

# Grayhawk Flight

April 2018



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The 2017 Family BBQ

# Manager's Corner



As the summer months approach, many of you will be spending all or part of your summer away from your Grayhawk home either at another house you own or on an extended vacation. I don't blame you for wanting to get out of the heat in Scottsdale, but please remember to keep your Grayhawk neighbors in mind while you are away. By that I mean remember that many of your neighbors live in Grayhawk year round and please be considerate of them while you are away.

While you are gone this summer, if you do not have a landscaping service taking care of your yard, please be sure to have someone keeping an eye on your property. The summer months are the prime growing season in the southwest desert and yards that are not looked after can become overgrown and filled with weeds in a short period of time. Also, overgrown desert trees, like the mesquite and palo verde, that are not routinely trimmed or crown thinned can become top heavy and are susceptible to being blown over during our summer monsoon storms. Usually, if a tree is blown over during a storm, the damage to the tree's roots requires that the tree be removed.

The Grayhawk Community Association (GCA) office also frequently is notified of a vacant house during the summer with an irrigation leak or flooding in the rear yard. When this happens, we will do everything we can to contact the homeowner, but unfortunately we do not always have accurate phone numbers or emergency contact information in our homeowner records. Homeowners occasionally change their e-mail address or get a new cell phone number but forget to notify the association office. I strongly encourage not only our seasonal residents, but all of you to make sure your contact information is up to date with the GCA office. Feel free to call the GCA office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Also, if you know that your neighbor is going to be away for the summer or on vacation for a couple weeks, please do the neighborly thing and keep an eye on the house for them. While we do our best to keep businesses from soliciting throughout Grayhawk, occasionally some business information is put on the front doors. If this happens to a house that you know is not occupied during the summer, please remove these fliers and materials from the front door or elsewhere on the property. Leaving this type of information on a front door for an extended period of time can identify a house as vacant to a potential thief.

By making sure someone is looking after your Grayhawk house while you are away this summer, and by looking after each other's house all year long we can continue to make Grayhawk a safe and well cared for community.

On another note, I would like to thank all of you who voted in this year's Board elections and congratulate the candidates who were elected to serve on the Grayhawk Community Association and Retreat Village Association Board of Directors. I look forward to working with all of the Board members in our efforts to continue to improve this wonderful community.

Lastly, spring is a beautiful time of year in Scottsdale and we have a number of our most popular and well-attended events during this time. On Saturday, April 21 is the Community Garage Sale. Whether you are buying, selling, or just looking, this is a great way to get rid of or add a few things and meet your neighbors at the same time. Also, don't forget about the Family BBQ and Movie Night, which will be held on Friday, April 27 at the Grayhawk Neighborhood Park near Grayhawk Elementary School. Come on out and enjoy a free hotdog, chips and a drink and then stick around for a movie on a giant outdoor movie screen. I hope to see you there.

We'll talk again soon.

*Michael Fee*

Grayhawk Community Manager

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## BOARD MEETINGS – APRIL 2018

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

### Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., April 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Talon Room,  
GCA office  
Grayhawk\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

### Grayhawk Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

The Board of Directors will be meeting in  
Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section  
33-1804 (A)(3) at 5:00 p.m. in the GCA office.

### Retreat Village Board of Directors

Mon., April 2 following GCA meeting in the  
Talon Room, GCA office  
Retreat\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

### Retreat Village Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

The Board of Directors will be meeting in  
Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section  
33-1804 (A)(3) at 5:00 p.m. in the GCA office.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Communications Committee

Call Jennifer Sheets at 480-563-9708 for more  
information.

### Event Planning Committee

Next meeting scheduled on Mon., April 9 at  
3:30 p.m. in the GCA office. Call Sarah Van  
Duyne at 480-563-9708 for more information.

### Landscape Committee

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

### Operational Review Committee

Next meeting scheduled on Mon., April 23 at  
5:30 pm in the GCA office. Call Stacey Harvey  
at 480-563-9708 for more information.

### Architectural Review Committee

Tues., April 3 and 17 at 4:30 p.m. at the GCA  
office.



## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

### Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

Tues., April 17 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor  
Room, GCA office. Call Associated Property  
Management 480-941-1077 for details.

### Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

Wed., April 18 at 6 p.m. in the Cachet  
Clubhouse. Call FirstService Residential at  
480-551-4300 for details.

### Crown Point Board Meeting

Call Stacey Harvey at 480-563-9708 for  
details.

### Edge Condominium Association Board Meeting

Visit [www.theedgegrayhawk.com](http://www.theedgegrayhawk.com) or call  
480-584-4647 for details.

### Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

Wed., April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Encore  
Clubhouse. Call HOAMCO at 480-994-4479  
for details.

### Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

Mon., April 23 at 6 p.m. in Tesoro Clubhouse  
Call Kinney Management at 480-820-3451 for  
details.

### Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

Tues., April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Venu  
Greatroom. Call Associated Property  
Management at 480-941-1077 for details.

### Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

Thur., April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor Room,  
GCA office. Call FirstService Residential at  
480-551-4300 for details.

### Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

Mon., April 9 at 10 a.m. in the Talon  
Room, GCA office. Call Associated Property  
Management at 480-941-1077 for details.

### Grayhawk Community Association Board Members

Linda Shaw  
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Paul Alessio  
Vice President

Jeanette Griswold  
Treasurer

David Van Omen  
Secretary

Margo Bellock  
Director

Robert Mann  
Director

Martha Troy  
Director

### Retreat Village Association Board Members

Arlene Smith  
President

Ira Mallin  
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Patrick Thompson  
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Mitchell Cooper  
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Alan Fernandez  
Director

## VISION

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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Association strives to enhance  
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financial and environmental  
assets.

