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From the President

PetSmart Dog Park Delayed

to Incorporate Larger Park with Sports Fields



Doug Dickson

Our newly created Desert Ridge Strategic Community Plan (SCP) Planning

Sub-Committee surveyed our residents and identified several amenities considered to be priorities for our community. Our members clearly expressed a desire for parks, sports fields, and a dog park. Working together with the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, city staff and Phoenix City Council, the Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) received commitments and funding for the dog park and conceptual plans were created for additional parks and sports fields in the future. Construction for phase one, which included the dog park alone, was set to begin in January with a completion date this summer.

Additional discussions between the DRCA and the City of Phoenix in the past few months have led to commitments to accelerate the timeframe for the development of additional park space surrounding the dog

park, including parking lots, restrooms and the first sports fields for public use in Desert Ridge. The bottom line: More recreational facilities coming to the Desert Ridge area in the near future.

The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department is working with a design team to create construction documents for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Reach 11 Park improvements. Only Phase 1 is funded this fiscal year. Construction documents should be completed by May. Construction will begin with an effort to be complete and ready for opening by the end of October 2017. Phase

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From the Lifestyles Chair



Stephanie Rimmer

The Desert Ridge Lifestyles Committee continues to host numerous events throughout the year for the enjoyment of Desert Ridge residents. All members are welcome and encouraged to

attend our regularly scheduled Ladies Night Out and Community Night Out Socials. We are pleased to be completing our second full season of the Farmer's Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge and appreciate your continued community support and attendance to keep growing our local market within the community. The Desert Ridge Lifestyles Committee is planning our annual Spring Movie in the Park and another community wide yard sale. Thank you to Pinspiration on High Street for the wonderful hospitality and accommodations they provided during the Desert Ridge Annual Holiday

Lighting Trolley Tours. Please watch for announcements as we approach the summer season for information regarding a proposed Independence Day Celebration at Reach 11. As always we welcome your input in our planning of the Lifestyles events. All residents are welcome at any of our committee meetings. If you are not receiving updates from the association, please contact us at lifestyles@desertridgelifestyles.com.

Stephanie Rimmer
Lifestyles Committee Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association

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1 is expected to consist of the dog park, nearby parking lot, energy efficient security lighting, and a restroom facility, if budget permits. Please note that all dates are best estimates and are not exact. The Parks Department staff will continue to provide quarterly updates ensuring the most accurate

information at any given time.

Phase 2 construction is funded for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 and will consist of sports fields, a nearby parking lot and restroom facilities. Additional elements have been designed as part of the master plan, but are not currently funded. We're truly excited with the additional commitments we've

received from the City of Phoenix and we will keep you updated on the progress.

Thanks again for your support and, as always, I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood.

Doug Dickson

President

Desert Ridge Community Association



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From the Communications Chair

HERE WE GROW



Rob Reichstein

It's been eight years since the infamous economic meltdown that destroyed property values around the country. Here in Desert Ridge, the shock waves were

almost cataclysmic — losing the City North shopping center, the foreclosure of High Street, and ensuing additional business closings. Several residential housing projects were scrapped or suspended.

Those davs are over...

In 2009, there were 268 home foreclosures in zip codes 85050 and 85054. The average price per home was \$257,000. In 2016, there were 16 foreclosures and the average price per home was up over \$100,000 since 2009. We are trending up. So much so that in 2016 Taylor Morrison built and commenced active sales for most of their 262 homes community, Taylor Morrison Sanctuary at Desert Ridge and Toll Brothers Villages at Aviano are both slated for completion in 2017-2018. These two projects alone will add over 400 new homeowners to Desert Ridge.

With these two communities that brings the total number of homeowners in Desert Ridge to approximately 6,700. Up from about 5,800 in 2009. Desert Ridge will have over 19,000 homes once it is fully built out. When will that be? We do not know yet, however if home prices rise the predicted 6% in 2017 by Realtor.com, it is a good bet, that developers will have their sights set on building in one of the most desirable areas in the greater Northeast Phoenix area, Desert Ridge.

Growth

So what does that mean for us? It means growth. With increased population comes not only an influx of residents but most likely businesses providing products and services as well. Restaurants, entertainment. shops, etc. historically come to areas with a growing population.

It also means a strain on city services such as roads, schools, and the dreaded traffic. All aspects of a community that if not planned to address growing pains could lead to massive problems. But planning is what the Desert Ridge Community Association and their managing partners with FirstService Residential is addressing.

Desert Ridge was incorporated in 1992 and created from property owned by the state via the Arizona State Land Trust. Each parcel within the confines of Desert Ridge has already been designated for the highest and best use and by population density. When a developer wishes to purchase or lease a parcel it then goes to public auction. This enables the state to receive the best. possible price for the property. Those funds are turned over to the state land trust for Arizona public schools and education. This also provides the local communities time to review the development's plans. Your Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors is engaging the City of Phoenix to make sure the accompanying services are implemented in concert with any development. We are fortunate to have an active HOA board led by President Doug Dickson and our Community General Manager, Terrance Smith from FirstService Residential, who are in constant contact with local and state officials.

One issue we have today is the ability to differentiate from real news (facts) and fake news (misstatements). Over the past two vears I have been involved with the board and I have heard and read on social media inaccurate statements that actually incite responses that are absolutely inappropriate. That's why your Desert Ridge Community Association, the board, and FirstService, has taken steps to increase community awareness and access to provide the facts and calm any anxiety that evolved from rumors or innuendos. Case in point the new, improved and recently launched Desert Ridge Community Association website: www.desertridgelifestyles.com

The new website was designed to increase inbound and outbound communications. You will see updates from our Phoenix Police Community Action Officer, Tim Mitten. If you've heard a story and want to verify, come to the website. If you do not see an update, you can contact officer Mitten directly via the website.

Over the next couple of years, it stands to be exciting in and around Desert Ridge. Your board and community general manager are working gargantuan hours to assure we grow efficiently and with as few pain points as possible. They will utilize the Desert Ridge Community Association's new website to provide real time facts. But communication is a two way street. If you hear something around town about Desert Ridge please contact the DRCA. We promise to give you the facts. Come check us out www.desertridgelifestyles.com. Let's stay in touch!

Rob Reichstein Communications Chair Desert Ridge Community Association

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"YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME"



desertridgelifestyles.com

That is exactly what is fueling our exuberance and excitement over the launch of our **new** Desert Ridge Lifestyles Website platform at **desertridgelifestyles.com**. The new website design not only has a brand new look...but it has been developed and designed with many new advanced features and functions to keep up and you connected with your growing community.

Advanced Development (Phase 1 Deliverables/Features)

- Responsive design with mobile compatibility to all devices and templates
- Optimized website for speed and search engine listing
- Business directory (website advertising opportunities)
- Online payment system via PayPal
- Enhanced search bar functionality
- Photo gallery and video upload capability

- Social media links
- Video integration and uploads
- Interactive flipbook with live links
- Event calendar & RSVP advanced options
- Outbound marketing registration
- Website administration, maintenance & SEO management
- Automated backups and offsite download
- Community forms and auto-responders

Visit desertridgelifestyles.com now to experience your new community website. Also, stay tuned for future announcements of Phase 2 deliverables to the new website.

Please provide us with your feedback and suggestions of the new website by emailing us at communications@desertridgelifestyles.com.

WELCOME TO ARIZONA!

On behalf of the Phoenix Final Four Local Organizing Committee (PLOC), we are excited for your attendance April 1-3, 2017 as we host the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale.

Here in Arizona, we pride ourselves on being able to offer travel experiences that cannot be found anywhere else. In fact, when it comes to spectacular landscapes, recreational opportunities, luxury resorts, diverse cultural history and warm hospitality, nobody does it better than Arizona.

We hope you take the time to experience our vibrant signature scenery. From the majestic beauty of the Grand Canyon National Park, Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park and Chiricahua National Monument to the inspiring views of the Sonoran Desert, ponderosa pine forests and the breathtaking scenes of numerous statewide lakes, these are just a few of



the images that millions of travelers from around the world visit our state to see.

We also encourage you to discover what else Arizona has to offer – our invigorating arts and culture scene, rejuvenating spas, championship golf courses, unique local cuisine, exceptional wineries and a wide-selection of shopping opportunities. You can visit any part of the state and you'll experience the very best Arizona has to offer.

The Final Four has evolved into much more than a basketball championship. With a weekend jam-packed with basketball, fan and music festivals, give yourself a few days before the Final Four begins, or stay a few days afterwards, and discover why our state is one of the most vibrant travel destinations in the world. Your adventure starts here, for more information check out VisitArizona.com.

We look forward to your visit!

