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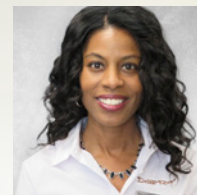
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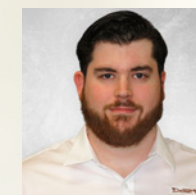
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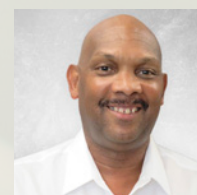


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Join us in celebrating the local landscape, farmers and community of the Southwest at *Top Chef* Angelo Sosa's new signature dining experience. Delight your palate with a savory love letter to the region, a dazzling array of meat, fish, and vegetarian dishes inspired by Chef Sosa's Aunt (*Tía*) Carmen. Located inside the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort and Spa.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sound Professional Advice



Doug Dickson
President
Desert Ridge Community Association

Protecting Desert Ridge's physical assets is an important fiduciary responsibility we take very seriously.

Our association has hired a professional reserve study provider to conduct a reserve study for our association.

Association Reserves is engaged to perform an onsite reserve study for the upcoming 2023 fiscal year that will be reviewed and used by the Desert Ridge Community Association Finance Committee and Board of Directors during their 2023 budget planning process that will commence this summer.

Association Reserves is expected to have the reserve study completed in time for the finance committee and board to review and approve soon. Once the reserve study is approved by the board, it will also be available to the members.

A reserve study is a complex document that projects when numerous major components or assets of the Association—like the irrigation systems, walls/fencing, decomposed granite—will need to be repaired, replaced or serviced, what they will cost and how much we'll need to set aside each year to pay for the various components at the necessary time. Preparing it requires a unique combination of specialized knowledge, a keen understanding of financial projecting and savvy investing skills.

Certain expensive common elements must be replaced every 5-10, 15, or 20 years.

Professional reserve study providers are extensively trained before they are considered qualified to perform competent reserve studies tailored for each community. These professionals have met

stringent requirements and are held to high standards. They have a thorough knowledge of common interest developments, HOAs, and community associations, and can provide the board with sound guidance.

Part of preparing the budget includes calculating how much money the association must set aside each year, so we have the needed funds. To make sure we estimate as accurately as possible, we work closely with a reserve specialist.

The reserve specialist will prepare a study that will provide the board with guidance on how to keep our association's physical assets from deteriorating faster than our financial assets increase.

The reserve specialist will visit the community to inspect it and prepare a written reserve study for the association. That report will include an inventory of all common area items, recommendations on what needs to be replaced and when, what the replacements will cost, and a plan for paying for them.

The reserve specialist chosen by the board has the expertise and experience to accurately determine the life cycles of our common components and will help the board estimate the cost to repair or replacement them.

The reserve specialist is also expert at analyzing the financial resources needed to maintain the common elements over time and will advise the board how to balance the size of the reserve fund against the deterioration of the common elements.

Since the community's physical assets are constantly decaying, the guidance of a reserve specialist will help the board protect those assets and keep the community looking its best at all times—and that helps protect our property values!

The board takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously—we want to be good stewards of your money. By hiring these professionals we're confident we've done the right thing.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

11 Tips to Avoid Conflict with Neighbors

We all can just get along. The key? Communication.

It's often the best way to prevent and resolve conflict before situations spiral out of control between neighbors. You don't have to be friends or spend time together to achieve a peaceful coexistence, but you should try to be a good neighbor and follow these tips:

1 Say hello

At the mailbox, while walking the dog or when you see a moving van arrive, introduce yourself. Learn your neighbors' names and regularly offer a friendly greeting.

2 Provide a heads up.

If you're planning a construction project, altering your landscaping or hosting a big party, contact your neighbors beforehand.

3 Do unto others.

Treat neighbors as you would like to be treated. Be considerate about noise from vehicles, stereos, pets, etc.

4 Know your differences.

Make an effort to understand each other. Differences in age, ethnic background and years in the neighborhood can lead to different expectations or misunderstandings. Consider the view. Keep areas of your property that others can see presentable.

5 Appreciate them.

If the neighbors do something you like, let them know. They'll be pleased you noticed, and it'll be easier to talk later if they do something you don't like.

6 Stay positive.

Most people don't try to create problems. If a neighbor does something that irritates you, don't assume it was deliberate.

7 Talk honestly.

Tolerance is important, but don't let a real

irritation go because it seems unimportant or hard to discuss. Let your neighbors know if something they do annoys.

8 Be respectful.

Talk directly to your neighbors if there's a problem. Gossiping with or complaining to others can damage relationships and create conflicts that could have been avoided.

9 Remain calm.

If a neighbor mentions a problem they have with you, thank them for the input. You don't have to agree or justify any behavior. Wait for any anger to subside before responding.

10 Listen carefully.

When discussing a problem, try to understand your neighbor's position or point-of-view and why he or she feels that way.

11 Take your time.

Take a break to think about what you and your neighbor have discussed. Arrange to finish the conversation at another time. Building community takes everyone effort and willingness to work together neighbors-to-neighbor.

Local Events & Activities

ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Butterfly Wonderland

9500 E. Via de Ventura
Scottsdale, Arizona

Daily
9 am-5 pm
Adults - \$25.95
Children (Ages 2-12) - \$18.95
Military/Senior
480-800-3000
<https://butterflywonderland.com/>

See the transformation of the butterfly from caterpillar to chrysalis and then to the moment it takes its first flight into the world.



Salt Water Tubing

9200 North Bush Highway
Mesa, AZ

Open 7 Days A Week
9 am-6:30 pm
Tube rental with bus ride is \$21
Discount if you bring your own tubes.
480-984-3305
www.saltrivertubing.com

Children must be at least eight years old and at least four feet tall to utilize the services of Salt River Tubing. If you've never gone before, there are plenty of things to know first to ensure that you'll have a good time.



Phoenix Zoo

455 North Galvin Parkway
Phoenix, AZ

July 13
Adult (14+) - \$29.95
Child (3-13) - \$19.95
Children 2 and under do not require a ticket.
602-286-3800
<https://www.phoenixzoo.org/visit/>

The Phoenix Zoo's Winter in July event couldn't be more exciting for Arizona residents, as each year they find new and fun ways to "chill out" here in the desert. For one day, enjoy 35 tons of snow, a snow slide, live music, and rest assured that all the animals are given a cool ice treat to help them beat the heat!



Out of Africa

3505 W. SR-260
Camp Verde, AZ

Daily
9:30 am-5 pm
www.outofafricapark.com

Call us wild. Call us crazy. Just don't call us a zoo. Set against the backdrop of the beautiful Mingus Mountains of Camp Verde, Out of Africa Wildlife Park is nestled on over 100 acres of rolling hills and valleys



Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

4243 W. Pinnacle Peak Road
Glendale, AZ

Daily
Hours vary
623-201-2000
www.sixflags.com/phoenix

With more than 30 award-winning slides, rides and attraction, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor is the perfect destination for those lazy summer days. Enjoy thrills for the entire family with high-energy slides, interactive play structures, giant wave pool and mini versions of the parks most popular rides for younger guests to enjoy.



Disney's The Lion King at ASU Gammage

1200 S. Forest Ave, Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ

July 5-31
480-965-3434
<https://www.asugammage.com/thelionking>

Based on Walt Disney's animated featured film this performance will take you to the Pride Lands where Simba is faced with life changing situations. Experience the artistry, music, choreography, and storytelling of this amazing production. This phenomenal musical award winning show is a must see for all ages. You truly do not want to miss this!

Fourth of July Festivities



Fourth of July Freedom Fest

7575 E. Princess Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona

July 2-4
Phone: (480) 585-4848
Fireworks begin at 9 pm nightly

The Twelfth Annual Fourth of July Freedom Fest is the place to celebrate with spectacular fireworks, a vintage air show of more than 50 military aircraft flown in WWII, Korean and Vietnam will fly over the resort. You do not want to miss this wonderful event.



All-American Festival in Peoria

Outdoor Festival at Peoria Sports Complex
16101 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382

July 4
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Firework display at 9:10 pm (weather permitting)
Free General Admission to the event and all activities
VIP Experiences available for purchase

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a time of live music entertainment, food, a sensory room, a cornhole tournament and much more fun!



