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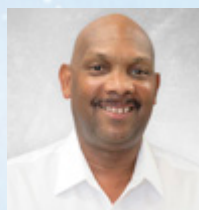


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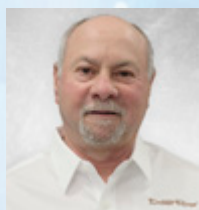
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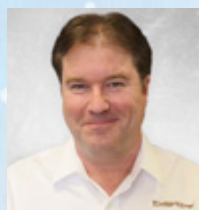
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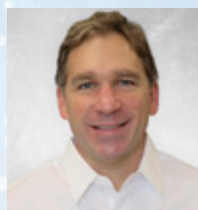
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From the President

Survey Results



Doug Dickson

In this edition of the Desert Ridge Lifestyles Magazine, we present the outcome of our most recent survey. The survey polled Desert Ridge residents on important questions

about our community. It's an interesting article, so I encourage you to read it.

Among the most important answers we received was a concern for improving landscape maintenance. Over 20% of the respondents requested an improvement to the maintenance of our community. This theme has been repeated in several of our monthly board meetings, as well as from personal communications we have received as a board.

After studying this issue, the DRCA board voted to increase funding in this area. To fund this increase in services, we also increased our semi-annual assessment to \$222.00. Starting in January 2020, you will see your assessment increase by \$6.00 per month. This is the only increase we have had since 2003, about 16 years ago. The

increase was caused by inflation, increases to the minimum wage, as well as the aging of our community as a whole.

In 2016, I published a comparison of our Assessments to inflation. I've updated the chart below to reflect the changes we've seen from 2003–2019.

As you can see, if our assessments had increased with inflation, they would currently be \$512 per year. At \$444.00, we are \$68.00 dollars below that number, a difference of 15.3%.

The additional funding for landscaping will be used to reduce our landscape rotation from 12 weeks per cycle, down to only 8 weeks. This will substantially improve the look of our community and raise the maintenance level to a level our community has requested.

It is a pleasure to serve our Desert Ridge Board. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood.

Doug Dickson
President
Desert Ridge Community Association

Year	CPI (Inflation)	Real Cost of Inflation	Inflation Adjusted DRCA Fees
			\$372
2004	2.70	\$10.04	\$382
2005	3.40	\$12.99	\$395
2006	3.20	\$12.64	\$408
2007	2.90	\$11.82	\$419
2008	3.80	\$15.94	\$435
2009	-0.40	\$1.74	\$434
2010	1.60	\$6.94	\$441
2011	3.20	\$14.10	\$455
2012	2.10	\$9.55	\$464
2013	1.50	\$6.96	\$471
2014	1.60	\$7.54	\$479
2015	0.10	\$0.48	\$479
2016	1.10	\$5.27	\$485
2017	2.13	\$10.32	\$495
2018	2.44	\$12.07	\$507
2019	2.44	\$5.27	\$512

**Inflation rates as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The yearly CPI is not yet available for 2019. The 2018 numbers were repeated.*

KINDERGARTEN Round Up

**Thursday, January 23, 2020
5:00-6:30pm**

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CHINESE PRE-K-6

Lone Mountain Elementary School
STEM PROGRAM
CHINESE PRE-K-6

From the Lifestyle Committee

Upcoming Events



Sharon Hooks

This is the time of year that numerous events and festivities take place within the Desert Ridge community for our residents and public, making this a fabulous area to live, work, visit and play.

We are excited to announce the return of the Farmers Market on High Street every Sunday from 10 am to 1:30 pm. This market will bring a variety of healthy items from local farmers, various foods, music, chef demonstrations, and so much more.

Community Socials

All Lifestyle socials will be held on the second Tuesday of each month starting in October 2019 and ending in April 2020, on an RSVP basis only. The Meet and Greet socials are scheduled for the months of October, February, and April and Ladies Night Out will be November, December, January and March.

Our first Meet and Greet social started on October 8th from 6 pm to 8 pm at Majerle's Sports Grill. This free social event gave our residents in the community an opportunity to come together to mingle with one another and meet new people. (Note: Residents are always responsible for purchasing their own beverages).

Ladies Night Out will start on Tuesday, November 12th at Modern Margarita. The second social will meet on Tuesday, December 10th.

Due to an increase in attendance at our successful social events, there will now be a minimal charge of \$7.50 per person for each social starting on November 12th. Payments for all social events must be made online through our website at desertridgelifestyles.com. We hope to see you there. Please note, venues are subject to change so check the website calendar and eblast for current information and/or updates.

The Annual Fall Harvest Movie in the Park and Trunk or Treat

This annual signature event is a safe and great time for families to come watch the feature film *The Incredibles 2* under the stars, enjoy fun games to win prizes, play in the inflatables, and eat delicious foods from the food truck that has a variety of foods to choose from. We want to thank Desert City Church and Urban Tactical Services for supporting this fabulous event. We hope you will join us on Friday, October 18th from 5:30 pm to 8 pm at Cashman Park, 22222 N. 44th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85050.

Veteran's Day Appreciation Breakfast

We are pleased to continue the annual Veteran's Day Appreciation Breakfast at Mimi's Café on Monday, November 11th from 7 am to 10 am. Please watch our monthly eblast for more information and forward the details to your Desert Ridge friends and neighbors who have served to protect their country.

Mega Community-Wide Yard Sale

It's that time of year again to support the semi-annual Mega Community-Wide Yard Sale. Our fall yard sale is community-wide and will be held on Saturday, November 2nd from 7 am to 2 pm. Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona will have a donation truck available to collect all unwanted items from 12 pm to 3 pm at Cashman Park located at Desert Ridge, 22222 N. 44th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85050.

All donations are tax deductible and support our 5 Desert Ridge Schools.

Coffee Club

This informal informational meeting is sponsored by AAA Landscape who has generously provided breakfast in a comfortable meeting setting for residents to gather and discuss matters of common interest

and concerns. All meetings will be held at Cambria Hotel & Suites on the second Tuesday of every other month. Please join us on Tuesday, December 10th from 9 am to 11 am at Cambria Hotel & Suites, 4425 E. Irma Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85050.

Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest

The Lifestyles Committee will host the Twelfth Annual Holiday Lighting and Decoration Contest starting Monday, December 2nd and ending Friday, December 20th. This is just one of our many signature events where residents can display their holiday creativity and artistry making Desert Ridge the must-see area of Phoenix for spectacular holiday lights. Homeowners may enter the contest online at desertridge.az@fresidential.com. More information can be found on the flyer in this magazine and on the community website at desertridgelifestyles.com.

Holiday Trolley Tours

Our annual signature Holiday Trolley Tours will run on December 16th, December 17th, December 19th and December 20th. The Holiday Trolley will depart and arrive on the southeast corner of High Street and 54th Street. The trolley on December 20th will depart and arrive at Reach 11 Sports Complex located at 2425 E. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85050. There will be four (4) days of trolley tours with three (3) trolleys each departing at 6 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets will be on sale beginning the day after Thanksgiving. Tickets can only be purchased online with a credit or debit card at desertridgelifestyles.com.

Snow Blast at Reach 11 Sports Complex

Come join us at our spectacular event at Reach 11 Sports Complex with a visit from Santa and his elf. We are happy to announce that we will have 100 tons of snow and festive holiday fun. There will be food trucks, holiday vendors, music, activities and more. This event will be on Friday, December 20th from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Gates will open at 5:30 pm. More information will be given in this magazine and the community website desertridgelifestyles.com.

From the Communications Chair

Celebrate Each Other



Rob Reichstein

I'm writing this article in August to meet a September deadline to be in an October publication

that is about the upcoming holiday season. And I wonder why I can't figure out what day it is. It's like when my wife asks me at breakfast what I feel like for dinner? I just want to enjoy my oatmeal—we'll figure the rest out later!

While we move through life at the speed of light, we bounce from one event or activity to the other. I'll bet most of us would forget to breathe if it wasn't on a calendar

or on our Apple watches. We plan to the point where we are concerned about the next event more than we are about enjoying the moment. I promised myself I would slow down and enjoy every moment. I won't use the term "smell the roses" as this is Arizona and, at the time I'm writing this, it's 110 degrees outside. I'm not going outside for anything, let alone to find roses to smell. I don't think they even come out in this heat. However, I'll gladly sit inside where the A/C is running and my fingers can fly (or in reality, slow walk) across the keyboard.

So here I sit thinking about the good times and good cheer coming up. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Diwali, Chanukah, Festivus,

Christmas, New Years, and Kwanza. This is the time we all should mentally slow down a little, seize the day, enjoy, celebrate, and add to our memories instead of adding entries into our calendars. So how do we get off this treadmill?

I Have Some Ideas

Maybe, rather than just racing down the street to pull our cars into our garages, we stop and say hello to a neighbor. I only know a few by name, maybe I can ask the others who they are? Rather than posting an angry review that our table isn't ready in a restaurant, we strike up a conversation with others waiting. This is Arizona. All you have to do is turn to the next person and ask where are you from? That's worth a minimum five-minute conversation which will make the wait time seem shorter and possibly make a new friend. Instead of complaining about your community on social media, we actually go talk to the community manager and ask for their help in resolving your issue. This one I have to warn you about. I did it and wound up volunteering to help. Just a few ideas to start a conversation about turning a moment from what I call digital to analog. Because isn't enjoying the moment what the holidays are all about?

