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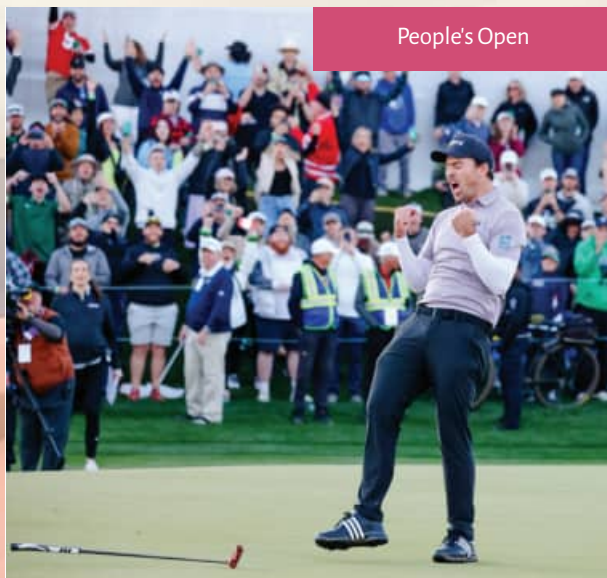
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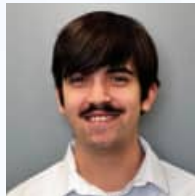
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wintertime! A Time of Reflection



Reginald Younger, Jr.
President
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Hello and best wishes to our Desert Ridge Community Residents throughout this New Year.

It's always wonderful seeing our residents out and about enjoying outdoor activities as we transition from fall to winter in the Valley.

As we welcome in and enjoy our 2025 winter season, I would like to briefly reflect on a few initiatives and developments within our "Little City" of Desert Ridge. On November 7, 2023, Phoenix voters passed the City Council approved \$500 million General Obligation (GO) Bond Program. Included in the Bond is Phase I funding for development of Parcel 8 as a district park called Desert View Civic Space. Development is scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 through 2028-2029 for \$8,304,695.

As part of the GO Bond program, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department was funded for a Neighborhood Parks Enhancement Program. With \$1.5 million

allocated for minor capital improvements, this initiative will ensure that each council district receives dedicated funds to enhance local parks. Projects selected for funding will be announced in early 2025, and all approved projects will be completed within the GO Bond Program timeframe, spanning from 2024 to 2029, as determined by the Parks and Recreation Department. A grant application for Cashman Park improvements has been submitted to the City of Phoenix.

We submitted requests to the City of Phoenix Streets Department for a light signal to be installed at the intersection of 56th Street and Pinnacle Peak Road and for a second right turn lane to be designated at the southwest intersection of Deer Valley Drive and 56th Street. While these requests are still pending, other developments are still moving forward, including Talinn, The Luxe, CityNorth, High Street, and Elysium. Also, on the horizon are plans for the development of another 10-acre

neighborhood park, CCV church within the community, Arizona State Land Department Public Auctions for Parcel 4 and Parcel 12.

I would like to thank the residents that submitted to the Desert Ridge (Master Association) Design Review Committee (DRC) during this past year. The DRC received and reviewed over 1,700 submissions during 2024. I would also like to remind all community Owners of a lot, unit, or neighborhood parcel to make sure they submit and obtain approval from the DRC prior to commencing any work, maintenance, improvements, repairs, etc. to the exterior of their property in accordance with the Desert Ridge CC&Rs and governing documents.

On behalf of the board of directors, we thank you for your consistent feedback and continued participation and support. I am excited for our winter season. Until next time, see you around the community or at one of our next meetings.



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Local Events & Activities

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A Taste of AZ Food & Drink Festival

Salt River Fields (East Lawn)
7555 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

January 27

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Admission: General admission \$99 | VIP \$139 (must be 21+)

Mark your calendars for an event where a great time awaits. There will be an unlimited variety of food samplings of tacos, burgers, and 15 assorted beers, wine, and cocktails.



Stomp

250 N. Arizona Avenue, Chandler

February 7

7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Admission: \$48 / \$58 / \$68 / \$78

Stomp is an exhilarating form of percussion performance that captivates audiences with its innovative use of everyday objects. From brooms to trash cans and even the performers' own bodies, Stomp transforms the mundane into a mesmerizing musical experience. Each performance is a high-energy spectacle, showcasing the creativity and physicality of its talented performers who engage in a dynamic interplay of rhythm and movement.



KODO

One E. Main St., Mesa

February 8

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Admission: \$35 - \$85

(480) 644.6500

This performance taken from the traditional Japanese drum is creating a vibrant art form. As the word "Kodo" beautifully embodies both the heartbeat of life and the joyful spirit of children, it reflects a journey of artistic expression that connects us all. Whether you're a family seeking a delightful outing or an individual yearning for creative inspiration, Kodo offers a transformative experience that unites us through the universal language of rhythm.



71st Annual Scottsdale Prada Del Sol

Historic Parade and Trail's End Festival
3737 N. Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale

February 1

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

For more information call (602) 799-5644

This festival is an opportunity for family and friends to experience Scottsdale's cultural heritage with roughly 150, mounted horse-riders, marching bands, wagons, stagecoaches, and vibrant colored floats symbolizing many cultures of Native American, Mexican, Arabian, and Western.



35th Annual World Championship Hoop dance Contest

Heard Museum
2301 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

February 15 – February 16

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

This annual diverse tribal event is an event you don't want to miss. This event has over 100 dancers from diverse tribal backgrounds through Turtle Island bringing traditions of hoop dance. There will be food and drinks from local vendors and the Heard Museums restaurant.



Syncopated Ladies

250 N. Arizona Avenue, Chandler

February 21

7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Admission: \$15 Youth / \$24 / \$34 / \$44 / \$54

This all-female tap show is a toe-tapping tribute to the vibrant stories that each dancer brings to life through their electrifying footwork. It's a chance to support local talent while enjoying a night that promises to be as uplifting as it is entertaining! So, grab your friends and family, and let's get ready to shuffle off to Buffalo—because this performance is sure to have you dancing in your seats!



Extra Inning Festival

Tempe Beach Park
620 N. Mill Avenue

February 28 – March 1

Get ready, Desert Ridge residents! The Extra Innings Fest is just around the corner, and it's time to mark your calendars for an unforgettable weekend at Tempe Beach Park! Picture this: three incredible stages lighting up the park with over 18 rock, pop, and indie music acts that are sure to get your feet tapping and your spirits soaring. This festival will feature culinary demos that will tantalize your taste buds and a lineup of curated food vendors showcasing the very best of Southwest cuisine. Whether you're craving vegan delights, gluten-free goodies, or classic comfort food, there's something for everyone!



DRUMline Live

250 N. Arizona Avenue, Chandler

March 8

7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Admission: \$15 Youth / \$38 / \$46 / \$54/

This electrifying experience promises to resonate within the heart of the audience! DRUMline Live, where the larger-than-life sights and sounds of extraordinary marching bands from Historically Black Colleges and Universities will have you tapping your feet and dancing in your seats. So, don't miss out on this opportunity to drum up some fun and make lasting memories with your family and friends!



Shen Yun Performing Arts

Phoenix Symphony Hall
225 East Adams St, Phoenix

March 6 to March 9

This magnificent theatrical performance is a renowned theatrical production that aims to revive traditional Chinese culture through classical dance and music. The performances are known for their vibrant costumes, dynamic backdrops, and original music. You do not want to miss the opportunity to experience this production.



McDowell Mountain Music Festival

Steele Indian School Park
300 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix

March 7 – 1:00 pm | March 8 – 12:00 pm

Get ready to immerse yourself in an extraordinary celebration of music and community at the M3F festival! As Phoenix's largest independent music and arts festival, M3F promises an unforgettable experience for music lovers of all ages. Picture yourself surrounded by the electrifying sounds of indie, rock, electronic, and folk musicians, all while being part of a movement that prioritizes sustainability and local support.



Arizona Aloha Festival

Tempe Town Lake

March 15 – March 16

Dive into the vibrant world of the Arizona Aloha Festival, where the enchanting spirit of Hawaii comes alive right here in Phoenix! This free, family-friendly event offers an incredible opportunity to gather with your neighbors and celebrate the rich tapestry of Hawaiian and Polynesian culture. With captivating live music, mesmerizing hula and Polynesian dance performances, and delightful traditional crafts, there's something for everyone.



Cirque Du Soleil – Crystal

Footprint Center

April 3 – April 6

7:00 pm

Experience the magic of Cirque du Soleil CRYSTAL, where breathtaking artistry meets thrilling athleticism. This groundbreaking production invites you to witness a mesmerizing fusion of acrobatics and stunning skating, guaranteed to captivate audiences of all ages. You must gather your family and friends for this extraordinary event that promises to create unforgettable memories.



