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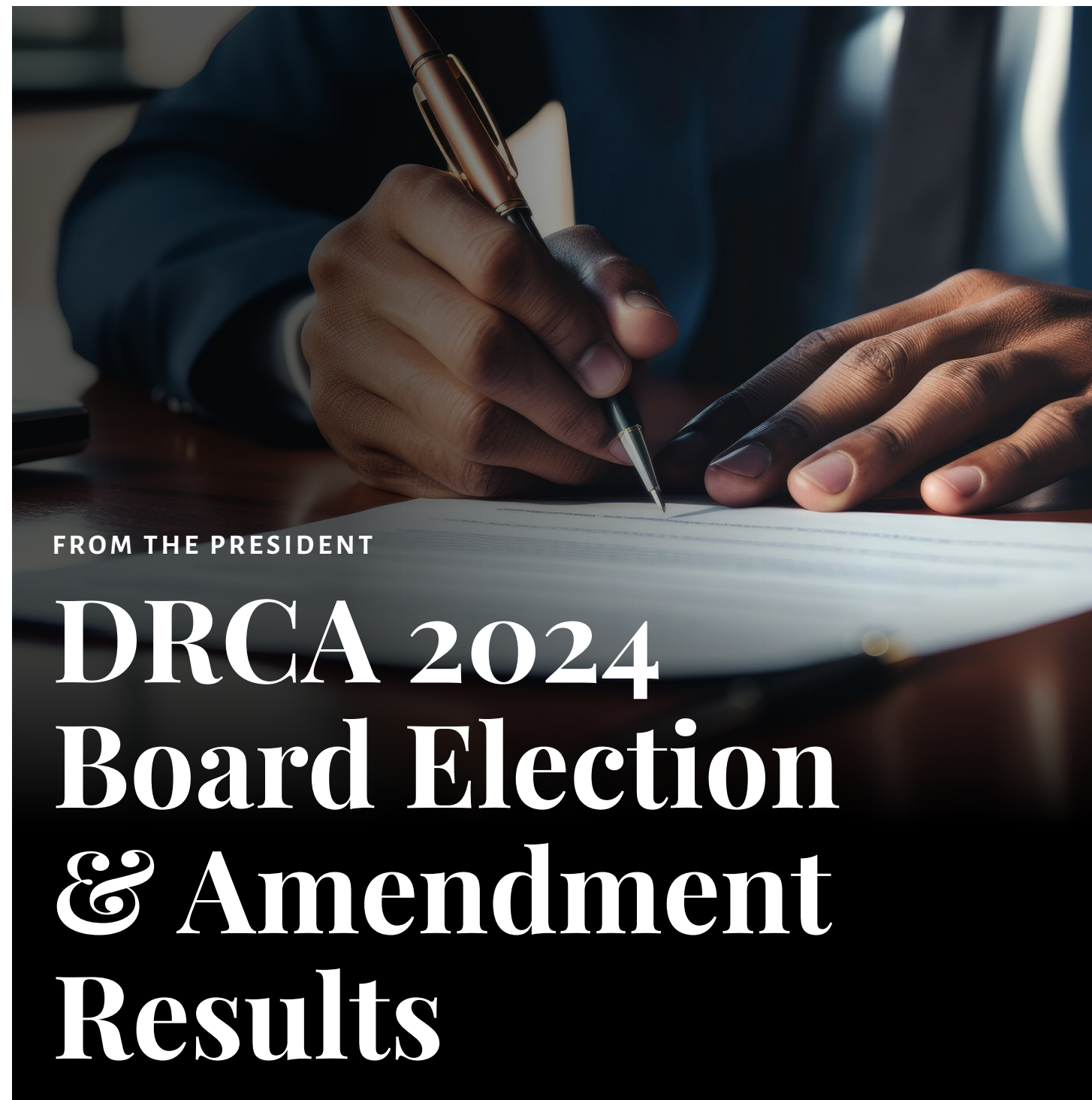
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

DRCA 2024 Board Election & Amendment Results

On April 18th we held our Desert Ridge Community Association (Master Association) Annual Membership Meeting where we elected two new directors: Sandra Kramer, and Terry Coult to the DRCA board of Directors. Incumbent Barry Goldfarb re-elected to another term. These three board members will each serve a two-year term. We also passed several amendments to the CC&Rs (Covenants,

Conditions, and Restrictions) and Bylaws.

To maintain transparency, rather than having the existing board members or the managing agent, FirstService Residential, oversee the voting and election tallies; the process was managed by the independent third-party accounting firm of Butler Hanson, PC.

Transparency in board elections is crucial for fostering trust, accountability, and

inclusivity within the community. When board elections are transparent, homeowners are more likely to have confidence in the integrity of the process and the legitimacy of the elected board members. This ensures that all eligible homeowners have access to information regarding candidates, voting procedures, and election outcomes, promoting a fair and democratic election environment, encourage greater participation from homeowners,

leading to increased civic engagement and a stronger sense of community ownership.

I would like to congratulate Sandra, Terry, and Barry on their election. Your willingness to serve the community is amicable and we look forward to serving with you. I would also like to thank the members of the Desert Ridge Community Association for their record participation in this year's election.

Here are the amendments that overwhelmingly passed on April 18th:

The Association regulates public roadways within the Association, as further set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 33-1818, the Association is required to hold a vote of the membership on the question of whether the Association retains the right to regulate these public roadways.

- This allows the DRCA to continue to enforce Section 6.3.9, Parking of the existing CC&Rs which reads:

"It is the intent of Declarant and Master Developer to eliminate on-street parking as much as possible in Desert Ridge. Vehicles shall be kept in garages, residential driveways, other designated parking areas or as otherwise required in a Subsidiary Declaration. The Association may adopt additional parking restrictions and may establish fines and assessments for their violations, and/or may elect to tow vehicles at the expense of the owner. The Association may also delegate (permanently or temporarily) its authority to enforce such parking restrictions to the appropriate Subsidiary Association."

- The membership voted to approve this amendment by over a 95% margin.

Article I of the Bylaws was amended to add a Section 1.5 entitled "Association Meetings" as follows:

"Section 1.5 Association Meetings. *All meetings of the Association, including meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors may held virtually (i.e., Zoom, Microsoft Teams), in person or as otherwise authorized by law, at the discretion of the Board of Directors."*

- This greatly improves the ability to reach quorum (the minimum number of committee or board members that must be present for official business to be carried out.)
- The membership voted to approve this amendment by over a 97% margin.

Article IV Section 4.1 of the Bylaws entitled "Number and Qualification of Directors" is amended to add a third sentence as follows:

"In addition to and notwithstanding the foregoing, regardless of the number of Memberships or number of Lots or Parcels a Member owns, a Member shall not be eligible to serve on the Board of the Desert Ridge Community Association if the Member also serves on the Board of a Subsidiary Association."

- This is to help prevent conflicts of interest.
- The membership voted to approve this amendment by over a 91% margin.

Article IV Section 4.1 of the Bylaws entitled "Number and Qualification of Directors" is amended to replace in the third and fourth sentence as follows:

"The Board shall consist of either five (5) or seven (7) directors. The number of directors may be changed by the Board."

- The previous bylaws stated that there will be seven directors on the DRCA Board of Directors. This change allows the DRCA board to have as few as five or as many as seven.
- The membership voted to approve this amendment by over a margin of 87%.

On behalf of the board and nominating committee we wish to thank our community members for their participation, attendance, and casting their vote during this year's annual meeting and election. We wish our community residents a safe and enjoyable summer.



Reginald Younger, Jr.
President
Desert Ridge Community Association

FROM THE LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

Summer Events



Alex Liggins
Chair
Lifestyles Committee

Summer is here, and there is no better way to embrace the warmth and sunshine than getting involved in the vibrant community events right here in Desert Ridge! As we gear up for the season of outdoor adventures and leisurely afternoons, the Lifestyles Committee is excited to present a lineup of engaging activities designed to bring us together and make the most of the sun-filled days ahead.

Independence Day Fireworks Display

WHEN:
July 3, 9:00 PM

LOCATION:
J.W Marriott and Spa,
5350 E Marriott

Join us for an electrifying display of fireworks as we celebrate Independence Day in style! Gather with friends and family for a dazzling show that will light up the night sky and ignite your patriotic spirit.

CPR and AED Certificate Training

WHEN:
July 20, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

LOCATION:
The Venue,
5310 E High Street Suite 102

Summer safety is paramount, especially when outdoor activities are in full swing. Equip yourself and your family with life-saving skills by attending our CPR and AED certificate training sessions. Whether you're a parent, caregiver, or want to be prepared for emergencies, this event should be at the top of your list.

Coffee Club

WHEN:
August 13 & October 8

LOCATION:
Cambria Hotels & Suites

Join us for our beloved Coffee Club, a casual and informal gathering where neighbors come together to discuss topics of common interest

and concern, hear about community developments, upcoming events and activities, and, of course, enjoy the complimentary breakfast. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow residents and start your day on an energetic note.

As we embark on this summer journey together, let's stay connected and make the most of every moment.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the neighborhood, we invite you to dive into the excitement and join us for these upcoming events. Your presence will make our community gatherings even brighter!

We can't wait to see you there!

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.org or Facebook page.

Local Events & Activities

ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Red, White and Choo Choo

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
7301 E. Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale

June 30, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm
Admission: \$15 anyone 3 and older; Free ages 2 and under

Come aboard the celebration train to have fun at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park where you can enjoy fireworks, water slides, pie eating contests, face painting, bounce houses, live music, foods trucks and more fun.



Fairmont Princess 4th of July Freedom Fest

Fairmont Scottsdale Princess
7575 E. Princess Drive, Scottsdale

July 3- July 6, Fireworks to start at 9:00 pm

Come enjoy a concert under the stars at the Princess Lagoon Lawn where an All-Veterans Parachute team will jump. You must see the Saluting Heroes & Vintage Air Show where a dozen military aircraft from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam will fly over the resort. The 4th of July concerts will feature Jimmy Buffet, Josh Ross, Nate Smith on the 5th, and Lily Meola.



