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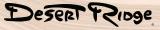




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t Desert Ridge, continual improvement is at the center of our belief system. We refer to it as,"Raising the Bar", the idea that over time we want to continuously become better and better. With that concept in mind, we ask the following question:

If you were King or Queen For a Day, what is the ONE thing you would do to improve our **Desert Ridge Community?**

It's an honest question and we'd like your answer. Please email us your response to DesertRidge.AZ@FSResidential.com. Remember it's limited to only one item!

We ask the question to gain feedback and insight from our community. We really want to understand what the needs, wants and desires of our membership are so that we can address them. Please give your answer some thought and keep it constructive.

It's been a little over five years now since we polled our community and created our Strategic Community Plan. That feedback was organized Community Plan. This effort was incredibly successful and brought MAJOR changes and benefits to Desert Ridge. Some of the things that we accomplished:

Outcomes from the first Strategic Community Plan

- 1. A beautiful dog park that sets new standards for the City of Phoenix.
- 2. Completion of Deer Valley Road with six lanes from Black Mountain Blvd. to Cave Creek Rd.
- 3. Athletic fields and skate plaza
- 4. Expansion of the existing parks
- 5. Pump track for bicycles
- 6. New street lights
- 7. New street signs replacing nearly illegible ones
- 8. Street improvements and repairs
- 9. Created a Strategic Community Plan Public Affairs Committee
- 10. Created a Parks Sub Committee to address ongoing issues
- 11. Closer relationship with the City of Phoenix Departments

All of these items were part of the feedback we received from our original Strategic into a poll and distributed to our membership. The results were examined and a detailed Strategic Community Plan was published and distributed to our membership, the Phoenix

City Council, Mayor and other Department Heads city wide. We were organized, focused and communicated our expectations. The City of Phoenix responded and has developed a close working relationship with our Association ever since.

Your answer to our King or Queen For A Day question is only the beginning. We will take this feedback and create another poll and go through this successful process again. We look forward to working with you on creating a new Strategic Community Plan. I hope to see you soon in the neighborhood.



Doug Dickson President Desert Ridge Community Association



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SATURDAY, APRIL 23 YARDSALE: 7:00 am-2:00 pm | Shred-A-Thon: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

If you reside in a gated neighborhood, contact your sub-association community manager for information.

Goodwill of Central Arizona will be parked at the Boys & Girl's Club Vestar Branch at 3975 E. Lockwood Drive, Phoenix from 12:00 pm–3:00 pm collecting unwanted clothing, shoes, furniture, books, electronics, housewares and more! The Shred-A-Thon will also be at the Boys & Girl's Club Vestar Branch from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm.

> **QUESTIONS?** Sharon.Hooks@fsresidential.com



Local Events & Activities

ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



34th Annual Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace 12601 E, US-60, Gold Canyon

February 5 - April 3 (520) 463-2600 https://arizona.renfestinfo.com/ 10 am - 6 pm

Adult General Admission (13 and up) : \$29.00 Child General Admission (Ages 5 through 12): \$19.00, Free Parking

This 16th-century annual festival is fun for visitors to enter medieval times activities like a 16-stage theater, 50-acre circus, a jousting tournament, and an amusement park. The marketplace features over 200 artisans bringing a variety of unique, handmade wares of glassblowing, wood carving, pottery, and much more. Enjoy a full day of adventure and excitement!



MARCH 1-31, 2022

Art Detour Various locations.

March 1 - March 31 https://artdetour.com

Art Detour is returning for its 34th year as a monthlong celebration in March 2022. It will feature a variety of art forms, different activities, and diverse communities that showcase the very best that Arizona artists have to offer



M3F Music Festival Margaret T. Hance Park 67 W. Culver St., Phoenix

March 4 – March 5 https://www.m3ffest.com

This music festival is back for all ages to enjoy the eclectic lineup of feature artists like Zhu, Leon Bridges, Bea Miller, and many more. The M3F was founded with the mission to give back to the community. Bring your lawn chairs, family, friends to be a part of this event rooted in love, music, the arts, and community.



64th Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair and Market

2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ

March 5 (602)252-8840 https://heard.org/fair

Arizona's largest American Indian art fair returns to the Heard Museum in March of 2022. This premier event is one of the largest American Indian art markets in the world and draws nearly 15,000 visitors and more than 600 of the Nation's most preeminent American Indian artists.

Indian Fair and Market provides the opportunity to meet and purchase art directly from multiple generations of artists working in all forms of the visual arts. All proceeds from ticket sales support the Heard Museum's mission of advancing American Indian art.



