect setting for rejuvenation, while relaxation rooms and a

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ASSOCIATION & COMMUNITY NEWS

Building a Better Community

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

Well another year has come and gone. 2012 was memorable in many ways, both nationally and locally, some great things and some horrific things. The passage of time comes along so very quickly; it seems just yesterday we were basking in the 115 degree heat of July, ok, maybe not basking but roasting for sure. A new year is upon us, new challenges, new dreams, and new commitments to improve and whether it is to get in shape, quit smoking, be more involved in your community, or whatever other personal and professional goals you have set for yourself, it is important to remember that change can only happen when you decide it will happen.

Your neighborhood and community is an important aspect of your life and your family. You choose a neighborhood based on many things; schools, proximity to work or activities, friends or family, the style of the home, sales price, and also figured somewhere in that equation, safety. The safety of neighborhoods and each and every individual in that community is our responsibility at the Phoenix Police Department. We take great pride in serving and protecting you and working to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood. Recently every City of Phoenix police officer from the Chief on down reaffirmed their oath, to you, our citizens, as a reminder of this commitment to serve. In building a better community and improving the quality of life, crime prevention plays an

important role. I have written many articles on the various aspects of preventing crime, from burglary, auto theft, identity theft, drug prevention and so on, all in an attempt to help each and every one of you protect yourself and your family as much as possible. We as police officers are your partners in this endeavor, and will be there when you call and also when you don't call, out patrolling the streets of your neighborhood as you sleep, work or enjoy time with your family. We do need your help and your commitment to improve your community because it is a partnership between the police and citizens; we have the same goal and we can achieve it by working together. How can we do that is a question I get often. Many of you have started a Block Watch in your area, which is a very good way to learn and practice good crime prevention at your home and get to know your neighbors. Knowing your neighbors is at the top of the list when I teach Block Watch. I am not asking you to know every detail of your neighbors lives but knowing what I call your "primary" neighbors. These are the ones next to you and the three across the street from you and knowing just the minimum amount of information (at least their names and a good way to communicate with them,

either phone numbers or email address) will go a long way in preventing some types of neighborhood crime. Knowing what is suspicious activity for your neighborhood. Knowing your children's friends and their parents in the neighborhood also helps in building a better community, this was a staple of many neighborhoods in the past and it does exist today, but to a lesser degree. Having community events like street parties is a great way to improve the connectivity of neighborhoods. If you live on streets owned and maintained by the City of Phoenix, you can get permission from the Streets and Transportation Department to close them off for a short time for a neighborhood street party. If they are private streets, get with the HOA or Community Manager and find out what the process is to having a neighborhood street party.

There is a common theme in most crime prevention and that is communication and awareness, communicate with your kids, your neighbors, your kids schools and your police department. If you see something suspicious in your neighborhood, call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 or for crimes in progress, 911. I am contacted numerous times asking if I am aware of something going on in a neighborhood. With a city of

1.6 million and an area of responsibility for me of 85 square miles and 90,000 people, it is sometimes difficult for me to hear of everything going on but I do keep in contact with all of the communities I serve as much as possible so that I may respond with the needed resources to address whatever issue comes up.

I occasionally send out community safety emails if I have important public

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Photos by Sylvia Fekete

5th Annual Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest

By Brad Slager
Communications Committee
Desert Ridge Community Association

“Amazing”.....“WOW”.....“Over-The-Top”.....“Fantastic” — All words that we heard throughout December from friends, neighbors and visitors to describe the festive Holiday Decorations in Desert Ridge. This year’s “Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest” was a huge success and the biggest to date! Over 40 entries were judged and the top Five (5) were awarded various gifts, from generous supporters like; the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, The MIM and the Desert Ridge Marketplace.

As we traveled the neighborhoods to view the homes of the families who entered the contest, we were amazed at how many families didn’t participate, but had beautiful decorations. If you have any neighbors who share in your enthusiasm to decorate their home during the holidays, please encourage

them to enter the contest later this year.

Following the judging of the contestants, The Community Association sent out an email blast to Desert Ridge homeowners letting them know how to request a list, along with a map of the entries.....The response was overwhelmingly positive! The list and accompanying map made the journey through the winding neighborhoods of Desert Ridge much easier to view and the 40 homes that were part of the contest could be visited and admired in under two hours!

Thank you again to all of this year’s participants. We look forward to seeing even more entries later this year, for our 6th Annual Event! Also, we encourage you to look for an exciting

announcement in the Fall Edition of Desert Ridge Lifestyles Magazine.....This announcement is sure to get the family feeling festive!



ASSOCIATION & COMMUNITY NEWS

Photos by Tina Dickson

Contest Winners



GET INVOLVED! SERVE ON THE DESERT RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Desert Ridge Community Association Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2013 election for four (4) open seats on the Board of Directors. The election results will be announced during the Association's Annual Membership Meeting and Election on Thursday, April 18, 2013. However, there are several steps and events that will take place between now and then. Here are a few key dates in 2013, to keep in mind:

- **FEBRUARY 14** – Board Candidate application forms due to the Association office on High Street.
- **FEBRUARY 27** – DRCA Board of Directors meeting Board Candidates Meet and Greet/Q&A at 6 p.m. at the Association office on High Street.
- **MARCH 16** – DRCA Board of Directors meeting Board Candidates Meet and Greet/Q&A at the Cashman Park Spring Picnic from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **APRIL 11** – Mail-in ballots for election of Board of Directors due from all members to the Association office by 5 p.m.
- **APRIL 18** – 7:00 p.m., Annual Meeting and announcement of election results will be held at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa.

BOARD CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications established by the Desert Ridge Community Association's ("Association") Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements



for Desert Ridge as recorded and amended (CC&R's) and the Association's Nominating Committee per Section 3.8 of the Association's Bylaws for being nominated to serve on the Board are listed below. Please review each item closely before submitting your Candidate Form for consideration.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST BE:

As required per the CC&R's, all items must be complied with through the election at the Annual Meeting:

- An entity owner of record in the Association or a representative of an entity owner of record in the Association. If you are a representative of a confirmed entity owner of record you must provide a signed, notarized letter from the owner of record, appointing you as its' representative.
- A member in good standing, with all assessments current (no more than 30 days delinquent) and no outstanding violation of the CC&R's.
- Not have member rights suspended by the Board of Directors for any violations of the Association's governing documents.

- Not be involved in current litigation regarding compliance or dispute with Association's governing documents.
- Commit to attend regularly scheduled board meetings (at least once a month), as well as the additional time that may be required in order to participate at the committee level.

Additional Qualifications Established by the Association's Nominating Committee:

- All candidates are required to attend one (1) "Meet the Candidate" event either the Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, February 27, at 6 p.m. or the Cashman Park Spring Picnic on March 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Must attend the Annual Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 18, 2013.
- Must attend the Organizational Meeting scheduled within 5 business days of the Annual Meeting.
- Must attend Board Member training, scheduled within 10 business days of the Annual Meeting.

