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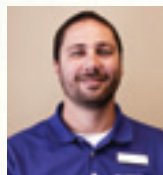
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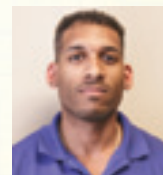
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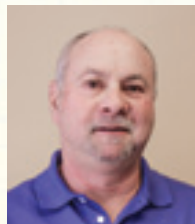
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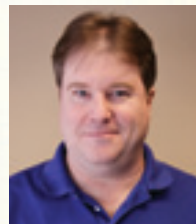
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## From the President



**Doug Dickson**

One of the amenities most requested by Desert Ridge residents has been a dog park. As an association, we've shared this feedback with city officials and

worked hard on behalf of our membership. Thanks to the efforts of the DRCA board, members of our association, Councilman Jim Waring, and the Parks and Recreation Director Inger Erickson, we will soon have a dog park in our community.

Dog parks are listed among the most popular recreational amenities in the Valley, and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department has built nine such facilities in recent years. The tenth is scheduled to open this spring and another is being planned for inclusion in the Reach 11 Sports Complex, located near the intersection of Deer Valley and Cave Creek roads. It will be part of the larger master plan for that area.

The Parks and Recreation Department process for developing and constructing a dog park takes approximately nine months, which includes a three month design phase followed by a six month

# The Desert Ridge Dog Park



construction period.

The design phase begins with the Parks and Recreation Department's Development staff working to create a steering committee of community members, which will guide the design and concept phase and present those ideas to the community for feedback and approval. Once those components are finalized the construction project will begin.

Phoenix dog parks generally are two acres in size, with separate fenced-in one-acre

areas for large and small dogs. Features also include drinking fountains for dogs, shade trees, trash receptacles, concrete seating areas, lighting, and turf and decomposed granite surfaces.

Information about City of Phoenix dog park locations can be found by visiting: [www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/dog-parks](http://www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/dog-parks).

Social media is also a great way to keep current with the latest Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department activities and programming. Follow the department on Facebook (/PhoenixParks), Twitter (@PhoenixParks) and Instagram (@PhxParks).

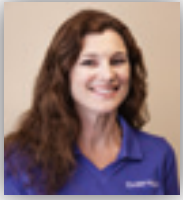
We're grateful for the efforts of everyone who helped to bring this important amenity into our community and for the supportive city staff who listened and worked on behalf of the members of Desert Ridge.

Thanks again for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the dog park!

Doug Dickson  
President  
Desert Ridge Community Association



## From the Lifestyles Chair



**Stephanie  
Rimmer**

It has been two years since the first meeting of the Desert Ridge Lifestyles Committee, and we have enjoyed the opportunity to establish annual events for the community.

The most well known of these events is the Desert Ridge Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest. When the Lifestyles Committee decided to expand this event to offer trolley tours, we never dreamed that attendance would double in just two short years. We look

forward to growing this event for the entire community. Thank you to all who participated in the lighting contest, and everyone who decorates their homes for the various holidays, making this tradition a cornerstone of Desert Ridge Lifestyles.

We are in our second spring of the Farmer's Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge, and as the market continues to grow we look forward to adding more activities in the park to enhance your Sunday morning experience. Thank you to PT Spooner for bringing their core fitness training to the fall season Farmers Market. Also a big thank you to the City

of Phoenix for the ongoing support of the Farmers Market Cashman Park at Desert Ridge.

We have a busy spring and hope all of Desert Ridge will be able to enjoy one of our many upcoming events. Please watch for updates via our monthly e-blast for information on the upcoming Ladies Night Out, Community Night Out, Spring Yard Sale, Spring Movie in the Park, Our Astronomy Night, and much more.

Stephanie Rimmer  
*Lifestyles Committee Chair*  
Desert Ridge Community Association

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## From the Communications Chair



**Rob Reichstein**

I grew up in a Community just north of Chicago. The Community was incorporated almost 100 years before I was born. My friends and I played in parks

that were built to entertain people of generations and times long before us. We drove down several streets that were built to accommodate horse drawn carriages. The high school we attended was steeped in tradition. We had a trophy case featuring trophies, awards, and pictures from sports I barely recognized. We had a hall of fame featuring all the celebrities and world renown's that had called the community their childhood home. We had civic pride and our goal was simply to fit in.

We all tried to find our way to fit into the mold when growing up in established communities. To add our name to the voluminous book of community achievements and follow in the footsteps of our predecessors. Yes, our goal was to be part of the rich past and tradition. We knew of no other way. I certainly did not until my wife and I took a trip to Arizona.

Almost immediately we fell in love with the sunshine (it was early March – felt good coming from Chicago), the kind hearted people, the expanse, and the stars, we could actually see stars! We traveled way north from our Scottsdale hotel to a place called “Rawhide” to experience an old western town. That was only about 20 years ago. The ride from Scottsdale Road and Shea to Rawhide seemed endless, dark, and desolate. We fell in love with it. The allure was that there was no past to bind us, no footsteps to follow, and no lines to tow. This was different from anything we experienced. Fresh with the feeling of an opportunity to create a new life rather than live in someone else's shadow.

About 9 years ago we started our migration west. Rawhide, was moved to Chandler. But that long desolate ride from Scottsdale and Shea was amazingly now populated with vibrant buildings, home developments, car dealerships, and resorts. We drove past the 101 to a new community called Desert Ridge. I remember seeing the placard. My wife and I both remarked the typeface reminded us of Disneyland, the self-proclaimed “happiest place on earth.” But seeing the meteoric growth, we knew we had to be part of it. This would be our “happy place”.

The point is virtually all of us came from somewhere else. Desert Ridge is young by community standards, about 21 years old. Not old enough to produce generations of Desert Ridgeans, steeped in a time honored and out of touch cultures or traditions dating back a century or indoctrinated with an antiquated mindset.

No, this is our turn to build a community. Our turn to write chapter one in the history books. To set the standards by which all future Desert Ridgeans wish to aspire to. It is more than an opportunity it is our responsibility.

### **STILL GROWING**

Desert Ridge is only at about 40% of its total planned population. That means there will be significant growth over the coming years. We hope to attract people who will care about our community. They will only know how to fit in by following our examples. We are the ones that get to create the “brand”... welcoming new neighbors by showing them the Desert Ridge way. The brand, if you will, is what we want our community to be known and respected for. It really doesn't cost much. It's established by actions. It starts with just a smile, a hello, a courtesy, a helping hand to a neighbor in need. It's understanding that “we”, together not “I” can be part of something greater than if I only concerned myself with “me”. It takes following the rules of our CC&Rs, providing feedback to the

DRCA on how you feel the organization can best serve the community. It's not a perfect world, but we can build our brand by adding to, not detracting from it.

### **WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START**

Pinnacle High School first opened in 2000. It is considered in its first generation and already a highly respected school. People we meet around the valley know of Pinnacle High. A great community building block and source of great pride.

Today, social media spreads rumors, innuendos, and information with the speed of a keystroke. Untold people can see one comment about an experience, if posted to the right social media site. Unlike 100 years ago people had to see things for themselves (so I am told, I'm not that old) today, perception is reality. I suggest we all do our part to converge the perception and reality of Desert Ridge into one great community.

I see the buzz growing, on the DRCA website, at community events, and around Desert Ridge. We are communicating, talking, and listening, we have something special going on here. It's worth keeping it going.

The Desert Ridge Community Association is the steward of our community. Through my involvement everyone I've met including volunteers, the sub-association community managers, the master association community managers, the DRCA board members are all on the same wavelength. They are here to help us enjoy our communities and build rich and full lives here. Together we can do this!

I'm looking forward to the day that friends back east no longer ask how far is Desert Ridge from Scottsdale, or Mesa, or Glendale. Instead they ask how far is Scottsdale, or Mesa, or Glendale, or Phoenix from Desert Ridge? Contact us- let us know how you think we can keep the buzz going!

Rob Reichstein  
*Communications Chair*  
 Desert Ridge Community Association

# EARLY SPRING?

By Holly Henbest

Well, Punxsutawney Phil failed to see his shadow this year on Groundhog Day, so it looks like the forecast is calling for an early Spring. That means it's almost time for Spring Cleaning!

It's a great time of year for cleaning house, simplifying your life, and starting the year fresh! Here are 15 statistics gathered by Joshua Becker for "Becoming Minimalist" that confirm the suspicion that Americans simply own too much stuff:

1. There are 300,000 items in the average American home (LA Times).
2. The average size of the American home has nearly tripled in size over the past 50 years (NPR).
3. And still, 1 out of every 10 Americans rent offsite storage—the fastest growing segment of the commercial real estate industry over the past four decades. (New York Times Magazine).
4. While 25% of people with two-car garages don't have room to park cars inside them and 32% only have room for one vehicle. (U.S. Department of Energy).
5. The United States has upward of 50,000 storage facilities, more than five times the number of Starbucks. Currently, there is 7.3 square feet of self-storage space for every man, woman and child in the nation. Thus, it is physically possible that every American could stand—all at the same time—under the total canopy of self storage roofing (SSA).
6. British research found that the average 10-year-old owns 238 toys but plays with just 12 daily (The Telegraph).
7. 3.1% of the world's children live in America, but they own 40% of the toys consumed globally (UCLA).
8. The average American woman owns 30 outfits—one for every day of the month. In 1930, that figure was nine (Forbes).
9. The average American family spends \$1,700 on clothes annually (Forbes).
10. While the average American throws away 65 pounds of clothing per year (Huffington Post).
11. Some reports indicate we consume twice as many material goods today as we did 50 years ago (The Story of Stuff).
12. Currently, the 12 percent of the world's population that lives in North America and Western Europe account for 60 percent of private consumption spending, while the one-third living in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa accounts for only 3.2 percent (Worldwatch Institute).
13. Americans spend more on shoes, jewelry, and watches (\$100 billion) than on higher education (Psychology Today).
14. Over the course of our lifetime, we will spend a total of 3,680 hours or 153 days searching for misplaced items. The research found we lose up to nine items every day—or 198,743 in a lifetime. Phones, keys, sunglasses, and paperwork top the list (The Daily Mail).
15. Americans spend \$1.2 trillion annually on nonessential goods—in other words, items they do not need (The Wall Street Journal).

So, join us this Spring as we go through our closets, drawers, and garages. Our best tip...if you don't love it – don't buy it! If you already bought it and don't love it – get rid of it!

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**YARD SALE**  
Desert Ridge  
Community Association



Goodwill of Central Arizona will be parked at Cashman Park at Desert Ridge, 22222 N. 44th Street, Phoenix from 12:00 pm-4:00 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.



# Yard sale tips

By Mallory Peil and Rob Reichstein

Yard 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.



**Spring has sprung and it's that time of the year again.  
Yard Sale Season. Who Doesn't love Good Junk?**

# Desert Ridge 2015 Annual Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest Winners

Photos courtesy of Mallory Peil



# THE LEGEND AND LEGACY OF NICHOLAS MERIS

By Terrance Smith  
Community General Manager

The Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors would like to convey their respects and appreciation on behalf our community in remembrance of Nicholas Meris, who passed away on December 13, 2015.