Which brings me to another idea. How about if, just for the holiday season, we put away these infernal devices that we can't seem to take our eyes off of for a few moments every day. Call it "me time". Or my gift to myself. Give our eyes and necks a well needed rest.

I need to practice this. I'm so guilty. Every couple of minutes

I have to look at my phone like if I miss a message the world will come to an end. I sit across the dinner table from my wife. She constantly looks at her iWatch while my eyes are buried in my phone. I swear our next family photo is going to only show the tops of our heads because that's all anyone sees of us.

So how about if, for this holiday season, we learn to pick up our heads, look straight ahead, smile, and embrace every single waking moment of the upcoming holiday season in a way that makes us happy. That may be the greatest gift we can give ourselves and the loved ones around us.

I know I would love to talk, share a meal or just spend time enjoying time with friends old and new. That would really make my holiday season. And we don't have to worry about porch pirates stealing the boxes good old interpersonal fun comes in because it's not available on Amazon, there is no app to download, it's free, and we carry it with us everywhere we go. We just have to remember to boot it up.

Let's Celebrate

Now let's get ready to celebrate good times. Remember to smile, breathe, laugh, enjoy, stay in the moment, and most importantly have a very happy and safe holiday season and New Year. Be sure to text or email me with any questions. Or better yet, call and we can meet for coffee.

Rob Reichstein
Communications Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association

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Salt River Fields
7555 North Pima Rd., Scottsdale



OCTOBER 25 & 26

5pm – 9:30pm
azspooktacular.com
480-270-5000

Kids of all ages will love this spectacularly spooky festival featuring nightly firework shows, live music, a pumpkin patch and a free KidsZone. More than 20 majestic hot air balloons illuminate the sky as they participate in the world's longest continuous glow at over 3 hours, as well as offering tethered balloon rides and balloon candy stations serving up more than 4,000 pounds of candy.

TASTE PHOENIX AT THE FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCE

Salt River Fields
7555 North Pima Rd., Scottsdale



NOVEMBER 2 & 3

1pm – 4pm
wineandfood.usatoday.com/events/phoenix

Join Arizona chefs, visiting chefs, and cookbook authors for the Grand Tasting Experience, a farmers market, technology expo, kitchen gadget expo, and seminar series presented by AZCentral and Martha Stewart magazines. At the event, you'll also get the chance to explore the Martha Stewart Experience, which features all the latest products from this lifestyle matron's extensive collection.

NASCAR SEMI-FINAL RACE WEEKEND

ISM Raceway
7602 S. Avondale Blvd, Avondale



NOVEMBER 8 - 10

ismraceway.com/Events/
Fall-Race-Weekend.aspx
623-463-5400

Experience the intensity of the Playoffs – NASCAR style – at the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Semi-Final Playoff Race, November 10. Watch eight drivers battle for a Championship Four spot. Watch the future stars of NASCAR battle during the Desert Diamond West Valley Casino 200, NASCAR Xfinity Series Semi-Final Playoff Race on Saturday, November 9.

8TH ANNUAL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS PHOENIX

Steele Indian School Park
300 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix



OCTOBER 27

2pm – 8pm
diadelosmuertosphx.com
480-834-5731

The Coalition invites families and friends to bring a blanket and grab a spot on the grass for this annual event which honors and celebrates those who have passed on with music, dance, theater performances and an artists' Mercado featuring local artists and art groups. Food and children's art activities area will be available as well.

SHEMER ARIZONA ARTS FESTIVAL

Shemer Art Center
5005 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix



NOVEMBER 2 & 3

10am – 4pm
shemerartcenter.org
602-262-4727

Each year this two-day event (formerly Sunday @ Shemer) kicks-off holiday shopping with more than 40 artists specially selected from all across Arizona showcasing one-of-a-kind works, plus hourly artist demonstrations! There will be children's art activities in an interactive \$5 Kids Zone, live music, food & beverage vendors, and a silent auction!

ARTFEST OF SCOTTSDALE

7380 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale



NOVEMBER 23 - 24

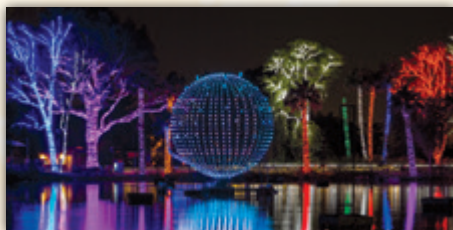
10am – 5pm
888artfest.com/artfest-of-scottsdale
480-968-5353

The annual ArtFest of Scottsdale is one of the valley's most popular holiday traditions. Downtown Scottsdale features 150 artists from across the country where you can find that one of a kind gifts just in time for the holidays. Visitors will enjoy fine art, fine crafts, local authors, live music throughout the festival, tempting foods in a beautiful sculpture garden setting. Other amenities include hands on kids' activities.

AND HOLIDAY SEASON!

ZOOLIGHTS

Phoenix Zoo
455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix



**NOVEMBER 27, 2019
TO JANUARY 19, 2020**

5:30pm – 10:30pm

phoenixzoo.org/event-items/zoolights/
602-286-3800

ZooLights is a magical event that will illuminate your holiday season. The nightly evening viewings feature millions of lights, hundreds of sparkling displays throughout the zoo and more activities and performances. Check the zoo's website for details on special entertainment on certain nights and pricing options that include unlimited access to the Bugs. BIG BUGS! exhibit.

TEMPE FALL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Mill Avenue District
Mill Ave. and University Dr., Tempe



DECEMBER 6 - 8

10am – 5:30pm
tempefestivalofthearts.com
602-331-9016

The Tempe Festival of the Arts is a well-loved community event that showcases art, live entertainment, food and beverage. More than 300 artist booths will fill the streets of Downtown Tempe over a course of a 3-day weekend. Hundreds of artists from across North America will present unique, hand-made artwork that offers visitors a distinctive shopping experience. The Tempe Festival of the Arts is consistently ranked among the Top 20 art festivals in the nation.

CITYSKATE HOLIDAY ICE RINK

CityScape Phoenix
1 E. Washington Street, Phoenix



NOVEMBER 23

Grand Opening November 29, 2019
602-550-9561
phxicerink.com

GLENDALE GLITTERS

Downtown Glendale
58th and Glendale Ave



**NOVEMBER 29, 2019
TO JANUARY 11, 2020**

Lights are on nightly, 5pm – 10pm
glendaleaz.com

Free

Glendale Glitters is Arizona's largest free holiday light display and a beloved family tradition, as charming downtown Glendale is illuminated by more than 1.6 million twinkling lights across 16 blocks.

The light display kicks off every year the day after Thanksgiving, and concludes in January, spanning several weeks.



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THE OASIS CHEEZ-IT BOWL PREGAME PARTY

Outside Chase Field
401 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ
Friday, December 27, 2019
4:30pm

31ST ANNUAL CHEEZ-IT BOWL

Chase Field
Friday, December 27, 2019
8:15pm

The matchup between Pac-12 and Big 12 programs returns to downtown Phoenix's Chase Field.



fiestabowl.org/fiesta-bowl

DESERT FINANCIAL FIESTA BOWL PARADE

Central Phoenix
Saturday, December 28, 2019
9am

PLAYSTATION FIESTA BOWL FAN FEST PREGAME PARTY

State Farm Stadium, Stadium Plaza
1 Cardinals Drive
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
7:30am

PLAYSTATION FIESTA BOWL

State Farm Stadium
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
11am

Tis the Season for Holiday Festivities and Fun

Our community's Twelfth Annual Desert Ridge Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest will arrive soon...and so will our Desert Ridge Holiday Trolley Tours! What a great way to view the beautiful holiday displays throughout Desert Ridge. Our Desert Ridge Board and Lifestyles Committee members would like to

encourage our community participation to commemorate our Twelfth Year of the Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest and invite our residents, their families and friends to enjoy an evening of holiday fun on the great trolley tours. Please be reminded to email your Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest entry form by

5 p.m. on November 29 to desertridge.az@fsresidential.com. Trolley tickets will only be available for online purchase via the desertridgelifestyles.com website beginning the day after Thanksgiving. Trolley seats are limited and tickets will be sold on a first-come first-served basis.

Previous Winners

Photos courtesy of Desert Ridge Staff





2019 TWELFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY Lighting & Decorating Contest

Exciting Prizes for the Best Lights & Decorations

- Overall Best Presentation 2 Night Stay at JW Marriott plus \$200 gift card
- Best Creative Presentation..... \$150 gift card
- Deck the Halls..... \$150 gift card
- Winter Wonderland \$150 gift card
- Best Theme \$150 gift card
- Best Decorated Neighborhood Bragging rights



Rules

1. Your contest entry info must be received by **Friday, November 29, 2019** by email only (see email instructions below).
2. The association will begin marking entrants' yards for judging the week of **Monday, December 2, 2019**.
3. Residents are not required to be at home, however, the holiday display must be illuminated from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. starting on **Monday, December 2** ending on **Friday, December 20, 2019**.
4. Winners will be notified by the association.
5. Contestants must be a member in good standing with all assessments current and no existing compliance matters outstanding with the association.

By way of entering the Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest your entry does not secure and/or guarantee placement on the homeowner Holiday Trolley Tour route and may only be added to the judging sheet.