WestWorld of Scottsdale

16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale, Arizona

July 4
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Fireworks start at 9:00 pm
Website: <https://www.scottsdale4th.com/>
Phone: (480) 656-9940
This is a CASHLESS event - please come prepared to make card payments for anything purchased on-site including parking, tickets, food, etc.

Come enjoy a fun-filled family friendly time of live performances, games, old-fashioned cake walks, mutton busting for children, bull riding and lots more.





SUMMER Camps

Make it a summer to remember by enrolling your child in camp!

Are you looking for something for your kids to do this summer? Consider enrolling your child in one of the many Summer Camps happening around the valley this summer. With activities from sports, to art, there is something out there for children of all abilities and ages! Find out more about what camps are happening below.

Dearing Acting Studio Summer Movie Camp

July 25-29, 8:00 am-2:00 pm

10806 N. 32nd Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85028

More Information

Cost: \$725
Ages: 5 to 17 years of age
Website: <https://www.dearingstudio.com/actor-movie-camp/>
Phone: (480) 313-9901
Email: hello@dearingstudio.com

This is an opportunity for youth to get the full on-set experience and aspects of filmmaking in a week. Each student will learn how to audition, pre-production, script analysis, scene work, lighting, etc.

As You Wish Pottery Summer Camps

July 29th, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Desert Ridge Marketplace
21001 N. Tatum Blvd., Ste. 48-1530
Phoenix, Arizona 85050

More Information

Ages: All ages
Cost: \$25 per Class all-inclusive
Website: <https://www.asyouwishpottery.com/product/7-29-kids-special-event-sunbathing-orange-canvas-make-your-own-summer-slime/>
Phone: (480) 585-0041

Paradise Valley School of Karate, Inc.

Monday-Friday all summer, excluding July 4th, 8:00 am

13647 N. 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85032

More Information

Website: <https://pvkarate.com/services/Summer-Camp>
Phone: 602.867.9204
Email: sensi@pvkarate.com

This camp offers indoor activities, sports, games, and educational opportunities. There are field trips twice a week to the pool and the movies once a week.

Best Sports Camps

May 31-August 1

7000 East Shea Blvd., Suite 1830-1840, Bld. H
Scottsdale, Arizona 85254

More Information

Cost: <https://thebestinaz.com/b-e-s-t-camp-pricing/>
Ages: 16 months to 12 years old
Website: <https://thebestinaz.com/>
Phone: (623) 748-9453

Arizona State University - Summer Tech Camps

July 4-8 and July 11-15, 7:15 am-5:30 pm

400 East Apache
Tempe, AZ 85281

More Information

Cost: From \$879 USD
Ages: 7-17 Beginner to Advanced (1 week)
Website: <https://www.idtech.com/locations/arizona-summer-camps/arizona-state-university>
Email: info@idtech.com
Phone: 1-888-7096-8324

This summer, learn to code, design video games, mod Minecraft, create with Roblox, engineer robots, print 3D characters, learn about cybersecurity, and much more.

Do Re Mi School of the Arts

July 11-July 30

Mountain View Church
(corner of Hayden & Mountain View)
8050 E. Mountain View Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

More Information

Ages: 4 years old to 12th grade
Website: <https://doremischool.com/summer-camp> or info@doremischool.com
Phone: (480) 616-0888
Email: info@doremischool.com

Children's Museum of Phoenix

July 1-August 5, 9:00 am

215 N. 7th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

More Information

Cost: Standard \$280 per child per week
Member \$235 per child per week
Extended care available: \$20 per day or \$80 per week
Ages: 4-5 years of age, 6-8 years of age
Website: camps@childmusephx.org
Phone: (602) 648-2777
Contact: Ricardo Bernal

Childsplay

July 18- July 22, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

900 S. Mitchell Drive
Tempe, AZ 85281

More Information

Cost: \$250
Ages: 8-12
Website: <https://www.childsplayaz.org/index.php/classes/summer/monstersandmages>
Email: bfallon@childsplayaz.org
Contact: Brianna Fallon

Your child will learn the fundamentals of acting and explore an engaging theme from literature or pop-culture. Body, voice, and imagination are engaged in a curriculum of drama activities that include improvisation, story drama, and character creation.

JW Marriott Desert Ridge Pickleball & Tennis Camps

Weeks of June 13, 20, or 27

8:00 am-11:00 am, Mon-Thurs

5350 E Marriott Dr
Phoenix, AZ 85054

More Information

Cost: \$250/week (per child)
Ages: 8-15
Email: paul.fragoso@marriott.com
Phone: 480-293-3663

Kids will learn from certified instructors with instructor-to-child ratios of 8:1 (pickleball) and 6:1 (tennis). Morning schedule will include court practice between 8am-10am and the remaining time will be in the shade for social playtime with games, drills and more. Junior tennis rackets and pickleball paddles will be available to borrow, but we recommend bringing your own or purchase onsite at the Pro Shop.



New & Coming Soon



COMING SOON

Fly Bye To Go (Opening July 2022)

Just your go-to favorites from Fox Restaurant Concepts to-go. Swoop by for delicious hot square pan pizza, crispy chicken, savory sauces, salads and more. Fly Bye To Go is set to open its second Arizona location near Albertsons in 2022.

Cartel Roasting Co. (Opening 2022)

Arizona based specialty coffee roaster and retailer is coming this fall to The District. Located near The Splash Pad, the 1,154-SF location will deliver guests so much more than just a good cup of coffee. From green coffee sourcing, to roasting and brewing, Cartel Roasting Co.'s mission is to make good. We love our craft and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Artichoke Basille's Pizza (Opening Summer 2022)

Artichoke Basille's Pizza is set to open its third Arizona location at Desert Ridge Marketplace. Originating from New York, this award-winning pizzeria is well-known for its massive pies and signature Artichoke pizza that has been featured on hit talk shows like Jay Leno, The Rachael Ray Show and more. Coming soon to The District near Copper Blues Live and Barnes & Noble.

Soap Des Jours (Opening Summer 2022)

Nordstrom Rack (Opening Fall 2022)

Dakota London Hair Extensions (Opening Summer 2022)

NOW OPEN

Flip Flop Shops (Opening June 2022)

Locally owned, Flip Flop Shops, joins The District at Desert Ridge Marketplace near H&M. The premier flip flop and leisure footwear curator serves as a gateway to the most popular beach lifestyle brands from the shores of Hawaii to the southern most point of the Florida Keys.

Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa (Opening June 2022)

The over 2,500 SF spa has transformed the self-care industry by offering the highest quality massage, facial and hair removal services at affordable prices, seven days a week. Their mission is to make the soothing wonder of the massage experience accessible to more and more people.

Keep it Cut

Lenscrafters

Radi8 Hot Yoga

Sid's Garage

UPCOMING EVENTS

Desert Ridge Marketplace



JUNE

Mommy & Me Meetups

Every other Wednesday this summer June 8 | June 22 | July 6 | July 20 from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Desert Ridge Marketplace partners with Arizona Mommies to host summer meetups at The Splash Pad! Connect with fellow AZ moms while the kiddos splash around. The first 50 families will receive Desert Ridge Marketplace goodie bags with summer swag and exclusive offers.

Light-Speed Launch Party

Friday, June 17 from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Get ready for takeoff... we're celebrating the release of Lightyear with an out-of-this-world launch party in The District. Snap a photo with your favorite toy spaceman and enjoy stellar games, crafts, and live entertainment by Funergy!

Father of the Year Challenge

Saturday, June 18 from 4:00pm-9:00pm

Show off your dad strength for a chance to win free shows at Copper Blue's Live for a year and \$200 in gift cards to your favorite brands. Guests will enjoy life-size lawn games, an outdoor bar, live music, challenges and more.

Sunset Sweat with Nike

Select Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Join us in the Courtyard for free outdoor fitness classes on select Tuesdays this summer. Try different formats and enjoy new-member fitness offers, exclusive Nike offerings, light bites and more.