SCOTTSDALE'S 35TH ANNUAL

Celebration of Fine Art

January 18–March 30 | Open Daily 10am–6pm

The Celebration of Fine Art, Arizona's longest-running art show, will return to Scottsdale for 10 weeks on Saturday, January 18, 2025 in its new home just 200 yards south of its previous location. The storied art show, now in its 35th year, brings 100 acclaimed and emerging artists from throughout the country under one roof for an interactive, highly immersive experience in which art lovers can engage with the artists, see the processes behind their craft and purchase one-of-kind art. Renowned as the West's premier art show and working studio, the Celebration of Fine Art will be open daily through Sunday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Celebration of Fine Art has established a rich history in Scottsdale, attracting thousands of visitors from around the world each year who come to experience the uplifting spirit of connection that is unique to the show. Recognized by its signature “big white tents” and distinctive sculpture garden, the show houses 40,000 square feet of diverse works of art ranging from realist to impressionistic, Western to modern, and abstract to contemporary across all mediums from stone to metal, wood to glass, and canvas.

“During our first year in 1990, we recognized that the Celebration of Fine Art was much more than a place to buy art—it was a joyous and enchanting environment and community where

people would come to be uplifted by the art and the connection,” said Susan Morrow Potje, co-owner and show director. “Over our 35-year history, we’ve consistently heard from visitors and artists that it’s the experience, and spirit of discovery and connection that keeps them coming back. It’s truly a magical place that has to be experienced, as words alone are not enough to describe it.”

This year, the Celebration of Fine Art will celebrate its 35th anniversary in a new location just 200 yards to the south of its previous location. The entrance will remain the same, at the southwest corner of Hayden and The Loop 101. The layout will also remain the same, but guests will enjoy a few new updates in the courtyard and interior.

“We’re excited about the new location and opportunity to refresh a few amenities at the show, but we’re looking forward to being able to stay in the neighborhood where people already know where to find us and the surrounding community has really embraced the show,” Morrow Potje said.

The Celebration of Fine Art is a juried, invitational show that has come to be recognized for its diverse array of exceptional art, but more importantly for its interactive and uplifting atmosphere that encourages connection between art lovers and artists. It’s the unique

atmosphere and opportunity to learn, connect and engage that has made the Celebration of Fine Art a true destination and tradition for a diverse range of art lovers who come to simply admire art or expand their collection.

Art Discovery Series

The show is also home to the ever-popular Art Discovery Series, a live and interactive series in which guests get to learn about the adventures, stories and processes that shape art. Each week, artists discuss specific topics such as sculpture making, metalworking, jewelry, abstract art, and historic- and culturally influenced art, to name a few.

Throughout the 10 weeks, guests can also catch artist demonstrations of their process, attend an Art Discovery Series, which is held each Friday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., walk the outdoor sculpture garden, which features nearly 100 pieces of life-sized and monumental sculpture, and enjoy lunch or wine in the cafe.

The show is open to guests of all ages. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and military, and children under 12 are admitted for free. Tickets are all-event passes, good for the entire 10-week show. For those who can't make it to the show, the Celebration of Fine Art also features a number of artists on its online marketplace: celebrateart.com/marketplace



The 2025 Future Collector Car Show is coming to Scottsdale

Check out this automotive lifestyle event from January 18-26

Barrett-Jackson Chairman and CEO Craig Jackson, Emmy award-winning TV host, executive producer, and CEO Mike Rowe, TV personality Colby Donaldson and Ohio-based SugarCreek builders today unveiled a custom 1962 Dodge Power Wagon that will cross the block for charity during the Scottsdale Auction, January 18-26, 2025 at WestWorld of Scottsdale. The 1,000+ horsepower one-of-one four-wheel-drive Dodge will be sold during the January auction with 100 percent of the hammer price benefiting the mikeroweWORKS Foundation supporting skilled trades education.

“It was an honor to unveil the custom Dodge Power Wagon alongside my friend Mike Rowe in our Barrett-Jackson display during the SEMA Show,” said Jackson. “The one-of-one custom workhorse truck showcases SugarCreek and Colby’s tremendous creativity and craftsmanship. It’s an iconic symbol of the American determination and ingenuity that has been the backbone of our country. It’s only fitting that Barrett-Jackson will auction this Power Wagon to benefit Mike’s foundation, which is

dedicated to supporting the next generation of skilled trade workers across the country.”

Dubbed “Project S.W.E.A.T.” (Skill and Work Ethic Aren’t Taboo), the one-of-one 1962 Dodge Power Wagon truck features a 1,000+ horsepower supercharged HEMI V8 engine mated to an 8-speed automatic transmission. Built on a late-model Dodge RAM four-wheel-drive chassis, the fully utilitarian truck includes Dodge RAM TRX body styling, a custom crew cabin with suicide doors, hand-built utility flatbed and a handcrafted leather and Alcantara interior.

The 1962 Dodge Resto-Mod truck was designed by Colby Donaldson. Best known for competing in three seasons of “Survivor” and hosting reality competition shows, Donaldson is also a custom auto designer with a background in engineering and racing. “Project S.W.E.A.T.” was sponsored by John Richardson, Chairman of the Board of SugarCreek, and built by his team of premier automotive craftsman based in Washington Court House, Ohio.

“The opportunity to work with John’s immensely talented team at SugarCreek and Colby Donaldson to build this custom Dodge

truck, and to partner with Barrett-Jackson to help auction it in support of skilled labor, is tremendous,” said Rowe. “Over 9,000 hours of heart, soul and talent were poured into building this custom truck knowing it will benefit the next generation of workers. It’s critical that we raise awareness in support of a skilled American workforce, and this truck will help us do just that.”

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation supports the next generation of skilled labor across the United States through its Work Ethic Scholarship Program. The program aims to close the gap by awarding scholarships to those willing to learn a skilled trade.

Barrett-Jackson is now accepting consignments for the 2025 Scottsdale Auction. Those interested in being part of the auction may consign their collector vehicle here. Those interested in registering to bid may do so here. The 2025 Scottsdale Auction will be January 18-26, 2025, at WestWorld of Scottsdale. General admission and Hospitality Packages are also now available for purchase.

WM Phoenix Open Preview

Don't miss the 90th playing of "The People's Open" February 3-9 at TPC Scottsdale.



If you have had the chance to drive down Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard over the past few weeks, you might have noticed the familiar sight of white vinyl reaching into the Scottsdale sky to the north of the Central Arizona Project canal. It can only mean one thing - construction is underway on the "city" that will host the 90th playing of the WM Phoenix Open. Don't we all wish we could look this good at 90?

Affectionately known as "The People's Open" for its eclectic and enthusiastic patrons and commitment to an over-the-top fan experience, the WM Phoenix Open will bring the best golfers in the world to TPC Scottsdale February 3-9 where they will vie for 500 FedExCup points and the Waterford Crystal Thunderbird trophy.

While the PGA TOUR action begins Thursday of tournament week, for the fourth

straight year, festivities at TPC Scottsdale begin the Saturday before with a one-of-a-kind concert experience unlike anything in professional sports - the aptly named Concert in the Coliseum. The first playing of the concert brought country music superstars Thomas Rhett and Old Dominion to the rotating stage in the middle of the iconic 16th hole. Year two brought GRAMMY-award winning Maroon 5 and last year's festivities featured global superstar Post Malone. And this year, one of music's greatest power couples Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton will play to a packed house of 12,000 strong inside one of professional golf's most recognizable holes.

While the famed 16th hole at TPC Scottsdale is certainly one of the main attractions at "The People's Open" - (get in line early) - it is by no means the only "must-see" venue at the event. Two popular venues have been

revamped for 2025 and will offer an upgraded general admission experience - Kiva Club and DraftKings Sportsbook at TPC Scottsdale.

Kiva Club offers great views of 17 fairway and 10 green and features multiple TVs throughout the venue, plus food and drink options available for purchase. Kiva Club tickets are \$175 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, and \$225 on Friday and Saturday.

DraftKings Sportsbook at TPC Scottsdale is located near the main tournament entrance and offers a sports bar environment with 2,700 square feet of video walls, 32 betting kiosks and six live-betting windows. Daily tickets for DraftKings Sportsbook are \$175 on Wednesday and Thursday, and \$225 on Friday and Saturday. The ticket includes complimentary food, drinks available for purchase, and general admission access to the tournament. No ticket is required to gain access to DraftKings Sports at TPC



Scottsdale on Monday, Tuesday and Sunday. DraftKings Sportsbook is a 21 and over venue.

