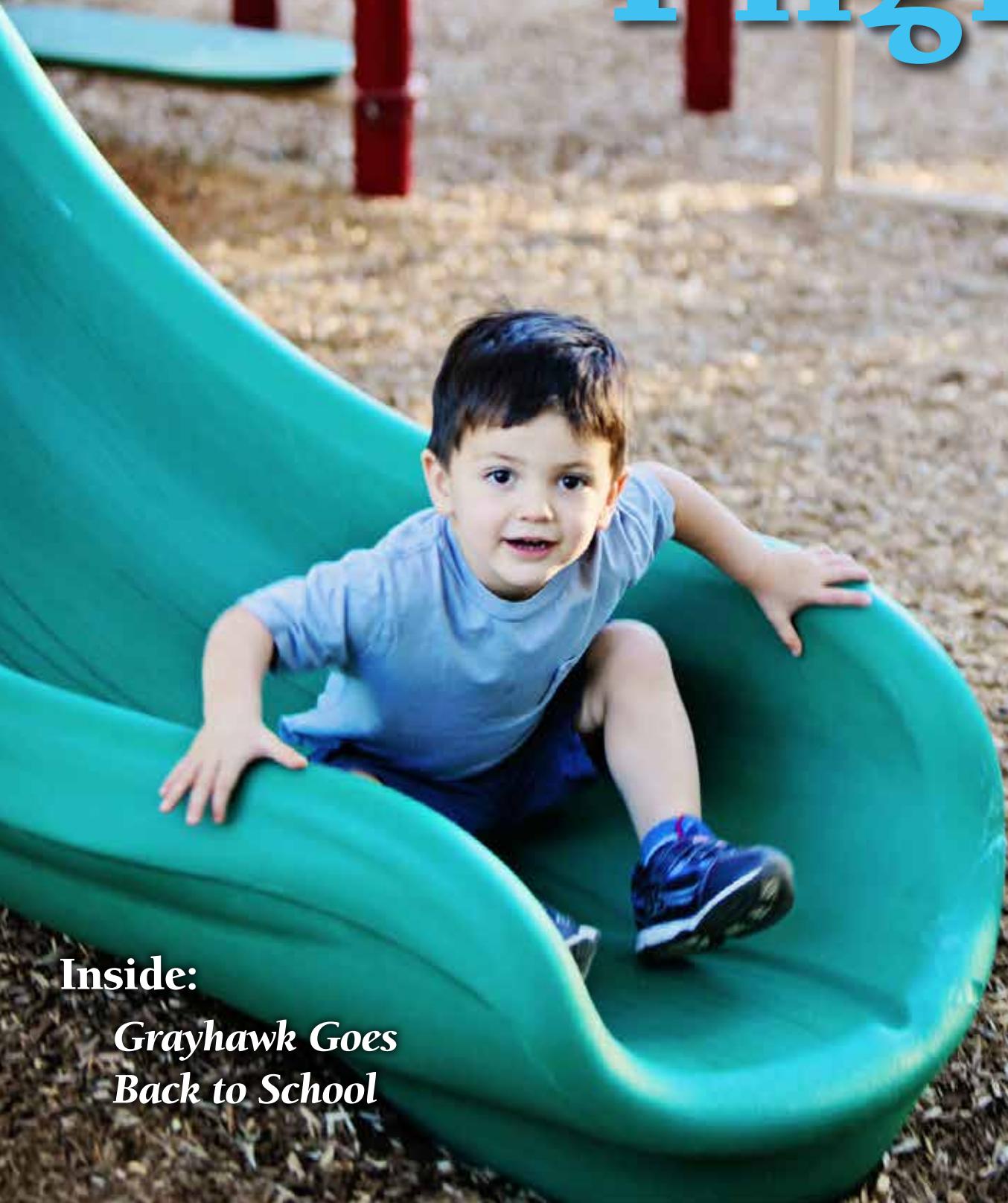


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Fun at a Grayhawk Tot Lot

Manager's Corner



This month I would like to address community safety throughout Grayhawk and how you can help the on-site management team to continue to provide a safe environment. However, I would first like to commend Grayhawk's security staff for the outstanding job they do and for the great service they provide to all of you as homeowners. Grayhawk is a very large community and, due to its size, the security staff deals with a wide range of safety concerns – some of these they are able to resolve while others require involvement from outside entities, such as the Scottsdale Police Department, APS, or the City of Scottsdale.

Grayhawk's security staff provides a wide range of services throughout the community and for the residents, including snake removal, jumping dead car batteries, helping to find lost pets, and assisting with community events.

When dealing with safety/security issues, the primary responsibility for the community patrol officer is to observe and report what has occurred, and, if possible, attempt to resolve the problem or situation. This is often not possible because, as I am sure you are aware, Grayhawk's security staff does not perform police duties or functions, and they have been instructed to never put themselves in harm's way.

