

# Grayhawk Flight

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June 2020

### 2020-2021 Grayhawk Community Association



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# Manager's Corner



These past several months have clearly been unprecedented times for all of us as we endure the COVID-19 pandemic. Our lives have changed dramatically during this time and these changes may become a permanent part of our lives in the near future. Will Plexiglas face guards in public places become the norm? Will our favorite restaurants be a thing of the past? Will we need to schedule our workouts at fitness centers? What will sports events, concerts, and movie theaters look like in the future? There are so many unknowns going forward as we make our way through these crazy times.

One thing that is not an unknown is the Grayhawk Community Association's commitment to you that we will continue to serve our residents and ensure that Grayhawk remains the premier community that it has always been. We have continued to maintain the community's landscaping and community enhancement projects have proceeded throughout this time. We have continued our maintenance of community amenities such as the tot lots/playground areas, ramadas, basketball courts, tennis courts, and pool areas in the Retreat Village even though most of these amenities were closed until the middle of May.

The Grayhawk Community Association office has continued to function with a reduced staff on a daily basis, and even though the office has been closed to visitors, we have been able to satisfy homeowner inquiries and requests via email and phone calls. While we had to cancel several of your favorite events like the Easter Egg Hunt, the Family BBQ and Movie Night, the Community Golf Tournament, and the Community Garage Sale, our Lifestyle Director Sarah Van Duyne and the Event Planning Committee have provided a wide range of virtual events over the past two months, most of which have been very well received with many residents taking part to fill an entertainment void caused by the coronavirus. We are already making plans to try to hold most of these events (except the Easter Egg Hunt) in the fall, if possible.

Homeowners have begun getting to know their neighbors (see the article in this edition entitled "Camping Chairs to Crudites") and our walking paths have been filled throughout the day. Your dogs have probably never gotten so much exercise.

One thing I know is that the spirit of the Grayhawk homeowners will always survive. We will get through this difficult time and I believe your actions during this time will make us an even better community.

We'll talk again soon.

*Michael Fee*

Grayhawk Community Manager

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## BOARD MEETINGS – JUNE 2020

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

### Grayhawk Board of Directors

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

### Grayhawk Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

The Board of Directors will be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 33-1804 (A)(3) at 5:00 p.m. in the GCA office.

### Retreat Village Board of Directors

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

### Retreat Village Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

The Board of Directors will be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 33-1804 (A)(3) at 5:00 p.m. in the GCA office.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Communications Committee

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

### Event Planning Committee

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

### Landscape Committee

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

### Operational Review Committee

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

### Architectural Review Committee

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



## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

### Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Meeting

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

### Crown Point Board Meeting

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

### Edge Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Vision Community Management  
at 480-759-8683

### Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

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## 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 – May 4, 2020

An Avian resident in attendance asked when the pools and tennis courts would be open. Michael Fee noted that topic would be addressed in the Retreat Village Association meeting, and that the opening of the pool in Avian would be determined by the Avian Condominium Association Board of Directors.

### Development Committee

David Van Omen reported that the Hayden Road and Pima Road on and off ramps would be closed periodically through June. Residents can check the ADOT website for updates. Management will also include updates in the Buzz weekly email blast.

### Operational Review Committee

Stacey Harvey reported that the committee did not meet. Michael Fee reported that a 30/60/90 day reopening plan was sent to the Board of Directors for review. When amenities are opened, signage will be included to state that amenities are cleaned/sanitized periodically but residents should use these areas at their own discretion.

A motion was made and approved to keep the tot lots, ramadas and the basketball court in The Park closed until June 1. The Board agreed that the office should remain closed through May and reopen in June and meetings with staff members will be by appointment only.

The Board of Directors had a lengthy discussion regarding the guardhouse renovation project. Keith Zollman from Studio KZ submitted redesigned plans of the guardhouses which were emailed to the GCA and RVA Board members on April 14. Board members were also given a proposed design for the guardhouses if they are remodeled rather than rebuilt, as well as a proposed budget for remodeling the guardhouses. Mr. Zollman is requesting direction from the Board of Directors regarding finalizing the design plans for either a remodel of the guardhouses or rebuilding the guardhouses. This would complete Phase 3 of the project.