Debbie Johnson Co-chair, Phoenix Final Four Local Organizing Committee Director of the Arizona Office of Tourism





2017 CACTUS LEAGUE SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL SCHEDULE

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ARI - ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Salt River Fields

CHC - CHICAGO CUBS—Sloan Park

CWS - CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Camelback Ranch

CIN - CINCINNATI REDS—Goodyear Ballpark

CLE - CLEVELAND INDIANS—Goodyear Ballpark

COL - COLORADO ROCKIES—Salt River Fields at Talking Stick

KC - KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Surprise Recreation Campus

LAA - LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Tempe Diablo Stadium

LAD - LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Camelback Ranch

MIL - MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Maryvale Baseball Park

OAK - OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Hohokam Stadium SD - SAN DIEGO PADRES—Peoria Sports Complex

SEA - SEATTLE MARINERS—Peoria Sports Complex

SF - SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Scottsdale Stadium

TEX - TEXAS RANGERS—Surprise Recreation Campus

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(ss) = Split Squad (n) = Night Game Day games start at 1:05 pm or 1:10 pm unless otherwise indicated. Night games start at 7:05 pm or 7:10 pm unless otherwise indicated. Games played at home spring training facility unless otherwise indicated. Dates, times and opponents subject to change.			February 22 Grand Canyon Univ. at ARI	23	24 Univ. of Wisconsin at MIL CIN at SF	MIL at LAA CHC (ss) at SF OAK at CHC (ss) COL at ARI CIN at CLE CWS at LAD SEA at SD KC at TEX
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2017 CACTUS LEAGUE SPRING TRAINING TEAM AND TICKET INFO



GLENDALE

CHICAGO WHITE SOX LOS ANGELES DODGERS

CAMELBACK RANCH-GLENDALE

10710 W Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85037 623-302-5000 | www.camelbackranchbaseball.com www.whitesox.com | www.dodgers.com Tickets on sale January 9, 2017 10 am MST online or 800-905-3315 Camelback Ranch Ticket Office opens January 30, 2017 10 am MST Dynamic ticket pricing will vary by game | Free parking



GOODYEAR

CLEVELAND INDIANS | CINCINNATI REDS

GOODYEAR BALLPARK

1933 S Ballpark Way, Goodyear, AZ 85338 623-882-3130 | www.goodyearbp.com www.indians.com | www.reds.com Tickets on sale now online

2330 W Rio Salado Parkway, Mesa, AZ 85201

480-668-0500 | www.sloanpark.com

Goodyear Ballpark Ticket Office opens January 14, 2017 10 am MST Ticket prices range \$8 to \$31 | \$5 parking

MARYVALE

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

MARYVALE BASEBALL PARK

3600 N 51st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85031 623-245-5500 | www.phoenix.gov/parks/sports/professional-sports/maryvale-baseball-park

www.brewers.com

Tickets on sale now online or 800-933-7890 Maryvale Baseball Park Ticket Office opens February 6, 2017 9 am MST Ticket prices range \$8 to \$32 | \$5 parking

MESA

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

HOHOKAM STADIUM

1235 N Center Street, Mesa, AZ 85201 480-644-4451 | www.athletics.com/spring www.athletics.com

Tickets on sale now online or 877-493-BALL or visit stadium ticket kiosks Hohokam Stadium Ticket Office opens February 6, 2017 Dynamic ticket pricing will vary by game | \$5 parking



PEORIA

MESA

CHICAGO CUBS

SLOAN PARK

www.cubs.com

SAN DIEGO PADRES | SEATTLE MARINERS

Sloan Park Ticket Office opens January 7, 2017 10 am MST

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16101 N 83rd Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85382 623-773-8700 | www.springtrainingpeoria.com www.padres.com | www.mariners.com Tickets on sale now online or 800-677-1227 Peoria Stadium Ticket Office opens January 28, 2017 10 am MST

Dynamic ticket pricing will vary by game | \$5 parking | \$10 RV parking

Tickets on sale January 7, 2017 10 am MST online or 1-800-THE-CUBS

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SALT RIVER

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS I COLORADO ROCKIES

SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK

7555 N Pima Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85258 480-270-5000 | www.saltriverfields.com www.dbacks.com | www.rockies.com Tickets on sale January 7, 2017 10 am MST online or 800-490-0383 Salt River Fields Ticket Office opens January 7, 2017 10 am MST Ticket prices range \$11 to \$37 | \$5 parking | \$15 RV parking



SCOTTSDALE

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

SCOTTSDALE STADIUM

7408 E Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 480-312-2586 | www.scottsdaleaz.gov/scottsdale-stadium

www.sfgiants.com Tickets on sale January 12, 2017 10 am MST online or 877-4SF-GTIX

Scottsdale Stadium Ticket Office opens January 12, 2017 10 am MST Dynamic ticket pricing will vary by game | Limited free parking



SURPRISE

KANSAS CITY ROYALS | TEXAS RANGERS

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Surprise Stadium Ticket Office opens January 7, 2017 7 am MST Ticket prices range \$8 to \$35 | Free parking



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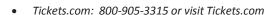
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TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM

2200 W Alameda Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282 480-350-5265 | www.tempe.gov/diablo www.angels.com

Tickets on sale now online or 800-745-3000

Tempe Diablo Stadium Ticket Office opens February 11, 2017 9 am MST Dynamic ticket pricing will vary by game | \$5 parking | \$25 RV parking



Ticketmaster: 800-745-3000 or visit Fry's Marketplace or Ticketmaster.com

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HIKE

Hot-weather hiking advisory. We have entered the hot weather season in the Sonoran Desert. Please use extra caution if you're planning on using trails. During hot weather months, try to wait for shade when hiking as full sun temperatures can be more than 20 degrees higher than the official shade temperature. So hike in early morning or near dusk when there's more shade and less intense heat. Remember, even if you are hydrated you can still suffer from heat-related illness on the hottest summer days. During excessive heat warnings, consider whether it's safe to hike at all. Follow our full safety guidelines for staying safe on the trail at https://www.phoenix.gov/ parkssite/pages/take-a-hike-do-it-right.aspx.



This is the most popular form of recreation in Phoenix desert preserves. Choose from more than 180 miles of desert trails citywide.

- View all trail maps
- Barrier free trails

Look for wildlife and signs of ancient civilizations in Phoenix Preserves:

- Search for Common Desert Wildlife and Identify Native Cactus, Trees, and Plants.
- Bird Watch
- Learn About the Ancient Hohokam and Petroglyphs (Rock Art) in the Preserves

MOUNTAIN BIKE

Mountain bikes are allowed on all trails, except for the summit trails on Piestewa Peak and Camelback Mountain. We've listed several of the more popular Phoenix trails for mountain bikes:



South Mountain's Desert Classic Trail. Phoenix Mountains Preserve Trail 100, and Papago Park (all trails)

Sonoran Preserve

In the southern Sonoran Preserve, popular mountain bike trails include Dixie Mountain Loop and the more technical Great Horned Owl Trail. All southern Sonoran Trails are accessed from 1901 W. Desert Vista Trail parking lot. In the northern Sonoran Preserve (just south of Carefree Highway and 7th Avenue) are the Sidewinder, Ridgeback and Ocotillo Trails.

Deem Hills Recreation Area

The Ridgeline Trail is this area's most popular for mountain biking.

ROAD BIKE

Papago Park and South Mountain Park are the most popular locations for road biking. South Mountain Park has over 15 miles of roads, with an elevation gain of 2,000 feet. Dreamy Draw also has a bike path that runs through the preserve. A great time to road bike is during monthly Silent Sundays at South Mountain Park.

HORSEBACK RIDE

With exception of certain accessible and summit trails, horses are allowed on all trails. Guided horseback rides are available at South Mountain Park from Ponderosa Stables.

ARCHERY

Papago Park has an archery range. Hours of availability are sunrise to sunset. 62nd Street and Oak. Open: Dawn to Dusk.



There is a course available at Papago Park.

BIRD WATCH

The Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area is an active riparian area that attracts dozens of species of migrating birds that pass through the area. Birders have document sightings of more than 200 species.

FISH

The city of Phoenix has contracted with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to stock lakes at six city parks: Cesar Chavez (Alvord Lake), Cortez, Desert West, Encanto, Papago, and Steele Indian School.

Arizona Game and Fish operates the urban fishing program at Papago Park.

EDUCATIONAL PLACES TO VISIT IN THE PRESERVES

North Mountain Visitor's Center South Mountain Environmental and **Education Center**

Audubon Arizona located within Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area

Camp Colley

Please Note: There are no ramada reservations on major holidays including Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving (and the Friday following), July 4, Christmas, Memorial Day, Labor Day and any other official holiday recognized by the City of Phoenix. On these holidays, all desert-preserve based ramadas are available on a first come, first served basis.

In Desert Ridge, we have many lifestyles that are attracted, supported and influenced by the incredible resources of our community. Sometimes, in our busy lives, we move so quickly that we tend to overlook the treasures that surround us, or simply don't get the time to discover them. We'd like to share some of our personal favorites here in Desert Ridge and the surrounding community.

"Lifestyle is a term that describes how we live. It reflects our attitudes and behaviors that forge a sense of self and cultural climate."



HORSE LOVERS PARK



Thanks to the hard work of Ross Libonati and others, Horse Lovers Park has reopened. Ross is the new president of Horse Lovers Management Corp, the group that now runs the facility. Horse Lovers Park is part of Reach 11 and draws thousands of visitors each year, who come because of their love of horses, the four equestrian arenas and the competitive horse riding

Ross Libonati (602) 451-1248 Tatum Blvd. just south of the 101

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THE YAVAPAI AND **COCONINO TRAILS**

Another wonderful "Lifestyles of Desert Ridge" are the 2 trails that run for over three quarters of a mile parallel to Tatum between Deer Valley Road and Pinnacle Peak Road. Yavapai Trail (which means "People of the Sun"), begins at 48th Street and Deer Valley Road. Coconino Trail begins at 43rd Street at Deer Valley Road. Both washes can be accessed through adjacent neighborhood streets. Enjoy the symphony of nature that our beloved wash brings us. At this time of the year, our plant life by the paths along the wash is bursting with color and the wonderful smells

of flowers. Come join us - early morning, midday or evening you will always find a neighbor.

