

A close-up photograph of a lit sparkler, with bright orange and yellow sparks radiating outwards. The background is a blurred American flag, with the red and white stripes visible. The overall color palette is dominated by red, white, and yellow.

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### On the Cover

Celebrating Independence Day

# Manager's Corner



This month I would like to address community safety throughout Grayhawk and how you can help the on-site management team to continue to provide a safe environment. However, I would first like to commend Grayhawk's community patrol and guardhouse 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 community patrol staff deals with a wide range of safety concerns – some of these they are able to resolve while others require involvement from outside entities, such as the Scottsdale Police Department, APS, or the City of Scottsdale.

Grayhawk's community patrol 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 community patrol 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

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## BOARD MEETINGS – JULY 2018

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.  
Grayhawk\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

### Retreat Village Board of Directors

No meeting scheduled.  
Retreat\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Communications Committee

Call Jennifer Sheets at 480-563-9708 for more information.

### Event Planning Committee

Call Sarah Van Dwyne 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 17 at 4:30 p.m. at the GCA office.

## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

### Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

Tues., July 17 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor Room, GCA Office. Call Associated Property Management 480-941-1077 for details.

### Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

Wed., July 18 at 6 p.m. in the Cachet Clubhouse. Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 for details.

### Crown Point Board Meeting

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

### Edge Condominium Association Board Meeting

Visit [www.theedgegrayhawk.com](http://www.theedgegrayhawk.com) or call 480-584-4647 for details.

### Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

Wed., July 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Encore Clubhouse. Call HOAMCO at 480-994-4479 for details.

### Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

No meeting scheduled. Call Kinney Management at 480-820-3451 for details.

### Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

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



### Grayhawk Community Association Board Members

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## VISION

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Board Briefs

### Grayhawk Master Association Board of Directors Meeting – June 4, 2018

#### Development Committee

Paul Alessio spoke about the Crossroads East development, slated for south of Grayhawk. There is a public meeting scheduled in the Champions Room at the Grayhawk Golf Club on June 5. This property is currently part of the Arizona State Trust lands that are managed by the Arizona State Land Department. At the City of Scottsdale Planning Commission hearing on May 9, the Planning Commission voted to recommend Scottsdale City Council approval of a proposed rezoning amendment for this property. The Scottsdale City Council will vote on this rezoning amendment at the June 12 City Council meeting.

#### Operational Review Committee

Richard Zielinski reported that the committee did not meet.

#### Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that the committee did not meet. John Eubank has replaced Jim Carter as DLC Resources on-site superintendent for the landscape maintenance crew.

DLC Resources continues to work on the routine cycle maintenance of the community landscaping. During the past month, DLC has continued to focus on monitoring the water usage throughout the community. Water usage was up 30% due to lack of rain.

The first round of pruning for above contract heights was completed. Community backflow testing is underway.

#### Community Enhancement Committee

Bob Mann reported that the committee did not meet.

#### Event Planning Committee

Margo Bellock reported that Sarah Van Duyne, along with a couple Event Planning committee members, will be conducting site visits at their four final organizations selected for an annual charitable partnership. These include AZ Cancer Center, Hands on Greater Phoenix, AZ Helping Hands and The Singletons.

Sarah Van Duyne reported that the Just for Her Royal Tea Party had been a huge success. Good Morning Arizona was filming during the morning of the event and the English Rose Tea Room offered to provide the entire tea at no cost to Grayhawk attendees.

Upcoming events include a free movie night at Harkins 101 featuring Incredibles 2 on June 21.

#### Communications Committee

Jennifer Sheets reported that the new website is still in process. The content transfer from our current site has taken place and staff training will begin on June 25.

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### Architectural Review Committee

Paul Alessio reported that there were meetings on May 1 and 15, with a total of 14 submittals.

The monument sign project is moving slowly but still underway. The committee will be reviewing this project at the June 5 meeting and a completed mockup should be ready by the next Board of Directors meeting.

### Budget/Finance Committee

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee did not meet but will be meeting over the summer to review the audit.

### Executive Committee

Linda Shaw reported that there was no meeting.

### New Business

The Board of Directors reviewed a proposed 5-year management contract with CCMC. The proposed contract has a 90 day termination clause by either party.

A motion was made and approved to accept the 5-year management contract with CCMC.

