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### Desert Rioge Lifestyles

Desert Ridge Lifestyles magazine is the official community magazine of Desert Ridge, brought to you by the Desert Ridge Community Association. It is designed to keep you informed about what's happening in your community, from clubs, activities and community programs to school information special events, and more.

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# The 2023 Budget & Association Fees

s an association, we have an enviable record on cost control. Since 2004, we've only increased our semi-annual dues once. Ask yourself, what other bill do you pay that has gone up only one time in the past 18 years?

When times have been lean, we've successfully found areas to cut back; when our budget went further than forecasted, we've refunded the surplus back to members or added to the reserves for our association. This strategy has been incredibly effective and working together, the DRCA Board and staff have avoided increases year after year.

In recent years, we've seen costs rise dramatically. Inflation now is running at near 40 year highs, and increases mandated by minimum wage laws, the rising cost of fuel, medical insurance and other expenses have all negatively impacted our bottom line.

Anyone who has filled up a gas tank recently or purchased food understands these expenses are real and increases are unavoidable.

Despite these challenges, we've maintained our community and raised our expectations every year. As Desert Ridge residents, we have high standards for our community. We want safe, highly desirable neighborhoods that are well maintained; lifestyle activities that build a spirit of community, and the enforcement of our governing documents to protect and increase our property values. Our Board focuses on these priorities and accomplishes all of it, with a fee of just \$222 each six months.

#### **DRCA Fees**

From 1995 – 2004, our Association was under the control of the master developer and Association fees increased five times. Since 2004, our Association has been under homeowner control and fees have increased only one time. The table below illustrates our fees if they had been raised each year for inflation.

As you can see, if adjusted only for inflation, DRCA fees should have risen to \$581 per year.

Fortunately, the DRCA Board has worked hard to keep fees increases to a minimum. Our preliminary budget for 2023 projects an increase of just \$7 per month. That decision will be final when the budget is approved in a future board meeting.

Not only have we been successful in keeping the lid on Association fees, we have also dramatically increased the services we provide including: Off-duty Officer Patrol, overnight parking enforcement, Farmer's Markets, Holiday Lights, Lifestyles Magazine, website and monthly lifestyles events.

Thank you to everyone who serves as a board member in Desert Ridge, the staff of the various management companies within our community and to every member of our Association who has contributed to our success. You are appreciated! Desert Ridge is a terrific place to live and I hope to see you in the neighborhood!



**Doug Dickson**President
Desert Ridge Community Association

## 2023 DRCA Fee Table

Year	CPI (Inflation)	Real Cost of Inflation	Inflation Adjusted DRCA Fees
2004	2.70	\$0.00	\$382
2005	3.40	\$12.99	\$395
2006	3.20	\$12.64	\$408
2007	2.90	\$11.82	\$419
2008	3.80	\$15.94	\$435
2009	-0.40	\$1.74	\$434
2010	1.60	\$6.94	\$441
2011	3.20	\$14.10	\$455
2012	2.10	\$9.55	\$464
2013	1.50	\$6.96	\$471
2014	1.60	\$7.54	\$479
2015	0.10	\$0.48	\$479
2016	1.10	\$5.27	\$484
2017	2.13	\$10.32	\$495
2018	2.44	\$12.07	\$507
2019	1.80	\$9.12	\$516
2020	1.20	\$6.19	\$522
2021	4.70	\$24.54	\$547
2022	6.20	\$33.90	\$581

\*Inflation rates as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The final CPI is not yet available for 2022. The first half year numbers were used.

# Local Events & Activities

ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



#### 10th Annual Spooktacular Hot Air Balloon Festival

Salt River Fields 7555 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale

October 28 and October 29 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm Cost: Adult General Admission - \$22, Children - \$17 Children 3 – 12. Two and under Free.

The Tethered Balloon Ride Cost: Adults \$25; Children under 10 - \$15. Website: https://azspooktacular.com/

The Halloween Hot Air Balloon Festival is returning to Salt River Fields! Over 20 Hot Air balloons from all over the country will be present handing out candy & treats. There will be tethered balloon rides, costume contests, music, a free Kids Zone and so much more.



#### 2nd Annual Family Fun Halloween Bash

OdySea in the Desert, Arizona Boardwalk Courtyard 9500 East Via De Ventura, Scottsdale

October 29 11:00 am to 3:00 PM Cost: Free

Website: www.facebook.com/azboardwalk/events/

Enjoy this Halloween bash located inside The Arizona Boardwalk where there will be cash prize costume contests, music, bounce houses, face painting, food, beverages, and so much more.



#### Scottsdale Zombie Pub Crawl

4312 North Brown Ave., Scottsdale
October 29 — October 30
7:00 pm to 2 am
Cost: \$15-\$35

Wear your zombie costume and wander through streets in Old Town and visit bars and night clubs with a one all-access pass!

Enjoy free welcome shot tickets for select venues, drink discount vouchers, free night club entry passes and pub crawl map of venues.



#### Kierland Fine Art & Wine Festival

15205 N. Kierland Blvd., Scottsdale

October 29–30
10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Cost: Wine tasting tickets \$30 to #35
(623) 734-6524
Website: www.kierlandcommons.com/Events/
Details/571061

Come experience a variety of global art collections will enjoying wines from local Arizona vineyards on Main Street. Enjoy the live music, gourmet delectable from local confectionaries, and food vendors that will make this a wonderful time.



#### Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships

WestWorld of Scottsdale 16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale

November 5 10:45 am to 6:00 pm Cost: \$20 and up

The Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championship is returning with a wonderful experience for all to enjoy. This event will be the return of Nic Roldan, America's Premier Polo Player. Enjoy action packed polo matches, live performances by The Grimaldi's Pizza Disco, Popcorn and Prosecco, exotic car displays from Barrett Jackson Collector Car Auction, and luxury fashion. You don't want to miss this wonderful event!



#### Canal Convergence Scottsdale Waterfront

7134 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale

November 4 – 13 Cost: Free Website: canalconvergence.com

Visit the 10th annual Canal Convergence at the Arizona Canal at Scottsdale Waterfront. This event will feature global light-based art and programing from artists. There will be a variety of events including, live music, dance performances, food, and beverage and more. You don't want to miss this event!



#### PGA Tour Champions Charles Schwab Cup

Phoenix Country Club 2901 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, 85014

November 10 – 13 2 pm to 4:30 pm Website: pgatour.com/champions/tournaments/ charles-schwab-cup-championship.html Free General Parking at Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum 1826 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix 85007

Official groupings and starting times are posted at the tournament website.



#### **Enchant Scottsdale**

7555 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale

November 25 - January 1 Website: https://preview.enchantchristmas.com/ scottsdale-az-salt-river-fields-guest-information/ Cost: Adults \$34; Child \$18

Enjoy this enchanting holiday event with family and friends at Enchant. There will over 4 million sparkling lights, Ice Skating, a light maze, food, and drinks. This would a wonderful time to bring a group to share the memory with.



#### Las Noches De Las Luminarias

Desert Botanical Garden 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix 85008

(480) 941-1225 Cost: Members - \$39.95; Member Child \$16.95 General Public - \$49.95; General Publi Child - \$18.95 Website: https://dbg.org

The Desert Botanical Garden is back this holiday season with the return of the Chihuly in the Desert. There will be eight thousand Luminaria bags along the Garden's trails on select night in December at Las Noches de las Luminarias. Enjoy the live music performances, photo booth, and entertainment.



#### Elton John: Farewell Yellow Brick Road The Final Tour

Chase Field 401 East Jefferson St, Phoenix

November 11 and 12 8:00 pm Website: https://www.mlb.com/dbacks/ballpark/ events/upcoming/elton-john

This is performance you do not want to miss! After 50 years of his wonderful songs and performance the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Elton John is give you a show that you will never forget.



#### Phoenix Pizza Festival

Margaret T. Hance Park 677 W. Culver Street, Phoenix

November 12 to November 13
Saturday 11 am to 6 pm
Sunday 11 am to 4 pm
Cost: \$16 general admission and limited
Kids under 3 are free
Website: https://www.phoenix.pizza/

The Phoenix Pizza Festival brings back the celebration of PIZZA! This event will have lawn games, desserts, kid's activities, local market vendors, and live music.



