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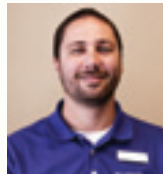
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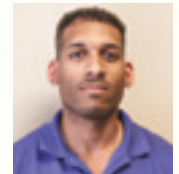
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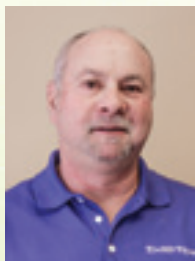
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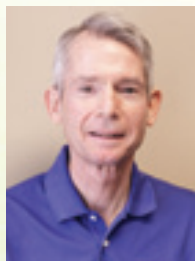
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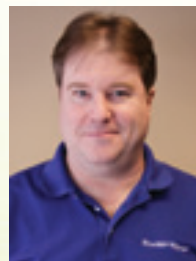
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From the President



Doug Dickson

Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual election. Our Nominating Committee did an outstanding job and we appreciate the many hours that were given by our volunteers.

Special thanks also to Phoenix Vice-Mayor Jim Waring and City Manager Ed Zuercher, who spoke at the event.

With 11 candidates, it was one of the most competitive in Desert Ridge history. The MIM location was popular with everyone and I'm certain will be coming back for future events.

Now that our DRCA board has been installed and committee chairs selected, we'll be focusing on the work of maintaining and improving our community. If you're

interested in becoming involved, this would be a great time to join one of our Desert Ridge committees.

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- Community Awareness
- Design Review
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- Lifestyles
- Nominating
- Public Affairs

The volunteers who serve on these committees do much of the work accomplished in our community. It's a great way to give back, meet new people and participate. If you're interested in serving, simply contact the DRCA offices for more information and the necessary paperwork.

Thanks again for all of your support. I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood.

Doug Dickson
President
Desert Ridge Community Association



Communications Chair



Brad Slager

Summer is here and there are so many things to do locally, why head out of town? I know, I know.....It is HOT! Over the dreadful summer months, some of our residents take a

few extended weekends out of town, some leave for a month or so and others leave for the entire summer. Escaping our desert heat seems to be something we do out of necessity, rather than indulgence, or escape. However a few degrees, pale in comparison to the many reasons to STAY and PLAY!

Many of us also tend to discount the attractions in our own back yard. It's easy to feel unexcited about what's nearby when there's a big, beautiful world out there just waiting to be seen. Remember, we have world-class resorts in and nearby our very

own community! In this issue of your, "Desert Ridge Lifestyles Magazine," we highlight all the area has to offer when we think of "staycations". We encourage you to take advantage of one, or all of these unbelievable offers.

Summer is peak season for most travel, and peak season means peak prices. To enjoy a wonderful summer vacation, without the big expense of travel, consider visiting one of our amazing local resorts. Beyond the amazing deals to be had in AZ, there are other benefits of staycations. A few may be:

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As always, we welcome your comments, suggestions, feedback and contributions. Please contact us at:communications@desertridgelifestyles.com with anything you wish.

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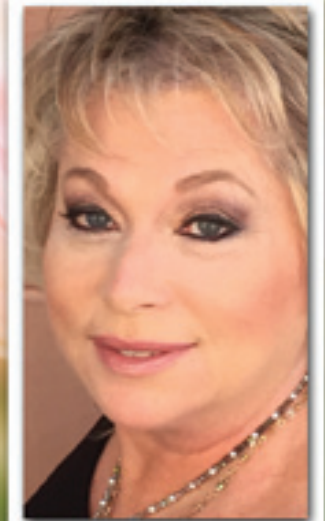
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Lifestyles Chair

Enhancing the Lifestyles of Desert Ridge Residents



Stephanie Rimmer

The past year has been exciting as the Desert Ridge Lifestyles Committee embarked on its first year of actively supporting and enhancing the

lifestyles of our Desert Ridge residents. Since inception just over a year ago, the committee focused on augmenting already successful DRCA events, increasing lifestyles activities through community partnerships, and implementing new programs that encourage members to enjoy an active lifestyle within the community.



Highlights of the committee's work include the expansion of the Holiday Lights Trolley Tours from 3 to 13 (increasing the number of participants from 90 to 390 people), the addition of a second (Fall) Movie in the Park, the continuation of the Spring Movie in the Park, and the return of the Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge.

New programming included Lifestyles sponsorship of the Boys and Girls Club, support for our local schools, increased partnership with the Musical Instrument Museum, social programming, an astronomy night with the Phoenix Astronomical Society, fitness in the park and a community-wide yard sale. All of these events are planned to meet the interest of our Desert Ridge members.

On Saturday, April 18th, Desert Ridge Lifestyles sponsored our inaugural community-wide yard sale. Hundreds of residents benefitted from weeklong community advertising on social media sites, local signage and advertising in the *Arizona Republic*. Residents were

invited to bring their unsold items to Cashman Park at Desert Ridge after the yard sale for donation to the Goodwill of Central Arizona. Altogether Desert Ridge donated 14,000 pounds of used goods to support the 22 Goodwill career centers that provide no-cost job training and educational services to Arizonans. Another community-wide yard sale will be held in the fall.

Membership interest in social gatherings led to the development of a monthly Ladies Night Out, which launched in September. This event has grown from a handful of residents to dozens of local ladies gathering to make new friends. In May, participants enjoyed making crafts at PInspiration on High Street. The Ladies Night Out will take a break for July, returning in August on the second Monday of the month. Also exceptionally popular is the bi-monthly Community Night Out, which the committee started in November. More than 40 residents enjoyed the May 19th Community Night Out at Modern Margarita. The next Community Night Out will be the 3rd Tuesday of September.

The most significant accomplishment of the committee was the successful return

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Say Hello to Summer IN DESERT RIDGE

By Carmello Musarra

Residential Community Manager
Desert Ridge Community Association

Why leave the Desert Ridge area when you can stay and play?! There are many opportunities for you to stay and relax and play locally. Staycations that are fun filled for the entire family or a simple weekend getaway for the adults. Included throughout the next few pages you will find some

excellent offers for you to enjoy locally. Whether it be the JW Marriott or the Westin Kierland, you will find an offer that is pleasing to you.

If a weekend getaway is not the only thing you are looking for, enjoy a night out listening to live music at the Desert Ridge Marketplace, the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) or the new Toby Keith's

"I Love This Bar and Grill". Enjoy a nice relaxing dinner at one of the local restaurants found throughout the Desert Ridge Marketplace or High Street locations before finding a seat to listen to music at the Marketplace, walking around and learning about music history at the MIM or before a fun night out with friends, neighbors or family. Stay this summer and see what memories you can create in Desert Ridge.

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Pinspiration is a new Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Arts and Crafts Studio/Wine Bar in located on High Street in Phoenix. (56th St and 101). The studio removes DIY's common barriers to creativity and make it easy for every member of the community to unleash their inner artist and try DIY.

Pinspiration makes use of Pinterest as a tool to select the most popular arts and crafts projects. Customers create crafts in studio using pre-assembled project kits and they follow iPad tutorials. They work at their own pace and can do different types of projects at the same table. Projects change to reflect trends and customer input so the experience remains curated and varied. Think canvas or pottery painting but hip venue with broader appeal and curated projects.

Pinspiration's hip studio offers both open-ended and tutorial-let art experiences in a supportive, playful venue. Customers have access to a variety of

high-quality art supplies and tools. Customers can create their own idea on the spot



Great for Father's Day!

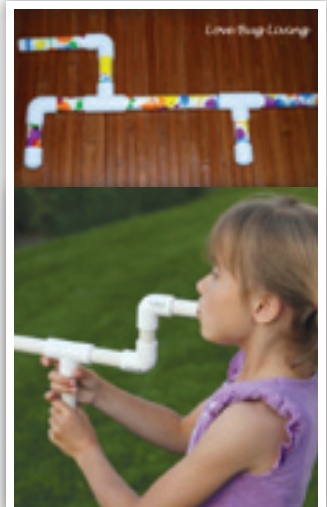
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or they can choose from an array of ever-changing monthly project menus based on the most popular "pinned" social media projects and current craft trends. Enjoy these summer crafts this summer. For more information on Pinspiration, please visit pinspirationaz.com.



DIY Bubble Gum Kit:

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Marshmallow Shooter:

Assemble and customize with your favorite duct tape. All you need is to add a bag of mini marshmallows. Place the marshmallow in the end and blow through the tube! You can set up target practice and take aim. Marshmallows won't hurt, but you may want to have the kids wear protective eye wear so they don't get hit in the eye. Hours of fun in the backyard!



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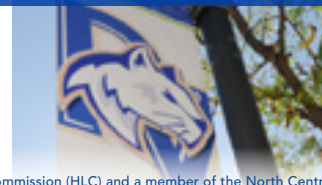
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Design Review Committee— Helpful Tips & Reminders

The Design Review Committee (DRC) for the Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) would like to remind and provide our residents with some helpful tips and reminders regarding the design review submission process that will enable the DRC to expedite their review of your submission. The DRC is recommending the following tips and reminders:

1. Please avoid faxing your architectural submittals to the DRC if your submission has any photos or drawings. Photos and drawings are illegible and cannot be clearly viewed from the fax transmission.

Please scan and email your submission to desertridge.az@fsresidential.com. Submissions can also be mailed or delivered to the Desert Ridge Community Association Office, located at 5415 E. High Street, Suite 220, Phoenix, AZ 85054. Please review the DRCA Residential Guidelines prior to finalizing and forwarding your submission to the DRC to ensure that you have fulfilled all the submission requirements. As a reminder, the DRC does require 3 sets of copies for each architectural submission.

2. Please consider when you are making plans

to paint your home that the original paint colors on your home have faded over time from the sun. The current color on your home may not be the exact color as it appears today that was approved when originally painted. The Dunn Edwards website allows for homeowners to view their approved paint colors for their respective neighborhoods and home. To view the Dunn Edwards website go to <https://www.dunedwards.com/colors/archive/color-ark-pro/desert-ridge-1/parcel-26>. Please note this link defaults to Parcel 26, but you can select or enter your neighborhood parcel to view your neighborhood or home approved paint color schemes. Please do not hesitate to contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office should you have any questions or need further assistance at 480.551.4553. You can also visit a Dunn Edwards store to view and discuss your approved colors with a Dunn-Edwards Representative. Please remember that you may use any paint manufacturer that you

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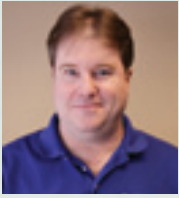
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YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR



Steve Burns

In the early 90s my wife and I began searching for a house to buy. We looked at a few developments that had associations but didn't understand why we

should live where we would pay dues or have restrictions on what we could do to our home and yard. We ended up purchasing a 16-year-old home in north Phoenix. The house was in a nice neighborhood and the people living there seemed to take real pride of ownership.

As the years passed, many neighbors came and went, and the area started to change dramatically. A new family moved into the house across the street. The man of the house was a former high-end sports car mechanic who had recently made the transition to airline mechanic. They were a nice family, but before long, we started seeing "project" cars up on blocks. Even though some of them were nice sports cars, they still became an eyesore. Some of the neighbors complained to him about the cars, but he simply ignored them.

Not long after the mechanic moved in, a man who owned a small landscaping company purchased a home a few houses down from ours and started parking his landscaping vehicles in the street. He even poured an extra concrete slab next to his driveway and had trucks parked there as well. Another neighbor stated that his house "wasn't bright enough" and painted his house yellow with a purplish trim.

Little by little as more houses changed hands, the neighborhood started to go downhill, as did the selling price of homes in that area. Even the light poles and the fire hydrants looked bad, as the paint became just a faded powdery finish.

Then, one late summer evening, my neighbor's vehicle was stolen out of the driveway 15 minutes after he got home from work. Our family decided it was time to move someplace where we were less likely to experience the kinds of issues we were seeing in our current neighborhood. After an extensive search, we came upon a community that had everything that we were looking for, Desert Ridge.

Here, we found a community with a master association that:

- Makes sure the light poles, common area walls, and even fire hydrants are painted.
- Streets aren't cluttered with trailers and work vehicles.
- People are keeping up their yards and not letting them get overgrown.
- The houses are painted colors within a specific color palette and guidelines.

And those are just a few of the things that the Master Association does. Granted, many of these things can be found in other communities with Master or Homeowner's association, but what makes Desert Ridge truly unique is our commitment to overall increased property values. A staple to increasing and maintaining property values in any community is the reduction and prevention of crime. Our programs here in Desert Ridge are doing just that.

