

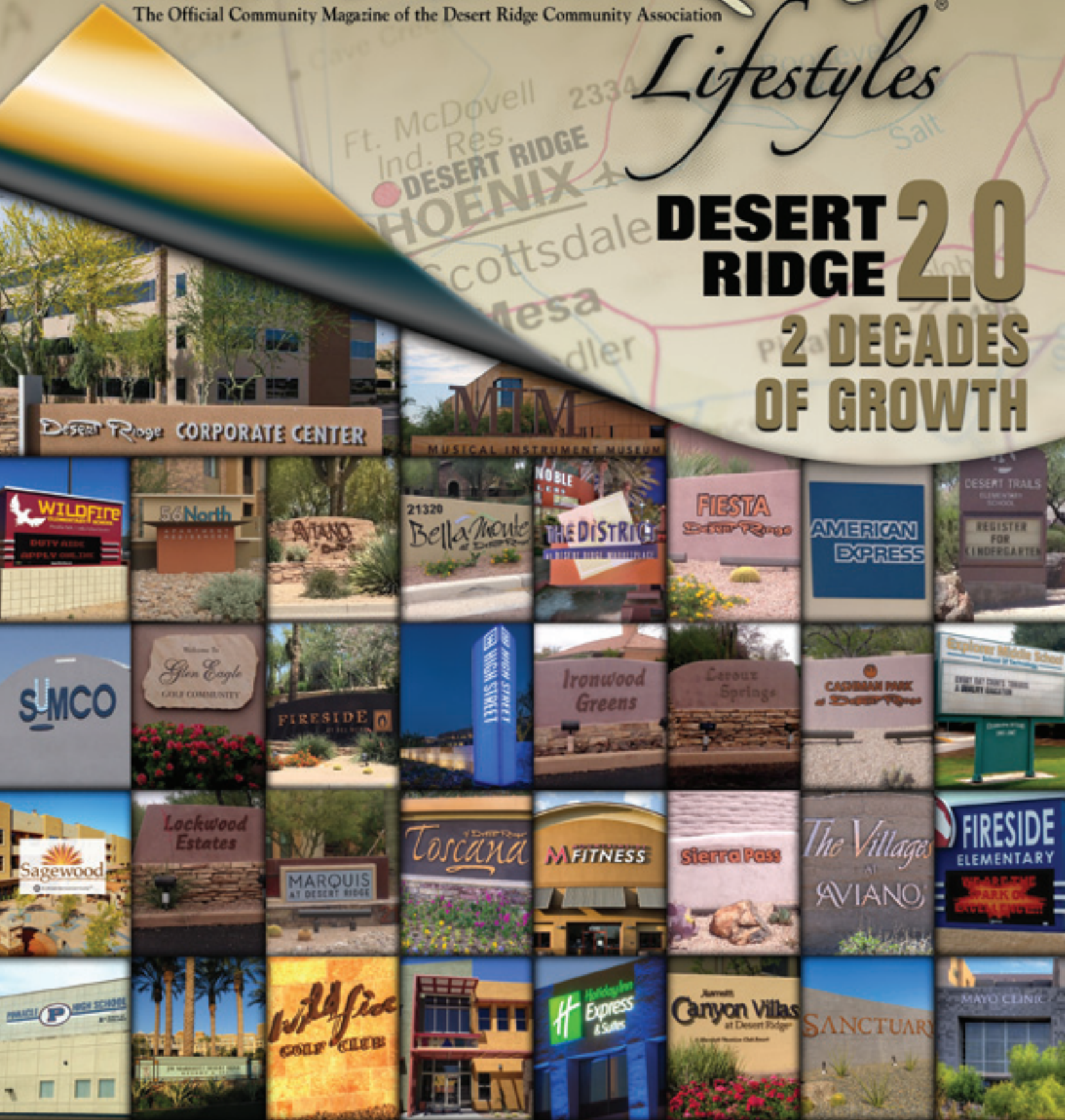
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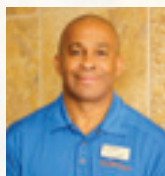
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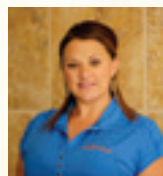
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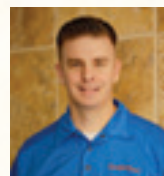
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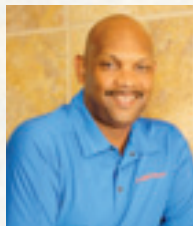


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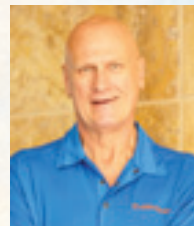
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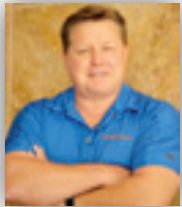


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## From the President



**Doug Dickson**

Looking back at the growth in Desert Ridge is a nostalgic journey for those who have lived in our community for some time. We've witnessed many changes over the past

two decades – and we'll witness even more changes in the future.

As a member of the Desert View Village Planning Committee, I recently had the opportunity to meet with fellow committee members from the five northern Phoenix villages. We organized into groups to discuss the recently updated Phoenix General Plan. Each group was given the task to identify where they felt the regional center of growth should be in the North Phoenix area. Among the forty attendees, the answer was nearly unanimous: Desert Ridge.

Over the coming decades, Desert Ridge is destined to be the regional center for employment, retail, commercial, industrial and residential growth in North Phoenix.

This growth will bring both opportunities and challenges and it's critical that we proactively prepare for these changes today.

The Desert Ridge Board of Directors has been working on a strategic plan to identify our current and future challenges, define priorities and create a plan to address them. We need roads, retail services, commercial development, schools, parks, sports fields and recreational amenities. Maintaining and improving our quality of life is important to us all, but it isn't going to happen on its own.

The good news is that we have already made significant progress. A new dog park is currently being engineered off of Black Mountain Boulevard. This project will start construction in January of 2017 and will be part of a larger 60 acre master plan that may include sports fields, a pump track for bicycles, trail heads into Reach 11 and basketball courts.

City officials are also seriously considering completing Deer Valley Road West of Black Mountain Boulevard to Cave Creek Rd. This project would cost the City of Phoenix an estimated \$6 million dollars

and would be built at the same time the roadway for the new Sky Crossing project is developed on the Northwest Corner of Deer Valley Road and Black Mountain Boulevard.

We've made substantial progress, but we need your help to reach our community's goals. We need your participation and support at community meetings that will shape our future and bring important infrastructure and recreational amenities into our neighborhoods. Please make a point to attend public meetings and our monthly board meetings the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm, as we continue to discuss these issues.

Together we can make Desert Ridge the most desirable community in Arizona! I look forward to achieving our community goals – and seeing you in the neighborhood.

Doug Dickson  
President  
Desert Ridge Community Association



Association Board in concert with FirstService Residential has been proactively communicating with city and state officials reminding them that before we add significant communities we need infrastructure to accommodate it. They have also been reminding the very same officials that we have qualified in head count for additional amenities like parks. Their unified

## From the Communications Chair



**Rob Reichstein**

With growth comes change and the responsibility to manage all properly.

Desert Ridge is on many developers radar and why not? We enjoy a great

reputation; we are experiencing manageable increases in real estate values, schools are well regarded, we have the Desert Ridge Marketplace and High Street with great restaurants, shopping, and entertainment, the MIM, close proximity to quality medical care, as well as easy access all over the valley.

Desert Ridge is a planned community. This means each parcel has a designation for population density. Remember this plan was developed over twenty years ago and if not for the economic implosion late last decade we may have been at our projected 20,000 homes. That plan called for additional parks, and streets entering and exiting Desert Ridge. Those parks have not been built and neither have several of the proposed access streets. Therefore we must manage the growth as best we can to prevent our own implosion caused from the weight of uncontrolled growth.

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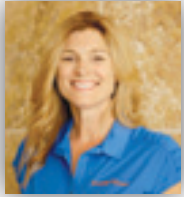
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## From the Lifestyles Chair



**Stephanie Rimmer**

There are increasingly more families that remain here in Desert Ridge for the summer months. What used to sometimes appear as abandon neighborhoods has been replaced by

community recreation and summer fun with an abundance of summer camp opportunities, staycations at local resorts and community events.

In June and August the Desert Ridge Lifestyles Committee will host our monthly Ladies Night, which brings dozens of women together to socialize, network and relax at a local restaurant/bar. Staycationers can take advantage of discounted rates at the JW Marriott and Westin Kierland. In addition, a variety of summer activities are available

through many of our community partners. The Vestar Branch of the Boys & Girls Club offers supervision in a fun and inspiring setting with weekly camps, field trips, summer sports programs and extended teen center hours during the day. For more information visit [vestarbranch.bgcs.org](http://vestarbranch.bgcs.org) or call 480-585-0170.

Summer Splash Tuesdays at Desert Ridge Marketplace will begin in June and continue every Tuesday through the end of July from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the AMC Fountain. Each week features a different film character and photos in addition to games, dancing, prizes and more. Check out the Desert Ridge Marketplace website at [www.shopdesertridge.com](http://www.shopdesertridge.com) for more information on the theme for each Summer Splash Tuesday. Residents can also enjoy live music at the Desert Ridge Marketplace every Friday evening on the District Stage and on Saturday evenings at the AMC Fountain.

The restaurants and shops on High Street are also offering a full summer schedule of social hours, nightlife, entertainment and shopping promotions. Every Wednesday is Family Fun at Cowboy Saloon where kids can join their parents on the dance floor, get their face painted and more. Happy hours and ladies nights continue all summer at Modern Margarita, Blue Martini, Ocean Prime, Mellow Mushroom, Kona Grill, Cowboy Saloon and wine specials at La Boca Wine Bar & Urban Kitchen. For a full schedule of events visit [www.highstreetaz.com](http://www.highstreetaz.com). Live Stand Up Comedy will continue through the summer months with a full schedule and tickets available online at [az.houseofcomedy.net](http://az.houseofcomedy.net).

We hope everyone in Desert Ridge enjoys a fabulous and relaxing summer whether here or elsewhere.

Stephanie Rimmer  
Lifestyles Committee Chair  
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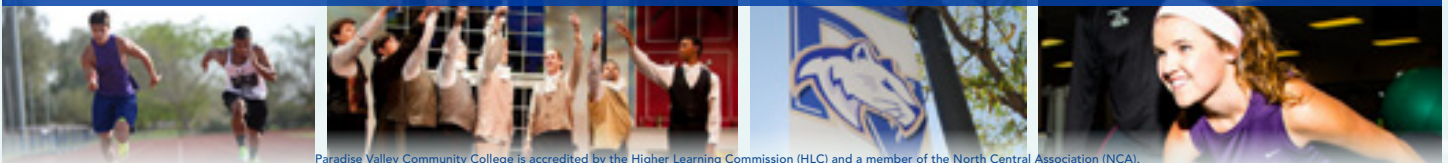
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# CHANGING TIMES THEN AND NOW

## 6 STORIES FROM DESERT RIDGE RESIDENTS...

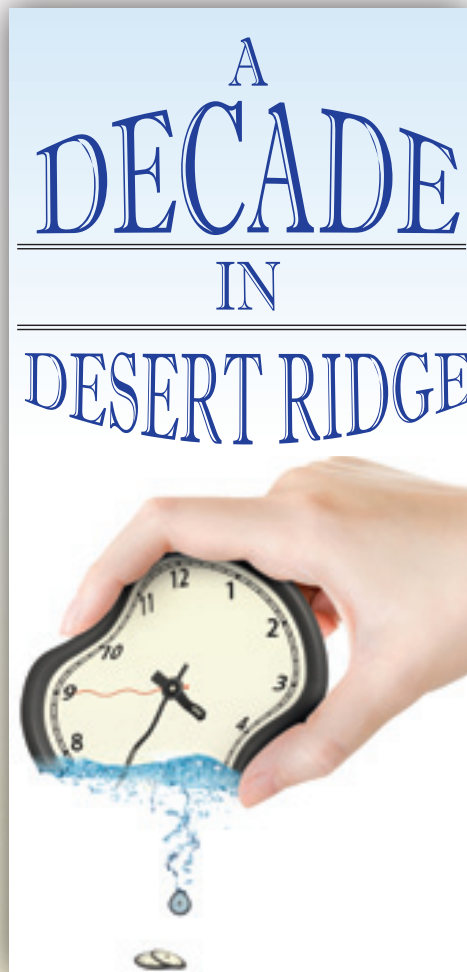
*Why they chose Desert Ridge and why they love it!*

Contributed by: Debi La Rosa  
Desert Ridge Resident

Time seems to me like water flowing through your fingers. I wish I could squeeze a little tighter to slow it down. Memories are bits and pieces of good times and bad, in chunks of a decade at a time.

I moved in search of sunshine from Chicago to Arizona in 1998; purchasing a home about 7 miles Southwest of Desert Ridge. I remember discovering the Desert Ridge Marketplace seeing it from the 101; thinking the signs looked so cool, I had to stop and check it out. The neighborhoods were relatively new with a lot of building going on. Before too long, Desert Ridge was the place I knew I wanted to live. As I watched Desert Ridge grow it became more and more beautiful, then I saw the new promising "City North" now called High Street being built. I knew the area had a lot of potential for growth, great neighborhoods and increased housing values.

2005 was a promising year; jobs were good, incomes high, life in general for everyone I knew was pretty good. An opportunity presented itself to purchase my dream home in Desert Ridge, right on a golf course, watching the amazing sunsets every night with hawks and owls soaring by. Needless to say, my "crystal ball" was a bit clouded; I did not see the market crash coming, or the job loss, severe decrease in household income, or



the personal disappointments that were to come. I purchased my home in February 2006; one year later...well we all know what happened to our home values, to the housing market and to our entire economy over the next 8 years to come.