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Friends have described their hot air balloon tour as "like riding on a cloud" or "a magical carpet ride"- and we agree. Tourists and Phoenix residents love them. because there is simply no better way to witness the incredible beauty of the Sonoran desert. Flights usually begin in the early morning and float less than 400 feet above the ground. After your tour you'll be greeted by the ground crew and rewarded with a traditional meal of gourmet food and champagne, inducted into the ballooning society and awarded the Certificate d'Ascension En Machine Aerostatique.

Hot Air Expeditions (480) 502-6999 hotairexpeditions.com

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Did you know you have free access to many newspapers and current magazines including Consumer Reports? How about free takehome DVD rentals of Hollywood box office hits and popular self-improvement CDs? You can check out these and any other book in a City of Phoenix Library all from the comfort of the 15,000 square foot Desert

Broom Library. The library also features a First Five Years/Los Primeros Cinco Años interactive learning space for families with young children, Teen Corner - a special "teen only" area, WiFi and Internet-accessible public computers. A multi-purpose room for community meetings as well as library programs seats 50.

(602) 262-4636 phoenixpubliclibrary.org 29710 N. Cave Creek Road Phoenix, AZ 85331

RANGER ROAD OWLETS



Just east of Tatum Boulevard on Ranger Road, you can find some of the cutest local residents of Desert Ridge. Safely perched in the arms of a saguaro located about 20 yards east of the entrance to Expedition Point, you'll find the nest that's home to the Ranger Road's baby owls. Don't worry too much about finding the exact cactus, just look for the crowd of happy onlookers that return almost every day to see the changes in the owlets. By the way, did you know that a group of owls is called a parliament?

HIKING AND BIKING IN REACH 11

The Reach 11 Recreation Area is a 1,500- acre City of Phoenix



district park stretching almost 7 miles long and about 1/2 mile wide along the north side of the CAP canal. There are over 18 miles of seven foot wide. groomed, multi-use trails that bisect the entire park that are perfect for biking and hiking. Trails meander through a unique xeroriparian desert landscape that is filled with native vegetation and wildlife including coyotes, Gambel's Quail, hummingbirds. mourning dove, cottontail rabbit, coyote, and javelina.

2425 E. Deer Valley Road Phoenix, AZ 85050 phoenix.gov/SPORTS/ reachsprt.html

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BIRDWATCHER'S POND



Located just east of Horse Lover's Park is another hidden gem we've nicknamed Birdwatcher's Pond. This small oasis in the desert is a great place for bird watching and home to more hummingbirds than any other we've seen in Phoenix. There is a small parking lot along Tatum Boulevard where the trail head begins. The trails are flat and easy to maneuver and one of the pathways is paved, making it perfect for those using wheelchairs or scooters.

Tatum Boulevard just south of the 101

THE DISTRICT AT **DESERT RIDGE** MARKETPLACE



The District is a place where fashion rules, while music, food and entertainment dominate. There's plenty to satisfy your cravings for food, fashion and fun. An 18-screen AMC movie theatre, and Dave and Buster's, a 64,000-square-foot entertainment facility featuring a bowling alley, reality game room and a video café, are just some of the attractions that enhance the vibrant atmosphere. Check their calendar because there's always something exciting going on in The District.

Loop 101 and Tatum Boulevard shopdesertridge.com

Desert Ridge Spring Movie at Cashman Park THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS



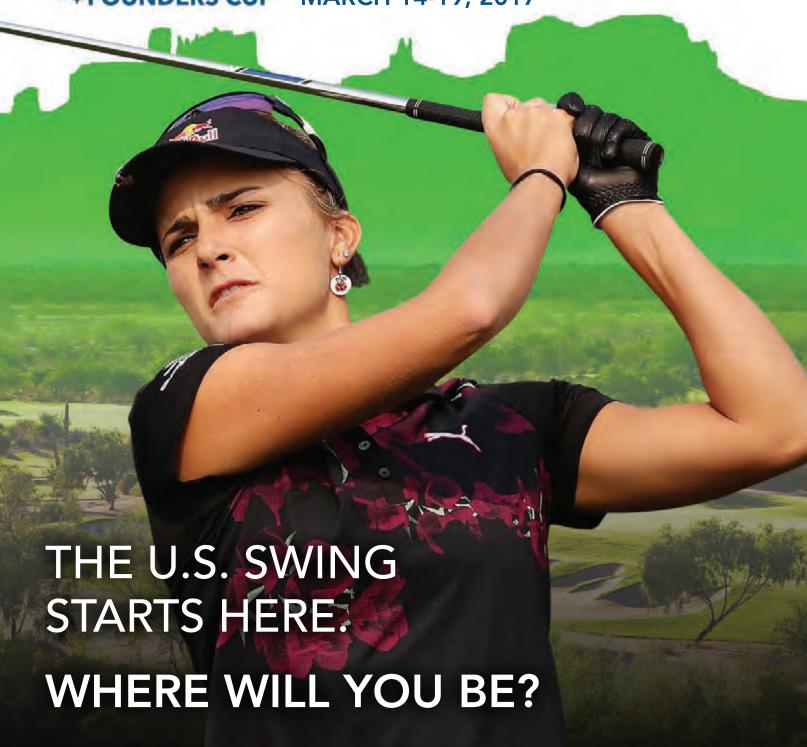
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NEKTER JUICE BAR NOW OPEN

We are happy to announce that Nekter Juice Bar is now open!! They are located next to Chipotle and Amazing Lash. Nekter's mission is to provide a healthy foundation for people to feel and live better, and their products do just that. Their menu offers a wide variety of freshly - made juices, smoothies, acai bowls, cold pressed juices, juice cleanses and healthy conscious snacks! Please stop by and welcome them to Desert Ridge Marketplace!





NEW TENANTS COMING SOON

We are excited to announce that Cinnaholic, Fit 36 and uBreakiFix are coming to Desert Ridge Marketplace! uBreakiFix is your one - stop shop for fixing your electronics. Whether your phone took a painful fall or your tablet took a dip in the pool, uBreakiFix is here to help! They anticipate to open mid - January . Fit 36 is the next level of fitness . They focus on high intensity interval training (HIIT) in just 36 minutes! Once you HIIT at FIT 36, you wont want to HIIT anywhere else. Lastly, Cinnaholic is a gourmet cinnamon roll company that takes the classic baked roll and tops it off with flavored frostings and toppings of your choice. Both Cinnaholic and Fit 36 anticipate opening 2nd quarter.

Annual Holiday Trolley Tour

In The Holiday Spirit of Desert Ridge

It was many days before the December festivities... December 11th to be exact... the first holiday trolley departed High Street to view the holiday lights. We twisted and turned through the neighborhoods of Desert Ridge...hearing the oohs, aahs and holiday



excitement...from the adults and the kids. Homes were decorated with lights and falling snow, reindeers, Santa's, menorahs and much more...for ALL to adore. So, let's wrap this up because I am running out of holiday rhymes...and let's all look forward to next year...and another very festive time!!

On behalf of the Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors and Lifestyles Committee we would like to thank and congratulate the winning

homes that were judged in this past year's holiday lighting and decorating contest. The Desert Ridge Holiday Trolley Tours continue to get bigger and better with each coming year. There were a total of 24 holiday trolley tours through the community during 6 weekday and weekend nights with 545 residents. their family members and guests that toured the community holiday lighting and decorations via the trolley and also enjoyed



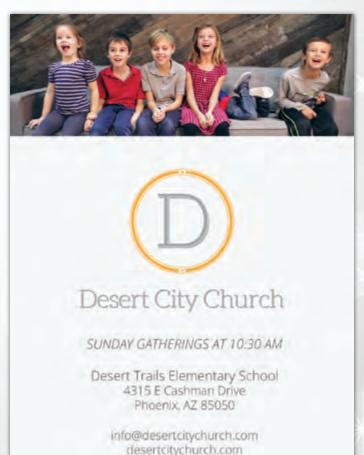
complimentary holiday treats, refreshment at Pinspirations while making their very own holiday ornament.

Thank you all for sharing your holiday spirit with your family, friends and neighbors.





Carmello Musarra (left) and Dustin Watkins standing in front of Ollie the Trolley



Desert Ridge 2016 Annual Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest Winners





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Congratulations



one player leaves it's the next player up. We are fortunate to have a great next up in Sharon Hooks and very pleased to congratulate and wish her continued success in her newly promoted position of Community Relations Specialist.

If that name sounds familiar it's because Sharon has been the pleasant voice on the phone when you called the Desert Ridge Community office over the past two years, since joining the Desert Ridge team as our Community Coordinator. Sharon has already made a positive impact organizing community events as evident for those that have attended recent

community events from Ladies Night Out, Community Night Out, Movie in the Park, the Holiday Lighting Trolley Tours, Coffee Club and the Farmer's Market. Sharon has quickly taken to the role of "go to" person for community lifestyles, events and outreach in Desert Ridge. A role she is well prepared to succeed in.

Sharon Hooks started with FirstService Residential in January 2015 in the Accounts Receivable Department, managing community portfolios. In May 2015, Sharon joined Desert Ridge as our Community Coordinator providing a multitude of administrative, management and lifestyles support services to the community residents, board, staff and committee members.