Management is recommending that the Board of Directors engages an independent third party contractor to do an initial safety audit of the playground equipment and play areas, and also enter into a safety program where the playground equipment is

maintained and inspected bi-annually. Not only is this responsible practice, but it can lessen the association's liability in the case of an accident.

Management presented three bids and recommended the GCA engage the Playground Police to conduct an initial audit and follow-up inspection of all eight playground areas in 2018 at a cost of \$3,040, and engage the Playground Police to conduct bi-annual inspections going forward at a cost of \$1,280 per year.

A motion was made and approved to accept the Playground Police contract, paying \$3,040 from the miscellaneous expense line item of the 2018 operating budget, with subsequent years paid from the operating budget.

### Treasurer's Report

Jeanette Griswold reported that through April revenue is exceeding expenses. \$59,602 was taken in to the Community Enhancement Fund in April, with a year-to-date total of \$243,839.

### Management Report

Michael Fee reported that the DLC culvert inspection has been completed and there is no heavy silt build up or desert debris in any of the culverts, so they will not have to be cleaned out this year.

The new maintenance assistant, Chantel Broomfield, began working onsite on May 14.

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### Vet Spotlight

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## Succulents are Right at Home in Our Desert Environment

By John Eubank, DLC Resources Field Manager

What makes for a great landscape? If you look at the common areas at Grayhawk, you'll notice that there are several plant species of differing size, shape and color varied throughout the landscape. This creates a dynamic look, with a lot of color and variety as your eye moves throughout the area.

You can implement the same principle in your own backyards and outdoor spaces. One good way to add a bit of color and interest is with succulents. While the official designation of which plants are actually succulents differs, they're generally defined as plants with thick leaves and stems that are used to store water.

Succulents come in many shapes, colors and textures, and most of them look very different from the annuals and perennial plants you probably already have in your backyard. In addition, they're particularly well-suited for the Sonoran Desert, with most of them doing well in warm temperatures with lots of sun and in dry, well-draining soil.

As an added benefit, succulents are particularly easy to propagate yourself. With a few steps, you can grow an entire garden's worth of succulents from just a few plants.

However, there are still important considerations to consider when adding them to your landscape — whether you choose to put them in containers on a patio or directly into the ground. Here are three succulent species that will do well at Grayhawk, and tips for caring for each of them.