I kept telling myself, "You don't lose until you sell". The one thing I was crystal clear on was that I loved my home and the Desert Ridge area. I knew if values were ever to come back, they would come back in Desert Ridge and in my mind there was no better place in Arizona to live. Here I feel safe, I like how everyone in our neighborhood take pride in their homes and maintain them beautifully, I like and respect the COA and all they do for our community. I appreciate the easy access to the 101, 51 and 17 for the times I need to get downtown, or to the airport with ease or get out of town for a fun Sedona day of play.

I did everything I could to keep my home through those rough times, and it was so, so worth it.

Fast forward to 2016 – Wow – a decade gone! Poof just like that! I just finished a beautiful remodel and celebrated with family, friends and close neighbors. A beautiful "new" home in fantastic neighborhood.

Desert Ridge is back! New houses are popping up like crazy, the housing values are recovering nicely, High Street is coming to life, and we have a new park and are building a new dog park, too! So many new exciting things to come...Next decade – BRING IT ON!





# Lucky to Call Desert Ridge Home

Contributed by: Kathy Crawford  
Desert Ridge Resident

Just north of Bell Road, Tatum Boulevard became a dirt road and single lanes each way. It was how I got to my little ranch on Dixileta. The year was 1995. As time went on it had become clear that it was time to give up that pipe dream and move to a bit more manageable a place to live. My real estate agent mentioned a new development that was going up just north of Bell on Tatum called Desert Ridge and a builder named Elliot Homes. I had never heard of them but I was happy to look.

We went to the models – the second one was called Wyoming and it was perfect. But, think about it. These models were all lovely but surrounded by dirt and as they said in the model room – going to be a big community. Sure, I said to myself. I was also “advised” about the Sumitomo plant opening the following year. I really didn’t know what a silicon wafer was but it was obvious that this was a concern to some. And I was told that there would be a big shopping center. So six months later, I moved. Houses were all around but no gated communities, just houses that being built by two builders and a newly paved Tatum. At the time, I don’t remember any discussion of the 101 coming in our direction. But that would come in time.

A year after I moved, I was transferred to Los Angeles. I rented my fabulous house

and moved to LA. My kids were still here so I would come back from time to time. I came back to find more houses, more paved roads and the new plant just down the road. There didn’t seem to be any problems with the plant as so many had worried. In fact, the people at the plant sent all of the homeowners in Desert Ridge pamphlets from time to time notifying us of happenings in the plant and the neighborhood.

By 1998, The Mayo Clinic opened which I was quite happy to hear and in 2001 the mall opened. I had only read about it and was happy to have a supermarket right near my house instead of going down to Bell.

All this time the many different residential areas were being built and we were on our way to being a very large community. By 2003, I had moved to New York and my daughter and my two young grandsons had moved into my house. I knew that the COA was in full force because I got a notice at my house in New York that my daughter had left the garbage cans out too long so I had to pay a fine. I tried to fight the fine but to no avail – funny how some things never change!!!!

Growth to Desert Ridge forged onward and we saw the brand new JW Marriot Resort, the 101 was opened and in 2008 I returned to my wonderful house (having completely remodeled it) and to the opening of City North. I couldn’t believe how big what was once a little community, Desert Ridge

had become. We were and are a full grown community.

I love walking my dogs in the clean washes; I love the parks in the neighborhoods; I like the order the COA has provided and now we have refined our community to include beautiful Christmas lights, a constant cleaning and pruning AAA Landscape continues to provide and the new subdivision to the north of Elliot Homes. I can’t wait for the new dog park and who knows what else the future of Desert Ridge brings to those of us lucky enough to call it home!!!

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# DESERT RIDGE—AN AMAZING COMMUNITY

Contributed by: Al and Jean Batson  
Bella Monte Residents

My hubby, Al, and I moved to Desert Ridge in 2004 from Scottsdale. We'd heard so much about this wonderful community and wanted to live here. A little history – the original Desert Ridge master plan was adopted by the City of Phoenix as the "Desert Ridge Specific Plan" in 1991 and since that time there has been amazing growth but we have a long way to go before the plan is completed.

In 1998 the Mayo Clinic Hospital was opened followed in 2001 by the Desert Ridge Marketplace. But 2002 showed an enormous surge with the opening of the American Express regional campus, the opening of Loop 101 to the east, the opening of the JW Marriott Desert Ridge, Resort & Spa along with the Wildfire Golf Club. This made Desert Ridge a destination point for business and vacation travelers. The JW Marriott Desert Ridge hosts many business conferences and social events such as weddings and reunions and houses several excellent restaurants and an amazing gift shop.

When CityNorth opened up 2008, we all had high hopes. This was to be the initial phase of a major build-out which was supposed to bring great shopping and revenue along High Street.... Chico's, Coldwater Creek, Black & White, to mention a few. The original developer was going to bring the first Bloomingdale's to Arizona, along with a Nordstrom's and a number of very high end shops were planned for the anticipated street south of High Street. Two major resort style hotels were also planned. The condo/loft style residences above were all the talk. But alas, two years later the free-falling economy and lawsuit against the developers put a stop to the dream. However, the fabulous MIM (Musical Instrument Museum) and Sagewood added a very positive gem to the Desert Ridge crown. If you haven't gone to the MIM, go. It's wonderful for all ages.

Today Desert Ridge is a community larger in population than some cities (Paradise Valley, Sedona etc.) and we're only 40% built-out currently. There have been many changes to Desert Ridge Marketplace while many other shops and restaurants have remained the same over the years. Coming up you'll see some renovations to the

to Doug Dickson, Community Association President and his Board, as residents of Desert Ridge, we are in excellent hands. 2004 was the year the Board began and here it is 2016 and we're still paying \$186 bi-annually so our funds are being very well handled. Thank you for your service.

**Bottom line, there just isn't anyplace else that can match Desert Ridge as a place to live.**

exterior. Desert Ridge will always be a great shopping resource. And if you haven't been to the remodeled AMC theater to try those reclining seats, you're missing an experience.

CityNorth has been revamped into HIGH STREET. The focus has been changed from mostly dress shops to an amazing array of entertainment, shops and services. Restaurants range from the upscale Ocean Prime (which has a great Happy Hour every day) to the opposite end at Kona Grill and everything in between. Take a stroll – pick up a yogurt, stop in at the Cowboy Saloon or Rick Bronson's House of Comedy. Where else can you find such a diverse selection of places to go and things to do.

With our recovering economy, we're seeing a resurgence of home builders come in. Sanctuary at Desert Ridge (Tatum/Ranger area) is already 50% sold.

Bottom line, there just isn't anyplace else that can match Desert Ridge as a place to live. We're a very safe community. Our Board makes sure we have plenty of extra policing to help maintain that excellent record. And a number of neighborhoods have started a NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH which is great for safety as well as a venue for getting to know your neighbors. If you don't have one, organize one.

From Terrance Smith, our Community General Manager and his wonderful team



We have our Lifestyles Committee who puts together all kinds of events such as the Ladies Night Out, Community Night Out, Yard Sales, the Farmer's Market and other events. The Communications Committee is busy making sure Desert Ridge stays the beautiful place it is – and the world knows about it. Mallory Peil, our Lifestyles Coordinator, keeps this magnificent, information-filled magazine going. Advertisers are instrumental in underwriting these costs so we hope you'll support all of us who advertise.

We have wonderful schools, unlimited shopping, great restaurants, medical services and are located close to freeways... and provides a wonderful sense of community. We have many residential areas in a price range for single family homes, condominiums, apartments and active adult living for every lifestyle. Why wouldn't you want to live here? We've got IT ALL!

# We Are Fortunate New Yorkers

Contributed by: Bob and Marge Mandell  
Toscana Residents

We relocated from Long Island, New York, to the Desert Ridge Community seven years ago. While we knew what we were getting into at Toscana, it took us awhile to fully realize what a beautiful community the larger community of Desert Ridge was and would become over successive years. We did have some early concerns regarding short term rentals but we understand our master association moved to get that under control back then. It is always terrific when the well thought out annual landscape that surrounds our sub-association's landscape remains so complimentary and stays every bit as beautiful as it can be in every season. The Desert Ridge Marketplace has matured gracefully since late 2001 and we enjoy being within walking distance of great shops, restaurants and music. Having the access to High Street, formerly City North,



just across the way is not only handy but its eclectic mix of shops and restaurants makes it easy for us to entertain and impress our guests.

In addition, having easy access to highways at this "eastern edge" of the Desert Ridge Community Association "watched over area" is very convenient. But, most of all, we cherish the wonderful people we have met and formed friendships with

from near and far, both from within our sub-association community and those we've met at DRCA lifestyle events such as "Ladies Night Out" and "Community Night." We enjoy receiving the helpful Desert Ridge Lifestyles Magazine and appreciate how well run and informative the DRCA annual members meetings are. My entire family is behind the DRCA vision and consider ourselves to be so fortunate to be living in a "larger community" that has a "small town feel" yet is so well organized, maintained, and fiscally managed. We look forward to watching our community grow and prosper in the years to come.



# Our Investment Values Preserved

Contributed by: Gilbert and Carole Berkowitz  
Toscana Residents

My name is Gilbert Berkowitz and I live with my wife Carole in a condominium at Toscana, 56th Street and Deer Valley Drive. We have enjoyed living in Toscana at Desert Ridge for the past eight fun-filled

years. We love our sub-association amenities that include various social clubs (Book Club, Mah Jong, etc.) as well as Fun Friday's and field trips to ball games and art galleries. The view from our spacious unit is great view and having underground parking is a pleasure, especially during the summer months.



Over the year's we've come to realize that the Desert Ridge Community Association (DRCA) that comprises our "master association" has really stepped up their commitment to ongoing premier landscaping and demonstrable efforts to preserve our investment values. Like Toscana, we are finding well planned DRCA social events fun to partake in as they allow for the mingling of our young and mature residents to meet and become friendly with one another and build relationships. It is terrific knowing that most shopping, medical facilities and entertainment are all within walking distance and Carole and I could not consider ourselves living elsewhere within the City of Phoenix.

# THEN and NOW

Contributed by: Joanne Meris  
Glen Eagle Resident

About November of 1996, my husband Nick and I decided we would start thinking about downsizing our home since we were typical “empty nesters” then..no children or pets at home any longer. The acre lot at Orange Tree and large pool were not what we wanted to deal with in our retirement years.

One Sunday in January of 1997, we noticed a large write-up in the newspaper about a new development of homes, called Desert Ridge, being built in north Phoenix. I decided to “check it out” and drove north on Tatum Blvd. to Deer Valley Rd. (which seemed really far away), drove a few more blocks and came upon a huge billboard sign announcing I had just arrived at Morrison Homes. What I had arrived at was a huge “nothingness” of desert land with four model homes sitting on top of it! If you can picture it now, there was no J.W.Marriott Resort, no Desert Ridge Marketplace, no City North (High

Street), no freeway and no median dividing Pathfinder (Marriott Drive)...it was just a dirt road!

Returning with Nick a week later, we thought it just might be nice living here and it would be fun starting brand-new again. We certainly loved the views and the clean air. And when we found the perfect home in the sub-division of Glen Eagle, it was a done deal!

We moved into our new home in July of '97 and right away met the few neighbors who had moved in shortly before us. There was a lot of construction, noise and dirt flying around- in all of Desert Ridge.. east,west, north and south of us!

Within a year or two of enjoying and watching the growth, Nick saw the need for developers and residents to work together to help shape our new community. At different times in the next 12 years, Nick served as the first president of Glen Eagle and served on the Desert Ridge Homeowners Network and the Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors.



He worked closely with the J.W. Marriott, the Desert Ridge Marketplace and City North in the interest of the community and as their advocate. He was just a part of a great team of people who cared and still care.

Now, it is so gratifying to drive around our beautiful community, with all it has to offer and remember where we were and how far we have come! And as we continue to grow, we will encounter “glitches” but as good neighbors we can all work together for the best possible solutions.

Nick was quoted as saying, “People are missing out by not involving themselves more... not only do you have a hand in the progress and improvement of your community, but you can have fun, learn new things, meet new people and make new friends.”

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## TOLL BROTHERS EYES MILESTONE AND THE FINISH LINE FOR THE VILLAGES

Contributed by: Rob Reichstein  
Communications Chair  
Desert Ridge Community Association

In 2006 Toll Brothers launched the Villages at Aviano. A luxury condo/townhouse development featuring 28 buildings each comprised of 14 units and 9 unique floor plans. Excited buyers lined up to enter the lottery to become owners in this planned 392-unit luxury condo/townhouse development. The first 19 buildings were built and sold prior to the 2008 real estate implosion. Several years after Toll Brothers, like all other builders in the valley facing virtually no market for new construction, suspended the project.

For over 4 years travelers on 40th street north of Deer Valley were subjected to views of dormant land, construction trailers, and barrier fences. All too vivid a reminder of the economic melt down. That has changed.

In 2015 with the real estate market showing signs of life and the demand for new

construction seeing a sharp increase, Toll Brothers resumed operations in the Villages and has ridden the wave of buyers seeking new construction. "We have seen a steady uptick of traffic in our sales center and resulting sales have put us ahead of projections. So much so that the final building is scheduled to break ground later this year," noted Matt Trinklein Sales manager for the Toll Brothers at the Villages at Aviano.

The Villages is a popular option at this time for buyers in Desert Ridge wishing to purchase a new condo/townhouse. And, it is a unique property. Homeowners have use of the Villages community pool, as well as the use of the community center and amenities of Aviano. A very popular benefit to homeowners and a great incentive for buyers, which has helped push the units sold past the 75% milestone.

When a new development reaches 75% of units sold, the development turns over from developer control to the homeowners. Carl DeFriez, the project manager for Toll Brothers, recently formed a

transition team comprised of three homeowners and Dawn Fowler the Community Manager from CCMC, to provide a smooth transition from Toll Brothers control to the homeowners. A new board was

elected in May officially ending the developer's control period.