However, Grayhawk's security personnel have been effective in addressing many, mostly minor, types of issues that occur within our community. If you observe any suspicious activity in your neighborhood or in a common area located in Grayhawk, please report this to the Grayhawk Community Association (GCA) office at 480-563-9708 during business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) or the on-site security staff by calling either the Raptor guardhouse at 480-502-5078 or the Talon guardhouse at 480-502-7685, and a community patrol officer will be dispatched to the area. You are also encouraged to report any mischievous or inappropriate behavior by children within the community such as skateboarding or bicycle riding on the tennis courts; damaging the shade sails at the tot lot play areas; driving a motorized vehicle on the community trail system or in the greenbelts; or graffiti/defacing neighborhood monument signs, ramadas, picnic tables, community walls, or mailbox structures. I mention these examples because they have all occurred in the past and with your help, hopefully we can prevent them from happening in the future.

Our community patrol does a good job of detecting this type of activity when driving through the community, but they cannot be everywhere at once and we appreciate your help in our attempts to reduce incidents of this nature. Finally, please notify the GCA office or the security staff as soon as you can after observing the type of activity described above and try to be as detailed as possible regarding the location and type of incident. With your help, together we can make Grayhawk an even better and safer community.

Stay cool this summer and we'll talk again soon.

Michael Fee
Grayhawk Community Manager

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Community Meetings

BOARD MEETINGS – JULY 2016

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

Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., Aug. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the
Talon Room, GCA Office
Grayhawk_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Retreat Board of Directors

Mon., Aug. 1 following GCA meeting
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Communications Committee

Mon., Aug. 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the GCA office.
Call Jennifer Sheets at 480-563-9708 for more
information.

Programs Committee

No meeting scheduled for August. 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

Mon., Aug. 22 at 5:00 p.m. at the GCA office.

Architectural Review Committee

Tues., Aug. 2 and 16 at 4:30 p.m. at the
GCA office.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Avian Condominium Meeting

Tues., Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor
Room, GCA office. Call Associated Property
Management 480-941-1077 for details.

Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Annual Meeting

No meeting scheduled for August. Call
FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300
for details.

Crown Point Board Meeting

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

Edge Condominium Board Meeting

Visit www.theedgegrayhawk.com or call
480-584-4647 for details.

Encore Board Meeting

Call Ogden & Company at 480-396-4567 for
more details.

Tesoro Condominium Board Meeting

Mon., Aug. 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tesoro
Clubhouse. Call Kinney Management at 480-
820-3451 for details.

Venu Condominium Board Meeting

No meeting scheduled for August. Call
Associated Property Management at
480-941-1077 for details.

Village at Grayhawk Condominium Board Meeting

Thur., Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. in the Raptor Room,
GCA office. Call FirstService Residential at
480- 551-4300 for details.

Vintage Condominium Board Meeting

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FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300
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Welcome Anthony

Grayhawk is excited to welcome Anthony Day to the community. In his new role as the Maintenance Porter, Anthony will be assisting Maintenance Director Richard Dearo in all aspects of community facilities maintenance.

Anthony was born in Riverside, California and lived for four years in England with his family before moving to the valley when he was in high school. Anthony was previously employed by Trident Security and spent four years working at the Talon Gate at Grayhawk before being hired on by CCMC.

Anthony is married with one daughter, and another son due later this year. He really enjoys the outdoors, and spends his free time camping, fishing, hunting and mountain biking. He also participates in pistol shooting competitions. He is a fan of English soccer, rugby and baseball.

If you see Anthony out and about, please be sure to make him feel welcome!

Scottsdale Sports Complex Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary with an Event for All



The Scottsdale Sports Complex, located on the east side of Hayden Road just south of the 101 freeway, is a 71-acre, 10 field facility designed to be a state of the art competitive sport field complex offering tournament level playing conditions. The complex is a public recreation destination, attracting national and regional tournament play and providing a quality facility for a variety of sporting activities. The facility accommodates a variety of flat field sports such as soccer, lacrosse, football, and rugby. The park also features a shaded playground, lighted basketball court, multi-use paths and restrooms.

On Friday, August 26 at 7 p.m. the Scottsdale Sports Complex is throwing a party to celebrate their 10 year anniversary.

You are invited to join them for fun, food, music, activities and more. This is their way of showing appreciation to all the user groups, residents and patrons that have made the Scottsdale Sports Complex a success. For more information, call 480-312-7529.



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ABDI Cleanup

If you live in the Retreat Village, you are likely familiar with the ABDI gate entry system. Some are beginners, still calling the guards to add guests to their list, while others have become quite skilled at the art of the point and click do-it-yourself guest list.

