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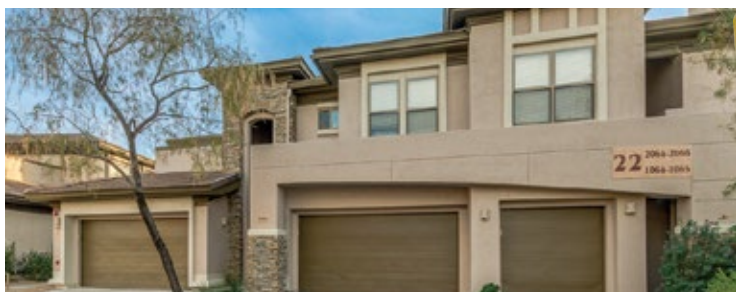


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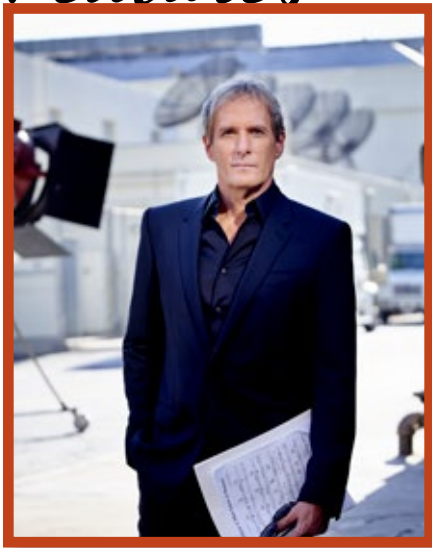


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# Manager's Corner



The month of February is often associated with love and kindness, and that theme has made its way into Grayhawk this month. We will be having our Daddy/Daughter Dance on February 22. This dance has become a very popular annual event and it is a great chance for all of the fathers in Grayhawk with young daughters to spend an evening with their "Little Princess". I encourage all of the men (this applies to grandfathers too) in Grayhawk to bring their special little lady or ladies to this fun-filled dance. My daughter and I have attended this event in past and we have always had a great time – just make sure you have your dancing shoes on.

Also this month this is "Random Acts of Kindness Week" during the week of February 17. As Grayhawk residents, I encourage you to consider your own random acts of kindness this month in your community. There are many things you can do for others in your neighborhood or community to show your appreciation and/or kindness. You can welcome new homeowners to your neighborhood with a "hello" when they move in and offer assistance if they need help or have questions about the community. You can offer to keep an eye on a neighbor's house when their away or watch a neighbor's pets for them, if necessary. If you see a neighbor's trash container has been left out, pull it in for them. I know my neighbor and I do that for each other all year long. You might want to even write a letter of thanks to the GCA or RVA Board of Directors for all their hard work and for volunteering their time to continue to make Grayhawk an even better community.

Speaking of the Board of Directors, later this month you will be mailed a ballot for voting in the Grayhawk Community Association 2020 Board of Directors election and, if you live in the Retreat Village, a ballot for voting in the Retreat Village Association 2020 Board of Directors election. In this mailing, you will also receive information about the candidates and their responses to a questionnaire regarding their qualifications, goals for the association, and community interests if elected as a Board member. During the past several years, the Election Committee, Communications Committee and the GCA on-site staff worked very hard to improve the voter turnout in these elections and we have been able to increase the number of ballots returned each of the past four years, but we can still do better. In 2020, we are hoping to have our largest voter turnout ever at Grayhawk. This is your community so we are encouraging you to do your part and become involved in the Board election process. Please take the time to read the candidate information and questionnaire, and vote in this year's election(s).

Finally, this is the time of year in Scottsdale when the weather is beautiful and we have some of our largest and most well-attended events. Look for more information on these upcoming events including the Family BBQ and Movie Night on March 27, the Easter Egg Hunt on April 11, and the Community Garage Sale on April 25.

We'll talk again soon.

*Michael Fee*

Grayhawk Community Manager

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## BOARD MEETINGS – FEBRUARY 2020

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

### Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., Feb. 3 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., Feb. 3 following the 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., Feb. 4 and 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the  
GCA office.

## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

### Avian Condominium Association Annual Meeting

Tues., Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Talon Room,  
GCA office. 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](http://www.theedgegrayhawk.com) or call  
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### Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

Thur., Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Encore  
Clubhouse. Call Amcor Property Management  
at 480-948-5860 for details.

### Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

Mon., Fe. 24 at 6 p.m. in the Tesoro  
Clubhouse. Call Kinney Management at  
480-820-3451 for details.

### Venu Condominium Association Annual Meeting

Tues., Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Venu Great  
Room. Call Associated Property Management  
at 480-941-1077 for details.

### Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

Mon., Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. in the Talon Room,  
GCA Office. Call FirstService Residential at  
480-551-4300 for details.

### Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

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



### Grayhawk Community Association Board Members

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Jeanette Griswold  
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### Retreat Village Association Board Members

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Alan Fernandez  
Secretary

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## VISION

Grayhawk: a Sonoran Desert  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Grayhawk Master Association Board of Directors Meeting – January 6, 2020

A resident in attendance asked about the RVA landscape maintenance schedule. Michael Fee gave the resident information on Natural Area Open Space (NAOS) and shared that per City of Scottsdale guidelines we are limited on how we can landscape those areas.

### Development Committee

David Van Omen reported that there has been quite a bit of progress in the Cavasson development.

### Operational Review Committee

Stacey Harvey reported that the committee had met and discussed the hourly pay rate for Trident Security Services staff. The committee reviewed a proposal and discussed the five year renewal of the contract. Due to minimum wage increases, Trident is proposing a contract with built-in yearly increases to manage budgets while providing a competitive salary/benefits package.

A motion was made and approved to accept the proposed security contract with an annual increase of \$1 per hour over the next five years.

Keith Zollman from Studio KZ discussed the Design-Build Agreement for Construction for the renovation of the Raptor and Talon guardhouses. He gave extensive detail about the proposed plans and answered questions from the Board of Directors.

### Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that the committee did not meet. Crews have been working to clean up after a wave of winter storms, including repair of 75' of view fencing damaged by a Palo Verde tree falling over from common area.

Seasonal pruning is in a four week cycle, and crews are trimming to promote new growth and maintain site lines.

### Community Enhancement Committee

Stacey Harvey reported that the Community Enhancement Committee did not meet.

### Event Planning Committee

Sarah Van Duyn reported that holiday events had been very successful. The upcoming Ice Den Happy Hour is already full with a wait list. Other upcoming events include the Concert in the Park, featuring the band Switchback from Chicago.

### Communications Committee

Jennifer Sheets reported that the committee continued discussions regarding the Architectural Review Committee partnership. The committee worked to update the current application process/forms and will be continuing to discuss this project and the Annual Meeting at the next Communications Committee meeting.

### Architectural Review Committee

Paul Alessio reported there were a total of 12 submittals in December. Most all were approved.

### Budget/Finance Committee

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee will be meeting soon.



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### Executive Committee

David Van Omen reported that the committee did not meet.

### New Business

A motion was made and approved to accept the proposal submitted by Mansperger Patterson and McMullin to perform the 2019 audit of the GCA financial statements and prepare the GCA 2019 tax return at a cost of \$6,500.00.

### Treasurer's Report

Jeanette Griswold reported that year-to-date income is over budget. Major contributors of the overage are collections and special events.

Year to date, \$688,094.00 has been deposited to the Community Enhancement Fund.

### Management Report

Michael Fee reported that the painting project on the north section of The Park is nearly complete. New stone and stone caps have been installed on the monument signs in the Raptor Retreat and new stone has been installed on the condominium monument signs.



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# 29th Annual Arizona Musicfest



The 29th annual Arizona Musicfest festival season continues in 2020 and brings diverse lineup of exceptional artists to Valley audiences. Arizona Musicfest's 2019-20 Festival Season includes 27 performances through March 13. Winter Festival highlights include Grammy award winner Michael Bolton; iconic TV, stage and screen celebrity Tony Danza; Musicfest favorites Chris Botti and Michael Feinstein; the legendary John Pizzarelli Trio, The Hot Sardines, Back to Bacharach, as well as Under the Streetlamp performing classic hits with tight harmonies. All of this right in your backyard—North Scottsdale.

