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Manager's Corner



The 2021 budget season is upon us (is it really almost 2021?) 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 in Grayhawk.

In 2020, 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 like the City of Scottsdale will face difficult budget and future expenditure decisions because of the reduced city tax revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Maintaining their existing service level with reduced tax revenue will be challenging for the city. The GCA and RVA are not much different as we strive to maintain Grayhawk's current service levels regarding landscape maintenance, patrol service, GCA office staff, and community enhancement projects while keeping your assessments as low as possible.

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 eight 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, Directors and Officers (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 2021 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. Also, recent Arizona state-mandated increases in the minimum wage have affected several association contracts, including the landscape maintenance and community security contracts.

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 2021 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 the assessment rate as low as possible while ensuring that Grayhawk continues to be one of the Valley's premier communities.

We'll talk again soon.

Michael Fee

Grayhawk Community Manager

Community Meetings

BOARD MEETINGS – AUGUST 2020

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

Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., Aug. 3 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Call the GCA Office at 480-563-9708 for more information.

grayhawk_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Grayhawk Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

Mon., Aug. 3 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom The Board of Directors will be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 33-1804 (A)(3).

Retreat Village Board of Directors

Mon., Aug. 3 via Zoom following the GCA Board meeting. Call the GCA Office at 480-563-9708 for more information. retreat_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Retreat Village Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

Mon., Aug. 3 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom The Board of Directors will be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 33-1804 (A)(3).

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., August 4 and 18 at 4:30 p.m. Call Stacey Harvey at 480-563-9708 for more information.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Associated Property Management 480-941-1077 for details.

Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Meeting

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 or call 480-584-4647 for details.

Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Amcor Property Professionals at 480-948-5860 for details.

Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Kinney Management at 480-820-3451 for details.

Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Vision Community Management at 480-759-8683

Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 for details.

Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Associated Property Management at 480-941-1077 for details.



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Alan Fernandez Secretary

> Barb Nelson Treasurer

Michael Loya Director

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.

Communication Tools

If the Coronavirus pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we need to make sure we are getting up-to-date information in all areas of life that matter to us. Whether it is office or amenity closures, community events or security issues, we are working hard to provide information and want to make sure that you are completely in the loop when it comes to all things Grayhawk.

EMAIL

The Grayhawk Buzz, our weekly email newsletter, is typically sent out on Mondays. The Grayhawk Buzz includes reminders on upcoming events including links to register for events, as well as information on Board meetings, transponder installation, landscaping, area construction and more. If you do not already subscribe to The Grayhawk Buzz, visit www.grayhawkcommunity. org and click the link under Life at Grayhawk/Communications.

FACEBOOK

Like us on Facebook @GrayhawkAZ. There you will find events, association updates, community photos and other opportunities for you to engage with your neighbors.

INSTAGRAM

Make sure to check out our Instagram @GrayhawkAZ. On Instagram, we share an inside look at the community as well as more engaging content.

WEBSITE

Our website, www.grayhawkcommunity.org, is mobile-friendly so that you can always access information on the go. There you will find a calendar with event information, meeting agendas and minutes, governing documents, trail maps, tot lot locations, Board information and much more.

GRAYHAWK FLIGHT MAGAZINE

The Grayhawk Flight is a community publication that provides useful information to your mailbox each month. Each month you can read Board Briefs which include information from the most recent GCA Board meeting, updates on community projects, landscaping tips, information about upcoming events, and much more.

MAILBOX FLYERS

If you are picking up your mail, take a minute to peek at the glass encasement near the mailboxes. You will find event information and other important association business posted on these bulletin boards.

Social media. Email. Website. Magazine. You have so many options when it comes to Grayhawk Community Association communication! It is also recommended that you make sure we have your most updated contact information. You can ensure that we do by visiting www.grayhawkcommunity.org and submitting a Resident Information Form under How Do I/Submit.

Home Safety Reminders

By Stacey Harvey,

Grayhawk Assistant Community Manager

The homes in Grayhawk are aging and as an owner you may find that there are a few routine maintenance items that should be addressed. Sometimes our house tells us when it's ready for an update (if you have ever had a water heater "accident, you know what I'm talking about - time for new flooring, new base boards, new paint on the walls, etc.), but often as a homeowner you need to be proactive about addressing possible maintenance concerns.