Entries not chosen as a winner are eligible for \$25 gift cards to be awarded from a drawing of all eligible entries received. Contest winners are not eligible to win the same category in consecutive years. All prizes and entrants' gift cards must be claimed no later than **Monday, February 3, 2020**. Prizes and/or gift cards not claimed by the stated due date will be forfeited. Photographs will be taken of winning holiday displays and are property of the Association.

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



How to Enter Contest

Please email the following information to desertridge.az@fsresidential.com with your email subject line title: "DRCA Holiday Contest Entrant". Your name, address, city, state, zip code, phone and email will be needed.

***Rules subject to change without notice.**

Desert Ridge[®]

Community Association

Holiday Trolley Tours

Come join us with your family and friends for a fun-filled night and tour the Desert Ridge Community by Trolley and see the wonderful Holiday displays. These Trolleys are fully enclosed with glass viewing. Seats are limited and are on a first-come first-served basis. Tickets are only available for online purchase on the desertridgelifestyles.com website beginning the day after Thanksgiving.

By way of entering the Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest your entry does not secure and/or guarantee placement on the homeowner Holiday Trolley Tour route and may only be added to the judging sheet.

EVENT DATES December 16, 17, 19, and 20

EVENT TIMES 6:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

COST \$9 per person

Ticket price includes 60 minute trolley ride, refreshments, treats, 3D glasses and holiday craft. (Tickets must be purchased online only by credit card or debit bank card via Desert Ridge Lifestyles website, desertridgelifestyles.com after Thanksgiving Day)

CHECK-IN TIME 15 minutes prior to departure. Trolleys depart promptly, be on time.

ACTIVITIES & TREATS 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Please join us for cookies, hot chocolate and crafts at Pinspiration.

DEPARTURE LOCATION ON DECEMBER 16, 17, 19 High Street Fountain Court, 5415 E. High Street, Phoenix

DEPARTURE LOCATION ON DECEMBER 20 Reach 11 Sports Complex, 2425 E. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix

High Street Fountain Court

5415 E. High Street, Phoenix, AZ

DEPARTURE LOCATION ON DECEMBER 16, 17, 19



Reach 11 Sports Complex

2425 E. Deer Valley Drive, Phoenix, AZ

DEPARTURE LOCATION ON DECEMBER 20



Trolley Registration Begins After Thanksgiving Day

Seats are limited and are on a first-come first-served basis.

Tickets must be purchased online only by credit card or bank debit card via Desert Ridge Lifestyles website, desertridgelifestyles.com after Thanksgiving Day

DATE AND TIME OF DEPARTURES

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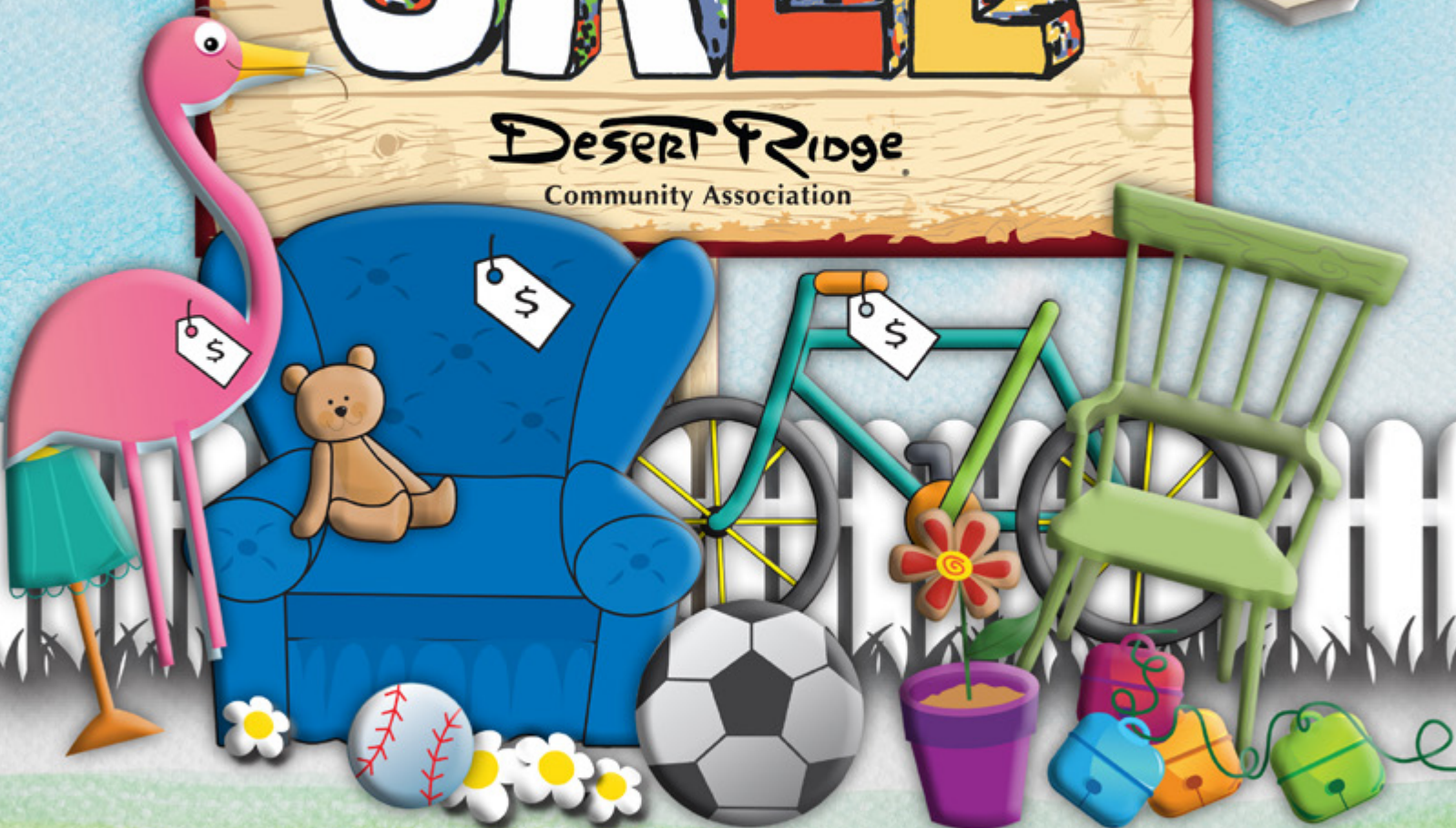
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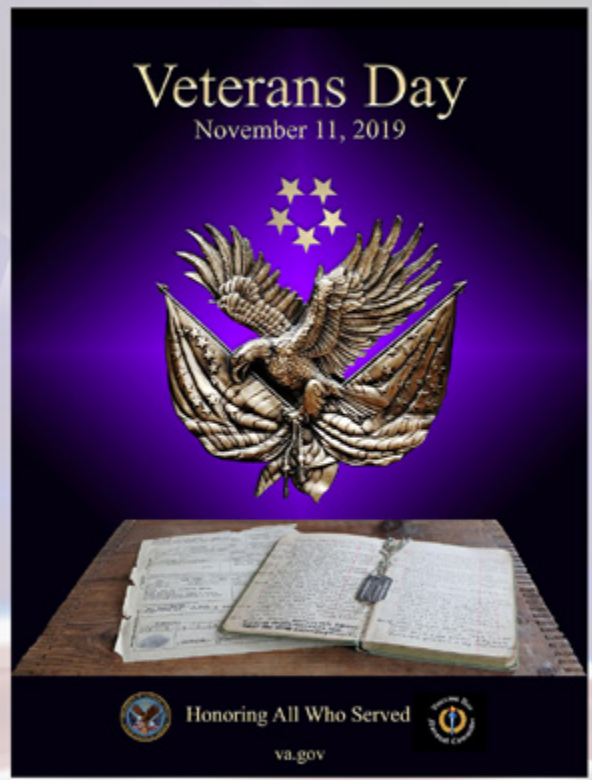
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Be Prepared for Your Notary Visit

- Please make an appointment so that we can be prepared for your visit.
- Bring a valid, government-issued photo ID with you.
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If at any time you wish to stop receiving emails, it's easy to click the Unsubscribe link at the bottom of the eblast to opt out from receiving future emails. Of course, you'll miss out on news of all the exciting events happening in your community, but you can always stay informed by visiting our website at desertridgelifestyles.com.

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DESERT RIDGE'S NEWEST ADDITION

The Desert Ridge Community Association is on the move.... literally! As the community grows, so has the need for the management team to be more mobile, without the reliance on and use of their personal vehicles.

Below is the 2020 Hyundai Kona ES SUV, the recent addition to the Desert Ridge Community Association that will be used to perform daily site inspections of the community, travel to Desert Ridge Lifestyle events and activities, and other related responsibilities of the association.



Please look for us in your neighborhood and wave when you see us in the community!

Holiday Lighting and Decorating

With the Holiday Lighting Contest we usually receive several questions in regards to when the lights can be displayed. In the spirit of the holidays and to ensure your holiday lighting/decorations do not become a nuisance to your neighbors and the community, please note holiday lighting/decorations that directly correspond to specific and generally recognized events may be displayed for a period of seven (7) days preceding the specific calendar holiday and must be removed within three (3) days following the holiday.

The only exception to the above pertains to holiday lighting/decorations for holidays in the month of December, which allows holiday lighting/decorations to be displayed immediately preceding the Thanksgiving



holiday and must be removed no later than January 7th.

