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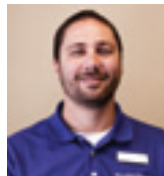
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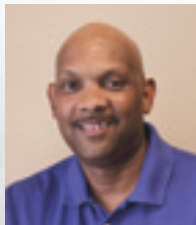


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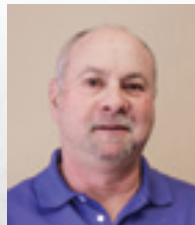
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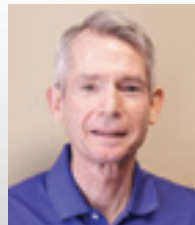
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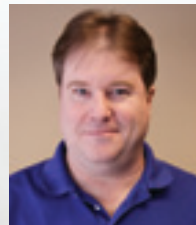
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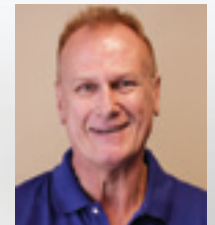
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From the President



Doug Dickson

Desert Ridge is a city within a city. With less than 40% of the planned development completed, about 6,000 homes, our population now is larger than two-thirds

of the 91 incorporated cities in Arizona. Having already surpassed Paradise Valley, Sedona and Cottonwood, we are roughly the size of Payson. At buildout, our specific plan will have 19,240 dwelling units or over 55,000 residents. When completed, Desert Ridge will become the 13th largest "city" in Arizona. Our population will be slightly larger than today's Flagstaff.

While facts like these can be fun, preparing for this growth is a serious issue. In the years ahead, our community will be one of the fastest growing in Arizona. As an Association, we must proactively prepare for the future and insure that our quality of life does not suffer. Our roads, schools and parks are already at capacity; it's time to chart a course for the future.

It's time to focus on our roads:

1. Completing Deer Valley Rd. East to Scottsdale Rd.
2. Connecting Deer Valley Rd. South to 64th St.
3. Completing 56th St. North to Pinnacle Peak Rd.
4. Completing Mayo Blvd. and constructing the freeway flyover

It's time to build our parks:

1. The large regional park planned South of Deer Valley Rd., West of Tatum Blvd.
2. The Desert Ridge Dog Park on Black Mountain Blvd., South of Pinnacle H.S.
3. Constructing the first sports fields in Desert Ridge

It's time to build another school, our first library and other educational assets other communities already have in place.

To this end, our DRCA Board is creating a strategic plan for Desert Ridge. Our Ad Hoc Committee has already held several meetings in the past few months and we'd love to have you participate. Come out and share your vision for the future of Desert Ridge.

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

Doug Dickson
President

Desert Ridge Community Association

Coming soon to High Street



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From the Lifestyles Chair



Stephanie Rimmer

It is hard to believe it is that time of year again for our annual Desert Ridge Lifestyles Holiday Lighting Contest and Trolley Tours. Be sure to fill out your application by Friday, December

4th, 2015 for the lighting contest. Tickets for the Trolley Tours will be available for sale beginning Wednesday, November 18th, 2015 until sold out.

This season the Trolley Tours will take place Monday thru Thursday the week of December 14th departing from Paradise Bakery at Desert Ridge Marketplace, located at 21001 Tatum Blvd #48-1520, Phoenix AZ 85050. Participants may enjoy snacks,

beverages, crafts and activities courtesy of Desert Ridge Lifestyles and Desert Ridge Marketplace. Nightly Snow Fall will occur promptly at 7pm and 8pm for approximately 8 minutes in the AMC fountain area near pickup and drop off location of Holiday Trolley, this event is something you will not want to miss.

Thank you to all who participated in our fall events. It was a busy season as we continued into our second year of Lifestyles activities. We enjoyed our second Fall Movie in the Park, our first Fall Community Wide Yard Sale, our second fall season of both the Ladies Night and Community Night Out, and we commenced with a full season of the Farmer's Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge. Thank you to the management team, board members and all the community members who attended and enjoyed breakfast for our October kick off of the 2015-16 market season. The Farmer's Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge will continue through April 2016 on the second Sunday of the month from 10 a.m. until 1pm. A big thank you also to PT Spooner for hosting a family boot camp in the park



during each of the monthly markets. All Desert Ridge families are invited to attend.

Please watch for the monthly e-blast updating community members about our Lifestyles events. The next six months are certain to be as busy as the last. All of our meeting dates are included in the e-blasts. Volunteers are always welcome to assist in the planning and implementation of events and should feel free to email us directly with your interest or suggestions at lifestyles@desertridgelifestyles.com.

Stephanie Rimmer
Lifestyles Committee Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association



Taylor Morrison unveils four exciting new communities at Desert Ridge



SANCTUARY AT DESERT RIDGE



Have you been dreaming of a home with curb appeal that also offers a strong sense of community? That dream is becoming a reality this fall at Taylor Morrison's Sanctuary at Desert Ridge, which offers a sensational lineup of new floor plans and a lifestyle that is sure to impress. Known for building in the best locations around Arizona, Taylor Morrison offers homes with access to premier local amenities. At Sanctuary at Desert Ridge, home buyers will be minutes away from the excitement of the city, yet still removed enough to maintain the peacefulness and tranquility that the North Valley has to offer. Nearly two-thirds of all homes at Sanctuary will back up to natural open space and all of the beauty the high Sonoran Desert has to offer. With an intimate gated community, Sanctuary at Desert Ridge puts a premium on open space and preservation of the surrounding area.

"We're very excited to continue our expansion and community presence in the North Valley," said Todd Hahn, vice president of sales and marketing for Taylor Morrison's Phoenix division.

"Sanctuary at Desert Ridge is an opportunity for us to connect with buyers who expect their home to offer the best features, location and lifestyle."

Located off Tatum Boulevard and Pinnacle Peak Road, residents of Sanctuary will have convenient access to Desert Ridge Marketplace and High Street. These two entertainment pavilions offer vibrant, high energy settings complete with splashing water features, outdoor fireplaces, shopping sites and dining venues.

Sanctuary at Desert Ridge showcases four new collections of homes including the Discovery, Passage, Capstone and Venture. Each collection offers an extensive array of floor plans that range in size from approximately 1,661 to 4,290 square feet. The Passage Collection offers both single and two-story floor plans with up to five bedrooms and 3.5 baths. The Adelaide, Bradshaw and Hilary floor plans offer spacious single-story living with garages that accommodate up to three cars.

Three different two-story plans, The Cottonwood, Hampton and Powell are also



available and offer up to five bedrooms, 3.5 baths and three-car garages plus storage.

"These new collections of homes provide homebuyers with comfortable living in a convenient location that has all the best amenities that the North Valley has to offer" Hahn said. "Convenience and comfortable living is key, and we understand how important that is to our homebuyers."

For more information about Sanctuary at Desert Ridge, please visit: www.taylormorrison.com.

Resmark and Greystar Kick Off Leasing at 56 North Apartments in Phoenix, AZ



Resmark Apartment Living, a division of The Resmark Companies, Westfield Company and Greystar are pleased to announce that leasing has begun at 56 North, a new apartment project in Phoenix, Arizona. Located in the desirable Desert Ridge area at 21021 North 56th Street, just north of the Loop 101, the 344-unit apartment community opened an on-site leasing office in June and recently welcomed its first residents.

“56 North has a sophisticated style inspired by mid-century modern design, with spacious apartment floor plans and an array of cool amenities,” said Ziv Cohen, President of Resmark Apartment Living. “The community is truly unlike anything else in the market, and brings a distinctive new residential choice to Desert Ridge.”

Developed by Greystar, 56 North offers one and two-bedroom apartments ranging in size from 677 to 1,163 square feet of living space. Higher quality interior appointments include three distinct wood color schemes for cabinets and floors, quartz countertops

with clean white tile backsplashes, stainless steel appliances, faux wood blinds, and high capacity washers and dryers. Floor plans incorporate features such as nine-foot ceilings, spacious walk-in closets, and private balconies or terraces. Select units include kitchen islands, oversized walk in closets, and two levels of living space.

56 North also offers an innovative take on traditional community amenities. Social spaces reminiscent of a boutique hotel include a dramatic lobby lounge, cocktail and dining bar, and martini nook. Outside, the pool courtyard includes modern water features, a

turf sunning deck, a “glass house” cabana, and open-air lounges with such resort-inspired classics as fire pits, ping pong and foosball tables, shuffleboard and barbecue grills. A second-floor fitness center with cardio and strength training equipment overlooks the pool scene. Additional amenities include an executive-quality conference center, fenced dog park, covered parking and single attached garages with controlled access. Always-on Wi-Fi and numerous high-definition televisions round out 56 North’s must-have amenity package.

“Residents have stunning views of the McDowell Mountains and can access several nearby biking and hiking trails as well as top golf courses,” said Jerry Brand, Senior Managing Director of Development for Greystar. “The community is also close to a variety of shopping and dining options at Desert Ridge Marketplace.”

Construction is expected to be completed by February 2016. For more information on 56 North visit www.56northapts.com.

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DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN

A Desert Holiday Tradition

By John Sallot
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Winter months in the Sonoran Desert are the envy of families and friends in colder climates. They bundle up in wool while we don light cotton sweaters and open windows and enjoy being outside. As the holidays approach, locals like to celebrate in unique ways and take advantage of the mild weather. One way is to attend what many consider the Valley's best holiday event, Las Noches de las Luminarias at Desert Botanical Garden. The Garden is transformed by the glow of 8,000 hand-lit luminarias that line the trails and by the sounds of talented musicians that perform throughout the Garden trails.

"We plan all year for Las Noches de las Luminarias," said Marcia Flynn, director of event services. "The goal is to have an enchanting and welcoming evening for guests. We see whole families, people on date nights and it has also been the setting for many engagement proposals."

Las Noches de las Luminarias started in 1978 as a one-night, member only event and has grown to 24 nights this year. It is a massive undertaking involving volunteers and staff who set up the event, serve as hosts and work behind the scenes. Each night a crew of about 20 people light the 8,000 candles in about one hour using a butane torch attached to a PVC pipe. At the end of the night, they are able to snuff out the candles in about 30 minutes with

a special device – a turkey baster extended with a plastic tube that is attached to a length of wood.

This year, a special exhibition, Bruce Munro: Sonoran Light at Desert Botanical Garden will



WHEN

November 27 - 28

(General Public)

December 3 - 6

(Garden Members and their Guests Preview)

December 10 - 13, 16 - 23, 26 - 31

(General Public)

TIME

5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

WHERE

Desert Botanical Garden

1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008

TICKETS

Members

On sale September 21, 2015

Adults \$25

Children: \$10 (ages 3-12)

General Public

On sale October 4, 2015

Adults \$30

Children \$12.50 (ages 3-12)

Children 3 and under are admitted free.