When was the last time you had your dryer vent/trap cleaned? Lint buildup in the exhaust vents/traps can start a fire. Did you know that your smoke alarm should be replaced every ten years even if it still works? What

about your sprinkler system? Have you ever has it serviced or inspected? These are just a few of the tasks that you may need to address as around the house preventative maintenance issues. Not sure where to start? You can find literature on all of these items and many more on the City of Scottsdale's website at www.scottsdaleaz.gov/fire.com or the National Fire Prevention Association website at www.nfpa.org.





Returning to school can be daunting for many students. Returning virtually can be overwhelming for the entire family. Here are some ways to support your child (and yourself) during the transition:

Get Into a Routine

Routines most often help to reduce stress. Without bells and a set schedule, students may find it hard to motivate themselves to get up and get their work done. Take the time to set a schedule.

Make Time for Sleep

A routine is great, but a tired child is set up to fail no matter how great the plan is. Make sure that your child has a reasonable bedtime and stick to it.

Create a Space for Learning

Set up a quiet, clutter-free work space for virtual learning. It can be at a desk or at the kitchen table. Video games, TV, social media, toys and pets are

common sources of distractions. Make a list of things that distract your child and then find ways to limit them during learning time.

Stay Positive and Focus on What You Can Control

Virtual learning can be challenging for everyone. Make sure you are listening to your child and let them know you understand how they feel, even if you can't fix it. Help your child focus on what they can control, like creating a clean workspace, exercising or sticking to a schedule.

Remember: Your child is not alone.

Find ways to connect with other students and with your child's teacher to help them succeed while learning at home.

In & Around Grayhawk



floo-id YOGA in the Park

Sat., Aug. 8 and Sat., August 22 at 9 a.m. Grayhawk Greenbelt at 78th Way & 78th Pl Park at 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.

floo-id YOGA is a locally owned boutique yoga studio off the 101 Freeway and Scottsdale Road. They offer a wide variety of classes to accommodate all ages and skill levels to help you become a better version of yourself and have proven to aid in a healthier, physically fit and less stressful lifestyle. Due to the current circumstances, floo-id has had to close their studio and can only offer outdoor classes and they have been kind enough to do a couple classes at no cost just for Grayhawk residents! Just bring your mat and a can-do attitude; your body will do the rest. The classes will take place in the narrow beginning section of the greenbelt that starts at the tunnel near the NW corner of the Thompson Peak Parkway and Hayden Road intersection. Walk or ride over, or park in the Offices at Grayhawk parking lot and head down to the greenbelt from there. Please register online prior to each class at www.grayhawkcommunity.org to help us coordinate with the instructors!



Back to School Craft Kit

Registration opens Sat., Aug. 1 Kit delivery on Fri., Aug. 14

We are creating our very own colorful pencil holders! All the supplies needed are included in your bag and will be dropped off at your door on Friday, August 14. We have 50 kits available and they will go fast! Register for your kit at www.grayhawkcommunity.org before they are sold out. One kit per child please!

Breakfast with Bites Donuts and Pura Vida Grinds

Sun., August 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Corner of 78th Pl and 78th Way at event greenbelt

Walk, bike or drive down to the greenbelt to get your morning started with delicious coffee drinks, flavored soda drinks, or delicious mini donuts with your favorite toppings. There will be no parking on the street so please park in the Offices at Grayhawk parking lot located near 7940 E. Thompson Peak Parkway and take the sidewalk path to the greenbelt. Then feel free to enjoy your goodies under shade trees in the greenbelt or while walking the path with family and friends. The Grayhawk Community Association is going to pay for the first 50 trays of 10 Donut orders. Come early to get your donuts and coffee!

Jungle Jill's Animal Encounters

Thurs., Aug. 20 from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Virtual via Zoom

We have an exciting 30 minute program with a variety of feathered friends and creepy crawler animals to introduce you to. Jungle Jill will introduce each animal individually in front of the camera and talk a little bit about each animal. You can learn what the animal is, where it lives in the wild, what it eats, its habitat

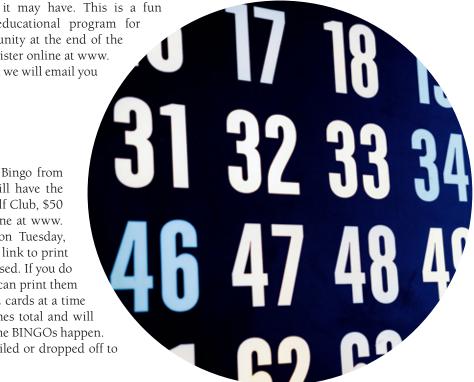
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and educational program for kids or adults of any age. There will be an opportunity at the end of the program to ask Jungle Jill your questions. Please register online at www. grayhawkcommunity.org by Tuesday, August 18 and we will email you the Zoom link the day before the event.