## Grayhawk Master Association Board of Directors Meeting – March 5, 2018

### *Development Committee*

David Van Omen reported that there were no major developments at the current time. The Rawhide Wash floodplain Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request has been submitted to FEMA, however, it will likely be months before FEMA notifies the association of their decision.

### *Operational Review Committee*

Martha Troy reported that Trident Security has replaced the patrol vehicles and there are several new security staff members.

There was a rollover accident at 76th Street and Thompson Peak Parkway involving four teenagers. A large tree was damaged and the GCA has received the check from driver's insurance carrier to replace the tree and repair other damage.

Grayhawk Elementary School is considering motion-sensor lights at the playground. Stacey Harvey will send communication to residents facing the playground to alert them to the lights possibly being installed.

Members of the committee visited two guardhouses off-site. Both were aesthetically appealing, but not functional on the inside. A tentative schedule was presented for the guardhouse remodel.

There was discussion regarding how to replace the street signs throughout the community. It was suggested that one section or neighborhood of the community be completed at a time.

### *Landscape Committee*

Arlene Smith reported that she joined Landscape Committee members Martha Troy and Victoria Kauzlarich and toured the community with DLC Resources representatives Jim Carter and Janet Dempsey looking for good locations for several monarch butterfly stations. They selected a few locations including 77th Street and Wingshadow in Montevina, the Monterey Park greenbelt and the Coventry at the Park tot lot area. It was decided that there was money already in the budget for the milkweed plants.

An upcoming project includes erosion repair at the Avian/Crown Point Norte sidewalk.

### *Community Enhancement Committee*

Bob Mann reported that the committee did not meet.

### *Event Planning Committee*

Margo Bellock reported that the committee had met briefly with the Communications Committee to discuss charitable giving projects. The Communications Committee suggested that the Event Planning Committee look at a few things when choosing a charitable organization to partner with including whether or not they offer multiple levels of engagement, active social media/communication channels, what their needs are and if the organization is something many residents would have an interest in.

The committee also discussed their 2017 budget.

Sarah Van Duyne shared details of past events including the Daddy Daughter Dance, which was well attended. Focal Point

Salon and Spa was in attendance, as well as two "princesses", which were popular with the girls. Upcoming events include the Easter Egg Hunt and Community Garage Sale.

### *Communications Committee*

Jennifer Sheets reported that two members of the committee and herself had met to discuss the menu structure of the new website. This, they feel, is one of the most important aspects of the new website.

### *Architectural Review Committee*

Paul Alessio reported that the committee had been seeing more submittals including room additions, pergolas and other major modifications.

The Board of Directors discussed the sample monument sign at Hayden Road and Deer Valley Road. The sign had been painted three colors and each had a slightly different letter G. The Board members were split on the color preference.

### *Budget/Finance Committee*

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee did not meet.

### *Executive Committee*

Linda Shaw gave a strategic goals update. There has been discussion in the Event Planning Committee of a potential fitness event taking place. Michael Fee and Linda Shaw recently attended the Tesoro Annual meeting and plan to attend more condominium association Annual Meetings in 2018.

Linda mentioned the recent joint meeting with the Event Planning Committee and Communication Committee to discuss charitable giving. Sign replacements are also taking place throughout the community, and a rough timeline has been established for the guardhouse remodel.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Jeanette Griswold reported that the budget is a little off for January, partially due to Grayhawk Flight advertising payments that had not yet posted in January. Those should offset in the budget in February.

### *Management Report*

Michael Fee reported that new A/V equipment is being installed in the Talon Room.



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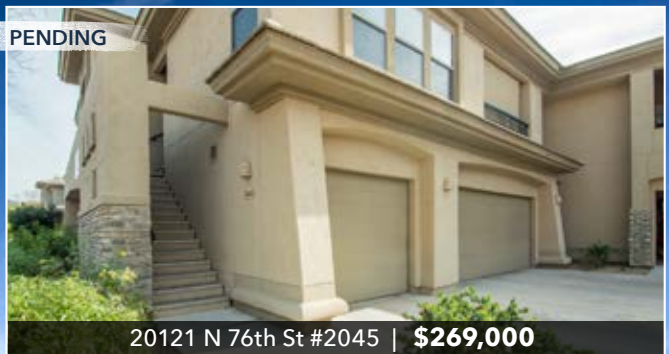
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# Call Me...Maybe

As much as the GCA loves helping homeowners, there are some issues that can be better addressed by calling the appropriate agency directly. When calling to report an issue, it is likely that there will be several questions. As the person who observed the issue, you are far better suited to provide answers than staff is. To make it easier for you, we have listed some of the most common calls and the appropriate contact information for each.

## ***I live in a condo and...***

There are eight condominium communities within Grayhawk and all eight have different management companies. Typically, questions that we are asked need to be directed to the management company for the condo. Everything inside of the walls surrounding the complex is managed by that company and the GCA staff is usually unable to give you the answers you need. Contact information for each of the condominium management companies can be found on the Grayhawk website at <http://grayhawkcommunity.org/> under the Contacts tab.