Paul Alessio asked if this project could be postponed in accordance with the contract with Studio KZ, or if the

GCA could ask for a postponement due to coronavirus. Stacey Harvey will inquire with Studio KZ. Stacey also noted that alternatively, the GCA Board of Directors could finalize Phase 3 and once they have the plans, wait to move forward with bids for construction.

A motion was made to have the plans finalized, completing Phase 3. The motion did not pass. A second motion was made and passed to contact Keith Zollman and request a 30 day postponement.

### Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that there was not a meeting in March or April. An erosion project on 76th Way was funded through the operating budget. During the past month, DLC Resources has continued to focus on monitoring the water usage throughout the community. The watering schedule for the turf areas has been cut back in an attempt to get the winter rye grass to die off and promote the growth of the summer Bermuda grass. The mow heights have been gradually lowered in preparation for the turf transition to summer Bermuda grass.

### Community Enhancement Committee

The Community Enhancement Committee members voted via email regarding the requests made by all eight Grayhawk condominium associations as part of the Condominium Community Enhancement Program. The Community Enhancement Committee is recommending GCA Board approval of the following condominium association projects:

1. Edge – Convert the south pool to a salt water system (\$15,000.00 is being requested, however, the committee has increased the maximum funding to \$16,500.00 which the Edge would be eligible for).
2. Vintage at Grayhawk– New mailboxes and new stone, color, and lettering on the mailbox kiosks to match Grayhawk's new monument signs (Request is for \$21,361.53, however, the committee has agreed on the maximum funding of \$16,500.00 which is all Vintage would be eligible for).
3. Tesoro – Replace the readers and fobs

for access control for the community center, pool area, and pedestrian gates (\$16,382.00).

4. Cachet at Grayhawk – Expand the fitness center in the community center and new fitness equipment (\$15,781.42).
5. Village at Grayhawk –Shade cover for pool equipment at the three pool areas and rip rap enhancement in the community at drop-offs from sidewalks and in erosion areas (\$15,074.84).
6. Venu – Update the community map sign and landscaping at the entrance of the community (\$16,500.00).
7. Encore – Major landscape renovation to xeriscape landscaping (Request is for \$18,500.00, however, the committee has agreed on the maximum funding of \$16,500.00 which is all Encore would be eligible for)
8. Avian – Remodel the pool bathrooms (\$16,335.00).

The total the Community Enhancement Committee is recommending for the 2020 projects submitted to be funded through the GCA community enhancement fund is \$129,573.27. A motion was made and approved to accept the Community Enhancement Committee recommendation to fund \$129,573.27 in condominium community enhancement projects through the Community Enhancement Fund.

The Community Enhancement Committee reviewed several landscaping projects via email that were submitted by the Landscape Committee for funding through the GCA and RVA community enhancement funds. The committee agreed to recommend funding through the GCA community enhancement funds for the following projects:

1. Turf Conversion-\$27,563.00. Estimated 10,260 square feet of turf to be converted to granite in areas that are on extreme slopes or heavily shaded by trees. This proposal is being recommended to be approved for funding through the GCA community enhancement fund.
2. Sample Monument: Peregrine Vistas-\$8,157.00. As part of a continuing effort to enhance the community, the committee is beginning the process

# COMMUNITY REMINDERS

of updating the landscaping at the neighborhood monument signs throughout the community. This proposal is being recommended to be approved for funding through the GCA community enhancement fund.

A motion was made and approved to accept the Community Enhancement Committee's recommendation and approve the two proposals listed above to be funded through the GCA community enhancement fund at a total cost of \$35,720.00

## **Event Planning Committee**

Sarah Van Duyne reported that April was a bit of a challenge because all of the scheduled events had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, residents loved the Easter Bunny dropping off crafts and a Pinspiration art craft for the Easter holiday.

Upcoming events include a succulent kit delivery for Mother's Day that has already sold out, a Virtual 5K, and community trivia with prizes provided by community sponsors.

