

# Grayhawk Flight

A young woman with long brown hair, wearing a maroon sleeveless top and blue jeans, is kneeling on a paved walkway. She has a large, light blue and white backpack on her back. She is smiling and adjusting the hair of a young girl with long brown hair. The girl is wearing a light blue sleeveless button-down shirt and denim shorts. They are standing on a paved walkway with a building and trees in the background.

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# Manager's Corner



The 2019 budget season is upon us (is it really almost 2019?) and for the past several years we have experienced the challenge of trying to keep the assessments from increasing (or increasing a minimal amount) yet still providing the services and amenities that all of you have come to enjoy here at Grayhawk. In 2018, the Grayhawk Community Association (GCA) and Retreat Village Association (RVA) annual budgets were approved with minor increases in assessments.

As you probably know, many municipalities have struggled in past years to continue to operate at their existing service level sometimes with reduced tax revenue due to tax cuts, and the GCA and RVA are no different. This month I thought would write about what your monthly assessments pay for and the services provided by the GCA, as well as some of the challenges the association will be facing in developing this year's budget, as well as future budgets.

Your monthly GCA assessments cover, among other items, the following:

- Landscape maintenance of the common areas – this includes the maintenance of the greenbelts, pocket parks located in many of the neighborhoods, the landscaping along the residential streets and main roadways (Thompson Peak Parkway, Grayhawk Drive, Hayden Road, 76th Street, and parts of Scottsdale Road and Pima Road), the medians on Thompson Peak Parkway and Hayden Road north of Thompson Peak Parkway, the Deer Valley Channel, and the 30 mile trail system, among other areas.
- Two 24-hour community patrols throughout the entire community.
- GCA office staff salaries for seven full-time employees.
- Repair and maintenance of the common area walls and fences, mailbox structures, monument signs, irrigation system, and landscape lighting.
- Publication of the Grayhawk Flight news magazine.
- Insurance of the association's property, general liability insurance, Director's and Officer's (D&O) insurance, worker's comp insurance, and fidelity insurance.

- Utilities including water and electricity expenses.
- Social events including some expenses for community events and programs.
- Office operating expenses including office supplies, telephone and data lines, office equipment, and the monthly lease for the GCA office space.
- Professional fees including auditor, design review, and attorney/legal expenses.
- Capital reserve funding for future replacement of association assets and common elements.

One of the challenges facing the Grayhawk Community Association and the Retreat Village Association in drafting the 2019 operating budgets is to continue funding the capital reserve accounts at the level recommended by Grayhawk's reserve analyst. Both the GCA and RVA reserve accounts are currently funded very near the 70% funded level, which is considered a strong reserve funding position. To continue at a strong percentage funded level, the contribution to the reserve fund increases annually which results in an additional expense for both the GCA and the RVA. The Budget/Finance Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors that both associations strive to remain in the 70% funded range. To accomplish this goal, the GCA and RVA will need to continue to increase the reserve funding levels each year.

As you can see, the Budget/Finance Committee and the GCA and RVA Board of Directors has its work cut out for them in drafting the 2019 budgets and future budgets. Your assessments are used to pay for a wide range of services and expenses necessary to successfully run the Grayhawk Community Association the Retreat Village Association. Difficult decisions may need to be made in the future but you can be assured that the GCA and RVA Board of Directors are committed to keeping Grayhawk as one of the Valley's premier communities.

We'll talk again soon,

*Michael Fee*

Grayhawk Community Manager

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## BOARD MEETINGS – AUGUST 2018

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

### Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., Aug. 6 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., Aug. 6 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

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

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

### Architectural Review Committee

Tues., Aug. 7 and 21 at 4:30 p.m. at the GCA office.

## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

### Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

No meeting scheduled. 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

No meeting scheduled.  
Call HOAMCO at 480-994-4479 for details.

### Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

Mon., Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. in the Tesoro Clubhouse. Call Kinney Management at 480-820-3451 for details.

### Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

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



### Grayhawk Community Association Board Members

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## VISION

Grayhawk: a Sonoran Desert home to vibrant southwestern living with an uncommon commitment to community.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Grayhawk Community Association strives to enhance quality of life and community strength through inclusion, participation and pragmatic stewardship of human, financial and environmental assets.

# NEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE LAUNCHES IN AUGUST

In an effort to enhance and expand communications for residents of Grayhawk, the Communications Committee and Grayhawk Board of Directors are launching a new community website this month. This upgrade is long overdue and we are excited to introduce this upgrade.

If you've spent any amount of time on our current site, you likely don't need an explanation for why the upgrade is happening. The previous site could be limiting and was extremely difficult to view on a handheld device.

The Communications Committee knew that both the front and back end of the website needed improvement. In addition, the committee understood that as a community association we may have certain needs and requirements not met by every website provider. The committee looked into various options for the new site, and ultimately chose CivicPlus for the project.

A leader in the municipal website sector, CivicPlus is a relative newcomer to the Association industry. However, considering that a large master-planned community is essentially a small municipality, the committee felt CivicPlus was a near-perfect fit.

Following approval from the GCA Board of Directors, the committee got to work on crafting a vision for the website, which included enriched content for residents as well as additional content for realtors and potential owners.



## Grayhawk Now Accepting Credit Cards

While the GCA has long accepting credit cards for event payments online, we have not been able to process credit card payments in the office. That changes NOW!



Residents are now able to pay for event registration, transponders and more with their credit card in the office. The option to pay online for events remains, allowing residents plenty of payment choices.

Note: Residents cannot pay their assessments in the GCA office by credit card. To pay for HOA dues with a credit card, visit <https://www.hoabankservices.com/onlinepayments/payment.aspx>. A \$15 fee is charged for credit/debit card payments but payment can be made by e-check with no fee.



## Some of the new and upgrades features included in the new site include:

### MOBILE RESPONSIVE

More often than not, you probably find yourself accessing the internet on a tablet or mobile phone. The new site is mobile responsive, providing you access to all of the Association information from your handheld device.

### MEGA MENU

The new site utilizes a "mega menu", showing all of the pages that you will find under the main category headers (Resident Services, Life at Grayhawk, Nearby, Contact and How Do I).

### GRAPHIC BUTTONS & QUICK LINKS

Graphic buttons and quick links are easy access points, allowing users to quickly pull up some of the most popular pages on our site.

### SEARCH BOX

The search box, found at the top right corner of the page, will allow site users the ability to easily find content. Most documents are also searchable, making the hunt for something specific in the CC&Rs or Design Guidelines a snap.

### DOCUMENT CENTER

A similar but better version of our previous document center, this area of the site serves as a bank for all documents housed on the website. It's essentially a one-stop shop for document seekers.

### CITIZEN REQUEST TRACKER

Need to report a landscape issue or maintenance concern? This feature allows residents to submit these requests – and receive confirmation they've been received and addressed

### NOTIFY ME

Notify Me allows users to subscribe to receive email and/or text message updates from any list they choose. You can subscribe to email and/or text message notifications from the calendar, alert center and more.

### EVENT CALENDAR

There's a lot happening around here on any given day, and a good calendar is essential. The new event calendar offers expanded capability, an easier-to-read presentation and a user-friendly interface. Users will also be able to register and pay for events online.

Those are just some of the highlights, but the new site offers so much more. From easy-to-access paint, landscaping and home modification information to more detailed information on amenities, the site will be a huge asset to residents. The site will be a work in progress, and you are welcome to submit feedback or suggestions to Jennifer Sheets at [jsheets@ccmcnet.com](mailto:jsheets@ccmcnet.com).