June 28 - HIIT with Eat The Frog Fitness

July 26 - Yoga with Radi8 Hot Yoga

August 23 - Pilates with Reformed Pilates

JULY

Fine Art Fridays

Every Third Friday | 5pm-9pm | July 15 | August 19 | September 16 | October 21 | & More

Desert Ridge Marketplace partners with SAACA to host Fine Art Fridays in The District! Every third Friday, Desert Ridge Marketplace spotlights over 10 local artists. Purchase your favorite creations and enjoy live music, an outdoor bar, art demonstrations and more.

80's Mad Science Party

Saturday, July 23 from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Enjoy Crazy Experiments, Live Entertainment, Photo Opportunity with Doc and the DeLorean & other Giveaways

Coming back to Desert Ridge Marketplace this summer -

Umbrella Pop Art Installation

Escape the scorching summer sun and stroll in shady relief under hundreds of vibrant umbrellas in The District! Snap a shady shot and tag us on Instagram, @desertridge. Located near H&M and The Splash Pad.



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<p>Lone Mountain Elementary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personalized Learning Model World Language Taught K-6 STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math 	<p>Desert Sun Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math French Taught K-6 Personalized and Blended Learning
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Since 1994, AAA Landscape has been the Desert Ridge Community Association preferred landscape maintenance service provider and community partner, providing a multitude of landscape designs, installations and maintenance services to the community throughout the years. We value tremendously the community partnership and the amazing relationships we have developed with the community residents over the past 24 years! We look forward to many more years of providing landscape maintenance services that will ensure Desert Ridge remains one of the most desired destination communities in all of Phoenix.

AAA Landscape would like to thank the Desert Ridge residents for the continued opportunity to serve your community and allowing us to be an integral part of the next generation of Desert Ridge development, growth and change to come!

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Recipe by Sam Worley,
Epicurious Magazine

SUMMER DESSERT

Orange Upside-Down Cake

Ingredients

For the caramel topping:

- 2 medium oranges
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 4 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces, plus more for cake pan
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

For the cake:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 cup buttermilk, well shaken

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:

- 10-inch round cake pan

Directions

STEP 1: Make the Caramel

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
2. Lightly butter the cake pan. Slice the oranges as thinly as you can (about 1/8 to 1/4-inch thick), preferably using a mandoline and picking out seeds as you go; set aside.
3. Make sure you have all the ingredients for the caramel ready to go before you begin cooking it. In a medium pot, combine the sugar and 6 tablespoons water and place over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil and cook, swirling the pan occasionally, until the mixture turns a medium-dark amber color, about 10 minutes. Remove pot from heat and carefully stir in the butter and salt until incorporated. Pour the caramel into the buttered cake pan.

STEP 2: Make the Cake

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt; set aside.
2. In a separate large bowl, use an electric mixer to cream the butter and sugar until fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition, and then blend in the vanilla and orange zest.
3. Add the flour mixture in three parts, alternating with the buttermilk, beating just to combine. Spoon the batter in dollops over the oranges in the cake pan, being careful not to move them around too much. Smooth the top of the batter with a wet offset spatula or the back of a spoon. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the middle of the cake comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through.
4. With an offset spatula or a butter knife, loosen any parts of the cake that seem to be sticking to the side of the pan. Invert the cake onto a plate or platter while it's still hot. Let cool until warm or room temperature, then cut into wedges with a serrated knife to serve.



CAMBRIA
North Scottsdale Desert Ridge

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Stay cool with 5 local beers for \$25 everyday this summer! Stop by the Cambria bar from 5:00pm-10:00pm.

4425 E Irma Lane - Phoenix, AZ 85050 - 480-585-6644



DESERT RIDGE RESTAURANT REVIEW

Cook & Craft

If you are looking for a restaurant for everyone, Cook and Craft is the place to dine.

Located at 5310 High Street in Desert Ridge, Cook & Craft is a dining experience that provides both an excellent and diverse combination of food and libation. The menu is a Modern American restaurant that has vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options. The bar area is well sized, and the selection of fine wines, beer and varied liquors is enough to satisfy even the most discerning patron.

Happy hour, which runs from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm daily offers a myriad of fine selections. The Deviled eggs may be enjoyed traditionally or perhaps with chicken and maple syrup atop, a true delight. Another fine selection is the Cauliflower wings, a unique taste.

The mouthwatering entree dishes to try at this restaurant are the Crafted Grilled Cheese or Wrapped Meatballs, Barramundi Perch, or Short Ribs, the culinary selection is sure to please. There are several variations of Mac and Cheese which will please the younger patrons.

The welcoming atmosphere at Cook and Craft is a place to tell your friends, family, and acquaintances. All in all, the restaurant will serve to provide an enjoyable dining experience. The staff are friendly, prompt, and truly knowledgeable about the menu. They are attentive and able to answer your questions about the restaurant. Whether stopping by for happy hour or for a more comprehensive meal you will be pleasantly surprised with both food and drinks.



REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK

Balanced Market?

Holly Henbest, REALTOR®

We are starting to see more and more trends that indicate we are heading toward a balanced market.

For instance, Days on Market (number of days a home is listed for sale before going under contract) has surpassed 20 days for the first time this year. In January it was at 19, then dipped to about 16 in March and then 24 in May. Although the number of days on market is increasing, we won't be considered a balanced market until we see the days on market somewhere between 120-135.

Another trend we are seeing is a shift in available inventory with our luxury market showing the biggest increase in inventory. Homes priced between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 increased in inventory by 86% from April to May. Homes under \$400,000 remain tight on availability with only a 1% increase in inventory from April to May.

The population of Buyers has also been changing a bit. Buyers purchasing property as a primary residence have declined almost 20% since last year (April 2021 to April 2022). Second home or vacation home purchases have declined about 8% in the same period. On the other hand, investment property purchases (homes intended to be rentals) have increased almost 9%.

This population mix is interesting for a few reasons. People who want to purchase

a primary residence may need to sell their current home to be able to afford their next home. Many people who want to move are wary their home may sell quickly, leaving them little time to select their replacement property. With an increase in inventory, on the horizon, sellers may find more comfort in selling their home, knowing they will have more options of what they can buy.

With the increase of Investor purchases, the indication is that investors want to purchase sooner than later as prices are expected to continue to rise, although at a much more modest rate. There is also an expectation that the demand for rental homes will rise for a few reasons. As interest rates increase, some Buyers will be putting their purchase plans on hold, as they can no longer afford what they were hoping to buy, so we'll have people remaining in rental properties for longer than desired. Our job market also remains strong with new job growth, which means more relocation and more demand for rental homes.

Whenever we start to talk about a shift or change in the market, it seems the immediate reaction is concern that home prices may drop, but instead there are reasons to be optimistic. My personal take is that we'll see prices flatten as a reaction to the increased interest rates and values in our market will

stabilize.

Although the signs of a shift continue, we are still a ways away from balance. This remains a Seller's market, but it's great to see added inventory and more choices for Buyers. While the supply and demand imbalance heads in the direction of balance, we are seeing that home prices continue to rise, though at a much slower and modest rate than we've seen over the last year.

The Greater Phoenix Area real estate market remains strong with several key factors that remain in place. We are the number one relocation destination in the country due to our climate, our job opportunities increasing, our cost of living remaining relatively low compared to other parts of the country, and we recently saw that Arizona had 8 of the 10 most recovered cities in America from the pandemic. Arizona continues to draw relocation buyers, second home buyers and retirement buyers.

The last year has been full of crazy headlines, record-breaking sales and stories. That said, I believe it's healthy to see things slow down a bit. While it's great to see our home values increase, it's healthy to see the pace of the increase slow down. The reality is that we can't sustain rapid paced growth for the long haul, so it's good to see things head towards normalization. Our normal market has always been a great market too.

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Homeowner Highlight



Proud to Call The Luxe HOME

Moving to Desert Ridge and the Luxe has been wonderful. We found a community that is vibrant and offers so much to its residents. It is nice to belong to a community that provides activities for all ages, great schools and medical facilities, and a friendly environment, and we love the beautiful resort surroundings. The Statesman Group has developed a truly beautiful place to live, and I would say we found our happy place right here in Desert Ridge.