St. Patrick's Day Parade and Irish Faire Margaret T. Hance Park 67 W. Culver St., Phoenix

March 12 **FREE EVENT** https://stpatricksdayphoenix.org

The 39th Annual St. Patrick's Dav Parade & Irish Faire features a variety of performers, entertainers, and floats, including marching bands, Irish dancers, and bagpipers. The Faire provides St. Patrick's Day entertainment throughout the day with Irish dancing, Irish music, and more! Explore & celebrate Irish traditions, the Irish Cultural Center, and the Irish community in Arizona!



Arizona Aloha Festival

Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway

March 12 – March 13 **FREE EVENT** 602-697-1824 http://www.azalohafest.org

Celebrate the cultures of the South Pacific islands for two days at the Arizona Aloha Festival. There will be live entertainment with music and dancing. Enjoy the taste of Hawaiian and South Pacific foods like Kahlua pig, manapua, haupia, Vilo Vilo chicken at the food court. Don't miss the chance to visit the Island Marketplace, where vendors will display traditional crafts, baskets, carved bone necklaces, and more.



Nascar Cup Series

7602 Jimmie Johnson Dr., Avondale

March 13 866.408.7223 https://www.phoenixraceway.com/ All Ages

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the Nascar Cup Series Speed Fest family fun. NASCAR goes West with champion drivers like Chase Elliott and Martin Truex Jr.



Maricopa County Fair

1826 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix

April 6 – April 10 602-252-0717

http://www.maricopacountyfair.org

Best Value Ticket: \$9 program & raffle ticket, Kids 8 years old and under; Free until 3 p.m., Wednesday – Seniors Day (Parking not included). Parking: \$10

Enjoy all that the Maricopa County Fair has to offer like, Monster Trucks, Concerts, local musical talent, belly dancers, and much more. Bring a donation of five cans of food to the fair on Thursday after 3 p.m. and receive FREE ADMISSION.



The Bunny Balloon Blast Salt River Fields 7555 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale

April 15 & 16 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm https://www.facebook.com/BunnyBalloonBlast

Experience hot air balloons, candy for the kids, a Kids Zone with inflatables and rides, tethered balloons and the Easter Bunny! Over 30 games and attractions including inflatable bounce houses, slides and obstacle courses and scavenger hunt. Purchase hot air balloon ride tickets onsite for one of the 12 tethered hot air balloons from around the country.



Luke Days air show Luke Air Force Base Glendale Avenue and Litchfield Road

March 19 – March 20 FREE EVENT 623-856-6011 https://www.luke.af.mil

The USAF Thunderbirds demonstration team will headline the free event with dozens of aerial acts performing throughout the two-day show. Luke Days is the first show on the Thunderbirds' 2022 schedule.



Maricopa County Fair

1826 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix

April 6 – April 10 480-644-8191 http://www.azbikeweek.com

Parking: \$10

Visit the 25th Arizona Bike Weeks Anniversary celebration which will have to parts The Motorcyle Rally and Music Fest. The Rockyard will have concerts on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Enjoy yourself at the PowerYard for food, stunt shows, vendors, bike shows, Rally Girls, demos and more.



Pat's Run Tempe, AZ, finishing in the Sun Devil Stadium

April 23 Time: Race Time is 7:05 am https://pattillmanfoundation.org/pats-run

The 18th annual Pat's Run is a signature fundraiser for the Pat Tillman Foundation's Tillman Scholar program. The Tillman Honor Run is a 4.2 familyfriendly, in-person walk/run in cities around the country. There is no requirement that participants be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before participating. Masks will be encouraged of any participant in public areas when they are not running or walking on the racecourse. On race day, if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not attend the event.

World's Largest Arabian Horse Show Trots Back to Scottsdale

The 67th Annual Scottsdale Show Returns Feb.17 – 27, 2022

he Arabian Horse Association of Arizona (AHAA) is excited to announce the return of the 67th annual Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show at WestWorld of Scottsdale. The world's largest horse show will run from Thursday, February 17 through Sunday, February 27, 2022, featuring the world's best Arabians, exciting competitions, a shopping expo and more.

"We are thrilled to announce that the Scottsdale show will return offering guests and spectators the full experience next year," said Taryl O'Shea, executive director of the AHAA. "Due to the pandemic, things looked different at the last show, but this year's will be bigger and better welcoming the horse community back to Scottsdale."

The 2022 show will feature more than 2,000 horses competing for more than \$3 million in prize money. A new class showcasing two-year-old horses competing for a \$10,000 prize has been added. Event goers can also look forward to ranch horse classes testing the Arabians' ability to perform ranch tasks, proving the uniqueness of this horse as good for pleasure riding, working and agility.

The HoofbeatZ USA program debut

A new immersive experience will also debut this year. The HoofbeatZ USA program will give attendees a hands-on experience to learn, touch and ride while visiting WestWorld during the Show. The goal of HoofbeatZ USA is to introduce newcomers to the world of horses and all the benefits they offer. This interactive experience will be included in the overall event ticket.