INFO

For additional information or to buy tickets, please call 480-481-8188 or visit dbg.org/luminaria.

enhance your Luminarias experience. The exhibit showcases eight large-scale, light-based installations using an inventive array of materials, and hundreds of miles of glowing fiber optics. Located throughout the Garden, Munro's site-specific exhibition will reflect his personal interpretation the Sonoran Desert. Musical groups perform every night of Las Noches de las Luminarias. Performers this year include Mariachi Pasión, Sahnas Borthers, Traveler, Salt River Brass Quintet and Yellow Bird. Of course, it would not be complete without the Valley's best Handbell Ensembles taking up residence in historic Webster Auditorium. The Phoenix Astronomical Society will also be stationed on the Harriet K. Maxwell Desert Wildflower Trail for stargazing.

If you come hungry, a sumptuous buffet dinner is available at an additional cost from Fabulous Food Fine Catering and Events and the Garden's Patio Café will also be open for ala carte items. Meal tickets for the buffet are \$22 for adults and \$12 for children (12 and under). Gertrude's, the Garden's restaurant will be open and reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling 480-719-8600 or visiting gertrudesrestaurant.com.

If you still have some shopping to do, the Garden Shop will be open each night of Luminaria and is the ideal place to find gifts for the holiday season.

For more information visit dbg.org.

ZOO LIGHTS

ILLUMINATING YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON MORE THAN 20 YEARS

By Linda Hardwick
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The holiday season will once again be aglow with bears, flamingos and monkeys as ZooLights, presented by SRP and powered by EarthWise™ Energy, turns on its 3.8 million lights at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2014.

The magic of ZooLights and its 700 lighted displays will continue to light up the sky every evening thereafter through January 11. A couple of major changes this year; ZooLights is not waiting until Thanksgiving night to welcome guests. Gates will open the Monday prior to Thanksgiving, allowing more days for guests to enjoy the dazzling display. Also, ZooLights is starting 30 minutes earlier this year, now at 5:30 p.m., with festivities running until 10:30 p.m. Adult beverages will be available for purchase on Friday and Saturday nights.

ZooLights, one of the largest holiday light shows in the Southwest, is a Valley tradition that shines brighter each year and this year is no exception. New this year; look for Tortuga, the Talking Galápagos Tortoise to join Jengo the Talking Giraffe as they entertain

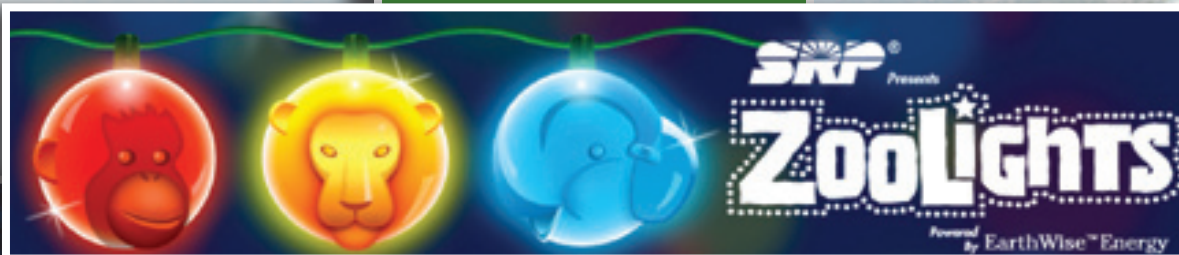
guests with their quick wit and amazing knowledge. Enjoy two new Music in Motion shows featuring music from the movie The Polar Express and Carol of the Bells by Artic Express. Look for the new 'Big Blue,' covered in more than 300,000 lights, and watch as an ice sculptor magically makes an animal appear out of a 300 pound block of ice.

ABOUT THE PHOENIX ZOO

The Phoenix Zoo is the only zoo in the Valley accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and is a non-profit zoological park, serving 1.4 million guests annually. Home to more than 1,400 animals and many endangered and threatened species, the Zoo provides experiences that inspire people and motivate them to care for the natural world.

The Phoenix Zoo strives to be environmentally friendly and transition more and more lights every year to LED. Also, ZooLights is presented by SRP and powered by EarthWise™ Energy, generated from sun, wind, the earth's heat and flowing water in canals.

Ticket prices vary from \$10 to \$18, depending on the night and children two and younger are free. Save \$2 when you purchase your tickets online at phoenixzoo.org. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 602.914.4333 (Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) or at the gate when you come to ZooLights.



MAKE A SHELTER PET HAPPY



By Robert Reichstein

The holidays are a time of rejoicing and cheer. The air is rich with anticipation of excitement. For pets in residence at shelters over the holidays it is life as they have come to know it, feeling sad and unwanted. They feel the excitement from the visitors and volunteers but nothing more. The Santa Paws Project was formed to change that.

The Santa Paws Project is an organization whose specific purpose is to collect new cat and dog toys to be distributed to the animals in residence at shelters like Maricopa County

Animal Care and Control over the holiday season. As founders Marcie and Rob Reichstein of Desert Ridge believe, shelter pets deserve more than a cage and another lonely night. They should have at least something to call their own.

Last year, in its inaugural year and with only 6 collection boxes around the valley, The Santa Paws Project collected over

400 toys that were turned over to Melissa Gable at MCACC. This year The Pet Club has offered their 25 valley stores to serve as collection locations and Kong, the pet toy company, has made a generous donation of toys to help reach the ultimate goal of providing a toy for every animal in the shelter. Other Desert Ridge collection locations are the community

center at Aviano and The Desert Ridge Community Association Office located at 5415 E. High Street, Suite 220, Phoenix, AZ 85054.

Collection centers will begin accepting donations on November 9th and will run through December 9th.

For more information about The Santa Paws Project please contact Rob Reichstein @Rob.Reichstein@gmail.com, 602-551-6314, Melissa Gamble at 602.506.3471, or log onto www.TheSantaPawsProject.org.





By Doug Dickson, Board President

Crème Brûlée – Serves 6

CUSTARD

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 2 tablespoons of finely chopped, peeled fresh ginger
- 2 vanilla beans, split lengthwise
- 5 large egg yolks (separated from egg whites)
- 1 pinch salt

CRÈME BRÛLÉE

18 Teaspoons of sugar

GARNISH

- Fresh raspberries
- 12 Fresh mint leaves
- Preparation

MAKE CUSTARD:

Whisk yolks in a medium bowl until well blended. Set aside. Preheat oven to 325°F. Place three 4-inch-diameter fluted ramekins in each of two 13" x 9" x 2" baking pans. Mix cream, sugar, ginger and salt in heavy medium saucepan. Using a small knife, cut the vanilla bean in half lengthwise and scrape seeds from the inside. Add seeds and remaining bean to saucepan. Stir over medium heat until sugar dissolves and mixture comes to simmer. Cover pan, reduce heat to very low and simmer gently 15 minutes to infuse flavors. Strain mixture into large measuring cup or medium pitcher.

Slowly pour hot cream mixture into the set aside yolks and gently whisk to just blend. Divide the combined mixture among the six ramekins in the pans. Pour enough hot tap water into pans to a level halfway up sides of ramekins. Carefully transfer pans to oven.

Bake custards about 35 minutes or until almost set in center when pans are gently shaken. Using a metal spatula, transfer ramekins to work surface; cool 45 minutes. Chill at least three hours and covered up to two days.

MAKE CRÈME BRÛLÉE:

Sprinkle three teaspoons sugar evenly over each custard. Working with one custard at a time, hold kitchen torch so that flame is two inches above surface. Direct flame so that sugar melts and browns, about two minutes. Refrigerate until custards are firm again but topping is still brittle, at least 2 hours but no longer than four hours so that topping doesn't soften.

ALTERNATIVE WITHOUT TORCH:

After refrigerating the ramekins for at least one hour, carefully dab the tops with a paper towel to remove all moisture. Sprinkle a thick layer of baker's sugar (superfine sugar) until you can barely still see the custard. Place in the oven on the highest rack and broil for five to 10 minutes. Watch carefully and rotate them to broil evenly. Remove when golden brown and bubbling. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes, but no longer than four hours so that topping doesn't soften. Garnish crème brûlées with fruit and mint leaves if desired.

By Barry O. Wilson, Lifestyles Committee Member

Holiday Yam – Serves 6

MIX UNTIL CRUMBLY

- 1/2 cup of flour
- 1/2 cup of uncooked oatmeal
- 1/2 cup of brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon
- 1/3 cup of margarine

Toss crumbs with large can of drained yams and add 2 cups of whole cranberries. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Sprinkle with 1.5 cups of mini marshmallows. Broil until browned.

By Jim Tuffin, Board Treasurer

Sesame Cookies

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 sticks butter
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups flour (maybe more)
- 2 tsp. baking power
- Sesame seeds (around 1 cup)

Cream butter and sugar together. Add 2 eggs and mix well, add 2 tsp. vanilla-set aside. Mix flour and baking powder. Add flour mixture to creamed butter a little at a time until mixture becomes workable (add more flour if necessary). Take a tablespoon of mixture and shape into a cookie and roll in sesame seeds. Cook at 350 degrees, 25 minutes, or until golden.

By Phyllis Peil – Grandma of Mallory Peil, Lifestyles Coordinator

Zucchini Brownies

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| 3 eggs | 1/2 cup cocoa |
| 2 cups shredded zucchini | 2 tsp. baking soda |
| 2 cups white cane sugar | 1 tsp. salt |
| 1 cup vegetable oil | 3 tsp. cinnamon |
| 2 cups flour | 1 1/2 cup of walnuts or your choice of nuts |
| 3 tsp. vanilla | 1 cup chocolate chips |
| 1 tsp. baking powder | |

1. Combine eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla. Beat until smooth, add zucchini and stir in.
2. Sift in dry ingredients: flour, baking powder, cocoa, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, stir in.
3. Add nuts and chocolate chips to zucchini mixture, stir in.
4. Grease 9x13 inch pan, bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes or until done.
5. ENJOY

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Tis the Season for Holiday Events

The Desert Ridge Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest will soon be here... and so will our Holiday Trolley Tour! What a great way to see the wonderful Holiday displays here in our Desert Ridge

community. Our Board members have extended the invitation to our residents and their families and friends to enjoy an evening of Holiday fun on these great Trolleys. Don't forget to submit your

Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest forms in by December 4 to the Desert Ridge Community Association office. Order your Trolley Tour tickets, seats are limited and on first come basis.

Winners of the 2014 Desert Ridge Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest. Photos courtesy of Tina Dickson.





