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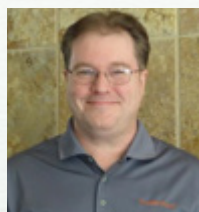
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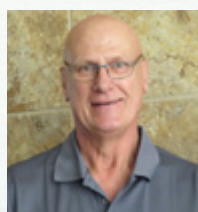
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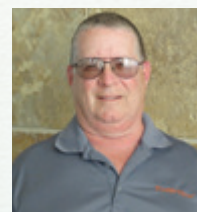
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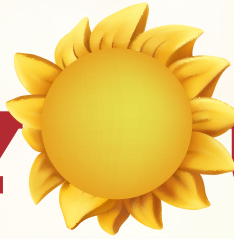
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## From the President

# WE NEED YOU



Doug Dickson

Are you interested in meeting new friends and getting more involved in your community? If so, there are many ways you can make a difference and help improve our Desert Ridge Community.

Here are a few ideas...

### Lifestyle Events

Every month our Association provides FREE activities that are a terrific way to meet new people, learn what is happening in and around Desert Ridge, or just have fun.

- Ladies Night Out
- Easter Egg Scramble
- Yard Sales
- Farmers Markets
- Community Night Out
- Movies in the Park

### Have Coffee with Our Club

All residents are invited to join us for coffee, tea and breakfast pastries as we discuss community matters of common interest, concerns and updates.

### Monthly Board Meetings

The DRCA Board Meetings are held monthly and provide an opportunity to learn what is happening in our community. Time is provided at the beginning of the meeting to address the DRCA Board, as well as on every issue. We are interested in your input, questions and comments.

### Join a Committee

The Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) has eight standing committees, each with an important role within our community. Meeting dates are published on the [DesertRidgeLifestyles.com](http://DesertRidgeLifestyles.com) website. If you have an interest, or even just a curiosity, join us and learn all about these opportunities.

- Design Review
- Lifestyles
- Finance
- Public Affairs

- Community Awareness
- Communications
- Nominating
- Strategic Community Plan (SCP) Parks

### DRCA Board of Directors

Have you ever thought about running for office? Every member of our Association can become eligible and run for a position on the Board of Directors. Elections are held annually.

### Block Watch Groups

If you're looking for a great way to meet your neighbors, starting a Block Watch Group is easy and fun. Not only will you reduce crime in your own neighborhood, you'll quickly expand your circle of friends to those you may only see coming and going.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the DRCA, we challenge you to become more involved and join us in our efforts to make Desert Ridge the diamond in the desert. As always, we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Doug Dickson  
President

Desert Ridge Community Association

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## From the Communications Chair

## Desert Ridge, becoming the Diamond

## I N T H E D E S E R T



Rob Reichstein

My wife and I bought our first Desert Ridge home in 2005. We purchased here because the plans for Desert Ridge were robust and exciting, featuring the largest

regional Mall in the Southwest with high level entertainment, the Desert Ridge Marketplace, the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, 16,000 homes, quality schools, The Mayo hospital as well as plans for several iconic corporations to build their headquarters, easy access to points all over the valley on the proposed 101. All built from the desert floor up and carved out of a 5-square mile section of Northeast Phoenix. A blueprint for success that suggested a home purchase in Desert Ridge could be a great investment. We were anxious to get in and ride the wave. Then came 2008.

The economic crash of 2008 put an end to those hopes and dreams. We were left with half-finished sub communities, acres of undeveloped desert land, homes worth half of what we paid, the abandonment of some projects and promises of others to return once the economic crises ended and the economy turned north.

The economy did stabilize and turn north about two years later. However, developers who had previously purchased parcels with plans to build forfeited their land claims back to the state and abandoned plans to build here. No longer were big box retailers interested in adding stores, therefore developers stopped building large regional enclosed malls. The Mall we hoped would bring prominence to the area was deemed no longer viable. Restaurants vacated the area, smaller retailers succumbed to

bankruptcy and closed their doors. The master developer of Desert Ridge filed for bankruptcy twice. Desert Ridge seemed closer to being a ghost town like those portrayed in the old wild west movies than a vibrant city within a city it was envisioned to be.

But like a phoenix rising from the ashes, something is happening here and it is exciting.

Long gone is the dream of Desert Ridge's symbol being a massive high end retail mall visible to all traveling on the 101. Little by little unique restaurant concepts and entertainment venues are opening in Desert Ridge. "For rent" signs are being replaced with "opening soon" and "now open" signs. We are becoming a destination for fun, food, and entertainment. Who needs a big box retailer to be our savior, we are becoming #greatdestinationlocation before our very eyes.

I personally find this metamorphosis exciting. My wife and I are Chicago area transplants. There, we're accustomed to short excursions to find live entertainment, events, and fun places to drop in for food and drink. For years here my wife and I would head out to Cave Creek or downtown Phoenix to seek live entertainment. We thought the 51 extension was the best thing to come to Desert Ridge since the 101, as it gave us easy access to downtown Phoenix. But those days are over. #It'sallhappeninghere.

First we ventured over to the MIM to take in a few concerts. Great music with acoustics about as close to perfect as sound can be. Then we started hanging out at Blue Martini to grab an adult beverage or two while listening to live music. Then Rick Bronson's House of Comedy opened. We started

dropping in to see some outrageous stand-up comedians. We learned about open mic Tuesdays and decided to give them a try. We figured it's only a 5-minute drive. It became one of our favorite things as we often leave with sore sides from laughing. Then just down the street High and Rye opened and turned their stage into raucous music venue.

But what solidified the metamorphosis of Desert Ridge from decimated development to entertainment destination for us was a trip to CB Live. Depending on the night, you can see live acts on their stage, then wait for it—the wall goes up and whoa, you're rocking the rest of the night away to some hard driving bands. #DesertRidgehascomealive.

When my wife and I left CB Live and drove the 1.25 miles back home, we talked about the changes we have seen here in just the last couple of years. Toll brothers completed the Villages at Aviano community, Statesman is in mega building mode at Toscana, DR Horton is about to break ground on their new 666 home community plus 260 apartments east of 56th, which will include the development of a 10 acre public park, the MIM awesome exhibits, the medical and research facilities being built in Mayo hospital corridor, The Phoenix Park district is in the middle of their major park complex along Reach 11 which includes the dog park, sports fields and plans for youth activities, developers are in discussion with the DRCA about developing several of the available super blocks, and now we are an entertainment destination featuring downtown quality entertainment. And this is only the





beginning. #excitementinDesertRidge.

If you've lived here for a while, I compare it to an awakening from hibernation. If you are new to Desert Ridge I say your timing is excellent. I invite you to plan an outing in

Desert Ridge. Take in a show at one of the comedy clubs or music venues or both. Take the family over to the MLM. Their exhibits rival those in any big city museum. Dine at (m)any of the restaurants. There are so many choices for everyone. Or, just spend some time hiking or biking around town. I think you'll agree it's a pretty great place to be. It may not be exact to the plan of 25 years

ago but that may be a good thing. That was a plan for a 1/4 of a century ago. What's happening here is for today. Fun never goes out of style. #thediamondinthedesert. #supportDesertRidge

Rob Reichstein  
Communications Chair  
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# TO HIKE OR NOT TO HIKE that is the question

It seems that on most every profile I have read, people say they "like to hike". Hiking is one of those activities that sounds like a great idea, until the morning. That alarm goes off, it is dark and cold outside, and your blankie is talking you out of getting out of bed to explore the great outdoors. Have you ever heard of the old saying..." if I had a nickel for every time I heard this or that"? Well, let's just say I would be able to quit my day job and live very comfortably if I saved those nickels over the last 20 years of people saying they want to hike.



I think of hiking as a way to find quiet! It feels like an adventure, freedom and a release from all the craziness of the day-to-day work, life schedule. The phones are put away, except to take pictures of the mountain, animals and each other sitting on this rock or that cliff. Conversations with friends are uninterrupted; and life feels good again...and so...

## THE JOURNEY BEGINS...

Being a flatlander from Illinois, I really love and appreciate the Arizona landscape. Back in the day, I bought books on Hiking Arizona...nowadays, I use and recommend the app "All Trails". The app allows you to search trails near and far. Each trail is rated Easy, Moderate and Hard. It will give you exact directions to the trailheads, the elevation changes and all the information you need to venture out. The hiking opportunities are endless, there truly is something for everyone within an hour from Desert Ridge.

I have heard, "there are snakes"! Yes, for sure they are out there, but believe me they are not chasing you down to chomp on your ankles and suck your blood. In the 20 years I have been hiking I have seen 4 rattlesnakes, and they were all sleeping, curled up on the side of the trail. This is not to say, it is the case for everyone, nor every trail, I am just saying, do not sit on your couch and miss a great hike, just because you fear there MAY be snakes. Be aware, and alert, watch your step and have a blast!



## SOME TIPS

### Buy Good Boots

As in any sport, you need equipment. Yes, gym shoes are good enough for smooth, easy trails, however if there are rocks, gravel and elevation, you need hiking boots. They will protect you from rough terrain, support your feet and ankles, and make you look like a hiker (very important).