This past year we started new Block Watch programs and bolstered existing Block Watches through the DRCA Block Watch

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2014 NEIGHBORHOOD STATISTICAL INFORMATION

By: Officer Timothy Mitten
Community Action Officer
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In this article I am going to focus on two statistical reports. The first chart is a review of 2014 off duty program as far as the basic numbers of what the officers did. This includes things like miles driven, calls for service the officers answered in the Desert Ridge area, citations, reports written, and a few other things. The second report will be the crime stats for the area. 2014 was the third full year of the program and that allowed me to compare the three years prior to implementation and now three full years after.

The Phoenix Police Department reports our official statistics according to the Uniform Reporting Criteria (UCR) which are not equivalent to Arizona Revised Statutes

DESERT RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OFF DUTY POLICE YEARLY RECAP REPORT 2014			
SHIFTS WORKED:	329		
HOURS WORKED:	1648		
MILES DRIVEN:	13772	monthly avg	1148
CALLS FOR SERVICE:	335	monthly avg	28
EDUCATIONAL CONTACTS:	680	monthly avg	57
ATCS:	19		
ARRESTS:	7		
DEPT. REPORTS:	15		
FIELD INTERROGATIONS:	43		
VACATION WATCHES:	1614	monthly avg	134

(ARS) statistics or other types. Under the hierarchy rule of UCR, only the most severe offense of an incident is counted, so if there is a Homicide after a Burglary, only the Homicide is counted. There are 4 Part One Violent Crimes that are counted and they are Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault (counted individually by victim). There are 4 Part One Property

Crimes that are counted and they are Stolen Vehicles, Arson, Theft, and Burglary (which includes residential, commercial and burglary from vehicles).

The statistics shown for the Desert Ridge community as a whole does not include the Desert Ridge Marketplace, JW Marriott Resort or any of the commercial properties

PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT PART I VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIMES

Based On Uniform Crime Reporting (Ucr) Criteria
Pinnacle Peak Rd To Loop 101 Freeway And 36Th St To 56 St
Does Not Include Desert Ridge Mall Area Or Aviano.

Type of Crime	2009	2010	2011	AVG	2012	2013	2014	AVG	DIFF
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	1	0	0	.33	0	0	1	.33	0
Robbery	1	4	2	2.33	1	0	0	.33	-86%
Aggravated Assault	8	3	3	4.67	3	2	2	2.33	-50%
Violent Crime Total	10	7	5	7.33	4	2	3	3	-59%
Burglary	78	53	88	73	41	37	39	39	-47%
Theft	109	98	82	96.3	61	60	55	58.67	-39%
Auto Theft	10	0	9	6.33	6	6	1	4.33	-32%
Arson	0	0	1	.33	1	0	0	.33	0
Property Crime Total	197	151	180	176	109	103	95	102.33	-42%
Total Crimes	207	158	185	183.33	113	105	98	105.33	-43%

This report is based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) criteria which are not equivalent to Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) statistics and therefore this data cannot be directly compared to ARS reports. Under the hierarchy rule of UCR, only the most severe offense of an incident is counted. Part One property crimes include motor vehicle theft, burglary, arson, and theft/larceny. Part One violent crimes include criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Aggravated assaults are counted by victim. Numbers may differ from other published reports due to case updates/reclassifications and/or to differences associated with unfounded cases incidents. UCR data excludes unfounded cases if the incident and the unfounded cases occurred in the same month. However, if the incident and the unfound occurred in different months, then the removal of the unfounded cases will not be reflected in the data. Any reports with missing or incorrect information would not be properly depicted in this report. Any listed crimes that do not appear in this report had a count of 0 for the time period indicated. New precinct, squad, beat and grid boundaries were implemented on August 23, 2010, and data in this report reflects the new grid boundaries as if they existed for the entire time period.



in the area. This program does not cover the entire community, it excludes Aviano (who has their own patrols) and the Desert Ridge Marketplace, commercial properties and the JW Marriott Resort are also not included in the off duty program area.

The 3-year average comparisons show across the board reductions in all crime categories with a total Violent Crime reduction of 59% and a total Property Crime reduction of 42%. Individually, Burglary was down 47%, Theft 39% and Auto Theft 32% and a total crime reduction of 43%. It is important to remember that these numbers are 3-year average comparisons and not a comparison of 2014 to any of the previous years or the percentages would be higher when compared to say 2008 or 2009 which were busy years in the area.

These statistics are not accomplished just by the Police Department; this is in partnership with you and the residents of your community. You are aware and call in suspicious activity, practice good crime prevention strategies and form Block Watches. All of this together along with the efforts of on and off duty personnel are what make improvements like this occur. You should thank yourselves for a job well done. Keep up the good work on your end and we will do our best and together we will continue to make the Desert Ridge Community a safe place to be.

If anybody has any questions about these statistics or on any other matter, please contact me at 602-495-5238 or at tim.mitten@phoenix.gov. Thank you for your support in partnering with the Phoenix Police Department to improve the safety and quality of life in your neighborhood.

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PARKING

DUSTIN WATKINS
Compliance Coordinator

The Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) contracted Urban Tactical Security in September 2014 to enforce the parking rules and regulations of the DRCA. Please see the DRCA parking guidelines below to help keep the streets of Desert Ridge looking great.

- 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 permitted.
- 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.

To notify the Desert Ridge Community Association of a guest that may need to park on the street overnight in the immediate vicinity of the hosts' home, please contact the Desert Ridge Community Association at 480-551-4553 or at desertridge.az@fsresidential.com.



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The Stars Come Out In Desert Ridge

FIGHT NIGHT AT JW MARRIOTT



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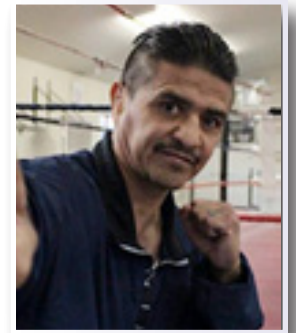
Each year, celebrities gather at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa for a glamorous evening filled with star musical performances that are part of one of the nation's most impactful charity events – Celebrity Fight Night. JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa has been a proud long-term partner of Celebrity Fight Night, hosting the annual fundraising event year after year to benefit the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center at the Barrow Neurological Institute as well as numerous other charities. By attending the event and bidding on live and silent auction items, each guest does their part to help win the fight for charities.

Recognized as one of the nation's

most elite and anticipated annual charity galas, Celebrity Fight Night has raised more than \$100 million over the past two decades. The event held at JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, the largest luxury resort in Arizona, is unique in that it features mostly entertainment and many spontaneous performances you won't see anywhere else. Celebrities return year after year, for instance Reba McEntire emceed the 2015 event for the 10th consecutive year on her 60th birthday. Other entertainers and celebrities from the 2015 roster included David Foster, Blake Shelton, Josh Groban, Kelly Clarkson, Russell Wilson, Frank Caliendo, Ronnie Dunn, Melissa Peterman, Frankie Muniz, Gloria Gaynor, Jane Seymour, Quinton Aaron, Bruce Arians, and many more.



Bruce Arians



Michael Carbajal



Kelly Clarkson



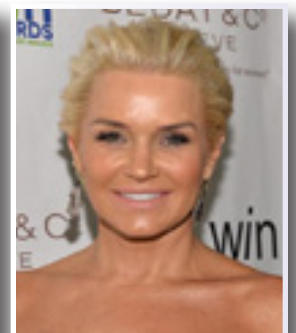
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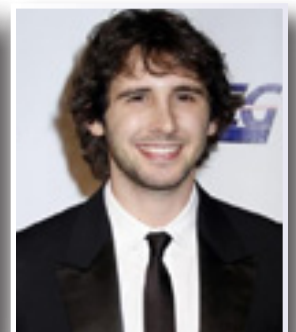
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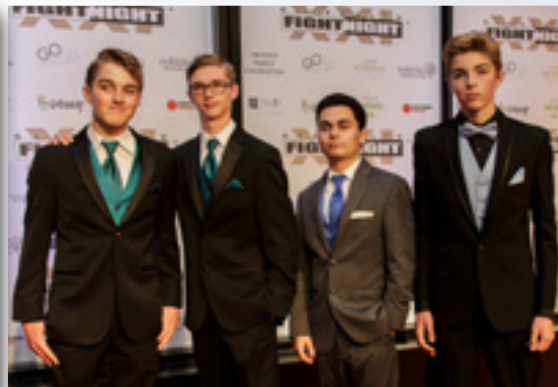
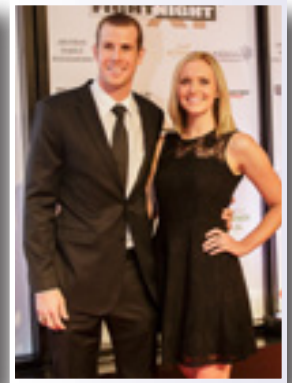
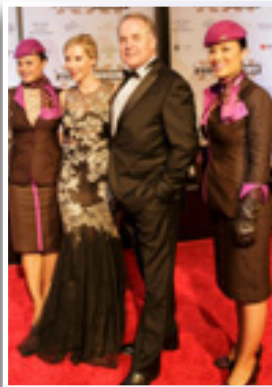
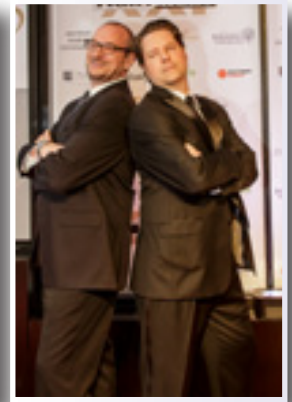
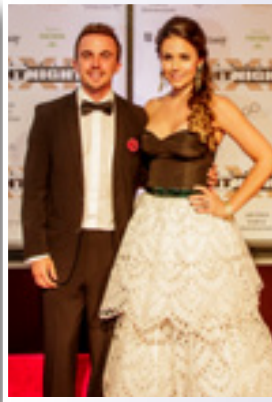


Todd Graham



Josh Groban

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STATE TRUST LANDS

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

Being an Arizona native, (yes there are some of us out there); I was raised in and enjoy the openness of the lands of our wonderful state. Even though I grew up

The trails and parks owned and operated by the City of Phoenix are separate from State Trust Land and have different rules. Hiking trails in the City of Phoenix are for pedestrians, bicycles and horses. There are no motorized vehicles allowed on any trails in city parks and dogs are required to be on a leash. Users are also



in the city, I had many opportunities to go out and enjoy the many recreational activities of the Arizona desert and the natural resources that are in abundance. The City of Phoenix has integrated the responsible preservation and use of these lands in many mountain preserves, hiking trails, recreational and city parks and has helped many neighborhoods and master planned communities have recreational land access built into them. The City of Phoenix Parks Department is responsible for managing the hiking trails and parks that are owned and operated by the City of Phoenix.

required to stay on the trails and not go off into the open areas around the trails. Most trails and parks have these and any other specific uses posted at the entrances or in the parking lots if there is one. Please review them prior to using the trail system. It is also very important to observe some basic safety rules like always tell someone where you went hiking, bring plenty of water, a cell phone, wear appropriate clothes, hats, sun block and shoes for hiking and know your limitations. For more information on using the City of Phoenix Parks go to www.phoenix.gov/parks.



Many of the open land in and surrounding the City of Phoenix is State Trust Land managed by the State of Arizona State Land Department. It is important to know that Arizona Trust Land is not public land. A recreational permit is required to be on State Trust land that is designated as open for recreation and not all State Trust land is open for recreational purposes. The recreational permit allows hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, picnicking, photography, bird watching, sightseeing, and camping (up to 14 days per year). **The permit does not allow you to target shoot, paintball, air soft, recreational flying (ultra lights), fireworks, sand raiing, rock hopping or operate any type of motorized vehicle on the land.** Many new laws have been adopted across the City of Phoenix and other metropolitan areas in Maricopa County in response to air quality concerns. These restrictions include the operation of any motorized vehicles, which includes dirt bikes, ATV's, sand rails, 4 wheel drive or any other type of vehicle on any unpaved road or vacant lot. There is limited bird hunting allowed on State Trust lands. There are many historic cultural or prehistoric ruins and archaeological sites in our State Trust lands which are not to be disturbed as well as removing rocks, cacti, saguaro or cholla skeletons, plants or firewood. For more information on obtaining a permit or the use of State Trust lands, go to www.land.state.az.us.

