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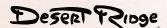




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Doug Dickson
President
Desert Ridge Community Association

FROM THE PRESIDENT

ways to serve your community this holiday season.

The holidays aren't just about celebrating religious holidays, spending time with loved ones and exchanging gifts. It's also a time to make the world a better place.

Here's a fun list of 10 things you can do this year to serve others in our community this holiday season:

1. Take dinner to an elderly neighbor or sick friend.

If you have a family of four, cook enough dinner for five one night and deliver a plate to the widow next door. Your delivery helps you to get to know your neighbors better. Phoenix police promote knowing your neighbors as one of the best ways to fight neighborhood crime.

2. Encourage your employer to sponsor local events or charities.

Many businesses have volunteer programs to reward employees for volunteering. Local news media often cover large volunteer events and having employee representation gives businesses extra publicity.

3. Donate blood if you're able.

The Red Cross and other organizations are in dire need of blood supply and have safe, healthy ways for you to donate.

4. Serve at a charity providing food for the hungry.

These organizations are always looking for volunteers to help serve food and cook meals. For some people, these meals may be the only food they have for the day. You also might be asked to greet regular patrons and welcome newcomers to the facility. Volunteering in this way gives us the opportunity to accept people at their various stages of life. It's a rewarding way to connect with the veterans, elderly, parents, and children in your community.

5. Volunteer at a hospital.

You don't have to have a background in medicine to volunteer at a hospital. Although hospitals are usually in need of healthcare workers, you can also help entertain the patients, their families, and the staff. Because a stay in a hospital is usually stressful, you can relieve some of the tension by playing an instrument in the lobby or by showing off your magic tricks. You may be able to bring a smile to a sick child's face or make an exhausted nurse laugh!

6. Volunteer at an animal shelter.

Have you ever wondered, "What can I do to volunteer in my community that doesn't involve people?" Consider an animal shelter, as they are always looking for volunteers to keep lively animals entertained, fed, and groomed. You may think that playing with the animals cannot be considered volunteering, but helping the cats, dogs, and other animals become more sociable and friendly to humans, will increase their chances for adoption.

7. Coach a youth sports team.

If you enjoy being active or have skills in a particular sport, coaching a youth sports team might be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. You'll be able to share your passion, act as a role model, and help out parents who may be too busy to take on the role themselves. You may even learn a little more about the sport yourself.

8. Donate unwanted items.

Some people are not fortunate enough to be able to purchase every item at full price. These people head to shelters or thrift stores to pick up the items necessary for everyday life. Donating items that are unwanted or no longer used is a great way to help out your community. The gently used coats, blankets, and shoes in the back of your closet can make a big difference to others, while cleaning up some of the clutter in your home. Consider donating to local charities and women's shelters.

9. Assist your school.

Schools are almost always looking for volunteers, and because they have a wide variety of activities, you can usually help with an activity that you are interested in. If you prefer to work with adults, you can be a teacher's assistant or take tickets at a sporting event. If you want to assist children, you can help serve lunch or watch recess. Volunteering at a local school is a great way to interact with younger minds and give back to your community.

10. Join a Desert Ridge Committee

Our Desert Ridge Community Association has many committees that benefit our community. You'll get to know many of your neighbors and give back while serving on any of these committees:

- Communications
- Committee
- Design Review
 Committee
- · Lifestyles Committee
- ·Community
 Awareness
- Committee
 Finance Committee
- Public Affairs
- Committee
 - (SCP) Parks Sub-Committee
 - Nominating
 Committee

By participating in our community and giving back you'll make our world a better place and feel good about doing so. If we each give a little this holiday season, we can make a difference in the lives of those around us and in our community.

Happy Holidays to everyone and I look forward to volunteering with you in the neighborhood!

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Desert Ridge Community Association enjoy life."

or some reason, I have felt like life has been a little surreal recently. In fact, so much so that I felt like I may have missed out on a few things. Has the heat been oppressive this year? Did any good movies come out? Did I miss season two of Ted Lasso? Did I miss out on the opportunity to extend my car warranty? Geez, I hope not.

Life for all of us has been a little "different" this past year. Not the smooth sailing we all hope for every year. However, if you are like me, about this time your thoughts turn to the Holiday season. No matter how good or bad the year was, the holiday season has always been like being told if I finished my dinner there would be an endless dessert bar waiting for me with all of my favorite treats.

The holidays are a time to celebrate, to forgive, to reach out, to smile, to turn the page on the past, to look ahead, to enjoy life. I hope this holiday season is no different. In fact, I'm counting on this holiday season to help us all,

especially emotionally.

Because, even though I may have been a little distracted, I still saw a few things.

Like Santa, I have been keeping track. I saw the posts on social media platforms. I saw the frustration, the anger, the fear, and even sadness in your posts. I saw how simple questions turned into the proverbial social media shouting matches with everyone trying to make their point in bold face type. A few tried to post solutions, only to have to duck and cover.

Being an amateur psychiatrist, unlicensed in every state, I feel qualified to say the cure is more constructive communication and the first step to get us there is a big dose of holiday spirit. You remember holiday spirit —it's when you smile and turn your thoughts to seasonal activities and leave the anger in the rearview window. And who knows, a couple of weeks of holiday cheer could turn into a new attitude. Kind of like the diet programs. First, you change

your mindset and success will follow.

The best thing about this change is, unlike a diet where you have to limit your intake and avoid certain foods, holiday spirit involves taking in every good experience you can find. Here you can take a big bite, take two if you want, go back for seconds, partake until you are full and go after more. It's gluten free, fat free, sugar free, and it's good for you!

FROM THE CHAIR

Take it from me, a guy who many believe was around for the first Christmas, partaking in happiness and cheer is better medicine for the soul than anger and fear. So, move out from under that dark cloud, see the light (holiday lights, that is), reach back to your inner child who saw the magic in the season. Smile, compliment someone, do a good deed, stay positive, celebrate the meaning of the holiday season. Then, come January 2022, let's see if we can keep those feelings going.

Hey, if the 2016 Chicago Cubs taught us one thing, it's that nothing is impossible.



FROM THE LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

Holiday Events

s we head into the holiday season
Desert Ridge residence have a
lineup of activities to look forward
to from Farmers Market, Holiday Lighting
and Decorating Contest and we end the year
with our annual signature Holiday Lighting
Trolley Tour. Other events include Coffee
Club, Veterans Breakfast, and Semi Annual
Mega Yard Sale. Whether you are new to
Desert Ridge or a longtime resident, we have
something for everyone.

High Street Farmers Market

The High Street Farmers Market continues to be a great success. The Farmers Market operates from October through May, Sundays from 10 am to 1 pm. The market features fresh local seasonal produce, herbs, flowers, fresh baked goods, natural meats, seafood, value added foods and local artists and crafts. Check the website calendar and eblast for current information and/or updates.

Coffee Club

The Coffee Club meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9 am of every even month giving our residents an opportunity to gather informally to discuss matters of common interest and

concern. The meetings are held at Cambria Hotel, 4425 E Irma Ln, Phoenix, AZ 85050. The next meeting is December 7th.

Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest

We have outstanding holiday decorations throughout the community and encourage all residents to participate in the Fourteenth Annual Lighting and Decoration Contest.