One of those fan-favorite events outside of the actual golf tournament kicks off Wednesday, February 5. We're talking of course about the ever-popular Coors Light Birds Nest, a four-night music fest located inside an enormous tent across the street from TPC Scottsdale. The Birds Nest, with its wide variety of music stars, beautiful patrons and enthusiastic nightlife, is not only a staple of the WM Phoenix Open, but also one of the most unique special events on the PGA TOUR. The lineup for the 2025 Coors Light Birds Nest is confirmed with Jelly Roll and special

guest Treaty Oak Revival kicking things off Wednesday night. Thursday brings country music superstar Luke Bryan and special guest Nate Smith. Friday is everybody's favorite 2000s rock band Nickelback and Saturday switches gears to EDM with Swedish House Mafia and GORDO rounding out a stellar lineup.

The WM Phoenix Open generates an enormous economic impact for the State of Arizona, but more importantly, has been one of the State's largest philanthropic engines for nearly a century.

The Thunderbirds – hosts of the WM Phoenix Open – announced the 2024 edition

of "The People's Open" raised a record \$17.5 million (\$17,521,024) for charity. This marks the seventh time in tournament history The Thunderbirds and the WM Phoenix Open have raised more than 10 million in charitable dollars in a single tournament. Over the course of 90 years, the WM Phoenix Open and hosts The Thunderbirds have raised more than \$208 million (\$208,158,814) for children and families in need.

Whether you're a golf fanatic, prolific partier or concert connoisseur, the WM Phoenix Open has something for everyone. Don't miss the 90th playing of "The People's Open" February 3-9 at TPC Scottsdale.



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Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show

The world's largest Arabian Horse Show is celebrating its 70th annual show at Westworld of Scottsdale. Brought to you by the Arabian Horse Association of Arizona, the event will run from Thursday, Feb. 13 through Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025, featuring the world's best Arabians, exciting competitions, a shopping expo and more.

"This show is a special celebration of the people and horses who come together year after year, right here in Scottsdale," said Melissa Schalles, executive director of the AHAA. "We look forward to seeing former participants and spectators, along with the new generation and those who may visit for the first time. If you're curious about Arabians, or even if you know nothing about them, this is the perfect show for you – there's something for everyone here."

The 2025 show will feature over 2,100 horses who will compete for more than \$1 million in prize money. Event goers can look forward to a huge variety of classes where Arabians will show their versatility, beauty, and grace.

"If you've ever been to the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show, you know that this event helped shape what Scottsdale is today and has had tremendous impact both economically, culturally, and socially over the past six decades,"

said Schalles. "We're excited to see people from all over the world. This city offers unlimited experiences – visiting Old Town Scottsdale, shopping at Scottsdale Fashion Square and celebrating this show's 70th year, it makes for the perfect destination."

To honor the historical event, AHAA is asking the community to participate by submitting photos and videos of themselves at previous shows. Please email your media to 70@scottsdalshow.com.

The immersive experience will return this year, giving attendees a hands-on experience to learn, touch, ride, dress up and take pictures hosted by AHAA's Amateur Committee. The interactive experience, included in the event ticket, introduces newcomers to the world of horses and all the benefits they offer.

Along with the engaging performances, event attendees will have the opportunity to see exhibits featuring fine arts, crafts, clothing, and jewelry in the Shopping Expo adjacent to the main arena. More than 300 artisans and entrepreneurs are expected to sell unique goods and offer a wide variety of products and services.

The AHAA will also be celebrating the fourth annual National Arabian Horse Day on



Feb. 19 with special events and activities at the show.

The 11-day show will start at 8 a.m. each day at WestWorld located at 16601 N. Pima Road in Scottsdale. General admission tickets cost \$15, tickets for seniors are \$10, while children aged 17 and under are free. Military Appreciation Day is Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, when military personnel and their families can attend for free. A family night will be held on Friday, Feb. 21, giving families free admission beginning at 4:30 p.m. A special general admission ticket good for all 11 days can be purchased for \$75. Tickets are available each day at the gate or through Bamm Tickets is the website www.scottsdalshow.com/tickets.

The 2025 Scottsdale Show is proud to benefit several charities including Arabian Horse Promotional Fund, Arabian

Horsemen's Distress Fund, Friends of Vail Foundation, Scottsdale Community College, Horses Help Therapeutic Riding & Youth for Troops, Make a Wish AZ.

About the Arabian Horse Association of Arizona

The Arabian Horse Association of Arizona (AHAA), a nonprofit organization, is the recipient of the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce Sterling Award, Arizona Business Magazine's Economic Engines of Arizona Award, the Arizona State Governor's Tourism Award and inductee into the Scottsdale History Hall of Fame. AHAA donates to charitable causes such as March of Dimes, Cox Charities, Phoenix Crisis Nursery, College Education Funds, Youth Programs and many more worthy organizations. Learn more at www.scottsdalshow.com.



Renaissance Festival

Take a unique trip back in time to the Arizona Renaissance Festival. Not even in her wildest dreams would Queen Elizabeth have imagined a celebration such as this taking place in the foothills of the Superstition Mountains!

One of the largest events of its kind in the United States, this special event is a place to revel in the atmosphere of a 16th-century European village! Join in the revelry every Saturday & Sunday from February 1 through March 30.

The Festival's 50-acre village is filled with 16 stages of nonstop entertainment, music, comedy, falconry, dance, mermaids, and acrobatics. Foolish pleasures mix with artisan treasures as you shop, eat, and mingle with a cast of nearly 2,000 colorfully costumed characters.

Explore the village marketplace with over 200 storybook shops, studios, and galleries filled with unique arts and crafts, handmade

wares, kitchens and pubs, games, and people-powered rides.

Kids love the interactive games and people-powered rides: Da Vinci's Flying Machine, The Slider Joust, Piccolo Pony—a rocking horse bigger than an elephant!

The live jousting tournaments are one of the festival's most popular attractions. Armored knights on charging steeds take up their lances and battle for the Queen's honor. Cheer on your favorite armored knight at one of the three daily jousting tournaments in the 5,000-seat arena.

In addition to the revelry, the festival offers food fit for a King. Attend the Pleasure Feast and be treated like a true Royal while you savor five courses of fine food, ample drink, and enjoy an hour and a half of raucous Renaissance entertainment at its best! The Pleasure Feast: 12:00pm and 2:30pm, includes admission to the Festival and a special edition Pleasure Feast goblet. Reservations required

in advance.

Don't miss The Hops, Get ready for fun and games as HOPS Masters Rowland & Florian of The Renaissance Men take you on a journey to four select Village pubs! Must be 21 to partake. Limited spots-reserve your pub crawl spot today! 11 am and 2 pm daily.

Food is plentiful and available throughout the village. The menu is diverse with delectable offerings such as steak-on-a-stake, vegetable and meat pies, pastas, bread bowls filled with hearty stews, and more. And who can forget the smoked turkey legs?! The desserts are decadent. Be sure to try the crepes, the chimney rolls, or a variety of other sweet treat surprises!

There is something for EVERYONE at the Arizona Renaissance Festival!

Visit Arizona.RenFestInfo for more information. Tickets are available online at OR at Bashas' and Food City throughout the state. See thee at the Faire-HUZZAH!



Sun Circuit Returns to WestWorld in March

When the 50th Anniversary Scottsdale Arizona Sun Circuit takes over WestWorld March 3 through 12, Quarter Horse exhibitors and all fans of great equestrian competition will have a lot to celebrate.

Sun Circuit is one of the largest American Quarter Horse shows in the country, bringing top level competitors from all corners of North America and even the world. Nearly 2,000 horses and their riders compete in a multitude of classes. There are English style classes, western and ranch disciplines, halter and even jumping. Heart-thumping action takes place during the roping, cow horse, cutting and reining events. With classes ongoing in several arenas every day, there is something to delight everyone in the family. There are no admission or parking fees for spectators.

All show attendees and spectators are invited to join in celebrating our nation's

veterans during the very moving Parade of Heroes on March 8. Hundreds of people partake in this event by carrying an American flag into the Wendell Arena and saluting our Veterans. It is followed by the NSBA Heroes on Horses Western Pleasure class. All US Military personnel are invited to show in this NSBA Special Event class, and anyone can march in the parade. Details can be found at www.nsba.com/heroes-on-horses

Roping enthusiasts are encouraged to come out for the Sun Circuit Rope Horse Futurity held on March 4 & 5. This American Rope Horse Futurity Association event has Open, Limited and Non Pro divisions. The Open has \$15,000 in added money and is certain to draw world champion team roping pros as well as the top show horse ropers in the nation.