### Get Sun Protection

Hats, glasses, sunscreen, long sleeve shirts, etc...protect yourself so you don't fry!

### Stay Hydrated

You don't have to break the bank to hike. A fanny pack type item that hold bottles of water can be found anywhere; or you can splurge and buy a special pack, called a Camelback that holds bladders of water. Buy what you like, just carry plenty of water so you stay hydrated and enjoy being outside.

## HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF MY FAVORITE TRAILS....

### Pinnacle Peak Trail

Pinnacle Peak Trail in Scottsdale, located within 20 minutes of Desert Ridge is a moderate hike that is 3.5 miles; out and back. The nice thing about this trail is that it is groomed and well maintained. It is a nestled next to Estancia Golf Course, surrounded by beautiful homes and scenery. There are restrooms, rangers and interesting touristy stuff to enjoy. It can be a good hike for a beginner if they stay on the trail before the switchbacks. My recommendation is to start slow, take breaks, and just soak in the scenery.





**Gateway Loop Trail**

Gateway Loop Trail is located within 20 minutes of Desert Ridge, just South of Legacy, off Thompson Peak Parkway in Scottsdale at the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. There you will find volunteers that hand out maps and are a great source of knowledge about the area. This trail is 4.2 mile loop, with a nice gradual ascent. It can be a bit rocky, so boots are recommended. This hike gives you

the beautiful scenery of the McDowell's and helps you appreciate why we need to preserve our desert.

**Superstition Mountain**

The Superstition Mountain located in the East Valley is about 60 miles east of Desert Ridge. In my opinion this is by far the most beautiful mountain range in the Valley. It is a bit of a drive, but SO worth it. Last weekend my group hiked up to Wave Cave Trail that is 2.6 miles, moderate out and back trail. It was beautiful, actually breathtaking! We met some friendly, free range steers, that posed for some great pictures as they played around. The trail is long and flat with a moderate ascent to the cave. The pictures in the cave are fantastic...it was so much fun! And guess what? No snakes or bats either!

I could go on and on, but will stop here, as there is so much to tell. I invite anyone



with a sense of wonder, to seek out a trail that looks good, and lace up those boots and explore Arizona.

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**PHOENIX FILM FESTIVAL  
APRIL 4-14**

- Recurring daily, time varies
- [phoenixfilmfestival.com/](http://phoenixfilmfestival.com/)
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- Scottsdale Civic Center Mall  
7380 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale



The annual Scottsdale Culinary Festival serves up eatertainment for all tastes at this fundraising festival featuring live music on three stages, a grand tasting tour of 35 restaurants and food exhibitors representing food from around the world, and sampling of wines, beers, spirits and cocktail creations during this year's travel-themed event.

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**DERBY DAYCLUB  
MAY 4**

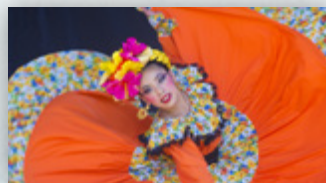
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MAY 5**

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**PHX FIELD DAY  
MAY 18**

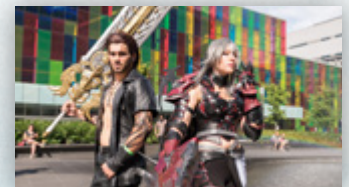
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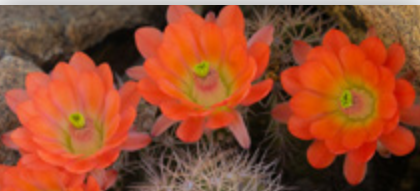
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**SEE THE WILDFLOWERS IN PHOENIX**

Put on your hiking shoes and get ready for a beautiful display of color from the desert this spring. Here are the best places in Phoenix to see the desert wildflowers.

**MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE**

Gateway Trailhead offers access to wildflower sightings on Horseshoe Loop and Gateway Trail Loop. Poppies are also

plentiful along Lost Dog Wash trail in the preserve's southern section. Trek the Taliesin Overlook off of the main trail for blooms and a scenic view.

**GATEWAY TRAILHEAD**

18333 N. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Scottsdale

**LOST DOG WASH TRAILHEAD**

12601 N. 124th St., Scottsdale

**PHOENIX SONORAN PRESERVE**

Find yellow brittlebush, red-orange globemallow, marigold and more along Apache Wash Trailhead. Also check the north-facing slopes on trails from the

Desert Vista Trail parking area, including areas along the Desert Tortoise and Verde trails, both accessible from the trailhead parking area.

**APACHE WASH TRAILHEAD**

1600 E. Sonoran Desert Dr., Phoenix

**DESERT VISTA TRAILHEAD**

W. Desert Vista Trail, Phoenix

**PIESTEWA PEAK & DREAMY DRAW RECREATION AREA**

Several trails with north-facing slopes around Piestewa Peak accessible from the Phoenix Mountains Preserve are good spots for wildflower viewing. In Dreamy Draw Recreation Area, hillsides and washes surrounding Trail 100 often are covered in a wide variety of wildflower blooms.

**PIESTEWA PEAK**

Northeast corner, 32nd St. and Lincoln Dr., Phoenix

**DREAMY DRAW RECREATION AREA**

2421 E. Northern Ave., Phoenix

**SPUR CROSS RANCH CONSERVATION AREA**

You can't go wrong on a wildflower hunt in Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area, which boasts a huge diversity of blooms. Look in particular along the western end of the Spur Cross Trail and, if you are up for a challenge, the southern part of the Elephant Mountain loop.

**SPUR CROSS TRAILHEAD**

N. Spur Cross Rd., Cave Creek

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

The month of April is National Volunteer month in the United States to recognize and honor the many volunteers dedicated to community service and to encourage volunteerism from others.

**In the spirit of National Volunteer month, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the community volunteers (your neighbors) that serve on the Desert Ridge Community Association (Master Association) Board of Directors and Committees in multiple roles and a variety of capacities for the betterment of the community.**

**Doug Dickson (Aviano Resident)**  
DRCA Board Member (10th year), Finance Committee, Communications Committee, Community Awareness Committee and the Desert View Village Planning Committee representing District 2.

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Lifestyles Committee.

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Communications Committee and Strategic Community Planning Parks Sub-Committee.

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Strategic Community Planning Parks Sub-Committee and Nominating Committee.

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Communications Committee, Lifestyles Committee and Public Affairs Committee.

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Nominating Committee.

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Public Affairs Committee.

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Public Affairs Committee.

**Terry Coult (Aviano Resident)**  
Finance Committee and Design Review Committee.

**Melodie Beedlow (Toscana Resident)**  
Finance Committee and Design Review Committee.

## THANK YOU

*We are very grateful to the above residents for their volunteerism and commitments they fulfill to the community daily. Without community volunteers the business affairs and responsibilities of the association would be very difficult to impossible to accomplish. Thank you for your service and contributions to Desert Ridge.*

# FARMERS MARKET

EVERY SUNDAY

on  HIGH STREET

FOOD  
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The Farmers Market on High Street is back weekly serving up food and fun.

Popping up every Sunday from October to April from 10am to 1pm, the Farmers Market on High Street is the north Valley's newest market featuring offering fresh produce, food, and other delectables to take home and enjoy.

