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Introducing Renowned Chef Angelo Sosa and Tía Carmen. Chef Sosa's newest restaurant concept pays homage to his Tía Carmen, and celebrates the local landscape, farmers and community of the Southwest.

*"My Tía Carmen was my Dominican Aunt. She was passionate, humble and overwhelmingly kind. She taught me about the power of food. She is my heartbeat and I want Tía Carmen restaurant to be the heartbeat of JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort and the community."*

Chef Sosa has worked with some of the industry's most renowned chefs and restaurateurs, including Jean-Georges Vongerichten, Alain Ducasse, and Stephen Starr. He has worked and consulted for prominent restaurants including Jean-Georges, Spice Market, Buddakan, and Morimoto in New York, and Louis XV in Monaco. He has written two cookbooks and appeared on Bravo's Top Chef, HBO Max's Selena + Chef and numerous other television shows.

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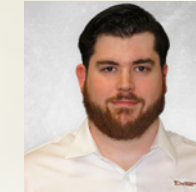
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## Desert Ridge Lifestyles

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Fighting Crime in Desert Ridge

Over the past 10 years, our focus on safety has reduced the crime rate in Desert Ridge by over 60%. Our Off-Duty Officer Patrol Programs has been a tremendous success and made our community one of the safest anywhere. So much so, that the City of Phoenix Police Department uses Desert Ridge as a model of

what communities can do to reduce crime. While we've done a remarkable job thus far, we still have crime in our community. In Desert Ridge, we have extremely low levels of violent crime and more than 80% of the crimes committed are against properties. These crimes include larceny, theft, home burglary and vandalism. Crime statistics show that

one of the best tools to fight these types of crimes is an effective Community Block Watch Program.

### What is Block Watch?

Block Watch is a simple program of neighbors watching out for each other. It is designed to enlist the active participation of citizens in cooperation with the police to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

- It is becoming acquainted with your neighbors.
- It is working together to identify and solve problems in your community.
- It is helping the police by being aware of and reporting any unusual activities as they occur. You know best what is "normal" activity in your neighborhood.
- It is the implementation of crime prevention techniques to enhance home security.

- It is putting neighbors back into neighborhoods.
- It is not apprehending someone. Leave that to the police.

### How Does Block Watch Work?

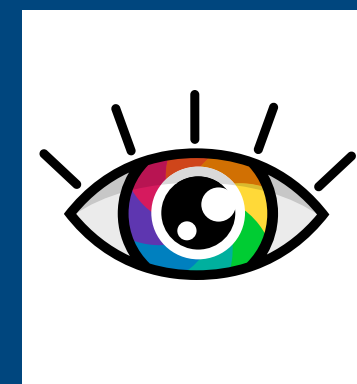
Block Watch works when you and your neighbors use simple techniques to deter, delay and detect crime, and improve the quality of life for the neighborhood.

Being aware of criminal activity can help in keeping your neighborhood safe. Promptly reporting all criminal or suspicious activity to 9-1-1 or Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 helps the police assist you in promoting a safe and healthy neighborhood.

### How Do I Get Started?

Since the police are unable to cover every neighborhood at all times, you can help by forming a neighborhood Block Watch. You and your neighbors can stay safe by looking out for one another.

Start organizing your neighbors by scheduling a Block Watch meeting. Contact your Phoenix police precinct to schedule a presentation. At your meeting, your Community Action Officer (CAO) will explain how you can create an alert neighborhood by using simple crime prevention methods.



## STAYING SAFE IN DESERT RIDGE

If you see something, say something. Report non-emergency and non-life threatening criminal or suspicious activity to Crime Stop at 602-262-6151.

### Get Going!

Canvas your neighborhood for interest. Concentrate on your street now and include adjacent streets later.

- Ask about convenient times to schedule your initial Block Watch meeting.
- Block Watch does not require frequent meetings.
- It does not ask that anyone take personal risk to prevent crime.
- Block Watch leaves the responsibility of apprehending criminals where it belongs, with the police department.

Over the next year, we will have meetings dedicated to educating our community more on Block Watch and assist our members in developing this tool to fight crime.

Again, we thank you for all your support and I hope to see you at a Block Watch organizational meeting in your neighborhood soon!



**Doug Dickson**  
President  
Desert Ridge Community Association





FROM THE LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

# Spring Events

**A**s we swing out of winter and into spring, the committee looks forward to an exciting agenda for the new year. The Farmers Market continues to take place each Sunday on High Street from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm through the end of May. You will find a variety of items at the Market, from fresh produce and culinary items to artisans and their crafts. It is a fun time for all. This year, the Easter bunny will appear at the DRCA tent at the Farmers Market on Easter Sunday. Bring the little ones by to say hello.

### Social Meet & Greet

Enjoy the next community Social Meet and Greet. This will take on Tuesday, April 11th, at Majerle's Sports Bar & Grill from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This is a chance to come out and meet your neighbors, whether old or new residents. Complimentary appetizers are served. You must purchase your own beverage. This event will require a fee and a sign-up.

### Community-Wide Yard Sale & Shred-a-thon

The Community-Wide Yard Sale and Shred-a-thon will take place on Saturday, April 23rd. Please watch for details.

### Ladies Night Out

Making a return to the Lifestyle calendar is the popular Ladies Night Out. A community favorite, the event will be held at Modern Margarita on High Street. This is a great

chance for the ladies to gather and enjoy an evening out with friends. It's also an excellent way to make new friends. Stay tuned for details.

### CPR/AED

This is the time to enjoy the pleasant weather, but never forget to do all you can to take care of your family and friends by learning how to perform CPR and AED. Every other month from Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Cambria Hotel & Suites, 4425 E. Irma Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85050, hosted by Heart Savers through the summer, Desert Ridge will be offering CPR and AED training for everyone. This is an excellent time for all youth to take advantage of this training for lifeguarding or babysitting over the spring and summer break. Please check online at [desertridgelifestyles.com](http://desertridgelifestyles.com) for more information and more exciting events and activities to come.

The lifestyle committee is pleased to serve the residents of Desert Ridge. If you are interested in the committee or serving on the committee, we invite you to contact myself or other members of the committee through the Desert Ridge Community Association offices. We welcome all ideas and suggestions.

*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](http://desertridgelifestyles.com) or Facebook page.*

## MEET THE 2022 LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE CHAIR

My name is Patricia Brash, the new Chairperson for the Desert Ridge Community Association Lifestyle Committee. I have previously served in this position and am pleased to return. It is a committee that involves the whole community and will be exciting. Before anything else, I want to recognize the outstanding job Michelle Goldfarb, the outgoing chair, had done. This is especially true in the face of the pandemic. Thank you, Michelle.



**Patricia Brash**  
Lifestyle Committee Chair  
Desert Ridge Community Association





# Yard Sale Tips

Spring has sprung and it's that time of the year again. And who doesn't love Good Junk? Read on to pick up some tips for your next yard sale.

**Y**ard sales are a great way to kick off spring cleaning. You'll clear clutter from your home and get paid to have someone else haul away your old stuff! But along with rewards, yard sales also come with some risks. Keep these tips in mind to host a safe and successful sale:

- Review your homeowners or renters insurance. You could be liable if a bargain hunter is injured on your property. Contact your insurance representative to be sure you are adequately covered.
- Have helpers. Arrange for family and friends to help, and assign everyone to specific jobs. That way, you'll have extra sets of eyes on your merchandise and money, as well as someone to oversee the sale when you step away.
- Hire a babysitter. Let someone else watch your young children and pets while you're working. Do not let your pets roam the sale unattended, no matter how well-behaved, yard sales get hectic.
- Restrict access to your house. Lock doors and

windows, and close the curtains. Don't allow strangers to enter to try on clothes or use the restroom. If weather and space allows, close your garage door and host the sale on your driveway or lawn.