#### Trans-Siberian Orchestra Concert in Phoenix

Footprint Center 201 E. Jefferson Street, Phoenix

December 4
3:00 pm and 7:30 pm

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra is back celebrating 26 years of extraordinary Christmas Eve and Other Stories performances. This is an amazing orchestral rock group with a heavy metal twist. This performance is one that you don't want to miss during the holidays.

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MOVIE IN THE PARK • GAMES • INFLATABLES • PET COSTUME PARADE AD CONTEST

DESERT RIDGE Fall Movie & **Trunk or Treat** 

Saturday October 29 from 5:00-8:30 pm

Cashman Park at Desert Ridge 22222 N. 44th Place, Phoenix





















# Twilight Harvest Decorating Contest



#### RULES & HOW TO ENTER

- Take a picture of your creatively decorated house. All photo entries must include the following contact information: Full name, phone number, and the address.
- Email a photo by 5pm on Friday, October 21 to desertridge.az@fsresidential.com
- Photos will be available on Facebook for residents 6. to vote for their favorite home, so be sure to follow us on Facebook.
- Decorations must be appropriate for all ages – not discriminatory, political or in any way inappropriate for children and neighbors to see/ heard

Second Place \$100 Gift Card

Third Place

- Please do not have pumpkins that can attract wildlife to our communities
- Contest is for the exterior of the home only

This event is open to all Desert Ridge residents. Must be in goodstanding and current with all assessments to enter.

\$75 Gift Card

No cost to enter - online registration must be completed by 5pm, Friday October 21.

Contest winners are not eligible to win the same category in consecutive years. All prizes and entrants gift cards must be claimed no later than **Monday, November 14 2022**. Prizes and/or gift cards not claimed by the stated due date will be



Follow Desert Ridge Community Association on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/185644254929974



#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

YARD SALE: 7:00 am-2:00 pm | Shred-A-Thon: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

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

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

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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DESERT RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TIA CARMEN AT JW MARRIOTT AT DESERT RIDGE

# APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

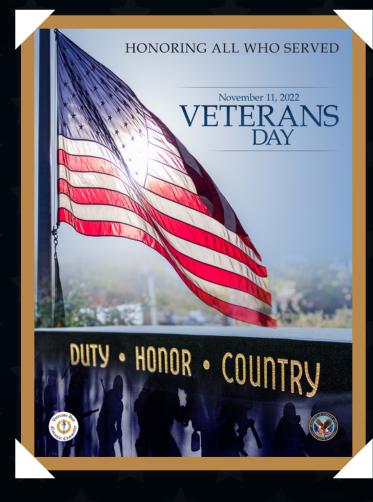
We would like to thank you for all your love, sacrifice, loyalty, and bravery! ALL veterans, active military personnel, and their immediate families will receive breakfast complimentary of Desert Ridge Community Association and Tia Carmen at JW Marriott at Desert Ridge.

All veterans and active duty service personnel must RSVP for this event by Friday, October 28, 2022 at: desertridge.az@fsresidential.com and provide the number of immediate family members attending.

JOIN US Friday, November 11 8 am-11 am

Tia Carmen at JW Marriott 5350 E. Marriott Drive Phoenix, AZ 85054

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Please note that parking is \$8 with Tia Carmen validation. There is complimentary parking with a handicap sticker or placard. Additional complimentary parking located at the south self-parking lot with restaurant.

FALL/HOLIDAY FEATURES

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# Tisthe Season for Holiday Festivities & Fun

Our community's Fifteenth Annual Desert Ridge Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest will arrive soon...and so will our Desert Ridge Holiday Trolley Tours! What a great way to view the beautiful holiday displays throughout Desert Ridge. Our Desert Ridge Board and Lifestyles Committee members would like to encourage our community participation to commemorate our Fifteenth Year of the Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest and invite our residents,

their families and friends to enjoy an evening of holiday fun on the great trolley tours. Please be reminded to email your Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest entry form by November 25 to desertridge. az@fsresidential.com. Trolley tickets will only be available for online purchase via the desertridgelifestyles.com website beginning the day after Thanksgiving. Trolley seats are limited and tickets will be sold on a first-come first-served basis.

#### **PREVIOUS WINNERS**



2022 FIFTEENTH ANNUAL

# Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest

#### EXCITING PRIZES FOR THE BEST LIGHTS & DECORATIONS

Overall Best Presentation		2 Night stay at JW Marriott + \$200 Gift Card	
	Best Creative Presentation	\$150 Gift Card	
	Deck the Halls	\$150 Gift Card	
	Winter Wonderland	\$150 Gift Card	
	Best Theme	\$150 Gift Card	
	Best Decorated	Neighborhood Bragging Rights!	

#### RULES & HOW TO ENTER

- 1. Your contest entry info must be received by **Friday, November 25, 2022** by email only (see email instructions below).
- 2. The association will begin marking entrants' yards for judging the week of **Monday, December 5, 2022**.
- 3. Residents are not required to be at home, however, the holiday display must be illuminated from 6 pm until 10 pm starting on **Monday, December 5, 2022** ending on **Wednesday, December 17, 2022**.
- 4. Winners will be notified by the association.



- 5. Contestants must be a member in good standing with all assessments current and no existing compliance matters outstanding with the association.
- 6. Please provide photos of the lights and decorations in the contest.

To enter, please email desertridge.az@fsresidential.com with your email subject line titled, "DRCA Holiday Contest Entrant". Provide your name, address, city, state, zip code, phone, email address, and photo of lights and decorations.

By way of entering the Holiday Lighting and Decorating Contest your entry does not secure and/or guarantee placement on the homeowner Holiday Trolley Tour route and may only be added to the judging sheet.

Entries not chosen as a winner are eligible for \$25 gift cards to be awarded from a drawing of all eligible entries received. Contest winners are not eligible to win the same category in consecutive years. All prizes and entrants gift cards must be claimed no later than **Monday, February 6, 2023**. Prizes and/or gift cards not claimed by the stated due date will be forfeited. Photographs will be taken of winning holiday displays and are property of the Association.

\*Accommodations courtesy of JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa. \*Gift cards, courtesy of Desert Ridge Community Association.

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Come join us with your family and friends for a fun-filled night and tour the Desert Ridge Community by Trolley and see the wonderful Holiday displays. These Trolleys are fully enclosed with glass for viewing comfort.

#### DATES & TIMES OF DEPARTURES

December 11 6 pm or 7:30 pm

December 12 | 6 pm or 7:30 pm

December 13 6 pm or 7:30 pm

December 14 | 6 pm or 7:30 pm



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# TROLLEY REGISTRATION **BEGINS AFTER** THANKSGIVING

Tickets must be purchased online only by credit card or bank debit card via desertridgelifestyles.com after Thanksgiving Day. Seats are limited and on a first come first served basis. No refunds will be issued.

#### DATES & TIMES OF DEPARTURES

December 11, 12, 13, 14 | 6 pm or 7:30 pm

EVENT DATES	December 11, 12, 13, and 14
<b>EVENT TIMES</b>	6 pm and 7:30 pm
COST	\$9 per person, all ages
	Ticket price includes 60 minute trolley ride, refreshments, treats, 3D glasses and holiday craft.
	(Tickets must be purchased online only by credit card or debit bank card via Desert Ridge Lifestyles website, desertridgelifestyles.com after Thanksgiving Day)
CHECK-IN TIME	15 minutes prior to departure. Trolleys depart promptly, be on time.
EMPANG?	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
	Please join us for cookies, hot chocolate and crafts at JWM arriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa.
DEPARTURE LOCATION	JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa, 5350 E. Marriott Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85054

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# Take to the Road to See the Change of Seasons

Weekend adventures await you this holiday season

#### Ales on Rails

Verde Canyon Railroad 300 N. Broadway Clarksdale, AZ 86324 September 13 to October 31 Cost: Pre-pay \$30 and \$35 at the door. Includes souvenir glass, 10 tasting tickets. More info: Call 800.582.7245 or verdecanyonrr.com/events/ales-on-rails/

In October, the Verde Canyon Railroad celebrates with local and European beers, brats, pretzels as you enjoy the fresh smell of fall in the air. The train departs every morning to enjoy the new way celebrate Oktoberfest.

#### Sonoita AVA New Release Festival

290 Elgin-Canelo Road November 12 8 pm – 5 pm www.sonoitavineyards.com 520.455.5893

Travel South to try some fine wines and visit various vineyards in the countryside riding your bicycle. This festival is an opportunity to taste new released wines and wines to be released straight from the barrel.