Please contact Terrance Smith, Community General Manager, at the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4550 or by email to tsmith@rossmar.com for more information.

Thank you for your valued interest and participation in our community!

ASSOCIATION & COMMUNITY NEWS

BOARD CANDIDATE FAQ'S

What does the Nominating Committee do?

The Nominating Committee's primary function is to ensure that the community has well qualified candidates nominated from the Desert Ridge community to serve as Members of the Community Association Board of Directors.

What does the Nominating Committee have planned for this year?

A Board candidate announcement was included in the Holiday 2012 issue of the DRL Magazine. This issue contains the board candidate qualifications and email address for the application forms. A "Meet the Candidate" event at the Cashman Park Spring Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. so that members of the community can meet prospective Board Members.

How many positions are available this year and how long will my term be?

Out of the seven member seats on the Board of Directors, there are four seats on the Board of Directors that are available for election in 2013. Directors are elected to serve two year terms. This year, one of the available seats is a result of a Director resignation in 2012; this position will be elected for a one year term to complete the original unexpired two year term. The remaining three positions will serve two year terms.

What is the process for running for a position on the Board?

Contact the Association office at: 480-551-4550 or email to: desertridge@rossmar.com or stop by the Association office (5415 E. High Street, Suite 220, Phoenix 85054) to pick up the application.

Return all application forms to the Association office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, February 15.

In addition, candidates are strongly encouraged to attend one (1) "Meet the Candidate" event on Wednesday February 27, or on Saturday, March 16. Candidates must attend the Desert Ridge Community Association Annual Membership Meeting and Election on Thursday, April 18.

What are the Directors' responsibilities?

The Desert Ridge Community Association is an Arizona-chartered, nonprofit organization. Directors are responsible for operating and maintaining the "common area" property of the community, reviewing and approving all site plans and improvements within the community, and providing coordination and oversight of the Subsidiary Associations. Luckily, we have a management company that handles most of the day-to-day operations.

What is the time commitment needed while serving on the Board?

The Board typically holds one Open Session and one Executive Session per month, which takes approximately 3 hours, combined. Sometimes there are ad-hoc meetings called, but that is more the exception than the rule. Depending on which committee you would like to be involved with, an additional 1-2 hours per week may be required. Typically, the time commitment averages about 8 hours a month.

When and where are the Board of Directors Meetings?

The meeting schedule is actually created by the Board of Directors. Our current meeting schedule is the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at CityCenter of CityNorth, Desert Ridge Community Association Office Conference Room, 5415 E. High Street, Suite 220, Phoenix 85054.

Do you incur personal liability by serving on the Board?

Generally, as long as a Director acts in good faith with the best interests of the community first, doesn't break any laws, or have any personal benefit, the Association indemnifies the Directors. The Association's Articles of Incorporation provide the most comprehensive explanation of liability. Please read and understand them fully for yourself. The Articles of Incorporation can be found on RossmarConnect, the community information website, or the CD.

How does the election actually work?

There is a one vote per lot for each available position on the board. A qualified Owner will be able to cast one vote for up to 4 candidates.

Do developers and commercial entities get to vote?

Yes, qualified developers and commercial entities get to vote. The Desert Ridge Board is not a Homeowners Association, it is a Community Association. One of the great things about Desert Ridge is that it is still a relatively young development, and only about 35% of the total lots have homes built on them. Since the voting is determined per lot, there is still significant involvement by private and commercial developers and the Master Developer. The Master Developer actually casts votes for all land held by the Arizona State Land Dept.

Tips for people who are running:

Get out there and talk to your neighbors - ask them what their concerns are for the community. Let them know you're running. Candidates may speak with developers as well as the commercial interests. And thank you for getting involved!

OPERATION HOPE

SPRING UPDATE

By Kathy Crawford
Communications Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association

The War Against Drugs

Operation Hope continues to work toward educating the general public and parents with information and current news in the war against drugs. In our last meeting, we were presented with the latest issues of what the new bath salts are made of and how quickly these drugs get “recompounded” so that they are not subject to the current

laws. What this means to us is that our police cannot arrest someone for using a drug that is not listed as against the law. In other words, our police department has been held hostage to some of the laws we have – not because of their intention but because of wording. But now we are fortunate enough to have Representative Heather Carter to help.

Representative Heather Carter is serving in the Centennial Legislature as your representative from North Phoenix, Cave

Creek, Carefree and Scottsdale. Currently, Representative Carter is the Vice-Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, and a member of the Education and Environment Committees. She focuses on legislative issues related to economic recovery for Arizona, including taxpayer protection issues, health care concerns and educational reform. She attended our last meeting and has volunteered to look into the potential of changing the wording on some of these laws to say “mimics the affect of” and not just leaving the wording to that single drug. This would go a long way toward getting some of these drugs into the category of illegal and therefore into the hands of our police.

We also were presented with the Anthem approach to handling some of the issues our parents face. We will monitor the Anthem approach and will provide updates in future issues or Board Meetings.

Working Towards A Bright Future

In addition, the Deer Valley and Paradise Valley Unified School districts are also on board with their support and concern. They recognize that getting the word to the parents of their students is the most important part of this project. With parental recognition and backing, our students will be helped on all sides to have a bright future without drugs.

We want to again thank our police department for sponsoring this Operation and for walking through this problem with our community. In particular, our thanks goes to Commander Klima, Lt. De Benedetto and Sgt. Jamie Rothchild for their time and care.

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE

BUILDING COMMUNITY COHESION AND TOGETHERNESS

By Brad Slager
Community Awareness Committee Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association

At the January 23rd, 2013 Monthly Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Director's Meeting, the Board approved the creation of the, "Community Awareness Committee". The Committee will be a standing committee and will act as a task force and advisory group to the Board of Directors to improve the community lifestyle and property values of the residential members of Desert Ridge, by developing and implementing procedures and activities in the Community that may help to increase and promote safety and overall awareness of crime prevention programs.

The mission of this Committee is to endeavor to keep the Desert Ridge community safe and free of crime, to build a stronger community, in conjunction with local law enforcement that makes Desert Ridge a friendlier, more caring place to live, and to promote active participation of all homeowners and residents. To focus the Committee's efforts on overall safety awareness, while working toward building community cohesion and togetherness, and reducing or removing the opportunity for people to commit crime. This Committee may be expanded to include community Disaster Preparedness. The duties of the Community Awareness Committee shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Promote and foster programs that encourage all residents to acquire continuing education in neighborhood security, CPR, first-aid, emergency preparedness;
- Improve and strengthen awareness of crime in the Desert Ridge Community through communication and education;
- Develop a closer working relationship with the Phoenix Police Department through our Community Action Officer;
- Encourage and recruit volunteers from within the community to form and serve on neighborhood block watch groups;
- Obtain, coordinate installation and maintain "Neighborhood Block Watch" signs in the respective neighborhoods that have officially become a block watch neighborhood recognized by the Phoenix Police Department;
- Develop crime prevention or awareness programs, seminars, training for the association such as Neighborhood Block Watch Programs;
- Organize and promote yearly the "Getting Arizona Involved In Neighborhoods" (G.A.I.N) event;
- Promote Social and Charitable Events, Fundraising, Block Parties, Clubs, etc. designed to encourage community involvement and awareness.

