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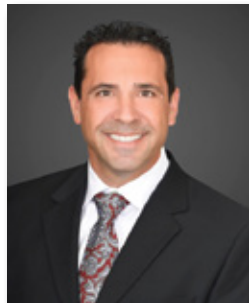
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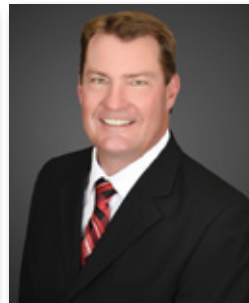
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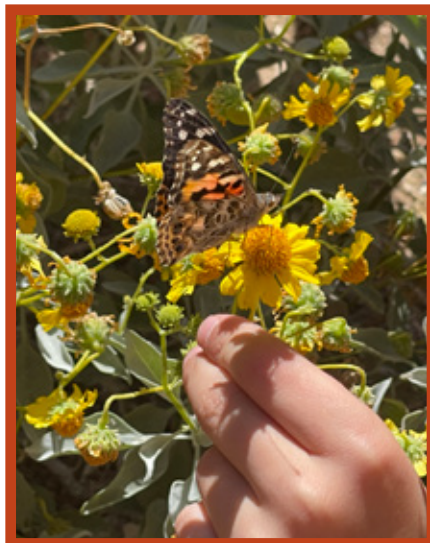


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## Grayhawk Community Association

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# Manager's Corner



This month I would like to address security throughout Grayhawk and how you can help the on-site management team to continue to provide a safe environment. 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 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.

When dealing with safety or 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. Often times this is not possible because 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.

Grayhawk's community patrol has been effective in addressing many of the (mostly minor) issues that occur within our community. Residents also play a role in the safety in 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 or the on-site patrol staff by calling either the Raptor or Talon guardhouse (numbers are found below) 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. However, they cannot be everywhere at once and we appreciate your help in our attempts to reduce incidents of this nature. With your help, together we can make Grayhawk an even better community.

*Stacey Harvey*

Grayhawk, Executive Director

GCA Office: 480-563-9708

Raptor Guardhouse: 480-502-5078

Talon Guardhouse: 480-502-7685

## GRAYHAWK ADVERTISING

The Grayhawk Community Association (GCA) offers advertising as a service to our community and does not support or endorse the products, persons or services advertised in the Flight. GCA shall not be held liable or responsible for any misleading or incorrect advertising.



## BOARD MEETINGS – JULY 2023

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. Call the GCA Office at 480-563-9708 for more information.  
grayhawk\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

### Grayhawk Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

No Meeting Scheduled. The Board of Directors will be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 33-1804 (A)(3).

### Retreat Village Board of Directors

No Meeting Scheduled. Call the GCA Office at 480-563-9708 for more information.  
retreat\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

### Retreat Village Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

No Meeting Scheduled. The Board of Directors will be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 33-1804 (A)(3).

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Communications Committee

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

### Event Planning Committee

Call Sarah Van Duyne at 480-563-9708 for more information.

### Landscape Committee

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

### Operational Review Committee

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

### Architectural Review Committee

Tuesday, June 7 and 21 at 4:30 p.m.  
Call Ashley Scott at 480-563-9708 for more information.

## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

### Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Meeting

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

### Crown Point Board Meeting

Call Ashley Scott 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

July 18 at 6 p.m. via Zoom  
Call Associated Property Management  
480-941-1077 for details.

### Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Vision Community Management at  
480-759-4945

### Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### 2023-2024 Grayhawk Community Association

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Arlene Smith  
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Don Morse  
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John Williams  
*Director*

## VISION

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Grayhawk Master Association Board of Directors Meeting – June 5, 2023

### Homeowner Forum

A homeowner asked if there was any additional information regarding the sale of the golf course. Stacey Harvey stated that the sale is still underway, but that the land the courses are on is not zoned for residential and the buyer cannot just come in and build condos on that land. It was also stated that the buyer is a golf course management company and they likely have more interest in continuing to maintain the golf courses as just that. It was noted that the resort planned for the north side of Thompson Peak Pkwy. is expected to start being built within a year.

The same resident asked when the guardhouses will be done. Paul Alessio stated that they are nearly done with the exception of some small items like stucco on small walls, transitioning to granite in the median and landscaping. The certificate of occupancy will not be granted by the City of Scottsdale until the landscaping is finalized.