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# *Back to School Safety*

Grayhawk is lucky to have two schools right here in the community, keeping children close to home and allowing them to truly develop as part of the community. Keeping the kids safe as they get to and from school is important to us. As you prepare for the new school year, it's important to remember these school zone safety rules

## ***According to Arizona law:***

- Some school zones are 25 mph while school is in session. However, the law lowers that limit to 15 mph if portable signs are in place, which is usually the case on 76th Street and Grayhawk Drive near the two schools in Grayhawk. There is typically zero tolerance for speeding in a school zone.
- Entering a crosswalk if a pedestrian has entered any portion of the crosswalk is illegal if school zone signs are in place.
- Passing other vehicles in a school zone is not allowed, even if you're driving the speed limit. Please use patience as traffic moves slowly through these areas.
- If you approach a school bus with an extended stop-sign arm or flashing lights, stop before reaching the vehicle; do not attempt to pass.
- Parking is prohibited within 30 feet of a stop sign or 20 feet of an intersection, whether or not there is a crosswalk. You also cannot park on a crosswalk or within a designated travel lane.



Drivers can also do the following things to stay safe around school buses and school children:

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.

Pick-up and drop-off lane etiquette is also important. Schools typically have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location, according to the National Safe Routes to School program. A little common sense and courtesy can go a long way in keeping our community's children safe. I wish all our students, teachers and support staff the absolute best in the coming school year.

## TAKE NOTE

### ***Grayhawk Elementary School Important Dates***

August 6 from 8 - 9:30 a.m.  
Back to School Social

August 7  
First Day of School

### ***El Dorado Private School Important Dates***

August 9 from 9 - 10 a.m.  
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August 13  
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# In & Around Grayhawk

## Kids Copper Tooling

**Thurs., Aug. 2 from 10 am to 11:30 am**

**GCA Office, Raptor Room, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. Ste. 102**

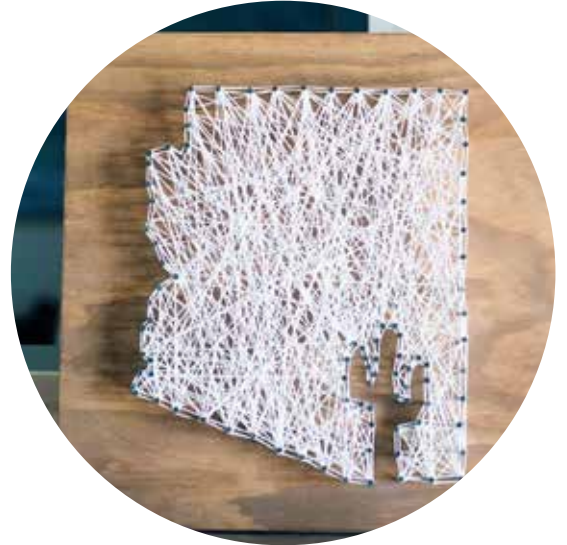
Join Sunny Hall, retired art teacher from the Deer Valley School District, for an exciting craft project in the Grayhawk office. We will be making beautiful creations with Copper Tooling. Copper Tooling is the process of creating designs on thin sheet metal by embossing, drawing, denting, and stamping. This activity is for boys and girls ages 7 and up. Feel free to let your kids bring a non-Grayhawk friend. Light snacks and water will be provided. Cost to participate is \$25 in cash or check. Checks will be made out to Sunny Hall. RSVP's and payments must be in by Mon., July 30. Visit [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) to register.

## Wine and Wooden String Art with Pinspiration

**Wed., Aug. 22 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

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

Pinspiration, the premier Pinterest-Inspired DIY studio, is traveling to Grayhawk to bring us one of their exciting new activities. Join us to create a 12 x12 string art masterpiece on a beautiful piece of distressed wood. This decoration will be perfect to display and show off on any decorative shelf in the house! You will get to choose from 40 stencils to outline on your masterpiece as well. The cost to participate is \$25 per person and will include all the supplies and some sweet treats. Get a group together, bring your own beverages and have a fun and relaxing night. Register online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) and have the \$25 payment in cash or check to the GCA office by Monday, August 20.