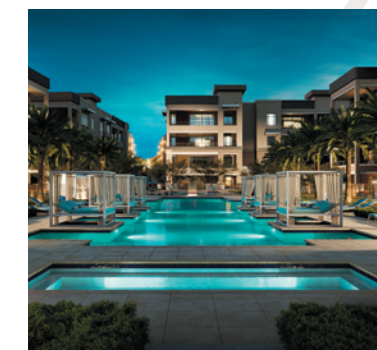
The Sipich Family

Being part of the retired age population, we needed to live conveniently near shopping and top-rated medical facilities, which The Desert Ridge area offers. We looked at several new construction homes nearby, and we chose The Luxe because of its luxury resort-style amenities and relaxing setting. The quality construction includes soundproof concrete slabs between floors, making it feel like no one is living upstairs at all - it's so quiet inside our home. We love the indoor and outdoor living - it truly feels like we're living in a luxury hotel which we absolutely love.

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My wife and I have had the pleasure of living in the valley for just over 30 years. When we decided to downsize and reduce the amount of work that our single-family home required, we looked at many areas in the valley; however, what specifically sparked our interest in The Luxe was its central location to everything. For us, The Luxe is much more than a great space within the perfect location. It has an incredible clubhouse, fitness center, pools, and outdoor areas for us to enjoy. These amenities don't just look good; they promote the kind of value that makes each homeowner feel special. We feel very fortunate to live in such a special place. A place that we now call "home."

The Cameron Family



The Statesman Group

A family-owned and operated real estate development company, Statesman purchased and developed 50 acres of land within the Desert Ridge master-planned community located on Deer Valley Road between 52nd and 56th streets. The Luxe Condo Living occupies 10 acres on the west side of the property.

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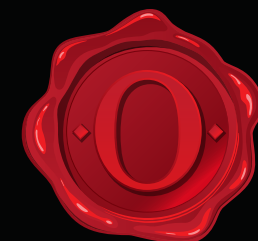
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SAFETY TIPS

Summer Grilling



Steve Burns
Community Awareness Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association

When firing up your grills this summer, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reminds you to barbecue safely whether you use gas or charcoal.

Gas Grills

- Liquid petroleum (LP) gas or propane, used in gas grills, is highly flammable. Each year about 30 people are injured as a result of gas grill fires and explosions. Many of these occur when consumers first use a grill that has been left idle for a period of time or just after refilling and reattaching the grill's gas container.
- To reduce the risk of fire or explosion, consumers should routinely perform the following safety checks:
- Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the

main part of the burner.

- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you can't move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.
- Replace scratched or nicked connectors, which can eventually leak gas.
- Check for gas leaks, following the manufacturer's instructions, if you smell gas or when you reconnect the grill to the LP gas container. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.
- Keep lighted cigarettes, matches and

- open flames away from a leaking grill.
- Never use a grill indoors. Use the grill at least 10 feet away from your house or any building. Do not use the grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch or under a surface that can catch fire.
- Do not attempt to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself. See an LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions that accompany the grill and when connecting or disconnecting LP gas containers.
- Consumers should use caution when storing LP gas containers. Always keep containers upright. Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill or indoors. Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.
- To avoid accidents while transporting LP gas containers, transport the container in a secure, upright position. Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase, which may open the relief valve and allow gas to escape.

Charcoal Grills

- Charcoal produces carbon monoxide when

burned. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can accumulate to toxic levels in closed environments. Each year about 30 people die and 100 are injured as a result of carbon monoxide fumes from charcoal grills and hibachis used indoors.

- To reduce carbon monoxide poisonings, never burn charcoal indoors, in vehicles, tents or campers, even if ventilated. Since charcoal produces carbon monoxide fumes until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.

For more information, visit the CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov.



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Know the Community Rules

Have you checked out the Desert Ridge Community Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) lately? If not, now's a great time to brush up on the community declaration and governing documents.

For those of you who were unaware, CC&Rs play a crucial role in keeping the association running smoothly. CC&Rs are legally binding rules and regulations that each homeowner agrees to when he or she purchases a lot, unit or parcel within the association. If owners rent out their homes, it's the owner's responsibility to inform the new residents of the bylaws as well. CC&Rs include stipulations on assessments, the architectural requirements and process, maintenance obligations, land uses, and the governance of the association. All residents need to understand the CC&Rs

so they don't unintentionally violate them; owners can be fined by the association and—in extreme cases—sued for violating the CC&Rs. Owners are empowered when they understand the CC&Rs.

While they may seem arbitrary, the CC&Rs are legally enforceable. When you purchased your home in our common-

interest community, you became contractually bound to abide by the covenants that protect the association. Please review them and ensure you are in compliance. They also help ensure the association as a whole can thrive and that members are treated fairly and equally. So don't be left in the dark—check out the association's CC&Rs today!

Where can I get my CC&Rs and other governing documents?

Documents can be obtained via the FirstService Residential (FSR) Connect Desert Ridge Portal by visiting and logging into your account at <http://arizona.fsrconnect.com/desertridge>

Did You Know? Fiduciary Duty

Did you know the Desert Ridge Community Association board members are fiduciaries? From time to time you may hear that the board of the association operates in a fiduciary capacity for the homeowners. Or you may read about the board's fiduciary responsibility in the governing documents. Just exactly what does this mean?

Fiduciary duty simply means the board has an ethical

and legal obligation to make decisions in the best interests of the entire association. That's a small explanation for a very big responsibility.

Fiduciary duty includes a duty of loyalty to the association, which means that board members should never use their position to take advantage of the association. They should never make decisions for the association that benefit themselves at the expense of the association and its members.

Fiduciary duty also includes the duty to exercise ordinary care. This means board members must perform their duties in good faith and in a manner they believe to be in the best interest of the association, with such care as an ordinary prudent person in a similar position under similar circumstances would use.

In short, boards must act in the best interests of the association and act reasonably.

Board members fulfill their fiduciary duty by:

- Developing and using a formal budgeting process
- Establishing and adhering to budgetary guidelines
- Making sure the budgeting process reflects the wishes of the association members
- Promoting understanding and acceptance of the reserve accounts among the members
- Collecting sufficient fees to adequately operate the association
- Soliciting bids and negotiating appropriate contracts
- Authorizing expenditures





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Landscaping Tips



Conceived in 2004 by the national Irrigation Association (www.irrigation.org), **Smart Irrigation Month** serves as the showcase month for the irrigation industry and the public to recognize and promote the benefits associated with smart and efficient irrigation. With July being the top water-using month, this is the best time to work with customers and communities on how to achieve new levels of sustainability through the use of developing technologies and practices for the most efficient and effective use of water. Smart Irrigation Month kicks off on July 6 with Technology Tuesday as irrigation professionals are encouraged to wear blue to raise awareness about everything that makes up smart irrigation.



Just what are Best Management Practices for the landscape? Best management practices define the elements of an efficient irrigation system and responsible water management.

BMP 1: Design the irrigation system for water use efficiency: deliver water precisely and efficiently to maintain the function and purpose of the landscape while complying with any local limitations and requirements.

BMP 2: Install the irrigation system to meet the design criteria: the irrigation system shall be assembled and installed according to the irrigation design specifications, locally applied codes and standards, and manufacturers' product requirements. The qualified irrigation contractor or installer shall execute the installation per the plans and specifications and be capable of quality workmanship and the safe use of proper equipment.



BMP 3: Manage landscape water resources: to conserve and protect available water resources, the management of the irrigation system will optimize the efficient use of water to maintain a healthy and functional landscape with optimal irrigation system performance. Management includes active irrigation system maintenance, scheduling, monitoring, and evaluation of water use, landscape health, and appearance.

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The Irrigation Association and the American Society of Irrigation Consultants have developed the **Landscape Irrigation Best Management Practices** for landscape and irrigation professionals and policy makers who must preserve and extend the water supply while protecting water quality. The BMPs will aid key stakeholders (policy makers, water purveyors, designers, installation and maintenance contractors, and consumers) to develop and implement appropriate codes and standards for effective water stewardship in the landscape. The manual can be accessed on line at: <https://www.irrigation.org/IA/FileUploads/IA/Advocacy/Landscape-Irrigation-BMP.pdf>



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DRCA Summer Appreciation Lunch with AAA Landscape

On behalf of the Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors, the management team provide an annual appreciation luncheon with the unheralded AAA Landscape dedicated onsite crew that performs landscape maintenance year-round to keep the community pristine and beautiful, including during the brutally triple-digits summer and monsoon season months from May through September. So, please take a moment to thank the AAA Landscape crew members performing their landscape duties in the common area of your neighborhood parcel.



