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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Why Our Association Need Reserves

Learn how a reserve specialist's study helps us plan for replacements and maintenance expenses, meet legal requirements and enhance resale values in Desert Ridge.

Each year the Desert Ridge Community Association (Master Association) obtains an engagement from Association Reserves to perform and prepare a reserve study that both the Finance Committee and Board of Directors can rely upon during the annual budget planning process.

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

Part of preparing the budget includes calculating how much money the association

must set aside in the upcoming year so we have the needed funds for each reserve asset (component) that will need to be replaced, repaired or maintained. To make sure we estimate as accurately as possible, we work closely with our reserve specialist.

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

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

The reserve specialist chosen by the board has the expertise and experience to accurately determine the life cycles of our common

components and will help the board estimate the cost to repair or replace them.

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

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

Major components (like decomposed granite) must be replaced and/or maintained from time to time, regardless of whether we plan for the expense. We prefer to plan and set the funds aside now. Reserve funds aren't an extra expense; they just spread out expenses more evenly. There are other important



Doug Dickson
President & Communications Committee Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association

reasons we put association monies into reserves every month:

1 Reserve funds meet legal, fiduciary, and professional requirements. A replacement fund may be required by:

- Any secondary mortgage market in which the association participates (e.g., Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA, VA).
- State statutes, regulations, or court decisions.
- The community's governing documents.

2 Reserve funds provide for major repairs, replacements, and maintenance expenses that we know will be necessary at some point in time based on the projected life of the reserve component specified in the reserve study. Although the central irrigation controller system may be replaced when it is 15 years old, every owner must share its replacement costs.

3 Reserve funds minimize the need for special assessments or borrowing. For most association members, this is the most important reason.

4 Reserve funds enhance resale values. Lenders and real estate agents are aware of the ramifications for new buyers if the reserves are inadequate. Many states require associations to disclose the amounts in their reserve funds to prospective purchasers.

5 The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) requires the community association to disclose its reserve funds in its financial statements.

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How Our Association Keeps You in the Know

Communication plays a key role in any relationship, and it's an important area of focus for the Desert Ridge Community Association. Not only does clear and timely communication keeps everyone informed, it also promotes transparency and eliminates misunderstandings, confusion and apprehension on otherwise simple issues.

As an organization, we utilize every tool available including:

- Printed Magazines
- Community eBlasts
- Personal Emails
- Our Website DesertRidgeLifestyles.com
- Online Zoom Meetings
- Social Media
- Direct Mail via USPS
- Signs and Banners
- Phone Calls
- Coffee Club Gatherings
- Monthly Board Meetings
- Special Meetings as Needed

As you can see, there are many different mediums used to communicate important messages. The information we proactively communicate includes:

- Board and Committee Meetings
- Association Activities and Events
- Annual Meetings
- Governing Documents, Including Approved Paint and Plants
- Changes In Laws, Regulations and Governing Documents
- Local Community Events
- Election News
- Crime and Safety Information
- Maintenance Schedules
- Bulk Trash Pickup Dates
- Health and Wellness Information
- Community Calendars
- Information on Schools, Parks and Outside Organizations

This is not an exhaustive list by any means, but captures some of the most critical information we need to relate

to the members of our association. While some of this is pretty dry, we try to communicate with positivity and personality!

As the Communications Committee Chair, I hope you'll join in and get involved. Make sure we have your email, regularly visit our website and read the Desert Ridge Lifestyles Magazine. This is all about you and your community - I promise you'll get more out of whatever you put in!



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FROM THE LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

Spring Events

As we swing out of winter and into spring, the committee looks forward to an exciting agenda for the new year. Below is a summary of second quarter events and activities for community members to enjoy this spring.

Coffee Club

The Coffee Club will be meeting Tuesday, April 11, and Tuesday, June 13, giving our residents an opportunity to gather informally to discuss matters of common interest and concern. The meetings are held at Cambria Hotel, 4425 E Irma Ln, Phoenix, AZ 85050. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Ladies Night Out

Making a return to the Lifestyle calendar is the popular Ladies Night Out. A community favorite, the event will be held at Modern Margarita on High Street. This is a great chance for the ladies to gather and enjoy an evening out with friends. It's also an excellent way to make new friends. Our next meeting will be May 17 at 5:30 pm and will be \$7.50 per person (Residents only).

CPR/AED

This is the time to enjoy the pleasant weather, but never forget to do all you can to take care of your family and friends by learning how to perform CPR and AED. Training will be held at Cambria Hotel & Suites, 4425 E. Irma Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85050, hosted by Heart Savers. This is an excellent time for all youth to take advantage of this training for lifeguarding or babysitting over the spring and summer break. Please check online at desertridgelifestyles.com for more information and more exciting events and activities to come.

Adult, Child, & Infant CPR/HS

Saturday, May 20
Saturday, June 3
Saturday, June 17
Saturday, July 1
Saturday, July 15
9:00 am to 11:00 am

BABYSITTING

CPR/AED/First Aid
Saturday, May 13
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

High Street Farmers Market

The High Street Farmers Market continues to be a great success. The Farmers Market operates from October through May 28, Sundays from 10 am to 1 pm. The market features fresh local seasonal produce, herbs, flowers, fresh baked goods, natural meats, seafood, value added foods and local artists and crafts. Check the website calendar and eblast for current information and/or updates.

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

All events and activities are subject to change according to the CDC and state guidelines and/or inclement weather. More information about the events and activities, visit our website desertridgelifestyles.com or Facebook page.

Local Events & Activities

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Maricopa County Fair

AZ Exposition & State Fairgrounds
1826 West McDowell Road, Phoenix

Hours: April 12 & April 13 - 4pm to 10pm
April 14 - 10am to 10pm, April 15 - 11am to midnight
April 16 - 11am to 10pm

Website: maricopacountyfair.org/fair-info
Cost: \$10; 7 years old and under are Free
Parking: \$12

The Maricopa County Fair at the Arizona State Fairgrounds features the largest county fair carnival in Phoenix with over 35 rides. Food offerings include unique items like Steve's Flaming Hot Turkey Legs, Deep Fried Coffee, the Mac Doggie Dog and so much more. The shopping pavilion is filled with over 60 vendors plus there are over 25 more vendors outside. Agriculture and livestock are a part of the fairs history and tradition and is a mainstay.



19th Annual Pat's Run

ASU Sun Devil Stadium/Frank Kush Field
500 E. Veterans Way, Tempe, AZ 85287

April 15, 2023
Website: pattillmanfoundation.org/pats-run/

The 4.2 mile Run/Walk will take you through the streets of Tempe, AZ and finishes at the 42-yard line of Sun Devil Stadium. Wheelchair participants begin at 7am, and the 4.02 Run/Walk begins at 7:05 am. The Kids' Run starts at 10 am.

All participants will receive a Sport-Tek race shirt and the first in the three-medal series will win a prize.



Chicago Fest West in Mesa, AZ

Riverview Park,
2100 W Rio Salado Pkwy, Mesa, AZ 85201

April 22 – April 30
12:30 am to 10:00 pm
Website: chicagofestwest.com/
Cost: \$22 pre purchased and \$26 at the gate
Tickets can be purchased online or at Event Brite

This Chicago cultural outdoor festival features food, arts & crafts booths, sports memorabilia, sports dignitaries like Jim McMahon and Bill Melton, and other live entertainment.

The festival is hosted by College Bound AZ, a non-profit that helps under served youth achieve their dream through education support.



Scottsdale Jazz Festival

Scottsdale Civic Center Park
3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

April 29 and April 30, 2 pm to 10 pm
Website: experiencescottsdale.com/event/scottsdale-jazz-festival/367161/
Cost: \$50
Contact: 602.524.7998

This festival is a tribute to the 11th Annual International Jazz Day. For two days, notable artist like Mario Abney and Donald Harrison, Neamin Lyles, and Yuko Mabuchi will be showcased. The Scottsdale Jazz Festival has featured various jazz styles from traditional jazz to Latin jazz.



Fiesta de Taco Tempe Beach Park

Tempe Town Lake and Tempe Beach Park
80 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe, AZ 85281

Saturday, May 6
Website: fiestadetaco.com/
Cost: Tickets start at \$39

Come to the Fiesta De Taco at Tempe Beach Park in Tempe this Cinco De Mayo weekend! There is going to be a great food, drinks, iconic hip hop artists, unique entertainment and so much more.

This day long event filled with tacos, tequila tasting, beer, margaritas, Lucha Libre wrestling.



2023 Cinco De Mayo Festival

West Washington Street & 3rd Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Sunday, May 7, 2023
12:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 plus \$2.51 fee
VIP Ticket (Los Lonely Boys) \$40.00 + 4.52 fee
Access to VIP Seating with closer access to the bands and a private bar. VIP tickets will be \$45 at the door, if available.

The 30th Annual Cinco De Mayo Downtown Phoenix Festival is one of the largest multicultural festivals in Arizona. Located in downtown Phoenix, the festival provides attendees with non-stop fun, music, games, Kid Zone with Interactive Rides, traditional food and drinks, and giveaways.



Maricopa County Home Show

WestWorld of Scottsdale

May 5 – May 7
Contact: (602) 485-1691
Cost: Adults \$10, Children 3-12 - \$3. **Parking on site is \$10. Visit the website for more information.**
Website: maricopacountyhomeshows.com/

The Home & Garden Show features 950 vendor booths, local experts and inspiration all in one place for one weekend only. There is something for everyone including local artisan crafters, seminars, education, wine tasting, tasty food samples, fun shopping booths and make-n-take crafting workshops. All activities inside the show are free with admission.