## Superhero Breakfast Bash

**Sat., Aug. 25 from 9:30 am 11:30 am**

**JW Marriott Desert Ridge**

**5350 E Marriott Dr, Phoenix, AZ**

Calling all superheroes! Get here in a flash, it's time for the Back to School Superhero Breakfast Bash. There is no need to travel to meet some of your favorite Superheroes - we are bringing them to you. Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast the whole family will love, prepared by the Stonegrill restaurant at the JW Marriot in Desert Ridge. Feel free to come dressed as your favorite superhero, and don't forget your autograph book if you want an autograph from Wonder Woman, Batman, Spiderman, Mrs. Incredible, or Captain America. Cost to participate is \$35 for adults and \$12 for kids. Cash must be paid in advance at the Grayhawk office to reserve your spot (no checks please). The buffet includes juice and coffee. Alcoholic beverages will need to be purchased separately. If a delicious, jam-packed breakfast buffet and superhero hang out session isn't enough to get you there, come play giant yard games and utilize the photo booth on the beautiful resort grounds. Register online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) and turn in your payment by Wednesday, August 22 to hold your spot!



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# Grayhawk Summer Deals and Steals

## SUMMER NIGHTS AT BODEGA 13

**Now through September 28**

**Bodega 13, 8876 E Pinnacle Peak Rd #100**

Grayhawk residents will receive 20% off your entire bill if you pick up a discount card from the Grayhawk Community Association office (while supplies last). Make sure to call to make a reservation and identify yourself as a Grayhawk resident on the reservation. You and your guests will receive 20% off your entire bill by showing them your discount card. This offer is valid until September 28. While you're there, don't forget to ask about their great Jazz Concert Series! For reservations call Bodega 13 at 480-284-7600. They are open Monday – Saturday for lunch and dinner.



## DISCOUNTED HARKINS MOVIE TICKETS

**Sold here at the GCA Office, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. #102**

If you're looking for an activity indoors for the whole family this summer, we have movie tickets for sale cheaper than at the theater! All you have to do is stop by and pay with cash or check and tell us how many tickets you would like to purchase. Movie Tickets are \$8 each available in the GCA office and make great gifts to friends and family!



### MOVIE PASS RESTRICTIONS:

- **Showtimes Before 6PM:** Valid for any regular priced show and films that are designated Special Engagement. Valid for 3D films, Cine Capri®, and Cine 1™. Upgradeable for Camelview at Fashion Square and IMAX® for an additional charge.
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  - Some locations may include a location surcharge.
- \* Special Engagement status is typically maintained for the first two weekends of the film's release. This may be extended at the studios discretion. Look for this symbol (SE) next to movie titles.

VIP Tickets are discounted and do not earn points towards My Harkins Awards memberships.

## "GRAYHAWK SUMMER DAZE" SPA SPECIAL

**Now through August 31, 2018**

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**Friday-Sunday \$149 (regularly \$169)**

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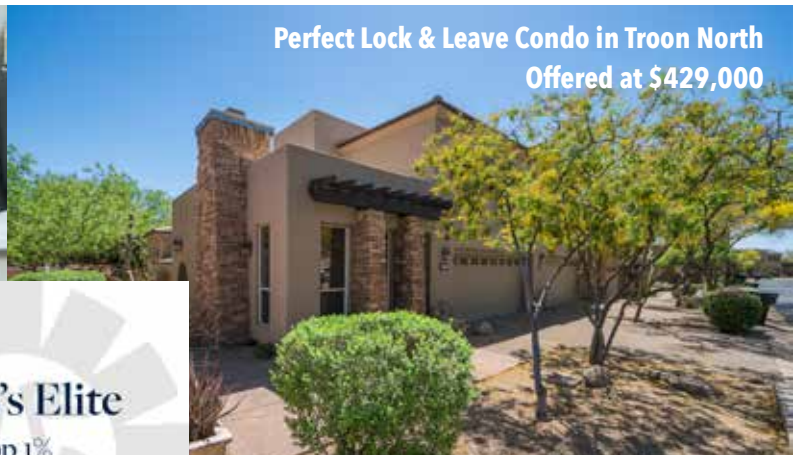
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# Meet Sarah Montufar

Sarah Montufar has only been working with Trident Security at Grayhawk for about a year and three months, but she's already made a great impression on staff and residents. She is dependable and takes ownership of her post at the Talon Gate, something that is appreciated by her supervisor.