Nick Meris was one of Desert Ridge's founding residents, a visionary and dedicated community volunteer and advocate of Desert Ridge who served initially as Board President of the Glen Eagle HOA and later progressed to becoming a member of the Desert Ridge Homeowners Network (i.e., an organized group of about 15 community residents that united to work with the community developer and builders in the interest of helping to shape their new community) that provided input to the Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors during the Master Developer control period of the Master Association. Nick had a strong sense of responsibility of giving back to the community through his service to the community. This conviction led Nick to many years of service within local neighborhood groups, networks and eventually the Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors. Nick would later become one of the first community residents elected to serve on the Desert Ridge Community Association (Master Association) Board of Directors and was instrumental in the transition of the Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors from the Master Developer control to the community homeowners. After the Desert Ridge Homeowners Network was replaced by an elected Board of Directors, Nick continued to volunteer at the Mayo Hospital for a period of 16 years. He was also honored with numerous awards for his contributions and dedication for his extraordinary community service, which included the "Friends of Phoenix" award and "Front Porch Bench Award", both awarded to him by the Mayor of Phoenix.

Nick was an inspiration to a number of people throughout the Desert Ridge Community. As the Community General Manager for Desert

Ridge, I did not have the good fortune to work with Nick Meris, but I did have the opportunity to meet and present him with a service recognition award on behalf of the community in 2013. I was very impressed with his continued interest in the affairs and particularly the future of Desert Ridge. He espoused the importance of residents being actively involved so they can have a voice in the progress and improvement of Desert Ridge by attending meetings, volunteering to serve on a committee or even running for a seat on the board of directors.

Nick was once quoted as saying in the summer of 2010, "I see great things for the future of Desert Ridge. While the housing situation won't correct itself overnight, if we keep alert and keep doing the right things, we'll get the stable growth we need". Nick will be truly missed in the community and our hearts...but his legend and legacy will endure for generations to come. Nick's imprint shall continue as a lasting reminder in our community with the Desert Ridge Community Association dedicating and placing a memorial brick paver in Nick



**Nicholas Meris**  
1929-2015

Meris' name in Cashman Park at Desert Ridge to honor Nick's meritorious service, volunteerism, contributions, inspiration and community spirit!

Nick is survived by his devoted wife and life love of 59 years, Joanne, three dearly-loved children, Kathy, Valerie and William. He is also survived by his six wonderful grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, two godsons and seven nephews and nieces...and a community of thousands that are grateful to have been blessed by his leadership and vision!

## Medals Finally Presented



Loren Mellendorf, age 90 and resident of Sagewood, was a medic in WWII in the Rainbow Division which landed in France in late 1944. He was captured in early 1945 and held as a Prisoner of War for six months. As the war ended he was liberated but never received the medals he earned

due to spending six months in a hospital. Seventy years later, he was recently presented with the medals by the Arizona National Guard and Senator John McCain at a ceremony held at Sagewood.

Loren's wife, Pat, took up the task of putting in the request and with the help of Senator John McCain's staff he was recently presented with the Prisoner of War Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Campaign Medal, the European, African and Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars and the World War II Victory Medal.

# SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING CONTAINER RULES

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We request that everything in the green trash container is bagged and tied and that the lid is closed when it is placed out for collection.

- No household hazardous waste
  - Auto related fluids
  - Vehicle batteries
  - Rechargeable batteries
  - Electronics
  - Household appliances
  - Fire extinguishers
  - Propane gas cylinders
  - Pesticides-herbicides/insecticides
  - Pool chemicals
  - Household Paint
  - Tires

- No construction materials
- No concrete
- Don't overload

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS

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All items in the blue recycle container should be loose (not bagged), clean and dry. <https://www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/recycling>

The only exception to the “no bags” rule is for shredded paper. It should be placed in a CLEAR plastic bag.

### Acceptable items are:

- All hard plastic containers including buckets, plastic jugs and bottles with or without caps.
- Cardboard, food boxes, frozen food boxes, junk mail, wet strength chipboard, paper board, 6/12-pack holders, newspaper, magazines, phone books and juice boxes.
- Glass bottles, jars and any food grade glass containers.
- Aluminum cans, metal cans, small metal appliances and empty aerosol cans, (No paint, pesticides or oven cleaners).

*The following items cannot be placed in your blue recycling container:*

- Plastic bags (instead take plastic bags your local grocery store and place in a “Bag Central Station” container to be recycled)
- Diapers
- Clothing
- Grass
- Yard waste
- Food waste
- #6 foam

## BULK TRASH PICK UP

Placement Begins On: March 12th  
 Collection Begins On: March 21th



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# 2016 and 2017 WATER RATES INCREASE

On January 6, 2016 the Phoenix City Council approved a 3% rate increase for water rates and a 2% rate increase for sewer rates, which results in a combined 2.6% increase for 2016. Phoenix City Council also approved a 2% increase for water and 2% increase for wastewater, a combined 2% increase for 2017. The 2016 rates will go into effect on March 1, 2016. The 2017 rates will go into effect on March 1, 2017.

The approved 2016 and 2017 rate increases will provide funding for resources needed to invest in rehabilitation and replacement of the pipes, treatment plants, pumps, reservoirs, and

wells that ensure reliable delivery of the city's drinking water.

The 2016 rates increase roughly translates into a monthly increase of \$1.59 for the average water customer. With the new rates in place, the average single-family residential water customer will pay \$30.00 per month, and the average single-family residential sewer customer will pay \$24.68 per month. These rates are still among the lowest in the nation.



**City of Phoenix**

If you have a question or comments about the department's rates, please

email: [watersmart@phoenix.gov](mailto:watersmart@phoenix.gov).



# STREET LIGHTS

By **Dustin Watkins**  
Compliance Coordinator

Street lighting is important within the community, should you notice an APS light pole outage in the community or your neighborhood please report the location to the City of Phoenix so it can be repaired. Each light pole in the community has a number on the pole that will help the technician locate the malfunctioning street light, in addition, please provide the address or cross streets of the light pole location. Report a light pole to the City of Phoenix Transportation Department: <https://www.phoenix.gov/formssite/Forms/emfixlit.aspx>

Additionally, if you would like to request a new street light to be installed in your neighborhood please use this link to submit your request to the City of Phoenix <https://www.phoenix.gov/formssite/Forms/emaddlight.aspx>.

New street light installation requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

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# NEWS RELEASE

Photos courtesy of Boys & Girls Club

## Boys & Girls Clubs Of Greater Scottsdale Announces 2016 Youth Of The Year

### Introducing the 'Youth of the Year' for the Vestar Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale: Gabriel Eastin!

By Ty Davies

Teen Development Specialist

Gabe has been a member of the Vestar Branch for 4 years now, and is a great example of how the Boys & Girls Club can help teens reach their full potential. As a member of the teen leadership group, Keystone, Gabe has amassed over 250 hours of community service, helping run

supply drives, assisting at a concussion awareness event, and giving his time to help paint a women's shelter. Gabe has been selfless in giving his time to the Club.

This year Gabe has once again gone above and beyond. After being nominated in September, Gabe made the commitment to join the "Youth of the Year" program.



As one of the premier programs offered by Boys & Girls Clubs, "Youth of the Year" asks a lot of its candidates, and Gabe was up to the challenge. Over the last several months, Gabe has written three essays and consistently revised a two and a half minute speech at weekly meetings. He has worked very hard to tell his Boys & Girls Club story. Some of his speech



highlights include overcoming his social difficulties due to his Asperger's Syndrome, and also developing his tutoring skills by helping other Club members with their math assignments. Gabe's speech is funny too, he describes being dubbed "The King of Flops" due to his tendency to end up on the floor during basketball games, or when he talks about performing "My Little Teapot" to earn ice cream. All of Gabe's hard work paid off when he was awarded the title of Youth of Year for the Vestar Branch!



As a Junior at North High School, Gabe had a successful year on the golf team, even placing first in one of the many tournaments this season. Always up for a new challenge, Gabe is looking forward to the rigorous training of joining the wrestling team for his Senior year. Developing leadership skills is also

important to Gabe, and to do so he joined North Family Leaders, which is a volunteer group at his high school which offers him yet another opportunity to develop into a positive and productive citizen. Gabe is certainly a busy young man and one with a very bright future.



Gabe now moves on to compete against eight other winners from each of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale branches to become the "Youth of the Year" representative for the organization. The winner will be announced on Saturday, February 20th, at the BGSC Blue Door Ball. This is an amazing event that features a live auction with all proceeds going to help serve over 18,000 youth that take part in daily Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale programming. Not only is Gabriel competing to win a variety of scholarships, but he is a young man that is very driven to reach his goals and represent his Boys & Girls Club. Good luck, Gabe!

Visit us at [www.bgcs.org](http://www.bgcs.org) to see the results of the Blue Door Ball and learn about all of our program opportunities.

# Events at Desert Ridge Marketplace

[www.shopdesertridge.com/events/live-music/](http://www.shopdesertridge.com/events/live-music/)

## DISTRICT STAGE

Performance times are from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

## AMC FOUNTAIN STAGE

Performance times are from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM



## CONCERTS

### MARCH

#### SAM HALEN

Friday, March 18 ■ District Stage

#### Sammy Hagar & Van Halen Tribute Band

Sam Halen delivers a barrage of hits from the years Sammy Hagar served as vocalist for Van Halen along with hits from Sammy's solo career and even reaching back to his days in his first band Montrose. A high energy show performed by real musicians with real instruments, real vocals and talent playing the tunes Van Halen & Sammy Hagar fans want to hear. For details, visit [samhalen.com](http://samhalen.com)

#### MATT KAHLER

Friday, March 18 ■ AMC Fountain

#### Acoustic Guitarist/Singer/Songwriter

Matt Kahler is a local Phoenix, Arizona singer-songwriter. He's been playing guitar for seven years, and began writing his own soft acoustic-rock-inspired songs in 2010, centered around guitar rhythms and catchy vocal hooks. Matt draws influences from nearly all types of music, but most prominently rock, blues, pop, and jazz. His dedication to putting everything into writing and performing, along with his smooth style and catchy songs are sure to capture and entertain any audience. For details, visit [reverbnation.com/mattkahler](http://reverbnation.com/mattkahler)

#### RATIO

Sat., March 19 ■ District Stage

#### Motown Tribute Band

Ratio is one of Phoenix, Arizona's premier bands specializing in Rhythm and Blues, Jazz, Funk and Pop.

Recognized as the "Best Jazz Band in Phoenix" by the Phoenix New Times Magazine and the "Best Blues Band" by the Arizona Republic, this versatile band led by founder Larry Rhymes is comprised of some of the best musicians in Phoenix. Their repertoire contains 60's and 70's Funk, 80's Jams, Smooth Jazz, Classic Soul and Motown. For details, visit [ratioband.com](http://ratioband.com)

#### JOCELYN OBERMEYER

Sat., March 19 ■ AMC Fountain

#### Harpist Extraordinaire

Jocelyn Obermeyer a Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner, began her musical interests in 3rd grade with the organ and piano. Shortly thereafter she took up the clarinet and continued on to graduate from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelors of Music in Clarinet. Also having studied flute and saxophone, specifically jazz, she had the opportunity to tour with jazz greats Louie Bellson, James Moody, and Phil Wilson just to name a few.

#### COME BACK BUDDY

Friday, March 25 ■ District Stage

#### Buddy Holly Tribute Band

Come Back Buddy is a 3-piece Rock-n-Roll band inspired by the legendary "Buddy Holly and the Crickets."