Holiday lighting/decorations can be displayed only on the dwelling of the owner's lot/unit. Please note that no holiday lighting/decorations shall be installed by a lot/unit owner within or on the common area and/or the common elements. In addition, electricity for holiday lighting/decorations must be provided from the dwelling unit/lot and may not be derived from the common area power source and/or facility.

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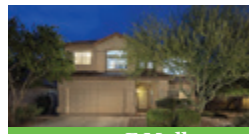
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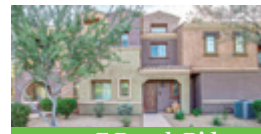
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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids. Here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) to help ensure they have a safe holiday.



All Dressed Up

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes. Makeup should be tested ahead of time on a small patch of skin to ensure there are no unpleasant surprises on the big day.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
- Do not use decorative contact lenses without an eye examination and a prescription from an eye care professional. While the packaging on decorative lenses will often make claims such as "one size fits all," or "no need to see an eye specialist," obtaining decorative contact lenses without a prescription is both dangerous and illegal. This can cause pain, inflammation, and serious eye disorders and infections, which may lead to permanent vision loss.
- Review with children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they ever have an emergency or become lost.

Carving a Niche

- Small children should never carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do the cutting.
- Consider using a flashlight or glow stick instead of a candle to light your pumpkin. If you do use a candle, a votive candle is safest.
- Candlelit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table, away from curtains and other flammable objects, and not on a porch or any path where visitors may pass close by. They should never be left unattended.

Home Safe Home

- To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.
- Parents should check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.
- Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

On the Trick-or-Treat Trail

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.

- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind trick-or-treaters:
 - Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
 - Remember reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
 - Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
 - Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
 - If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
 - Never cut across yards or use alleys.
 - Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out of driveways.
 - Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

Healthy Halloween

- A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
- Consider purchasing non-food treats for those who visit your home, such as coloring books or pens and pencils.
- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Try to ration treats for the days and weeks following Halloween.



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Holiday Season Crime Prevention



Officer Tim Mitten
Community Action Officer
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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone. Another year is coming to a close in rapid fashion and soon we will be rushing headlong into another decade. During the busy holiday season, it is a time for reflection, celebration and renewal and as we do these things, let us remember the less fortunate or those having difficulties, temporary or permanent. There are many people in crisis all the time but the holidays ramp that up in many ways so reach out for help, it is out there.

There are many ways we can assist, from the donation of time, money or gifts to even the small things like being courteous or polite during this hectic season. With all the issues facing the world and this country, let's take some time to remember what the season is all about.

The officers who work in the Black Mountain Precinct do appreciate and are very thankful for the continued gestures and words of support that we get from everyone. It means a lot to the officers to know that they are supported in their jobs in these hectic times.

As always, I am going to suggest some Holiday Crime Prevention Tips during the season and the tips are usually the same, but it helps to have reminders. This time of year brings along many events to attend, family to visit, traveling, shopping and much more. These reminders will help reduce the opportunities for you and your family to be a victim.

- 1.** When walking to and from stores, keep your head up and be aware of your surroundings. Walk with a purpose, do not divert your attention by texting or talking on the phone, digging for car keys or being burdened with too many bags.
- 2.** Park in a well-lit area, do not park in dark or faraway places. I know it is difficult to find good parking, but do the best you can. If you go in during daylight hours and think you might be inside until it is dark, park as if it were dark.
- 3.** Roll the windows on your car all the way up and LOCK your car. Do not leave valuables, packages, or even gym bags in plain view inside the car. Put them all in the trunk. Gym bags or other bags in view may only have a few items of

clothes in them but the thieves do not know that and will try anyway.

- 4.** When parking your cars at home, get them in the garage if you can. If you must park in the driveway or street, remove all valuables and garage door openers, and lock the car. Many thieves will break into a car just to take the garage opener and then use it to take items from the garage or enter the house at a later time.
- 5.** Do not keep large amounts of cash with you or display cash when shopping. Take with you only what you need for the day. Be on guard while at ATMs.
- 6.** Keep a constant eye on your children and ALWAYS know where they are. Children are easily distracted by the decorations and excitement of the holidays and may wander off in only a couple seconds.
- 7.** Do NOT drink and drive. Please use a designated driver, call a taxi, Lyft or Uber. This time of year, many people have holiday functions from work or family and drink when they usually

don't, then make a bad decision to drive which could end up having tragic consequences. Please enjoy the season but drive responsibly and patiently.

- 8.** Make sure the doors and windows to your home are locked, the front lights are on all night, and keep a watchful eye for suspicious activity. If you are expecting deliveries and you will not be home, ask a trusted neighbor to pick them up when they arrive. Please call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 if you see suspicious activity.
 - 9.** Please drive carefully. Schools will be out on winter break and many kids will be out in the neighborhoods trying out new bikes and toys, and you need to be aware of their presence.
 - 10.** If you are going to be out of town for a winter vacation, tell a trusted neighbor to watch over your house. Do not post on social media that you will be gone and call the Black Mountain Precinct at 602-495-5002 to ask for a Vacation Watch. Officers can check on your house while you are gone, if the radio calls allow them the time.
 - 11.** Lastly, be patient. The crowds are larger, people are rushed and stressed. Some people do not like the holidays and can act out so please exercise patience and we all can enjoy the holidays in our own way.
- Thank you again for another year of working together and the partnership your community has with the Phoenix Police Department. I am truly blessed by the partnerships I have in my assigned area and I thank you for your continued support. If there is anything I can do or if you have any questions on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602-495-5238 or at tim.mitten@phoenix.gov. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.



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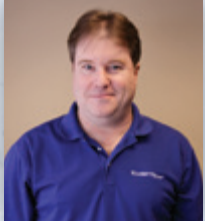
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For most people, the holidays are “the most wonderful time of the year.” Unfortunately, for criminals, the holidays are the most opportunistic time of the year. Knowing what to watch out for and staying vigilant will give you and your family the best chance to enjoy a holiday season free of crime.

Protecting Yourself Online

When shopping online, make sure you check the HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) to make sure there is an “s” on the end (https). The “s” stands for secure, and when there isn’t one on the end of the http, the data is not encrypted and vulnerable to third parties. To ensure that your information is safe, never enter personal (especially payment) information on a site that doesn’t have the https prefix.

Even if you’re not shopping online, it’s still possible to fall for one or more of the many scams out there. Here are some of the most common online scams to watch out for:

- **FAKE ALERTS** – Scammers use email

alerts that look as if they are coming from a major retailer, utility company, or even your bank. Though the email appears to be legitimate, the links may lead to convincing-looking fake websites enticing you to reset your password, enter personal or payment information. Many (but not all) of these emails contain misspellings throughout the text.

- **FAKE “FREE” GIFT CARDS** – Phishing emails and pop-up ads offering gift cards from name-brand retailers like Amazon, Wal-Mart and others may show up on your screen or in your emails. Do not open the email or click the links, but rather delete it instead. Scammers can use the information provided to “receive” the card to steal your identity later.
- **FAKE E-CARDS** – Over 500 million holiday e-cards were sent last year. These can be fun to receive but beware of any e-card that requires you to enter ANY personal information, it’s probably a fake. Just because the card says it’s from someone you know, that doesn’t make it safe. Hackers can get into a contact list and send the contacts e-cards that appear to be from the person who was hacked. If the receiver clicks on a link, or enters personal information, the hacker can put malware, or spyware, on their computer.

- **FAKE DELIVERY ATTEMPT NOTIFICATIONS** – Delivery notifications can often be expected throughout the holiday season as many consumers go online to purchase gifts, but some of these announcements may be phishing scams. False attempted delivery notification emails using names and logos from FedEx, UPS, DHL, and others try to trick you into clicking a link in the email thus allowing scammers access to your computer and/or personal information. Legitimate delivery services will provide tracking numbers in the body of their emails, which DO NOT require you to click on a link. To track a package, you should go directly to the carrier’s website and enter the tracking numbers.

- **FAKE CHARITIES** – Charities see their best donations during the holidays and at year’s end. Scammers know that this is the best time for giving and will pose as legitimate charities or needy individuals soliciting donations.

Protecting Yourself When Shopping in Person

We have so many great retailers and restaurants in Desert Ridge where you can purchase merchandise and gift cards. When shopping in person, here are a few safety tips to keep in mind:

- Take only the credit cards you need when shopping. Leave the others in a safe place at home.
- Make sure your credit card is not easily visible to others around you. This is especially true for older cards with numbers on the front. Some crooks can memorize your card number with a simple glance.
- When talking on your cell phone, be mindful of your surroundings. Distracted people are targets.
- Always keep your purse or wallet close to you.
- Do not carry excessive or unnecessary cash on you.
- Shop in the daylight if possible. When shopping after dark, always park in a well-lit area.



- Shop with a friend when possible, because there's safety in numbers.
- When you park your vehicle, do not leave your purse, wallet, cell phone, or any other valuables in plain view.
- When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior to be sure no one is hiding inside.
- When placing purchases from the stores in your vehicle, place them out of sight. The best place is in the trunk.
- After putting packages in your vehicle, drive to a different row before going to another store. Do this even if you are simply going back to the same store.
- Try not to park next to a larger vehicle that blocks your vision while you are entering or exiting your vehicle.
- Have your keys out and ready when approaching your vehicle.
- Keep an eye out for parcel deliveries; packages on porches are big targets.
- Do not leave the boxes from your gifts

curbside or in plain site before or after the holidays. A box from a flat screen television, computer system, or other valuable purchase is advertising to a criminal that you have what they're looking for.