Virtual Bingo Night

Fri., Aug. 28 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Join us this month to play an interactive game of Bingo from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. You will have the chance to win prizes like \$100 to the Grayhawk Golf Club, \$50 to Amazon, \$25 to Target, and more! Register online at www. grayhawkcommunity.org by the end of the day on Tuesday, August 25. Spots are limited! We will email you the link to print off your own cards at home once registration has closed. If you do not have a printer and would like to participate, we can print them at the office for you. Each person is allowed up to 2 cards at a time and cards are numbered 1-75. There will be 5 games total and will last approximately an hour depending on how fast the BINGOs happen. Prizes are awarded for each round and will be emailed or dropped off to those winners.



Girl Scouts Make Masks for Our Community

By Sophia Plache, Monterey Park resident

This August I will be starting sixth grade at Grayhawk Elementary School. I have been a Girl Scout in Troop 981 since Kindergarten.

This summer my troop and I have been making face masks to donate to hospitals and give to neighbors. You can make face masks to donate or for yourselves too! Here are a couple of websites that have patterns you can use: https://sweetredpoppy.com/how-to-sew-a-fitted-fabric-mask/ https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html

Our goal is to make 100 masks. We have decided to donate them to HonorHealth hospitals. If you make some masks too, you can drop them off at their hospital in Grayhawk. There is a drop off bin in the foyer of the main entrance at:

HonorHealth Thompson Peak Medical Center 7400 E. Thompson Peak Parkway.

The hours are from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.





For more ways you can support Honor Health caregivers and patients, go to

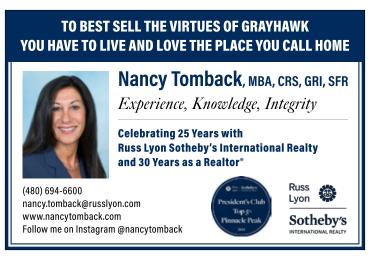
https://www.honorhealth.com/coronavirus-covid-19/support-caregivers

Here are a few tips on how to wear and take care of your mask. The mask is only effective if it covers your mouth, nose and chin. When you put the mask on, you should hold it by the ear loops. It should also fit snugly against the sides of your face so there are no open flaps. However, you don't want it to be so tight that it's difficult to breathe through.

Don't touch your mask again until it's time to take it off. You should also take off the mask by the ear loops. After you take it off, you should wash it if you can, or put it in a sealable plastic bag. Then wash your hands.

If you know a girl in K-12 who would like to join Girl Scouts and do fun stuff like going to camp, earning different badges, making new friends, and doing community service projects like this, then go to http://bit.ly/PimaGirlScout and put her name on the list. Then you will be contacted about troop placement, volunteer opportunities, and registration.









Grayhawk employs Trident Security Services to provide 24 hour patrol service through both The Park and Retreat Village communities. Patrol vehicles are replaced approximately every two years due to the excessive amount of mileage put on the vehicles driving through the community (typically more than 200,000 miles every two years). When the vehicles were replaced this year,



the Operational Review Committee recommended and the Grayhawk Community Association Board of Directors approved the installation of new light bars on the vehicles. Purchasing these light bars allows the association to remove and install them on new patrol vehicles in the future.

The new light bars feature alternating amber and white and also a solid white floor light on the front of the light bar, with alternating red and amber lights and directional arrows on the rear. The light bars also feature side "alley lights" on both the driver and passenger side, which will help to light areas of possible concern after dark. These new light bars also allow Grayhawk's patrol officers to assist the Scottsdale Police Department, if necessary, by providing additional cautionary and directional lighting in emergency situations.

These new light bars are just one way that your Grayhawk committees and the Board of Directors are working to improve your community!



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Anatomy of a Saguaro

You can't write about plants in the Sonoran Desert without covering the Saguaro - at least from time to time. These colossal cacti are a keystone species and a signature plant of our desert.