The AHAA will also be celebrating the declaration of the first annual National Arabian Horse Day on February 19 with numerous special events and activities at the show.

Exhibits & other activities

Along with the engaging performances, event attendees will have the opportunity to see exhibits featuring fine art, crafts, clothing and jewelry in the Shopping Expo adjacent to the main arena. More than 300 artisans and entrepreneurs are expected to sell unique goods and offer a wide variety of products and services.

Get your event tickets today

The 11-day event will start at 8 a.m. each day at WestWorld, 16601 N. Pima Road in Scottsdale. General admission tickets cost \$15, tickets for seniors are \$10, while children aged 12 and under are free. Military Appreciation Day is Tuesday, February 22, 2022, when military personnel and their families can attend for free. A family night will be held on Friday, February 25 giving families free admission beginning at 6:30 p.m. A special general admission ticket good for all 11 days can be purchased for \$75. Tickets are available each day at the gate or through Elevate via the website www. scottsdaleshow.com/tickets

The 2022 Scottsdale Show is proud to benefit several charities including Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund, Friends of Vail Foundation, Healing Hearts Animal Rescue and Refuge, Horses Help TRC, Scottsdale Community College, March of Dimes, and Youth For Troops.

About the Arabian Horse Association of Arizona

The Arabian Horse Association of Arizona (AHAA), a nonprofit organization, is the recipient of the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce Sterling Award, Arizona Business Magazine's Economic Engines of Arizona Award, the Arizona State Governor's Tourism Award and inductee into the Scottsdale History Hall of Fame. AHAA donates to charitable causes such as March of Dimes, Cox Charities, Phoenix Crisis Nursery, College Education Funds, Youth Programs and many more worthy organizations. Learn more at www. scottsdaleshow.com.

National Arabian Horse Day

Arabian horses fill their owners with a passion equal to what they hold for loved family members. So, every day to them is National Arabian Horse Day. However, on February 19, the Arabian horse is recognized as one of the most popular breeds in the world.

ARABIAN HORSE HISTORY

The origins of the oldest purebred Arabian horse in the world date back thousands of years to the Arabian Peninsula. The Bedouins, tribesmen of Arabia, are believed to be the first to domesticate the Arabian horse, forming a harmonious relationship in times of both peace and war, a horse that is good-natured, quick to learn, and willing to please, while also exhibiting supreme endurance and speed. A symbol of military might, cavalry needs led to the spread of the breed around the world. Still, today, the Arabian horse retains all these desired qualities that made it so coveted. The Arabian is also the foundation for many other familiar breeds such as the Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Morgan, and American Saddlebred.

ARABIAN HORSE FACTS

- Beyond its unique beauty and athletic traits, the Arabian is also known for bonding with humans and its loyal disposition.
- Noted for its distinctive features, enthusiasts immediately recognize the Arabian's dished face and high tail. Other notable features include wide-set eyes, large nostrils, an arched neck, and an easy stride.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalArabianHorseDay

Celebrate your love of the Arabian horse on National Arabian Horse Day

- Celebrate the day with The Scottsdale Arabian Horse
 Show, where the Arabian horse, breeders, competitors, and enthusiasts can appreciate all the breed's magnificent qualities.
- Attend a competition to experience the qualities of the Arabian horse in action.
- Get involved! Join or attend your local affiliate club to learn more about Arabian horses. Visit arabianhorses.org for more

NATIONAL ARABIAN HORSE DAY HISTORY

Founded in 2021 by Arabian Horse Association of Arizona (a non-profit organization), National Arabian Horse Day seeks to introduce and educate the world on the benefits of having an Arabian horse in your life, thus ensuring the breed's longevity.

- There are over one million Arabian horses in 62 countries, with the U.S. having more than half.
- The average lifespan of Arabian horses is 25-30 years.
- Notable Arabian horse owners include Napoleon Bonaparte, George Washington, Wayne Newton, Patrick Swayze, and Shania Twain.

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scottsdale's 32ND ANNUAL Celebration of Fine Art

A rizona's longest-running art show, the Celebration of Fine Art, will return to Scottsdale on Saturday, January 16, 2021 for its 31st year with 100 acclaimed and emerging artists from throughout the country. Renowned as the West's premier art show and working studio, this 10-week-long, world-class event will be open daily through Sunday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Recognizable by its signature "big white tents," the Celebration of Fine Art offers 40,000-square-feet plenty of open-air space for appropriate distancing, and showcases works of art ranging from realist to impressionistic, Western realism, and abstract to contemporary across all mediums from stone to metal, wood to glass, and canvas. The show is also home to the ever-popular Art Discovery Series, a live and interactive event in which guests get to hear about the adventures, stories and processes that shape art. Artists discuss topics such as metalworking, jewelry making, abstract art, sculpture, and much more.