The Committee will consist of one Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and the President of the Desert Ridge Community Association Board, who will act as the liaison between the committee and the Desert Ridge subassociations and subdivisions neighborhoods. The committee will also consist of one eligible "delegate representative" from each of the Desert Ridge subassociations and subdivisions neighborhoods.

Watch for www.DesertRidgeLifestyles.com website, the Desert Ridge Lifestyles Magazine, or attend an upcoming monthly Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Director's Meeting for further details!

Don't take Dental Tips from a Blue Whale

By Dr. Nolan E. Cordon

The largest mammal, the Blue Whale, does not have teeth! It consumes small fish by taking in large amounts of water and filtering out their food, only to be swallowed without chewing. Humans, on the other hand, enjoy the benefits of eating with our teeth, adding a great deal of variety (and enjoyment) to our diet. Through neglect, trauma, or other circumstances, we may lose some or all of our permanent teeth. The result can lead to a decreased ability to eat and poor dental appearance. It wasn't too long ago that removable dentures were too common of a solution to missing teeth. These types of dentures



were often difficult to chew with, uncomfortable, and needed frequent replacement. Better dental awareness,

home care, and regular dental checkups have each decreased the loss of permanent teeth. However, in the cases when teeth need to be replaced, modern dental advances have led to successful placement of fixed bridges, implants, and implant supported dentures that can better replicate the benefits of natural teeth. If you are missing any permanent teeth (and don't want to restrict your diet to that of the Blue Whale), talk with your dentist about treatment options to restore your ability to enjoy the benefits of your teeth.

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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ASSOCIATION & COMMUNITY NEWS

2012



A Year of Change and Growth

Looking back at 2012, it was a busy year with lots of change – and most of it for the better!

By Doug Dickson
Communications Committee
Desert Ridge Community Association

It started early when Community Manager Ken Olson left for a new position at Rossmar & Graham. Terrance Smith, our new Community Manager, was hired and the transition was completed without any issues.

We also saw a change in master developers, as Gray Development Group of Phoenix acquired control of the 140 acres of CityCenter of CityNorth from North Phoenix Partners (NPP) and with it, the rights of master developer.

And speaking of CityCenter of CityNorth... a new lease, expanding the size of the Association's office, was signed and preparations have been made for a February 2013 move to CityCenter of CityNorth.

Other significant events from the past year include:

FINANCES

- For the fifth year in a row, we were under budget – saving an estimated \$225,000
- Reserve fund investments generated a whopping 3.7% return on FDIC insured accounts

- Members received another refund bringing the two-year total to more than \$250,000
- Association reserve funds remain funded significantly above 100%
- An updated reserve study with an on-site visit was completed
- Reinvested over \$1.25 million in improvements and repairs throughout Desert Ridge

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Created a new Picnic in the Park event
- Created a new Movie in the Park event
- Introduced evening Coffee Club meetings
- Hosted a series of meetings for residents on the new Black Mountain Boulevard
- Finalized the design of Cashman Park and presented it to the membership
- Expanded the holiday lighting at Deer Valley Road and Tatum Boulevard
- Enlarged the Holiday Lighting Contest to 40 homes and added "Ollie the Trolley".
- Supported the Farmers Market, Aviano 4th of July fireworks event
- Sponsored Boys & Girls Club Basketball League and Aviano Jingle Bells Festival

SAFETY

- Reduced crime by 30% with Off-Duty Officer Patrol program

- Expanded the Off-Duty Officer Patrol Program from 15 to 25 shifts
- Partnered with Explorer and neighbors to create new student pickup/dropoff plan

COMMUNICATIONS

- Published four fantastic magazines, expanding the publication to 36 full color pages
- Met the requirements for quorum at every board meeting for the 5th year in a row
- Improved and expanded the community website and email communications to members

REINVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY

- Performed Common Area Decomposed Granite Replenishment Maintenance Project involving the placement of 8,160 tons of decomposed granite at a total cost of \$335,000
- Developed, adopted and approved new design guidelines/standards for replacing the vandalized Desert Ridge monument letters with a non-metallic product (plastic) that appears to be made of metal
- Enhancement of the Desert Ridge Monuments at Tatum & Deer Valley with new landscape plants, Saguaros, lighting and boulders at a total cost of \$61,380.52
- Performed Coconino Wash Erosion Repairs at a total cost of \$5,517.31
- Replaced 275 common area valve box covers, including placement of filter fabric and pea gravel in each box at a total cost of \$6,998.97
- Approved the installation of 27 walkway light bollards in the Glen Eagle and Maricopa Washes at a total cost of \$165,316.89
- Approved the Maricopa Wash Erosion Repairs at a total cost of \$105,362.28
- Replaced over 90 common area sidewalk hazards identified throughout the community at a total cost of \$49,310.00
- Replaced common area tree damage walls abutting private residences at a cost of \$5,013.80
- Replaced the uneven sidewalks identified along the five (5) bridges throughout Desert Ridge at a total cost of \$15,327.74

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Toy Drive a Huge Success

Photos courtesy of Officer Tim Mitten

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

I wanted to first say a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who donated or helped with our toy drive for Phoenix Children’s Hospital. It was a huge success as we were able to donate several hundred toys, games, stuffed animals, etc to the hospital which was used during Christmas and also will be throughout the year at PCH Toyland where all through the year, any child can get a toy.

I have attached some pictures of the toys being dropped off by the officers to the staff at PCH. After they were dropped off, myself and about 10 other officers went up to the 7th floor of PCH and went room to room, giving the toys to the kids on this floor, most who were battling very serious illnesses and would be in the hospital over the Christmas holiday. There were many



smiles, some tears and a lot of Thank you’s. We made sure the people knew it was their fellow citizens and families helping out these families during these hard times, as a majority of the toys were donated from the community.

This was an exceptional and unforgettable experience for everyone involved and I am humbled by the strength of these children as they fight these illnesses, inspired by the nurses, and staff who deliver exceptional, loving care to these children, it truly was a reminder of the Christmas season and what it stands for.

Thank you again to each and everyone of you for your continued support of the Phoenix Police Department as we continue to partner in making your community a better place to live.



