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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Fee
Grayhawk Community Manager
BOARD MEETINGS – JULY 2017

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

Grayhawk Board of Directors
No meeting scheduled in July.
Grayhawk_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Retreat Village Board of Directors
No meeting scheduled in July.
Retreat_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

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., July 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the GCA office.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS
Avian Condominium Association
Board Meeting
No meeting scheduled for July.
Call Associated Property Management 480-941-1077 for details.

Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board 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
Wed., July 19 at 6 p.m. in the Encore Clubhouse. Call Ogden and Company at 480-396-4567 for details.

Tesor Condominium Association Board Meeting
Mon., July 24 at 6 p.m. in the Tesoro Clubhouse. Call Kinney Management at 480-820-3451 for details.

Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting
Call Associated Property Management at 480-941-1077 for details.

Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting
No meeting scheduled for July.
Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 for details.

Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting
No meeting scheduled in July.
Call Associated Property Management at 480-941-1077 for details.

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.
Development Committee

Wood Patel provided a presentation and submitted a proposal regarding removing Grayhawk from the Rawhide Wash floodplain.

Wood Patel was able to successfully petition FEMA to remove Vi at Silverstone and other areas north of Grayhawk from the Rawhide Wash floodplain which eliminated the flood insurance requirement for these properties. Wood Patel believes due to the infrastructure work done by Vi at Silverstone and other flood mitigating circumstances, most, if not all, of the Grayhawk properties currently located in the Rawhide Wash floodplain and required to pay flood insurance can also very likely be removed from the floodplain eliminating the requirement for homeowners in this area to carry flood insurance for the property.

This issue also affects the Village at Grayhawk, Vintage at Grayhawk, and Venu and would potentially save each association tens of thousands of dollars ($50,000+) for each condominium association annually if they were no longer required to carry flood insurance for each building/unit. This issue would also affect the Grayhawk Plaza, Honor Health, Vi at Grayhawk, and Discount Tire, and could potentially eliminate their requirement to carry flood insurance on their property.

A motion was made and approved to accept the proposal from Wood Patel to provide civil engineering services for processing and acquiring a Letter of Map Revision for the Grayhawk Community Association to remove Grayhawk from the Rawhide Wash floodplain. The money will come from the Community Enhancement Fund pending approval by the Community Enhancement Committee.

Michael Fee has had discussions with the Village at Grayhawk, Venu, and Vintage who have all indicated that they would be interested in contributing to the cost of this project and possibly using this project as their submittal for the 2018 Condominium Community Enhancement Program.

Grayhawk Homeowner Roxanne Newland presented a study she recently conducted regarding a significant increase in air traffic noise over Grayhawk. According to Ms. Newland, her study shows a 71% increase in flights over Grayhawk in the past four years and an increase in the number of those flights taking place during curfew hours. Ms. Newland has also had discussions with the Scottsdale Airport Aviation Director regarding her study. Ms. Newland was asked to provide her recommended solutions that may be addressed with the Airport Advisory Commission.

Operational Review Committee

Martha Troy reported that the Meet the Mayor meeting went very well.

David Van Omen requested that we consider a new gate access policy for Realtors who regularly visit the community.

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Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that the committee did not meet in May. Regular maintenance including turf transition and tree pruning in addition to special budgeted items like culvert cleaning has been taking place.

A motion was made and approved to pay $88,525.00 from the Community Enhancement Fund for the DLC Resources' Deer Valley Channel erosion repair project pending approval by the Community Enhancement Committee.

The proposal covers 25 locations identified by Copper State Engineering as areas in need of erosion repairs. The original proposal for $68,155.00 previously recommended by the Landscape Committee and Community Enhancement Committee only addressed 17 areas in the Deer Valley Channel.

Community Enhancement Committee

Bob Mann reported that there was no meeting in May.

Event Planning Committee

Sarah Van Duyne reported that although the price of the Grayhawk Community Golf Tournament increased from $30 to $65, we still had a great turnout and a sold out with over 200 golfers in attendance and a wait list.