## **Communications Committee**

Jennifer Sheets reported that the committee did not meet this month. The office has been working hard to keep the community as up-to-date as possible on any coronavirus issues as they pertain to the community.

## **Architectural Review Committee**

Paul Alessio that the committee will be holding meetings virtually and appreciates staff for helping to make that happen.

## **Budget/Finance Committee**

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee met on March 11 to review the updated reserve studies. The GCA is 70% funded and the Pinnacle neighborhood is 90% funded which are both in a strong funding position.

A motion was made and approved to accept the updated reserve studies as presented.

## **Executive Committee**

David Van Omen reported that the committee did not meet.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Jeanette Griswold reported that the GCA Community Enhancement Fund was funded by \$35,917 in February and \$119,649 in March, with a year-to-date total (through March) of \$253,025. The total balance is \$2,347,859.

## **Management Report**

Michael Fee reported that the monument sign project is nearly completed. Board members are asked to review the 30/60/90 day reopening plan.

Paul Alessio asked about the sidewalk /wall between Scottsdale Healthcare and the Coventry at Grayhawk neighborhood. Stacey Harvey confirmed that this area is the property of Scottsdale Healthcare. She will contact Scottsdale Healthcare to request that they clean up the area.

## **Construction and Landscape Debris**

We love that residents are making improvements and keeping both the interior and exterior of their homes looking great. However, we've seen an increase in debris dumping in Association common areas. Please remind your vendors that debris should be disposed of in a dumpster on your property or hauled off site.

## **Front Yard Landscaping**

Over the past 20+ years, many of the front yards in the community have begun to look "tired". Now is a great time to take a look at your front yard landscaping and see if it might be time for a makeover or at least an enhancement of your current front yard landscaping. As a Grayhawk homeowner, your responsibilities regarding your front yard landscaping include replacing dead or removed plants to meet the minimum plant requirements in the Design Guidelines, trimming of the plants and trees to avoid overgrowth, cleaning up plant debris (leaves, pods, etc.), and adding decomposed granite to the front yard to adhere to community guidelines.

## **Speeding in Our Community**

There have been a number of complaints about young drivers speeding in the community. This is a serious safety concern, especially with so many neighborhood kids spending time outdoors. Please be aware of your speed when driving in Grayhawk, and remind family members how important it is to do the same.



## **Retreat Village Gate Access**

Utilizing your ABDI Gate Access account, either on a web browser or through the app on a mobile device helps to alleviate the need for the staff at the gate to make phone calls to verify guests. The process runs much smoother and guests don't have to wait in line nearly as long when guests and vendors are already added to a homeowner's account. And it's so easy! If you are not sure how to log in to your ABDI account, you can find more information on [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) under Resident Services/ABDI Gate Access.





# Life Keeps Humming Along

By Bill and Ferney Kuykendall, Halcon Villas

Our "stay home" coincides with birds building nests and raising their young all over Grayhawk. We are up at the crack of dawn, checking on Great Horned owl, Red-tailed and Harris's hawk nests, and ... serendipity: an Anna's Hummingbird nest in a Hibiscus bush in our next door neighbor's yard.

I took daily photos as Mama Hummie built the nest, laid 2 eggs, watched the babies hatch, and then fledged. We named them "Hibbie & Biscuit" (play on words). The photos will be included in a coffee table book that I have been working on for months. The shot of Mama feeding the babies was featured in *Arizona Highways Magazine*.







# HOMEOWNER ASSESSMENTS

Your Grayhawk Community Association master assessments for the third quarter are due **July 1, 2020**. Please watch for your statement and make sure to pay your assessments on time. All payments not received by July 31 are subject to late fees. If you have any questions regarding payments on your account, please call the GCA office at 480-563-9708. For payment options, including how to set up direct debit, please visit the payment section on [www.ccmnet.com](http://www.ccmnet.com). Assessments are collected quarterly in January, April, July and October.