While this milestone marks the final stage of this project, it is a new beginning for the homeowners in The Villages at Aviano.



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# ADOT, Phoenix open SR 51 ramps at Black Mountain Boulevard

Ramps provide new options for drivers in Desert Ridge area

**Contributed by: Doug Nintzel**  
 ADOT Spokesman  
 Metro Phoenix Region  
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The days when Desert Ridge area residents were limited when it came to accessing or even exiting State Route 51 ended earlier this spring when the Arizona Department of Transportation and City of Phoenix opened the new Black Mountain Boulevard ramps to and from the Piestewa Freeway.

There's no doubt that many drivers who use Loop 101 or State Route 51 wondered what construction crews were up to as the elevated ramps, featuring more than fifty steel-reinforced concrete girders, began to take shape in the past year.

With the opening of the elevated freeway ramps that cross over Loop 101 as part of the State Route 51 interchange, southbound drivers on Black Mountain Boulevard south of Deer Valley Road can now directly enter SR 51. Meanwhile, motorists on

northbound SR 51 now have a direct ramp leading to Black Mountain Boulevard as it passes by Pinnacle High School.

"The city has long planned for these additional access points," said Doug Nintzel, an ADOT spokesman. "One of the key benefits is that local drivers don't have to use Tatum Boulevard, Cave Creek Road or even Loop 101 to travel into or out of the Desert Ridge area. Northbound drivers on SR 51 can save time by avoiding the afternoon merge onto westbound Loop 101."

The \$17.8 million Black Mountain Boulevard ramps project, which included roadway and pedestrian improvements near the high school, was launched in June 2015. A roundabout serves as a transition point to slow traffic to and from State Route 51 and a pedestrian bridge has been added to allow students and local residents to cross over Black Mountain Boulevard. A

separate project, also managed by ADOT on behalf of the city, included improvements to Black Mountain Boulevard north to Pinnacle Peak Road.

"Our goal has been to deliver a project that helps the city with its transportation plans for the Desert Ridge area and beyond," said ADOT Assistant Director Steve Boschen, who leads the agency's Infrastructure Delivery and Operations Division. "It makes a big difference when drivers in the area have more direct access to State Route 51."

"As the city continues to develop in the north, better transportation options are needed to meet the needs of a growing city," said Phoenix Councilwoman Thelda Williams, who chairs the City Council's Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. "The new ramps will provide options for a rapidly growing area."

At the roundabout along Black Mountain Boulevard south of the high school, signs direct drivers to slow to 20 mph. Motorists also should be prepared to yield to traffic already in the roundabout.

While helping high school students cross Black Mountain Boulevard, the pedestrian bridge is part of the Reach 11 trail within a 1,500-acre recreation area popular with hikers and bicyclists.

The connections between State Route 51 and Black Mountain Boulevard have been part of Phoenix's plans for the Desert Ridge region for several years. The project was funded as part of the Maricopa Association of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan approved by county voters in 2004.



# Home Repair Priorities

Contributed by: Holly Henbest

This is a great time of year to start tackling some home improvement projects. Perhaps you are considering updating your home's décor, investing in repairs, upgrading your appliances, or embarking on a remodel. However, if your budget is limited, and you want to get the most bang for your buck, consider projects that will generate the biggest returns.

If your home is in desperate need of repair, or needs some TLC (tender loving care), address those issues first. Postponing or eschewing home repairs altogether may actually be more costly in the long-run, especially if you plan to sell your home. Well-maintained homes attract Buyers and typically generate higher purchase prices. Conversely, obvious signs of deferred maintenance or disrepair may deter Buyers. Deferred maintenance may also negatively impact your home's appraised value, which is important when selling or refinancing your home, or obtaining a home equity line of credit. If you are selling, you are unlikely to get top dollar if your home is in bad shape. Furthermore, once your house is under contract, Buyers may try to renegotiate an even lower purchase price or request a list of repairs after home inspections are completed. As a result, you may end up getting stuck footing the bill for repairs and selling your home at a lower price (essentially paying double for the repairs). These are the areas of your home you should be particularly concerned about:

**Roof**—If your roof has missing, damaged, rotting, or exposed areas, get ahead of the problem and get it repaired. Is your roof more than 15-20 years old? Perhaps now would be a good time to start a replacement program. Some roofers will replace the roof one section at a time, in order to fit your budget.

**Exterior Paint**—Home exterior paint typically lasts 7-10 years in Arizona. Fresh paint looks better, but more importantly it is integral to protecting wood, fascia, and stucco.

**Pool**—Does your pool surface need repair or re-surfacing? Does the pool pump work correctly/efficiently? Is your pool deck peeling or chipping? Get on top of these issues before the summer season.

**Pipes and Leaks**—Leaks only get worse and can cause big problems, so if anything leaks...get it fixed. When evaluating your home, consider the plumbing and fixtures as well as the exterior landscaping systems.

If your home is in otherwise good shape, and you want to make some economical improvements, consider energy efficient upgrades. Investing in energy efficiency can have big payoffs. Not only will you immediately start saving money on utilities, energy efficient upgrades will make your home more appealing to potential Buyers, and will potentially elicit a higher sales price when the time comes. Here are a few ways to invest in energy efficiency:

**Lights**—Switch to LED lights.

**Insulation**—Add insulation in the attic (this is an issue in almost every home inspection).

**Appliances**—Upgrade or replace your kitchen appliances and/or washer and dryer.

**Air Conditioner**—Upgrade or replace your A/C system (before summer when companies charge top dollar).

**Thermostat**—Install "smart" programmable thermostats.

*Investing in repairs and home improvement projects can be stressful, especially when you are on a budget. However, by focusing on projects that will yield the biggest pay-offs, you will likely save money and potentially make money over the long-term.*



**Windows**—Invest in dual pane/energy efficient windows (start with west- or south-facing windows if you can't do the whole house).

Perhaps your home is in excellent condition and you have some extra money to spend on décor. Here are some fun (and smart) ways to spruce up your home for less than \$3,000:

**Hardware & Fixtures**—Invest in matching metal hardware (plumbing fixtures, cabinet knobs, door handles, etc.). Choosing a color and style that suits the aesthetic of your home will look great and instantly add value.

**Lighting**—New light fixtures can instantly update the look of your home. Adding lights can also make smaller spaces appear larger, enhance home security, and make outdoor spaces more appealing for entertaining. Recessed/canned lighting particularly brightens a room and typically appeals to potential Buyers.

Are you ready to tackle a bigger project? Here are some bigger-ticket purchases that may significantly add value to your home:

**Stainless Steel Appliances** — Select one brand for all kitchen appliances (or make sure they all match), and look for energy efficient options.

**Countertops**—Buyers tend to favor granite, quartz, or marble.

**Flooring**—Buyers tend to favor wood or tile. Carpet is typically the least desired flooring, so consider limiting carpet to the bedrooms. While natural stone is appealing, it requires more maintenance. Tile that resembles wood has gained popularity and is another good option.



# VACATION AND TRAVEL SECURITY TIPS

**Contributed by: Officer Timothy Mitten**  
Community Action Officer  
Black Mountain Precinct  
Phoenix Police Department

It's summer in Phoenix and that means a few things that most know, it's going to get hot as Hades here soon and many of us will be leaving for periods of time to escape the heat. While summer vacations are definitely needed to escape the heat, recharge from work, raising kids, etc. it's also a busy time for burglars as they know it's a target rich environment. I am going to cover some basic vacation security tips that you should consider utilizing to safeguard your home and valuables and some travel security tips.

Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you are away. It is a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone number with a trusted neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.

- Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- Stop all deliveries and arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages that may get delivered.
- Arrange for someone to maintain your yard to give the home a lived in look.
- Plug in timers to turn on lights and a radio / television on and off at appropriate times.

- Turn the phone ringer off and do not announce your absence on voicemail.
- Try not to post on social media sites like Twitter and Facebook your vacationing status. You never know who could be viewing your activities, such as friends of friends you have allowed in to see your site.
- Leave your blinds, curtains or shades in a normal position. Do not close them unless that is what you normally do.
- Close and lock garage doors (including door entering house from garage), all doors leading to the exterior of the house and windows. Ask a neighbor to park a car on occasion in your driveway or if you leave a car at home park it as you normally would. Vehicles parked outside should be moved occasionally to appear that they are being used. Do not leave any valuables in plain view in cars.
- Lock and secure all gates, storage sheds, and even electrical boxes.
- Contact the Black Mountain Precinct at 602-495-5002 and request a vacation watch to cover the time period you are gone. The off duty Desert Ridge police patrols will check on your home while you are gone.

It is natural for everyone to be concerned for their homes and valuables when they

leave on vacation, and there is no guarantee that your home will not be burglarized while you are gone. By taking these simple precautions you can lower your chances of becoming a burglary victim and give you some peace of mind while you are away.

With certain areas of the world in turmoil and the constant threat of terrorism at home and abroad it is important to maintain a security mindset when traveling. The best and easiest way to enjoy your vacation travel, whether by car, boat, train or plane is to follow some basic tips.

- If you see something suspicious, say something to police or security personnel.
- Plan before you go, know the current state of affairs in the country you are going to, whether or not there is civil war, political issues or anything that could cause problems. The United States State Department can assist you in answering these questions.
- Familiarize yourself with the country's local laws and customs, and learn at least a few words of the local language. Don't announce that you are a tourist to anyone. Making your presence known can be dangerous in countries where kidnappings and terrorist attacks are common. Wearing a fanny pack, a [camera](#) around your neck or walking



around with a big map are like announcing to everyone that you're a tourist.

- Make sure you have all the paperwork you need before you go, including your [passport](#), visas and other travel papers. Make sure you also leave a color copy of these documents with a friend or relative at home.
- Familiarize with illnesses that are common in the country you are traveling to. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) keeps an updated list of [health information](#) for countries around the world, and the World Health Organization (WHO) keeps track of international [disease outbreaks](#).
- Take note of conditions such as high altitudes or humidity, which might impact your health. Consider getting a checkup to ensure you're healthy enough to travel and check to see if you need any vaccines for that country.

- Don't carry more than small amounts of cash, use traveler's checks or a credit card, both are traceable and replaceable if you lose them.
- Don't bring anything with you that you'd hate to lose. If you do bring any valuables with you, leave them in the hotel safe when you go out.
- Don't travel alone and share your personal information (including your hotel room number) with anyone you don't know. Don't give out more information than absolutely necessary and never invite a stranger up to your hotel room.
- Limit your outings at night, both on foot and by car. If you do travel at night, stick to well-lit and well-traveled areas.
- Never get into a vehicle that isn't clearly marked as a licensed taxi.
- If you are a victim of a crime abroad,

contact the local police, as well as the nearest U.S. embassy, consulate or consular agency for help. They can help you replace a stolen [passport](#), get medical care and navigate your way through the local justice system.

- Exercise caution around crowded places, such as tourist attractions, marketplaces and packed subways or train stations. Stay away from desolate, remote areas or alleys where you'll be alone.

Hopefully none of you will fall prey to anything this summer and you will enjoy your summer vacation. The Phoenix Police Department will do everything we can in our neighborhoods to protect your homes and at the airport to ensure that you travel safely. If anyone has any questions or comments related to this article or anything else, you can reach me at 602-495-5238 or at [tim.mitten@phoenix.gov](mailto:tim.mitten@phoenix.gov). Enjoy your vacation and travel safely.

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## The Desert Ridge Community Association Joins Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale at the 2016 Blue Door Ball

### *Youth of the Year Awards Gala*

Contributed by: Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale

On February 20, 2016, at the esteemed Arizona Biltmore Resort, over 600 attendees filled the Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom to celebrate the eight (8) Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Youth of the Year nominees. Co-title sponsors of the event, Tiffany & Bosco and Great American Title, helped honor Club members who were chosen for their exemplary community service, academic success, volunteerism, and leadership within their individual clubs. The “Blue Door Ball” is the annual gala event for the Clubs to highlight all the Youth

of the Year finalists and to award the honor of “Youth of the Year” to one outstanding club member. Arris Austin of the Thunderbirds Branch was awarded the 2016 honor. Arris went on to represent the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale at the State competition in April and did extremely well representing his fellow Club members.

The Desert Ridge Community Association sponsored a table at the event and joined guests who enjoyed a reception complete with hors d’oeuvres, jewelry and wine raffle drawings, a photo booth, and the main event – a sit down 3-course dinner and a live auction. Throughout

the evening, each Youth of the Year candidate delivered amazing inspirational speeches, celebrating their individual accomplishment along with what “the Club” has meant to each of them personally. Time and time again the kids spoke of mentors at the Club who had profoundly made a difference in their life journey. The event concluded with a post-party featuring live music and a raffle provided by Tiffany & Co.

All in all, the wonderful evening was able to bring community members, Club staff and Club kids to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of young people in our neighborhoods. It is through the dedicated supporter of sponsors and partners (such as the Desert Ridge Community Association)

that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale are able to bring out-of-school-time programs to the young people of our community. Through great mentoring, great programming and a dedicated place “the Club” more than 18,000 youth in the greater Scottsdale community are able to have opportunities to create a future that is bright with potential. As the slogan goes, “Great Futures Start Here.” The Vestar Branch of BCGGS – and the entire organization, its board, staff, and volunteers – are especially grateful for the support and partnership that Desert Ridge Community Association has given. The Club is truly grateful for its partners in youth development and looks forward to many more opportunities to serve the kids in our neighborhoods... together.





# BOYS & GIRLS CLUB THRIFT SHOP IS OPEN!

Contributed by: Gary Rowlett

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale THRIFT SHOP has reopened! After being closed for some much needed renovations and a fresh coat of paint, the doors are now open to one of the most unique and fun places to shop in Scottsdale. We are located at 2626 N Scottsdale Road just south of beautiful Old Towne Scottsdale. Our hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 4pm. The Thrift Shop has long been known as a great secret of Scottsdale shopping. Shopping here is not just about seeking out that “thrill value”, but also finding those unique vintage and



treasure worthy finds. The boutique like Shop is restocked daily through a very generous donation stream of great clothing brands allowing you to find some of the latest fashions at great values.