Upcoming summer events include Bouquets and Cabernets and Lego Camp.

Communications Committee

Jennifer Sheets reported that the committee had a discussion about priorities moving forward and decided to solicit proposals for a new website. This would allow GCA to have a more robust site that is also mobile friendly.

Architectural Review Committee

Paul Alessio reported that there were two meetings this month, one with 10 submittals and one with 11. They have been seeing more activity and especially more creative submittals.

The committee re-evaluated their original monument sign suggestions and will likely have new ideas coming to the Board soon.

Budget/Finance Committee

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee did not meet but is planning to meet in June to review the 2016 GCA and RVA audits with the association’s auditor.

Executive Committee

Linda Shaw gave a Strategic Plan update and noted several items including the Meet the Mayor event, the Community Golf Tournament, the monument sign project and others underway in alignment with the Strategic Plan.

A motion was made and approved to accept the committee member appointments as presented.

Treasurer’s Report

Jeanette Griswold reported that the community is doing well financially. Over $62,000 was taken in to the Community Enhancement Fund in April, bringing the total to over $2 million.

Management Report

Michael Fee reported that the wall and fence painting project in the Coventry at Grayhawk neighborhood has begun and the GCAs painting contractor, Advanced Painting, has completed painting approximately 50% of the common area walls and view fences in the Coventry at Grayhawk neighborhood. The common area walls and view fencing in the Coventry at the Park and Windsong neighborhoods will also be painted later this year.

To date, we have received 1,211 total votes, of which 1,052 are in favor of amending the proposed CC&R amendment to prohibit short-term rental properties less than 30 days in length.

Dana Gonzalez and Jennifer Sheets compiled a list of ways to increase the vote count, which included a voicemail drop, extra work to update the Jenark accounting database with information found in the ABDI gate access database and direct mail.

A motion was made and approved to pay up to $10,000 from the Community Enhancement Fund to work toward increasing the vote count pending the approval by the Community Enhancement Committee.
Happy Summer!

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“Dole whip at the Treatery.”
- Jennifer Izenstark

“BBQ hamburger and an ice cold beer!!!”
- Sue Lukenbill

“Mint chocolate chip ice cream!”
- Debra Gold

“Strawberry frozen yogurt!”
- Dawn Weirich

“Frozen fruit and any flavor of frozen yogurt.”
- Rochelle Heringer

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The NCAA announced today that Grayhawk Golf Club will become the new host site for the Division I NCAA Men’s and Women’s Golf Championships for three years beginning in 2020 through 2022.

“We are obviously honored to be chosen as the new venue for this prestigious championship,” said Gregg Tryhus, Managing Partner of Grayhawk Golf Club. “We worked with ASU to submit a bid, and we’re thrilled that it was accepted. Grayhawk has a tradition of hosting competitive tournaments at the highest level. We look forward to hosting the NCAA Golf Championship.”

The championship will be contested at the Raptor course, a par-72, 7,090-yard Tom Fazio design with a course rating of 74.2 and slope of 140. Since debuting in 1995, Raptor has hosted several premier competitive golf tournaments such as the PGA TOUR’s Frys.com Open (2007-2009). Other events include the inaugural Williams World Challenge in 1999 (Hero World Challenge), and the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf (1995, 1997 & 1998), now known as the Dell Technologies Match Play. Grayhawk also hosted the PGA Jr. League National Championship (broadcast on the Golf Channel), Pro-Ams for the Waste Management Phoenix Open (1996 to 2012), The Tommy Bahama Challenge (2004 & 2005) plus the Thunderbird International Junior, an AJGA event played from 2000 to present on the Raptor Course at Grayhawk.