### Totem Pole Cactus

*(Pachycereus schottii f. monstrosus)*

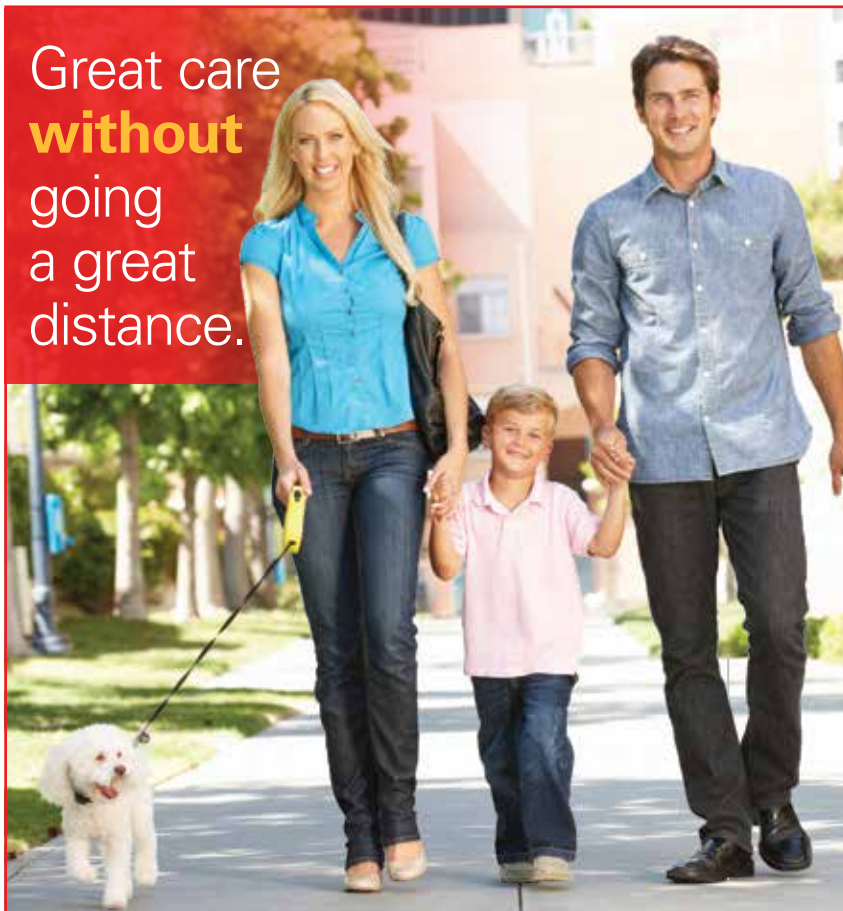


Totem Pole: Photo courtesy of Valentino Vallicelli - Iflile.com

Native to Mexico, the Totem Pole Cactus can be grown in containers or planted in the native desert soil. It has a rather unique look, with a thornless, smooth surface and light pink flowers bloom in spring (but only open at night). Totem Poles make great tall accents for any garden, reaching a height of 10-12 feet tall. They'll grow about equally wide, so keep that in mind as you choose its planting location.

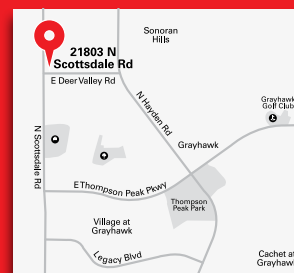
- **Care:** Likes full sun and can tolerate reflected heat from streets, walks and buildings. Water deeply when surrounding soil is completely dry as it can be susceptible to root rot. Needs protection from hard frosts.

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- **Propagation:** Make a clean, slightly slanted cut from the top of a branch. Making the cut at an angle reduces the chance of water collecting on the top and causing rot. Plant the cut end into well-draining soil without watering for several weeks to allow cut end to harden and protect from rot.



Elephant Food: Photo by Dinkum – Wikipedia Commons

## Elephant Food (*Portulacaria afra*)

Elephant Food is native to South Africa, and — as its name suggests — it is commonly eaten by elephants in its native habitat. Like the Totem Pole Cactus, Elephant Food can be grown in containers or planted directly into the ground. If protected from frost, a single plant can span up to 12 feet across. However, it is susceptible to white flies, mealy bugs and spider mites, so be watchful for these pests.

- **Care:** Plant in well-draining soil. Keep out of direct afternoon sun as leaves can suffer sunburn. Irrigate regularly in warmer months, do not allow plant roots to sit in water. Protect from frost.
- **Propagation:** The best time to propagate this plant is when daytime temperatures are between 65° – 100° F. Elephant Food plants leak sap, so wear gloves to protect your hands. Use a sharp knife to cut a stem about 6-8" long, making a clean right cut at the branching point. Soak or spray the cut end with water until sap stops leaking. Harden the stem by letting it sit outside for a few days; then put the calloused end of the stem in soil at a depth of about 3-4". Water until well established, but let soil dry out completely before watering again.

## Aloe Varieties

Aloe is probably the succulent most people are familiar with. But there are more varieties in the family than just Aloe Vera. In fact, there are several species — from the Blue Elf (which produces red blooms) to the Soap Aloe to the Aloe Ferox (which grows on a stem and can reach up to 10 feet in height). Aloe plants are all drought tolerant once established; however they do need protection from frost. They produce “pups,” smaller plants that can be completely removed from the mother plant and grown as separate plants.

- **Care:** Plant in well-draining soil. Keep out of direct afternoon sun, as leaves can suffer sunburn. Once established, irrigate as needed in warmer months and infrequently in the winter months. Do not allow plant roots to sit in water.
- **Propagation:** Use a sharp tool to remove the pup(s) from the parent plant. Make sure you trim so that there are roots on the pup(s). Allow to dry out for a day or two before replanting in either house plant pot or as a patio or yard plant.