Scottsdale 4th of July Celebration

Westworld of Scottsdale
16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale

July 4, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Fireworks start at 9:00; events end right after.
Admission: \$45 Youth & Adults | \$25 5-10 years | Indoor Access & Fireworks Only \$20

Bring your family and friends to incredible event celebrating the 4th of July with All you can eat BBQ foods, and entertainment.



Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey presents The Greatest Show on Earth

Footprint Center
201 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix

July 5 – July 7, 7:00pm
Admission: Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster

This is an exciting show that is fun for all ages to experience. There will be jaw dropping aerial, acrobatics, world dance, and thrills that you have never seen before. Go see the greatest show on earth.



Janet Jackson: Together Again

Footprint Center
201 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix

July 30, 8:00 pm
Admission: Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster

Janet Jackson is back! The Together Again tour is described as spectacular, energetic performance that you should not miss.



Sammy Hagar & Loverboy – Best of All Worlds Tour

Talking Stick Resort Amphitheatre
Ak-Chin Pavilion

August 20
Tickets - \$35+
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Rock and Roll Hall of Famer is bringing an epic 2024 tour to Arizona. You do not want to miss this rockin' concert which will feature Loverboy. Buy your tickets today!



Rooftop Rhythms – Friday Nights Live Music

2 E. Jefferson Street, Phoenix

Every Friday
Admission: Free

Start the weekend every Friday Night listening to live acoustic sounds under the stars.



Fabulous Phoenix 4th

3rd Street and Indian School Road

July 4, 6 pm to 10 pm
Admission: FREE

This annual event features the largest firework display in the Valley. This non-alcoholic event attracts thousands to view and enjoy the festivities.

Alcoholic beverages and gas containers are prohibited.

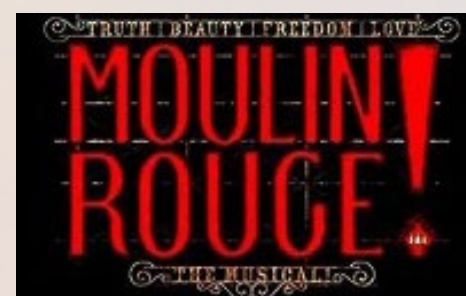


Tempe 4th of July Celebration

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

July 4, 4:00 pm – Gates Open
Admission: General Admission \$5-\$12 | Children 5 & under are FREE; VIP \$50--\$100 (Includes a shaded and seated areas, specialty foods and drinks)
July 4th (tempe4th.com)

Celebrate the 72nd Annual Tempe 4th Independence Day at Tempe Beach Park. Enjoy lots of entertainment, a variety of food options, family-friendly fun, and fireworks.



Moulin Rouge! The Musical

ASU Gammage
1200 S. Forest Avenue, Tempe

July 22 – August 3, 7:30 pm

This 10-time Tony Award including Best Musical is here! The theatrical story of beauty, freedom, truth and above all else L-O-V-E. This musical performance is one that you must see.



Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live Glow Party

Desert Diamond Arena
9400 W. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix

August 3 – August 4, 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Admission: Box Office & Tickets | Desert Diamond Arena

This is a unforgettable show like no other. This is fun filled for all ages as you experience the Hot Wheel Trucks in the Dark. Fans don't want to miss the Hot Wheels Power Smashers Pre-Show.



Def Leppard, Journey, and Steve Miller Band - The Summer Stadium Tour 2024

Chase Field
401 E. Jefferson Street, Phoenix

August 23, 6:00 pm

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024, 9 PM

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JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort with fireworks and more!



WHERE

JW Marriott
Desert Ridge Resort:
5350 E. Marriott Drive
View driving range, hitting
area and golf cart staging area

PARKING

There will be complimentary parking for the first 180 cars in the golf parking lot. Additional parking will be available in the ballroom parking lot at standard self-parking rates (\$10 for up to 6 hours / \$23 over 6 hours)

CONCESSIONS

Cash bar for canned beverages, packaged snacks and candy



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MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM

Check out the upcoming concerts this summer at the Musical Instrument Museum.

JULY

Keiko Matsui

Sunday, July 7, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, July 7, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$44.50–\$54.50

An internationally acclaimed contemporary jazz pianist, producer, and composer

Alejandro Escovedo

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$44.50–\$49.50

A celebrated singer-songwriter rooted in rock, punk, and alt-country

Francine Reed with We3 and Friends

Thursday, July 11, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 \$38.50–\$44.50

The Birthday Concert: A celebratory evening with great music and singing by a local legend

Paris Chansons

Friday, July 12, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 \$44.50–\$54.50

A unique French jazz group known for its renditions of French favorites and global classics

Mariachi Los Camperos

Saturday, July 13, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, July 13, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 \$54.50–\$64.50

A Grammy-winning ensemble raising the mariachi tradition to new heights

Esteban

Sunday, July 14, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.

Passionate and powerful guitar playing by a master who has dedicated his life to music

Django Festival Allstars

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$49.50–\$59.50

An all-star quintet performing electrifying jazz in tribute to pioneering guitarist Django Reinhardt

Ivan Lins

Wednesday, July 17 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$54.50–\$59.50

A Latin Grammy Award-winning pianist and one of the preeminent Brazilian songwriters of his generation

The Count Basie Orchestra

Thursday, July 18, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, July 19, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 \$69.50–\$85.50

With Nnenna Freelon: A Grammy-winning big-band jazz orchestra celebrating one of the genre's greats

The Paul Thorn Band:

Saturday, July 20, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, July 20, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 \$49.50–\$54.50

Muscular, bluesy, and thoroughly Southern roots music

Vieux Farka Touré:

Sunday, July 21, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$44.50–\$54.50

A world-class guitarist and a leading figure in African folk and desert blues

Andy McKee:

Monday, July 22, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$33.50–\$44.50

One of the world's finest acoustic guitarists

Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$49.50–\$54.50

A Grammy-winning fiddler and one of the most honored instrumentalists in bluegrass

Dave Alvin and Jimmie Dale Gilmore with the Guilty Ones

Saturday, July 27, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 \$49.50–\$59.50

Critically acclaimed roots music heroes renew their songwriting partnership.

Bill Charlap Trio

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$38.50–\$44.50

One of the most gifted mainstream jazz pianists on the scene leads a Grammy-nominated trio.

Gary Puckett and the Union Gap

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$74.50–\$80.50

One of the most successful musical groups of the 1960s, led by a powerful and unmistakable voice

AUGUST

Albert Lee and Jeremy Clyde

Friday, August 2, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, August 3, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 \$44.50–\$54.50

Two musical giants join for an evening of songs and stories.



Pavlo

Sunday, August 4, 2024 | 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, August 4, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$49.50–\$54.50

A blend of Greek, flamenco, Latin, and Balkan flavors, wrapped in contemporary pop

Téada

Monday, August 5, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$38.50–\$49.50

Celebrating 23 years as one of Ireland's leading traditional bands

Steve Gadd Band

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 | 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, August 6, 2024 | 8:30 p.m.
 \$38.50–\$54.50

One of the most influential drummers in contemporary music

Asleep at the Wheel

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, August 8, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 \$59.50–\$69.50

A Grammy-winning cornerstone of American roots music for more than 50 years

The Fabulous Thunderbirds

Monday, August 12, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
 \$54.50–\$59.50

A quintessentially American band keeping the flame alive for roadhouse Texas blues

Christopher Cross

Thursday, August 22, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, August 23, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.
 \$125.00

A five-time Grammy winner who helped define adult contemporary radio in the 1980s

SEPTEMBER

Julian Lage

Friday, September 20, 2024 | 6:30 p.m.
 Friday, September 20, 2024 | 8:30 p.m.
 \$40.50–\$50.50

The award-winning guitarist celebrates the release of his latest record



CPR & AED Training

by Heart Savers

CPR and AED Certificate Training/
Saturday, July 20
 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Safety is paramount, especially during the summer months when outdoor activities are in full swing. Equip yourself with life-saving skills by attending our CPR and AED certificate training sessions.

Location
 The Venue at High Street
 5415 E. High Street Suite 102
 Phoenix, AZ 85054

\$35 per person - CPR/AED
 \$50 per person - Babysitting CPR/AED/First Aid

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Safety Tips For Driving At Night

From Adjusting Headlights to Spotting Wildlife, Ensure a Safe Journey with These Crucial Tips.



Steve Burns
Chair
Community Awareness

Driving at night can be tricky—especially through neighborhoods or dimly lit landscapes—so it's important to keep in mind a few basic guidelines to make sure you and your vehicle both are well-prepared for the trip. Consider the following suggestions to help get you to your destination safely.



Ensure headlights are aimed properly.

If you think your headlights are casting light too far above or below your line of vision on the road, you may need to adjust their aim. You can do this either by following instructions in your vehicle owner's manual or seeking help from a vehicle maintenance professional.

Dim dashboard lights.

Most vehicle makes and models come with a dimmer for the instrument panel. Make sure it's set to the lowest brightness to limit distraction. Also remember to turn off overhead or visor lights while driving, which also can limit visibility at night.

Don't wear tinted glasses.

Yellow lenses sold to enhance nighttime driving could actually decrease visibility instead of amplify colors and objects. If you wear prescription lenses, opt for an anti-reflective coating, and clean them thoroughly and frequently to optimize effectiveness at night.

Learn how to spot animals and objects.

While driving at night, be on the lookout for wildlife creatures' eyes, which can easily be spotted as pairs of glowing retinas. Any animals' eyes—like coyotes, javelins, or bobcats—typically will reflect the light from your headlights long before their true shapes come into view.

Don't focus on headlights in oncoming traffic.

Keep your eyes on the road in front of you and avoid looking into the headlights of oncoming traffic—especially if you notice a car using the high-

beam headlight setting. If the headlights on the car behind you cause a glare in your rearview mirror, adjust the mirror.

Clean your windshield.

Use a clean microfiber cloth or newspaper to clean the windshield—inside and out. Make sure the windshield is streak- and smudge-free before driving at night and try to avoid wiping window condensation with your hands. Fingerprints and oils from your skin can cause streaks that limit visibility in the dark.

Know when to use your fog lights.

Many vehicles come equipped with fog lights, which typically are located underneath the front headlights and are aimed low, where fog usually appears on the road. Fog lights also can be useful on a particularly dark road to further illuminate your path.