Whether you are a novice or an expert, please take the time to log into your ABDI account and do some cleaning up of your guest list information. The right phone number always helps us find you faster, and a concise, up-to-date guest list is much easier for the guards to find your guests quickly. Making sure that guests are on your list and we have the best phone number for you also ensures that entry lines move quickly for guests. The Grayhawk office received a few phone calls recently about the wait in the guest lane, and almost always that

could have been alleviated had we had the proper information.

If you are just starting out or have just never taken the time to learn the system, we hope that you will make mastering ABDI one of your goals. It is incredibly easy! Not only can you add and delete permanent, temporary and duration guests; you can update contact information and verify your vehicle information. Doing all of these things helps to ensure a smooth entry for yourself and your guests. It also alleviates some of the phone calls that the guardhouse receives and allows our Trident Security staff to focus on checking visitors in through the gates.

To access your account, visit www.grayhawkcommunity.org and log in as a resident. Go to the Resident Services tab and then ABDI. If you do not have your



login and password, there is an option to request them on that page. Once you are logged into ABDI, you can manage your guest list by adding, deleting and updating your guest information.

Remember that if you have a guest coming that is not on your guest list and the guard is not able to reach you by phone, your guest will be denied entry. This is for the safety of our residents and can be prevented. If you have any questions, please call 480-563-9708.



Grayhawk has been around for 20 years, and some of our community partners have been here with us almost as long. One of those partners is HUB Sports. HUB Sports (formerly Kicks Kids) has offered programming for youth in the Grayhawk community for 15 years. Today, they use our greenbelts to offer soccer programs (Mini Kicks, Little Kicks and Junior Kicks) to kids ages 2 through 7. They also offer swimming, soccer camps and multi-sport camps at nearby locations.

Chris Brown, owner of HUB Sports, met with former Lifestyle Director Nicole Engelmann to create a way to foster community spirit through the avenue of sports. Over the 15 years, HUB Sports has offered multi-sports camps, swimming and soccer in Grayhawk for countless kids.

Not only does HUB Sports offer programming in the community, they also partner with Grayhawk on many of our own events. From sponsoring the Kids Dash during Hawk Trot to offering obstacles at events like Sunday in the Park, Chris and his team have always been part of what Grayhawk has going on. They are truly part of our family.

HUB Sports programming starts back up this September and runs through the spring. If you are a family looking for activities for your kiddos, we recommend checking them out! Visit www.husbports.org for more information.



City of Scottsdale 2016 Brush Pickup Schedule

Brush pickup is designed to provide an easy and convenient way for residents to dispose of items generated from their homes which are too large in size or too large in quantity to dispose of in their refuse container. Please place your items parallel to the street on your property line. Be sure not to block the sidewalk with the bulk items and do not put them in the street. Please follow these simple guidelines relating to Brush Pickup:

- Piles should not exceed 10' long by 6' wide by 4' tall. **Solid waste crews will only spend 20 minutes per residence so if you exceed these limits, materials left behind will be picked up on the following month's brush pickup collection date and must be removed from the curb until the next collection.**
- Crews are responsible for large debris only, and small debris left behind is the responsibility of the resident to clean up.
- Do not place construction waste, loose grass, remodeling materials, rocks, loose leaves or twigs, dirt, loose refuse or uncovered/unboxed cactus out for collection. City crews cannot collect these items.

- Do not mix trash, rocks, dirt, wire, cactus, grass, bricks, cement, or other materials in with your brush. Crews will be unable to collect your brush until these items are removed.
- Please place all small brush cuttings, grass clippings, leaves and palm skins in boxes or bags weighing less than 60 pounds, and keep them separate from your brush pile. Also, contain all cacti in covered boxes weighing 60 pounds or less each.
- Tree limbs and other objects must be less than 12 inches in diameter.
- Keep glass separate from other items in sturdy boxes measuring no more than 2'x2'x2'. Please clearly mark these items.
- Do not put out paint, paint thinners, strippers, pesticides, batteries, motor oils, chlorine, pool acid, or other prohibited items. Each homeowner is responsible for proper disposal of these items. Any size tires will not be collected.
- Do not park within 10 feet of bulk piles.

Remember that each homeowner is responsible for the manner in which their material is placed out for collection, whether or not they hire someone else to do the work.

Your items will be collected sometime during the week collection is scheduled, beginning on the Monday shown in the schedule below. Please have your items placed by 5:00 a.m. the Monday of the week scheduled for pickup, however, do not have your items out more than five days prior to that. Thank you for your cooperation.

**August 22
September 26
October 24
November 28
December 26**

Also, remember that regular trash containers are picked up on Mondays and recycling containers are picked up on Thursdays. Please have your cans out no earlier than dusk the day prior to pickup and no later than dusk the day of pickup. For more information on trash, recycle or brush pickup, visit www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/recycle.