I can be reached at 602-495-5238 or at tim.mitten@phoenix.gov for questions regarding this or any other issue. Thank you.

Photos courtesy of Tina Dickson

Congratulations

TO THE NEW DESERT RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD

Congratulations to our four (4) newly elected board members Doug Dickson, Reginald Younger, Jr., Steve Burns and James Tuffin who were elected by the members to serve on the board for a term of 2 years.

The 2015-2016 Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors have been seated to serve on the board and committees in the following positions:

DRCA BOARD MEMBERS

- Doug Dickson – President
- Reginald Younger, Jr. – Vice President
- James Tuffin – Treasurer
- Barry Goldfarb – Secretary
- Steve Burns – Director
- Stephanie Rimmer – Director
- Carl Prettyman, Jr. – Director

DRCA COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

- Communications Committee**
Brad Slager (Chair) and Stephanie Rimmer (Vice-Chair)
- Community Awareness Committee**
Steve Burns (Chair) and Carl Prettyman, Jr. (Vice-Chair)
- Design Review Committee**
Reginald Younger, Jr. (Chair) and Barry Goldfarb (Vice-Chair)
- Finance Committee**
James Tuffin (Chair) and Doug Dickson (Vice-Chair)
- Lifestyles Committee**
Stephanie Rimmer (Chair) and Barry Wilson (Vice-Chair)
- Nominating Committee**
Steve Burns (Chair) and Dan Oseran (Vice-Chair)
- Public Affairs Committee**
Reginald Younger, Jr. (Chair) and Carl Prettyman, Jr. (Vice-Chair)

Please join with us in congratulating and supporting the above board and committee volunteers in their continued service and betterment of our community!



From left to right; Doug Dickson (President), Reginald Younger, Jr. (Vice President), Brad Slager (Communications Committee Chair), Barry Goldfarb (Secretary), Steve Burns (Director), Carl Prettyman, Jr. (Director), and Stephanie Rimmer (Director).



Jim Waring, District 2 Councilman and Ed Zuercher, City Manager



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DISTRICT STAGE

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AMC FOUNTAIN STAGE

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



JUNE

Kenny Love & The Rock-erfellas

Friday, June 19 ■ District Stage
Americana, Roots and Swing Band

Arizona's premier band performing originals and covers in the Classic Americana, Roots Rock-n-Roll, Rockabilly, Twang, Surf, Country and Western, Bop, Swing, Blues and Boogie Woogie Musical genres. For details, visit facebook.com/kennyloverockerfellas

David & Amy of Peppermint James

Friday, 19 ■ AMC Fountain
Alternative Acoustic Guitar Duo

David & Amy of Peppermint James perform as an Acoustic duo. Peppermint James was formed in Phoenix, Arizona in 2004 with strong influence from The Beatles, The Wailers, traditional jazz and blues artists, and many other outstanding world musicians. The sounds of Peppermint James continually evolves with a no limits attitude towards songwriting and arranging. For details, visit peppermintjames.com

Ratio

Saturday, June 20 ■ District Stage
Funk, Soul, Jazz and R&B Band

Ratio is one of Phoenix, Arizona's premier bands specializing in Rhythm and Blues, Jazz, Funk and Pop. Recognized as the "Best Jazz Band in Phoenix" by the Phoenix New Times Magazine and the "Best Blues Band" by the Arizona Republic, this versatile band led by founder Larry Rhymes is comprised of some of the best musicians in Phoenix. Their repertoire contains 60's and 70's Funk, 80's Jams, Smooth Jazz, Classic Soul and Motown. For details, visit ratioband.com

Charley & Jesi

Saturday, June 20 ■ AMC Fountain
Musical Duo

Charley and Jesi are a musical duo going after their dreams instead of waiting around for someone else to do it. This is a belief that they hold on to, while going after their music career wholeheartedly. These two talented artists met at an open mic and began their friendship with music. Now married, the two have continued to further their musical dreams. Along with sharing a passion for music, they also share the same passion for justice in today's world. Their newest upcoming album, "Circus," will be dedicated to raise awareness of unethical treatment of circus animals. For details, visit charleyandjesi.com

Think Horses

Friday, June 26 ■ District Stage
Original Alternative Band

In ancient Greece, young medical students were exhorted to think horses, not zebras, when they heard the sound of hoofbeats outside; they were encouraged to resist the temptation to second-guess the obvious. A literal endorsement of simplicity. Summer flowers. The sound of a far-off train. One, two, three, just like that, simplicity in music is elusive...in the end it's best to just listen. Think Horses are: León - voice & guitar, Theo Belledin - keys and saxes, Adam Clark - batterie, Emilio Caruso - drums, John Chapman - contrabass. For details, visit thethinkhorses.com

Sydney Sprague

Friday, June 26 ■ AMC Fountain
Indie Singer/Songwriter

Sydney Sprague's captivating and engaging songs, voice, and personality bring a refreshing relate-

ability to her audience and fans everywhere. Born and raised in Austin, Texas, Sydney has honed her talent amongst some of the best artists out there and brings a refreshing voice and uniqueness to the music world in a seemingly effortless manner.

For details, visit sydneysprague.com

Cosmic Shindig

Saturday, June 27 ■ District Stage
Classic Rock and Soul Band

Cosmic Shindig has been providing entertainment for pubs, parties and public events around the Valley for nearly a decade. The band consists of five lifetime musicians with diverse musical interests who come together to play classic rock and soul tunes that keep people of all ages feeling groovy. From The Beatles to Blondie to Wilson Pickett, the band is known for arrangements that retain the energy, harmonies and spirit of the original artists. Their song list is carefully selected to spark listeners to want to get up and boogie!

Come on out and take a trip with Cosmic Shindig back to a time when rock was young and bands were awesome! Can you dig it?

For details, visit cosmicshindig.com

Grady Soiné

Saturday, June 27 ■ AMC Fountain
Easy Listening Keyboardist

Grady Soiné of Gradymusic has delighted fans worldwide with his unique style of piano/keyboard music. Grady is an accomplished composer/pianist who's other passion is bringing ideas to life and helping others accomplish their dreams.

For details, visit gradymusic.com

JULY

Come Back Buddy

Friday, July 3 ■ District Stage
Buddy Holly Tribute Band

Come Back Buddy is a 3-piece Rock-n-Roll band inspired by the legendary "Buddy Holly and the Crickets." The trio's repertoire includes the music of many artists from the 50's era including Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Ricky Nelson, and of course, Buddy Holly. Mike Randall provides lead vocals and guitar with Janine Randall on bass and Don Rinehart on drums. The band has a strong foundation...and a strong following! For details, visit comebackbuddy.com

Kris Tuttle

Friday, July 3 ■ AMC Fountain
Acoustic Guitarist

Kris Tuttle is a solo acoustic rock singer-songwriter from Phoenix, Arizona. Heavily influenced by Dave Matthews, Pearl Jam and Led Zeppelin, he is a self-taught musician who has performed in such Arizona venues as Tempe Marketplace, the infamous Marquee Theatre, Desert Ridge Marketplace and throughout the Arizona and New England nightclub circuits.

Tuttle has developed his own unique acoustic sound, writing over a dozen original indie rock

tunes, and can keep audiences enthralled with his choice of countless cover songs. His current single is "Voyager".

The Geetars

Saturday, July 4 ■ District Stage
Country Western Band

Playing country classics and originals, The Geetars formed in 2007. Drawing on the raw sounds of Johnny Cash, Hank Williams and Ernest Tubb, the band reaches into every corner of country music from Tejano to the Blues, from Honky Tonk to Cajun.

JULY

Alex Mullins

Saturday, July 4 ■ **AMC Fountain**

Singer/Songwriter

Alex Mullins is a solo recording artist and performer. He began in 2012 and released his first EP, "De La Ponche" in 2013. His influences range from Coldplay to Jay-Z to The Devil Wears Prada to Two Door Cinema Club.

For details, visit reverbnation.com/alexmullins

The Flashbacks

Friday, July 10 ■ **District Stage**

Cover Band

Although the band specializes in '50s, '60s and early '70s classic rock, an evening with the boys will also include many country tunes from artists like Merle Haggard, Brooks & Dunn, George Strait, and Dwight Yoakam, just to name a few. Along the way, you'll hear some of your favorite songs from the Rolling Stones, Bob Seger, Ricky Nelson, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Santana, The Drifters, Van Morrison, Stevie Ray Vaughan, The Eagles, Marshall Tucker and many more.

Pam Morita

Friday, July 10 ■ **AMC Fountain**

Jazz Keyboardist

A professional pianist/singer in Chicago since 1980, Pam played at the Drake Hotel, Park Hyatt Hotel, the Fairmont, the Palmer House as well as well known jazz clubs as Andy's and the Green Mill. In 2000, Pam moved to Phoenix primarily because her parents lived there. Since moving to the Valley, Pam became a Nordstrom pianist for 5 years (as a soloist and with trios), and has played at the Top of the Rock Restaurant, Glendale Gaslight Inn, the Estate House, Cartwright's, Chandler Jazz Festival, 98 South, the Phoenix Music Festival, the Borgata, the Phoenician, the Biltmore, West Valley Art Museum, Scottsdale Artwalk, and the Kerr Cultural Center.

For details, visit pammorita.com

Knee Deep Experience

Saturday, July 11 ■ **District Stage**

Funk, Soul and R&B Band

The Knee Deep Experience is Arizona's premiere Funk & Soul band. Known for their signature Llama mascot, Knee Deep is sure to bring the funk to Desert Ridge Marketplace! Duane McClendon: Bass, Vocals – Ed Davis: Guitar, Vocals – Alex Holland: Saxophone, Vocals – Billy Webb: Guitar, Vocals – Chris Brown: Creative Force & Inspiration. For details, visit kneedeep.com

Scott & John of Hello Swindon

Saturday, July 11 ■ **AMC Fountain**

Guitar & Percussion Duo

The musical direction of Hello Swindon can only be described as eclectic. They are just as likely to come with a country-rock ditty as they are to rip into a ska or reggae song. Rock and roll is at the heart of things, but Hello Swindon does it in an acoustic-electric style that retains the energy and fun, but hints at the folksy blues beginnings of

America's greatest gift to the world.

For details, visit helloswindon.com

Miss D'meaner & the Felonies

Friday, July 17 ■ **District Stage**

Pop, Rock, Alternative Band

From The Cure to Katy Perry to Aerosmith, Miss D'meaner & the Felonies energizes the stage with a unique blend of Alternative/Rock/Pop cover songs from the 1970s through today. Based in the Phoenix-area, the 5-piece cover band formed in early 2013, and features the dynamic range of Rebecca Franz and Bret Helm - female/male co-lead vocalists - dual guitars from Dan Tipps and Leo Pelletier, and Jason Barton on drums. (Helm & Barton also form two-thirds of the band Audra - local heroes who have played alongside the likes of AFI, Peter Murphy, Concrete Blonde, etc.) Miss D'meaner & the Felonies will have you out of your seat, singing along. We'll save a seat for you.

For details, visit missdmeanerandthefelonies.com

Michael V.

Friday, July 17 ■ **AMC Fountain**

Adult Contemporary Guitarist

The music of Michael V. blends elements of rock, folk & jazz. Comparisons to Steely Dan, Don Henley, Bryan Adams and Sting have been mentioned. The music of Michael V is diverse, and therefore is difficult to categorize. This is probably why he is one of LA's best-kept secrets. Most record companies won't pick up an artist that covers as much musical ground as Michael V does. Nevertheless, Michael V demands a good listen and his new release with his band Ghandi's Garage entitled "Open" is their canvas for you to enjoy.

For details, visit myspace.com/ghandisgarage

Ratio

Saturday, July 18 ■ **District Stage**

Funk, Soul, Jazz and R&B Band

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For details, visit ratioband.com

Jocelyn Obermeyer

Saturday, July 18 ■ **AMC Fountain**

Harpist Extraordinaire

Jocelyn Obermeyer a Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner, began her musical interests in 3rd grade with the organ and piano. Shortly thereafter she took up the clarinet and continued on to graduate from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelors of Music in Clarinet. Also having studied flute and saxophone, specifically jazz, she had the opportunity to tour with jazz greats Louie Bellson, James Moody, and Phil Wilson just to name a few.