The mission of the Thrift Shop is still all about the Kids that benefit from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of merchandise at the Thrift Shop goes to support the Clubs and the Kids they serve. Your tax deductible donations and tax free purchases at the Thrift Shop make a huge impact. For every \$1 donated to the Thrift Shop (through purchases and donations), \$19.33 in positive economic impact is generated into the communities and children served at the Clubs. The real impact from your purchases and donations comes as the Clubs are better able to empower the more than 17,500 youth of all ages and backgrounds to develop the qualities needed to reach their full potential as productive, responsible citizens. The Clubs provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun, friendships, athletics, and high-impact

youth development programs during critical non-school hours. Together, we believe that every child deserves a great future and great futures start with your support.

Besides adding your support by shopping at the Thrift Shop, there are two other ways you can help with our mission as we work together to support the development of the Kids in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale. Volunteering is a quick and easy way to also give back to the Clubs. Our Volunteers love serving at the Thrift Shop and enjoy the time they get to spend with each other and our great customers. The shifts are short and very manageable. The second way you can help support our efforts comes in the form of Donations. In order for the Thrift Shop to continue the success it has enjoyed, we seek to develop a consistent stream of the unique and wanted merchandise our customers have come to expect. Donation drop-offs can be made during our normal business hours (Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 4pm). For furniture donations and large household items, please call 480-344-5532. Leave us the details and we will be in touch to set up a convenient and friendly pick-up of your donated items.

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# Summer 2016 ACTIVITIES

## Fridays

- Summer Craft in Family Escape
- 5:00 Pizza Making Challenge: Join a chef to create your very own personal pizza \$10 a pizza
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM S'mores
- 7:30 – 9:30 PM Wii Dance Party outside

## Saturdays

- 9:45 AM Rubber Duck Race in the Lazy River
- Poolside Music
- 11:00 – 6:00 Activity Lawn
- 12:00 Water Wars: Interactive poolside game show on the Lazy River
- 2:00 Water Balloon Toss: See how far you and your partner can toss the balloon to each other



- 4:00 Sponge Relay: Race against the opposing team to use one sponge to fill up your bucket to the designated line
- 6:00 S'mores
- 7:30 Dive In Movie with Nacho and Quesadilla Bar

## Sundays

- Picture Frames in Family Escape: Come create a picture frame so that when you get home you can put your vacation pictures in it!
- 11:00 – 6:00 Activity Lawn
- 3:00 Pastry Activity: Go with one of our Family Escape associates and meet up with a pastry chef to decorate an item to enjoy

## Movie Schedule

- July 2nd: Inside Out
- July 4th: Lego Movie
- July 9th: Hotel Transylvania
- July 23rd: Norm of the North
- July 30th: Frozen
- August 6th: Paddington
- August 13th: Big Hero 6
- August 20th: Toy Story 3
- August 27th: Tomorrowland
- September 2nd: Zootopia
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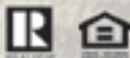
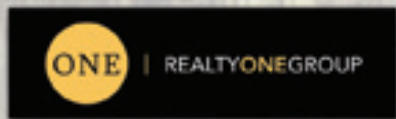


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# The Desert Ridge Strategic Community Plan

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A strategic community plan is the cornerstone of every community association. Without strategic planning, the community will never know where it is going...much less know if it ever got there. Strategic community planning is projecting where your association expects to be in 5, 10, or 15 years...and how your association will get there. It is a systematic planning process involving a number of steps and identify the current status of the association, including its mission, vision for the future, operating values, needs, strengths, weaknesses, threats, goals, prioritized actions and strategies, action plans, and marketing plans that will be of focus and importance to the association...and how you as community residents, members and stakeholders can play a key role in the process.

Please note the Desert Ridge Strategic Community Plan and Desert Ridge Town Hall Survey Results can only be viewed by Desert Ridge Community Association Members online via “FSR Connect” at: <http://arizona.fsrconnect.com/desertridge>

Once you have logged into FSR Connect, these documents can be found under the

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- Communicate with your Community Manager, the Board of Directors and Committees
- Receive community information emails
- Receive important resident notifications via voicemail

# Congratulations

## TO THE NEW DESERT RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD

Congratulations to our three (3) newly elected board members Barry Goldfarb, Carl Prettyman, Jr. and Stephanie Rimmer who were elected by the members to serve on the board for a term of two years.

Photos courtesy of Desert Ridge Staff

The 2016-2017 Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors have been seated to serve on the board and committees in the following positions:

### DRCA BOARD MEMBERS

- Doug Dickson – President
- Reginald Younger, Jr. – Vice President
- James Tuffin – Treasurer
- Barry Goldfarb – Secretary
- Steve Burns – Director
- Stephanie Rimmer – Director
- Carl Prettyman, Jr. – Director

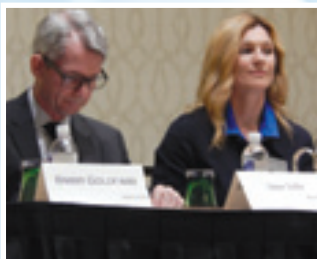
### DRCA COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

- Communications Committee**  
Robert Reichstein (Chair) and Doug Dickson (Vice-Chair)
- Community Awareness Committee**  
Steve Burns (Chair) and Carl Prettyman, Jr. (Vice-Chair)
- Design Review Committee**  
Reginald Younger, Jr. (Chair) and Barry Goldfarb (Vice-Chair)
- Finance Committee**  
James Tuffin (Chair) and Doug Dickson (Vice-Chair)
- Lifestyles Committee**  
Stephanie Rimmer (Chair) and Barry Wilson (Vice-Chair)
- Nominating Committee**  
Barry Goldfarb (Chair) and Dan Oseran (Vice-Chair)
- Public Affairs Committee**  
Reginald Younger, Jr. (Chair) and Carl Prettyman, Jr. (Vice-Chair)

Please join with us in congratulating and supporting the above board and committee volunteers in their continued service and betterment of our community!



DRCA Community General Manager, Terrance Smith and DRCA Board of Directors



Jim Tuffin, Treasurer and Stephanie Rimmer, Director



Doug Dickson, President



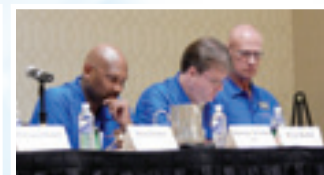
Councilman Jim Waring



Mark Glock, Deputy Director, COP Streets Transportation



Steve Burns, Nominating Committee Chair



VP, Younger, Jr., Directors Burns and Prettyman, Jr.



Ed Zuercher, Phoenix City Manager, Councilman Jim Waring and Directors Goldfarb



Desert Ridge Community Association membership



Officer Mitten, left and Sargent Cain



Desert Ridge Community Association membership

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



For more information about Maricopa County Animal Care & Control, visit [www.maricopa.gov/pets](http://www.maricopa.gov/pets).

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

Contributed by: Melissa Gable  
Public Information Officer, Maricopa County Animal Care and Control

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

**PROVIDE PLENTY OF FRESH, CLEAN WATER.** Just like us, pets can get dehydrated. Provide plenty of water in a spill proof, non-metal bowl out of direct sunlight. Be sure to change the water daily and remember that many pets won't drink if the water is too hot.

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

**DON'T LEAVE PETS IN PARKED CARS.** Even with the windows cracked, the temperature inside a car can soar within minutes. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. Keep pets at home while you run errands.

**WATCH YOUR PETS AROUND WATER.** Not every dog knows how to swim and most dogs won't know how to get out of the swimming pool. Teach your dog where the steps are located and ensure he knows how to find his way out should he accidentally (or purposely) land in the pool. Don't allow pets to be unsupervised during water play. If you plan on taking your dog to the lake or on a boat ride, consider purchasing a dog life jacket at a local pet supply store or online.

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

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## Desert Ridge® Parents' Group (DRPG)

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a member online.

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 \$40 per year.



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# RUN FOR RYAN HOUSE FAMILY FUN RUN

Contributed by: Laura McConnell  
DRPG Hospitality Chairperson

The Desert Ridge® Parents' Group is all about having fun with our kids. A group from DRPG participated in the 12th Annual Run for Ryan's House 1-Mile Family Fun Run at DC Ranch on Sunday, March 13th as one of our kids' activities. This event was perfect for the kids and parents alike.

Run for Ryan House is a running event (half marathon, 10K/5K, and 1-mile family fun run) dedicated to children and families. Not only is this event family-friendly, but it benefits children and families served by Ryan House. Ryan's

House provides pediatric palliative care to both children and the families caring for them. 100% of the entry fee goes directly to support the mission of Ryan House.

Ronald McDonald led the kids in stretching before the run and Howler the Phoenix Coyote Mascot was there to cheer them on! All family fun entrants received a race medal upon completion of the run. The kids had a blast and it was great to show up as a family and support such a wonderful cause. For more information about our kids' activities and how to become apart of our group please visit our website [www.drpgonline.com](http://www.drpgonline.com).



# Easter Egg Hunt



Contributed by: Laura McConnell  
DRPG Hospitality Chairperson

The Desert Ridge® Parents' Group sure knows how to celebrate spring. Over 30 families came out to enjoy the beautiful weather for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Cashman Park. This year Susana Crane (Craft Night Coordinator) along with Debbie Fitzmaurice, put on an Eggstravaganza!

The morning was full of fun activities. Members enjoyed planting wildflower seeds, a cupcake decorating station, photo booth, pulled pork and chicken sandwiches, and lots of yummy desserts. Kids got hopping in a bunny potato sack race and enjoyed an Easter hat parade with prizes. The Easter bunny worked hard the night before preparing over

1,000 eggs for the Hunt!

During the event we collected donations and gently used toys and children's items for United Cerebral Palsy of Central Arizona. The UCP has been serving children and families for over 60 years in AZ and is opening a new downtown location. The donations and items collected went to the new Children's Therapy Center.

It was a fun, festive morning and everyone had an Egg-tastic time! Our group is already looking forward to the 2017 Egg Hunt. This event was sponsored by John Prescott and Jacie Coleman with Russ Lyon Sotheby's International. 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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# \$5.3 Million Raised At Muhammad Ali's Celebrity Fight Night XXII

**Carrie Underwood, Carson Palmer, Dr. Francis Yeoh, Yank Barry, and The Argyros Family Honored Performances By Carrie Underwood, Reba McEntire, Brooks & Dunn, And More**

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PHOENIX, AZ (April 10, 2016) – On Saturday, April 9, 2016, host Muhammad Ali, alongside stars and athletes from around the country, gathered at the J.W. Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona to celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of Celebrity Fight

Night. GRAMMY® Award winning superstar of country music Reba McEntire returned for her eleventh year as emcee. Shawn King kicked off the night with the national anthem. Seven time GRAMMY® Award winner Carrie Underwood, Arizona Cardinals quarterback Carson Palmer, businessman and philanthropist Dr. Francis Yeoh, businessman and musician Yank Barry, and the philanthropic Argyros family were honored with the 2016 Muhammad Ali Celebrity Fight Night Awards.

Following the award presentations, guests were treated to a host of performances under the direction of multiple GRAMMY® Award winning songwriter and producer David



Photo credit: Sean Currie

Foster, who returned for his 17th consecutive year as the evening's Musical Director. Performances opened with The Tenors who sang "Nessun Dorma" and "Hallalujah," followed by a crowd-pleasing rendition of "Sugar, Sugar" performed by Andy Kim. The Blind Side star Quinton Aaron showed off his musical chops with "Let's Get It On," and Reba McEntire took to the stage to sing "Going Out Like That." Brooks & Dunn performed



“Boot Scootin’ Boogie,” and “Red Dirt Road” and were joined by Reba for “You’re Gonna Miss Me When I’m Gone” and “Only In America.” Additional performances included Carly Paoli singing “Broken Vow,” honoree Yank Barry with his “Louie Louie,” and Sinbad, who drew big laughs with his comedy set. Finally, Carrie Underwood closed out the evening with her hit songs “Good Girl,” “Cowboy Casanova,” “Undo It,” “Blown Away,” and a moving medley of “Jesus Take The Wheel” and “How Great Thou Art.”

The black tie event also featured a cocktail reception, silent auction, elegant dinner and exciting live auction including one-of-a-kind luxury items. The live auction featured a weekend with the Kennedy family at their Hyannis Port home, an Italian vacation highlighted by dinner with Andrea Bocelli and

VIP treatment at his annual Teatro del Silenzio concert, a Nashville Predators Hockey Game experience with Carrie Underwood in her private suite at Bridgestone Arena and more. The two highest selling live auction items of the night were two seats at Queen Elizabeth’s 90th Birthday Celebration complete with a stay on the grounds of Windsor Castle and dinner with Reba at her home in Nashville —going for \$500,000 and \$400,000 respectively. Celebrity Fight Night XXII raised a total of \$5.3 million benefiting the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, as well as several other worthy charities. Each year dozens of celebrity guests attend the event that has raised \$123 million in 22 years.

Additional celebrity guests included Bruce Arians, Sheriff Joe Arpaio, Bob Bondurant,



John Paul DeJoria, Bo Derek, Larry Fitzgerald, former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, Todd Graham, Rob Gronkowski, Todd Heap, Captain Mark Kelly, Robert Kennedy Jr., Larry King, Olga Korbut, Melissa Peterman, Dennis Pitta, Chris Rich, The Shadowboxers, Linda Thompson, Amy Van Dyken, Kurt Warner, Brandon Webb and many more.

Institute in Phoenix, as well as numerous other charities. For more information, visit [www.celebrityfightnight.org](http://www.celebrityfightnight.org).