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Rawhide Wash Meeting Summary

By David Van Omen, Grayhawk Development Committee Chairman

As the Chair of Grayhawk's Development Committee, I have attended various Rawhide and Reata flood plain study meetings over the past few months. Most of the homes in Grayhawk are in one of the two flood plains, which means that most Grayhawk homeowners are paying flood insurance. To get a better understanding of the flood plains, you can view a map at fcd.maricopa.gov and go to citizens/flood plains map or you can visit scottsdaleaz.gov and search flood map.

At the most recent meeting pertaining to the Rawhide Wash, there were approximately 17 different homeowner groups represented as well as a geologist from the City of Scottsdale, a representative from the Arizona State Land Department and four members from the Maricopa County Flood District.

The purpose of the study is to identify and recommend flood control measures that will reduce flood risks to residents, property and public infrastructure. The study will also help ascertain if there is a solution to removing the need for flood insurance for all the homeowners that reside in the Rawhide Wash flood plain. Three alternatives are still under consideration:

Alternative #1 is geared toward taking the existing walls and berms that are located north of Jomax Road south to Pinnacle Peak Road and reinforcing them and raising their heights to keep all the properties safe in the event of a 100-year flood. Keep in mind a 100-year flood is approximate to nearly 10,000 cubic feet per second of water running in a desert wash. By comparison, the Salt River below Saguaro Lake where tubing is popular typically runs at about 1,000 cubic feet per second. At this time, it is estimated this project would cost about \$12 million dollars.

Alternative #2 integrates some of the options from alternative #1 but also uses a large basin upstream that would collect water and then allow the water to flow out of the basin at a much slower rate. There are three basin models and the larger the basin, the more expensive the project. Also, the larger the basin, the slower the water flows out and downstream. These basin models run from 25 acres to 55 acres in size. The cost for these three models is estimated to be \$27 million to \$59 million. One of the main reasons that a basin solution is being considered is because even if the walls are fortified and able to handle a 100-year flood, the water still needs to go somewhere and currently it just dumps into the land west of Scottsdale Road and south of Pinnacle Peak Road. Presently, this is state land but in the future that whole area will contain a development similar to what Grayhawk is today.

Alternative #3 is to basically do nothing and leaving the wash as it is today with homeowners paying flood insurance forever.

The consensus of the stakeholder group at this time is that Alternative #1 makes the most sense. The remaining question is "How does it get paid for?" FEMA has some funds for this project, and the City of Scottsdale seems inclined to possibly help as does the Maricopa County Flood District. Only time will tell.

The next step in this process is public input. We should be seeing more information in the next month or two for public forum dates and places.

Final Takeaway - I did learn that the Vi at Silverstone took matters into their own hands. The developer of that community reinforced the bridge on Pinnacle Peak Road and also widened the flood path and added reinforcements to the point now so that the whole community no longer will be paying flood insurance beginning in June of this year. The interesting part I was told is that Grayhawk may also be able to opt out of the flood plain if they went through the same process with FEMA, however, the cost was approximately \$4 million.

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If you are a seasonal resident, it is important that you put new lights in your exterior light fixtures before you leave or have someone check your lighting while you are away. Although the Park section of Grayhawk does not have the same requirements, it is strongly encouraged that you follow similar guidelines for the safety of your family and neighbors.

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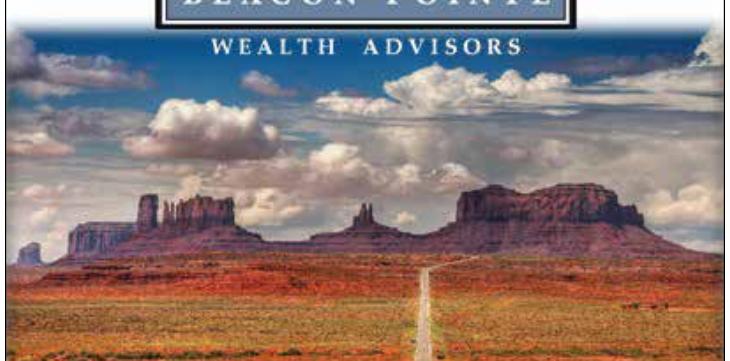
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Summer Survivors

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

As I write this, it is the end of June and we are in the throes of our second round of record setting temperatures - well north of 112 degrees and approaching 120. The great outdoors feels more like a great inferno. We're on our way to Monsoon Season and the heat is on.

With temperatures high and humidity (still) low, plants and the ground under them lose moisture rapidly. This combination of ground evaporation and plant transpiration is cleverly called evapotranspiration or ET for short. ET speeds up during our dry summers and our plants need to be watered more frequently to replace these losses. Smart irrigation systems that shut down from November through February are now watering weekly.

Native plants have adapted to these extreme conditions over thousands of years and their adaptations are pretty fascinating. Here are a few examples.