ASU played a big role in bringing the event to the Valley of the Sun. “We are fortunate to live in one of the most prestigious golf destinations in the country, so what better place to host the NCAA Golf Championships than Scottsdale, Arizona, which annually hosts one of the largest tournaments on the PGA TOUR,” said Vice President for Sun Devil Athletics Ray Anderson. “We are thrilled for the opportunity to host the nation’s elite in our own backyard for three consecutive years, and we intend to illustrate why Arizona is the perfect place for the NCAA Golf Championships.”
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Coffee Chat with Press Coffee Roasters
Thurs., July 20 from 9 am to 10 am
Raptor Room, GCA Office
7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. Ste. 102
We invite you to join us in the Raptor Room at the Grayhawk office to experience a guided coffee tasting featuring special blends brought from Press Coffee Roasters. Like wine, there are so many varieties of coffee that tasting them all can be somewhat overwhelming. Guided Tastings allow you to experience the flavor characteristics of a particular coffee and compare it to another coffee from the same or different growing region or processing method. We will also have some great breakfast treats to pair with the coffees! The first 10 people registered (and attend) will receive a $10 gift card compliments of Press Coffee! Cost to Participate is $5 per person and can be paid here in the GCA office with cash or check prior to the event. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by July 18 to reserve your seat!

Pinot and Pilates Party
Fri., July 21 from 5pm to 6:30 pm
Club Pilates at Scottsdale Promenade
16447 N. Scottsdale Rd. Ste. 119
Want to strengthen and lengthen your body without actually going to the gym, breaking a sweat, or feeling intimidated? Oh yeah, and also enjoy a class of wine while you’re there? Join the new Club Pilates Scottsdale Promenade for Pinot and Pilates, a private Pilates Party just for Grayhawk residents. Enjoy a complimentary Reformer Pilates class using their specialized equipment, followed by a happy hour reception with your neighbors in the beautiful, light-filled studio. Club Pilates is not charging for this class, but they are asking for participants to bring new school supplies of your choice to donate to local at-risk youth. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Wednesday, July 19. The school supply donation will be collected at Club Pilates the day of the class.

iPhone Tutorial with Jeff Toomey
Mon., July 24 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Mon., July 31 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Talon Room, GCA Office
7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. Ste. 102
If you have an iPhone or iPad that you would like to learn more about, and how to use efficiently, this class is for you! Jeff Toomey, CEO of Speak Toomey LLC and former Apple employee, is coming to Grayhawk to talk all things iPhone! In this 2 part series Jeff will teach helpful tips and tricks on how to use your phone more efficiently for everyday tasks. Part one will cover the basics of the iPhone, because having a good understanding of the basics of how the iPhone works, will help when going in more details for part two. In part two, we will answer in more details from questions that were brought up in part one, as well as going in more details of the apps people use everyday, to have a better understanding of those apps. In both parts of the class, security and online safety with the iPhone will briefly be discussed. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by July 21 to save your seat! Don’t worry Android users, we didn’t forget about you! Keep your eyes open for an Android smart phone class in August.
In & Around Grayhawk

Grayhawk Single Sippers Club
Wed., July 26 at 5 pm
Soul Café
7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd
If you are a single looking for casual conversation, a friend, or just to meet some other singles in your neighborhood, then this event is for you! Come grab yourself a light bite to eat and a drink all while meeting some new people. This is a great way to broaden your circle of friends and to try something new. Our reservation starts at 5 p.m., you are welcome to join a little later if you cannot be there by 5 p.m. We must give the restaurant our final count of attendees by July 24, please RSVP by that date to 480-563-9839.

Grayhawk Nights at Bodega 13
May 17 through September 27
Bodega 13
8876 E Pinnacle Peak Rd #100
Grayhawk residents will receive 15% your entire bill on Thursday nights all summer long. Just make a reservation and identify yourself as a Grayhawk resident on the reservation. You and your guests will receive 15% off your entire bill. This offer is valid now through September 27. For reservations call Bodega 13 at 480-284-7600. They are open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner.

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Happy Independence Day!