#### **Ghost Hunt in Jerome**

403 Clark Street
Jerome, AZ 86331
https://jeromeghosttours.com
Cost: Varies per tour of interest

Jerome is notorious for a paranormal search during the Halloween season.

If you are looking for a fright visit Ghost
Town Tour, LLC where you can learn history, experience hauntings and mysteries. There are twelve tours to choose from.

# Pumpkin Patch Train on the Grand Canyon Railways 233 N. Grand Canyon Blvd.,

Williams, AZ 86046
October 5-6, October 12-13, October 19-20,
October 26-27
Train departs at 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm.
Tickets: \$29 adults and \$22 for children

ages 2-15; free one and under. More info: Call 800.843.8724 or www.thetrain.com

The Grand Canyon station has great fall treats such as, a variety of pies, hot chocolate, and caramel apples. The Railways will take you on a tour to the countryside to a hidden pumpkin patch where you can pick your own pumpkin to take home.

#### **Apple Annies Corn Maze**

6405 W. Williams Road
Open Daily through October 31
9 am - 4 pm
Cost:
Corn Maze: Ages 3-11 \$7, Ages 12+ \$9

Maze + Hayride: Ages 3-11 \$10, Ages 12+ \$12 More Info: https://www.appleannies.com/ apples-annies-farm-corn-maze.htm 520.384.2084

Venture through a 12.5-acre 600,000 corn maze with your family and friends and make a competition to see who can get out first.

#### Polar Express

233 N. Grand Canyon Blvd Williams, AZ 86046 928.635.4010 https://www.thetrain.com/events/ ultimate-polar-express/ Train leaves each night at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm (90 minutes)

Come aboard the Grand Canyon Railway's Polar Express as it takes you to the North Pole to see Santa Claus to greet everyone young and old. Enjoy tasty chocolate chip cookies and hot chocolate as a story is being told.

Don't delay with making reservations because space is limited.



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#### CHASE FIELD | DECEMBER 27

The Big Ten and Big 12 are set to face off in Downtown Phoenix and action is guaranteed.





#### STATE FARM STADIUM | DECEMBER 31

The Vrbo Fiesta Bowl is here and the stakes are high. The College Football Playoff Semifinal awaits.



#### **2022 SEASON SCHEDULE**

PRESEASON





5:00 PM



REGULAR SEASON







Nov. 21 6:15 PM+

4:00 PM







**Nov. 27** 2:05 PM\*





















6:15 PM+

**Dec. 12** 









**Dec. 18** 2:05 PM\*





























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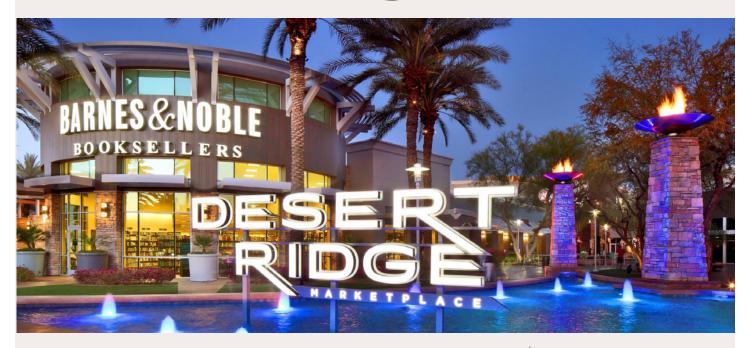
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FOR TICKET INFORMATION: AZCARDINALS.COM/TICKETS OR 602.379.0102

FALL/HOLIDAY FEATURES
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# New & Coming Soon



#### **COMING SOON**

#### **Dakota London**

(Opening September 13)

With more than a decade in the business, Dakota London has become a leader in providing high-quality hair extensions to customers. The salon offers both micro link and sew-in weft extensions so clients can choose the best style for them. Using an InstaQuote tool, prospective clients can get pricing sent directly to them before their service. Plus, new clients will enjoy an exclusive 50% Off special offer. The 1,350-square-foot location will be located on the northwest side of the center.

#### Cartel Roasting Co.

(Opening Fall 2022)

Cartel Roasting Co., a coffee shop favorite to many locals, is slated to open this fall inside The District at Desert Ridge Marketplace. Cartel will be located near the Splash Pad and Cold Stone Creamery for any morning caffeine fix or afternoon pick-me-up.

#### Artichoke Basille's Pizza

(Opening Fall 2022)

Featuring award-winning and authentic slices, this pizzeria is well-known for its massive pies and signature artichoke pizza that has been featured on hit talk shows like Jay Leno, The Rachael Ray Show and more. Grab this famous slice soon in The District near Copper Blues Live and Barnes & Noble.

#### **Nordstrom Rack**

(Opening October 2022)

Nordstrom Rack delivers the fashion customers are used to experiencing at Nordstrom stores, while providing access to many of the same brands at a discount. The 23,500-square-foot location will be located between Kohl's and PetSmart.

#### Spitz Mediterranean

(Opening Fall 2022)

This trendy street food eatery introduces a healthier, modern twist on the Mediterranean food prevalent in Europe. This new concept will be located in The District near the Splash Pad.

#### NOW OPEN

#### Flip Flop Shops

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

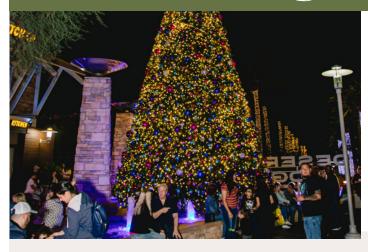
#### Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa

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

Soap Des Jour Boutique Sid's Garage

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Desert Ridge Marketplace







#### OCT.

#### I Recycle Phoenix

#### October 15 - 7AM-12PM | Behind AMC Theatre

Keep Phoenix Beautiful will be accepting a variety of items taking up space in homes, offices, closets, drawers, and garages. Items collected will be recycled or donated to local nonprofits.

Items to recycle, repurpose and donate can range from electronics, old magazines, gently used adult bicycles, sporting equipment, office supplies, gently used household items, gently loved toys and the always popular document shredding. Non-perishable food, hygiene products and used clothing will also be accepted for Nourish Phoenix Food and Clothing Bank.

#### Paul's Car Wash

#### October 17 - October 21 | Near Kohl's

For an entire week, Paul Horton, KPHO CBS 5's Chief Meteorologist, will roll up his sleeves and wash hundreds of cars in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona. Car washes are available for donation. The event also features live entertainment and appearances throughout the week.

#### **Creepy Candy Crawl**

#### October 15 – 5PM-7PM | The District

Calling all ghosts, goblins and ghouls to venture out to Desert Ridge Marketplace for an evening of spooky surprises during Creepy Candy Crawl! Children and families are invited to dress to impress for our annual Halloween costume contest and trick-or-treating! Plus, enjoy Halloweenthemed music, dancing, games, prizes, and more!

#### **Pumpkin Patch**

#### October 14 – October 30 | The District

Catch the first glimpse of fall at the 4th Annual Pumpkin Patch in The District! Pick the best pumpkin in the patch (while supplies last), snap a seasonal shot and enjoy face painting, giveaways and more.

#### NOV.-DEC.

#### **Fashion Week 4 Kids**

#### November 5-11AM-4PM | The District

The 7th annual Fashion Week 4 Kids returns to the valley on Saturday, November 6 at Desert Ridge Marketplace! Guests can enjoy a full week of retail events and offerings, culminating with a full day of fashion shows from your favorite brands at The District Stage. Enjoy live children's entertainment, giveaways and more.

#### Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree Program

#### November 18 – December 22 | Near Dave &

Desert Ridge Marketplace is partnering with the Salvation Army to provide holiday gifts to children in need. Visit their table near Dave & Buster's, pull a tag and get gifting.

#### **Annual Holiday Tree Lighting**

#### November 22 | The District, 6-8PM

The District lights up for the first time this season as Desert Ridge Marketplace hosts the ultimate holiday celebration and unveils, Christmas in Color,

a collection of festive photo ops in vibrant shades.

Live Entertainment | First Snowfall | Photos with Santa & Favorite Holiday Characters | Caroling | Crafts | & More!

#### Christmas In Color Art Installations

#### November 22 – December 31 | The District

The District is decked out with festive photo ops in vibrant shades: 6 massive Nutcrackers, 20' long star tunnel, Holiday Tree, Hanging Illuminated Spheres

#### **Nightly Snowfall**

#### November 22 – December 31 | The District (Excludes Thanksgiving and Christmas Day)

Desert Ridge Marketplace transforms into a living snow globe with Nightly Snowfall every evening at 7pm and 8pm. Plus, guests can enjoy snowfall every hour on Christmas Eve.