## ***I lost my mailbox key.***

It's really too bad we are not able to keep track of and store 3,800 spare keys, as this is one of our most popular problems. To remedy the situation, you will likely need to re-key your lock and have new keys made. You can call a locksmith or reach out to the local post office to have your lock replaced. Scottsdale Kachina Station (480-513-2935) <https://usps.com>

## ***I saw a coyote on the walking path.***

According to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, an estimated 75% of residential wildlife calls can be linked to someone feeding the animals. They typically do not remove animals unless it is a human (not pet) health or safety issue. However, they do encourage residents to report sightings so that they can track data and identify problem areas. Arizona Game and Fish Department Sighting Hotline (623) 236-7201 <https://www.azgfd.com/>

## ***We are getting a ton of mosquitos from my neighbor's green pool.***

When a homeowner calls the HOA, we refer them to the Maricopa Vector Control. This department takes the complaints/concerns dealing with mosquitoes, flies and non-native rodents and investigates whether or not there is a breeding ground. If they can identify a breeding ground they will treat the premise. You can also find other good information including mosquito prevention, mosquito treatment, mosquito general information, and a backyard checklist. Maricopa County Vector Control (602) 506-6616 <http://www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/VectorControl/>

## ***Someone broke into my car (and other crimes).***

We hate to hear that someone has committed a crime in Grayhawk, but, unfortunately, Grayhawk is not immune to that sort of activity. All law enforcement issues should be reported to the Scottsdale Police Department nonemergency line. Of

course, if you see something in progress, call 911. Please do not call roving patrol, as they only has the authority to observe and report to the police. You can alert the GCA management staff to any crime once it has been reported so that we are aware of the situation. Scottsdale Police Department Nonemergency (480) 312-5000 <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/police>

## ***My bulk trash was not picked up.***

The GCA does not do any bulk trash collection or have any involvement in scheduling. It is not uncommon for an entire street to be missed. If your bulk trash was in place by 6:00 AM the Monday of bulk trash collection week and was not picked up, you should call the City of Scottsdale. You can also view the upcoming bulk trash schedule on the website. City of Scottsdale Solid Waste Department (480) 312-5600 <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste/brush-bulk-collection>

## ***A streetlight is out in front of my house.***

As you may have noticed, all streetlights have a number on them. Most of the light poles are maintained by APS. Visit the APS website and fill out the form provided. You will need the address that is closest to the burnt out light and the number of the light located on the pole. [https://www.aps.com/en/\\_layouts/APScom/ApsServices/ReportStreetlightOutage.aspx](https://www.aps.com/en/_layouts/APScom/ApsServices/ReportStreetlightOutage.aspx)



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**Talon Room, GCA Office**

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## Adopt-a-Road Clean up

**Sat., April 14 from 8 am to 10 am**

**Meet at GCA Office, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. #102**

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!! The Event Planning Committee has decided to give back to the community by signing up for the Adopt-a-Road program with the City of Scottsdale. In an effort to keep our community beautiful we are looking for volunteers to help us on this clean up day. The City will provide all volunteers with gloves, trash bags, and safety vests, and cold waters. We will not be in the road, all litter pick up will be on the property beyond the curb. We will meet in the GCA office at 8 am, go over some quick instruction, and then will start walking the trails. The walk will be approximately 1 mile each direction, a little over two miles in total after both sides of the road are cleaned. All volunteers 17 years of age and under must come with a guardian. This is a great way to complete community service hours for school. We are only able to accommodate the first 15 volunteers who register. All others will be encouraged to sign up for the next chosen date in the fall. Please call 480-563-9839 to sign up today!

## Junior Golf Clinic

**Sun., April 15 from 2pm to 4 pm**

**Grayhawk Golf Club**

The Junior Golf Clinic at the Grayhawk Golf Club is a great family event that allows parents/guardians and their kids to spend quality time together while junior golfers learn and practice the game while having fun. Whether your child has golfed before or it's their first time, this 2 hour event is designed to accommodate junior golfers of all ages and skill levels. Pros from Grayhawk and Whisper Rock Golf Clubs will be volunteering at the driving range to help perfect swings. Bring your kids to enjoy the putting challenge, driving range instruction, Tikiz Ice Truck, Photobooth, Fun Golf Swag and a BIG surprise that you will be telling all your friends about!! On top of everything else, two lucky kids will get to go home with a huge raffle prize. You won't want to miss this incredible event. This memorable event is made possible through our incredible sponsors PR Partners Julie Pelle and Christina Rathbun with Realty One Group and Jeremy Mueller with State Farm. Everything is included for only \$10 per child. Don't miss this fun, family bonding opportunity. Children's Clubs are provided, but they are allowed to bring their own as well. Children will need parents to accompany them; parents will not need clubs or be able to take swings on the range. Only the first 70 RSVPs get in so call 480-563-9708 now to reserve your spot.



## Just For Her: Aromatherapy Party

**Thurs., April 19 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**GCA Office- Talon Room, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. #102**

Just For Her is a new monthly activity we are putting on just for the ladies of Grayhawk. With these events, we plan to provide creative, social, all-inclusive experiences to help women meet, connect, and network. This month we will be meeting at the GCA office to enjoy an evening of light snacks, refreshments, great conversation, and the pleasant aroma of aromatherapy oils. Presentation by Grayhawk resident Elisabeth Peabody, Certified Aromatherapist and owner of 50clarke - Personalized Aromatherapy Solutions. During this event you will get acquainted, enjoy refreshments, learn how essential oils translate into therapeutic qualities, then make your own roll on, spray bottle, or inhaler of your favorite oil blend. The cost to participate is \$25 per person and includes, light apps, tasty wine & refreshments, two oil blends to take home, and a priceless night of fun with other ladies of Grayhawk. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors Kathy Craig and Nancy Costlow- Skin Care Consultants with Rodan + Fields, and Kelley Carter & John Doering, Realtors with The Agency Group at HomeSmartElite, for sponsoring the refreshments. All RSVP's and pre-payments must be in the GCA office in cash or check by Tuesday, April 17th. Call 480-563-9839 to register before it fills up.