Sarah, 36, was born in Phoenix as the oldest of six kids. She is now married with two teenage girls and two dogs, and says that her family and friends play a huge role in her life. She really enjoys going to the beach and camping and said she considers herself a pretty crafty person that can "make or cook just about anything".

Prior to working for Trident Security, Sarah ran the front desk at the Pain Center of Arizona. You'll typically find Sarah working the day shift at the Talon Gate, where she says she tries her best to do anything to keep the Grayhawk community running smoothly.



*If you live in the Retreat and happen to catch Sarah at the gate, make sure to say "hello"!*



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## Wedge Salad Apps

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk



When we invite friends over, we try to do most of the shopping and prep work the day before and spend the day-of finishing and cooking all of the food. We have a big beverage bucket with lots to drink, and chafing dishes and platters all on the kitchen island to display a wide variety of bite-sized easy appetizers. So as soon as friends arrive and throughout the evening, they can help themselves to whatever they want to eat or drink. It makes for a relaxing evening for everyone so we can just sit-back and enjoy each other's company. That means that we are always in need of new ideas for appetizers. We knew that our friends often ordered bleu cheese wedge salads at restaurants, so we came up with this bite-sized version that they loved. We hope you do too!

And always, always, always when you are fortunate to have guests, make it as simple as possible and try to avoid cooking after they arrive. Do as much as you can in advance so you can simply enjoy time with your friends.

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



## Wedge Salad Apps

**Prep time: 15 minutes**

**Enough for 4 people (8 mini wedge salads)**

### Ingredients:

- 1 head iceberg lettuce
- 4 strips bacon (microwave for 4-5 minutes until crispy, crumbled)
- 12 cherry tomatoes, halved
- ¼ red onion sliced thin
- ¼ cup crumbled bleu cheese
- balsamic reduction (in vinegar aisle)
- toothpicks – 4"
- black pepper

### Dressing:

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- dash of Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 15 grinds black pepper
- ¼ cup crumbled bleu cheese

1. Whisk together mayo, buttermilk, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, salt and black pepper. Stir in bleu cheese. Cover and chill.
2. Remove core from lettuce. Cut head of lettuce in half starting from core end, then cut each half into triangular quarters. Arrange 8 lettuce wedges on a large plate.
3. Secure 3 halves of tomato to top of toothpick and attach to lettuce wedge.
4. Drizzle with dressing. Top each with bacon, onion, and bleu cheese.
5. Drizzle balsamic dressing over plate of salad wedges.
6. Top with 15 grinds black ground pepper.





## Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, *Encore*

As I write this, the final countdown to beautiful Lake Tahoe is finally here. I will be spending two glorious weeks of heavenly weather and pure relaxation there with my family. Then we return

to celebrate the last of the family birthdays that take place in the summer, which happens to be mine. I can't believe that I will be turning three-quarters of a century old. This should be quite a celebration!

This month Grayhawk's Director of Communications Jennifer Sheets and I visited **Flower Child**, which opened in June in Desert Ridge. This is the fourth location in the Valley. I'll offer up a good laugh at my expense- I always thought that Flower Child was a Chinese restaurant. It wasn't until a friend told me that it is a healthy-fast food restaurant that it dawned on me...I should have realized what flower child meant going back to 1967. Crazy me!

The Fox Restaurant Concepts healthy fast-casual restaurant first opened in Phoenix in 2014 and has since expanded to eight locations across Southern California, Nevada and Texas. More openings are slated for cities such as Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and Houston. As I mentioned earlier, the Desert Ridge is the fourth location to open in the Phoenix area.

Whether you're looking for a salad, wrap, bowl or plate; or maybe just looking to refresh with flavored lemonades, kombucha, organic wine and beer, they're here "to take you to a happy place." They make every last bite on the **Flower Child** menu from scratch, using farm-fresh ingredients from close to home. That's their promise to us, whether you're vegan, paleo, gluten-free or just hungry. And please note that just because the staff can do sugar-free, dairy-free and gluten-free doesn't mean they do flavor-free... because where's the happy in that?