#### **FREE Photos with Santa**

#### Fridays | December 2,9 and 16 | 6:30PM-8PM

Santa is making a special appearance in The District on the first three Fridays in December. Snap a free holiday photo at our custom photo experience.

#### **Live Music**

#### The District Stage | Fridays and Saturdays, 6-9PM

Catch the hottest local bands at The District Stage every Friday and Saturday evening from 6pm-9pm.

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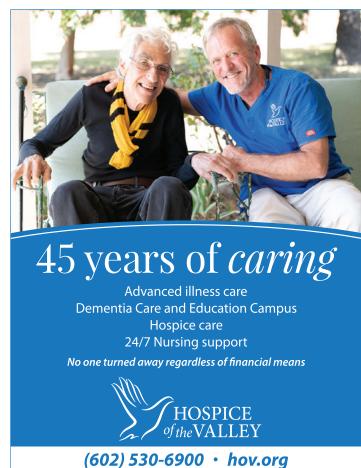






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#### **Ingredients**

Roast:

4 garlic cloves

2 tablespoons fresh rosemary

2 tablespoons fresh thyme

2 tablespoons whole peppercorns

2 pounds pork tenderloin

kosher salt to taste

2 tablespoons olive oil

Port Wine Sauce

1 tablespoons olive oil

1 medium shallot, finely chopped

1 cup port wine

4-5 whole peppercorns

1 rosemary sprig

4 tablespoons cold butter

#### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.
- 2. Using a mortar and pestle grind the garlic, rosemary, thyme and peppercorns into a thick paste. If you don't have a mortar and pestle you can use a small food processor to pulse these ingredients together until a thick paste is achieved.
- 3. Trim any excess fat from the pork with a small knife and pat it dry with a paper towel. Rub the garlic-herb paste on all sides of the pork and then generously season with salt.
- 4. In an oven proof skillet or braiser, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over high until shimmering. Sear the tenderloin until browned on all sides, about 3 minutes per side (12 minutes total). Transfer the skillet to the center rack in the oven and cook until the internal temperature of the pork reads 140°F with a meat thermometer, about 15-20 minutes. Transfer the pork from the skillet onto a cutting board and tent loosely with foil.
- 5. Set the skillet, over medium high heat, add 1 tablespoon olive oil and sauté the shallots until just tender.
- 6. Pour the port wine into skillet along with the peppercorns and rosemary. Bring the liquid to a low boil and allow it to reduce to about half while scrapping up brown bits with a wooden spoon. Once the liquid has reduced, turn off the heat and whisk in the butter.
- 7. Strain the sauce and allow to cool. The port wine sauce can be kept for up to 36 hours and is fantastic as a gravy on mashed potatoes.
- 8. Thinly slice the pork roast and serve with port wine sauce on the side. Serve over mashed potatoes.



#### **Ingredients**

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 onion, finely chopped

1 teaspoon salt

1 green pepper, cored and finely chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons tomato paste

1 tablespoon chili powder

1 tablespoon cumin

1 teaspoon smoked paprika

1 teaspoon oregano

1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin puree

1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, drained

1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained

1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes with their juices

1 cup frozen corn kernels

1/2 cup vegetable broth

avocado, sour cream, cilantro and green onion for topping

#### **Directions**

- In a large deep pot, warm the olive oil over medium heat.
   Add the onion with 1 teaspoon salt and cook for about
   3 minutes, until translucent. Add the pepper and garlic then continue to cook for 2 more minutes.
- 2. Next add the spices and tomato paste. Stir together and cook for 2 minutes. Add the pumpkin puree, diced tomatoes, drained beans, corn and vegetable broth. Bring to a low boil and cook for about 10 minutes, until heated through. Add salt to taste, if desired.
- 3. Serve warm with your favorite toppings and enjoy!

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#### **NEW \$18M POOL EXPANSION**

COMING 2023



Three thrilling waterslides, a lazy river surrounding a family area with a kids splash pad and playground, food truck dining, and an adults-only retreat with infinity pool, jacuzzi and breathtaking views.



#### MINDFUL MOMENTS

#### SEDONA SPA

A new VIP family-friendly sanctuary offers an infinity edge jacuzzi, three cabanas, five shaded daybeds, lounge and firepit seating, a soothing waterfall feature, and stargazing area.

#### BE TOGETHER

#### FAMILY PLAYGROUND

Come together and connect in a new active family area surrounding the lazy river with five cabanas, lounge seating, kids splash pad, grassy lawn with picnic tables and hammocks, as well as a food truck featuring shaded tables and lounge spaces.



#### TRANQUIL PLACE

#### SKY ISLAND

A secluded new adult only retreat featuring an infinity pool, jacuzzi, four secluded cabanas, lounge seating, firepits, and a VIP welcome attendant







#### CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

#### THREE WATERSLIDES

Experience the thrill of our exciting AquaTube slides including the only vertical wall slide at a resort west of the Mississippi, the Boomerango.

- Slide 1 is a dual-person tube ride which drops into the thrilling constrictor loop with high-banking, wall-riding turns, a transparent pass through loop, and a heart racing plunge that launches riders up the Boomerango vertical wall for a show-stopping finish perfect for incredible photos
- Slide 2 features three loops and a longer ride time guaranteed to be a guest favorite
- Slide 3 begins with a fast loop in a transparent tube perfect for watching from below, followed by an exhilarating high-speed, free-fall drop finish



#### **NEW SITE PLAN**

- 1 WELCOME CENTER
- 2 WATERSLIDES
- FOOD TRUCK
- 4 FAMILY PLAYGROUND
- 5 FAMILY ISLAND
- 6 LAZY RIVER
- 7 SEDONA SPA
- 8 ARCADIA POOL
- 9 SKY ISLAND

# Halloween Safety

#### **Guidelines for Parents and Trick or Treaters**

- A responsible adult should accompany all children.
- Costumes should not be restrictive, should not hinder the vision of the child, and should be clearly visible at night (costumes with light reflecting materials are highly
- Your children should be cautioned to not consume treats before parents can carefully inspect them.
- Homemade type treats (baked goods, Rice Krispie Treats, etc.) and fruits/nuts should not be consumed unless parents know from where they came
- Trick or Treating should be enjoyed in well lighted communities and only well-lit homes should be
- Adults should carry flashlights and, if possible, children should also carry portable lighting of some type.
- All traffic rules for pedestrians should be followed. Motor vehicle traffic will increase in our communities during Halloween eve. Parents should be cautious as they move about with their children, and we want to remind drivers to be on the lookout for those ghosts and goblins.

#### Guidelines for those who pass out treats

- Distributing homemade treats should be avoided. These type treats will often be thrown out unless the parents know the
- Ensure that your home is well lit for the children if you intend to pass out treats.
- Be wary of those who approach your home seeking monetary donations of any kind (including the sale of products). Halloween is not the time for this. If you cannot verify that the solicitation is legitimate, do not participate.
- If you are concerned that a child is too young to be out alone and you can confirm that there is no adult supervision, call your local police for assistance.

#### A few extra pointers

- Older children (beyond 12 years of age) should travel in groups and remain in familiar neighborhoods.
- Everyone should adhere to the hours for trick or treating as established by your community.
- If you observe suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call police right
- It really is a wonderful time of year for our community; some say this is when the fall and winter holidays begin! So, let's start the season off by having a safe and enjoyable Halloween.



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# IS IT A CACTUS? ...or is not a cactus?

We Beautify the World

acti and other succulents are gaining popularity both as ▶ landscape ornamentals and as potted plants. There is some confusion as to the difference between cacti and succulents. Cacti (singular cactus) is the commonly used name for a group of plants in the flowering plant family CACTACEAE. Succulents is a commonly

used term for many plants across more than 60 plant families including CACTACEAE. Therefore, all cacti are succulents but not all succulents are cacti.

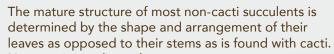
**SUCCULENTS** can be found in many different regions around the world. By contrast, most species of CACTACEAE are native only to the New World which refers to North, Central and South America Mexico has the greatest number and variety of species.