Celebrating the connection between art lovers and artists.

The Celebration of Fine Art is a juried, invitational show that has come to be recognized for its diverse array of exceptional art, but more

importantly for its inviting and interactive atmosphere that encourages connection between art lovers and artists. It's because of this atmosphere and the ability to interact with artists and learn about their process that the Celebration of Fine Art has become a true destination for art lovers from all backgrounds. In fact, over the course of its 31-year legacy, the show has welcomed more than 1.5 million visitors from around the world, many of whom have made the show an annual tradition.

"Over the course of our 30-year history, the Celebration of Fine Art has remained a place for artists and art lovers to connect in a meaningful way," said Susan Morrow Potje, co-owner and show director. "Though this year we'll have measures in place for distancing to protect the health and safety of our artists and guests, the Celebration of Fine Art will continue to be a place where people from all walks of life can engage with artists and see their work come to life in front of their eyes. We're looking forward to what 2021 has in store and can't wait to showcase the talents of the amazing artists we have at the show this year."

Experience Art Interactively

Throughout the 10 weeks, guests can also catch artist demonstrations of their process, attend

an Art Discovery Series, which is held each Friday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., walk the outdoor sculpture garden, which features nearly 100 pieces of life-sized and monumental sculpture, and enjoy lunch or wine in the cafe. In the outdoor sculpture garden also guests can also see woodturning, welding, kiln firings, and bronze pouring demonstrations weekly.

Event information

The show is open to guests of all ages. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and military, and children under 12 are admitted for free. Tickets are all-event passes, good for the entire 10-week show during which attendees will have the opportunity to see art transform and meet the artists. For those who can't make it to the show, the Celebration of Fine Art will soon be announcing the launch of an online e-commerce platform to browse the latest works from Celebration artists.

In addition to appropriate distancing measures, the Celebration of Fine Art also offers an outdoor sculpture and art garden, ventilation throughout the tent and will be sanitizing regularly to uphold health and safety protocols.

For show details and information on participating artists, visit www.celebrateart.com.

34TH ANNUAL

Arizona Renaissance Festival

he Arizona Renaissance Festival will return on February 5 for its 34th season of merrymaking.

The festival held in Gold Canyon is a 16th century European style park with its "Village of Fairhaven" where attendees are immersed in a whimsical and historical setting featuring artisans, 16 stages featuring live entertainment, rides, games, jousting knights, music, comedy and ample food and drink.

The festival offers an opportunity to enjoy and explore the outdoor 50-acre village for nine consecutive weekends, Saturdays, Sundays, and Presidents' Day Monday, February 5 through April 3, from 10 am to 6pm each event date.

About the Arizona Renaissance Festival

Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace: a 16-stage theater, an outdoor whimsical village, a 50-acre circus, an arts & crafts fair, a jousting tournament, and a feast – all rolled into one nonstop, daylong adventure.

Additional Information

Festival site is located east of Apache Junction on U.S. Highway 60, just past Gold Canyon Golf Resort. (12601 East US Hwy 60)

Nine consecutive weekends, Saturdays, Sundays, and Presidents' Day Monday, from February 5 through April 3. The Festival runs from 10AM until 6PM, open rain or shine.

Tickets & Parking

· Adults (ages 13 and over): \$30

• Children (ages 12 and under) \$20; children 4 and under are always FREE

• Military adult and Seniors (60 and older): \$27 (available only at the Festival Box Office)

• Tickets can be purchased at Bashas' & Food City for \$1 less

PARKING: FREE Parking courtesy of Bashas' & Food City.

For more information contact the festival at 520-463-2600 or go to arizona.renfestinfo.com.

Sun Circuit Offers Much For Any Horse Enthusiast

nyone who appreciates the beauty and athleticism of horses will find much to marvel at during the 2021 Scottsdale Arizona Sun Circuit. The show will be held February 27 through March 7 at WestWorld. It is one of the largest American Quarter Horse shows in the country, bringing top level competitors from all corners of North America and even the world. Nearly 2,000 horses and their riders compete in a multitude of classes. There are English style classes, western and ranch disciplines, halter and even jumping. Heart-thumping action takes place during the roping, cow horse, cutting and reining events. With classes ongoing in several arenas every day, there is something to delight everyone in the family. There are no admission or parking fees for spectators.

Exhibitors at Sun Circuit compete for fabulous prizes, and cash awards. National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA) Futurity classes will take center arena on Wednesday March 3 with thousands of dollars added to each class. These classes showcase younger horses, many of whom go on to become super stars in the industry. There are Futurities or Derbies in Hunter Under Saddle, Western Riding, Trail, Jumping and Western Pleasure.