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2012-A YEAR OF CHANGE AND GROWTH

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- Performed common area paint maintenance involving walls, fencing, bridge railings and tunnels and mailboxes at a total cost of \$58,420.35
- Approved replacement of the 17 year-old Central Irrigation Controller System and related components that serves the entire community at a total cost of \$226,586.72
- Approved Annual Tree Trimming and Tree Replacements to be performed at a cost of \$78,434.61
- Negotiated with City of Phoenix an initial “no-cost” plan for paving and leveling

the abutting pavement before and after the four (4) designated scored concrete intersections within Desert Ridge, scheduled to occur in the Spring of 2013

It takes a great deal of effort and coordination to achieve this growth. I'd like to thank every member of our board for the countless hours they devote without compensation and for the members of our Association who have supported us. Working with our management partners at Rossmar & Graham, we accomplished a great deal in 2012 - but I'm convinced that the best still lies ahead.

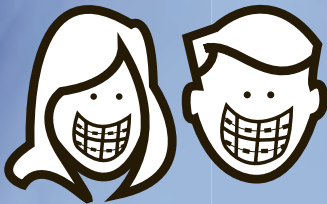
Cashman Park Spring Picnic

The Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors would like to invite you to join them for a picnic in the park and a Meet and Greet of new candidates for the Board of Directors.

Saturday ■ March 16, 2013 ■ 11 a.m. - 3 P.m.

Cashman Park
22222 N. 44th St., Phoenix, AZ 85050
(44th St. & Pathfinder Dr.)

The Board is planning to provide food and refreshments, family entertainment, and information regarding the Cashman Park upgrade project. Please feel free to contact the Community Association office at 480-551-4553, or at desertridge@rossmar.com

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Cashman Park Revised Conceptual Design



Above is an aerial map of the Cashman Park Revised Conceptual Design of the proposed park improvements under consideration pending the community vote to authorize the use of the Reserve Fund.

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WINTER LANDSCAPE TIPS FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA



The mild winter of Southern Arizona entices both locals and snowbirds to the outdoors where they revel in sunny cool days and ideal conditions for patio living. However, the sunny days and Sunday barbecues might fool some into believing that Southern Arizona is full of blooms and color in the winter. In fact, many of our landscape plants, especially native species, are dormant in winter.

However, there is no need to suffer a dull and boring winter landscape. With careful planning and plant selection, you can create attractive combinations that glow in the lovely rich light of the cool season. Evergreen trees, dramatic accent plants, winter flowering shrubs, and native wildflowers are some of the living elements to consider. Vividly colored walls and other hardscape elements can serve as eye catching backdrops for sculptural plants like ocotillo or create “hot” combinations with contrasting flowers.

Keep in mind that very cold winters can frost back even the toughest plants and that warm microclimates might be best for some species. Here are some additional tips

to add color, texture, and interest to your winter landscape:

- If you have an existing landscape with plants that go dormant in winter, inter-plant evergreen species to create interest and “cover” the bare ones. For example, the evergreen foliage of damianita can be used to hide the leafless stems of red bird-of-paradise in winter. Make sure to leave sufficient room for the dormant plant to achieve its full size in summer.



- Plant evergreens of different colors and textures to create attractive combinations. Woolly Butterfly Bush, with its gray, fuzzy foliage, looks good with the green, needle-like foliage of Tur-pentine Bush. Gopher weed is a prostrate plant with pointed leaves that con-trasts nicely with its vertical, leafless relative, Candelilla.
- Combine “hot” colored flowers together for great effect in the golden light of winter. For example, pansies, calendulas, and Iceland poppies in a pot create bright splashes that liven up a patio or entryway. Another benefit of pansies and calendulas is that they are edible and add as much color to a salad as they do to the outdoors!
- Use other colorful edible plants like red leaf lettuces, gray-green Russian kale, and chard, which has stems that range from white to pink to orange and red.
- Plant container gardens. They are easy to care for, can be located in frost protected areas, and can be emptied for summer or moved out of the way. Attractive, colorful pots add to the effect.

Source: www.gardeningsights.com

BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

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safety information that you need to be aware of. I don't report every crime that occurs in an area but if we have suspect or vehicle descriptions, or are noticing a wave of thefts or other criminal activity I will send something out so that you and your neighbors can watch out for your neighborhood and call us. If you would like to get these emails, please email me at the email address below with your community

name and email address. I do not share my distribution lists with anybody else, it is strictly for me to communicate crime prevention and public safety awareness information.

Let's begin this New Year by challenging each other to communicate more effectively with the purpose of improving our community. Let's try and see how we can learn more about the neighborhoods we

live in by watching out for each other and by just looking around when we are out walking or even just driving to and from our homes. I am committed to helping each and every one of the neighborhoods I serve to improve their quality of life so if you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at 602-495-5238 or at 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 neighborhood.

Desert Ridge® Parents' Group (DRPG) 15th Anniversary

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



Photos courtesy of Desert Ridge® Parents' Group

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



By Juliana Manke

The Desert Ridge Parents' Group just celebrated its 15th Anniversary in 2012! The not-for-profit Desert Ridge® Parents' Group (DRPG) works to foster a sense of community, develop long-lasting relationships and create a support network among the families of Desert Ridge® and the surrounding areas.

Fall Festival

Twice a year our group, currently consisting of 90 families, gathers for a huge family event. At last fall's tent-pole event we celebrated our 15th anniversary with over 190 members in attendance. The Fall Festival showcased bounce houses, crafts, food and friendship. We were thrilled to be joined by special guests including Stacy Rosenthal, the group's founder, and former presidents. Stacy made remarks about how happy she was to see the group still fulfilling its

original function so many years later. It was interesting to hear about the small details that have changed and so many that are still the same!



In addition to the bounce house fun, members were entertained with a game of "guess how many candy corn are in the jar". It was humorous to hear the smallest members' guesses. The kids also enjoyed a game of bingo and beanbag tossing. They could sit at their leisure at the craft table and make holiday turkeys with apples and marshmallows. It's no surprise that just as many marshmallows were consumed as were used in the craft.

One of the day's highlights was moving and grooving with **Kidtastics**. The organization, which offers gymnastics, dance, music & movement and cheer classes throughout the Phoenix

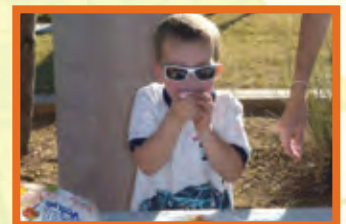
valley, volunteered their time to provide DRPG with a fun and safe children's activity. Their programs are designed to help children improve their confidence and self-esteem by trying things for the first time and accomplishing new skills. For the Fall Festival they showed off their physical education obstacle courses and gymnastics classes. Kidtastics' caring staff believes in living a healthy lifestyle, proper nutrition and daily physical activity to boost the brain's ability to learn.



Last but not least, there was the delicious food provided by **California Pizza Kitchen**. They were so generous in serving the group a beautiful spread of salads, sandwiches and pizza. Their contributions topped off an already spectacular event.