Sign-ups start Friday, November 26th. First prize is a two-night stay at JW Marriot plus a \$200 gift card. This is an opportunity for residents to display their creativity and ingenuity. For more information and judging categories check the website/
Facebook/eblasts.

Holiday Light Trolley Tours

Our annual signature Holiday Trolley
Tours will run on December 13th, 14th,
15th, and 17th, at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm.
The trolley ride is the same price this
year of \$9 per person. Purchase your
tickets online at desertridgelifestyles.
com. This is a popular event that sells out
every year, do not wait to get your tickets.
Tickets can be purchased online starting

on Black Friday in November. For more information check the website and eblast for current information and/or updates.

Lifestyle Committee

The Lifestyle Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at 4pm. This is a virtual event, and all residents are invited to attend. For more information, please refer to the Desert Ridge Lifestyle website.

2022 New Year

As we turn the page to another year and say goodbye to 2021 with such hope for a normal 2022, I'm reminded of a quote by Helen Keller, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement, nothing can be done without hope and confidence." From my family to yours we wish everyone a big and bright celebration and a Happy New Year!

All events and activities are subject to change according to the CDC and state guidelines and/or inclement weather. More information about the events and activities, visit our website desertridgelifestyles.com or Facebook page.

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Fall Events & Activities

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Glendale Glitters

Murphy Park 5800 W. Glendale Ave.

November 25-January 9, 2022

5 pm - 10 am Cost: Free

www.glendaleaz.com

623-930-2000

Glendale Glitters is a must-see festival in the valley to enjoy for the holidays. This festival features over 1.6 million lights, live bands, performances, food and drinks, vendors, horse-drawn carriages, and a visit with Santa.



Arizona International Auto Show

Location: Phoenix Convention Center 100 N. 3rd St, Phoenix, AZ 85004

November 24 - November 27 Thursday & Sunday, 9 am - 7 pm

Cost: Adults (13+) \$11, Senior Citizens (62+) \$7, Military (With any DOD ID) \$7, Children (7-12) \$7, Children (6 and under) Free, Family Day* (12 and Under) Free.

Family Day is (Sunday)

https://autoshowphoenix.com/

Phone: (602) 396-7136

The International Auto Show features various vehicles from concept cars, dream cars, sports cars that are currently or emerging into the automotive market.



Holiday Lights

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd. Scottsdale, AZ

November 26 – January 2, 2022

6 pm - 9:30 pm Cost: \$15 per person; Free admission for children two years and younger

www.therailroadpark.com/

(480) 312-2312

All ages can enjoy getting on board the Paradise & Pacific Railroad to enjoy the Winter Wonderland display of holiday lights. Santa will be in town at this park nightly on December 23 to take photos. Come enjoy unlimited train and carousel rides. There is a limited capacity of 750 attendees per one hour and a half time blocks at 6 pm and 8 pm



ZooLights

Phoenix Zoo 455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008

November 7 - January 31, 2022

5:30 PM-10:30 PM Cost: Ages 3 and up \$20

www.phoenixzoo.org/events/zoolights/

Phone: 623-930-2299

The Phoenix Zoo is back with millions of lights, astounding animal sculptures, and millions of twinkling lights. Come enjoy the Cruise Zoo Lights, the drive-thru experience with new sights, sounds

ZooLights Walk-thru admissions are good for one (1) single admission. All foot traffic will be closed on Cruise ZooLights nights 11/29, 11/30, 12/6, 12/7, 12/13, 12/14, 1/3, 1/4, 1/10, and 1/11.



Herberger Theater 12th **Annual Festival of the Arts**

Herberger Theater 222 E. Monroe Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

November 27, 2022

11:00 am - 6:00 pm Cost: \$6.00 for parking

www.herbergertheater.org/festival-of-the-arts/

(602) 254-7399

Come enjoy the arts in our community featuring performances, dance, live music, hands-on activities for children, vendor market, food, aerials, wine and beer tasting. This event will be a fun time for all ages.



The Santa Social

Scottsdale Quarter 15059 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 205, Scottsdale, AZ The Quad

November 27

10 am - 8 pm

Cost: Free

scottsdalequarter.com/events-news/event/the-

This Santa social is a full day of holiday fun for everyone. Come take a picture with Santa, caricature artists, puppy adoptions, special Christmas character appearances, and a tree lighting ceremony!



Arizona Fried Chicken and Wings Festival

The Pressroom 441 W. Madision St. Phoenix, AZ 85003

December 4

12:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Cost: \$5 or less; Children 6 and under are free. Every attendee will require a ticket for entry.

www.tickettailor.com/events/ azfriedchicken/341574/r/festival

Phone: (602) 396-7136

Come to the second annual Arizona Fried Chicken and Wings Festival in Downtown Phoenix. There will be ten local fried chicken businesses featuring a variety of fried chicken from Korean fried chicken to Nashville Hot Fried Chicken.



APS Electric Light Parade

5757 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, Arizona 85012

December 4

7 pm Cost: Free

www.phoenix.gov/parks/elp

The APS Electric Light Parade has been family tradition for three decades where neighborhood groups, families, and businesses come together to celebrate the holiday season.



Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Footprint Center 201 E. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ

December 5

3:00 pm & 7:30 pm Cost: Visit website for ticket information www.trans-siberian.com/

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra is back celebrating 25 years of extraordinary Christmas Eve and and Other Stories performances. This is an amazing orchestral rock group with a heavy metal twist. This performance is one that you don't want to miss during the holidays.



Phoenix Festival of the Arts

Margaret T. Hance Park 1202 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

December 11 - December 12

Saturday, December 11 from 10 am to 5 pm & Sunday, December 12 from 10 am to 5 pm Cost: Free (Dog Friendly)

https://phoenixfestivalofthearts.org/ Phone: (602) 396-7136

The ninth annual Phoenix Festival of the Arts will return with arts and culture for everyone. This event features 150 art vendors and cultural organizations, food trucks, live entertainment on two stages, and so much more.



Ballet Arizona: The Nutcracker

Symphony Hall 75 N. 2nd Street, Phoenix, Arizona

December 10 - December 24 balletaz.org/performance/the-nutcracker-2021/ Phone: (602) 381-1096

Celebrate holiday season with the unforgettable performance of Ib Andersonen's "The Nutcracker" performed by Ballet Arizona and music by The Phoenix Symphony of Tchaikovsky's masterful score. Enjoy Clara's adventures as she battles mischievous mice and charms the Sugar Plum Fairy. This heartwarming tale will bring joy to all.



Assisted Living: The Musical®

Scottsdale Center for The Performing Arts 7380 E. 2nd St. Scottsdale, 85251

December 16 - December 19

2 pm and 5 pm Cost: \$35 per person

https://scottsdaleperformingarts.org/event/ assisted-living-the-musical-10/2021-12-19/ 480.499.8587

This comedic holiday sequel will have you in stitches as the comedy team Rick Compton and Betsy Bennet take you to the Pelican Roost Wellness Center Holiday Extravaganza. Retirement and Christmas

won't be the same.