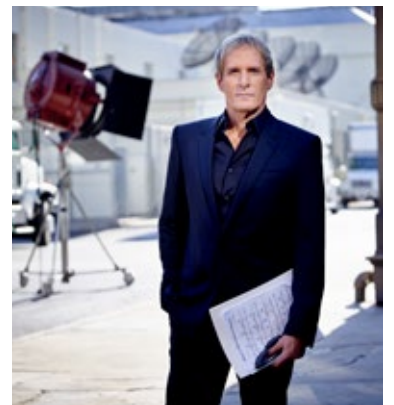


Classical more your thing? *A Salute to John Williams*, as well as works by Beethoven, and Rachmaninoff highlight this year's Festival Orchestra Week in February. Under the direction of Maestro Robert Moody, The Festival Orchestra is comprised of musicians from the nation's

finest orchestras. Additional symphonic works to be performed include Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, featuring the stirring "Nimrod" movement, as well as Peter Boyer's *Ellis Island: The Dream of America*, which tells the dramatic stories of immigrants to our nation.

"We are thrilled to offer Musicfest audiences another exciting season filled with exceptional artists from across the music spectrum," said Arizona Musicfest Executive and Producing Director Allan Naplan. "While some artists are returning to the Musicfest stage, others are making their much-anticipated festival debuts. Combined, our line-up of diverse artists and musical genres offers something for everyone."

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [azmusicfest.org](http://azmusicfest.org).





## City of Scottsdale 2020 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 stack items neatly, parallel to the street on your front property line, where your trash collection typically takes place.

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 separate your brush and bulk pickup into two piles** – one for green waste and one for everything else. The piles will

be picked up by separate trucks during your designated brush and bulk pickup week. The green waste – yard clippings, branches and trimmings – will be composted to help grow new plants, while the rest will be taken to the landfill for disposal.

- 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.

February 17	June 15	October 19
March 16	July 20	November 16
April 13	August 17	December 21
May 11	September 21	

**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](http://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/recycle)



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Sat., Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Talon Room, GCA Office

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Whoever says, "Science, technology, engineering, and math can't be fun", has never played with robots. This robotics workshop is "programmed" fun for all. No need to be an expert in STEM or robotics to enjoy this class. This is a great opportunity to feel the exhilaration of sport and the challenge of science, technology, engineering, and math. Working as a member of a team, children and a parent will use their imaginations and problem-solving skills to design, build, and test robots to participate in a robotics challenge. This two-hour camp is designed for children ages 7 - 13 and a parent. A parent is required to attend with their child. Cost to participate is \$10 per child. RSVP on [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by Feb. 5.

## Internet Safety Class

Tues., Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

Talon Room, GCA Office

7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. Ste. 102

Internet safety has become a popular topic in our digital world today. Join instructor Jeff Toomey on Safer Internet Day as he shows you how to protect your data online. He'll give you easy steps to make your internet activity safer and better protected from prying eyes. Handouts will be provided with steps to follow at-home. Computers are not needed to be brought to the presentation. This is a free class, but registration is required at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by Feb. 10 to reserve your seat.

## Grayhawk Single Sippers

Wed., Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Volanti at the Scottsdale Airport

15000 N Airport Dr, Scottsdale

If you are a single looking for casual conversation, a friend, or just to meet some other singles in your neighborhood, this event is for you! Grab yourself a light bite to eat and a drink while watching the airplanes come in and out of the Scottsdale. This is a great way to broaden your circle of friends and to try something new. Our reservation starts at 5:30 pm. We must give the restaurant our final count of attendees by Feb.10; please register online by that date at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) to reserve your seat.

## Art with Mimi

Wed., Feb. 19 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Raptor Room, GCA Office

7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. Ste. 102

Join award winning textile artist, Mimi Damrauer for a simple and fun fabric art class. No stress - just fun! Bring a beverage of your choice to share. Cost to participate is \$40 and includes all necessary supplies. RSVP online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) and pre-pay in the Grayhawk office via check (made out to Marian Damrauer) by Feb.17.

## SAVE THE DATE:

Watch for registration to open  
for these upcoming events!

### GCA and RVA Annual Meeting

March 24 at 6 p.m.

### Family BBQ

March 27 at 5:30 p.m.

### Easter Egg Hunt

April 11 at 9:30 a.m.

### Community Garage Sale

April 25 from 7-11 a.m.