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

Encore Board Mtg.
6 p.m.
Encore Clubhouse

Coffee Chat
9 a.m.
Raptor Room

Pinot and Pilates
5 p.m.
Club Pilates

iPhone Tutorial
5:30 p.m.
Talon Room

Tesor o Board Mtg.
6 p.m.
Tesor o Clubhouse

Single Sippers
5 p.m.
Soul Cafe

Grayhawk Nights at Bodega 13
Thursdays through September 27
Whether you’re new to the valley or a long-time resident, you can never be too safe when it comes to monsoon storms. The Arizona Emergency Information Network shares some tips below on how to keep yourself safe during a storm.

**Driving Safely In Storms**

Practice common sense when driving in a dust storm or heavy rain. When weather conditions worsen, slow down and allow more space between you and the car ahead.

Per the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), tire pressure should be checked on all tires, including the spare, at least once a month or before going on long trips. Due to the extreme heat Arizona experiences in the summer months, it is recommended that air pressure be checked once a week.

**Dust Storms**

- Avoid dust storms if possible. “Pull Aside, Stay Alive.”
- Turn headlights on and slow to a prudent speed.
- If you pull off the road, move as far right as possible. Turn off the car and headlights, and set the parking brake. Remove your foot from the brake, or other drivers may think you’re a car in motion.
- If conditions prevent pulling off the road, proceed at a reduced speed. In this case, turn the headlights on and use the center line as a guide. Never stop on the pavement.

**Heavy Rain**

- Rain reduces traction and causes tires to hydroplane. Slow your speed accordingly.
- Water on roads may be deeper than it looks. Watch for vehicles traveling too fast; they can throw blinding sheets of water.
- Don’t cross rain-swollen washes. You could be caught in a flash flood that can sweep your vehicle and its contents away.
- Control of a vehicle is lost in 6 inches of water. Most vehicles begin to float in 2 feet of water.
- Pay attention to hazard signs and roadblocks. Ignoring them threatens life and property and can result in police action. Arizona has a “Stupid Motorist Law” that provides for recovery of the costs associated with rescuing a driver who avoids a roadblock and gets stuck in a flooded street.

**If You’re Stuck in a Wash**

- Call 9-1-1.
- Climb onto the roof of your vehicle and wait to be rescued.
- If water is still low, wade to safety, but beware of floating debris.
This month’s headline was not meant to tie your tongue or send you to your nearest dictionary. Many desert plants are deciduous, but not in the way you might expect.

As I’ve mentioned in previous columns, I’m from Illinois - the land of hot, humid summers and brutally cold winters. With four distinct seasons, the onset of fall always signaled that our seasonal trees would shed their leaves and go dormant for the winter. I learned as a tiny child that the trees that drop their leaves are deciduous. It was the only kind of deciduousness I knew.

Then I moved to the Sonoran Desert.

Our Old Friend, Evapotranspiration

Through thousands of years of adaptation, our desert plants have reinvented deciduousness and it all has to do with evapotranspiration. For those of you who are new to plant lingo, evapotranspiration combines two words: evaporation + transpiration. And, this term has special meaning for desert plants.

In this case, evaporation refers to moisture loss from the ground. The transpiration part of the term sounds difficult, but it isn’t. Put simply, people perspire and plants transpire. Plants lose moisture through their leaves much as humans lose moisture through our skin. This explains why desert plants’ leaves are so small. The smaller the leaf, the longer and better the moisture retention.

Because the Sonoran is so arid, one of our plants’ strategic survival techniques is minimizing transpiration. Some plants get by with a smaller leaf surface. Others aren’t content until they can drop their leaves for awhile and grow new ones when conditions are more favorable. But, when do they do that and why?

On Being Deciduous

When it comes to dropping leaves, desert plants are creative and often messy. They follow the beat of their own drummer with survival as their goal. Deciduousness takes several different forms. Here is a summary of each along with examples of plants you may recognize.

Winter Deciduous - Dropping leaves going into winter is pretty-well understood by most of us and there are desert plants that do this, too. Desert Willows, Chaste Trees and the Queen’s Wreath vine are examples. Some winter deciduous plants require a frost to get their leaves to drop, but others rely on nature’s subtle desert signals to begin the process.