The trio's repertoire includes the music of many artists from the 50's era including Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Ricky Nelson, and of course, Buddy Holly. Mike Randall provides lead vocals and guitar with Janine Randall on bass and Don Rinehart on drums. The band has a strong foundation...and a strong following! For details, visit [comebackbuddy.com](http://comebackbuddy.com)

#### JANELLE LOES

Friday, March 25 ■ AMC Fountain, 7-9pm

#### Adult Alternative Singer/Songwriter

Janelle Loes is an emerging singer/songwriter who knows how to spin a song and mesmerize an audience. Fusing elements of jazz, pop, and adult contemporary music, her style is both catchy and soothing while her voice is a deep sea serenade through rich, expressive waters. For details, visit [janelleloes.com](http://janelleloes.com)

#### KISS ALIVE

Sat., March 26 ■ District Stage

#### KISS Tribute Band

Rising from the ashes of Phoenix, KISS ALIVE is Arizona's only authentic and definitive tribute to KISS, compelling you back to 1975 by performing the vintage songs from that era, delivering an expressive stage show of fire breathing, blood spitting and smashing guitars...LADIES AND GENTLEMAN ARE YOU READY? YOU WANTED THE BEST, YOU GOT THE BEST, THE HOTTEST TRIBUTE BAND IN THE WORLD...KISS ALIVE! For details, visit [kissalivetribute.com](http://kissalivetribute.com)

#### WEST HILLS BROTHERS

Sat., March 26 ■ AMC Fountain

#### Acoustic Guitar Duo

The West Hills Brothers are a unique duo of acoustic/electric guitars, vocals and percussion. Carson Smith is on lead vocals, guitar, and percussion and his twin brother Cole plays acoustic and electric guitar and mandolin.

They are originally from West Hills, California but now live in Arizona and perform on a regular basis at art walks, festivals, private parties and special events throughout the state. Their music is a great mix of classic rock, pop, alternative and original tunes with their own unique style. For details, visit [westhillsbrothers.com](http://westhillsbrothers.com)

### APRIL

#### GHANDI'S GARAGE

Fri., April 1 ■ District Stage

#### Top 40 Cover Band

The music of Ghandi's Garage blends elements of rock, folk and jazz. This Phoenix/L.A. based band has the makings of great rock combos we've seen before. Comparisons to Steely Dan, Don Henley, Bryan Adams and Sting have been mentioned. Drummer Daniel Villanueva lays down a firm & steady groove for Bassist Al Mora to punctuate. Guitarists Michael and Angel Villanueva fill the mid and upper register with superb chords, as Michael's catchy and sophisticated melodies are sung with passion. For details, visit [myspace.com/ghandisgarage](http://myspace.com/ghandisgarage)

#### SHERRY FINZER

Fri., April 1 ■ AMC Fountain

#### Flutist

Phoenix based flutist Sherry Finzer has become world-renowned through her Sanctuary music series, performing ambient and relaxing music to heal the body and soul.

Sherry is known for her unique blend of musical styles, creating a New Fusion sound consisting of New Age/Healing/Relaxation, Latin, Flamenco, Classical, Pop and Jazz. For details, visit [sherryfinzer.com](http://sherryfinzer.com)

#### OUTSIDE THE LINE

Sat., April 2 ■ District Stage

#### Soulful Dance Band

Outside The Line, formerly known as Digital Blues, has transformed because of the diversity of music they perform. While most American music is rooted in blues, they felt the name did not represent their diversity. As a group they each bring something unique to the table—it's what they each contribute that takes them Outside The Line. Combining Rock/R&B/Motown/Pop and Blues - they have put their own stamp on their sound and enjoy doing it. For details, visit [facebook.com/outsidethelinemusic](http://facebook.com/outsidethelinemusic)

#### SYDNEY SPRAGUE

Sat., April 2 ■ AMC Fountain

#### Indie Singer/Songwriter

Sydney Sprague's captivating and engaging songs, voice, and personality bring a refreshing relate-ability to her audience and fans everywhere. Born and raised in Austin, Texas, Sydney has honed her talent amongst the some of the best artists out there and brings a refreshing voice and uniqueness to the music world in a seemingly effortless manner. For details, visit [sydneySprague.com](http://sydneySprague.com)



**PEPPERMINT JAMES**

Fri., April 8 ■ District Stage

**Original Alternative & Cover Band**

Peppermint James was formed in Phoenix, Arizona in 2004. With strong influence from The Beatles, The Wailers, traditional jazz and blues artists and many outstanding world musicians, the sound of Peppermint James continually evolves with a no limits attitude towards songwriting and arranging.

Peppermint James continues their busy schedule of energetic live performances, released their sophomore album and is looking forward to sharing their music on a continuously larger scale. For details, visit [peppermintjames.com](http://peppermintjames.com)

**JAZZ CON ALMA**

Fri., April 8 ■ AMC Fountain

**Easy Listening Jazz Duo**

Beth Lederman is well-known for her sophisticated jazz and rhythmic Latin-jazz piano styles, not only in the Phoenix area, but throughout the Western U.S. from Canada to Mexico. She has been playing professionally for more than twenty years, leading several bands and playing with such well-known names as The Diamonds and Bobbie Vinton and the Drifters, as well as with local artists such as Dave Cook, Pete Pancrazi, Alice Tatum, Paul McDermand, and her own groups, Novo Mundo and Jazz Con Alma.

Beth's music is melodic, fun, fluid, honest, passionate, innovative, heartfelt, rhythmic, eclectic, artistic, humorous, spontaneous...and great! For details, visit [bethlederman.com](http://bethlederman.com)

**THE CARIBBEAN CRUISERS**

Sat., April 9 ■ District Stage

**Caribbean Island Sounds**

The Caribbean Cruisers are a select group of musicians specializing in the music of the Caribbean area. These styles include Calypso, Junkanoo, Soca, Latin, Reggae and Contemporary Jazz. The band's repertoire includes traditional Caribbean favorites from the various islands, jazz set in Latin and other tropical styles and popular American tunes arranged in Caribbean rhythmic styles. For details, visit [facebook.com](http://facebook.com)

**TIGER HEIST**

Sat., April 9 ■ AMC Fountain

**Singer/Songwriter**

Tiger Heist is an indie/pop/reggae singer songwriter from Phoenix Arizona. His style is similar to artist such as Jack Johnson, Jason Mraz, and Passenger. His passionate vocals set him apart and give him a unique style all is own. For details, visit [facebook.com/tigerheist](http://facebook.com/tigerheist)

**COME BACK BUDDY**

Fri., April 15 ■ District Stage

**Buddy Holly Tribute Band**

Come Back Buddy is a 3-piece Rock-n-Roll band inspired by the legendary "Buddy Holly and the Crickets." The trio's repertoire includes the music of many artists from the 50's era including Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Ricky Nelson, and of course, Buddy Holly. Mike Randall provides lead vocals and guitar with Janine Randall on bass and Don Rinehart on drums. The band has a strong foundation...and a strong following! For details, visit [comebackbuddy.com](http://comebackbuddy.com)

**ASHTON VAUGHN CHARLES**

Fri., April 15 ■ AMC Fountain

**Saxophonist Extraordinaire**

Ashton Vaughn Charles is a dedicated, multi-talented, collaborative musician who has been playing for 13+ years. Ashton has extensive experience in playing reed instruments (Saxophone/Clarinet), and has played in bands, as well as solo over multiple genres of music (Classical/Jazz/R&B/Hip Hop/Neo Soul). Ashton thoroughly enjoys playing music quite often, and is looking to expand his horizons across the valley, and beyond, sharing his art with anyone who may enjoy it. For details, visit [soundcloud.com/ashtoncharlesmusician](http://soundcloud.com/ashtoncharlesmusician)

**RATIO**

Sat., April 16 ■ District Stage

**Funk, Soul, Jazz and R&B Band**

Ratio is one of Phoenix, Arizona's premier bands specializing in Rhythm and Blues, Jazz, Funk and Pop.

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**BRENNA STILWELL**

Sat., April 16 ■ AMC Fountain

**Singer/Songwriter**

Brenna Stilwell is a versatile singer/songwriter with a laidback and youthful sound. She plays mostly acoustic guitar and piano-based indie style pop. Brenna is just as comfortable covering songs by classic artists such as Bob Dylan, Elton John and Tom Petty, as she is covering Katy Perry, Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran. For details, visit [reverbnation.com](http://reverbnation.com)

**LANE CHANGE**

Fri., April 22 ■ District Stage

**Alternative Band**

Playing "the next generation of music's most ROCKING songs", LANE CHANGE is defining a new genre of music, ROCK and SOUL.

Combining hard-driving, rocking rhythms with soulful, melodic vocals, their performance will have you dancing, singing, and asking the question... "Did they just play that?" Delivered with the energy and passion that the music they play demands, audiences are not only talking about their music selection, but their musical ability, as well.

Come spend an evening with LANE CHANGE. You are guaranteed a ROCKING time! To learn more, please visit: [lanechangerocks.com](http://lanechangerocks.com) or [facebook.com/lanechangerocks](http://facebook.com/lanechangerocks)

**KENNY LOVE**

Fri., April 22 ■ AMC Fountain

**Rock, Roots and Swing - Guitarist/Vocalist**

Catch the unplugged version of Arizona's premier band, Kenny Love & The Rock-er-fellas, as Kenny performs solo. The band plays originals and covers in the Classic Americana, Roots Rock-n-Roll, Rockabilly, Twang, Surf, Country and Western, Bop, Swing, Blues and Boogie Woogie Musical genres. For details, visit [facebook.com/kennyloverockerfellers](http://facebook.com/kennyloverockerfellers)

**THE GEETARS**

Sat., April 23 ■ District Stage

**Country Western Band**

Playing country classics and originals, The Geetars formed in 2007. Drawing on the raw sounds of Johnny Cash, Hank Williams and Ernest Tubb, the band reaches into every corner of country music from Tejano to the Blues, from Honky Tonk to Cajun.

**SANDY HATHAWAY**

Sat., April 23 ■ AMC Fountain

**Indie Acoustic Singer/Songwriter**

Sandy Hathaway is from Chandler and has been performing and writing songs for over 14 years in Arizona, Michigan, California, Hawaii and Belize, Central America. Her songs are laced with colorful metaphors and her vocal style has been compared to Joni Mitchell, Patty Griffin and Dar Williams. Sandy writes songs from her heart and experiences growing up on a farm, with people and places that made lasting impressions in her life. Her descriptive writing transports the listener to places and times that she creates through music and lyrics. Sandy was in the top 10 for the Tucson Folk Festival songwriter contest in 2005. Sandy music has been in the top three on ReverbNation for over six months. For details, visit [sandyhathaway.com](http://sandyhathaway.com)

**JEORDIE & THE MIXOLOGY PROJECT**

Fri., April 29 ■ District Stage

**Original and Top 40 Alternative Band**

Jeordie's music gives deep & friendly advice, on a sultry rock, melodic platform. Her style is a blend of modern pop themes and folk rock guitar. She has a catalog of music that ranges from upbeat and positive to introspective and melancholy and has the ability to create visual imagery, through her lyrics, melodies and performances. Currently, Jeordie is out touring with her new album "Jeordie XO & The Mixology Project Vol.1" For details, visit [reverbnation.com](http://reverbnation.com)

**SONNY DAZE**

Fri., April 29 ■ AMC Fountain

**Acoustic Guitarist/Vocalist**

Mellow, blusey, poetic. Original music and unique arrangements of covers. 60's and 70's influence with an awareness of modernity.

**HELLO SWINDON**

Sat., April 30 ■ District Stage

**High Energy Original Alternative Band**

Much like the fictional-and awesome-Spinal Tap, Hello Swindon has had its share of ups and downs. In ten years the band has had five different bass players and two sax players, but that's the way it goes.