Spring Arizona Restaurant Week

Various locations

May 19 – May 28
Contact: (602) 307-9134
Website: arizonarestaurantweek.com/
Cost: A prix-fixe dinner for \$33 or \$44 per person (unless noted: excluding beverages, tax and gratuity)

Arizona restaurant week has returned this spring for ten days. Diners will enjoy special menus highlighting the culinary art in Arizona from five-star restaurants to local "hidden gem" restaurants. Menus are available for to-go orders.



Rock and Roll at the Railroad Park

7301 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale

April 30 – June 25
7 pm to 8:30 pm
Cost: Free

Bring a blank or chair and relax in the park listening to a variety of local live bands. This is the place to be to listen to Motown, Disco, Rhythm and Blues, and Retro 90's.

Train and Carousel rides are \$3/ Children two and under ride free with a paying adult.



Wilcox Wine Festival

157 N. Railroad Avenue, Willcox

May 19 – May 21
Contact: (480) 516-8848
Website: willcox_spring_2023.eventbrite.com
Cost: \$30 per person presale/ \$40 at the gate.

The Wilcox Wine Festival will feature 16 of Arizona's best wineries and 30 non-winery vendors, entertainment, food trucks, artisan foods, and fine art.



2022 - 2023

SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			19 DAL 7:00 PM ESPN		21 POR 7:00 PM	
23 LAC 7:00 PM NBATV		25 GSW 7:00 PM TNT			28 NOP 7:00 PM ESPN	
30 HOU 6:00 PM						

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 MIN 7:00 PM TNT			4 POR 7:00 PM	5 POR 7:00 PM NBATV
	7 PHI 6:00 PM NBATV		9 MIN 6:00 PM		11 ORL 5:00 PM	
	14 MIA 5:30 PM		16 GSW 8:00 PM ESPN		18 UTA 7:00 PM	
20 NYK 1:30 PM		22 LAL 8:00 PM TNT			25 DET 7:00 PM	26 UTA 7:00 PM
	28 SAC 8:00 PM		30 CHI 7:00 PM			

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 HOU 7:00 PM	3
4 SAS 2:00 PM	5 DAL 6:30 PM NBATV		7 BOS 8:00 PM ESPN		9 NOP 6:30 PM	10
11 NOP 1:30 PM		13 HOU 6:00 PM		15 LAC 8:30 PM NBATV		17 NOP 7:00 PM NBATV
	19 LAL 7:00 PM NBATV	20 WAS 7:00 PM			23 MEM 8:00 PM ESPN	24
25 DEN 8:30 PM ESPN		27 MEM 6:00 PM	28 WAS 5:00 PM		30 TOR 5:30 PM	31

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 NYK 1:00 PM		4 CLE 5:00 PM		6 MIA 8:00 PM ESPN	7
8 CLE 6:00 PM		10 GSW 8:00 PM TNT	11 DEN 7:00 PM		13 MIN 6:00 PM	14
15	16 MEM 4:00 PM TNT			19 BKN 8:00 PM TNT	20	21 IND 7:00 PM
22 MEM 6:00 PM		24 CHA 7:00 PM		26 DAL 8:00 PM TNT	27	28 SAS 6:00 PM
29	30 TOR 7:00 PM	31				

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 ATL 8:00 PM ESPN	2	3 BOS 5:30 PM NBATV	4 DET 5:00 PM
5	6	7 BKN 5:30 PM		9 ATL 5:30 PM	10 IND 5:00 PM	11
12	13	14 SAC 7:00 PM	15	16 LAC 8:00 PM TNT	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 OKC 7:00 PM	25
26 MIL 11:00 AM ABC	27	28				

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 CHA 5:30 PM	2	3 CHI 6:00 PM	4
5 DAL 11:00 AM ABC		7	8 OKC 7:00 PM	9	10	11 SAC 7:00 PM
12	13 GSW 7:00 PM ESPN	14 MIL 7:00 PM NBATV		16 ORL 7:00 PM NBATV	17	18
19 OKC 12:30 PM		21	22 LAL 7:00 PM ESPN	23	24 SAC 7:00 PM	25 PHI 7:00 PM
26	27 UTA 6:00 PM	28	29 MIN 7:00 PM ESPN	30	31 DEN 7:30 PM NBATV	

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 OKC 4:00 PM	3	4 SAS 7:00 PM	5	6 DEN 7:00 PM TNT	7 LAL 7:30 PM NBATV	8
9 LAC 12:30 PM	10	11	12	13	14	15



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ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS 2023 SCHEDULE

APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				30 LAD 7:10	31 LAD 7:10	1 LAD 6:10
2 LAD 1:10	3 SD 6:40	4 SD 1:10	5	6 LAD 6:40	7 LAD 6:40	8 LAD 5:10
9 LAD 1:10	10 MIL 6:40	11 MIL 6:40	12 MIL 12:40	13	14 MIA 3:40	15 MIA 1:10
16 MIA 10:40	17 STL 4:40	18 STL 4:40	19 STL 10:15	20 SD 6:40	21 SD 6:40	22 SD 5:10
23 LAD 1:10	24 KC 6:40	25 KC 6:40	26 KC 12:40	27	28 COL 6:40	29 COL 5:10
30 COL 12:10						

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 LAA 7:00
2 LAA 1:00	3	4 NYM 1:10	5 NYM 6:40	6 NYM 6:40	7 PIT 6:40	8 PIT 1:10
9 PIT 1:10	10	11 ALL-STAR GAME	12	13	14 TOR 4:00	15 TOR 12:00
16 TOR 10:30	17	18 ATL 4:20	19 ATL 4:20	20 ATL 9:20	21 CIN 4:10	22 CIN 1:10
23 CIN 10:40	24 SD 6:40	25 STL 6:40	26 STL 12:40	27	28 SEA 6:40	29 SEA 5:10
30 SEA 1:10	31 SF					

MAY							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
		1	2 TEX 5:05	3 TEX 11:05	4	5 WSH 6:40	6 WSH 5:10
7 WSH 1:10	8 MIA 6:40	9 MIA 6:40	10 MIA 12:40	11 SF 6:40	12 SF 6:40	13 SF 5:10	
14 SF 1:10	15 OAK 6:40	16 OAK 6:40	17 OAK 12:37	18	19 PIT 3:35	20 PIT 1:05	
21 PIT 10:35	22 PHI 3:40	23 PHI 3:40	24 PHI 10:05	25	26 BOS 6:40	27 BOS 4:15	
28 BOS 1:10	29 COL 6:40	30 COL 6:40	31 COL 6:40				

AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 SF 1:00	2 SF 1:00	3 SF 1:00	4 MIN 5:10	5 MIN 4:10
6 MIN 11:10	7	8 LAD 6:40	9 LAD 6:40	10	11 SD 6:40	12 SD 5:10
13 SD 1:10	14 COL 5:40	15 COL 5:40	16 COL 12:10	17 SD 6:40	18 SD 6:40	19 SD 5:10
20 SD 1:10	21 COL 6:40	22 COL 6:40	23	24 CIN 6:40	25 CIN 6:40	26 CIN 5:10
27 CIN 1:10	28 LAD 7:10	29 LAD 7:10	30 LAD 7:10	31		

JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 COL 12:40	2 ATL 6:40	3 ATL 7:10
4 ATL 1:10	5	6 WSH 4:05	7 WSH 4:05	8 WSH 10:05	9 WSH 4:10	10 WSH 10:10
11 DET 10:40	12 PHI 6:40	13 PHI 6:40	14 PHI 6:40	15 PHI 12:40	16 PHI 6:40	17 PHI 7:10
18 CLE 1:10	19 MIL 5:10	20 MIL 5:10	21 MIL 11:10	22	23 SF 7:15	24 SF 1:00
25 SF 1:00	26	27 TB 6:40	28 TB 6:40	29 TB 12:40	30 TB 6:30	

SEPTEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 BAL 6:40	2 BAL 5:10
3 BAL 1:10	4 COL 1:10	5 COL 6:40	6 COL 12:40	7 CHC 4:40	8 CHC 11:20	9 CHC 11:20
10 CHC 11:20	11 NYM 4:10	12 NYM 4:10	13 NYM 4:10	14 NYM 2:10	15 CHC 6:40	16 CHC 5:10
17 CHC 1:10	18	19 SF 6:40	20 SF 12:40	21	22 NYY 4:05	23 NYY 1:00
24 NYY 1:00	25 CWS 4:40	26 CWS 4:40	27 CWS 11:10	28	29 HOU 6:40	30 HOU 5:10
1 HOU 12:10						

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PLANTS FEEL THE HEAT!

Landscaping tips



We Beautify the World

The AZ Landscape Contractors' Association welcomes you to share this article on your social media, with your HOA boards, community managers and clients.



Finally, high temperatures may cause severe water loss (desiccation) when transpiration (the process by which leaves release water vapor to the atmosphere) exceeds moisture absorption by the roots. As the water content in leaves decreases, leaves wilt slowing the rate of water loss, but this causes leaf temperatures to increase because of reduced evaporative cooling. Again, if unfavorably high temperatures persist, this cycle can worsen so that a portion, or all of the leaf will die.

PLANTS FEEL THE HEAT!

With over 50 days of 110-degree weather in the valley, the extreme heat is taking a toll on many species of trees and shrubs.

WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR PLANTS IN THESE CONDITIONS?

