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On the Cover
2013 Santa Party

Manager's Corner



At the November 3, 2014 Grayhawk Community Association (GCA) and Retreat Village Association (RVA) Board meetings, the Board of Directors of both associations approved the Budget/Finance Committee's recommended 2015 operating budgets. The approved budgets result in an increase of \$1.00 per month in the GCA assessment and an increase of \$1.00 per month in the RVA assessment, if you are a member of the Retreat Village. The neighborhood assessments in the Retreat Village and the Pinnacle neighborhood were all approved with no increase in 2015. Both the GCA and the RVA increased the funding level for each association's capital reserve fund to the recommended funding level in the GCA and RVA reserve studies.

Did you know that the GCA assessment rate has increased by approximately 1.5% per year since 2002? The monthly assessment in 2002 was \$49.00 per month and the \$1.00 per month increase in 2015 results in an assessment rate of \$59.00 per month next year. This equates to an increase of less than \$1.00 per year over the past 13 years. This type of fiscal prudence with your assessments is not always the norm in community associations. Generally, the cost of goods and services increases annually, which results in the contract services expense, administrative costs, and maintenance/repair expenses increasing each year. Maintaining your monthly assessment at its current monthly rate is a result of the GCA and RVA Board of Directors finding ways to increase revenue while reducing expenditures.

Your monthly GCA assessment is used to pay for a wide range of services that affect all of you including the landscape maintenance throughout the community, the GCA office staff, 24-hour community patrol, maintenance of the community and neighborhood amenities such as ramadas and playground areas, and community events and activities.

The GCA's operating budget for 2015 includes the following increases:

- The landscape maintenance expense is projected to increase by \$14,316 which reflects the GCA Board-approved 2% increase in the maintenance contract with DLC Resources.
- The patrol service expense is projected to increase by \$25,944 which reflects the GCA Board-approved 6.39% increase in the security contract with Trident Security Services.
- The social events expense is projected to increase by \$25,500 due to an anticipated increase in the number of events in 2015 and to be more consistent with the actual costs historically for the expenditures for social events.
- There are several other increases in budget line items including the salaries and benefits which reflects a 3% increase in staff salaries in 2015; an increase in the patrol vehicle expenses because the vehicles were replaced in 2014 at a slightly higher lease rate; and the water expense is projected to increase by \$12,000 primarily due to a 4.5% increase in the billing rate by the City of Scottsdale.

Several of the budget line items are anticipated to decrease in the 2015 budget including the irrigation repair, the irrigation controller expense, and the audit and tax returns expense. The 2015 GCA operating budget also projects a \$14,000 increase in social events income.

The Board of Directors of both the GCA and the RVA continue to adhere to their responsibility as fiduciaries of these non-profit corporations and expend the association's funds as prudently as possible. The Budget/Finance Committee and both the GCA and the RVA Board of Directors are to be commended for continuing to display fiscal responsibility with your assessment funds.

On another note, please join your Grayhawk neighbors by participating in some or all of the holiday programs scheduled in December, which include the Santa Party, the Holiday Champagne Brunch, the Chanukah Party, and the Holiday Hayrides. Also, please remember to stop by the cocoa shack in Montevina.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

We'll talk again soon.

Michael Fee

Grayhawk Community Manager

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BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to residents and we encourage you to attend. Your involvement does make a difference!

Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., Dec. 1st at 5:30 pm
at the GCA office, Talon Room.
Grayhawk_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Retreat Village Board of Directors

Mon., Dec. 1st immediately following
the GCA Board meeting
at the GCA office, Talon Room.
Retreat_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Communications Committee

Next meeting scheduled on Tues., Dec. 9th
at 4:30 pm at the GCA office.

Programs Committee

Next meeting scheduled on Mon., Dec. 15th
at 3:30 pm at the GCA office.

Landscape Committee

Call Stacey Harvey at 480-563-9708
for more information.

Operational Review Committee

Next meeting scheduled on Mon., Dec. 22nd
at 5:30 pm at the GCA office.

Architectural Review Committee

Tues., Dec. 2nd and 16th at 4:30 pm
at the GCA office.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Avian Condominium Meeting

Tues., Dec. 16th at 6:00 pm
at the GCA office, Raptor Room.
Call 480-941-1077 ext. 36 for details.

Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Board Meeting

Wed., Dec. 17th at 6:00 pm
at the Cachet Clubhouse.
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Crown Point Board Meeting

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Encore Board Meeting

No meeting scheduled.
Call Ogden & Company at 480-396-4567
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Tesoro Condominium Board Meeting

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480-941-1077 Ext. 39 for details.

Venu Condominium Board Meeting

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Village at Grayhawk Condominium Board Meeting

Tues., Dec. 9th at 6:00 pm
in the GCA Office, Raptor Room.
Call 480-551-4300 ext. 4356 for details.
www.village-at-grayhawk.org

Vintage Condominium Board Meeting

Contact 480-551-4300 for details.
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MISSION STATEMENT

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Barb Nelson
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David Van Omen
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Secretary

Alan Fernandez
Director



GRAYHAWK MASTER ASSOCIATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014

GRAYHAWK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OFFICE

5:30 PM – BOARD BRIEFS

CCMC Vice President Nick Ferre introduced Jenna Perkins, who is the new CCMC Vice President overseeing Grayhawk.

Linda Shaw welcomed representatives of YAM Management and Dutch Bros. Coffee. Two requests were presented to the Board of Directors that would require amending an agreement that the community has with the owners of the Grayhawk Plaza. The first was a request to change business hour requirements. Circle K on Scottsdale Road, which is currently open from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., requested to be open 24 hours. The Board of Directors denied this request.

The second request was from Dutch Bros. Coffee. The agreement currently stipulates that there will be no drive thru restaurants allowed in the plaza. Dutch Bros. is proposing an approximately 1,250 square foot drive-thru coffee shop with some indoor seating. The shop would be open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekends and would be located in the parking lot between Circle K and Chase Bank.

The Board approved the request with the stipulation that this one-time approval will only apply to Dutch Bros. Coffee and that they could not transfer to any business in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee

David Van Omen reported that the second phase of One Jefferson will be the end of multi-family development in that location (southeast corner of Scottsdale Road and Thompson Peak Parkway).

Construction on a \$350 million luxury condominium project will start early next year in Silverleaf in north Scottsdale. Sales are underway, with prices at \$1 million and higher.

Operational Review Committee

Martha Troy reported that over 100 snakes have been captured (and later released into the wild) by Trident Security staff so far this year, saving the City of Scottsdale over \$50,000 by not having to dispatch the Fire Department for snake removal.

There have been a few home and vehicle break-ins recently, predominantly occurring to unlocked cars and houses. Reminders have been included in the blast email and newsletter about ensuring that your doors are all locked.

Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that John Lewis from DLC has taken another position and Kelby Agnew will be his replacement. Kelby has been a field operations manager for DLC Resources for over eight years.

Overseeding is complete. Phase 4 of the Signature Look project is underway. DLC is hoping to complete the renovation of the two Grayhawk monuments at Thompson Peak Parkway and Hayden Road soon. It was noted that the plans Discount Tire prepared for the Grayhawk monument sign at Scottsdale Road and Thompson Peak Parkway look very nice and the Landscape Committee is hoping to continue that look to Grayhawk Drive and Scottsdale Road.

Community Enhancement Committee

Bob Mann reported that the committee did not meet, but would be doing so soon to review the condominium association requests.

Programs Committee

Justin Martin reported that events in October had gone very well. The annual Pumpkin Patch was successful and everyone loved the magician, pumpkin decorating and other activities provided.

The Hallo-Vino Wine Tasting event was also a fun event. Board member David Van Omen hosted 20 residents in his house and everyone had a great time.

Upcoming holiday events include the Santa Party, which has a pajama theme this year, a Holiday Champagne Brunch, Holiday Hayrides and Chanukah Party.



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Communications Committee

Jennifer Sheets reported that the committee had met to review potential color changes, as well as various updates to the website. The committee will be working over the next couple months on implementing changes to both the website and the newsletter.

Architectural Review Committee

Paul Alessio reported there had been 14 submittals and 12 approvals during the month of October. The committee continues to work with the Dunn-Edwards colorist to approve new color palettes for each neighborhood.