**Flower Child** is a fast casual restaurant, which means you order your meal as you enter and then are handed a number to sit and wait for your food to be served. Every time I've driven by there is a line out the door, but the line moves quickly and they are kind enough to hand out samples of food and drinks while you wait. I was surprised at how quickly our food was served once we ordered. No sooner did we get our drinks and sit down and our

lunch arrived! The presentation was as amazing as the service. Only one problem- I went in into withdrawal because they don't serve diet coke or other similar soda drinks. I know, I know. It's my vice! We both did enjoy our respective seasonal lemonades.

I ordered the **Flying Avocado** on the recommendation of a family member. It was a wrap with smoked turkey, Gouda, romaine, tomato, and avocado hummus. The wrap was house made whole wheat, flax and chia seed. Jennifer chose the Mother Earth Bowl with salmon. The bowl contained ancient grains, sweet potato, Portobello mushrooms, leafy greens, red pepper, with miso vinaigrette and hemp seed. The salmon was served on top.

We left feeling full and properly fueled for the rest of the day. It was a great lunch! But we aren't the only ones loving the new spot. Grayhawk's Lifestyle Director, Sarah Van Duyn recently enjoyed lunch with coworkers. She raved about the Strawberry Fields Salad. My family also frequents the Shea Blvd. location. They've been urging me to try it for at least a year!

So whether you're in the mood to relax and dine in, or just grabbing a quick healthy bite to go, I'd recommend you stop in to **Flower Child** and nourish your mind, body and soul.

Until next month, take care, enjoy the rest of your summer, have fun, and stay hydrated.

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## Denizens of the Desert: Prickly Pears

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

Prickly Pear cacti are so much a part of our natural environment, they would be easy to ignore. We shouldn't. Once we better understand the sheer number and variety of species, we quickly realize that there is a lot more to this genus of plants than meets the eye.

### We Know Them When We See Them

All cacti with pads go by the common name Prickly Pear and are in the botanical genus *Opuntia* which is Latin for "prickly". The term "pear" doubtless comes from the shape of the pads but, not all Prickly Pear pads are shaped like, well, pears.

With a few exceptions, the common names of these cacti pretty well describe the appearance of the pads, i.e. "Cow's Tongue", "Beaver Tail", "Chenille", etc.



Santa Rita Prickly Pear



Cow's Tongue Prickly Pear

There may be as many as 1,100 species of Prickly Pear. And, while they all have pads, their pads are quite unique from one species to the next. Most that are familiar to us are gray/green in color, others are blue to pink (Santa Rita) depending on the time of year and weather conditions, one has purple pads (the Purple Prickly Pear [featured in July]) and still others have pads that are bright to deep green.

All Prickly Pears bloom, generally in late spring and their flower colors range from shades of yellow, to deep orange, red, pink and fuchsia. Individual flowers last just a day but the flowers generally emerge over a period of weeks. Once they've finished blooming, that's it for the season.

Prickly Pears grow new pads every spring and, once the plant is established, they can grow quickly. These cacti flower on the new growth and once the flowering is finished, fruit emerges and ripens during the summer months. The fruit is called tuna and becomes a food source for a variety of wildlife, including javelina. Javelina can be especially destructive to these plants - sometimes eating an entire plant in a matter of days.



Englemann Prickly Pear

Many Prickly Pears have fruit the same color as the plant. An exception to this is the Englemann Prickly Pear where the fruit starts out gray/green but ripens to a lovely red, giving any landscape a shot of color during the summer months and well into the fall. Toward winter, the fruit turns a deep maroon. Indian Figs do this, too.

### Spines and Glochids

It would be easy to think that all Prickly Pears have spines. Most do but, again, there are exceptions. The Indian Fig can be, but isn't always, nearly spineless which gives the pads' surface a very smooth look.