Some plants shed their leaves when it gets dry (Palo Verdes and Ocotillos); others store water in their stems (Aloes and Agaves); still others sport tiny foliage hairs which reduce transpiration and prevent sunburn (Brittle Bush and Blue Ranger Sages). And, whether it's a shrub or a tree, where there is foliage the leaves are usually very small - further limiting moisture loss.

And, there's more: our Palo Verde (Spanish for Green Stick) trees uniquely

photosynthesize through their trunks and branches; it's why they're green. Equally fascinating, but invisible unless you go digging, is how efficient desert plants are at capturing water. Saguars excel at this. Their root systems are typically shallow and extensive. The mass of a Saguaro can be measured in tons, but their root systems are only 3-6" deep. These roots go out in all directions from the plant with their length matching the plant's height. This large root surface area slurps up any and all available water.

Reflected Heat

Another adaptation of desert plants is the ability to tolerate reflected heat. Our concrete block walls, stucco exteriors and boulders all collect heat and reflect it back on plants. So, if you're looking for a plant that will be placed against (or near) any of these heat absorbing surfaces, make sure it can tolerate reflected heat. Keep in mind, too, that these "tolerant of reflected heat" plants may become somewhat less tolerant at 120 degrees than they are at, say, 105. I have some wilting examples of such plants even as we speak.

Microclimates

Have you ever planted three of something only to have one of the three struggle to survive? Have you replaced the struggler more than once, only to have

the process repeat itself? Your replacement plant(s) could be the victim(s) of slight variations in desert microclimate.

Here in the Sonoran, small shifts in the amount of sun/shade that a plant gets are magnified when temperatures soar like they have this summer. Your third plant may be getting just enough additional sunlight to stress it to a tipping point. That subtle shift can be huge when temperatures rise above 110.

"Plant the Natives."

When it comes to our wicked temperature extremes, little rainfall, prolonged droughts and torrential summer rains, Jack Gilcrest has the right idea. A local Landscape Architect, ASU Professor and Instructor at the Desert Botanical Garden, Jack's solution to all of our plant woes is to plant native species. If you're having trouble getting your landscape to look good and stay that way throughout the year, Jack advises to stick with native plants.

We have the good fortune to reside in a desert that boasts the largest number of native plant species of any desert on the planet. When it comes to summer survivors, we literally have thousands of them. So, the next time you shop for plants, ask your nursery to recommend some native plant species for your landscape, patio or balcony. They're survivors.



Blue Elf Aloe



Blue Ranger Sage

Plant of the Month: Beavertail Prickly Pear

This month's plant is a real sweetheart. It is a native cactus that stays small enough to be a welcome addition to any residential landscape. It is compact and the nearly-chubby pads are a lovely blue/gray. It has a long Spring bloom cycle with flowers that are a neon shade of fuchsia. If you're looking for a plant that is a bit novel and offers great contrast, consider this one. Whether you plant this in your landscape or in a pot, it is sure to be an attention-getter.



Plant of the Month: *Opuntia basilaris*

Latin Name: *Opuntia basilaris*

Common Name: Beavertail Prickly Pear

Native Distribution: Mojave & Sonoran Deserts; Sonora & Baja California in Mexico

Size: Typically 1'- 2' H x 3'- 4' W; May Spread up to 6'

Flower: Bright Fuchsia Flowers from March - June

Pads: Fleshy, Plump Blue-Gray, About 4" wide x 6" long, Resemble Beaver Tails; Turn to Light Purple in Winter

Site Preferences: Full Sun; Tolerates Reflected Heat; Plant in Well-Drained Soil; Supplemental Irrigation Not Required Once Established; Well-Drained Soil is a Must

Landscape Uses: Perfect for Residential Landscapes Due to Its Small Size; Associates Well with Desert Marigold; Golden Barrels and Any Desert Shrub with Dark Green Foliage

Plant Characteristics:

- Moderately Fast Growth Rate
- No Large Spines, But Plenty of Glochids
- Easy to Propagate
- Spreading Habit
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Mondays & Wednesdays 9 a.m.

Come join the "Aqua Babes" in the Talon Retreat for the Water Aerobics Class. "Water Fun" is taught in the shallow end of the Peregrine pool and is designed to burn calories, increase endurance and improve strength and flexibility. Join the fun and call Sue at 480-473-9262 to register today.

Fitness and Finance

Mon., August 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Talon Room, GCA Office

It's no surprise that higher levels of education are correlated with higher levels of both wealth and income. As it turns out, the more you learn, the more you live in good health – but which comes first, better income or better health? Beatrice Perry, a licensed securities and insurance advisor with the local Edward Jones office, graduate of New York University and long time Scottsdale resident, brings together Janet McConnell, a national fitness competitor and Darrell Pounder, a college education funding expert to educate the public in preparing for our own and our family's evolving education and health choices. A light dinner buffet catered from Pita Jungle and dessert from That's Amore Gelato will be included. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Friday, August 12.