Cacti can be distinguished from other succulents by the presence of areoles: small, cushion-like structures with trichomes (hair-like) and in almost all species, spines (highly modified leaves) and on a few species, glochids (barbed bristles found on Chollas and Prickly pears



- Ouch!). In most cacti species, leaves are absent, greatly reduced or highly modified. Stems instead of leaves are the primary sites for photosynthesis and water storage. These stems also establish the overall shape of the mature plant.

Non-cacti succulents typically have leaves that may be swollen and "juicy" or thick and leathery looking. The leaves and stems may have spines or thorns (modified stems) or prickles (corky projections arising from dermal tissue).



Non-cacti succulents do not have areoles.

#### WHY GROW SUCCULENTS?

- Most are easy to grow and are able to thrive with a minimum
- Most are attractive and may have a striking and unusual appearance.
- Many come in a variety of colors.
- Some have medicinal uses.
- Most require modest amounts of water and fertilizer.
- Most need lots of light but a few species will tolerate partial shade or lower light conditions.
- Pests are a rare concern.

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December is Hi Neighbor Month. Social connections are important to your personal health preparedness. The relationships we build with others are ties that bind during an emergency. One of the more important social connections you can make is with your neighbors.

#### The Importance of Neighbors

Neighbors can be an important source of assistance in the days after an emergency. Because they live close—maybe even next door—neighbors might be your first and best option for help after a tornado or during something like a power outage.

Research shows that people who think they're prepared for disasters often aren't as prepared as they think. Forty-six percent of people surveyed by FEMA expect to rely heavily on their neighbors for help within the first 72 hours after an emergency.

Yes, ask your neighbors for help if you need it, but—if possible—try to be the helper. The more prepared neighbors are to meet the basic and personal needs of their families on their own, the more resilient the community.

#### Be a Good Neighbor

There's no science to being a good neighbor. But there are things you can do to create a feeling of community where you live. Here are some neighborly suggestions on how you can build trust with your neighbors.

 Introduce yourself. A survey conducted by Pew Research Center in 2018 found that

- most Americans (57%) knew only some of their neighbors. (2) Starting an initial introduction with neighbors you don't know can help them and you feel more comfortable about asking for help.
- Show kindness. Look for small ways you can be kind to your neighbors. For example, offer to watch their house, collect mail, put out trash cans, or water their yard while they are on vacation.
- Be a responsible pet owner. Use a leash in public and clean up after them properly. Cleaning up after your dog helps to keep the environment clean and reduces the risk of diseases spreading to people and other animals.
- Lead by example. Pick a regular time to take a walk around the neighborhood. Use your walk to meet new neighbors and model community-minded behaviors, such as picking up trash or litter.(3)
- Other simple ways to build goodwill with neighbors include maintaining the exterior of the house and lawn, keeping the noise down, and respecting property lines and personal space.

#### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

People who live in communities in which members are regularly involved in each other's lives are more empowered to help one another after an emergency.(5) Here are some ways you can get involved in your community.

• Offer to help your neighbors, especially older adults and people who live alone or

- with a disability or chronic disease or rely on electricity-dependent equipment, prepare for emergencies. You can offer to help them collect supplies, sign up for evacuation assistance, and collect and protect important
- Join neighborhood groups on social networking sites.
- Volunteer with an organization active in disaster, such as your local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Unit or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- Emergency plan with neighbors. Just 13% of respondents to FEMA's 2021 National Household Survey said they plan with neighbors.(6) But involving trusted neighbors in your emergency action planning can help improve your resilience. At a minimum and if possible, exchange contact information so you can reach each other in an emergency.

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\*\*\*\* -Jimmy and CeCe Atkinson, previous Aviano residents

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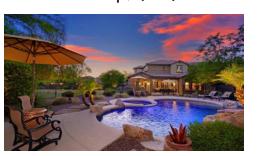








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t is a sad statistic that criminal activity increases during the holidays. That is why for the past ten years, the Desert Ridge Community Awareness Committee has worked with the city of Phoenix Police department, Urban Tactical Security (UTS), and community members to devise strategies that reduce crime and increase awareness in our community, especially this time of year.

Our strategies of increased holiday off-duty Phoenix Police patrols, along with additional patrols by UTS, have been great crime deterrents over the past few holiday seasons. In addition, community members have been more vigilant about locking vehicles, not leaving valuables in vehicles, locking side gates, and closing garage doors.

With travel and shopping returning to pre-pandemic levels, it's important that we all stay vigilant which starts with knowing what to watch out for. This will give you and your family the best chance to enjoy a crime-free holiday

Below are my annual holiday safety tips to help get you through the season as safely as possible.

#### **Awareness While Online**

For most people, shopping online and picking up in-store or at a restaurant is an everyday occurrence. Unfortunately, cybercrime has also become an everyday occurrence.

We can continue to enjoy the convenience of ecommerce and avoid the scammers if we know

what to look for. Here are some of the most common online scams to watch out for: Fake Alerts – These email alerts look as if they are coming from a major retailer, utility company, or even your bank.

Not "Free" Gift Cards - Phishing ads offering gift cards from name-brand retailers.

**Malicious E-Cards** – Beware e-cards that require you to enter ANY personal information, even if it appears to come from someone you know.

#### **Bogus Delivery Attempt Notifications –**

Legitimate delivery services will provide tracking numbers in the body of their emails, which DO NOT require you to click on a link. Track packages only on the carrier's website by entering the tracking numbers.

Fraudulent Charities - Scammers know that this is the best time for giving and will pose as legitimate charities or needy individuals soliciting donations.

#### **Awareness When Shopping in Person**

A recent poll shows that more people will be shopping in person than over the past two years. When you are out and about, here are a few safety tips to keep in mind:

- Take only the credit cards you need when shopping. Leave the others in a safe place at
- Make sure your credit card is not easily visible to others around you. This is especially true for older cards with numbers on the front. Some crooks can memorize your card number with a simple glance.
- When talking on your cell phone, be mindful of your surroundings. Distracted people are
- Always keep your purse or wallet close to you. • Do not carry excessive or unnecessary cash
- on you.
- Shop in the daylight if possible. When shopping after dark always park in a well-lit

- When you park your vehicle, do not leave your purse, wallet, cell phone, or any purchases from a previous stop in plain view.
- When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior to be sure no one is hiding inside.
- After putting packages in your vehicle, drive to a different row before going to another store.
- even if you are simply going back to the same
- Try not to park next to a larger vehicle, that blocks your vision while you are entering or exiting your vehicle
- Have your keys out and ready when approaching your vehicle

#### **Protecting Yourself at Home**

During the holidays, there are a few extra things to consider in order to better protect your family and possessions:

- Make sure you have properly functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with fresh batteries
- To help prevent vandalism, turn off inflatable decorations at a specific time. If convenient, bring them up to the front porch or close to the house.
- Keep the front of the house well-lit and make

- sure that trees and bushes are trimmed so that doors and windows can easily be seen.
- Keep an eye out for parcel deliveries; packages on porches are big targets
- Do not leave boxes from your gifts curbside or in plain sight before or after the holidays. A box from a flat screen television, computer system or other valuable purchase is advertising to a criminal that you have what they're looking for.

By utilizing these tips, having heightened awareness, and by using some common sense, we can all have a safer and more joyous holiday

A special thank you to all our patrol officers for their on and off duty work in keeping our community safe.

#### Want to Play a Bigger Community Role in 2023?

If you're interested in learning how to start a neighborhood block watch program or want information on how to participate in the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Program, please contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4553.



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# What To do When Receiving a Violation Notice?

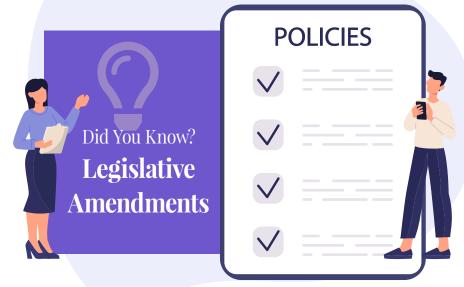
When you receive a notice the first thing you should do is open it and read through it. The notices themselves have four important parts.

- The "Violation Type" provides a description of the violation.
- The "First Inspection Date" is when the initial inspection occurred.
- The "Compliance Date" is the date after which another inspection may take place and the violation may be escalated if it is not resolved. This does not mean that a reinspection will take place immediately following the compliance date. Certain issues may take more than 10 days to resolve, and you should always contact our office if you require additional time to bring your lot into compliance.