### Grayhawk Golf Tournament

May 3 at 1:30 p.m.

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## Daddy Daughter Dance - 80's Dance Party

Sat., Feb. 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Grayhawk Elementary School Multi-purpose Room

Get in the groove by rockin' your fluorescents and bust a move on over to the Grayhawk Elementary School for our 80's Dance Party. Practice your break dancing moves for the first ever break dancing competition. Winner goes home with an exciting prize! DJ Eric will be spinning your favorite tunes and the 80's top hits. Make memories with the selfie station photobooth, sweets station, and raffle prizes galore. Price is \$26 per couple and \$10 for each additional person if registration is received by Feb. 17. Registration will be accepted until end of day February 19 at a higher cost of \$36 per couple and \$10 for each additional guest. Make sure to register early as this event fills up fast! No day of walkups or registration after the 19 will be accepted, as food and supplies are purchased days prior. Register online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by February 19 to reserve your spot.



### RAFFLE PRIZES (WITH RAFFLE TICKET PURCHASE):

This year's raffle prizes for the girls include everything from exciting gift cards to Bath & Body Works, glitter pillows to crazy slime kits and so much more! Don't worry Dads, we didn't forget you. You also have the chance to win baskets stuffed full of manly goodies, including golf balls, gift cards to local restaurants and more. In addition to the chance to win raffle prizes, every girl will have the chance to snag a special something at the event. No one will walk away empty-handed.

## Overcoming Back Pain with Dr. Eric

Tues., Feb. 25 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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

Are you struggling with back pain and are looking for solutions that don't require surgery? Dr. Eric with Impact Physical Therapy has some great options he will discuss in this seminar. This is an interactive class where he will discuss cupping therapy and at home exercises you can do to treat your back pain and get you back to do what you love to do. There is no cost to attend this class, but registration is required online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by Feb. 21 to save your seat.

## HIKING CLUB- FEBRUARY 2020

To learn more about these hikes and/or RSVP, go to <http://www.meetup.com/Grayhawk-Hiking-Club/>. To participate, you must have joined the club online (if you have not already done so) and RSVP'd "YES" to this event. On the website, you can review many other upcoming hikes and email the organizers with questions.

### *Superstition Mountains*

Sat., Feb. 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Join the Hiking Club for a strenuous 10 mile hike in the Superstition Mountains near Canyon Lake. This hike is ideal for experienced hikers only. Hiking time is approximately 5 - 6 hours in addition to one hour commute each way.

### *Gateway to Inspiration Point in the McDowell Preserve*

Sat., Feb. 15 at 8:00 am

Join the Hiking Club to hike the Gateway Trailhead in the McDowell Preserve. This 7 mile loop hike is ideal for intermediate hikers. Estimated hiking time is approximately 3-3.5 hours.

### *GoJohn Loop & Cave Creek Recreation Area*

Sat., Feb. 22 at 8 a.m.

Join the Hiking Club for a moderate 5 mile loop in the Cave Creek Recreation Area. This hike is ideal for intermediate hikers. Estimated hiking time is approximately 3 - 3.5 hours.



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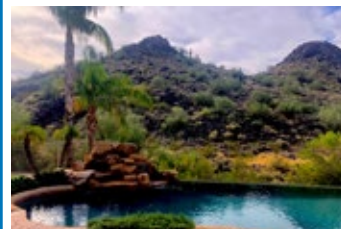
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GCA and RVA  
Board Mtgs.  
5:30 p.m.  
Talon Room

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ARC Mtg.  
4:30 p.m.  
GCA Office

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Hiking Club  
8:30 a.m.  
  
Robotics  
Workshop  
10 a.m.  
Talon Room

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Vintage BOD Mtg.  
10 a.m.  
Talon Room

10

11

Internet  
Safety Class  
6 p.m.  
Talon Room

12

Single Sippers  
5:30 p.m.  
Volanti

13

Encore BOD Mtg.  
6 p.m.  
Encore Clubhouse

14

15

Hiking Club  
8 a.m.

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ARC Mtg.  
4:30 p.m. GCA Office  
Art Class  
5:30 p.m. Raptor Rm  
Avian BOD Mtg.  
6 p.m. Talon Rm  
Venu BOD Mtg.  
6:30 p.m. Great Rm

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Hiking club  
8 a.m.  
  