Sponsors of this year’s event included The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation, USA Today Sports, Tequila Patrón, GoDaddy, Etihad Airways, M Group Scenic Studios, and GO Media Companies.

For additional information on this event, please contact Andy Gelb or Elyse Weissman of Slate PR at (310) 461-0111. Photos are available through Getty Images at [www.gettyimages.com](http://www.gettyimages.com). Video footage is available through <https://gomediacom.sharefile.com/d-s14a24c4d7f44bff9>.

**ABOUT CELEBRITY FIGHT NIGHT**

Celebrity Fight Night Foundation is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1994 by Jimmy Walker to support the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center at Barrow Neurological

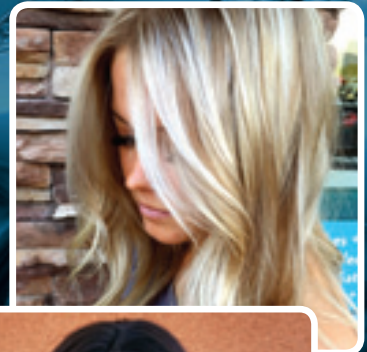
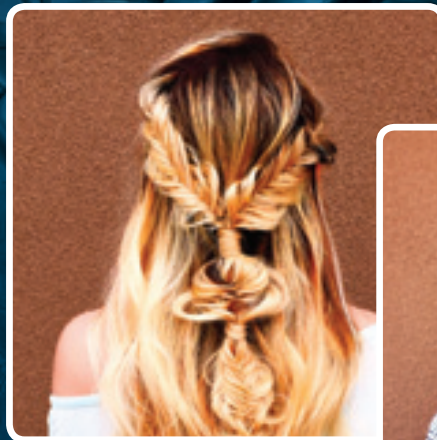




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# THE GOLF SWING IS A BUILDING PROCESS



Contributed by: Matt Keel

I am often approached by people looking for the one secret that will bring their entire swing together and result in the golf game they have always dreamed. The truth is that there is not one secret, technique or trick that creates good golf swings. Creating a good golf swing is more of a building process that I was able to lay out in the shape of a pyramid. The golf swing pyramid can be broken down to three levels that all build on each other. Inside each level are the building blocks. The building blocks are essential to each layer. As you will be able to see, one thing builds on another and so forth. If you are missing a building block or executing improperly you will get an undesirable result such as a slice, hook or top etc. So let's take a look at the blueprint to build a quality golf swing.

Your setup is the foundation of the pyramid which everything is built upon. Many swing flaws I see in students can be traced back to a poor setup. A good setup allows us to swing the club in a way that creates good impact. The important elements in a good setup are your grip, stance

and posture. Taking the time to create a good setup will enable you to create a foundation for long term improvement.

The second layer of the pyramid is the actual swing. The swing is where we see the most challenge to make effective, long-term changes. There is a lot of information out there about certain moves you need to make during your swing in order to hit the ball better. Nearly every move falls into the categories of swinging the club on a good plane and rotating in the correct sequence. The swing plane is just a fancy word for the angle of our club during our swing. While rotating in sequence allows your body, arms and club to work together effectively.

The top of the pyramid is your finish. A good finish is a result of a good swing, however in some instance times, we need to try to create a good finish. Think of your finish as the end goal you are trying to reach. A balanced finish assumes two important things. First, we assuming that you actually finished your swing and second that you swung the club in balance. Both elements are important to making good swings.

By breaking it all down into setup, swing and finish, it is clearer that the golf swing is not as complicated as it may appear. My job as an instructor is to see where you are in the building process and guide you to make effective changes to the building blocks. By taking some time to build your swing rather than searching for the miracle cure, you will be on your way to long-term, lasting improvement which translates to more fun on the course.

This summer, Wildfire Golf Academy will be offering discounted summer instruction specials designed to encourage every skill level to get out and enjoy the game of golf more. For more information email Matt at [Mattkeel@pga.com](mailto:Mattkeel@pga.com) or visit the website [www.Mattkeelgolf.com](http://www.Mattkeelgolf.com). Matt Keel is the Lead Golf Instructor at Wildfire Golf Club located at the JW Marriott at Desert Ridge.



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# 2015 NEIGHBORHOOD STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Contributed by: Officer Timothy Mitten  
Community Action Officer  
Black Mountain Precinct  
Phoenix Police Department

In this brief article I have attached the crime stats for the Desert Ridge area. It contains Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics as compiled by our Crime Analysis Unit. The Phoenix Police Department reports our official statistics to the Federal government

according to the Uniform Reporting Criteria (UCR) which are not equivalent to Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) statistics or another other types. Under the hierarchy rule of UCR, only the most severe offense of an incident is counted, so if there is a Homicide after a Burglary, only the Homicide is counted. There are 4 Part One Violent Crimes that are counted and they are Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault (counted

individually by victim). There are 4 Part One Property Crimes that are counted and they are Stolen Vehicles, Arson, Theft, and Burglary (which includes residential, commercial and burglary from vehicles).

The statistics shown for the Desert Ridge community as a whole includes the Desert Ridge Marketplace, High Street, JW Marriott Resort and all of the commercial

## ENTIRE DESERT RIDGE COMMUNITY

Pinnacle Peak Rd. to Loop 101 Freeway and 36th St. to 56 St.

Type of Crime	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	1	0	2	1	0	3	2
Robbery	8	2	14	6	8	0	4	0
Aggravated Assault	5	19	6	7	7	2	8	7
<b>Violent Crime Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>
Burglary	103	93	51	97	47	45	46	43
Theft	287	257	253	247	180	71	169	204
Auto Theft	65	47	34	22	16	16	7	18
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Property Crime Total</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>Total Crimes</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>274</b>

## OFF DUTY PATROL AREA OF DESERT RIDGE

Pinnacle Peak Rd. to Loop 101 Freeway and 36th St. to 56 St.  
Excludes Aviano, Desert Ridge Mall, High St., commercial area, Marriott Resort

Type of Crime	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
Robbery	2	1	4	2	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	8	3	3	3	2	3	5
<b>Violent Crime Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>
Burglary	193	78	53	88	41	37	33	25
Theft	167	109	98	82	61	60	44	54
Auto Theft	20	10	0	9	6	6	1	6
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Property Crime Total</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Total Crimes</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>92</b>

*This report is based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) criteria which are not equivalent to Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) statistics and therefore this data cannot be directly compared to ARS reports. Under the hierarchy rule of UCR, only the most severe offense of an incident is counted. Part One property crimes include motor vehicle theft, burglary, arson, and theft/larceny. Part One violent crimes include criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Aggravated assaults are counted by victim. Numbers may differ from other published reports due to case updates/reclassifications and/or to differences associated with unfounded incidents. UCR data excludes unfounded cases if the incident and the unfounded occurred in the same month. However, if the incident and the unfound occurred in different months, then the removal of the unfounded cases will not be reflected in the data. Any reports with missing or incorrect information would not be properly depicted in this report. Any listed crimes that do not appear in this report had a count of 0 for the time period indicated. New precinct, squad, beat and grid boundaries were implemented on August 23, 2010, and data in this report reflects the new grid boundaries as if they existed for the entire time period.*





properties in the area. It is a grid system defined as Pinnacle Peak Road south to the 101 Freeway, 56th Street west to Black Mountain Boulevard / 36th Street.

The other set of statistics is for the Off Duty Police Patrol Program area of Desert Ridge. This program does not cover the entire community, it excludes Aviano (who has their own patrols), Desert Ridge Marketplace, High Street, commercial properties and the JW Marriott Resort. This program began in December of 2011 and while we have had success in reducing the crime in the area, it is important to not feel like the job is done. Crime is very cyclical in nature and it includes many factors but a strong working community partnership between Desert Ridge and the Phoenix Police Department will continue to pay dividends in a safer community.

These statistics are not accomplished just by the Police Department; this is your accomplishment as well. You are aware and call in suspicious activity, practice good crime prevention strategies and form Block Watches. All of this together along with the efforts of on and off duty personnel are what make improvements like this occur. You should thank yourselves for a job well done. Keep up the good work on your end and we will do our best and together we will continue to make the Desert Ridge Community a safe place to be.

If anybody has any questions about these statistics or on any other matter, please contact me at 602-495-5238 or at [tim.mitten@phoenix.gov](mailto:tim.mitten@phoenix.gov). Thank you for your support in partnering with the Phoenix Police Department to improve the safety and quality of life in your neighborhood.

Contributed by: Reavis Dorsey  
Compliance Coordinator

## ON STREET PARKING

On street parking by residents and tenants is prohibited except for a forty-eight hour temporary guest parking in the immediate vicinity of the host's home. All parking at Desert Ridge must be on paved surfaces.

No vehicle, trailer, boat etc. may be parked behind gates where visible from

Neighboring Properties. Any vehicles parked on the street overnight will be tagged by our parking patrol company UTS. If you will be having guests parking on the street during the forty-eight hour guest parking time frame, please contact one of the Desert Ridge Compliance Coordinators to safe list the vehicle. You can contact Reavis Dorsey at 480-551-4552 or Dusty Watkins at 480-551-4563.

## UMBRELLAS

Since the summer heat is coming fast we are aware many residents use umbrellas for shade. Please keep in mind that all shade umbrellas must be less than ten feet in height and set back at least two feet from any property line when in the open position. The color of the shade must match the trim or dominant color of the dwelling unit. Any exceptions must be approved by the Design Review Committee prior to installing any additional color other than that which matches the trim and/or the dominant color of the dwelling.



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# THE DESERT RIDGE **ANTI** CRIME WAVE



**Steve Burns**  
Community Awareness  
Committee Chairman

How many times have you driven down your street, saw a neighbor outside, and waved to them? If you're like me, it's second nature and happens quite often.

Now, how many times have you been driving through your neighborhood or standing outside your home when a stranger drove past and you waved at them? Even though I consider myself to be a very friendly person, waving at strangers wasn't second nature to me, but I've trained myself to do it.

A wave and/or head nod can accomplish one or more of three things:

1. Reformed criminals, especially thieves, state that the one thing they want to avoid more than anything is detection, they simply don't want to be seen. By waving at someone, whether they wave back or not, you have acknowledged that you have seen them.
2. If something took place just before, or after, you have seen this person (or persons), the fact that you paid attention and looked at them while waving will help you provide a better description to the authorities.
3. It can help make your neighborhood, and Desert Ridge as a whole, a friendlier place to live.

I must admit that point number three doesn't always come into play when I am waving to acknowledge a strange vehicle passing through our neighborhood. More often, my facial expression will indicate that I am actually observing that person with some curiosity, only slightly smiling as I wave. I'm not asking everyone to develop a certain kind of expression while

you wave. I simply want you to wave and participate in what I call the "anti-crime wave" campaign.

Along with neighborhood block watches, neighborhood patrols, Phoenix Police off-duty patrols, and private Urban Tactical Security patrols, this campaign is only one facet of a multifaceted approach to deterring crime in Desert Ridge. However, we also need to take some additional personal initiative if we are going to keep a below average crime rate in Desert Ridge.

If you review last year's Desert Ridge residential crime statistics, you will see that crime was down in six out of eight categories. The two categories in which crimes were up are Theft and Auto Theft. While burglaries were down slightly, to their lowest levels since 2008, theft was at its highest rate since 2011. Many of the thefts were items stolen from cars.

There has been a rash of car break-ins, not only in Desert Ridge, but also in the surrounding areas. According to the Phoenix Police Department, the majority of these incidents are crimes of opportunity, where the victims left their vehicles unlocked, and/or left valuables in plain sight.

I realize that people can forget that they left something in the car, maybe on the passenger side or on the back seat. I also understand that when it's over 100 degrees outside and you're going in some place for "just a second" that it's more comfortable to leave the car running with the AC

**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.**



on. Unfortunately, there are individuals constantly looking for opportunities to relieve you of your belongings. That is why it is so important to remain vigilant and avoid giving criminals those opportunities.

Get in the habit of removing your purse, wallet, phone, laptop, etc. and lock your car every time you get out. If you can't remove all valuables, at least stash them out of plain sight. Never leave anything valuable in your car overnight.

As residents of this amazing community, we each need to do our part to help prevent criminal activity. As I've mentioned a number of times, we have some solid 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. 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.

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# TIPS FOR CITIZENS

## REPORTING AND DEALING WITH GRAFFITI ISSUES

- ☛ Dial 9-1-1 for all graffiti in progress. If possible, keep an eye on the suspects, relaying all information to the 9-1-1 operator. NEVER place yourself in a dangerous position! Be willing to be a good witness.
- ☛ If you are a victim of graffiti not in progress:
  - 1) Call Crime Stop 602-262-6151 and make a police report.
  - 2) In all arrest situations, the detective will need a damage estimate.
  - 3) If you have a digital camera, take photos of the graffiti and email them to meagan.patterson@phoenix.gov. Include your report number and address in the email.
  - 4) If you require assistance removing the graffiti, call Graffiti Busters 602-534-4444. This is a free service. If you have a homeowners association, call them first to see if they have a volunteer to remove the graffiti.
- ☛ If you see graffiti in your area:
  - 1) Get the location or address if possible
  - 2) Make note of what type of structure it's on (block wall, wood fence, power pole, utility box, etc.).
  - 3) Call Graffiti Busters 602-534-4444. Give them the information and they will place it on their list for removal. Keep in mind, Graffiti Busters must obtain permission from the property owner which may delay removal.
  - 4) If it is known approximately when the graffiti occurred, i.e. it wasn't there Friday but Saturday it is, you can make a police report by calling Crime Stop 602-262-6151.
- ☛ If you have information on a possible graffiti suspect, call the Graffiti Hotline 602-262-7327. We will need:
  - 1) The suspect's name
  - 2) Where we can contact them (home, work or school)
  - 3) How you know they are doing the graffiti
  - 4) Is the graffiti currently present somewhere? (so the detective can take a photo)
  - 5) Rewards are available from \$75 - \$250



# NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES

## AVAILABLE AT DRCA OFFICE

*Did you know that the Desert Ridge Community Association now has a Notary Public and that the services of our Notary will be available to the members of the Desert Ridge Community Association at no charge? The Desert Ridge Community Association Office hours are from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday and is located at 5415 E. High Street, Suite 220, Phoenix, AZ 85054.*

**Contributed by:** Sharon Hooks, Community Coordinator, is a Notary Public for the State of Arizona

To make a Notary appointment, please contact Sharon Hooks at 480-551-4553 or email her at Sharon.Hooks@fsresidential.com. All appointments must be confirmed.