## Community Garage Sale

**Sat., April 21 from 7 am to 11:30 am**

**Donation Drive from 10:30 am to 1 pm**

**GCA Office Parking Lot, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. #102**

Grab some boxes, finish your spring cleaning, and then join us for the annual spring Community Garage Sale. Park residents will be marked on a sale map for \$5, and Retreat Village/Condo residents can rent a table and space at the Grayhawk Community Association parking lot for \$10 for your first table. We will advertise for you, but please also post the sale on your private Facebook accounts and the Next Door App to get more attention. A Goodwill donation truck will be in the GCA parking lot from 10:30 am -1:00 pm to take any unsold/ unwanted items. We will be partnering with Goodwill for a Donation Drive that will benefit the Grayhawk Elementary School, Sponsored by Cashman Partners- Russ Lyon Sotheby's group. All of your unsold items that you choose to donate will be put on the truck to be weighed- Goodwill will pay \$.10 per pound for the donations collected that will go directly to the Grayhawk Elementary School and serve Grayhawk families. Call 480-563-9839 to RSVP by Wed., April 18. We WILL NOT be accepting additions to the sale past this date. If you are interested in being a customer instead of selling items, make sure to get out there early, the big items go fast!

## Grayhawk Single Sippers Club

**Wed., April 25 at 5 pm**

**La Bocca-High Street, 5415 E High St #127, Phoenix**

If you are a single looking for casual conversation, a friend, or just to meet some other singles in your neighborhood, then this event is for you! Come grab yourself a light bite to eat and a drink all while meeting some new people. This is a great way to broaden your circle of friends and to try something new. Our reservation starts at 5 pm, but you are welcome to join a little later if you cannot be there by 5 pm. We must give the restaurant our final count of attendees by April 23, please RSVP by that date to 480-563-9839.

## Family BBQ & Movie Night

**Fri., April 27 at 5:30 pm**

**Grayhawk Neighborhood Park, On 76th St. between El Dorado Private School and Grayhawk Elementary School**

Come prepared to enjoy a night full of family fun including live music, bounce houses, caricatures, the tie dye station (don't forget to bring a white item to tie dye), crazy rides and more! Enjoy free hot dogs/hamburgers, chips, drinks, s'mores and a showing of "Wonder" on a giant 50' screen, complete with popcorn to top off the festivities. Don't forget to bring chairs or blankets to sit back, relax and enjoy the beautiful spring weather and live music. This event is free, but your RSVP is required by Tues., April 24 to 480-563-9839. Please RSVP and help us make sure to purchase the appropriate amount of food and drinks. Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom of RE/MAX Platinum Living, DLC Resources, The Grayhawk Beer Company, Pinnacle Dental Services, and Mo Hamideh with Homeowners Financial Group for sponsoring yet another fantastic community event.

## Grayhawk Curls

**Sun., April 29 from 10 am to 2 pm**

**Coyote Curling Club, 2202 W. Medtronic Way, Tempe**

Were you watching curling during the Olympics and thought "I could do that" (as opposed to snowboarding, luge, or ski jumping). Now is your opportunity to try! The Coyotes Curling Club invites you to "Grayhawk Curls" on Sunday, April 29 to learn to curl, play a fun game or two, and enjoy chatting about your experience over pizza. Our very own Grayhawk resident and curling enthusiast, Karen Tait, will be joining us and showcasing her knowledge. Karen, originally from Edmonton, Alberta, personally started the Coyotes Curling Club that began at the Ice Den back in 2003. Since opening their dedicated curling rink in Tempe in 2014, they have grown to 200 members! If you aren't coming just to experience what all the chatter is about, or to learn a new skill, then definitely come for the pizza and cash bar. Adults and teens are welcome and the cost to participate is \$20 per person. This will include the round trip bus ride, pizza lunch, fun curl instruction & games, and all equipment needed. Call 480-563-9839 to register and prepay your \$20 in cash or check at the GCA office by Wednesday, April 25.

## Edward Jones Seminar- What Happens After the Paychecks Stop?

**Mon., April 30 from 10 am to 11 am**

**GCA Office- Talon Room, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy #102**

If you are nearing the point of retirement, or are already retired, and do not have a solid plan on what to do once the paychecks stop coming in regularly, then stop by the Grayhawk office for a quick, yet detailed seminar with regarding your retirement budget process. Michael Campbell, a local financial advisor with Edward Jones, will be leading the discussion in budgeting for retirement expenses, potential sources of retirement income, and potential risks such as long-term care and health care costs. If this is a topic you would like to know more about please call 480-563-9839 to register!

# In & Around Grayhawk

## Grayhawk Golf Tournament

Sun., May 6 at 1:30 pm (Scramble & Shotgun start)

### Grayhawk Golf Club

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## Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

Welcome to the month of April. I think it's safe to say that some of you may be worn out from enjoying the past few months with out-of-town guests. Even if you didn't open your home to anyone looking to escape cold elsewhere, it's possible that between golf tournaments, horse shows and Spring Training you're wiped out too.