In addition to Kidtastics and California Pizza Kitchen, we have a host of other sponsors who made this great day possible. We are thankful to have organizations such as these in the Desert Ridge community, supporting us.

Join now, in time to experience our big Spring Event or view our sponsors at www.DRPGonline.com.



Other Offerings

Membership with the group also includes an on-line community with a forum, classifieds and full calendar of events. For the parents we have Couple's Night Out, Mom's Night Out, Dad's Night Out, Mom's Craft Night, Bunco and a Book Club. For the kids there are playgroups, crafts, outings and so much more.

Special thank you to the Desert Ridge Community Association for their continued support



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

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Photo courtesy of CityCenter of CityNorth



DESERT RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Secures a New Office at CityCenter of CityNorth

By Terrance Smith
Community General Manager
Desert Ridge Community Association

The Desert Ridge Community Association is moving into CityCenter of CityNorth and will occupy nearly 2,600 square-feet on the second floor of the building located at 5415 East High Street. The newly built office space along the prestigious “High Street” corridor includes a 1,000 square foot conference room that will host board meetings, sub-association meetings, lifestyle events and social gatherings for the Desert Ridge community.

CityCenter of CityNorth is a sophisticated urban community within Desert Ridge renowned for its exquisite restaurants, entertainment venues, contemporary luxury apartment homes, Class A office space and exhilarating events.

“We’re excited about the opening of a new Desert Ridge Community Association office in CityCenter of CityNorth,” said Doug Dickson, President of the Desert Ridge Community Association. “This

larger facility recognizes the continued growth of Desert Ridge and provides our management team at Rossmar & Graham the space needed to maximize productivity. The additional meeting room will be a great community asset to support the eleven homeowner associations in our community.”

The Desert Ridge Community Association is proud of our recent successes with family-friendly events such as the Movie In the Park and Cashman Park Picnic. “The opening of the new Desert Ridge Community Association office will

enable us to advance our ongoing efforts to promote, integrate, and provide enhanced community lifestyle services to all our residents,” said Terrance Smith, Community General Manager.

Similarly, CityCenter of CityNorth’s High Street has become a gathering place for families and friends both in the Desert Ridge neighborhood and around the Valley. Exhilarating concert series, bustling farmers markets and engaging events help bring the Desert Ridge community together time and time again.

Plans are underway for the Desert Ridge Community Association office “Grand Opening” in late February, following our February 1, 2013 occupancy of the new office space located at 5415 East High Street, Suite 220, Phoenix, AZ 85054. Stay tuned for future details and information.

The Desert Ridge Community Association office management team is proudly managed by Rossmar & Graham and share in the continued partnership and growth of the community.



Events at Desert Ridge Marketplace



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

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| <p>Fri. 1 Laura Walsh And Her Band
(Country Western Band) - District Stage
Melanie & Van
(Easy Listening Acoustic Duo) - AMC Fountain Area</p> <hr/> <p>Sat. 2 Ratio
(Funk, Soul, Jazz and R&B Band) - District Stage
Legendary Blues singer Hans Olson
(Blues Singer/Songwriter) – AMC Fountain Area</p> <hr/> <p>Fri. 8 Vinyl Nova
(Top 40 Cover and Alternative Band) - District Stage
Dani Zubia
(Alternative Guitarist/Vocalist) - AMC Fountain Area</p> <hr/> <p>Sat. 9 Knee Deep Experience
(Funk, Soul, R&B Band) - District Stage
Jess Hawk Oakenstar
(Folk Singer/Songwriter) – AMC Fountain Area</p> | <p>Fri. 15 Peppermint James
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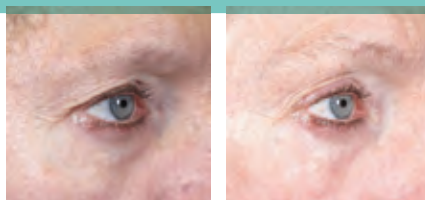
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Color Consciousness

By Suzan Ann Interiors

Our reaction to color is instantaneous and it has a profound effect on our choices! Colors swirl and surround us so quickly & completely that we are not consciously aware of how it informs our moods, feelings, decisions & even our physical health! Why do we love one color and hate another? It is this kind of visceral reaction that makes choosing the right colors for your home so difficult! Too much or too little of a color can evoke positive or negative effects. Let's lift the veil and take a quick look at some of their psychological effects along with a little lore, history & mystery we associate with some basic colors. There are a plethora of personality color quizzes online that are fun & insightful if you would like to learn more!

Color: Red **Day:** Tuesday **Chakra:** Root
Psychological Effects: Stimulates heart rate, respiration & brain activity **Positive Effects:** Stimulating, Powerful, Exciting, Passionate, Confident **Negative Effects:** Anger, Aggression, Violence, Restlessness **Great Color for:** Exercise rooms, Dining rooms, Pops of color, Your outer front door **Business Use:** Create urgency, Impulse sales **Expressions:** Red letter day, Caught red handed **Fun Facts:** Bees can't see the color red

Color: Yellow **Day:** Sunday **Chakra:** Solar Plexus **Psychological Effects:** Stimulates your mental agility & nervous systems, Encourages communication **Positive Effects:** Uplifting, Cheerful, Enthusiastic, Optimistic **Negative Effects:** Anxiety, Impatience, Criticalness **Great Color for:** All rooms except nurseries (said to cause babies to cry) **Business Use:** To grab attention **Expressions:** Yellow bellied **Fun Facts:** Comic book hero, The Green Lantern is afraid of the color yellow

Color: Blue **Day:** Wednesday **Chakra:** Throat **Psychological Effects:** Lowers blood pressure, Calms the nervous system, Cools, Aids in Intuition **Positive Effects:** Safe, Spiritual, Loyal, Reliable **Negative Effects:** Depressing, Conservative, Icy **Great Color for:** Rooms w/a lot of natural light **Business Use:** Inspires confidence, dependability, reliability **Expressions:**

Out of the blue, True blue, Feeling blue
Fun Facts: Blue is the favorite color for toothbrushes

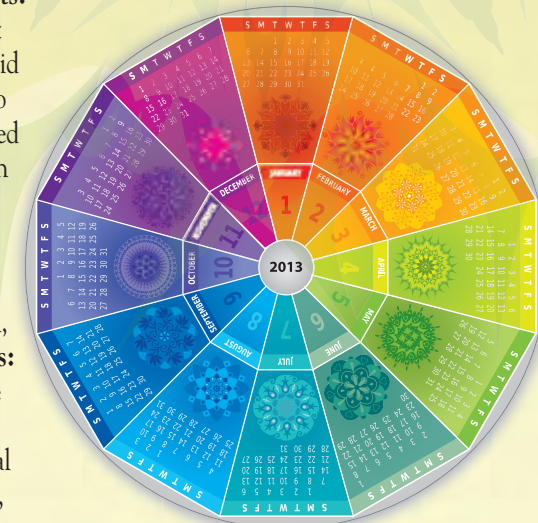
Color: Green **Day:** Friday **Chakra:** Heart
Psychological Effects: Relaxes your muscles, Renews & restores depleted energy **Positive Effects:** Tranquil, Soothes, Harmonizes **Negative Effects:** Greed, Materialistic, Envy **Great Color for:** All rooms **Business Use:** Relaxes people, Color used for Natural & Nature products **Expressions:** Green thumb, Green with envy, Greenhorn **Fun Facts:** Green was George Washington's favorite color