Want to Play a Bigger Community Role in 2020?

If you're interested in learning how to start a neighborhood block watch program or want information on how to participate in the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Program, please contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4553.

Protecting Yourself at Home

We all tend to feel safer and let our guard down a little more while at home. During the holidays, however, there are a few extra things to consider in order to better protect your family and possessions:

- Make sure you have properly functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with fresh batteries.
- To help prevent vandalism, turn off inflatable decorations at a specific time. If convenient, bring them up to the front porch or close to the house.
- Keep the front of the house well-lit and make sure that trees and bushes are trimmed so that doors and windows can easily be seen.
- Beware of door-to-door charity scams.

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Bringing Toys, Joys, and Emotional Support to Shelter Pets

Contributed by Robert Reichstein
Communications Chairman

History

Five years ago, The Santa Paws Project was conceived by Desert Ridge residents Marcie and Rob Reichstein. The Reichstein's, long time pet lovers who help raise funds for accredited 501(c)(3) rescues, realized there was no organized program to collect items for shelter pets during the holiday season.

Marcie explained that shelter pets do feel the excitement in the shelters around the holiday season. They feed off the vibe by visitors and volunteers. But for the dogs and cats housed in a shelter, it ends with just another night on a cold hard floor. But what if, on one night, they received a toy to cherish and call their own? It's a simple inexpensive gesture for pets that find themselves hoping for a family of their own.

Just after Thanksgiving of 2014, the Reichstein's contacted Melissa Gable, then with Maricopa County

Animal Care and Control, to see if MCCACC would be interested in accepting toy donations. Melissa's response was a decisive, "that would be incredible!" And so, The Santa Paws Project was launched.

Toy Donations

In that first year, SPP collected about 400 toys. Everything was turned over to Melissa at MCCACC. The toys are handed out to the pets in residence as part of the MCCACC holiday party celebration. Over the next three years, The Desert Ridge Community Association, Aviano, Fireside, Toscana, The Pet Club, PetSense, and Phoenix Dog magazine came to their rescue (pun intended), offering collection locations, promotions, and emotional support. Last year collections exceeded 3,500 new dog and cat toys, all turned over to Maricopa County Animal Care and Control.

"What we have come to learn from the MCCACC staff is that the toys are extremely important to the shelter pets on



several levels," said Marcie. They provide comfort for anxious pets on intake, help in the emotional evaluation process, provide security for lonely pets, as well as provide a mental stimulus for pets that would otherwise suffer the ill effects of little to no mental stimulation. Realizing just how much an inexpensive toy means to these pets awaiting adoptions gives us the impetus to collect more each year. We thank everyone in Desert Ridge who donates a new pet toy at this time. We make sure MCCACC knows how much Desert Ridge residents care.

Collection Schedule

This year, the collection season will be November 18th through December 16th. Collection boxes will be in place at Aviano, Toscana, and Fireside community centers and the Desert Ridge Community Association office. For more information, please visit the web site www.TheSantaPawsProject.org, the FB page, TheSantaPawsProject.org, or contact Marcie or Rob @ 602-551-6314. For more information about Maricopa County Animal Care and Control, contact Jose Santiago, Public Information Officer for MCCACC at JoseSantiago@mail.maricopa.gov.

M E E T
Annie Glenn

Please join with us in welcoming Annie Glenn to the Desert Ridge Community Association FirstService Residential Management Team. Annie Glenn recently joined the team as our Residential Community Manager and will be providing support in several areas involving the day-to-day operations of the master association. Annie will be supporting the community in the areas of the design review architectural process, maintenance requests, community inspections, etc.



is looking forward to working with and assisting the management team, the board, and all members of the Desert Ridge Community Association. Annie is a native of Ohio and graduate of the University of Cincinnati. She has resided in the Valley since

2003. In her free time, Annie enjoys baking “out of the box”, exercise, yoga, meditation, reading, jewelry-making and spending time with her dog. Annie is also an Arizona State Fair 1st Prize Blue Ribbon winner for her delicious blueberry pie. Please stop in the office, introduce yourself and get to know Annie!

Annie joins us with three plus years of experience with FirstService Residential in Community Management. Annie

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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understanding DRCA 2020 BUDGET ASSESSMENT INCREASE

On the following page, you will find a detailed summary illustrating the Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) 2020 Assessment Increase Allocation.

As noted in the Board President's article on page 4 of this issue, the DRCA (Master Association) took a community survey this summer and increasing the frequency and overall maintenance of the common area landscape was one of the major factors in the assessment increase. Additionally, the increase in the minimum wage rate and mandatory sick leave laws passed by Arizona have resulted in increased labor costs that are passed on to the association.

The DRCA also approved an \$810,750 erosion remediation project to address the erosion in both the Coconino and Yavapai washes that the DRCA is responsible for maintaining. This project will get underway in October and go through the end of the year. Due to extensive vandalism of the wash walkways and tunnels plastic light covers, the association will incur over \$50,000 to design and install 300 vandal

proof light covers in the Coconino and Yavapai washes before year end. The costs for the erosion remediation and vandal proof light covers in both of these washes will require the DRCA to increase reserve funding in 2020 and forward.

The DRCA also sustained a loss of \$500,000 in annual assessment income due to the Desert Ridge real estate market downturn in 2008/2009 when the builders reverted the land they had purchased back to the state, which the association has yet to recoup but was able to absorb for many years due to the sound financial management of the board members. The community is now over 25 years into its development progression and has many aging components that will need to be replaced. Reserve funding has been contemplated accordingly for these aging components in the 2020 budget planning.

As you are well aware, the DRCA has not increased assessments in 16 years. This noteworthy achievement is entirely attributed to the DRCA Board of Directors prudent fiscal management as responsible and diligent community fiduciaries. The 2020 assessment increase will be \$6 monthly or \$72 annually, due semi-annually at \$222 on January 1st and July 1st.

During discussion at the open monthly board meeting, Board President, Doug Dickson, posed the following question to the members in attendance: "What other bill do you have that has not increased in 16 years?"

A \$72 increase over a period of 16 years amounts to just \$4.50 per year. It is the goal of the association board and management team to keep the community maintained to the highest standards; keeping the community beautiful and property values high. The 2020 assessment increase will enable the DRCA to continue to deliver on this goal relative to common area maintenance and a multitude of other services the association provides to the community residents.

It's worth noting that the DRCA (Master Association) common area maintenance does not include or extend to maintenance in residential gated or sub-associations common area deeded neighborhoods.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in helping us to make Desert Ridge one of the premier designation communities in all of Phoenix. We recognize that none of this would be possible without our valued members' participation!

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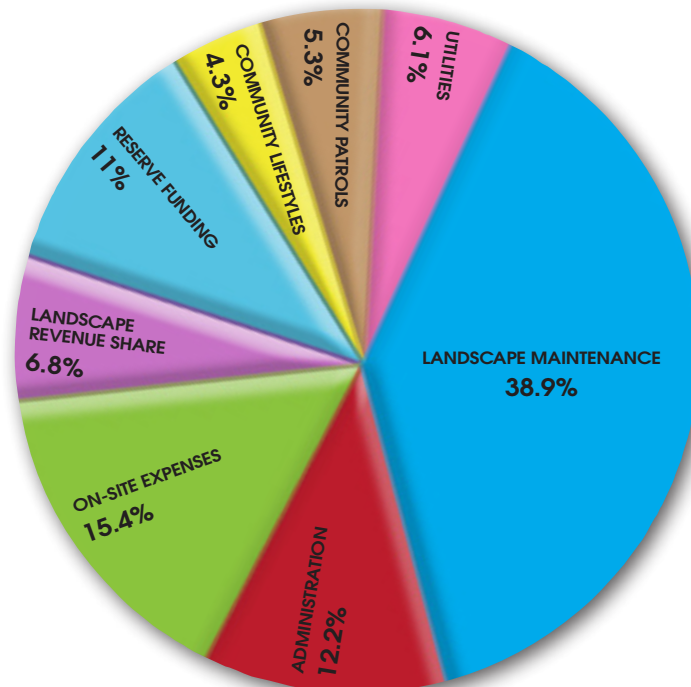
YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2020 ASSESSMENTS—WORKING FOR YOU

As a member of Desert Ridge Community Association (Master Association), you may be uncertain about what is covered by your master association 2020 annual assessment of \$444.00 (paid semi-annually in the amount of \$222.00 each January and July).