Desert Ridge Community Association Election Results

2022 Desert Ridge Community Association Board

Congratulations to our three (3) elected board members Barry Goldfarb, Dr. Richard Brash and Alex Liggins who were elected by the members to serve on the board for a term of two years.

Please join with us in congratulating and supporting the board and committee volunteers in their continued service and betterment of our community! We also encourage and welcome members community involvement. Contact the management team if you are interested in joining a committee for charter and application information.

The 2022-2023 Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors have been seated to serve on the board and committees in the following positions:

DRCA Board Members

Doug Dickson – President

Reginald Younger, Jr. – Vice President

Steve Burns – Treasurer

Barry Goldfarb – Secretary

Dr. Richard Brash – Director

Debi La Rosa – Director

Alex Liggins – Director

DRCA Committee Chairs & Vice-Chairs

Communications Committee

Doug Dickson (Chair)

Community Awareness Committee

Steve Burns (Chair)

Design Review Committee

Barry Goldfarb (Chair)

Terry Coult (Vice-Chair)

Finance Committee

Steve Burns (Chair) and

Doug Dickson (Vice-Chair)

Lifestyles Committee

Patricia Brash (Chair)

Nominating Committee

Richard Brash (Chair) and

Barry Goldfarb (Vice-Chair)

Public Affairs Committee

Reginald Younger, Jr. (Chair) and

Ron Bookholder. (Vice-Chair)

Strategic Community Plan (SCP)

Parks Sub-Committee

Dr. Richard Brash. (Chair)

New Addition to the Desert Ridge Association Management Team

Hello, members of the Desert Ridge Community. I'm Coursenay. My Friends and family call me Cece, and I am the newest member of the Desert Ridge Community Association's Management Team. As a Standards and Compliance Coordinator, I will inspect the community to ensure that everything is working properly, conditions are safe, and nothing is impacting property values or quality of life in our community.

I am originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, and I now reside in the West Valley area with my fiancé and daughter.

I have a passion for current events, social media, and research. I spend my free time working out, reading, and enjoying the fantastic restaurants in the Valley.

I am a Notary and Certified Paralegal, prior to me joining the Desert Ridge community. My

background is in legal research in involving regulatory compliance standards. This includes Claims Resolutions, Case Management processing, and Risk mitigation, as well as various other duties with Phoenix-area companies and corporations nationally.

I am excited about this new beginning in developing my Career as a Standards and Compliance Coordinator. I look forward to serving the members of the Desert Ridge Community Association.



Coursenay Hill
Standards & Compliance Coordinator
Desert Ridge Community Association

From Reginald Younger, Jr. – Nominating Chair (2021-2022)

It was certainly a honor to represent our community and serve as the Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) 2021-2022 Nominating Chair. I would like to thank Steve Burns for serving as the Vice-Chair on the committee. I would also like to congratulate Dr. Richard Brash and Barry Goldfarb on their appointment to be the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee Chair and Vice-Chair. They will all do a great job.

Congratulations to Barry Goldfarb, Dr. Richard Brash and Alex Liggins for being elected to the DRCA Board of Directors for a 2-year term of office. I thoroughly enjoy working with the members of the DRCA in service to our community on the board during the past several years, as well as working and serving on the Public Affairs Committee and as a member of the City of Phoenix Desert View Village Planning Committee.

A very special thanks to our community members for their participation and involvement in this year's annual membership meeting and election. The annual meeting would not be possible without receiving your votes.

This year marked the fourth consecutive year since we moved to voting electronically online. By moving to online voting, it has enabled us to cut the association annual meeting expenses by as much as \$10,000 over previous years by reducing printing, mailing, and postage costs.

I would like to recognize and thank FirstService Residential for their service to our community. Online voting was introduced to the DRCA during one of the educational workshops offered at a FirstService Residential Annual Conference & Expo.

Finally, I would like to thank our District 2, Councilman, Jim Waring for the continued support his office has provided consistently to the Desert Ridge community and our DRCA Management team of Terrance, Sharon, Steve and John. Thanks to their effort and hard work, they put together another outstanding virtual annual membership meeting this year via Zoom.

We hope all goes well so we can resume in person board and annual membership meetings during the remainder of 2022 through 2023.

SAFETY TIPS

Back to School

As summer draws to a close, remember that most schools are back in session. By sharing the road responsibly and following some simple safety tips we can all make sure children are safe.

Pedestrian Tips

- Look left, right, and left again (before you enter the roadway)
- Walk with a friend or family member
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Use crosswalks (when possible)
- Stay on the sidewalk (when possible)
- Respect the crossing guards
- Read and follow the roadway signs
- Don't walk and text

Driver Tips

- Stay alert and no distracted driving
- Follow proper posted speeds
- Make eye contact with pedestrians and fellow drivers
- Look left, right, and left again before turning onto a new roadway
- Don't encroach into crosswalks
- Be extra cautious in school crossing areas

Biking Tips

- Do an ABC maintenance check before you ride
- Wear a helmet and reflective clothing
- Use bike lanes with the flow of traffic (when possible)
- Walk your bike in a crosswalk
- Look left, right, and left again before you enter the roadway
- Use appropriate hand signals when making turns
- Make eye contact with drivers and pedestrians
- Read and follow all posted signs and signals
- Equip your bike with reflectors and lights if you plan to ride at night



PVUSD SCHOOLS

Desert Trails Elementary

It is hard to believe we are in the final quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. We are so proud of our SOARing Hawks! It has been a challenging two years. The perseverance, kindness, and resiliency the students have demonstrated has resulted in tremendous academic, social and emotional gains. As we walk through the classrooms, we see high student engagement, collaboration, and fun being had each and every day.

Desert Trails is truly an amazing place to be, and what better way to demonstrate that than through the lens of some of our 5th grade students... "Imagine having fun, being with awesome people, and learning all at the same time. That's what Desert Trails is all about. They have awesome learning methods and a great staff. I love our school for so many reasons!" ~ C.G.

"DTES is special! The cheery attitudes just make you feel at home. I always get a teacher that encourages me to do my best." ~B.B.
 "Our teachers care about our opinions and feelings." ~ Z.K.
 "Would you want the best education for your child? If so, you should

send your child to Desert Trails. There are amazing teachers, fantastic education, and thrilling activities throughout the year. Your child will get the education that they need, and they will make trustworthy friends. So if you're looking for a school, send your child to Desert Trails Elementary School!" ~ M.Y.

As we look ahead to the 2022-2023 school year, we are excited about our new outdoor learning center, additional technology enhancements, and working together to build community within our school. Because of our hardworking staff and the amazing support of our parents, Desert Trails Hawks will keep SOARING to Success! If you would like to learn more about our wonderful school community, please sign up for a tour so we can share with you all that Desert Trails has to offer!