Budget/Finance Committee

Barb Nelson reported that the committee had reviewed the draft 2015 budget and was proposing a \$1 increase for the GCA and no increase for the Pinnacle neighborhood.

A motion was made and approved to accept the 2015 GCA and Pinnacle budgets as submitted.

Executive Committee

Linda Shaw reported that a meeting of the condominium association Board Presidents had taken place on October 17. The meeting was very productive and the third meeting with the condominium Board Presidents this year.

New Business

A motion was made and approved to pay \$31,543.36 from the GCA Community Enhancement Fund for community holiday lights.

Election Committee

Michael Fee reported that the committee did not meet.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Nelson reported that the GCA is on track to end the year with a surplus and that approximately \$23,000 in bad debt that was previously written off has been collected so far this year.

Management Report

Michael Fee reported that the holiday lights were being installed and that he anticipates they will be turned on during the week of Thanksgiving.

The community painting project is continuing, and the exterior walls of Avian were recently completed.

Mailboxes continue to be replaced throughout the community. Many of the mailboxes in The Park section of Grayhawk have been replaced and management hopes to have Pinnacle, Coventry and Ridgcrest finished by the end of 2014. Firenze is scheduled to have their mailboxes replaced in November.



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Welcome to the Neighborhood

Kale & Clover: Mindful Kitchen Coming to Grayhawk

Grayhawk is getting a jump start on New Year's resolutions thanks to a new fast-casual restaurant slated to open mid-December.

Restaurateur German Osio and his team at Osio Culinary Group are excited to open their fourth restaurant, Kale & Clover:



Mindful Kitchen at 20511 N. Hayden Road. Kale & Clover will be located in the former Miller's Deli location in Hayden Peak Crossing, the same shopping plaza that is home to Osio's sister restaurant, Local Bistro.

Kale & Clover will be offering clean, healthy food and drinks from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, diners will have the option to eat in, carry out or grab a ready-to-eat meal. The menu is mostly vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free. Meat-lovers will have the option to add protein to many of the dishes. For those choosing to dine in, Kale & Clover will provide a clean and modern décor, along with craft beers and wines.

Chris May, who serves as Executive Chef of another Osio restaurant, Central Bistro, has spent several months crafting the menu for Kale & Clover.

"We are using responsibly-sourced, seasonal ingredients and have taken special care to focus on nutritional balance and flavor," Mayo said. "It has been a treat to work on Kale & Clover's menu, to sink into the taste of the high-quality ingredients we have selected and combine them in complementary ways so that the food pops with flavor."



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Some of Kale & Clover's signature menu items include:

- Superfood salad: kale, romaine hearts, shaved local vegetables, avocado, almonds, apricots, lemon dressing.
- Faux Pho: red miso shiitake broth, rice noodles, tofu, Thai basil, sprouts, chilies, lime.
- Avocado summer roll: pickled veggies, mint, house made sambas.
- Caramelized cauliflower: caper-raisin jam, lentils, local carrots, curry vinaigrette.
- Seared Salmon: red quinoa, marinated cherry tomatoes, avocado, light herb vinaigrette

Guests will enjoy an array of non-alcoholic libations, including cold-pressed juice, agave-sweetened sodas and espresso drinks. The restaurant also features beers and wine.

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Good Neighbor Campaign

In October, State Farm agent and Grayhawk resident Jeremy Mueller sponsored the Grayhawk Good Neighbor campaign, designed to help neighbors take a minute to show their appreciation for one another.

Residents wrote in to the GCA office to express why they felt their neighbor(s) was the best, and then dropped a treat on their doorstep to show the neighbor how much they valued them.

What we learned is what we knew all along -- that there are some very special people living in Grayhawk. They are "shining examples of what it means to be a good neighbor". They have left "break-

fast muffins and home-cooked meals quietly on the porch" and have helped "watch kids, walk kids to school and run to the grocery store" in times of need. They are always open to lending cooking supplies or medical advice, and went as far as driving their neighbors to and from medical appointments (as early as 5 a.m.!). Some good neighbors are even giving out free hugs after a long day!

The Good Neighbors are outgoing and friendly, kind and considerate. Most importantly, they take pride in their community. For these people, being a good neighbor and helping others is central to everything they do!