Aloe Ferox: Photo by Graeme Pienaar - Wikipedia Commons

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July 5 and July 6

Talon Room, GCA Office

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## Sweet Summertime Happy Hour

Wed., July 18 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Cien Agaves Taco & Tequila, 7000 E. Mayo Blvd. Ste 1072 (next to Harkins 101)

Are you looking for a way to cool off in this triple digit heat? Would an ice cold margarita help you escape the Arizona summertime blues?? Cien Agaves has the perfect solution! The newly opened restaurant here in North Scottsdale is welcoming Grayhawk residents for a Community Happy Hour! With great food options, drinks, and of course air conditioning, there is no better way to meet your neighbors, or catch up with old ones. Cien Agaves has graciously offered to provide light appetizers for our group and they've extended the Happy Hour for the duration of our event. A big thanks to our sponsors, David Van Omen & Andrew Bloom with BVO Luxury Keller Williams AZ, for taking care of your first drink! Space is limited and you don't want to miss out on this one! RSVP to Sarah at 480-563-9708 or online by Friday, July 13.

## Mermaid Swim Class

Sat., July 21 from 10 am to 11 am

Peregrine Villas Pool in the Talon Retreat

This class is for all of our mermaids out there, and open to anyone who lives in Grayhawk. Learn how to properly swim with a Mermaid tail so you can glide as gracefully as the real thing. Kids, Teens, and Adults are welcome to sign up. You must be at least 5 years of age and able to float on back, swim face down, roll front to back, tread water, and swim without assistance to participate. The class is 45 minutes long, then 15 minutes of free swim, pictures, and an icy treat for everyone after class! We need at least 6 people to register to go through with the class, and can go up to as many as 10 per class. If the first class fills up quickly, we will hold a second class from 11a.m.-12 p.m. Registered participants will be granted access into the gated community for this class. Cost to participate is \$40 and includes fin rental, or \$30 if you have your own fin. Please RSVP directly to [www.mermaidetails.com/event/grayhawk-community/](http://www.mermaidetails.com/event/grayhawk-community/) and pay on the website. To register you will go to their July calendar and click on the July 21 Grayhawk event. Be sure to specify whether or not you plan to bring your own fin for the class. Feel free to contact Sarah Van Duyne with questions at [svanduyne@ccmcnet.com](mailto:svanduyne@ccmcnet.com) or 480-563-9708.





## Chess Wizards Summer Chess Camp

July 23 to July 27 from 9 am to 3 pm

Talon Room, GCA Office

Join Chess Wizards this summer for tons of challenging chess lessons, exciting games, and cool prizes. Your children will improve their chess skills, meet new friends, and work out their most powerful muscle- their brain! The camps include fun team chess games (for example: bughouse), recess time, snacks, tournaments, and puzzles. Each camper receives a Chess Wizards T-shirt, trophy, and puzzle folder. Kids will spend part of their summer unleashing their brain power and spending time with friends and neighbors! The camp is for children grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade. The cost to participate for the week long camp is \$265. Please RSVP to Sarah at 480-563-9708 and pay by Mon., July 16. We must have 12 children registered to go through with camp.



## Escape Room Challenge

Tues., July 31 at 7 pm

Escape Room 101

7000 E. Mayo Blvd

Escape Room is a fun game concept designed for small groups of friends, families, co-workers or strangers to test their problem-solving skills in a fun themed escape room. Each Escape Room experience has its own setting, secrets, storyline, and escape route! The Grayhawk group may be part of a cowboy mobster gang planning to break into the adjacent bank without the dangerous rival cowboy gang finding out! Or participants may be one of the Baker St. Agents tasked with helping a missing painters son find his fathers will before the judge reads a forged claim. It's filled with hidden objects and clues to help you find your way out. You have 60 minutes to find the clues, solve the puzzles and escape the room to find your freedom! It's filled with hidden objects and clues to help you find your way out. You have 60 minutes to find the clues, solve the puzzles and escape the room to find your freedom. Cost to participate is \$29.00 per person and will be paid directly on their website. RSVP to Sarah at 480-563-9708 or online to receive the link to the webpage. Specify if you have a teacher or student in your group, we will receive a buy 2 get 1 free deal if we have a student and/or teacher in our group!

## Kids Copper Tooling Craft

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

GCA Office, Raptor Room

7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. Ste. 102

Join Sunny Hall, retired art teacher from the Deer Valley School District, for an exciting craft project here at the Grayhawk office. We will be making beautiful creations with Copper Tooling. Copper Tooling is the process of creating designs on thin sheet metal by emboss drawing, denting, and stamping. This activity is for boys and girls ages 7 and up. Feel free to let your kids bring a non-Grayhawk friend. Light snacks and water will be provided. Cost to participate is \$25. RSVP's and payments must be made by Monday, July 30. Please e-mail svanduyne@ccmcnet.com or call 480-563-9708 to register for this event.