2015 Eighth Annual Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest

Exciting Prizes for the Best Lights & Decorations

- 1ST PLACE** 2-night stay at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa *plus* \$200 Visa Gift Card
- 2ND PLACE** \$200 Visa Gift Card
- 3RD PLACE** \$150 Visa Gift Card
- 4TH PLACE** \$150 Visa Gift Card
- 5TH PLACE** \$100 Visa Gift Card

Rules

1. The entry form must be received by **Friday, December 4, 2015**. (by fax, email, mail, or deliver to the Association office).
2. The association will begin marking yards for judging the week of **Monday, December 7, 2015**.
3. Residents are not required to be at home however, the holiday display must be illuminated from **6 p.m. until 10 p.m.** starting on **Monday, December 7** ending on **Monday, December 21, 2015**.
4. Winners will be notified by the association.
5. Contestants must be a member in good standing with all assessments current and no existing compliance matters outstanding with the association.

Entries not chosen as a winner are eligible for one of twenty (20) gift cards in a drawing. All entries in the contest receive a participant certificate. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from the 2014 Holiday Lighting Contest are not eligible for the 1st, 2nd or 3rd place prizes in the 2015 Holiday Lighting Contest. Photographs will be taken of winning displays and are property of the Association. Map of general holiday display locations may be provided.

*Accommodations courtesy of JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa.
 *Gift cards, courtesy of Desert Ridge Community Association.



Return this registration form to enter contest by Friday, December 4, 2015

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	

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Desert Ridge
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Holiday Trolley Tour

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY ■ DECEMBER 14-17, 2015

Come join us with your family and friends for a fun-filled night and tour the Desert Ridge Community by Trolley and see the wonderful Holiday displays. These Trolleys are fully enclosed with glass viewing. Seats are limited and on first come basis. Tickets are only available for purchase at the Desert Ridge Community Association office.

- EVENT DATES** December 14, 15, 16, and 17
- EVENT TIMES** 6:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
- COST** \$7 per person Ticket price includes 75 minutes trolley ride, refreshments, snacks and 3D glasses. (by check only, made payable to Desert Ridge Community Association by December 4, 2015)
- CHECK-IN TIME** 15 minutes prior to departure. Trolleys depart promptly, be on time.
- ACTIVITIES & TREATS** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Please join us for cookies and hot chocolate.
- DEPARTURE LOCATION** Desert Ridge Marketplace—Paradise Bakery & Cafe
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Trolley Registration Deadline: December 4, 2015

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Number of Tickets _____ at \$7.00 each = \$ _____		

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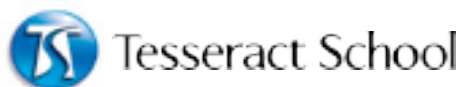
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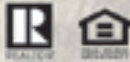


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Milestones to Remember

LATE-JANUARY 2016

A request for board candidates will be sent to all members on January 26th. Candidate forms will be provided via an eblast notice and on desertridgelifestyles.com website.

MID-FEBRUARY 2016

Board Candidate forms are due back to the Community Association by Friday, February 12th at 5pm.

Meet & Greet the Board Candidates at 11am, Sunday, February 14th at the DRCA Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge.

Meet & Greet the Board Candidates at the 6pm, Wednesday, February 24th DRCA Board of Directors Meeting.

MID-MARCH 2016

Meet & Greet the Board Candidates at 11am, Sunday, March 13th at the DRCA Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge.

Candidate Ballots for election to the Board of Directors are mailed to all members on Friday, March 18th.

APRIL 21, 2016

DRCA Annual Meeting of Members and announcement of election results.

More information will be sent during the approaching months. Stay tuned to your community magazine, Desert Ridge Lifestyles, www.desertridgelifestyles.com and upcoming eblasts and mailings.

If you think you may be interested in serving and would like to speak with a current board member, contact desertridge.az@fsresidential.com or nominating@desertridgelifestyles.com.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE Desert Ridge Community Association BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

The Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2016 election for three (3) open seats on the Board of Directors. The election results will be announced during the Association's Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016. However, there are several steps and events that will take place between now and then.



Here are a few key dates in 2016, to keep in mind:

- **JANUARY 26** – Board Candidate interest and application forms e-mailed to the members.
- **FEBRUARY 12** – Board Candidate interest and application forms due back to the Desert Ridge Community Association's office by 5pm.
- **FEBRUARY 14** – Board Candidates Meet and Greet/Q & A at the Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge at 11am, weather permitting.
- **FEBRUARY 24** – DRCA Board of Directors meeting Board Candidates Meet and Greet/Q&A at 6 p.m. at the Desert Ridge Community Associations office.
- **MARCH 13** – Board Candidates Meet and Greet/Q & A at the Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge at 11am, weather permitting.
- **MARCH 18** – DRCA Ballots for the 2016 election are mailed to all members.
- **APRIL 18** – Mail-in ballots for election of Board of Directors due from all members to the Desert Ridge Community Association's office by 5pm.
- **APRIL 21** – DRCA Annual Meeting and election results will be announced at 6pm, location to be determined.

BOARD CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications established by the Desert Ridge Community Association's ("Association") Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Desert Ridge as recorded and amended (CC&R's) and the Association's Nominating Committee per Section 3.8 of the Association's Bylaws for being nominated to serve on the Board are listed below. Please review each item closely before submitting your candidate application for consideration.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST:

Comply with the following requirements per the CC&R's, and must remain in compliance through the Annual Meeting:

Must be an owner of record in the Association or an entity owner of record in the Association. If you are a representative of a confirmed entity owner of record you must provide a signed, notarized letter from the owner of record, appointing you as its' representative.

Must be a member in good standing, with all assessments current (no more than 30 days delinquent) and no outstanding violation(s) of the CC&R's.

Must not have member rights suspended by the Board of Directors for any violations of the Association's governing documents.

Must not be involved in current litigation regarding compliance or dispute with Association's governing documents.

Must commit to attend regularly scheduled board meetings (at least once a month), as well as the additional time that may be required in order to participate at the committee level.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Must attend at least one of the three scheduled Board Candidates Meet & Greet meetings.

Must attend the Annual Meeting – 6:00pm, Thursday, April 21, 2016. (Note: Should a majority voted member be unable to attend due to an extenuating circumstance the Nominating Committee may determine if said circumstance warrant consideration).

Must attend the Organizational Meeting scheduled within 5 business days following the Annual Meeting.

Must attend Board Member training, scheduled within 10 business days following the Annual Meeting.

Attendance at a Board of Directors Meeting, prior to the election, is strongly suggested. Board meetings are the 4th Wednesday of each month (except April, July and December) at the Desert Ridge Community Association office starting at 6pm.

Please contact Terrance Smith, Community General Manager, at the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4550 or by email to terrance.smith@fsresidential.com for more information. Thank you for your valued interest and participation in our community!

Board Candidate FAQ's

What does the Nominating Committee do?

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

What does the Nominating Committee have planned for the upcoming board election year?

This issue contains both the board candidate interest announcement and the requirements and qualifications and email address for the application forms. Several "Meet the Candidate" events have been scheduled so that members of the community can meet prospective Board Members. There will be a Board Candidates "Meet and Greet" at the DRCA Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge on Sunday, February 14th at 11am, a "Meet the Candidate" night at 6pm on Wednesday, February 24th at the DRCA Board of Directors Meeting and another Board Candidates "Meet and Greet" at the DRCA Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge on Sunday, March 13th at 11am.

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

Out of the seven member seats on the Board of Directors, there are three (3) seats on the Board of Directors that are available for election in 2016. Directors are elected to serve two year terms. In 2016, these three positions will be elected for a two year term since the two year term for these three seats will have expired in April 2016. Therefore, all three positions will serve two year terms.

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

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

Return all candidate application forms to the Association office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, February 12th.

In addition, candidates are required to attend at least one of the three "Meet the Candidate" events. It is strongly recommended that

all board candidates attend the Board Candidates Meet & Greet / Q&A to be held during the DRCA Board of Director Meeting on Wednesday, February 24th at 6pm. Candidates are also encouraged to attend the DRCA Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge Board Candidates Meet & Greet / Q&A on Sunday, February 14th at 11am or Sunday, March 13th at 11am.

Candidates must also attend the Desert Ridge Community Association Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 21st. Candidate attendance at this meeting is mandatory!

What are the Directors' responsibilities?

The Desert Ridge Community Association is an Arizona-chartered, 501(c)(4) nonprofit social welfare organization. Directors are responsible for operating and maintaining the "common area" property of the community, reviewing and approving all site plans and improvements within the community, and providing coordination and oversight of the community subsidiary associations and subdivisions. Luckily, we have a management company that handles most of the day-to-day operations.

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

The Board typically holds one Open Session and one Executive Session per month, which takes approximately 2-4 hours, combined. There are presently seven standing committees that each have varying meeting schedules determined by their respective committee charter. Depending on which committee you would like to be involved with, an additional 1-2 hours per week may be required. Typically, the time commitment averages about 8 hours a month.

When and where is the Board of Directors Meetings?

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

Do you incur personal liability by serving on the Board?

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

How does the election actually work?

There is a one vote per lot for each available position on the board. A qualified Owner will be able to cast one vote for up to 3 candidates.

Do developers and commercial entities get to vote?

Yes, qualified developers and commercial entities are members and get to vote. The Desert Ridge Board is not a Homeowners Association, it is a Community Association. One of the great things about Desert Ridge is that it is still a relatively young development, and only about 40% of the total parceled land have homes built on them. Since the voting is determined per lot, there is still significant involvement by private and commercial developers and the Master Developer. The Master Developer actually casts votes for all land held by the Arizona State Land Dept.

What is the role of the Association?

The Association is intended to be an "umbrella" organization whose primary responsibilities are: (a) the maintenance of all Common Areas; (b) through the Committee, the subdivision, site plan and design review of all improvements within Desert Ridge; and (c) the coordination and oversight of the community subsidiary associations and subdivisions.

Tips for people who are running:

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

Candidate Information & Biography

DESERT RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Please Print, Use Black Ink)

Name: _____ Are you a qualified member? Y N

If yes, complete residency status below.

Residency: Full-Time Resident Owner Part-Time Resident Owner Non-Resident Owner

Are you a representative of a member? Y N

How long have you been a Member or representative of a Member of the Desert Ridge Community? Years _____

What is your current occupation? _____

How does your current occupation support your qualifications to be on a community association board?

Do you feel that there would be any conflicts with the type of work you do and the ability to make decisions that are in the best interest of the community?

What do you believe is the most pressing issue concerning our community today?

Why do you want to be on the Board of the Desert Ridge Community Association?