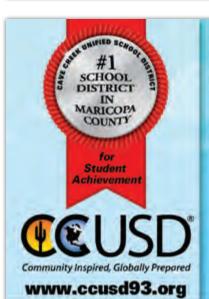
In addition to taking on the expanded role of Community Relations Specialist, Sharon will continue to coordinate social events, Farmers Market, advertising/ marketing, community outreach,



working on the magazine and will have a pivotal role in the launch of our new and improved Desert Ridge Lifestyles website. It's a lot of work, but as Sharon exuberantly states "She's up to the task".

Sharon and her family relocated to Phoenix from El Paso, Texas in 2000. She began her professional career proudly as "Domestic Goddess" taking care of her husband and children. While still holding that title, Sharon also began working in the community management industry in accounts receivable in 2008. Sharon enjoys quality time with family, volunteer service to community, cultural activities, and skydiving.

So, next time you come out to a community event or contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office with a question about events, introduce yourself to Sharon. She can't wait to meet you.



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Estates Neighborhood Groundbreaking Event

Sagewood, a Life Plan Community featuring a resort-like setting and amenities focused on independence and well-being in north Phoenix, held a grand ground- breaking event on Tuesday, Feb. 15 for The Estates neighborhood, a new multi-purpose event center, the reconfiguration of its main entrance to more than double the amount of parking, and an additional assisted living building.

Hundreds of people were in attendance to commemorate the expansion of the luxurious senior living community including executives of Sagewood, Life Care Services, Westminster Capital and the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. The Estates depositors were also in attendance, excited to celebrate the groundbreaking of their new home.

The Estates neighborhood, the highest-end residential product to be offered at Sagewood, will consist of 24 luxury single and duplex-style casitas and villa homes ranging from 1,926 to 3,174 square feet of open floorplans.

The Estates have been beautifully designed, set amongst the Sonoran Desert offering expansive



Estates neighborhood at Sagewood

scenic views, landscaped courtyards, a large chef's kitchen, media room, covered patio with outdoor cooking area, private attached guest casita option and a two-car garage with an attached golf cart bay.

Included in the development of this neighborhood will be a 13,000-square-foot multi-purpose event center for enjoying concerts, lecture series and workshops. A two-story assisted living building with 44 apartments that will connect with Sagewood's on-site Acacia Health Center is also now underway in addition to a secured gated entrance at Sagewood's main entry, as well as expansions to the community's main Palo Verde dining room and guest parking.

Sagewood had a banner year in 2016, achieving 95 percent occupancy for the community with 81 gross sales for the year. "Sagewood has experienced phenomenal growth since opening just more than seven years ago, and we're excited to introduce these important additions to the community and receive such strong interest from future residents," said Stewart Ingram, executive director of Sagewood.

"Seniors continue to be drawn to the modern living options we offer in an inviting design, along with an array of resort-style amenities and activities. Today's generation of retirees are more active and staying active longer," he said.



Sagewood Multipurpose Event Center



Sagewood Estates Groundbreaking Event Reception

Sagewood is a Life Plan Community that reflects the desire of the next generation of older adults, to focus on living healthy, active lives today while putting a solid plan in place for the future, should their health status change. Located in the northeast Valley next to the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM,) Sagewood is currently a 292-residence, luxury senior living community along with two clubhouses and on-site Acacia Health Center recently doubling in size, focused on empowering residents to improve their overall well-being. For more information, visit SagewoodLCS.com.

INFORMATION TO HELP WITH BARKING DOGS IN THE CITY OF PHOENIX

When there is a problem with barking dogs, it is helpful to talk to or leave a note for the animal owner. Although this may be difficult to do at first, communicating with the animal owner is usually the most effective way to resolve the problem.



- Try to talk to your neighbor when you are not frustrated about the barking.
- When you approach your neighbor, be calm and plan to discuss the barking in a friendly manner.
- Inform them of the time of day or night that the dog is barking.
- Ask the neighbor whether you can contact them, day or night, when the barking is a problem.

If leaving a note for your neighbor:

- Explain what the dog does when the family is away from the residence.
- Choose words that are not offensive or intimidating to the dog owner.
- If you feel safe doing so; leave them your name, telephone number, or address so they can respond to your letter.



Additional resource information:

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City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services (602) 262-7844

Calls on crowing roosters

If you live outside of Phoenix, contact the Police Department in your area for information.



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Sec. 8-2 Barking or Howling Dogs

- **A.** No person shall keep a dog within the city limits which is in the habit of barking or howling or disturbing the peace and quiet of any person within the City.
- **B.** A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor; however, the city prosecutor may authorize the filing of certain cases or classes of cases as civil violations unless the person has previously been found responsible or guilty of violating this section.
- **C.** A person found responsible for a civil violation of this section is subject to a sanction of not less than one hundred fifty dollars nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars.
- **D.** In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, a person found guilty of a criminal violation of this section shall pay a fine of not less than one hundred fifty dollars.

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PET OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

This is a reminder to pet owners who walk their pets in the common areas of our community; please pick up after your pet.

- Keep them on a leash so you can maintain control of your pet while using the common areas.
- Carry plastic bags or use waste stations that are placed throughout the community and clean up your pet's waste.
- Don't allow pets to run loose in the community.

We enjoy many amenities in our community, nice walkways, sidewalks and green areas. It becomes very difficult to truly enjoy these if they are littered with pet waste and unpleasant odors.

Please do your part and pick up after your pet. Help keep Desert Ridge a great place to live.



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ABOUT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER SCOTTSDALE

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale (BGCS) serves 18,000 vouth at 9 Clubs located within the communities of Scottsdale, North Phoenix, Fountain Hills, Mesa, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Hualapai Nation.

Research shows that the more time vouth spend at a Boys & Girls Club. the more likely they are to feel more connected to school and have greater post-secondary aspirations. The door to our kids' futures is often crowded by temptation and misdirection making it difficult for them to reach their full potential.

Inside our doors, youth development professionals and mentors provide guidance, support and encouragement in an enriching and safe environment. Our outcome-based programming assures that success is in reach for all kids and teens who enter our doors, no matter their circumstances.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER SCOTTSDALE

CONTACT: Audra Holt Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale PHONE: (480) 860-5520 EMAIL: audra.holt@bgcs.org WEB: www.bgcs.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale gears up to crown its 2017 Youth of the Year at the annual **Celebrate Youth at Blue Door Ball gala**

Lizzie Erickson, 2016-2017 Vestar Branch Youth of the Year will compete for the coveted title

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale is gearing up to crown its 2017 Youth of the Year at the annual Celebrate Youth at Blue Door Ball gala slated for Friday, February 24 at the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa.

Eight young adults will be competing for the title of 2017 BGCS Youth of the

Year, the highest honor given to a Club member. The gala, presented by Tiffany & Bosco and Great American Title Agency, Inc., features silent and live auctions, dinner and live entertainment, all while our teen finalists share their personal stories of triumph and transformation.

Representing the Vestar Branch will be Lizzie Erickson who was crowned the 2016-17 Vestar Branch Youth of the Year last fall. A 21st Century Leader, Lizzie will share her story along with the seven other Branch Youth of the Year contestants before a winner is announced at the end of the evening.

"The Club inspires me to act with compassion and to think critically about issues I encounter. I recognize that my passion for helping others is what makes



me a valuable member of the next generation of leaders," says Ms. Erickson.

Thousands of youth walk through our blue doors every day where programs prepare them to become 21st Century Leaders, Globally Competitive Graduates, Innovative Dream-Makers and Healthy Game-Changers.

Daniela Aceves will represent the Paiute Branch, Xavier Lopez will represent the Mary Ellen & Robert McKee Branch, Donna Persampire will represent the Virginia G. Piper Branch, Debanhi Reves will represent the Hartley & Ruth Barker Branch, Kyla Silas will represent the Peach Springs Branch, Casey (Kat) Swann will represent the Lehi Branch and Tatum Trainer will represent the Thunderbirds Branch.

The newly crowned Youth of the Year will represent the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale throughout the year, receive a \$5,000 scholarship made possible by Voya Financial® and will advance on to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year. competition. Voya Financial® also awards \$1,000 scholarships to the remaining seven Branch Youth of the Year winners.

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DISTRICT STAGE

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

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APRIL

GUITARRAS LATINAS

Saturday, April 1 District Stage

Latin Guitar Band

How would you like to stroll the beaches of Brazil, dance in Havana and experience the electricity of Barcelona, all in one day? Guitarras Latinas takes you there, with a passionate "musical tour" of Latin America. With beautiful flamenco guitars, romantic vocals and dynamic Latin percussion, Guitarras Latinas transports you to Venezuela, Old Mexico, the Andes and beyond. So put your passport away, and enjoy a cultural journey with Guitarras Latinas! For details, visit latinguitars-az.com

KEVIN THOMAS

Saturday, April 1 - AMC Fountain

Acoustic Variety

Kevin Thomas is an absolute music nut who likes to play Classic Rock, New Age, Blues, Folk, a few novelty tunes, and his own material. He likes to make people laugh, cry, and just feel good with his music. He played the coffee shop/restaurant/farmers market circuit in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul from 1998-2015 and has been doing likewise in Arizona since moving to Scottsdale in late 2015.