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### DISCOUNTED HARKINS MOVIE TICKETS

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

If you're looking for an activity indoors for the whole family this summer, we have Movie tickets for sale cheaper than at the theater. Movie Tickets are \$8 each (cash or check) at GCA office. They also make great gifts for friends and family!

#### MOVIE PASS RESTRICTIONS:

- Showtimes Before 6PM: Valid for any regular priced show and films that are designated Special Engagement. Valid for 3D films, Cine Capri®, and Cine 1™. Upgradeable for Camelview at Fashion Square and IMAX® for an additional charge.
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\* Special Engagement status is typically maintained for the first two weekends of the film's release. This may be extended at the studios discretion. Look for this symbol (SE) next to movie titles. VIP Tickets are discounted and do not earn points towards My Harkins Awards memberships.



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

Included with service purchase, guests will have all day access to:

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These rates will be good through August 31st. An automatic gratuity of 20% based on the original price of the service will be added to final charges. Not valid on holidays or holiday weekends (call Spa Reservations for specific date restrictions).





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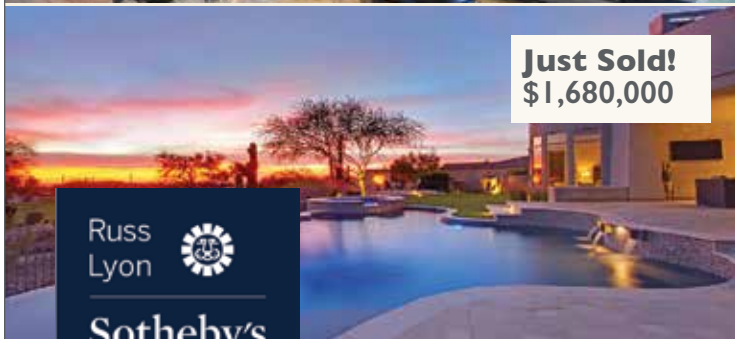
There are a few steps that you can take to ensure a smooth transaction. To start, if you live in the Retreat Village, make sure that you have the rideshare company on your guest list. To add them, simply login on to [www.gateaccess.net](http://www.gateaccess.net) or the ABDI app. If you aren't sure of your username and password, you can call the GCA office at 480-563-9708. You can add the company as a temporary guest, or if you use a rideshare regularly and are prone to forgetting, add them permanently.

Most rideshare companies will only get your first name when you reserve a ride, and most often are not automatically given your unit number if you live in a condo or townhome. This causes quite a few problems as they come through the manned gates, as the staff will ask for your full address and verify your name before granting the driver access. In addition, if you live in a community with an unmanned gate, the driver will not have a gate code or last name to look you up and call you.



The best way to get around this is to contact your driver directly. For example with Uber, after you order your ride, you will see a bar at the bottom of your app screen. You can click that bar and text your unit number (the Uber driver will see a dummy cell phone number and not your actual number), specifying that the driver will need to give the address and unit number to the gate attendant. Then, the gate attendant can verify your first name and grant access without any glitches. From the Uber website:

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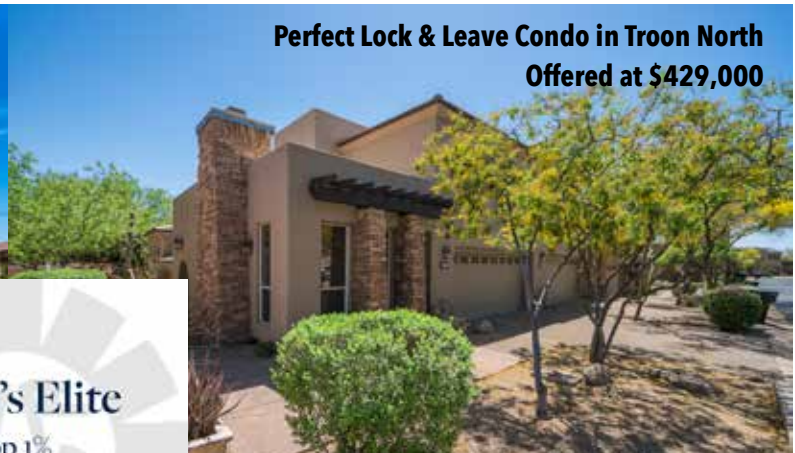
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## Gretchie's Guac