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Tisthe Season for Holiday Festivities & 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 November 26 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



2021 FOURTEENTH ANNUAL

Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest

EXCITING PRIZES FOR THE BEST LIGHTS & DECORATIONS

Overall Best Presentation	2 Night stay at JW Marriott + \$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 & HOW TO ENTER

- 1. Your contest entry info must be received by **Friday, November 26, 2021** by email only (see email instructions below).
- 2. The association will begin marking entrants' yards for judging the week of **Monday, December 6, 2021**.
- 3. Residents are not required to be at home, however, the holiday display must be illuminated from 6 pm until 10 pm starting on Monday, December 6 ending on
- Friday, December 18, 2021.
 4. Winners will be notified by the

association

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5. Contestants must be a member in good standing with all assessments current and no existing compliance matters outstanding with the association.

To enter, please email desertridge.az@fsresidential.com with your email subject line titled, "DRCA Holiday Contest Entrant". Provide your name, address, city, state, zip code, phone and email address.

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 7, 2022**. 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. Rules are subject to change without notice.

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

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Holiday Trolley Tour

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 for viewing comfort.

DATES & TIMES OF DEPARTURES

December 13 6 pm or 7:30 pm

December 14 6 pm or 7:30 pm

December 15 6 pm or 7:30 pm

December 17 6 pm or 7:30 pm

Tickets must be purchased online only by credit card or bank debit card via desertridgelifestyles.com after Thanksgiving Day.

Seats are limited and on a first come first served basis. No refunds will be issued.



5415 E. High Street, Ste. 133, Phoenix, AZ 85054 Phone 480-551-4559 Fax 480-551-6000 Email: desertridge.az@fsresidential.com

TROLLEY REGISTRATION BEGINS AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY

By way of entering the Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest your entry does not secure and/or guara<mark>nt</mark>ee placement on the homeowner Holiday Trolley Tour route and may only be added to the judging shee<mark>t.</mark>

EVENT DATES	December 13, 14, 15, and 17
EVENTTIMES	6 pm and 7:30 pm
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 pm - 8:30 pm
	Please join us for cookies, hot chocolate and crafts at Pinspiration.
DEPARTURE LOCATION	High Street Fountain Court, 5415 E. High Street, Phoenix, AZ 85054





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Fiesa Bowl Parade

North Central Ave & Montebello Ave December 18, 2021

Phoenix, AZ 85012 December 18, 2021 10 am Presented by Lerner & Rowe Grand Marshal, Alice Cooper Cost: Free

Guaranteed **Rate Bowl**

Chase Field December 28, 2021

Kickoff scheduled for 8:15 p.m. MST on ESPN For Ticket information: FiestaBowl.org/Tickets or by calling 480.350.0911

2022 Fiesta Bowl

guaranteed Rate BOWL

State Farm Stadium January 1, 2022

Kickoff scheduled for 1:00 p.m. EST on ESPN Game Tickets, premium experiences, pregame parties, reserved parking may be purchased at FiestaBowl.org/ Tickets or by calling 480-350-0911.

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State Farm Stadium January 1, 2022

> 1 Cardinal Drive Glendale, AZ Great Lawn Admission \$125

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SANTA PAWS IS COMING



The SantaPawsProject.org the pet toy drive for dogs and cats in residence at Maricopa Country Animal Care and Control over the holidays, will be celebrating its eighth year.

2021 collection dates are: November 22nd — December 19th

For more information and collection locations check out our web site and FB page

www.thesantapawsproject.org Facebook: The Santa Paws Project

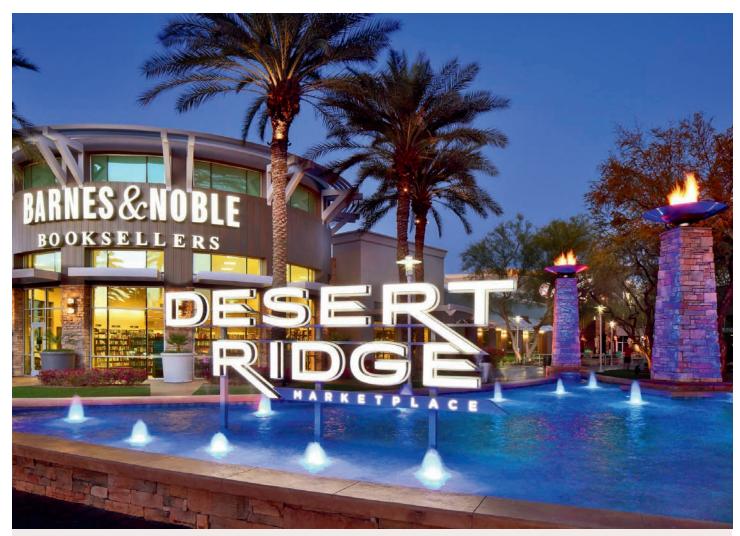
Desert Ridge collection locations:

Aviano Community Center
Fireside Community Center
Desert Ridge Community Association Office

Check our web site for additional locations; or call Rob at 602-551-6314

To a human, it's just a toy. To a shelter pet, it's everything!

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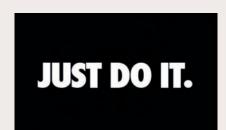




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(Coming Soon near Albertsons)
This restaurant is comfort food of
Detroit-style pan pizza and golden crispy
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free delivery. Come try the Detroit-style
pan pizza and the mouthwatering
chicken tender and wings.

 $\label{thm:continuous} Visit\ www.flybyetogo.com\ to\ learn\ more.$



Nike Unite – Desert Ridge

21001 N Tatum Boulevard, Phoenix, AZ 85050

This 13,602 square-foot retailer is now in Desert Ridge Marketplace located near Copper Blues Live and Dave & Buster's. Come experience all that Nike has to offer for men, women and kids' footwear and apparel.



Rolling Rack Boutique

Now Open near PacSun (Opens on 10/21) Rolling Rack Boutique started as a mobile store operating out of a truck and has grown to several boutique locations throughout the valley. Join Rolling Rack Boutique at their newest location here in Desert Ridge and shop a world of edgy street fashion.

Learn more: shoprollingrack.com





Events at Desert Ridge Marketplace





NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

FASHION WEEK 4 KIDS

Saturday, November 6-11 am-4 pm

The 6th annual Fashion Week 4 Kids returns to the valley on Saturday, November 6 at Desert Ridge Marketplace! Enjoy a full day of fashion shows at The District Stage, live children's entertainment, deals and

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

November 18 – December 22

Desert Ridge Marketplace is partnering with the Salvation Army to provide holiday gifts to children in need. Visit their table near Dave & Buster's, pull a tag and get gifting.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, November 20, 6 pm -8 pm

The District lights up for the first time this season as Desert Ridge Marketplace hosts the ultimate holiday celebration and unveils, Christmas in Color, a collection of festive photo ops in vibrant shades.

Live Entertainment | First Snowfall | Photos with Santa & Favorite Holiday Characters | Caroling | Crafts

CHRISTMAS IN COLOR

November 20 – December 31

The District is decked out with all-new festive photo ops in vibrant shades.

FEATURING

- Nutcracker Nights 6 massive Nutcrackers stand 4'-10' tall framing the perfect holiday shot at the fireplace near AMC Theatres.
- · Starry & Bright Our 20' long star tunnel is back with vibrant new pops of color near Dave & Buster's
- Holiday Tree Our 40' tall holiday tree lights up our main entrance and makes for the perfect seasonal shot
- · Hanging Ornament Installation

NIGHTLY SNOWFALL

November 20 – December 31,7 pm & 8 pm

Desert Ridge Marketplace transforms into a living snow globe with Nightly Snowfall every evening at 7 pm and 8 pm. Plus, guests can enjoy snowfall every hour on Christmas Eve. Excludes Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

LIVE MUSIC

Fridays and Saturdays, 6 pm -9 pm

Catch the hottest local bands at The District Stage every Friday and Saturday evening.