- Organize the merchandise to deter accidents and theft. Place higher-priced items near the checkout, keep aisles clear and display hazardous wares out of children's reach. And don't forget about things that aren't for sale: Cover items stored in the garage, check to make sure storage shelves are secure and look for hazards in your lawn and sidewalks that could cause injury.
- Protect your money. Keep all money in a zippered wallet attached to your belt. Periodically bring extra cash into the house—keeping just enough to make change. If you choose to use a cashbox ensure that it is guarded and not accessible to everybody. Decide before the sale if you will be accepting larger bills, if you chose to do so there is a greater chance of counterfeiting. Sellers may want to make

a small investment in a counterfeit pen, they can be picked up at any office supply store. Twenty-dollar bills are the most counterfeited bills and do not accept checks. Do not place the monies received in cashbox before counting back their change. This will ensure there is no miscommunication on the amount of cash received for items.

- Keep shoppers safety in mind. Before selling an item, make sure it hasn't made the Consumer Product Safety Commission's list of recalls. Don't sell children's safety equipment, furniture or toys that are outdated or damaged.
- Control traffic. Insist that shoppers park in legal areas, and never in your driveway.
- Keep your phone close an emergency can happen at any time. You may have an overall aggressive customer who refuses to leave or you may have someone who decides to steal some of your items. Therefore, you should always keep your cell phone in your pocket during the garage sale. Be sure that the battery is fully charged before the sale starts.

MEGA COMMUNITY-WIDE

# YARD SALE

& SHRED-A-THON

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

**YARDSALE: 7:00 am-2:00 pm | Shred-A-Thon: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm**

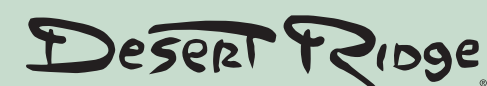
If you reside in a gated neighborhood, contact your sub-association community manager for information.

Goodwill of Central Arizona will be parked at the Boys and Girls Club Vestar Branch, 3975 E. Lockwood Drive, Phoenix from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm collecting unwanted clothing, shoes, furniture, books, electronics, housewares, and more! Donations are tax deductible and support programs and services that give local job seekers the skills and training they need to find employment and become self-sufficient.

The Shred-A-Thon will also be at the Boys & Girl's Club Vestar Branch from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm.

**QUESTIONS?**

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# Local Events & Activities

ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



## The FRIENDS Experience

Paradise Village Gateway  
10845 N. Tatum Blvd. Phoenix Arizona

**March 14 - May 8**  
**Thurs.-Fri. 12 pm – 8 pm; Sat. 10 am – 9 pm; Sun. 11 am – 7 pm**  
**Price: \$30.50**  
<https://www.friendstheexperience.com/phoenix/>

The FRIENDS Experience is an opportunity to live in the world of FRIENDS. Enjoy exploring 12 rooms of Monica and Rachel's kitchen, Central Park, Joey and Chandler's apartment, and poke Ugly Naked Guy. Visit the FRIENDS Experience store, where you will find a unique and a custom collection of FRIENDS merchandise.



## Bunny Balloon Blast

7555 N. Pima Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

**April 15 & April 16**  
**5:30 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**Price: Free Candy for the Kids and Kid Zone**

This holiday event is fun for the whole family to enjoy all the rides, inflatable, FREE 4,000 pounds of candy and hot air balloon ride Rainbow Ryders Hot Air Balloon Ride Co., a photo Scavenger Hunt, and the Easter Bunny be at the festival in his Bunny House to take free pictures. You don't want to miss out on this fabulous event.



## Melrose Vintage Market

Campbell Place Plaza  
700 W. Campbell Ave.  
Phoenix, Arizona

**April 24**  
**Price: Free**

Visit Phoenix vintage market and bring your reusable shopping bags to shop for everything from art prints, 90s band tees, sports memorabilia, etc. There will be food creators, craft makers, salvagers, and local vintage dealers. Dogs are allowed.



## Arizona Women's Expo

Phoenix Convention Center  
33 S. Third Street  
Phoenix, Arizona

**April 30 – May 1**  
**Time: 10 am – 5 pm, and Sunday 11 am – 5 pm**  
**Price: \$5 - \$30**  
<https://www.azwomensexpo.com/>

Visit the Ultimate Women's Expo, where you can experience a relaxing day with friends shopping at various boutiques, being pampered with spa treatments, listen to Celebrity Keynote Speakers, and much more.



## 4th Annual Uncorked AZ Wine Festival

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick  
7555 N. Pima Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**May 7**  
**Time: 6 pm – 10 pm**  
**Price: Early admission (\$75) is at 6 pm and features an extra hour of tasting with a smaller capacity. General admission (\$60) is at 7 pm.**

Bring your friends to this wine fest featuring more than 100 wines from around the world, eat from some of AZ's local food trucks, dance to music from a local DJ, and so much more! All ticket prices include wine tasting with food sold separately. This event benefits a local nonprofit rescue shelter AZ Small Dog Rescue. Must be 21 and over with a valid ID for entry.



## FRIED: French Fry and Music Festival

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

**April 9**  
**11 am – 7 pm**  
**Price: \$12 Advance Ticket**  
<https://www.friedfestival.com/>

The 2nd Annual FRIED, A French Fry & Music Festival is a fun time for all ages to enjoy various unique French fry creations imaginable. Try the everything fried from pizzas fries to mac & cheese fries. There will be lawn games, live bands, and a kid zone and much more.



## Phoenix Fashion Week @ Chateau Luxe

1175 East Lone Cactus Drive

**April 15- April 16**  
**Price: Starts at \$20.00**  
<https://phoenixfashionweek.com/>

Enjoy yourself at the leading fashion event in the Southwest. This event will showcase 2022 collections for Spring and Summer with various truck shows, fashionable workshops led by top experts, and 20 designer runway shows.



## The Tiki-Tiki-Ho-Ho Luau - Hotel Valley Ho

6850 East Main Street  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

**April 29**  
**Time: 7 pm – 10 pm**  
**Price: Starts at \$139**  
<https://www.aztikioasis.com/tiki-tiki-ho-ho-luau/>

Enjoy the Hawaiian island in the desert, where an island-inspired tiki party will take place at Hotel Valley Ho. Get into the aloha spirit by wearing your island attire, dancing to live music, tasting traditional pig roast with all the trimmings, and enjoying tiki cocktails with your friends. Tickets are limited.



## Rainbows Festival

115 N. 6th St.  
Phoenix, Arizona

**April 30 – May 1**  
**Time: 10 am – 6 pm**  
**Price: Free Admission**  
<https://phoenixpride.org/events/rainbows-festival/>

Experience this free 2-day festival located in historic Heritage Square Park in Downtown Phoenix. This festival is fun and friendly for everyone of all ages. There will be over 150 exhibitors and sponsors, plus two stages filled with entertainment.



## Arizona Restaurant Week

**May 20-29**  
**Price: Not tickets required. Reservations are highly recommended.**  
<https://arizonarestaurantweek.com/>

This bi-annual event is an opportunity to taste food from an array of well-known local restaurants from all over the State, with great dinner prices offered for this week only.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Desert Ridge Marketplace



## APRIL

### Egg-streme Bunny Bash

Saturday, April 9 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Hop on over to The District for the Egg-streme Bunny Bash. Children and their families are invited to enjoy an evening of festivities including Easter egg hunts, photos with the bunny, glow egg decorating stations, live entertainment by Funergy and so much more.

### Spring Art Installation

Launch Date to come, stay tuned at [shopdesertridge.com](http://shopdesertridge.com)

Searching for a snap-worthy spring photo op? Desert Ridge Marketplace is partnering

with local artist, Paige Poppe, to dream up the center's spring art installation, called "Vision of Butterflies." This fluttering display will feature vibrant colors, watercolor effects and butterflies. Stay tuned on [shopdesertridge.com](http://shopdesertridge.com) for launch dates, a special "Meet The Artist" night and exclusive Earth Day giveaway.