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk

Many of us are lucky enough to have that one go-to friend who is a gracious host...their home is always warm and welcoming, and they have a

delicious recipe for everything. My friend Gretchen is that person. She has worked in the food industry for many years, most recently at a very successful small-town bakery where she happily bakes pies, cakes and cookies at 5 a.m. while the rest of the town sleeps. She is always working on a new recipe twist like white chocolate raspberry scones or black forest brownies, and of course her girlfriends are the lucky recipients of these trial recipes.

She also makes the best guacamole. Whenever she hosts a party or a girls' getaway, which she often does, we all just expect that bowl of delicious guacamole to be waiting for us. Since the club where we play tennis together doesn't serve guacamole in their restaurant, Gretchen often sneaks some in for our quesadillas! This past Cinco de Mayo she was inundated with requests from her friends (including me) for her guacamole recipe. So now, with her permission, I am happy to share it with you.

There are a multitude of ways to make guacamole, but this is my new favorite. There are also many store-bought guacamole seasoning mixes out there with lots of processed ingredients and

preservatives, and I admit I've tried them, but they just don't compare to this traditional Mexican recipe. I highly recommend you chop the ingredients below, rather than use a food processor, because processors tend to mash the ingredients making a more liquefied guacamole.

Guac and tortilla chips is actually a pretty healthy snack compared to other chips and dips if you do it right. Sometimes I'll make a bowl, grab a bag of organic tortilla chips and call it dinner! So the next time you throw a party, tailgate, or just want a delicious snack, please try Gretchie's Guac. Your guests will for sure come back for more!



### Gretchie's Guac

**Prep time: 15 minutes**

**Enough for 2-3 people (double or triple for larger groups)**

#### Ingredients:

- 2 large or 3 small ripe avocados (darker in skin color, and yields to gentle pressure)
  - 2 green onions (cut off the white tip, and finely chop)
  - 2 tablespoons red onion (minced)
  - 1 Roma tomato (seeds and pulp removed and chopped)
  - 1 jalapeno (unseeded, and minced)
  - juice of ½ fresh lime
  - ½ teaspoon garlic powder
  - ½ teaspoon Lawrys seasoned salt (or to taste)
  - few sprigs of cilantro, finely chopped
1. Cut avocado and remove flesh
  2. Remove seed (can be saved as a preservative to store with any leftover guacamole)
  3. Mash avocados but don't overdo it...chunky is okay, set aside
  4. Chop all of the ingredients above, and add to the mashed avocado and seasonings

*And always, always, always treasure your time with treasured friends, and their treasured recipes.*

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





## Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, *Encore*

Yes, our Arizona summer is officially here with our monsoons, mixed with celebrations of freedom, hot dogs and those “dog days”. This is the time of year we all start looking for an escape, reminding ourselves that the heat will last through October.

Some of you may be lucky enough to escape to cooler climates, but if you find yourself stuck in town, I have a perfect get-cool solution for you! While I tend to focus on happy hour and meals to please the adult crowd, this summer spot is perfect for the whole family.

**Bowlero** recently opened just down the road, and it's the perfect spot to grab food, bowl a couple games and hit the arcade, all in one air conditioned spot. It is located in the Harkins Theater Area of Scottsdale 101. This location boasts over 33,000-square feet of fun and is the perfect setting for date night, family night, birthday parties, private gatherings, and corporate events.

**Bowlero** arrived in Arizona last year with venues in Gilbert and Christown that debuted to rave reviews. With its North Scottsdale location, Bowlero Corp. decided to build from the ground up, and it's amazing! The new **Bowlero Scottsdale** has signature blacklight lanes, plush laneside seating, and huge, hi-definition video walls that bring bowling to an entirely new level and provide a stunning departure from the traditional alley setting. It also includes a state-of-the-art arcade that houses over 35 cutting-edge games including fan favorites like The Walking Dead, Jurassic Park Arcade, Hot Shot Basketball, and the Giant Crane, plus old-school classics like beer pong, photo booths, and more. The décor is fun, fresh and clean.