According to Jeff Iles with the Department of Horticulture, high temperatures are unfavorable for the growth of many plant species because the rate of photosynthesis (the process by which plants convert the energy of the sun into chemical energy – complex sugars) begins to decline rapidly after a critical high temperature is reached, resulting in the breakdown of tissue. Photosynthesis occurs during the day and at considerably higher rates than respiration (the process by which plants convert the stored chemical energy into energy to fuel growth) which continues day and night. If photosynthesis is unable to replenish the stored chemical reserves used overnight by respiration, the plant will start to decline, exhibiting death of leaf tips and margins, branches and roots, eventually resulting in death of the plant. If extreme heat continues for weeks at a time, more plants may die.

HOW SHOULD WE CARE FOR PLANTS IN HOT WEATHER?

- It is recommended to water plants deeply, ideally first thing in the morning while temperatures and transpiration rates are lower.
- Mulch or apply granite to help keep soil temperatures lower, retain moisture, suppress weeds and improves soil health.
- Move potted plants to a shaded area. Beware of potted plants close to a wall that might receive radiant and or reflective heat during the day.
- Set up shade cloth for young tender plants.
- Watch the leaves on your plants. Leaves wilt during extremely hot and sunny days as a defense mechanism. If water regimens are sufficient but the plant does not perk up in the evening or after watering in the morning then it might be a sign that soil water is not the problem.
- Practice sustainable landscape management. The best defense for extreme weather is having healthy plants. Caring for them year-round with the right fertilizers and amendments, seasonal pruning, and good watering practices are the best way to help your plants make it through extreme weather.



It is difficult to define one critical high temperature for landscape plants because it varies with species, however, temperatures in the 90's and 100's undoubtedly slow this important light-energy to chemical-energy conversion for many plants.

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Price - exact cash only

\$34 per person - CPR
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EASY LOCAL DAY TRIPS

Local Hot Springs

Did you know there are several hot springs around Arizona you can visit? Soaking in natural hot springs can provide several health benefits including improved blood circulation, reduced stress, pain relief for tight muscles, and improved skin health to name a few. While soaking in natural hot springs can provide health benefits, it is essential to take proper precautions, such as staying hydrated, limiting soak time, and checking water temperature, to ensure safety and avoid any adverse health effects.

Be sure to check the weather and confirm location opening and closing times before you go. If you're up for an adventure, check out some of the local hot springs below!

Arizona Hot Spring at Lake Mead Recreation

From the Lake Mead Visitor Center, follow U.S. Highway 93 east for 8 miles, then follow signs for the Arizona Hot Spring Trail. Cost: \$25 per vehicle for park entrance. Valid for 7 days.

Castle Hot Springs

5050 E. Castle Hot Springs Road, Morristown (877) 600-1137

This hidden gem located in the Bradshaw Mountains, an hour north of Phoenix. This non-volcanic natural spring heats up to 120° F / 49° C. The indigenous Apache and Yavapai tribes first enjoyed the spring before the resort was built.

El Dorado Hot Springs

41225 Indian School Road, Tonopah (623) 386-5412 Cost: \$15 per person per hour

Essence of Tranquility

6074 S. Lebanon Loop Road, Safford (928) 428-9312 Cost: \$8 per person for 1 hour, \$15 for 3 hours

Enjoy a full weekend with an overnight stay at one of the casitas or on-site camping spots with communal kitchen and patio. There are five private pools and one communal pool with temperatures from 98-105° F / 37-40°C. Guest can book massages and other treatments.

Hot Well Dunes Hot Springs

From Safford, drive 7 miles east on U.S. Highway 70, then take Haekel Road south for 25 miles. (928) 348-4400 Cost: \$3 per vehicle per day.

Before heading to the site, check the weather for rain, the road to the Hot Well Dunes floods.

Kaiser Hot Springs

From Wickenburg, take U.S. Highway 93 north, and continue 5 miles past the Burro Creek bridge. Follow the sign for Kaiser Spring Wash. Park on the west side of highway 93, north of Burro Creek Campground. Cost: Free

Verde River Hot Springs

8375 AZ-179, Camp Verde Cost: Free Bring sufficient food and water since there are no facilities at the springs. There is a one-mile hike to the springs, and a walk across a river.

Hannah Hot Spring

This secluded hot spring is a 8.3 mile hike on a trail through a canyon! The hike is worth the natural wonder of a 133°F hot spring pool.

Lost Man Hot Spring

Lost Man Hot Spring is located on the Nevada-Arizona border, south of the Hoover Dam. Although this hot spring is a close to a tourist attraction it is still a nice secret spot.

Kachina Mineral Springs

Katchina Mineral Springs is situated in the town of Safford. At this hot spring you can enjoy spa treatment, such as a massage, a sweat wrap, a reflexology treatment while soaking in the hot springs.



More than **200** hikers annually are rescued from City of Phoenix desert and mountain parks and preserves. This simple checklist can help keep you from becoming a statistic.



Watch the Weather:
Yes, "it's a dry heat" – but Arizona's temperature can be deceiving and deadly. Hike when it's cool outside, try early mornings and evenings when there's more shade.



Dress Appropriately:
Wear proper shoes, clothing, hat and sunscreen.



Bring Water:
Hydrate before you go. Have plenty of water, more than you think you need. Turn around and head back to the trailhead before you drink half of your water.



Keep in Contact:
Carry a mobile phone.



Team Up:
Hike with others. If hiking solo, tell someone your start and end times, and location.



Be Honest:
Do you have a medical condition? Asthma, heart problems, diabetes, knee or back problems? Don't push yourself! (Even trained athletes have been caught off guard by getting dehydrated on Arizona trails.)



Don't Trailblaze:
Enjoy the Sonoran Desert's beautiful and undeveloped landscape, but please stay on designated trails.



Take Responsibility:
Don't be "that person" – the one who wasn't prepared, shouldn't have been there for health reasons or ignored safety guidelines. Be the responsible hiker, who takes a hike and does it right!

A public service message from the City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department and Fire Department



UPCOMING EVENTS

Desert Ridge Marketplace



APRIL

Bunny Bash

Friday, April 7, 4:30pm–6:30pm

Hop on over to The District for the ultimate spring celebration. Guests are invited to follow the trail of eggs from store to store, test their creativity with egg decorating, strike a pose with somebunny special and enjoy balloon art, live entertainment, giveaways and more.

Spring Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 22, 11:30am–1:00pm

Earth Day is right around the corner and Desert Ridge Marketplace is honoring our precious planet with a Spring Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. near The Splash Pad. Enjoy free mini planter painting with As You Wish Pottery, photo ops with a festive spring backdrop, Earth Day goodie bags, live music, Sip & Stroll and more. Plus, bring old garments to support H&M's sustainability initiative and receive 15% off a future purchase.

Umbrella Pop

Coming this spring

Umbrella Pop will soon return with a stunning canopy of floral-stamped umbrellas near H&M and the Splash Pad. Whether you're shopping or simply taking in the sights, you don't want to miss this immersive experience!

Live Performances

Select Dates

Desert Ridge Marketplace offers live music performances at The District Stage every Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Watch the stage come alive with talented artists and bands, performing a variety of genres that will get you grooving and singing along.

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About Desert Ridge Marketplace

Owned and managed by Phoenix based, Vestar, Desert Ridge Marketplace is Arizona's premier shopping, dining and entertainment destination. Featuring over 100 retailers and restaurants, the 1.2 million square foot mixed-use lifestyle center recently completed a \$22 million renovation. Desert Ridge Marketplace is located in Phoenix, Arizona, just north of the Loop 101 on Tatum Boulevard. For more information, visit shopdesertridge.com



New & Coming Soon

COMING SOON

Kona Grill

Kona Grill will open its third location in the Valley at Desert Ridge Marketplace. With nearly 7,000-square-feet of space, Kona's re-imagined concept will feature deluxe details from floor to ceiling. The menu will stay true to the classics offering American and seafood favorites including surf & turf, Sweet Chili Glazed Salmon, Macadamia Nut Chicken and more. Plus, indulge in refined cocktails and mouthwatering margaritas, staples at Kona Grill.

Spitz Mediterranean

Already a foodie favorite in other cities, this eatery introduces a healthier, modern twist on the Mediterranean street food prevalent in Europe. The restaurant will feature an award-winning menu including overflowing wraps, rich salads, gyros, flatbread pizzas, craft beer, sangria and more. This new concept will be located in The District near the Splash Pad and Cupbop.

Fat Tuesday

Fat Tuesday, known for the best frozen cocktails in the business, will be opening this summer inside The District at Desert Ridge Marketplace. Located near Nike Unite and Dave & Buster's, guests can cool off during the scorching summer with deliciously crafted frozen cocktails in all shapes and sizes.

Jin Jia

Jin Jia, a brand-new upscale Chinese bistro, will make its mark at Desert Ridge Marketplace in 2023. This new brand will make a statement with its front and center location at the west end of The District near Barnes & Noble. The elevated experience will offer appetizing Chinese cuisine in a chic, ritzy and immersive atmosphere.

Yonutz Donuts

Yonutz Donuts, will open its first-ever Arizona location at Desert Ridge Marketplace this year. Yonutz is "the world's most innovative donut and ice cream concept," offering gourmet donuts stuffed full of decadent ingredients. The tantalizing flavors and outrageous desserts even landed the concept on Dessert Wars—winning in both 2019 and 2020—and solidified the brand a partnership with Shark Tank's Kevin Harrington.