In addition to being one of the most beautiful months here in AZ, April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. We have so many residents that volunteer for different valley organizations- from hospitals to fire departments, elderly care centers to animal rescue organizations and everything in between. I think we sometimes overlook the volunteers serving time right here in the community. Our Board of Directors, for example, spends countless hours making decisions on our behalf. Without them, I'm not sure this place would run! Many homeowners also volunteer their time serving on Grayhawk committees or helping at events. Kudos to all of those residents for giving their time and energy for the betterment of Grayhawk.

Speaking of volunteering, I continue to have individuals volunteer their opinions about what restaurant to review next. I enjoy the suggestions! This month my daughter, Julie, came up with a great place to go eat and review. Although it is another restaurant outside of my Grayhawk "bubble", my daughter insisted it was a fun place and, knowing how much I love a good burger, was sure I would love it.

Jennifer Sheets and I made the trip down to **Hopdoddy Burger Bar** near Scottsdale Road and 74th Street just north of Shea Blvd. Some might say that a burger is a burger, but I consider myself to be somewhat of a connoisseur. From the bun to the meat, everyone does things different and some restaurants just miss the mark.

**Hopdoddy** offers 13 different crafted burgers featuring everything from beef to Ahi Tuna and everything in between. They have salads too but c'mon, it's a burger joint! This restaurant has a passion to bring their customers fresh, all natural ingredients prepared by hand. Their bread is baked fresh daily and their meats are ground fresh daily. The fries are hand cut and the dips and sauces are also made in house.



Jennifer Sheets ordered the *Thunderbird*, with chicken, Applewood bacon, Tillamook pepper cheese, poblanos, avocado, pico de gallo, chipotle aioli and lettuce served on a bun. She thoroughly enjoyed it and took half of the chicken burger home. I, on the other hand, chose the *Impossible* which was unbelievable. I loved it, but it wasn't until I devoured my whole hamburger that Jenn told me that mine was meatless. I read the description several times and even after reading that it was "a delicious burger made entirely from plants for people who love the taste of meat" a couple of times, it hadn't dawned on me that it was meatless. I know what you're thinking and, no, I didn't have one of their popular boozy milkshakes before ordering!

The yummy meatless patty was served on a bun with Tillamook cheese, tomato, onion, and a sassy sauce. My hamburger looked and tasted like a regular hamburger...I swear! We also ordered a side of *Parmesan Truffle Fries*, which were delicious. There were great options for sides, including fries with queso and sweet potato fries.

They also serve up some great local beers, wines, signature cocktails and some really delicious looking milkshakes, either with or without the booze.

It is a fun place to go for a meal or a happy hour. You can find a **Hopdoddy Burger Bar** in Texas, California and Colorado in addition to Arizona. Stop by and order one of their crafted burgers. You won't be disappointed.

Until next month, enjoy the month of April.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> GCA and RVA Board Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Talon Room	<b>3</b> ARC Mtg. 4:30 p.m. GCA Office	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> CPR and Babysitting Class 7 a.m. Talon Room
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Vintage Board Mtg. 10 a.m. Talon Room	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Adopt-A-Road 8 a.m. Grayhawk Office
<b>15</b> Junior Golf Clinic 2 p.m. Grayhawk Golf Club	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> ARC Mtg. 4:30 p.m. GCA Office Avian Board Mtg. 6 p.m. Raptor Room Venu Board Mtg. 7 p.m. Venu Great Room	<b>18</b> Cachet Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Cachet Clubhouse Encore Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Encore Clubhouse	<b>19</b> Just for Her 5:30 p.m. Talon Room Village Board Mtg. 6 p.m. Raptor Room	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Garage Sale 7 a.m. GCA Office
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Single Sippers 5 p.m. La Bocca	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Family BBQ 5:30 p.m. Neighborhood Park	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Grayhawk Curls 10 a.m. Coyote Curling Club	<b>30</b> Financial Seminar 10 a.m. Talon Room	<b>WHO TO CALL</b> <b>ROVING PATROL (480) 502-7685</b> <b>GRAYHAWK ASSOCIATION (480) 563-9708</b> <b>SCOTTSDALE POLICE (480) 312-5000</b> <b>RSVP FOR GRAYHAWK (480) 563-9839</b>				



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## Attracting (and Helping) Monarch Butterflies

*Watch for new Butterfly Gardens to be installed at Grayhawk*

By Jim Carter, DLC Field Manager

Monarch butterflies are one of the most recognizable butterflies in the United States. Their bright orange, black and white wings make them easy to spot as they flutter from one plant to another.

Each year, millions of Monarch butterflies migrate from the United States and Canada to wintering locations in Mexico. Because this migratory trip takes several generations of Monarchs to complete, breeding grounds are important along the way.

Unfortunately, Monarch butterfly habitats have declined in the last several years to make way for development. Modern agriculture practices also take a toll. Monarch Watch (a website dedicated to Monarch conservation) estimates that nearly 6,000 acres of Monarch habitat is destroyed each day.

Last fall, the Grayhawk Landscape Committee asked us to help install butterfly gardens or “Monarch Waystations” in a few parks throughout your community. Because a key component of the Monarch habitat is Desert Milkweed — the plants that the butterflies lay their eggs in and that their newly hatched larvae eat — we’ve created plans to install nearly 300 Desert Milkweed (*Asclepias subulata*) plants in strategic locations throughout the Grayhawk community.

Desert Milkweed — actually not a weed, as the name implies — is native



Monarch butterfly habitats have been declining due to development and agricultural practices. (photo credit: Kenneth Dwain Harrelson)



Working with the Landscape Committee, DLC will install 300 Desert Milkweed plants at Grayhawk. This will help attract migrating Monarch butterflies. (photo credit: Mountain States Wholesale Nursery)

to the Sonoran Desert and commonly used in landscapes. In fact, there are a few Milkweed plants near the Grayhawk Community Association office. The plants are quite aesthetically stunning: a dense cluster of silvery grey-green stems that are virtually leafless; pale yellow flowers appear from spring until fall.