The following expense allocations are based on the approved DRCA 2020 Budget illustrating how the Master Association typically applies your annual assessment of \$444.00:

Landscape Maintenance	\$172.81 (38.9%)	For the contracted landscape services related to the common areas streetscape, maintenance services, Irrigation repairs, tree trimming, weed control, etc.
Administration	\$ 54.29 (12.2%)	For expenses related to the annual audit, taxes, licenses, insurance, legal services, consulting, postage, statements, reserve study, website, meetings, bad debt, collection costs and management related expenses & fees.
On-Site Expenses	\$ 68.53 (15.4%)	Contracted staffing costs for the five (5) on-site staff working for the master association and office rent/lease.
Landscape Revenue Share	\$ 30.21 (6.8%)	For the landscape maintenance assessments to maintain the common area within Aviano neighborhood that is the maintenance responsibility of the Desert Ridge Community Association.
Reserve Funding	\$ 48.85 (11%)	For capital reserves that includes future replacement of capital items in the master association common area for monuments, bollard light fixtures, decomposed granite, Central Irrigation Controller System, walls/fencing, etc.
Community Lifestyles	\$ 19.09 (4.3%)	For expenses related to Desert Ridge Lifestyles events, programs, socials, sponsorships, outreach, magazine, promotion and advertising, website and activities.
Community Patrols	\$ 23.41 (5.3%)	For common area community Off-Duty Phoenix Police Patrol, overnight parking enforcement and vandalism.
Utilities	\$ 26.81 (6.1%)	For water, sewer and electric expenses related to the common area streetscape, medians, washes & monuments.

DRCA 2020 BUDGETED OPERATING EXPENSES



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DESERT RIDGE COLLECTION POLICY

ITEM	VALUE	COMMENT
Assessment Frequency	SA	January 1 and July 1
Statement Mailing	Semi-Annual	Statements sent USPS 1st Class Mail to billing address for the Owner on file with the Association
Late Date	15th	
Late Charge	\$15.00	
Late Interest	N/A	
Rebill Date	15th	
Rebill Amount	\$20.00	
Pre-legal Demand Letter Date	Sent at 45 days	
Pre-legal Demand Letter Amount	\$75.00	Demand sent 30 days after the rebill and account has at least 1 FULL assessment delinquent
Pre-legal Final Demand Letter Date	Sent at 60 days	Final Demand sent both Standard USPS Mail and Certified Mail with a review of the account to verify 1 FULL assessment is still delinquent Final Demand sent via USPS 1st Class Mail to the unit address along with standard delivery to the billing address that the Association has on file for the Owner (if the billing address is different than the unit address)
Pre-legal Final Demand Letter Amount	\$150.00	Fee includes any/all postage and handling
Lien Date	Prepared at 75 days	Lien is sent to the Desert Ridge Collections Attorney for review/signature and then sent back to FSR in order for FSR to record the lien with Maricopa County
Lien Amount	\$300.00	This includes the recording of lien and the release of lien when delinquency has been cured.
Collection Date	77-80 days	Once lien is recorded, account will be transferred to the Association's collection Attorney for any collection work needed
Fee for Transfer to Collection Attorney	\$95.00	Transfer to Maxwell & Morgan, P.C., who will proceed with collection activity which could include sending demand letters and proceeding with legal action at attorneys' rates.

NOTE: Owners are responsible for payment of all amounts including, without limitation, assessments, late charges, collection costs, attorneys' fees and court costs, regardless of whether the Owner has received a statement or any of the letters, notices or liens referenced in this collection policy. The failure of the Association to send a bill, letter or lien to the Owner shall not relieve the Owner of the obligation to pay for all assessments, late charges, collection costs, attorneys' fees and court costs.

Revised & Adopted: 2019

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Are You Interested In Serving On The Desert Ridge Community Association Board Of Directors?

We Will Be Electing THREE (3) Board Members In April 2020

Serving on the Board of Directors is a great way to make an impact in your community!

More information will be forthcoming during the approaching months. Please stay connected to the Desert Ridge Lifestyles magazine, the desertridgelifestyles.com website and community eblasts and mailings.

If you think you may be interested in volunteering to serve on the board and would like to speak with a current board member, please contact us at desertridge.az@fsresidential.com.

Milestones to Remember:

JANUARY 2020

A request for board candidates will be made. A Candidate Interest Statement form will be provided via a community eblast, with your January 2020 DRCA Annual Budget and Assessment Statement mailer, and that you can complete online via the desertridgelifestyles.com website.

MID-FEBRUARY 2020

Board Candidate forms are due back to the Community Association.

MID-MARCH 2020

Electronic (e-voting) Ballots Information for election to the Board of Directors will be sent via email and mailed to all members.

MID-APRIL 2020

Annual Meeting of Members and announcement of election results.

DESERT RIDGE MARKETPLACE



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We Beautify the World

SEASONAL LANDSCAPE-TIPS for the holidays



Bermuda should be watered with one inch of water each week. Bermuda will become dormant as temperatures drop to below 50 degrees.

Over seeding should have been done by now.

Winter ryegrass should be mowed to 1-1/2 to 2 inches. Keep watering until established, and then water only about once a week.

If your winter lawn turns yellowish, fertilize. An application of Ironite will bring back the dark green color.

Water every 5-7 days, or more often if you notice a drying-out of the soil. Light or sandy soils dry out faster.



CUT BACK WATERING OF ALL TREES and shrubs, but continue to water deep. Don't over water or fungus will grow.

Clean dead branches out trees and shrubs. Trim unwanted sprouts from the interior of your citrus trees. This makes it easier to harvest fruit.

Keep the skirt of your citrus trees pruned and trimmed to about two or three feet from the ground.

Wrap the trunks of young citrus and other cold-tender trees with cloth, cardboard or several layers of newspaper (no plastic) to protect them from frost. Leave them wrapped until the threat of frost has passed.

Sweet oranges, navels, lemons, tangerines and tangelos may now be picked now but pick only as needed. As the season wears on, the fruits will continue to sweeten. **Citrus fruit stores best on the tree.**

Frost-tolerant trees and shrubs may be planted this month. Dig holes three to five times the size of the root ball but not any deeper. Set the plant so the top of the root ball is ground level and then backfill.



Now is the time to plant seeds for beets, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chard, collards, endive, kale, lettuce, mustard, onions, parsley, peas, radishes, rutabaga, spinach, and turnips.

Plant transplants: asparagus, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, chard, and lettuce.

When you plant any of the many varieties of leaf lettuce you can harvest and the

plant will keep growing new leaves. You don't have to pick the whole head of lettuce.

Plant strawberries now to get berries next spring.

If you planted vegetables in October, thin out seedlings about three to four weeks after germination. **Snip them, don't pull them.**



Plant in full sun: petunias, calendulas, dianthus and snapdragons. **Plant in part sun or shade:** dianthus, geraniums, impatiens, and primrose

Plant bulbs in well-drained soil that is also high in compost or organic matter. Plant Amaryllis, Anemone, Calla and Easter Lily, Dutch Crocus, Daffodil, Freesia, Gladiolus, Iris, and Ranunculus. Bulbs should be given a good soaking immediately after

planting, and every seven to ten days after growth begins.

You can still plant bulbs. Plant them in well-drained soil that is also high in compost or organic matter. Your bulbs should be planted with about two inches of sand beneath them.

Cut back dead or dying foliage and add a bit of nitrogen fertilizer.

PREPARE FOR FROSTS NOW.

If you don't care for your sensitive trees, bushes, flowers and vegetables before the first frost, it's probably too late, since the first frost will permanently damage them.

Be prepared to cover those frost-tender plants.



They're
in!

The 2019 Desert Ridge Community Survey

R E S U L T S

Your voice matters to the Desert Ridge Community Association, so this past summer we sent out a survey to get your feedback on how satisfied you are living in Desert Ridge and, most importantly, what we could be doing to make life here even better for our residents. And you responded! We were thrilled with the number of you who took the time to answer the questions we posed. Your answers were very insightful, and we promised to share the results with the community. Below is what you had to say.

How would you rate your overall experience living in Desert Ridge?

The great news is that you gave Desert Ridge an overall approval rating of 4.1 out of 5! With a community this large, that's a very good number. But yes, there's still some room for improvement. So, we asked for specifics and here's what you shared with us.

What do you like most about living in Desert Ridge?

By an overwhelming majority, 81.6% of you felt that the location was the best thing about living in Desert Ridge. Not only are we centrally located and close to so much in the Valley, but there's an abundance that Desert Ridge offers without having to go outside the community. You cited the Marketplace and convenient retail areas, schools, parks, trails, golf, entertainment, and other social amenities that contribute to making this a desirable community. The majority of respondents felt that the community was consistently well cared for and a safe place to live, which makes for stability in housing values.

What's the one thing you would like to see changed or improved?

There were a few issues that definitely stood out. Safety is still a major concern

and 27% of you felt that crime monitoring and enforcement could be improved. Next on your list of concerns was compliance, with 25.4% who would like to see a greater and more consistent enforcement of the community rules and guidelines. Overnight, on-street parking was, by far, the most-often mentioned violation you felt should be addressed. Another big issue was common area landscape maintenance and 21.6% would like to see an improvement in the frequency and quality of the maintenance of the common areas. Other areas that you felt could be improved upon were more events, more communication, and architectural approvals.

Since one of the association's primary objectives involves maintenance of the common areas throughout the community that are maintained by the master association, we asked specifically about this topic with a separate question.

How would you rate the maintenance of the common areas on a scale of 1 to 5?

We were pleased to receive an approval rating of 3.78 out of 5 on your satisfaction with the maintenance. But clearly, there is room for improvement, and you shared your thoughts on how we could do better in this area.

Improved landscaping and tree trimming were common themes with more frequency of the landscape maintenance cycle suggested as one of the possible solutions. Along with the frequency of maintenance, many also suggested better clean-up after landscaping and addressing overgrown areas.