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## Virtual Bingo

**Thurs., June 18 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Join us this month to play an interactive game of Bingo from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. You will have the chance to win prizes like a \$100 Parma gift card, \$100 to the Grayhawk Golf Club, a wine basket and more! Spots are limited. Register online at [www.Grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.Grayhawkcommunity.org) by the end of the day on Monday, June 15. We will email you the link to print off your own cards at home once registration has closed. If you do not have a printer and would like to participate, we can also print them at the office for you. Each person is allowed up to two cards at a time and cards are numbered 1-75. There will be five games total and will last approximately an hour depending on how quickly Bingo is called. Prizes are awarded for each round and will be mailed or dropped off to those winners.



## Zoom Webinar with Jeff Toomey

**Tues., June 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Jeff Toomey, from Rocket Repair and CEO of Speak Toomey, will be hosting a special Zoom webinar for Grayhawk residents. Working and being home can be difficult right now, but Jeff will show you some tips and tricks how to use technology to your advantage at a time it seems most important. This webinar will include how to communicate with loved ones using Zoom and other ways. Other topics discussed will include, how to keep yourself and your family safe while being online more than normal and how getting more comfortable with technology can be helpful during times like these. Join us, connect with your neighbors and enjoy an interactive class where you can ask questions and learn! Jeff will also be recording this class to email to those not yet comfortable using Zoom. Register online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) and we will email you the zoom link a couple days prior to the class.

## Food Truck Father's Day

**Sat., June 20 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

What is one thing Dads love more than grilling in the summer time? Having someone else grill for them in the summertime! Bring Dad or someone you would like to treat on Father's Day to the Offices at Grayhawk parking lot to enjoy delicious grilled sliders from Electric Sliders, hot and fresh kettlecorn, and super sweet cupcakes from Frosted Frenzy. Trucks will be parked against the back wall of the office parking lot at 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy to make for an easy pick up and take home meal. Enjoy some relaxing tunes played by our very own Madison Holmes while social distancing in your vehicles and waiting for your order. Call ahead to Electric Sliders to place your order to make for an easy pick up and take home meal. They can be reached at 480-343-3237.

## Father's Day Video

**June 1 - June 12**

We invite everyone to submit a short but sweet 10- 20 second Father's Day video greeting or memorial for the father figure in your life. Please send your video landscape-orientation cell phone video to [svanduyne@ccmcnet.com](mailto:svanduyne@ccmcnet.com) labeled "Father's Day." Take a video of yourself as you wish a special Father in your life a happy Father's Day. All submissions must be turned in by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 12 and you could be featured in a video slideshow on the Grayhawk Facebook page on Father's Day.

## Virtual Mixology Class

**Thursday June 25, July 2 and July 9**

Join us in learning how to mix some consciously created cocktails at home via Zoom. This is a three part 45-60 minute virtual mixology class. We will be making cocktail creations that utilize anti-inflammatory, immune boosting and electrolyte boosting ingredients. You will be emailed the ingredient list prior to each class so you can engage and follow along in real time. Bonus recipe cards will be e-mailed after each session as well! Last but not least, we will be sending a little liquid therapy with a liquid caterer cocktail infusion kit to each participant. The infusion kits are composed of all natural ingredients and are designed to pair perfectly with your favorite spirit. Each week a new spirit will be highlighted and three drinks will be mixed each session. Space is limited to 25 participants for each session and will be honored on a first come, first served basis. Cost to participate is only \$5 per class! Register today on [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) to reserve your space.

**WEEKLY  
SPIRIT LIST:**  
**June 25 - Vodka**  
**July 2 - Rum**  
**July 9 - Bourbon**



## ARIZONA HELPING HANDS: Back-to-School Initiative

Now through July 24

As a result of COVID-19, the school year ended abruptly and unexpectedly, and children are eager to return to the classroom in the fall. Children who are in foster care are at-risk and experience change often, and this uncertain time provides additional challenges. By providing the necessary supplies needed to attend school, children in foster care do not need to worry about feeling less-than, or ashamed; they get to just be a normal child in school. This is why the Arizona Helping Hands Back-to-School Initiative is so important to us.