The "Comments" section is the part of the letter that explains what is out of compliance, which provisions of the governing documents have been violated, and what needs to be done to resolve the issue(s). Most violations are the result of a site inspection, but if the notice is a result of a written complaint received by the association it will also be noted in the comments section. If you have additional questions about the comments section or don't understand what needs to be done, please contact our office so that we may assist you.

A notice resulting from covenant enforcement by a member of the management team essentially means there is some provision of the governing documents we want you to be aware of so you can address the issue(s). The governing documents consist of the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the CC&Rs, and the Residential Area Design Guidelines, etc. They are all intended to assure the quality and desirability of living in Desert Ridge for current and future residents.

If you do receive a notice from us, please do not hesitate to contact our office with any additional questions or concerns. If after our office hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm, please contact our 24/7 Customer Care Support Team at 480-551-4300. Let's all do our part to work together and keep our community beautiful and the property values high!



There have been some legislative amendments passed recently that affect planned communities and condominiums regarding political signs, member assembly in common areas, flags, artificial turf, and short-term rentals? The changes to the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) became law on September 24, 2022. Below is a summary of these changes in the law and how they affect the members of Desert Ridge.

#### **Political Signs**

In addition to the already established laws regarding the definition and display of political signs, members can now display "association specific political signs" that support or oppose:

- 1. A candidate for the board of directors
- 2. Recall of a board member
- 3. A community ballot measure that requires a vote of the members (i.e., special assessment, amendment to declaration or bylaws, etc.)
  Associations can adopt reasonable rules regarding the signs, but shall not do any of the following:
- 1. Prohibit the display of the signs between the date the association provides the ballots and 3 days after the election.
- 2. Limit the number of signs, but total dimensions cannot exceed 9 square feet.
- 3. Require commercially produced signs or prohibit use of both sides of the signs.
- 4. Regulate the number of candidates or directors to be recalled or number of ballot measures supported or opposed.
- 5. Make any other regulations regarding content, except associations may prohibit profanity, discriminatory text, images of content based on race, religion, sex, familial status, or national origin, as prescribed by state and federal fair housing laws.

#### Member Assembly in Association Common Areas

Associations cannot prohibit or unreasonably restrict members from peacefully assembling and using the common area subject to reasonable restrictions adopted by the board. A member or group of members can assemble to discuss:

- 1. Any matters related to the association o Board elections and recalls
- 2. Potential or actual ballot issues, included governing document amendments
- 3. Property maintenance or safety issues Additionally, a member may invite one political candidate or non-member guest to speak to the assembly about association issues. The association cannot prohibit members from posting notices of assemblies on common area bulletin boards. Please note that an assembly of members is not an official meeting unless convened with proper notice pursuant to Arizona law and the association's governing documents.

#### First Responder Flags

The types of flags that associations cannot prohibit from being displayed has been amended to include specified first responder flag, which is defined as a flag that recognizes and honors the services of Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Paramedics or Emergency Medical Technicians

#### **Artificial Turf**

One of the additions to the A.R.S that has received the most publicity and in turn been the most misconstrued is the newly added A.R.S. §33-1819. Although this addition establishes limits associations can impose for the restriction of artificial turf installation, associations may do all the following:

- 1. Adopt reasonable rules regarding the installation and appearance if they do not prevent installation in the same manner as natural grass. Includes location, percentage of coverage and quality.
- 2. Require removal if causes an uncorrected health or safety hazard.
- 3. Require replacement or removal if not maintained pursuant to an association's standards.
- 4. Prohibit installation in area an association is required to maintain or irrigate.
- 5. Prohibit installation when natural grass is prohibited.

This does not change anything for Desert Ridge as we already have specific rules regarding the installation of natural grass and the conversion of duly approved and existing grass to artificial turf.

#### **Short-Term Rentals**

While the new restrictions regarding shortterm rentals do not immediately affect planned communities and condominiums, it does affect all homeowners and is worth addressing.

- 1. The new amendments are adding to the authorizations for a city, town, or county to regulate a vacation or short-term rental, including a permit or license, notifications, and liability insurance.
- They also cap the civil penalties imposed for a verified violation.
- 3. A local government may require the vacation rental owner, before offering the vacation or short-term rental for the first time, to notify all single-family residential properties adjacent to, diagonally across the street from the vacation rental, or all residents on the same building floor in a multi-family residential building of the following:
- (i.) The permit or license number for the property.
- (ii.) The address and emergency point of contact information for the owner or owner's designee who is responsible for responding to complaints or emergencies in person if required by public safety personnel, over the phone or by email, at any time of day.

  4. Additionally, the local governments are
- authorized to impose the penalties for violations of the statutes, including imposing fines of up to \$1,000.00 every 30 days the information above is not provided and impose penalties and suspend the operator's license for up to 12 months for violations.

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## Your Community Association 2023 Assessments— Working For You

As a member of Desert Ridge Community Association (Master Association), you may be uncertain about what is covered by your master association 2023 annual assessment of \$528.00 (paid semi-annually in the amount of \$264.00 each January 1st and July 1st).

The following expense allocations are based on the approved DRCA 2023 Budget illustrating how the Master Association typically applies your annual assessment of \$528.00:

Landscape Maintenance\$217.54 (41.2%) For the contracted landscape services related to the common areas streetscape, maintenance services, irrigation repairs, tree trimming, weed control, etc.

Administration \$59.14 (11.2%) For expenses related to the annual audit, taxes, licenses, insurance, legal services, consulting, postage, statements, reserve study, website, meetings, bad debt, collection costs and management related expenses & fees.

On-Site Expenses \$66.53 (12.6%)

Landscape Revenue Share \$46.46 (8.8%) Contracted staffing costs for the five (5) on-site staff working for the master association and office rent/lease.

For the landscape maintenance assessments to maintain the common area within Aviano neighborhood that is the maintenance responsibility of the Desert Ridge Community Association.

Reserve
Funding

\$62.83 (11.9%)

For capital reserves that includes future replacement of capital items in the master association common area for monuments, bollard light fixtures, decomposed granite, Central Irrigation Controller System, walls/fencing, etc.

11.2%

Community Lifestyles \$23.23 (4.4%)

Community Patrols \$23.76(4.5%)

Utilities\$28.51 (5.4%)

For expenses related to Desert Ridge Lifestyles events, programs, socials, sponsorships, outreach, magazine, promotion and advertising, website and activities.

For common area community Off-Duty Phoenix Police Patrol, overnight parking enforcement and vandalism.

For water, sewer and electric expenses related to the common area streetscape, medians, washes & monuments.

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### **Desert Ridge Collection Policy**

Assessment Frequency SA	January 1 and July 1	
Statement Mailing Semi-Annual	Statements sent USPS 1st Class Mail to billing address for the Owner on file with the Association.	
Late Date 15th		
Late Charge \$15.00		
Late Interest N/A		
<b>Late Notice Date</b> 16th		
Late Notice Amount \$30.00		
<b>Pre-legal Demand Letter Date</b> Sent at 45 days	Pre-Legal fees shall be charged to and collected from the delinquent homeowner, *per the "no-cost to the Association" model. <b>Demand is sent 30 days after the Late Notice and account has at least 1 FULL assessment delinquent</b>	
Pre-legal Demand Letter Amount \$125.00	Pre-Legal fees shall be charged to and collected from the delinquent homeowner	
<b>Pre-legal Final Demand Letter Date</b> Sent at 60 days	Final Demand sent both Standard USPS Mailing and Certified Mail with a review of the account to verify 1 FULL assessment is still delinquent. Final Demand sent via USPS 1st Class Mail to the unit address along with standard delivery to the billing address that the Association has on file for the Owner (if the billing address is different than the unit address)	
Pre-legal Final Demand Letter Amount \$170.00	Fee includes any/all postage and handling	
<b>Lien Date</b> Prepared at 75-80 Days	Lien is sent to the Desert Ridge Collections Attorney for review/signature and then is recorded by FSR in order for FSR to record the lien in Maricopa County	
Lien Amount \$340.00	This includes the recording of lien and the release of lien when delinquency has been cured.	
Collection Date 30 days from Final Demand	Once lien is recorded, account will be transferred to the Association's collection Attorney.	
Fee for Transfer to Collection Attorney \$95.00	Transfer to Maxwell & Morgan, P.C., who will proceed with collection activity which could include sending demand letters and proceeding with legal action at attorneys' rates	

NOTE: Owners are responsible for payments of all amounts including, without limitation, assessments, late charges, collection cost, attorney's fees and court costs, regardless of whether the Owner has received a statement or any of the letters, notices or liens referenced in this collection policy. The failure of the Association to send a bill, letter or lien to the Owner shall not relieve the Owner of the obligation to pay for all assessments, late charges, collection costs, attorneys' fees and court cost.