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Spring Vegetable Tart

Ingredients:

- 1 defrosted pre-made pie crust
- 2 cups vegetables (you can use asparagus, tomatoes, zucchini, red peppers, garlic and red onion), sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.
2. Roll out the pie crust and press into a 9-inch tart pan. Trim the edges.
3. In a large bowl, toss the sliced vegetables with olive oil, salt, and pepper. Spread them in a single layer on a baking sheet and roast in the oven for 15-20 minutes, or until tender and slightly browned.
4. In a separate bowl, mix together the ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, basil, eggs, milk, nutmeg, salt, and pepper.
5. Spread the cheese mixture evenly over the bottom of the pie crust.
6. Arrange the roasted vegetables on top of the cheese mixture.
7. Bake the tart in the oven for 30-35 minutes, or until the filling is set and the crust is golden brown.
8. Allow the tart to cool slightly before slicing and serving. Serves 6.



Lamb Chops with Carrot Puree and Cucumber Salad

Ingredients

- 1 large cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeded and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, roughly chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 bunch cilantro, leaves finely chopped and stems roughly chopped
- 1-pound large carrots, sliced 1/2 inch thick
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 jalapeno pepper, minced (remove seeds for less heat)
- 4 lamb shoulder chops (1/2 inch thick; about 6 ounces each)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

Directions

1. Put the cucumber slices in a colander and sprinkle with salt and pepper; toss. Let sit 20 minutes to drain.
2. Meanwhile, heat 1/4 cup olive oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion, coriander and turmeric and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 10 minutes. Add 1 cup water, the cilantro stems and carrots and bring to a simmer. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until the carrots are tender, about 10 minutes. Transfer the vegetable mixture to a food processor and puree until smooth, at least 1 minute. Season with 1 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper; cover to keep warm.
3. Gently squeeze out any excess water from the cucumbers and transfer to a medium bowl. Stir in 2 tablespoons olive oil, the vinegar, cilantro leaves, garlic and jalapeno; season with pepper.
4. Gently squeeze out any excess water from the cucumbers and transfer to a medium bowl. Stir in 2 tablespoons olive oil, the vinegar, cilantro leaves, garlic and jalapeno; season with pepper.
5. Heat a large cast-iron skillet over high heat. Season the lamb chops with salt and pepper; rub all over with the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil. Cook the lamb chops two at a time, turning once, until browned, 6 to 7 minutes for medium doneness. Serve with the carrot puree and cucumber salad.



Mediterranean Tuna Salad

Ingredients:

DRESSING

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano

SALAD

- 1 can (5 oz) Chunk Light Tuna
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/3 cup sliced Kalamata olives
- 1/3 cup corn kernels (fresh or frozen)
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 cup chopped English cucumber
- 1/4 cup feta
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- Pita chips or crackers (optional)

Directions

1. In large bowl, make the dressing by combining the lemon juice, olive oil and oregano with a whisk.
2. Add tuna, corn, onion, tomatoes, olives and cucumber to the dressing bowl. Gently toss.
3. Top salad with feta and parsley and serve with pita chips or crackers if desired. Serves 1-2

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DESERT RIDGE RESTAURANT REVIEW

Artichoke Basille's Pizza

Located on the South side of the Desert Ridge Mall, next to CB Live, Artichoke Pizza is new to Desert Ridge. The restaurant chain originated in New York, where it quickly developed an intensely loyal following. How popular is it? In a town that prides itself on pizza, the East Village New York location is the number two most visited pizzeria in all of New York. If that's not impressive enough, Artichoke's combined Manhattan locations earn more reviews and check-ins than any other pizza business in NY. In the birthplace of American pizza, a non-traditional Staten Island transplant reigns supreme.

The menu, including appetizers, could be more extensive. Just ten pizzas, seven appetizers, six entrees, and a calzone to choose from. The main focus is on pizza and it's different from most other pies you've tried. The texture is thicker, crunchier and heavier than others; it certainly doesn't taste like traditional New York pizza. You'll hear a crunch on nearly every delicious bite - and it is delicious!

Here's a list of the pizzas we tried and the comments from our team of tasters!

Artichoke Pizza (Spinach cream sauce, artichoke hearts & a blend of Italian cheeses)

· While this is their namesake pizza, it was my least favorite of the bunch. Yes, it was still an above average pizza, but the other options we tried were off the scale good. I was anticipating this to be the best pizza and it wasn't - and I LOVE artichokes!

Staten Island Pizza (Homemade meatballs, red onion, ricotta, mozzarella & Grana Padano cheese, cooked sauce)

· Our favorite pizza! A very unique pizza, this was far different than any other New York style pizza we've ever tried.

Margherita Pizza (Plum tomato sauce, olive oil, fresh basil & a blend of Italian cheese)

· Delicious, a lot of quality cheese, but just a little bit greasy.

Pepperoni Pizza (Plum tomato sauce, hand cut pepperoni & a blend of Italian cheeses)

· Delicious pepperoni and lots of it! The pepperoni is hand cut, so it's a little thicker than what you normally get on a pizza. Our second favorite menu item.

Garlic Knots Appetizer (Homemade dough tossed in olive oil & fresh garlic, topped with parsley and pecorino Romano cheese)

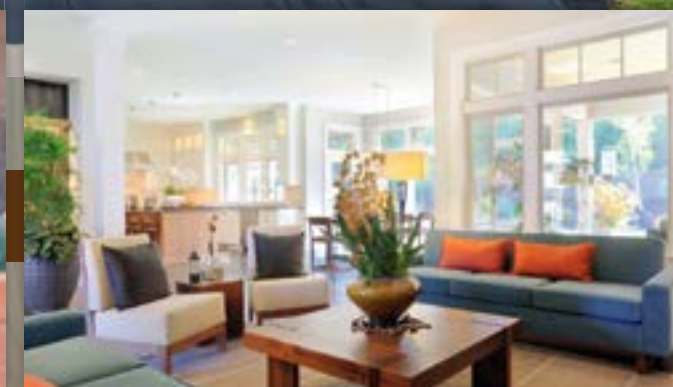
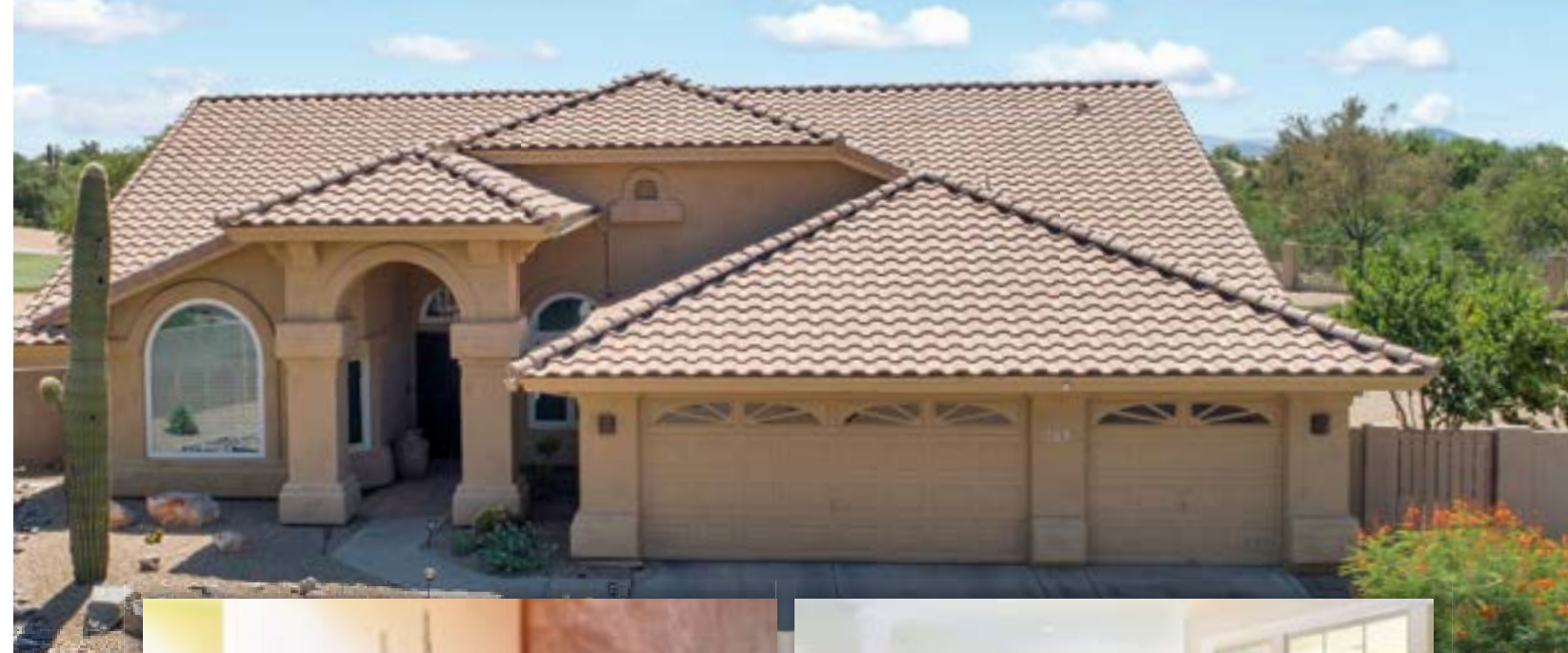
· A great appetizer, but our version was a little overcooked, which made it a little dry. Properly cooked this would be amazing.