Sun Circuit is more than a mere horse show — it's an equine extravaganza. Horse lovers and aficionados of western lifestyle will

want to shop the roughly 80 vendors. You can find the boots of your dreams, stylish hats, western wear, jewelry, home decor, horse and animal products, tack and equipment and even trucks and trailers.

Spectators who are looking to purchase a horse may find just what they are looking for at Sun Circuit. The Hershberger Performance Horse Sale kicks off the action on Friday March 3. The Hershberger sale is well known for presenting a solid slate of rope horses. However, buyers will also see reiners, cutters and cow horses as well as horses suited for Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail or VRH classes.

Anyone who appreciates the beauty and athleticism of horses will find much to marvel at during the fun filled 2023 Scottsdale Arizona Sun Circuit. Come help us celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Visit SunCircuit.com to find complete event schedules and all the latest information.

AZ Bike Week in Scottsdale this April



Motorcycles, music and high-octane thrills await when Arizona Bike Week, the nation's fastest-growing motorcycle rally, rolls back into WestWorld of Scottsdale this spring. Set for Wednesday, April 2 through Sunday, April 6, 2025, this year's event will feature a star-studded musical lineup, pulse-pounding stunt shows and more vendors than ever before, promising nonstop excitement for riders, families and first-time attendees alike.

Headlining this year's RockYard event lineup is Five Finger Death Punch with hard-hitting anthems such as "Wash It All Away" and "Lift Me Up," and Stone Temple Pilots, the legendary rock band behind hits like "Interstate Love Song," "Creep" and "Vaseline." Hard rock favorites MuDvAyNe and Jackyl are also set to take the stage throughout the five days of festivities.

The Southwest's largest bike event and one of the only women-owned rallies in the nation, Arizona Bike Week drew more than 80,000 attendees last year who came to

hear live music, ride alongside other enthusiasts, shop hundreds of onsite vendors, and enjoy an action-packed roster of stunt shows and unique entertainment.

While this year's rally will feature the return of fan-favorite demonstrations like the FMX Extreme Stunt Show, where FMX-riding adrenaline junkies soar to heights of more than 30', the TwinStunts Thrill Show, a live-action thrill show featuring identical twin brothers, and the Globe of Death, where riders perform death-defying acts inside a mesh steel sphere, it will also welcome back Flat Track Racing. This exhilarating, 1/8-mile dirt track competition demands serious skills from riders and is experiencing a nationwide resurgence in popularity, making it a must-see highlight of this year's rally.

"We're honored to see how much Arizona Bike Week has grown year after year, allowing riding enthusiasts and music lovers to come together and share their passion for motorsports and music in a lively, festive and safe atmosphere," said Lisa Cyr,

who co-owns Arizona Bike Week alongside Kristina Anderson. "This year's musical and vendor lineups are among the biggest and best to date, and we can't wait to welcome everyone out to WestWorld this spring."

While last year's festivities welcomed more than 230 vendors offering up everything from fine leather goods and "permanent" jewelry to onsite tattoos and IV drips (in addition to the vast array of motorsports parts and accessories), this year's Bike Week vendor selection is set to surpass even that, with its expanded vendor marketplace offering an even greater variety of high-quality merchandise and services.

Arizona Bike Week has a range of ticketing opportunities available, including Rally passes, starting at just \$96, which grant attendees access to the entire five-day event, plus all four headliner concerts, and single-day passes, starting at \$24, which offer access on a specific day of a guest's choosing. Event entry is also free on Sunday, April 6, allowing attendees to check out the Swap Meet and other event draws,

including everything but a concert, with no admission fee.

New this year are Early Rider passes, which are available at a deep discount for those who enter the event before 3 p.m. Onsite RV and tent camping opportunities are also available and include two General Admission rally passes, giving guests a chance to stay onsite so they don't miss a minute of the action. Early bird pricing is currently in effect.

Other 2025 Arizona Bike Week event draws include a used bike corral where sellers can get their wheels in front of thousands of prospective buyers and charity rides that give attendees a chance to give back while enjoying scenic rides and the camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts.



DESERT RIDGE



Eggstravaganza SCRAMBLE

April 18th
5:30-7:30 pm

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OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 LAL 6:30 PM <small>PALM DESERT, CA</small>					11 DET 7:00 PM	12
13 DEN 6:00 PM				17 LAL 6:00 PM		19
20	21	22	23 LAC 7:00 PM ESPN	24	25 LAL 7:00 PM ESPN	26 DAL 7:00 PM
27	28 LAL 7:00 PM NBATV	29	30	31 LAC 7:30 PM NBATV		

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 IND 5:00 PM
5	6 PHI 5:00 PM NBATV	7 CHA 5:00 PM	8	9 ATL 7:00 PM	10	11 UTA 3:00 PM
12 CHA 7:00 PM	13	14 ATL 5:30 PM	15	16 WAS 5:30 PM TNT	17	18 DET 3:00 PM
19	20 CLE 1:30 PM	21	22 BKN 5:30 PM	23	24	25 WAS 7:00 PM
26	27 LAC 7:30 PM NBATV	28	29 MIN 7:00 PM	30 ESPN	31 GSW 8:00 PM	

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 POR 7:00 PM
3	4 PHI 8:15 PM NBATV	5	6 MIA 7:00 PM	7	8 DAL 5:30 PM ESPN	9
10 SAC 6:00 PM	11	12 UTA 7:00 PM	13 SAC 8:00 PM	14	15 OKC 6:00 PM	16
17 MIN 1:30 PM	18 ORL 7:00 PM	19	20 NYK 8:00 PM ESPN	21	22	23
24	25	26 LAL 8:00 PM TNT	27 BKN 7:00 PM	28	29	30 GSW 7:00 PM NBATV

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 POR 8:00 PM
2	3 POR 8:00 PM	4	5 OKC 6:00 PM	6	7 UTA 8:00 PM ESPN	8 DEN 7:00 PM
9	10	11 MEM 8:00 PM TNT	12 HOU 6:30 PM	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 SAS 7:30 PM TNT	21	22 CHI 3:00 PM
23 TOR 4:00 PM	24	25 MEM 6:00 PM	26	27 NOP 8:00 PM TNT	28 NOP 7:00 PM	

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 SAS 7:00 PM	4	5 NOP 6:00 PM	6	7 MIA 6:00 PM
8 ORL 4:30 PM	9	10	11	12	13 UTA 7:30 PM	14
15 POR 6:00 PM	16	17	18	19 IND 7:00 PM	20	21 DET 7:00 PM
22	23 DEN 8:00 PM	24	25 DEN 8:30 PM ESPN	26	27 DAL 7:00 PM	28 GSW 6:30 PM NBATV
29	30	31 MEM 7:00 PM				

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 MIN 7:30 PM ESPN	3	4 LAC 8:00 PM TNT	5	6	7 DEN 8:00 PM ESPN	8
9 DAL 12:30 PM ABC	10 MEM 5:00 PM	11	12 HOU 5:00 PM	13	14 SAC 7:00 PM	15
16 LAL 12:30 PM ABC	17 TOR 7:00 PM	18	19 CHI 7:00 PM	20	21 CLE 7:00 PM	22
23	24 MIL 7:00 PM NBATV	25	26 BOS 7:00 PM ESPN	27	28 MIN 5:00 PM NBATV	29
30 HOU 6:00 PM NBATV	31					

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 MIL 5:00 PM	2	3	4 BOS 4:30 PM NBATV	5
6 NYK 4:00 PM	7	8 GSW 7:00 PM TNT	9 OKC 7:00 PM	10	11 SAS 7:00 PM	12
13 SAC 12:30 PM	14	15	16	17	18	19

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* Split Squad

THUR FEB 20

Cubs @ Dodgers

FRI FEB 21

Rockies @ D-backs
Dodgers @ Cubs
Mariners @ Padres
Rangers @ Royals

SAT FEB 22

D-backs @ Rockies
Giants @ Rangers
Reds @ Brewers
Athletics @ Angels
Guardians @ Reds
White Sox @ Cubs
Royals @ Dodgers

SUN FEB 23

D-backs @ Mariners
Rockies @ Athletics
Padres @ Dodgers
Reds @ Giants
Brewers @ Rockies
Angels @ Guardians
Rangers @ Cubs
White Sox @ Royals

MON FEB 24

Rockies @ Giants
Dodgers @ Reds
Giants @ Angels
Cubs @ Padres
Athletics @ Royals
Mariners @ Brewers
Rangers @ White Sox
Guardians @ D-backs

TUE FEB 25

D-backs @ Cubs
Giants @ Athletics
Brewers @ Guardians
Angels @ Padres
Mariners @ Dodgers
White Sox @ Rockies
Royals @ Rangers