### Butterfly Wonderland GWP

Starts April 1 | While Supplies Last

Desert Ridge Marketplace is also partnering up with Butterfly Wonderland, the largest butterfly conservatory in America, to host a free Gift-With-Purchase promotion. Guests who spend \$250 or more in the same day at Desert Ridge

Marketplace will receive a free pair of tickets to Butterfly Wonderland (while supplies last).

### Coming back to Desert Ridge Marketplace this summer –

#### Umbrella Pop Art Installation

Make an escape from the scorching sun and stroll beneath a canopy of umbrellas hung high in The District. This pop of shade will feature vibrant summer shades.

#### Bubble Bash Summer Series

Details to come



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# Arizona Vineyards

Tour the Wineries of Cottonwood, Arizona

**W**hen a person thinks of vineyards, the first thing that comes to mind is Napa Valley, Italy, France, or even Spain. But who would ever imagine that there would be over 120 licensed wineries in the Sonoran Desert of Arizona? For the last 22 years, Arizona wines have won awards at prestigious competitions, generating \$56.2 million in wine tourism. This spring, find a great local winery or tasting room by downloading the Arizona Wine Trail Passport to help you navigate our wine region. Here are just a few of the wineries for you to visit with friends and family:

## Burning Tree Cellars

1040 N. Main Street  
Cottonwood, AZ 86326  
Hours: 12 PM to 6 PM  
Phone: (928) 649-8733  
Service Options: Dine-in – No delivery  
Website: <https://burningtrecellars.com/>

## Arizona Stronghold Vineyards Old Town

1023 N. Main Street  
Cottonwood, Arizona 86326  
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SPRING ENTREE

# Chipotle Glazed Ham

Recipe by Taste of Home



### Ingredients

- 1 fully cooked bone-in ham (8 to 10 pounds)
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2-1/4 cups ginger ale
- 4 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, minced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1-1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cumin

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325°. Place ham on a rack in a roasting pan. Using a sharp knife, score surface of ham with 1/2-in.-deep cuts in a diamond pattern. Bake, uncovered, 1-1/2 hours.
2. Meanwhile, for glaze, in a small saucepan, mix brown sugar, honey, vinegar and ginger ale. Bring to a boil; cook until mixture is reduced by half, about 15 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Reserve 1 cup mixture for sauce; keep warm.
3. Brush ham with some of the remaining glaze. Bake, uncovered, until a thermometer reads 140°, about 30 minutes, brushing twice with additional glaze.
4. Serve with reserved sauce.

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DESERT RIDGE RESTAURANT REVIEW

# Humble Bistro

Arriving on High Street last April, Humble Bistro brings a fresh approach to dining in the Desert Ridge community. An atmosphere of food and friends is sensed as you enter. Casual and comfortable surroundings envelop the seating both inside and out.

A smorgasboard or bistroboard would allow you to sample several types of meats and cheeses, as well as vegetables, hummus, and forno bread. Humble pies are available such as "the Gentleman " or "the Classy girl". Perhaps you might enjoy the short rib grilled cheese or the Cajun chicken club. There are a

wide variety of dishes to match your palate. A fine brunch is available on the weekends as well as a daily social hour to enjoy.

Whatever the occasion, Humble Bistro will serve as a culinary delight you won't want to miss.

A great bar greets you as you enter the premises. Whether your wish is wine, distilled spirits, or a cocktail off the vine, a fine selection awaits you. The staff is courteous, knowledgeable, and prompt. They make you feel right at home. They are attentive and helpful, answering questions regarding the offerings presented. The tables are roomy and comfortable.

You may choose to start with Great Beginnings. Dishes vary from Humble fries to 3-ball meatballs. Perhaps crispy Brussel sprouts or wings would be more to your liking. The taste is as refined as the selection.



DESERT RIDGE RESTAURANT REVIEW

# Sfizio

Sfizio Modern Italian Kitchen is a family-owned business located at 21050 N. Tatum Boulevard. This restaurant is more than your average Italian restaurant, but it's anything but ordinary! Chef Rocco Pezzano brings Desert Ridge an authentic, fresh taste of southern Italy to every dish prepared. This restaurant delivered an extraordinary experience to all guests at an excellent value. This restaurant is an ideal place to dine, any day of the week where reservations are not needed but recommended for special occasions.

Here are the highlights:

The friendly waitresses were pleasant and very knowledgeable about the menu items. When asked about a dish, the waitress provided recommendations based on the guest's taste.

Sfizio Modern Italian Kitchen can seat groups of up to 120 guests. Our group of seven was seated comfortably and served punctually. We did not have to wait long for the meals to arrive at our table. This is a fantastic location for business lunches to socialize, indulge, and celebrate.

Our group started with the Chef's Board, a filling recommended dish with imported Italian meats, cheeses, olive medley, roasted red peppers, assorted dried fruits, nuts, and grilled bread. This starter serves a group of 2-4, so we ordered two. While we tasted most of the menu items, here are our group's consensus favorites. For those that enjoy seafood, The Shrimp Ravioli was prepared with hand-crafted ravioli stuffed with shrimp, zucchini, cheese, and a creamy red sauce (salsa rosa) that was perfectly prepared and not very heavy. American Stone-Fired Pizza Pepperoni, Italian sausage, mushrooms, San Marzano tomato sauce, and mozzarella cheese.

### Lasagne Al Forno

Handmade lasagna, three meat Bolognese ragu, bechamel sauce.

### Pasta Tuscan Style

Spaghetti with grilled chicken, mushrooms, roasted red peppers, light butter sauce.

### Frutti Di Mare

Mussels, clams, calamari, shrimp, light spicy red sauce.

### House Salad

Tuscan chopped salad, with house-made croutons, onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, basil, herb vinaigrette.

### Tagliatelle Bolognese

Fresh handmade tagliatelle pasta and house Bolognese sauce.

### Pollo Parmigiana

Breaded chicken, side of spaghetti with fresh San Marzano tomato sauce.

All we can say about these savory meals is to bring a big appetite because the portions were a perfect size, the presentations were eye-popping, and as for mouthwatering taste, we couldn't stop eating. Our panel of culinary enthusiasts were highly impressed with the service. We found the staff friendly, attentive, and knowledgeable about the menu. We welcome Sfizio Modern Italian Kitchen to Desert Ridge, and all panelists vowed to return.





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# Arizona Trails

This spring, enjoy the great outdoors by experiencing world-class hiking trails right here in Arizona.



Arizona is home to tens of thousands of acres of untouched desert lined with majestic saguaro and cholla cactuses, home to coyotes, bobcats, great horned owls and javalinas—all just minutes from downtown. Phoenix is one of National Geographic's best hiking cities and has been recognized by AARP and TravelNerd as one of the Top Urban Designations for Nature Lovers. From Red Rock State Park in northern Arizona, to Catalina State Park in the south, find out some of the hottest trails in our state.

## Red Rock State Park

Red Rock State Park may just offer Sedona's best hiking trail experience! Numerous trails traverse the conservation park through high desert and riparian area type landscapes. Animal sightings here are common, the diversity of the bird species is admirable, and the general "vibe" is inspired by the world-renowned red rock escarpments of Sedona. Trails are available for people of all abilities within this absolutely gorgeous must-see destination.

## EAGLE'S NEST

1.53 miles — hikers only. No dogs, horses, or mountain bikes.  
 After exploring the visitor center, there are plenty of trail options. The Eagle's Nest

option leads hikers through the high red flats, through the riparian area of Oak Creek, and up a hill that shows a commanding view of the greater Sedona area. Seriously, the view from the top is one that should be experienced to truly appreciate. Although there is a slight incline for a section of the hike, this trail is still rated easy/moderate. The trail itself is well kept and wide, and there are birds, animals, and diverse vegetation along the way.