Color: Purple **Day:** Thursday **Chakra:** Crown **Psychological Effects:** Suppresses hunger, Balances metabolism, Promotes

introspection **Positive Effects:** Inspires Spiritual, Original & Unconventional thinking, Calms the emotions **Negative Effects:** Live in fantasy, immature, Delusions of grandeur **Great Color for:** Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Meditation Rooms **Business Use:** Expressions: Religious & Counter culture products, Anti-aging products **Expressions:** Purple Heart **Fun Facts:** A purple poker chip is worth \$5000

Color: White **Day:** Monday **Chakra:** DNA **Psychological Effects:** Creates a feeling of spaciousness **Positive Effects:** Simplicity, Wholesomeness, Purity **Negative Effects:** Sterility, Cold, Boring, Stark **Great Color for:** All rooms with older children! **Business Use:** Conveys freshness, cleanliness & purity **Expressions:** White lie, White Elephant, White as a ghost **Fun Facts:** "Coconut" was once the scent for white crayons, (they stopped as kids were eating them!)

Color: Black **Day:** Saturday **Chakra:** DNA **Psychological Effects:** Effects of black are very individual. Some find it comforting, others find it frightening & unsettling **Positive Effects:** Mysterious, "Cool", Elegant, Grounding **Negative Effects:** Despair, Fear, Overwhelmed, Scary **Great Color for:** Sophisticated accents, A black painted chalkboard wall in office/kitchen. **Business Use:** Authority & Power, Luxury items **Expressions:** Black balled, Black comedy, Black mood **Fun Facts:** Most cultures considered a black cat crossing your path bad luck except England where they regard it as lucky.



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Community Giving



By **Caitlin Sageng**
Branch Director
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater
Scottsdale, Vestar Branch

Each year the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale, Vestar Branch, through a partnership with the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury, offers an instructional youth basketball program for ages 5-14.

This all-encompassing basketball program is designed to teach youth about the fundamentals of basketball, the benefits of

working with a team and the importance of exhibiting good sportsmanship. Leagues are divided into four divisions, Biddy Ball (ages 5-7), Rookies (8-9), Cadets (10-11), and Suns (12-14). It is the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs to provide these important life opportunities, such as being a part of a team, to all youth, regardless of their financial ability to pay and this is made possible through generous sponsors including the Desert Ridge Community Association.

Photos courtesy of Alyssia Saxton



After a successful community Movie in the Park night, Desert Ridge was able to donate to the Vestar Branch, becoming the Rookies Division Sponsor. The Vestar Branch would also like to thank Right Honda and North Valley Orthodontics for their support this basketball season and invite you to visit their website at vestarbranch.bgcs.org to find out how you can get involved.

The Boys & Girls Clubs

of Greater Scottsdale provides a positive, safe and fun environment to help Valley youth of all ages and backgrounds reach the power of their potential. This non-profit organization offers more than 100 youth development programs at the organization's nine branches and 12 outreach sites located in Scottsdale, Phoenix, Mesa, Fountain Hills and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa and Hualapai Indian Communities.

The Waste Management Phoenix Open

The Waste Management Phoenix Open will be played January 28 – February 3, 2013, at the TPC Scottsdale. The tournament host Thunderbirds have raised more than \$80 million for charities, with more than \$50 million generated since 2004. The 2013 edition will mark the 78th playing of the event, making it one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR (not including the major championships). Title sponsor Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. For more information on the Waste Management Phoenix Open or to purchase tickets visit www.wmphenixopen.com.



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General Admission: \$18 ■ Teens (ages 13-19): \$14 ■ Children (ages 4-12): \$10 ■ Children 3 and under: Free

Programing subject to change

Concert: Jimmy Webb
Fri., February 1 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$37.50-\$42.50

Jimmy Webb is a critically acclaimed songwriter whose music has thrilled audiences over more than 40 years with a chain of memorable hits. His songs "Wichita Lineman," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Galveston," "MacArthur Park," and many more have been heard by millions, and he is the only artist to have ever received Grammy Awards for music, lyrics, and orchestration.

Museum Encounter:
ASA Chamber Orchestra

Sat., February 2 | 12:30-1 p.m. & 2:30-3 p.m.

Tickets: Free with museum admission

Join the ASA Chamber Orchestra, a group of talented young musicians from grades eight to 12 from Arizona School for the Arts, as they perform Antonio Vivaldi's Concerto for 4 Violins and Edvard Grieg's Elegiac Melodies as well as a sampling of string quartets and trios.

childhood music-education program, aims to enrich children's lives by providing a safe, interactive, and engaging environment for children to explore a variety of music from around the world. Each class is structured around developmentally appropriate activities for children to interact with and create their own music. This session's classes will focus on the sights and sounds of jazz music.



Vusi Mahlasela

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Mon., February 4 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

Celebrated for his distinct, powerful voice and his poetic, optimistic lyrics, Vusi Mahlasela is simply known as "The Voice" in his home country of South Africa. His songs of hope connect apartheid-scarred South Africa with its promise for a better future. Raised in the Mamelodi Township, where he still resides, Mahlasela became a singer-songwriter and poet-activist at an early age, teaching himself how to play guitar and later joining the Congress of South African Writers. His songs became anthems for the struggle to end apartheid, and he was asked to sing at Nelson Mandela's inauguration. He has since achieved international acclaim and has made friends and fans of artists ranging from Taj Mahal to Dave Matthews to Josh Groban.

Concert: Paul Thorn

Sat., February 9 | 7:30 p.m.

Ticket: \$29.50-\$34.50

Thorn has been pleasing crowds for years with his muscular brand of roots music: bluesy, rocking, and thoroughly Southern, yet also speaking universal truths. The Tupelo, Mississippi, native worked in a furniture factory, jumped out of airplanes, and was a professional boxer before sharing his experiences with the world as a singer-songwriter.

Concert: Kurt Elling

Sun., February 10 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$29.50-\$37.50

Grammy winner Kurt Elling is among the world's foremost jazz vocalists. He has won every

DownBeat Critics Poll for the last 13 years and has been named "Male Singer of the Year" by the Jazz Journalists Association eight times in that same span. Every one of Elling's nine albums has been nominated for a Grammy. Elling's rich baritone spans four octaves and features both astonishing technical mastery and emotional depth. His repertoire includes original compositions and modern interpretations of standards, all of which are springboards for inspired improvisation, scatting, spoken word, and poetry.