COME BACK BUDDY

Friday, April 7 District Stage

Buddy Holly Tribute Band

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

ROBERT & BROOKE

Friday, April 7 - AMC Fountain

Acoustic Top 40

Robert & Brooke are a brother/sister live performance duo that play everything from new electronic pop to country, top 40 hits, classic rock and everything in between. For details, visit soundcloud.com/robertewadleigh

TRAVELER

Saturday, April 8 District Stage

Eclectic World Music Band

Traveler, featuring Scott Jeffers, is a multi-cultural musical experience fusing Gypsy, Middle Eastern, Celtic, Greek and Turkish styles with Rock.

Traveler's sound is an innovative, new fusion of World Music and Rock. Using traditional ethnic instruments combined with all the power of a fullblown rock band, their performances are intense, exotic and adrenaline-driven. For details, visit travelerworldmusic.com

SCOTT SEMPLE OF HELLO SWINDON Saturday, April 8 - AMC Fountain

Indie Alternative Guitarist

The musical direction of Hello Swindon can only be described as eclectic.

They are just as likely to come with a countryrock ditty as they are to rip into a ska or reggae song. Rock and roll is at the heart of things, but Hello Swindon does it in an acoustic-electric style that retains the energy and fun, but hints at the folksy blues beginnings of America's greatest gift to the world. For details, visit helloswindon.com

LOS GUYS FEATURING MARK ZUBIA

Friday, April 14 District Stage

Original Alternative Band

For more than a decade, Phoenix-based Los Guys have been making their signature brand of rock and roll, wowing audiences with vibrant live shows and serving up a sweet soundtrack to many a memorable night out. Led by singer/guitarist Mark Zubia, the four-piece has become one of the most beloved roots-rock outfits in Arizona. For details, visit markzubia.com

SCOTT JEFFERS

Friday, April 14 - AMC Fountain

Violinist Extraordinaire

Scott Jeffers is composer and band leader. His own Lebanese heritage and American upbringing has inspired his vision to fuse elements of ancient ethnic music with rock. Known for his fiery and passionate violin and vocal performances, Scott's commanding presence onstage adds to the power of his band, Traveler, composing most of his songs while traveling extensively through foreign lands in which the people, sounds, sights, smells and landscape of these far away places brings a true authenticity to the fusion. For details, visit travelerworldmusic.com

Saturday, April 15 District Stage

Funk, Soul, Jazz and R&B Band

Ratio is one of Phoenix, Arizona's premier bands specializing in Rhythm and Blues, Jazz, Funk and Pop.

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LORAN COX

Saturday, April 15 - AMC Fountain Contemporary Jazz Flugelhorn

Flugelhorn with a passion...contemporary jazz flugelhorn artist Loran Cox performs music with an energetic and passionate blend of contemporary jazz, Latin and Soul.

As bandleader of the acclaimed Dallas-based 7-piece Latin jazz group "Mambo Combo", performances have included South-by-Southwest Music Conference (SXSW) and National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) "Grammy Sessions Live".

As a jazz trumpeter in Miami, Loran has performed with Grammy, Latin Grammy and international recording artists including Luis Enrique, Lefty Perez, Marlow Rosado, Tito Puente, Jr., Lalo Rodriguez, "Cachao" Lopez, Nestor Torres and Desmond Child. For details, visit lorancox.com

PEPPERMINT JAMES

Friday, April 21 District Stage

Original Alternative & Cover Band

Peppermint James was formed in Phoenix, Arizona in 2004. With strong influence from The Beatles, The Wailers, traditional jazz and blues artists and many outstanding world musicians, the sound of Peppermint James continually evolves with a no limits attitude towards songwriting and

Peppermint James continues their busy schedule of energetic live performances, released their sophomore album and is looking forward to sharing their music on a continuously larger scale. For details, visit peppermintjames.com

JONATHAN RENNER

Friday, April 21 - AMC Fountain

Singer/Songwriter

Jonathan Renner is an indie/pop/reggae singer songwriter from Phoenix Arizona. His style is similar to artist such as Jack Johnson, Jason Mraz, and Passenger. HIs passionate vocals set him apart and give him a unique style all is own. For details, visit facebook.com/jonrennermusic



NEW PHILOSOPHY

Saturday, April 22 District Stage Top 40 Cover Band

The music of New Philosophy blends elements of rock, folk and jazz. This Phoenix/L.A. based band has the makings of great rock combos we've seen before.

Comparisons to Steely Dan, Don Henley, Bryan Adams and Sting have been mentioned. Drummer Daniel Villanueva lays down a firm & steady groove for Bassist Al Mora to punctuate. Guitarists Michael and Angel Villanueva fill the mid and upper register with superb chords, as Michael's catchy and sophisticated melodies are sung with passion. For details, visit reverbnation.com

MARK WEETER

Saturday, April 22 AMC Fountain **Acoustic Guitarist/Vocalist**

Evolving from an acoustic coffee shop trio in the mid-1990s, Vinyl Nova has been performing in Arizona for nearly two decades as a 5 piece band. Now hear the unique sounds of guitarist and vocalist, Mark Weeter performing solo. His music will will grab your ear from the start, and his eclectic collection of songs will range from the nostalgic to modern with a twist. In short, roots + retro + rock. For details, visit vinylnova.com

LANE CHANGE

Friday, April 28 District Stage Rock and Soul

LANE CHANGE is a throwback power trio combining tasteful guitar riffs, walking bass lines, and driving rhythms with straightforward lyrics and soulfully delivered complex harmonies, resulting in a fresh yet classic alternative to today's often overproduced music. To learn more, please visit: lanechangerocks.com or facebook.com/ lanechangerocks

JOHN CALVERT

Friday, April 28 - AMC Fountain Folk, Classical and World Music

The words earthy and melodic best describe the fresh sound of accomplished fingerstyle guitarist John Calvert. Harnessing aural textures from folk, jazz, flamenco and classical music, Calvert's genuine and unpretentious compositions resound with a calming yet adventurous spirit. For details, visit johncalvertmusic.net

RICKY AND THE RADIOS

Saturday, April 29 District Stage Oldies & Classic Rock

Founded in 2005, Ricky And The Radios is an accomplished rock and variety band that knows how to bring out the energy in a crowd and pull out all the stops with your favorite songs. With a polished look and pristine sound mirroring million selling artists, the band looks forward to a party time at the Marketplace. For details, visit rickyandtheradios.com

MICHAEL V.

Saturday, April 29 AMC Fountain **Adult Contemporary Guitarist**

The music of Michael V is diverse, and therefore is difficult to categorize. This is probably why the is one of LA's best-kept secrets. Most record companies won't pick up an artist that covers as much musical ground as Michael V does. Nevertheless, Michael V demands a good listen and his new release with his band Ghandi's Garage entitled "Open" is their canvas for you to enjoy. For details, visit myspace.com/ ghandisgarage





SPRING TIPS PREPARING FOR the HEAT

SPRING COLOR

This is the time of year we spend a lot of time in our yards enjoying the weather. Why not add some spring color to your home by displaying colorful annuals in decorative pots. A simple pot of brightly colored flowers by your front entrance or several around your patio area makes your



time outdoors even more enjoyable. Now is also the time to add color to your landscape. With many new varieties of plants on the market, it's easy to end up with a garden full of mismatched plants. So, before you start digging, learn what you can do to get your garden blooming at its best.

Here are a few tips for your spring landscape planting:

■ Pick a color scheme. Choose colors you like that also look good with your house. Red may be your favorite color, but it will clash against a rust-colored brick. Popular schemes include hot or cool color borders (reds, oranges, and yellows or blues, violets, and greens) or an all white garden (sometimes called moon gardens because the flowers seen to glow in the moonlight).

- Find balance. Keep vertical elements (such as tall shrubs or flowers) in check with horizontal ones (groundcover or low, clumping shrubs). Create a sense of continuity in the garden by repeating similar groupings of plants, colors, or flower shapes in different pots.
- Keep it in proportion. When buying young plants, be sure to check their mature height and spread. Graduate the heights of your plants so there isn't a huge gap between the tallest (usually planted at the back) and the shortest.

DEADHEADING

Deadheading is the term used for removing spent blossoms. Cutting or pinching off the dead flowers prolongs the blooming period. A plants job is to produce seed. If you remove the old blooms with the seeds, the plant has to make new flowers to make new seeds.

FERTILIZATION

Flowers are heavy eaters and will require both nitrogen and phosphorus. Nitrogen will promote vegetative growth while phosphorus is for healthy roots and reproduction (which includes flowers).

REMOVING FROST DAMAGE

Frost damage is easy to recognize on most plants. There is dieback of leaves, stems and shoots; there is also the drying, blackening and death of fruit, flowers and dormant flower buds. It's not pretty; the damage may affect from small portions to the entire plant. The temptation can be to prune out the damage right away. Pruning too early can stimulate new growth; these tender new shoots are particularly susceptible to frost and can move the frost damage further into the main part of a plant. Leaving the frost damaged leaves and stems on the



outer parts of the plant can actually help to insulate the plant by helping to trap warm air around the plant. It isn't attractive but, this mass of leaves continues to protect your plant. The danger of further damage is not the only reason to hold off on removing frost-damaged plant parts. Frost damage can be deceptive. New growth can sprout from stems that looked dead. Don't prune until new growth begins and you can see for sure what parts of your plant survived. Otherwise, you might prune too severely and ruin the shape or vigor of your plant.