Daddy Daughter  
Dance 5:30 p.m.  
Grayhawk  
Elementary

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Tesoro BOD Mtg.  
6 p.m.  
Clubhouse  
  
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With spring just around the corner, the school is working towards building a “Path to the Future,” and Grayhawk Elementary School invites you to participate in our latest project. We are commemorating over 20 years since the opening of Grayhawk Elementary School and are very excited to invite past or present connections to Grayhawk Elementary to participate.

If you were an employee, family, student or volunteer, we would like to extend this invitation to leave your mark on Grayhawk with a personalized brick to be placed in a new brick path being built in the front

of our school this Spring. The path will include two different sizes of memory bricks. Our 6” x 6” brick includes three lines of text with up to 15 characters per line for \$60. Our 6” x 9” brick includes 5 lines of text with up to 15 characters per line for \$80. For an additional \$5 you may select to add a special character to the larger brick. Characters available are a paw print, graduation cap, and schoolhouse. Teachers and staff may add an apple to their brick if they choose.

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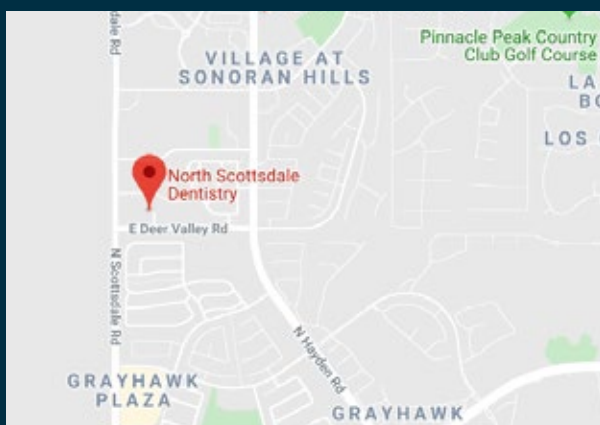
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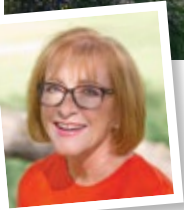
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# Our Desert, Our Home



## A New Point of View

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

Let's conduct a little thought experiment, shall we? I want you to think like a plant. Yep. Take a deep breath and let's go for it!

Imagine if you were immobile, outdoors, in the desert, for decades and maybe millennia on end. For starters, you'd be bored out of your mind. But what if you didn't have a mind? You're not a sentient being but you are a productive and helpful member of your community.

Your most important challenge is sustaining life. You need food, water, air and sunshine. You have no grocery store, no system of canals shepherding water to you from the Colorado River. You're okay for air, but sunshine is often your enemy and rain is infrequent.

To sustain life, you need food but that immobility thing gets in the way.



Deer Valley Wash Trail

### A Community of Food Producers

No matter where you lay down your roots, you must produce your own food. Food production is as natural to you as transpiration. Remember? Humans perspire; plants transpire.

Put on your "human hat" again, just for a sec.

Every time, *everywhere* you see green (it doesn't matter the shade or the hue) you're seeing food production. All plants take water, air and sunlight and make food. You'll recall from high school biology that this process is called photosynthesis.

What if you had to make your own food? Not grow it. Make it. With nothing more than water, air and sunshine. Would your perspective shift? At least a little?

... back to being a plant.

If you're a plant, making your own food is essential for survival.

That, and attracting really enthusiastic pollinators. But, I digress.

When it comes to photosynthesis, trees are the rock stars of the plant world because not only do they make their own food, but they also take air, sunshine and water and turn them into wood. Pretty neat trick. Each tree is like an independent non-stop-no-down-time wood manufacturer.

Plants and trees have no choice in where they spend their lives and once in place are unlikely to move - at least not under their own power. It would be easy to think of them as simply existing along side us, if we think of them at all.

### Let's Pay Attention

We humans don't notice plants much. Sure, we sometimes pay attention to how quickly a plant has grown or if it appears to be ailing or if it was damaged by a storm. But, other than those obvious things, we generally take for granted the parallel universe growing all around us.

And, it's not as if plants make it easy for us to notice, either. They don't mark time the way humans do. If humans are sprinters, the plant world is in an ultramarathon.