Other Prickly Pears have no spines but are filled with glochids. Glochids are barbed bristles on the areole of a cactus and are the bane of landscapers everywhere. Once they get into your skin, their barbed edge digs in; you can't see them but you



Indian Fig Prickly Pear, Almost No Spines

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*Bunny Ears Prickly Pear, No Spine,  
All Glochids*



*Chenille Prickly Pear, Spines  
and Glochids*

can feel them. You also can't pull them with a tweezers even with magnification. I've found that endurance is the key, here. They take days to let go.

### When to Water and How Much?

Prickly Pears can tolerate long periods of drought and really don't need to be drip irrigated. Most of the cacti in my yard are not on my drip system. Their roots seek out moisture and so, if you are irrigating plants nearby, your prickly pear will take advantage of their watering schedule. Another way to deal with this is to place an emitter midway between two cacti. There will be plenty of water for both.

To thrive, Prickly Pears need SOME water - once every couple of weeks is enough. Don't worry about watering too much at any given time. Your cactus will respond as it would to a heavy rain. It is important to stop watering them from Thanksgiving until mid-February. These plants do not actively grow during the winter months and additional watering can cause rot.

You've doubtless noticed that Prickly Pears in the desert often look shriveled. This is a natural response to a lack of water. Decent rains will plump them up in no time.

### How to Prune a Prickly Pear

Pruning a Prickly Pear is easier than it looks and the only gardening gear you'll need is a pair of leather gloves to protect your hands from spines and glochids. Otherwise, the tools for this job can be found in your kitchen. That's right. Grab a pair of tongs and a long-bladed knife. You'll also need a bucket for the pads you'll be removing.

Ready? Grab a pad with the tongs and cut the pad just above where it joins to the one below it. It should feel like cutting through a cantaloupe. You can cut one pad at a time or remove several together to create a new plant.



*Tools for Pruning a Prickly Pear*

To propagate your plant, place the cut pads in a shady location for about 5 days. Check them by using your tongs; make sure the cut has hardened. This is important because if it hasn't calloused over, it is likely to rot when planted.

To plant, place it in the ground or a pot and make sure to bury it 2-3 inches. Don't water it right away. Wait about a week and then give it a little drink. Water it every couple of weeks until one of our rainy seasons and then let nature do the rest.



*Purple Prickly Pear*

### Where to Plant

Prickly Pears do well in full sun and will tolerate a bit of shade - morning or afternoon - it doesn't matter. These plants are not fussy and once established pretty much take care of themselves.



*Cow's Tongue Prickly Pear*

If you buy a Prickly Pear as a plant, it may take three years or more before it blooms for the first time. And it is likely to be lazy about it at first - getting only one or two blossoms. Starting with a single pad requires more patience.

### A Final Plus

It is almost a landscaping "must" to have at least one Prickly Pear in your yard or in a pot. Whether you want to add year-round color or are looking for interesting shapes or textures you will doubtless find a plant to meet your needs among the Prickly Pear.

### Up Next Month

Next month's denizen is the Ocotillo, its relatives and friends. Come back, won't you?



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However, we hope to provide an understanding as to why the rule was put into affect and is enforced as well as how abiding by the rule can positively impact your neighborhood.

In general, the overnight street parking restriction helps the Association to foster a more aesthetic neighborhood. Not having cars in street allows better

visibility for pedestrians and motorists and makes vehicles less accessible for vandalism, burglary or theft. By not allowing overnight street parking, the Association is able to monitor any vehicles that are being “stored” or have potentially been abandoned.

By having the restriction from 12 a.m.-5 a.m., residents also get in the habit of parking in the garage or driveway during the day. This also has benefits, including more effective trash/ recycle pickup and street sweeping, improved neighborhood aesthetics, less street repair and better access for emergency vehicles.

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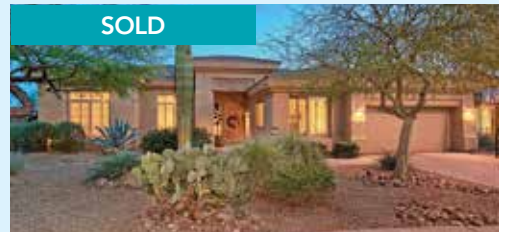


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