Drought Deciduous - Here’s where desert plants get really interesting. Many desert plants drop their leaves when the soil gets dry and they can’t bear to lose more moisture through their tiny leaves. They need a “time out” until conditions improve. The best examples of this are Ocotillos and Palo Verde trees. Our bi-modal rains trigger leaf-out. When it gets dry, the leaves drop again.

Summer Deciduous - Some desert plants just give it up for the summer. Rain Lilies are a small perennial triggered by monsoon rains. They pop up and bloom beautifully from late summer to early winter. Their deep green, grassy foliage lasts through the winter unfazed by frost. But, when it gets hot, they’re done. Then they look like they’ve died - only to return with the next monsoons.

Boojam trees are similarly contrary. These natives of the Baja peninsula look straight out of Dr. Seuss - so ugly they are funny and appealing. Their trunks are white and their shape is that of an inverted carrot. These slow-growing plants blossom and then lose their leaves toward the end of winter and don’t leaf out again until November. They are relatives of the Ocotillo.

Desert plants are infinitely fascinating. They manage to survive under the most brutal conditions and they pull off this little trick by continuing to adapt. These plants are crucial to our ecosystem and do wonders for us both horticulturally and aesthetically. Our job is to return the favor by caring for them in ways that help them thrive. Understanding their deciduousness is one more way for us to help them do just that.

Plant of the Month

It seems only fitting that this month’s plant is the Ocotillo (Fouquieria splendens) since it is such a great example of a drought deciduous plant.
Plant of the Month: *Ocotillo*

**Latin Name:** *Fouquieria splendens*

**Common Name:** Ocotillo

**Native Distribution:**
Chihuahuan, Mohave & Sonoran Deserts

**Size:** Up to 15’h x 10’w

**Flower:** Bright Red Tubular Flowers Clustered on Branch Tips in Spring

**Foliage:** Green Leaves 1” x 1/2” Punctuated with 1” Spines

**Site Preferences:** Full Sun in Well-Drained Soil

**Landscape Uses:** Striking Form is Especially Highlighted Against a Blank Wall; Keep it Away from Sidewalks and Walkways; Planted Close Together, Ocotillo Can Become an Impenetrable Fence

**Plant Characteristics:**
- Drought Deciduous
- Slow Growth Rate
- Leaves Drop at Least Twice a Year
- Hummingbirds Are Attracted to Flowers
- Tolerates Long Periods of Drought
- Water 2x/Mo to Retain Leaves
- Transplants Take a Long Time to Leaf Out
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Our summer is officially here. Monsoons, mixed with celebrations of freedom, hot dogs and those “dog days” of summer have me full of mixed emotions. Kinda makes one want to “get out of Dodge” as the expression goes particularly since our temperatures haven’t been very nice to us recently. I’m starting to wish it were October already.

As you read this article, we will be in Show Low, AZ celebrating the 4th of July and six heavenly days among the pine trees, blue skies and cooler temperatures. We will then fly to Reno to spend a glorious week in Lake Tahoe in Chambers Landing with family. Upon our return we will go right back to Show Low to hide out at our kids’ cabin for most of August and September.

If you are planning to stay here, you are probably looking for ways to stay indoors to relax and catch some cooler air. I think I have found a perfect escape for you, especially if you love breakfast.

Jennifer Sheets, Grayhawk’s Director of Communications, and I dined at a popular Glendale restaurant that opened early in January in DC Ranch here in Scottsdale called The Place. Open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, The Place serves breakfast favorites like biscuits and gravy, hash browns, omelets and pancakes. Lunch offerings include soups, salads, burgers, hot and cold sandwiches, and a lengthy list of “melts”. They basically serve good, hearty favorites with a sprinkling of southwest combinations and specials that will make your mouth water.