### Development Committee

David Van Omen reported that there was nothing major to report from the Development Committee. There was a question from a resident in attendance regarding development on Scottsdale Rd. Paul Alessio stated that it is a parking garage that will have condominiums built around it.

### Operational Review Committee

Don Morse reported the committee had discussed possibly doing a short video featuring Stacey Harvey and Michael Loya to introduce the community to the guardhouses once those are finished.

The open maintenance position has been reposted and management has received additional (and more qualified) applicants.

The bids for the delamination project were discussed. A brief discussion was had regarding wall damage that is caused by homeowner's irrigation eroding the lamination in planters, or turf overwatering. Currently the offending homeowners have been contacted to take corrective action and the walls will be repaired at the GCA's expense as part of the delamination project. If the homeowner fails to take corrective action and the walls experience an ongoing delamination problem, the homeowner will be charged the full expense of the repair. A future discussion will be needed to determine appropriate assessments and fines for such damage.

### Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that the committee did not meet.

All four rip rap projects have been completed (Phantom Way-entrance to Grayhawk Elementary School, Tailspin tot lot greenbelt, Ridgecrest Basketball greenbelt and 76th St. & Thunderhawk Rd.).

The culvert clean out has not been scheduled, but will be completed prior to monsoon season.

Rocket Garden on behalf of DLC has nearly completed the concept drawing of the Educational Garden, which will be shared at the August meeting. It is quite impressive.

### Community Enhancement Committee

Richard Zielinski reported that the committee did not meet.

### Event Planning Committee

Kristen Hammond reported that the Nerf Battle event was canceled due to low attendance.

The End of School event was very successful. About 150 people signed up and about 110 attended.

The Child and Babysitting Safety and CPR Class was well-attended, with 15 slots of the maximum of 20 being taken. A resident in attendance inquired as to whether or not we could do a safety/CPR class for dogs and other pets.

The Free Harkins Movie is already sold out, but we could potentially be moving to a larger theatre.

Upcoming events include everything from Ladies Bunco to Happy Hour at Thompson 105.

### Communications Committee

Jennifer Sheets reported she has been working with Ashley on more Architectural Review Committee items including paint colors and additional one-sheets.

The City of Scottsdale has put out more information regarding the future dog park at Thompson Peak Park, and that information is included in the June issue of the Grayhawk Flight.

Additional quick links have been added in the Grayhawk Buzz for the community calendar, modification application and assessment payment information. This will rotate occasionally and gives resident easy access to popular pages on the website.

The committee continue to discuss alternative income streams and focus on advertising for the Grayhawk Buzz

### Architectural Review Committee

Paul Alessio that the committee approved all 13 submittals at the May 2 meeting and all but one of the 10 submittals at the May 16 meeting.

The committee is reviewing lighting and verifying that new fixtures are in accordance with the dark sky ordinance through the City of Scottsdale.

### Budget/Finance Committee

Derek Moore reported that the committee did not meet.

### Executive Committee

David Van Omen reported that the committee did not meet.

### New Business

The Board of Directors reviewed a proposal from Allstar Pro Painting LLC to paint two bridges to the west of Hayden Road on Thompson Peak Parkway, pony walls and two cell tower enclosure walls for \$9,974.00. Allstar Pro Painting LLC. is a vetted vendor within CCMC and comes highly recommended. They are providing a seven-year warranty on block and stucco surfaces, and a Five-year warranty on wood and metal surfaces. Management requested this proposal for board review of a potential alternate painting contractor for common walls and view fences.

A motion was made and approved to accept the proposal submitted by Allstar Pro Painting LLC. at a cost of \$97,584.82 to be funded by the reserve fund.

### Treasurer's Report

Derek Moore reported that the GCA budget is slightly over in income. Both maintenance and water/sewer expenses are under budget. There is \$3.4 million in the Community Enhancement Fund.

### Management Report

Stacey Harvey reported that the community patrol vehicle received tire damage after driving through the Village at Grayhawk. Street work was in process with no traffic signage/cones/notification out. The tires had to be replaced and the Villages at Grayhawk asphalt vendor has indicated they will be reimbursing GCA for the full cost.

CCMC switched invoice processing systems this week to a more user friendly system. Staff completed training sessions and the conversion has been going well without issue.

Phase II of the delamination project is going well and management staff are in regular communication with the foreman for Advanced Painting. The project is moving along more quickly now and product is in keeping with the approved contract.