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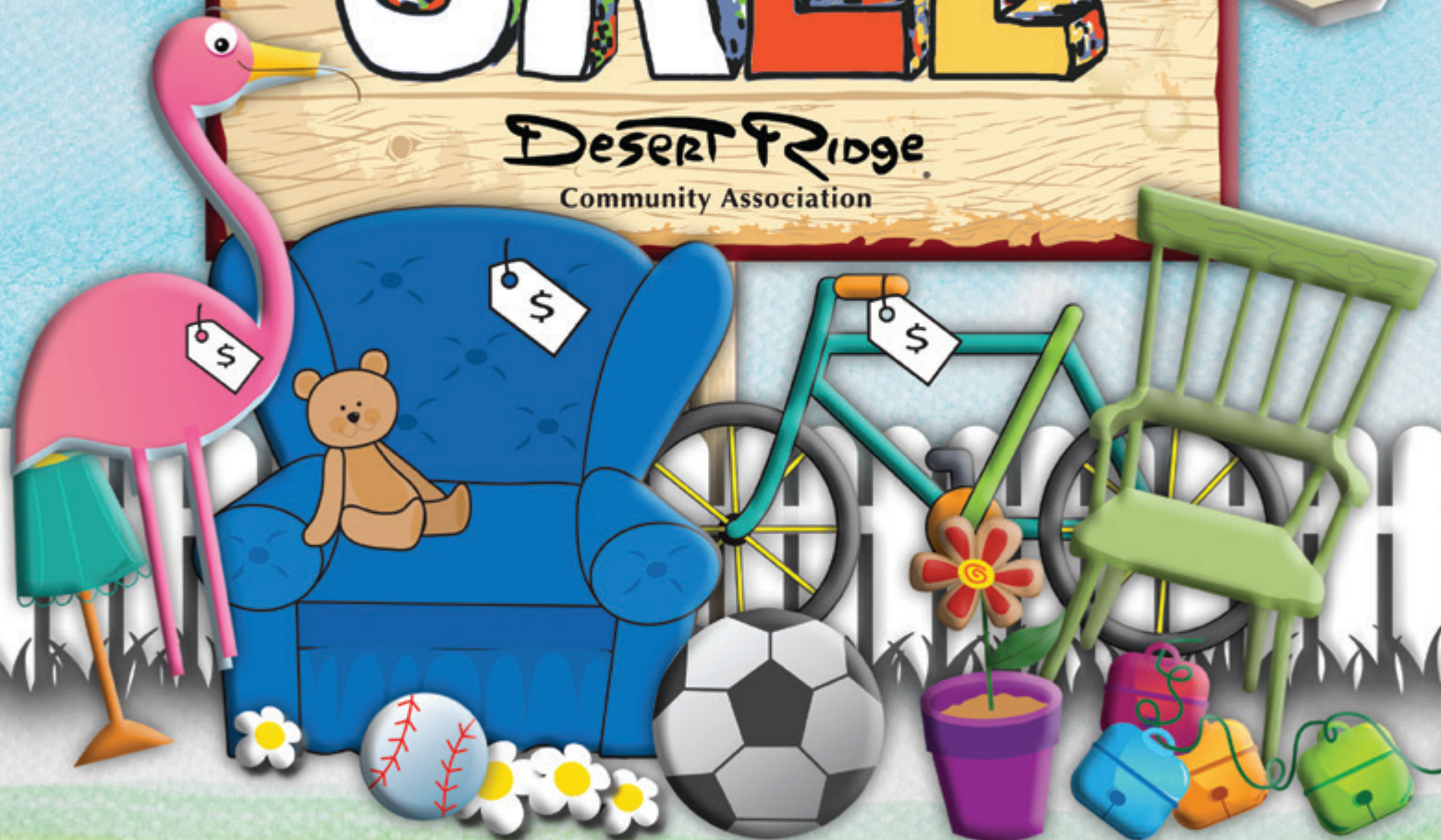
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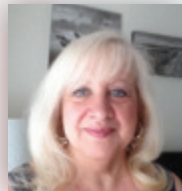
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**Pam Lyons**

Starting March 18th, there will be a new face around the Desert Ridge offices. Pam Lyons will be joining the team as Communications

Administrator and will be providing support to the staff in several areas. Pam has a long history working with the DRCA board and management team having been the association's senior accountant for the past 5+ years. She brings a knowledge of the operation and the issues and is anxious to jump in and take on her new duties. One of her primary functions will be updating



the Desert Ridge Lifestyle website and assisting with the quarterly magazine. Additionally, Pam will be supporting the community in the areas of the design review architectural process, maintenance requests, communications, and reporting. She's looking forward to connecting with and assisting the management team, the board, and all members of the Desert Ridge community. In her free time, Pam enjoys traveling, hiking, yoga, reading, and soapmaking. Stop in to the office, introduce yourself and say hello!

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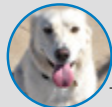
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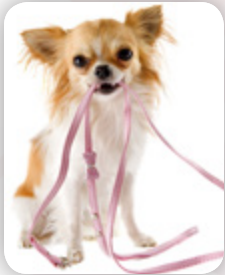
# MOST COMMON AREAS OF CONCERN

## Pet Waste

All pet owners are reminded to immediately clean up after their pets and remove any pet droppings throughout the community. Doggie waste bags and trash containers are available throughout the common area of Desert Ridge to assist you in keeping your community clean and beautiful. If you are to notice someone not picking up after their pet, please contact the management company so we can walk you through the proper steps to help correct the matter.

## Dog Leash

For the safety and comfort level of all our residents, please be reminded to leash your dog at all times when taking your dog for a stroll or play through the community parks, trails and common area. Residents are encouraged to use Pinnacle Park located at the roundabout at Black Mountain Boulevard. Pinnacle Park has three (3) designated dog pens for dogs to run and play off-leash. Hours are from 5am to 11pm, daily. Please remember to bring a dog bag to pick-up and help keep the park clean for other dogs as well.



## Painting Homes

The Desert Ridge Community Association Standards and Compliance team is performing community inspections throughout all neighborhoods within Desert Ridge and notifying homeowners whose homes need paint maintenance. If you have not painted your home in the last 7-10 years, it is probably due for painting because of our harsh desert temperatures and sun exposure throughout the year. Provided below is the link to the Desert Ridge Lifestyles website where you can view and obtain the paint color palette for your neighborhood parcel specific to your home in Desert Ridge. Please use this link to select the paint colors for painting your home: [desertridgelifestyles.com/neighborhoods/paint-schemes](http://desertridgelifestyles.com/neighborhoods/paint-schemes).

Please note that all residential exterior improvements to your home require prior approval from the Desert Ridge Community Association Design Review Committee (Master Association) and initial approval from your sub-association architectural review committee (if applicable).

## City of Phoenix Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program

Through the Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program, the Street Transportation Department will be accelerating pavement maintenance work on many of the city's major streets during fiscal years 2019 through 2023. The accelerated program will significantly improve the condition of some of the city's most deteriorated major streets and will be accomplished in conjunction with the pavement preservation program for local and collector streets. Listed below is the link to the webpage for the Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program.

Share input on the streets you want to see included in the pavement maintenance work plans for fiscal years 2021-2023 by using the interactive street maintenance map available through the link provided below or email your comments to [pavement@phoenix.gov](mailto:pavement@phoenix.gov).

[www.phoenix.gov/streetsite/Pages/Accelerated-Pavement-Maintenance-Program.aspx](http://www.phoenix.gov/streetsite/Pages/Accelerated-Pavement-Maintenance-Program.aspx). Program Contact for Questions and Comments, 602-262-6284.

## Parking

On street parking of vehicles is prohibited except for forty-eight hours temporary guest/visitor parking in the immediate vicinity of the host's home. All parking in Desert Ridge must be on paved surfaces such as a driveway or garage. No vehicle, trailer, boat, etc. may be parked behind gates where visible from neighboring properties and/or common area of the community. Vehicles parked on the street overnight will be tagged with a notice by our parking patrol company, Urban Tactical Security. If you are having guests/visitors parking on the street during the forty-eight hours guest parking time frame, please contact Desert Ridge to safe list the vehicle of your guest/visitor and to prevent their vehicle from being tagged during this period. Please send guest parking dates and vehicle information to Pam. [Lyons@fsresidential.com](mailto:Lyons@fsresidential.com)

## Residential Landscape Maintenance

All landscape areas shall be maintained in good condition, including but not limited to weeds, irrigation, mowing, fertilization, shrub and tree pruning (We ask that trees are maintained to an 8' minimum clearance over sidewalks and driveways for pedestrians and vehicles). Please assess your lot if you have mature trees that still have tree stakes or ties are no longer providing support since the tree is established. It is recommended to have the tree stakes/ties removed, if they are no longer needed. More information on these and other rules can be found in the Desert Ridge Community Association Residential Area Design Guidelines. Due to the weather and temperature, weeds are starting to grow rapidly. There are many options available to remove and minimize the growth of weeds and/or unwanted grass in yards. Please help by removing weeds as it is everyone's goal to keep Desert Ridge looking its best!

# Gracie's Story

## ABOUT PINNACLE PARK AT REACH 11



Gracie

Hi. My name is Gracie. I was adopted last April by a nice couple here so I am kinda new to Desert Ridge. We walk all over the place and meet many humans and dogs. It is a very nice community. However, every time we walked by a park and I tried to get off and run they would tell me they can't let me off of my leash because of some law and that it just isn't safe for me.

It was a little tough because I need to stretch my paws, so to speak. They kept telling me to be patient, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department is building a new dog park here in Desert Ridge. After spending time in a rescue, I am grateful for my humans who love to walk with me but this girl has a need, a need for speed.

Then one morning, December 13th, I remember it well, instead of our morning walk, we got in the car and drove to this big beautiful new park. There was a big sign that Read "Welcome to the Dog Park at



Pinnacle Peak. I was shaking uncontrollably with anticipation. Is this the place my humans told me about? Could this be the place I can shed my leash and run like the dogs I see on TV? YES it is.

As we walked up to the pens I was surrounded by many human and furry friends, and the people that made this park happen. There was Inger Erickson, the Parks Director, Doug Dickson, President of the Desert Ridge HOA board, Terrance Smith, the Desert Ridge community manager, and Vice Mayor, Jim Waring. There was a ceremony where Vice Mayor Waring cut a ribbon to officially open the park. That's me standing next to the Vice Mayor. Then they opened the pens and we raced in. It was pawsome.

In the pens we ran, wrestled, explored, sniffed each other, said hello to all of the humans. You know, dog stuff. When we got thirsty, we enjoyed cold water from the water fountain. There are ramadas and benches for us dogs and humans to enjoy and there are lights so we can enjoy the park in the evening too! The Parks and Recreation Department is really smart. They built a pen for us big dogs and one for the little guys too. And a third that they say is resting so



whenever we go the pens are in great shape.