Peppermint James

Friday, July 24 ■ **District Stage**

Original Alternative & Cover Band

Peppermint James was formed in Phoenix, Arizona in 2004. With strong influence from The Beatles, The Wailers, traditional jazz and blues artists and many outstanding world musicians, the sound of Peppermint James continually evolves with a no limits attitude towards songwriting and arranging. Peppermint James continues their busy schedule of energetic live performances, released their sophomore album and is looking forward to sharing their music on a continuously larger scale.

For details, visit peppermintjames.com

West Hills Brothers

Friday, July 24 ■ **AMC Fountain**

Acoustic Guitar Duo

The West Hills Brothers are a unique duo of acoustic/electric guitars, vocals and percussion. Carson Smith is on lead vocals, guitar, and percussion and his twin brother Cole plays acoustic and electric guitar and mandolin.

They are originally from West Hills, California but now live in Arizona and perform on a regular basis at art walks, festivals, private parties and special events throughout the state. Their music is a great mix of classic rock, pop, alternative and original tunes with their own unique style.

For details, visit westhillsbrothers.com

The Caribbean Cruisers

Saturday, July 25 ■ **District Stage**

Caribbean Island Sounds

The Caribbean Cruisers are a select group of musicians specializing in the music of the Caribbean area. These styles include Calypso, Junkanoo, Soca, Latin, Reggae and Contemporary Jazz. The band's repertoire includes traditional Caribbean favorites from the various islands, jazz set in Latin and other tropical styles and popular American tunes arranged in Caribbean rhythmic styles.

For details, visit facebook.com

Mary Hoffman

Saturday, July 25 ■ **AMC Fountain**

Country Western

Anyone who is a live country music fan in Arizona has heard of Mary Hoffman! She has been playing music around Arizona for over 10 years and is still one of Arizona's best vocalists.

Mixing in originals and covers (everything from Carrie Underwood's, Before he Cheats to Bruno Mars', Grenade), Mary takes live music to a whole new level. "Every show I do...I put everything into it! I want people to have as much fun as I do! I just love playing music!" she says.

For details, visit maryhoffman.net

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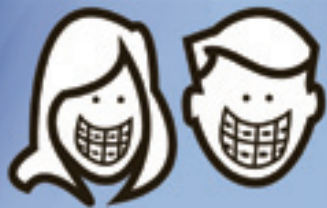
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SUMMER IRRIGATION

During the hot summer months we adjust our habits, activities, and how much water we consume. We should also be changing how we care for our landscape plants during these hot summer months.

Cacti native to Arizona need almost no supplemental irrigation. When frequently watered, the roots of cacti can rot, killing the entire plant. Also, a saguaro that is watered will be constantly bloated which causes fissures to develop in its accordion like folds. These injuries can lead to disease that may eventually kill the plant.

If there has been a month of temperatures exceeding 105 degrees with no rain then a cactus will need some water. A thirsty cactus can be easily identified because it gets very skinny. In this case, give the plant a good, deep soak with the hose and it will be ready for another month of the same weather. Sprinkler heads that attach to the end of a hose work well for cactus patches. Cacti not native to Arizona might need more watering.

Native shrubs need to be watered weekly during the summer. To achieve maximum growth, give native plants fertilizer in the spring. You may choose to feed monthly from May to September with an all-purpose, water-soluble fertilizer diluted to half-strength. Established native trees should

not have a need to be watered when surrounded by shrubs with irrigation. They will be able to get the needed moisture from the surrounding irrigation.

Ornamental trees will need to have a regular schedule of watering. With all plants, make sure they are being irrigated out where the feeder roots are, not by the trunk.

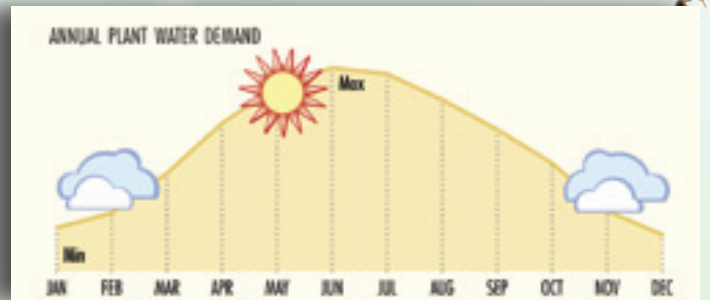
Citrus like to dry out between watering. In the hottest part of summer citrus trees need to be watered once every one to two weeks depending on soil type. When watering citrus it is best to flood them for a deep soaking. Water frequency should be reduced as temperatures drop over the winter. Give the tree time to adjust to the new water schedule by lowering the water frequency over time.

Newly planted trees need more frequent watering. For the

first two week after planting, water every one to three days depending on soil drainage. Then slowly cut back on the water frequency to establish deep, strong roots. Examples of other plants that fall under this schedule are Bougainvilleas and Oleanders. Interestingly, established oleanders need even less water. They are almost as tough as cactus, which is surprising considering how lush they look.

And of course don't forget the monsoon season is arriving soon. It is notorious for its high winds ripping branches off trees or completely

uprooting them altogether. Protect your trees by removing weak and crossing branches. Thin up to 25 percent of the canopy so wind can move through the branches. Chilean Mesquites are particularly susceptible to monsoon damage. Don't water them any more than they absolutely need. High winds and wet soils result in fallen trees.



How Much & How Often <small>Water to the outer edge of the plant's canopy and to the depth indicated. Watering frequency will vary depending on season, plant type, weather and soil.</small>		Seasonal Frequency — Days Between Waterings				Water This Deeply (Typical Root Depth)
		Spring Mar - May	Summer May - Oct	Fall Oct - Dec	Winter Dec - Mar	
Trees	Desert adapted	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	30-60 days	24-36 inches
	High water use	7-12 days	7-10 days	7-12 days	14-30 days	24-36 inches
Shrubs	Desert adapted	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	30-45 days	18-24 inches
	High water use	7-10 days	5-7 days	7-10 days	10-14 days	18-24 inches
Groundcovers & Vines	Desert adapted	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	21-45 days	8-12 inches
	High water use	7-10 days	2-5 days	7-10 days	10-14 days	8-12 inches
Cacti and Succulents		21-45 days	14-30 days	21-45 days	if needed	8-12 inches
Annuals		3-7 days	2-5 days	3-7 days	5-10 days	8-12 inches
Warm Season Grass		4-14 days	3-6 days	6-21 days	15-30 days	6-10 inches
Cool Season Grass		3-7 days	none	3-10 days	7-14 days	6-10 inches

These guidelines are for established plants (1 year for shrubs, 3 years for trees). Additional water is needed for new plantings or unusually hot or dry weather. Less water is needed during cool or rainy weather. Drip run times are typically 2 hours or more for each watering.

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

Urges Pet owners
to Keep Pets
Safe this
Summer



Melissa Gable
Public Information Officer
Maricopa County Animal Care and Control

Triple digit temperatures have hit the Valley and Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (MCACC) is reminding pet owners to keep a close eye on pets during the extreme heat. Did you know that some dogs can't swim? Does the big shade tree in your yard only provide shade during the cooler morning hours? Did you realize that your dogs paw pads can burn on hot pavement? Here are a few simple tips to keep in mind as we head into the dog days of summer ...



Stella

Keep pets indoors.

On extremely hot days, MCACC urges pet owners to keep pets indoors. If you absolutely cannot bring your animal inside, be sure he has access to shade throughout the entire day. While a dog house may provide shade, it does not allow air to circulate and provides no relief from the heat. Shady trees and covered patios provide the best relief from the glaring sun.

Provide plenty of fresh, clean water.

Just like us, pets can get dehydrated. Provide plenty of water in a spill proof, non-metal bowl out of direct sunlight. Be sure to change the water daily and remember that many pets won't drink if the water is too hot.

Limit exercise on hot days.

While your dog's paw pads may be tough, they are still sensitive and can be burned when walking on hot pavement. Limit your dog's exercise on hot days and walk him during the early morning or late evening hours. If it's too hot for your bare feet, chances are it is too hot for your dog's paws!

Don't leave pets in parked cars.

Even with the windows cracked, the temperature inside a car can soar within

minutes. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. Keep pets at home while you run errands.

Watch your pets around water.

Not every dog knows how to swim and most dogs won't know how to get out of the swimming pool. Teach your dog where the steps are located and ensure he knows how to find his way out should he accidentally (or purposely) land in the pool. Don't allow pets to be unsupervised during water play. If you plan on taking your dog to the lake or on a boat ride, consider purchasing a dog life jacket at a local pet supply store or online.

Recognize the signs of heat stress.

Dogs and cats pant to regulate their body temperature but this method can be easily overwhelmed during extreme heat. As pet owners, it's up to us to make sure we know the signs of heat stress and how to deal with it should a situation arise. Lethargy, extreme panting, excessive salivation, weakness and collapse are just a few of the signs of heat related illness in pets. If your animal exhibits any of these symptoms, apply cool (not cold) compresses and get your pet to the veterinarian immediately. Heat stress is a very serious condition that could result in death.

For more information about Maricopa County Animal Care & Control, visit www.maricopa.gov/pets.



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Desert Ridge® Parents' Group (DRPG)

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



MAKE GREAT MEMORIES WITH YOUR FAMILY

By Amber Roelofs

Desert Ridge Parents Group (DRPG) is all about FUN! Fun for kids, as well as fun for parents. We have many large events throughout the year that boost family fun time and make for memorable childhood experiences. So far this year, we have had our Annual Chili Cook-Off and Bike Rodeo, where Stephanie Kern won the cook-off for her delectable dish "Fifty Shades of Spicy." We had a wonderful police officer, Dan Malone, come and demonstrate bike safety for the kids. In addition, our Spring Fling Easter Egg Hunt at Cashman Park was a great success with children collecting hundreds

of eggs filled with homemade play dough and candy treats. We continue to have entertaining events throughout the year including a Summer Kick Off, which is a dinner and play time at a splash pad, a stay-cation at a valley resort in June, a Water Balloon Fest later in the summer, and a Boo and Brew and Fall Festival later in the year.



PLAYGROUPS

In addition to our large events, we have a number of playgroups that meet weekly for various age ranges. There is a group for babies under one that usually meet in a member's home. As the children grow, we have a playgroup to fit each age with activities appropriate for their development. These include play dates at

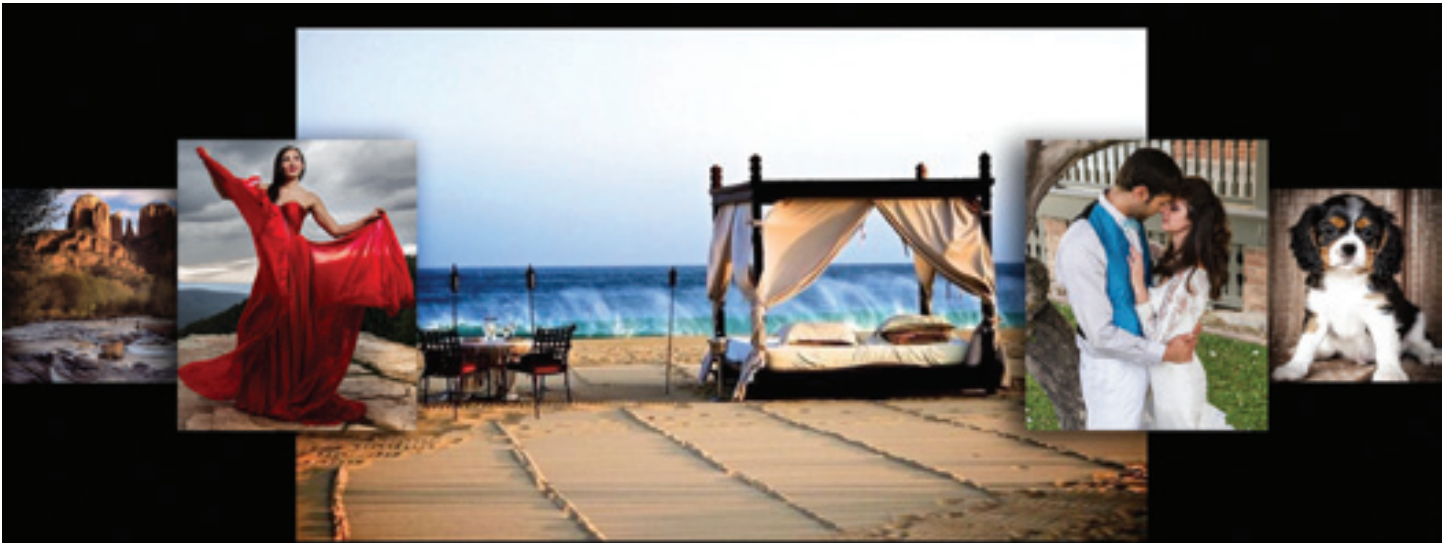
the park, the zoo, the Children's Museum, splash pads, pool play, inside play areas during the summer, kids craft activities, and much more.