WED FEB 26

Rockies @ Royals
Dodgers @ Brewers
Padres @ White Sox
Cubs @ Giants
Reds @ Angels
Brewers @ D-backs
Athletics @ Mariners
Rangers @ Guardians

THUR FEB 27

D-backs @ Reds
Dodgers @ Rockies
Padres @ Athletics
Giants @ Mariners
Angels @ Cubs
Mariners @ Rangers
Guardians @ White Sox
Royals @ Brewers

FRI FEB 28

Rockies @ Guardians
Cubs @ Rangers
Reds @ Athletics
Brewers @ Giants
Angels @ Dodgers
Mariners @ Padres
White Sox @ Angels
Royals @ D-backs

SAT MAR 1

Rockies @ D-backs
Padres @ Reds
Giants @ Dodgers
Cubs @ Royals
Athletics @ Brewers
Guardians @ Cubs
White Sox @ Mariners

SUN MAR 2

D-backs @ Rangers
Dodgers @ Athletics
Reds @ Cubs
Brewers @ Guardians
Angels @ Giants
Mariners @ Rockies
White Sox @ Dodgers
Royals @ Padres

MON MAR 3

Rockies @ Angels
Cubs @ D-backs
Brewers @ Reds
Athletics @ White Sox
Rangers @ Royals
Guardians @ Mariners

TUE MAR 5

Padres @ Cubs
Giants @ Padres
Reds @ Rockies
Reds @ Dodgers
Angels @ Guardians
Athletics @ Rangers

WED MAR 5

Dodgers @ White Sox
Reds* @ Padres
Brewers* @ Reds*
Angels* @ Cubs
Athletics @ Angels*
Mariners @ Royals
Rangers @ Rockies
Guardians @ Brewers*

THUR MAR 6

D-backs @ Guardians
Padres @ Rangers
Brewers @ Athletics
Angels @ Mariners
Mariners @ D-backs
Rangers @ Dodgers
White Sox @ Giants
Royals @ Cubs

FRI MAR 7

D-backs @ Angels
Dodgers @ Mariners
Padres @ Brewers
Giants @ Reds
Cubs @ White Sox
Angels @ Royals
Rangers @ Rockies
Guardians @ Athletics

SAT MAR 8

D-backs @ Reds
Dodgers @ White Sox
Angels @ Brewers
Athletics @ Rockies
Mariners @ Cubs
Guardians @ Padres
Royals @ Giants
Royals @ Rangers

SUN MAR 9

Rockies @ Mariners
Padres @ Giants
Giants @ Cubs
Reds @ Angels
Brewers @ Royals
Athletics @ Dodgers
Rangers @ D-backs
White Sox @ Guardians

MON MAR 10

D-backs @ Dodgers
Rockies @ Angels
Giants @ Rockies
Cubs @ Guardians
Reds @ Padres
Mariners @ Brewers
Guardians @ Royals
White Sox @ Athletics

TUE MAR 11

Rockies @ Reds
Brewers @ Cubs
Angels @ Rangers
Athletics @ Giants
Guardians @ Dodgers
White Sox @ Padres
Royals @ D-backs

WED MAR 12

D-backs @ Athletics
Padres @ Rockies
Giants @ Guardians
Reds @ Rangers
Angels @ White Sox
Royals @ Mariners

THUR MAR 13

D-backs @ Mariners
Padres @ Royals
Brewers @ White Sox
Athletics @ Reds
Rangers @ Giants
Guardians @ Rockies

FRI MAR 14

Rockies @ Rangers
Giants @ Brewers
Reds @ D-backs
Reds @ White Sox
Angels @ Athletics
Mariners @ Guardians
Rangers @ Padres
Royals @ Angels

SAT MAR 15

Rockies @ White Sox
Padres @ Mariners
Reds @ Royals
Brewers @ Angels
Athletics @ Brewers
Mariners @ Giants
Rangers @ Athletics
White Sox @ D-backs
Royals @ Guardians

SUN MAR 16

D-backs @ Padres
Padres @ Angels
Athletics @ Giants
Mariners @ Reds
Guardians @ Brewers
White Sox @ Rangers
Royals @ Rockies

MON MAR 17

D-backs @ Royals
Giants @ White Sox
Reds @ Guardians
Brewers @ Padres
Angels @ D-backs
Mariners @ Athletics

TUE MAR 18

Padres @ Giants
Giants @ Rockies
Brewers @ Mariners
Angels @ Reds
Guardians @ Rangers

WED MAR 19

Rockies @ D-backs
Giants @ Royals
Athletics @ Guardians
Rangers @ Mariners
Guardians @ Angels
White Sox @ Brewers

THUR MAR 20

Rockies @ Rangers
Angels @ White Sox
Athletics @ D-backs
Rangers @ Padres
Royals @ Reds

FRI MAR 21

D-backs @ Brewers
Padres @ Cubs
Reds @ Mariners
Angels @ Rockies
Mariners @ Royals
Rangers @ Angels
Guardians @ Giants
White Sox @ Reds
Royals @ Athletics

SAT MAR 22

D-backs @ Giants
Rockies @ Cubs
Padres @ Guardians
Reds @ Padres
Brewers @ Athletics
Mariners @ White Sox
White Sox @ Rockies
Royals @ Rangers

SUN MAR 23

D-backs @ White Sox
Rockies @ Brewers
Brewers @ Mariners
Athletics @ Cubs
Guardians @ Reds
Padres @ D-backs

MON MAR 24

Brewers @ Rockies
Mariners @ Padres
Guardians @ D-backs
Braves @ Cubs

TUE MAR 25

Guardians @ D-backs
Braves @ Cubs

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM

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JANUARY:

Lee Ritenour

Date: Sunday, January 5
Time: 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$35 / \$40 / \$45 (\$38.50 / \$44.50 / \$49.50) Jazz

Tommy Emmanuel

Date: Monday, January 6
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$70 / \$80 / \$90 (\$74.50 / \$85.50 / \$95.50) Guitar

Johnny A.

Date: Wednesday, January 8
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$30 / \$35 (\$33.50 / \$38.50) Guitar

Ben Sollee

Date: Thursday, January 9
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$25 / \$30 / \$30 (\$28.50 / \$33.50 / \$33.50)

Genre: Singer-Songwriter, Americana and Folk, Bluegrass

Peter Asher A Musical Memoir of the '60s and Beyond

Date: Friday, January 10
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Saturday & Sunday, January 11 & 12
Time: 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$45 / \$50 / \$55 (\$49.50 / \$54.50 / \$59.50) Pop

Tommy Castro and the Painkillers

Date: Wednesday, January 15
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$40 / \$45 / \$45 (\$44.50 / \$49.50 / \$49.50) Blues

Extreme Acoustic Guitar Featuring Bill Dutcher, Kristofer Hill, and Jake Williams

Date: Thursday, January 16
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$30 / \$35 / \$35 (\$33.50 / \$38.50 / \$38.50) I Am AZ Music, Guitar

Albert Cummings

Date: Friday, January 17
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$30 / \$35 / \$40 (\$33.50 / \$38.50 / \$44.50) Blues

Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orchestra

Date: Saturday, January 18
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$65 / \$70 / \$75 (\$69.50 / \$74.50 / \$80.50) Jazz

Arizona Musicfest Young Musicians Winter Concert

Date: Sunday, January 19
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Price: \$25 (\$28.50) I Am AZ Music

Endea Owens and the Cookout

Date: Sunday, January 19
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$40 / \$45 / \$45 (\$44.50 / \$49.50 / \$49.50) Jazz

John Pizzarelli Trio

Date: Monday, January 20
Time: 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Price: \$35 / \$40 / \$45 (\$38.50 / \$44.50 / \$49.50) Jazz

Larry McCray

Date: Tuesday, January 21
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$40 / \$45 / \$45 (\$44.50 / \$49.50 / \$49.50) Blues

Ocean Trio (Charles Lloyd, Gerald Clayton, Anthony Wilson)

Date: Wednesday, January 22
Time: 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Price: 6:30 p.m.: \$70 / \$75 / \$80 (\$74.50 / \$80.50 / \$85.50)
Price: 8:30 p.m.: \$60 / \$65 / \$70 (\$64.50 / \$69.50 / \$74.50) Jazz

Sheila E. and the E-Train

Date: Friday, January 24
Time: 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Price: \$65 / \$75 / \$80 (\$69.50 / \$80.50 / \$85.50) Soul, R&B, and Funk

Billy F Gibbons

Date: Sunday, January 26
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$85 / \$95 / \$100 (\$90.50 / \$100.50 / \$105.50) Rock

Haley Heynderickx and the Westerlies

Date: Monday, January 27
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$40 / \$45 / \$45 (\$44.50 / \$49.50 / \$49.50) Folk