Mini Music Makers Series

Mon., February 11

9:30-10 a.m. for children ages 0-18 months

10:15-10:50 a.m. for children ages 18 months-3 years

11-11:45 a.m. for children ages 3-5 years

Tickets: \$12 per class or \$40 for all four

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Concert: Habib Koité & Eric Bibb

Mon., February 11 | 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$32.50-\$37.50 (7 p.m.) &

\$22.50-\$27.50 (9 p.m.)

Koité and Bibb first met 10 years ago, when both were invited to play on the album *Mali to Memphis* (Putumayo). They struck a chord, exchanged a few notes, and then a few songs. A connection was established, friendship followed. Both recognized that blues has its roots in Africa. The dialogue continued and a follow-up meeting launched the project that would become *Brothers in Bamako*. When Koité and Bibb sat down to begin recording the new album, any geographical or cultural differences vanished, and what was left was two artists with their own particular backgrounds, but with a similar vision arriving at a common ground that joined their music as one.

Concert: Gryphon Trio with Patricia O'Callaghan - "Broken Hearts and Madmen"

Wed., February 13 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$42.50-\$47.50

Broken Hearts & Madmen joins two of Canada's leading musical forces: the Gryphon Trio and vocalist Patricia O'Callaghan. Blending classical music with popular songs from around the world, they'll take listeners on a haunting and beautiful musical journey through the complexities of the creative spirit. Featuring songs by Leonard Cohen, Nick Drake, Elvis Costello, Lhasa de Sela, and



Joe Lovano

Concert: Joe Lovano and Us Five Featuring James Weidman, Esperanza Spalding, Francisco Mela, and Otis Brown III

Sat., February 2 | 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$42.50-\$47.50 (7 p.m.) &

\$32.50-\$37.50 (9 p.m.)

Grammy-winning saxophone giant Joe Lovano has distinguished himself for three decades as a major creative force in music with his fearless ability to push the conceptual and thematic choices he has made in his quest to find new modes of artistic expression within the jazz idiom.

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A Very Vintage Valentine's Day: A Special Valentine's Event at MIM
Thur., February 14 | 7-9:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$60 until January 31; \$65 after January 31



Spend an evening under the stars and embark on a global journey through music at MIM to celebrate Valentine's Day! Live music for the evening will be provided by The Sugar Thieves, who bring a powerhouse delta sound that will take guests back in time, while the Savoy Hop Cats will get guests grooving with 1920s-style Lindy Hop swing dance performances. While enjoying the sights and sounds of this unique entertainment, guests can also taste a special menu of food and beverages sourced locally, but inspired by culinary traditions from around the globe. Each ticket includes one complimentary beverage of choice with a cash bar afterwards.

*Note: This event is for those ages 21 and older.

Concert: Tragedy & Triumph: The Soldier's Tale & Headcase. Robert Moody conducts the Arizona Musicfest Chamber Players

Sat., February 16 | 4 p.m.

Tickets: \$40; Premium Seating \$50

Two remarkable works, Igor Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale* and the Arizona premiere of Brett William Dietz's *Headcase*, to be performed by the Arizona Musicfest Chamber Players (members of the all-star Arizona Musicfest Orchestra)—this is a concert unlike any other! A modern Faust, *The Soldier's Tale* is filled with Stravinsky's characteristic melodic edginess and syncopated rhythms. Dietz's *Headcase* is a powerful work that transforms a personal story into a universal one, capturing the composer's recovery from a stroke at the age of 29.

Family Day at MIM: Get A Little Bit Louder Now! The Science of Sound
Sun., February 17 | 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tickets: Free with museum admission

Experience the Science of Sound with a full day of fascinating events. Fun for the whole family, programs include a rare tour of MIM's Conservation Lab (for those over age 10), a Gallery Walk featuring the music and engineering of mechanical instruments and special music programs designed for the youngest family members. Other programs encourage you to discover unique electronic instruments, explore the science of sound with some hands-on experiments, and enjoy some great local music.



David Broza

Concert: David Broza
Sun., February 17 | 7 p.m.
Mon., February 18 | 7 p.m.
Tickets: \$37.50-\$42.50

Israeli superstar David Broza is one of the most vibrant and engaging artists on the worldwide singer-songwriter scene. He has released more than two dozen albums in three different languages, several of which have gone platinum. His 1983 album, *The Woman by My Side*, went platinum five times in Israel and remains one of the top-selling Hebrew-language records ever. Broza has been called "the postmodern Leonard Cohen," "Stevie Ray Vaughn of folk-rock," and even "the Mel Gibson of rock 'n' roll." But these comparisons merely offer a way to introduce this Israeli star to American audiences who have yet to experience his sound and stage presence.

Mini Music Makers Series
Mon., February 18

9:30-10 a.m. for children ages 0-18 months
 10:15-10:50 a.m. for children ages 18 months-3 years
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Music in Motion: Zero Zero
Thurs., February 21 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Tickets: Free with museum admission or \$7 performance only

Groove to the sounds of Arizona bands under the stars and take a musical journey around the world in MIM's galleries with the monthly Music in Motion series! Zero Zero, created by Nicole Laurene and Michael Johnny Walker, does electro-fuzz-pop as a trio, with synthesizers, guitar, female vocals, and live drums, plus sampled tracks. The group debuted its first record, featuring eight original tracks written, performed, recorded, and mixed by Laurene and Walker on October 5, 2012.

Concert: George Kahumoku Jr. and the Masters of Hawaiian Music
Fri., February 22 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$32.50-\$37.50

Winning his fourth Grammy this year, George



George Kahumoku Jr.

Kahumoku Jr., on slack-key guitar and vocals, brings together masters from his award-winning albums for an evening of down-home Hawaiian music. He'll be joined by fifth-generation slack-key player Keoki Kahumoku and Uncle Richard Ho'opi'i, on ukulele and vocals, who is an NEA Folk Heritage Fellow for Hawaiian falsetto singing. They'll share music, stories, culture, and joy with audiences from kids to kupuna (elders) and everyone in-between.

Museum Encounter: ASA Piano Students
Sat., February 23 | 12:30-1 p.m. & 2:30-3 p.m.

Tickets: Free with museum admission

Join ASA piano students, a group of talented young musicians from grades seven to 12 from Arizona School for the Arts, as they perform duets from classical and other distinguished composers.

Museum Encounter: ASA Percussion Ensemble
Sun., February 24 | 12:30-1 p.m. & 2:30-3 p.m.

Tickets: Free with museum admission

Join the ASA Percussion Ensemble, a group of talented young musicians from grades nine to 12 from Arizona School for the Arts, as they perform a diverse program of contemporary percussion ensemble literature. This program is sure to enhance your visit to MIM as the group will feature music and instruments found in many of the museum's exhibits.