Congratulations to the 2014 Good Neighbors:

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We Should All Be Saving for the Future, Right?

Barb Nelson, Grayhawk Community Association Treasurer

Over the last couple months I've done my best to give you an overview of

the Grayhawk budget, as well as a better understanding of the Community Enhancement Fund. But the fun doesn't stop there! Just like any of you might do for your home, cars or other larger personal expenses, the Grayhawk Board of Directors has to save, and we do so through the reserve account.

Reserve accounts (also referred to as "reserve funds" or simply "reserves") are funds set aside by the community association to pay for the replacement or repair of community property and physical assets of the association. Reserves are intended to prevent the need for special assessments.

At first, it might not seem like Grayhawk has a lot of community property that will one day require repair or

replacement. However, from playground equipment to view fencing, office furniture to irrigation controllers, nearly everything has a shelf life. The Grayhawk Community Association currently allocates about 5% of the overall budget towards reserves, which in 2014 equates to approximately \$140,400.

There are companies out there that specialize in community association reserve studies. In 2011 Grayhawk hired such a company, Association Reserves Inc. (ARI), to do a full ground up reserve study, which was updated in 2013 to include new property. The goal that ARI set was for the GCA to be funded to 70%. Two years ago, the GCA was funded to only 50%, the outcome of not raising assessments or raising them as little as possible in an effort the help homeowners during the hard financial times. As of January, 2014, the GCA reserve account was funded at 67.8%, and currently the GCA reserve fund is 75% funded.

Remember that Community Enhancement Fund I mentioned last month? In 2012 and 2013, the Board of Directors voted to transfer a portion of the Community Enhancement Fund into the Reserve Fund. This was done to help reduce the amount of the assessment increase that would be needed in those years to help get the reserve fund up closer to the 70% funded range which is considered a strong reserve fund position.

Any year that the GCA has a surplus of income over expenses, the Board of Directors could vote to transfer that surplus to the Reserve Funds, which was done earlier this year.

More information on the reserve fund can be found on the Grayhawk community website at www.grayhawkcommunity.org.

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	21559 N 74th Wy	1,873	\$380,000	2/7/14 ← Sold
Sold →	7453 Phantom Wy	2,806	\$649,000	4/23/14
	8403 Windrunner Dr	2,423	\$665,000	4/18/14 ← Sold
Sold →	7438 E Journey Ln	3,705	\$699,900	3/7/14
	20124 N 85th Pl	3,109	\$950,000	3/11/14 ← Sold
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In November, members from the five Grayhawk Book Clubs got together for a social event at which they ate, drank and shared their favorite books read in 2014. They put together a list of all of their favorites so that any time they are looking for a good read, they have a reference list. We also know that many of you might be looking for gifts for the holidays, and we hope that their list might be helpful. Hopefully you will be able to read a couple for yourself!

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Winter in the Desert Southwest

By DLC Resources, Inc.



for tips to help get your landscape ready for the colder temperatures.

Arizona is known for warm temperatures and open clear skies all year-round. However, the Desert Southwest is not exempt from winter weather, including freezing conditions. Keep reading

Frost Protection for Your Plants

To protect your frost susceptible plants, cover them with cloth towels, blankets, sheets or paper/cardboard boxes to insulate them. Plastic is not recommended for plant cover. Drape the paper or cloth all the way to the ground to help trap heat radiating from the ground. Be sure to remove the cover after the sunrise each morning or when the temperature reaches 35 degrees.

Plants that are not native to the Southwest are most at risk for frost damage. These plants include Bougainvillea, Lantana, winter annuals and others. For cacti such as Mexican Fencepost, covering the tops of the posts with an old t-shirt, foam cup or wash cloth can help prevent frost damage.

Frost Protection for Your Backflow

When temperatures dip below 32 degrees, your backflow is at risk for damage from freezing water that sits in the unit. Usually, the easiest way to protect your backflow preventer is to cover it with a towel or blanket on the nights that temperatures are projected to drop below freezing. You can also choose to drain the water from your backflow if you are concerned about prolonged freezing temperatures or plan to be gone for several nights.