Adjust your exterior mirrors.

Pointing your side-view mirrors down slightly can help reduce glare from other drivers' headlights and still allow you to see by tipping your head forward a few inches.

Have your eyes checked.

Your eyes' ability to keep moving and scan the roadway rather than solely focus on one spot is imperative for successful nighttime driving. Visit your eye doctor for regular checkups to determine whether prescription lenses could help you see better at night.

Outdoor Summer Safety for Kids



Steve Burns
Chair
Community Awareness

This summer, learn how vigilant supervision and care around water can help ensure a safe summer for your children.

One of the most popular ways to enjoy summer in the valley is to spend time by the pool. However, it is important to remember

that water safety, especially for children, is paramount. Drowning remains a leading cause of accidental death for young children, making



Remember to properly maintain correct chlorine and pH level

awareness and prevention strategies critical. Here are key tips to prevent child pool drownings and ensure a safe and enjoyable summer for everyone.

Supervision First

Supervision is the single most important factor in preventing drowning. Always have a designated adult actively watching children when they are in or near the pool. This means staying close, avoiding distractions like phones, television, or conversations, and being ready to jump in at a moment's notice. Remember, drowning can happen quietly and quickly, so constant vigilance is crucial.

Enforce Pool Rules

Establish and enforce strict pool rules, such as no diving in shallow areas, no running on the pool deck, and no pushing or rough play near the water. Consistent reinforcement of these rules helps create a safe pool environment.

Teach Water Safety

Educate children about water safety

from an early age. Teach them to swim as early as possible, and ensure they understand basic water safety rules such as never swimming alone, staying away from drains and filters, and asking for permission before entering the pool area.

Use Pool Barriers and Alarms

Install proper barriers around the pool area, such as fences with self-closing and self-latching gates. Ensure that the barriers are at least four feet high and have no gaps or openings that a child could slip through. Consider adding pool alarms that can alert you to unauthorized access, unusual water level increase, or activity in the pool.

Remove Temptations

Keep toys, pool noodles, and other attractive items away from the pool when not in use. These can tempt children to reach for them and accidentally fall into the water. Clear the pool deck of obstacles that could cause trips or falls.

Learn CPR and First Aid

Knowledge of CPR (cardiopulmonary

resuscitation) and basic first aid can be lifesaving in emergencies. Take a certified CPR course to learn how to respond effectively to drowning incidents until professional help arrives. The Red Cross and other organizations offer weekly classes on CPR and basic first aid. The Desert Ridge Community Association also periodically arranges these classes for the community, so keep an eye out for those as well.

Proper Maintenance

Maintain proper pool cleanliness by regularly checking and cleaning filters, skimmers, and drains to prevent accidents and ensure water quality. It is also important to test water, which reduces the risk of germ transmission. If the chemical levels are too high, it can also be harmful to skin and eyes. To avoid pool chemical accidents, ensure that all pool chemicals are stored securely and out of reach of children.

Summer Safety is Important for Pets Too

The same tips being shared here also apply to our pets. Pets are curious and can easily fall into the pool, leading to accidents. It is estimated that 5,000 pets drown in backyard swimming pools each year. Teach your pets how to exit the pool safely or invest in pet-friendly pool ramps or stairs.

Surface Temperatures

Asphalt, concrete, and pavers pose risks to bare feet and paws as well. When the temperature hits 100 degrees outside, these surfaces can heat up to 150-165 degrees. If it is 110 degrees or higher, that can add an extra 15-20 degrees, leading to severe burns in a short amount of time. When it comes to walking your pet, be mindful that pet may not effectively communicate that the walking surface is too hot.

By following these essential tips and staying vigilant, parents, pet owners, and caregivers can significantly reduce the risk of pool drownings, helping to create a safer environment for summer fun. Remember, a few proactive measures can make all the difference in keeping our children, and pets, safe.



Summer Staycations

Discover the joy of staycations—affordable, stress-free getaways that let you explore local attractions, relax at home, and rejuvenate without the hassle of travel. Enjoy a vacation close to home with some of these great specials from local resorts!

Resort rates are subject to change and blackout dates. Always verify with properties before booking. Offers are not to be used in combination with other deals or discounts.

JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa
Now through September 2
 marriott.com
 Promo code "XPK"

Summer package includes self-parking and \$50 daily resort credit and savings up to 35%, Complimentary self-parking.

Boulder Resort & Spa Scottsdale
Now through September 1
 theboulders.com
 Summer rate: \$250 per night

The Truly Boulders package includes a private casita at Casita, Villa, or Hacienda, a \$25 dining credit per person per night, complimentary self-parking and cocktails, 20 percent off spa services per person, complimentary access to the spa facility, complimentary daily classes and waived resort fee (\$209/night).

Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North
Now through September 3
 fourseasons.com/scottsdale
 Summer Rate: \$299-\$369 per night

The Arizona Residents' Rate includes up to 20 percent off room rate, two cocktails in Onyx Bar & Lounge (up to a value of \$30) and complimentary self-parking. Guests must present proof of Arizona residency at check-in. This rate does not apply to luxury suites.

Fairmont Scottsdale Princess

Now through September 2
 scottsdaleprincess.com
 Summer rate: Started at \$329 per night

Arizona Residents take advantage of this unbeatable offer of 15% off the daily rate that includes one (1) Night Accommodations in a Luxurious Fairmont Room.

Caesars Republic Scottsdale
Now through September 15
 caesars.com/caesars-republic-scottsdale
 Summer Rate: \$199 per night
 Promo code "AZSTAY"

The Arizona Locals Staycation includes 20 percent off your stay with code.

Senna House
Now through September 2
 thesennahouse.com
 Summer Rate: \$249 per night
 Corporate ID code 3370938

The Summer Promotion includes a 25 percent discount on standard accommodation, early check-in and late checkout of 2pm, \$40 off a massage service at Squeeze Massage, 30 percent off breakfast at Cala and 30 percent off valet parking.

Mountain Shadows
Now through September 2
 mountainshadows.com
 Summer Rate: \$199 per night

The Fee-Free Staycation runs May 27-September 2 and includes waived resort fee for Arizona residents with Maricopa County ID.

Royal Palms Resort and Spa
Now through September 8
 royalpalmsotel.com/offers

Plan your staycation and save more than \$100 a night. The offer includes a \$45 Resort Fee per day, \$38 Valet Parking Fee, \$150 Pet Fee per stay. Two Night minimum.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Desert Ridge Marketplace



MAY

EcoBlooms

For a Limited Time this Spring | The District

Step beneath a garden of vibrant colors and eco-conscious beauty! Each leaf has been artfully crafted from recycled plastic water bottles, transforming discarded materials into a stunning display.

May Full Enter To Win: Hamilton with ASU Gammage

Enter for a chance to win a Family Four pack to HAMILTON at ASU Gammage and a \$X gift card to

Fine print: Enter between May 1–31, 2024 to be eligible to win. Must be 18 years or older to enter. One entry per person. Winners will be selected on or after June 1, 2024. Regular terms and conditions apply.

Yappy Hour Sunrise

Saturday, May 18 from 10:30am to 12:30pm

The District Stage

URL: <https://shopdesertridge.com/event/yappyhour>

JUNE

District Splash Days

Wednesdays | 10:30am-12pm

District Splash Days takes over The Splash Pad on select Wednesdays this summer! Join us for DJ beats, free crafts, exciting character appearances, and more.

Activities available while supplies last

Wednesday, June 12 – Summer Bucket List

DJ Beats
Summer Bucket List Craft
Summer Giveaway

Wednesday, June 26 – Spider Friends Fiesta

DJ Beats
Free photos with your favorite spider friends
Free Glitter Tattoos with Ghost Spider
Free Slime Craft
Summer Giveaway

Wednesday, July 10 – Puppy Patrol

DJ Beats
Free Photos with the Puppy Patrol
Free Giant About Me Paw Poster Craft
Summer Giveaway

Wednesday, July 24 – Under The Sea

DJ Beats
Photos with a mermaid
Free Shell Craft Craft
Summer Giveaway

June Full Enter To Win

June 1 – June 30

Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live Glow Party

Win Family-Four Pack

Summer Sweat with Radi8 Hot Yoga

Tuesday, August 13 – 6pm-7pm

Tuesday, August 27 – 6pm-7pm

Tuesday, September 10 – 6pm-7pm

Tuesday, September 24 – 6pm-7pm

Cause for Paws Event

Saturday, June 29 | 9am-11pm

Sponsored by Fulton Homes and KSLX

Fashion Week 4 Kids Casting Calls

Sunday, August 18

Sunday, August 25

Will take place in former Xi Clothing

Cause for Paws Event

Saturday, August 24 | 9am-11pm

Sponsored by Fulton Homes and KSLX

GENERAL

Live Music on Pause

June – August

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Food Safety for a Great Outdoor Experience



Steve Burns
Chair
Community Awareness

Summer is often a time of outdoor gatherings, picnics, and barbecues with family and friends. While these events are filled with food and fun, it is important to practice food safety to prevent foodborne illnesses. Here are some important tips to help you practice food safety during the summer months so you may have an enjoyable dining experience outdoors.

Be Mindful of Allergens

If you are hosting a gathering, when inviting guests, make sure that you inquire about any food allergies or dietary restrictions your guests may have.

Get the Grill Ready

To be certain that you will not fizzle out by running out of fuel, check propane, pellet, or charcoal levels before you get started. Before lighting the grill, use a stiff wire brush to remove any residue or food particles from the grates. This provides a clean cooking surface and prevents food from sticking. Be sure to rinse and wipe down the grates to remove any little metal brush fragments that may have come off. For stubborn buildup, consider soaking the grates in warm, soapy water and scrubbing with a brush.

Food Preparation

Prevent cross-contamination by keeping raw meats separate from ready-to-eat foods. Use

separate cutting boards, utensils, and plates for raw meats and cooked foods to avoid the spread of harmful bacteria.

Keep it Cool

When it comes to perishable foods such as meat, poultry, dairy products, and salads, maintaining proper temperatures is crucial. Keep these items refrigerated until it is time to cook or serve them. If you are transporting food to a picnic or barbecue, use insulated coolers or cooler bags with ice packs to keep perishables cold.