For every \$35 donated, you will be providing a child in foster care entering Preschool through College with a new backpack filled with grade appropriate school supplies. On top of that, Executive Council Charities is providing a special 100% matching grant (up to \$30,000) to help magnify your gift and provide more support for children in foster care. Help us reach our goal of 300 backpacks donated by July 24. Check out additional info and the link to donate: <https://www.ec70phx.com/charity-donation/ahh-grayhawk/>. Feel free to e-mail Sarah Van Duyne at [svanduyne@ccmcnet.com](mailto:svanduyne@ccmcnet.com) with any questions.

## A Bench for an Exceptional Man

A Memorial Bench was recently installed in the Halcon neighborhood, honoring a man who has been so important to Grayhawk.

Pat Thompson and his wife Marcia have lived in Grayhawk for nearly 18 years, and during that time Pat has carved out a spot as “that neighbor” who will do anything for you. He was often seen walking through Halcon and was known to be the eyes and ears of his neighborhood. A Retreat Village Association Board member for over 15 years, Pat was a regular visitor in the Association office, always bringing with him a warm smile.

Even amid the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic, a good number of people attended the bench dedication in March, including Grayhawk neighbors, CCMC staff and family. It was a very special event honoring this warm, kind and extraordinary man.



### More about the Memorial Bench Program

There are currently five benches available as memorial benches, and benches will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Benches are not reserved until payment in full is received. Honorees must be or have been a Grayhawk resident. In order to purchase a memorial bench, the donor must complete the application form, including the desired inscription, and submit complete payment for approval by the Landscape Committee. If you are interested in finding out more about the Memorial Bench Program, please contact Stacey Harvey at [sharvey@ccmcnet.com](mailto:sharvey@ccmcnet.com) or 480-563-9708.





Our wonderful family and dog-friendly Grayhawk community has become a more closely-knit neighborhood through these past eight weeks, including neighbors who live on Journey Lane in Coventry at the Park. Most of us have lived on the block for years, but haven't had a chance to get to know each other well, with work and life responsibilities.

As we were all going a bit stir crazy, we decided to have a "social-distancing" Saturday Night Happy Hour. It has been such a great success that we want to continue this tradition after our lives go back to the "new normal." We are especially lucky that one of our neighbors, Sally Arnold, is a professional event planner ([www.sallyarnoldevents.com](http://www.sallyarnoldevents.com)). Not only does she host us in her driveway, she has designed and decorated our themes, including a Derby Day Party and a Garden Party. Check out her "edible garden" crudité display with the "dirt" made of chopped mushrooms and olives!

This led to our slogan, From Camping Chairs to Crudités. With beer and wine and Sally's specialty cocktails, we are all having the best Saturday nights! We are meeting neighbors down the street and welcoming the new family that just moved in. Just one way we are all coping safely with our recent world crisis.

We can't wait to see what Sally comes up with for next Saturday night! If you see us...please join us!



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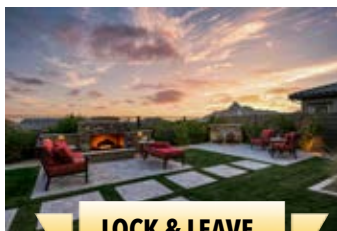
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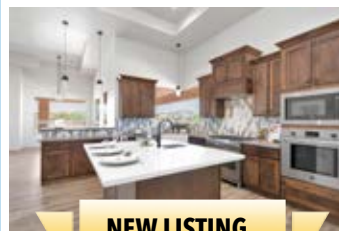
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## PLANTING RESILIENCE

High temps, low humidity, micro-climates, oh my! Suddenly, conditions that worked in our favor now work against us. Everything in your landscape looks great until suddenly, it doesn't. What happened? April happened.

Spring is history. Foresummer\* followed with a vengeance. Our reward for getting through this period will be (oh, boy!) the Monsoon season, but I digress.

The harshest of seasons is upon us and having a durable and enduring landscape looks increasingly like a wish and a prayer. It doesn't have to be.

### Setting Goals and Achieving Them

Let's go back to the beginning, shall we? No matter what you want to achieve in your landscape, developing goals is the key to success. Without them, disappointments await. Making careful, mindful choices will have you working with Mother Nature, not against her.