Original members singer/guitarist Scott Semple and singer/percussionist John Vick form the center of the band, along with saxophone player Todd Sisk, who has been in the band since 2001, and bassist Matthew Schafman, who joined up in 2005. For details, visit [helloswindon.com](http://helloswindon.com)

**TODD OWENS**

Sat., April 30 ■ AMC Fountain

**Singer/Songwriter**

Todd Owens has been playing live music for more than half his life. His musical style is a creative mix of Jazz influenced percussive guitar playing, mixed with melodic soulful vocals with positively charged lyrics - all of Todd's music and covers are full of good energy that will uplift your spirits no matter who you are. For details, visit [facebook.com/mellowacousticman](http://facebook.com/mellowacousticman)

# Keep the Giving Spirit Alive in 2016



By **Melissa Gable**  
Public Information Officer  
Maricopa County Animal Care and Control

The holiday season may be over, but Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (MCACC) is asking the community to keep the holiday spirit alive by “pawing” it forward and performing acts of kindness for animals in MCACC shelters through its new “Paw it Forward” program.

Last summer, a woman came to MCACC’s East Valley Animal Care Center in Mesa and offered to pay the adoption fee for five shelter dogs. As she was making her donation, the woman presented staff with a business card that read, “This random act of kindness is done in loving memory of Lily Rue.”

Upon further investigation, staff learned that Lily was stillborn on August 29th, 2014. Her family asked family and friends to do something kind in memory of Lily on her first birthday. The acts of kindness were then recorded on a Facebook page dedicated to Lily. Someone purchased groceries for a family in need; another person donated to a fund to rebuild a playground that had been destroyed by fire; while on vacation someone purchased ice cream for a small child.

MCACC’s marketing team was inspired by Lily’s family and their desire to keeping her memory alive in a positive fashion. After a discussion with Lily’s mother, MCACC created “Paw it Forward” – a program with similarities and geared toward helping shelter pets.

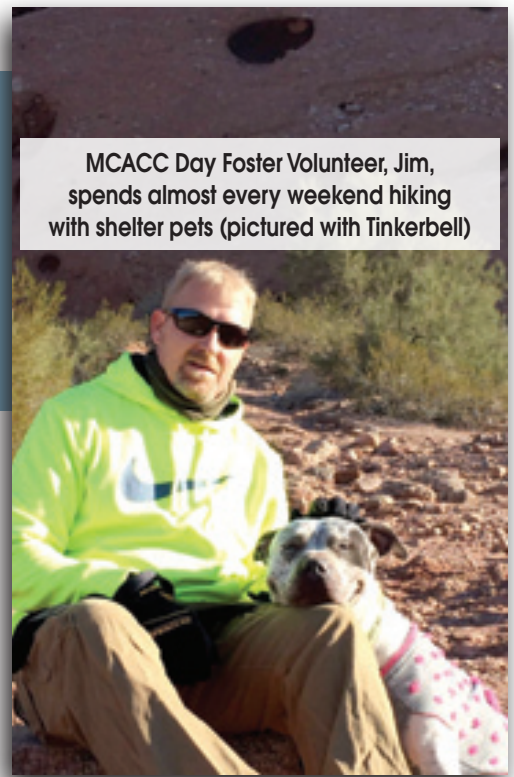
“Paw it Forward” is an initiative to inspire acts of kindness from people all over the Valley throughout the year. The program

will highlight and emphasize the acts through a Facebook event on MCACC’s Facebook page featuring photos, videos and information posted by folks who “pawed” it forward.

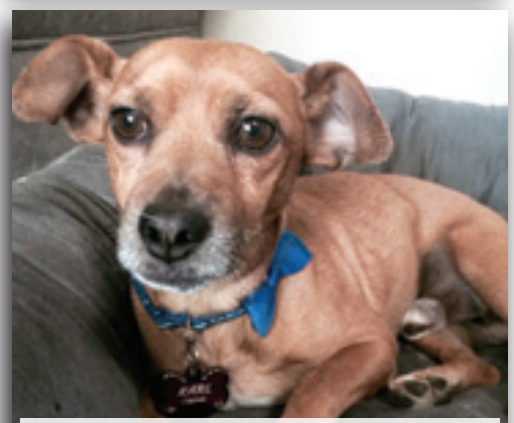
The Facebook event opened on January 7th and will remain in place throughout the year. The hope is that those who “Paw it Forward” will post their experience and inspire others to “Paw it Forward”, too. The event can be found on Maricopa County Animal Care & Control’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MaricopaCountyAnimalCareandControl>.

- There are many ways to “Paw it Forward”:
- Sponsor the adoption fee of a pet or pets.
  - Pay for a pet’s microchip.
  - Collect items from MCACC’s wish list, such as blankets, toys or food.
  - Become an MCACC volunteer.
  - Offer to foster a sick or injured pet or become an MCACC Day Foster volunteer.

Most important? Spread the word! Share, post and tell everyone about MCACC, the animals they have for adoption and the Paw it Forward program.



MCACC Day Foster Volunteer, Jim, spends almost every weekend hiking with shelter pets (pictured with Tinkerbell)



Adopted from MCACC in 2015, Karl’s family asked family and friends to make donations to sponsor adoption fees during the holiday season. Nearly 50 animals were sponsored as a result!



**BRIGHT BEGINNINGS:** Students from Bright Beginnings Charter School collected toys, treats and blankets for the shelter pets.

# FirstService Residential Gives Back

FirstService Residential's philanthropic group, FirstFamily Foundation, is committed to giving back to families all across the state of Arizona. Here are a few ways we've helped out!



Collected over 1,100 lbs of food to benefit United Food Bank



Collected 330 Blankets & Socks for the homeless in Phoenix



Collected 316 hygiene care packages for Save the Family



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## Desert Ridge® Parents' Group (DRPG)

The Desert Ridge® Parents' Group (DRPG) is a fun-filled organization for parents and children in the North Phoenix area. All families in the Desert Ridge® community are invited to check out our activities and events! Founded in 1997, the not-for-profit Desert Ridge® Parents' Group (DRPG) hosts weekly playgroups, monthly kids' and family activities, seasonal events and parents-only nights for residents in Desert Ridge and surrounding areas. Membership dues are only \$30 per year.

# Food Tidings

By Laura McConnell  
DRPG Hospitality Chairperson

I never really understood how important it is to bring a meal to friends who've just had a baby until I had my first child. I always thought dropping off a meal was a nice gesture, but it's actually a total blessing. New parents are exhausted and sleep deprived and let's be honest making a meal is the furthest thing from their mind after bringing home a new baby.

DRPG sets up Food Tidings for new parents in our group. We use a great website that helps us organize meal drop-offs, provides the schedule details, and creates a link to invite friends and family. Instead of multiple people reaching out to the new parents trying to coordinate meals, food restrictions, and portion sizes, we use the path of least resistance and put all the information in one place where families can sign up. It's a great way to coordinate meal support.



Some people shy away from bringing a meal because their not much of cook...but take-out is another great option! The gesture of



Visit [www.DRPGonline.com](http://www.DRPGonline.com) to learn more, check out our events calendar and to become a member online.

AAA Landscape would like to thank the Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA), FirstService Residential and all of the residents of Desert Ridge!

*We value our continued partnership, relationship and service to the Desert Ridge Community.*

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dropping off a meal matters much more than if you slaved away in the kitchen. Just remember that each meal new parents receive is special because it makes their first few days and weeks a little easier. It also makes them feel apart of a community and having the support of other local families in huge.

Here are some helpful tips when dropping off food to new parents.

### 1. Bring Food That Is Ready-To-Eat

Make eating the meal you bring as easy as possible. Bring food that is ready-to-eat. Of course it may require a few minutes in the oven to cook or warm depending on what time the new family will be eating, but that should be it. No chopping, no measuring, no assembly required. Bring food that only requires a fork.

### 2. Bring Food in Disposable Containers

Bring your meal in a container that can be thrown away, or one that doesn't need to be returned. It's not a huge deal, but not having to worry about returning a casserole dish or keeping track of dishes makes it much easier on the parents. It also makes clean up easy too. The last thing a new Mom wants to do is clean a bunch of dishes.

### 3. Avoid Overstaying

It's very exciting when a friend or family member has a new baby and of course you want to stay and visit...but be sure to not overstay, watch for cues of when you

should leave. Assume that your just there to say hello and drop off a meal, not to stay and visit for a long time. If your invited to meet the baby, that's great but try not to hang around long.

Another thing to consider is not bringing a lot of people with you, especially if anyone has been sick or around illnesses. A newborn is susceptible to illness and a new Mom doesn't need to worry or get overwhelmed with additional people.

### 4. Make Fool Proof Recipes, Stick To What You Know

Making a meal for new parents is not the time to experiment. Stick to recipes you know are good. Recipes that people usually like. Try and avoid using odd ingredients, err on the side of caution. Also keep in mind if there are other kids in the family and their tastes.

### 5. Don't Forget Breakfast Food As An Option

Most people think of food tidings as dinner, but breakfast is another great option! Not only is it the most important meal of the day, but most new parents are starving and exhausted from a sleepless night and having something they can eat first thing in the morning is a lifesaver. Dropping off a big bowl of fruit is a great option. It's refreshing and easy to eat with one hand while their holding the baby.

Lastly maybe bring a bottle of wine or some cold beer. This might actually make the new parents feel like normal human beings again!



# Holiday Party

By Laura McConnell  
DRPG Hospitality Chairperson

Thirty couples from DRPG got together to Eat, Drink, & Be Merry at the annual Holiday Party. This year Stephanie Kern (Facebook Admin, Bunco Chair, and former DRPG President) put together a fantastic event at Grimaldi's Pizzeria in DC Ranch. Our group had the private patio to jingle and mingle the night away! Members participated in a white elephant gift exchange with good gifts people actually wanted to take home. Special guest "Santa" himself along with his side kick "Elf" showed up for pictures and to deliver goodies to the group...why should the kids get to have all the fun during the most wonderful time of year? The parents group is already looking forward to celebrating together next year.

Tis the Season!

For more information about our group please visit our website [www.drpgonline.com](http://www.drpgonline.com) and like us on Facebook!





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# CONSERVING WATER A PRECIOUS RESOURCE

**PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

AAA Landscape has proudly partnered with the Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) since 2006 and as a result of the ongoing management of the landscape, DRCA has won numerous awards for its landscape. AAA Landscape maintains over 85 acres of granite, 5,431 shrubs, and over 33,000 trees. In addition, there are 3 large wash areas which provide the homeowners walking paths through the natural desert landscape. AAA Landscape was approached by FirstService Residential and the DRCA Board of Directors to come up with cost saving measures for the association by conserving water across its vast network of common areas, while still preserving the lush beauty of those landscapes. If possible, the association hoped to leverage its existing controller technology to help minimize costs.

**CHALLENGE:**

AAA Landscape was requested to investigate and evaluate the state of the existing Central Control Irrigation System at DRCA. The existing irrigation system, a Motorola Irrinet/Scorpio system with 35 Scorpio controllers powered by 3 main Irrinets, was approximately 15 years old and had challenges functioning as a Central Control Irrigation System. The remaining life span was +/- 5 yrs. The system also did not enable precision irrigation management and the ability to monitor flow data the way we needed it to to manage our water budgets.

**SOLUTION:**

From the project's inception, the development team sought to ensure that environmental responsibility was designed into all facets of the site, including landscape and irrigation components. AAA Landscape recommended and installed a Rain Bird® IQ™ Central Control System which monitors DRCA's irrigation system, maintaining peak water efficiency even in periods of high heat or during occasional rainstorms. A Rain Bird drip irrigation system offers pin-point watering of every individual plant on-site, eliminating waste. Water-smart Rain Bird components, such as valves and flow sensors, enable each site to take full advantage of water. A good working system alone does not ensure a well managed site. Data collection and database programming services were also provided to give the community the most accurate system information to begin with. This reduced initial over-watering, the amount of system fine tuning required, and enabling DRCA to see a faster return from their investment. The result was a turnkey system with full support from AAA Landscape and Rain Bird Services.