Cook Meats Thoroughly

Proper cooking temperatures are essential to kill harmful bacteria in meat, poultry, and seafood. Use a food thermometer to ensure that these foods reach the recommended internal temperatures:

- 🕒 **145°F (74°C)** for beef, pork, lamb, and seafood
- 🕒 **160°F (71°C)** for ground meats
- 🕒 **165°F (63°C)** for ground poultry

Practice Good Hygiene

Make sure that you provide hand sanitizer or a place for guests to wash their hands thoroughly before eating to prevent the spread of bacteria.

Serve Safely

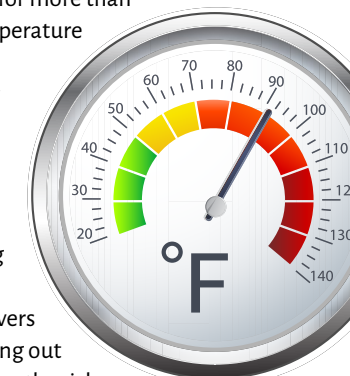
Once food is cooked, serve it promptly and keep hot foods hot using chafing dishes, warming trays, or slow cookers. Cold foods

should be kept cold by placing them in a cooler with ice packs or on a bed of ice. Label dishes with common allergens such as nuts, dairy, and gluten to help guests make informed choices. Also make sure that each dish has its own serving utensils to avoid potential allergen cross-contamination.

Avoid Leaving Food Out

Perishable foods should not be left out at room temperature for more than one hour if the temperature is above 90°F. Store leftovers in shallow containers to cool them quickly and evenly, then label them with the date before refrigerating or freezing. Be sure to discard any leftovers that have been sitting out for too long to reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses.

By following these food safety tips, you can enjoy delicious outdoor meals with peace of mind, knowing that you have taken steps to protect yourself and your guests from foodborne illnesses. Let's make this summer a season of good food, good company, and good health!





Blackberry-Lime Porch Punch

Southern Living by Melissa Gray July 22, 2023

Ingredients:

- 3 cups fresh blackberries
- 4 cups chilled sweet tea.
- 2 cups cold water
- 1/2 cup fresh lime juice (from 5 limes)
- 4 (12-oz.) cans chilled nonalcoholic ginger beer
- 1 (16-oz.) bag frozen blackberries
- Ice
- Lime slices
- Mint sprigs

Directions

1. Place fresh blackberries in a large bowl; mash with a potato masher until fully broken. Pour through a fine mesh strainer into a measuring cup or bowl, pressing pulp to release juice. Discard solids.
2. Pour blackberry juice into a large (4- to 6-qt.) punch bowl. Stir in sweet tea, water, and lime juice until well combined. Gently stir in ginger beer and frozen blackberries until just combined. Serve over ice. Garnish with lime slices and mint sprigs.



REVIEW RATING
★★★★★
4.75/5

DESERT RIDGE RESTAURANT REVIEW

Kembara

Kembara is an Asian fusion restaurant from acclaimed chef Angelo Sosa at JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa. It is the latest project from Chef Sosa and long-time partner and restaurant developer Mark Stone. Kembara is a reflection of both Chef Sosa's and Stone's culinary adventures while traveling, cooking and tasting across Asia, with a fresh take on recipes that honors the legacy of Asian food. The ambiance is classy and upscale with incredible dishes that are served family style with larger main portions and smaller appetizers. Our server, Clayton, was courteous, informative, prompt and offered warm, moist, hand towels infused with lemongrass, before and after our meal which really set the mood for the culinary adventure we were embarking upon. Gourmet chocolates were also offered at the end of the meal. The Desert Ridge community culinary aficionados enjoyed a memorable dining experience, and all agree that we will be back!

APPETIZERS

Dim Sum steamed pork dumplings were delicious and nicely seasoned with a notably flavorful dipping sauce.

The Shrimp Shu Mai fell a bit short for us, turning out to be a somewhat bland. We struggled to taste the shrimp, which were a bit too soft (not a favorite).

The Lamb Spring Roll were similar to an Indian

samosa with a unique flavor profile and the accompanying yogurt dip was an excellent contrast. Very flavorful and perfectly spiced, a must try (our favorite).

NOODLES & RICE

Pork Belly—This noodle dish had a great soft and chewy egg noodle.

Steamed Rice—The basic jasmine rice was cooked well.

VEGETABLES

The Napa Cabbage was so delicious. It was sweet with a slight spiciness, and quite tender. It was a surprising winner as it is not something we would have normally ordered and yet the flavors were so good, we agreed we would order it again. The cilantro notes were fantastic!

SEAFOOD

The Black Pepper Maine Lobster was a luxurious treat that exceeded all expectations. The lobster was cooked to perfection, juicy and flavorful, and the black pepper sauce added a wonderful kick to the dish. It was a true indulgence lobster dish.

MEATS

The Wagyu Beef Rendang was a standout dish that showcased the quality of the beef and the rich flavors of the rendang sauce. The beef

was melt-in-your-mouth tender and the sauce was a perfect balance of savory and spicy. It was a true culinary masterpiece that we would highly recommend to any beef lover.

The Lemongrass Pork Collar was perfectly cooked and packed with flavor. The lemongrass added a refreshing and zesty twist to the dish, complementing the tender pork collar beautifully. It was a dish that left a lasting impression and we would definitely order it again.

DESSERT

Vietnamese Coffee Donuts—These simple sugar donuts with dipping sauce were refreshingly light and airy.

Buckwheat Taiyaki—Fish-Shaped Cakes had a distinct flavor.

Thai Tea Shaved Ice—This was a dome-shaped desert layered with a cake at the bottom followed by shaved ice and topped with meringue. You must really dig with your spoon deep down to capture all of the layers. It was very mild, yet a refreshing end to our meal.

Overall, our dining experience at this restaurant was exceptional, and these dishes were definitely amazing. We would highly recommend trying this restaurant for a memorable and delicious dining experience.

How to Register to view your FirstService Residential account online

Did you know that you can view your Desert Ridge Community Association (Master Association) account balance, association documents, meeting minutes, calendar, etc. online 24/7 via the FirstService Residential (FSR) Connect Desert Ridge Portal?

We have made registering to set up your account quick and easy. Just follow 8 simple steps!

- 1** Please obtain access to <http://desertridge.connectresident.com/> in a browser window.
- 5** Once the email address is verified, a screen will be prompting for creation of a PASSWORD.
- 2** Scroll to the bottom of the page to the Resident Access section and select "Create Account."
- 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.
- 3** Fill in your First Name, Last Name and Email Address. Click REGISTER (a captcha verification process is presented you will need to click the relevant pictures until there are no more and click the VERIFY button).
- 7** Accept the "Terms & Conditions" by clicking the box "I AGREE" and click the pink box "CONTINUE."
- 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.
- 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.



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VICTIM:	Desert Ridge Residential Community
LOCATION:	Prescribed Locations in the Desert Ridge Community
DATE/TIME:	2013 to Present

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

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The Community's Policy on Security Cameras

We know you want to feel safe at home and you should. Maybe you've tried trimming foliage, increasing exterior lighting, and installing a home security system. Maybe you've even considered installing video cameras outside your home to feel more secure.

Before you invest in a high-tech video system, there are a few things to consider. Personal safety and privacy are two ideals everyone wants in a community, but they can collide. Association policies weigh both these concerns, while also taking local and state laws into consideration.

Installing any security equipment, including cameras, is considered an architectural alteration of the home's exterior and therefore requires the homeowner to obtain written approval from the association Design Review Committee prior to proceeding with installing cameras. In addition, the installation will only be approved after the neighbors' right to privacy and quiet use and enjoyment of their property has been considered. We may also ask the association attorney to review your application.

If you chose to install video surveillance, the camera needs to be placed in the least intrusive or visible location, and it can only be

focused on your property—never directed at windows of adjacent structures, neighboring or common property.

Applications to install a security camera must include a plot plan showing the camera's location in relation to neighboring structures, a property survey and specifications on the size, shape and angle of view of the camera. Any changes from the application, such as altering the location, equipment or field of view of the camera may require a new application.

Before deciding to install a security camera system, think about why you want to monitor particular views. Ask yourself:

- What do I achieve by installing cameras?
- Are the lighting conditions (night and day) good enough?
- How much video do I want to store before the system records over itself?
- Do I want to monitor cameras myself, access them via the Internet or keep a recording for investigative purposes?

Many homeowners are going beyond motion-detecting lights and in-home security systems and installing video cameras for safety. However, our association must—at the same time—balance your desire to feel secure and your neighbor's need for privacy.



As a homeowner in an association, you have certain rights—and responsibilities.

You have the right to . . .

- A responsive and competent community association.
- Honest, fair, and respectful treatment by community leaders and managers.
- Attend meetings, serve on committees, and run for election.
- Access appropriate association records.
- Prudent financial management of fees and other assessments.
- Live in a community where the property is maintained according to established standards.
- Fair treatment regarding financial and other association obligations, including the opportunity to discuss payment plans and options before the association takes any legal action, and the right to appeal decisions.
- Receive all rules and regulations governing the community association—if not prior to purchase and settlement, then upon joining the community.

You also have the responsibility to . . .

- Maintain your property according to established standards.
- Treat association leaders with honesty and respect.
- Read and comply with the rules and regulations of the community and ensure that your tenants and guests do too.
- Vote in community elections and on other issues.
- Pay association assessments and charges on time.
- Contact association leaders or managers, if necessary, to discuss financial obligations and alternative payment arrangements.
- Request reconsideration of material decisions that personally affect you.
- Provide your current contact information to the association so you receive all information from the community.

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Firestick Facts

Landscaping tips



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The, "Firestick" plant, also known as Euphorbia tirucalli or pencil cactus, is a succulent plant native to Africa and Madagascar. While it can make an attractive addition to indoor and outdoor gardens due to its unique appearance and low maintenance requirements, there are some considerations to keep in mind before planting it:

Climate Considerations:

Firestick plants thrive in warm, dry climates and are not frost-tolerant. They prefer well-draining soil and plenty of sunlight. In colder climates, they are grown as indoor plants or in containers that can be brought indoors during winter.