Roping enthusiasts are encouraged to come out for the Sun Circuit Rope Horse Futurity held on Saturday February 27. This American Rope Horse Futurity Association event has Open, Limited and Non Pro divisions. The Open has \$15,000 in added money and is certain to draw world champion team roping pros as well as the top show horse ropers in the nation. Sun Circuit is more than a mere horse show — it's an equine extravaganza. Horse lovers and aficionados of western lifestyle will want to shop the roughly 80 vendors. You can find the boots of your dreams, stylish hats, western wear, jewelry, home decor, horse and animal products, tack and equipment and even trucks and trailers.

Spectators who are looking to purchase a horse may find just what they are looking for at Sun Circuit. The Hershberger Performance Horse Sale kicks off the action on Friday February 26. The Hershberger sale is well known for presenting a solid slate of rope horses. However, buyers will also see reiners, cutters and cow horses as well as horses suited for Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail or VRH classes.

Sun Circuit even offers educational opportunities through the Adequan Free Clinic Series on Friday February 26. They are a great way to learn more about what it takes to compete in certain types of classes, or just improve one's horse skills. Brad Jewitt will be teaching the nuances of Horsemanship at 1 PM Farnam Arena (Arena 4). Craig Schmersal will demonstrate the finesse of Reining at 2 PM North Hall 1. At 3 PM in Covered Arena 3, Shad Parkinson and Bud Lyon show what it takes to excel in Ranch Riding.

As a reminder, Sun Circuit will be abiding by all local and federal COVID regulations, including the mandate of wearing a mask while anywhere on the WestWorld show grounds, inside or outside

Further Details and a complete schedule can be found at SunCircuit.com.

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4TH ANNUAL

Innings Festival

oo Fighters and Tame Impala will headline the fourth annual Innings Festival, returning to Arizona's Tempe Beach and Tempe Arts Park, February 26 and 27, 2022. The two-day event will feature 20 bands on 2 stages, including performances from St. Vincent, The War on Drugs, Billy Strings. Black Pumas, Caamp, Fitz and the Tantrums, Dashboard Confessional and more, as well as curated food vendors and fun baseball related activities. Fans can look forward to numerous appearances by Major League Baseball greats including Roger Clemens, Dave Stewart, Rick Sutcliffe and more, as well as the return of Off the Mound with Ryan Dempster, an on-site talk show featuring MLB players and musicians on the lineup. 1-Day and 2-Day General Admission, GA+, VIP and Platinum Tickets are on sale now at www.inningsfestival.com.



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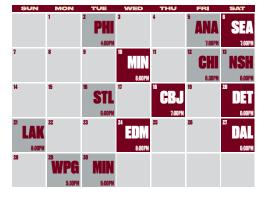
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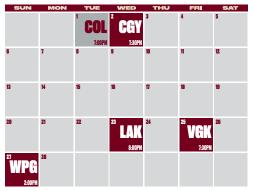


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Real Estate Outlook Kevin Owens, Realtor

The real estate market has been a whirlwind the past couple of years and the local market in Desert Ridge is no exception! Home prices in 85050 have jumped 18.4% since January of 2021 and 27.7% since January of 2020. In addition, the average days on market currently sits at 28 days, compared to 36 days in 2021 and 48 days in 2020. We have also crossed the 100% threshold in the average sale to list price ratio; with homes in Desert Ridge selling for 100.91% of list price (on average). All indicators point to a strong seller's market in Desert Ridge, making it a great time for Desert Ridge residents to cash in on their realized equity!

For Phoenix Sellers

Despite rumors of the U.S. housing market cooling off, Greater Phoenix has moved further

into a seller's market over the past month. Growing disparity between supply and demand in our market means there is little evidence to suggest price appreciation will slow in the first quarter. After a strong summer, new listings slowed down in the 4th quarter of 2021, while the number of accepted contracts remained high resulting in a historically low supply level.

It's an accepted opinion among local analysts that income levels in Greater Phoenix cannot sustain another year of 28% annual appreciation, especially if interest rates continue to increase. However, seeing there is little relief from home builders adding more supply to the equation, it's reasonable to expect the market to respond with a softening of demand. This trend started to reveal itself in the 2nd Quarter of 2021 in a subtle manner.

For Phoenix Buyers

The last 18 months have shifted our expectations to 1 month to sell a home from start-to-finish, with 40-60% of sales closing over list price, an average of \$10,000 over asking price, with only 2-3% of sales using closing cost assistance and 27-39% annual appreciation.

So, when national analysts suggest the housing market will cool off in 2022, many (if not most) local housing analysts believe it will remain a seller's market, but a weaker one. Prices don't decline in seller markets, but listings may stay active for a few more days before accepting a contract. A full price offer may be enough to win a home and buyers may have less pressure to waive appraisal and repairs.

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How safe is your Home Air Quality?