Meatballs & Ricotta Appetizer (Meatballs served

with tomato sauce, garnished with grated cheese, and topped with ricotta cheese)

· Truly amazing... the best meatballs we've ever tasted. The sauce was delicious and not too sweet. The ricotta cheese was creamy and fresh, very high marks!

After opening their first store in New York City's East Village in 2008, Artichoke Basille's Pizza has expanded to eighteen successful locations across the country and are a welcome addition to Desert Ridge Marketplace.



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Monsoon Season Maintenance

These tips for preparing your home for monsoon season will help make sure you are prepared early this year.

Those of us who are natives or have transplanted here over the years know all too well what the summer has in store, high temps, long days, and of course monsoon season. However, Arizona is a fast-growing state and population growth breaks down to roughly 200 new people moving into Phoenix daily. If you're new to the state, you may be wondering "What is monsoon season?"

The monsoon season lasts from roughly mid-June to mid to late September. Around this time of the year the wind shifts sending moist, tropical air towards the desert. When the tropical winds arrive, they cause heavy rainfall and thunderstorms. Arizona gets between 40-50% of its annual precipitation during the

monsoon season. Heavy rains on dry, parched land can lead to flash floods, dust storms, and winds strong enough to knock down trees. Arizona's monsoon season can throw a lot at your home, so it is crucial to prepare it for this intense weather to avoid costly repairs. By following these steps, you can protect your home and property and enjoy a safe and comfortable monsoon season indoors.

Foundation, Windows, and Doors

Protecting your home's foundation during monsoon season is crucial as water damage can cause significant issues both inside and outside of your home. To prevent such

issues, make sure to check your gutters and downspouts to ensure they encourage proper runoff, and clear out any debris that may block them before the rains hit. If your backyard has drainage channels, don't forget to clear them out as well to prevent water pooling.

Aside from checking your gutters and downspouts, it's also important to seal any openings and cracks around the base of your home to prevent water from finding its way inside. You can use caulk to seal any cracks and consider proper weather stripping for your windows and doors to prevent heavy winds from pushing water in. You may also want to consider gap or joint filler around your home's foundation to prevent mold and mildew issues.



AFTER THE DUST SETTLES

LANDSCAPING

Sometimes no matter how prepared you are disaster can strike. Following monsoon season, we see a sharp rise in the need for front yard tree replacements to meet the minimum landscaping requirements, as well as other dead landscaping that requires replacement. Another issue that often arises that is not covered in previous paragraphs is granite replenishment. Heavy rains can and will wash away dirt and granite. It is important to make sure that your front yard granite covers your entire yard at a depth of roughly two inches. If you need to replenish your front yard granite or replace a tree or

other landscaping be sure to submit to and receive approval from the Design Review Committee before commencing any landscaping projects.

PAINT AND STUCCO

The two best times of year to paint in Arizona are in the Spring and in the Fall. Coming out of monsoon season you may find new cracks in the stucco or areas where your paint is peeling or chipping. As a reminder, repainting (even the same color scheme) and stucco repairs are both maintenance items that require Design Review Committee approval. You don't want to use the wrong color and have to repaint the entire home. It is important to verify color scheme options with the management team before you submit and receive approval prior to painting. Remember that when in doubt, give us a shout.

By taking these preventative measures, you can protect your home's foundation.

Roofing

Don't be afraid to reach out to a licensed roofing professional to examine your roof for any loose roof tiles or leaks, and don't wait to have them fixed. Depending on how old your roofing underlayment is it may be time to replace that as well. They can also identify areas where water could build up and breach the home. The cost of roof work now is a lot less than roof work and replacing your ceiling, dry wall, and or flooring inside the house. If you need to replace any roof tiles or the underlayment, be sure to submit an architectural request to the Design Review Committee prior to scheduled maintenance, or after the fact on a post-submission basis for emergency repairs.

AC Units

The first thing you should do is ensure that there is clearance around your AC unit. Clear at least three to four feet around your AC unit(s) to prevent debris such as tree branches, dry leaves, or trash from getting into your AC unit during the intense monsoon winds. It is also recommended to check and change your AC filter before and after a big storm to ensure that it is clean and still effective. Monsoons move

a lot of dirt, and a clean filter is important in maintaining indoor air quality and reducing energy bills.

Be sure to schedule your annual AC maintenance before monsoon season to check your system's functionality, safety, and efficiency and to clean essential elements to prepare it for the upcoming intense weather. Another step you can take is to have your air ducts cleaned and sealed to remove dirt, pollen, and debris and protect your indoor air quality and energy bills. Proper preparation can help prevent costly AC repair bills and maintain your AC unit's efficiency and lifespan.

Pergolas, Patio Furniture, and Proper Anchoring

With winds that can be in excess of 60 mph, monsoon winds mean serious business. Make sure you check all awnings, canopies, and shades to ensure they are tightly fastened. Inspect all pergolas, gazebos, and patio roof extensions for loose joints and footings. Stake down any lighter patio furniture, particularly tables and chairs, and be sure that umbrellas can be closed and stored securely before storms hit. These steps can prevent costly repairs and your neighbors from ending up with new patio furniture.

KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE

6 Simple Steps to Prevent Crime

Learn easy ways to deter theft, vandalism and other crimes in your neighborhood and become a proactive member of your community.

Our association strives to make all residents feel secure by reducing possible dangers in our community. However, we can't do it alone. It's up to everyone to pitch in to keep crime rates down. Thankfully, taking a few simple steps can go a long way in keeping theft, vandalism, and other felonies and misdemeanors out of the association. Here are six easy tips to help make our community safer:

1 Know Your Neighbors. Get to know your neighbors from all parts of the association. This way, you'll have a better idea of who belongs here, and you can find out if they've noticed any crimes or suspicious activity in the association recently. Consider creating a contact list to alert each other of any problems that arise, but be sure to get your neighbors' permission first.

2 Clean It Up. Picking up litter, removing graffiti, and keeping trees, bushes, and lawns trimmed not only makes the association look better but also sends the message that our residents are diligent about keeping the neighborhood a respectable place to live. This can discourage troublemakers from hanging around and encourage responsible people to move here.

3 Leave The Light On. Deter felons from breaking into your home by leaving your front porch light on all night, even when you're out of town. It signals that someone's home, and it makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows. If you're worried about forgetting to turn the light on or off, you can purchase an inexpensive timer that will automatically do it for you every day.

4 Lock Up. Keep all gates, doors, and garages locked at all times, even when you're around. It's also a good idea to keep your windows closed and locked when possible, especially if they're on the ground floor.

5 Put On Your Walking Shoes. Taking a stroll around the association is not only good exercise, but it also allows you to patrol the community for anything suspicious and swap notes about criminal activity with other neighbors. More residents walking around can help scare off potential prowlers.

6 See Something, Say Something. Notify the police immediately if you notice a crime or suspicious activity, regardless of how small the incident may seem. Call 911 only in emergencies; otherwise, contact the police on their non-emergency line at 602.262.6151.

We all have a responsibility to help keep our community safe. Incorporating even a few of these tips can go a long way. Let's all do our part to make our association a place we're happy to call home.

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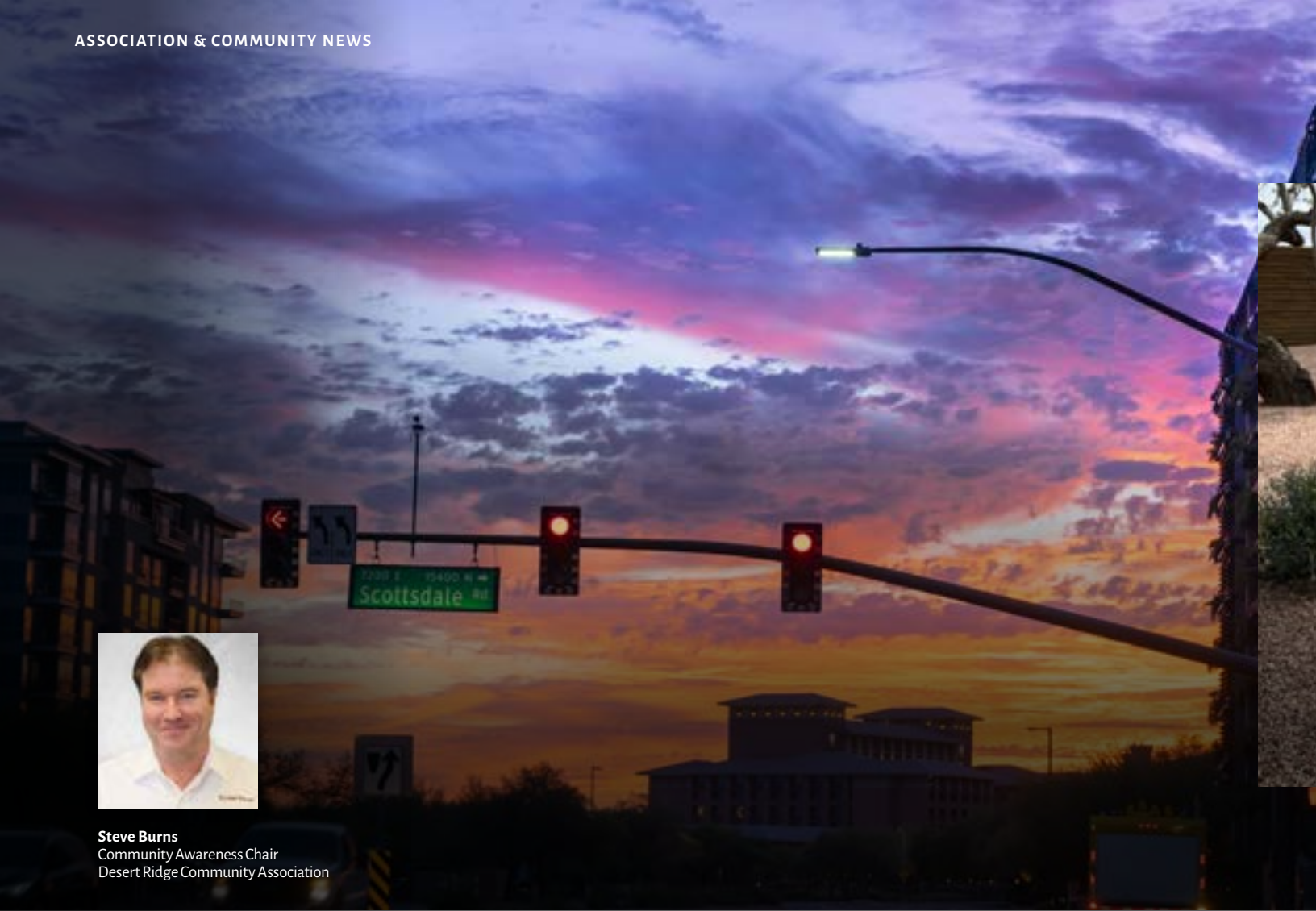
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Steve Burns
Community Awareness Chair
Desert Ridge Community Association