More than five years ago, when I started this desert landscaping odyssey, I established the following goals as my guide.

1. Reduce routine maintenance.
2. Reduce water use.
3. Create year-round color.
4. Select plants that look healthy, year-round (i.e. no tropical or semi-tropical plants).
5. Attract wildlife: hummingbirds, butterflies and other pollinators.
6. Create a welcoming environment for humans.

When I reread these goals, five years on, I'm pleased to be reminded that I have achieved all of them. Still, I didn't realize how important a focus on resiliency would turn out to be.

### Intentionally Planting for Resilience

Focusing on resiliency would have caused me to consider more carefully my early plant choices. I would have taken more seriously, 'plant what works and plant more of it', 'plant the natives', 'avoid

falling in love' - with a plant you know to be marginal (but it might work), 'right plant - right place', etc. It would also have forced me to pay more attention to microclimates, especially those pesky hot spots.

Hot spots are bad enough, but our increasing number of hot-hot-hot days - those well north of 110 degrees make matters much, much worse. This level of heat is magnified (from a plant's perspective) by areas that trap it and reflect it back on the plants: side yards, court yards, concrete and stucco walls, sidewalks and boulders that absorb the summer sun for 5 or 6 or more hours day after day. Native plants and some of those we have borrowed from other deserts can withstand these conditions. Others cannot.

I have taken my own advice on this score. I now have more native plants than ever while still achieving my original goals, along with the added feature of resiliency. I'm never looking back.

### Plant of the Month

It's hard to believe it's been a year since we've had a plant of the month. The last one we featured we're featuring again, here. Why? Because this shrub - the Valentine Bush - meets all of the goals listed above plus it is extremely resilient. And, as a bonus, it starts blooming around Christmas and keeps it up until May. The downside is that it is a fast grower. The upside is that it endures shearing. I don't recommend shearing shrubs, but this plant doesn't mind it so much.

The Valentine Bush is nearly bullet-proof. It well-tolerates reflected heat. Plant it against a wall that gets full sun. It will be fine. Use one in a corner along with cacti, agave and/or perennials or mass them for lovely continuity. I have six of these in my back yard and, from winter through spring, I marvel at their color every day. They truly are the gift that keeps on giving.

*\*There are multiple models of seasonality in the Sonoran Desert. The one I prefer is from A Natural History of the Sonoran Desert, "Sonoran Desert Natural Events Calendar" by Roseann Beggy Hanson & Jonathan Hanson, (pp. 19-28). This model describes 6 distinct seasons, three of them being variations of summer. Foresummer occurs in May and June and is characterized by rising temperatures, falling humidity and an absence of rainfall.*





# *Staying Connected*

**Coronavirus hasn't stopped Grayhawk from staying active, having fun and connecting with neighbors!**

Lifestyle Director Sarah Van Duyne has kept residents of all ages busy with craft projects and fun challenges. Neighbors have lifted each other up and found ways to spend more time together, even while 6 feet apart. It's been a difficult time for sure, but it's also been a time for creative interaction that will hopefully keep us connected for years to come. Follow along for the next few pages as we explore some of the many ways that residents have stayed engaged, and share your stories and photos by emailing Grayhawk's Director of Communications Jennifer Sheets at [jsheets@ccmcnet.com](mailto:jsheets@ccmcnet.com).



*Residents of all ages enjoyed the Plant Bar Plant Adventure Kit*



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## Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

Welcome to the month of June. I hope that my article finds you staying safe and staying healthy. June is the month we officially welcome the heat and summer. From previous June articles, maybe you will remember that I love this time of the year because it is the beginning of many birthday celebrations with my family. I probably love birthdays more than anyone I know. I guess I am still a kid at heart! Thankfully this will be a great month to eat out now that most of our favorite restaurants have reopened to dine-in.

When I wrote this, the GCA Office was still closed to outside traffic so I was without my partner in crime, Jennifer Sheets. Luckily, my grandson, Jack, who attends the University of Washington was in town as restaurants started to open back up. My husband Bill and I took him and his brother, Joey, a senior at Saguaro High School to check out a new spot and really enjoyed spending time with them.