## APACHE FIRE

0.78 miles — hikers only. No dogs, horses, or mountain bikes.  
 Mix some history into your hike...This scenic trail leads to the (currently closed) 1946 adobe style home of Jack and Helen Frye which was once a main focal point of the Sedona area. The home



famously blends with the red rock backdrop and sits on top of a hill that gives hikers amazingly beautiful views of the surrounding red rock and Sedona area. Crossing Oak Creek via Kingfisher Bridge leads visitors through an extremely scenic section of riparian zone and supplies an opportunity to see the resident river otters playing in the creek. Don't forget your camera (phone) for this hike, there's plenty to see from this scenic Arizona hiking trail!

**KISVA TRAIL**

0.64 miles — hikers only.

No dogs, horses, or mountain bikes.

A hike that's perfect for the whole family! The Kisva Trail Loop directs hikers through the high desert flats of the park before delving into the shadows of the Oak Creek riparian zone. The possibility of seeing a wide variety of birds along the way is very good, especially in the large cottonwood trees near the creek. Hikers cross Oak Creek twice on this loop trail and skirt the base of nearby red rock covered hills. There's plenty of photo ops along the way, don't forget to tag our social media accounts when posting about your trip!

**Central Arizona Trails**

**PICACHO PEAK STATE PARK**

The trails of Picacho Peak State Park invite hikers to explore this southern Arizona hiking wonderland! The Sonoran Desert is a great place to enjoy hiking trails with the best views, interesting birds and animals, and diverse plant life that simply can't be experienced outside of the desert ecosystem. Hiking trails in the park are rated from easy to difficult, with a few in between. There's a great chance that you'll find exactly what you're looking for here amid the cactus, rock ridges, and unforgettable views!

**LOST DUTCHMAN STATE PARK**

Hiking trails through the park lead into a much wider trail network on adjacent National Forest land. The Sonoran Desert landscape holds a variety of birds and wildlife while offering amazingly beautiful panoramic views. The best part about this Arizona hiking destination is the proximity to the metro Phoenix area, and the variety of trail difficulties available. Easy trails close to Phoenix are hard to come by, and more advanced hiking experiences even more rare. You can have it all within this expansive desert park, plan a trip to see for yourself...

**SIPHON DRAW TRAIL**

1.06 miles one way (5.8 miles round trip to Flatiron) — hikers, leashed dogs. No horses or mountain bikes. Those who have experienced this advanced trail near Phoenix often describe the views at the end to be well

worth the effort to get there. Much of this trail leads hikers scrambling up rocks while truly testing their physical abilities. The Siphon Draw section of the trail is located within the park and then gives way to Flatiron at the wilderness boundary. Extensive hiking opportunities exist within the wilderness although the trails are not typically marked as clearly as they are in the park.

**Family Hiking Trails at Catalina State Park**

At Catalina State Park, you can hike, take a horseback ride, and bicycle on the trails, surrounded by the towering Santa Catalina Mountains. There are eight trails at the park, varying in length and difficulty, but all with amazing views. Leashed dogs are welcome on all trails. All eight trails are multi-use except Romero Ruins. Before your trip, learn about the various desert plants and wildlife that you will encounter in the park, then pick up a copy of our free trail guide at the Visitor Center. All that's left to do is get out there and enjoy the adventure!

**ROMERO RUINS INTERPRETIVE TRAIL**

7.2 miles, one-way — no dogs in Desert Bighorn Sheep Management Area, beyond Montrose Pools — no bikes in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness — not recommended for horses beyond Montrose Pools.

This easy loop trail begins south of the main road across from the second pull-out. The trail crosses a seasonal wash (feet may get wet) before climbing about 80 steps to the hilltop. The Romero Ruins archaeological site includes the surface features of the remains from a Hohokam village dating back to about 500 A.D. Trailside signs address the archaeology of the site, the Hohokam culture, and the Romero homestead. Plan on 30 minutes of walking time. For the protection of cultural resources, no collecting is allowed.

Progressively difficult trail. Montrose Pools and Romero Pools are shallow catchments on canyon streams that flow seasonally. Start at the Trailhead parking lot and cross Sutherland Wash, which flows seasonally. The first mile is a relatively flat and easy walk to Montrose Pools (usually dry) and the park boundary. The next 1.7 miles is a steep and rocky climb to Romero Pools. Poor trail conditions might be encountered as this is an unmaintained wilderness trail. From the Trailhead to Romero Pools is 2.8 miles with an elevation gain of 900 feet. Plan on two hours of walking one way from the Trailhead to the pools.

To continue to Romero Pass, follow the trail to your right as it ascends out of the streambed. The trail then slowly climbs up-canyon 4.4 miles to Romero Pass at 6,000 feet elevation. From the Trailhead to Romero

Pass is 7.2 miles with an elevation gain of 3,300 feet, about a five-hour hike one way. Romero Canyon Trail ends at Romero Pass, where it intersects Mt. Lemmon Trail (to Mt. Lemmon) and West Fork Sabino Trail (to Sabino Canyon).

**NATURE TRAIL**

1.0 mile, loop — no horses.

Another easy loop trail. The Nature Trail begins at the trailhead parking lot, climbs a hill, then meanders through low foothills with typical desert scrub vegetation. Trailside signs feature local plants and animals, in addition to climate and geology information. Plan on 45 minutes of walking time.

**BIRDING TRAIL**

1.0 mile, loop — no horses.

This easy loop begins at the trailhead parking lot. The trail crosses a wash (with seasonal water flow) then loops up and down the foothills. Desert scrub, mesquite bosque, and riparian vegetation are seen with trailside signs highlighting the relationships between unique bird species and their preferred habitat. Plan on 45 minutes of walking time.



**Heat Awareness & Safety Tip**

Each year, more than 200 people have to be rescued while hiking in parks and preserves around Arizona. Plan ahead with these tips before you hit the trails this spring:

- Know your limits, as well as those with you. Make an informed decision on which trail to recreate on, and your trek will be more enjoyable.
- Stay on designated trails.
- Carry enough water for your entire workout. And, remember to bring plenty of water for your children and canine friends.
- During the warmer months, recreate during the early/late hours when temperatures are slightly cooler.
- When your water is half gone, turn around and return to the trailhead.
- Carry a cell phone.
- Don't hike alone.
- Begin hydrating BEFORE you recreate, and rehydrate frequently throughout your exercise routine.
- Use maps, know where you are going and what kind of terrain you are hiking in.



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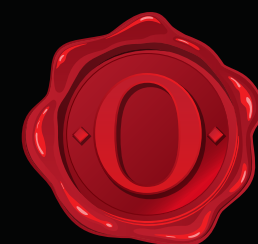
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# How to Register to view your FirstService Residential account online

**Did you know that you can view your Desert Ridge Community Association (Master Association) account balance, association documents, meeting minutes, calendar, etc. online 24/7 via the FirstService Residential (FSR) Connect Desert Ridge Portal?**

We have made registering to set up your account quick and easy. Just follow 8 simple steps!

- 1** Please obtain access to <http://arizona.fsrconnect.com/desertridge> in a browser window.
- 2** Scroll to the bottom of the page to the Resident Access section and select "Create Account."
- 3** Fill in your First Name, Last Name and Email Address. Click REGISTER (a captcha verification process is presented you will need to click the relevant pictures until there are no more and click the VERIFY button).
- 4** Sign onto your email account. A VERIFICATION CODE will be sent to your email from [residentportal@rp.connectresident.com](mailto:residentportal@rp.connectresident.com) (the verification code will expire in 10 minutes). Enter the verification code into the registration screen presented. Click REGISTER.
- 5** Once the email address is verified, a screen will be prompting for creation of a PASSWORD.
- 6** After the password is created successfully, the Login Page to the portal will be presented. From here enter in your email and password. Click LOGIN.
- 7** Accept the "Terms & Conditions" by clicking the box "I AGREE" and click the pink box "CONTINUE."
- 8** Final step is to link your unit to your login profile by either the PROPERTY ADDRESS or your 12-digit ACCOUNT NUMBER.