Smiles,
 Sarah Torrilhon, Principal
 Shelly Richardson, Assistant Principal
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<p>June 6 - 10 WEEK 2: YEAR 3000 WEEK Future/Space Dress Up Moon Games Jake's Unlimited Field Trip</p>	<p>June 13 - 17 WEEK 3: WILD WEST WEEK Wild West Dress Up Showdown @ Vestar Desert Wildlife & Safety Presentation</p>	<p>June 20 - 24 WEEK 4: MEDIEVAL WEEK Kings & Queens Dress Up Medeval Times Special Event & Field Trip</p>
<p>June 27 - July 1 WEEK 5: ROMAN AGE WEEK Ancient Rome Dress Up Gladiator Games Magic Show</p>	<p>July 5 - 8 WEEK 6: PREHISTORIC WEEK Dinos/Animals/Cave People Dress Up Ice Age @ Vestar Extreme Dino Encounter</p>	<p>July 11 - 15 WEEK 7: FOUNDERS WEEK Purple Spirit Dress Up Vestar's 15th Bday <i>Rise of Gru</i> Field Trip</p>
<p>July 18 - 22 WEEK 8: EGYPTIAN WEEK Ancient Egypt Dress Up Walk Like an Egyptian Party</p>	<p>July 25 - 29 WEEK 9: Y2K WEEK 90s Dress Up Millenium New Year Party</p>	<p>August 1 - 5 WEEK 10: ROARING 20S WEEK Dress to Impress Dance, Carnival, & Talent Show</p>

REGISTER: WWW.BGCS.ORG/CLUBCONNECT



Summer Safety

Be prepared this summer! Enjoy these tips from the City of Phoenix

Take a hike. Do it right

Hike early before it heats up. Bring plenty of water and a cell phone, stay on designated trails, dress appropriately, and watch the weather. Pets are not allowed on trails when it's over 100°. phoenix.gov/park/trails #hikeright

Pool safety

Keep children under active supervision at all times! Never swim alone and keep a cell phone handy. Maintain a self-closing, self-latching child resistant gate. Stay close and be alert. Learn about impacts to city pools this season at phoenix.gov/pools #swimphx

Fireworks safety

Children should be supervised around fireworks. Half a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents or fires. Never throw or point fireworks at someone or hold them in your hand. Never try to relight a dud. Leave jumbo fireworks to the professionals.

Covid-19 precautions

Follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing while participating in summer activities.

Beat the Heat

Stay cool and check out these sources from City of Phoenix

Heat Relief Network

To stay hydrated, drink water even when you don't feel thirsty. The "Heat Relief Network" offers free water and indoor places to cool off. To make a cash or water donation, call **602-677-6055**. Learn more at phoenix.gov/heat

Renters rights

Everyone has a right to a safe indoor temperature. Phoenix requires landlords to maintain 82° or cooler for units with air conditioning, or 86° or cooler for evaporative coolers. Call **602-262-7210** to make a report.

Pet protection

Keep pets hydrated and in the shade. If you notice heat stress such as heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid pulse, deep red or purple tongue, bring pets inside. Note: dogs are not allowed on City hiking trails when it's 100° or warmer.

Shield yourself

Always carry sunscreen and apply regularly to yourself and your kids. Also, wearing light colored clothing and a wide brimmed hat or umbrella will help protect your skin from harmful UV rays.

Kids and pets and cars

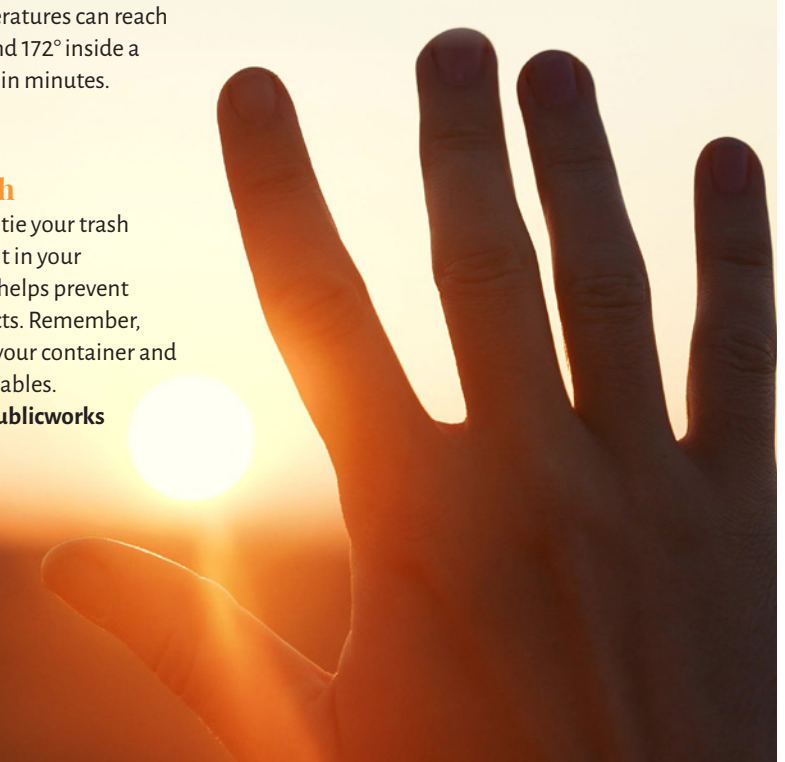
Never leave a child or a pet in a parked car, even to run a quick errand. Cracking the window is not enough. Temperatures can reach between 131° and 172° inside a parked car within minutes.

Combating extreme heat

Concerned about the rising temperatures in Phoenix? The city needs your ideas on how to combat climate change. Help us create a more sustainable future by completing a survey at phoenix.gov/climate

Tie up trash

Please bag and tie your trash before putting it in your container. This helps prevent odors and insects. Remember, don't overload your container and don't bag recyclables. phoenix.gov/publicworks





Protecting Our Loved Ones with Dementia

The National Institute on Aging reports that as many as 5.1 million Americans may have Alzheimer's disease, the most common cause of dementia among older people. In addition to memory loss, symptoms include sleeplessness, agitation, depression, anxiety, anger and wandering.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, six in 10 people with dementia will wander. Because a person with Alzheimer's may become confused and disoriented and may not remember his or her name or address, wandering is particularly dangerous.

To avoid panic and improve the chances of a safe return, it is important to have an emergency plan in place in case a person with dementia becomes lost. The National Institute on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association recommend that caregivers take the following precautions:

- Make sure the person carries some form of identification or wears a medical bracelet indicating his or her illness and where he or she lives.
- Ask neighbors, friends and family to call if they see the person alone.

- Know your neighborhood. The Alzheimer's Association reports that 94 percent of people who wander are found within 1.5 miles of where they disappeared, so be aware of dangerous areas near the home, such as bodies of water, open stairwells, dense foliage, tunnels, bus stops and roads with heavy traffic.
- Because wandering usually follows the direction of the dominant hand, note whether the person is right- or left-handed.
- Make a list of people to call for help and keep the list easily accessible.
- Let neighbors and local police know that the person tends to wander.
- Keep a list of places where the person may wander, including past jobs, former homes, places of worship or favorite restaurants.
- Keep a recent close-up photo and updated medical information to give to police if the person becomes lost.
- Consider enrolling the person in the MedicAlert + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return Program (visit www.alz.org or call

(888) 572-8566 to find the program in your area).

- Consider having the person carry or wear an electronic tracking GPS device, such as Comfort Zone and Comfort Zone Check-In, which helps identify location.
- When someone with dementia is missing:
 - Begin search-and-rescue efforts immediately.
 - Search the immediate area for no more than 15 minutes before calling for help.
 - Call 911 and report that a person with Alzheimer's disease—a "vulnerable adult"—is missing.
 - Call (800) 625-3780 to file a report with MedicAlert + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return. First responders are trained to check with MedicAlert + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return when they locate a missing person with dementia. You do not need to be enrolled in MedicAlert + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return to file a missing person report.

Preventing West Nile Virus

With mosquito season almost here, it's important to take precautions against a potentially serious illness—West Nile virus.

This widespread disease can be a threat to humans, animals and several species of birds in the U.S., particularly during the summer through late fall when mosquitoes are most active. Mosquitoes bite infected animals and then transmit the virus to people.

Symptoms

While more than three-quarters of people infected with West Nile virus won't get sick, those over the age of 50 are particularly susceptible. According to the Centers for Disease Control's website, those who experience the effects of West Nile virus may suffer flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, nausea and vomiting. Some people also develop swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. In a few very severe cases, which usually require hospitalization, the patient may experience

disorientation, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and even paralysis or coma. In extreme cases, these symptoms are irreversible.

What We Can Do

Use an effective insect repellent diligently during mosquito season. Since mosquitoes are particularly active at dawn and dusk, wear long sleeves and long pants, or just remain indoors during these times. Eliminate standing water in buckets, barrels and unused flower pots on your porch or in your yard. Turn over kids' wading pools when not in use, and change the water in pet dishes and bird baths every 48 hours. Make sure window and door screens are in good repair and that gutters are free of debris. Use netting over baby carriages and strollers. Also, have drain private or community swimming pools that are not in use, and cooperate with the local health department's mosquito abatement program.