JUST FOR PARENTS

Another awesome element to DRPG membership is the weekly and monthly activities for parents sans kids. We have Mom's Night Out, Dad's Night Out, and Parent's Night Out at local restaurants and bars. DRPG also sponsors a monthly bunco game, crafts for moms, and a book club, just to name a few activities. These are opportunities to meet parents in your area and to make great new friends. Membership is only \$30 per family, per year. If you are interested in hearing more about DRPG and joining in on the fun... visit us at DRPGonline.com or follow us on Facebook at: Desert Ridge Parents' Group.



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



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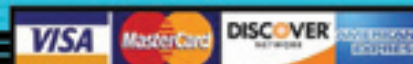
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NEWS RELEASE

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Boys & Girls Clubs Of Greater Scottsdale Announces 2015 Youth Of The Year

Annual Fundraiser Raises Over \$500,000 for the Local Non-Profit

Diane Roberts

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale is pleased to announce Allison Mertz, a junior at Pinnacle High School and seven-year member at the Thunderbirds Branch, has been named the organization's 2015 Youth of the Year. The award was presented to Mertz at the non-profit's Blue Door Ball which recently took place at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess raising over \$500,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale.

Presented by Tiffany & Bosco and Great American Title, the event celebrated the top teenage Club members with more than 800 attendees including community leaders, supporters and esteemed guests. The evening boasted a silent and live auction, dinner and live entertainment while the teen finalists shared their personal stories of triumph and transformation.

Mertz's story centered on the impact of the SMART Girls program, which teaches health, fitness, education and self-esteem enhancement to girls. It was through that program Mertz realized she was not the only

teenage girl facing peer-pressure issues – since then she has helped lead the program and mentor young girls. She also implemented community service projects and managed volunteer efforts through the Club.

"Teens all around the country struggle with self-image, worry of others opinions and sometimes feel like they are just not good enough," says Mertz. "The Club made me realize I wasn't alone and that I'm perfectly imperfect – and that's something for which I'll be forever grateful."

Mertz plans to use the scholarship money granted to her through the Youth of the Year program and General Dynamics C4 Systems toward earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy at Arizona State University. She will also advance to the statewide Youth of the Year competition in April.

The following Youth of the Year finalists were also honored at the Blue Door Ball:

- Tatum Ayers, senior at Pinnacle High School and member at the Vestar Branch located in Phoenix
- Leonel Bello, senior at Coronado High



School and member at the Hartley & Ruth Barker Branch located in Scottsdale

- Melissa Ervin, senior at Fountain Hills High School and member at the Mary Ellen & Robert McKee Branch located in Fountain Hills
- Leonel Reyes, senior at Arcadia High School and member at the Paiute Neighborhood Center located in Scottsdale, part of the Outreach Services program
- Nicolas Schlip, sophomore at Saguario High School and member at the Rose Lane Branch located in Scottsdale
- Joshua Scott, sophomore at Westwood High School and member at the Lehi Branch located in Mesa on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Lane Yazzie, senior at Salt River High School and member of the Red Mountain Branch, located in Scottsdale on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Kristen Yee, senior at Desert Mountain High School and member at the Virginia G. Piper Branch located in Scottsdale



Along with recognizing the youth, in memory of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale's long-time supporters Ruth & Hartley Barker, the organization instated an award in their honor. The award was presented during the event to an outstanding community member or group who has impacted our community through their exceptional service to youth. This year's award continued in the footsteps of the Barker's impact and was presented to Mary Ellen & Robert McKee in honor of their service and commitment to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale for over 35 years.

Other major Blue Door Ball sponsors who joined Tiffany & Bosco and Great American Title were General Dynamics C4 Systems, Voya Financial, Tiffany & Co., Republic Services, UMB Bank, Chasse Building Team, First Bank, First Western Trust, AAA Landscaping, Desert Ridge Community Association, FirstService Residential, Print Source One, Rimmer Electric, Bulter Hansen, P.C., and Gallagher Kennedy.



ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER SCOTTSDALE

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale empowers 18,000 youth of all ages and backgrounds to develop the qualities needed to reach their full potential as productive, responsible citizens. Branch locations and outreach sites provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendship and athletics, and high-impact youth development programs during critical non-school hours. Located in cities and on Native American lands in the greater Scottsdale area, the Club promotes academic success, positive character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. For more information, visit www.bcgs.org.

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of the Farmers Market to Desert Ridge. Thanks to the support and assistance of the City of Phoenix Parks Department, residents enjoyed four Sundays of the Farmers Market at Cashman Park at Desert Ridge. This Desert Ridge Lifestyles sponsored event wrapped up its spring season on Sunday, April 19th with an average attendance of nearly 500 people per market.

The final market of the season ran simultaneous to our second Lifestyles sponsored no-cost fitness training session featuring PT Spooner's signature Free2Play program. Desert Ridge Lifestyles and PT Spooner have partnered to bring this innovative fitness program to Cashman

Park at Desert Ridge on Sunday mornings during each of the fall 2015 Farmers Market. Residents of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to take advantage of these free training sessions. Exact times for the sessions will be announced in the fall Desert Ridge Lifestyles magazine released in August 2015.

Along the fitness track, recently the Lifestyles Committee ventured into a partnership to bring youth soccer training to Desert Ridge. As a pre-cursor to a fall developmental soccer league, SC Del Sol Soccer Club held an open training session on June 6th in Cashman Park at Desert Ridge. Additional sessions will be held in August to form local teams for young athletes ages 6 to 11 years.

New on the horizon for late summer or fall will be a Desert Ridge sponsored charter bus to a local sporting event for fans to support our local Diamondbacks, Suns, Coyotes or Sun Devils. Details are in the works for discounted game tickets. Check out our website or watch your email box for details and ticket sales.

The Committee's next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18th at 8:30 a.m. at the Desert Ridge offices on High Street. Please join us at our monthly meetings and participate in the development of our lifestyles programming.

Stephanie Rimmer
Lifestyles Committee Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association

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wish, Dunn Edwards has worked with Desert Ridge to provide a location that allows homeowners to view these colors. If a homeowner wishes to submit for a paint color other than the approved Dunn Edwards colors, please include a color swatch for the DRC to review along with the light reflective value (LRV) of the paint color(s).

3. All landscape submittals are required to be accompanied by a drawing, including a plant legend showing both the botanical and common names of the plants and trees

that are being submitted for review. Plants and trees may have one botanical name but also may have different common names. This allows for the DRC to accurately determine that the species of plants and trees desired are on the association's approved plant and tree list and to expedite their approval consideration of your submission in a timely manner.

4. For submissions that require setbacks, please be reminded to clearly show and delineate the setbacks on your plans. Setbacks are typically required for Fireplace/ fire pits, pools, ancillary

structures, building additions, trees, BBQs, pergola / gazebos, patio extensions and walkways. The DRC encourages all homeowners to submit as much information as they can with their submittal as the many different neighborhoods may have different requirements for specific items.

Should you have any questions while preparing and completing the architectural request form for the DRC, please contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4553.

CONTROLLING YOUR PITCH SHOTS

By Matt Keel

Pitch shots seem to be the most dreaded and difficult shots for many golfers. Golfers tend to fear leaving the pitch short of the green or overcompensate and hit the ball over the green. The good news is that the pitch shot is not as difficult as we make it out to be. In this article we'll look at several reasons why golfers have difficulty in their distance control and how to gain more consistency.

Typically I see several reasons why golfers have trouble controlling the distance of their pitch shots. The first two reasons pertain to a mismatch between the length of the back swing and the length of the through swing. Some golfers will take too long of a backswing causing their through swing to be much shorter. The result of this swing is the club head will be decelerating at impact causing a short shot. I also see golfers with a short backswing and nearly a full finish. Causing too much club head

speed resulting in the shot being too long. The size of the backswing should match the size of your through swing. A third reason is that golfers will swing harder for farther distances and softer for shorter distances. The result from this swing will be inconsistency in your distance control. You will be more consistent if you make the same effort in your swing, but vary the size of your swing to control your distance.

Now, let's discuss how to gain more consistency in your distance. Starting with you sand wedge, first make sure your back swing and through swings are equal lengths. Next, vary the size your swing size to create different length shots. Since your distance is controlled by the size of your swing, learn three different swing sizes to cover three distances. Figure 1 and figure 2 show the back swing and through swing for a one quarter swing. Figure 3 and figure 4 show a half swing. Figures 5 and 6 show a three quarter swing.

Your job is to practice each size swing to determine what distance each swing creates for you. The distance can vary from golfer to golfer, but the key is to learn how far YOU hit the ball with each swing. Once you learn each distance, then you can apply it on the golf course. For instance if your half swing hits the ball 30 yards, you'll know exactly what swing to create when you have that distance on the golf course. Once you have confidence with your sand wedge, try the same system with other wedges to add even more shots to your bag.

The pitch shot is a simple shot and can be improved with some practice. By keeping you swing equal length back and through and varying the overall size of your swing, you will start to see better pitch shots in a short period of time. Once you see the improvement, your confidence on the course will increase as well.

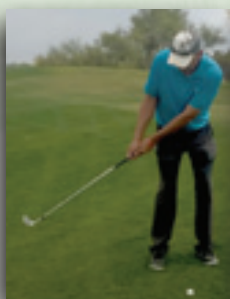


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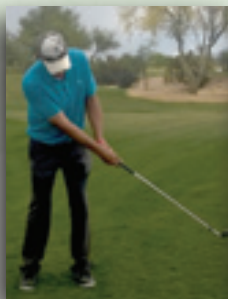


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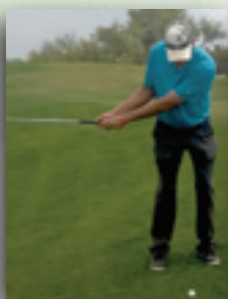


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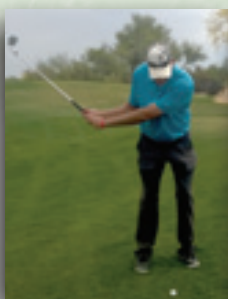


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Figure 6

This summer, Wildfire Golf Academy is conducting a variety of instructional programs to encourage people of all ages take up the game of golf. Throughout the summer Wildfire Golf Academy will be running junior camps and clinics, adult evening clinics, ladies only clinics, and parent/child private lesson packages. Each program is designed to increase the skill level of all golfers.



Matt Keel is the Lead Golf Instructor at Wildfire Golf Club located at the JW Marriott at Desert Ridge. For any questions or information about golf lessons email Matt at Mattkeel@pga.com or visit the website www.Mattkeelgolf.com.

TENSION-TYPE HEADACHES: A PAIN IN THE NECK



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Insidious and blunting; the two words I would use to describe headaches. If we look at the most disabling disorders in the world, the World Health Organization (WHO) would

rank headaches in the top ten (top five for women) with a staggering global prevalence of 47%.^{1,2,3} Of these headaches, studies indicate that tension-type headaches (TTHs) are the most debilitating, with a lifetime prevalence that ranges as high as 78%.^{1,4,5,6} If headaches weren't bad enough, it's been reported that individuals with TTHs have an extremely high prevalence of neck pain; approximately 89%.² What's the connection, and could this be 'key' in finding effective non-pharmaceutical treatments to manage headaches?

The tension-type headache can be described as 'general head pain.' Symptoms could present on both sides of the head

and are commonly not affected by physical activity.⁷ However, it is distinguished from other primary types of headaches, like migraines, in that it shouldn't cause you severe nausea, vomiting and/or an aura.⁷ The actual cause(s) of tension-type headaches are unknown, but it is thought to be primarily neurological in nature.^{3,5,6} This isn't to say that TTHs aren't affected by other factors such as musculoskeletal dysfunction, psychological stress and genetic predisposition.^{3,5,6} With the extremely high prevalence of neck pain in an individual with TTHs (remember the 89%?), treatment of these musculoskeletal factors, in addition to more traditional methods of treatment, may offer a more comprehensive approach to care.