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HOLIDAY RECIPE

Double-Crust Chicken Pot Pies

Ingredients

2 (14.1-oz.) pkg. refrigerated piecrusts ½ cup (4 oz.) unsalted butter, divided 2 (6-oz.) boneless, skinless chicken breasts 8 ounces cremini mushrooms, quartered 1½ cups diced russet potato ½ cup chopped yellow onion ½ cup diced carrot 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme 2 teaspoon finely chopped garlic 2 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano 1/4 cup all-purpose flour 2½ cups chicken stock, divided 1 teaspoon kosher salt 1 teaspoon black pepper 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper 34 cup frozen green peas ½ cup heavy cream 1 large egg yolk ½ teaspoon water

Active: 45 minutes | Total: 1 hour 15 minutes Yield: 6 (serving size: 1 pot pie)

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Let piecrusts stand at room temperature 15 minutes. Unroll 2 piecrusts onto a lightly floured surface. Cut 3 (5-inch) circles from each crust. Gently roll each circle into an 8-inch round. Coat 6 (12-ounce) ramekins with cooking spray. Gently fit 1 piecrust round into each ramekin, lining the bottom and sides. Gently crimp dough over the top edge of ramekin to secure it. Prick dough with a fork along bottom and sides. Place ramekins on a rimmed baking sheet, and bake in preheated oven until lightly browned, 13 to
- 2. Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet over medium-high. Add chicken; cook until done. 5 to 6 minutes per side. Remove from pan; let stand 10 minutes. Shred the
- 3. Add remaining 6 tablespoons butter to skillet. Add mushrooms; cook, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes. Add potato, onion, carrot, thyme, garlic, and oregano to skillet;

- cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are tender and lightly browned, 7 to 8 minutes.
- 4. Whisk together flour and 1/2 cup of the stock in a small bowl and add to skillet. Stir in salt, black pepper, crushed red pepper, and remaining 2 cups stock: bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium, and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in peas, cream, and shredded chicken. Transfer mixture to a bowl, and cool 10 minutes.
- 5. Stir together egg yolk and water in a small bowl. Unroll remaining 2 piecrusts onto lightly floured surface. Cut 3 (5-inch) circles from each piecrust. Gently roll each circle into a 51/2-inch round. Fill each ramekin with about 3/4 cup chicken mixture, pressing down to level mixture. Top each ramekin with 1 (51/2-inch) dough round, pressing to seal to bottom crust. Brush tops with egg mixture, and, if desired, top with leaf cutouts or rounds from extra dough. Cut small slits in tops of dough to vent steam. Bake at 400°F until golden brown, 22 to 25 minutes.

Who Lives in Desert Ridge?

Learn more about the different generations who make up our Desert Ridge Community

nderstanding and appreciating the generational values of your neighbors contributes to building a strong community. Consider a few broad groups:

Matures

The Matures were born between 1920 and 1945. They're the last of the veterans of the World and Korean Wars, and are also called the "Silent Generation." They're about sacrifice. They survived the Great Depression, and they still reuse aluminum foil and paper bags. Their heroes were military figures. They believe that a rule is a rule. They feel that change is good, as long as it's the type of change they've envisioned. The Matures defined the world in which we live for many years, but they now have to give way to the Baby Boomers.

Baby Boomers

Baby Boomers were born between 1945 and 1964. Approximately 77 million in number, they're workaholics who believe in teamwork, democracy,

and loyalty. They don't necessarily see the need to follow rules. Baby Boomers value the concept of "built to last." They invented the idea of "meaningful work," and the workplace continues to be a part of their self-identity. Baby Boomers will occupy the White House until approximately 2030.

Generation X

Generation X'ers were born between 1965 and 1977. Numbering about 44 million, this group was raised in an environment in which both parents worked. They question their parents' values, and they believe that jobs and housing are disposable. They place greater value on family and personal life than the Baby Boomers do, and they feel that a balanced life is more important than professional accomplishments.

Generation Y

Generation Y'ers known as the Millennials were born between 1977 and 2000. They comprise

U.S. population. Millennials were pioneers in the digital age. People in this group have always known the Internet, laptops, and cell phones. It would never occur to them to physically touch a television to change the channel. Cars have always had CD players and air bags, weather reports have always been available 24 hours a day, and genetic testing and DNA screening have always been available. This generation focuses on its individual choices, goals, and the

Generation Z

Generation Z'ers were born between 1992 and 2010, known as the is the new generation of youth according to the U.S. Census Bureau that makes up 25 percent of the population. The youth of this generation are viewed as entrepreneurial and resourceful. They expect to work harder than previous generations, but 75% of Generation Z will explore education alternatives, believing there a good education than going to college.





ith 2021 approaching a close, it's nearing time to start thinking and reflecting on New Year's resolutions. As we look at how to better ourselves it is also worth looking at how to better our community. What can we do to be better friends and neighbors, to keep property values up, and keep our community beautiful? The Desert Ridge Community Association has compiled a list of some of the most frequently observed and documented occurrences during 2021, consisting of the following areas where we all as a community can effect improvements in 2022:

Landscaping Maintenance

This is a bit of a broad term, but to trim it down, it can be broken into three categories. General maintenance, granite replenishment, and replacing dead or dying plantings. General maintenance is your basic trimming, pruning, weed removal, etc. Granite should be maintained around a 1"-2" depth throughout the front yard and replenished as needed, especially

if there are bare or embedded spots. Dead, damaged, missing and dying plantings should be submitted to the Design Review Committee for replacement as soon as they are identified. All too often trees, and shrubs are removed without getting replaced and it can lead to the front yard dropping below the minimum landscaping requirements for the community.

Trash & Recycling

Trash and recycle containers placement should comply with the City of Phoenix requirements. The City Code states that trash containers may be placed out after 6:00 PM the day preceding collection and must be removed prior to 5:30 am the day after collection. Furthermore, it is unlawful to place or leave containers out except upon the regular collection day. There is of course an exception to that, and that is when a container is left out for replacement. Whenever you request a replacement be sure to notify the Desert Ridge Community Association so that you don't receive a notice. Please also be mindful to place your containers in the street adjacent

to the curb to prevent impeding or obstructing access to and use of the public sidewalks in our community.

Overnight On-Street Parking

Overnight on-street parking in Desert Ridge is enforced by the association in accordance with the community governing documents. Onstreet parking is prohibited for all household tenants and residents. The only allowed overnight on-street parking is permitted for temporary guest/visitor parking. Temporary guest/visitor overnight parking is allowed for up to 3 days per month, any longer than that the guest/visitor is considered a long-term stay and must park on the driveway or in the garage. Please also be reminded that oversized vehicles, trailers, RVs, etc. cannot be stored where visible and that RVs and camper tailers can only be parked in residential areas for loading and unloading pursuant to City of Phoenix

Let's tackle these issues together make 2022 a better year for our community.