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## LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

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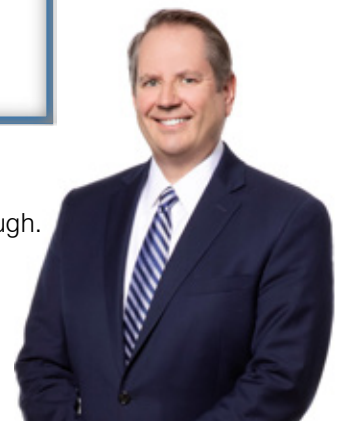
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Register to reserve your seat: [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org)

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## Rainbows and Sunshine Sharpie Alcohol Art

**TALON ROOM, \$15 PER STUDENT**

Summer is here and it's time to schedule some indoor fun in the Talon Room. Register with your age group for a casual art gathering and snacks. The class will supply each attendee with (2) 8X10 canvases, a colorful array of Sharpie markers and all of the tools you need to complete this casual art project. This art class is for anyone, and is focused on friendship over a specific skill. Anyone can make cool art! If you are an advanced art student or have a specific idea in mind, you are welcome to bring your own larger canvas and a picture you wish to recreate. The class is scheduled to last about 1 hour. Parents are always encouraged to sign up for their children's classes along with them. If you are creating your own art, please register for yourself, as well as your little one. This helps us know quantities of supplies so we are ready for the class. Register on [grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org) by Friday, June 23. Class Size maximum of 20 students in each session.

### Adult Artisans – Friday, July 7 at 6 p.m.

What fun would art be without wine, so BYOB bottle of your favorite wine to share with the group and a larger canvas should you wish to design something big. Must be 21 to attend the Adult session. (2) 8X10 Canvasses plus sharpies and all tools will be supplied to each student. Cost is \$15 per adult plus a bottle of wine to share.

### Mini Me – Saturday, July 8 at 9 a.m.

If you enjoy lap time art with your little one, this is the class for you! Join other moms and dads for this fun art class. \$15 per student/parent combo if you are sharing supplies.

### Kids Ages 6 to 12 – Saturday, July 8 at 11 a.m.

Kids are invited to gather for art and snacks and lots of Rainbows. \$15 per student.

### Teens 13 and up – Saturday, July 8 at 1 p.m.

Teens are invited to beat the heat with art, music and snacks. Cost is \$15 Per Student and \$15 per adult if your teens still let you hang out.

**RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We do need a few volunteers to help with Saturday morning classes with the kiddos. Email Kristen at [Khammond@ccmcnet.com](mailto:Khammond@ccmcnet.com)**



## Happy Hour

**Sunday, July 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Thompson105 Restaurant, 10501 E. McDowell Mountain Ranch Road, Suite 160.**

**<https://thompson105.com/menus>**

Looking to check out a new locals "hot spot" and meet other Grayhawk residents? 2023 Open Table Restaurant Winner Thompson105 will tempt you into forgetting about the summer heat with Hand Crafted Cocktails, Italian Woodfired Grill and happy hour pricing, with the McDowell Mountains providing the perfect backdrop. Cost is \$5. Space is limited. Register on [grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org) by July 6 to reserve your spot. For anyone who wishes to stay after Happy Hour for a full dinner, please call ahead and secure your dining table at (480) 612-9400.



**SCAN TO REGISTER  
FOR ALL CURRENT  
GRAYHAWK EVENTS**

## FREE LIVING TRUST SEMINAR: Learn The Latest Strategies To Protect Your Estate

**Tues. July 25 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

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

Planning Is Essential – Do You Have A Plan? Have you considered what would happen to your loved ones in the event of your disability or death? Everyone should attend this seminar – Even if you have a Will or a Trust. Learn why a Will is not enough. Why many people with Living Trusts will end up in probate. Learn how to avoid it. Learn how to appoint someone to make healthcare and financial decisions for you when you are unable to do so. If you do not, a court may decide for you. A good estate plan coordinates what happens to your home, savings, investments, businesses and retirement accounts. Come learn how to put a plan into action to help protect your legacy, your family and your future. Guests will have an opportunity for questions after the seminar with Attorney Richard M. Dwornik. Presented by: Dwornik Law Firm. Register at [grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org) by July 17.