The customary management of TTHs has primarily relied on pharmaceuticals,⁶ but there is a growing body of evidence which shows that non-drug therapies, including treatment of muscle tissue, can be just as effective in the reduction of headache



frequency, intensity and duration.^{8,9,10} Furthermore, the uses of similar therapeutic strategies have also been very successful in the management of neck pain.¹¹ Having a professional that appreciates this relationship is pivotal in restoring function and giving you your life back.

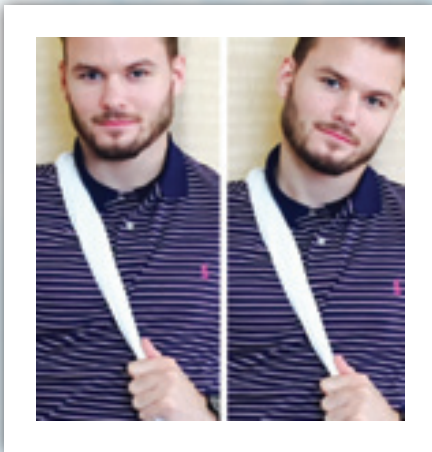
Headaches are multi-factorial in nature and are greatly under-appreciated both in scope and treatment. By working with your primary-care-provider and pursuing 'active' treatment of your neck, I believe that you can better manage your headaches. Physical therapy is one such avenue that can help decrease this disabling disorder.

I have added a few exercises that may help you better manage one of the greatest 'pains in the neck,' tension-type headaches.

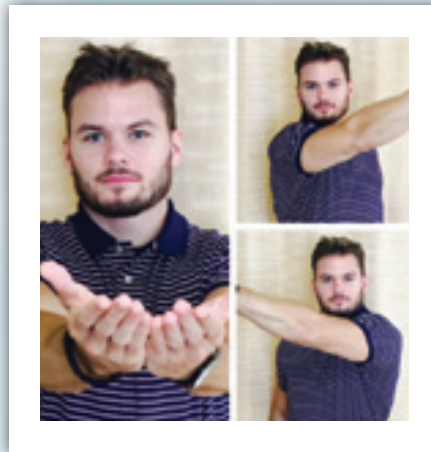
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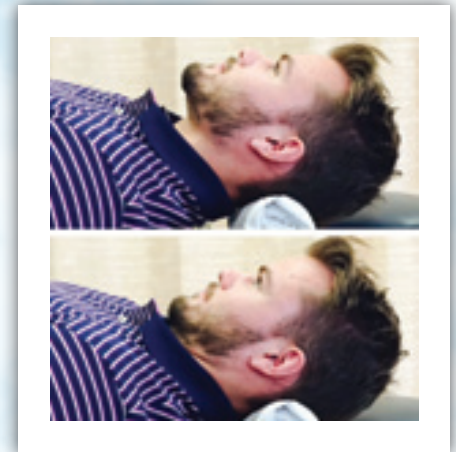
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Wind up a towel or sheet and sit on the end (with the end under the hip opposite to the side you want to stretch). Wrap the sheet around your opposite shoulder close to the base of the neck. Pull the sheet down towards your opposite leg (right) and gently bring your left ear to your left shoulder. You will feel this stretch above the placement of the sheet at the neck.



Switch positions and complete on the right side. Repeat 2-3x while holding for 10-15"; 1-2x/day.
Look straightforward and hold your hands in front of your body. Reach across your body and slightly up to the ceiling while keeping your head stationary. You will feel this stretch at the bottom of your neck, the backside of your shoulders and at your



upper back. Repeat 8x; 1-2x/day.
Roll a towel up and place it at the base of your skull. Gently pull your chin towards the back of your neck (chin-tuck). Be sure to avoid aggressive contractions; you should feel this stretch just below the placement of the towel (at the top of the neck). Repeat 2-3x while holding for 10-15"; 1-2x/day.

Introducing the Dailey Method

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Posture Makes Perfect

By Brooke Allen
MS, OTR/L, CKTP, CEAS I

Have you ever been told by your parents to sit or stand up straight? For most of us, we can answer yes to this question. However, what we were told in childhood does not always carry over into adulthood. Posture is a vital part of our everyday lives in the workplace no matter if you sit or stand during the day. According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (2015), the best posture to practice is by keeping your body in a neutral position. In other words, it is important to make sure your chest and back muscles are well balanced, no slouching!

FOR SITTING:

- Feet are resting on the floor or on a stable surface
- Ankles, knees, & hips are at 90 degrees
- Sit all the way back in the chair
- Shoulders are relaxed, elbows are bent at 90 degrees and keep your wrists straight
- Monitor is within arm's reach



- and neck is in neutral
- Eyes should be looking at the top of the monitor screen
- And do not overreach when using the keyboard or mouse

FOR STANDING:

- Feet are hip width apart and are resting on the floor
- Hips & knees are in line with your feet & stand up nice and tall
- Relax your shoulders, bend your elbows at 90 degrees & keep your wrists straight
- Monitor is within arm's reach and neck is in neutral
- Eyes should be looking at the top of the monitor screen
- And do not overreaching when using the keyboard or mouse

It is essential to make sure that you do not reposition yourself to fit the equipment. Instead, your equipment should be fit to you when you are in a neutral body position when sitting or standing at work. Good posture



and maintaining a neutral body position when sitting or standing will prevent bad habits and muscle tightness/strain. For all your hand therapy & ergonomic questions contact Brooke Allen, Hand Therapist at Spooner and Shaft Physical Therapy at 480-837-2595 or b.allen@spoonerphysicaltherapy.com.

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Explorer Middle School Art Spotlight

Heidi Hackman



My name is Heidi Hackman and I am the art director at Explorer Middle School.

I have taught Art for 5 years but I'm also a photographer and studio artist. For me, there's not a better feeling than teaching a new concept to a student and

seeing them discover their inner artistic talent.

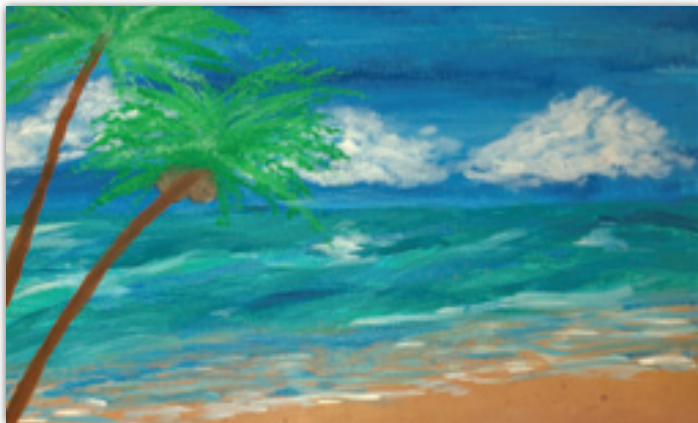
At Explorer Middle School we offer beginners and advanced art classes, where students gain an appreciation of the visual arts, expand their imagination, and learn new ways to express thoughts or feelings. In beginners art we focus on the elements of art by learning basic

techniques and create artwork with different medias. Over the course of a semester students will get the opportunity to experiment and produce artwork that include watercolors, pastels, clay, collaging, scratch-art, and pencil drawings. Students in advanced art class are challenged to apply the knowledge they learned in their first year to create more challenging paintings and drawings.

My goal is to have all my artist push their imagination and skills so far that they are shocked at the level of work they can accomplish. All students are

encouraged to do their personal best and respect the efforts of their peers.

These are just a few examples of the wonderful art produced by the talented students at Explorer Middle School.



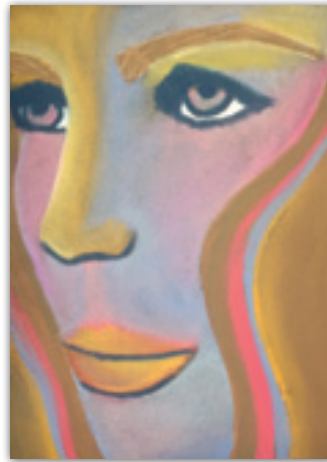
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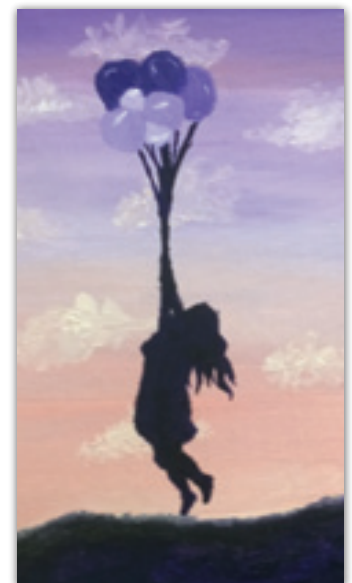
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EXPLORER MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS REFLECT ON THEIR FUTURE

Students from Explorer Middle School were asked to share their feelings about going to high school.

A Different Perspective.....

What high school are you going to?

If I stay in the United States I will go to Pinnacle High School.

What is exciting about high school?

The exciting thing about high school is that it will be with different and more people that I haven't be in school with them, different teachers, different campus, etc.

What I'm going to miss most about Explorer?

What I'm going to miss most about Explorer are the awesome teachers that I had, the activities that Explorer does (like spirit week, red ribbon week, color run, etc.), the elective classes, and the food in the cafeteria.

Maria Lilia Navarro Alvarez is an exchange student from Mexico studying at Explorer Middle School

Beyond Middle School

I'm going to be attending Pinnacle High School. I am most excited to be a part of clubs, sports, and new academic classes. I am also looking forward to 4 great years of memories and new friends.

What I will miss about Explorer Middle School is the amazing teachers and the way of teaching that they provide. I am very excited to go to high school, but I will miss Explorer very much.

Riley Kobbermann is an 8th grader at Explorer Middle School

Eighth Grade Memories

Hello, my name is Stephanie Sayegh. I'm fourteen years old and attend Explorer Middle School. This August I will be attending high school as freshmen. I am really going to miss Explorer Middle School as an individual because the teachers and students are amazing here. Everyone is so kind and the teachers will do anything in their power to help you. Right now I am in the decision of either going to Notre Dame Preparatory or going to Pinnacle High School. I am really hoping that next

year will be a great year even though I am going to be attending a new school. I plan to make the year the best and meet new people! I really look forward to starting school early so that we can leave early. As much as I love Explorer I know that it's time for me to leave and experience new things that will prepare me in life!

Stephanie Sayegh

High School and Beyond

The high school I will be attending is Brophy College Preparatory. The thing I will miss most about Explorer Middle School are the teachers. The reason I choose teachers is that they helped me succeed in my 7th and 8th grade school years. They were always giving up their time to help me if I was struggling with a concept. I will miss everything at Explorer and I am very excited for high school!

Ethan Torres is an 8th grader at Explorer Middle School

Middle School Gone...High School Beginnings

I am currently enrolled to attend Pinnacle High School home of the Pioneers. I am looking forward to meeting new people and being able to be in their new and improved elective classes. I will miss some of the teachers at Explorer. They really helped me succeed academically. I am very excited for Pinnacle but it will take some acclimating to get used to the atmosphere and my schedule. Overall, I think it will be a great experience and I will miss my friends and teachers here at Explorer, but it is time for a new adventure!

Brandt Geist is an 8th grader at Explorer Middle School

A New Experience

Since I am an 8th grader at Explorer Middle School, I will be moving onto high school next year and there are many things I am excited about, as well as things I will miss about Explorer. For example, I will miss



From left to right: Stephanie, Madison, Maria, Mariah, and Riley

seeing all the teachers that have taught me throughout my 8th grade year, and I will also miss the fun activities and events at Explorer. Going into Pinnacle High School soon, I look forward to many things such as having new teachers, meeting new people, and walking around a new campus. Overall, I will miss Explorer Middle School, but I cannot wait to experience high school!

By: Madison Vo

A Fresh Start

My name is Mariah Maloof and I am thirteen years old. Next year I will be starting my freshman year at Pinnacle High School. I am really looking forward to a fresh start, meeting new people, and getting out of school at 2:10 everyday! Even though I'm excited for high school, I'm still going to miss Explorer. Explorer really prepared me for high school and other challenges in life. Even though I'm going to miss my friends, I'm really going to miss the teachers. They were always there for me if I needed help and took their time making sure I understood the lesson. Even when I'm not at Explorer anymore, I know that the teachers will do just as well preparing their new students for high school as they did for me!