Did you know that holiday decorations have been used historically for over 2000 years? While the occasions themselves haven't always been the same, Christmas, Hanukah, Winter Solstice, Kwanza etc. these occasions have always been marked with festive decorations. As we gear up for the winter holiday season please be reminded that our community does have some rules and regulations regarding holiday decorations.

Holiday lighting guidelines

Holiday lighting / decorations shall not become a nuisance to neighbors. Please be sure to keep the impact of your lighting and decorations in mind when setting up. 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 said holiday. The only exception is for holiday lighting/ decorations for the holidays that fall in the month of December. As to such holidays in December, lighting and decorations may be put up no earlier than Thanksgiving and must be removed by January 7th of the immediately following January. Finally, no lighting or decorations may be installed by homeowners in Common Areas. Keeping these guidelines in mind let's have a wonderful winter holiday season!







he 2021 holiday season is upon us, and this year we are seeing some distinct differences from prior years. With retailers experiencing low inventory due to global supply chain issues, experts are recommending that we get our shopping done early rather than waiting until the last minute. A staggering 64% of retail executives are concerned that they will not receive inventory on time and approximately 75% of shoppers are concerned about merchandise selling out.

More consumers said they began their online shopping weeks earlier this year than last year. Despite the trending year-over-year increase in online sales, a recent survey revealed that more people plan to shop in person this year. Therefore, shopping centers

and malls are expecting to see an uptick in traffic from last year.

Law enforcement officials are predicting that the shortage of merchandise will lead to an increase in holiday burglaries and other crimes. So, whether you're shopping in person, or online at home, it's important to stay alert and practice crime prevention and awareness.

Awareness While Online

For most people, shopping online and picking up in-store or at a restaurant is an everyday occurrence. Unfortunately, cybercrime has also become an everyday occurrence.

We can continue to enjoy the convenience of ecommerce and avoid the scammers if we know what to look for. Here are some of the most common online scams to watch out for:

Fake Alerts – These email alerts look as if they are coming from a major retailer, utility company, or even your bank.

Not "Free" Gift Cards – Phishing ads offering gift cards from name-brand retailers.

Malicious E-Cards – Beware e-cards that require you to enter ANY personal information, even if it appears to come from someone you know.

Bogus Delivery Attempt Notifications

 Legitimate delivery services will provide tracking numbers in the body of their emails, which DO NOT require you to click on a link.
 Track packages only on the carrier's website by entering the tracking numbers.

Fraudulent Charities – Scammers know that this is the best time for giving and will pose as legitimate charities or needy individuals soliciting donations.

Awareness When Shopping in Person

More people are getting out and shopping in stores. While taking precautions against coronavirus and the flu, don't forget to protect yourself from crime.

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.
- →When you park your vehicle, do not leave your

- purse, wallet, cell phone, or any purchases from a previous stop in plain view.
- → When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior to be sure no one is hiding inside.
- → After putting packages in your vehicle, drive to different row before going to another store.

 Do this even if you are simply going back to the same store.
- → Try not to park next to a larger vehicle, that blocks your vision while you are entering or exiting your vehicle
- → Have your keys out and ready when approaching your vehicle

Protecting Yourself at Home

During the holidays, 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.
- → Keep an eye out for parcel deliveries; packages on porches are big targets
- → Do not leave boxes from your gifts curbside or in plain sight 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.

A special thank you to Community Action Officer Tim Tewers and all our patrol officers for their on and off duty work in keeping our community safe.

Let's continue to work together to increase awareness and keep crime in Desert Ridge trending in the right direction.

Want to Play a Bigger Community Role in 2022?

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.





ell...whether you are ready for it or not we are entering that time of the year again. It is that time of year where we enter the "happiest" season for many folks. Soon enough there will be the smell of pumpkin spice in the air. You will be hearing Christmas music playing on every radio station. Some will be taking on the legendary cheese log at the office holiday party right before the white elephant gift exchange. And who can forget the always epic Desert Ridge decoration contests? With this festive time of the year also comes crimes of opportunity. Taking a few easy steps to safeguarding yourself from burglaries, theft and crimes of opportunity will ensure you do indeed have a happy holiday season.

Safeguarding your home

At the Black Mountain Precinct, we want to help reduce unwanted stress during the holiday season and help reduce the likelihood of victimization. This reduction is best understood if you are aware of the burglary trends in our community. The vast majority of burglaries in our precinct involve open garages and unlocked car doors. The solution is as easy as it sounds. Keep your garage door shut and lock the door leading into the house. Lock your car doors and do not leave anything of value visible in the vehicle. If you happen to see a neighbor's garage door open kindly remind them to close the door. As always if you happen to see something suspicious in the neighborhood please call police. For those who may be traveling for the

holidays we have a patrol watch program. You can contact the Black Mountain Precinct at (602) 495-5002 and request a patrol watch for the time you will be gone. This information is then given to all the Sergeants working the area to notify the patrol officers working in the area of your home.

Shopping center & parking lot awareness

My girls at home have become quite the experts shopping online but there are still some who prefer to go to shopping centers and malls to get gifts for loved ones. Which ever way you prefer to shop there are ways to protect yourself from theft. Most criminals are looking for easy opportunities with low risk or confrontation. When you are shopping at a public place taking a few moments to look at surroundings can be instrumental in keeping yourself and your property safe. While entering the parking lot, going to or from a store, put your phone down and see what is around you. Being vigilant to the people in the area can help you avoid being an easy target. Park your car in well lit very visible areas in the parking lot. Have your keys ready to go when approaching your vehicle and try not to carry a purse unless completely necessary. Do not keep large amounts of cash with you or display cash when shopping.

Shopping safely online

Online shopping can be a very convenient way of getting everything needed for the busy

family. While shopping online. only use well known and proven websites. Giving things like, credit card numbers and account information to unproven websites can open the door for things like fraud and theft.

Preventing Package Theft

When you are having packages shipped to your home try to schedule the deliveries to arrive at a time when someone will be home. If this is not possible, consider collaborating with available, trusted neighbors or loved ones who can receive your packages while you are away. I would also consider renting a P.O. box at a FedEx or UPS store for the season to keep packages safe. Surveillance cameras can also be a good deterrent to keep packages on your front porch. It is said when you leave the house for over an hour you are caught on video an average of 75 times. Many of the cameras sold on the market today have the capability of notifying you when there is movement at the front door and allows you to speak through the camera to whomever may be at your door.

During these special times of year, take advantage of the opportunity you have to spend time with loved ones, have real conversations and enjoy authentic moments with friends and family. Taking a couple extra steps to protect yourself this season can ensure you have the happiest of holiday seasons this year.

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Extreme Methods to restore Shrubs

We Beautify the World

Dear ALCA Members,

The AZ Landscape Contractors' Association has developed simple landscaping tips and welcomes you to share them on your Social Media, HOA Boards and Community Managers. Please find the attached information about quicks tips regarding tips for pruning shrubs (two pages available in English & Spanish).



the stems or canes to ground level or up to 12 inches at one time and allowing the shrub to regrow. In mid-summer, about ½ of stems should be removed and the remaining ones cut back to different heights. The advantage of this type of pruning is that the shrub recovers quickly. The disadvantages of this type of pruning are that not all shrubs tolerate drastic cutting, and, until the plant regrows, you are left with an unsightly stub.