On our visit, Jennifer ordered the Caprese Avocado Toast that was 21 grain toast with avocado, fresh mozzarella, tomato, basil, pesto and balsamic reduction. She added diced potatoes as a side. I opted to order from the lunch menu, going with the BBQ Bacon Burger, served with grilled onions and cheddar cheese. My side order was naturally French fries which easily could have fed two people. My personal bacon burger gauge is always how they cook the bacon, and they got it just right…nice and crispy. I actually ate the whole burger!

I almost forgot to mention the best part...they have Bloody Marys, Mimosas and Man-Mosas on the menu to enjoy with your meal! It was the Man-Mosa that really caught my eye. I just thought it was a giant Mimosa for the strong, burly men. Actually, it is a twist on a mimosa with Papago Orange Blossom Beer. I can’t wait to go back and try it!

I’ve been hearing a lot of buzz on the street about this place and I was glad we went. I was told that on Sundays, you might actually see Randy Johnson there, and that Michael Phelps was also spotted there recently. I guess even the big dogs like their home cookin’!

Give yourself a treat this month and visit The Place for breakfast and/or lunch. I don’t think you will be disappointed.

Happy 4th of July and be safe this summer!

**THE PLACE**
20775 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale
480-284-4150
Still Sweet and Salty

When we are in AZ we occasionally hit some of the amazing gelato, ice cream and froyo places after dinner. But sometimes we restrain ourselves, stay in and try to have something just as cold, sweet and delicious but much healthier! Steph came up with this sweet little frozen snack, Banana Split Bites, and we always have a container of them in the freezer for those days when we are craving ice cream but don’t want the guilt.

It’s hard to believe that chocolate is a healthy food, but if you choose DARK chocolate it is! Some of the proven health benefits include it fights free-radicals, contains anti-oxidants, is an anti-inflammatory, potentially fights cancer, improves heart health, and can lower blood pressure.

We like the Lily’s brand of chips sweetened with Stevia (a natural, zero calorie sweetener made from the stevia leaf). Most other chocolate chips have less cacao (the purest form of chocolate) and are sweetened with sugar. Seriously, when you pop one of these bites into your mouth it tastes just like a banana split, and you will NOT miss the ice cream!

Banana Split Bites

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk

Total time: 15 minutes

Ingredients:
- 6-7 yellow bananas (organic if possible)
- 1 package Lily’s dark chocolate chips, sweetened with Stevia (available at Whole Foods)
- 1 ½ Tablespoon organic coconut oil
- ½ jar Simple Truth no stir crunchy peanut butter (available at Fry’s)
  – Optional: coconut, maraschino cherries, pineapple, or whatever YOU like on top of banana splits

1. Melt chocolate and coconut oil on stove on very low heat, stirring constantly for a few minutes until chips are melted, set aside and remove from heat
2. Slice bananas into bite-sized pieces and arrange on parchment on a cookie sheet
3. Top bananas with ½ teaspoon peanut butter
4. Add any other topping (coconut, cherry, etc.) on top of peanut butter
5. Drizzle a spoon of melted chocolate over banana split bites
6. Freeze on cookie sheet for 1-2 hours, then remove from parchment and stack & stow in a plastic freezer container

These delish nuggets will last 4-6 weeks in the freezer….if you can make them last that long! And always, always, always, have cool treats on hand for those hot Arizona days.

We welcome your feedback, suggestions and recipe requests! Please feel free to email us at boschl@me.com.
Residents enjoying a "Wines for Humanity" Wine Tasting
Falcon Rescued by Caring Homeowners

A Grayhawk homeowner recently discovered a small bird with a broken wing in their back yard. They had no idea what to do with the bird, but knew they couldn't leave it there.

After some internet research, they located Liberty Wildlife, a non-profit located near Sky Harbor Airport that rescues all types of birds. The residents were give a choice: bring the the bird to Liberty Wildlife in a small box with air holes and a towel or have it picked up by a volunteer, which could have taken up to five hours.

They chose to drive down to Liberty Wildlife, where it was confirmed it was a young (fledging) falcon. Liberty Wildlife was confident they could save the falcon, so they documented the address of the owner and indicated they would release it near their home after its recovery.