Once they’re installed, Desert Milkweed plants need little ongoing care. They’re a low-water use plant and they don’t require any pruning. Working with the Landscape Committee, we chose three locations for the butterfly gardens: Monterey Park, Coventry at the Park and in the greenbelt between 74th Street and Grayhawk Drive. Each of these locations was chosen because they already have existing shade, benches and nearby turf areas — perfect locations for residents to be able to come out and observe the butterflies.

Each location will get about 100 Desert Milkweed plants; they will be installed in existing decomposed granite areas. We don’t expect to have to remove any existing plants unless they are already

struggling. As the Monarch Watch website suggests, we will plant a large number of Milkweed plants — about 25 or 30 — in one large grouping. Then, we will scatter the remaining 70-75 plants throughout the surrounding area. This will allow for the Monarchs to lay their eggs in the dense Milkweed grouping and then flutter throughout the rest of the Milkweed plants as they collect nectar.

We expect to begin planting the Desert Milkweed plants in spring so that they can get well-established before the hot summer temps hit. Then, we just have to wait for the migrating Monarchs to find them. Going forward, we’ll continue to work with the Grayhawk Landscape Committee to determine other plants that could be installed to further attract Monarchs.

We’re excited for the opportunity to help create beautiful and educational parks for Grayhawk residents to enjoy. It’s an added bonus that the gardens will help care for the environment and these beautiful butterflies.



Desert Milkweed have a dense cluster silvery grey-green stems that are virtually leafless; pale yellow flowers appear from spring until fall. (photo credit: Mountain States Wholesale Nursery)

# Living with Short-Term Neighbors

*From the perspective of an anonymous Grayhawk homeowner*

It could be fine. The visitors might all be nice. They might keep normal hours and clean up after themselves. I hope for you that is the case.

My neighborhood has had quite a different experience. For me and my neighbors, the short-term rental is difficult.

It's living with constant uncertainty as to who will be there, for how long and what they will be doing.

It's living next to a revolving door of people in vacation mode. Often times it's multiple couples spending late nights in the hot tub, talking and playing music loudly. What do they care? They aren't waking early to go to work or get children off the school.

It's strangers in and out at all hours of the day and night.

It's finding out from the property manager that someone was a red flag for credit card fraud, yet showed proper credentials so the house was rented to them.

It's neighbors wondering if there is illegal activity taking place.

It's worrying about the safety of your kids by not knowing who is living next to you.

It's the wondering about the security of your home.

It's the loss of property value. Who would want to live next door to a glorified Motel 6?

It's never knowing your neighbor because you could easily have 30 different rentals during the winter months alone.

What happens at a short-term rental is out of your control. It's in the hands of the owner and the property managers, if they have one. What and who they will allow will ultimately come down to money. It's income to them and they aren't really your neighbor, so why would they care about the impact on the neighborhood.

**I urge you to vote in the CC&R Amendment ballot. I know that if it hasn't affected you that it probably doesn't seem that important. But it is that important, and one day it might become your problem too. If you haven't voted, please call the office at 480-563-9708 and ask them to send your ballot.**

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# Window Replacement Reminder

Stacey Harvey, Assistant Community Manager

There has recently been a significant sales push happening in the valley and particularly in Scottsdale by window replacement companies with offers of special financing and sales materials using verbiage that suggests or implies pre-approvals by the homeowners association.

Please note that all window replacement projects on single-family houses in Grayhawk require the PRIOR review and approval of the Architectural Review Committee. As owners, you may wish to upgrade to a more energy efficient window or replace aging, weather worn windows. There are a few things to consider if you plan to replace your windows.

The Architectural Review Committee has never "pre-approved" any product

or contracting company to do window replacements in Grayhawk.

All window replacements must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee prior to installation. It is advisable to seek this approval PRIOR to making any down payment to a window sales person.

Per Grayhawk's Design Guidelines, all windows are required to match the existing style of the original windows. This includes the material, color and frame and mullion patterns, etc. as well as the original construction techniques. This will likely involve cutting into the adjacent stucco wall to remove the old window and then install the new window.