**COST AND WATER SAVINGS:**

AAA Landscape proposed a water decrease between 15% to 25% percent. So far, DRCA has an approximate 31% decrease in their water usage the first year, and an additional 23% decrease the second year. AAA Landscape has also played an intricate role in partnering with Rain Bird on upgrades to the technology of the Central Control Irrigation System and has absorbed these costs with Rain Bird, passing thousands of dollars in savings to the DRCA keeping the system operating efficiently. With the Central Control Irrigation System and an efficient proactive management program we've been successful with our intended purpose; cost saving measures while conserving our most precious resource, water!



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## REDEDICATE YOURSELF TO YOUR GOLF GAME

By Matt Keel

You made it through the holidays. You made it through the winter months. Now spring is upon us and it's time to get outdoors, get active and enjoy the great weather. It's time to start golfing again. Rather than just going out to play and try to "knock the rust off your clubs," take some steps to start off on the right foot. If you have been playing continuously all year, try taking a step back to get on the right track. It's time to rededicate yourself to your golf game.

Begin by evaluating your equipment. Is your equipment set up to give you the best chance to play your best? First, check your grips. Are your grips worn or slick? If your grips are slick, try scrubbing them with soap and water and wiping them down. If your grips are worn beyond their point of cleaning, then have them replaced. Second, have your loft and lie angles checked if you haven't had them checked in the past. Adjusting your loft and lie angles to fit your swing is a simple way to increase your consistency. Last, evaluate your clubs. Do you have any clubs

that are worn or outdated? Often times, upgrading to clubs that are in new condition or have newer technology can give you better performance from your equipment.

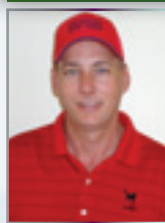
Next, start to practice again before you go play. Simply spending a little time to practice can help you get back into the groove again. Instead of just going out to hit some balls, start practicing with a plan. A common expression in golf is that "the first thing to go is your putting." Start your practice with putting. Begin practicing short putts and gradually move to longer putts. By starting with short putts first, you will begin to develop your touch and feel again. Next, practice your chipping and pitching. By practicing your chipping and pitching, you make small swings and get a feel for correct impact with your irons. Finally, move to the driving range and practice your full swing. By starting out small you're giving yourself a chance to play your best again.

Lastly, get some help if you need it. As a golf instructor, students are always telling me how good

they used to play or how far they used to hit the ball. Sometimes diminished success in an area is due to new physical limitations, but often golfers just get off track or develop some new bad habits. Seek help at the beginning or take a step back to get some help for increased long term success. Most of the time, golfers either do not know what is happening in their swing or they simply can't see what is happening. Another

set of eyes or a new perspective from an instructor will get you down the road to enjoying golf again.

Whether you are just getting back into golf or you need to take a step back, start off on the right track. By rededicating yourself to golf, you will be getting a fresh start and increasing your success. Whatever your goals may be, a fresh start will result in enjoying golf once again.



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 visit the website [www.Mattkeelgolf.com](http://www.Mattkeelgolf.com).

# Neighborhood Policing in Black Mountain Precinct

Officer Timothy Mitten  
Community Action Officer  
Black Mountain Precinct  
Phoenix Police Department

Happy New Year to everyone and while we are already a month into 2016 the New Year feel is still upon many. The Black Mountain Precinct officers are working very hard to accomplish our goals and to help serve you in the best possible way. One way we do this is through the Neighborhood Policing Unit. Many of you have heard of the plethora of acronyms that we use here at the City of Phoenix Police Department, such as CAO, NET, BMP, CFMH, MROP, PNP and that is just the tip of the iceberg.

The Black Mountain Precinct or BMP as we are called, has a Neighborhood Policing Unit just like all the other police precincts. It is comprised of three NET squads or Neighborhood Enforcement Teams and one CAO or Community Action Squad which is also divided down even further into more specific duties. All of these officers are well trained in the community policing philosophy of our department, the specific aspects of our assignments, are assigned here through a selection process and generally have many years of patrol experience before they come here. As a specialty squad within the patrol division we are in marked police vehicles and in uniform most times but depending on the type of investigation may not be in uniform. Since we are assigned to the patrol division, our first responsibility is to be a support function for patrol and assist them in any way needed, so many times we are answering radio calls or enforcing on view situations. Each NET and the CAO squad are supervised by a Sergeant and these four Sergeants report to the Resource Lieutenant.

The Black Mountain Precinct is one of seven police precincts that cover the City of

Phoenix and it is broken down further into three squad areas. It is labeled numerically for our Communications Bureau as 200 or 2 and so the squads are then broken down into the 21, 22 and 23 squad areas. Each squad area then has 4 beats within them. I have attached a map of our precinct showing the various squad and beat areas.

The NET squads or Neighborhood Enforcement Team are assigned each to a particular squad area although they have precinct wide responsibilities as well depending on the violent crime type assigned to them for follow up. That is one of their job duties is to follow up, assist Detectives and apprehend suspects for the violent or property crime category assigned to them. These would be crimes that occurred in the Black Mountain Precinct or that suspects living or staying in our precinct wanted in other parts of the city. The NET squads also assist the CAO's with enforcement plans in the assigned squad areas for ongoing neighborhood issues, look for any wanted felons in the area, execute or assist in search warrants, assist in any tactical projects as TRU in the precinct or city or any other projects deemed necessary by the precinct Commander.

The CAO squad or Community Action Officer Squad has two CAO's assigned to each squad area, a Crime Free Multi Housing officer (CFMH), a Misdemeanor Repeat Offender Program officer (MROP) and a Programs Coordinator.

The CAO's are assigned by squad area to serve that area, although if there is a precinct wide issue we can work on those as well. Within our areas, each CAO is responsible for solving ongoing or other issues within that area, liaison with neighborhood groups, businesses or HOA's, form new Block Watches and assist



existing ones, teach Crime Prevention, direct needed resources in to their area to address ongoing issues, take enforcement action on problems in their area. CAO's are also part of the precincts TRU or Tactical Response Unit to respond to precinct or city wide tactical issues. CAO's also assist in executing search warrants as needed, supporting patrol officers through answering calls, special event security planning and whatever else the precinct Commander deems necessary for us to do. One of the CAO's is also assigned duties as the precinct Liquor License officer. This responsibility includes the review, investigation and approval of all new liquor license establishments, liquor license transfers and special event permits.

Within the CAO squad there is also a Crime Free Multi Housing officer (CFMH). This officer works with multi housing properties / apartment complexes in the entire precinct to assist management on any crime issues that are on the properties or impacting the surrounding neighborhoods from the properties. The CFMH officer helps get the property into the CFMH Program which is a three step program to help properties become certified in the program which increases the rent ability of the apartments and attracts quality law abiding residents. The CFMH officer also works on long term problem properties through the Abatement process, teaches Crime Prevention at multi housing properties and assists the CAO's on any issues they are working on.

The Misdemeanor Repeat Offender officer (MROP) works on identifying career criminals that are repeat offenders for misdemeanor crimes that impact the quality of life in the neighborhoods of the precinct. This program works with the City

Prosecutors office to get enhanced sentencing for these offenders for arrests on crimes they are continually committing, these can include but are not limited to assault, trespassing, shoplifting, and many more. This officer also works on enforcement efforts as it relates to transients panhandling or soliciting, camping on private property and the other crime issues related to transients but also works on assisting transients in getting services or assistance if they request it. There is one full time officer assigned to this position and

a second officer that is technically a CAO but due to the nature of this assignment is assigned to this program as well.

The Programs Coordinator works on the squad and coordinates the many precinct wide functions for our neighborhood groups such as Coffee with a Cop, Community Alliance Meetings, coordinates and assists residents who participate in the PNP Program (Phoenix Neighborhoods on Patrol), works with businesses to execute Authority to Arrest for trespassing issues, liaisons with the

downtown Community Programs Bureau and assists the CAO's with any issues they need help with.

This is just a brief description of what we do at the Black Mountain Precinct Neighborhood Policing Unit. Below is a list of assignments and contact information of the officers and areas for the CAO squad. If anyone has any questions or comments on this, please feel free to contact me at [tim.mitten@phoenix.gov](mailto:tim.mitten@phoenix.gov) or at 602-495-5238. Thank you for all your support and your continued partnership with the City of Phoenix Police Department.

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Officer Tim Mitten  
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**CAO 22 area / 223 / 224 beats**

Officer Drew Miller  
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**CAO 22 area / 221 / 222 beats**

Officer Tom Owsley  
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**CAO 23 area / 231 / 232 beats**

Officer Tony Cuciti  
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**CAO 23 area / 233 / 234 beats**

Officer Manny Valenzuela  
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**MROP / Transient**

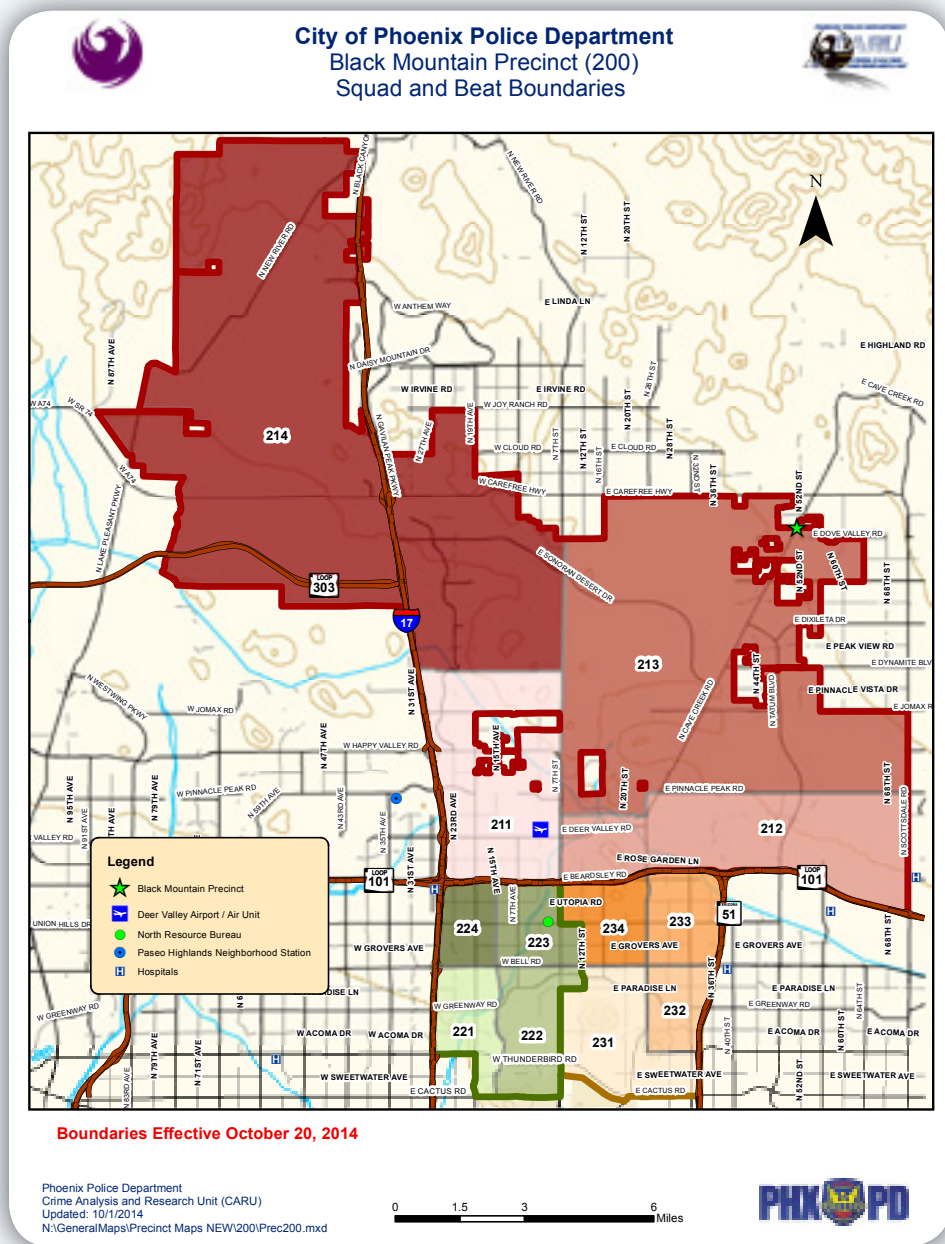
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**Programs Coordinator**

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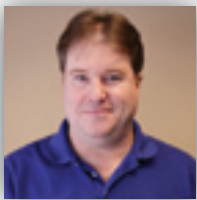
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# AVOIDING OPPORTUNITY



**Steve Burns**

Community Awareness  
Committee Chairman

Spring, that time of year where parts of the country are still dealing with cold and unpleasant weather while we bask in our Shangri-La known as Desert Ridge.