Should you experience any issues with registration, please contact our FirstService Residential 24/7 Customer Care Center at (480) 551-4300 to assist with any issue you may have with the online account registration and/or access process. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions concerning homeowner's accounts with the Desert Ridge Community Association.



## Did You Know? FAQs for FirstService Residential

### What information do I have access to online?

From the "Main Dashboard," you can access communities governing documents, meeting minutes, financials, community specific documents, the association calendar, current/past architectural requests and violations if applicable.

By clicking on "My Balance" you can view the various account options you have for viewing your account balance, address, etc.

### Can a Desert Ridge homeowner with more than one property

### in Desert Ridge view multiple Desert Ridge properties in FSR Connect Desert Ridge?

Yes, owners of multiple homes can see all units through the same website/login.

### Are you aware it's the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure your billing address is kept current with the association?

Please make sure your billing address is correct in Connect. Should you need to request a billing address change, please email your request to [addresschanges.az@fsresidential.com](mailto:addresschanges.az@fsresidential.com).

### How do I request a fee waiver?

If your HOA assessments are current, please submit your request online by visiting: <https://www.fsresidential.com/arizona/homeowners/fee-waiver-request>.

### How do I request an account name change or change of ownership?

FirstService Residential will need a copy of a legal document such as a Deed or marriage

license, death certificate, etc., these items may be emailed to [RnDresearch.az@fsresidential.com](mailto:RnDresearch.az@fsresidential.com).

### I received notification my account is currently in the Pre-Legal process. What action must I take on my part?

You will need to follow the directions in the letters that have been sent to you. Please reach out to the Pre-Legal Team IMMEDIATELY to discuss your account by emailing them at, [PreLegal.az@fsresidential.com](mailto:PreLegal.az@fsresidential.com).

### I received notification my account is currently being handled at the association's attorney's office. What do I do?

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### I'm a property manager/ accountant and I need access to my client's FSR Connect Desert Ridge portal. How do I obtain access?

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**Steve Burns**  
Community Awareness Chair  
Desert Ridge Community Association

# Reducing Crime in Desert Ridge

The Desert Ridge Community Association takes a proactive approach to reduce crime in our community. By utilizing patrols from Urban Tactical Services, partnering with Silent Witness, and fostering increased neighborhood block watch participation, we have made great strides in deterring residential crime in Desert Ridge. However, the biggest crime deterrent in our community is most likely the presence of Phoenix Police patrol cars. You may have noticed there are more Phoenix Police driving around Desert Ridge than many other parts of the city. This is because the DRCA pays for City of Phoenix Police off-duty patrols. These patrols consist of uniformed officers driving marked City of Phoenix Police cars. Since the beginning of the program in late 2011, multiple arrests have been made by these patrol officers and our community has seen a substantial decrease in residential crime statistics. In fact, we have some of the lowest overall residential crime stats in the Valley.

Two of the officers heading up the program are our new Community Action Officer, Jeremy Campbell, and his fellow CAO Jeffrey Blair, who will also be assisting with our community.

As you can see, we have fantastic anti-crime programs in Desert Ridge. But these programs and patrols can't cover everywhere in the community at once. As residents, we need to do our part to reduce crime in our community. It is also 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

## Meet Your Community Action Officers for Desert Ridge



**Officer Jeffrey Blair, #7966**  
Community Action Officer  
Black Mountain Precinct  
Phoenix Police Department

Hello Desert Ridge Community Association. I am the newest member of the Black Mountain Precinct Community Action Squad. My name is Officer Jeffrey Blair #7966, and I have been a member of the Phoenix Police Department since 2004. Currently I am assigned to the 21 west/area of the Black Mountain Precinct, which is everything north of the Loop 101 Freeway and west of 7th Street.

I was born and raised in Phoenix and am a second-generation Phoenix Police Officer. I started my career in the Mountain View Precinct where I worked in patrol and on the Neighborhood Enforcement Team. As a member of the NET team I learned how to identify and address a multitude of issues that would plague neighborhoods. Working through short-term and long-term investigations which utilized every available city resource to include community groups, is what created permanent solutions and impacted the criminal issues.

My most recent assignment was working with our youth as a School Resource Officer. I assisted the Paradise Valley Unified School District as their District Police Officer for over 5 ½ years. My focus as an officer has always been around Community Based Policing. Community engagement and community partnerships are the key components that allow for a trusting relationship between the police and communities we serve.

I look forward to my new Community Action Officer position and I am very excited to assist in further developing and continuing the community relationships with the Phoenix Police Department.



**Officer Jeremy Campbell, #9021**  
Community Action Officer  
Black Mountain Precinct  
Phoenix Police Department

I am the newest member of the Black Mountain Precinct Community Action Squad. My name is Officer Jeremy Campbell #9021, and I have been a member of the Phoenix Police Department since 2007. Currently I am assigned to the 21 area of the Black Mountain Precinct, which is everything North of the Loop 101 Freeway.

I was born and raised in Phoenix, and I am a first-generation Phoenix Police Officer. I started my career in the Cactus Park Precinct as a Patrol Officer and worked numerous squad areas until moving into the Desert Horizon Precinct working more numerous squad areas.

I bring fourteen years of patrol experience to the position of a Community Action Officer at Black Mountain Precinct. In those fourteen years, I learned to identify a multitude of issues and worked through them to promote a positive outcome. Continuing and maintaining community partnerships are the key components that allow for a trusting relationship between the police and communities we serve.

To have a brief understanding a Community Action Officer is part of a community resource team, which utilizes community-based problem solving by developing and maintaining relationships with patrol officers, Neighborhood Enforcement squads, investigation bureaus, various City Departments, City Manager's Office, City Council and their representatives, as well as various community partners. We try to help resolve or find solutions for community issues, that may not necessarily involve crime.

Community Action Officers attend community events, host block watch meetings, and help build relationships between the Phoenix Police Department and the community we serve. Each Community Action Officer serves multiple communities, business districts, and apartment complexes in their areas.

I look forward to my new Community Action Officer position and I am very excited to assist in further developing and continuing the community relationships with the Phoenix Police Department in the Black Mountain Precinct.





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## MONTHLY TO-DO LIST



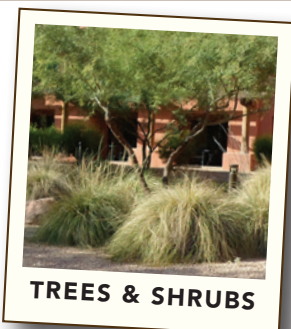
GRASS

- Plant Bermuda lawns when soil warms up in early May.
- Fertilize Bermuda grass lawns each month beginning late April or early May.
- Mow your lawn down to half of an inch until the winter rye grass dies. This encourages new growth and is healthy for the Bermuda lawn.
- Every few years your Bermuda will need to be dethatched when the thatch layer becomes more than 1/2" in depth.
- When temperatures hit triple digits it will be necessary to schedule Watering towards your most least drought tolerant, shallow rooted plants. If this becomes a daily requirement to keep the plants hydrated, consider changing to a less water intensive plant.
- Water grass early in the morning to minimize evaporation.



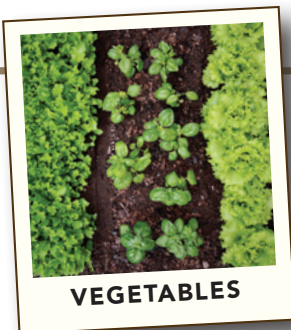
FLOWERS

- Fertilize established roses at two week intervals.
- Remove petunias, pansies, geraniums. Plant summer flowers, such as Lantana, Vinca, Verbana, Portulaca, Gomphorena purple buddy, and Perslane.
- Flowers will benefit from a planting mix high in organic content. Don't cheat on soil preparation for new flowers and vegetables. Add compost as needed and till in well for good soil drainage. Bone meal and blood meal are great organic amendments to add to the soil. Be sure to include a granular fertilizer that contains at least 20% phosphorus to help with root establishment. Weekly applications of liquid fertilizer like miracle grow for the first month will help establish the plants quickly.