What rule(s) in the CC&R's would you like to see changed, if any, and why? _____

Board Candidate Biography (under 200 words) _____

Please provide your complete contact information below. (This information will not be used for any mailing lists)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Work phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Please return this form to: Desert Ridge Community Association, Attn: Terrance Smith, c/o FirstService Residential
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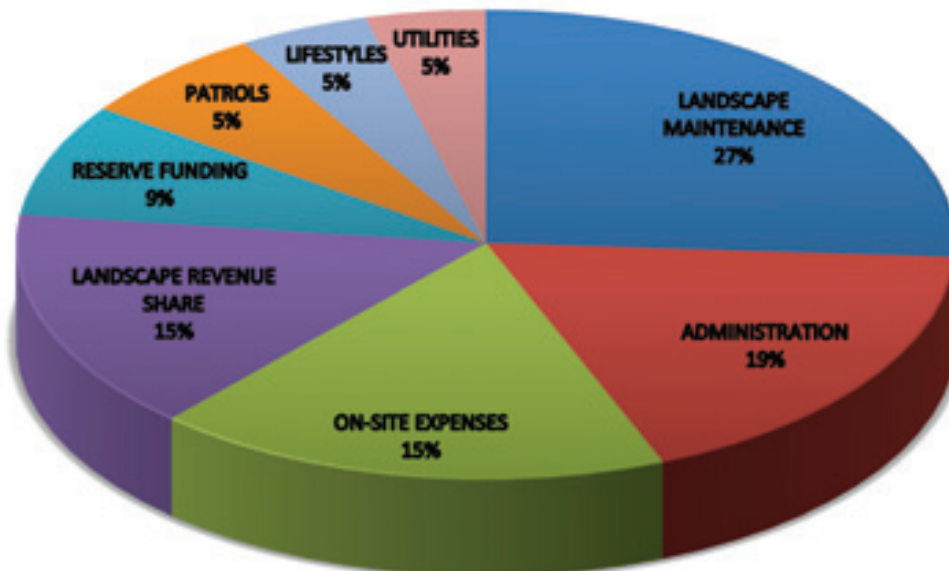
YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2016 ASSESSMENTS - WORKING FOR YOU

As a resident of Desert Ridge Community Association (Master Association), you may be uncertain about what is covered by your master association annual assessment of \$372.00 (paid semi-annually in the amount of \$186.00 each January and July).

The following expense allocations are based on the approved DRCA 2016 Budget illustrating how the Master Association typically applies your annual assessment of \$372.00

Landscape Maintenance	\$99.51 (26.75%)	For the contracted landscape services related to the common areas streetscape, maintenance services, irrigation repairs, tree trimming, weed control, etc.
Administration	\$69.68 (18.73%)	For expenses related to the annual audit, taxes, licenses, insurance, legal services, consulting, postage, statements, reserve study, website, meetings, bad debt, collection costs and management fees.
On- Site Expenses	\$57.73 (15.52%)	Contracted staffing costs for the five (5) on-site staff working for the master association and office rent.
Landscape Revenue Share	\$56.51 (15.19%)	For the landscape maintenance assessments paid to to both Aviano and Fireside HOA from the Master Association to maintain the common area within these two neighborhoods that is the maintenance responsibility of the Desert Ridge Community Association.
Reserve Funding	\$32.40 (8.71%)	For capital reserves that includes future replacement of capital items in the master association common area for monuments, bollard light fixtures, decomposed granite, Central Irrigation Controller System, walls/fencing, etc.
Community Patrols	\$19.34 (5.20%)	For common area community Off-Duty Phoenix Police Patrols Patrol, overnight parking enforcement, vandalism, etc.
Community Lifestyles	\$19.61 (5.27%)	For expenses related to Desert Ridge Lifestyles events, programs, socials, sponsorships, outreach, magazine, promotion and advertising, and recreational activities.
Utilities	\$17.22 (4.63%)	For water, sewer and electric expenses related to the common area streetscape, medians, washes and monuments.

DRCA 2016 OPERATING EXPENSES





DESERT RIDGE COLLECTION POLICY

ITEM	VALUE	COMMENT
Assessment Frequency	Semi-Annually	January 1 and July 1
Late Date	15th	
Late Charge	\$15.00	
Late Interest	N/A	
Rebill Date	15th	
Rebill Amount	\$20.00	
Pre-legal Demand Letter Date	Sent at 45 days	
Pre-legal Demand Letter Amount	\$50.00	Demand is always sent 30 days after the rebill and account assessment is delinquent
Pre-legal Final Demand Letter Date	Sent at 60 days	Final Demand is sent both Standard USPS Mail and Certified Mail with a review of the account to verify assessment is still delinquent
Pre-legal Final Demand Letter Amount	\$150.00	Fee includes any/all postage and handling
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Lien Amount	\$300.00	This includes the recording of lien and the release of lien when delinquency has been cured
Collection Date	77-80 days	Once lien is recorded, account will be transferred to the Association's collection Attorney for any collection work needed
Collection Attorney	Sent at 80 days	Maxwell & Morgan
Attorney Legal Demand Letter	\$225 + \$100	Due diligence search – Letter requesting payment or lawsuit will be filed
Summons & Complaint	\$338	Money Judgment/Justice Court Processings-Attempt collection of the delinquency

Revised & Adopted: 1/28/15

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NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES AVAILABLE AT DRCA OFFICE

Did you know that the Desert Ridge Community Association now has a Notary Public and that the services of our Notary will be available to the members of the Desert Ridge Community Association at no charge? The Desert Ridge Community Association Office hours are from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday and is located at 5415 E. High Street, Suite 220, Phoenix, AZ 85054.

Sharon Hook, Community Coordinator, is a Notary Public for the State of Arizona

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

The Notary acts as an impartial witness to the signing of legally binding documents.

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

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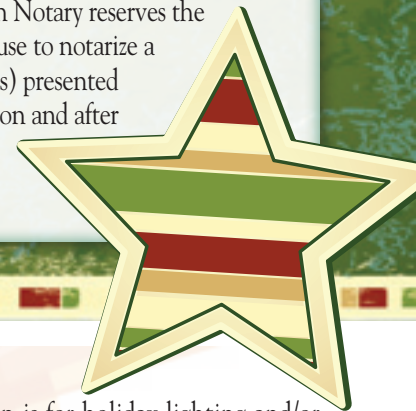
What documents need to be notarized?

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



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

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



Reavis Dorsey
Compliance Coordinator

HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND DECORATIONS

It's that time of the year again. Let's all be respectful of our neighbors and community.

Holiday lighting and/or decorations shall not become a nuisance to neighbors. Holiday lighting/decorations that directly correspond to specific and generally recognized events may be displayed for a period of seven days preceding the specific calendar holiday and must be removed within three days following the said holiday.



The only exception is for holiday lighting and/or decorations for the holidays that fall in the month of December. As to such holiday lighting and/or decorations otherwise complying herewith may be put up as early as the immediately preceding Thanksgiving holiday and must be removed no later than January 7th, 2016.

No holiday lighting and/or decorations can be placed by owners on common areas and electricity for such holiday lighting and/or decorations must be provided from the dwelling unit/lot and may not be derived from any common area facility.

A CHANGE IN SEASON

By Bob Cardoza
Regional President West
FirstService Residential California

The change in season from summer to autumn is a very special time for Arizona residents. The harsh summer months start to fade into a much softer warmth followed shortly by some of the best weather in the United States. The plants and people who have been hibernating begin to emerge and the entire state seems to come alive. Families start to plan outdoor activities like BBQ's, community football games, hikes and much more. It is hands down every Arizona resident's favorite time of year!

At times, companies also go through a change in season, a time when directives shift and the company needs to move in a new direction. Much like the change from summer to autumn, it's a time of growth

and renewal, something that brings about positive change.

FirstService Residential Arizona recently announced a change in leadership and welcomed John Kemper as the new President of the company. John comes to FirstService from the staffing industry where he enjoyed over two decades of successfully leading teams to prosperity. John's employee centered approach to management and his long standing record of creating environments that nurture collaboration embodies the core values we hold dear at FirstService Residential.

John was raised in Arizona and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Management from Arizona State University. He currently enjoys spending time with his wife and



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three children, traveling, spending time out on the lake and off-roading. John also serves the community by sitting on the Board of Directors for The Boys and Girls Club of Metropolitan Phoenix and coaching Pop Warner football.

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

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We will be offering FREE holiday skating in the District in front of AMC Theatres for children 5 and older. Skates will be provided, but don't forget your socks!

First Snow Fall

Mon., Nov. 23 ■ 6-8pm

AMC Fountain at Desert Ridge Marketplace

Kick off the holiday season with Desert Ridge Marketplace! Join us for the very first snow fall of the season, plus games, prizes, dancing and more! Also, receive a free photo with the popular Ice Princess Sisters.

Salvation Army Angel Tree

Thurs., Nov. 19 - Sat., Dec. 20

Dave & Buster's at Desert Ridge Marketplace

The Christmas Angel Program provides new toys and clothing to children who otherwise would not have gifts to open during the holidays. The Angel Tree is located at Dave & Buster's at Desert Ridge Marketplace and contains tags with the name, age, clothing size, and toy requests of an underprivileged child.

Nightly Snowfalls

Nov. 23 - Dec. 31 ■ 7pm & 8pm

AMC Fountains at Desert Ridge Marketplace

It will snow each night between November 24-December 31 (except for Thanksgiving & Christmas) promptly at 7 & 8pm within The District at Desert Ridge Marketplace. Out of thin air, flakes of fluffy white snow will float down from the sky, transforming the AMC Fountain and Fireplace into a living snow globe.

Story Time with PBS Channel 8

Dec. 2, 9 and 16 ■ 5-7pm

District Stage

Bring the kids out to get in the holiday spirit and enjoy FREE hot chocolate and cookies from California Pizza Kitchen, story time readings of holiday classics, dancing and exercises by The Little Gym and special guest characters presented by PBS Channel 8. Special character visits include Clifford The Big Red Dog on Dec. 2nd, Sid the Science Kid on Dec. 9th and Curious George on Dec. 16th. Remember to get here early to grab a seat!

Sounds of the Season

Sat., Dec. 12 ■ 11am - 6pm

Sun., Dec. 13 ■ 10am - 6pm

District Stage

Desert Ridge Marketplace hosts many community groups throughout the year and this year we have scheduled an entire weekend filled with various dance, music and performing arts programs.

Each group was asked to perform a holiday themed show. This event is expected to draw large crowds of families and friends coming out to support and watch each of these acts.

Snow Day

Sat. Jan. 16, 2016 ■ 10am - 1pm

Sandbar Parking Lot

Don't stay inside this Snow Day! Whether you're a kid or just want to feel like one for the day, grab your mittens and head over to Snow Day in the Sandbar parking lot, located just off of Tatum Blvd. If you can't make it to the snow for the holidays, we will bring it to you! With over 40 tons of snow to play in, crafts, cookies and milk, and live music, there is something for everyone!

LEGO® City Display

Fri., Nov. 20 ■ 6-9pm

Located near the District Stage next to GameStop.

See an impressive miniature city, featuring high rise buildings, trains, bridges, trolleys, trees and more, all made of LEGO® bricks. Presented by Cactus Brick and Desert Ridge Marketplace.

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Alex Mullins Band

Fri., Nov. 20 ■ District Stage

Original Alternative Indie Band

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

Brenna Stilwell

Fri., Nov. 20 ■ AMC Fountain

Singer/Songwriter

Brenna Stilwell is a versatile singer/songwriter with a laidback and youthful sound. She plays mostly acoustic guitar and piano-based indie style pop. Brenna is just as comfortable covering songs by classic artists such as Bob Dylan, Elton John and Tom Petty, as she is covering Katy Perry, Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran.