They grow nowhere else in the world and when you take a road trip north from the Phoenix metro area, you know you're back home when you start seeing these mighty plants - first sporadically and then in large numbers.

Measured in tons and sold by the foot, the adults of this species survive by luck, pluck and a little help from their friends.

On the surface, a Saguaro is one big honkin' cactus but once you know their backstory, you may never look at them the same way again.

In the Beginning

A plant's fundamental job is reproduction and flowers are the first step in this process. Flowers on a plant are a bit of shameless self-promotion. They're a plant's way of attracting pollinators. No pollinators, no plant. Saguaro flowers are an open invitation to bees.

The bees' job is to transfer pollen from the male part of the plant to the female part to enable fertilization and, later, the production of seeds.

Weeks after flowering, fruit forms and inside the fruit are the seeds made possible by the bees. Here again, Saguaros leave nothing to chance.

Once the fruit ripens, it then bursts open to reveal a sweet, deep red food source that is impossible to resist. From our view on the ground, this red fruit looks like a second flowering. From a bird's perspective, the Saguaro is yelling, "Come and get it!"

Birds are more than happy to oblige. The naturally sweet fruit provides birds with much needed energy. But that's not all.

Planting

Birds have one more part to play to advance this process. Once a bird eats the seeds, pooping is required. If the future Saguaro is incredibly lucky, the bird will leave the Saguaro and sometime later land in an Ironwood. Then it will send the seeds plummeting to earth in a package of fertilizer.



Curve-Billed Thrasher Eating Saguaro Seeds



Saguaro Skeleton

Again, with a good bit of luck, the Ironwood will nurse the Saguaro to maturity. Since Ironwoods can easily live to be 500 years old and Saguaros to 200-300, this is a match made in heaven. Or maybe from a tree branch. Ironwoods aren't the only ones to function as nurse plants, but they are the most reliable companion a Saguaro can have.

More often than not, birds will be less accommodating; few Saguaro seeds manage to become the giant cacti we so admire. Conditions have to be perfect and they have to be at least good for decades to come.

More than Water

It is a myth that Saguaros are mostly water. Like all cacti, they store water in their tissue but their overall structure is largely woody. The skeleton shown here allows you to see a bit of that.

The center of a Saguaro is a solid woody core, a perfect circle about 6-8" across. You could not find utility poles straighter than a Saguaro's core. Woody slats surround that core; they look like broom sticks cut in half vertically. This layer forms the ribs of the cactus. The plant's tissue then grows on top of the slats and the skin on top of that. Most of a Saguaro's water storage is in its tissue.

Staying Put

A Saguaro's root system is shallow, just 3 - 6 inches deep. They're close to the surface to allow the plant to quickly take up as much water as possible. These roots also serve to effectively anchor the plant. The overall height of a Saguaro tells you how far its roots extend away from the plant; the height of the plant and the length of its roots are equal.

Luck & Pluck

A Saguaro survives to maturity against overwhelming odds. For openers, Saguaro seeds are smaller than a peppercorn. When they're young, they need protection from the sun and while they can withstand frost and even lower temperatures, they would prefer to avoid them.

Like many other species of cactus, Saguaros expand and contract based on the amount of available moisture. Those that are planted in a depressed area can look downright chubby, both from water runoff and pooling nearby. Saguaros will send their roots in search of any and all available moisture - from one residential yard to the next, taking advantage of any and all irrigation emitters in the process.

A Final Note

Saguaros are one of the most valuable plants in our ecosystem. They actively nurture lots of species while ensuring their own survival. They deserve our understanding and respect, along with our attention and concern for their future well-being. The Sonoran Desert simply would not be the same without them.



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BEFORE A STORM

- Always be aware of the day's forecast and stay on top of updates. Monsoons can develop quickly and move rapidly.
- Trim heavy branches and landscaping that may break or fall.
- · Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.
- Have extra light and power handy. Keep batteries, flashlights and a batteryoperated radio or TV on hand to keep you up to date during severe weather.
- Create an emergency preparedness plan and kit.

DURING A STORM

Lightning: Lightning can strikes up to 60 miles away from the nearest rainfall. If you hear thunder, you are close enough to a storm to be struck by lightning.

- When indoors, do not touch any wires or plumbing inside a building. Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity.
- If you are caught outdoors in a thunderstorm and safe shelter is not available, find a low spot away from trees, fences, and poles. Avoid high ground, water, trees and metal objects.