Mariah Maloof

STEM IN THE MIDDLE

EXPLORER MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ITS DIVERSE STEM OFFERINGS

Contributed by Janice Mak

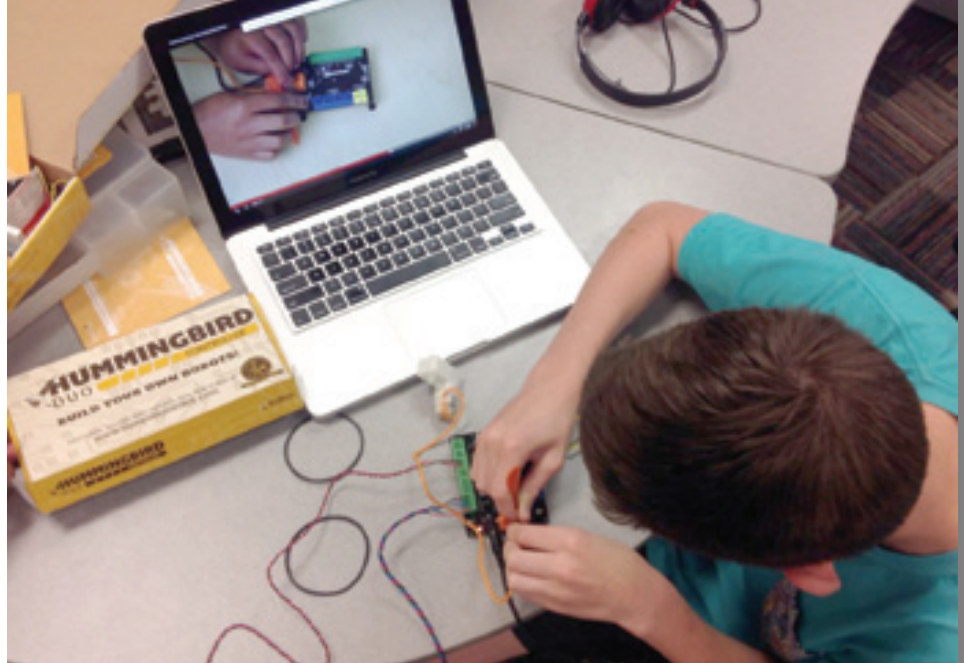
STEM, or science, technology, engineering and mathematics, emphasizes the interdisciplinary approach to teaching students about these areas that is critical to society both now and in the future. Explorer Middle School is unique in its approach to meeting the educational needs in this area through its pioneering approach and reputation as a school leading the way in technology. From its diverse elective course offerings to its extracurricular STEM club, it is a unique place for middle school students to explore in a hands-on, minds-on way areas that interest them.

ELECTIVES

In its signature Project Lead the Way program, Explorer Middle School students learn about engineering firsthand by designing and testing windmills, robots and more. Offered at both the introductory and advanced levels, students have the opportunity to develop their ability to design and prototype using Computer Aided-Design (CAD).

In Computer Applications, students create unique and personalized digital creations using Google Apps for Education and other web-based productivity tools. The coding class has App Inventor and website-making as just a few of the exciting options.

Tech Lab is an elective focused on all things STEM. Students are immersed in a project-based learning environment where they explore and learn about topics such



as aeronautics, forensic science, computer science, 3D printing, and robotics.

STEM CLUB

Meeting twice a month, Explorer's STEM Club offers students the opportunity to tinker, make and code using Scratch, VEX robotics, and Arduino. They also have access to supplies and tools to create Rube Goldberg machines and other innovations. Through grants from Science Foundation Arizona, Arizona State University's STEAM Machines Club, APS, SRP, and Robotics Education and Competition Foundation, students have access to a myriad of STEM supplies and equipment.

CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER

Explorer Middle School is one of more than 50 middle and high schools to pilot the Chief Science Officers (CSO) initiative. Charlie Keenen, a rising 8th grader who was student body vice-president in 2014-15 will be the CSO for the coming school year. "I look forward to representing my school and learning more about science and technology," says Charlie. In this role, he will work on raising campus-wide engagement in STEM by serving as the "voice" for Explorer. He will work on identifying science opportunities such as speakers, field trips, science nights and ensure that these opportunities reflect the interests of his peers. He will be the contact and streamline the ability for STEM-based organizations throughout the state to meaningfully connect with Explorer. In addition, as CSO, Charlie will participate as a member of a

state-wide "cabinet" of other CSOs to engage in Arizona's conversation about STEM, education and the workforce. To prepare for his coming responsibilities, Charlie will be attending a summer leadership institute, fall and summer cabinet meetings and have on-site mentorship during the academic year, all supported by the AZ SciTech Festival.

COMPETITIONS AND MORE

Explorer students represented the school and district at several STEM competitions this year. A team created an app concept and video as part of an application in the Verizon App Challenge. Other students competed at the Honeywell Aerospace Challenge and the VEX IQ robotics regional competitions. More than 20 students also participated in Arizona State University's Mars Student Imaging Program where they conducted scientific research and spent two days with a planetary geologist analyzing data and presenting their findings. Explorer students have also participated in district pilot initiatives where they have taken MOOCs (online courses) from higher education institutions such as Stanford University.

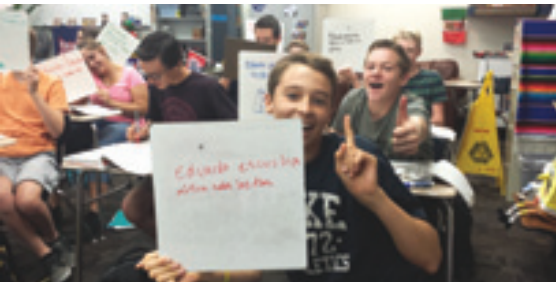
ENGAGE, EMPOWER, EXPERIENCE, EXPLORE

Explorer's motto is engage, empower, experience, and explore. Its diverse curricular program and additional offerings provide students with the opportunity to engage in STEM content and skills, empower them to be STEM-literate citizens, provide them with experiences and avenues through which they can explore their STEM interests.

Getting to know the Spanish Teacher at Explorer Middle School

Contributed by Laura Bertrand

Hi, my name is Laura Bertrand. I am in my eighteenth year as the Spanish teacher at Explorer Middle School and my fifteenth year as the seventh grade volleyball coach. One of the special things about being at Explorer for most of my career is that I've taught many students as well as their siblings. I've gotten to know entire families and some really wonderful people. I love when former students stop by to tell me how far they've gone with their Spanish studies in high school and beyond. Three of my former students have become Spanish teachers. Two of them from my undergraduate alma mater, The University of Arizona. It's so encouraging to know that I've impacted a child's life in such a positive way. That is one of my greatest rewards as a teacher.



When did you begin your interest in languages?

I was born into an immigrant Italian family on the east coast so I think my love of languages and culture started from birth! My native tongue is Italian. I began learning English in Kindergarten. In middle school (7th grade), I began learning Spanish and immediately loved it especially when I realized I could "experiment" and communicate with so many more people. In high school, I studied Spanish and French and began teaching myself German and then

added more formal learning of German in college. So, I have learned, I have taught and I speak five languages.

To where have you travelled?

I have travelled to over 20 countries. Traveling has always been a passion of mine. While in college, I studied for a semester in Florence, Italy. Over the years I have had the pleasure of visiting Europe, South America, Central America and



the Caribbean. I feel it my duty/"homework" to explore Spanish-speaking countries since that helps me to bring the language and PARTICULARLY the culture to my students at Explorer Middle School.

What are some of the favorite places to which you have travelled?

I have enjoyed traveling to Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, and Argentina most recently, since my daughters have both lived and taught in South America.

What experiences can students at Explorer Middle school expect in your classroom?

Everything Spanish! An exciting mix of language-intensive studies, tech based

discovery projects, Spanish current events, holidays such as Día de los Muertos, Latino celebrities and music, y mucho, mucho más.

What are some goals you have for your Explorer Middle School students?

As beginners, if students come away with an appreciation for another people and culture and are able to communicate in Spanish that is a great start! Without a doubt, knowing a second language greatly enriches one's experiences in life.



What would you tell anyone trying to learn another language?

If possible immerse yourself in the new language and culture - be patient and understand that the skill is like a muscle and must be used frequently to become stronger. Learning another language opens one's world to new perspectives, possibilities, and relationships.

What are some of your career accomplishments?

I am proud to say I have taught at Explorer Middle School since we opened our doors in 1997. I have been honored with several awards. Most recently, the AZLA (State) Outstanding Secondary Teacher of the Year award and the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching's Teacher of Excellence (Secondary) Award.

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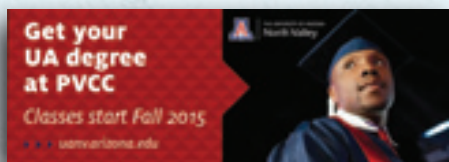
PVCC TODAY AND TOMORROW Where Education Meets Innovation



By: Candace Oehler

Summer is a great time to catch up or get ahead at Paradise Valley Community College, especially for students returning home from college, or getting ready to start. In just five weeks, they can complete one, or even two, college-transfer classes in biology, chemistry, communications, computer information systems, English, math, business, geology, psychology, Spanish, sociology, humanities, or music.

And they won't be sacrificing summer fun because classes only meet Monday-Thursday, so every weekend is a long weekend. There's still time to enroll in the 5-week Express session that begins June 29. Check out available classes at paradisevalley.edu. Shorter semester = more summer!



Meanwhile, Fall semester promises to be an exciting one, as the University of Arizona launches the UA North Valley bachelor degree completion program housed on the PVCC campus. An associate degree plus 60 units of General Studies coursework, taken on the PVCC Union Hills campus and taught by UA faculty, will earn future Wildcats a multi-disciplinary UA Bachelor of General Studies.

UA joins Northern Arizona University in offering students the opportunity to complete their four-year degree on the PVCC campus. The NAU Extended Campus offers 12 degrees, including Special & Elementary Education, Business Administration, Technology Management, and Nursing.

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Dr. Kishore Dash

Current and future small business owners will learn how to become "Shark Tank" ready in PVCC's new Entrepreneurship Education Center, which begins offering classes

this summer, with a full slate in the fall. Under the leadership of Dr. Kishore Dash, the Entrepreneurship certificate program has been created to help students learn core business fundamentals; how to start or grow a business; and, for those wanting to continue their studies, how to transition to university business programs.

The hands-on, real world curriculum components include creating a business plan, accounting techniques, and how to source financing. Guest speakers – all successful entrepreneurs – will share their experiences and expertise.

"Small business is the engine of economic growth," says Dr. Dash. "More and more people want to be their own boss, and we can help them achieve that goal."

The certificate program consists of four courses that can be completed in just two semesters. Classes are open to all students, whether pursuing the certificate or just wanting to hone their business skills. Get a jump on fall by taking EPS 160 | New



Venture Creation this summer, from June 29-July 30.

For more information, contact Dr. Dash at 602-787-6964 | kishore.dash@paradisevalley.edu.

Finally, did you know that PVCC's Black Mountain campus, located at Carefree Highway and 60th Street, offers an array of college transfer classes? Or that they host amazing star parties under the clearest skies in the region? Or that construction is underway for Aquila Hall? The project will add approximately 20,000 square feet of classroom and lab space to house Science division courses, making Black Mountain a truly comprehensive campus. A traditional topping ceremony, celebrating the placement of the last beam, will take place Friday, May 1, at 9 am.

It's no surprise that PVCC is nationally recognized as an innovative community college that consistently meets the changing needs of business and our community. Soon to come – news about the college's cutting edge entry into the field of Healthcare Information Technology, one of the fastest growing and high demand careers today. Stay tuned!

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Monday-Friday, June 22-26 | 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Cost: \$250/week or \$240/week when two or more weeks are paid in advance

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Concert: Young Sounds of Arizona

Monday, June 1 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$17.50; \$12.50 for students

Young Sounds was founded in 1971 to provide further training, performance opportunities and artistic growth for young jazz musicians ages 14 to 19.

Concert: Solas

Thursday, June 4 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$32.50-\$37.50

Solas is the quintessential Irish American band recording and touring in the United States today.