### The Long Haul

Saguaros don't sprout their first arms until they're in their 70s or so and, by then, they're just getting started. They haven't even reached middle age at this point.

Native Palo Verdes (aka Foothills Palo Verde, aka *Parkinsonia microphylla*) have a life span of about 400 years. Our native Ironwoods, easily reach the age of 500 and some manage to live 1,000 years or more. Saguaros, Palos and Ironwoods are keystone species in the Sonoran. Without them, this desert, as we know it, does not exist. Food (ahem) for thought, huh?

### Our Job

Since we're the thinkers in this mix, it's our job to understand and appreciate the world around us. Protect it when we can. And, nurture it always.



# SONORAN PLANT PALETTE

## *Eremophila maculata* 'Outback Sunrise'



**Latin Name:**

*Eremophila maculata* 'Outback Sunrise'

**Common Name:**

Outback Sunrise

**Native Distribution:**

Inland Australia

**Size:**

Up to 2-3' h x 10-15' w

**Flower:**

Short, curved, deep yellow, 1" long;  
Blooms from February to May

**Foliage:**

Deep green & Evergreen, about 1/2" long

**Site Preferences:**

Sunny Location in Well-Drained Soil;  
Tolerates Wide Variety of Soil Types;  
Tolerates some light shade

**Landscape Uses:**

Informal accent; Ground cover for large spaces



**Plant Characteristics**

- Evergreen
- Woody
- Attracts Hummingbirds
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The Katherine Hepburn Brownies, topped with Grayhawk resident Carol Peters' own special icing, were original found by Carol in the "First Gentleman's Cookbook" that she bought in her hometown on Omaha, Nebraska. The cookbook was written by William Orr, husband to former Nebraska Governor Kay Orr, as she was running her state from 1987-1991. The brownies are easy to make and delicious. The perfect treat for your sweet this Valentine's Day!

### ***Katherine Hepburn Brownies***

Melt together:

- 4oz. unsweetened chocolate (4 squares of Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate)
- 1 cup butter

Add & mix by hand vigorously:

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt

Add & mix by hand vigorously:

- ½ cup flour

Grease 9 x 9 inch square or 8 x 12 inch rectangular pan

Bake at 340 degrees for approximately 20 minutes.

Brownies are done when a toothpick comes up clean.

### ***Carol Peters Incredible Icing:***

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch of salt

**Directions:**

In a saucepan, combine sugar, cocoa powder, butter and milk. Stir to dissolve sugar and bring to a boil. Cook 1 minute. Add vanilla and pinch of salt. With hand mixer or by hand, beat until cool and thickened enough to spread over brownies.





## Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

Welcome to the fun-filled month of February. I am saying this with tongue in cheek so to speak because just when the holiday season seems to be behind

all of us, bam...February has arrived. We seem to have jumped from the holidays right into the Scottsdale Event Season. Between the Waste Management Phoenix Open, the Super Bowl, Valentines' Day, a couple three days weekends and Spring Training, our New Year's Resolutions didn't stand a chance!