HARD AND NATURAL PRUNING

Selective, natural pruning can extend the life of a plant for many years. During natural pruning shrubs are cut down to about 18" in height. This removes most of the foliage and may leave the plant looking bare but this rejuvenates the plant to encourage new growth on the lower part of the plant. Secondary buds located on the lower part of the plant are activated to create new growth. As the shrub begins to grow back, more selective pruning is done to thin out the center of the shrub so more energy is put into producing flowers. Plants are designed to produce flowers and this process encourages more flower production. It also gives the shrub a more natural look while keeping the shrub in its allotted space without having to shear it. In general, most shrubs will grow into their natural shapes without any pruning at all. However, they can become overgrown and crowded making them a nuisance. Natural pruning helps them maintain their natural shape. Plants carefully pruned will retain growth from this year, last year and the year before, which allows for the widest range of flowering wood.

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

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 \$40 per year.

If You Haven't Heard of Desert Ridge Parents' Group Yet, Let Me Tell You About It



Jennifer Schmidt DRPG

I joined DRPG seven years ago when my family and I moved to this wonderful community and my son was one. I was working part-time and we didn't know anyone in the area; meanwhile parenting was still so new and challenging. My family joined DRPG and suddenly we had access to playgroups at local parks, moms' and dads' nights out, and seasonal family events on the

weekend. I met and bonded with parents in the neighborhood who were going through the same things we were going through, and to this day we continue to share advice based on our experiences.

I encourage you to join DRPG if you have young children or are new to the area. All of our members live in Desert Ridge and we are a combination of parents that work at the office or at home, or stay at home full or part-time. It's a great way to get

inside information about the things that are important to you, as well as pass along information you have that is useful. The more people you know and interact with in our neighborhood, the safer and stronger our children and community will be.

We are a non-profit group solely here for giving parents in our area a forum to meet. Our annual family membership is \$40. Please visit our link if you would like to join!



DESERT RIDGE OFF DUTY PROGRAM/ONLINE POSTINGS

Now that the holiday season is behind us and we are back into the grind of work, school, kid's activities and more we can look forward to another year of working together to make Desert Ridge one of the safest communities in Phoenix. In this article I am going to touch on an issue that is not only specific to Desert Ridge but other communities that I serve and also provide some feedback on Desert Ridge's off duty police patrol program.

Officer Timothy Mitten Community Action Officer Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct

A topic which I would like to briefly mention that is not only for Desert Ridge but all the communities I serve is about online crime information. With an area of about 90,000 residents and almost twenty master planned or other communities assigned to me, I do my best to stay informed of what is occurring in each neighborhood but I do not spend time monitoring online neighborhood websites or apps for crime information. The prolific use of online websites or apps to stay informed of events or crime in a neighborhood is a good way to stay informed to a certain extent. I have always stressed to every resident in my areas to stay aware of your neighborhood and report suspicious activity and if you have a question or concern about what is or has occurred in your area to contact me.

There have been several instances over the past couple years of crime or suspect information being posted online and shared that is inaccurate. These postings have good intent, which is to share information to fellow residents of potential risks in their area. The downside is that generally they are inaccurate as they have limited facts about the situation or are embellished. These can then cause panic or could



potentially lead to false accusations on people. If you see a crime reported online or elsewhere, see an online blog posting or hear from someone about a crime in your area, and you want to know about it or if there is a threat to the general public, please contact me and I can verify the information. In any case of a suspect who would be a threat to the general public, myself or our Public Affairs Officer would send out information using a variety of media. Many times I can send out an email blast through the HOA to advise of certain situations or potential suspects.

In October of 2011, your management company and community managers came to me with an idea about increasing safety in the Desert Ridge residential community. The idea was to have additional patrols in the residential neighborhoods from Phoenix police officers in marked police vehicles. These patrols would be officers hired in

an "off duty" capacity or to define further, paid for by the HOA but still acting as full fledged police officers in uniform and in marked City of Phoenix police vehicles. This is in addition to the regular patrol service you would get from the patrol officers who work the area.

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

In the next magazine I will be publishing the actual crime stats for the Desert Ridge community but in the five years of the program there have been great decreases in all aspects of crime and especially property crime. While no program or prevention is perfect, as crime will always occur, the program has been successful and has kept to its original purpose. This past year, your Board of Directors voted to increase the number of shifts and the hours we work in the community in order to maintain these gains and also to have greater coverage. The program has had many successes from the beginning which has included several arrests for burglaries in progress, occupied stolen vehicles, drug use and possession, DUI and more.



The main aspect of the program though is to increase officer presence in the community and while you may not always see the officers, they are there in every part of Desert Ridge. The officers also do vacation watches on houses for residents, make educational contacts on open garages or other things they see. Please continue to

maintain your vigilance of activity in your community and report any suspicious activity to Crime Stop or crimes in progress to 911. We have had some successes but the unfortunate side of law enforcement is that there are more criminals out there and we must continue our efforts to deter and arrest them.

Here are a few numbers from the past year on what the officers did in your community.

Shifts Worked:	376
Hours Worked:	1,700
Miles Driven:	16,709
Calls For Service:	460
Arrests:	3
Citations:	16
Reports:	14
Field Interrogations:	
Educational Contacts:	1,146
Vacation Watches:	2,948

This is a valued partnership and we are committed here at the Phoenix Police Department to helping keep your community safe and to improve the quality of life for you and your neighborhood. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach me directly at 602-495-5238 or at tim.mitten@phoenix.gov.

Since 1994, AAA Landscape has been the Desert Ridge Community Association preferred landscape maintenance service provider and community partner, providing a multitude of landscape designs, installations and maintenance services to the community throughout the years. We value tremendously the community partnership and the amazing relationships we have developed with the community residents over the past 22 years! We look forward to many more years of providing landscape maintenance services that will ensure Desert Ridge remains one of the most desired destination communities in all of Phoenix.

AAA Landscape would like to thank the Desert Ridge residents for the continued opportunity to serve your community and allowing us to be an integral part of the next generation of Desert Ridge development, growth and change to come!







Steve Burns
Community Awareness
Committee Chairman

How secure is your personal information? Most people don't tend to think about cyber security until they are the victim of a data breach. For one-third of those victims it goes far beyond having your

private information sold or even receiving fraudulent charges on your credit cards. That's because an estimated one in three people who experience a data breach will become an identity theft victim. Banks and credit card companies will easily reverse false credit card charges but clearing up the issues caused by identity theft can be difficult to say the least.

This problem continues to grow annually. According to a 2016 Identity Fraud Study, over \$15 billion was stolen from 13.1 million U.S. consumers in 2015. This staggering number doesn't even take into account the identity thieves who used their victim's health insurance benefits, and even their social security number for various reasons.

Unlike property crimes, or other crimes of opportunity, hacking of computers and smart devices is a round-the-clock occurrence. Data thieves target small companies, large companies, and individuals alike. The practice has become so commonplace that learning institutions including Paradise Valley Community College are now offering classes in Cyber Security.

The scope of computer hacking can be illustrated by the frightening statistic that an estimated one million plus pieces of malicious software being published each day. According to research done by cyber security giant Symantec, thieves are working faster than companies can defend themselves, and launching more malicious attacks than ever before.

Even the cyber security industry's top experts will tell you that if you are connected to the Internet it is virtually impossible to completely protect yourself from malicious activity. There are however, a number of things you can do to reduce the likelihood of becoming one of the millions of victims this year.

Passwords—Use different and randomly generated passwords for each and every Account that you log into. Avoid using names of children and pets as passwords. Birthdays and anniversaries should also be avoided. You may need to use a password manager such as 1 password or LastPass to keep track of the passwords you end up generating.

Shop with a credit card—Credit card companies offer protection for fraudulent credit card charges, but not all debit cards offer as much protection. Plus, if your debit account is hacked, not only can a criminal drain your bank account, but it can take weeks for the bank to finish its investigation of the fraud and reimburse your account.

Check your statement—Don't set that unopened statement in your pile of bills before opening it to check for bogus charges. Don't just look for large charges, either. Hackers often "ping" an account with tiny charges to check the viability of the account. So if you see purchases of 1 dollar or less, that could be a sign your information has been compromised.

Back it up—Back up your computer, phone and tablet on the cloud. Try to remember to

do this at least once a week. That way even if your devices are stolen or damaged you can retrieve your contacts, photos, files, etc.

Be weary of "official" looking alerts—

Cyber criminals will often create convincing emails that appear to come from an official source. Never click links in emails or texts that seem to come from your bank, the IRS, or any other institution stating that your account was compromised or asking you to update info. If you think the message might be valid, log into your account directly, without using the supplied link.

Keep all applications up-to-date—When you receive an update notice from a software company or app provider be sure to install the latest patches. These companies are working to not only fix bugs, but also to increase security.

Watch what you share with APP providers—When using your smart device, pay special attention to what permissions each application (app) is requesting. For instance, it doesn't make much sense for most apps to request access to your photos. Set reminders so that you remember to periodically check your permissions settings to make sure they are what you want them to be.

What to do if you are a victim of a data breach:

Contact card issuers—First, contact your bank and each credit card company where you have an account. They can help you to set up fraud alerts and/or freeze your accounts. Ask for new cards and set up new PINs.

Contact the feds—Get in touch with your local Social Security office to block electronic access to your Social Security records. This will prevent anyone, including you, from accessing or changing your personal information. If you block access to your record and then change your mind in the future, you can contact the Social Security office and ask them to unblock it

Set up account alerts—Most banks and credit card companies allow you to setup notifications of suspicious card usage or transactions that exceed a certain dollar amount. This may give you a heads-up that

you've been compromised. If you want to take monitoring a step further, LifeLock and other similar threat detection services can monitor your card activities and alert you when suspicious activity occurs.