One More Caution From the CDC

Some bird species, such as crows and blue jays, are particularly susceptible to West Nile virus. If you find a dead bird on your property, don't handle the body with your bare hands. Contact the local health department for instructions on reporting and disposing of it.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/wnv_factSheet.htm.



City of Phoenix Fire Department

Water Safety



Too often, firefighters hear people say, "I only turned my back for a few seconds." Sadly, just a few seconds is all it takes for a child to drown. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children under age four in Arizona. Most children drown in their own pools, but many children drown in canals, buckets, toilets, bathtubs and ponds. Near-drowning calls are also tragic. Near-drownings can cause permanent brain damage. Drowning and near-drowning can be prevented! Anyone involved with young children needs to be aware of this tragedy.

If you find someone in trouble in the water:

- Yell for help and pull the person out of the water.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately! Stay on the line.
- Begin CPR.
- If you are not trained, follow the instructions from the 9-1-1 operator until help arrives.

How to prevent drowning:

- Use an approved barrier to separate the pool from the house.
- **NEVER** allow children to be alone near a pool or any water source. This includes bathtubs, buckets, toilets, ponds and canals.
- Have life-saving devices near the pool, such as a hook, pole, or flotation device.

- Keep large objects such as tables, chairs, tricycles, ladders **away** from pool fences.
- Post the 9-1-1 number on the phone. Think about installing a phone near the pool area.
- **NEVER** leave children unattended in or around a pool. **ALWAYS** have a designated child watcher.
- Do not allow children to play in pool area. Store all toys out of the pool area.
- If you leave the pool area take the child (children) with you.



Learn CPR

Pool safety tips:

- Learn to swim.
- **Never** swim alone.
- **Never** swim under the influence of alcohol or medications.
- **Never** swim when you hear thunder or see lightning.
- **Never** dive into an unfamiliar body of water.

Share this with family and friends.

Remember, just a few seconds is all it takes for a child to drown. Keep water play safe and fun.



For more information on **Water Safety**, call the City of Phoenix Fire Department Community Involvement Section **602-262-6910** or visit our web site <https://www.phoenix.gov/fire>

For a copy of this publication in an alternate format, contact the City of Phoenix Fire Department at 602-256-3179/voice or 602-495-5555/TTY

May 2009

The Heat is on



Despite triple digit temperatures, summer in the valley can be quite enjoyable. Longtime residents have learned to adapt, spending time doing indoor activities, lounging by the pool, or even at one of our nearby lakes.

Each year residents are reminded that when spending time outdoors, it's important to understand that the heat can be dangerous and lead to a variety of conditions. These conditions range from sunburn and dehydration, to heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Like any other health condition, prevention is key to avoid these specific heat related issues. Preventative measures include keeping hydrated, applying sunscreen, wearing protective clothing, staying in the shade, and restricting strenuous outdoor activities to the

cooler early morning or evening hours. Second only to prevention is learning to recognize the symptoms of heat related conditions and addressing them as soon as possible.

Sunburn

Sunburn can happen to unprotected skin in as little as 20 minutes. There are various degrees of sunburn ranging from mild to severe. A mild sunburn where the skin is pink to red can be treated at home. Severe sunburn, where large blisters have formed, may require professional medical help.

Here are a few self-help tips to use for mild to moderate sunburn:

- **Drink more water** to prevent dehydration and rehydrate the skin from the inside out.
- **Take cool showers or baths to help relieve**

the pain. To prevent further damage to the affected skin, pat yourself dry instead of aggressively rubbing your body with a towel.

- **Moisturize the skin.** Use aloe vera to moisturize the sunburned skin. Aloe has been used topically to repair and protect skin for centuries. To help with pain, there are aloe-based sprays and gels that contain the anesthetics lidocaine or benzocaine to help numb the skin and relieve some of the pain.
- **Take a pain reliever.** In addition to lidocaine or benzocaine topicals. You may also choose to take an over-the-counter pain reliever such as aspirin, acetaminophen, or ibuprofen to help with the discomfort and swelling.

What not apply to sunburn:

- **Ice or Icepacks**—It may feel good to apply something very cold to the skin, but this will cause your blood vessels to narrow quickly and cut off local blood supply to already damaged skin.
- **Products containing alcohol**—Some creams and lotions contain alcohol which will dry out the skin.
- **Vinegar**—Despite the old home remedy of putting vinegar (or mustard that contains vinegar) on your sunburn, many dermatologists advise against it. Vinegar is low in pH and contains various acids which can cause more damage to the already compromised skin.
- **Petroleum jelly**—Using petroleum jelly, or products containing petroleum jelly, will trap heat in the skin and increase the time it takes for the skin to heal.
- **Makeup**—Like petroleum jelly, makeup can trap heat in the skin.

Dehydration

Dehydration is one of the most frequently seen conditions during the summer months. Our bodies are made up of about 60% water and that percentage is even higher for babies and children. Hydrating with enough water is especially important during the summer months. Experts say that each day we need about one ounce of water for every two pounds of bodyweight. Sports drinks can also help but watch out for the sugar content when consuming them. Limit drinks containing alcohol as well because they are diuretics which encourage the kidneys to lose extra fluid and increase the body's water need.

Dehydration can come on quickly when we are losing more fluids than we are taking in so it's important to recognize the following signs:

- Increased thirst.
- Dry mouth.
- Heart palpitations.
- Decreased and dark urine output.

- Headache.
- Dry skin.
- Dizziness.

What to do if you suspect Dehydration:

- You can usually reverse mild to moderate dehydration by drinking more fluids, but severe dehydration needs immediate medical treatment.

Heat Exhaustion

Doing activity in a hot environment can outpace the body's ability to cool itself, causing heat-related symptoms. Heat exhaustion can occur with or without dehydration occurring. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

- Profuse sweating
- Weakness
- Cool, pale, clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Possible muscle cramps
- Dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fainting

What to do if you suspect Heat Exhaustion:

- Move the individual (even if it's you) to a cooler environment
- Lay down and loosen clothing
- Apply cool, wet cloths to as much of the body as possible
- Fan the individual as much as possible
- Offer sips of water
- If person vomits more than once, seek immediate medical attention.

Heat Stroke

Although heat exhaustion is a serious condition, heat stroke is an even more serious condition, which requires emergency medical attention. Symptoms of heat stroke include:

- An altered mental state

- One or more of the following symptoms: throbbing headache, confusion, nausea, dizziness, or shallow breathing
- A body temperature above 103°F
- Hot, red, skin (dry or moist)
- Rapid and strong pulse
- Fainting or loss of consciousness

What to do if you suspect Heat Stroke:

- Heat stroke is a severe medical emergency. Call 911 or get the victim to a hospital immediately. Delay can be fatal.
- Move the victim to a cooler, preferably air-conditioned, environment.
- Reduce body temperature with cool cloths or bath.
- Use fan if heat index temperatures are below the high 90s. A fan can make you hotter at higher temperatures.
- Do NOT give fluids.

Your Car is an Oven

Another thing to keep in mind during the summer months is just how hot the inside of a parked car can get. Despite numerous national campaigns, children and pets are sometimes left in parked vehicles during the summer months. Studies have shown that the temperature inside a parked vehicle can quickly rise to dangerous levels when the air conditioning is not running. If you leave the windows slightly open, it is not enough to significantly decrease the heating rate. Brain damage, dehydration, and even death can occur in just minutes from the internal heat of a parked car in the summer.

Despite high temperatures, summer can be an amazing and fun time in our community and the valley as a whole. We need to simply promote awareness and educate everyone about summer safety. Desert Ridge is a much better place when we have involvement from our community members.

Stay cool out there.

Pet Heat Safety

Animal Care & Control
Urges Pet Owners to Keep
Pets Safe this Summer



Triple digit temperatures have hit the Valley and Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (MCACC) is reminding pet owners to keep a close eye on pets during the extreme heat. Did you know that some dogs can't swim? Does the big shade tree in your yard only provide shade during the cooler morning hours? Did you realize that your dogs paw pads can burn on hot pavement? Here are a few simple tips to keep in mind as we head into the dog days of summer ...