This seminar will specifically cover the following topics:

- Discover the Secrets to Vibrant Health
- State and Federal Tax Advantages to 529's
- How Saving for College is easier than you think
- Fitness habits to help achieve a better Lifestyle

Ladies Night Out

Tues., August 16 at 5 p.m.

Spiga Cucina Italiana, 7500 E. Pinnacle Peak Rd.

Join the Grayhawk ladies at Spiga Cucina Italiana, where they bring the best of Italy and the Iberian Peninsula to Scottsdale. Enjoyu a few drinks, a little food and great conversation. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends! Space is limited. RSVP to 480-563-9839.

Community Yoga Class

Sun., August 21 and 28 as well as Sept., 11, 18 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Talon Room, GCA Office

Grayhawk's very own Mariah Seacrest-Comer, certified as both a personal fitness trainer and yoga instructor, is spreading her skills and knowledge of Yoga to the whole community! She is offering a FREE demo session on Sunday, August 21 for all who are interested! If you sign up and pay for the remaining four classes by Thursday, August 25 you pay the early bird price of \$5 per class (\$20 in total). If you choose to pay per class it is \$10 per class. All skill levels and abilities welcome, but all participants must be able to get up and down from the floor to participate. Don't forget to bring your mat! Please RSVP to 480-563-9839 to reserve your spot as space is limited.



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Ladies Bunco

Tues., August 23 at 6 p.m.

Raptor Room, GCA Office

Join neighbors for a night of food, drinks and Bunco! Never played before? Don't worry! It's an easy dice game- all you need to know is how to roll dice and count! We'll do a quick lesson before we get started. All you need to do is bring yourself, \$5 and an appetizer OR a bottle of wine to share. Your \$5 will go into the pot for cash prizes at the end of the night.

RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Friday, August 19.

Grayhawk Single Sippers Club

Wed., Aug. 24 at 5 p.m.

Decantur Winery, 18221 N. Pima Rd. #100

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! Grab yourself a light bite to eat and a drink all while meeting some new people. Our reservation starts at 5 p.m. so that you can take advantage of the Happy Hour that ends at 6, but you are invited to come any time. If you are unable to make it this month, we will continue to do this on the 4th Wednesday of each month unless otherwise stated. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Monday, Aug. 22.



Night at the Movies

Thursday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Harkins 101, 7000 E. Mayo Blvd.

Gather your family and friends and come join us at Harkins 101 for a private Grayhawk movie night. We are going to be showing Pete's Dragon at 5:30 p.m. at no cost to you. We will provide the tickets, you are just responsible for your own concession purchases. This remake of the popular 1977 film is rated PG (for action, peril and brief language). Space is limited. RSVP is required to 480-563-9839.

Grayhawk Game, Puzzle and Book Exchange

Collecting starts in August / Borrowing starts as early as September

GCA Office

The Grayhawk Office is creating an opportunity for Grayhawk residents to borrow games, puzzles, and books, and we are asking for your help! If you happen to have fully intact board games, puzzles, or books around the house that you no longer use and would like to donate, we would be happy to take them off your hands! We will be approving and collecting your games, puzzles and books starting as early as the beginning of August and hope to have enough collected by September to start lending them out to interested residents. We will review and accept donations during normal business hours of Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Watch the September issue for an update on donations. Contact Sarah at svanduyne@ccmcnet.com or 480-563-9708 with any questions.



Neighborhood Block Parties

In celebration of our 20th Anniversary, the Grayhawk Community Association wants to help you celebrate your individual neighborhoods! We are looking for a coordinator/spokesperson for each neighborhood or condominium complex to contact us when they are planning a block party. We will provide a Grayhawk Birthday Cake and the Block Party Trailer at no cost. Weekends are filling up quickly, call to reserve your date soon! Please email Sarah if you would like to be a coordinator for your neighborhood or have any questions at svanduyne@ccmcnet.com or call 480-563-9839 to reserve the party trailer.

COMING SOON:

The Sound of Music at ASU Gammage

Tues., October 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Gammage Auditorium, 1200 S. Forest Ave. Tempe

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE! A brand new production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC, directed by three-time Tony Award® winner Jack O'Brien, is coming to ASU Gammage! The beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony®, Grammy® and Academy Award® winning Best Score, including "My Favorite Things," "Edelweiss" and the title song. Grayhawk residents have the opportunity to purchase tickets at the discounted rate of \$67 each. We have great Orchestra seating in rows 15 and 16, seats 49-67 & 55-65. Please call 480-563-9839 to reserve your tickets today!