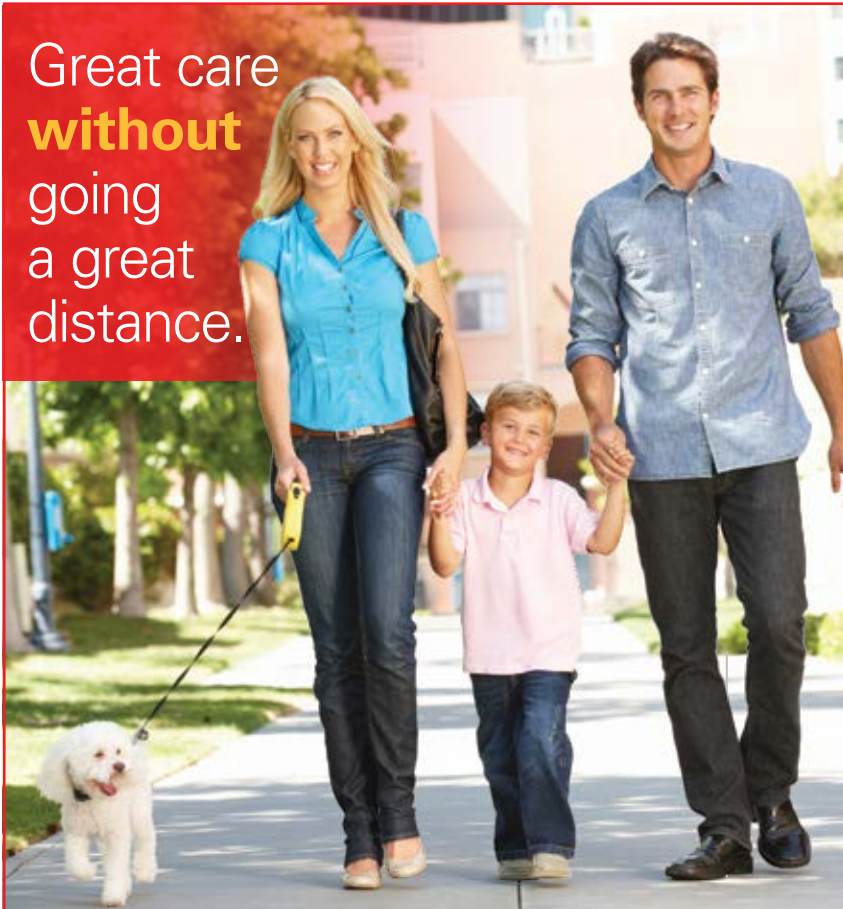
In the opinion of the Architectural Review Committee, the "over framing" or "over-fit trim" techniques which do not

require the removal of the old window and do not match the look of the existing windows. There are many high-pressure sales window replacement companies working in the area that only offer the over-fit trim product and therefore, their product will not be approved by the Architectural Review Committee.

Before making a final decision, the association would recommend getting input and proposals from 2-3 window contractors. The window replacement market is very competitive and 2-3 bids may result in a better product and/or better proposal.

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## Carefree Container Landscaping

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

When spring arrives, I'm always struck by how often I see annual flowering plants in pots. Yes, these plants do well here during our cooler months but I think I became a Westerner somewhere along the way. To my eye, the petunias, geraniums, vinca, etc. look, well, lost - like they somehow got trapped in this desert environment and are valiantly trying to survive.

***"To become a true Westerner, you must get over the color green."***  
— Unknown

### A Word from the Plants

These colorful, lovely plants thrive only when conditions are perfect. They need cooler temperatures and LOTS of water. Their roots are threadlike and don't retain moisture so they need to be watered often. Their leaves are large and don't retain moisture either. Instead, day after day, like all plants, these plants lose moisture through their leaves. Since their leaves are big, they lose it fast. And, if that weren't enough, dirt in pots dries out quickly. In the end, they fall victim to the effects of - wait for it - evapotranspiration. What?

### Evapotranspiration

Okay. Here's a little botanical primer you can use to "wow" your friends. Know in advance that this conversation may require a two drink minimum.

Evapotranspiration combines two terms - one familiar and one not. Evaporation is the first part of the expression and refers, in this case, to soil losing its moisture. Transpiration is the second part and takes place through a plant's leaves: people perspire, plants transpire. Both of these processes are hard on plants - especially hard on those not native to arid climates.

Our desert plants have adapted to these conditions and actually like it hot and dry. In general, their roots are big and chunky and close to the surface - right where they can catch the maximum amount of water. And, if they don't get much water, that's okay. They store it - in their roots (agaves & cacti) and in their leaves (aloes). Other plants have adapted by dropping their leaves entirely when it gets dry (ocotillos and palo verdes) which prevents their losing any more moisture than necessary. In the desert, it's all about survival.

Once you understand what plants need and what our environment has to offer, the solution is as obvious as it is simple.

### The Solution

Think of this as your new mantra: "plant what works". Grow desert plants in containers and you will have more time for reading, your plants will be happy and you will end the fight with mother nature. It doesn't get much better than that. Here are some nearly fool-proof plants to get you started.

### Pencil Cactus

A Pencil Cactus can get large - growing to the size of a garden tree if you let it. This non-fussy plant likes a mix of shade and full sun and doesn't care when it gets it.

This plant is easily propagated by simply cutting a stem and putting the cutting in a shady spot to dry out; let it callous over for about a week. It will then be ready to plant.

Be careful when you do this. When cut, Pencil Cacti emit a milky substance which can irritate skin. Wear gloves.

### Candelilla

Here is a plant that is nearly bullet-proof. You might be able to kill it by overwatering, but it can almost never be too dry. I have a number of these in pots because they are so easy. One of them faces west on my driveway where it is hot, hot, hot during the summer.

It is not hand watered from July through September and never misses a beat. Why? Because this plant doesn't transpire. Its stems have a waxy coating that prevent moisture loss. In the spring, this plant is loaded with 1/4" pink blooms - up and down the stems.

This is another plant that thrives under almost any condition - full sun or partial shade; it doesn't matter. It will not tolerate being overwatered. Ignore it and it will be happy.





### Blue Elf Aloe

These are among the hardiest of all aloe species. They don't mind reflected heat (heat that is absorbed by walls, rocks and sidewalks and then reflected back onto the plant). They are a lovely blue gray with peach-colored early spring blooms. And, they propagate beautifully. They spread and it is easy to just dig up the new growth and plant it in another pot or in the ground.

This plant also isn't fussy about the amount of sun it gets. Give it some shade some of the day and it will be fine. As an added bonus, these are widely available and inexpensive, too.



### Create Visual Impact

Plant the same plant species in identical or similar pots. Pots can be of the same size, as pictured here, or in different sizes of the same color or design.