Allergies / Personal Protective Equipment :

Some people may be allergic to the sap of firestick plants, causing skin irritation or respiratory problems upon contact or inhalation. It is essential to wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, Eye Protection, and gloves to avoid contact with the sap when handling these plants. A drop of sap has the potential to cause blindness if eyes are not immediately flushed with water.



Even dried sap on clothing can still have the potential to burn your eyes if you touch your clothes with sap residue and proceed to touch your eyes. Gloves with sap residue should be disposed of after usage. Also, note that the sap will leave a white stain on any surface it contacts. Because of this, it is advised to use disposable tarps to place cuttings upon.

Before planting a firestick plant, consider these factors and determine if its suitable for your location and gardening preferences. If you decide to grow one, ensure you handle it safely. Always be sure to provide the proper growing conditions. Never forget to monitor its growth in order to prevent any future potential issues.



Toxicity:

Firestick plants contain a milky sap that can be irritating to the skin and eyes. Ingesting the sap can cause upset stomach, vomiting, and other symptoms in humans and pets. It is important to handle these plants with care and keep them out of the reach of children and pets.

Invasive Potential:

In regions with suitable climates, firestick plants can become invasive if not properly controlled. Their ability to propagate easily from cuttings and their tolerance to drought can lead to them spreading rapidly if not monitored.

Maintenance:

While firestick plants are drought-tolerant and relatively easy to care for, they may require occasional pruning to control their size and shape. They can grow quite tall and may become leggy if not pruned regularly.

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Appointment-Based Collection begins September 30, 2024



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Set out bulk trash up to 7 days before appointment

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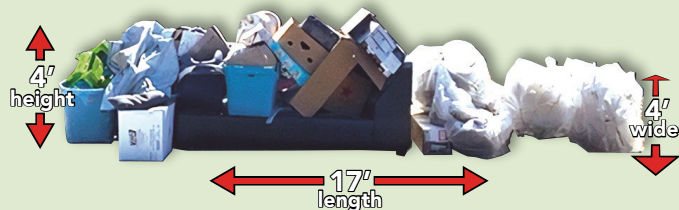
- ⊘ More than 10 cubic yards. The pile must be smaller than 17'L X 4'W X 4'H in size.
- ⊘ Loose grass, leaves, weeds, twigs and hedge clippings.
- ⊘ Household hazardous waste (HHW), such as antifreeze, pool chemicals, oil, batteries and paint.
- ⊘ Tires, any shape or size.
- ⊘ Appliances that use refrigerants.

For a complete list of Dos and Don'ts, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks/bulktrash



TIPS:

- ✓ Place piles curbside close to the edge of your property.
- ✓ Place 5 feet away from fixed objects.
- ✓ Cut tree trimmings down to less than 12" in diameter and 4' in length.



- *Do not place piles on top of water meters.
- *Do not place piles in the alley.

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THE PERILS OF OVERWATERING PLANTS in Arizona's Summer Heat



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As the scorching Arizona summer arrives, gardeners and plant enthusiasts must understand the potential hazards of overwatering. While water is essential for plant growth and survival, excessive irrigation can lead to many problems. This article aims to shed light on the detrimental effects of overwatering plants in Arizona during the summer season and provide practical tips to maintain a healthy balance for your green companions.



PRACTICAL TIPS FOR PROPER WATERING

- **Know your soil type.** Clay soil will hold water and require less frequent irrigation. Sandy or rocky soil will drain faster and require more frequent irrigation.
- **Understand your plants:** Different species have varying water requirements. Research and identify the specific watering needs of each plant to avoid overwatering or underwatering. Native plants will always be your best choice.
- **For clay soils, which are most typical, water deeply and infrequently:** Aim for deep watering sessions that wet the entire depth and width of the root zone rather than frequent shallow watering. This will encourage the development of an abundant root mass that will absorb the water needed for the high heat, high evaporation, low humidity period of summer.

- **Observe signs of plant stress:** Pay attention to signs of underwatering, such as wilting and leaf curling. It's crucial to differentiate between water stress and overwatering symptoms.
- **Monitor soil moisture:** Use a moisture meter or check the soil by hand to determine if watering is necessary. Ensure the top inch or two of the soil is dry before watering again. If you are in doubt of the proper irrigation frequency, check the soil just prior to the next irrigation cycle. If the moisture is still good, then add an additional day or two between the scheduled waterings. If the soil is totally dry, reduce the number of days between watering cycles.

Adjust irrigation schedules seasonally:

The watering frequency is related directly to the evaporation of water from the plant and the soil. Evaporation in January may be .06" per day while June may be .40" per day.

- **Optimize irrigation methods:** Employ efficient irrigation systems like drip irrigation or soaker hoses to deliver water directly to the root zone, minimizing evaporation and runoff.



Maintaining a healthy balance between watering and the unique challenges of Arizona's summer climate is crucial for successful plant care. Overwatering can lead to root problems, fungal diseases, increased pest activity, and unnecessary water waste. By understanding your plants' specific needs and implementing proper watering practices, you can ensure their health and conserve water resources in the arid environment of Arizona's scorching summers.

THE CHALLENGES OF ARIZONA'S ARID CLIMATE



Arizona's unique climate poses significant challenges for plant care, particularly during the summer months. With intense heat, low humidity, and limited rainfall, plants face the risk of desiccation and stress. While it may seem counterintuitive, overwatering exacerbates these challenges rather than alleviating them.

ROOT HEALTH AND OXYGEN DEPRIVATION

Overwatering saturates the soil, leading to waterlogged conditions that impede the proper exchange of gases in the root zone. **When roots are deprived of oxygen, they become vulnerable to root rot and other diseases**, impairing the plant's ability to absorb nutrients and water effectively. This can result in wilting, yellowing leaves, stunted growth, or death.

FUNGAL DISEASES AND PESTS

Excessive moisture creates a favorable environment for fungal pathogens, such as Pythium and Phytophthora, which thrive in damp conditions. These diseases can cause root rot, crown rot, and other infections that weaken the plant's health. Additionally, overwatering can attract pests like fungus gnats and mosquitoes, further compromising the well-being of your plants.

WATER CONSERVATION AND COST EFFICIENCY

Considering Arizona's ongoing water scarcity concerns, overwatering harm your plants and contributes to wasteful water consumption. **Adopting appropriate watering practices can conserve this valuable resource and lower your water bills**, benefiting your garden and the environment.

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Paradise Valley Community College

BY LYSA FITZHUGH AND LISA KERBY

You've driven by it and it's one of your landmarks for direction. It's Paradise Valley Community College (PVCC).

And what you may not know is plenty.

PVCC offers expected core classes and programs in fields including technology, behavioral sciences, education, business, health science, and visual and performing arts.

Stage Combat

PVCC is the first college in the nation offering a Stage Combat CCL and the only school in Arizona. Students and working professionals receive training and come back often to keep certifications current.

"I feel lucky to be able to share my love for this art with my students," says Andre Robertson, program director. "So many plays and movies depict violence ... we are making it look real so it helps tell the story of characters to the audience."

Clinical Research

To support the person with a clinical mind and goal for a career in this field, PVCC offers options in the Clinical Research Program with two specialized certificates of completion: Clinical Data Coordination and Clinical Research Coordination.

In the data program, a person gains the

necessary skills of collection, cleaning and management of data in clinical trials.

The research program helps a person to actively support, facilitate and coordinate daily activities within clinical trials, which includes managing recruitment processes, monitoring and communicating with participants, collaborating with investigators and preparing essential documentation.

Business Entrepreneurialism

The training offered in the business program is ready-made for the demands of workforce development and designed to meet the ever-evolving job market. PVCC has strategic partnerships with local businesses to create a dynamic learning environment extending beyond the campus.

This pathway leads to careers in accounting, marketing, small business and more. Students dive in deep in this program and then dive right into their careers.

EMT and Paramedicine

The EMT and paramedicine program is recognized nationally and the accredited programs give students an upper advantage in entering their careers in emergency medical services. As a bonus, students' practical experience involves a functioning, training

ambulance.

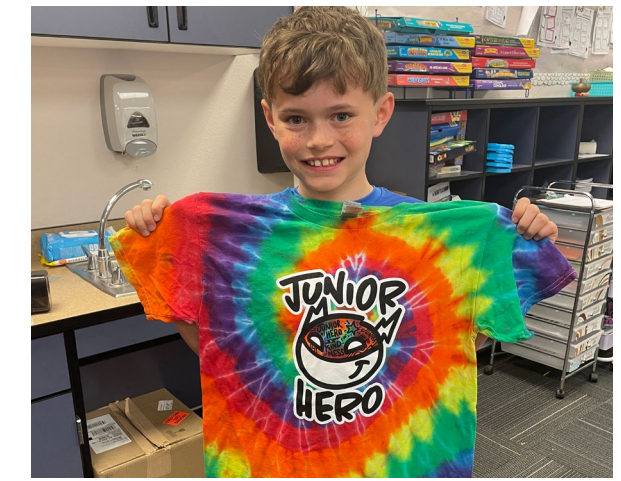
"The ambulance serves as a powerful symbol of the exciting opportunities in this line of work," says Kevin Taussig, program director. "It [allows] our students to hone their skills in the educational setting while also providing real-life, hands-on experience." PVCC is just one of a few select programs in the state that has an emergency vehicle.

New Four-year Degree and "Sprint" Schedule

Now the institution offers a four-year degree. Future teachers can earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary and Special Education at a fraction of the cost of a university. This program prepares pre-service teachers to educate diverse learners.

Also new is the Puma Sprint Schedule – an accelerated program for students who want to fast track their college courses. Courses are designed to meet the AGECE (Arizona General Education Curriculum core courses) to transfer to a university and are taught in a hybrid, eight-week format with math and sciences spanning 16 weeks.

All this makes for more than a landmark to drive past. This institution is all about educating the whole person so you're ready for opportunities coming your way.



Soaring High at Wildfire Elementary School

There's a buzz of excitement at Wildfire Elementary School, and it has everything to do with our incredible students and dedicated staff! This year, we not only received an A rating by the Arizona Department of Education, but we were named a top-rated elementary school in the entire state by U.S. News & World Report! These accolades are a true reflection of the exceptional learning environment we cultivate here at Wildfire.