I had so much fun, I didn't want to leave. My humans bribed me to go home by promising we'd come back. To tell you a secret I was so tired all I did when I got home was sleep and dream about coming back, which we do often.

I have so many fun stories to tell now like this one morning last week. I met a little dog named Mango. Since there were no dogs in the small pen at the time, her humans let her play with the big dogs. She was having a great time until she got run over by one of the very big dogs. It was an accident and Mango did not get hurt but her humans took her back into the small dog pen to play with other small dogs that





showed up. In the small dog pen she ran with the little dogs just like we big dogs do. It's so cute to watch and it's safer for them. We decided both the big dogs and small dogs would meet up at the fence to say hello and check each other out. Kind of like our own Pet Club meeting. It's so Cool.

I know my humans like the park too. It seems like from the moment I walk in and dash off, they are chatting up many of the other humans. I pretend not to notice but I see them smiling and laughing so I know it's one of their new favorite things too.

So, come on out, bring your humans. Let them get to know each other. But be careful with

your little humans. We don't want them to get hurt or run over. This is the only public place we dogs can play off leash and get that exercise that we need to keep the weight off and help us live longer and healthier lives.

Please remind your humans there are a few simple rules to make sure we all have a great time and show the Parks Department we appreciate their support of our community.

- Your humans have to bring you and stay until you leave. No unattended dogs.
- If you are one of those that like to fight,

- please don't. This is a fun place so if you fight your humans are going to have to take you home immediately.
- Please make sure the gates are closed behind you. We don't want any dogs slipping out by accident. Keep your leash on until you get into the pen- this will keep us safe
- And most importantly, please make sure your parents pick up after you. It's not the Park and Recreation Department's job to pick up and many of us love to roll in messes. That doesn't make our humans very happy when we jump in their car to go home. Also, it's not good for us.
- If your humans forget bags, there are dispensers around the pens with bags and if they want to bring their own, ask them to bring extras to help fill the containers for others.

Looking forward to seeing you out there.  
Gracie

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 24 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.

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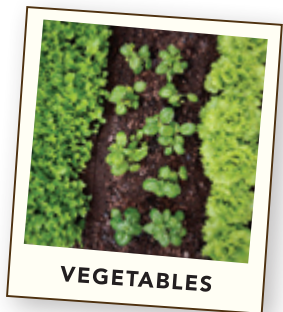
GRASS

**1** **Ryegrass** should be **WATERED** once or twice a week through March depending on the daytime temperature. Non over seeded **Bermuda** needs one good watering per month through March to keep the roots moist.

**2** You can encourage the **Bermuda** to come out of dormancy as soon as the night

time temperatures stay in the mid sixty's. Greening usually starts in April and rapid growth starts in May. For over **seeded Bermuda**, switch to a deeper but less frequent Bermuda watering schedule in April to stress the Ryegrass. Mow Ryegrass at an increasingly lower cutting height each week in April to kill the Ryegrass.

**3** **SPRAY OR HAND PULL weeds** as soon as they appear. Pre-emergent herbicides applied in December and late June will aid in year round weed prevention.

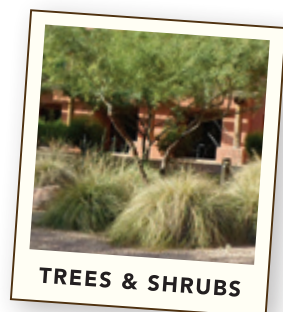


VEGETABLES

**4** **PREPARE YOUR SOIL** for a spring/summer garden. Organic matter, mulch, manure or compost is very important. **Fertilize** producing vegetable gardens.

**5** **Cut back old and dead growth** in the herb garden. Herbs to plant are mint, parsley, rosemary, sage and thyme.

**6** **For frost damaged herbs**, look for new growth emerging on the lower half of the plant. Use sharp shears to cut the plant back by 1/3 to 1/2 or more, down to healthy new side shoots. **Add new compost and water well.**



TREES & SHRUBS

**7** **NOW IS THE TIME FOR SHAPING** citrus trees if you must. Try to let the citrus foliage grow to about knee high. **The best fruit is produced on the lower two thirds of the tree** so raising the skirt reduces the amount of the fruit you will get.

**8** **Fertilize** fruit, nut and shade trees, shrubs and vines. Pecan trees and grape vines **need a zinc** rich fertilizer to help them produce their best.

**9** **As the weather warms**, adjust your irrigation timer to water more frequently. Be sure to run your system long enough to wet the top two feet of soil. **DEEP, INFREQUENT WATERING IS MUCH BETTER THAN A DAILY SPRINKLE.**



FLOWERS

**10** **Prepare flower beds** for spring gardens. Add additional planting mix as needed. For each 100 square feet mix in one half pound ammonium phosphate, five pounds of bone meal and two pounds of blood meal.

**11** **FERTILIZE FLOWERS** initially with a high phosphorus soluble liquid fertilizer weekly for a few weeks and then switch to a high quality granular slow release fertilizer to maintain nutrition through the season.

**12**

**ALLOW YOUR WILDFLOWERS TO GO TO SEED.**

They will produce a natural healthy feast for birds as well as reseeding themselves to come up again next year.

# PAPERLESS VOTING



**Carl Prettyman, Jr.**  
Nominating  
Committee  
Chairman

Hello,

I'm Carl Prettyman, Jr. of the Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors and this year's Nominating Committee Chairman.

There are four (4) positions that need to be filled on the board this year, each for a two (2) year term.

This year the Association will be emailing you an invite that provides you with a "registration code" to Vote ONLINE. Once you have received your registration code, click the link to the voting site provided in the

email. Please also make sure to check your junk/spam file folder in the event your email invite to Vote ONLINE ends up in the wrong folder due to any email filters you may have set.

If you do not receive an email invite, then it is because the association does not have an email address on file for you. In that case, to "Vote Online", please visit the [desertridgelifestyles.com](http://desertridgelifestyles.com) website and click on the "DRCA Online Voting" link located on the home page and follow the easy instructions.

If you need assistance obtaining your registration code or have questions. Contact the DRCA Office via email using the contact link on [desertridgelifestyles.com](http://desertridgelifestyles.com).

We hope that you find this year's online voting a simple, fast, and paperless way to cast your vote for the DRCA Board of Directors.

Should you need a paper ballot, one

may be obtained at the DRCA office located at 5415 E High Street, Suite 133, Phoenix, 85054 Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm, or you may vote in person at the annual meeting at the Desert Ridge Cambria Hotels & Suites on April 18th at 6pm.

Thank you for participation...and remember, that every vote counts!



## Kindergarten Registration



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**Desert Sun Academy**

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## THUNDERBIRDS CHARITIES AWARDS \$50,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale for Innovative Dream-Maker programming

Thunderbirds Charities awarded \$50,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale (BGCS) to help fund and grow the youth development organization's Innovative Dream-Maker initiative for arts and innovation programming.

Fine arts, performing arts, graphic design, drama, music, photography and entrepreneurship are all focuses of the Club's Innovative Dream-Maker programming.

"We're thrilled to help Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale and their mission to foster innovation in our communities," said Thunderbirds Charities President Carlos Sugich. "BGCS has a tremendous positive impact on our young people and we're very proud to help any way we can."



"This generous gift from Thunderbirds Charities is critical to our year-round Innovative Dream-Maker initiative," said Robyn Julien, BGCS President and CEO. "We are continually grateful to Thunderbirds Charities for their commitment to our community and helping our youth develop the skills they need to be successful."

BGCS offers a variety of arts and innovation programming at their nine Clubs located within the communities of Scottsdale, North Phoenix, Fountain Hills, Mesa, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Hualapai Nation.

The National Fine Arts program offered to all members focuses on one medium a month to encourage artistic expression including drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, mixed media and sculpture. Youth artists whose work shows improvement and promise in their age group are placed in competition at local and regional exhibits. A panel of judges selects works for inclusion in the National Fine Arts Exhibit, which is displayed at Boys & Girls Clubs of America events.

Boys & Girls Clubs' ImageMakers Photography program teaches youth the art and science of photography designed to help Club members go beyond taking simple snapshots on their phones and develop the skills to produce impactful photographs.



The Clubs' What's Your Vision? program challenges youth to identify an opportunity to solve a problem, then design a business or product around their idea. The program introduces youth to the entrepreneurial spirit, business ethics, planning and research, development and design, marketing, finances, and presentation skills.

"In our Clubs, we witness firsthand the positive impact of arts programming: it promotes and sharpens self-directed learning, problem solving, persistence, collaboration and critical thinking skills," said Julien. "Studies show that arts education helps students master other subjects such as reading, math and social studies as well."

Find out more about programming at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale by visiting [www.bgcs.org](http://www.bgcs.org).