COMMUNITY SIGNAGE

Sign(s) of the Times

If you're paying attention to anything new that may pop up in Desert Ridge, you have probably noticed some additional signage. These new signs are found in the medians and throughout the common areas of the community.

One of the last things the Desert Ridge Community Association Board of Directors wants to do is interrupt the beauty of our community with a bunch of signs. Unfortunately, due to some recent situations, and requests for action, we were left with no choice but to add some signage to specific areas of Desert Ridge.



It's OK to Say No

Pursuant to the City of Phoenix Ordinance, it is illegal for individuals to panhandle in the medians.

In response to people panhandling in the area, new signs have been posted on some of the arterial street medians and 101 exits. These signs read, "It's OK to say NO to panhandlers. Give instead to agencies that help those in need". Unlike some major cities which lack the resources to help get people off the street, Phoenix has quite a few organizations to help deal with individuals and families who are in true need and want help. Most of the organizations have trained professionals that offer people on the street various services which include food, shelter, help with drug rehab, and other behavioral health programs.

Phoenix police officers and city officials have stated that people asking for money on the corners or in the medians can create unsafe situations that neither benefits the individual, nor the community. Furthermore, they also stated that well-intentioned individuals who give money to the panhandlers are actually contributing to the problems that many of these individuals are dealing with, instead of causing them to seek the professional help they need. One of the officers who has patrolled our area of the valley for years told me that "your heart may

go out to them, but saying no to panhandlers is actually doing them a service."

No Trespassing

On a few occasions, people were discovered sleeping in common areas of Desert Ridge. The police came out, made contact with the individuals, and sent them on their way, only to have those individuals return a short time later. In order for the police to cite, or arrest people for trespassing, the association needed to file an "Authority to Arrest" (ATA) form with the City of Phoenix. Another requirement to enforce the ATA is the placement of No Trespassing signs in the affected areas. The No Trespassing signs have been strategically placed, and the police are now able to enforce the law.

It is important to note, that the posted trespass signs do not prevent the community residents from using the master association common areas which remain open to all to enjoy. However, vagrancy, vandalism, and/or encampments of individuals within the common areas of the master association will not be tolerated.

From a social standpoint, there are many aspects to dealing with homelessness, drug addiction, and behavioral issues. The members of the DRCA Board of Directors are

not unsympathetic to the plight of individuals dealing with such challenges. Therefore, the board has requested that officers give a first-time warning with an offer for access to help. After that, the officers will cite or arrest at their discretion as circumstances dictate.

Illegal Signs

Local ordinances, along with the Desert Ridge community CC&R's prohibit unauthorized signs in Desert Ridge. These include signs advertising yard sales, business opportunities, services, lost pets, etc., which are attached to traffic lights, utility poles, mailboxes, stop signs, or staked in any of the common areas. If you have questions about what signs you can put up, along with where and when, contact the Desert Ridge Community Association office management team at desertridge.az@fsresidential.com.

Want to Play a Bigger Role in the Community?

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 Phoenix Police Community Action Officer, Jeffrey Blair via email at Jeffrey.blair@phoenix.gov or 602.495.5481.

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- 4** Sign onto your email account. A VERIFICATION CODE will be sent to your email from residentportal@rp.connectresident.com (the verification code will expire in 10 minutes). Enter the verification code into the registration screen presented. Click REGISTER.
- 5** Once the email address is verified, a screen will be prompting for creation of a PASSWORD.
- 6** After the password is created successfully, the Login Page to the portal will be presented. From here enter in your email and password. Click LOGIN.
- 7** Accept the "Terms & Conditions" by clicking the box "I AGREE" and click the pink box "CONTINUE."
- 8** Final step is to link your unit to your login profile by either the PROPERTY ADDRESS or your 12-digit ACCOUNT NUMBER.

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



Like almost every community in the country, our association is feeling the pinch in the housing market. However, we'd like to dispel a few common misconceptions about what contributes to the rise and fall of property values.

Assessments are too high
False. Actually, assessments have nothing to do with property values, and high assessments will not turn off potential buyers—if they're educated buyers. Our assessment may be higher—or lower—than a neighboring community depending on many factors. Are we providing more services? Is our property older? What utilities are included in the assessments or do we have more homes?

The more important question is what value are residents getting for their money? To answer that question, the association mails a detailed budget with line-item documentation to all owners and makes it available to potential buyers. A low assessment should be as much a red flag as one that appears too high.

We have too many renters
False. Lenders are required to charge higher rates for loans or deny a loan for homes in associations with renter-owner

ratios that exceed a certain percentage. But that doesn't mean renters affect property values. Our association board sees renters as owners-in-training who aren't ready to purchase their homes yet. In fact, renters have all the same rights to enjoy our community as owners—except voting or holding office. We welcome renters, encourage them to participate in association activities and hope they will eventually buy a home in our community.

Community living is carefree
True and false. Association living is maintenance free—leaving maintenance decisions to a board—but not entirely carefree. Residents need to care about their community and recognize that common-interest living involves service and commitment. Good maintenance increases curb appeal which helps sales and may help property values. However, without committed residents to serve on the board, committees, and in other volunteer positions, maintenance and curb appeal are quick to suffer.

Architectural and aesthetic uniformity are necessary to protect property values
False. The board's objective is

to maintain standards rather than ensure uniformity. Yes, some uniformity is good, but the board believes there is room for individual expression—as long as aesthetic standards are met. Property values are based largely on comparative values of homes throughout our community.

However, we can ensure that our values are at peak levels by assessing adequate fees to maintain our community now and for years to come, by ensuring all residents are involved and engaged in the community and care about the association and by maintaining high aesthetic appeal.

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Know the Community Rules

It is Spring once again, and as the temperature grows, so does the landscaping. While working on Spring cleaning indoors, we need to be mindful of the Spring clearing that will be needed over the course of the fast growth season. Regular landscaping maintenance is essential to keep your outdoor space healthy, beautiful, inviting, and compliant with the governing documents.

Tree Trimming and Pruning

In the spring, it's important to prune and trim any trees that need it. Tree pruning and trimming are often used interchangeably, but they are actually two different processes with different purposes. Pruning helps to remove dead, diseased, or damaged branches, while trimming helps to control the size and shape of your trees. This will help to promote healthy growth and prevent damage from wind and storms.

Any trees overhanging streets, sidewalks, or other pedestrian passages should be trimmed to a minimum height of 8 feet to provide ample clearance for vehicles and pedestrians. Trees should also be trimmed or

pruned to provide clearance, both in height and distance, from buildings, structures, and walls. Pruning and trimming trees can be dangerous and should only be performed by a professional tree care service.

There are many landscapers that offer these services, and while anyone can prune or trim a tree, it does not mean that they will do it correctly. When looking for a tree care service make sure that they have an arborist on staff to ensure that any pruning or trimming is beneficial rather than detrimental. Over pruning and trimming can weaken the tree and lead to disease, insect infestations, and even death.

Weeds

As the saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers", but spring showers also bring weeds. One of the most important aspects of landscaping maintenance is removing weeds. Weeds are naturally hardy and opportunistic plants that can grow just about anywhere, and they're especially prevalent in landscaped areas due to the ideal growing conditions provided by

the soil, water, and sunlight. Weeds not only detract from the overall aesthetic of your property, but they can also compete with your desirable plants for moisture, nutrients, and sunlight, which can lead to malnourishment and even the death of your plants.

Replacing Dead Plants and Installing New Plants

Spring is the perfect time to plant new shrubs and trees and to remove and replace any landscaping that didn't make it through the winter. As the soil warms up, new plants will have the opportunity to establish their roots and grow strong. By replacing dead plants with new ones in the spring, you will be giving your yard a fresh start and encouraging new growth in your yard. This will help to ensure that your landscape remains healthy, vibrant, and beautiful for years to come. Please be reminded that all removals and installations are subject to prior approval from the Design Review Committee and all plantings must be selected from the approved plants list.