In addition to maintenance, there were a few other issues mentioned that are definitely being looked at by management. Many of you would like to see the guidelines enforced consistently, especially in some of the aging residential neighborhoods of Desert Ridge. Most felt that the management team was doing a great job, but some mentioned there could still be more communication and responsiveness to residents.

With communication being an important area of interest to the management team, we wanted to know how we were doing in that area.

What you would like to see added or changed in the Desert Ridge Lifestyles magazine and the website?

We were delighted that 53.3% of you enjoyed the magazine and wouldn't change anything, and 35.5% thought the website was good as is. There were many great suggestions, though, on what you'd like to see. Desert Ridge development news, resident-owned



Do you think the \$31 monthly assessment (paid semi-annually at \$186) is too much, too little, or about right for the overall services provided by your master association?

Since these assessments are used to cover such services as landscape maintenance, administration, community patrols, lifestyle events, along with many other things, it was gratifying to learn that 75% of you felt that amount was about right for the current services being provided by the association.

Your participation in the survey was outstanding and for that we say "Thank You" to everyone in the community who took a few minutes to share your thoughts and ideas! Your voice is what helps make Desert Ridge the best place to live, work, visit, and play!

businesses, events, articles highlighting the community, and coupons were just a few of the multitude of ideas you mentioned. Look for many of them to be implemented in future issues of the magazine and on the community

website (desertridgelifestyles.com).

Finally, we wanted to obtain your feedback regarding the master association's current assessments, which are \$31 per month (paid semi-annually at \$186).



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NEWS RELEASE

Charitable Organization, Foster Care tax credits provides vital funding for Boys & Girls Clubs

In 2018, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale (BGCS) became qualified to receive the Arizona Foster Care Tax Credit in addition to the Charitable Organization Tax Credit helping to provide important funding to the youth development organization that has nine Clubs within the communities of Scottsdale, North Phoenix, Fountain Hills, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and the Hualapai Nation up in Peach Springs.

The Greater Scottsdale clubs provide programming to hundreds of youth in Foster Care at no charge and over \$1 million in program assistance to families in need. The Foster Care Tax Credit along

with the Charitable Organization Tax Credit help to offset these costs.

Arizona tax credits are dollar-for-dollar credits Arizona taxpayers can receive on their state taxes. The Charitable Organization and Foster Care Tax Credits are independent of one another, and the state of Arizona allows you to claim the full amount for both as separate credits. Donations made through Arizona Tax Credits either lower the amount owed or increase the taxpayer's refund.

Boys & Girls Club programs focus on academics, leadership, creativity, and healthy habits—helping kids avoid risky behaviors, overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.



The Vestar Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale has nearly 3,000 registered members and is the largest of the Greater Scottsdale Clubs. To learn more about Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale or to make an Arizona Tax Credit donation visit www.bgcs.org.

	Charitable Organization Tax Credit QCO Code 20091	Foster Care Tax Credit QFO Code 10050	Maximum Tax Credit Gift to BGCS (Give to Both)
Single AZ Filer	\$400	\$500	\$900
Married/Joint AZ Filer	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,800

“Tax credit gifts fund a safe place for youth to have fun, build relationships, learn new things, experience one-of-a-kind opportunities, and be supported,” said Robyn Julien, BGCS Chief Executive Officer. “Our Clubs provide homework help, art, tech and science, and exercise, and mentoring, and on, and on, and on. For many of the youth we serve, the Club is their home away from home and an important source of stability.”

ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER SCOTTSDALE

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale (BGCS) serves thousands of youth at nine Clubs located within the communities of Scottsdale, North Phoenix, Fountain Hills, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Hualapai Nation. Research shows that when compared to their peers, Club members have a higher interest in pursuing STEM careers, volunteer more in their local communities and are more physically active. No matter the circumstances that bring a child to us, our youth development professionals help them set and achieve personal, academic and creative goals. We work to prove that every kid has what it takes. Great futures start here.



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The holidays can be a joyous time for many, but there are things that you should be aware of as a pet parent to make sure all the members of your family are happy and safe.

There are certain types of food that you enjoy around the holiday season but that doesn't mean that all the members in your family should be partaking in them. One of the first ones to be mindful of are those 'delicious' holiday chocolates. Chocolate can be toxic to both dogs and

cats. A lot of times we want to leave chocolate on display or within reach for our guest, but our four-legged friends cannot make the decision to not partake in the 'treat.' Chocolate can either make your pet very sick and in some cases may even cause death. The level of toxicity that your pet

experiences is determined by the size of your pet, the amount they ate and how soon you discovered it. If you believe your pet has ingested any taking them to the vet is your safest bet.

Savory snacks such as a holiday turkey, gravy and meat fat may cause pancreatitis in your animals. That's why it is best to keep table food away from your animals. Also, instructing your guests to ignore those "begging" eyes would be best as well.

You should also consider your furry friends when you decorate. Live or even artificial trees may be an invitation for them to climb or play in. If you have an animal that is prone to this, tying your tree to the ceiling or a doorframe may prevent it from toppling over. Ornaments may also be quite hazardous to your pets. Broken glass ornaments may cause severe injuries to your animals. Animals may also ingest these ornaments or fragments and cause intestinal blockages which could require surgery to fix.

People also tend to entertain more around the holidays. Those guests can be an added stress to your pet. Make sure there is a



place for your pet to escape that is quiet and "safe" for them when your guests are around. Just because you want to be social doesn't mean that your furry friends want to be social as well. Make sure if you have a pet that is antisocial that they are put in another room with their favorite toys to avoid anyone from getting bit. Your veterinarian may have some suggestions for medications for your pet that show signs of severe anxiety with your guests. Also, keep an eye on loose pets as your guests enter and leave your home. A nervous animal sees an open door as a chance to escape whatever it is that is making them nervous or anxious. If you have a pet run away, please make sure to notify the County shelter they have disappeared by either coming in in person or notifying the "Lost and Found" line at (602)372-4598.

The holidays can be a very happy time, but doing so safely ensures that accidents won't happen and that everyone has the Happiest of "HOWL" idays.

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.

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!



Events at Desert Ridge Marketplace

www.shopdesertridge.com/events/live-music/



Fitness

DRM Fit Fun | Thru December

Barnes & Noble Courtyard

HIIT | October 23 | 6:30PM

Kid & Family Yoga | October 30 | 2PM

Yoga + Beer | November 6 | 6:30PM

HIGH Fitness | November 20 | 6:30PM

Kid & Family Yoga | December 3 | 2PM

Yoga + Beer | December 4 | 6:30PM

Barre | December 18 | 6:30PM

This fall experience different fitness formats, including HIGH Fitness, Strength & Conditioning and more! Talented Mountainside Fitness instructors will lead you through a 60-minute class leaving you feeling rejuvenated. More details to come.

Yoga + Beer – It's back! Grab your mat and experience the art of yoga with a twist! Incorporate an ice-cold beer into your favorite poses!

Kid & Family Yoga – Roll-out your mat for an all levels 30-minute themed yoga session for the entire family!

HIIT – High Intensity Interval Training combines several moments of burst movements followed by low-intensity recovery periods.

HIGH Fitness – Enjoy old school aerobics! Check out HIGH fitness which combines simple, modern fitness techniques (i.e. HIIT, plyometrics, etc.) with music you know and love.

Barre Fitness – Sculpt your muscles and build your strength during a 60-minute fast-paced, energetic class that teaches you how to embrace the fluidity of dance while also boosting your endurance and flexibility.



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October

MOVIES AFTER DARK

October 17 | The District Stage | 6:30PM

Hocus Pocus

Experience an exciting lineup of new-release films on the big screen. Enjoy grab-and-go deals at participating retailers!

PUMPKIN PATCH

October 19-30 | AMC Lawn | Times TBD

Experience the Pumpkin Patch in The District on the AMC Lawn. Pick the perfect pumpkin (while supplies last), take a sip of cider and snap your favorite seasonal photo! Plus, one lucky winner will receive a jumbo pumpkin this season.**

CREEPY CANDY CRAWL

October 19 | Throughout The District | 4PM-6PM

Calling all ghosts, goblins and ghouls to venture out to Desert Ridge Marketplace for an afternoon of spooky surprises during Creepy Candy Crawl! Children and families are invited to dress to impress for our annual Halloween costume contest! This year, four lucky contestants will have the chance to win a prize and take home the titles for the costume contest. Plus, trick-or-treat from store-to-store, snap a complimentary, downloadable photo in your costume, enjoy Halloween themed music, dancing, games prizes and more!

PAUL'S CAR WASH

October 21-October 25 | 4:30AM-7PM

Kohl's Parking Lot

Paul Horton and the CBS 5 team will be returning for the 9th annual Paul's Car Wash Event. Help CBS 5 Meteorologist Paul Horton Pay It Forward to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona. Bring your car or truck to Paul's Car Wash at Desert Ridge Marketplace (Kohl's Parking Lot). All donations from the event go to support Big Brothers Big Sisters.

I RECYCLE PHOENIX

October 26 | AMC Parking Lot | 7AM-12PM

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 bikes, clothes, electronics, toys, office supplies, document shredding and more! For details, visit <http://recyclecleanphoenix.org/i-recycle-phoenix/index.html>

November

FASHION WEEK 4 KIDS

November 2 | The District Stage | 10AM-4PM

Fashion Week 4 Kids (FW4K) is back! We will be partnering with Fashion Week 4 Kids for the second year in-a-row to host this one-of-a-kind event designed to provide kids a fashion week of their own. The annual celebration boasts a week-long schedule of fashionable events and culminates with a full day of Children's Fashion Shows, live music, raffle prizes, interactive games and more!