Wind: Thunderstorm wind gusts in Arizona almost always exceed 40 mph. The strongest straight line wind gusts can

exceed 100 mph, and can produce damage similar to a tornado!

- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage. This includes garbage cans, umbrellas, patio furniture and any other unsecure items around your yard.
- Stay away from trees. Many people are killed or injured in severe thunderstorms by falling trees, flying debris, or from downed power lines.
- Never touch a downed power line, even if it appears dead. Assume that it is live. Call for help instead.

Dust Storms: Dust Storms move rapidly and can reduce visibility almost instantly. Dust storms will usually appear well ahead of thunderstorms so be aware of the current weather situation even if you don't see storms nearby.

- If you encounter a dust storm, pull off the road immediately. Turn off your headlights and tail lights, put your vehicle in "PARK," and take your foot off the brake. Other motorists may tend to follow tail lights in an attempt to get through the dust storm and may strike your vehicle from behind.
- Stay where you are until the dust storm
- Do not go out in a dust storm if you can avoid it.

Flash Floods: The land in Arizona is so dry that a hard crust forms over it which makes it difficult for the ground to absorb moisture. When the water cannot seep into the ground, it collects in low lying roads and washes which causes flooding. It is very difficult, especially at night, to discern the depth or force of moving water. What may seem like a shallow stream may actually prove more dangerous.

- The way to prevent becoming trapped or swept away by flowing water is to not drive through it.
- In 1995, Arizona created the "Stupid Motorist Law" to encourage Arizona drivers to use common sense when it comes to driving through flooded areas. The law specifically bans drivers from driving around barricades in place to prevent them from driving though a flooded area. Drivers trapped after driving around barricades may be responsible for paying the cost incurred by police and fire emergency personnel to rescue a stranded motorist
- Beware of distant thunderstorms, especially if they're over mountains. Flash flooding can occur many miles away from the thunderstorm as the runoff flows into the valleys and deserts.
- Hikers and mountain bikers should try to get out earlier in the day to avoid the dangers of not only flash flooding but also lightning.

Back to School is Different This Year!

By Dan Shufelt, Arizona Helping Hands President and CEO

On July 25, 2019, Arizona Helping Hands participated in the Back to School Clothing Drive at Grand Canyon University. During that single afternoon and evening, we supplied school uniform clothing, along with backpacks stuffed full of school supplies to 1,972 children in foster care. Thanks to collection drives and donations from dozens of companies, over the ensuing weeks, an additional 4,000 children received the tools necessary to start the school year successfully - but that was last

Early in 2020, we put plans in place, together with generous funding from the BHHS Legacy Foundation and Executive Council Charities, to repeat this success and help thousands more boys and girls this year. Then COVID-19 took control.

year.

Our 2020 Back to School drive looked very different. Gone are the collection boxes which accumulated supplies to stuff the backpacks. There are no company volunteer groups to put the pencils, notebooks, crayons and more into the backpacks. It is not suitable to have thousands of children assembled on the basketball court at GCU. Like so many things in life, we've had to change everything about our Back to School Drive this year.

Instead of collecting supplies and having an army of volunteers build the backpacks, we've had to buy

pre-stocked backpacks. Instead of corporate sponsors, we are relying on the generosity of individuals. Instead of a large facility to host a give away event, we are utilizing our parking lot to manage a stream of cars, using a no contact service to fill orders for children in foster care who have registered on-line for the items needed.

On Friday July 17, pre-registered foster families arrived at Arizona Helping Hands. They were greeted in the heat by our staff who checked off names and directed them to drive around to the back of the building. Additional staff members retrieved the clothing packages that were pre-assembled for the

elementary age children, along with backpacks and school supplies, and load them into the trunks of vehicles traversing the traffic line.

We miss the interaction with the kids. Last year was filled with high fives from the kids and hugs from the foster parents. We had the ability to escort 2nd graders through the supply lines to select polo shirts, shorts, shoes and more. I remember so well foster parents crying tears of joy – knowing their kids had been given love and support on that Thursday afternoon.

Back to School is different this year, but the end result is what is important. Once again, thousands of children were being served through our program. They will have the notebooks, paper, markers and more that will allow them to pick up their education, in whatever fashion it will take in 2020.

I am so proud of the fact that Arizona Helping Hands is here to serve these children. Through our myriad of programs, we help to boost the self esteem of children whose lives have been disrupted by abuse and neglect. We are here to help them on their journey. We want every child to have the tools to be successful in this coming school year and beyond.