**Bowlero North Scottsdale** features a menu that's a step up from standard bowling alley fare. The menu includes “Oversized Shareables” like **Bowlero's** five-pound Behemoth Burger, its two-foot-long Chi-Town Mega Dog, and 100+ ounce cocktails like the Dunk Tank and the Mega Mule, party-sized drinks that are made to be shared. They also serve up standards like wings, sliders and pizza, alongside salads, Belgian waffle fries and avocado hummus.



Grayhawk's own Director of Communications Jennifer Sheets and Lifestyle Director Sarah Van Duyn recently visited the Scottsdale location to check out the food and brainstorm an upcoming event for Grayhawk residents. At the bartender's suggestion, they ordered the margherita flatbread and chicken quesadillas, which they said were both surprisingly good. I don't think they expected much at a bowling alley!

They said their server was extremely attentive and helpful, and very cordial. She shared a few of the specials, including the Summer Games Season Pass and Turn it Up Tuesday. Check [www.bowlero.com](http://www.bowlero.com) for more information on specials.

I think if you're looking for a great spot to spend time with friends or family this summer, you really can't go wrong with this hot new spot. It's close, full of fun and they serve great food!

Happy 4th of July and be safe this summer!

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## Denizens of the Desert: Agaves

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

This month, we launch a six part series on familiar plants. We know them when we see them but, at the same time, they're like strangers among us. A better understanding of these plants gives us insight into their role in our ecosystem and helps us better appreciate their contribution to our austere and harshly beautiful desert environment. First up: Agaves.

### What is it about Agaves?

Long before I went to Desert Landscape School I learned that the last thing an Agave does before it dies is bloom - for the first time. I didn't believe it at first but once I confirmed the truth in this, I became fascinated by these plants.

Agaves' grab our attention with their strong architectural shapes and perfect rosette leaf patterns but this is just the beginning. Beyond the obvious is a species that has captivated horticulturalists and botanists since at least the 18th century and indigenous people for thousands of years prior to that.

There are hundreds of species of Agave. They are native to environments with sandy, well drained soil. You'll find them in landscapes on the Florida gulf coast as well as in the deserts of the southwest, down into Mexico and extending to Central America.

To be sure, these are not tropical plants but they can and do grow well in warm sandy-soiled environments as long as there isn't too much rain. Even in sandy soil, more than 20 inches of rain a year can be problematic for them.

Though we think of them as desert plants, they often struggle in full sun when temperatures are routinely above 105 degrees. Almost all of these plants benefit from some shade. The happiest among them are planted under trees. Their modest but sturdy root systems make them good below-the-surface companions of protective desert trees.



Variegated Dwarf Agave

### Taking a Closer Look

One of the most consistently striking features of Agaves is their bud prints. Agave leaves emerge from the center of the plant and are tightly contained until they unfurl themselves. The leaves are so tightly wrapped that their edges make a permanent impression on the leaf surface. When the leaves unfold, they appear to be embossed. This can be striking or subtle but it is a common among these plants. Once you know it's there and begin to look for it, the surprise is how different imprinting is from one agave to the next.



American Agave

Agaves range in size from just 4 inches to an astonishing 12 feet across. They are generally a bit wider than they are tall. Their lifespans are anywhere from 7 to about 70 years; the notion of a "century plant" is a myth.



### About Those Flower Stalks

Why do these plants bloom and then die? Agaves have a single site in the center of the plant that produces leaves and the flower stalk. They can produce only one or the other. When an agave sends up a flower stalk, it consumes its center so cell division and growth are no longer possible.

In yet another quirky feature of these plants, not all agave flower stalks are the same. Some have candelabra-shaped stalks. Others have spike-shaped stalks. Still others are somewhere in between.

These often majestic and fast-growing stalks are but one way agaves ensure the survival of their species. The other way is through producing off-sets, commonly known as pups. Not all agaves produce pups - the Queen Victoria doesn't which might account for how expensive these are. That, and they are slow growers.



As you can see, one of the downsides of agaves is that if you plant several of the same size at the same time, you run the risk of them flowering at the same time, too.