More than Awards: A Focus on Nurturing Young Minds

At Wildfire, our mission goes beyond achieving high marks. We are passionate about fostering a stimulating and supportive atmosphere where young minds can flourish. Our dedicated educators create dynamic lessons that spark curiosity, ignite critical thinking skills, and instill a lifelong love of learning.

Our curriculum emphasizes STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math), preparing our students for success in a rapidly changing world. With a student-centered approach, we empower each child to reach their full potential.

Learning Adventures Beyond the Classroom

Learning at Wildfire extends far beyond the classroom walls. Our students embark on enriching field trips and participate in engaging in-school events that bring classroom concepts to life. From exploring museums and historical sites to visiting nature centers, farms, and even learning and experiencing the physics of an amusement park, these immersive experiences spark imaginations, solidify knowledge, and create lasting memories.

A Welcoming and Inclusive Environment

For families new to the Desert Ridge community or seeking a school that prioritizes

their child's success, Wildfire Elementary offers a warm and welcoming environment. Our experienced and caring staff are dedicated to ensuring each child feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

Join the Wildfire Family!

Open enrollment is currently underway for all grade levels for the upcoming school year. We also have openings in kindergarten for the next year – the perfect opportunity to give your child a strong foundation for their educational journey.

Curious to see what makes Wildfire Elementary so special? Contact our school office at 602-449-4300 to schedule a tour and what makes Wildfire a truly remarkable place to learn!

Ryan Schoonover
Principal

DAILY EMPOWERMENT GUIDE

Boost Your Confidence

BY JOHNNA ONEIL

Feeling and looking your best daily is more important than ever in a world full of challenges and pressures. Positive habits can make a huge difference in boosting your self-esteem and enhancing your well-being. By focusing on simple yet effective practices, from refining your daily routines to prioritizing mental health, you can set yourself on a path to empowerment and satisfaction.

Refining Your Daily Routines

Establishing routines optimizes your day. Begin your day with activities that energize you and set a positive tone such as meditation, a skincare regimen, or a healthy breakfast. In the evening, activities like reading, journaling, or stretching can help you unwind and prepare for restful sleep. These routines not only improve your physical well-being but also your mental clarity.

Fostering Self-Compassion

Self-compassion is crucial for navigating life's ups and downs with grace. By treating yourself kindly and acknowledging your worth, you lay the foundation for a resilient and confident outlook. Engaging in positive self-talk and learning to forgive yourself for mistakes helps build a supportive inner dialogue. Accepting your imperfections as part of your humanity enables you to approach challenges with strength and assurance.

Seeking Out Growth

Personal growth is fueled by embracing new experiences and challenges. Venturing out of your comfort zone reveals new passions and opportunities for learning, enriching your life in unexpected ways. These experiences not only provide personal satisfaction but also contribute to your sense of self-worth. Embracing the unknown as

an opportunity for growth can lead to a more fulfilling and confident life.

Practicing Gratitude

Gratitude has a profound impact on your perspective and overall happiness. Keeping a gratitude journal allows you to reflect on and appreciate the good in your life, fostering a positive mindset. This practice helps you focus on what you have, rather than what you lack, cultivating a sense of abundance. Recognizing the value in the small, everyday moments can significantly enhance your well-being and outlook.

Prioritizing Physical Health

Taking care of your physical health is essential for feeling your best. Regular check-ups are important for staying informed about your health status and addressing any issues early on. Being proactive and advocating for yourself in

healthcare settings ensures that your needs are met. This attention to your physical well-being not only keeps you healthy but also strengthens your confidence in managing your health.

Efficient Medical Record Organization

Organizing your medical records effectively ensures you always have quick and easy access to important health information when you need it. Part of this process involves finding out how to make a PDF, which can simplify document storage and sharing. By converting your medical files into PDF format, you streamline the organization and can easily share them with healthcare providers. Leveraging online PDF creators allows for the efficient conversion of various file types, keeping your health information both accessible and secure.

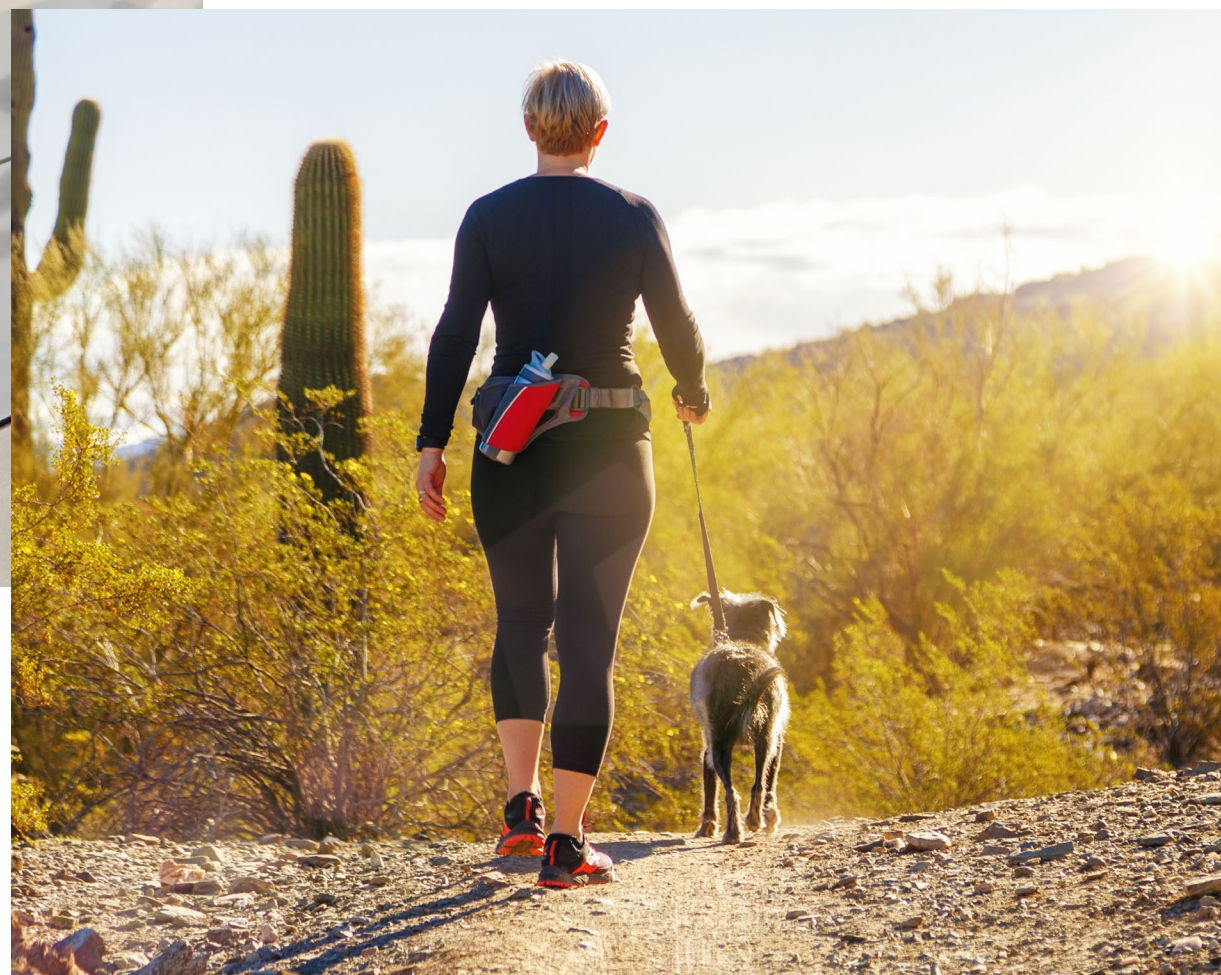
Enhancing Mental Wellness

Mental wellness should be a priority, just like physical health. Techniques for relaxation and stress management, such as mindfulness and meditation, can greatly improve your mental state. These practices offer a way to find peace and resilience amid life's stressors. Seeking professional help when needed is also crucial for addressing and navigating mental health challenges effectively.

Expressing Your Personal Style

Your personal style is a powerful form of self-expression that affects both how you see yourself and how others perceive you. Experimenting with new looks, hairstyles, or fashion choices can significantly boost your self-esteem. This form of self-expression allows you to showcase your individuality and confidence to the world. Embracing changes in your appearance can be a fun and empowering way to reinvent yourself.

By integrating these practices into your daily routine, you take a significant step towards boosting your self-confidence and overall well-being. Making small, consistent adjustments to your habits can lead to substantial improvements in both your mental and physical health, alongside your self-esteem. Let these strategies inspire you to approach each day with confidence and a sense of fulfillment.





Summer Safety



Steve Burns
Chair
Community Awareness

Tips for preventing heat-related illnesses and enjoying outdoor activities responsibly.

As the temperatures rise and the days get longer, summer brings with it a host of outdoor activities and

opportunities for fun. However, it's important to remember that with the joys of summer there are also potential risks to our

health and well-being.

Last year, we saw record heat in Maricopa County, with 54 days over 110 degrees. We also set a record for heat-related deaths, of which many were preventable. According to the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, 71% of those deaths occurred on a day when the weather service issued an excessive heat warning.

Summer can be an enjoyable time of year, but it is important to understand that the heat can be dangerous too, and lead to various heat-related conditions. These conditions range from sunburn and dehydration to heat exhaustion and heatstroke. The key to avoiding these issues lies in prevention and recognizing the symptoms to address them promptly.

Each summer, I share these tips to increase your awareness and help you to prevent or recognize a dangerous - and even potentially deadly - condition.

Sunburn: Protect Your Skin

Our skin is our largest organ, and it needs proper protection. Sunburn can occur in as little as 20 minutes of unprotected sun exposure. It ranges from mild to severe, with severe cases requiring medical attention. For mild to moderate sunburn, there are self-help tips to alleviate the discomfort:

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water to prevent dehydration and rehydrate the skin.
- Take cool showers or baths to soothe the pain, ensuring

gentle patting to dry the skin instead of rubbing it.