Steve Burns Community Awareness Chair Desert Ridge Community Association

or years, scientists have warned us about the poor quality of indoor air. Research over the last several years has indicated that the air within our homes and other buildings can be much more polluted than the outdoor air.

With many people spending more time indoors, and even working from home, the indoor air quality of our domicile has become increasingly important.

Many things can contribute to poor indoor air quality

- →Dust and dust mites
- → Bacteria, mold, and mildew
- → Chemicals used for cleaning and pest control
- →Smoke from cooking, fireplaces, and tobacco
 - products

Limited exposure to these irritants can cause a variety of symptoms including headaches, dizziness, fatigue, and irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat. While prolonged exposure can lead to respiratory diseases, heart disease, and cancer.

Fortunately, there are simple steps you can take to greatly improve the quality of the air inside your home. These include using ventilation when cooking and cleaning, making sure that sources of mold and mildew are contained, and maintaining chimneys and flues.

Another easy way to improve the air quality indoors is to regularly change the filters in your air-conditioning and heating unit. These filters typically come with a recommendation for replacement at 30 or 90 day intervals depending on the quality and rating of the filter. However, most experts are saying that with more time being spent at home we should be changing 30-day filters after 20 days and 90-day filters at 60 days.

More and more families are going a step or two beyond better air filters. They are also using air purifiers or even having air scrubbers installed. Air purifiers are typically portable and can improve the air quality in one or two rooms while an air scrubber is professionally installed in your ductwork and capable of "scrubbing" the air that cycles through your air conditioning and heating system for your entire home.

In addition to taking steps to improve the air quality in your home, there are additional devices that every home should have and maintain:

Smoke Detectors

Three out of five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes without working smoke detectors. Smoke detector failures usually result from missing, disconnected, or dead batteries. Test your smoke detectors and if they are not hardwired, this is the time to change your batteries.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

Carbon Monoxide is a byproduct of incomplete combustion. The gas can come from a stove, water heater, furnace, fireplace, etc. Because Carbon Monoxide is odorless and tasteless, it can poison you before you even know it's there. Even low concentrations can cause fatigue in healthy people and chest pain in people with heart disease. A Carbon Monoxide detector can sound an audible alarm, possibly saving you or a loved one.

Install an Alarm System

Consider protecting your personal property and loved ones through the installation and monitoring of a home alarm system. A study by the FBI found that a home with the security system was 15 times less likely to be burglarized. In addition to monitoring your



Air purifiers are a portable way to improve air quality in one or two rooms.

home for break-ins, you can also add fire and carbon monoxide detection monitoring. The cost of these systems can be offset by discounts on homeowners insurance.

The more steps we take to protect our homes, neighborhoods, and community, the better off we will all be.

Remember, Phoenix police officers do a fantastic job but they can't be everywhere all the time. That is why it is so important to know and communicate with your neighbors and to keep looking for things that are out of place in your neighborhood. You can help make Desert Ridge a safer and better place to live by starting or participating in a neighborhood block watch program.

If you're interested in learning how to start a neighborhood block watch program, please contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4553.



upcoming events Desert Ridge Marketplace



FEBRUARY

Teed Up Mini Golf

Fridays, Now-February 18, 3:00pm-9:00pm

Putt around with us in a fun, free and lit-up mini golf experience in The District! Test your skills at our 18-hole neon mini golf course that starts at The District Stage and extends all the way to the Barnes & Noble Courtyard. Peek the back of your scorecard for exclusive offers at favorite Desert Ridge Marketplace shops and eateries. PLUS, enjoy live music at The District Stage from 6PM-9PM.

Lunar New Year Festival

Saturday, February 12, 11:00am-1:00pm

The 5th annual Lunar New Year Festival returns to The District Stage. Desert Ridge Marketplace continues its partnership with 9 Dragons Kung Fu to host an incredible celebration filled with dramatic dances, tai chi demonstrations, cultural performances, and splashes of the auspicious color red. The 2022 Lunar New Year marks the beginning of the year of the Tiger.

Game Day Tailgate

Sunday, February 13, 4:30pm

Desert Ridge Marketplace is hosting the ultimate Game Day Tailgate on Sunday, February 13. Grab your friends catch the final game on the LED screens in The Barnes & Noble Courtyard AND at The District Stage!

Love Lock Lane

February 1 – February 28

This February, The District Stage transforms into an iconic Love Lock Lane! Grab your S.O., lock in your love and throw away the key. Seal the deal with the perfect V-Day shot and tag us on Instagram for a chance to win a dreamy date night package - @desertridge #desertridgemarketplace.

Arizona Renaissance Festival Gift-With-Purchase

February 1 – February 28

Spend \$250 or more in the same day at Desert Ridge Marketplace and receive 2 adult admissions to the 33rd annual Arizona Renaissance Festival and Artisan Marketplace. Available while supplies last.