Gunhild Carling Band

Date: Tuesday, January 28
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$50 / \$55 / \$60 (\$54.50 / \$59.50 / \$64.50) Jazz

John McEuen and the Circle Band Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Date: Wednesday, January 29
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$37 / \$42 / \$47 (\$41.50 / \$46.50 / \$51.50) Bluegrass

Crash Test Dummies

Date: Thursday, January 30
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$45 / \$50 / \$55 (\$49.50 / \$54.50 / \$59.50) Rock

Leo Kottke

Date: Friday & Saturday, January 31 & February 1
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$45 / \$50 / \$50 (\$49.50 / \$54.50 / \$54.50) Guitar

FEBRUARY:

The Wildwoods

Date: Sunday, February 2
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$25 / \$30 / \$30 (\$28.50 / \$33.50 / \$33.50) Americana and Folk

Revisiting Creedence

Date: Monday, February 3
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$65 / \$70 / \$75 (\$69.50 / \$74.50 / \$80.50) Rock

Rickie Lee Jones

Date: Thursday & Friday, 7:30 p.m.
\$65 / \$75 / \$80 (\$69.50 / \$80.50 / \$85.50)
Singer-Songwriter

Kat Edmonson

Saturday, February 8
7:30 p.m.
\$25 / \$30 / \$35 (\$28.50 / \$33.50 / \$38.50)
Jazz, Pop

Sam Grisman Project

Monday, February 10
7:00 p.m.
\$40 / \$45 / \$45 (\$44.50 / \$49.50 / \$49.50)
Bluegrass

Del McCoury Band

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 11 and 12 7:00 p.m.
\$60 / \$65 / \$70 (\$64.50 / \$69.50 / \$74.50)
Bluegrass

Twain and Esther Rose

Saturday, February 15
7:30 p.m.
\$25 / \$30 / \$30 (\$28.50 / \$33.50 / \$33.50)
Singer-Songwriter

Cy Curnin of the Fixx

Monday, February 17
7:00 p.m.
\$35 / \$40 / \$45 (\$38.50 / \$44.50 / \$49.50)
Rock

Blind Boys of Alabama

Wednesday, February 19
6:30 p.m.
\$65 / \$75 / \$80 (\$69.50 / \$80.50 / \$85.50)
American Traditions

Shemekia Copeland

Wednesday, February 19
8:30 p.m.
\$35 / \$40 / \$45 (\$38.50 / \$44.50 / \$49.50)
Blues

Lucia Micarelli

Thursday, February 20
7:30 p.m.
\$45 / \$55 / \$60 (\$49.50 / \$59.50 / \$64.50)
Pop

Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Saturday, February 22
6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
\$50 / \$60 / \$65 (\$54.50 / \$64.50 / \$69.50)
Jazz

Cha Wa

Monday, February 24
7:00 p.m.
\$30 / \$35 / \$35 (\$33.50 / \$38.50 / \$38.50)
American Traditions, Soul, R&B, and Funk

All events are subject to change. For more complete concert listings and information, call or visit the Musical Instrument Museum online at mim.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Desert Ridge Marketplace



JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Live Music

Every Friday & Saturday Evening
6PM - 9PM | The District Stage

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

Game Day Watch Zone

Sunday, February 9
The District Stage

The District is transforming into the ultimate Game Day Watch Zone on Sunday, February 9! Catch the final matchup on our massive LED screen at The District Stage. Guests ages 21+ can participate in Sip & Stroll.

The Maker's Hive Market

Saturday, February 22
11am - 4pm | Throughout The District

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26

YARD SALE: 7:00am-2:00pm | SHRED-A-THON: 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

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

QUESTIONS?

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Desert Ridge

50 years on, The Carefree Traveler continues to assist travelers with their dream vacations

BY CHAD RICHARDSON

Across the world, the Internet dramatically changed how business is done.

One of the industries that was profoundly impacted was travel. All of a sudden, it looked like everyone had access to the same tools as travel agencies.

A Carefree business, though, is proving that just isn't the case. For more than 50 years, The Carefree Traveler has operated here. Obviously the office looks a bit different these days, and the tools the agents use are different, but the concept is the same. Trained and well-traveled experts are on staff to help build customized dream vacations for the same price, or less, than do-it-yourselfers.

“People have this idea that if you go to a travel agency, it will be more expensive. That is not the case for us. We don't charge you additional to come and see us.”

– Paula DeDario-Martori

“We're an agency that's a lot more than just airline tickets,” owner Paula DeDario-Martori said. “We'll take the confusion out of the planning process. We'll hone in on wherever you want to go, what type of travel experiences you are looking for and the best times of the year to travel, and as a member of Signature Travel Network, we have access to experts around the world whose job it is to know their destinations well. We have people on the ground who can put together packages and experiences based on what you want. You'd be amazed. We recently had a call for an African safari on horseback.”

The business started just more than 50 years ago and was purchased in August 2022 by DeDario-Martori, who worked in the cruise industry since 1983, primarily with luxury cruise lines. During that time, she worked on the other side of the table. All of that experience gives her great insight



Owner Paula DeDario-Martori (left) and travel consultant, Kathy Mulder (right)

into the business. DeDario-Martori said customers should always check with agencies like hers when they're considering a cruise.

“You should never want to book directly with a cruise line,” she said. “You can get the same price here – it's the same price we offer. We have more knowledge and in many cases we have added amenities that we can offer you. People should take advantage of my knowledge of the cruise business. It's what I did for 40 years.”

DeDario-Martori said she often sees customers book directly with the cruise line, and then they're on their own. When customers come to her business, though, they have an experienced negotiator working on their behalf.

“We can work with the cruise line for you, and we can offer those additional amenities so you can customize your trip,” she said.

One of the many features of The Carefree Traveler is that they belong to the travel network, Signature Travel Network. It's a cooperative of retail travel agencies that was founded in 1956. It features 300 member agencies in more than 600 locations across the world.

DeDario-Martori said many of her Carefree Traveler clients aren't aware they can book custom tours for small groups or individuals.

“A tour doesn't necessarily mean you have to travel with 40 people,” she said. “We believe at The Carefree Traveler that one size fits one, not all.”

Appointments

Another aspect of The Carefree Traveler that makes them different is that they have a conveniently located office at 7171 E. Cave Creek Road in Carefree. There is no charge to call ahead for an appointment and consultation about your travel plans.

“People have this idea that if you go to a travel agency, it will be more expensive,” DeDario-Martori said. “That is not the case for us. We don't charge you additional to come and see us.”

The staff is friendly and eager to help, and a sign of their effectiveness are the repeat customers the business has.

“We like to get to know our clients, and be involved so that when they come through the door we know who they are,” DeDario-Martori said. “It's a very personalized experience, and in the travel business you just can't find that anymore. You certainly cannot find that by doing it yourself on the Internet.”