## Queso Good Food Truck

**Friday, July 28 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**Greenbelt at 78th Way and 78th Pl.**

Even the quesadillas are getting fancied-up this Friday night! As featured on Travel Channel's "Food Paradise", Queso Good Food Truck has flipped this most simplistic concept on its head. With menu influences from Cuba, Argentina, Italy and of course, Mexico, you've never seen a tortilla look this saucy before! Sneak a peek at this tantalizing menu The pre-order link goes live 48-hours in advance and will be sent to everyone that has registered. Register today at [grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org).



## Color Wars Party Bingo

**Friday, July 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Talon Room, GCA Office**

**\$15 covers all bingo cards and prizes**

Don't stay on the couch this summer. Join us for Party Bingo – Family Style! Sign up as a single, with a friend or as a whole family. Pick your favorite color and come dressed up in theme. Feather boas, silly socks, hats and giant sunglasses are all encouraged. Music, snacks and prizes for Best Dressed and Bingos! All Admission funds go towards prizes. If we get enough attendance, a second session will be announced. Register to secure your Friday Night Fun! Adults are welcome to BYOB. Register on [grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org) by Friday, July 21. \$15 Admission per person covers bingo cards, snacks and prizes for one person. All ages welcome. Last Round of Bingo will be called at 7:50pm.

## HOW YOU CAN BE A COMMUNITY PARTNER

*By Kristen Hammond, Grayhawk Lifestyle Director*

So many of Grayhawk's events and programs are only made possible by the vendors, sponsors and other partners that support the community. Many of our community partners provide special accommodations for Grayhawk as a group. They hold special banquet rooms for us, permit VIP access to special events, and even make stops in the community with their food trucks, events and classes. These partners want to share their best side with the residents of Grayhawk and must prepare and purchase in advance to do so.

As a resident, you play a huge part in the success of events as well. Your partnership comes in the form of your registration! From minimum number of people taking a class, to a minimum spend on food trucks, or even just knowing how many wine glasses to bring, bingo cards to purchase or volunteers to gather for a social event, your registration is everything!

When we do not have enough attendance in advance, we must cancel earlier than the event date, as to avoid spending money on unnecessary supplies and cancellation fees.

When you see something that you like, please sign up, then call a friend and invite them along. Help keep the classes and events at Grayhawk well-attended so that we can keep bringing you more fun. Thank you for being a great partner!



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## August Events

### **Charcuterie Class with Heritage Street Cooks**

**Thursday, August 3 at 6 p.m.**

**Talon Room, GCA Office**

Enjoy an upbeat culinary evening with Chef Kevin Barko as he artfully shares his trade secrets to creating an incredible charcuterie display, along with stories and antics spanning some very interesting parts of his lifelong career as an acclaimed, award-winning chef. This hands-on class with samples included will be in high demand and has a maximum of 20 participants. Register for your spot on [grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org). Cost is \$64 per person. A minimum of 10 needed to host the class, so gather your friends and register today. Cancellations will not be accepted past Thursday, July 20.

### **VIP Behind The Scenes Tour of The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM)**

**August 4 at 10 a.m.**

**Meet in the lobby of The MIM at 9:45 a.m.**

**4725 E. Mayo Boulevard, Phoenix**

Have you ever wondered how a museum exhibit is created? Gain an understanding of what it takes to create an exhibit as we go behind the scenes at The MIM. Fragile artifacts, research analysts and good marketing all come to life in this specially arranged, 1-hour VIP docent led tour taking you behind the scenes of the MIM. You will see the hard work and research that professionals put into creating, and researching for an exhibit prior to its opening to the public. After the VIP Tour, you are free to enjoy the entire MIM facility. Cost is \$29 per person, which includes our VIP tour as well as all-day General Admission for you to enjoy the museum exhibits. Residents are also encouraged to connect and stay for a casual ala carte lunch at the museum restaurant, Café Allegro.

Please kindly note that during our 1-hour VIP docent led portion of the tour, the Museum only permits adults age 18+ in the behind the scenes, backstage areas due to insurance reasons. (no exceptions). Often they will have fragile, irreplaceable artifacts abound, therefore the museum respectfully observes special rules while in the backstage areas to protect the artifacts. Purses, water bottles and cameras will have a special place during our behind the scenes access. Registration is required by July 31 at [grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org).



### **Friday Night Flight**

**Friday, August 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Greenbelt at 78th Pl. and 78th Way.**

August is hot enough to drive us all batty!! This month, we dive into our own local culture to learn about our very own endangered species, our bats! The whole family is invited to join as Sonoran Mountain Conservancy's Jessie Dwyer educates us on our colony of these eutherian mammals. Adults (21+) will also enjoy a tequila tasting from our friends at TequilaSnobs while the kids enjoy a fun craft. If we are lucky, we may even get to see the bats take flight! Cost to participate is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Register on [grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org) by August 11.