Back to School at El Dorado

By Greg McDermott, El Dorado Private School

Beginning its 21st year at its Grayhawk campus, and its 46th year in the Valley overall, El Dorado Private School is proud of the relationship it has built with its neighbors and the Grayhawk community. The school's students, parents, and staff are excited to begin the 2016-2017 school year on Monday, August 15! Over the summer, teachers have been busy participating in teacher development trainings, updating school and classroom curriculum, and developing more creative and engaging lesson plans. A new Character Education program is being implemented. An additional 120 new iPads have been ordered and configured bringing the school's total number of Apple products to over 350 devices. Also, new playground equipment, a gift from the 2016 8th Grade Graduating Class, has been installed.

On Thursday, August 11, at its annual "Meet the Staff Day" from 9:00-10:00 am, El Dorado will welcome back students and their families, as well as more than 65 new preschool through eighth grade students to the school. Students will be excited to visit their classrooms, meet this year's teachers, reacquaint with friends, and meet new ones! The school also invites parents to attend its Year-in-Preview during the evening of Thursday, August 18. Teachers will meet with parents to discuss what to expect throughout the school year. Classroom routines, school policies, and other important information will be gleamed from this night.



For information regarding the upcoming school year and any August events, please contact the school's front office at 480-502-6878.

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Welcome Principal Michelle Pavlik

When Grayhawk Elementary School students head back to school on August 9, they will be greeted by a new face in the front office - Principal Michelle Pavlik.

Mrs. Pavlik grew up in the tiny town of Artesia, New Mexico, but has spent the past 24 years here in Arizona. Her parents were both teachers, as well as many members of her extended family. Going to school in a small town, she even had a few relatives as teachers as she grew up. Mrs. Pavlik's parents encouraged her to join the business world, but her love of children won out, and she went back to school to become a teacher.

Mrs. Pavlik has spent all but one year of her teaching career here in the Paradise Valley School District. She has taught Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th grades, and she spent the past three years at Sonoran Sky as their Assistant Principal.

She and her husband have been married for 24 years and they have a 16-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter. Both kids are active in sports, so much of their family time is spent at baseball and softball games. They have two dogs, a Miniature German Schnauzer and a Chihuahua. In her free time, Mrs. Pavlik enjoys hiking, jogging, reading and movies, and sandy beaches are a favorite travel destination.

Mrs. Pavlik is so excited about coming to Grayhawk. During her time as a teacher and administrator in the Paradise Valley Unified School District she was familiar with our school. She was intrigued by the Core Knowledge curriculum (Grayhawk is a Core Knowledge School of Distinction with Honors) and loved that the curriculum is mapped out in a way so that students don't miss out on learning anything. Additionally, she knew Grayhawk was a nice school in a nice community. However, she was blown away by how friendly, welcoming, encouraging and positive everyone has been in the time since it was announced that she would be the new Grayhawk principal.

She is looking forward to working with the students in the classrooms, and is excited for the opportunity to get to know all the students, families and teachers as we begin the new school year. She is excited about becoming a part of the "Grayhawk Family". Mrs. Pavlik wants everyone to know that her door is always open for students, teachers and parents. She wants the students to feel comfortable talking with her about anything. Do you have a concern? Go see Mrs. Pavlik. Do you want to share something fun that you did over the weekend? Go see Mrs. Pavlik. Do you want to see something different at Grayhawk? Go see Mrs. Pavlik.

Our Grayhawk Community is privileged to have this A+ ranked school right here in our neighborhood. And we are lucky to have such a talented, well respected principal joining our school. Do you want to welcome our new principal to Grayhawk? Go see Mrs. Pavlik!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, August 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Check the front or back doors of the school for teacher / class postings

Monday, August 8th from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Back to School Social. Meet your teacher, unpack your supplies, and drop by the MPR for a snack, PTO info, and new Spiritwear.

Tuesday, August 9th at 8:45 a.m.

First Day of School! (Kindergarten has an abbreviated day with parents in attendance).

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A Girls' Night In

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk

A Sunset Tradition

My husband and I kick-off every summer with our 'bestie' friends at their beautiful slice of heaven on Lake Michigan to watch the sunset, drink wine, reminisce, laugh, and always end up counting our blessings. It's kind of expected that I'm going to show up with this delish, healthy salsa that really could substitute as a meal! It has veggies, protein, lots of color and nutrients and is really substantial and flavorful! So it is the perfect dish to bring to your next gathering of friends.

SUMMER SUNSET SALSAAAA!

Total time: 20 minutes

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil
juice of 2-3 limes
1 red onion finely diced
1 jalapeno very finely diced (or 2 if you like HEAT!)
1 – 2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce

CHEAT ALERT! 1 packet Good Season's Zesty Italian! (I used to avoid this step and substituted...cilantro, black pepper and salt but it just wasn't as good!!!)