Amended & Adopted: September 28, 2022.

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### **Payment Options for Assessments**

ClickPay	ClickPay is an online payment service that allows you to pay your assessments with either an e-check or a major credit card. You may pay your assessments on a one-time occurrence or set up a recurring arrangement (Autopay).	Go to: login.clickpay.com/ firstservice and click on Register at the top right to create your profile. For assistance, call ClickPay at 888.354.0135.  **PLEASE NOTE: When scheduling your auto- payments, please ensure your payment withdrawal dates are ON or AFTER the 1st of each BILLING CYCLE.  Your payment(s) will not post to your account if you do not follow this setup criteria.	AUTOPAY/RECURRING: e-Check(checking/Savings account):FREE Debit Card: \$3.00 for every \$100.00 (maximum fee of \$9.95); Credit Card: \$3.00 or 2.95% of the amount charged (whichever is greater)  ONE-TIME PAYMENTS VIA WEBSITE: e-Check (checking/savings account): Free Debit Card: \$3.00 for every \$100.00 (maximum fee of \$9.95) Credit Card: \$3.00 or 2.95% of the amount charged (whichever is greater)  ONE-TIME PAYMENTS VIA TELEPHONE: Any payment made by any method (e-Check, Debit Card, Credit Card) via telephone will have an additional fee of \$6.95
Bill Pay	Bill Pay is an online banking service that is offered by most banks. Your checking or saving account of your choice will be debited. You may pay your assessments on a one-time occurrence or set up a recurring arrangement.	Go to your bank's website and follow instructions or call your bank for assistance. Remember to include your Association Name, your 12-digit account number, and the lockbox address:  PO Box 30339 Tampa, FL 33630-3339	Typically Free
Mail	ClickPay has a lockbox collection point for FirstService Residential Arizona: PO Box 30339 Tampa, FL 33630-3339	Nothing Required. Just tear off the remittance portion of the monthly statement and mail.	Stamp
Drop Off	You may drive to any of our three offices during the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday -Friday: 9000 E. Pima Center Pkwy, Suite 300 Scottsdale, AZ 85258 16150 N. Arrowhead Fountains Center Drive, Suite 200 Peoria, AZ 85382 7616 N La Cholla Blvd Tucson, AZ 85741	Nothing Required. Just tear off the remittance portion of the statement and drop off. Please make your check payable to your Association.  **PLEASE NOTE: Cash, Money Orders, debit or credit cards are not accepted at our locations.	Free

April 22, 2022

# Desert Ridge Community Association News

Are you interested in serving on the Desert Ridge **Community Association Board of Directors?** 

#### We will be electing four (4) board members in April 2023

Serving on the Board of Directors is a great way to make an impact in your community!

#### **Timelines to Remember**

#### Late-January 2023

The DRCA board candidates interest form will be included with your January 1, 2023 assessment statement notice and will also be sent via eblast on January 26th.

#### Mid-February 2023

Board Candidate forms are due back to the Community Association by Friday, February 10th at 5:00 PM.

Meet & Greet the Board Candidates at 11:00 AM, Sunday, February 19th at the High Street Farmers Market DRCA booth.

Meet & Greet the Board Candidates at the 6:00 PM, Wednesday, February 22nd DRCA Board of Directors Meeting.

#### Mid-March 2023

Meet & Greet the Board Candidates at 11:00 AM, Sunday, March 12th at the High Street Farmers Market DRCA booth.

Electronic (e-Voting) election and ballot information for electing the candidates to the Board of Directors will be sent to all members on Friday, March 17th.

#### April 21, 2023

DRCA Annual Meeting of Members and announcement of election results.

More information will be sent during the approaching months. Please stay connected to the Desert Ridge Lifestyles community magazine, desertridgelifestyles.com website and community eblasts and mailings.

If you think you may be interested in serving and would like to speak with a current board member, please email: desertridge.az@fsresidential.com

#### **Meet Your Board Member**

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Alex works for American Express in Marketing and Communications. He Holds a B.S from Arizona Christian University. With aspiring goals to achieve his MBA from LSU.

Outside the office and property management, Alex enjoys spending his time with close friends and family fine dining and traveling. He is passionate about giving back to his community. He serves at Big Brother Big Sister and Teach One to Lead One Which are non-profit organizations serving the children or Arizona.



**Alex Liggins** Director
Desert Ridge Community Association



Bringing toys, joys, and emotional support to shelter animals

ight years ago, The Santa Paws Project was conceived by Desert Ridge residents Marcie and Rob Reichstein. The Reichstein's, long time pet lovers who help raise funds for this non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, realized there was no organized program to collect items for rescued and shelter pets during the holiday season.

Sadly, Rob passed away recently and is survived by his wife, daughters, and grandchildren. He was not only an avid lover of bringing joy during the holidays to rescued and shelter pets, but he also volunteered and served the community for many years in numerous capacities as a community volunteer. Rob served as the Chair of the Desert Ridge Communications Committee, Vice Chair of the Strategic Community Plans Parks Sub-Committee and on had served on the board of

directors of the Villages at Aviano and Aviano Community Associations.

In memory and appreciation of Rob's service to the community, the Desert Ridge Community Association shall continue what Marcie and Rob launched eight years ago. What better way to honor Rob's memory, spirit and love for the Desert Ridge Community and The Santa Paws Project toys collection that will be donated to Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCCACC).

As Marcie explained sheltered pets do feel the excitement in the shelters around the holiday season. They feed off the vibe by visitors and volunteers. But for the dogs and cats housed in a shelter, it ends with just another night on a cold hard floor. But what if, on one night, they received a toy to cherish and call their own? It's a simple, inexpensive gesture for pets that find themselves hoping for a family of their own. "What we have come to learn from the MCCACC staff is that the toys are extremely important to the shelter pets on several levels," said Marcie. They provide comfort for anxious pets on intake, help in

stimulus for pets that would otherwise suffer the ill effects of little to no mental stimulation. Realizing just how much an inexpensive toy means to these pets awaiting adoptions gives us the impetus to collect more each year.

Over the years, the Desert Ridge Community Association, Aviano, Fireside, Toscana joined in. FirstService Residential, AAM, LLC, and CCMC that manage communities around the valley have become collection drop-off locations, along with many other businesses in Phoenix and Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices offices around the valley.

This year the collection season will be November 20th through December 18th. Collections boxes will be in placed in Aviano, Toscana, Fireside community centers, and the Desert Ridge Community Association office and their booth at the High Street Farmers Market. For more information, please visit the web site www.Thesantapawsproject.org, the FB page The Santa Paws Project.org, or Sharon Hooks, Community Relations Specialist at 480.551.4559. To humans, it's just a toy. To shelter pets, it's their everything. We thank everyone in Desert Ridge, who donates a new pet toy during the holiday season this year. We'll make sure MCCACC knows how much Desert Ridge residents care.

# SANTA PAWS IS COMING



The SantaPawsProject.org the pet toy drive for dogs and cats in residence at Maricopa Country Animal Care and Control over the holidays, will be celebrating its eighth year.

#### **COLLECTION DATES November 20th through December 18th**

#### **DESERT RIDGE COLLECTION LOCATIONS:**

Aviano Community Center Fireside Community Center Desert Ridge Community Association office High Street Farmers Market, Desert Ridge booth

For more information and collection locations, find us online:

www.thesantapawsproject.org www.facebook.com/thesantapawsproject

For questions, contact the Desert Ridge Community Association: desertridge.az@fsresidential.com

To a human, it's just a toy. To a shelter pet, it's everything!