**Moe's Roadhouse**, located in the spot previously occupied by **Lush Burger**, is a family friendly neighborhood joint that I think most will love. The owners have rolled out a new concept with a fresh interior redesign to match. They really wanted to include



fresh ingredients and a welcoming atmosphere in a spot that could host a business meeting, family dinner or friends out to grab drinks and watch a game. The design is cozy, with slight western accents that complement the Sonoran desert. Don't worry, there are lots of TVs for the sports fans!

Judging by reviews, the burgers seem to be the most popular. Customers have remarked that they are the best burgers in 85255! Bill and Joey ordered the Roadhouse and were not disappointed. It was hamburger with crispy onion strings, sautéed onions, apple-wood smoked bacon, gruyere cheese, and roasted garlic mayo on an onion bun. Bill had mac 'n cheese for a side and Joey ordered the fries. Both were great.

Jack ordered the **Bacon and Cheese Burger** with apple-wood smoked bacon, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion, pickle, and thousand island with fries. I ordered the **BLT Sliders**, three slider rolls with apple-wood smoked bacon, lettuce, tomato and garlic mayo. They were good, but filling. I would have liked it if the bacon was cooked just a little more. I really love crisp bacon! We also tried the **Coconut Shrimp** and we were not disappointed. The eight coconut-crusted fried shrimp served with sweet Thai chili dipping sauce were delicious!

All in all, it was a great lunch and great company. The burgers were cooked to perfection and were nice and juicy. The service was great, and Rick, the manager, came over to say hi and thanked us for coming in.

I would suggest dining in or doing takeout at **Moe's**. I don't think you will be disappointed. If you are craving a hamburger, then this is the place to go! They also have quinoa bowls and some great looking salads. There is a nice selection of appetizers, and they do have a Lil'Moes menu. For desert, try their signature milkshake or their classic cookie pie.

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Grandfathers, Stepdads and Godfathers. Stay cool and happy summer!

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## Still Sweet and Salty

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk

When you think of salads, a chickpea probably isn't the first ingredient that comes to mind, however chickpeas are the center of attention in this delicious healthy salad. A local Lebanese restaurant makes this salad to perfection, so I had to do a little research and some trial and error to get it right. This tangy, lemony and filling salad can be served as a side or makes a complete meal. When I made this salad I just couldn't stop eating it all day long! It can be refrigerated and tastes just as good the second day.

Chickpeas are considered to be legumes (bean family) and are sometimes called Garbanzo beans. They have been grown in Middle Eastern countries for thousands of years and as you probably know, they are the base of hummus. They are a rich source of vitamins, minerals and fiber. They also improve digestion, aid in weight management and are high in protein. They make an excellent replacement for meat in vegetarian diets. You can buy dried chickpeas then soak and cook them yourself, but I think the canned chickpeas are much easier and taste the same. If this is the first time you have ever tried chickpea salad, I'd love to hear if you like it. Enjoy!



*And always, always, always eat your beans! Or chickpeas... they are good for you! We welcome your feedback, suggestions and recipe requests! Please feel free to email us at [boschl@me.com](mailto:boschl@me.com).*

## Chickpea Salad

**PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES**

**SERVINGS: 3-4**

### Ingredients:

#### DRESSING:

- 2 ½ tablespoons fresh squeezed lemon juice
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¾ teaspoon pepper

#### ADD:

- 1 small red onion, diced
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- ½ English cucumber, quartered and chopped
- 10 ounce container grape tomatoes, sliced in half
- 15 ounce can of chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup crumbled feta

### Instructions:

1. Whisk together all dressing ingredients.
2. Add vegetables, chickpeas, feta and toss.

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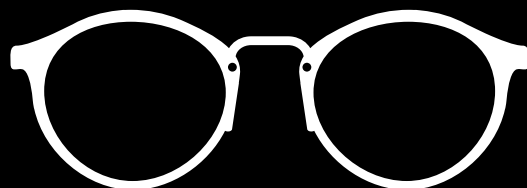
  
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