2-3 roma tomatoes diced, organic
1 orange bell pepper diced, organic
1 can corn drained (organic if possible)
1 can black beans drained & rinsed (organic available at Fry's)
2-3 slightly softened avocados, diced

1. Wisk first 6 ingredients together
2. Add all veggies to dressing and mix together
3. Add diced avocados last and gently toss
4. Serve in an authentic pottery bowl with your favorite tortilla chips & enjoy! (We like 'Simply Balanced' organic white corn tortilla chips, from Target)

And always, always, always, when fortunate enough to enjoy a sunset in Arizona, or anywhere, take a moment to express your love, gratitude and count your blessings with your family & friends!

We welcome your feedback, questions and suggestions! If you try this recipe, please feel free to email us at lbosch@me.com.

I realize that we enjoyed this salsa when it was only a breezy 80 degrees! But when I am in AZ in July this will also be a favorite that Steph and I make together...nothing better than chilled salsa with a little jalapeno heat! I love to bring this to friends in a hand-crafted pottery bowl to leave as a gift and token of our time together (I'm super fortunate that my brother-in-law is an amazing potter, but you can find original, beautiful pottery at any art fair). WARNING....once you start eating this salsa it's hard to stop!!!





Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

I don't know about some of you, but this summer has been way too hot for me. In the almost 20 years that I have lived here, I don't ever remember a June

that has been so hot and humid. Even my water aerobics class has commented on the heat...while they were in the water! That's saying something.

When it's hot, there aren't many reasons I leave the house, but a good happy hour is always one of them. I often get great suggestions from residents for either newly opened restaurants or hidden gems worth trying. Every once in awhile, the Grayhawk Single Sippers or Ladies Night Out groups beat me to the punch, as was the case with this month's feature, **Eddie Merlot's**.

Eddie Merlot's is an Indiana-based chain that serves prime-aged steaks, seafood and has a lengthy wine list with plush surroundings. It is stocked with all of the finest spirits and after dinner cordials and Cognacs. **Eddie Merlot's** opened its first Arizona location on January 11 right here in north Scottsdale. This is the 12th branch opened by founder and president Bill Humphries since the original restaurant's 2001 debut in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Quality, exceptional service and an unparalleled atmosphere seem to have made it one of America's great steak houses.

What really got me curious, though, was the name. Who is Eddie Merlot anyway? I know merlot is a red wine varietal, but where did the Eddie came from? Well, here's the deal. The founder of **Eddie Merlot's**, Bill Humphries, is a well-known wine connoisseur. In fact, he has a talent for choosing appropriate dinner wine which is one of his responsibilities as a board member for a worldwide corporation. So at one of these dinners, Ed, a new member, asked Bill to surprise him with a great wine. This is the good part. When the wine, Merlot, was served, "Ed was exceedingly impressed", and he told Bill that "From now on, always order the Merlot." And so...from that point on, Bill replied, "You're Eddie Merlot." To this day, that's what Ed's fellow board members call him. **Eddie Merlot's** is "homage to the man and his love of a great steak, a great glass of wine and a good story."

You are probably saying about now, "Okay that is all great but what about the happy hour, the wine, the cocktails, the food?"

Well, I not only had the good fortune to go and check it out, but I was there twice! I joined the ladies of the Community for Ladies Night Out (LNO) in June, and then joined Grayhawk's Director of Communications Jennifer Sheets for a happy hour on a Tuesday evening. The restaurant gave us their private room for LNO where about 30 women enjoyed the happy hour, the ambiance, the friendly service, and the food and drinks.



Jennifer and I chose to go to the lounge and sit at the bar. I loved the bar.

The chairs were comfy, and the décor is what made it so great. Since I had been there before, I knew what drink I would order. Jennifer chose the house cabernet. I have gone from enjoying Cosmos to Lemon Drops. And each restaurant seems to make the cocktail differently. **Eddie Merlot's** know how to make one of the best ones I have ever had! I remembered what some of the gals ordered at LNO and suggested what seemed to be their favorite - the Tempura Shrimp Tacos with shrimp, cilantro-lime crema, and charred tomato salsa served in three soft flour tortillas. Jenn noted that they were much bigger than she expected. They truly are a must try and order item. We also tried the Tempura Green Beans served with a Wasabi Cream Dipping Sauce. The beans were light, perfectly seasoned and the sauce was super addicting.

I've heard great things about the rest of the menu, especially the burgers. I am sure I'll be back for one of those! Happy Hour is from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. during the summer months and will go back to 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the fall. And it includes \$3 off all items on the bar/lounge menu and cocktail menu. That's a later happy hour than most restaurants, which I really like.

So, when you want to escape the heat, take cooking off your plate and go to **Eddie Merlot's** for a cocktail or wine and sample some of the mouthwatering items on the lounge menu. If wine or martinis aren't your thing, order a beer. Because, after all, "Beer is made from Hops. Hops are plants. Therefore beer is a salad."

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