Reduce Water Usage

Cooler weather and shorter days provide an opportunity to reduce your water usage and save money on your water bill. You can use the interactive tools at www.wateruseitwisely.com to determine how often and how long the stations on your irrigation controller should run. If you have a desert adapted landscape with established plants, you can usually turn off your irrigation system from Thanksgiving to Valentine's Day.

Frost Recovery for Plants

If frost impacts your plant material, it is optimal to wait until the threat of frost has subsided to prune frost-damaged plants. Pruning away frost damage too early can result in additional damage to the plant if it is hit by frost again. New and un-established shrubs or ground cover plants are more susceptible to permanent damage and could be lost due to cold weather. Established plants with a sustainable root system can handle minimal pruning for aesthetic reasons throughout frost season.

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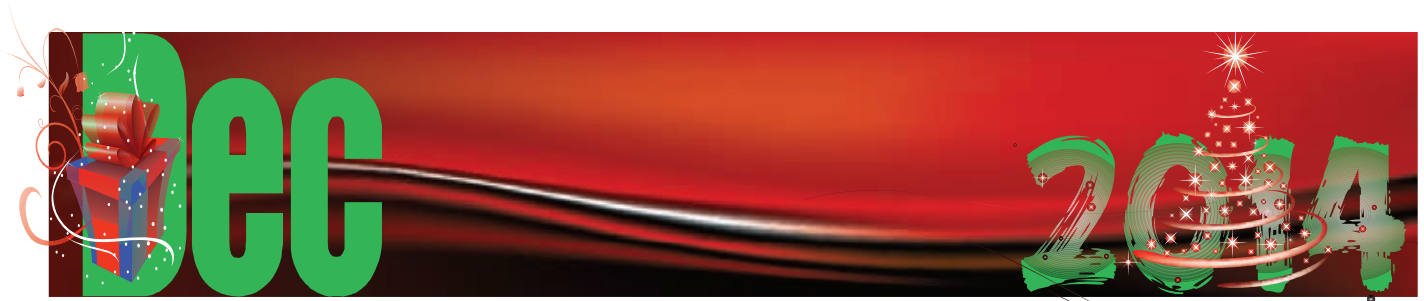
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Aqua Fitness for Life

Mondays & Thursdays 9:00 a.m.

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Play Bridge

Tues., Dec. 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Raptor Room, GCA Office

If you would like to play party bridge with a neighborhood group, give us a call at 480-563-9839 to check availability. Men and women are invited to join this social game.

Play Canasta

Every Wed. beginning on Dec. 3 at 12:00 p.m.

Raptor Room, GCA Office

If you would like to play canasta with a neighborhood group, contact Jenn at jsheets@ccmcnet.com or 480-563-9839 to check availability and get more information. This is a great way to meet your neighbors!

Corks & Canvas – Holiday Edition

Wed., Dec. 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Raptor Room, GCA Office

Start the December holidays with an evening of artistry and libations. Enjoy light appetizers and other seasonal eats along with your favorite wine all while painting a beautiful snow scape winter night scene. Lisa Fitzgibbons, one of Arizona's top art instructors, will guide you with light-hearted, step-by-step instruction that guarantees terrific results. Expect to have lots of fun and to leave with a painting you will be proud to show off at your holiday gatherings! Cost is \$35 and includes all art supplies and eats. Please bring your favorite wine to share. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by December 3. Seats are limited!

Hiking Club

Sat., Dec. 6 at 8:00 a.m.

White Tanks Goat Camp Loop

Join the Hiking Club to hike White Tank Mountain trails in the far west valley. This strenuous 12 mile loop is for experienced hikers only and will deliver a vigorous workout with stunning views. Estimated hiking time is 5 hours and the commute is an hour each way. We will meet at 7 am at Fry's (SE Corner of Hayden and Thompson Peak Parkway) and carpool to the trailhead. To learn more about this hike and/or RSVP, go to www.grayhawkhikingclub.org. To participate, you must have joined the club online (if you have not already done so) and RSVP'd "yes" to this event. On the website, you can review many other upcoming hikes and email the organizers with questions.

Holiday Champagne Brunch

Sun., Dec. 7 at 11:00 a.m.