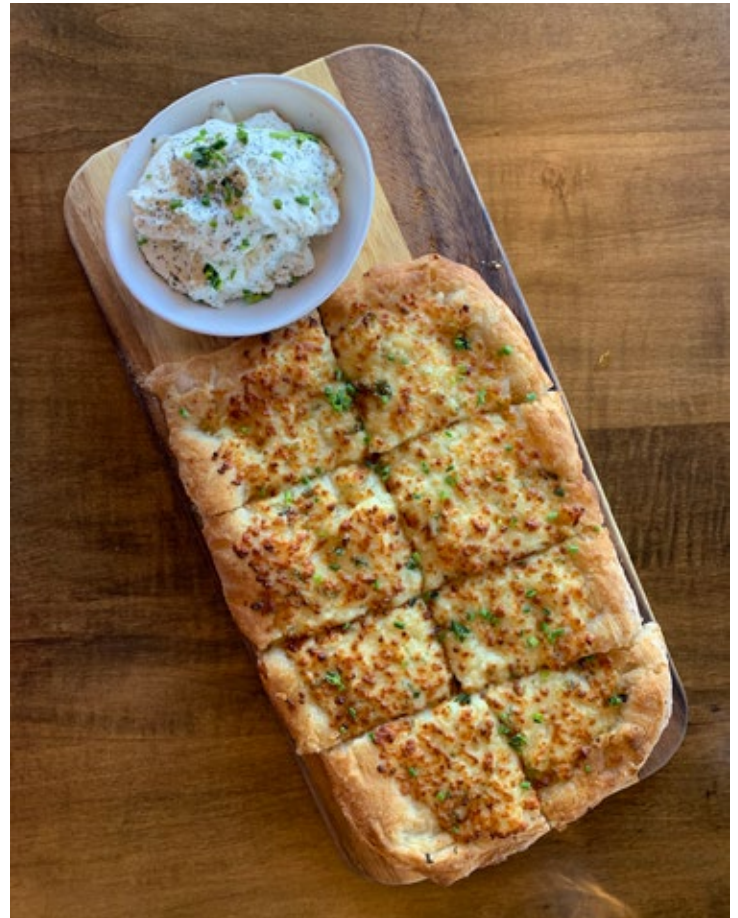
All this fun just means more visitors and more venturing out for breakfast, lunch and drinks and dinner. This month Grayhawk staff member Jennifer Sheets and I decided to visit and lunch at **Meat the Ball** located in the Scottsdale Promenade.

**Meat the Ball** is a small and conveniently placed restaurants featuring indoor dining, kitchen-bar counter seating and a nice little patio with additional seating.

The menu features everything from salads to sandwiches, pasta to pinsa romana (pizza). The real star, though, is the meatballs. And the meatballs on the menu are no ordinary meatballs. They offer seven different meatball variations, with an option to save \$3 if you order three meatballs. Guess what Jenn and I did? We ignored the rest of the menu and ordered the balls. We ordered two flights of three to get a good taste for the offerings. We ordered *Rustica* (beef with parmesan cheese sauce), *Chicken* with pesto sauce, *Eggplant* (stuffed with mozzarella and covered in marinara), *Spicy Sausage* with barbeque sauce, short rib with gravy sauce, and *Cauliflower* with tomato curry sauce. The *Cauliflower* was vegan, vegetarian and gluten free.

We thoroughly enjoyed our six choices, except neither of us loved the cauliflower meatball. I have seen in reviews that many people claimed that is their favorite. However, neither of us are big curry fans. Jennifer loved the spicy sausage, but I didn't care for it because it was too spicy for me. I thought the short rib was very good.

I wanted a little bread, so we also ordered the *Cheesy Garlic Focaccia* with herb crema. It was delicious, but there was so much bread! It's definitely something to order for a crowd. Jennifer took leftovers back to the office for the rest of staff to sample.



All in all we thoroughly enjoyed our meals. I think that ordering meatball flights was definitely the way to go, as we got to sample a few different options. The service was great and the Staff was very attentive.

I would recommend putting on your list of places to go for lunch or dinner this month. They have a nice happy hours Tuesday through Sunday from 3- 6 p.m. Please note that they are closed on Mondays.

Until next month, enjoy the month of February and all of the fun it brings!

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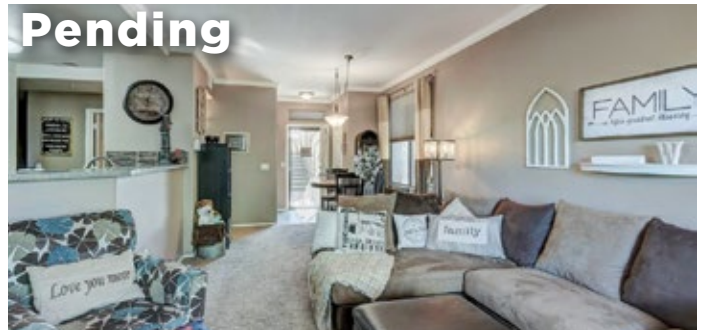
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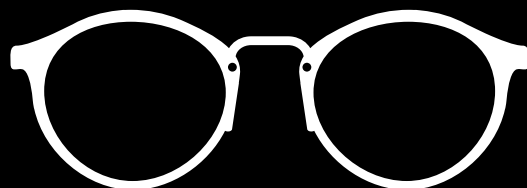
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