MOVIES AFTER DARK

November 7 & 21 | The District Stage | 6:30PM

Experience an exciting lineup of new-release films on the big screen. Enjoy grab-and-go deals at participating retailers!

LIVE & LOCAL

November 10 | The District | 6PM-8PM

We are excited to partnering with Arizona Restaurant Association for the second year in a row to host the sixth annual celebration of the best in Arizona food, live entertainment and spirits! Live & Local, benefitting the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale will occur on Sunday, November 11, 2018 from 6pm- 9pm at Desert Ridge Marketplace. The District will transform into a VIP experience boasting a delectable culinary tasting menu and entertainment lineup, including local restaurant and beverage partners, celebrity mixologists, entertainers and more! Visit <https://www.bgcs.org/live-and-local-tickets/> to purchase tickets!

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

November 21-December 20 | Dave & Buster's

The Christmas Angel Program provides new toys and clothing to children who otherwise would not have gifts to open during the holidays. The Angel Tree will be located at the main entrance of Dave & Buster's at Desert Ridge Marketplace and contains tags with the name, age, clothing size and toy requests of a child. The Salvation Army along with Arizona's Family 3TV, offers this program annually.

TREE LIGHTING

November 25 | Throughout The District | 6PM-8PM

Desert Ridge Marketplace will be hosting the inaugural Tree Lighting PLUS First Snowfall! Guests are invited to take a journey to the North Pole as Desert Ridge Marketplace transforms into a winter wonderland filled with living snowflakes, stilt walking princesses, life-size toys, and holiday favorites, including joyful elves and Frosty the Snowman. Experience a cirque-style show leading up to the magical tree lighting by Santa.

ELF ACADEMY

December 14 | Throughout The District | 11AM-1PM

Back by popular demand, Meet Jingles, Snowflake, Buttons, Tinsel, and more of the North Pole's friendliest elves as they lead young and old through a variety of the Workshop's favorite games and activities.

WE WELCOME THE PIONEER COMMUNITY



Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. It is difficult to express the excitement I am feeling as the new principal of Pinnacle High School. It is a tremendous honor and privilege to work alongside such a wonderful faculty, staff, students, and parents that make up the Pioneer community. Our School is most certainly a unique and special place — a true academic community made better by all those who have gone before us. I would also like to provide you with some background about me. I am originally from Southern California and

moved to Arizona two years ago. I am a proud graduate of the University of Utah, where I earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning. I returned to Southern California to pursue my Master of Planning degree in Urban and Regional Planning and Real Estate Development from the University of Southern California (Fight On!). In 2002, I decided to change careers and earned my teaching credential from Argosy University. In 2016, I completed my Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California.

Professionally, I worked as a High School Science teacher at Baldwin Park High School, Fullerton High School and Tustin High School. I taught Earth and Space Science and Oceanography as well as Student Leadership. I coached Football, Basketball and Track and was the Activities Director at Tustin High School. In



2007, I became the Assistant Principal Tustin High School (My Alma Mater, Go Tillers!). In 2012, I served as Principal of South Hills High School in West Covina, CA. In 2017, my family moved to Arizona and I became the Principal of Pat Tillman Middle School in the Balsz School District in Phoenix.

On a personal note, I have two children (ages 15 and 11) who attend schools in Mesa, AZ. I am also the guardian of a 24 year son who lives in California.

I am an avid snow skier, scuba diver and hiker. I am actively involved in youth sports and

coach baseball, football and soccer. I also teach Tae Kwon Do and recently completed my 4th Dan Black Belt.

It is important to me that your son or daughter have a valuable educational experience at Pinnacle High School. I believe that communication, positivity and teamwork form the foundation of a successful school. I am excited and honored to serve the Pinnacle Community and look forward to a prosperous 2019–2020 school year.

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We are having a great 2019–2020 year at Wildfire Elementary School. So far this year we have fully implemented the new district math program, Zearn, in all of our K–5 classrooms as well as the new Arizona Science Standards school-wide. We have started our first full year in working towards our STEAM initiative of creating a model STEAM program and focus at WFES. The August 27th early release day marked our first official STEAM Day for the school year. Students in all grade levels participated in STEAM activities and worked with their classmates to create, explore, and learn about a variety of different things throughout their day. Each Early Release Day throughout the year is an official STEAM Day at WFES.

We have partnered and had trainings with the Arizona Science Center to help our teachers enhance their STEAM skills and lesson practices. We are also excited to pilot

the STEM FUSE curriculum program for the Paradise Valley School District. In their general education classroom, all students from Pre–K to 6th grade are engaging in the engineering design process and are working on developing 21st-century skills by collaborating with one another and through project based learning.

Be sure to check out our Facebook (search @WFESFirebirds) and Twitter (@WFESFirebirds) to see the amazing things we are doing at WFES. You can sign up for a tour of Wildfire Elementary School by visiting our webpage at pvschools.net/wfes.



COFFEE CLUB

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If you want to prepare your body for golf, then a warm up should look and feel like a golf swing. You may stretch your quads

and reach down to your toes, but that is not how you swing that club. Consider this: practice your typical golf swing rotation (no club required, by the way). Move those shoulders. Open up your hips. Do things that look and feel like a golf swing. A proper warm up will improve your performance. You will swing your club faster, farther. You won't have to work as hard to achieve the same level of success.

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Today, in order to remove dead surface skin cells, I use everything from mandelic acid derived from almonds to glycolic acid from sugar cane. Enzyme peels, handmade in Tempe Arizona, consisting of ingredients varying from cherries, cranberries, pomegranates, and the most popular item this time of year, the pumpkin enzyme peel.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Tikka Shack, located in the Desert Ridge Marketplace, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is a Masala Wok concept with both in-store dining and online ordering options. The term “masala” simply means a varying blend of spices used in Indian cooking. While virtually all of their menu items could be ordered with varying degrees of “hotness,” as in mild, medium and hot, we opted to take the milder route so as to concentrate on the innate flavors of entrees. Their menu featured a combination of traditional Indian dishes perfect for the curry connoisseur; and lighter, build-your-own options that provided clarity in selection for the beginner. They offer numerous street-food starters, slow-crafted Indian staples, and a full offering of sides, drinks, and desserts.

Our team of six found the Tikka Shack to offer exceptional service in terms of friendliness, timeliness of placing an order and food delivery to our table as well in menu knowledgeability. Their staff exercised patience in “explaining menu choices” which were easier to figure out by viewing the “behind the order counter” colorful, picture-laden wall menu. The place was spotlessly clean, prices were quite reasonable considering portion size, and it was easy to get around inside. They had outside seating available as well and appeared to do a healthy take-out business the night we were there.



From their list of five appetizers (Starters), we went with the Masala Fries (loaded fries doused with tikka masala, onions, scallions, tomatoes, and cilantro covered in sweet and spicy secret spices) plus an order of Samosas (crispy pastries stuffed with potatoes, peas, and secret spices, served with a tamarind + chutney). The Masala Fries were a terrific (as in “let’s order more”) hit given their taste and appearance but we found the Samosas not as tasty as hoped. We tried the serve-yourself beverage bar and found the Mandarin Cardamom Drink (cinnamon flavor) to be a great compliment to many of the sampled entrees.

The Kabob Bowl with Chicken looked great, was tasty, and ample for a single serving. The Butter Masala with Chicken was our unanimous favorite entrée as it lived up to its billing as “Indian Comfort Food.” Our close second favorite entrée was Chicken Tikka Masala followed by the Spinach Masala. We were disappointed by the Korma Masala with Lamb and our orders of Naan (Traditional Indian flatbread) seemed overly bland and soggy. We’d probably been better off with their “signature” Shack Naan featuring added garlic, cilantro, and cheese.

We did try both of the desserts and all preferred the taste of the Ulab Jamun (milk-based pastry balls with honey-flavored syrup) to the Ras Malai (fresh cheese patties served cold in sweetened milk).

When we finished, all agreed they would visit again!

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NO DECEMBER MEETING -
BOARD HOLIDAY RECESS
WED., JANUARY 22

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9 a.m.
DRCA Office
Conference Room
TUES., OCTOBER 22
TUES., NOVEMBER 19
NO DECEMBER MEETING -
HOLIDAY RECESS
TUES., JANUARY 21

SCP PARKS SUB-COMMITTEE

4 p.m.
Desert Ridge
Conference Room
WED., DECEMBER 11

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

4 p.m.
DRCA Office
Conference Room
TUES. OCTOBER 1 & 15
TUES., NOVEMBER 5 & 19
TUES., DECEMBER 10
TUES., JANUARY 7 & 21

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

6:30 p.m.
DRCA Office
Conference Room
THURS. NOVEMBER 14
THURS., DECEMBER 12
THURS., JANUARY 9

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6:30 p.m.
DRCA Office
Conference Room
THURS., OCTOBER 17
THURS., NOVEMBER 21
NO DECEMBER MEETING -
HOLIDAY RECESS
THURS. JANUARY 16

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

4:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
WED., OCTOBER 16
WED., JANUARY 15

COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE

6:30 p.m.
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