- Moisturize the sunburned skin with aloe vera, known for its skin-repairing properties. Aloe-based sprays or gels with lidocaine or benzocaine can help relieve pain.
- Consider taking over-the-counter pain relievers like aspirin, acetaminophen, or ibuprofen to alleviate discomfort and swelling.
- Avoid applying ice or icepacks, alcohol-based products, vinegar, petroleum jelly, or makeup to sunburned skin, as they can hinder the healing process or worsen the condition. If you are unsure of the severity of a sunburn, consult a healthcare provider.

Dehydration: Stay Hydrated in the Heat

Dehydration is a common condition during the summer months. Since our bodies are primarily composed of water, it is vital to stay hydrated, especially in the heat. Aim for approximately one ounce of water per two pounds of body weight each day. While sports drinks can help, be mindful of their sugar content. Limit alcohol and caffeine consumption as they increase the body's water requirement.

Recognize signs of dehydration, including increased thirst, dry mouth, heart palpitations, decreased and dark urine output, headache, dry skin, and dizziness. Mild to moderate

dehydration can often be reversed by increasing fluid intake, but severe dehydration requires immediate medical attention.

Heat Exhaustion: Recognize and Respond

Heat exhaustion can occur when the body's cooling mechanism is overwhelmed, even without dehydration. Symptoms include profuse sweating, weakness, cool and pale skin, a fast and weak pulse, possible muscle cramps, dizziness, nausea or vomiting, and fainting. If you suspect heat exhaustion:

- Move the person to a cooler environment.
- Lay them down and loosen their clothing.
- Apply cool, wet cloths to their body and fan them.
- Offer sips of water.
- Seek medical attention if vomiting occurs more than once.

Heatstroke: A Life-Threatening Emergency

Heatstroke is a severe condition that demands immediate medical attention. Symptoms include an altered mental state, throbbing headache, confusion, nausea, dizziness, shallow breathing, body temperature above 103°F, hot and red skin (dry or moist), rapid and strong pulse, and fainting or loss of consciousness. If you suspect heatstroke:

- Call 911 or seek immediate medical help.
- Move the person to a cooler environment.

- Reduce their body temperature using cool cloths or a bath.
- Do not give them fluids.

Important - Heatstroke is a life-threatening emergency, and prompt action is critical.

Your Car is an Oven: Never Leave Children or Pets Inside

During summer, it is essential to be aware of the dangerous temperatures that can accumulate inside parked vehicles. Even with slightly open windows, the heat inside a car can rise to life-threatening levels within minutes. Never leave children or pets unattended in a parked car, as brain damage, dehydration, and even death can occur rapidly.

Embrace Summer Responsibly

Prioritize summer safety and follow preventative measures to enjoy the season while minimizing risks. Protect your skin from sunburn, stay hydrated, recognize, and respond to heat-related conditions, and never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles. Avoid excessive physical exertion during extreme heat and check on elderly or vulnerable individuals who may be more susceptible to heat-related issues. Seek out cool environments on hot days. Use fans, air conditioning, or cool showers to lower your body temperature.

Let's make the most of summer while keeping ourselves and our loved ones safe and healthy.



Interested in Pickleball?

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

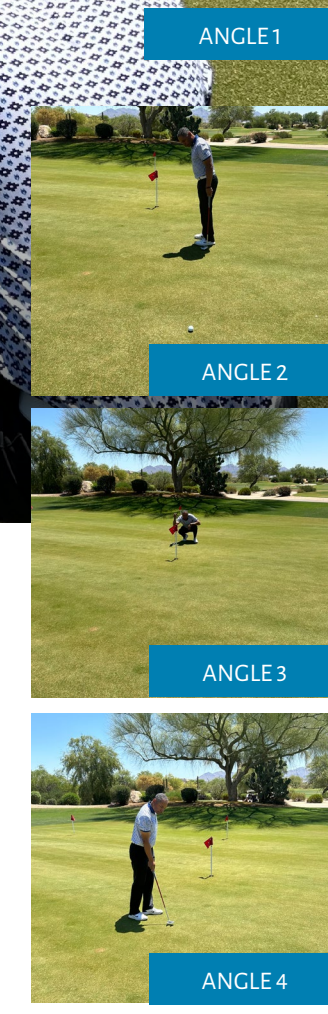
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- Thompson Peak Park** | 20199 N 78th Place, Scottsdale | www.Scottsdaleaz.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PICKLEBALL:

- USA Pickleball Places 2 play** | www.placestoplay.org
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Reading Greens

BY MATT KEEL, PGA



Arguably, putting should be one of the easiest parts to the game of golf. However, the putting green is the place where we can waste a lot of strokes. One of the most important pieces of being a great putter is to read the putt correctly. When reading a putt, you will be trying to determine the speed of the putt and the amount of break in the putt. The speed and the break will affect each other, so it is important to read both. To read both the speed and break you will need to look at the putt from a 360-degree view. Reading the putt from a 360-degree view simply means looking at the putt from four different positions.

First read the putt from behind the ball. From behind the ball, you want to determine the slope of the green. Is the green flat, sloping from left to right or right to left? Also determine if there is any significant grain to the green. If the green has a shiny hue, then the putt is down grain and will be faster. If the hue of the green is darker and duller, then the putt is into the grain and will be slower.

Next walk to the low side of the putt halfway between the ball and the hole. If the putt breaks from left to right, then the low side of the putt will be right side. From this vantage point, look

at your putt and determine if the putt is uphill or downhill. Also, look at the slope of the green from this angle and determine if there are any humps or abnormalities in the green that will affect the ball.

Third, look at your putt from behind the hole. Look at the slope of the putt both uphill or downhill and side to side. At this point you will have a good idea for the speed of the putt and the break. The line the ball will take that you visualize from this point will usually be the correct line.

Next, walk to the high side of the putt halfway between the ball and the hole. At this point you will mainly be seeking confirmation of what you have already read from the previous three angles. Once you have confirmed the speed and the break from this angle, you will be able to commit to your read and know what the ball is likely to do when you make your putt. Once you have your confirmation, you have read the green, and it's time to putt the ball.

Reading the putt from a 360-degree view is simply gathering all the information you need to make the putt. If you gather all the information you need, you will be able to commit to the speed and the line. By reading the putt correctly, you will be able to make more putts.



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Director of Instruction,
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BY JEAN BATSON

Making the Most of Every Moment

Discover how staying active, positive, and socially engaged can lead to a fulfilling and joyous life, no matter your age.

When we are young, life is so full of new things to explore but over the years, we evolve through many stages of life. We make decisions along the way that will affect everything we do and how our lives will look when we get past 65. Did we make good decisions financially to prepare for retirement age? Did we build a support group of family and friends that we treasure? When you are there to help others, they'll likely be there for you in your time of need.

Aging sneaks up on you...one minute you're forty...then fifty...then sixty and more, so we ask ourselves, how did we

get here so fast? Well, obviously one year at a time. The next question is, how do we make the most of every moment we have because none of us has any idea when our time has run its course.

With a positive attitude towards life, we can be healthier and enjoy more of what life has to offer. Don't sit at home. Go out, interact with other people. Volunteer – get a part-time job, try new things. Be with people you enjoy – people you can laugh with. Join a bridge group or a book club, invite friends to go out for lunch. Be an instigator. Play games. Join a travel group if that interests you or take a class. It is often said that people

who are socially active and upbeat are more prone to longevity and contentment.

Try to keep fit not only for your health but because you'll feel better. One of the greatest exercise programs is free. Start walking regularly at a comfortable pace for you...and increase the distance over time. You might even enjoy a brisk walk with a neighbor. You'll be amazed at how energized you are. Activity can be your best friend whether you walk around a mall, go to a movie, or invite friends over.

However, you spend your time, do it with heart and enjoy the friends you make during your journey called life.

A Video Legacy

BY JEAN BATSON

What can seniors give to their family? Memories! Insight! I remember when my Mom was in her late 70's; I realized how little I really knew about her other than her role as a mother. Of course, I had all sorts

of memories of her from growing up – coming home from school, running excitedly into the house to tell her about my day ...but did I really know her as a person. Do my children really know who I am outside of that role? Like many of us, my Mom promised she would write us a history of her life, her interests, her thoughts...but after ten years of waiting - still no story. Many years ago, my husband, Al, suggested we interview her on video to ask her questions about high school, college, her life as a secretary before she married my Dad, how she met him, what

she thought about various world events...and anything we could think of. We asked her permission. She reluctantly agreed. The thought of a camera made her uncomfortable at first.

We set up the camera, sat her on the couch with me next to her, asking her questions. It was an amazing experience. She forgot all about the camera after the first question as we watched and listened as story after story, memory after memory came out. She was in her glory, and we were fascinated. Of course, we knew some of the stories but to hear them again with her eyes aglow was such a precious gift. But the faraway look on her face as she spoke about meeting and falling instantly in love with my Dad...a feeling she never lost, is my favorite part.

She passed away in 1992 but I will always have her "live and in person" on my screen whenever I need an electronic Mom-hug. I will treasure this video forever – hearing her voice, seeing her smile and laughter.

So, Seniors, if you want to give a gift to your family that will always be treasured...give them your history in your words and voice. What a great Christmas gift that would be to your children.



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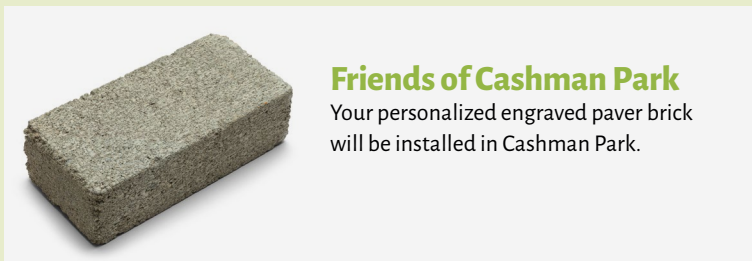
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Call 480-551-4559 for more information.



10 Summer Activities in Desert Ridge

BY NINA RENEE

Arizona summers can be scorching, but for active adults, the heat doesn't have to mean hibernation. Get out and discover some of the best local activities this summer.

1. Arizona Science Center

Indoor: The Arizona Science Center offers fascinating exhibits, interactive displays, and planetarium shows. It's a cool escape from the heat, and active adults can enjoy learning about science, technology, and space exploration.