Recommended shrubs for rejuvenation pruning: Leu-

cophyllum, xylosma, oleander, hopbush, creosote, brittle bush, lantana, autumn sage, Mexican honeysuckle, and

REJUVENATION PRUNING: removal of all

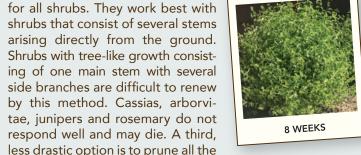
ejuvenation and renovation (or renewal) pruning are forms or techniques of hard pruning. These extreme methods of pruning shrubs can restore vigor to old, neglected, overgrown or misshapen shrubs. These techniques involve cutting some shrubs to the ground or leaving only six to 12 inches of stubs. While drastic, if done properly, the result is like replacing old shrubs with new ones.

RENOVATION OR RENEWAL PRUNING: removal of old stems or canes over a period of three years with 1/3 of the oldest stems removed each year. It is best done during ing of one main stem with several the dormant season, right before new growth begins in side branches are difficult to renew the spring. This results in a more vigorous shrub and, in by this method. Cassias, arborvithe case of flowering ornamentals, better flowering.



- In early spring, remove 1/3 of the stems, cutting them all the way to the ground or main trunk. Cut side branches back by 1/3.*
- In the second year, cut ½ of the remaining old wood, and
- In the third year, remove all remaining old wood.
- As you thin the shrub and the sun begins to penetrate to the center, new growth replaces the branches you have removed. Most of our shrubs respond well to this method.





stems or canes to unequal heights in one season. Pruning by shearing will not correct the issues with old shrubs.

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Meet Your Board Members

Want To Get Involved In Your Community?



DIRECTOR Debi La Rosa

Debi La Rosa has lived in Desert Ridge since 2006 and has served on various committees (Communications and Lifestyles) since 2014 and elected as a Board Member in 2017. Her initial goal was to produce innovative ideas to old challenges that benefit all residents and enhance the community.

She was privileged to serve as Chairperson on the Lifestyles committee in its infancy and along with the dedicated team members and staff, they created activities for Desert Ridge residents and watched it evolve into a standard in our community. Debi is passionate about animals and took an active role in the Cashman Park project and creation of the well-loved dog park. She is currently working with the Communications Committee members to deliver the website, emails, and Lifestyle's magazine we all rely on.

Debi's career is in the Financial sector, working as

a Mortgage Consultant since 2003. She has extensive experience in Banking, finance, and financial programs.

When you ask Debi what she loves to do in her spare time, she will say, "anything outdoors, hiking, kayaking, hugging trees, loving on her family, seven grandchildren, and wonderful husband. Debi's newest passion is scuba diving, a lifelong thirst for adventure!

As for Desert Ridge, she would say, "What a wonderful place to live." It is a safe, clean, well-maintained community with excellent Real Estate values. The dining is getting better every day, shopping is so convenient, and we have quick access to the highways! When you Click your heels together 3 times...there is no place like Desert Ridge = you are

SECRETARY
Barry Goldfarb
Design Review Committee (Chair)

I have lived in AZ most of my life and in Desert Ridge since 1997. I absolutely love this community. My wife Michelle and I have three daughters and two dogs. Desert Ridge has provided amenities that have added to the fullness or our lives.

I have been fortunate to serve on the Desert Ridge Board of Directors, as the Secretary, for about 7 years. It has been very interesting to have a front row seat to the development of the 5700 acres and currently over 7,000 homes.

The Desert Ridge community has both aging infrastructure and ongoing new development.
Currently I am the chairperson for the Desert Ridge Design Review Committee. My experience working for general contractors and a developer has provided me a background that I can apply to better the community.

As a board member and chairperson my goal is to increase the community's quality of life, maintain, and improve our development, and bolster housing appreciation. Every board member and resident of Desert Ridge has a vested interest in these goals.

The population of Desert Ridge is expected to approach 50,000 residence (population of Prescott is 44,000) and about 19,000 homes at build-out. The scale of the development provides the Desert Ridge Board with political power and the opportunity to guide the course and quality of the development both working with our community members and with city and state entities.

I am excited and look forward to continuing to serve the community and participating in the controlled growth of Desert Ridge Community. Are you interested in serving on the

Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors?

We will be electing three (3) board members in April 2022

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

Timelines to Remember:

Late-January 2022

A request for board candidates form will be included with your January 1, 2022 assessment statement notice and will also be sent via eblast on January 27th.

Mid-February 2022

Board Candidate forms are due back to the Community
Association by Friday, February 11th at 5 pm.
Meet & Greet the Board Candidates at 11 am, Sunday, February
20th at the High Street Farmers Market DRCA booth.
Meet & Greet the Board Candidates at the 6:00 pm,
Wednesday, February 23rd DRCA Board of Directors Meeting.

Mid-March 2022

Meet & Greet the Board Candidates at 11:00 am, Sunday, March 13th at the High Street Farmers Market DRCA booth. Electronic (e-Voting) election and ballot information for electing the candidates to the Board of Directors will be sent to all members on Friday, March 18th.

April 21, 2022

DRCA Annual Meeting of Members and announcement of election results

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

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



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running for the board we ask that you take a few moments to ask yourself the following three questions:

■ Do I have the time?

As a board member, you will need to devote at least several hours of your time each month to association business. In addition to regular monthly board meetings, you will need to be active in email discussions and occasional special meetings. During special projects, you may need to spend a little extra time on association business. Some board members may also spend a little more time than others if they work with a committee

Can I make tough decisions when it's required?

The primary role of the board is to conduct the business of the association. This doesn't just mean approving the budget, but also developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circle of family and neighbors and make decisions based on the greater good of the community.

Can I do all this and have fun, too?

It isn't all about policies and tough decisions. Our community is only as good as we make it, and establishing and maintaining a sense of community is a part of a board member's responsibility. Planning and attending community functions such as our farmers market and being a presence in the community are as important as any policy decisions you may make.

Being a board member can be frustrating at times, but it may also be one of the most rewarding ways you'll find to volunteer your time. If you're interested in running for the board or would like more details about board's responsibilities, please contact the manager or a current board member.





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Your Community Association 2022 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 2022 annual assessment of \$444.00 (paid semi-annually in the amount of \$222.00 each January 1st and July 1st).

The following expense allocations are based on the approved DRCA 2022 Budget illustrating how the Master Association typically applies your annual assessment of \$444.00:

• Landscape Maintenance \$191.15 (43.05%) For the contracted landscape services related to the common areas streetscape, maintenance services, irrigation repairs, tree trimming, weed control, etc.

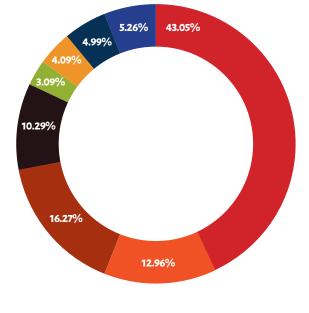
Administration \$57.55 (12.96%) For expenses related to the annual audit, taxes, licenses, insurance, legal services, consulting, postage, statements, reserve study, website, meetings, bad debt, collection costs and management related expenses & fees.

On-Site Expenses\$72.24 (16.27%)

Landscape Revenue Share \$45.69 (10.29%)

Contracted staffing costs for the five (5) on-site staff working for the master association and office rent/lease.