**We are looking for volunteers to help with our craft area. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/42LbPxo>.**

### **Cravable Summer Salads with Heritage Street Cooks**

**Thursday, September 7 at 6 p.m.**

Have you ever wondered what it is about a restaurant salad that makes it so delicious? Chef Kevin Barko with Heritage Street Cooks comes to spill the tea and share a lifetime of restaurant secrets to help you create perfectly dressed summer salads at home. Stop using store bought dressings with ingredients you can't pronounce and elevate your salad game as Chef Kevin helps you prepare your very own homemade salad dressing to take home. Each HSC culinary session includes a hands-on component as well as stories, camaraderie and laughter. Cost is \$64 per person. A minimum of 10 attendees are required and there is only room for a total of 20. Register by Thursday, August 24 at [grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org)



## HEALTHY EATS

***Tasty and healthy cuisine to nourish your body and soul***

*By Tina Uphoff, Grayhawk resident, Certified Fitness Trainer, Health Coach & Yoga Teacher*

I am continuing with the summer theme and including another salad recipe. This is a popular recipe with my family and friends. It's best to eat any salad leftovers within 1-2 days. Feel free to contact me at: [tina@tinahealthcoach.com](mailto:tina@tinahealthcoach.com) or my cell (612.720.3596).

### MEDITERRANEAN QUINOA SALAD

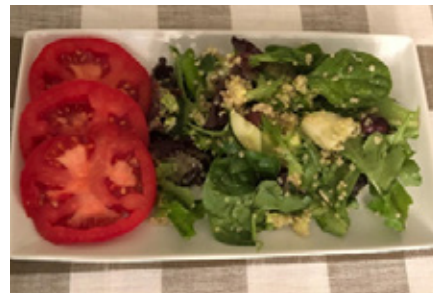
*Makes 4 servings.*

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 cup quinoa
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1 small cucumber cut in half, sliced or chopped
- 1/2 cup diced celery from inner hearts
- 1/4 cup kalamata olives
- 1 ripe avocado, diced
- 1 T. slivered fresh mint leaves
- 3 T. chopped fresh parsley

#### Dressing

- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1 T. apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 tsp dried mustard
- 1 small clove garlic, chopped fine
- 2 T. extra virgin olive oil
- Sea salt to taste



#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Prepare quinoa according to the package instructions.
2. Transfer the quinoa to a salad bowl and fluff with fork. Allow to cool.
3. Add cucumbers, olives avocado, mint, parsley to the bowl.
4. Whisk together lemon juice, apple cider vinegar, mustard, garlic, salt, and oil. Just before serving, toss greens with 3 tablespoons dressing.
5. Toss quinoa mixture with remaining dressing.
6. Toss together greens and quinoa mix.

**Tip:** This recipe is also good topped with grilled chicken or salmon.

## STAY CONNECTED!



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## Our Desert, Our Home: Western Australian Imports

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

A few months ago, we began a series on plants from other deserts/continents. In that first installment, we highlighted locally familiar plants that are native to the Chihuahuan Desert - south and east of us.

This month, we're going down under - specifically, to the state of Western Australia. If you google images for Western Australia, you'll immediately see a geography very similar to our own. The Outback is a desert, much like the Sonoran.



Valentine Bush

### Valentines, Emus and Sunrises - Oh My!

Valentine, Blue Emu and the Outback Sunrise are all *Eremophila* species. All of these plants come from Western Australia and are outstanding performers here. Hummingbirds love them because their flowers are ideally suited to long slender bills. We love them because of their long bloom cycles.

The **Valentine Bush** is my favorite and is a great substitute for all varieties of Sage. Valentines are winter bloomers, offering their deep red to fuchsia color as early as Christmas and are show stoppers come Valentine's Day. They begin setting their buds in November and once they start blooming, they go at it for as long as 5 months. And, just when you think they're done, they often start again, offering a second, less robust bloom period.

Valentines get big - up to 4'h x 5'w. They are easy to prune (I prune mine a couple of times a year), they don't mind shearing and don't require near as much attention as a Sage.



With a nod to our winter visitors, Grayhawk has planted many **Valentines** in common areas throughout the community.