Fairway House at Grayhawk Golf Club

Celebrate the season with family, friends and neighbors while enjoying a delicious and plentiful brunch buffet and unlimited

champagne bar with all of the fixings to make a perfect mimosa or bellini. It's okay if you are not a champagne lover, two drinks tickets will be included if not drinking champagne. A beautifully decorated room along with live music and even a fun game or two will no doubt put you into the holiday spirit. Cost is \$45 per person. RSVP to 480-563-9708 by December 3. Adults 21+ only please. Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom of RE/MAX Excalibur for sponsoring this event!

Santa Party – Holiday Pajamas Party Theme

Wed., Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Fairway House at Grayhawk Golf Club

Ho! Ho! Ho! It's time again for Santa's annual visit to Grayhawk. The theme this year is party in your pajamas! Kids are encouraged to be dressed in their cutest, most adorable holiday pajamas. We will give special prizes for the best dressed. The evening will be full of magical holiday cheer including carols, crafts, gifts, treats and more. The meal portion will feature "breakfast for dinner" for the kids, plus a selection of appetizers and a cash bar for the adults. There will be a hot chocolate station as well as make your own holiday s'mores station. In the spirit of giving, your little ones will also have a chance to spread their own cheer by donating a gently used toy from their own personal collection to benefit a less fortunate child in the valley (not required). Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids. Parents should drop off prepayment and a wrapped gift at the GCA office for Santa to give your child by no later than Monday, December 2 to hold your spot. Clearly mark your child's first name, last name and age on the gift. Space is limited. RSVP and prepayment are due by Mon., Dec. 8. Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom of RE/MAX Excalibur for sponsoring this event!

Hiking Club

Sat., Dec. 13 at 8:00 a.m.

Cathedral Rock in Brown's Ranch

Join the Hiking Club for a hike to Cathedral Rock in North Scottsdale. This is an easy 5 mile out and back hike from the Brown's Ranch Trailhead to some beautiful rock formations. Estimated hiking time is 2 hours. We will meet at the trailhead. To learn more about this hike and/or RSVP, go to www.grayhawkhikingclub.org. To participate, you must have joined the club online (if you have not already done so) and RSVP'd "yes" to this event. On the website, you can review many other upcoming hikes and email the organizers with questions.

Play-well Engineering 1/2 Day LEGO Camp: NINJANEERING (Ninja Engineering)

Sat., Dec. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Talon Room, GCA Office

Register and pay at: www.play-well.org

Enter the world of Ninjago and become an apprentice Ninjaneer! Learn the way of Spinjitzu, build a Fire Temple, race Skull Trucks, and encounter the mighty Dragon! Imagine and build unique and fun LEGO projects with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor while exploring the fantasy world of Ninjago. This is an ideal way to prepare young Ninjaneers for the challenge of Ninjaneering Masters with LEGO camp. Cost is \$28 per child. Sign up and pay for the class at www.play-well.org.

Holiday Hayrides

Thurs., Dec. 18 and Fri., Dec. 19

at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

GCA Office

This always popular evening is sure to fill up fast so don't wait to register! Mrs. Claus will be leading the group on each horse-drawn carriage ride through the Grayhawk community. Families will enjoy the beautiful holiday light displays, sing carols along the way and read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Lastly, the group will make a stop at the Montevina neighborhood cocoa shack for hot cocoa and cookies before heading back to our North Pole drop off at the GCA office. Price is \$3 per person plus one non-perishable food item per person. Thanks to Perry Bergelt of Arizona Luxury Real Estate for sponsoring this event. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by 12/15. DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THIS EVENT, NO MORE THAN 6 PEOPLE PER RESERVATION & NO MORE THAN 2 NON-RESIDENTS GUESTS ALLOWED PER PARTY. MANDATORY PRE-PAY BY 12/15 OR YOUR RESERVATION WILL BE MOVED TO THE WAIT LIST.

Hiking Club – Holiday Hike and Post Hike Social

Sun., Dec. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Join the Hiking Club for a pleasant Sunday afternoon hike in the Gateway Access Area in North Scottsdale followed by the club's annual holiday social at Ciao Grazie. The 5 mile hike is an easy/moderate loop on the Desert Park and Windgate Pass Trails. Estimated hiking time is 2 hours. You can meet hikers at the trailhead and the post hike social is only a couple of minutes away. To learn more about this hike and/or RSVP, go to www.grayhawkhikingclub.org. To participate, you must have joined the club online (if you have not already done so) and RSVP'd "yes" to this event. On the website, you can review many other upcoming hikes and email the organizers with questions.