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 \$13.71 (3.09%)

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 \$18.17 (4.09%)

For expenses related to Desert Ridge Lifestyles events, programs, socials, sponsorships, outreach, magazine, promotion and advertising, website and activities.

Community Patrols\$22.14 (4.99%)

Utilities\$23.35 (5.26%)

For common area community Off-Duty Phoenix Police Patrol, overnight parking enforcement and vandalism.

For water, sewer and electric expenses related to the common area streetscape, medians, washes & monuments.

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Desert Ridge Collection Policy

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 16th	
Late Notice Charge \$30.00	
Pre-legal Demand Letter Date Sent at 45 days	Pre-Legal fees shall be charged to and collected from the delinquent homeowner, per the "no-cost to the Association" model. Demand is sent 30 days after the Rebill and account has at least 1 FULL assessment delinquent
Pre-legal Demand Letter Amount \$75.00	
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 \$170.00	Fee includes any/all postage and handling.
Lien Date Prepared at 75-80 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 \$340.00	This includes the recording of lien and the release of lien when delinquency has been cured.
Collection Date 30 days from Final Demand	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. Amended & Adopted: September 29, 2020

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Santa Paws
Project To people it's just a toy. To a shelter pet it's their everything.

The holidays are a time of rejoice and cheer. The air is rich with anticipation of excitement. For shelter pets, it is a confusing time. Shelter volunteers agree the pets feel the excitement from the visitors and volunteers but they turn depressed when they realize their days do not change. Just the same lonely existence waiting to find their forever home. The Santa Paws Project was formed to change that.

The Santa Paws Project is an organization whose specific purpose is to collect new cat and dog toys to be distributed to the animals in residence at shelters like Maricopa County Animal Care and Control over the holiday season. As founders Marcie and Rob Reichstein of Desert Ridge believe, shelter pets deserve

more than a cage and another lonely night. They deserve something to call their own. Per the SPP slogan: To people it's just a toy. To a shelter pet it's their everything.

Launched in 2012, the Santa Paws Project inaugural year's collections totaled about 400 toys. Since then, thanks to the support of local communities, Ryan's pet supply, and pet lovers all over the valley, collections regularly total over 3,500 toys and supplies. Even in 2020 collections exceeded 3,200 donations!

What is so important about a toy?

Per Suzanne Fuqua – Senior manager of Behavior and Enrichment for MCACC stated, "Toys mentally stimulate and reduce stress in the animals. Especially the food puzzles, Kong chew toys for dogs and the scratching posts for cats. No words can adequately relay the gratitude that we feel for your concern and contribution to animal welfare".

Collections in 2021 will run from November 22nd through December 19th. This year, due to MCACC's agreement with Hill's pet food, they cannot accept food. Locations in Desert Ridge include The Aviano, Fireside, and Toscana Club houses, and the Desert Ridge Community office at 5415 E High Street. For more locations and information about what to donate, please check the Santa Paws Project's web site: www. Thesantapawsproject.org.



Tis the Season

... For Helping Pets in Need!

The holidays are a busy time of year for everyone; including Maricopa County shelters and rescue groups. Did you know that our community has one of the highest homeless pet populations in the country? During our last fiscal year, Maricopa County Animal Care and Control took in 36,047 dogs and cats – that's an average of 100 animals each day!

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

Host a donation drive for a local shelter or rescue group.

Many organizations are in need of food, toys and blankets for the dogs and cats in their care. Visit http://pacc911.org/coalition-partners for a list of just some of the groups located in Maricopa County.

Sign up to volunteer!

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

Make a monetary donation to an animal charity.

With year's end rapidly approaching, consider making a monetary donation to the animal charity of your choice. Make sure to check with the charity to ensure that your gift will be tax deductible! FRIENDS of Animal Care & Control (www.azfriendsofanimals. com) is a nonprofit agency that provides funding for our Spay Neuter Assistance Program. Fix.Adopt.Save. is

a collaborative effort between seven different animal welfare agencies in the Valley – donate to them and support several causes at one time! Visit www fixed ontsave org for detail

Adopt a local shelter pet.

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

Resolve to make sure your dog is vaccinated and licensed!

In Maricopa County, dogs over three months of age are required to be rabies vaccinated and licensed.

Animal Care & Control offer FREE rabies vaccination clinics throughout the Valley on a monthly basis.

You can find a list of upcoming events at www. maricopa.gov/pets.

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





he association strongly encourages residents to keep at least one, and preferably several, fire extinguishers in your home. Fire extinguishers reduce the potential for damage which keeps our insurance premiums—and your assessments—down. Several types are available, and each has a specific use.

How Many?

Common household fire extinguishers are only intended to snuff out small fires before they become serious. Keep as many as necessary to grab quickly before a fire gets out of control. For starters, you should probably have one in the kitchen, at least one on each floor, one in the garage, and one near valuable electronic equipment.

What Type?

The kind of fire extinguisher you should use depends on what's burning. Different types of extinguishers are available for different types of fires, and each is prominently labeled with an alpha designation:

CLASS A FIRES: paper, wood, cardboard. If household items like cardboard, fabric, or wood (a sofa, for example) are on fire, water will do the best job of putting it out. This is a class A fire, and extinguishers containing water are labeled with an "A." Water is useful

only on class A fires, and actually can be dangerous on other types of fires: water spreads grease fires and conducts electricity in an electrical fire.

Newer A-type extinguishers are available that spray a fine mist of water, which is safer (less likely to conduct electricity) and causes less damage to documents or books. Water mist extinguishers are appropriate for a home office or home library.

CLASS B FIRES: gasoline, kerosene, grease, oil, and other combustible liquids. This type of fire is common in the garage or kitchen, and you should use an extinguisher labeled B or BC. Most contain dry chemicals similar to bicarbonate of soda (a great all-purpose kitchen fire extinguisher) in a pressurized foam base. Others contain Halon (older models) or Halotron.

CLASS C FIRES: electrical equipment. Bicarbonate type (BC) extinguishers are also useful for electrical fires. But don't confuse electrical with electronic fires—you probably don't want chemical foam on your computer or entertainment components. Carbon dioxide (CO2) extinguishers are also labeled BC, and these are probably better for extinguishing fires on or near electronic or other delicate equipment.

Halon is great for electronic fires, but if you're

concerned about the ozone layer, you might prefer the more environmentally friendly Halotron. Keep the Halotron extinguisher near the computer or your entertainment electronics—it won't cause any damage if it's used on any of these—or in the kitchen to use on grease or electrical fires.

What Does the Number Mean?

Along with the alpha designations listed above, fire extinguishers also have a number. This indicates how much fire the extinguisher can handle—-higher numbers put out bigger fires. However, bigger isn't always better. Large extinguishers are more difficult to handle and can only be used by one person at a time. If you feel you need added coverage, stock several smaller extinguishers rather than just one large one.

The All-Purpose Problem

Fire extinguishers labeled ABC will handle all classes of fire, and they would seem to eliminate the question, "What type do I need?" But the all-purpose extinguisher has some disadvantages. They're usually large and hard to handle, they contain chemicals that can corrode aluminum and damage electrical systems, and they leave a messy vellow residue.

Congratulations 2022 National Merit® Students!