The Notary acts as an impartial witness to the signing of legally binding documents.

The Notary ensures that the signer is actually the person named on the document and that they have not been forced to sign against their will. Documents that create a legally binding agreement usually need to be notarized, although this can vary according to local laws.

Satisfactory Evidence of Identity: In accord with A.R.S. 41-311(11), notaries public may accept the following forms of identification as proof of identity:



1. An unexpired driver license that is issued by a state or territory of the United States.
2. An unexpired passport that is issued by the United States Department of State.
3. An unexpired identification card that is issued by any branch of the United States Armed Forces.
4. Any other unexpired identification card that is issued by the United States government or a state or tribal government, that contains the individual's photograph, signature and physical description that contains the individual's height, weight, color of hair and color of eyes.

What documents need to be notarized?

- Will, Deeds and Trusts
- Medical documents
- Powers of Attorney

Please note below the following conditions/requirements of the Desert Ridge Notary Services:

1. Members must be in "good standing" with the Desert Ridge Community Association.
2. Notary will be provided for personal (individual) purposes only. Notaries will not be provided for a member's business or third party purposes.
3. Notaries are provided by "appointment only" to ensure that the Notary is available to meet with the member.
4. The Desert Ridge Community Association Notary reserves the right to refuse to notarize a document(s) presented to them upon and after review.

## In Remembrance of



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voice has been heard, loud and clear.

Case in point is the Dog Park. While many may not view this as win, the fact the Phoenix Park District moved this project from the back burner targeting several years out to center stage with a targeted opening day of spring 2017. More encouraging is the acknowledgement that additional park amenities are now in the planning stages. The point is the open lines of communications between the Desert Ridge Community Association and the Phoenix City government is working.

A great win because City government and potential developers are showing respect for the unified effort. Enough respect to bring the team to the bargaining table, before an entity tries

to forgo amicable relations in the sole pursuit of profits in Desert Ridge.

The board and FirstService Residential work because of all of us. Residents and stakeholders have not been shy in voicing their views and opinions and that is the input they need. For without knowing where we stand they cannot represent us effectively.

So continue to send in your thoughts, check the [DesertRidgelifestyle.com](http://DesertRidgelifestyle.com) web site, read your email blasts and feel free to ask questions, voice opinions.

Call when you want to check on a rumor. The Board and FirstService Residential is there for all of us but it's our responsibility to speak up.

Rob Reichstein  
Communications Chair  
Desert Ridge Community Association

# Events at Desert Ridge Marketplace



**JULY**

## THINGS TO DO

*Escape life's stresses at Desert Ridge Marketplace!*



### AMC Desert Ridge 18

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### Dave and Buster's

Visit Dave & Buster's restaurant, bar and arcade for fun, parties, meetings and more. It's the best sports bar, best happy hour, best video arcade, and best food – all inside one restaurant!

There's always something new and exciting waiting for you at Dave & Buster's. Eat & Play Combo, drink specials, and more. You never know how much fun you will get into on any given day!



### As You Wish Pottery Painting Place

As You Wish is a great place to flex your creative muscle and have some fun. Make your next event extra colorful and host it at As You Wish.

We also offer step-by-step classes on painting techniques for ages 2-92. We provide paints, brushes, expert assistance and anything else you need to let your inner artist out!

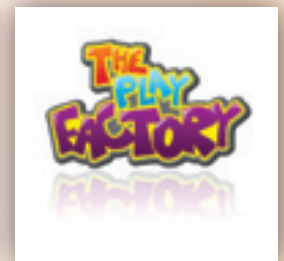


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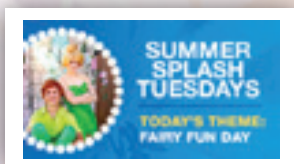


### Play Factory

The Play Factory provides young families with tons of fun and adventure that is safe for children of ALL ages. Whether it be an awesome private party or fun-filled open play times, The Play Factory experience creates unforgettable memories and builds lasting relationships as young families come together from all over to celebrate great times!

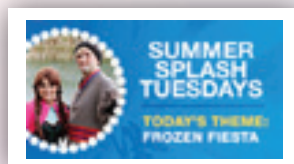
## SUMMER SPLASH TUESDAYS

*Join us for free weekly summer fun! Enjoy music, games, prizes and dancing. Plus, meet your favorite film characters and get a free downloadable photo with them each week. Every week will offer a distinctive family-fun experience with different themes, unique games and new characters. For details, visit [shopdesertridge.com/summer](http://shopdesertridge.com/summer)*



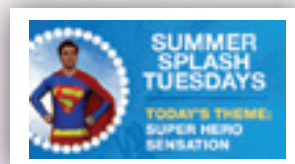
**Tuesday, July 5**

**AMC Fountain, 11am-12:30pm**  
Today's Theme: Fairy Fun Day  
(Tinkerbell & Peter Pan)



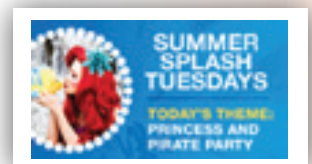
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**AMC Fountain, 11am-12:30pm**  
Today's Theme: Frozen Fiesta  
(Princess Anna & Kristof)



**Tuesday, July 19**

**AMC Fountain, 11am-12:30pm**  
Today's Theme: Super Hero Sensation  
(Batman & Superman)



**Tuesday, July 26**

**AMC Fountain, 11am-12:30pm**  
Today's Theme: Princess and Pirate Party  
(Hook & Ariel)

# MIM

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM



Purchase tickets online at [MIM.org](http://MIM.org), in person at MIM, or by calling the MIM Ticket Office at 480.478.6000. For the most updated event information, please visit [MIM.org](http://MIM.org) or 480.478.6000. Musical Instrument Museum Music Theater, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050.  
 General Admission: \$20 ■ Teens (ages 13-19): \$15 ■ Children (ages 4-12): \$10 ■ Children 3 and under: Free

Programming subject to change

### About MIM

The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) enriches our world by collecting, preserving and making accessible an astonishing variety of musical instruments and performance videos from every country in the world. MIM offers guests a welcoming and fun experience, incomparable interactive technology, dynamic programming and exceptional musical performances. MIM fosters appreciation of the world's diverse cultures by showing how we innovate, adapt and learn from each other to create music—the language of the soul.

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## CONCERTS AND EVENTS

### JULY

#### Concert: Khani Cole's Sonic Table featuring Ron Blake and Lenny Castro wish Shea Marshall, Lamar Gaines, Alex Kyhn and Mike Florio (I Am AZ Music)

Saturday, July 2 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$28.50 - \$35.50

Valley-based vocalist Khani Cole has been a fixture in the greater Phoenix area since relocating from her native Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the early '90s.

#### Concert: Hinder (Acoustic Show)

Sunday, July 3 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$48.50 - \$58.50

Singalong anthems, such as "Get Stoned" and "Lips Of An Angel," shot them to megastardom, establishing Hinder as the next wave in anthemic rock. Now, with over a decade-plus career under their belts, and having honed their live chops touring with the likes of Mötley Crüe, Nickelback, Aerosmith, and Papa Roach, Hinder's upcoming album with their official new lead vocalist Marshal Dutton has breathed new sound, and new air, into the ever-evolving band.

#### Event: Experience France

Saturday, July 9 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 10 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tickets: Activities and performances are included with paid museum admission

Join us for our fifth annual celebration of French music and culture! Enjoy live musical performances and hands-on activities, shop for French merchandise at the Museum Store, and indulge in a French-inspired menu in our café. Vive la France!

#### Concert: Terrance Simien Zydeco Experience

Wednesday, July 13 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$33.50 - \$38.50

For over thirty years, two-time GRAMMY-winning artist Terrance Simien has become one of the most respected and accomplished artists in American roots music today. He and his Zydeco Experience band have performed more than seven thousand concerts and toured more than forty-five countries during their eventful career.

#### Concert: Devon Allman

Thursday, July 14 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$33.50 - \$38.50

Devon Allman is a vocalist, guitarist, keyboardist, and songwriter known for his blues and rock music. Allman started playing guitar as a youngster in the 1970s, although he was not influenced by his famous father, Gregg Allman (of the Allman Brothers Band). In the 1990s, Devon began performing around the blues and rock music scene in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was raised.

#### Concert: Al Stewart

Friday, July 15 | 7:30 p.m. and

Saturday, July 16 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for both shows: \$35.50 - \$40.50

Both a singer-songwriter and a folk-rock musician, Al Stewart incorporates stories of historical events and characters into his songs.

#### Concert: RUNA

Sunday, July 17 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$28.50 - \$33.50

RUNA pushes the boundaries of Irish folk music by interweaving the melodies of Ireland and Scotland with the harmonies of bluegrass and jazz.

#### Concert: Mindi Adair

Thursday, July 21 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$43.50 - \$48.50

One of the most recognizable American saxophonists, Mindi Adair played for American Idol and rock legend Bruce Springsteen, she also toured with Aerosmith.

#### Concert: Django Festival All-Stars

Friday, July 22 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$38.50 - \$43.50

The Django Festival All-Stars play hot gypsy jazz in the style of Django Reinhardt.

#### Concert: Pedrito Martinez Band

Saturday, July 23 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$38.50 - \$43.50

Cuban percussionist Pedrito Martínez uses a new approach to timba that allows the vocal harmonies and hand percussion to be heard clearly without sacrificing the show's energy.

#### Concert: Billy Strings Trio

Sunday, July 24 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$28.50 - \$33.50

Born loving bluegrass, Billy Strings is known for his old soul voice and his razor-sharp string-picking precision.

#### Concert: Earl Klugh

Wednesday, July 27 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$43.50 - \$48.50

Wednesday, July 27 | 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$38.50 - \$43.50

Since GRAMMY-winner Earl Klugh released his inaugural album in 1976, the Detroit-born master of the acoustic-classical guitar has become one of the most imitated icons of the instrument. He has released over forty records, twenty-four of which have been on Billboard's Top 10 list of jazz albums and six of which have made it to the No. 1 slot.

### AUGUST

#### Event: Musical Icon: Elvis

Saturday, August 13 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tickets: Included with paid museum admission

In honor of Elvis Week, join us for a celebration of the life of the "King of Rock and Roll." Come and hear gallery talks near the Elvis Presley exhibit, participate in hands-on activities, watch King Creole (1958) on the big screen, and more!

#### Concert: Terry Bozzio

Sunday, August 14 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$30.50 - \$35.50

Terry Bozzio is a world-renowned American drummer best known for his work with Frank Zappa and Missing Persons.

#### Concert: King Sunny Adé

Monday, August 15 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$53.50 - \$63.50

Considered one of the most influential musicians of all time, King Sunny Adé has been captivating audiences with his dynamic live performances.

#### Concert: Mehmet Polat Trio

Wednesday, August 31 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$28.50 - \$35.50

The Mehmet Polat Trio is a spiritual yet adventurous meeting of three virtuosos of magical instruments: ney, kora, and oud. With roots in the Ottoman, ancient Anatolian, Balkan, and West African music traditions, the trio welcomes listeners with its musical authenticity.

### SEPTEMBER

#### Event: Experience the Andes

Saturday, September 3 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 4 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tickets: Activities and performances included with paid museum admission

Experience music and culture from the longest mountain range in the world, which extends from north to south through Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina. Enjoy South American dance and musical performances, and try your hand at instrument-making crafts!

#### Concert: Roy Rogers and The Delta Rhythm Kings

Saturday, September 10 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$35.50 - \$40.50

Named after the singing cowboy, Roy Rogers is a blues-rock slide guitarist known for playing in a variety of ways.

#### Concert: The Steel Drivers

Thursday, September 15 | 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$40.50 - \$48.50

GRAMMY-winning group the Steel Drivers are known for their timeless sound that is a blend of blues, bluegrass, and soul.

#### Concert: Sam Bush

Friday, September 16 | 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$38.50 - \$53.50

GRAMMY-winning multi-instrumentalist Sam Bush is considered the "Father of Newgrass."

#### Concert: Tom Rush

Sunday, September 18 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$43.50 - \$53.50

Tom Rush has become a musical legend through his unique guitar style, wry humor, and expressive voice that lures audiences from all over the globe.

#### Concert: Donovan: The Sunshine Superman Fiftieth Anniversary Tour

Tuesday, September 27 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$53.50 - \$73.50

Celebrate fifty years of Scottish singer-songwriter Donovan's distinctive songs and stories.

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Back pain is a very common complaint from many of us at some point in our lifetimes. Sitting for extended periods can be one of the many causes of neck and back pain. These effects can range from head to toe but has a direct effect on our lumbar spine.

Back and neck pain can come from many conditions from degenerative disc disease, spinal stenosis, bulging discs, or postural syndrome. Degenerative disc disease is not really a disease but a term used to describe the normal changes in your spine as you age or due to repetitive stress from movement or faulty postures. Degenerative disc disease can take place throughout the spine, but it most often occurs in the discs in the lower back (lumbar region) and the neck (cervical region).

Lumbar Stenosis is when the foramen (openings) and/or spinal canal have narrowed and can lead to entrapment/impingement of the nerves exiting the spine. Bulging Discs are when your disc begins to get a bulge, protrusion, or herniation causing pain and sometimes sciatica. Sciatica is actually just referral pain that progresses down into your leg.