MARCH

Spring Training Steals + Deals

Select Dates in March

Slide by as Desert Ridge Marketplace transforms into the ultimate homerun hub. Show your spirit and score exclusive offers at favorite shop and eateries when you wear your baseball fan gear. Plus, catch your favorite D-backs home games on our giant LED screens at The District Stage and Barnes & Noble Courtyard.

Music + Murals Evening Art Stroll – Saturday, March 19

Saturday, March 19

Details to come! Join our texting list to hear updates or check out event information at shopdesertridge.com.

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Rolling Rack Boutique

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BOARD CANDIDATE

Qualifications

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

All Candidates Must:

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

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

- → Must be a member in good standing, with all assessments current (no more than 30 days delinquent) and no outstanding violation(s) of the CC&R's.
- → Must not have member rights suspended by the Board of Directors for any violations of the Association's governing documents.
- → Must not be involved in current litigation regarding compliance or dispute with Association's governing documents.
- Must commit to attend regularly scheduled board meetings (at least once a month), as well as the additional time that may be required in order to participate at the committee level.

Additional Qualifications

Established by the Association's Nominating Committee:

Must attend the Annual Meeting – 6:00 PM, Thursday, April 21, 2022. (Note: Due to Covid, all related meetings may to be scheduled and conducted via Zoom teleconference as opposed to in person meetings. Should a majority voted member be unable to attend due to an extenuating circumstance the Nominating Committee may determine if said circumstance warrants consideration).

- → Must attend the Organizational Meeting scheduled within 5 business days following the Annual Meeting.
- Must attend new Board Member training, scheduled within 5 business days following the Annual Meeting.
- → Attendance at a Board of Directors Meeting, prior to the election, is strongly suggested. Board meetings are the 4th Wednesday of each month (except April, July and December) presently via Zoom teleconference starting at 6pm.
- Must comply with all governing documents and provide all information on candidate form.

Other Questions?

Please contact Terrance Smith, Executive Director, at the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4550 or by email to terrance.smith@fsresidential.com for more information.

Thank you for your valued interest and participation in our community!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Board of Directors

Considering running for election? Read on to learn more about the Desert Ridge Association Board of Directors

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

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

Answer: This issue contains both the board candidate interest announcement and the requirements and qualifications and email address for the application forms. There will be a "Meet the Candidates" night at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 28th at the DRCA Board of Directors Meeting.

Q How many positions are available this year and how long will my term be? Answer: Out of the seven member seats on the Board of Directors, there are three (3) seats on the Board of Directors that are available for election in 2022. Directors are elected to serve two year terms. In 2022, these three positions will be elected for a two-year term since the two-year term for these three seats will have expired in April 2024. Therefore, all three positions will serve two year terms.

What is the process for running for a position on the Board? Answer: Contact the Association office at: 480-551-4550 or email to: desertridge.az@ fsresidential.com or stop by the Association's office (5415 E. High Street, Suite 220, Phoenix 85054) to obtain the candidate application form. Return all candidate application forms to the Association office no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 11th.

In addition, candidates are required to attend the "Meet the Candidates" Meet & Greet / Q&A Night to be held during the DRCA Board of Director Meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:00 PM.

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

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

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

When and where is the Board of Directors Meetings? Answer: The meeting schedule is actually determined by the Board of Directors. Our current meeting schedule is the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (except for the months of April, July and December), via Zoom teleconference due to Covid 19.

Q Do you incur personal liability by serving on the Board?

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

How does the election actually work? Answer: There is a one vote per lot for each available position on the board. A qualified Owner will be able to cast one vote for up to 3 candidates. No cumulative voting permitted.

Q Do developers and commercial entities get to vote?

Yes, qualified developers and commercial entities are members and get to vote. The Desert Ridge Board is not a Homeowners Association, it is a Community Association. One of the great things about Desert Ridge is that it is still a relatively young development, and only about 45% of the total parceled land have homes built on them. Since the voting is determined per lot, there is still significant involvement by private and commercial developers.

TIPS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE RUNNING:

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

FROM THE KITCHEN OF JEAN BATSON

Monkey Bread

This recipe has been around for many years and is a wonderful bread (using biscuits in a tube). It can be served with a dinner or as a fantastic brunch item and it fits into my idea of cooking food...easy and delicious: a sticky bun without the hassle or yeast!

When you're finished, you can make a little powdered sugar icing to drizzle on top; but it's so good, I find it's not even necessary.