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**PVUSD SCHOOLS** 

# District Calendar

August	9	Classes begin	
	30	Early release for teacher professional development	
September	5	Labor Day recess	
	26	K-12 recess	
October	5-7	K-12 recess	
	11	Early release for teacher professional development	
	12	First quarter / Grading period ends	
	24-27	K-8 parent conference week	
	26-27	K-8 early dismissal	
	28	K-8 recess / High school early dismissal	
November	11	Veterans Day recess	
	23-25	Thanksgiving recess	
December	6	Early release for teacher professional development	
	14-15	High school exams / High school early dismissal	
	16	9-12 recess / Semester ends	
	19-30	Winter break	
January	2	Classes resume	
	10	Early release for teacher professional development	
	16	MLK / Civil Rights Day recess	
	23-27	K-8 parent conference week	
	26-27	K-8 early dismissal	
February	17	High school early dismissal	
	20	Presidents Day recess	
	28	Early release for teacher professional development	
March	10	Third quarter / Grading period ends	
	13-17	Spring break	
April	4	Early release for teacher professional development	
	7	K-12 recess	
May	24	High school early dismissal	
	25	Last day of classes / K-12 early dismissal / High school commencement	

#### Desert Trails School Community Announcements

Dear Desert Trails School Community,

My name is Marta Maynard, and I am so excited to introduce myself as the new principal of Desert Trails. I am honored to have been selected to join the Desert Trails community, known for its dedication to excellence, and more importantly, to children. I can assure you that I share in this school community's commitment to caring for our students every day while providing them with meaningful learning experiences.

I arrive at Desert Trails as a seasoned elementary teacher and building principal. I graduated from the University of Arizona and began my teaching career in Tucson, where I taught for three years. After having our son, my husband and I moved back to Phoenix, where I began my service in PVSchools. I taught for an additional nine years before taking on the role of instructional coach for two years and then moving into administration as a TOA/Assistant Principal at Wildfire Elementary. I was at Wildfire for two years and then earned my first principal position at Quail Run Elementary, where I served for nine years. In addition to my role as an educator, I am also a wife and mother. My son, Hunter, graduated from the University of Arizona in May with a degree in Economics with a Business Management minor. He is currently working in Tucson and moving back to Phoenix to start a new job in August.

Not only am I excited to begin working with your children, I also look forward to working with you to ensure students have a fun, safe, and memorable school experience. I am very thankful to have the opportunity to bring all that I have experienced and learned with me to your amazing community.

I look forward to meeting you soon!

Marta Maynard Principal Desert Trails Elementary School



#### Paradise Valley Community College welcomes Dr. Tiffany E. Hunter as New College President

Dr. Tiffany E. Hunter has worked in higher education for 21 years and in administrative roles in both two- and four-year institutions for over 15 years. Since 2020, she has served as Provost and Senior



Vice President of Academic Affairs at Clark State College. Prior to joining Clark State, she served as Dean of Education and Human Services at Florida State College at Jacksonville for seven years. She also serves on several local and national committees, including the National Association for the Education of Young Children Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs.

"Throughout the search process, Dr. Hunter impressed the various stakeholder groups with her passion for educational excellence and the shared mission of community colleges," said MCCCD Interim Chancellor, Dr. Steven R. Gonzales. "She also demonstrated a commitment to serving students with strategies rooted in equity and inclusion. Along with her impressive track record of leadership and achievement in higher education, Dr. Hunter is the right choice to lead PVCC in the years ahead."

Dr. Hunter holds a doctorate in leadership for higher education and a master's in education both from Capella University, in addition to a master's in birth-kindergarten education from Lenior-Rhyne University and a bachelor's in political science from UNC-Greensboro.

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### **Meetings & Events**

#### **DRCA Office**

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

#### **Cashman Park**

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

#### Pinnacle Park (Dog Park)

20900 N. Black Mountain Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85050 5:30 am−11 pm • Daily • 602.262.6696

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

#### MEETINGS & EVENTS

#### Finance

Via Zoom Teleconference Tuesday, October 25 Tuesday, November 29 No December Meeting (Holiday Recess) Tuesday, January 24

#### **DRCA Board of** Directors

Cambria Hotel & Suites In person Meeting

Wednesday, October 26 Wednesday, November 30 No December Meeting (Holiday Recess)

#### **Communications** Committee

Thursday, October 13 Thursday, November 10 Thursday, December 8 Thursday, January 12

#### **Lifestyles** Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference Thursday, October 20 Thursday, November 17 No December Meeting (Holiday Recess)

#### **Public Affairs** Committee

Wednesday, October 19 Wednesday, January 18

#### **Design Review**

Via Zoom Teleconference Tuesday, October 11 Tuesday, November 1 Tuesday, November 22 Tuesday, December 13 Tuesday, January 17

#### **Holiday Closures**

**Thanksgiving Holiday** Thursday, November 24 Friday, November 24

#### **Christmas Holiday** Friday, December 23

Monday, December 26 **New Year Holiday** 

#### Friday, December 30 Monday, January 2

Meetings dates/times are subject to change. Please check desertridaelifestyles. com calendar to confirm scheduled dates/times for

the meeting listed above

#### **Farmers Market on High Street** Starting October 2, 2022

**Every Sunday** 10 am to 1:00 pm

#### **Coffee Club** Cambria Hotel & Suites

Tuesday, October 11 Tuesday, December 13

#### **Harvest Decorating** Contest Community-Wide

Judging: Friday, October 28 **Twilight Harvest** Festival & Movie at

**Cashman Park** Featured film

#### Saturday, October 29 5 pm to 8:30 pm

#### Mega Community Wide Yard Sale Community Wide

Saturday, November 5 7 am to 2 pm

#### **Goodwill Drop off Donations & Shred-A-**Thon

Boys and Girls Club – Vestar Branch 3975 E. Lockwood Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85050 Saturday, November 5 1 pm to 3 pm

#### Veteran's Day **Appreciation Breakfast** JW Marriott Desert Ridge

Resort & Spa Tia Carmen Friday, November 11

8 am to 11 am

#### **Community Social** 1W Marriott Desert Ridge

Resort & Spa Tia Carmen

#### Wednesday, November 16 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

\$7.50 per person (Residents Only)

#### **Annual Holiday** Lighting and **Decorating Contest**

November 25 - December 17 Community Wide

#### **Holiday Trolley Tours** JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa

December 11-14 6 pm and 7:30 pm \$9 per person for all ages

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

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

### **COMMUNITY CONTACTS**

#### **Association**

**Desert Ridge Community Association** 

#### 480.551.4553 **REGULAR HOURS**

Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm **EMAIL** 

desertridge.az@fsresidential.com 24/7 Customer Care Center 855.333.5149

#### **DRCA Committees**

**Communications Committee** communications@desertridgelifestyles.com

#### **Lifestyles Committee**

lifestyles@desertridgelifestyles.com

#### **Community Awareness Committee**

communityawareness@desertridgelifestyles.com

#### **Design Review Committee**

designreview@desertridgelifestyles.com

#### **Finance Committee**

finance@desertridgelifestyles.com

#### **Nominating Committee**

nominating@desertridgelifestyles.com

#### Public Affairs Committee

publicaffairs@desertridgelifestyles.com

#### Boys & Girls Club

Vestar Branch 480.585.0170

#### **Public Services**

#### **Phoenix Water Department**

M-F, 7:30 am-5 pm 602.262.6251 Weekends, holidays, after 5 pm 602.261.8000

#### **Phoenix Police Department**

Non-Emergency Crime Stop 602.262.6151 Vacation Watch 602.495.5002

#### Desert Ridge Silent Witness 480.WITNESS

#### Phoenix Public Works

Trash/Recycling/Bulk Pick-up 602.262.7251

#### Arizona Game and Fish 602.942.3000

**Parks Forestry Department** 

#### Downed Trees in Right of Way 602.262.9440

City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation, Northeast Division 602 262 6696

#### Malfunctioning Traffic Signals 602.262.6021

Streets/Street Sweeping 602.262.6441

#### Southwest Gas

Customer Service 602.861.1999

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

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

#### Cox Communications 623.594.1000

Centurylink 800.244.1111

#### **Green Pools** 602.506.6616 Maricopa County

Graffiti Busters 602,495,7014

Southwest Wildlife

#### Conservation Center 480.471.9109

Dispatch-City 24/7 Street Maintenance Concerns 602.262.6441

#### **Schools**

#### Fireside Elementary 602.449.4700

Principal, Dr. Danielle Else delse@pvschools.net

#### Wildfire Elementary 602.449.4300

Principal, Ryan Schoonover rschoonover@pvschools.net

#### Desert Trails Elementary 602.449.4100

Principal, Marta Maynard mmaynard@pvlearners.net

#### Explorer Middle School 602.449.4200 Principal, Kyle Shappee

kshappee@pvschools.net

#### Pinnacle High School 602.449.4000 Principal, Chad J. Smith, Ed.D chsmith@pvschools.net

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