Queen Victoria Agave



Caribbean Agave

Some agaves produce so many pups it gets downright annoying. Others will pup slowly and infrequently.

Still others send their pups a good distance from the mother plant and end up creating their own mini-landscapes in the process. Black Tooth Agaves and Artichoke Agaves excel at this. Allow a lot of space for these two - 3 to 4 feet at least - or be prepared to transplant them in a few years. All pups are perfect clones of the parent plant.

### Which Agaves are Best for Landscapes?

If you want a specimen plant, i.e. a stand-out onesie, you can't do much better than an **American Agave** (*Agave americana*). They have among the longest of agave lifespans, they don't pup much, they are a beautiful blue color and they have fascinating bud prints.



Artichoke Agave



American Agave

The downside of this species is that it is especially susceptible to the agave snout beetle aka the agave weevil. This insect establishes itself in the center of the plant, lays its eggs and the new weevil family will quickly lay waste to an otherwise healthy agave. The only way to prevent this is to treat your agaves once a year, in late February or early March, with a systemic insecticide.

With hundreds of Agave species, your choice will only be limited to what is available at your local nursery or a friend's yard. Agaves are easy to transplant and if you know someone who has some attractive agave pups, that would be another good place to start. Look for species that stay smaller than, say, 3' across. You can mass these for a spectacular effect.

### Want to Learn More?

The single best contemporary source on agaves is Greg Starr's **Agaves: Living sculptures for landscapes and containers**. This book is filled with gorgeous photos. It is a great resource, a handsome coffee table book and would be a great gift for someone who loves desert plants.

**Next month's denizen?** The infinitely varied Prickly Pear.



# Canyon de Chelly: Hidden Beauty

By Jennifer Sheets, Director of Communications



If your family is anything like mine, you realize at some point you are missing out on all sorts of cool stuff that Arizona has to offer. I'm not talking about a staycation at the Princess (although those are equally amazing), rather, the get outside and touch nature kind of venture.

If you're looking for that type of unique Arizona experience, consider taking a drive beyond the Painted Desert to northeast Arizona. There you will find Canyon de Chelly, a one-of-a-kind landscape and the cherished homeland of the Navajo people. While not as immediately spectacular as the Grand Canyon, Canyon de Chelly does have sheer sandstone walls rising up to 1,000 feet, several scenic overlooks and many well-preserved Anasazi ruins. Our family found it a more intimate experience than visiting the Grand Canyon, as there are far fewer visitors.

Canyon de Chelly is recognized as one of the longest continually inhabited landscapes in North America, featuring pueblo ruins built between 350 and 1300 A.D. What's especially unique is that visitors today can view ruins alongside current farm homes of the Navajo from overlooks along the rim.

Canyon de Chelly National Monument is administered as part of the National Park Service but since it lies on Navajo land, admission is free (donations are accepted at the Visitor Center). Visitors have a few options for enjoying the canyon, including unsupervised access through the South Rim Drive (seven overlooks)

and North Rim Drive (three overlooks). We chose to drive the South Rim., where the scenery is spectacular, including the White House Ruin cliff dwellings and the 800-foot sandstone spire known as Spider Rock. Many Navajo sell jewelry and other handmade gifts at the overlooks, and we enjoyed chatting with them and browsing their offerings.

A self-guided hike to the White House Ruins is also an option. The ruins, some of the



oldest in the canyon, date to approximately 1200. The trail is steep in some areas but well-maintained. We were told it would take approximately 2 hours to get down and back, depending on our fitness level. For all other trips down or along the canyon, a Navajo escort is required. Private tour companies registered with the Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation offer tours into the canyon by vehicle, horseback or hiking.

Chinle, the gateway to Canyon de Chelly National Monument, is the nearest option for gas, groceries, supplies, and a hotel. For our visit, we stayed in Show Low and made a day trip to Canyon de Chelly.

There is a camp store located at the visitor center, where you can pick up a free park map and activity schedule. The visitor center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

If you're taking kids, consider having them participate in the Junior Ranger program. Our kids always love completing their packets and learning more about the cultural and natural resources associated with each park we visit. It also keeps them busy, which we like! Stop at the Visitor Center to pick up a free worksheet, pencil and trash bag. Complete the activities and return the worksheet to a Park Ranger to earn a badge, postcard, and booklet.

Happy exploring!



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