Postural syndrome of the lumbar spine is a condition that causes pain in the lower back without any significant trauma or damage to tissue. Patients with postural syndrome only experience symptoms, such as an ache or pain in the lower back, during activities that place sustained stress on normal tissue. Most commonly, this is due to sustained poor posture. Poor sitting posture is the most

common cause of back pain. Just sitting with normal posture has been studied to have up to 50% greater forces and loads on your low back discs/spine when compared to standing posture. Per a study of people who sat and watched 7+ hours of TV per day over many years (just like sitting looking at a computer) were 61% greater risk of dying than those who watched less than 1 hour<sup>1</sup>. This study is harsh but does paint an ugly picture of the perils from sitting. It is very important to get up to stretch, walk or at least move every hour during your work day. Just by changing position or moving you can help to rehydrate your spinal discs, improve blood flow to your legs, and help to reduce the tension in your muscles. **TAKE A BREAK AND GET MOVING!**

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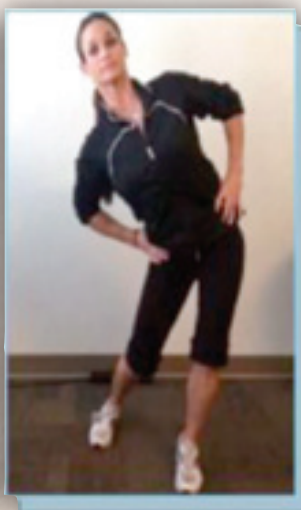
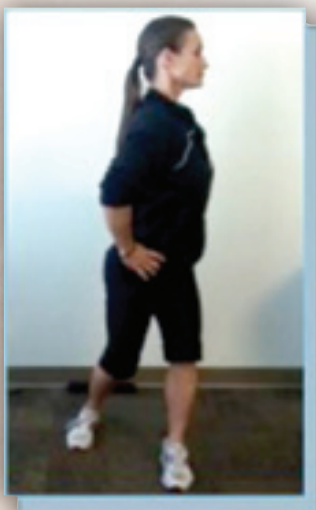
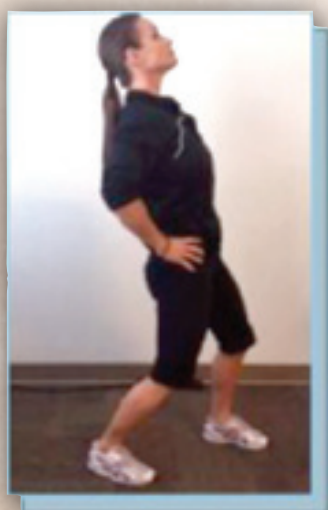
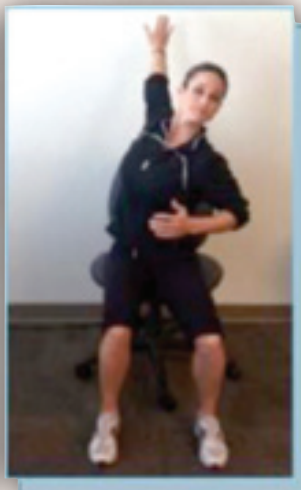
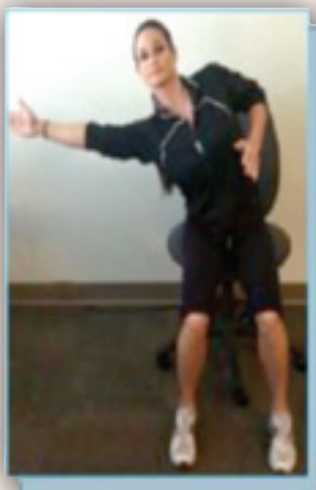
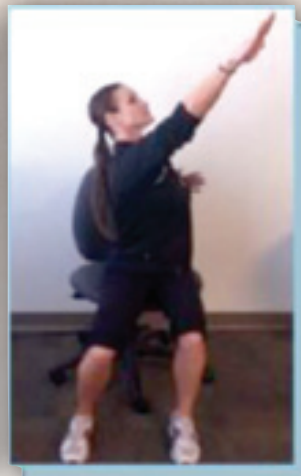
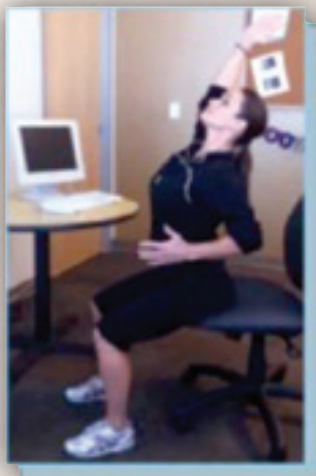
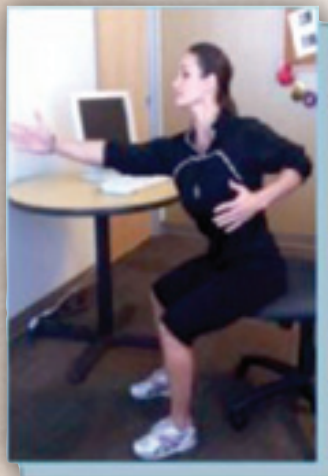


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Reference: 1. Matthews, Charles, et al. "Amount of time spent in sedentary behaviors and cause-specific mortality in U.S. Adults," National Cancer Institute.



# Take a quick stretch break!



Desk Stretch exercises can help you get through your work day, making you feel more energized and alert. During your next break, take a few minutes to move your body. Performing these simple exercises will help you tackle the rest of your day!

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- Decrease Risk of Injury
- Relieve Stress
- Revive your energy

Stretching at the office is one good way to provide health benefits that will be felt immediately!

**Scan the QR code to watch a video demonstration!**



Every 60-90 minutes, push your chair away from your desk to perform these simple stretches and feel refreshed!

# Miss Grand Canyon Advocating a Drug-Free Arizona



**DRUGFREEAZKIDS.org**

Contributed by: Shelby Ray

As Miss Grand Canyon, a contestant for the Miss Arizona competition, volunteer with local nonprofits and a senior at Arizona State University, Hannah Morgan is using her active voice in the community to promote a drug-free Arizona. Her platform Reach For Your Dreams Not Drugs, for Miss Arizona, was inspired by the tragic death of her brother when he was killed by a drug dealer.

“As a teen, I had a lot of support from my parents, since we obviously feel very strongly about living a drug-free lifestyle especially after my brother died when he was only 21,” said Morgan. “I’ve made it my goal to make sure that other people, especially kids, also have a good support system for reaching their dreams.”

For nearly six years, Morgan has been volunteering and participating in speaking engagements through local schools and organizations such as DrugFreeAZKids.org, a prevention program of Southwest Behavioral & Health Services, Boys & Girls Clubs and Not My Kid. Her three-tiered approach includes educating, engaging and

empowering to connect effectively with kids, teens and young adults.

“I created the three-tiered approach because I wanted to take these messages of living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle a step further in ways that would mean something to them,” said Morgan. “I’ve noticed that it’s most effective to get my messages heard through engaging presentations and dialogues.”

As a senior at Arizona State University studying early childhood education and special education, she understands spreading the message of the dangers of drugs and alcohol need to include an engaging component. Rather than standing in front of teens and rattling off statistics and facts, she’s having open conversations with kids, teens and young adults.

“It’s important to understand brain development because there’s a difference in what kids are going to understand and what they are going to relate to,” said Morgan. “For the younger kids and teens, I like to have one-on-one conversations to find out what their goals are and help them figure out how to reach those goals with the key

takeaway being to live a drug-free life.”

Morgan says more awareness needs to be raised at the college level on the dangers and consequences of drinking and taking drugs, especially ‘study drugs’ such as prescription stimulants.

“Even if the medication is prescribed, it’s still going to have an effect on their body,” said Morgan. “For teens taking medication that isn’t prescribed to them, there’s even more of a danger because they don’t know exactly what will happen.”

This is why she’s teamed up with DrugFreeAZKids.org, a prevention program of Southwest Behavioral & Health Services for its free, monthly webinar on May 11. As the leading source of information about prevention, youth substance abuse, providing families with valuable tools to raise healthy, drug-free kids, the organization will be looking at how kids are using prescription stimulants as a study aid.

The webinar will also inform parents why kids continue to seek out prescription medicine rather than a healthy alternative. According to DrugFreeAZKids.org, prescription drug abuse among teens is an epidemic in Arizona with one in five high school seniors abusing prescription medication.

Morgan says there are many healthier alternatives to prescription stimulants such as yoga, meditation and exercise. She hopes that high school teens and college students will turn to those healthier alternatives rather than study drugs.

“Ultimately, I want to help people reach their goals by living a healthy lifestyle. This is why the first word you see in my platform is ‘dreams’ over drugs,” said Morgan. “My goal is to win Miss Arizona, so I can continue sharing this important message throughout the state. My dreams are possible because I stay drug-free, and I hope to encourage others to have that same mindset.”

For more information on the upcoming webinar, visit [DrugFreeAZKids.org/Webinars](http://DrugFreeAZKids.org/Webinars).

# I WAS BULLIED



**Contributed by: Lisa Stewart**  
Digital Art Teacher  
Explorer Middle School

I haven't always been a teacher. Once upon a time I was an elementary/middle school student, and I remember vividly the days of being bullied.

There was no "coolness" factor for me in the first eight years of school, and it comes as no surprise, that I was bullied. I was that odd kid, and having older, strict parents made me even odder. Being chubby, I received chants of "fatty, fatty", having glasses, which at that time was NOT cool, I heard four eyes, having to wear hand me down clothes got me teased as well. Then, there was the fact I was not athletic, and was not necessarily pretty, as compared to the popular girls, I was nerdy, studious, a good girl and the list goes on and on.

What was not known was how these remarks affected me. Though I had some very good friends, the shame of not being good enough plagued me. I tried diet after diet to lose some of the weight, tried to fit in best I could with the clothes and trends that were popular, but it just wasn't who I was, and so, I spent a lot of alone time. Now, don't feel sorry for me. That alone time helped me to discover who I was, and when I started high school, life became better in the bullying department. For me, the adversity of being bullied made me a stronger, wiser person. Sadly, for many, bullying steals their life, sometimes literally.

Those events happened over forty years ago, and I remember them to this day. The pain is gone, and has been replaced with an

understanding of human behavior and a desire to help students celebrate their uniqueness.

Times have changed, and with that change has come a change in HOW students are bullied. Whereas, I had to deal with the bully in the school setting, once I left school it was over, till the next day.

Sadly, our students now have to deal with bullying 24/7 and in a much bigger arena.

Technology is a curse and a blessing, a double-edged sword in a battle to stop bullying. With the invention of computers, smart phones, and social media, our students are immersed in a culture of secreted, cruel bullying. Now, bullying is not just taunts and teases, but inappropriate pictures posted to social media, constant threats and taunts to cell phones, computers, and social media everyday-all day. Bullying is not just a small group, but also a much larger group of individuals who hide their cruelty. The pack mentality allows students to not fear getting caught. Technology has opened up the door of not having to face your victim, not having to see their pain or anger that your behavior caused. It has disconnected us from people as much as it has connected us.

As a teacher of middle school students, I see the effects of bullying with the students who are being cyber bullied and don't want to come to school; the students being snickered at when they talk in class. I see students being left out of fun activities by the people they call

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## Explorer Middle School Student to Represent Arizona at National Geographic Bee

**Contributed by: PV Schools**

Ari Mehta, an 8th-grade student at Explorer Middle School, was crowned the state champion at the 2016 Arizona Geography Bee that was held on April 1st at Arizona State University - Tempe campus.

To take the win, he answered the following question correctly - The ABBA museum is located in which city at the head of Lake Vanern? The correct answer was Stockholm. "It felt great because it was my final year, and I had worked very hard; harder than in any previous year. I was happy to see it pay off," said Ari.

As the Arizona champion, Ari received \$100, the National Geographic book "National Parks: An Illustrated



**ARI MEHTA**  
Photo credit: Jay Lee

History," a medal and will represent Arizona at the National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C. May 23rd-25th.

To prepare for the National Geographic Bee, he will study maps, atlases, current events and other similar resources.

Over the past three years, Ari has placed in the top three

at the State Geography Bee. This is his second trip to the National Geographic Bee. In 2014, he tied for 15th Place at the National Bee.

The National Geographic Channel aired the final round of the National Geographic Bee Championship at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Friday, May 27th. It will also be aired later on PBS, check local television listings for dates and times.

# KEEPING UP WITH PVCC

## Where Education Meets Innovation

Contributed by: Candace Oehler  
Director of Marketing and Communications

As the communities we serve have grown and changed, so has Paradise Valley Community College. For example, we listened to what our potential students want and now, instead of a rigid traditional 16-week schedule of courses, you can Start Almost Anytime at PVCC. Flexible options include 16-, 14-, 12-, and 8-week Express classes each semester, plus an array of online and Hybrid courses.

We have also expanded our physical presence over the past decade to enhance teaching and learning, with new state-of-the-art Life Sciences and Health Sciences buildings, and a major renovation to the Kranitz Student Center, funded by the 2004 MCCCDC General Obligation Bonds. And just recently, we opened the new 22,000 square foot Aquila Hall science building at PVCC's Black Mountain campus.

What has remained constant, however, is that "Community" is always more than a word in our name. PVCC values our connection to the community so highly that one of the college's four Strategic Goals is "Engage and Invest in Community." This encompasses business and community partnerships, student volunteer work that contributes to positive

social change, performance and cultural events hosted on campus, and a wide variety of services offered to the public, for the most part free of charge.

### HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT PVCC RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU?