Keep pets indoors.

On extremely hot days, MCACC urges pet owners to keep pets indoors. If you absolutely cannot bring your animal inside, be sure he has access to shade throughout the entire day. While a dog house may provide shade, it does not allow air to circulate and provides no relieve from the heat. Shady trees and covered patios provide the best relief from the glaring sun.

Provide plenty of fresh, clean water.

Just like us, pets can get dehydrated. Provide plenty of water in a spill proof, non-metal

bowl out of direct sunlight. Be sure to change the water daily and remember that many pets won't drink if the water is too hot.

Limit exercise on hot days.

While your dog's paw pads may be tough, they are still sensitive and can be burned when walking on hot pavement. Limit your dog's exercise on hot days and walk him during the early morning or late evening hours. If it's too hot for your bare feet, chances are it is too hot for your dog's paws!

Don't leave pets in parked cars.

Even with the windows cracked, the temperature inside a car can soar within minutes. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. Keep pets at home while you run errands.

Watch your pets around water.

Not every dog knows how to swim and most dogs won't know how to get out of the swimming pool. Teach your dog where the steps are located and ensure he knows how to find his way out should he accidentally

(or purposely) land in the pool. Don't allow pets to be unsupervised during water play. If you plan on taking your dog to the lake or on a boat ride, consider purchasing a dog life jacket at a local pet supply store or online.

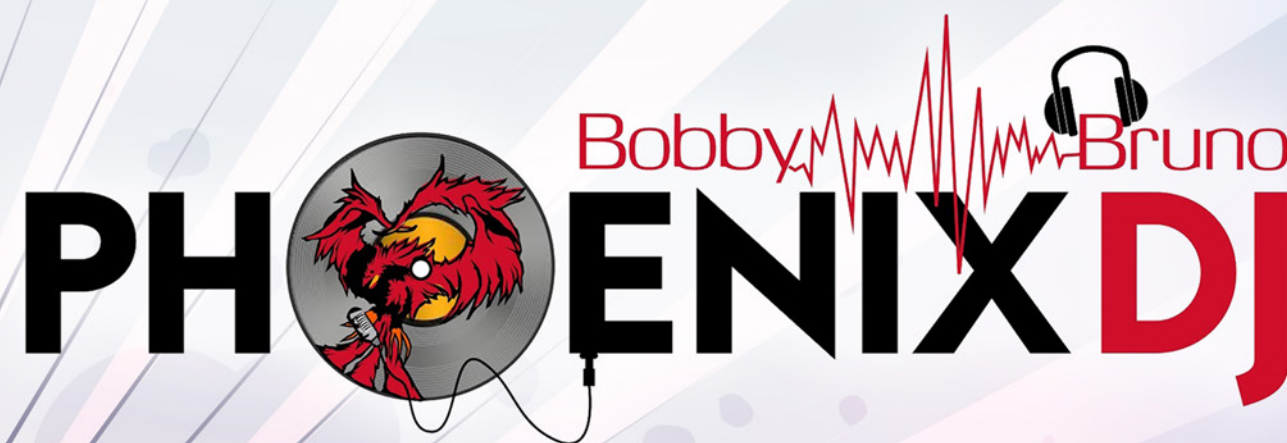
Recognize the signs of heat stress.

Dogs and cats pant to regulate their body temperature but this method can be easily overwhelmed during extreme heat. As pet owners, it's up to us to make sure we know the signs of heat stress and how to deal with it should a situation arise. Lethargy, extreme panting, excessive salivation, weakness and collapse are just a few of the signs of heat related illness in pets. If your animal exhibits any of these symptoms, apply cool (not cold) compresses and get your pet to the veterinarian immediately. Heat stress is a very serious condition that could result in death.

For more information about Maricopa County Animal Care & Control, visit www.maricopa.gov/pets.

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JW Marriot Desert Ridge | 5350 E Marriott Drive Phoenix | www.theclubjwdesertridge.com

Paradise Valley Community Center | 17402 N 40th Street Phoenix | www.Phoenix.gov/parks

Thompson Peak Park | 20199 N 78th Place Scottsdale | www.Scottsdaleaz.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PICKLEBALL:

USA Pickleball Places 2 play | www.placestoplay.org

The Global Pickleball Network | www.globalpickleball.network



Consistent Warm-up... Consistent Play

BY MATT KEEL, PGA

Before each round, give yourself adequate time to warm up correctly. Since you are already investing your time and money to play a round of golf, why not set yourself up to play your best and enjoy your round? A consistent warm-up routine will encourage consistent play. An effective warm-up routine should be around forty-five minutes and work from small to big.

Begin your warm-up routine with the smallest swing...putting. When putting before your round, the purpose should be more about learning the speed of the greens rather than working on your stroke. When you arrive at the putting green, choose a hole and begin with five foot putts. Practice five foot putts from different locations around the hole, so you will be able to learn the speed of the green for uphill, downhill and side hill putts. Next, repeat the process from ten feet and also fifteen feet. Finally, putt a few lag putts to check your distance control.

Once you've finished putting, move to

chipping. When chipping during your warm-up, you want to be checking the firmness of the green and also the different types of lies around the green. Hopefully the chipping green will be a good representation of the greens on the course, but it's not always the case at some courses. Begin by making easy chip shots and notice the firmness of the greens. Softer greens will cause the ball to "check up" more so your chip shot will have less roll. Firmer greens will allow the ball to "release" and roll out more. Once you have determined the firmness of the green, make some chip shots from lies where the grass has different lengths. When chipping out of different length grass, notice how your club reacts to grass through impact.

After chipping, it's time to go to the driving range. When warming up on the range, try to keep your swing thoughts to a minimum and focus more on loosening up and tempo. Since we want to work from small to big, begin hitting with your wedge. After warming up with



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your wedge, begin working through the rest of your irons. You will not need to use every iron during your warm-up, so use either your odd numbered irons or your even numbered irons. After your irons, try a hybrid, fairway wood and driver in that order. Once you are finished hitting your driver, you'll be ready for the course.

Our favorite rounds of golf are usually the rounds we play the best. Taking some time to develop a consistent warm-up routine will help you on your way to better golf. Remember to begin with the smallest swing and work up to the largest swing. Also, by knowing the purpose for each part of your warm-up, you will be setting yourself up for success. Have a great golf season!

Meetings & Events

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

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

Pinnacle Park (Dog Park)
20900 N. Black Mountain Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85050
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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, June 28
Tuesday, July 26
Tuesday, August 23
Tuesday, September 27
9 am

DRCA Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 22
No July Meeting - Recess
Wednesday, August 24
Wednesday, September 21
6 pm

Strategic Community Plan (SCP) Parks Sub-Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Wednesday, August 10
4 pm

Lifestyles Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, July 21
Thursday, August 18
Thursday, September 15
4 pm

Communications Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, July 14
Thursday, August 11
Thursday, September 8
6:30 pm

Public Affairs Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Wednesday, July 20
4:30 pm

Design Review Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Tuesday, June 28
Tuesday, July 19
Tuesday, August 9
Tuesday, August 30
Tuesday, September 20
4 pm

Community Awareness Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Tuesday, July 19
6:30 pm

DRCA Office Summer Holiday Closures

Juneteenth Day
Monday, June 20
Independence Day
Monday, July 4

Labor Day

Monday, September 5

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.

Coffee Club

Cambria Hotel & Suites
Tuesday, August 9
Tuesday, October 11
9 am

CPR and AED Training

Cambria Hotel
Adult, Child, & Infant CPR/ HS
Saturday, July 16
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Cambria Hotel & Suites

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Weekends, holidays, after 5 pm 602.261.8000

Phoenix Police Department
Non–Emergency Crime Stop 602.262.6151
Vacation Watch 602.495.5002

Desert Ridge Silent Witness 480.WITNESS

Phoenix Public Works
Trash/Recycling/Bulk Pick-up 602.262.7251

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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

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Southwest Gas
Customer Service 602.861.9999

APS, 24 hour line 602.371.7171
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