Stay vigilant—Stolen information is often sold on the black market to criminals who may hold onto it for months. Sometimes these crooks will wait until people have forgotten about it before they use that data.

Don't let all of this information make you frightened or paranoid, just be vigilant. In today's fast paced digital world, it's easy to get distracted. In most cases Technology makes

our life easier and actually keeps us safer. Use the tips you learned in this article to make you a little more aware and secure. Security starts with you!

If you are interested in more information on Cyber Security courses offered by Paradise Valley Community College, please contact Professor Sean Petty: sean.petty@paradisevalley.edu

If you would like to be more active in your local community and are interested in starting or participating in a Neighborhood Block Watch, please contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4553.



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By Matt Keel

Whenever I meet a new student, the first thing I do is ask the student about their golf story. Partly, I want to gather as much information about every student's golf game to help them achieve their goals, but I'm also interested in hearing their story. Everyone has a golf story, and everyone's story is unique. Your story may be about a hole-in-one, a tournament you won, an eagle or birdie you made, the time you broke 80, how you lowered your handicap, or how you never played a full round yet. Whatever the story, I always enjoy hearing them. In this article, I am going to focus on the story of three of my many students from the PGA Hope program I run at Wildfire Golf Club. PGA Hope is a program run through the PGA of America where we provide golf lessons to wounded veterans. Keep reading to learn the stories of these three courageous veterans.



The first story comes from Al Linde. Al is a veteran who is legally blind. Prior to losing his sight, Al loved playing golf,

but thought those days were over. According to Al, after he lost his sight, he found himself living his life in a figurative box. After signing up for PGA Hope, Al bought new golf clubs and continued taking golf lessons. Now, Al is shooting in the mid 90's and has been as low as #3 in his men's club at a local golf course. When asked about the program, Al said "It's enabled me to enjoy golf again and get competitive with it even against sighted players. Now I enjoy a level of independence again that I never thought I would." Al has become sort of an unofficial spokesperson for the program after telling his story at the 2016 Southwest Section PGA Annual Meeting to over 500 PGA Professionals including the President of the PGA.



The next story is about Mike Leonard. Mike was wounded in combat and is now a below the knee double amputee. The first day I met Mike, he said to me

that he had never played golf before, but wanted to "crush" the golf ball. Mike is a big guy. Most big men who want to crush the ball swing very hard with their upper body. Since Mike was new to golf, we built his swing from scratch and tailored his swing to his current physical situation. After seven sessions, Mike went out and bought his own clubs. Now Mike swings easy and outdrives most everyone in the program. According to Mike, the program has "enabled me to meet new friends and veterans that I would have never met. I'm now playing racquetball and golf with different groups of people outside the program."



Finally, meet Jerry Newport. Prior to his injuries, Jerry was a twelve handicap golfer. Now according to Jerry, he has "more metal in his body than most people have in their car." Jerry suffered a broken neck and now has two plates in his neck, 2 rods and 6 screws in his back, as well as two artificial hips. Jerry's

goal is to get back to the twelve handicap he once was and is well on his way. Jerry came to the program with a slice and very little distance. Now Jerry plays a beautiful draw and has almost the same distance he had before his injuries. According to Jerry "Because of the open door, I've been given the empowerment to get back to the goal of being a whole human being again. Golfing again brings together the spiritual, mental and athletic parts of my life."

PGA Hope is a program that has helped transformed people's lives, including my own. Working with these veterans makes me think twice before complaining about my sore knee or elbow. So what is your golf story? Everyone has a story which is unique to their situation. If you thought hard enough, you would be able to tell your story as well. I would love to hear your golf story no matter how big or small you may think it is. No matter how many stories I hear, I'm always surprised. I invite you to go to my website at http:// mattkeelgolf.com/contact/ and send me an email about your story. If you tell me your story I will give you 20% off your next lesson. Any stories that are submitted will not be for publication, but will merely be for my own knowledge and education.



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PAIN FROM CARRYING BACKPACKS



Christy Shaft, PT Spooner and Shaft Physical Therapy Fountain Hills

Spooner Physical Therapy is offering free screenings to students who carry backpacks. Pain from carrying backpacks that are too heavy is common for younger students. Lugging textbooks, folders, lunches and drinks quickly add on extra weight and can lead to strained necks from hunching over, or lower back pain from the weight. On average, a backpack should not weigh more than 10-15% of a person's body weight. However, children from 6 years-old to 10 years-old weigh an average 50 to 100 pounds. To keep their backpack a safe weight, they should carry a pack weighing five to fifteen pounds. The average textbook weighs about three pounds, showing how easily a pack can become quickly overloaded. Signs of an overweight backpack include red shoulders from the straps, back pain or incorrect posture. To avoid overloading a backpack, students should wear both straps at all times. Students tend to wear a single strap for convenience. However, the uneven weight on the back can cause lower back pain. Wearing the backpack on the mid-back muscles prevents students from hunching over while carrying a sagging pack. Also, be aware of which items are needed for each day to avoid carrying



unnecessary weight. Along with some basic guidelines, finding an appropriate backpack is necessary for a student's safety. When shopping for a backpack, it is common to make utility a primary characteristic.

This can lead to purchasing a pack that is too large for the student. Make sure the size and weight of the backpack is appropriate for the student, along with thick straps and appropriate distribution of weight. Buying a pack with a padded back will provide more comfort for the student. Listening to your child is a sign to investigate if their pack is too heavy. If the student begins to complain of back pain, or red marks appear from their straps, a new pack or lighter load may be necessary. Double checking the contents of the backpack may be useful, as children sometimes carry unnecessary weight from extra unused paper or folders. To assist parents, the Spooner PT staff will assist determining if a student's backpack is an

appropriate fit for each student, completely free of charge. The screening begins by bringing in a backpack filled with the typical items a student takes to school, including their lunch and beverage. Along with weighing the fully loaded bag, the therapists will weigh the child to determine is the bag is not overweight. The therapists will then test the student's strength, flexibility and analyze their physical structure to carry the pack. The screenings will

also determine if the student may need any physical therapy from preexisting pain caused by the bags. Overall, the free service is provided to prepare each student for success by preventing any injury that can be caused by overweight backpacks.

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MARCH Agnes Obel



Monday, March 20 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$30.50 - \$38.50

Singer-songwriters Agnes Obel and Lisa Hannigan have been propelled into the mainstream with their latest albums.

They will share the stage for an intimate evening of powerful vocals and lyrics.

Keola Beamer and Jeff Peterson Wednesday, March 22 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$38.50 - \$43.50 Virtuoso slack-key guitarists Keola Beamer and Jeff Peterson present an evening of superb Hawaiian music that explores the beauty of the islands' many cultural influences.

Rob Kapilow: What Makes It Great?® Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata Thursday, March 23 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$38.50 - \$53.50 Kapilow delves into Ludwig van Beethoven's legendary Piano Sonata no. 23 in F Minor, op. 57.

Blaise Lantana Quintet



Phoenix jazz lovers know Blaise as the music director and nighttime voice of radio station KJZZ. Join Blaise and her band for an impec-

cably selected and thoroughly entertaining evening of standard jazz.

Poranguí with special guests Eric Zang, Kayt Pearl, and Ashley Klein



Wednesday, March 29 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$19.50 - \$25.50 Brazilian world soul artist, Poran-

guí, masterfully weaves ancestral songs and indigenous rhythms from around the world as a oneman orchestra. His infectious grooves move the body and soulful harmonies uplift the spirit, transcending cultural and stylistic boundaries to deeply heal and integrate the mind, body and soul.

APRIL **Minid Abair**



Saturday, April 1 | 7 & 9 p.m. Tickets: \$33.50 - \$43.50

In a career that spans seven solo albums and collaboracountless tions in the studio

and live on stage, saxophonist and vocalist Mindi Abair has made her mark on a broad stretch of the musical landscape that includes jazz, pop, rock, R&B, soul, funk, and more.

River Whyless Wednesday, April 5 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$23.50 - \$30.50

"They call it 'Baroque Folk'. Meticulous arrangements, strong singers and writers, and a gorgeous sound are at the heart of Asheville, North Carolina's River Whyless."—WFPK

Gaby Moreno Thursday, April 6 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$33.50 - \$38.50

Guatemalan American singer-songwriter and guitarist Gaby Moreno was awarded the "Best New Artist" award at the 2013 Latin Grammys.

Jon McLauahlin: The Indiana Tour Saturday, April 8 | 7 & 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$20.50 - \$28.50

Singer-songwriter, Jon McLaughlin, was propelled into stardom with his Oscarnominated song, "So Close," for the Disney film Enchanted.

Charles Lloyd and the Marvels Sunday, April 16 | 6 & 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$38.50 - \$53.50

The iconic saxophonist and recent NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) Jazz Master is in the company of a new band featuring guitarist Bill Frisell and pedal steel master Greg Leisz, along with his longtime quartet member bassist Reuben Rogers and drummer Eric Harland.

David Lindley Tuesday, April 18 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$35.50 - \$40.50

Guitar master David Lindley "is a musical chameleon" playing on every stringed instrument with some of the biggest names in the business.

Suzy Bogguss Wednesday, April 19 | 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$38.50 - \$48.50

Singer-songwriter Suzy Bogguss was one of the prominent female singers on country radio with hit songs such as "Aces" and "Outbound Plane."