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Sat., Nov. 21 ■ District Stage

Funk, Soul, Jazz and R&B Band

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Divided Minds

Fri., Nov. 27 ■ District Stage

Alternative Rock

Heavily influenced by 80’s and 90’s American rock, this young local band is new on the scene, eager to entertain with their unique sound. You can frequently catch them playing classic covers or original songs at trendy spots across the Valley with other up-and-coming local bands. For details, visit dividedmindsband.com

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Fri., Nov. 27 ■ 6 - 9pm

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Sandy Hathaway

Fri., Nov. 27 ■ AMC Fountain

Indie Acoustic Singer/Songwriter

Sandy Hathaway is from Chandler and has been performing and writing songs for over 14 years in Arizona, Michigan, California, Hawaii and Belize, Central America. Her songs are laced with colorful metaphors and her vocal style has been compared to Joni Mitchell, Patty Griffin and Dar Williams. Sandy writes songs from her heart and experiences growing up on a farm, with people and places that made lasting impressions in her life. Her descriptive writing transports the listener to places and times that she creates through music and lyrics. Sandy was in the top 10 for the Tucson Folk Festival songwriter contest in 2005. Sandy music has been in the top three on ReverbNation for over six months. For details, visit sandyhathaway.com

LEGO® City Display

Sat., Nov. 28 ■ 11am - 9pm

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Vintage Wednesday

Sat., Nov. 28 ■ District Stage

Alternative Indie Band

Vintage Wednesday is a rock band from Gilbert, AZ. The band is young, but their music is classic. Vintage Wednesday is highly influenced by rock music from the 60’s and 70’s through today, covering bands like The Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, Heart, Rolling Stones, Jefferson Airplane, Pat Benatar, U2 and David Guetta. Their originals have a very classic rock sound mixed with an Indie vibe. Vintage Wednesday were finalists in Alice Cooper’s Proof is in the Pudding 2013. The band has performed at Hard Rock Cafe, Alice Cooperstown, PF Chang’s KidsRock AZ, Harvey American, Susan G Komen Race for The Cure and many events across the East Valley. For details, visit facebook.com/vintagewednesdaymusic

Janelle Loes

Sat., Nov. 21 ■ AMC Fountain

Adult Alternative Singer/Songwriter

Janelle Loes is an emerging singer/songwriter who knows how to spin a song and mesmerize an audience. Fusing elements of jazz, pop, and adult contemporary music, her style is both catchy and soothing while her voice is a deep sea serenade through rich, expressive waters. For details, visit janelleloes.com

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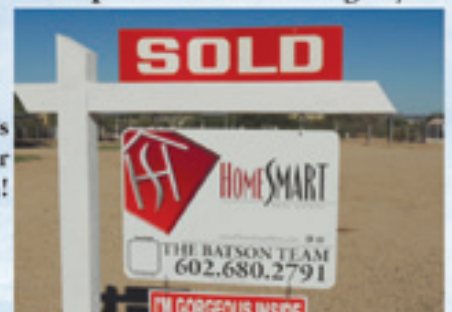
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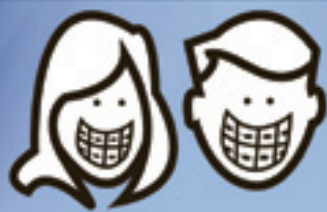
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Jennifer Birney, PIO Intern
Maricopa County Animal Care and Control



The holidays are a busy time of year for everyone; including Maricopa County shelters

and rescue groups. Did you know that our community has one of the highest homeless pet populations in the country? During our last fiscal year, Maricopa County Animal Care and Control took in 36,047 dogs and cats – that’s an average of 100 animals each day!



How can you help? What can you do to make the season a bit brighter for homeless pets? Here are a few ideas:



1 Host a donation drive for a local shelter or rescue group. Many organizations are in need of food, toys and blankets for the dogs and cats in their care. Visit <http://pacc911.org/coalition-partners> for a list of just some of the groups located in Maricopa County.



2 Sign up to volunteer! We are always in need of volunteers to help with adoptions, off-site adoption events and walking dogs at our shelters. The process is simple! Check out <http://www.maricopa.gov/pets/help.aspx> for a full list of volunteer job descriptions, time requirements and dates for the next scheduled volunteer orientation session



3 With year’s end rapidly approaching, consider making a monetary donation to the animal charity of your choice. Make sure to check with the charity to ensure that your gift will be tax deductible! FRIENDS of Animal Care &

Control (www.azfriendsofanimals.com) is a nonprofit agency that provides funding for our Spay Neuter Assistance Program. Fix.Adopt.Save. is a collaborative effort between seven different animal welfare agencies in the Valley – donate to them and support several causes at one time! Visit www.fixadoptsave.org for details.



4 Once the hustle and bustle of the holidays has settled, visit your local shelter and adopt a homeless pet! Make it a family decision – discuss with each other the different breeds and what type of animal would be best for you. Who will feed the new pet? Will you take turns providing the new dog or cat daily exercise? Who will handle training? These are all important questions to have answered BEFORE you head down to the shelter. If you are looking for a specific breed, check out some of the Valley’s breed specific rescue groups.



5 Resolve to make sure your dog is licensed! In Maricopa County, dogs over three months of age are



required to be rabies vaccinated and licensed. Animal Care & Control offer FREE rabies vaccination clinics throughout the Valley on a monthly basis. You can find a list of upcoming events at www.maricopa.gov/pets.

These are some of the ways you can help. But remember, homeless pets need help all year round, not just during the holidays!

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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.



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

By Amber Roelofs

Since its inception in 1997, DRPG has made philanthropy an essential element of our core values. We are constantly looking for ways to better our community and help families in need. Year-round we are on the lookout for ways to give back. We have done everything from food donations to book drives. Every year we do a Children's Halloween Costume Parade at the Phoenix Mountain Nursing Center. The children come dressed in their costumes and do a parade around the facility to spread cheer for the elderly residents. Many residents of nursing homes don't have regular visitors, or any visitors at all, and this is an occasion when they can see and connect with many happy faces.

The holiday season is a good time to start thinking about helping other people. Giving warmth, love and hope. That's what the holiday season should be all about. A time to share our good fortune with our neighbors in need. Adopt-a-family programs are a particularly powerful way to get children and families engaged in community outreach, and a great

way to show our neighbors that we care.

Over the holidays we adopt two or more families. DRPG donates gift cards for a hearty holiday meal, we adopt each family member, from kids to parents. We believe that it is important for every member of the family to receive something! Typically, we receive a Holiday List from the organization for each family member. Together, our DRPG families gather all of the items and then add a few additional "surprises." We hand deliver the presents and are able to see the smile on their faces when we help give them a bit more joy for the holidays.

We also believe it is of utmost importance to teach our children kindness, compassion and cultivate their social conscience. Some children may not even realize there are children out there who don't have the same good fortune as them. The best



strategy to advance their humanitarianism is to get the kids involved. In helping with school drives, "adopted families," volunteering, and our consistent attention to philanthropic endeavors, we give our children good examples and opportunities for them to see what giving with grace really means.

Our collective power can really make a difference. Through our organization we have a giving tradition that makes our members look forward to every holiday season knowing we are nurturing our community and supporting families in need. We also host many great events for parents and children throughout the season including fun crafts, holiday parties, and weekly play groups.

If you are interested in hearing more about DRPG and joining in on the fun...visit us at DRPGonline.com. Our annual dues are only \$30 per year, per family! You can also follow us on Facebook at: Desert Ridge Parents' Group.



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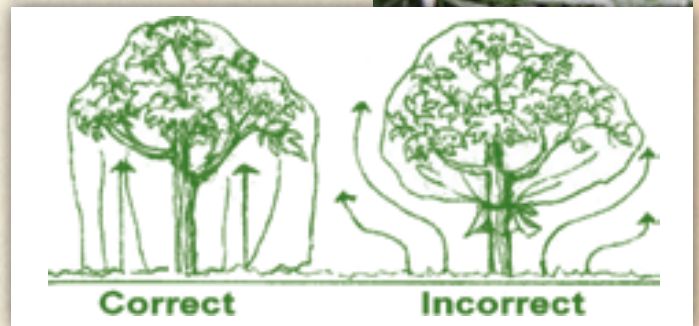
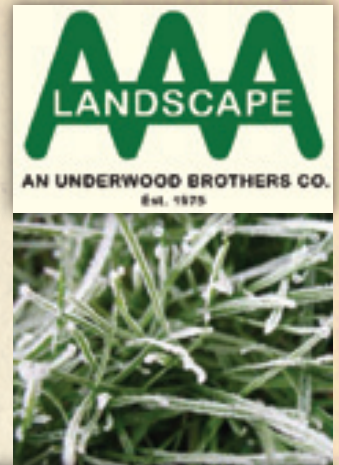
Sub-freezing temperatures are forecasted for the Phoenix Metro areas this coming winter. Make sure to wrap any above ground irrigation piping, and if possible, drain them with the ball valves open 1/8 of a turn (half open). If shut down and drainage is not an option, schedule drip zones to run long cycles over night far from sidewalks, trails, or places of gathering to prevent slips and injuries during the morning hours. The constant movement of water helps to prevent water from freezing since water in under-ground piping stays above 32F. This is also a good practice

for your own system at home whether it's for irrigation, pool, or the water service into your house.

Cover frost sensitive plants like Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, Lantana, and Winter Annuals. Use any paper or cloth-like material (old sheets or towels) to cover the plant. Frost cloths are also available at local nurseries or home improvement stores. Make sure to cover the plant all the way to the ground to help trap any heat radiating from the ground. Plants that are dry are more likely to get frost damage,

so water them before the frost.

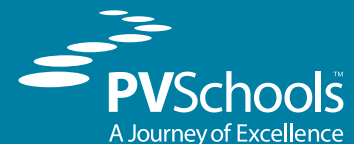
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What is the tax credit?

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Do I have to itemize deductions to claim the tax credit?

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What is the maximum credit and/or reduction I can receive?

\$400 if filing jointly or \$200 if filing as a single. We appreciate donations at any amount.

When is the deadline to contribute?

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I give to the Public Education and Private Education Tax Credit. Can I do this tax credit as well?

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How do I know the organization I support qualifies for the credit under this program?

You can visit www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits.aspx to see a list of all qualifying organizations.

Can I make contributions to more than one qualifying charitable organization?

Yes, but the total to the **Credit for Contributions made to Qualifying Charitable Organizations** allowed is still \$200 per individual or \$400 for married couples filing jointly, regardless of the number of organizations you support.