Arizona Helping Hands raised \$96,656 to help provide backpacks to children in foster care. We are happy to report that Grayhawk raised \$1,555 during the campaign for Arizona Helping Hands, which equates to 44 backpacks! Thank you for your generosity!



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"I'm excited to be living in the Grayhawk Community! I look forward to meeting with you soon and am eager for the opportunity to earn your business" ~ Mike Kelley

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Landscaping

Picking Plants for Small Spaces

With many people spending larger amounts of time at home this year, now is a great time to replant your flower beds, pots, and plants on your patio or other outdoor areas. But that's not as easy as simply going to the nursery and picking out plants based on their appearance.

In Grayhawk, DLC Resources puts a lot of thought into selecting any new plants. They always have to fit our "Right Plant, Right Space" motto. That means that we carefully consider several factors before choosing new plants: how much sun or shade the area receives, the amount of space they'll have to grow, and moisture needs. We also take plant appearance and the overall look we want to achieve into consideration.

You can take a similar approach to choosing plants for your small outdoor spaces. With a bit of planning and a few considerations, your patio or side-yard will not only look great, your plants will also be healthy. Make sure you consult Grayhawk's Approved Plant List before choosing your new additions.

SUN EXPOSURE

As always, one of the very first things to consider whenever you're selecting any new plant is the amount of sunlight the area will get. Being so close to tall buildings and fences, your yard and patio can fluctuate drastically between full sun and full shade throughout the day. Make sure you understand how the sun moves through your space throughout the day. Keep in mind that sun exposure may not be consistent throughout your small space either. Walls, overhangs, and roofs can create vast differences between one side of your patio, side-yard, or backyard and the other.

WATER CONSIDERATIONS

As always, choose plants that are desert-adapted or native. Not only will they do better in our desert climate, they'll also help keep your water bills down. But that's not the only water-related factor to take into consideration. Infrastructure in small spaces can create micro-environments. Be aware of how rainwater moves throughout your small space:





What kind of drainage do your raised beds or planter pots have? Does water tend to pool in one corner of your yard after heavy rains? Does a particular flowerbed get inundated with rainwater dripping from your house's eves?

POOL PLANTS

Aside from the above considerations, plants around pools need to fit one more criteria: how much litter do they create? You generally don't want to put a Mesquite or Palo Verde tree overhanging your pool — unless you really like the idea of fishing bean pods or flower petals out of the water. Take the time to research how much litter — whether it's falling leaves in the autumn, bean pods or spring flowers — your poolside plants will create.

Also, keep in mind what activities you'll be doing around the pool. Cacti with very prickly spikes — like the Prickly Pear and Golden Barrel — may not be the best choice for pool areas where bare feet or inflatable pool toys are common.

COURTYARDS

Courtyards are especially tricky when it comes to lighting. Because they're enclosed on all four sides, some areas may never get direct sunlight while other courtyard areas have to deal with very intense sunlight for a few hours each day. Before you choose

plants for your courtyard, spend a few days just observing how the sunlight moves through your space; understand which areas get sun, when and how much. Consider that the lighting will change drastically throughout the year as well. Pick plants for each specific light area rather than trying to use the same plants throughout your entire courtyard.

Also, consider full-grown plant sizes. Since courtyards tend to be fairly small, choose plants with a similar scale. That way, you won't have to worry about constant pruning — which is not healthy for the plant.

BACKYARD PERKS

While all of the considerations may make small spaces and backyards seem limiting for plant selection, there are some perks. Choosing plants for enclosed spaces means you don't have to worry as much about animals eating them. With walls and fences to keep out javelina and rabbits, your backyard is the perfect place to plant those species especially prone to damage: Agave (especially the Century Plant), Red Yucca and delicate annual flowers.

SOME OF OUR BACKYARD PLANT SUGGESTIONS

When picking out plants for your patio areas, keep in mind what function you would like the plant to serve and the overall look you'd like to achieve. Also, make sure you know the plant's full-grown size; some larger shrubs might quickly outgrow their designated space in smaller areas on your property. Here are some of our suggestions for patio plants.