We are now in that sweet spot where we can enjoy outdoor activities and all of the beauty that surrounds us before it gets really hot outside. However, I want to caution you not to let your euphoria over our beautiful weather turn into complacency when it comes to your home and property. At this time of year there is a noticeable spike in crimes of opportunity. People are more apt to leave bicycles, yard tools and other personal property lying around. They also leave garage doors, gates, and sheds open. I can't tell you how many stories I've heard about someone walking into an open garage and stealing a bicycle or golf clubs. Unfortunately, many of those stories were right here in Desert Ridge.

This time of year is also the best time to

make sure that your trees and bushes are trimmed back so that there is a clear view of your windows and nowhere for criminals to easily hide around your home. Speaking of windows, spring is also the time when people are most likely to leave their windows open. When you leave the house, even if it's to run a "quick" errand, make sure that you close all of your windows. For those who have screened security doors, make sure that the security door is locked when you have the front door open. Don't forget to set your home alarm when you are going to be away from home and even when you are in the home. If you do not have a home alarm, please consider one. The price for a home alarm system has become very affordable with or without central security monitoring. Also, when going out of town, the City of Phoenix Police Department has a free vacation watch where you can sign up to have your home checked up on by a patrol car from time to time. To request a Phoenix Police Vacation Watch, please call 602.495.5002.

Desert Ridge has some of the lowest crime rates in the Phoenix metro area but we

can do even better. The best way to lower the crime rate and keep it down is through prevention. We need to stay vigilant and keep an eye out at all times, not only for our own homes, but for those of our neighbors as well. That will help us keep property values up and continue to make Desert Ridge our "Shangri-La".

We have fantastic anti-crime programs in Desert Ridge with our off-duty City of Phoenix Police Patrols, our Silent Witness matching grant program, and even our Urban Tactical security patrols. But these programs simply can't cover everywhere in the community at once. Therefore, it is 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.

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- DATE/TIME:** 2013 to Present

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If you have any information regarding this case you may contact Silent Witness at W-I-T-N-E-S-S, that's 480-948-6377, or toll free at 1-800-343-TIPS. You can also leave an anonymous tip on the silent witness website at [silentwitness.org](http://silentwitness.org). Remember, you remain completely anonymous and could earn a cash-reward for information leading to the arrest and/or indictment of the suspect/s of this crime.

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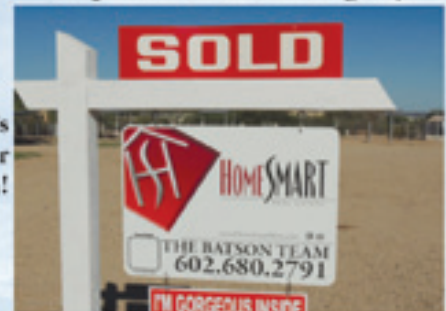
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**Ryne Foster,**  
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It's the Phoenix winter and the weather is beautiful. For exercise many will decide to go out for a hike on one of the valley's numerous trails. Hiking is an extremely popular activity that people chose for their regular exercise routines. Yes, many of people are on a time crunch and just want

to hit the trail. Many people forget to warm up or stretch due to their busy schedules. Not warming up can lead to an injury or a nagging muscle strain.

Research has been shown that a dynamic warm up is more beneficial for some-one than static stretching and no stretching at all as it helped to improve a peoples power and agility just by performing a dynamic warm up (1).

Dynamic stretching is stretching refers to performing movements done in a slow and controlled manner to warm up your

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muscles and joints rather than classical static stretching. Dynamic stretching can be as simple as arm circles, toe taps, lunges or squats.

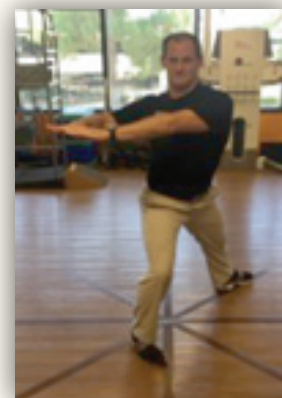
I recommend before you decide to hit the trail spend at least a few minutes to warm up. This can significantly help your body prepare for your hike. So, here is a group of functional dynamic stretches that will get you warmed up and ready for the trail. Perform 5 to 10 times per movement and then switch legs to ensure warming up both side of your body.



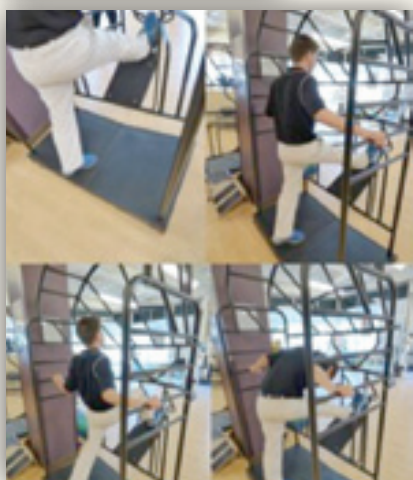
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## MARCH-JUNE 2016 CONCERTS AND EVENTS

### ONGOING

#### Special Exhibition: Stradivarius: Origins and Legacy of the Greatest Violin Maker

Open through June 5, 2016

**Tickets: \$10 for exhibition, \$7 when purchased with general museum admission**

On view only at MIM, this one-of-a-kind exhibition introduces the story of how early violin makers from the northern Italian city of Cremona shaped music from the sixteenth century onward. See and hear timeless masterpieces that were handcrafted by master luthiers, including Andrea Amati, the founding father of the violin; the rogue genius Guarneri del Gesù; and the master himself—Antonio Stradivari. The exhibition includes several modern-day masterworks that demonstrate the continuing influence of Cremona's early masters.



### MARCH

#### Concert: Lúnasa with Tim O'Brien

Tuesday, March 15 | 7 p.m.

**Tickets: \$38.50 - \$48.50**

The Irish music dream team and the Grammy-winning musician embark on a transatlantic journey exploring the common roots, interplay and mutual influences at the heart of American and Irish music.



#### Concert: The Voce Project and the Sugar Thieves

Wednesday, March 16 | 7 p.m.

**Tickets: \$22.50 - \$31.50**

MIM will feature The Sugar Thieves and The Voce Project collaborating on American root music.

#### Concert: Makana with Paula Fuga

Thursday, March 17 | 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$33.50 - \$40.50**

Makana is considered the "greatest living player" of slack-key guitar music according to Esquire magazine and Fuga's exquisite vocals, powerful lyrics and gorgeous melodies have earned her widespread praise.

#### Concert: John Hiatt

Friday, March 18 | 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$68.50 - \$73.50**

More information coming soon!

#### Concert: Madeleine Peyroux

Saturday, March 19 | 6 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$38.50 - \$58.50**

Celebrating the release of "Keep Me in Your Heart for a While: The Best of Madeleine Peyroux," the debut anthology of the critically acclaimed singer-songwriter's nearly 20-year career.

#### Concert: Sierra Hull

Monday, March 21 | 7 p.m.

**Tickets: \$33.50 - \$38.50**

Sierra Hull "plays the mandolin with a degree of refined elegance and freedom that few have achieved." - Béla Fleck

#### Concert: Midori

Thursday, March 24 | 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets: SOLD OUT**

World-renowned violinist Midori has sold out concert halls since the age of 11 and has maintained an international presence for almost three decades, first as a performer and increasingly as a musical community engagement advocate and educator. Her violin is the 1734 Guarneri del Gesù "ex-Huberman."

#### Concert: Acoustic Africa

Friday, March 25 | 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

**Tickets: \$28.50 - \$43.50**

After worldwide success in 2006, 2011 and 2013, the fourth installment of Acoustic Africa's exhilarating journey focuses on the richness of the African traditions of voice and song with Habib Koité and Vusi Mahlasela.

#### Concert: David Lindley

Saturday, March 26 | 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$35.50 - \$40.50**

More information coming soon!

#### Concert: Suzy Bogguss

Tuesday, March 29 | 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30 | 7 p.m.

**Tickets: \$30.50 - \$35.50**

One of country music's most pristine and evocative vocalists, Bogguss quickly became one of the key artists that defined those golden days of '90s country music.



#### Concert: MIM Musical Interludes Series Featuring Walter Cosand

Wednesday, March 30 | 10:30 a.m.

**Tickets: Included with paid museum admission or \$7 concert only**

Long-time Valley favorite and International Steinway Artist Walter Cosand shares some of his favorite music on one of his favorite pianos.

#### Concert: Hanggai

Thursday, March 31 | 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$33.50 - \$45.50**

This Chinese folk group from Beijing specializes in a blend of Mongolian folk music and modern style such as punk and rock.

### APRIL

#### Event: Behind The Lens with Pattie Boyd and Henry Diltz

Friday, April 1 | 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$28.50 - \$41.50**

More information coming soon!

#### Concert: Herb Alpert and Lani Hall

Tuesday, April 5 | 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6 | 7 p.m.

**Tickets: \$53.50 - \$78.50**

With over 72 million records sold, Grammy-winner musician, record executive and philanthropist Herb Alpert continues his legendary career alongside his wife, Grammy-winning vocalist Lani Hall.



#### Concert: Birds of Chicago

Thursday, April 7 | 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$25.50 - \$35.50**

More information coming soon!





**Concert: Mark O'Connor's American Classics**

Friday, April 8 | 7:30 p.m.  
**Tickets: \$43.50 - \$63.50**

A product of America's rich aural folk tradition as well as classical music, violinist Mark O'Connor has been called "one of the most talented and imaginative artists working in music- any music- today," by the Los Angeles Times.

**Concert: Joyce and Kenny Werner**

Thursday, April 14 | 7:30 p.m.  
**Tickets: \$30.50 - \$38.50**

Jazz pianist Kenny Werner's influence is unsurpassed. He has impacted an entire generation of musicians and artists.

**Event: Experience India**

Saturday, April 16 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 17 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission**

Join us for our annual celebration of East Indian music and culture. See vibrant musical and dance performances, participate in hands-on activities and exhibit talks and try temporary henna body art.



**Concert: Chick Corea and Béla Fleck**

Sunday, April 24 | 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.  
**Tickets: \$68.50 - \$93.50**

A collaboration of the legendary pianist and NEA Jazz Master with the world-renowned banjo player.

**Concert: MIM Musical Interludes Series Pan Devils Steel Band**

Wednesday, April 27 | 10:30 a.m.  
**Tickets: Included with paid museum admission or \$7 concert only**

The Pan Devils Steel Band, under the direction of Alex Fragiskatos, will present traditional and contemporary music from the Trinidad and beyond. Famous for its renderings of calypso classics the group also performs music from the classical era and a variety of popular genres.