# Leaders in Training at the Boys & Girls Club



Summer—it feels like it takes forever to get here and once it's here, often teens get 'bored' quickly. At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Vestar Branch, we have a Leaders in Training (L.I.T) program that keeps those teens busy! The L.I.T program is designed to give teen members an opportunity to spend their summer being productive and volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club.

The application process for the 2019 LIT program is already well underway with weekly meetings at the Ellie & Michael Ziegler Teen Center. Interested teens begin the process, by participating in "Career Launch", an eight week program that helps them explore different career paths, learn about resume creation and job application completion, and practice important interview skills. These skills will then be put into action as the teens must submit a resume, complete their online application, and participate in an in person interview with Club staff.

Last summer 22 teens were selected as Leaders in Training and spent their summer gaining important job skills as they volunteered in the youth summer camp. Each week the LITs had to follow specific schedules, practice accurate time keeping, complete assigned tasks, and learn to work cooperatively with a diverse group of people. Over the ten weeks of summer camp, these 22 teens volunteered over 3,000 hours of their time.

The Vestar Branch has a robust summer camp that the LITs play a very meaningful role in. One of the important components of their job is to interact with the members and help make their summer a memorable one. When one prospective L.I.T. was asked why he wanted to be an LIT, he said that he 'wanted to help make sure kids had the best summer and were able to make memories like the ones he has of when he was on the youth side.' The members on the youth side are put into groups based on their grade and then spend most of their day rotating through all of the different program areas, including computers, art, STEM, and gym. Each week has a different theme that activities are planned around and every Friday, the week culminates with a special event and themed dress up day. Throughout the week, each cabin works on a chant to be performed at the chant off Friday morning. Being able to help the youth work on these chants is one of the highlights of a lot of the LITs' summer.

After a long summer of working hard, the LITs have to have some time for their own fun and will join LITs from all nine



Branches of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Clubs on a trip to California. The group of teens and their staff advisors will visit a college campus, spend a day at an amusement park, and of course make a stop at the beach. The teen's look forward to this trip all summer and it is a great way to show them that hard work pays off.

Being able to participate in the L.I.T. program is a great opportunity for those teens. They are able to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial in their future, while at the same time having a memorable summer. One former L.I.T. said that one of her favorite parts of being an L.I.T. was the bond that she formed with the other L.I.T.s and having such a fun summer. The Leaders in Training program is one of many impactful programs that is offered at the Boys & Girls Club. For more information on summer camp visit [vestarbranch.bgcs.org](http://vestarbranch.bgcs.org) as registration opens on April 8<sup>th</sup>.



# HOLIDAY TROLLEY TOURS A SUCCESS

The Desert Ridge Community Association Annual Holiday Trolley Tours to see the holiday decorations and lighting was once again a sold-out holiday attraction for families and their invited guests during the four nights and sixteen tours. The holiday spirit throughout Desert Ridge gets better with each passing year! We wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to the residents that took the time to decorate their homes and enter the DRCA Annual Holiday Decorating & Lighting Contest. Thanks also to our 2018 holiday judging trolley volunteers for taking the time to view and judge the contest entrants' homes.



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# Little Free Library



A new “Little Free Library” is now at Cashman Park at Desert Ridge located at 22222 N. 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85050!

The Little Free Library has books to share, so please take one and leave one for others to read and share!

Little Free Libraries are a global phenomenon. The small, front-yard book exchanges number more than 75,000 around the world in 85 countries — from Iceland to Tasmania to Pakistan. Now, a new Little Free Library at Cashman Park will join the movement to share books, bring people together and create a communities of readers. The library is near the basketball courts.

## What is a Little Free Library?

A Little Free Library is a free book exchange. It belongs to everyone, and everyone can use it!



## Take Books

If you see something you would like to read, take it. When you’re finished, share it with a friend, bring it back here or leave it at another Little Free Library.

## Give Books

It’s up to everyone to keep this library full of good reads! Bring books to share when you

can and continue being a friend of Little Free Libraries everywhere!

## Protect the Little Free Library

It is up to all of our community members to protect the Little Free Library. Thank you for helping to watch over it!

A special thank you to the Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) for their generous contribution to purchase the Little Free Library to promote a community park location where children are encouraged to play and learn. A partnership between City of Phoenix, DRCA and a local parents group, the Moose Club, brought the library to Cashman Park.

A grand unveiling ceremony for the Cashman Park at Desert Ridge Little Free Library was held on Tuesday, February 12th.

The Little Free Library non-profit organization has been honored by the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, and the American Library Association, and Reader’s Digest named them one of the “50 Surprising Things We Love about America.”

Each year, nearly 10 million books are shared in Little Free Libraries. To learn more, please visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).



# CRIME PREVENTION AND THE Quality of Life



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

The spring season is upon us and many residents are out enjoying the various events and activities that Phoenix has to offer. This season is a wonderful example of why so many people are here in Phoenix and are still continuing to move here, some estimates say 4,000 people a month. With Phoenix again one of the faster growing cities and communities in the country we get faced with the many challenges that come from expanding.

## CHOOSING A NEIGHBORHOOD

Your neighborhood and community is an important aspect of your life and your family. You choose a neighborhood based on many things; schools, proximity to work or activities, friends or family, the style of the home, sales price, and also figured somewhere in that equation, safety. The safety of neighborhoods and each and every individual in that community is our responsibility at the Phoenix Police Department. We take great pride in serving and protecting you and working to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood.

In building a better community and improving the quality of life, crime prevention plays an important role. I have written many articles on

the various aspects of preventing crime, from burglary, auto theft, identity theft, drug prevention and so on, all in an attempt to help each and every one of you protect yourself and your family as much as possible. We as police officers are your partners in this endeavor, and will be there when you call and also when you don't call, out patrolling the streets of your neighborhood as you sleep, work or enjoy time with your family. We do need your help and your commitment to improve your community because it is a partnership between the police and citizens; we have the same goal and we can achieve it by working together.

How can we do that is a question I get often. Many of you have started a Block Watch in your area, which is a very good way

to learn and practice good crime prevention at your home and get to know your neighbors. Knowing your neighbors is at the top of the list when I teach Block Watch. I am not asking you to know every detail of your neighbors lives but knowing what I call your "primary" neighbors. These are the ones next to you and the three across the street from you and knowing just the minimum amount of information (at least their names and a good way to communicate with them, either phone numbers or email address) will go a long way in preventing some types of neighborhood crime. Knowing what is suspicious activity for your neighborhood. Knowing your children's friends and their parents in the neighborhood also helps in building a better community, this was a staple of many neighborhoods in the past and it does exist today, but to a lesser degree.

There is a common theme in most crime prevention and that is communication and awareness, communicate with your kids, your neighbors, your kids schools and your police department. If you see something suspicious in your neighborhood, call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 or for crimes in progress, 911. I am contacted numerous times asking if I am aware of something going on in a neighborhood. With a city of 1.6 million and an area of responsibility for me of 85 square miles and 90,000 people, it is





sometimes difficult for me to hear of everything going on but I do keep in contact with all of the communities I serve as much as possible so that I may respond with the needed resources to address whatever issue comes up.

**SAFER DRIVING HABITS**

Another issue or question that comes up that I am asked to address is the driving habits of residents in their neighborhoods, in particular the speed of vehicles. The speed limits are set by the Streets and Transportation Department of the City of Phoenix and are done in conjunction with the type of roadway it is classified as, such as residential, collector or arterial. These speed limits are set for you and your family's safety and the safety

of other drivers on the road. Poor driving habits can be the result of many things but the disregard for obeying the speed limit usually comes down to inattention, being in a hurry or even the feeling that it's just a suggestion or guideline and that driver knows how fast they feel comfortable driving.

The law enforcement community in January lost an officer from the Salt River Police Department due to a

driver texting and driving on the 101 Freeway. This is not the first fatal accident from a driver texting and driving but just the latest. This tragedy and the others related to texting and driving are completely avoidable. The consequences of those acts have devastating effects on families and cost a police officer his life. Please take the time to drive safely by obeying the traffic laws and by not distracting yourself by texting and driving.

**COMMUNICATION TIPS**

Let's challenge each other to communicate more effectively with the purpose of improving our community. Let's try and see how we can learn more about the

neighborhoods we live in by watching out for each other and by just looking around when we are out walking or even just driving to and from our homes. Let's challenge each other by obeying the traffic laws and paying attention to our habits on the road. I am committed to helping each and every one of the neighborhoods I serve to improve their quality of life so if you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at 602-495-5238 or at tim.mitten@phoenix.gov. Thanks again for being involved in your community and partnering with the Phoenix Police Department to help improve the quality of life and safety of your neighborhood.

# COMING SOON TO DESERT RIDGE MARKETPLACE



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**Coming Soon**

Our doughnuts are "cake style". They are light, moist and slightly crunchy. Our doughnuts are made all day long – you can even see them being made.



**ComicX**

**Anticipated Opening, Summer 2019**

Mexico-based ComicX will be opening its first U.S. location at the center in summer 2019. Filled with memorabilia and collectibles of favorite superhero and villain characters, ComicX is a family-friendly restaurant and store that offers the perfect blend of fantasy and reality. The comic book themed restaurant will occupy an 8,000 square-foot pad space between Sweet Tomatoes and Majerle's Sports Bar.