Chanukah Party

Sun., Dec. 21 at 3:00 p.m.

JJ's Delicatessen (23425 N. Scottsdale Rd.)

Happy Chanukah! All residents are invited to enjoy traditional latkes, apples & honey and other popular sweet treats, along with plenty of beverages at this Festival of Lights celebration! A musical performer will be on hand to help set the festive mood, and there will be activities for the kids and a traditional lighting of the menorah. Price is \$3/person. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by 12/18. Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom of RE/MAX Excalibur for sponsoring this event!

Weight Watchers Grayhawk Meeting Coming in January 2015.

Save the Date: Fri., Jan. 9, 2015 at 9:30 am

Talon Room, GCA Office

The first meeting will be informational to gauge participation and to sign-up. Classes will run for 10 weeks on Fridays at 9:30 am. A Community Meeting Series is a prepaid ten week series for a minimum of 20 participants. The series fee is \$130 and is collected with each Member's pre-registration form at the Informational Meeting. Also offered is a Monthly Pass, which is set up as an auto pay for \$52 per month, and it includes free eTools, the online support program.

AROUND GRAYHAWK

Grayhawk Golf Club Holiday Sale

Dec. 5 and 6 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Grayhawk Golf Club

Don't miss this great sale! Take advantage of discounts of 50%-75% off on a wide range of golf merchandise. Earn a complimentary twosome of golf for every \$450 spent. Call 502-1800 for details.

Scottsdale Promenade FREE Holiday Event

Dec. 6 and 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Scottsdale Promenade (at the tree)

Free horse-drawn carriage rides, photos with Santa, ice skating, cookie decorating and more.

Carefree Christmas Festival

Fri., Dec. 12 and Sat., Dec. 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

and Sun., Dec. 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

101 Easy Street, Downtown Carefree, Arizona

Snow, fireworks, Santa Claus, a gift market, kids zone, late night shopping and more! All events are free. For more information, call 480-488-2051.

December Holiday Lights at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park

Dec. 12 through January 3 (excluding December 24, 25, and 31) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

All aboard Arizona's most unique holiday event! Take a train ride through many festive holiday lights and displays turning the Railroad Park into a winter wonderland. Opening night festivities will include a tree lighting ceremony, entertainment and a visit from Santa. Santa will be at the park through December 23. Train ride is \$3.00 and carousel ride is \$2.00. Children under three are free when riding with a paying adult.

Cowboy Christmas

Dec. 13 and 14, 20 and 21 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Old Town Scottsdale

Cowboy Christmas celebrates all things Western with free stagecoach and wagon rides, re-enactments of gunfights and robberies, miniature horses dressed as reindeer and more! The spirit of the holidays will come to life with visits from Santa, free hot chocolate and coffee, carolers and Christmas decor. While in Old Town, browse local shops for unique southwestern holiday gifts and stop in at one of the many restaurants. This event will be free to the public.

Hanukkah Menorah Lighting

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Holiday Light Spectacular

Montevina shares the spirit of giving

2014 marks the twelfth year that the residents of Grayhawk's Montevina neighborhood have been spreading holiday cheer with their over-the-top lights, music and goodwill. Hundreds of cars pass through each week every December to enjoy the spectacle on Rose Garden Lane, as life-sized snowmen, manger scenes and reindeer delight children young and old.

Santa's Cocoa Hut, which sits near the entrance, is definitely the highlight. Visitors are handed hot cocoa and cookies by Montevina resident volunteers. Residents also accept donations of money and food for St. Mary's Food Bank. The neighborhood has raised thousands of dollars over the years, helping to feed our Valley neighbors who are living with hunger.

In the first year, Montevina raised \$3,500. Residents really just wanted to share the holiday spirit and teach their children about charity. The amount the neighborhood collects rises and falls along with the economy, but the spirit of the holiday is evident with Grayhawk reaching out to Arizona residents who are not as fortunate as we are here. Each year, residents sign up for the night they're going to run the Cocoa Hut. From there on out, it's a decorating competition for the neighborhood men, all trying to outdo one another. It's a running joke that real estate agents have to disclose the month-long event to potential buyers. It's just that important to the community.