Another great plant from the Outback is the **Blue Emu Bush** (aka Blue Bells). You'll find these across Grayhawk but especially in the medians at Thompson Peak & Hayden. These get to be about 3' x 3', have lovely periwinkle flowers and bloom many times throughout the year. These are another excellent substitute for the Sage because they are smaller and require very little pruning. You won't need to shear these plants because their overall size keeps them compact.

A third *Eremophila* species becoming increasingly common is the **Outback Sunrise**. This plant requires a BIG footprint. Desirable for its deep green foliage, this is a spreading plant that will grow to 12-15' across. Its tubular yellow flowers put on a spring show and, a word of caution, it is an aggressive grower. But if you have a big bare spot you want to fill, a single plant of this will do the trick. This is also a plant that withstands a fair amount of abuse. Cut it back however you like. It'll be fine.



Blue Emu Bush





*Outback Sunrise*

## **Acacias**

With these shrubs as a backdrop, let's talk trees. The Acacia species grow nearly everywhere that has an arid climate: Australia, Africa, South America and in the Chihuahuan Desert. We're going to highlight two from Western Australia: the Mulga & the Shoestring - both of which can be found in Grayhawk.

### **Mulga Acacia**

This tree is a study in contrasts. It sets itself apart from other trees because of its silver gray foliage. The tree itself has inherent contrasts too - its foliage for sure, but it also has mahogany-colored bark and pail yellow flowers. This tree has a lot to offer and it does so in a fairly small footprint. They only get 15-20 feet tall and wide which makes them ideally suited to small spaces. It also has a lifespan of about 150 years.

### **Shoestring Acacia**

These columnar trees grow to 20-40 feet high but stay narrow - no more than 15-20 feet across. They are upright and airy - ideally suited to a tall wall or structure. The foliage on these trees is long and narrow (12" x 1/4" - 1/2"). This tree, too, has mahogany-colored bark. The flowers are cream-colored puff balls, blooming repeatedly throughout the year. It also produces long seed pods. If overall width is a consideration, this is your tree.

*All of these plants are stellar performers here. From my own experience and Grayhawk's, try any one of them in your landscape and you'll be well-pleased.*



*Mulga Acacia (mature)*



*7-year-old Shoestring Acacia*

# Wrapping Up Another School Year

By Elijah Hubbell, Grayhawk Elementary School Principal

We had an exceptional year at Grayhawk Elementary School, filled with accomplishments and recognitions. Our commitment to academic excellence was rewarded with an "A" rating from the State of Arizona, affirming the dedication of our students, as well as our amazing teachers who engage, inspire, and nurture students through high-quality instruction, meaningful educational opportunities, and dynamic learning experiences.

In addition to academic successes, Grayhawk Elementary students demonstrated their many talents in various extracurricular activities. Grayhawk students competed in district field day, winning multiple awards that showcased their outstanding athleticism and team spirit.

The scientific curiosity of Grayhawk students was evident at the PVSchools Science and Engineering Fair, where we took home more ribbons than any other elementary school. The artistic skill and creativity of Grayhawk students was celebrated at the Sights and Sounds art show, and our musical ensembles, including the band, orchestra, and choir, delivered amazing performances throughout the year.

As we look ahead to the 2023-24 school year, we have even more to be excited about! Our outstanding S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) program continues to grow, while our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (P.B.I.S.) and All Things E.Q. practices continue to set the tone for positive student interactions between teachers and peers. We look forward to continuing to foster an environment where talent, hard work, and dedication are celebrated and nurtured, and our students have opportunities to engage in experiences that help them learn and grow.

If you or someone you know is looking for an "A" rated school, in an outstanding community, we are currently accepting in-boundary enrollment, as well as open enrollment applications, at all grade levels for the 2023-24 school year. Please visit our PTO website - [grayhawkpto.com](http://grayhawkpto.com) to learn more about Grayhawk and to set up a tour. Or, follow our PTO on Instagram - @grayhawkpto - to see all of the incredible things happening at Grayhawk. We look forward to welcoming you into the Grayhawk family. Have a great summer!