VENDOR INTRO + INSTRUCTIONS

Dated: 3/1/23

Desert Ridge Community Association has contracted with Oversii for patrol and parking enforcement services. Our goal is to promote safety and consistency through enforcement of the CC&Rs at your community.

PARKING RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Please see the CC&Rs at your community). Put simply:

- NO** overnight parking on the street.
- NO** parking in a manner that blocks sidewalks, or any portion of the sidewalks.
- NO** oversized vehicles, RVs, boats, trailers, commercial vehicles, expired plates, storage, parked on property as well as no blocking fire lane, garages, abandoned/inoperable vehicles.
- NO** repairing vehicles or reconstruction of any type except for emergency repairs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STAY IN COMPLIANCE

- Follow the rules. If you have a visitor, park in visitor parking or on driveway or garage.
- If a violation flyer was received, you are able to gather information specific to your violation and who to contact at www.oversii.com/citation.
- Sign up at www.oversii.com and register your vehicles in order for us to identify where vehicles belong in the community. This can be done by clicking on the "Residents" tab via the website (optional).
- To request a temporary exception to the rules, visit www.oversii.com. Applying **DOES NOT** guarantee approval, it will be reviewed by the management company/the board at your community.
- If you have any questions, email the Desert Ridge Community Association at desertridge.az@fsresidential.com, or call FirstService Residential 480-551-4300, or us via www.oversii.com.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Why is there parking enforcement in my community?**
 A. The CC&Rs are a contractual agreement between the homeowner and the Association. Homeowners are contractually bound to uphold the CC&Rs.
- A. Congested / illegal parking is a safety hazard for emergency situations, children, and overall resident behavior. It also communicates rules and increases aesthetics of the community.
- Q. What if I encounter or are suspicious of mischievous activity occurring in my community?**
 A. Call 911 or the local police for all serious related matters.
- Q. What if there is a non-emergency situation in my community?**
 A. To report a non-emergency situation, call us at 866-506-5759, or the management non-emergency line at 480-551-4300.
- Q. I have a guest(s) in town, what do I do?**
 A. Guests can park in your garage or driveway or on the street for no more than 3 days in a 30 day period.

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Volunteer Appreciation Month

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and the Desert Ridge Community Association, and its management team would like to thank all current and past residents that served and contributed tremendously as community volunteers during the period from April 2022 to April 2023.

Committees are an important part of our association operations. Committee members help keep our community vibrant; and, by augmenting paid staff, they save the association thousands of dollars each year. The association just wouldn't be what it is without our active and effective committees. They deserve our sincerest thanks.

However, to be successful, our association needs to cultivate fresh ideas and encourage additional resident involvement in our committees; so, we'd like your help on one of our committees.

Committees give the board a way to gather information, offer new ideas and opinions and provide a training ground for future board members. All committees are advisory to the board unless given specific decision-making authority by the board or CC&Rs.

The board provides each committee with a job description, goal and mission statement via the committee charter to help it succeed as a community resource.

Our association has three types of committees:

1. **Administrative committees**, like our Design Review Committee and Nominating Committee are set out in our association's Bylaws and CC&Rs. They are ongoing, permanent and often

have clearly defined power and authority. 2. **Standing committees**, such as our lifestyles, communications, finance committees, are established by the board for an ongoing and specific purpose. These committees generally make recommendations to and act under the supervision of the board. 3. **Ad-hoc committees**, are established by the board as needed for specific projects and tasks. When the task is complete, the committee is disbanded.

So, if you're thinking about running for the board in the future and want to learn a little more about association operations first, or if you're interested in helping improve your community or just want to get out and meet neighbors, we would be thrilled to talk to you about our committees and how you might be able to help. Contact any member of the board or contact the management team for more information at desertridge.az@fsresidential.com.

Special Thanks to our Desert Ridge Community Association board members and committee volunteers.

Doug Dickson – Board President, Finance & Communications Committees Vice-Chair

Reginald Younger, Jr. – Board Vice-President & Public Affairs Committee Chair

Steve Burns – Board Treasurer, Finance Committee and Community Awareness Committee Chair

Barry Goldfarb – Board Secretary, Design Review Committee Chair and Nominating Committee Vice-Chair

Alex Liggins – Board Director, Nominating Committee Chair

Natasha Sijic – Board Director

Joan Diercks – Lifestyles Committee Chair

Barry Wilson – Communications & Lifestyles Vice-Chair, and Public Affairs Committee

Ron Bookholder – Public Affairs Committee

Jim Davis – Public Affairs Committee

Terry Coult – Design Review Committee Vice-Chair & Finance Committee

Nina Renee – Lifestyles Committee Vice-Chair

Debi La Rosa – Board Director, Lifestyles & Communications Committees Chair

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Patricia Brash – Lifestyles Committee Chair

Rob Reichstein – Communications Committee Chair & Lifestyles Committee

VOLUNTEERS

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Desert Ridge Community Association is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

If you have a passion for being involved in the community and make a meaningful difference in your community, we want to hear from you!

JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES TODAY

- Lifestyles Committee
- Communications Committee
- Community Awareness Committee

For more information, please call desertridge.az@fsresidential.com

The Design Review Process & Benefits



Barry Goldfarb
Design Review Committee (Chair)

The First Amendment of the Desert Ridge Community Association CC&R's, 5.3, Obligation to Obtain Approval requires every owner of a lot, unit and parcel to submit and obtain approval from the Design Review Committee prior to commencing any work and/or improvements to the exterior of their lot, unit or parcel.

Looking our best while enhancing property values

Although the association may sometime seem like Big Brother when you want to build an addition, install landscaping, paint your house, or put up a pergola, our design review process is actually a benefit—not a burden. The association's design standards are based on harmony with the overall community, consideration for neighbors, and high-quality construction practices. The design review guidelines and standards exist to maintain, protect, and enhance the value of your property, and it strives for a balance between individual rights and the good of the entire community.

While association members have the biggest stake in property values, others are also very interested in seeing our community well maintained and looking its best. Builders' reputations and lenders' financial support are closely connected to the community. Also, public officials have an interest in maintaining and enhancing the community since tax revenues depend on property values.

The association tries to notify new members of its design review requirements as soon after they move in as possible. If we missed you, or if you need another copy, please contact the management team or any member of the Design Review Committee. Also, be sure to consult the Design Review Guidelines if you're considering any type of exterior design change. These guidelines contain everything you need to know about the approval process, design requirements, and the association's basic design philosophy. The guidelines even list the changes that don't need to be approved. The Design Review Guidelines are also in the process of being updated this year as well.

The Design Review Committee makes every effort to process applications fairly, reasonably, and quickly. And we trust the same can be said for how we handle alleged violations—most of which are resolved easily.

Committee duties

The Design Review Committee is also comprised of members that have expertise or experience with construction, engineering, or design. The duties of the committee include:

- Drafting, amending, and updating design review policies and guidelines.
- Reviewing applications and variances.
- Advising association members on their improvement projects.
- Monitoring construction projects and changes; ensuring they comply with the approved proposal.
- Touring the community periodically to verify and identify design violations.

Please contact the chair of the Design Review Committee or the management team if you have questions at desertridge.az@fsresidential.com.

Teen Named BGCS Youth of the Year

On March 4, 2023, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale (BGCS) raised over \$1 million at its annual Celebrate Youth Gala, presented by Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. The gala is the signature fundraiser for the local youth development organization, which provides after-school and summer programs to thousands of children and teenagers in the community.

The sold-out Gala, themed An Enchanted Evening, was held at the JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort and Spa. The evening began with a cocktail reception and silent auction on the Sonoran Terrace. Inside the ballroom, 550 guests were captivated by the speeches of each of the seven youth of the year candidates, who shared stories of triumph and transformation between auction bidding. The impressive collection of goods and experiences in the live auction included luxury vacation packages from Inspirato, a diamond tennis bracelet from Samantha Michael Jewelry, a Scottsdale Fire Department Training Day experience, and more.

"There were so many elements that came together for the Gala's success—from our sponsors, supporters, and volunteers to Emmy Award-winning journalist Javier Soto serving as our Master of Ceremonies and the excitement generated by auctioneer Trey Morris to our outstanding Youth of the Year candidates who really drove the impact of our mission home," said Ivan Gilreath, BGCS CEO. "It was truly a magical evening, and we are thankful for everyone who supported it."

The high-energy program culminated in



the naming of the **2023 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Youth of the Year, Jaylin Wilson**. This prestigious award recognizes a young person who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, academic excellence, and a commitment to community service. Jaylin is a senior at Horizon High School and an eight-year member of the BGCS Virginia G. Piper Branch. She will go on to compete at the Arizona Youth of the Year competition in April.

Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., a prominent law firm in the Phoenix area, served as the presenting sponsor for the 2023 Celebrate Youth Gala. The firm and managing partner Mark Bosco have been longtime supporters of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale as part of their commitment to investing in the future of the community.

"We are proud to support Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale and their mission to provide a safe and positive environment for children to learn, grow, and succeed," said Mr. Bosco. "The Celebrate Youth Gala was a wonderful event, and we are honored to have been a part of it."

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale is a nonprofit organization that serves more than 6,700 children and teens annually. The organization provides programs focused on academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character and leadership development.

Special thanks to Saguaros, Steve and Suzanne Hilton Family, and Great American Title sponsors at the Tomorrow's Leaders level. PolyientX sponsored the Gala at the Great Futures level.