**Concert: Rodney Crowell**

Friday, April 29 | 7:30 p.m.  
**Tickets: \$39.50 - \$48.50**

Born in Houston, Texas, Grammy-winning songwriter, producer and artist Rodney Crowell brings poetry and earthy tautness to his compositions.



**MAY**

**Concert: ASU String Faculty's "Masterpieces in the Valley"**

Sunday, May 1 | 7 p.m.  
**Tickets: \$22 - \$38.50**

The MIM concert series will conclude with treasured instruments of the Valley brought to life by members of the exceptionally talented ASU Herberger Institute School of Music Strings faculty.

**Concert: Dick Dale**

Saturday, May 7 | 7:30 p.m.  
**Tickets: SOLD OUT**

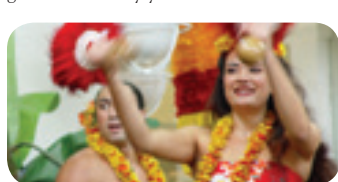
The king of surf guitar who pioneered the surf music style.

**Event: Experience Polynesia**

Saturday, May 14 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, May 15 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission**

Kick off the summer at MIM with our annual celebration of Pacific Island music and culture! Enjoy musical performances, dancing demonstrations, a Polynesian-inspired menu at Café Allegro and even try your hand at a ukulele.



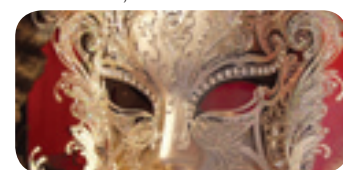
**JUNE**

**Event: Experience Italy**

Saturday, June 4 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, June 5 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission**

Experience "la dolce vita" at MIM as we celebrate Italian music and culture. Get a taste of Italy with an Italian-inspired menu at Café Allegro, gallery talks, performances and hands-on activities for all ages. This event marks the final weekend of our special exhibition, "Stradivarius: Origins and Legacy of the Greatest Violin Maker," so don't miss it!



**Event: Musical Icons:**

**Johnny Cash and June Carter**

Saturday, June 25 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Tickets: Activities included with paid museum admission**

Join MIM for a celebration of the lives and legacies of Johnny Cash and June Carter. Come and hear gallery talks, test your knowledge of Carter/Cash trivia in our popular MIMQuiz activity, view a film screening and more!

**LADIES NIGHT**  
*Out*

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Thoughts for Spring from Explorer Middle School Students



Left to right: Katie M., Breanna H., and Cami M.

# The Mysterious Background ON SPRING BREAK

By Breanna H.

Have you ever wondered why do we have Spring Break? Now, we all love the time of the year when the flowers bloom, and the perfect temperature at the perfect time. When we are all on spring break, we have places, sceneries that feel like you are in a floral paradise. Also with Easter coming we get ready to find colorful easter eggs that you may find candy inside it's wonderful vivid egg. The perfect time of the year to express yourself and be free in the beautiful daylight. The thing is don't you wonder why, what, where, and when Spring Break was born, because if we didn't have Spring Break we wouldn't get to enjoy these things.

The history behind begins about 2,000 years ago in the time of Ancient Greece. A long

time ago they used to have a festival for the god, Dionysus, the god of wine and partying. The festival had singers, dancers, and people would dance for three days in which women would put on flower crowns and where basically everything they wore was floral. The men would do challenges like who can drink a cup of wine the fastest. A few years later, The Rise of Christianity in Greece began and stopped the festivals.

The Spring Break we all have now is to relax inside our cozy homes, watch Netflix, and sleep a lot. The sun shines brightly on a lovely spring day. The great feeling of having no school and all the fun that can happen in one day. The vivid colors from the flowers, and the warmth of all this happiness all started with a simple festival.

## TRIP IDEAS

By Katie M.

With Spring Break rapidly approaching, students are looking forward to a week of relaxation and possible adventure. This time off is perfect for families to spend time together and go to their favorite destinations. For those looking for theme parks, beaches, and beautiful weather, California is a fun place to go. With its rich natural beauty, it also features it star-studded cities, too. White sand beaches, ancient architecture, and vast history mark Mexico as an amazing place to visit. It's gorgeous cities and flavorful food make the trip even more memorable. Another fun place to go during Spring Break is right here, in Arizona. Beautiful national parks, boating, and water parks are just some of the amazing things you can do over your spring break!

## New Season. New Style.

Cami M.

Spring 2016 fashion trends are all about profusion and accentuation of the shoulders. Take this new hot trend and meld it into your wardrobe. Spring 2016 style highlights the "Cold Shoulder", which is a garment with a cut out in the shoulder. Shoulders are the go-to fashion highlight for the season. When a designer has a chance to show them off, they'll take it.

Ruffles are another trend taking the fashion world and runways by storm. Ruffle lined garments can be found on an impressive

number of catwalks. There seems to be somewhat of a Victorian inspiration with the recent love affair with ruffles. They come in many shapes and sizes, most designers use them sparsely but with great effect and fashion impact.

Pleats also seem to be making a comeback for Spring 2016. Crumpled fabric is taking over the runways with pre-creased and rumbled clothing from



dressess to pants. Spring 2016 looks are all incorporated with vivid colors like tangerine and soft denims that meet to draw in your attention to detail. But wait another detail is the "laced up" look seen in loose and flowy tops. The handbag trend is in the "everything" tote as well as hand held bags with loose straps or held close by your side. The trends for shoes include cowboy boots, the buckle accent and mixing design accents from different cultures.

Spring 2016 fashions and trends promise to allow everyone to express their love for color and culture with the feminine infusions of shoulder cut outs, ruffles and pleats!

# Explorer Middle School Visual Arts Teacher



Heidi Barrow

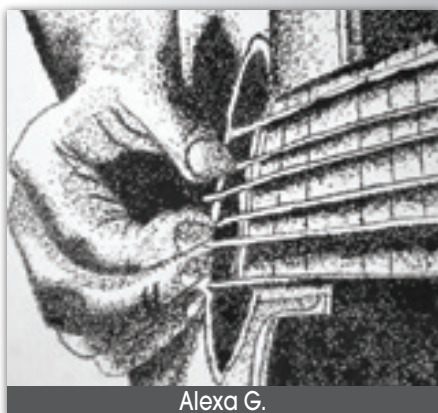
My name is Heidi Barrow and I am the Visual Arts teacher at Explorer Middle School. I teach both beginner art and advanced art classes, offering students an introduction to art and preparation for high school art.

In this edition of Artist Spotlight I would

like to highlight drawings that were created by my advanced art 8th graders. In advanced art students can work on one project for up to a month, spending much more time and adding more detail than they would be able to in beginner art. All of the artwork in this artist spotlight took three to four weeks to complete. There are two pencil drawings of elephants. The students utilized a grid to help make their drawings more realistic. There are three pen & ink stippling drawings.

Students create these drawings by dipping a pen into ink and they stipple all of the detail and value for the drawing to come to life. The wolf drawing is half pencil drawing with shade and shadow and the other half is created using a zentangle patterns.

I am so pleased with the level of work, commitment, and passion these talented students have demonstrated with their artwork.



Alexa G.



Adeline B.



Gabrielle S.



Emily O.



Megan P.



Kailie P.

# Desert Trails Elementary School ESTABLISHES LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

*What better way to send out the past year and ring in the New Year than with serving others! Desert Trails Elementary School has established a New Honor Society Chapter that celebrates the pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.*

Phoenix, AZ— Desert Trails Elementary School (DTES) has established a new chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) to recognize their most outstanding fifth and sixth grade students. Desert Trails Elementary School joins elementary schools around the nation in establishing a program to promote excellence in academic achievement, involvement in leadership and offering community service for our student leaders. More than just an honor roll, NEHS engages its members in service

activities and leadership development. In addition to helping the school and community, students in the DTES chapter of NEHS will volunteer 15 hours of community service on individual projects of their choice.

The advisors at Desert Trails are Rebekah West Keur and Kim Cox. They helped to supervise the selection of 50 new members, will be leading them throughout the year on community service, and will have the honor of inducting them at a special

ceremony at the end of this school year. The chapter meetings are ran by a team of dedicated and honorable students who will lead their peers throughout the year in service learning projects and character building activities. The following students are the DTES NEHS 2015/2016 officers: President, Yazin H., Vice President, Kayla D., Secretary, Grant M., Treasurer, Jack H., and the 5th grade representatives are Aiden B., and Hudson P.; congratulations to these students!

As a chapter, we work together to decide on what programs we would like to participate in to help our community blossom. Our latest projects included: establishing a recycling program for our school, working with the Kids Feeding Kids Campaign, which collected enough to feed over 5,000 kids, and facilitating a successful toy drive for Toys for Tots. Our hope is to sponsor a service learning project every month, to positively affect the community and to teach the students the importance of helping others and create a positive impact while instilling the love of community service.

*“We started this club not only for our school, but for the community.”*

*Grant M.*

*“I think that it is important to have this club because we can help other people.”*

*Kayla D.*



DTES Toys for Tots Collection with NEHS officers.

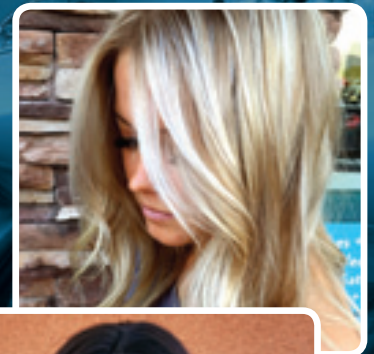
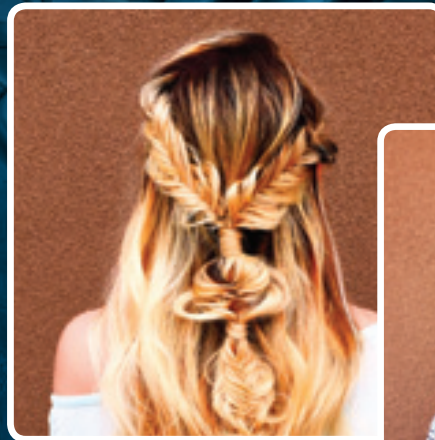
Desert Trails Elementary School is proud to have this prestigious honor society at our school and is excited to organize service projects and other activities which will support the community throughout the year.



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By Candace Oehler  
Director of Marketing and Communications

### GET TO KNOW PVCC THIS SPRING!

It's a great time to visit campus and attend one or more of our interesting, fun, educational, or entertaining events. And remember that summer is a great time to catch up or get ahead at PVCC, especially for students returning home from college, or getting ready to start. In just five weeks, they can complete one, or even two, college-transfer classes in biology, chemistry, communications, computer information systems, English, math, business, geology, psychology, Spanish, sociology, humanities, or music. Extended 8-week classes begin May 31; 5-week Express classes begin May 31 and July 5.

**AARP/VITA Tax Preparation Assistance Through April 16**  
Fridays 8 am – 5 pm  
Saturdays 9 am – 2 pm  
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**Festival of Tales**  
Sat., Apr. 30, 9:30 am – 2 pm | FREE  
[www.festivaloftales.com](http://www.festivaloftales.com)  
PVCC's Art of Storytelling classes, Club

Ed, and the Education program present this free event for children in the community. The day features storytelling sessions, demonstrations of pottery making and clay sculpting, live music, and more!