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NARROW YOUR FOCUS

By Matt Keel

As you have probably learned by now, golf is one of those games that is full of both highs and lows. We are constantly striving for more highs and trying eliminate the lows. In order to play our best golf, we not only need to have an effective swing, but we need a good “mental game.” The “mental game” is one of those terms that is loosely thrown around without truly knowing how to develop one. The biggest key to having a strong mental game is your ability to narrow your focus.

When we are preparing to hit a golf shot, there are a tremendous amount of variables that will affect our shot such as distance, wind etc. Narrowing your focus is simply taking all the information about the variables and making decisions until you're left with just one swing thought. Picture that you are putting all the information about your shot into a funnel and what you are left with on the other side of the funnel is one swing thought. The best way to create this funneling process is to use an effective pre-shot routine. Let's take a look at a simple three step pre-shot routine that will take you through the process of narrowing your focus.

Look at the shot and make your

club selection: First look at your shot and start asking yourself some questions. Some of the questions you may want to ask are: What is my distance? Is there any trouble I need to go over or avoid? Is there any wind that will affect my shot? How is my lie? Once you have answered your questions, select the appropriate club.

Make practice swings: A practice swing is like a rehearsal. If you are acting in a play, you would rehearse your scenes. A practice swing is no different. Rehearse your swing a couple times before opening night. When making your practice swings, either practice the exact swing you are trying to make or practice the swing change you are currently trying to make. This point in the routine is the perfect time to incorporate any changes you are trying to make from a lesson or practice on the driving range.

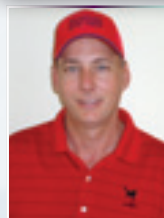
Line up and swing: When you are lining up, pick a target and be very specific. The more specific you are about your target, the better your shot will typically be. When setting up to the ball, line your club up to the target first and then orient your body to the club. Setting up in this sequence will give you the best chance to line up correctly. Last, make

your swing. Did you notice that I said make your swing rather than hit the ball? If you are lined up correctly and you make a good swing, the ball will go where you want. If you are trying to hit the ball rather than swing the club, you will never be able to develop the consistent golf swing you are working so hard to develop.

Try using this routine. Just like a swing change, a pre-shot routine will require a little practice before it becomes a new habit. Soon you will start to notice that you are able to narrow your focus and

begin to see more consistency on the golf course.

With the Christmas holiday right around the corner, golf lessons make excellent holiday gifts. This year's Holiday Special: receive a complimentary 90 minute on course playing lesson with the purchase of a 6 lesson game improvement package. The package must be purchased between November 27, 2015 and December 24, 2015; however, the lessons can be taken at a later date.



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.



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

Another year has come and gone and the holiday season is upon us. It is a time for reflection, celebration and renewal and as we do these things let us all remember the less fortunate or those having difficulties, temporary or permanent. There are many ways we can assist, from the donation of time, money or gifts to even the small things like being courteous or polite during this hectic season can go a long way. There are many strange and unfortunate events that occur here in Arizona, across this great country and in the world and we all should look to our own neighborhoods to help improve our communities in any way possible.

The Desert Ridge Community Association police patrols will be increased during the holiday season so if you see an increased police presence in your neighborhoods it is more than likely the officers hired by your association. The end of this year will conclude our fourth full year of this highly successful program so look for some statistical updates in this magazine, online or at one of the HOA meetings in the spring of 2016. If anyone has any questions about this program and its operation, feel free to contact me through email or phone.

This time of year also brings along many

events to attend, family to visit, traveling, shopping and much more. I know not many of you will think of crime prevention during these festive times but a few simple reminders that can be made part of your daily routine will help reduce the opportunities for you and your family to be a victim. Below are some good reminders on crime prevention for around the house, while out in public and in general.

When walking to and from stores, mall, etc keep your head up and be aware of your surroundings, Walk with a purpose, do not divert your attention by texting or talking on the phone, digging for car keys or be burdened with too many bags or packages.

Park in a well lite area, do not park in dark or faraway places. I know it is difficult to find good parking, but do the best you can. If you go in at daylight hours and think you might be inside until it is dark, park as if it was dark.

Roll the windows on your car all the way up and LOCK your car. Do not leave valuables, packages, or even gym bags, etc in plain view inside the car; put them all in the trunk. Gym bags or other bags in view may not have anything but a few items of clothes in them but the thieves do not know that and will try anyway.

When parking your cars in your driveway or on the street at home, get them in the garage if you can. If not remove all valuables, garage door openers and lock the car. Many thieves will break into a car just to take the garage opener and then use it to take items from the garage or enter the house.

Do not keep large amounts of cash with you or display cash when shopping. Take with you only what you need for the day. Be on guard while at ATM's.

Keep a constant eye on your children. ALWAYS know where they are and keep them in sight. Children are easily distracted by the decorations and excitement of the holidays and may wander off in only a couple seconds.

Do not drink and drive, please use a designated driver, call a taxi or uber. This time of the year many people have holiday functions from work or family and drink when they usually don't and make a bad decision and drive. Please enjoy the season but drive responsibly and patiently. Everyone has a lot to do and if we can exercise patience on the roadways we can reduce accidents.

Make sure the doors and windows to your home are locked, the front lights are on all night and keep a watchful eye for suspicious activity. If you are expecting deliveries and you will not be home, ask a trusted neighbor to pick them up when they arrive. Please call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 if you see suspicious activity.

Do not respond to any "great deal" or "too good to be true" emails from companies, especially ones you do not know. They are more than likely scams and are trying to get your bank information. Only use secure websites that you know are valid businesses. Do not respond to solicitations over email or phones that sound phony or suspicious.

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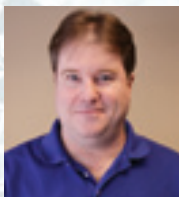


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Avoiding The Crime During Holiday Time

KNOCK, KNOCK



Steve Burns

Someone is at your door, but you aren't expecting anyone. You look out and see someone you don't recognize. What do you do? The answer is

to always respond. However, responding doesn't mean you have to open the door. Calling out to ask "How may I help you?" is usually the best way to start. Often times, a criminal will check to see if anyone is home before breaking in. Letting them know someone is home is usually a strong deterrent to the criminal element. If they ask for someone who doesn't live in your home, call the police immediately. That's a trick burglars have been using for years.

What about door-to-door solicitors? We have definitely seen an increase of door-to-door "Reps" claiming to work for various companies. Some of these people may indeed work with or be affiliated with, a particular company, but despite their official looking embroidered shirts, they are not an actual employee of that company. This may not apply to all companies, but when it comes to the utilities, APS, CenturyLink, Cox Communications, and Southwest Gas, their employees will not come to your home unless you call for service. Keep in mind, regardless of the person's intentions; you

have every right to ask them to leave or to respond politely by saying "No thank you", "Now's not a good time", or even "Sorry, I'm on a call right now".

Why are the police in my neighborhood?

During the Holiday Season, you will notice more Phoenix Police driving around Desert Ridge. This is because the DRCA Board of Directors has authorized an increase in Phoenix Police off-duty patrols. In fact, the amount of patrols will nearly double during the Holiday Season.

Holiday safety tips

Even with the increased police patrols, you still need to be aware of your surroundings and take appropriate precautions. Below are my annual Holiday safety tips to help get you through the season safely.

When Shopping, or Out and About

- Take only the credit cards you need when shopping. Leave the others in a safe place at home.
- When paying with a credit card, make sure that the card is not easily visible to others around you. There are crooks that can memorize your card number in a matter of seconds.
- Keep your purse or wallet close to you at all times.

- Do not carry excessive or unnecessary cash on you.
- Shop in the daylight if possible. When shopping after dark always park in a well-lit area.
- Shop with a friend when possible, because there's safety in numbers.
- Do not leave your purse, wallet, cell phone, or any other valuables in plain view.
- When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior to be sure no one is hiding inside.
- When placing purchases from the stores in your vehicle, place them out of sight. The best place is in the trunk.



- After putting packages in your vehicle, drive to different row before going to another store. Do this even if you are simply going back to the same store.
- Try not to park next to a larger vehicle, that blocks your vision while you are entering or exiting your vehicle.
- Have your keys out and ready when approaching your vehicle.

When Home

- To help prevent vandalism, turn off inflatable decorations at a specific time. If convenient, bring them up to the front porch or close to the house.
- Keep the front of the house well lit and make sure that trees and bushes are trimmed so that doors and windows can easily be seen.
- Install an alarm system if possible (see my article from the Spring issue).
- Beware of door-to-door charity scams.
- Keep an eye out for parcel deliveries; packages on porches are big targets.
- Make sure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries and are functioning properly (Make sure that you have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors).

- Do not leave boxes from your gifts in plain site before or after the holidays. A box from a flat screen TV is advertising to a criminal that you have what they're looking for.

When Leaving Town

- Have mail held at the post office while you're away.
- Use timers on lights to give the appearance that someone is home.
- Let a loved one or someone else that you trust know the route that you're taking.

This goes especially if you will be traveling in snowy or icy conditions.

- Register for Vacation Watch with the City of Phoenix Police department.

By utilizing these tips, having heightened awareness, and by using some common sense, we can all have a safer and more joyous holiday season.

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.



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Freshman QB Rattler Impresses in Heavyweight Debut



By Eric Sorenson
Sports360 AZ

www.sports360az.com

It's safe to assume Spencer Rattler slept well following his debut game.

The Pinnacle High School freshman quarterback most certainly had a week to remember. Recently named the varsity starter the six-foot, 160-pounder was shouldered with the task of not only replacing the

greatest player in school history, Michigan State quarterback Brian Lewerke, but also debuting against the defending Division I Champion Chandler Wolves.

It was evident early in CHS's 56-10 romp the inexperienced Pioneers were no match for Shaun Aguano's team. However the future appears bright with Rattler in control of the offense for the next four years.

"For all our players, including [Spencer], I

think we'll look back and say, 'thank you, Chandler,'" Pinnacle head coach Dana Zupke said flashing a wry grin. "For the lesson."

Zupke's freshman signal-caller forced some throws and threw three interceptions, one which was returned for the touchdown early in the second half, but he also showed leadership on the field as well as the sideline. If his confidence was, pardon the pun, rattled he didn't show it.

"I moved the ball pretty well," he told Sports360AZ.com after the game. "Had a couple dumb plays...I've just got to move to the next play. Keep playing."

Due to Chandler's swarming front Rattler rarely had time to go through his progressions in the pocket. Instead he used his athleticism and quick feet to keep plays alive, even when his initial read was covered.

"Their d-ends were just athletes," he explained. "They got around the end so I just had to breakout and run."

Sure doesn't sound like a freshman.

"The future's very bright with him," Zupke confidently said.

The secret's out in north Phoenix.

It's Rattler season.