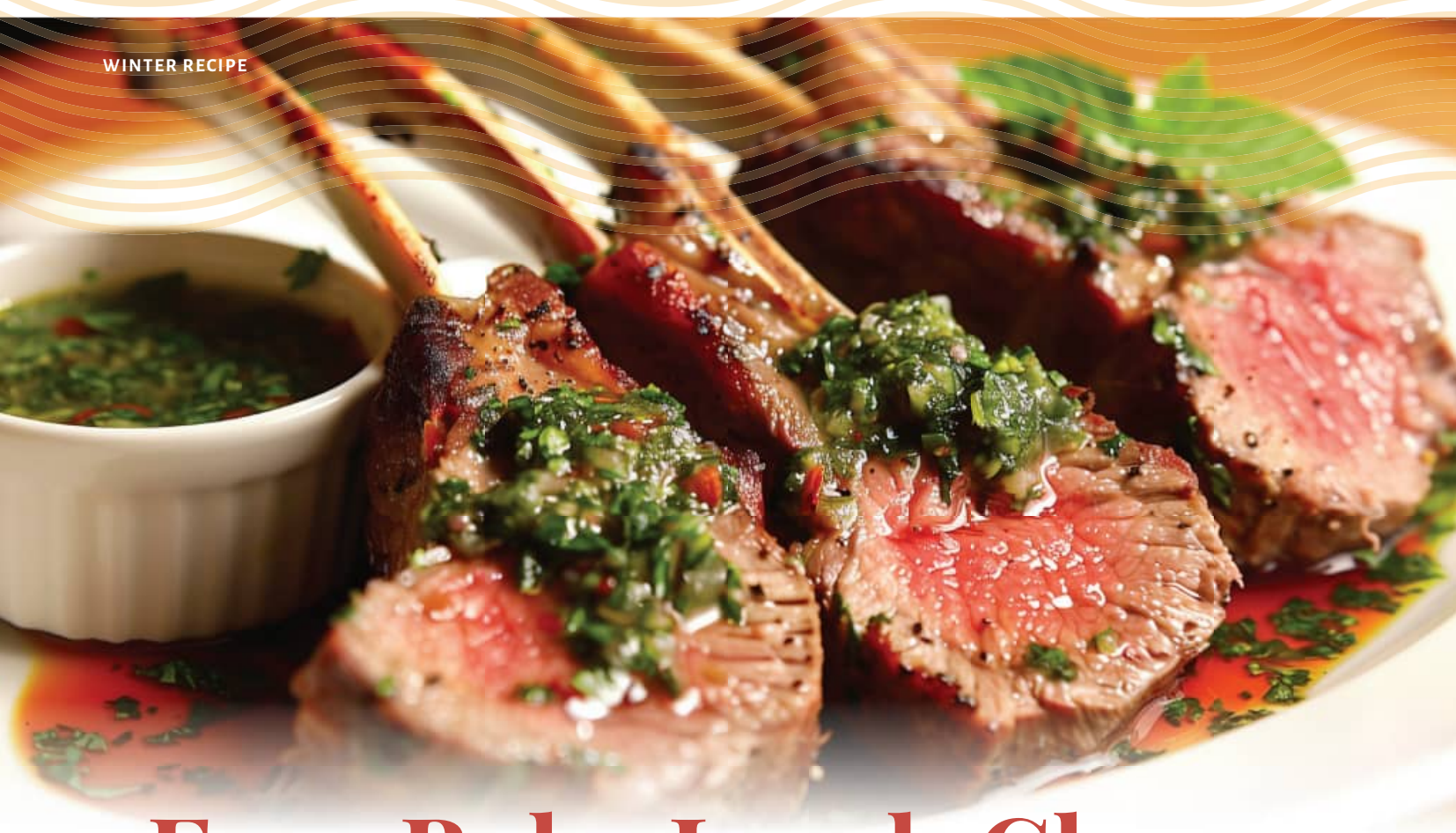
Consultants

DeDario-Martori is joined in the Carefree Traveler office by two additional travel consultants. They are Kathy Mulder and Sarah Emerson. Mulder has worked at the business since 2010 and Emerson has lived and worked around the world. Also joining the team is Suzanne Guyan who works both in the office and remotely.

Guyan is a Desert Ridge resident with a passion for travel. She and her husband, Joe, enjoy the Desert Ridge lifestyle and getting acquainted with the great neighbors in the area. Suzanne strives to offer a high level of customer service that clients appreciate. The adjacent flyer regarding the Uniworld Holiday Market River Cruise is one example of sharing exceptional travel experiences that clients are seeking to enjoy.



For more information contact The Carefree Traveler or
Your Desert Ridge Resident, Suzanne Guyan
suzanne@carefreetraveler.com | 480.488.3111



Easy Bake Lamb Chops

Ingredients:

Lamb Chops

2 lb lamb chops
1 tbsp olive oil
salt
pepper

Optional Marinade

Add the below ingredients to a blender and put in a large ziplock bag with your lamb chops for 1hr-24hrs.

1 cup red wine
1 tbs olive oil
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
4 cloves garlic
2 tbsp fresh thyme

Mint Chimichurri

1 cup parsley fresh
1 cup mint fresh
½ cup olive oil
1 tsp red pepper flakes
1 tsp salt
4 cloves garlic omit for FODMAP diets
½ tsp pepper

Directions:

1. Marinating your lamb is completely optional. If you want to marinate your lamb chops, chop all the marinade ingredients (listed under NOTES) in a blender and add to a large zip lock bag with your lamb chop for one hour or even overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
3. Remove all lamb chops from the plastic bag and season both sides with salt and pepper. Heat a large pan on high heat and add 1 tbsp of olive oil once heated. Then sear lamb chops on both sides for 1-2 minutes until they are browned.
4. Next, transfer to a large baking dish, or keep in your pan if it is oven safe up to 400 degrees. Add your preferred vegetables such as asparagus, broccolini, or cauliflower and bake at 400 degrees for 8-10 minutes.



A Hidden Gem

Humble Oysters and Bubbles, High Street | humbleoysterbar.com

REVIEW RATING



4.75/5

Nestled in the vibrant High Street district of Phoenix, Arizona, Humble Oysters and Bubbles redefines the dining experience. From its Parisian-inspired black-and-white décor to its thoughtfully curated menu, this seafood parlor and bubbles bar creates an atmosphere that is both inviting and unforgettable.

A Culinary Journey Worth Taking

Humble Oysters and Bubbles elevates seafood dining with a menu that combines freshness, creativity, and finesse. The culinary experience begins with an impressive selection of boutique oysters sourced from trusted purveyors, rotated frequently to showcase unique offerings. The **Raspberry Oysters**, with their smooth texture and subtle fruit notes, wins high praise. Equally memorable were the **Fanny Bay Oysters**, described as “sweet and delicate with a hint of cucumber,” making them a fan favorite.

For the adventurous palate, the **Wagyu Oyster** stood out as a bold and indulgent option, featuring shrimp caviar and chili aioli. The richness of the dish was balanced perfectly, leaving a lasting impression.

Beyond the oysters, the **Lobster Bisque** was a revelation. Creamy and ethereal, the bisque delivered generous chunks of lobster, a true testament to the chef’s dedication to quality. The Bouillabaisse, a saffron-tomato cream-based seafood stew, transported diners to the shores of France with its perfect blend of mussels, clams, salmon, prawns, and squid.

Main Courses That Shine

Humble Oysters and Bubbles continues to impress with its expertly crafted main dishes.

The Lobster and More Dinner was a standout, featuring East Coast lobster tail, Argentine shrimp, Gulf prawns, and Hokkaido scallops poached in butter and extra virgin olive oil. Served over forbidden rice and accompanied by cho-gochujang and chipotle hollandaise sauces, this dish epitomized luxury and detail.

The Crab Today option delights with a fresh, flavorful preparation that highlights the natural sweetness of the crab. The preparation changes based on the freshest crab available, making each visit a unique experience.

The Blackened Salmon Caesar Salad also deserves recognition for its fresh ingredients and smoky salmon. The dressing, with hints of garlic and jalapeño, added the right amount of zest, making it a satisfying choice for a lighter entrée.

Appetizers That Steal the Show

Among the standout starters, the **Shrimp Scampo** bubbled with Gulf prawns, heirloom tomatoes, roasted garlic, and capers in a brown butter and white wine sauce. Served with rustic bread for dipping, this dish was a table favorite, combining rich flavors with a hint of tanginess.

Another noteworthy appetizer is the **Smoked Salmon with Caper Remoulade**, which impressed with its perfectly smoky flavor and delicate texture.

A Toast to Excellence

True to its name, Humble Oysters and Bubbles offers an extensive selection of sparkling wines, champagnes, and creative cocktails. **The Champagne Chlush**, a refreshing champagne slushy with citrus notes, became an instant favorite, offering a delightful twist on a classic. The nonalcoholic beverages were also given

special care, a rarity in many establishments.

The Stewardess, a blueberry and lime mocktail topped with sparkling lemonade, stood out for its intentional flavors, proving that non-alcoholic options can be just as thoughtfully crafted as their spirited counterparts.

A Parisian-Inspired Atmosphere

The dining experience is enhanced by the restaurant’s aesthetic charm. With chic black-and-white furnishings and walls adorned with tasteful, Parisian-style photography, the ambiance is both elegant and approachable.

The vibe is lively yet balanced, with a friendly crowd that adds to the warmth of the space. It strikes a harmonious note between sophistication and comfort, ensuring that guests feel welcome no matter the occasion.

Going Above and Beyond

What sets this restaurant apart is the impeccable service. From the moment you are seated, the staff exudes professionalism and warmth, providing attentive and insightful recommendations to enhance the dining experience.

The Verdict

Humble Oysters and Bubbles on High Street delivers a dining experience that exceeds expectations. From the exceptional seafood to the welcoming ambiance and top-tier service, every detail has been thoughtfully executed. Humble Oysters and Bubbles is more than just a restaurant—it’s a destination. For those in the Phoenix area or visiting High Street, this gem is not to be missed. It’s a place where food, ambiance, and hospitality come together to create an unforgettable experience.