Jenny and the Mexicats



April 21 | 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$33.50 - \$45.50 "Jenny and the Mexicats Latin rising

alternative artists who have turned heads in Europe and Mexico for their bilingual genre-blending grooves that mesh everything from flamenco to rockabilly for a sound as unique as their unlikely union."—Austin American-Statesman

Afro-Cuban All Stars Sunday, April 23 | 6 & 8 p.m. Tickets: \$38.50 - \$48.50

The world-renowned Afro-Cuban All Stars, led by bandleader Juan de Marcos González, pay tribute to Cuba's popular music, marrying the past with the present.

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Wednesday, April 26 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$43.50 - \$48.50

HAPA's music is an amalgam of influences ranging from ancient Polynesian rhythms and genealogical chants to the strummed ballads of Portuguese fisherman and Mexican cowboys, and the inspired melodies and harmonies of the traditional church choirs of the early missionaries - all flavored with a dose of American acoustic folk and rock.

Cherish the Ladies

Saturday, April 29 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$48.50 - \$58.50

Cherish the Ladies, the GRAMMY-nominated, enduring, Irish American supergroup, makes its debut at the MIM Music Theater.

Rhiannon Giddens Sunday, April 30 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$48.50 - \$63.50

Rhiannon Giddens is a founding member of the GRAMMY-winning Carolina Chocolate Drops. She's an American original who has emerged as a rising star and an electrifying performer with an unforgettable voice who culls the music of our collective past - gospel, jazz, blues, and country.

Zakir Hussain with Rahul Sharma Tuesday, May 2 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$48.50 - \$68.50

Legendary tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain and master of the santoor Rahul Sharma team up for an evening of incredible Indian music.

Anat Cohen & Trio Brasileiro



Sunday. May 7 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$33.50 - \$43.50 Clarinet and saxophone virtuoso Anat Cohen

joins with Trio Brasileiro to perform music that celebrates the rich and varied culture of Brazil, blended with Anat's ebullient brand of jazz.

Tift Merritt Monday, May 8 | 7 p.m. Tickets: \$30.50 - \$38.50

Tift Merritt is a singer songwriter whose literate songs are grounded in country, pop, and Americana. She is among our most distinctive and individual songwriters. She is among our most distinctive and individual songwriters.



Springtime

at Explorer Middle School

Springtime at Explorer Middle is a time of change. With a new semester beginning, students have new elective classes and teachers. From Engineering to Art to Digital Media to Spanish and French, students are immersing themselves in new learning.

As trees bud and flowers start blooming, students at Explorer have many activities to keep them busy. Not only is there football and volleyball after school, but NJHS projects, student council events, an eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. and STEM trip to California. Explorer staff offer many after school activities for young minds to grow and bloom.

With the arrival of Spring, Explorer students (and staff) eagerly await spring break. Many of our students travel during spring break. The most common destinations are California and Rocky Point,

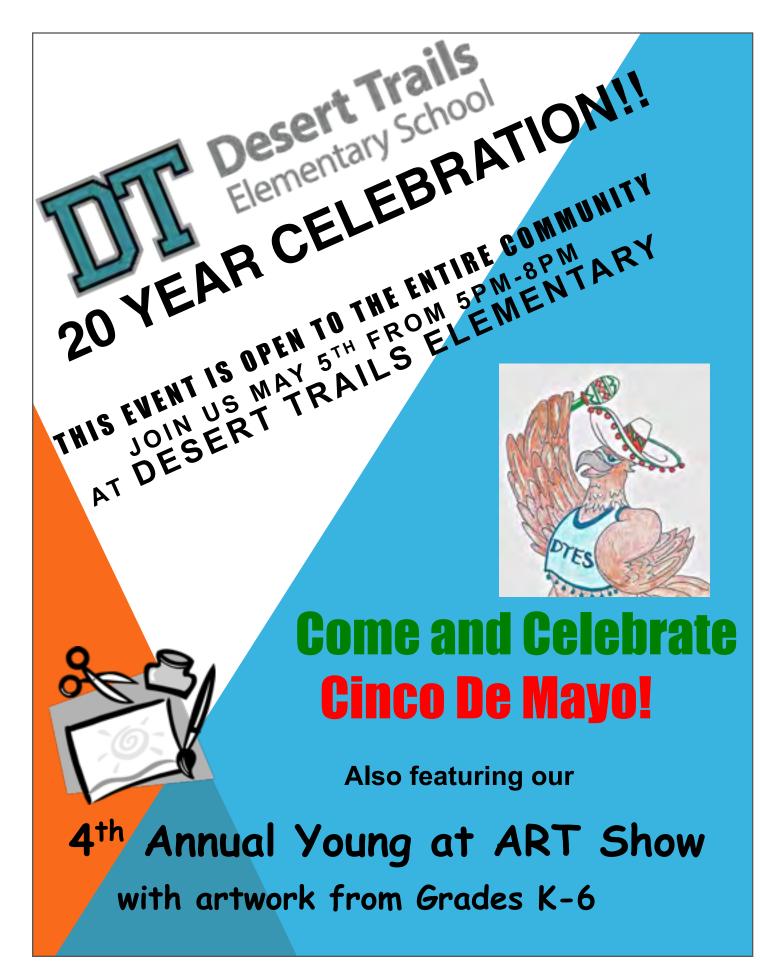
Mexico. Some of our students will relax at local resorts working on their tans for summer. Whatever they do, they are sure to have a fun and relaxing vacation.

Springtime is a time of growth and change, and that is no different for our students. They get a little taller, a little more social...anticipating that change to a new grade— 8th or high school. The students begin to apply all the learning that has taken place up to this point, and ideas and projects abound.

Welcome Spring time.

Lisa D. Stewart, M.Ed English 8 Explorer Middle





RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Doug Dickson

DCEAN PRIME

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5455 East High Street, Phoenix, AZ 85054 Executive Chef Jagger Griffin, General Manager Tony McMahon Mon. - Thurs. 5 - 10 pm ■ Fri. - Sat. 5 - 11 pm ■ Sun. - 5 - 9 pm

Ocean Prime is the swanky steak and seafood hot spot on High Street from renowned restaurateur Cameron Mitchell. Named "Best Seafood" by Arizona Foothills magazine, AZ Business magazine and North Valley magazine, Ocean Prime delivers an extraordinary experience to guests. Located on High Street across the street from the J.W. Marriott Resort, it's the perfect choice for cocktails or an indulgent dinner, any day of the week. Stunning settings and a vibrant energy, an impressive menu of seafood and prime cuts of steak, signature cocktails, a Wine Spectator-honored wine list and truly genuine hospitality make Ocean Prime is an ideal place to socialize, talk business, celebrate, and indulge.

For larger parties, the restaurant features three stunning private dining rooms for guests to enjoy: The Prime Room 1 seats up to 10 guests and the Prime Room 2 seats up to 12 guests; both Prime Rooms may be combined to accommodate up to 24 guests. Ocean Prime also offers a beautiful, intimate private room called The Club Room, seating up to 40 guests. With more than half of the seafood entrees priced above \$30, it isn't cheap, but our group of taste testers felt the quality justified paying just a bit more. Most of the entrees are served a la carte, so side dishes are almost a necessity. Fortunately, side dishes are large enough to share between two. While we tasted most of the menu items, here were our group's consensus favorites.

Surf and Turf Appetizer

Sea Scallops, Slow Braised Short Ribs. Delicious appetizer that was a favorite of many. Small serving size that would have been improved with a larger portion of short ribs.

Ahi Tuna Tartare Appetizer

Fresh ahi tuna served with avocado, ginger ponzu and sesame seeds. Delightful in taste, freshness and texture.

Crisp Wedge of Iceberg Salad

Beautiful salad with red onions, smoked bacon, grape tomatoes, bleu cheese and a cabernet buttermilk dressing. The perfect start to a great meal.

Jumbo Lump Crab Cake Appetizer

A two-layer seafood composition, set on a pool of ginger ponzu sauce on a soft avocado base. Excellent flavor with flakey consistency. Served with sweet corn cream.

Mary's Free Range Chicken

Moist, tender and flavorful. This meal could feed two people. Chicken with ratatouille, lemon and pan jus.

Chilean Sea Bass

Light fish with a succulent flavor without being too flakey. Glazed carrots and whipped potato perfection served with champagne truffle sauce.















King Salmon

Delicately cooked to perfection. Flavorful, melt in your mouth deliciousness. Served with Brussels sprouts, quinoa, almonds, red peppers and lemon.

Ribeve Steak

Ribeve Steak Prime cuts of beef broiled at 1,200 degrees with a beautiful charred crust and an optional Béarnaise sauce on the side. Perfectly cooked to a proper medium rare, these steaks were juicy, tender and delicious.

Crème Brûlée

Made in a dish that was too deep. Tasty, but the texture as was too liquid.

Ten Layer Carrot Cake

Delicious and moist, but a little heavy on pineapple. Just the right amount of sweetness with a perfect balance of cream cheese. Awesome presentation. Serves at least two.





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.

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SPRING MOVIE IN CASHMAN PARK AT DESERT RIDGE SAT., MARCH 11

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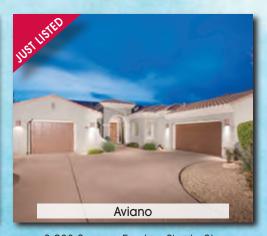
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