Mini Music Makers Series
Mon., February 25

9:30-10 a.m. for children ages 0-18 months
 10:15-10:50 a.m. for children ages 18 months-3 years
 11-11:45 a.m. for children ages 3-5 years
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MIM Musical Interludes Series
Featuring ASU: Jazz

Wed., February 27 | 10:30 a.m.

Tickets: Free with museum admission or \$7 performance only

The jazz trio of Michael Kocour (piano), Ben Hequist (bass), and Dom Moio (drums) will present a program of musical exploration through the American Songbook, jazz classics, and original compositions.



Wildfire Elementary School Gets Recognition



We are pleased to announce Wildfire Elementary School was Recognized as a 2012 NCEA High Performing School. This is not an award that is applied for, but one that is the result of analysis by the National Center

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RISTORANTE TUSCANY AT THE JW MARRIOTT DESERT RIDGE RESORT & SPA

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5350 East Marriott Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85054

4.5 out of 5 stars ★★★★★



Nestled in a corner of the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa is Tuscany, a delicious little piece of Italy full of authentic Italian flavors, affordable wines and attentive service. Guests can share in a journey of Italian cuisine guided by an experienced staff through an array of mouth-watering small plates, generous sharing dishes and individual entrees.

At Tuscany, hand-crafted pizzas, delicious pastas and authentic cheeses rule the day. A seasonal menu focuses on locally grown produce fresh from local farms, as well as their very own organic herb garden. Our team of tasters enjoyed this evening of food and Italian style fun.

Here's what we found:

ANTIPASTI BAR

This appetizer is a fun and inventive way to create your own plate of Charcuterie. Make your own cutting board plate full of cured meats, delicious spreads and flavorful cheese. We recommend the Salami, Prosciutto San Daniele and hand pulled Mozzarella. Be sure you don't overlook the "to die for" Maple Walnuts. The EVOO drizzled bread served with this appetizer was simply unbelievable.

VEAL MARSALA

Tender Veal, ridiculously fresh wild mushrooms, spinach and the same Mozzarella we raved about in the appetizer all covered in a delicious Marsala Sauce. This was by far our favorite entrée.

WILD MUSHROOM PIZZA

A delicious pizza full of shallots, truffle oil, chives and sweet onions, perfectly cooked in authentic wood-fired pizza ovens. This pie had wonderful flavors, a nice balance of toppings and a drizzle of truffle oil that tied it all together beautifully.

SALSICCIA PIZZA

The flavors of sausage, garlic sauce, Peppadew peppers and spinach come together in this fantastic pizza dish. A healthy kick of crushed red-pepper for heat and sweet spinach made this pizza a favorite.

SWEET CORN GNOCCHI

Of all the dishes our group tasted, the gnocchi was the least appreciated. We felt the consistency was off and it was just too chewy. The accompanying sauce was flavorless and we would not order this entrée again.

VEAL RAVIOLI

The taste of spinach pasta, zucchini, brown butter and oregano came together in this tender homemade pasta. There was a hint of sweetness and a melt in your mouth goodness we just couldn't get enough of.

RISOTTO

A signature dish of Tuscany made of English peas, pancetta and sunny-up eggs.

We love risotto and this dish was no exception with its rich, complex and hearty flavors. Next time, we may add the optional spicy prawns, or rotisserie chicken.

BLACK AND WHITE

Half chocolate brownie and half chocolate chip cookie, this dessert is served warm with house-made vanilla ice cream. While we enjoyed the taste, it was your standard fare found at a number of other Desert Ridge restaurants.

BERRIES IN HEAVEN

The name says it ALL. Fresh berries floating in a light, airy custard made with Limoncello, cream and mascarpone. HEAVEN served in an old style canning jar.

TIRAMISU

An Italian classic, but this Tiramisu was a little too sweet and a bit on the dry side for our taste.



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OUR RESOURCES

JW MARRIOTT DESERT RIDGE RESORT & SPA CELEBRATES

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rooftop garden offer guests quiet solitude in between treatments. The spa presents its own sanctuary swimming pool surrounded by nine private cabanas. A spacious fitness center and movement studio feature state-of-the-art workout equipment and a host of classes. While enjoying the benefits of the spa, guests can indulge in healthful cuisine in Revive's Spa Bistro.

JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa offers dynamic golf experiences at its Wildfire Golf Club. With two on-site courses, including 18 holes of both Nick Faldo and Arnold Palmer-designed championship golf, your golf afternoon can easily turn into a day of golf.

In addition to a fully equipped golf shop, Wildfire Golf Club offers men's and women's locker rooms. The expansive facility features Meritage Steakhouse for course-side dining. The resort caters to the tennis enthusiast as well with eight lighted tennis courts and pro shop at the Tennis Center.

Water flows throughout JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, from spectacular swimming pools to wandering waterways that weave through the colorful grounds. The main pool features a free standing, immense waterfall crowned by flames which dance against the night sky. Families and free spirits alike enjoy floating along the resort's Lazy River in this lush desert oasis.

From fine dining surrounded by romantic fire pits, to casual poolside cuisine, a cornucopia of dining experiences is sure to please every palate at JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa. Among the notable eateries is Roy's Restaurant, Roy Yamaguchi's Hawaiian Fusion Cuisine. Tuscany features authentic Italian comfort cuisine including handcrafted pastas and specialty pizzas in an inviting, warm atmosphere.

Blue Sage headlines the resort's all-day dining with contemporary favorites

and regional specialties. Blue Sage Marketplace offers gourmet sandwiches to go, while coffee lovers perk up at the resort's Starbuck's. Vista Lounge, with its magnificent floor-to-ceiling views, has indoor and outdoor patio seating with charming fire pits – the perfect spot to sip a martini and enjoy fresh fish creations from the sushi bar while enjoying spectacular vistas of the McDowell Mountains.

Meritage Steakhouse at Wildfire Golf Club features bold wines and prime aged steaks for lunch and dinner. Healthy cuisine featuring organic ingredients can be enjoyed at the resort's Spa Bistro. Room service is available 24 hours a day for intimate, in-room dining.

With wireless access throughout the resort, JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa offers the latest in technology and the two largest ballrooms in Arizona. The Grand Canyon and Grand Sonoran Ballrooms are located on the resort's first level that opens to a circular drive for easy access. The Saguaro Ballroom offers more than 50,000 square feet of meeting and event space. More than 100,000 square feet provides lushly landscaped flexible outdoor venues. For outdoor events with flair, the resort's botanical garden features blooming wildflowers and colorful flora. Parties held here under the desert sun or stars are sure to be remembered long after the event comes to an end.

Whether the visit to the resort is for business or pleasure, the guest's experience is always memorable. Going into its second decade, the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa has earned its place as an iconic destination in Phoenix and Scottsdale.

For more information about JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, visit www.jwdesertridgeresort.com or call 480-293-5000.

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