TREES & SHRUBS

- Plant young citrus trees. Two to five year old trees transplant most successfully. Don't expect fruit for a few years.
- Water fruit trees on a 7 to 10 day deep watering cycle for the summer. The resulting fruit will be larger.
- For newly planted trees, protect trunk from sunburn.
- Stake newer trees to protect them from summer wind storms.
- Transplant cactus plants in May.
- Increase water to shrubs as the weather warms.
- Don't water the Bougainvillea too much. You'll get bigger leaves and fewer flowers.



VEGETABLES

- Plant seeds for black eyed peas, cantaloupe, muskmelon, squash, okra.
- Plant transplants for Jerusalem artichokes, sweet potatoes
- Provide shade for tomatoes. Shade cloth with 50% reduction is recommended.
- Vegetables will benefit from a rich soil mixture of compost.


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# ACCENT PLANTS

...And how they are used in the landscape



The great variety of plants available today makes it possible to find the right plant for almost any landscape need. One of the most important uses of plants is as accents.



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.

**THE WORD 'ACCENT'** is a design term for a plant that contrasts with its neighbors and so catches the eye; it has features or characteristics that make it more noticeable than the average plant. Some plants may serve as accents during a particular season with showy flowers, fruit or fall color, while other plants serve as year-round accents with distinctive leaf shapes and colors, stem colors, plant shapes or growth habits and bark characteristics. **Smaller accents are more effective when planted in clumps or groups** in odd numbers such as three, five, etc. Medium and large accent plants need enough space so the form can be displayed to best advantage. Plant these in groups or as a single specimen.

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 unique features. Accent plant choices: **Agaves, Aloes, Grasses, Desert Milkweed, Yellow Bells, Ocotillo, Red Bird-of-Paradise, Hesperaloe, Yuccas, Lady Slipper, Saguaro, Texas Ebony, Weeping Bottlebrush.**



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.**



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## Important Information for Landlords & Renters

If you are an owner who leases your unit, we'd like to make the leasing experience successful and positive for everyone by informing you of your responsibilities. This will help preserve your property value specifically and maintain the association's property value in general.

Your tenants may not be familiar with common-interest community living. Please take a few minutes to explain to them that living in a community association is very different from living in a rental apartment community. Specifically, your tenants, like all residents, are subject to the rules and regulations of the association, and it's up to you to educate them and see that they comply. The association will assist you in this area, but the responsibility lies with you. We recommend you provide your tenants with written copies of all policies and rules and advise them on the proper use of the association's facilities. You can obtain copies of these and other useful documents from the community manager.

We strongly recommend that you have a written lease agreement with your tenant. As

a lessor (landlord) of a home in a community association, the lease you use must require tenants to comply with the association's governing documents. In the event your tenant fails to comply with these documents, including the bylaws, or its rules and regulations, a representative of the association will first contact you in an attempt to remedy the problem. The association will send you a copy of any notice sent to your tenant.

If the tenant does not correct the violation, the association will contact you and expect you to remedy the violation using the recourse available to you through your lease agreement. If you are unable to correct the violation, the association may pursue appropriate legal action against the you, and possibly against your tenant.

The association asks that you provide the manager with the names and contact information of your tenants. The association will add your tenants to its mailing list, and they will receive the magazine, notices of social activities and general association-related information. This information will also be used in case of emergency.

**Follow these simple steps and you, the tenants and the association will all have a positive community association living experience:**

- Provide your tenants with copies of association rules.
- Educate tenants about the need to follow association rules, and see that they comply.
- Advise tenants on the proper use of association facilities.
- Use a written lease agreement.
- Make sure your lease requires tenants to comply with all association governing documents.
- Provide the association with contact information for your tenants.

**Renters: If you don't have a copy of the association rules or you'd like more information about the association, please contact your landlord.**



# Gardening Tips

Learn how you can prepare your yard for the heat this spring with these easy tips.



## SPRING COLOR

This is the time of year we spend a lot of time in our yards enjoying the weather. Why not add some spring color to your home by displaying colorful annuals in decorative pots. A simple pot of brightly colored flowers by your front entrance or several around your patio area makes your time outdoors even more enjoyable. Now is also the time to add color to your landscape. With many new varieties of plants on the market, it's easy to end up with a garden full of mismatched plants. So, before you start digging, learn what you can do to get your garden blooming at its best.

Here are a few tips for your spring landscape planting:

- Pick a color scheme. Choose colors you like that also look good with your house. Red may be your favorite color, but it will clash against a rust-colored brick. Popular schemes include hot or cool color borders (reds, oranges, and yellows or blues, violets, and greens) or an all white garden (sometimes called moon gardens because the flowers seen to glow in the moonlight).
- Find balance. Keep vertical elements (such as tall shrubs or flowers) in check with horizontal ones (groundcover or low, clumping shrubs). Create a sense of continuity in the garden by repeating similar groupings of plants, colors, or flower shapes in different pots.
- Keep it in proportion. When buying young plants, be sure to check their mature height and spread. Graduate the heights of your plants so there isn't a huge gap between the tallest (usually planted at the back) and the shortest.



## DEADHEADING

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

## FERTILIZATION

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

## REMOVING FROST DAMAGE

Frost damage is easy to recognize on most plants. There is dieback of leaves, stems and shoots; there is also the drying, blackening and death of fruit, flowers and dormant flower buds. It's not pretty; the damage may affect from small portions to the entire plant. The temptation can be to prune out the damage

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

## HARD AND NATURAL PRUNING

Selective, natural pruning can extend the life of a plant for many years. During natural pruning shrubs are cut down to about 18" in

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





Sydney Franks, a Sophomore at Desert Mountain High School, was named Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale's 2022 Youth of the Year.

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale names Thunderbirds Branch teen its 2022 Youth of the Year

Six outstanding teen finalists from Greater Scottsdale clubs compete for the prestigious organizational title and scholarship awards



Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale 2022 Youth of the Year chosen from a field of six candidates including (from left) Robin Ramirez, Hollyn Kadlec, Sydney Franks, J.P. Cahill, Tara Feeny, and Tafani Donaldson-Whaley was named at Night of Lights held at the Virginia G. Piper Theater as the Scottsdale Center for the Arts. BGCS President and CEO Ivan Gilreath announced that Sydney Franks was chosen by a panel of five judges to serve as the 2022 Youth of the Year and go on to the state competition.

Sydney Franks, 15-year-old Thunderbirds Branch Club member, was named the 2022 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale (BGCS) Youth of the Year at a celebration held at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts Virginia G. Piper Theater on February 10. Sydney was awarded \$25,000 in post-secondary education scholarship funds and will represent BGCS at the Arizona State Youth of the Year competition in April.

"The Club has brought me many things throughout these past nine years—a sense of leadership, a voice, and friends that will stay with me as I continue my journey," said the Desert Mountain High School sophomore.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Club member can earn. The program requires a large commitment of time and hard work. Teens must write multiple essays, participate in interviews, and deliver a three-minute speech highlighting the impact of their Club experience to a panel of judges.

"The Youth of the Year program celebrates leadership, club involvement and academic success and begins here at the local level,"

said Ivan Gilreath BGCS President and CEO. "The amount of growth our teen candidates experience throughout the process is stunning. They all confidently stood on the stage at the Virginia G. Piper Theater and captivated the audience with their personal club stories."

It was back in November when the six candidates were selected to represent their individual BGCS branches and compete for the organizational title. Along with Sydney, the 2022 field of finalists included Tafani Donaldson-Whaley from the Hartley & Ruth Barker Branch, Robin Ramirez from the Red Mountain Branch, J.P. Cahill from the Mary Ellen & Robert McKee Branch, Tara Feeny from the Virginia G. Piper Branch, and Hollyn Kadlec from the Vestar Branch. Each of the five finalists received scholarship awards in the amount of \$6,000.