Desert Ridge Community Association recognizes and congratulates the two National Merit® Scholarship Semifinalists and ten Commended Students from Pinnacle High School for their hard work and academic achievement.

The Pinnacle High School National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists:

Aditi Baghel Michael Salford The Pinnacle High School National Merit Commended Students:

Kameron Cochrane Elle Dirck Erica Garay Jack Hanna Megan Hufnagel

Emma Kruse Lincoln Paogofie **Dylan Perelgut Jennifer Roberts Kassidy Snow**

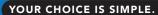
The National Merit® Scholarship Corporation has released the names of the 2022 National Merit Commended Students. PVSchools is proud to have 6 students from the Paradise Valley Schools. Out of the 6, Pinnacle High School has two students that qualified as semifinalist.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation's mission statement is to recognize and honor the academically talented students of the United States. NMSC accomplishes its mission by conducting nationwide academic scholarship programs. The enduring goal of

NMSC's scholarship programs are:

- · To promote a wider and deeper respect for learning in general and for exceptionally talented individuals in particular
- · To shine a spotlight on brilliant students and encourage the pursuit of academic excellence at all levels of education.
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COURSE NATT KEEL, PGA

One goal I hear from many students is the desire for lower scores. Lower scores can come from both making birdies and pars, but also from eliminating the double bogeys and triple bogeys. If you are playing at a high level, you probably will have very few doubles or higher. If you are not playing at a high level, your goal should be to eliminate the big numbers. One way to eliminate your big scores is to make better decisions with your approach shots into the greens. Most high handicap golfers make their decisions based solely on the yardage they have to the flag. Instead of just choosing your shot based on yardage, choose the shot you want to hit first and then choose the club based on that shot. When deciding on your what approach shot to hit, consider which shot will give you the highest percentage of success.

Matt Keel Lead Golf Instructor

Matt Keel is the Director of Instruction at Wildfire Golf Club located at the JW Marriott at Desert Ridge. For any questions or information about golf lessons, email Matt at MattKeel@pga.com or visiting MattkeelGolf.com





Scenario 1

The approach shown in **Figure 1** shows a shot that would have a high percentage of success. Notice the bunkers are on the left and the right with the hole cut in the center of the green. This hole is a very accessible hole location in which you should go for the pin. If you make a mistake, the chances of you ending up in trouble and adding unnecessary strokes to your score are low. In this scenario you should aim at the flag and then choose a club that will hit the distance of the flag.



Scenario 2

The second scenario shows a pin location that is accessible, but still poses some challenges. Figure 2 shows a scenario with a medium percentage chance of success. Notice the flag is still in the middle of the green, but now the edge of the bunker is in play. If you make a mistake, you now have a higher chance of ending up in trouble than scenario 1. In this scenario, the higher percentage shot would be to take the bunker out of play by aiming 5-10 feet right of the flag but still choosing a club that will hit the ball the distance of the flag.



Scenario 3

The final scenario as illustrated in Figure 3 shows an approach shot with a low percentage of success. In this scenario, notice how the pin is completely protected by the bunkers. This shot would have to be executed perfectly to succeed. If this shot is not executed correctly, you would likely add a couple strokes to your score. The best decision in this scenario is to aim for the front right side of the green and choose a club that will hit the ball that distance rather than the distance of the flag.

If you must hit a shot perfectly

to be successful, it is better to choose a different shot. It is best to leave yourself some room for error. If you allow yourself room for error, you will begin to eliminate the large numbers on the scorecard and see your scores drop. Remember to choose your shot first and then make a club selection that will hit the ball the necessary distance for that shot.

Remember to choose your shot first and then make a club selection that will hit the ball the necessary distance.



DESERT RIDGE COMMUNITY

Interested in Pickleball?

Below is some information on how to get started and where you can play locally:

JW Marriot Desert Ridge | 5350 E Marriott Drive Phoenix | www.theclubjwdesertridge.com Paradise Valley Community Center | 17402 N 40th Street Phoenix | www.Phoenix.gov/parks Thompson Peak Park | 20199 N 78th Place Scottsdale | www.Scottsdaleaz.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PICKLEBALL:

USA Pickleball Places 2 play | www.placestoplay.org
The Global Pickleball Network | www.globalpickleball.network

Meetings & Events

DRCA Office

5415 E. High Street, Suite A-133 Phoenix, AZ 85054 Parking Garage on 54th Street

Cashman Park

22222 N. 44th Street Phoenix, AZ 85050 5:30 am−11 pm • Daily • 602.262.6696

Pinnacle Park (Dog Park)

20900 N. Black Mountain Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85050 5:30 am−11 pm • Daily • 602.262.6696

*Meetings and events dates are subject to change. Association members and/or member representatives only

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Finance Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference Tuesday, November 30 No December Meetings

Tuesday, January 25

DRCA Board of Directors Wednesday, November 17

No December Meetings (Holiday Recess)

Wednesday, January 26

Strategic Community Plan (SCP) Parks Sub-Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference Wednesday, December 8

Communications Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference Thursday, November 11 Thursday, December 9

Thursday, January 13 6:30 pm

Lifestyles Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference Thursday, November 18 Thursday, December 16

Thursday, January 20

Public Affairs Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference Wednesday, January 19

Design Review Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference

Tuesday, November 30 Tuesday, December 21 Tuesday, January 11 Tuesday, February 1

Community Awareness

Via Zoom Teleconference Wednesday, January 19

DRCA Office Holiday Closures

Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, November 24 Thursday, November 25 Friday, November 26

Christmas Holiday Recess Friday, December 24

Monday, December 27 Tuesday, December 28 Wednesday, December 29 Thursday, December 30

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31

New Year's Day Monday, January 3

Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 17

Meetings dates/times are subject to change. Please check desertridgelifestyles com calendar to confirm scheduled dates!

times for the meeting listed above

High Street Farmers Market

10 am to 1 pm **Every Sunday Until** May 29, 2022

Virtual Coffee Club Zoom Teleconference Tuesday, December 7

2021 Holiday Lighting & **Decorating Contest**

Entries must be received by Friday, November 26, 2021. Monday, November. 29-

Friday, December 17

Holiday Trolley Tour

High Street 6 pm and 7:30 pm Monday, December 13 Tuesday, December 14 Wednesday, December 15 Friday, December 17

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SCP Parks Sub-Committee scpparks@desertridgelifestyles.com

Boys & Girls Club

Vestar Branch 480.585.0170

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Weekends, holidays, after 5 pm 602.261.8000

Phoenix Police Department

Non-Emergency Crime Stop 602.262.6151 Vacation Watch 602.495.5002

Desert Ridge Silent Witness 480.WITNESS

Phoenix Public Works

Trash/Recycling/Bulk Pick-up 602.262.7251

Arizona Game and Fish 602.942.3000

Parks Forestry Department Downed Trees in Right of Way 602.262.9440

City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation, Northeast Division 602 262 6696

Malfunctioning Traffic Signals 602.262.6021

Streets/Street Sweeping 602.262.6441

Southwest Gas

Customer Service 602.861.1999

APS, 24 hour line 602.371.7171 (Includes Street Light Outtage)

US Post Office 800.ASK.USPS Boulder Hills 800.275.8777 2550 E. Rose Garden Ln., Phoenix, 85050

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