I love these blue agave in their brown pots. They really get your attention and the repetition of the plants and the pots gives them a casual elegance.



### A Few Final Thoughts

Soil is an important element in growing desert plants in pots. Avoid cactus mixes. They just don't retain enough moisture for your plants.

Your goal is to create a fluffy soil mix that, when watered, retains as much moisture as a damp sponge. Get some perlite and potting soil and mix the two to about a 3:5 or up to a 5:5 ratio. This isn't a recipe. Don't over-think it. Do a fist test. Take a bunch of your newly mixed soil in your fist and squeeze. If it doesn't form a ball, you've got it right.

Make sure your pot has a hole in the bottom for drainage and spend the extra dough on some rocks to cover the dirt surface. The rocks will slow soil evaporation.

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## Fave Stir-Fry

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk



There are so many amazing Asian restaurants in the Scottsdale area and we love trying them all...Thai, Chinese, Japanese, and Vietnamese.

It's definitely easier to do take-out or Grubhub, but there are benefits to making your own stir-fry at home. You can pick and choose your favorite blends of organic vegetables, meat, spices and control what goes into it, avoiding gluten or MSG if those are issues for you or your family members.

Stir-frying food is an ancient cooking technique that originated in China and involves cooking local vegetables and meat in very hot oil while being stirred in a wok. We always use a wok and a bamboo spatula to stir the ingredients. You can be as creative as you want with stir-frying, and I recommend spending a few minutes in the Asian section of the grocery store and consider trying some interesting sauces like eel, teriyaki, oyster, or spicy sriracha.

We've been making this version of stir-fry about every other month for the past 20 years. I usually don't follow recipes. I just keep adding ingredients until something tastes right, so this time I

carefully measured everything so you can enjoy our favorite stir-fry at home whenever you want. We like to get out the cute Asian bowls from Pier 1 Imports and chopsticks to make it feel more authentic.

It requires some prep time to wash and chop the variety of vegetables, but chopping can be cathartic! Have all ingredients prepared in advance of heating up your wok because stir-frying is a very quick method of cooking due to the high heat. For this stir-fry I try to "julienne" all of the veggies (thinly slice on an angle) just so they look prettier when plated. We use gluten-free Tamari instead of traditional soy sauce, and if you're avoiding gluten, you can substitute tapioca starch to thicken the sauce instead of corn starch.

Also, if you like fresh ginger root (has anti-inflammatory properties that help with arthritis), I recommend adding a small amount to this recipe. Steph and I love the taste but it is a very potent flavor, so when I make it for my husband I forego the fresh ginger. We also serve it with brown rice instead of white because it is higher in fiber and has a slower glycemic index and can help stabilize blood sugar levels. I hope you enjoy this delicious, flavorful, healthy bowl of Asian yumminess!



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**Prep time: 30-40 minutes**

**Makes 3-4 meals**

**Ingredients:**

- package of brown rice
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil or olive oil (reserve 1 for chicken and 1 for vegetables)
- 1 ½ lbs. uncooked chicken breast cut into thin strips, pat dry with paper towel
- juice of 1 lemon
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 4-5 tablespoons soy sauce or Tamari (gluten-free soy sauce)
- 4 tablespoons chicken broth; plus additional ½ cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon corn starch (or tapioca starch)
- 1 cube of chicken bouillon (we like Knorr)
- 1 small container white mushrooms, washed and cut in half
- 1 bunch green onions, washed, trimmed and julienned
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh ginger root, peeled and finely chopped (optional)
- 1 clove of garlic finely chopped
- other vegetables (pick & choose as you like; should amount to approximately 4 cups of vegetables)
  - broccoli
  - asparagus
  - yellow and red bell peppers
  - carrots

1. Cook 2 cups brown rice, according to directions on package, which takes about 40 minutes so simmer rice while chopping vegetables.
2. In small bowl mix juice of 1 lemon, 2 teaspoons honey, 4-5 tablespoons soy sauce or Tamari, set aside.
3. In another small bowl whisk 4 tablespoons chicken broth with 1 tablespoon corn starch, set aside.
4. Heat 1 tablespoon oil on high heat and cook chicken 7-10 minutes until chicken is completely cooked, stirring frequently until chicken juice evaporates, and chicken is lightly golden, remove from pan and set aside.
5. If there is residue in pan, add a tablespoon of chicken broth to deglaze, then add 1 tablespoon of oil to pan and heat on high to prepare to cook vegetables.
6. Keep ½ cup chicken broth near stove to add to wok as needed to prevent vegetables from sticking.
7. Sauté mushrooms for 1-2 minutes in oil on high stirring constantly, until lightly golden. Add onions, ginger and garlic and lightly sauté for an additional minute (do not burn the ginger & garlic)
8. Add the rest of the vegetables...peppers, broccoli, asparagus and carrots, continually stirring 3-4 minutes until vegetables are lightly cooked.
9. Add chicken back into the pan, and add the lemon/honey/soy sauce mixture.
10. Add 1 cube chicken bouillon and stir-fry on high for 2-3 minutes until sauce reduces and vegetables are cooked to the softness level you like.
11. Add the broth/corn starch mixture and cook for 20-30 additional seconds until broth thickens. Remove from heat immediately.
12. Serve with brown rice.

And always, always, always try new ethnic recipes...there are so many amazing flavors in this world to enjoy!

We welcome your feedback, suggestions and recipe requests! Please feel free to email us at [boschl@me.com](mailto:boschl@me.com).

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