Cheryl Ruggiero of Thunderbirds Charities; Microchip founder Steve Sanghi; Maria Sanghi of Sanghi Family Foundation; Lisa Westcott of The W Group-Silverleaf Realty; and Scottsdale Police Chief Jeff Walther made up this year's panel of judges.

The teen selected to represent Arizona after the state competition will advance to the regional level. Each region will send its winner to the national competition that will culminate with the naming of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year in September.

Scholarship funding for the candidates was provided by The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation and Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Foundation.

"Every kid can benefit from the safe environment, our caring youth development professionals, and our award-winning programming," said Gilreath. "Parents find comfort in knowing they have a partner in helping their child find success. After these past few years, kids need us more than ever."

BGCS's Clubhouses in Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, North Phoenix, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the Hualapai Nation in Peach Springs are open to all youth ages five to 18. No child is turned away for inability to pay and BGCS provides more than \$1.2 million in program assistance annually.

Learn more about Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale at [www.bgcs.org](http://www.bgcs.org).





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Blended learning is an educational model that combines online learning with traditional face-to-face instruction. It requires the physical presence of both teacher and student, with some element of student control over time, place, path, and pace.

**SESSION I: MAY 31 – JUNE 17**

**ENGLISH**

English 1  
English 3  
English 5  
English 7

**MATHEMATICS**

Algebra 1  
Algebra 2  
Algebra 3  
Applied Math 1  
Geometry 1

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

World History/Geography 1  
American History 1  
American Government/Politics

**WORLD LANGUAGE**

Spanish 1  
Spanish 3

**SCIENCE**

Biology 1  
Chemistry 1  
Earth Science 1  
Environmental Science 1

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

L.I.F.E. Concepts Men  
L.I.F.E. Concepts Women  
Men's Individual Sports  
Women's Individual Sports

**SESSION II: JUNE 20 – JULY 8 (No school July 4, 2022)**

**ENGLISH**

English 2  
English 4  
English 6  
English 8

**MATHEMATICS**

Algebra 2  
Algebra 4  
Applied Math 2  
Geometry 2

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

World History/Geography 2  
American History 2  
Economics

**WORLD LANGUAGE**

Spanish 2  
Spanish 4

**SCIENCE**

Biology 2  
Chemistry 2  
Earth Science 2  
Environmental Science 2

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

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**REGISTRATION**

- February 23, 2022 - registration opens
- May 25, 2022 @ 12:00 p.m. - registration ends for Session I
- June 15, 2022 @ 12:00 p.m. - registration ends for Session II

**Online** pvschools.net/summer  
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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- High School Summer School is for students currently in grades 9 through 12.
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- Students **MUST** consult with their high school counselor before enrolling in any course.
- Only one course can be taken per session.
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# What's Happening at Wildfire Elementary

We have had a fantastic first three-quarters of learning at Wildfire Elementary School. Our students and staff have done an amazing job this school year and I am so proud of how our school and community have persevered and succeeded when faced with the unique challenges presented during this school year. Everyone should take pride in the work they have done and all they have accomplished.

As we move into the final quarter of the school year, our students and staff are working hard and dedicating themselves to showing what they have learned and what they can do on the upcoming State assessments. We also have a variety of events, field trips, and learning opportunities planned for the weeks

ahead that will be sure to create wonderful memories and valuable lessons for our students.

As we look ahead to the 2022-2023 school year, we have a lot to be excited about. In addition to targeting specific skills and learning goals, we are excited to build our outdoor classrooms, refine our STEM initiatives, and continue to provide our students with amazing opportunities in and outside of our classroom walls.

We are currently accepting open enrollment applications for the 2022-2023 school year. If you or someone you know is looking for a great school, be sure to check out our Facebook (@WFESFirebirds) and Twitter

(@WFESFirebirds) to see the awesome things happening at

WFES and learn why our school is the place for your family. Visit our school website at pvschools.net/wfes to learn more about Wildfire and set up a tour. We look forward to seeing you at WFES.

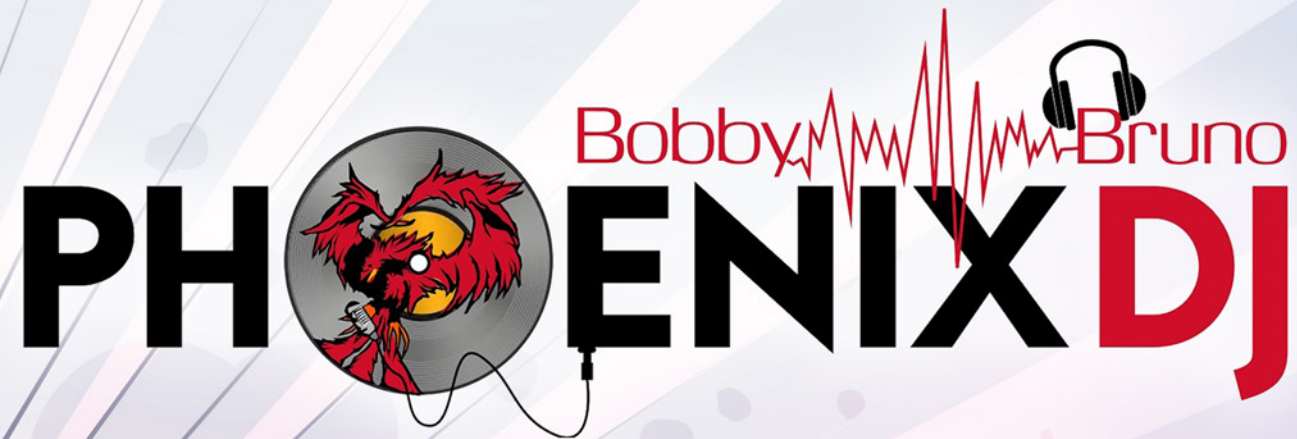
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Ryan Schoonover  
Principal of Wildfire Elementary School



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## Seasonal Safety Tips & Reminders



Spring is now in full swing and summer break will be upon us before we can blink, and for many of our youngest residents that means they have the freedom to play outside to their heart's content (or at least until mom or dad call them back inside). While we encourage kids to enjoy this time of year to the fullest, we also want everyone to stay safe.

### Here are a few guidelines to make sure the school-free months go smoothly:

- **Make sure your children are proactive about their safety.** Whether they're playing at a park, swimming at a pool or riding their bikes around the neighborhood, it's important that kids understand what types of injuries could occur during these activities and how they can best avoid them. If an injury does occur, your kids need to know what actions to take—such as alerting a trusted adult or, in the case of a true emergency, calling 911.
- **Supervise your kids at the pool.** While it's always a good idea to keep an eye on your kids, it's particularly important to make sure your children have adult supervision while they're in the water. It only takes a second for even good swimmers to find themselves in a dangerous situation, so it's vital that kids
- **Slow down while driving through the neighborhood.** All residents should take note of this rule. With children out and about in full-force during the spring and summer, you're more likely than ever to see a distracted kid chasing after a run-away basketball or skateboarding on the streets. So slow down, be extra aware of what's going on around you, and be prepared to stop suddenly if a child runs out into the road. Parents should remind kids that they have a responsibility to be aware of oncoming cars as well, and to be extra careful when they are on the street.
- **Remind older kids to check in with you when they're playing without adult supervision.** When kids are out on their own, it's easy for them to forget to let their

are supervised by someone who knows the signs of a distressed swimmer. To learn about how you can keep your family safe at the pool, visit [www.poolsafety.gov](http://www.poolsafety.gov).

parents know they're okay. So establish a set of rules, such as checking in every few hours or whenever they change locations, and be firm about enforcing them. If your child has a hard time remembering to give you a call every so often, it might be helpful to have them set an alarm on their cell phone or watch so they don't forget. It's a great way for kids to build a sense of independence and for you to know they're safe even when they're not within sight.