2. Butterfly Wonderland

Indoor: Step into a magical world at Butterfly Wonderland. Wander through lush rainforest habitats filled with thousands of colorful butterflies. It's a serene and enchanting experience.

3. Musical Instrument Museum (MIM)

Indoor: MIM houses an impressive collection of musical instruments from around the globe. can explore exhibits, listen to live performances, and even play some instruments themselves.

4. Heard Museum

Indoor: Dive into American Indian culture and art at the Heard Museum. The exhibits display traditional and contemporary Native American art, history, and heritage.

5. Scenic Drive on the Apache Trail

Outdoor: For adventurous active adults, take a scenic drive along the Apache Trail. Enjoy breathtaking desert landscapes, rugged mountains, and picturesque lakes. Government Resource: The Tonto National Forest manages the Apache Trail area.

6. Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Ride

Outdoor: Rise above the desert at dawn with a hot air balloon ride. Witness the sunrise over the cacti-dotted landscape—an unforgettable experience. Local Operator: Hot Air Expeditions

7. Desert Botanical Garden

Outdoor/Indoor: Stroll through the Desert Botanical Garden, where cacti and desert flora thrive. Special "Flashlight Nights" allow evening visits during cooler hours.

8. JW Marriott Desert Ridge

Outdoor: Active adults can relax by the lazy river or splash in the pool at JW Marriott Desert Ridge. It's a great way to beat the heat.

9. Dave & Buster's

Indoor: Bring out your competitive spirit at Dave & Buster's. Bowling, arcade games, and good food make it a fun outing for active adults.

10. The Desert Ridge Marketplace

Outdoor: With shaded seating areas, cooling mist stations, and a range of dining options, the Desert Ridge Marketplace is an ideal spot for active adults to stroll, dine, and relax. The marketplace frequently hosts live music, art shows, and community events, providing a lively yet accessible environment.

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!

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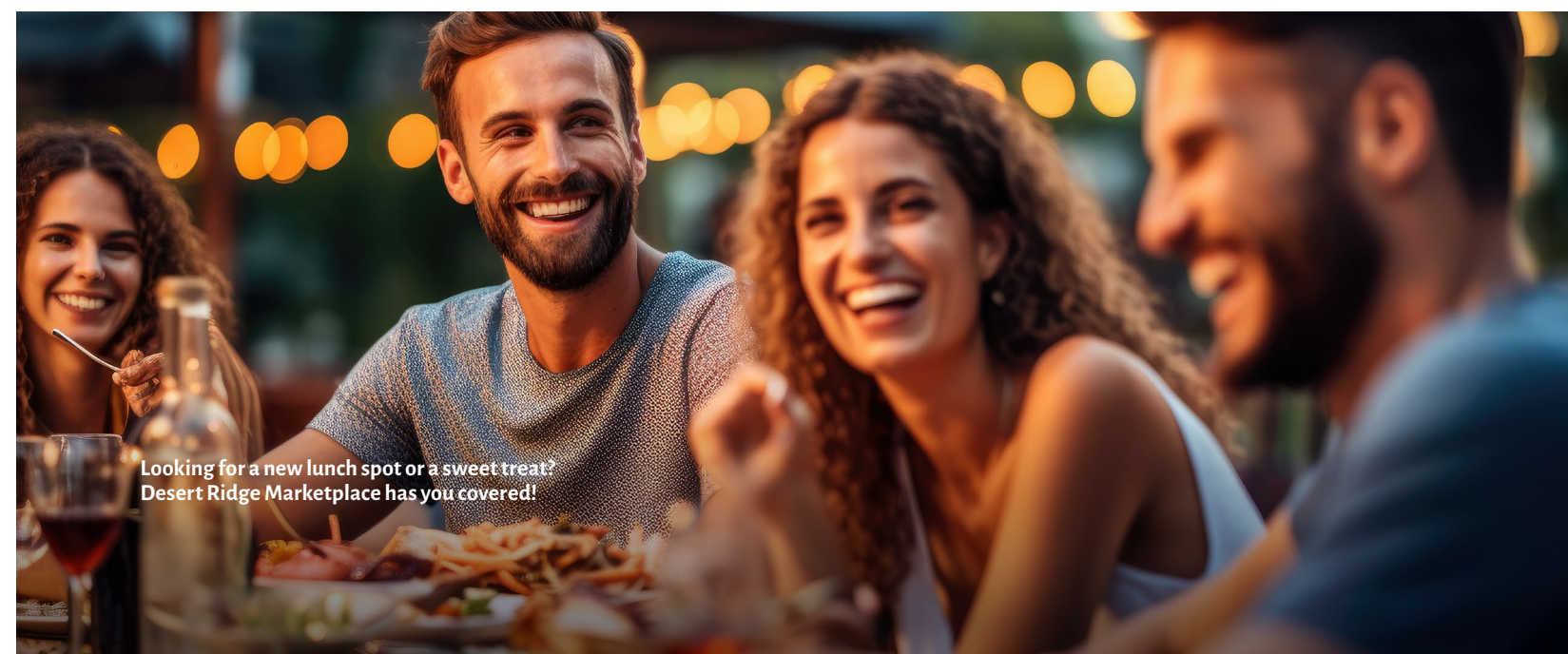
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**Meetings and events dates are subject to change. Association members and/or member representatives only.*

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Design Review Committee Meeting

Via Zoom Teleconference
Tuesday, June 4 & 25
Tuesday, July 16
Tuesday, August 6 & 27
Tuesday, September 17
Tuesday, October 8 & 29
4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

Via Zoom Teleconference
Tuesday, June 25
No July Meeting (Recess)
Tuesday, August 27
Tuesday, September 24
Tuesday, October 22
9:00 a.m.

Lifestyles Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Monday, June 17
Monday, July 15
Monday, August 19
Monday, September 16
Monday, October 21
5:00 p.m.

DRCA Board of Directors

Cambria Hotel & Suites
Wednesday, June 26
No July Meeting (Recess)
Wednesday, August 28
Wednesday, September 25
Wednesday, October 23
6:00 p.m.

Communications Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, June 20
Thursday, July 18
Thursday, August 15
Thursday, September 19
Thursday, October 17
5:30 p.m.

DRCA Office Holiday Closures

Juneteenth Day
Wednesday, June 19
Independence Day
Thursday, July 4
Labor Day
Monday, September 2

DRCA Office Lunch Hour Closing

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DRCA Summer Office Hours

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The Venue
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October 8th
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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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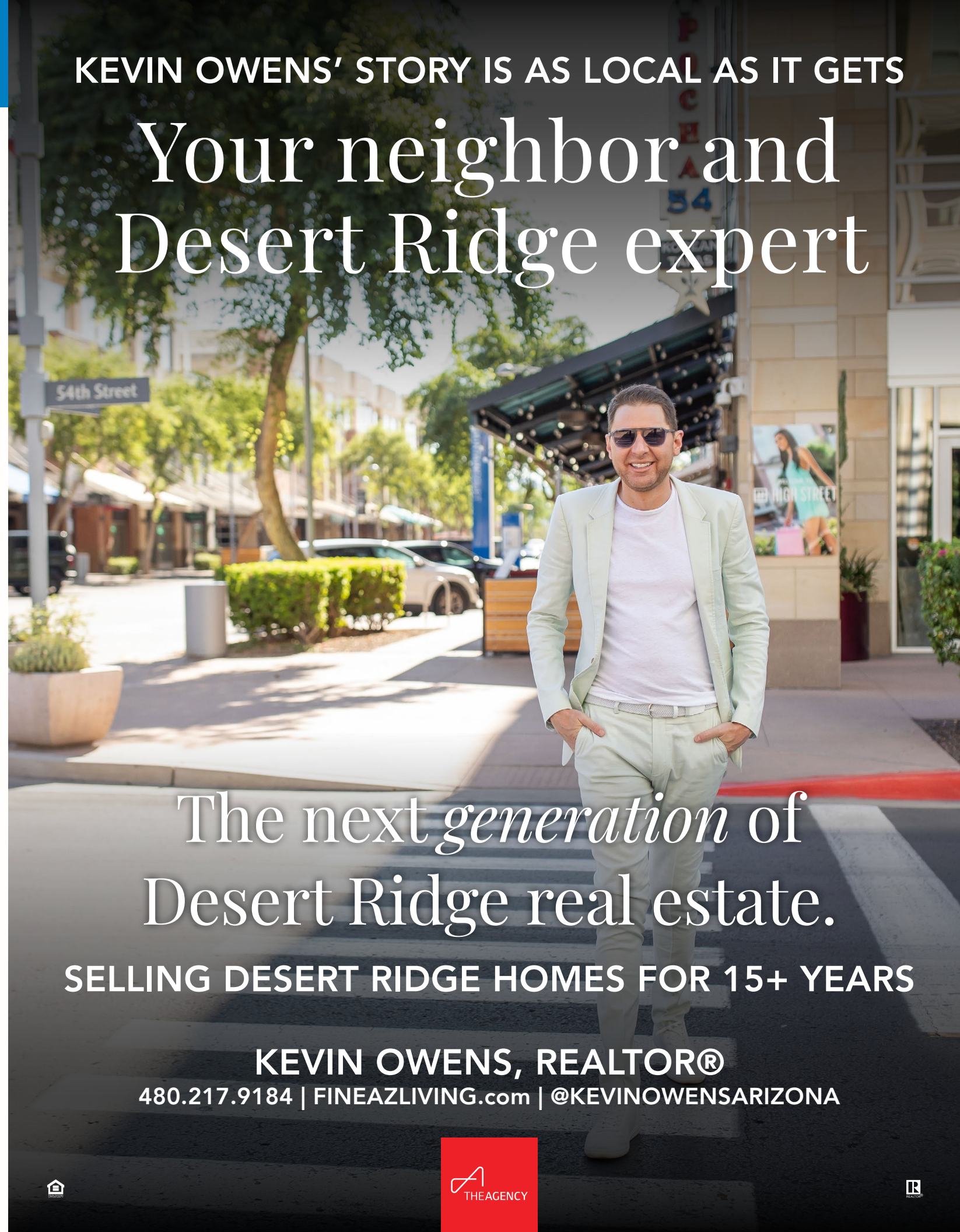
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