PINNACLE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR

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Pinnacle High School Basketball Season Begins

By Charles Wilde
Pinnacle High School Basketball Coach

The 2015-16 basketball season will be an exciting one. We have 2 returning starters and 3 veterans who came off the bench that were very productive. Three year veterans AJ Elliot and Nik Mains will be leading the way. AJ has committed to Point Loma University and Nik has offers from Air Force Academy and Arizona Christian University, among many others who have interest. We have a very talented younger players and our Junior Varsity team finished last year with a 15-3 record.

Our season begins with four tough road games (just the

way we like it) at Mountain View, Deer Valley, Mesa and Perry High schools.

We then have a national tournament December 10-12th at Pinnacle! Teams involved will be Mater Dei High School from San Diego, Sacred Heart Catholic from San Francisco, Santiago High School from Corona, CA and Higley High School from Arizona.

We will again play National powerhouse Findlay Prep at Arizona Christian University on January 9th.

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Please drive carefully, schools will be out on winter break and many kids will be out in the neighborhoods trying out new bikes, toys, etc and you need to be ever mindful of their presence.

Lastly, be patient. The crowds are larger, people are rushed and stressed. Some people do not like the holidays and can act out so

please exercise patience when out and we all can enjoy the holidays in our own joyful way.

If you are going to be out of town for a winter vacation, tell a trusted neighbor to watch over your house, do not post on social media that you will be gone and call the Black Mountain Precinct at 602-495-5002, ask for a Vacation Watch and officers can check on your house while you are gone, if the radio calls allow them to.

Thank you again for another year of working together. I am always looking for ways to help improve your community's quality of life by making sure your neighborhood is safe and secure so if there is anything I can do or if you have any questions on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602-495-5238 or at tim.mitten@phoenix.gov. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

From left to right: Malick Gaye, Gabriel Garcia, Marley Tobin and Jamb Quilla



EXPLORER MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY TOPICS

Presents Go Around the World

By Jamb Quilla

Have you ever wondered what kind of presents people give each other around the world? Gifts and presents around the world differ depending on where you live. The bold bracelet is an example of a present that you don't usually get. It's a bracelet made by twin brothers, Chris and Doug Akin, that started out in Namibia, South Africa. There are many more rare presents around the world that can spark your interest and can make a wonderful present for friends and family.

Presents around the world are different. For example, in Ecuador, red bracelets with tiny "hand" beads are important gifts for Ecuadorian babies. On the other hand, Guatemalan

children receive chinchines which is an instrument that is a vital part of Christmas. Some traditional gifts would be wonderful as well. Christmas cards and sweaters are still great Christmas presents especially if you want to give it to someone on the other side of the world. However, if you want unique and rare presents, you can purchase incense sticks, candles, and jewelry from a company called Silence in India. They also make beautiful pottery to give your house a bit of uniqueness. Another gift idea is ornaments for your Christmas trees. The Little Market have talented women that can make handmade ornaments like the handmade embroidered white doves from Nepal or the pretty white felt winter wreath. If you have kids, you can

get them a hand-knit alpaca-stuffed animals made in Peru. All these excellent presents can make someone smile and can give someone a rare and one of a kind Christmas with the unique gifts you give them.

In conclusion, presents around the world are rare, unique, and different compared to our presents. There are similarities as well. Gift cards, ornaments, and candles are common, but still very appreciated Christmas presents. Presents aren't just there for any reason. They bring happiness and joy to both the receiver and giver. Christmas presents around the world can be amazing presents especially those who love to travel and seek new, exciting things. Gifts around the world are fantastic, rare presents that will surely be appreciated by your family and friends.

BLACK FRIDAY HISTORY

By Malick Gaye

Have you ever found yourself driving on a late November night, hearing the mumble of crowds at a large store? Along with this, did you experience the horrific traffic that accompanies these mumbles? Anyone who has been out the week before Thanksgiving can tell you of these sights. Major franchises across town prepare for the biggest shopping day of the year by promising huge discounts on popular items to start the spending season. This is not an uncommon sight; several stores' websites have Black Friday promotions on the home page. Even though Black Friday can be a very lucky day for some, it can be a burden to others. Crowds can be very unruly when trying to get a brand new, discounted television or a cheap new toy. People line up in front of major retailers for weeks, having to endure the

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Boring Kids Table Remedies

By Marley Tobin

Do your kids complain about the Boring "kids table" at holiday dinners? There are many ways to reconstruct the lifeless kids table into an engaging memorable one. Treats, decoration, and entertainment will help get 100 percent of kids from complaining to occupied. Your kids and small partygoers will look forward to your party every year! YOU will be the ultimate host for holiday feasts!

Treats are the way to a kid's heart. There are many delicious things in the category of treats, and we all know that one picky "kid" that won't eat anything. Brownie cookies, peppermint cupcakes, and apple squares cover all the bases. Try these great recipes to impress the kids:

Cookies-1 half a stick of softened butter, 1 egg, and half of "Trader Joe's Truffle Brownie Mix". Then simply mix the ingredients together and pour one spoonful each of the mix onto a cookie sheet. Then bake for 20-30 minutes.

Peppermint Cupcakes- "Betty Crocker" vanilla cake mix, 1 ¼ cup of water, cup of vegetable oil, and 3 eggs. Mix all your ingredients together then heat your oven to 350°F and cook for 18 to 23 minutes. Then make or buy

your favorite vanilla frosting mix and put in 1 to 3 drops of peppermint extract. If you want to put some pizzazz into it than you can add red food coloring! Frost your cupcakes with a piping bag or a Ziploc bag with the slit in the corner.

Apple squares – 1 cup all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon of baking powder, a quarter teaspoon of ground cinnamon a 4th cup butter or margarine, melted, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup white sugar, One egg, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1/2 cup apple, 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts, 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon. Sift flour, baking powder, salt, and 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon in a large bowl. Then put melted butter, brown sugar, and one half of white sugar then beat until smooth. Then stir in eggs and vanilla then blend the flour mixture in. Stir in the apples and walnuts into the mixture and spread into a 9x9 inch greased pan. Sprinkle the rest of the cinnamon and sugar on top. Bake for 20-25 minutes.

These delicious treats will surely have the kids praising the "Kids Table" for those holiday dinners!

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Decoration is my favorite thing and is key at a party or an event! Here are three decorations to blow the partygoers minds.

The almighty decoration for Thanksgiving is pumpkins and they have many different uses. But for this particular party you will be using how many you want. Pumpkin bowls-Pumpkin(how many you want),a bowl (has to fit in your pumpkin),and your party appetizers. Trace your bowl on top of the pumpkin, then cut around the outline. Remove the top and insides, put your bowl in the pumpkin and Pour in your snacks! That's one decorative and easy idea for your party!

Party Cup Lights-any color Christmas lights(best brightest white or yellow lights), paper cups (you can use Christmas ones too!). Cut a crisscross hole in the bottom of your cups, Then stick your Christmas lights inside the hole. There you have it, an interesting and creative Christmas light garland for your party!

Sock snowman-knee-high sock, rice, sharpie, buttons, and rubber bands. Cut your sock where the heel would start, and then fill it with rice and tie a rubber band around it so rice won't spill out. Then wrap a rubber band around where you want the head to be. Draw on eyes, coals and a nose to complete his jolly face! You can even add buttons on to complete the look.

These decorations are fun, simple and easy to make! They will charm and amuse your guests full to the brim!

Entertainment is another way to stop the whining and complaining! These easy and engaging ways to entertain the little boys and girls will make you seem like a child whisperer.

The "Holiday Game" this game is a very fun and quiet game to keep kids entertained. How it works- everyone gets a clothespin with the words holiday on it. If you say a "Holiday" in a conversation your pin gets taken away by the receiver of the conversation. The winner of the game is the one with the most pins, and he or she gets a prize of your choice!

Photo Booth-Tape a simple white sheet to an open space on your wall, then cut out "HAPPY HOLIDAYS!" in paper and glue or tape it to the sheet. Then glue or tape different things (depending on the holiday) like candy canes and flat ornaments to turkey hands and cornucopias! Leave out props with a camera or phone on a tripod, set the photos on timer, and

voila you're done! Just have the kids press the timer and put on some props.

Pin the nose on Rudolf-a Rudolf template, red pompom ball and double sided tape, 1x1 or 2x2 cardboard square. Cut out your "Rudolf" and tape it to the wall, take your pom pom and hot glue the cardboard piece to it, then put the double sided tape on the cardboard square.

There you have pin the nose on Rudolf, a cute and easy game to entertain the kids!

At the end of the party you will be applauded by your guests for being an amazing host for the adults *and* the kids! These treats, decorations, and entertainment look effortless but timeless on the same beat! Your kids will worship your holiday dinners at the "Kids Table" for once!

Christmas Traditions in Mexico and France

By Gabriel Garcia

Have you ever thought about holiday celebrations and traditions? We know about U.S. traditions, but do you know about Mexico's and France's holiday traditions?

In Mexico, Christmas is celebrated from December 12th through January 6th. From December 16th to Christmas Eve, children perform 'Posadas'. Posadas celebrate the Christmas story of Joseph and Mary trying to find a place to stay. In Posadas, the outside of houses is decorated with evergreens, moss, and paper lanterns. There are nine 'Posadas' from December 16th till Christmas Eve.

The celebration of Christmas in France

depends on region. Some provinces of France celebrate Christmas on December 25th. Although, in eastern and northern France Christmas begins on December 6th. One tradition is that French put their shoes in front of the fireplace, in hopes that Papa Noel (Santa Claus) will fill them with gifts. On the Christmas tree candy, fruit, nuts, and small toys are hung overnight.

Not many people know about the traditions in other countries for Christmas, but now you are one of the some that do. Although Mexico and France are two of the many countries in the world, you learned more about what goes on around the world while you are at home doing your own celebrations.

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KEEPING UP WITH PVCC

Where Education Meets Innovation

By Candace Oehler
Director of Marketing and Communications

While some kids wouldn't dream of going to school where their parents teach, it's no big deal to Paradise Valley Community College Honors student Becca Clark, whose mom, Lynn, has been an adjunct accounting professor at PVCC since 2011. This Desert Ridge family selected PVCC as their college of choice – not for carpooling, but for quality.

"I love the students!" says Lynn. "They inspire me to be the best professor that I can. Also, our professors, administrators and staff are amazing. They are dedicated to making PVCC the best place for students to begin their college career."

Clark's 20-year old daughter Becca is a member of Phi Theta Kappa (national two-year honorary society) and recipient of a Presidents' Scholarship that covers tuition for four consecutive semesters. The pre-Med student had many college options, but decided on PVCC after taking a class there as a Pinnacle HS senior. The Honors Program, small class sizes, interaction with professors, and the campus community environment were key factors in her decision to start her college career at PVCC.

Those are also reasons that Stephanie Schaar, an educational consultant and life coach, recommends PVCC to so many of her student/family clients. The retired high school teacher walks them through the entire enrollment process, and is continually impressed by the care and concern shown by college staff. She singles out Disability Resources, where the staff helps students learn to advocate for themselves in a college setting, and Testing, where students enter intimidated, but leave inspired.