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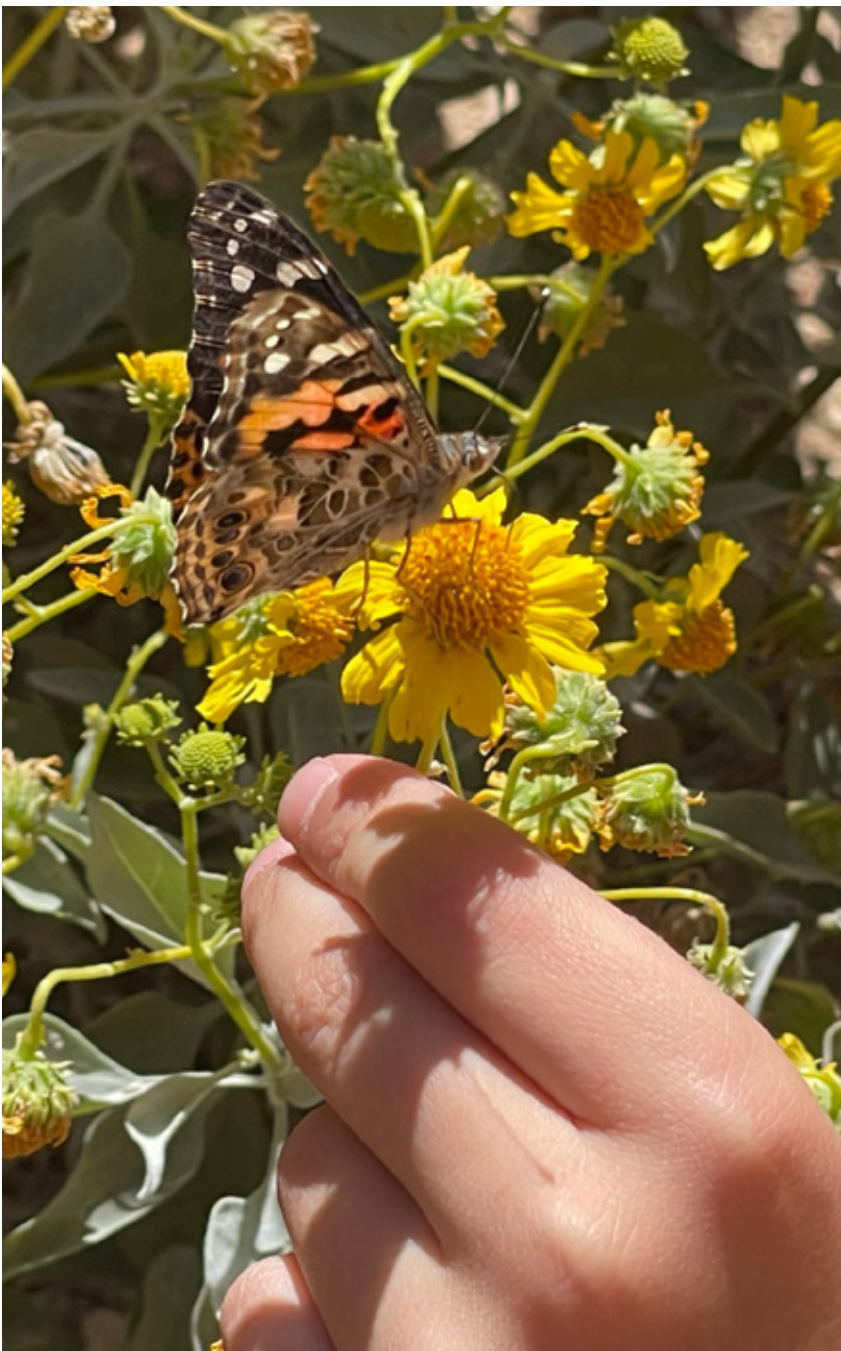
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# Butterflies

About 100 second and third grade students at Grayhawk Elementary School recently released Painted Lady butterflies that they had raised into the butterfly garden at the school's outdoor classroom. The school's Monarch waystation was created to help support endangered species, and the signage used in the way station was donated by Grayhawk's landscape contractor, DLC Resources. The signage matches what can be found in the GCA Monarch waystation in Montevina.

The biology company that the Paradise Valley School District uses to teach life cycles sent the Painted Lady butterflies to the school when they were about 3 millimeters in length. The caterpillar stage was two weeks long and the chrysalis stage was one and a half weeks long. Some of the caterpillars did not survive the process, leaving about 25 butterflies that the students were able to release.







# Monsoon Clean Up at Grayhawk

By Kaipo Spenser, DLC Resources Field Manager

July and August places us squarely in monsoon season. While we welcome the summer rains, the vigorous storms present some challenges for plant material. Fortunately, DLC has many years of experience when it comes to navigating a variety of weather-related issues. From frost damage to extreme heat and blustery winds, your landscape is in capable hands.