So this December, make sure to stop shopping, baking and wrapping long enough to drive (or walk) over to Montevina and bask in the holiday glow. The Cocoa Hut will be open from December 6 - December 24 seven days a week from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hunger in Arizona

According to St. Mary's Food Bank, there are currently 1 in 5 Arizonans living in poverty. In addition, 2 million Arizonans are considered working poor, living at or below the Federal Poverty Guideline. This is the majority of those served by the Food Bank's emergency food box program. More than 40% of the households receiving emergency food assistance have at least one person who is working.

Serving two-thirds of Arizona's 15 counties, St. Mary's Food Bank is committed to volunteerism, building community relationships and improving the quality of life for Arizonans in need. A member of Feeding America, which is a network of more than 200 member food banks, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance distributed almost 70 million pounds of food in fiscal year 2012-2013 to families and individuals.





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Google will announce by year's end which cities will get Google Fiber. The service is currently available in Kansas City, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; and Provo Utah, and will be available in Austin, Texas later this year.

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Tom's Thumb Fresh Market

Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

I've been taking my car to **Tom's Thumb Fresh Market** for a wash and detail for quite some time, but it never occurred to me to EAT in the same place I got my car washed. How silly of me! What is really neat about this car wash is that while your car is being pampered, you can head inside and enjoy the fantastic BBQ cafe menu in their **Campfire Bistro** restaurant, voted one of the Best Restaurants in the Valley by Phoenix Magazine in 2012. You heard right...it's that good.

The people who run **Tom's Thumb** pride themselves on "making the mundane into the extraordinary". From the cup of handcrafted coffee made from one of their expert baristas, to the attentive staff who can recommend a great bottle of wine or craft beer, they've got just about everything you might need covered.

Many refer to this place as a gas station and a car wash which is really a misnomer. Yes, there are gas pumps and a car wash outside, but the market itself could easily function as a stand-alone restaurant. When was the last time you saw a chandelier in a gas station? The sign out front actually says "BBQ, Car Wash, Market". I think we know what butters the bread here!

I know many of you have friends and family visiting this time of year, which means you'll be on the hunt for a unique Arizona experience to share. In the past, we've highlighted great local favorites including everything from the Buffalo Chip Saloon to the Phoenician. Now, you can add gas station to the list of "must visit" dining destinations!

The **Campfire Bistro** serves up quite a few popular dishes, including the No'Sco' Breakfast Burrito and Country Benedict in the morning, as well as the Pulled Pork Sandwich and Blue Brisket Salad later in the day. They have other offerings like the Caprese or Portabella sandwich, but why would you want that when you can have smoked meat? Meats are smoked in-house for 12 hours and I always say, smoked meat is great fuel when you're out on a long day of holiday shopping!

On my recent lunch date with Grayhawk's Director of Communications Jennifer Sheets, I ordered the BBQ Tacos. I'm always on the hunt for the perfect taco, and this was a unique experience I couldn't



pass up. The tacos come with 3 flour tortillas, cotija cheese, red cabbage, chipotle salsa with a choice of meats. I ordered two pulled pork and one pulled chicken. Jenn ordered a Brisket Platter with coleslaw and baked beans. The platter also had a pickle and bread. The highlight for her was most definitely the mustard based BBQ sauce. She really seemed to enjoy it!

The food was excellent and it was fun meandering through the shop to find a seat. There is one larger seating area near the front of the store, but many tables are spread throughout the shopping area. Yes, shopping area. When we finished eating, we took a minute to enjoy the artisan gift market, which included everything from comical napkins to decorative balls made from the heads of golf clubs. You can find great gifts for just about anyone here, as well as unique holiday décor. Like I said, it really is a whole experience!

Make sure that while you're there you get a car wash. It really is the best around. I always ask for "The Thumb", which includes a seven day clean car guarantee.

Check out their website at www.tomsthumbfreshmarket.com for more information, including details on their FREE beer and wine tastings that take place every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas!

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