Concert: The Brubeck Brothers

Friday, June 5 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$37.50-\$42.50

The Brubeck Brothers is an exciting jazz group featuring two members of one of America's most accomplished musical families.

Concert: CALICO the band

Saturday, June 6 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50-\$37.50

CALICO the band extends the tradi-

tion of groups like Crosby, Stills & Nash; Fleetwood Mac; and the Eagles with strong songwriting, rich harmonies and a pervasive passion for Americana.

Concert: Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Sunday, June 7 | 7 and 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$37.50-\$47.50

Since its start in the 1960s, Preservation Hall Jazz Band has been the premier showcase for the best in New Orleans-style jazz.

Concert: Steve Smith and Vital Information - NYC Edition

Monday, June 8 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$32.50-\$42.50

Steve Smith, the former drummer from Journey, has been named "one of the top 25 drummers of all time" by Modern Drummer Magazine. A multi-genre virtuoso, Smith brings the NYC version of his celebrated jazz fusion band to MIM Music Theater.

Concert: Marcus Miller Band

Tuesday, June 9 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$37.50-\$42.50

Highly proficient as a keyboardist and clarinetist, Marcus Miller is primarily a world-renowned electric bassist who has been topping critics' and readers' polls for three decades.

Concert: Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn

Wednesday, June 10 | 7 and 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$47.50-\$62.50

This husband-and-wife duo has earned the unofficial title of "the first family of the banjo."

Family Weekend:

Celebrate AZ Families

Saturday, June 13 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 14 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets: Included with paid museum admission
Kick off your summer fun as MIM honors the wonderful families throughout our state with a weekend of music, crafts, activities, tours and of course, instruments.

Concert: The Campbell Brothers

Sunday, June 14 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$22.50-\$32.50

The Campbell Brothers present a unique, African American blend of vocals and steel-guitar gospel music called "sacred steel."

Concert: King Sunny Adé

Monday, June 15 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$52.50-\$62.50

Adé is the undisputed king of jùjú music—the dance-inspiring hybrid of Western pop and traditional African music with roots in the guitar traditions of Nigeria.

Concert: Allen Stone

Tuesday, June 16 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$32.50-\$37.50

This young Seattle-based singer-songwriter is a throwback to the 1960s and early 1970s, "when songwriters like Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Donny Hathaway and Bill Withers brought introspection and social commentary to soul music." (New York Times)

Concert: The John Scofield Quartet featuring John Medeski

Friday, June 19 | 7 and 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$29.50-\$45.50

Scofield, who is one of the most influential and revered jazz guitarists of the past 25 years, teams up with keyboard master John Medeski (of Medeski, Martin and Wood) for a genre-defying groove-based night of music.

Concert: Bob Schneider - Solo & Acoustic

Saturday, June 20 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$25.50-\$30.50

This Austin-based singer-songwriter's recording career spans some 20 albums, covering blues, country, swing, soul, bluegrass, mambo and rap.

Workshop: Beat It! Family Drumming Workshop for Dads and Kids—and Moms, Too!

Sunday, June 21 | 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 per person (does not include museum admission)

Make it a tradition! Catch the rhythm and learn the basics of African, Latin and pop-music hand drumming with master instructor Frank Thompson. This workshop is fun and relaxing—a great chance to make music and rhythm together. After basic instruction, the session ends with a thrilling jam session. All levels are welcome to join in the fun. Bring your own drum or use one of ours.

Concert: The Assad Brothers with Romero Lubambo

Sunday, June 21 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$37.50–\$52.50

Latin flair takes the stage when Brazil's most celebrated classical guitar duo join with jazz guitar virtuoso Romero Lubambo.

Concert: The McEuen Brothers featuring Jonathan & Nathan McEuen

Friday, June 26 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$24.50–\$29.50

Good genes and a star-studded extended musical family definitely work to Jonathan McEuen's advantage and crowds respond enthusiastically to his extraordinary voice and guitar playing whenever he performs. Armed with a quick wit and

personal charm, he moves fluidly in and out of folk, rock and bluegrass/country influences, making delightfully eclectic music for everyone along for the ride.

With highlight performances including Grand Ole Opry, American Idol (with Steve Martin), the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, the Stagecoach Festival and charting to a #1 spot on Amazon's Americana chart, the past few years have been a musical adventure for Nathan McEuen. Stepping foot on stage for as long as he can remember, McEuen has had the good fortune to open for, perform and work with artists such as John Carter Cash, Jim Messina, David Crosby, Carrie Underwood, Brad Paisley and many others.

Concert: The Django Festival All-Stars

Friday, July 3 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$32.50–\$42.50

Celebrating the gypsy-jazz music made famous by the legendary Django Reinhardt

Concert: Vinicius Cantuária sings Antônio Carlos Jobim

Thursday, July 9 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50–\$34.50

A bossa nova poet who accompanies his light, João Gilberto-like vocals with caressing guitar work and gorgeous melodies

Event: Experience France

Saturday, July 11 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, July 12 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission

Join MIM for its fourth annual celebration of French music and culture in honor of Bastille Day! Enjoy live musical performances and hands-on activities, shop for French merchandise at the Museum Store and indulge in a French-inspired menu in our café. Vive la France!

Event: Experience the Andes

Saturday, August 1 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, August 2 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission

Experience the music and culture from this famous South American mountain range, which extends from north to south through Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina. Enjoy dance and musical performances, try your hand at instrument-making crafts and indulge in regional wine samples!

Concert: George Brooks & Bombay Jazz featuring Larry Coryell

Friday, August 7 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$32.50–\$38.50

Saxophonist George Brooks, guitar legend Larry Coryell, Indian bamboo flute master Ronu Majumdar and tabla

virtuoso Aditya Kalyanpur join forces to create the finest Indian-inspired jazz and jazz flavored raga. These world music visionaries blend the ancient improvisational art of Indian classical music with jazz to create a soul satisfying, original music filled with rich melodies and dynamic rhythms.

Event: Musical Icon: Elvis

Saturday, August 15 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, August 16 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission

Details coming soon!

Concert: Willy Porter

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

Tickets: \$27.50–\$34.50

This singer-songwriter's live shows are electrifying guitar-driven events with equal parts grit, soul and muscle.

Event: Experience India

Saturday, September 5 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday, September 6 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission

Details coming soon!

Concert: Carbon Leaf

Monday, September 14 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50–\$32.50

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Teams will be formed at that time.



RESTAURANT REVIEW

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4 stars ★★★★★
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 21001 N. Tatum Blvd.
 Phoenix, AZ 85050
 www.sandbaraz.com
 M-F 11 a.m. – 2 a.m.
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There's something charming about the beach —mix in some ice-cold cervezas with Mexican food and you have Sandbar Mexican Grill. It's a breezy beach mentality with a high-energy sports bar flair. There's room for anyone interested and enjoying the real sand beach environment.

With over 12,400 square feet, the space is large with five distinct event areas and four semi-private VIP patio cabanas. Evening Entertainment Groups, the restaurant's owner, has over 25 years experience and is renowned for maintaining the highest standards in cuisine, inspired drinks and creative atmospheres.

Our panel of critics enjoyed one of the semi-private VIP patio cabanas that offered a comfortable space for everyone to mix, mingle and sample the menu.



BLACKENED SALMON SALAD



CHICKEN FAJITA BURRO



MAHI TACOS

Sandbar Wings

Prepared in a traditional style and served with carrots, celery, ranch or bleu cheese dressing. Everyone enjoyed the meaty pieces of tender wings in a balanced, hot sauce.

Blackened Salmon Salad

Atlantic salmon with spinach, red onions, cucumber, avocado, and citrus, all served with a lemon vinaigrette dressing. It's always nice to have a delicious, healthy alternative!

Chicken and Beef Tacos

Overall the group preferred the beef tacos, but felt the chicken were delicious as well.

Coconut Shrimp

Gulf shrimp crusted with coconut and cooked to a crispy perfection. We thoroughly enjoyed this large portion of seafood, served with a delicious horseradish sauce.

Guacamole

Guacamole is one of the items that separate the "good" from the "average" Mexican food restaurants. Sandbar's guacamole was absolutely delicious and the serving size was substantial. If you like guacamole, this is not to be missed.

Ahi Tacos

Seared rare ahi meat with southwest spices, fire roasted pico do gallo and guacamole. We found this dish to be delicious, but needing a larger portion of ahi.

Fried Ice Cream

One word describes this desert - outstanding! Made from battered vanilla ice cream and fresh pineapples, the desert is fried and then covered in sauces of strawberry, chocolate and banana rum.

FROM THE KIDS

Tacos

The tacos were very good, but too big for our mouths. The beans were okay, but they weren't the best. My sister liked the rice – I'm a very picky person.





DINING GUIDE

Desert Ridge Marketplace

BJ'S RESTAURANT AND BREWHOUSE480.538.0555
Serving Chicago-style pizza with generously portioned salads, sandwiches, soups, entrées & desserts.

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IN-N-OUT BURGER480.563.9021
Quality you can taste - classic made burgers, hand-diced french fries & creamy shakes.

ISLANDS FINE BURGERS & DRINKS480.513.7231
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TUSCANY480.293.3988
The modern Italian menu at Tuscany is all about authentic Italian comfort flavors featuring handmade pasta, seasonal ingredients, the freshest seafood and superb and affordable wines with exceptional service in a warm, inviting atmosphere. Guests of all ages are encouraged to share in a journey of Italian cuisine, using an array of menu combinations comprised of mouth-watering small plates, generous sharing dishes, and individual entrees. Specializing in creating hand-crafted pizzas, pastas, and cheeses, as well as delightful house-made desserts prepared by the resort's National Pastry Champions, the seasonal menu focuses on locally-grown produce and products, fresh from local farms as well as the resort's own organic herb garden. Tuscany features an open exhibition kitchen, wood-fired oven, indoor and outdoor fireplaces and patio seating. Tuscany is open for dinner.

MERITAGE STEAKHOUSE480.293.3988
Where fine wines meet prime aged steaks. Meritage Steakhouse is located at the resort's championship 36-hole Wildfire Golf Club featuring award-winning courses designed by Arnold Palmer and Nick Faldo.

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

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**MELLOW MUSHROOM.....480.889.0999
mellowmushroom.com**

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**MODERN MARGARITA602.795.8111
modernmargarita.com**

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**OCEAN PRIME.....480.347.1313
ocean-prime.com**

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TUESDAY, JUNE 23
TUESDAY, JULY 7
TUESDAY, JULY 21
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
4:30 p.m. at DRCA Office

TUESDAY, JUNE 9
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
9 a.m. at DRCA Office

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
NO JULY MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
8:30 a.m. at
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NO JUNE
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY
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AUGUST 26
6 p.m. at DRCA Office

MONDAY, JUNE 8
MONDAY, AUGUST 10
5 p.m. (Location to come)

COMMUNITY AWARENESS
TUESDAY, JULY 21
6:30 p.m. at DRCA Office

COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
5 p.m. (Location to come)

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Grant Program. We renewed our matching grant with Silent Witness, and increased our off-duty Phoenix Police Patrol. As you can see from the statistics in the adjacent article, the three-year average shows a total crime reduction of over 43%. In 2014 there were 329 shifts done by the off-duty patrol, paid for by the master association. To compliment those patrols, we have the addition of our new parking enforcement provider, Urban Tactical

Security giving us even more sets of eyes and ears patrolling the community.

Remember, Phoenix police officers work hard at their job, but they can't be everywhere all of the time. That is why it is so important to know and communicate with your neighbors and to keep looking for things that are out of place in your neighborhood. You can help make Desert Ridge a safer and better place to live by starting or participating in a neighborhood block watch program.

If you're interested in learning how to start a neighborhood block watch program, please contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4553 or contact community action Officer Centenius Billingslea from the Phoenix Police Department at centenius.billingslea@phoenix.gov or 602-495-5228.

Steve Burns
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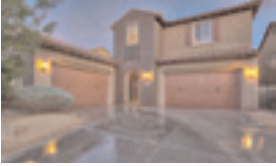
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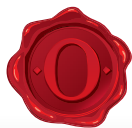
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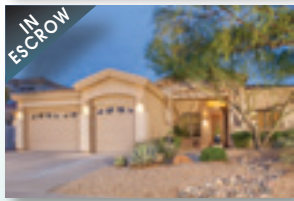
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