While the spring and summer can present many hazards, there's no reason your kids can't come out of it unscathed (notwithstanding a few minor scrapes, bruises and bug bites, of course). To learn more about how you can keep your kids from getting hurt this spring and summer, visit [www.cdc.gov/features/KidsSafety/](http://www.cdc.gov/features/KidsSafety/) for a list of great articles. Stay safe and enjoy this wonderful season.





# PICKLEBALL

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## 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](http://www.theclubjwdesertridge.com)

**Paradise Valley Community Center** | 17402 N 40th Street Phoenix | [www.Phoenix.gov/parks](http://www.Phoenix.gov/parks)

**Thompson Peak Park** | 20199 N 78th Place Scottsdale | [www.Scottsdaleaz.gov](http://www.Scottsdaleaz.gov)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PICKLEBALL:

**USA Pickleball Places 2 play** | [www.placestoplay.org](http://www.placestoplay.org)

**The Global Pickleball Network** | [www.globalpickleball.network](http://www.globalpickleball.network)

# Finish what you start

BY MATT KEEL, PGA



**Matt Keel**  
Lead Golf Instructor

Matt Keel is the Lead Golf Instructor 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](mailto:MattKeel@pga.com) or visiting [MattKeelGolf.com](http://MattKeelGolf.com)



**W**hen you first learned how to play golf, you were first taught how to set up. You learned about grip, stance, alignment etc. To play good golf, it is important to make sure you are setting up correctly every time, however I often see little attention paid to finishing the golf swing correctly. If we try to begin our swing the same way every time, wouldn't it make sense to end our swing the same way? Most people agree that how you finish your swing is simply an end result of how you swung the golf club. Sometimes, changing the end result will change what you do to arrive at that end result. In my experience, I have found that creating a good finish will change your swing for the better.

Finishing your swing correctly impacts your swing in several areas. A correct finish will teach you how to swing in balance. There is no sport that I know of that you can play well when you are off balance. A good finish will also aid in keeping your arms and body connected during your swing. Many students will swing too quickly with their arms causing a disconnect between the body and the arms. Have you ever noticed

when you swing easier, you hit the ball better? By swinging easier, you are slowing down your arms allowing your arms and body to stay connected through your swing. A good finish will also aid in a desirable club path creating good direction. All that being said, let's look how to make a good finish to your golf swing.

The next time you go to the driving range, hold your finish and check to see if you are finishing correctly. When checking your finish, there are three questions you should ask yourself and the answers to these not only create individual consequences, but will also affect each other. Once they are answered, you will know what you need to change.

### 1. Is your core facing your target?

At the end of your swing, your core should be facing your target. Facing your core to your target shows that you rotated completely. Failure to rotate completely affects your distance as well as your direction. Your distance will be affected due to a shorter range of motion in your swing and will also allow your arms to take over generating less club head speed at impact. Failure to

rotate fully and allowing your arms to take over will also cause your swing path to change and cause you to hit the ball left or right.

### 2. Is your target side foot still in the same position?

Your target side foot is your left foot if you are right handed and your right foot if you swing left handed. Your target side foot should remain planted through your entire swing. It is common for students to spin their target side foot forward during the swing. Spinning your target side foot forward causes your hips to open to your target creating a swing path that is too far to the inside. In other words, your hips open up too much and you cut across the ball usually causing a slice or a pull slice. Keeping your target side foot planted will help you to rotate your hips forward creating a better club path.

### 3. Is all your weight on your target side foot at the end of your swing?

We generate club head speed in various ways during the golf swing. Transferring your weight toward your target is one of the most important components to creating club head speed. To check to see

if your weight is fully transferred forward, hold your finish and look at your back foot. If your back foot is straight up and down, you transferred your weight fully. If your back foot is bent at the ball of your foot, then you left some weight on your back foot.

Once you are aware of what you need to correct, you'll need to make the changes and create new habits. First, hold your finish at the end of your swing. Next look at what you need to correct based on what was said earlier, and make a quick correction while you are still holding your finish. Make another swing and make the corrections again while you are still holding your finish. Keep repeating this process and you will soon be able to make the corrections during your swing and create new habits.

While focusing on your set up is important to playing your best golf, try paying some attention to how you finish. Noticing how you finish can provide you valuable information as to how you are swinging the golf club. By placing a little more emphasis on how you finish your golf swing, you will start to see more consistency and create better shots.



# Meetings & Events

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**Cashman Park**  
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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, May 24**  
**Tuesday, June 28**  
**Tuesday, July 26**  
9 am

### DRCA Board of Directors

**Wednesday, May 25**  
**Wednesday, June 29**  
**No July 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, June 8**  
4 pm

### Communications Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference  
**Thursday, May 12**  
**Thursday, June 9**  
**Thursday, July 14**  
6:30 pm

### Lifestyles Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference  
**Thursday, May 19**  
**Thursday, June 16**  
**Thursday, July 21**  
4 pm

### Public Affairs Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference  
**Wednesday, July 20**  
4:30 pm

### Design Review Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference  
**Tuesday, April 16**  
**Tuesday, May 17**  
**Tuesday, June 7**  
**Tuesday, July 19**  
4 pm

### Community Awareness Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference  
**Tuesday, July 19**  
6:30 p.m.

### DRCA Office Holiday Closings

#### Memorial Day

**Monday, May 30**

#### Juneteenth Day

**Monday, June 20**

#### Independence Day

**Monday, July 4**

### DRCA Office Summer Hours (Fridays Only)

**Friday, June 24 through**  
**Friday, August 26**  
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Meetings dates/times are subject to change. Please check desertridgelifestyles.com calendar to confirm scheduled dates/times for the meeting listed above.

### Desert Ridge Mega Community-Wide Yard Sale

Boys & Girls Club Vestar Branch,  
**Saturday, April 23**  
7 am to 2 pm

### Shred-A-Thon

Boys & Girls Club Vestar Branch  
**Saturday, April 23**  
1 pm to 3 pm

### Meet and Greet Social

Majerle's Sports Grill  
**Tuesday, April 12**  
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

### Coffee Club

Cambria Hotel & Suites  
**Tuesday, April 12**  
**Tuesday, June 14**  
9 am

### CPR and AED Training

Cambria Hotel  
Adult, Child, & Infant CPR/ HS  
**Saturday, May 14**  
**Saturday, May 28**  
**Saturday, June 18**  
9:00 am to 11:00 am

### Babysitting CPR/AED/First Aid

**Saturday, June 4**  
9 am to 2 pm

### Farmers Market on High Street

**Every Sunday - Ends May 29th**  
10 am to 1:00 pm

### Cambria Hotel & Suites

4425 E. Irma Ln., Phoenix, AZ 85050

### Holiday Inn Express & Suites

4575 E. Irma Ln., Phoenix, AZ 85050

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

### Association

**Desert Ridge Community Association**  
480.551.4553  
**REGULAR HOURS**  
Monday–Friday 8 am–5 pm  
**EMAIL**  
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**24/7 Customer Care Center** 855.333.5149

### DRCA Committees

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### 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

**Malfunctioning Traffic Signals** 602.262.6021

**Streets/Street Sweeping** 602.262.6441

**Southwest Gas**  
Customer Service 602.861.9999

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

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

**Cox Communications** 623.594.1000

**Centurylink** 800.244.1111

**Green Pools** 602.506.6616  
Maricopa County

**Graffiti Busters** 602.495.7014

**Southwest Wildlife**

**Conservation Center** 480.471.9109  
**Dispatch–City**

**24/7 Street Maintenance**  
**Concerns** 602.262.6441

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**Wildfire Elementary** 602.449.4300  
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**Desert Trails Elementary** 602.449.4100  
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**Explorer Middle School** 602.449.4200  
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