Thanks to the time taken by those special homeowners, the falcon was likely saved from a short life. The falcon is a raptor and it's a beautiful irony it was rescued at the Raptor Retreat!
Bobcats, coyotes and javelinas are common visitors to Valley communities and have been sighted in even some of our most urban areas. Becoming more common are stories of residents’ pet dogs and cats being stalked and even killed by desert predators, which are seemingly unafraid of people. You might be surprised at the real reason that this is happening. And if you turn a blind eye, you may be part of the problem.

Every week in Arizona, Game and Fish gets calls from distraught people around the Valley who have lost pets when a coyote found their small dog or outdoor cat to be easy prey. An estimated 75% of the wildlife calls AZGFD receives in the Valley can be linked to nearby community residents who were feeding wildlife.

Feeding wildlife encourages animals to associate us with meeting their basic needs, and they become more and more comfortable around us and our pets, which they see as just an extension of the free buffet. If you see a bobcat or coyote frequenting your yard, chances are that a neighbor has been feeding it… either on purpose or inadvertently.

Although you may enjoy seeing a coyote from a distance, when you feed wildlife, you send a mixed message. If you turn a blind eye to others’ feeding, you are not being part of the solution. Are you doing everything you can to discourage wild animals from visiting your backyard, while your neighbor throws table scraps over the fence? Is your spouse putting out dishes of food for the neighborhood cats, and javelinas and coyotes are attracted to the leftovers after dark? An 8 foot wall is no obstacle for a bobcat or coyote. Even if you love seeing wildlife in your yard, if you are not making it uncomfortable to be there, you are inadvertently sending a message of welcome.

A bobcat or coyote that becomes used to humans may be a welcome sight to you, but a problem animal in your neighborhood… and eventually may need to be unceremoniously removed. Habitudated animals may become aggressive toward pets or people. Arizona Game & Fish generally does not remove animals unless it is a human (not pet) health or safety issue. Licensed private companies will trap animals at homeowners’ expense—fees run in the hundreds of dollars per animal. After removal, the animal may be euthanized, as it has been labeled ‘nuisance’, or it may die after not adapting to its new territory. As you can see, this can quickly become a costly and unfortunate no-win situation for both people and the wildlife we enjoy keeping “wild”.

My neighbor regularly feeds wildlife. What can I do?

First, talk to your neighbor. Explain your concern, and work toward a solution together. Feeding wildlife (other than birds) is not only a bad idea, it is illegal in Maricopa County. If your neighbor insists on continuing to feed, you may report the violation to Arizona Game & Fish’s confidential operation Game Thief hotline at 1-800-352-0700.

What Else Can I Do?

How else can you be part of the solution? If you see a coyote in your yard, don’t condone this behavior by ignoring it. This may cause it to lose its natural fear of people, which can eventually lead to aggressive behavior or it to become considered a “nuisance animal.”

Arizona Game & Fish recommends that you:

- Make loud noises
- Shout and bang pots and pans or rattle empty soda cans with pennies in it
- Wave your hands or objects like sticks and brooms
- Throw small stones
- Spray the animal with a hose or a super-soaker loaded with a 10% household ammonia solution on bold animals that refuse to leave

Start the conversation with your neighbors and come up with a plan that you can all agree on. Keeping wildlife wild is a community issue. And when we keep wildlife wild, everyone wins.

If you have further questions, please feel free to call Amy Burnett at the Mesa office of Arizona Game and Fish at 480-324-3548 or Darren Julian at 480-324-3554.
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APS 602-371-7171
Street Light Repair (SA/ID prefix on pole) 602-371-7171

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE

Non-Emergency Police Department 480-312-5000
Fire Department Main Phone 480-312-8000
Police or Fire Emergency 911
Parks and Recreation 480-312-2771
Street Light Repair (SS prefix on pole) 480-312-5483

SCHOOLS

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LIBRARIES

Appaloosa 480-312-7557
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