[www.tikkashack.com](http://www.tikkashack.com)

**Coming Soon**

Get grubbin' on some downright delicious Indian food in The District near the splash pad. Tikka Shack serves up the best in Indian cuisine, while slinging samosas in a friendly, casual atmosphere. Both the dining environment and the menu have been carefully curated to captivate guests with the aromatic flavors of India through the artful creation of blended spices.

# Spring into Action



**Steve Burns**  
Community Awareness Committee Chairman

This is the time of year where we take time to enjoy as much of the outdoors as we can before it gets too hot outside. It's a great time of the year to be outside and get things done around the yard too. However, don't let our beautiful weather allow you to become complacent. At this time of year, there is a noticeable spike in crimes of opportunity. People are more apt to leave bicycles, yard tools and other personal property lying around. They also leave garage doors, gates and sheds open and wonder why things get stolen.

Windows can be easy entry points for a criminal to gain access to your home. So if you do get a chance to work in the yard this spring, make sure that your trees and bushes are trimmed back allowing a clear view of your windows. This makes it difficult for criminals to hide outside your home. Letting in fresh air is fine when someone is home, but when you leave the house make sure that you close and lock all of your windows. If you have a screened security door, make sure it's locked when you have the front door open, even when you are home.

When it comes to crime in Desert Ridge, our biggest area of concern is car burglaries. We still see a number of incidents where resident's cars are broken into because they are leaving valuables in plain sight, or even leaving their car doors unlocked. Please, take an extra moment to be vigilant instead of a victim.

Desert Ridge continues to have some of the lowest crime rates in the Phoenix metro area, but we can do even better. The best way to reduce crime is through prevention. We need to keep an eye out at

all times, not only for our own homes and autos but for those of our neighbors as well.

We have fantastic anti-crime programs in Desert Ridge with our off-duty City of Phoenix Police Patrols, our Silent Witness matching grant program, and even our Urban Tactical security patrols. But we need your help too. Communicate with your neighbors and keep looking for things that are out of place in your neighborhood. If you see something, say something. Report suspicious activity to Crime Stop at 602-262-6151.



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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## REWARD

### Up to \$2,000

**"Crime Doesn't Pay In Desert Ridge... Reporting It Does!"**

**TYPE OF CRIME:** Felony Crimes in the Desert Ridge Residential Community  
**VICTIM:** Desert Ridge Residential Community  
**LOCATION:** Prescribed Locations in the Desert Ridge Community  
**DATE/TIME:** 2013 to Present

The Desert Ridge Community Association of Phoenix has entered a partnership with Silent Witness to provide up to \$2,000 for any felony crime targeting the Desert Ridge Residential Community. Please contact Silent Witness at 480 WITNESS (480-948-6377) or on our website at [silentwitness.org](http://silentwitness.org), with any information about any crime in this targeted area

If you have any information regarding this case you may contact Silent Witness at W-I-T-N-E-S-S, that's 480-948-6377, or toll free at 1-800-343-TIPS. You can also leave an anonymous tip on the silent witness website at [silentwitness.org](http://silentwitness.org). Remember, you remain completely anonymous and could earn a cash-reward for information leading to the arrest and/or indictment of the suspect/s of this crime.

**You must contact Silent Witness prior to arrest or indictment to be eligible for any reward.**



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# Phase II

## Living Well at Sagewood Retirement Community



than 400 attendees learned about the 280,000-square-foot expansion that includes 101 independent living homes with both one- and two-bedroom floor plans, and an array of new amenities.

Phase II amenities will consist of the Owl's Nest restaurant and lounge, an 18-hole championship golf putting course, a chapel and additional card rooms. This phase of construction will also deliver new administration offices and renovations to the existing Canyon Café and Palo Verde dining venues.

Sagewood is located in the pristine desert of northeast Phoenix, focusing on an active lifestyle and overall well-being. The Life Plan Community features resort-like amenities including a fitness center, movie theaters, indoor and outdoor pools, formal and casual

dining, and the Five Star-rated Acacia Health Center providing assisted living, memory support, skilled nursing and a rehabilitative therapy center.

Designed by architect Todd & Associates and built by The Weitz Company, Phase II is expected to be completed in late 2020.

For more information on Sagewood, visit [SagewoodLCS.com](http://SagewoodLCS.com). Like the Sagewood community's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/SagewoodLCS](https://www.facebook.com/SagewoodLCS).

Sagewood, a resort-style senior living community in Northeast Phoenix, recently celebrated the groundbreaking of Phase II which will be the largest addition to the community since opening in 2010. More



Groundbreaking Photo Left-to-Right: Doug Sexton, Senior Project Manager, Todd & Associates; Ed Smith, Sagewood Associate Executive Director; Pat Hunt, President & Chief Operating Officer, Westminster Capital; Scott Doherty Vice President/Senior Director of Operations Management, Life Care Services; Stewart Ingram, Sagewood Executive Director; Chris Harrison, Executive Vice President of National Division, The Weitz Company; Ellen Devine, Sagewood Marketing Director; Judy Mori, Sagewood Residents' Council; Kim Davids, Weitz Phoenix General Manager; and Boe Evanson, Weitz Project Manager.



# Events at Desert Ridge Marketplace

[www.shopdesertridge.com](http://www.shopdesertridge.com)

## EVENTS

### APRIL

#### FREE TICKETS TO PHOENIX ZOO WITH PURCHASE

April 1-30

During the month of April, receive 2 passes to the Phoenix Zoo when you spend \$200 or more in the same day at Desert Ridge Marketplace. Visit [shopdesertridge.com/zoo](http://shopdesertridge.com/zoo) to enter.

#### EASTER SPECIALS

Celebrate Easter with family and friends at your favorite Desert Ridge Marketplace restaurants!

#### I RECYCLE PHOENIX

April 6

AMC Parking Lot | 7 am-12 pm

Join Keep Phoenix Beautiful, the city of Phoenix and Desert Ridge Marketplace for the I Recycle Phoenix Festival! Don't miss this one-stop recycling event for clothes, electronics, toys, office supplies, document shredding and more! For details, visit <http://recyclecleanphoenix.org/i-recycle-phoenix/index.html>

#### EASTER/SPRING FEST

April 6

The District Stage | 11 am-1 pm

Spring has arrived! Hop on over to meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy spring festivities, games, face painting and more! Snap a free photo with the Easter Bunny, and enjoy a festive balloon drop offering more chances to be a lucky winner!

#### EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS

April 6-20 | AMC Lawn

The Easter Bunny is making the annual trip to Desert Ridge Marketplace from April 6, 2019 through April 19, 2019. Stop by and create lasting memories this season with a free downloadable photo and complimentary bunny ears! Photo packages will be available for purchase. Visit [shopdesertridge.com/bunny](http://shopdesertridge.com/bunny) for more information.

#### SECOND SATURDAY, FITNESS

April 13 | Barnes & Noble Courtyard 10-11 am

Head out to Desert Ridge Marketplace for fitness and fun on the second Saturday of each month now – May! Desert Ridge Marketplace is partnering up with TruFusion to bring you the ultimate “fitness party.” Enjoy a 60-minute workout including a fusion of high intensity and strength moves to the beat of DJ Feenicks! RSVP for free at [www.shopdesertridge.com/secondsaturday!](http://www.shopdesertridge.com/secondsaturday!)

#### YOGA & BEER

April 10 & 24

Barnes & Noble Courtyard | 6:30 pm

Back by popular demand, Desert Ridge Marketplace is teaming up with Mountainside Fitness to bring you Yoga with a twist! Grab your mat and experience the art of yoga with a twist! Incorporate an ice-cold beer into your

favorite poses! Enjoy a 1-hour yoga class taught by experienced instructors at Mountainside Fitness. Yoga + Beer is free and open to the public. Catch a class every other Wednesday evening February – May.

### MAY

#### YOGA & BEER

May 8 & 22

Barnes & Noble Courtyard | 6:30 pm

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#### BUBBLE BASH

May 11 | Throughout The District 11 am-1 pm

Soak up the fun amongst a million bubbles throughout The District at Desert Ridge Marketplace. Create your masterpiece at the bubble art station, wave your bubble wand and find giant bubbles float throughout the air, enjoy discovery stations, live entertainment, giveaways and more! Visit [shopdesertridge.com](http://shopdesertridge.com) for more details.

#### CINCO DE MAYO SPECIALS

May 5

Grab your friends and celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Desert Ridge Marketplace.

#### MOTHER'S DAY SPECIALS

May 12

Treat your mom to a special Mother's Day at Desert Ridge Marketplace with exclusive offers and discounts for the most important woman in your life! Visit [shopdesertridge.com](http://shopdesertridge.com) for a full list of offers.

#### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SPECIALS

May 27

Celebrate Memorial Day weekend with special offers and discounts provided by Desert Ridge Marketplace stores & restaurants! For a full list of offers, visit [shopdesertridge.com](http://shopdesertridge.com)

## MIM MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM



Purchase tickets online at [MIM.org](http://MIM.org), in person at MIM, or by calling the MIM Ticket Office at 480.478.6000. For the most updated event information, please visit [MIM.org](http://MIM.org) or 480.478.6000. Musical Instrument Museum Music Theater, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050. General Admission: \$20 ■ Teens (ages 13-19): \$15 ■ Children (ages 4-12): \$10 ■ Children 3 and under: Free

Programming subject to change

### About MIM

The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) enriches the world by collecting, preserving and making accessible a wide variety of musical instruments and performance videos from every country in the world. We offer our guests a welcoming and fun experience, incomparable interactive technology, dynamic programming and exceptional musical performances. MIM also fosters appreciation of diverse cultures around the globe by showing that we all innovate, adapt and learn from each other to create music—the language of the soul.

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Media Contact: Erin Miller, Media Relations Manager, MIM | [Erin.Miller@MIM.org](mailto:Erin.Miller@MIM.org) | 480.245.6937

#### Robyn Hitchcock

Singer-songwriter

Tuesday, April 2 | 7 p.m.

\$38.50-\$43.50

#### SFJazz Collective:

Music of Miles Davis

Jazz

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

\$43.50-\$53.50

#### KIDS ACTIVITIES

##### MIMkids Junior Museum Guides

Saturday, April 6

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

\$40 per session (four classes)

Funded tickets are available!



#### Ben Vereen

Singer-songwriter

Saturday, April 20 | 6 p.m.

\$48.50-\$78.50

#### SPECIAL EXHIBITION CONCERTS

##### Daryl

Stuerner Duo

Tuesday, April 23

7 p.m.

\$33.50-\$43.50



#### Langston Hughes's Ask Your Mama:

12 Moods for Jazz Featuring the

Ron McCurdy Quartet

Jazz

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

\$33.50-\$43.50



# Fireside Elementary School

## COMMON SENSE MEDIA (CSM)

During the end of the 2016-2017 school year, Fireside began looking at established digital citizenship programs that could be taught across multiple grades and settled upon the Common Sense Media (CSM) program. Being a technology-based school, we wanted to proactively give our students the tools to navigate the digital world and have students learn the impact it has on not only their lives but others as well. The CSM program was diverse in its content and robust enough to span from kindergarten to high school. We knew our teachers were having these conversations with students but saw the potential in teaching the lessons by Common Sense Media with the Nearpod interactive lesson presentation format.

*“Sometimes it may be assumed that people (children included) should just know all the “rules” on how to be a good digital citizen. The Digital Citizenship classes are a road map that helps them navigate online.”*

— Digital Citizenship Parent Volunteer

We saw this as an opportunity to involve parents, students and teachers in our belief that we need to educate our students on being good digital citizens. We recognized the success of the parent volunteer programs such as Junior Achievement and Art Masterpiece and thought to model the Digital Citizenship Program in the same way. Another positive factor for the program was that the content could be delivered using the online interactive tool, Nearpod, to engage our students. Our teachers were excited and willing to give time to our parent volunteers to teach Digital Citizenship Lessons on a monthly basis.

Our next step was to reach out to parents who we observed connecting with students, were involved in our community, and we

also believed it would be able to deliver the material in a way that empowered our student's and provided a comfort level to the digital world. Our Digital Citizenship (DC) parents are a dedicated group of parents that have children in multiple grade levels. These parents spent the summer of 2017 really digging into the Common Sense Media content and organizing the lessons to scaffolded in grades 3-6.

Fireside began piloting the Digital Citizenship program in the 2017-2018 school year to all the 3rd - 6th grade classes. In September of 2017, Fireside hosted a Technology Night where parents were introduced to the Digital Citizenship program, given an overview of the information available through Common Sense Media, and watched a presentation on internet safety from NotMyKid.

We continue to meet quarterly to discuss the volunteers' experiences teaching the students, continuously update our digital citizenship program by adding new content, seeking feedback and discussing ways to share with our parent community so the conversations that are happening during these lessons can continue at home. We are now in our second year of implementation and recruiting additional parent volunteers to shadow our current DC parents with the hope to sustain the program for many years to come.

*“Talking about the subject matter in a safe environment and sharing their stories is so helpful. The students are able to recognize that others share some of their same feelings and experiences. In addition, the class provides opportunities for students to look at those feelings and experiences from a different perspective. Perspectives offered from both presenters and peers.”*

— Digital Citizenship Parent Volunteer



Overall, the reception to the program has been extremely positive, from teachers and parents, and especially from the students. The students are excited to see the instructors each month; they are engaged in the material and the discussions. The Nearpod delivery tool has been an effective tool. Students enjoy watching the videos from CSM and the interactive activities. Our students are able to use a common language when addressing situations in the digital world, and we as teachers and administrators have seen how it has positively impacted the decisions that students make to be Safe, Positive, Appropriate, Responsible and Kind (SPARK) in and out of school. It is a powerful program we have created, and we are proud that we are empowering our students to be good digital citizens.

*“Students are learning how to be a good digital citizen from an outside source. This can help to solidify the values/rules of digital citizenship that students have been taught at home.”*

— Digital Citizenship Parent Volunteer

For more information about Fireside's Digital Citizenship Program, please visit the Fireside website under the Academics tab - Digital Citizenship and Technology.



## EXPLORER MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Enter— Twenty Nineteen

By Lisa Stewart

Explorer Middle School

For Explorer Middle School students, the new year began with hope, inspiration, and motivation.

On a very cold day during winter break a group of teachers, parents, and community members joined together to create a message of hope and motivation for students in the most unlikely of places: the student bathrooms.

The inspiration came from similar projects

that have been completed by caring communities around the country. Being a teen in today's world is tough. Some teens need that extra push of encouragement, but teachers aren't always able to be there to provide that pat on the back.

Quotes like "If you stumble make it part of the dance" or "You are somebody's reason to smile" help encourage students when they are feeling stressed, anxious, angry, or confused. It's meant to be that little whisper in the students' ears to help them pull it back together and move forward in class.



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# It's All About Speed

By Matt Keel

This year I went to the Waste Management Phoenix Open to watch the Pro-Am. During the round, I heard the amateur asking the pro to read his putt. The amateur asked the pro if the putt would break one cup outside the hole. The pro's response was that it depends on the speed of the putt. The pro was 100% correct. Most amateurs are more concerned with the amount of break and do not consider the speed of the putt. When you're reading a putt, consider the break and the speed. Speed is most important.

Getting the speed of your putt correct is simply putting the ball the correct distance. Going forward, I will refer the speed of the putt as distance and the break of the putt as direction. Think about the consequences of getting the direction wrong versus getting the distance wrong. If your direction is wrong, you typically miss the hole by a foot or so on either side leaving yourself a short second putt. However, if you are wrong on speed, you could be long or short by ten feet leaving yourself a long second putt. If you consistently struggle putting the ball the

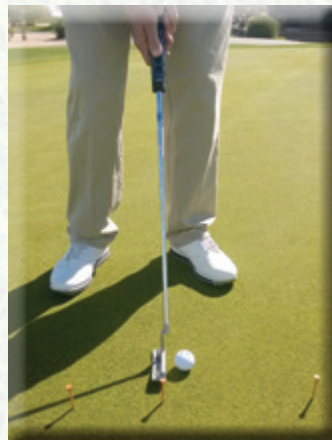


PHOTO 1

right distance, you probably have a lot of three putts on your card.

## How do you control your distance?

The size of your backswing of your putting stroke will control your distance. A shorter backswing will hit the ball shorter and a longer backswing will hit the ball further. Here is a good system to use as a starting point. You need four inches of backswing for every ten feet you want to putt. 4 inches = 10 ft, 8 inches = 20 ft, and 12 inches = 30 ft. This is a general basis and may vary due to the speed of the greens and for uphill and downhill putts. This system is a good starting point until you develop feel and touch.

Here is a great drill to use to

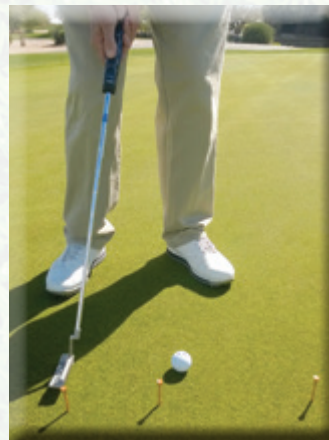


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implement this system for a ten-foot putt. Refer to photo 1 to set up the drill. Place a tee ten feet away from the hole. Place a second tee four inches behind the first tee. Next, place a third tee 8 inches in front of the first tee. Place your ball just in front of the first tee so your putter face is in line with the first tee. Your putting stroke should start at the middle tee, go to the back tee and follow through past the front tee. Refer to photos 2 and 3. Your putting stroke should be one motion from beginning to end. Use this drill to practice ten-foot putts and

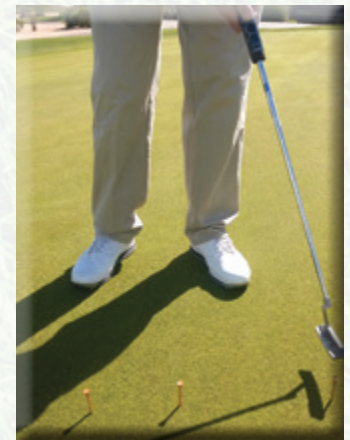


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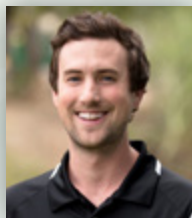
then move to twenty-foot putts. For a twenty-foot putt repeat the process but place the back tee eight inches behind the middle tee and lengthen the distance for the forward tee.