- To build privacy or divide your patio space, shrubs like the Hopbush grow tall and are easily shaped. They can easily create a wall for privacy.
- Ocotillos are always a nice option to add height without taking up too much valuable space near your small patio areas.
- Colorful plants are always a nice addition to add interest and variety. Red Bird of Paradise, Yellow Bird of Paradise and Firecracker Bush and Coral Vine are all good options.





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Still Sweet and Salty

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk

This baked salmon is hearthealthy, low calorie and tastes amazing. Baking salmon in foil is easy and delivers salmon that is juicy, tender and bursting with

flavor because the salmon marinates in the blend of butter, garlic, honey, lemon and herbs as it bakes. We usually serve this salmon with a side of garlic smashed potatoes and asparagus, but any sides will do. Dinner is ready in 25 minutes and even better...there is no clean-up, just toss the foil in the trash!

We try to eat salmon a couple times a month and choose wildcaught over farm-raised salmon because it is more nutrient-rich, lower in fat and higher in minerals. One of the main reasons we eat salmon is because it is loaded with omega-3 fatty acids which help to lower blood pressure, slow plaque development in arteries, and reduce the likelihood of heart attacks and strokes. So give this delicious sweet and savory salmon a try and enjoy the health benefits too!

And always, always, always remember food is fuel for your body...and healthy choices can improve your well-being and increase your longevity!

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SWEET & SAVORY SALMON

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes Servings: 3

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. salmon fillet (preferably wild-caught)
- 1 lemon

Honey Garlic Sauce:

- 2 tablespoons melted butter (can substitute olive oil)
- 2 tablespoons local honey
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (save one tablespoon for after baking)
- 3 lemon slices
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3-5 dashes cayenne pepper (Tobasco)

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400.
- 2. Combine melted butter, honey, lemon juice, garlic, parsley, salt, and cayenne together. Stir well.
- 3. Rinse & dry salmon with a paper towel, then lay onto large sheet of aluminum foil. Pour the honey garlic sauce over salmon then top with lemon slices. Wrap the foil tightly around the salmon so it does not leak while
- 4. Bake for 15 minutes. Unwrap the foil and spoon out extra water, then top with the remaining lemon juice. Serve immediately.



Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

very hot temperatures last month and trying to stay at home because of COVID -19, I am ready for a break. Unfortunately, I don't see a break coming my way any time soon. We had to cancel

our trip to La Jolla last month because much of

San Diego County was shut down. We also canceled going to our niece's wedding the end of July. I do still have something to look forward to at the end of August when we travel with our youngest grandson to get him settled in at Pacific University in Oregon. We can't wait!

Even with the guidelines in place for restaurants, I hope you are able to get out and dine. My husband Bill and I have been traveling down memory lane and visiting some of our favorite watering holes. It has been great!

Bill felt like sushi recently and on the spur of the moment we decided to grab dinner at **Pure Sushi**. They were busy, but we lucked out and were able to sit at the Sushi Bar with social distancing.

While main courses like teriyaki and tempura seem sure to please, the obvious star here is the raw fish, from sushi and sashimi to a full menu of specialty rolls. We love the specialty rolls and their happy hour. We arrived too late for the happy hour so we



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had fun ordering some great sushi from the *Specialty Rolls Menu*. I definitely recommend you start with Edamame and Pork Gyoza. Both are delicious! My favorite rolls are the Lollipop, Crispy Tempura and Pure Crunch.

Another one of the spots we always love is *Jalapeño Inferno*. We love it so much that at around Thanksgiving when they run a deal on gift cards, I buy several. I love their happy hour and we made sure to make it in time. I always order the *Floating Coronita*. It is

a giant Acapulco Margarita served frozen or on the rocks with a bottle of Corona floating in the glass. I ordered one of my favorites, the *Sonoran Grilled Quesadilla*, and Bill and I shared the *Top Shelf Ceviche*. We thought they did a great job of social distancing and the service was excellent.

If you aren't up for a dine-in experience, I do have a curbside

service to recommend. Fox Restaurant Concepts restaurants do a great job at curbside and you have plenty of variety from tacos (Blancos Tacos and Tequila) to burgers (Zinburger). We chose **Culinary Dropout** and ordered their soft pretzel provolone fondue. It was super yummy! They have \$6 cocktails to go or \$12 bottles that serve 2. Or cool down with some of Fox Concepts' cocktails to go. They also have 50% of all beer and wine to go.



Hopefully some of these ideas will interest you and keep your mind

off of the heat. Until next month, stay cool and happy summer!

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