## PREPARATION

The best way to help prevent damage caused by monsoon storms is to prune trees well beforehand. You should see DLC crews complete their hardwood pruning projects – in which we trim heavy branches, suckers, and anything above contract height – by the first week of June. A properly pruned tree is less likely to have branches break during the upcoming rainstorms in July and August. Of course, storms are unpredictable, so that is when we conduct our standardized and efficient clean up and repair practices. Arbor crews use special equipment, sometimes climbing trees, to reach your community's contract height of 10 feet.

## CLEAN UP AND REPAIR

When monsoon storms arrive, the emphasis shifts to clean-up and repair. Typically, summer storms occur later in the day after crews have left the property. For immediate emergency aid, we have personnel on call 24 hours a day. These works are equipped to deal with the storm's most pressing effects, such as trees blocking streets or sidewalks. Full-scale clean up generally begins the following morning. We may need to suspend or reduce in scope routine maintenance activities while the crew cleans up debris and performs repairs. If necessary, DLC will provide extra personnel to expedite the storm clean up.

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- Blow sidewalks
- Haul away debris

**If needed, crews will also:**

- Clean up saguaro arms carefully and place in a different truck for disposal
- Bring other crews in to help
- Track lost/seriously damaged trees through our GIS maps for future reference
- Return to remove stumps

**CULVERT CLEANING**

Culverts are drainage vessels that move water away from roads and into a subterranean waterway. Culverts are vital for proper drainage, keeping the Community clean and in good condition.

Your Community has natural desert washes throughout, and DLC crews regularly remove trash from storm grates to allow water to flow easily. We use GIS-based maps to inspect culverts accurately and keep a record of culvert cleaning going back many years, with photos. Our Special Projects department cleans out culverts that at 50% full.

Your Community is safe, whether or not we are talking about tree damage prevention, storm clean up, or culvert care! DLC does our part to help your Community stay clean and polished.

To learn more about monsoon prevention and clean up, visit [dlcresources.com/learning-center](http://dlcresources.com/learning-center).

## ***We'll be seeing you soon!***

The Grayhawk Flight will not be published in August. We encourage you to stay up-to-date on Grayhawk events and operations by reading the Grayhawk Buzz weekly eblast (email Jennifer Sheets at [jsheets@ccmcnet.com](mailto:jsheets@ccmcnet.com) to sign up), hopping on the community website ([grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org)) and visiting our social media channels (Facebook.com/GrayhawkAZ and Instagram @Grayhawk AZ). We'll see you in September!



# Important Contact Numbers

Grayhawk Onsite Office	480-563-9708
Capital Consultants Management Corp.	480-921-7500
Grayhawk Community Patrol	480-502-5078
Talon Guardhouse	480-502-7685
Raptor Guardhouse	480-502-5078
After Hours Answering Service	602-234-9288

Appaloosa Library	480-312-7323
Arabian Library	480-312-6250
Mustang Library	480-312-6050

Grayhawk Golf Club	480-502-1800
Boys and Girls Club, Thunderbirds	480-538-9547
Motor Vehicle Division	602-255-0072
US Post Office, Kachina Branch	480-513-2935
Poison Control	602-253-3334
Southwest Wildlife	480-471-9109

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City of Scottsdale Water	480-312-5650
City of Scottsdale Solid Waste	480-312-5600
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

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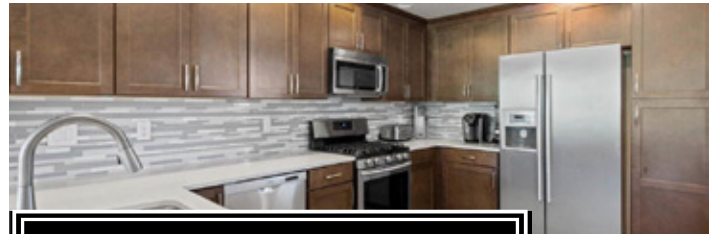
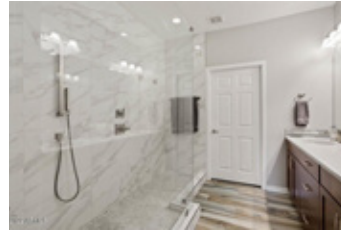


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