Make your goals eliminating three putts and making more shorter putts. When you read your next putt, consider both distance and direction with distance being more important. Use the size of your backswing to control your distance. Begin with the 4-inch system as a guideline until you develop feel and touch and watch your scores come down.



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# Yes, Physical Therapy Can Help Your Frozen Shoulder



Sean Fahlgren, PT, DPT  
Spooner Physical  
Therapy-Desert Ridge

If you've had frozen shoulder, then you know it's no fun. That stiff feeling – like you can't move and your arm is literally frozen! – often combined with an aching soreness, or even sharp jabs of pain. It can be a show-stopper for anyone who experiences it. And, it can feel like it comes from out of nowhere.

The technical name for frozen shoulder is Adhesive Capsulitis, but you don't have to be a medical professional to see that it's a pretty serious thing. It can happen to anyone, and when we talk about frozen shoulder, we talk about its various phases using the same sort of language: the freezing stage, the frozen stage and then the thawing stage. The freezing stage may be when you first notice its onset, when you suddenly feel like your range of motion got smaller; that it's tough to reach for objects; that you're experiencing what feels like a mysterious pain. And it only gets worse. Then the frozen stage, when movement becomes increasingly challenging. And – after a few months or even years, there's the thawing stage, when it gradually diminishes and disappears.

## WHAT PHYSICAL THERAPY CAN DO FOR FROZEN SHOULDER

So, what exactly can physical therapy do for a problem like frozen shoulder? The answer is: a lot! Here at Spooner, we want to see you get back to your normal activities as soon as possible, whether that's playing tennis or just being able to get through the



day without pain. While we cannot avoid the stages of frozen shoulder, we can help your body “rush” through them.

To do this, we take a full body approach. It starts with an assessment where we can get a baseline understanding of your range of motion and your pain and your overall ability to move. And then we try to move that shoulder as much as we possibly can – through exercise, through massage, through stretching techniques. Everything in your body is connected, so we won't just evaluate your shoulder, but also your neck, mid-back, and even your hips. We know that restoring your healthy movement mechanics will improve your shoulder motion and hasten your ability to return to activity.

Of course, there are other options for frozen shoulder – like cortisone injections, manipulative anesthesia (where your shoulder is manipulated in a surgical

setting), surgery to remove scar tissue and even just heat and cold treatments. Yet, most of these treatments require physical therapy to be successful.

## GET BACK TO YOUR LIFE

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If you're interested in learning more, [contact us](#) at Spooner Physical Therapy Desert Ridge at 480-502-5510 to schedule an evaluation or even come in for a free complimentary assessment.



**DESERT RIDGE**  
Community Association

The Desert Ridge Community Association is in need of community volunteers to serve on the following committees. If you are a member in good standing and available to serve your community 2-3 hours a month, please email us so we can provide you with the committee charter and application to apply.

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# RESTAURANT REVIEW

**Lou Malnati's**  
PIZZERIA

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Offering dine-in, carryout,  
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5 out of 5 stars ★★★★★



While other pizza chains have tried opening locations in Phoenix, none proved to have the staying power. There are many opinions but when Rudy Malnati's grandsons decided to enter the Phoenix market the first thing they did was build a water filtration system to replicate the mineral content of Chicago water. This gives the flavor and texture to the crust that previous pizza operations could not recreate. Based on the number of people waiting for a table when we walked in, I think they succeeded

In our trip to the Lou Malnati's restaurant on Scottsdale Road we found each slice to eat like a meal unto itself. The crust has a little sweetness and with the butter running down the side a little taste of heaven. Each slice is filled with their signature tomato sauce and cheese. If you are a fan of sausage it is layered on to perfection. Pepperoni has just enough of a spice to tickle your taste buds. We also had the veggie which is loaded with mushrooms and green peppers. Any way you like it you are in for a taste treat.

Not interested in Chicago style pizza? Not a problem. Lou's offers a dynamite thin crust pizza too. Lou's water filtration system proves once again why it is so important in the taste and flavor of the crust. It is thin, crispy and the perfect surface for the sauce, cheese, and toppings that explode in your mouth with every bite.

## BUT WAIT, THERE IS MORE

If pizza is not your thing, Lou's offers a robust menu of delicious options. For warm ups the minestrone soup is chock full of



vegetables that tastes so fresh you'd think they were just picked.

There are fried calamari, three cheese bread, and wings. All meals unto themselves. If you feel like a salad, the Malnati's salad is a traditional Italian salad packed with tomatoes, black olives, and Italian Salami. It is huge and the dressings are all hand made. We had the sweet vinaigrette dressing. It was everything the name suggests, sweet and tangy.

There are a variety of sandwiches. We have had the meatball sandwich before & found it to be very tasty. The grilled chicken sandwich was ordered without a bun and served on a bed of spinach and mushrooms. An excellent healthy choice.

But let's not forget the array of traditional pasta dishes that taste like they came out of your Italian grandmother's oven, if you have an Italian grandmother. So many choices but you cannot go wrong with any dish.

Because of the popularity, and the fact deep dish pizzas take significantly longer to make than thin crust, the wait can be measured in hours to get seated during peak times. The restaurant does not take reservations. However, you can pre-order by calling ahead to reduce your wait time once seated. Prepare to wait, but it's worth it.



## THE HISTORY

If you have ever spent 24 hours in Chicago, you know that deep dish pizza is more than just a meal option, it is considered a food group all to its own. Deep dish pizza was invented in Chicago in 1943. It was first served by restaurateur Ike Sewell at his restaurant Uno's. Later reports credit Mr. Sewell's pizza Chef Rudy Malnati for inventing what became a staple of deep dish (Chicago style) pizza lovers.

Rudy and his son Lou left Uno's to create their own pizza restaurants in Chicago in the 1970's. In 1978 Lou passed away and his sons Mark and Rick took over the family business and became a Pizza empire by expanding to multiple locations around Chicago. And now the family has embarked on the Phoenix market.

## THE PIZZA

What is different about the deep dish is it is baked in a 3" deep steel baking pan. This allows the chef to load up the pizza with mounds of cheese, tomato sauce and toppings. The crust itself is considered a topic to debate for pizza aficionados as to which pizza joints has the best crust.

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

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## MEETINGS

## EVENTS

**DRCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

6 p.m.  
Cambria Hotel & Suites  
**WED., APRIL 24**  
**WED., MAY 22**  
**WED., JUNE 26**  
**NO JULY MEETING - BOARD SUMMER RECESS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

9 a.m.  
DRCA Office Conference Room  
**TUES., APRIL 23**  
**TUES., MAY 21**  
**TUES., JUNE 25**  
**TUES., JULY 23**

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

6:30 p.m.  
DRCA Office Conference Room  
**THURS., APRIL 11**  
**THURS., MAY 9**  
**THURS., JUNE 13**  
**THURS., JULY 11**  
**THURS., AUGUST 8**

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

5 p.m.  
DRCA Office Conference Room  
**TUES., APRIL 2**  
**TUES., APRIL 16**  
**TUES., APRIL 30**  
**TUES., MAY 14**  
**TUES., MAY 28**  
**TUES., JUNE 11**  
**TUES., JUNE 25**  
**TUES., JULY 9**  
**TUES., JULY 23**  
**TUES., AUGUST 6**  
**TUES., AUGUST 20**

**LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE**

6:30 p.m.  
DRCA Office Conference Room  
**THURS., JUNE 20**  
**THURS., JULY 18**  
**THURS., AUGUST 15**

**SCP PARKS SUB-COMMITTEE**

4 p.m.  
Desert Ridge Conference Room  
**WED., APRIL 10**  
**WED., JUNE 12**  
**WED., AUGUST 14**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

4:30 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
**WED., APRIL 3**  
**WED., JULY 17**

**COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE**

6:30 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
**TUES., JULY 23**

**DESERT RIDGE MEGA COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**  
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**COFFEE CLUB**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 11**

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**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Friday, April 19

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
Monday, May 27

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
Thursday, July 4

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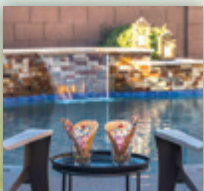


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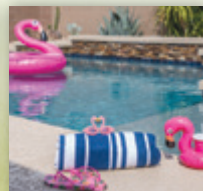
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