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WEEKLY THEMES DRESS UP DAYS SPECIAL EVENTS

TAKE ME TO THE CLUB SUMMER CAMP

May 30 - June 2
**WEEK 1:
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Mad Dash to Crazy
Cash

June 5 - 9
**WEEK 2:
UNO WEEK**
Cabin Colors
Color Wars

June 12 - 16
**WEEK 3:
GO FISH WEEK**
Beachwear
Water Day
6/16 Harkins Shea 14

June 19 - 23
**WEEK 4:
E-GAMES WEEK**
Favorite Video
Game Character
Game Tournaments

June 26 - 30
**WEEK 5:
HUNGRY HIPPOS
WEEK**
Safari Wear
Safari Tour
6/30 Jake's Unlimited

July 3 - July 7
**WEEK 6:
CLUE WEEK**
Detectives
Vestar Mystery

July 10 - 14
**WEEK 7:
DUNGEONS &
DRAGONS WEEK**
Queens, Kings,
Dragons
Renaissance Faire

July 17 - 21
**WEEK 8:
LIFE WEEK**
Future Career
Vestar's Game of
Life

July 24 - 28
**WEEK 9:
ARCADE GAMES
WEEK**
Neon Colors
7/28 Jake's Unlimited

July 31 - August 2
**WEEK 10:
CANDY LAND
WEEK**
No Dress Up
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WILDFIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Celebrating a successful year

We have had a fantastic year at Wildfire Elementary School. The 2022 - 2023 school year has been full of amazing lessons and learning experiences for our students. Our students have created masterpieces for display at the PV Art Show, performed in the State Honors Orchestra, competed at the PV School Field Day and much more. We are also very proud of our work this year as the only Paradise Valley School that is a part of NAU/APS STEM Schools For the Future Grant initiative which is helping us to continue to build our STEM programs and learning opportunities.

As we move into the end of the school year, our students and staff are working hard and dedicating themselves to showing what they have learned and what they can do on

the upcoming State assessments and to continue to earn our "A" rating from the Arizona Department of Education. We also have a variety of events, field trips, and learning opportunities planned for the end of the that will be sure to create wonderful memories and valuable lessons for our students.

As we look ahead to the 2023-2024 school year, we have a lot to be excited about. In addition to targeting specific skills and learning goals, we are excited to build our outdoor classrooms, refine our PBIS initiatives, as well as continue to provide our students with amazing opportunities in and outside of our classroom walls.

We are currently taking enrollments and accepting open enrollment applications for the 2023-2024 school year. If you or someone you

know is looking for a great school, please visit our school website at wildfire.pvschools.net to learn more about Wildfire and set up a tour. Be sure to check out our Facebook (@FESFirebirds) and Twitter (@WFESFirebirds) to see the awesome things happening at WFES and learn why our school is the place for your family. We look forward to seeing you at Wildfire Elementary School.

Go Firebirds!

Ryan Schoonover
Principal of Wildfire Elementary School



3 Ways Parents Can Encourage Social-Emotional Learning in Children

Parents are starting to promote the overall development of their children and recognizing the importance of social-emotional skills. Learn how you can encourage social-emotional learning in your children, too.

Most parents agree that the quality of their children's education plays a key role in their overall development. While parents are optimistic about the future of education, they also recognize that children have educational needs beyond what is considered standard. According to a Harris Poll survey conducted on behalf of KinderCare, 83% of parents believe it's important for children to be raised with social-emotional skills. Consider these three ways parents can encourage social-emotional learning in their children:

1. Practice Emotional Literacy at Home
Disagreements among parents and siblings are almost inevitable at home. While this can seem challenging to handle, it can serve as an opportunity for children to practice emotional literacy by identifying their feelings and the feelings of others. It also gives children the opportunity to practice their listening skills and put themselves in the other person's shoes. By using these skills, children can develop a stronger sense of empathy and understand how their emotions drive their actions.

2. Practice Mindfulness with a Relaxing Activity
Mindfulness can help children understand and regulate their emotions, especially when it becomes a regular habit. Parents can instill this habit in their kids by picking a set time to do activities in a calm space at home every day such as reading a book, listening to calm music, or something as simple as deep breathing.

3. Provide Unplugged Opportunities to Connect with Other Children
Activities that don't revolve around a screen and encourage in-person socialization with peers can provide opportunities for children to practice building their social-emotional skills. Programs like KinderCare's Champ Camp include indoor and outdoor group activities as well as field trips designed to help children use their natural creativity and curiosity to learn and develop important social skills.
To learn more about social-emotional learning, visit kindercare.com.



Interested in Pickleball?

Below is some information on how to get started and where you can play locally:

JW Marriott Desert Ridge | 5350 E Marriott Drive Phoenix | www.theclubjwdesertridge.com
Paradise Valley Community Center | 17402 N 40th Street Phoenix | www.Phoenix.gov/parks
Thompson Peak Park | 20199 N 78th Place Scottsdale | www.Scottsdaleaz.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PICKLEBALL:

USA Pickleball Places 2 play | www.placestoplay.org
The Global Pickleball Network | www.globalpickleball.network



Consistency Starts at the Beginning

BY MATT KEEL, PGA

When I ask any of my students their goal in taking a lesson, I usually get one of three answers... more distance, more consistency or lower scores. Although all three goals work hand in hand to complement each other, today I will be focusing on creating more consistency. A consistent golf game begins with a consistent setup.

The first step to a consistent setup is to set your club. Most people begin their setup by gripping the club first. If you grip the club first, your entire setup revolves around how you are holding the club. You will be much more consistent and accurate by setting your clubface first. By lining up your clubface first to your target, your entire setup will be based on your target instead of your grip. Simply hold the club in your right hand for a right-handed golfer and open your body up toward

your target (see figure 1). Opening your body towards your target allows you to see your target better and aim your clubface more accurately.

Step 2 you should set your feet according to the alignment of your clubface. The errors I see is when students try to align their body based on where their target is located. After your clubface is aligned toward your target simply align your body to your clubface. If you align your body to your clubface at this point, you will be aligned to your target. When setting your feet consider your ball position, width of your stance and the distance your body is from the ball (see figure 2).

The final step to making a consistent setup is to take your grip. Simply allow your arms to hang down and grip the club (see figure 3). By gripping the club last, you will be gripping the club in the correct location on the club. By



Matt Keel
Director of Instruction
Wildfire Golf Club

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gripping the club in the correct location, you will adjust for subtle undulations on the golf course instead of gripping too high or too low on the club.

Consistency in your golf game will help lower your scores and provide more enjoyment of the game. The first step in creating more consistency is to create a consistent setup. By setting the club first, next your feet and take your grip last, you will be putting yourself in the best position to make a great swing.

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

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20900 N. Black Mountain Blvd.
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**Meetings and events dates are subject to change. Association members and/or member representatives only.*

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Finance Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference

Tuesday, April 25

Tuesday, May 23

Tuesday, June 27

Tuesday, July 25

9:00AM

DRCA Board of Directors

Cambria Hotel – In Person Meeting

No April Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 24

Wednesday, June 28

No July Meeting – Summer Recess

6:00PM

DRCA Annual Membership Meeting & Election

Cambria Hotel – In Person Meeting

Thursday, April 20

6:00PM

DRCA Organization Meeting

Via Zoom Teleconference

Thursday, April 27

11:30AM

Communications Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference

Thursday, April 13

Thursday, May 11

Thursday, June 8

Thursday, July 13

6:00PM

Lifestyles Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference

No April Meeting

Thursday, May 18

Thursday, June 15

No July Meeting – Summer Recess

5:00PM

Public Affairs Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference

Wednesday, April 12

Wednesday, July 12

4:30PM

Design Review Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference

Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday, May 2

Tuesday, June 23

Tuesday, July 11

Tuesday, August 1

4:30PM

DRCA Office Holiday Closings

Monday, May 29

Monday, June 19

Juneteenth Day

Monday, June 19

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4

DRCA Office Summer Hours

(June 23 through August 25)

Monday – Thursday

8:00am to 5:00pm

Friday

8:00am to 1:00pm

Farmers Market on High Street

Until May 28

Every Sunday

10 am to 1:00 pm

Coffee Club

Cambria Hotel & Suites

Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday, June 13

9 am

Ladies Night Out

Modern Margarita

Wednesday, May 17

5:30 pm

\$7.50 per person

(Resident's only)

CPR and AED Training

Cambria Hotel

Adult, Child, & Infant CPR/HS

Saturday, May 20

Saturday, June 3

Saturday, July 1

Saturday, July 15

9:00 am to 11:00 am

BABYSITTING CPR/AED/First Aid

Saturday, May 13

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

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24/7 Customer Care Center 855.333.5149

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Lifestyles Committee

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Community Awareness Committee

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Finance Committee

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Nominating Committee

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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 Environmental Services 602.256.3190

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

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Centurylink 800.244.1111

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Graffiti Busters 602.495.7014

Southwest Wildlife

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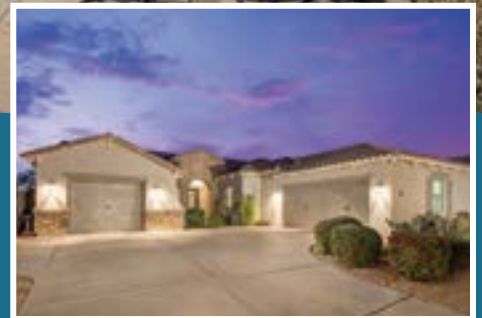
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