Ingredients

- 3 (12 oz) packages of refrigerated biscuits (OK to use store brand – they're less \$)
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar

OPTIONAL

1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts 1 cup raisins

Directions

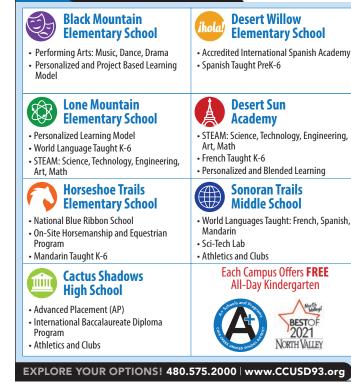
- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease one 9" or 10" tube pan or Bundt (I use my Bundt pan).
- 2. Mix white sugar and cinnamon in a plastic bag.
- 3. Cut biscuit into quarters. Shake biscuit pieces in the sugar/cinnamon mix.
- 4. Arrange pieces in the bottom of the prepared pan. Continue until all biscuits are coated and placed in pan. If using nuts and raisins, arrange them in and among the biscuit pieces as you go along...THEN...
- 5. In a small saucepan, melt the margarine with the brown sugar over medium heat. Boil for 1 minute.
 - Pour evenly over the biscuits.
- 6. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.
- Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes, then tum out onto a plate. Do not cut! The bread just pulls apart.



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When selecting accent plants, do not mix non-complementary plants in the same area. For example, do not place an ocotillo beside a citrus tree. Ocotillos are commonly found in the Sonoran and Chihuahuan



deserts while citrus are native to Asia, Melanesia and Australia. Not only do they require different amounts of water, which will make them difficult to irrigate correctly, but they visually do not belong together. Plants should work together to create a mood instead of clashing with one another. **Specimen or focal point plants** are a sub group of accent plants that are used singly to show off some special feature of the plant such as a unique shape, foliage or color. They are often the largest plants in a landscape. They can be used to draw attention to a feature like an entry door, or can be used as a focal point all on their own.

There are many benefits to incorporating accent plants into your design. Accent plants are a great way to define and enhance your property and do a wonderful job at creating first impressions that are sure to last. There are many types of accent plants to choose from and any landscape will be enhanced by their

uniquefeatures. Accentplantchoices: Agaves, Aloes, Grasses, Desert Milkweed, Yellow Bells, Ocotillo, Red Bird-of-Paradise, Hesperaloe, Yuccas, Lady Slipper, Saguaro, Texas Ebony, Weeping Bottlebrush.



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

Finance Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference Tuesday, February 22 Tuesday, March 22 Tuesday, April 26 9 am

DRCA Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 23 Wednesday, March 23 No April Meeting 6 pm

DRCA Annual Membership Meeting & Election

Via Zoom Teleconference Thursday, April 21 6 pm

Strategic Community Plan (SCP) Parks Sub-Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference Wednesday, April 13 4 pm

Communications Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference Thursday, February 10 Thursday, March 10 Thursday, April 14 6:30 pm

Lifestyles Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference

Public Affairs Committee

Design Review Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference

Via Zoom Teleconference

Tuesday, February 22

Tuesday, March 15

Tuesday, April 5

Tuesday, April 26

Wednesday, April 20

Thursday, February 17

Thursday, March 17

No April Meeting

4 pm

4:30 pm

4 pm

DRCA Office Holiday Closures

Presidents Day February 21

High Street Farmers Market 10 am to 1 pm

Every Sunday Until May 29, 2022

Virtual Coffee Club Zoom Teleconference Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Wine Tasting Event **High Street** (south of The Stir). Saturday, March 26, 2022

Majerle's Sports Grill Tuesday, April 12, 2022

> Cambria **Hotel & Suites** 4425 E. Irma Ln., Phoenix, AZ 85050

Holiday Inn Express & Suites 4575 E. Irma Ln., Phoenix, AZ 85050

com calendar to confirm scheduled dates/ times for the meeting listed above.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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Association

Desert Ridge Community Association 480 551 4553 **REGULAR HOURS** Monday–Friday 8 am–5 pm EMAIL desertridge.az@fsresidential.com 24/7 Customer Care Center 855.333.5149

DRCA Committees

Communications Committee communications@desertridgelifestyles.com

Lifestyles Committee lifestyles@desertridgelifestyles.com

Community Awareness Committee communityawareness@desertridgelifestyles.com

Design Review Committee designreview@desertridgelifestyles.com

Finance Committee finance@desertridgelifestyles.com

Nominating Committee nominating@desertridgelifestyles.com

Public Affairs Committee publicaffairs@desertridgelifestyles.com

SCP Parks Sub-Committee scpparks@desertridgelifestyles.com

Boys & Girls Club Vestar Branch 480.585.0170

Public Services

Phoenix Water Department M-F, 7:30 am-5 pm 602.262.6251 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

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Streets/Street Sweeping 602.262.6441 Southwest Gas

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Conservation Center 480.471.9109 Dispatch-City 24/7 Street Maintenance

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Wildfire Elementary 602.449.4300 Principal, Ryan Schoonover rschoonover@pvschools.net

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