**Spring Job Fair**  
Wed., Apr. 6, 1-4 pm  
KSC 1000 | FREE

**High School Senior Night**  
Wed., Apr. 13, 6:30-8 pm  
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Most camps meet from 9 am–3 pm.  
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<sup>a</sup>Grades 6–9 | <sup>b</sup>Grades 9–12 | <sup>c</sup>Grades 11-12  
<sup>c</sup>STEAM – June 6-9 & 13-16  
<sup>c</sup>Entrepreneurship Education  
June 6-9 & 13-16  
<sup>c</sup>Math – June 20-23 & 27-30 | FREE  
Recommended for recent HS graduates also  
<sup>a</sup>Theatre – June 6-9, 13-16, & 20-23  
<sup>b</sup>Young Authors – June 27-30  
<sup>b</sup>Chamber Music – June 6-9  
<sup>b</sup>Jazz Music – June 13-16  
<sup>b</sup>Music Technology – June 20-23  
<sup>b</sup>Brass Ensemble – June 27-30



### PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

(Subject to change)

View complete calendar and order tickets at [paradisivalley.edu/cpa](http://paradisivalley.edu/cpa)

**MOLIERE (FRANCE, PG-13, 120 MIN.)**  
Wed., Mar. 23, 6:30 pm | FREE

**PVCC JAZZ UNDER THE STARS CONCERT**  
Wed., Apr. 6, 7 pm | FREE

**THE ODD COUPLE (FEMALE VERSION) BY NEIL SIMON**  
Apr. 15, 16, 22, 23 | 7:30 pm;  
Apr. 17, 24 | 2 pm | Tickets

**PVCC SPRING DANCE COLLECTION PERFORMANCE**  
Fri. & Sat., Apr. 29, 30 | 7:30 pm | FREE

**PVCC JAZZ BIG BANDS CONCERT**  
Tues., May 3 | 7 pm | FREE

**CLASSICAL ENSEMBLES CONCERT**  
Tues., May 5 | 7:30 pm | FREE

**PVCC COMMERCIAL MUSIC PROGRAM SHOWCASE**  
Fri., May 6 | 7:30 pm | FREE

**DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS (THE MUSICAL) BY JEFFERY LANE & DAVID YAZBEK**  
June 17, 18, 24, 25 | 7:30 pm  
June 19, 26 | 2 pm | Tickets



(L to R) Ray Torres, Executive Director, S.E.E.4Vets. Daniel Flores, PVCC Coordinator of Veteran Services, Samuel Zint, PVCC Veteran Student and Veterans Services Office Assistant, Julia Moore, PVCC Director of Development.

# NEWS OF NOTE

PVCC has once again been recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation. Selection is based on student success in persistence, degrees awarded, completion and transfer; consistent improvement over time; and equitable outcomes for all students regardless of ethnicity or socioeconomic standing. This is the third consecutive time the college has earned this recognition.

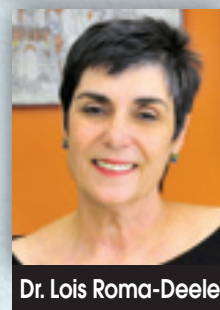


The college as also been awarded the

designation of Military Advanced Education & Transition (MAET) Top School in the 2016 Guide to Colleges and Universities.

S.E.E.4 Vets (Supporting Education and Employment for Vets, a nonprofit organization), has established

the new "S.E.E.4Vets Veterans Math Success Scholarship for PVCC" Fund that supports a new academic initiative at PVCC designed to assist new student veterans enrolled in Math courses toward degree completion.



Dr. Lois Roma-Deeley

Poetry professor and 2012 Community College Professor of the Year Dr. Lois Roma-Deeley is one of just 10 recipients of a 2016 Arizona Commission on the Arts Artist Research

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# RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Rob Reichstein



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The #1 voted nightclub in south Florida has arrived on High Street. Cowboys Saloon strives to offer the best country nightclub experience with features like line dancing, concerts and mechanical bull rides. Cowboys Saloon & Grill also offers a full service restaurant with fantastic food for the whole family and our gang of culinary critics was lucky enough to try it all. If you are looking for a restaurant with large portions, creative presentation, unique tastes great music and cocktails served in mason jars. Cowboys is the place for you.

## Here are the highlights

### APPETIZERS

Our appetizers included South Meets East Calamari, Outlaw Killer Shrimp, Bacon Jam Brushetta, Lobster Corn Dogs and Cowboys On Horseback Deviled Eggs. Each appetizer has a unique twist. The dish was served with green, red and yellow peppers that added a zestful taste to the calamari. The Outlaw Killer Shrimp featured a tasty sweet and sour sauce. Bacon Jam Brushetta- well what doesn't taste great with bacon on top and this did not disappoint. The Lobster Corn Dogs were described as "heaven on a stick". And last but not least, the deviled eggs had the perfect kick to compliment any adult beverage.



### SHARED MEALS

Some great sharable options we enjoyed were the Cowboys Chicken Bacon Club, Steak Jam Burger and the Longhorn Burger featuring thick cut cowboy bacon, cheddar cheese, caramelized onions, lettuce, bourbon BBQ sauce all topped with a fried egg, the house chips as a side are a must! All we can say to these is bring a big appetite because the portions were large, the presentations were eye popping, and as for taste, we couldn't stop eating.

### THE MEATS

For all you meat lovers out there Cowboys Saloon offers many meats smoked by the pound. Pulled Pork, Sliced Turkey, Brisket and Ribs. If smoked not your thing, try the huge 21 oz. bone-in-rib-eye. True back yard BBQ flavor with meats so tender we did not need a knife. Again, bring your appetite because these are serious portions.



### DESSERTS

For those of you with a sweet tooth we enjoyed the bread pudding with rum sauce, cooked to perfection. Not soggy and just sweet enough to stand up to ice cream. The warm caramel apple funnel cake was cooked to perfection. The funnel cake was soft and warm, not greasy and absorbed the caramel sauce making each bite sinfully delicious. For those of us who love chocolate and melted marshmallows the campfire smores really hit the spot. Not a spoonful was left on any of the dessert plates.

Our panel of culinary enthusiasts were extremely impressed with the service. We found the staff friendly, attentive, and knowledgeable about the menu. We welcome Cowboys Saloon to Desert Ridge and all panelists vowed to return.



# MEETINGS & EVENTS

**DRCA OFFICE**, 5415 E. High St., Suite 220, Phoenix, AZ 85054 (Parking Garage on 54th Street)  
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## MEETINGS

## EVENTS

<p><b>DRCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>                  WED., MAY 25                  WED., JUNE 22                  NO JULY 2016 MEETING  <i>Holiday Break</i>                  6 p.m. at the DRCA Office</p> <p><b>DRCA 2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION</b>                  THUR., APRIL 21                  6 p.m.                  JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort &amp; Spa                  Grand Sonoran Ballroom Salons J-K                  5350 E Marriott Drive                  Phoenix, AZ 85054</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE</b>                  THUR., APRIL 28                  THUR., JULY 28                  6:30 p.m. at the DRCA Office</p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE</b>                  FRI., APRIL 8                  FRI., MAY 13                  FRI., JUNE 10                  FRI., JULY 8                  8 a.m. at the DRCA Office</p> <p><b>DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE</b>                  TUES., APRIL 5                  TUES., APRIL 19                  TUES., MAY 10                  TUES., MAY 24                  TUES., JUNE 7                  TUES., JUNE 21                  TUES., JULY 5                  TUES., JULY 19                  4:30 p.m. at the DRCA Office</p>	<p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>                  TUES., MAY 24                  TUES., JUNE 21                  TUES., JULY 26                  8 a.m. at the DRCA Office</p> <p><b>LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE</b>                  THUR., APRIL 14                  THUR., MAY 12                  THUR., JUNE 9                  THUR., JULY 14                  8:45 a.m. at the DRCA Office</p> <p><b>PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE</b>                  WED., MAY 4                  5 p.m. at the DRCA Office</p>	<p><b>LADIES NIGHT OUT</b>                  MON., MARCH 14                  MON., APRIL 11                  MON., MAY 9                  MON., JUNE 13                  5 p.m.                  Locations vary</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT</b>                  TUES., MARCH 15                  TUES., MAY 17                  TUES., JULY 19                  5 p.m.                  Locations vary</p> <p><b>COFFEE CLUB</b>                  TUES., MARCH 8                  TUES., MAY 10                  9 a.m. at DRCA Office</p>	<p><b>FARMERS MARKET CASHMAN PARK AT DESERT RIDGE</b>                  SUN., MARCH 13                  SUN., APRIL 10                  10 a.m. - 1 p.m.                  at Cashman Park</p> <p><b>SPRING YARD SALE</b>                  FRI., APRIL 2                  7 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>MOVIE IN THE PARK</b>                  FRI., APRIL 15                  6 p.m.                  Food available for purchase                  7 p.m.                  Movie begins at Cashman Park</p>
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# COMMUNITY CONTACTS

<p><b>ASSOCIATION</b>                  Desert Ridge Community Association ..... 480.551.4300                  24/7 Customer Care Center ..... 480.551.4300</p> <p><b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>                  Phoenix Water Department                  M-F, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. .... 602.262.6251                  Weekends, holidays, after 5 p.m.... 602.261.8000</p> <p>Phoenix Police Department                  Non-Emergency Crime Stop..... 602.262.6151                  Vacation Watch..... 602.495.5002</p> <p>Desert Ridge Silent Witness ..... 480.WITNESS</p> <p>Phoenix Public Works                  Trash/Recycling/Bulk Pick-up ..... 602.262.7251</p> <p>Parks Forestry Department                  Downed Trees in Right of Way .... 602.262.9440</p> <p>City of Phoenix Parks &amp; Recreation,                  Northeast Division                  (Cashman Park) ..... 602.262.6696</p> <p>Malfunctioning Traffic Signals .... 602.262.6021</p> <p>Streets/Street Sweeping ..... 602.262.6441</p> <p>Southwest Gas                  Customer Service ..... 602.861.1999</p>	<p>APS                  24 hour line ..... 602.371.7171                  (Includes Street Light Outtage)</p> <p>Cox Communications ..... 623.594.1000</p> <p>Centurylink..... 800.244.1111</p> <p>Green Pools..... 602.506.6616                  Maricopa County</p> <p>Graffiti Busters ..... 602.495.7014</p> <p>Southwest Wildlife                  Conservation Center.....480-471-9109</p> <p>Dispatch-City                  24/7 Street Maintenance                  Concerns..... 602.262.6441</p> <p><b>BOYS &amp; GIRLS CLUB</b>                  Vestar Branch ..... 480.585.0170</p> <p><b>SCHOOLS</b>                  Fireside Elementary..... 602.449.4700                  Principal, Wendy Allen                  wallen@pvschools.net</p> <p>Wildfire Elementary..... 602.449.4300                  Principal, Sherry Stillman                  sstillman@pvschools.net</p>	<p>Desert Trails Elementary..... 602.449.4100                  Principal, Sheri Duggan                  sduggan@pvschools.net</p> <p>Explorer Middle School..... 602.449.4200                  Principal, Barbara Newman                  banewman@pvschools.net</p> <p>Pinnacle High School ..... 602.449.4000                  Principal, Dr. Troy Bales                  tbales@pvschools.net</p> <p><b>DRCA COMMITTEES</b>                  Communications Committee                  communications@desertridgelifestyles.com</p> <p>Lifestyles Committee                  lifestyles@desertridgelifestyles.com</p> <p>Community Awareness Committee                  communityawareness@desertridgelifestyles.com</p> <p>Design Review Committee                  designreview@desertridgelifestyles.com</p> <p>Finance Committee                  finance@desertridgelifestyles.com</p> <p>Nominating Committee                  nominating@desertridgelifestyles.com</p> <p>Public Affairs Committee                  publicaffairs@desertridgelifestyles.com</p>
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