- Our Career Services Center provides free resume and job placement assistance, and hosts two jobs fairs yearly.
- Veterans and dependents will find resources and support at the new Veterans Services Center.
- You can visit the Buxton Library not only as a community borrower, but to attend timely presentations on topics of global interest. The Library also displays the amazing art collection of Jo and Warren Buxton, and offers great bargains at the annual book sale.
- Need to file a document? Don't drive downtown – file at the user-friendly Maricopa County Digital Recording Kiosk located in Q Building.
- The Center for the Performing Arts brings the community together through film festivals, music, dance, and theater presentations; art exhibits; workshops; and concerts throughout the year, all either free or \$15 or less.



- The new Entrepreneur Education Center helps current and future small business owners become "Shark Tank" ready, and offers classes, workshops, and support.
- A state-of-the-art Fitness Center offers community memberships and non-credit fitness breakout sessions throughout the year.
- And maybe you were one of the nearly 1500 people who received free AARP/VITA free tax assistance on campus this year.

PVCC students take their commitment out to the community. Student athletes volunteer with Special Olympics; the AWARE Club supports Relay for Life; Club Ed presents the highly successful Festival of Tales; and students volunteer over 300 hours at Horses Help, St. Mary's Food Bank, Desert Mission Food Bank, ASU's Center for Race and Democracy, and UMOM.

That's why PVCC is truly your community college.



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## PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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### DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS (MUSICAL COMEDY)

June 17, 18, 24, 25 @ 7:30 pm

June 19, 26 @ 2 pm

Tickets \$8 - \$15

### PVCC DANCE CONSERVATORY PERFORMANCE

Thursday, June 30 | FREE

### PVCC FACULTY JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Fri., September 2 | 7:30 pm | \$8-\$15

### FIRST SATURDAY CONCERT SERIES

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### NOISES OFF (COMEDY)

September 30 – October 9

Tickets \$8 - \$15

### FINE & PERFORMING ARTS OPEN HOUSE

Sat., October 10, 1-4 pm

## NEWS OF NOTE

PVCC is sorry to say “good-bye” to Paul Golisch, a Desert Ridge resident who has served since 2007 as the college’s Chief Information Officer and Dean of Information Technology. He has accepted a new position with Lumen Learning, where he will continue to provide leadership in expanding Open Educational Resource (OER) initiatives that provide inexpensive and free-of-charge textbooks to students.



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their friends. I see students taking part in behaviors they normally wouldn't do, just to feel like they belong to the group. Middle school peer pressure is tough. It's like being singled out in a group of 500 kids with the spotlight on YOU and your decision will determine if you are “cool” or not. What middle-school student doesn't want to at least appear “cool”?

Enter—www.should—an anti-bullying program at Explorer Middle School. WWW.Should is one of many tools teachers and staff use as a resource in helping to stop bullying before it begins. Lessons are designed with the student in mind with video clips, hands on activities, and group discussions. Teachers guide

students to understanding their position in the circle. Are you the bully, the bystanders, the victim, the on-looker who is doing nothing? Or, are you the student who steps forward to get an adult involved. Lessons help students understand how to make wise choices, and how words can be hurtful.

As parents, educators, and members of society we can teach our children that it is not okay to make fun of others. It is not okay to intimidate someone else. It is not okay to threaten, post inappropriate pictures, spread rumors, or lie about someone. Middle school bullies grow up to be adult bullies. These are not just “boy” or “girl” behaviors. They are behaviors that are costing our children their very lives.



**Superintendent's Office**  
 15002 N. 32nd St.  
 Phoenix, Arizona 85032

Investing in your child's K-12 education is a priority for parents across Arizona and the nation. Even though we receive limited funding, PV Schools has made it a priority to keep dollars in the classroom to support teachers and programs. According to the 2015 Auditor General's Report, PV Schools out performs the state average and the peer district average for the percent of funds spent in the classroom. Additionally, we were recognized by the Washington, D.C. Center for American Progress as one of the top districts in Arizona for providing students a big academic "return on investment" for high achievement and low cost operations.

What else makes PV Schools a leader in academic opportunities? Our teachers, programs and volunteers! PV Schools has implemented many programs that you may not find elsewhere, including:

- **North Valley Arts Academies** offered at Desert Cove Elementary, Shea Middle and Shadow Mountain High. The North Valley Arts Academies at PV Schools provides a well-rounded seamless education from 5th-12th grade that is focused on the performing and visual arts in addition to the rigorous curriculum that is offered.
- **Gifted Preschool** offered at four locations – Desert Trails Elementary, Desert Cove Elementary, Fireside Elementary and North Ranch Elementary
- **Montessori Preschool** offered at Mercury Mine Elementary
- **Center for Research, Engineering, Science and Technology (CREST)** offered at Paradise Valley High
- **Foreign Language Immersion** - Mandarin offered at Whispering Wind Academy, and Spanish offered at Sandpiper Elementary
- **K-12 International Baccalaureate** offered at Quail Run Elementary, Vista Verde Middle and North Canyon High
- **Night Classes** offered at Sweetwater Community School and is open to students across the Valley
- **Suzuki Strings** offered at Desert Shadows Elementary

Volunteers play an important role in the classroom, and we highly encourage our community to take an active role. Our award-winning Volunteer in Paradise program provides academic assistance to students in kindergarten-6th grade. To learn more about our award-winning VIP program, please visit <http://www.pvschools.net/VIP>.

Your child's educational investment is our top priority; let your child's Journey of Excellence begin at PV Schools. We offer programs that meet the learning needs of preschool through 12th grade students with schools located in Northeast Phoenix and North Scottsdale. To learn more about these incredible opportunities, award-winning signature programs and open enrollment options, visit our website at [www.pvschools.net](http://www.pvschools.net) or call 602-449-2000.

Sincerely,

James P. Lee  
 Superintendent

Photo courtesy of Laurie Smith

## AWARD-WINNING PROGRAM IN PV SCHOOLS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Contributed by: Laurie Smith, Volunteer In Paradise Coordinator Paradise Valley Unified School District

Desert Ridge residents are invited to join the award-winning Volunteer In Paradise (VIP) program in the 2016-17 school year. Community volunteers, called VIPs, provide academic assistance to students in kindergarten through sixth grade at select schools in the Paradise Valley Unified School District. Children throughout our own large and diverse school district are in need of additional support.

The VIP program was named a 2015 first place Magna Award winner by the National School Boards Association (NSBA) in a national recognition program. Now in their 22nd year, the Magna Awards recognize school districts and their leaders taking bold and innovative steps to improve the lives of their students and their communities.

"VIP provides a valuable resource, not only to students, but to teachers at a time when school district budgets are being drastically reduced," said Superintendent James P. Lee, Ed.D.



Volunteering is good for volunteers, too, and is linked to better physical, mental and emotional health. Confirms one VIP, "I have to say that being a VIP has made a huge difference in my retirement. I love working with the kids, have tremendous respect for the teachers I work with, and have learned so much...My weeks just aren't as fulfilling when I am not engaged there."

Residents are invited to attend a no-obligation orientation at the PVSchools district office, 15032 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix. Details and an online registration form are found at [www.pvschools.net/VIP](http://www.pvschools.net/VIP). You can reach the VIP Coordinator (and Desert Ridge resident) Laurie Smith at [VolunteerInParadise@gmail.com](mailto:VolunteerInParadise@gmail.com) or 602-449-2053.

## HORIZON, PINNACLE RANKED TOP IN NATION

Contributed by: PV Schools

Both Horizon High School and Pinnacle High School have made the U.S. News & World Report 2016 Best High School list and The Washington Post Most Challenging High School list.

### Pinnacle High School

- *U.S. News & World Report* - ranked No. 18 in Arizona and No. 1531 nationally. Silver Medal Award recipient.
- *The Washington Post* - ranked No. 13 in Arizona and No. 1318 nationally.

### Horizon High School

- *U.S. News & World Report* - ranked No. 33 in Arizona and No. 2212 nationally. Silver Medal Award recipient.
- *The Washington Post* - ranked No. 20 in the state and No. 2208 nationally.



According to *U.S. News & World Report*, more than 21,000 public high schools in the United States and the District of Columbia are awarded gold, silver or bronze medals based on their performance on state assessments, graduation rates and how well they prepare students for college. View the complete list at <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/national-rankings>.

According to *The Washington Post*, schools are ranked through

an index formula -- the number college-level tests given at the school during the previous calendar year divided by the number of graduates that year. Also included are the percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches and the percentage of graduates who passed at least one college-level test during their high school career. View the Arizona list at <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/local/highschoolchallenge/schools/2016/list/arizona-schools/>.

# Desert Trails Elementary Unveils Public Sculpture

If you happen to drive down Cashman Drive near 44th Street, you may have noticed that there is a new addition gracing the main entrance of Desert Trails Elementary. On Tuesday, May 10th, 6th Grade students and a number of special guests, gathered to celebrate the installation of a public sculpture, titled "Arizona Sky." It is the first project of its kind for Desert Trails, and also the first of its kind in the Paradise Valley Unified School District.



Photos courtesy of Jay Lee (PVUSD Public Relations)

Contributed by:

**Maureen Peterson**, DTES Art Specialist

You may have noticed that we have a new addition near the main entrance of our school. On Tuesday, May 10th our 6th Grade students and a number of special guests, gathered to celebrate the installation of our first public sculpture, titled "Arizona Sky." It is the first project of its kind for Desert Trails, and also the first of its kind in the Paradise Valley Unified School District.

The project began in the fall of 2015, and it took many people working together to make it happen. Mrs. Peterson's vision was for the 6th Grade students to design a model in art class, for a large-scale, public sculpture that would be permanently installed in front of our school. The sculpture would add artistic beauty to our school and community, and it would be a remembrance of the 6th Grade class, after they move on to Middle School.

First, Mrs. Peterson contacted Mr. Kartler, the Welding teacher at Paradise Valley High School, and tell him about her idea. Once Mr. Kartler was on board to work with us, we had to get approval from our PTO, from the School District, and from the neighborhood homeowners association.

Next, Mrs. Peterson taught a lesson to the 6th Grade students on "public art" and sculpture. The assignment was to design and build a model for a sculpture that would later be enlarged in welded metal. The theme was "Arizona." That could be interpreted many

ways –Arizona landscapes, plants, animals, climate, history, education, students, sports, cultures, etc. It could be realistic OR abstract. When the models were completed, the 6th grade students voted for the one they felt would be the best one to represent their class. It was VERY hard to vote, because everyone did such a great job!

Isabella Swanson created the winning sculpture, titled "Arizona Sky". The shapes at the bottom represent the mountains and mesas in Arizona. The round discs represent the bright Arizona sun, and the wavy strips represent the shapes and colors in our beautiful Arizona skies.

Now it was time to hand off the model to Mr. Kartler at Paradise Valley High School. First, his students built a tabletop-size model, to plan the dimensions and scale for the final sculpture.



Photo courtesy of Karin Weiler (DTES parent)

Next, they cut the pieces they needed out of sheets of metal, and welded them together, using the tabletop sculpture as their guide. Each shape on the sculpture was then sprayed with Rustoleum paint, in colors that matched the original model. Finally, a clear coat of automotive paint was sprayed over the sculpture, to seal the paint and protect it from the elements.

Mr. Kartler, Mrs. Peterson and Ms. Duggan chose the spot in front of our school entrance for our sculpture, so that everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy it when they come to our school, or pass by. This type of art is known as "Public Art", because not only do the staff and students of Desert Trails get to enjoy it, but the general public gets to enjoy it, as well.

Desert Trails Elementary is a place where all things educational, cultural and artistic, are valued.

Our public art project reflects the idea that learning, extends beyond our school walls to our neighborhood community, as well as to our greater school district community, by teaming across grade levels with Paradise Valley High School.

We are proud of our sculpture, and very grateful to Mr. Kartler and his students for helping us with this project. We congratulate Isabella Swanson for her winning design, and we thank our awesome PTO for providing the funds for us!



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**CASHMAN PARK**, 22222 N. 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85050

\*MEETINGS AND EVENTS DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND/OR MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ONLY.

## MEETINGS

## EVENTS

### DRCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6 p.m.  
**WED., JUNE 22**  
**NO JULY MEETING**  
*Summer Break*  
**WED., AUG. 24**  
**WED., SEPT. 28**  
**WED., OCT. 26**

### COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE

6:30 p.m.  
**TUES., JULY 26**  
**TUES., OCT. 25**

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

8 a.m.  
**FRI., JULY 8**  
**FRI., AUG. 12**  
**FRI., SEPT. 9**  
**FRI., OCT. 14**

### DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

4:30 p.m.  
**TUES., JULY 5**  
**TUES., JULY 19**  
**TUES., AUG. 9**  
**TUES., AUG. 23**  
**TUES., SEPT. 6**  
**TUES., SEPT. 20**

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

8 a.m.  
**TUES., JUNE 21**  
**WED., JULY 27-5:30 P.M.**  
*DRCA Preliminary 2017 Budget Planning Session*  
**TUES., AUG. 23**  
*DRCA Final 2017 Budget Planning Session*  
**TUES., SEPT. 27**  
**TUES., OCT. 25**

### LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE

8:45 a.m.  
**THUR., AUG. 11**  
**THUR., SEPT. 8**  
**THUR., OCT. 13**

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

6 p.m.  
**TUES., AUG. 9**  
**TUES., OCT. 11**

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

5 p.m.  
 Locations vary  
**MON., AUG. 8**  
**MON., SEPT. 12**  
**MON., OCT. 10**  
**MON., NOV. 14**

### COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

5 p.m.  
 Locations vary  
**TUES., SEPT. 20**  
**TUES., NOV. 15**

### COFFEE CLUB

10 a.m.  
**TUES., JUNE 14**  
**TUES., AUG. 9**  
**TUES., OCT. 11**

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### YARD SALE

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**SAT., NOV. 5**

### MOVIE IN THE PARK

Additional information coming soon.  
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 Pinnacle High School ..... 602.449.4000

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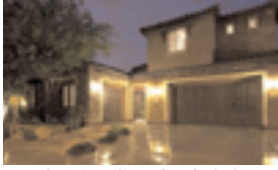
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