"Those people must take happy pills," she

says of the Testing Center staff. "I have gone in there with many kids and it can be scary for them. But the staff is so absolutely friendly; they take the anxiety out of the process."

Clark, too, has seen firsthand the student-focused service at the college, noting that "PVCC is a great place for all students from Honors to special needs, and adult learners to Veterans. It is a very close knit learning community dedicated to the success of our students, no matter how that student defines success."

Adds Schaar, "I think people make a mistake by underrating what the community college can do for their child. There are better teachers, classes



and quality, plus it makes financial sense, especially if you're looking at programs that will require graduate degrees."

Clark agrees wholeheartedly, and is happy that Becca will be joined at PVCC by younger sister Allison in Fall 2016, making them a three-Puma family.

"Allison is really looking forward to it," says the proud mother. "She has seen her sister love college and excel at PVCC. I know it is the best place for her."

NEWS OF NOTE

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Each year, Matheny and friends bring The SnowCat to life in a popular series of performances for families, combining singing, storytelling, live music and visual art.

Concert: Sibelius 150th Jubilee Concert

Saturday, December 5 | 6 p.m.

Tickets: \$30

Join pianist Marja Kaisla and cellist Katri Ervamaa for a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

Event: Experience Scandinavia

Saturday, December 5 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 6 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Activities and performances included with paid museum admission

Make plans to experience Scandinavian music and culture! Join MIM for a celebration of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. Enjoy musical performances, traditional dances, a regionally inspired menu at Café Allegro, hands-on crafts and much more.

Concert: Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano "Fiesta Navidad"

Sunday, December 6 | 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$37.50 - \$42.50

A musical Christmas celebration by the Grammy-winning Mexican mariachi ensemble.

Concert: Live from Laurel Canyon

Wednesday, December 9 | 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50 - \$32.50

Experience American pop music of the 1960s and 1970s through the legacy of Laurel Canyon with music from the artists who lived there including James

Taylor, Carole King, the Byrds, Joni Mitchell, the Eagles, Neil Young and more.

Concert: Irish Christmas in America

Wednesday, December 16 | 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 17 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$29.50 - \$34.50

This hugely popular show, now in its tenth season, features Irish music, song and dance in an engaging performance rich in history, humor and energy.

Concert: Marty Ashby's 6th Annual Holiday Jazz Celebration Featuring Ann Hampton Calloway

Friday, December 18 | 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 19 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$42.50 - \$52.50

Don't miss this swingin' evening of holiday-flavored jazz!

Event: Hear Them Ring

Saturday, December 19 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 20 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission

Chimes and jingles will fill the halls at MIM to celebrate instruments that ring! See performances featuring handbells, vibraphones and more. Try your hand at gamelan and learn how these instruments make their unique sounds. The weekend will also highlight a special menu at Café Allegro, gifts for purchase at the Museum Store, face painting and much more.

Black Friday, continued from page 44
shivering cold, sizzling heat, or the rain. Although Black Friday has a positive connotation for consumers, it has much darker roots in 1960s Philadelphia.

In an unspecified year in the 1960s, the Philadelphia police had to prepare for Black Friday: the day when civilians act wild. They had to control large, disorderly crowds, which was

very difficult for them because everyone there wanted to get gifts before the stores ran out. Due to this, the police began to call the day after Thanksgiving "Black Friday" because the word "black" had a dark connotation, and the day after Thanksgiving was when people started holiday shopping. Soon enough, store owners found out that using discounts could attract large crowds to their stores. They took this name and made it a day for shopping. Although,

there is another theory about the origin of the name "Black Friday". Some people believe that it describes the day of the year when stores make a profit. When Black Friday would come in the 1960s, stores would go from "in the red" (when stores were losing money) to "in the black" (when stores were earning money).

So when the shopping season begins in November, you can now stop wondering why Black

Friday is called Black Friday. You can tell your families the story that has just been told to you, and they can tell their friends this: Black Friday was a dark term that was turned into the ultimate advertising strategy. This day has become so huge that it has started to overshadow Thanksgiving, with consumers skipping their turkeys to wait in lines. Now that you are well informed of this, would you ever think of Black Friday the same way again?

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Sun: 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Late Night Aloha Hour:

9 p.m.-Close

Located inside the JW Marriott, Roy's restaurant and Chef Partner Mako Segawa have something for everyone. Roy's blends European techniques, Pacific Rim cuisine and warm, from-the-heart hospitality. Together, they create the remarkable dining experience unique to Roy's Restaurant. The first Roy's was opened in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1988 by namesake Roy Yamaguchi, a James Beard Award winner. Since those early days, they've proudly spread their passion around the world — there are 20 Roy's restaurants in the continental United States, six in Hawaii, one in Japan, one in Guam and one in Desert Ridge.

Our reviewers sampled and liked almost every item on the menu. Portion sizes are generally small, so be sure to try more than one course. Here's the best of the best:

Appetizers

Roy's Original Blackened Island Ahi—Blackened Ahi with a delicious, spicy soy mustard

Lobster California—a standard California roll with a first-class upgrade of lobster!

Main Entrees

Seared Sea Scallops—Potato purée, pork belly, fennel, apple and a honey coriander glaze

Alaea Salt Crusted Bone in Ribeye—Peppercorn Shoyu brandy sauce, truffled bacon mac & cheese

Braised Short Ribs of Beef—Natural braising sauce, honey mustard, yukon mash and broccolini

Roy's Trio—A trio of fish including hibachi grilled salmon, misoyaki "butterfish" and roasted macadamia nut crusted mahi mahi

Not to be Missed Sides

Szechuan Style Green Beans—Pork Lup Cheong, chili and lime

Truffled Bacon Mac & Cheese—Thai basil bread crumbs



Desserts

1. Souffle
2. Pineapple Cake
3. Fruit Blueberry Tart
4. Macadamia Tart (Doug/Tina)

Drinks

Hawaiian Martini—Maui pineapple drenched in SKYY Vodka, Stoli Vanilla, Malibu coconut rum



MEETINGS & EVENTS

DRCA OFFICE, 5415 E. High St., Suite 220, Phoenix, AZ 85054 (Parking Garage on 54th Street)
CASHMAN PARK, 22222 N. 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85050

*MEETINGS AND EVENTS DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND/OR MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ONLY.

MEETINGS

EVENTS

DRCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 WED., NOV. 18
NO DEC. 2015 MEETING
Holiday Break
 WED., JAN. 27
 WED., FEB. 24
 WED., MARCH 23
 6 p.m. at DRCA Office

FINANCE COMMITTEE
 TUES., NOV. 17
NO DEC. 2015 MEETING
Holiday Break
 TUES., JAN. 26
 TUES., FEB. 23
 TUES., MARCH 22
 8 a.m. at DRCA Office

COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE
 THUR., JAN. 28
 6:30 p.m. at DRCA Office

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
 FRI., DEC. 11
 FRI., JAN. 8
 FRI., FEB. 12
 FRI., MARCH 11
 8 a.m. at DRCA Office

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
 TUES., NOV. 10
 TUES., NOV. 24
 TUES., DEC. 15
 TUES., JAN. 5
 TUES., JAN. 19
 4:30 p.m. at DRCA Office

LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE
 THURS., NOV. 12
 THURS., DEC. 10
 THURS., JAN. 14
 THURS., FEB. 11
 THURS., MARCH, 10, 2015
 8:30 a.m. at DRCA Office

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
 WED., NOV. 4
 WED., FEB. 3
 5 p.m. at the DRCA Office

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
 MON., FEB. 29
 6:30 p.m. at DRCA Office

MEET & GREET BOARD CANDIDATES
 SUN., FEB. 14
 11 a.m. at DRCA Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge

WED., FEB. 24
 6pm at the DRCA Office

SUN., MARCH 13
 11 a.m. at DRCA Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge

LADIES NIGHT OUT
 MON., JAN. 11
 MON., FEB. 8
 MON., MARCH 14
 5 p.m.
 Locations vary

COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT
 TUES., NOV. 17
 TUES., JAN. 19
 TUES., MARCH 15
 5 p.m.
 Locations vary

COFFEE CLUB
 TUES. DEC. 8
 TUES. FEB. 9
 9 a.m. at DRCA Office

FARMERS MARKET CASHMAN PARK AT DESERT RIDGE
 SUN., DEC. 13
 SUN., JAN. 10
 SUN., FEB. 14
 SUN., MARCH 13
 SUN., APRIL 10
 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 at Cashman Park

HOLIDAY TROLLEY TOURS
 MON., DEC. 14
 TUES., DEC. 15
 WED., DEC. 16
 THURS., DEC. 17
 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
 at Desert Ridge Paradise Bakery & Cafe

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 M-F, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 602.262.6251
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 Non-Emergency Crime Stop..... 602.262.6151
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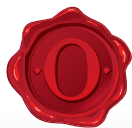
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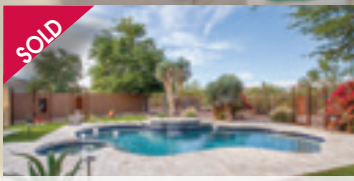
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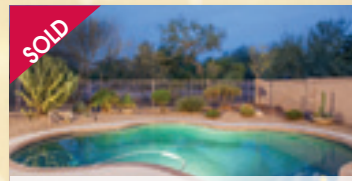
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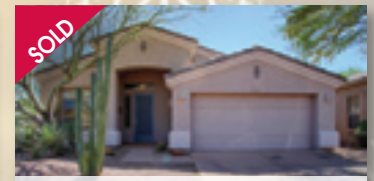
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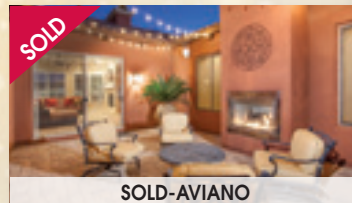
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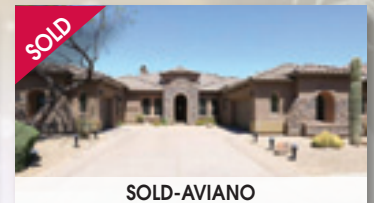
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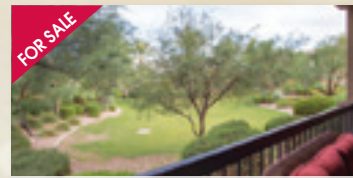
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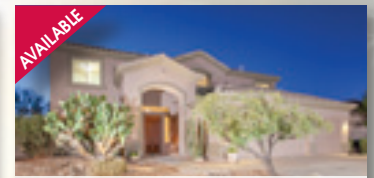
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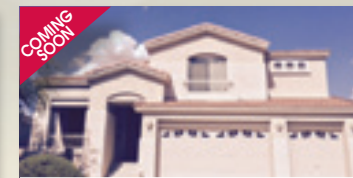
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