BOARD CANDIDATE

Qualifications

The qualifications established by the Desert Ridge Community Association's ("Association") Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Desert Ridge as recorded and amended (CC&R's) and the Association's Nominating Committee per Section 3.8 of the Association's Bylaws for being nominated to serve on the Board are listed below. Please review each item closely before submitting your candidate application for consideration.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST:

Comply with the following requirements per the CC&R's, and must remain in compliance through the Annual Meeting:

- Must be an owner of record in the Association or an entity owner of record in the Association. If you are a representative of a confirmed entity owner of record you must provide a signed, notarized letter from the owner of record, appointing you as its representative.
- Must be a member in good standing, with all assessments current (no more than 30 days delinquent) and no outstanding violation(s) of the CC&R's.

- Must not have member rights suspended by the Board of Directors for any violations of the Association's governing documents.
- Must not be involved in current litigation regarding compliance or dispute with Association's governing documents.
- Must commit to attend regularly scheduled board meetings (at least once a month), as well as the additional time that may be required in order to participate at the committee level.

Additional Qualifications

Established by the Association's Nominating Committee:

- Must attend the Annual Meeting—6:00pm, Thursday, April 17, 2025. (Note: Should a majority voted member be unable to attend the meeting due to an extenuating circumstance the Nominating Committee may determine if said circumstance warrants consideration).
- Must attend the Organizational Meeting scheduled within 5 business days following the Annual Meeting.

- Must attend new Board Member training, scheduled within 5 business days following the Annual Meeting.
- Attendance at a Board of Directors Meeting, prior to the election, is strongly suggested. Board meetings are the 4th Wednesday of each month (except April, July, November, and December) presently in person meetings starting at 6:00pm.
- Must comply with all governing documents and provide all information on candidate form.

Other Questions?

Please contact Terrance Smith, Executive Director, at the Desert Ridge Community Association office at 480-551-4550 or by email to terrance.smith@fsresidential.com for more information.

Thank you for your valued interest and participation in our community!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Board of Directors

Q What does the Nominating Committee do?

The Nominating Committee's primary function is to ensure that the community has qualified candidates nominated from the Desert Ridge community to serve as Members of the Community Master Association Board of Directors.

Q What does the Nominating Committee have planned for the upcoming board election year?

This issue contains both the board candidate interest announcement and the requirements and qualifications and email address for the application forms. There will be a "Meet the Candidates" night at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 26th at the DRCA Board of Directors Meeting.

Q How many positions are available this year and how long will my term be?

Out of the five member seats on the Board of Directors, there are two (2) seats on the Board of Directors that are available for election in 2025. Directors are elected to serve two-year terms. In 2025, these two positions will be elected for a two-year term since the two-year term for these two seats will have expired in April 2024. Therefore, these two positions will serve two-year terms.

Q What is the process for running for a position on the Board?

Contact the Association office at: 480-551-4550 or email to:

desertridge.az@fsresidential.com or stop by the Association's office (5415 E. High Street, Suite 133, Phoenix 85054) to obtain the candidate application form.

Return all candidate application forms to the Association office no later than 5:00pm on Friday, February 7th.

In addition, candidates are required to attend the "Meet the Candidates" Meet & Greet / Q&A Night to be held during the DRCA Board of Director Meeting on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00pm.

Candidates are also required to attend one of the two "Meet & Greet the Board Candidates" either on Sunday, February 16th or Sunday, March 9th at the High Street Farmers Market Desert Ridge Community Association booth at 11:00AM.

Candidates must also attend the Desert Ridge Community Association Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 17th. Candidate attendance at this meeting is mandatory!

Q What are the Directors' responsibilities?

The Desert Ridge Community Association is an Arizona-chartered, 501(c)(4) nonprofit social welfare organization. Directors are responsible for operating and maintaining the "common area" property of the community, reviewing and approving all site plans and improvements within the community, and providing coordination and oversight of the community subsidiary

associations and subdivisions. Luckily, we have a management company that handles most of the day-to-day operations.

Q What is the time commitment needed while serving on the Board?

The Board typically holds one Open Session and one Executive Session per month, which takes approximately 2-3 hours, combined. There are presently five standing committees that each have varying meeting schedules determined by their respective committee charter. Depending on which committee you would like to be involved with, an additional 1-2 hours per week may be required. Typically, the time commitment averages about 8 hours a month.

Q When and where is the Board of Directors Meetings?

The meeting schedule is actually determined by the Board of Directors. Our current meeting schedule is the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm (except for the months of April, July, November and December), via in-person meetings

Q Do you incur personal liability by serving on the Board?

Generally, as long as a Director act in good faith with the best interests of the community first, doesn't break any laws, or have any personal benefit, the Association indemnifies the Directors. The Association's

Articles of Incorporation provide the most comprehensive explanation of liability. Please read and understand them fully for yourself. The Articles of Incorporation can be found on FirstService Connect, the community information website.

Q How does the election actually work?

There is a one vote per lot for each available position on the board. A qualified Owner will be able to cast one vote for up to 3 candidates. No cumulative voting permitted.

Q Do developers and commercial entities get to vote?

Yes, qualified developers and commercial entities are members and get to vote. The Desert Ridge Board is not a Homeowners Association, it is a Community Association. One of the great things about Desert Ridge is that it is still a progressive development, and only about 50% of the total parceled land have homes built on them. Since the voting is determined per lot, there is still significant involvement by residential and commercial developers.

TIPS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE RUNNING:

Get out there and talk to your neighbors - ask them what their concerns are for the community. Let them know you're running. Candidates may speak with developers as well as the commercial interests. And thank you for getting involved!

Meetings & Events

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

Cashman Park
22222 N. 44th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85050
5:30 a.m.–11:00 p.m. • Daily • 602.262.6696

Pinnacle Park (Dog Park)
20900 N. Black Mountain Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85050
5:30 a.m.–11:00 p.m. • Daily • 602.262.6696

**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, January 7 & 28
Tuesday, February 18
Tuesday, March 11
Tuesday, April 1 & 22
4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

Via Zoom Teleconference
Tuesday, January 21
Tuesday, February 25
Tuesday, March 25
Tuesday, April 22
9:00 a.m.

DRCA Board of Directors

Cambria Hotel & Suites
Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday, February 26
Wednesday, March 26
No April Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.

DRCA 2025 Annual Membership Meeting & Election

Cambria Hotel & Suites
Wednesday, April 17,
6:00 p.m.

Communications Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, January 16
Thursday, February 20
Thursday, March 20 No April Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Lifestyles Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Monday, January 20
Monday, February 17
Monday, March 17
Monday, April 21
5:00 p.m.

Community Awareness Committee

Via Zoom Teleconference
Tuesday, January 21
6:00 p.m.

DRCA Board of Directors Organization Meeting

Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, April 24

DRCA Office Holiday Closures

MLK Holiday
Monday, January 20
Presidents Day
Monday, February 17

Farmers Market on High Street

Every Sunday until April 27
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Coffee Club

Tuesday, February 14
Tuesday, April 8
Tuesday, June 10
9:00 a.m.

Spring Break Movie in the Park

Cashman Park
March 15
7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Eggstravanza Fest

Reach 11 Sports Complex
Friday, April 18
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Mega Community Wide Yard Sale/ Electronics Drive & Shred-A-Thon

Saturday, April 26
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Cambria Hotel & Suites

4425 E. Irma Ln.,
Phoenix, AZ 85050

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

475 E. Irma Ln.,
Phoenix, AZ 85050

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Association

Desert Ridge Community Association

480.551.4553

Regular Hours

Monday–Friday 8 am–5 pm

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24/7 Customer Care Center.....855.333.5149

DRCA Committees

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Lifestyles Committee

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Community Awareness Committee

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Design Review Committee

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Finance Committee

desertridge.az@fsresidential.com

Nominating Committee

desertridge.az@fsresidential.com

Boys & Girls Club

Vestar Branch.....480.585.0170

Public Services

Phoenix Water Department

M–F, 7:30 am–5 pm.....602.262.6251

Weekends, holidays, after 5 pm.....602.261.8000

Phoenix Police Department

Non–Emergency Crime Stop.....602.262.6151

Vacation Watch.....602.495.5002

Desert Ridge Silent Witness.....480.WITNESS

Phoenix Public Works

Trash/Recycling/Bulk Pick-up.....602.262.7251

Arizona Game and Fish.....602.942.3000

Parks Forestry Department

Downed Trees in Right of Way.....602.262.9440

City of Phoenix 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

(Includes Street Light Outtage)

US Post Office.....800.ASK.USPS

Boulder Hills.....800.275.8777

2550 E. Rose Garden Ln., Phoenix, 85050

Cox Communications.....623.594.1000

Centurylink.....800.244.1111

Green Pools.....602.506.6616

Maricopa County

Graffiti Busters.....602.495.7014

Southwest Wildlife

Conservation Center.....480.471.9109

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7 Street Maintenance Concerns602.262.6441

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Explorer Middle School.....602.449.4200

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Pinnacle High School.....602.449.4000

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