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Biking Grayhawk's Trail System

Manager's Corner



It's that time of year again! The Grayhawk Community Association (GCA) and Retreat Village Association (RVA) Annual Meetings will be held this month on March 19. These meetings will be held at the Fairway House at the Grayhawk Golf Club beginning with the Grayhawk Community Association Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the Retreat Village Association Annual Meeting immediately following at approximately 7:00 p.m.

At these meetings, a new Board of Directors will be elected for both associations with the GCA filling four of the seven positions on the GCA Board and the RVA filling three of the five positions on the RVA Board. Please plan to attend this important meeting(s) where we will celebrate the previous year's accomplishments. We will also inform homeowners of what is planned for Grayhawk and the surrounding area in the upcoming year. For the past several years, we have revised the Annual Meeting presentation and this year we have a few more surprises in store as we showcase the great community in which you live. If that doesn't entice you enough to come to the Annual Meeting, there are great door prizes for anyone in attendance, including gift certificates from local merchants.

Whether you attend the Annual Meeting(s) or not, we strongly encourage all Grayhawk homeowners to vote in the Board of Director election(s). In February, you were mailed a ballot for voting in the Grayhawk Community Association 2019 Board of Directors election and, if you live in the Retreat Village, a ballot for voting in the Retreat Village Association 2019 Board of Directors election. In this mailing, you also received each candidate's responses to a questionnaire completed by the candidates in an effort to give the homeowners additional information when making their voting decision.

While this year's GCA and RVA elections have the same number of candidates as Board vacancies -- four candidates for the four Board vacancies on the GCA Board of Directors and three candidates for the three Board vacancies on the RVA Board of Directors -- it is still very important that you vote in this year's election(s) so that a quorum is established for the Annual Meeting and Board elections. The GCA Board candidates are incumbents Paul Alessio and Bob Mann, as well as candidates Lou Ender and Derek Moore. The RVA Board candidates are incumbent Ira Mallin and candidates Michael Loya and Barb Nelson. Please read the candidate questionnaires/bios contained in this issue of the Grayhawk Flight to learn more about each candidate and their vision for the future for Grayhawk.

During the past several years, the GCA Board of Directors and the on-site staff have worked hard to "get out the vote" and the voter turnout has increased significantly over the past five years in both the GCA and RVA elections. Please take an active role in your community and do your part by voting in the Board of Director election(s). Grayhawk will be a better community with your involvement in the election process.

We'll talk again soon.

Michael Fee

Grayhawk Community Manager

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BOARD MEETINGS – MARCH 2019

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

Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., March 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Talon Room, GCA office
Grayhawk_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Grayhawk Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

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

Retreat Village Board of Directors

Mon., March 4 following the GCA meeting in the Talon Room, GCA office
Retreat_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Retreat Village Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Communications Committee

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

Event Planning Committee

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

Landscape Committee

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

Operational Review Committee

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

Architectural Review Committee

Tues., March 5 and 19 at 4:30 p.m. at the GCA office.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

Tues., March 19 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor Room in the GCA office. Call Associated Property Management 480-941-1077 for details.

Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

Tues., March 19 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 or call 480-584-4647 for details.

Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

Wed., March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Encore Clubhouse. Visit www.encoreatgrayhawk.com for details.

Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

Tues., March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Venu Great Room. Call Associated Property Management at 480-941-1077 for details.

Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

Thur., March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor Room, GCA Office. Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 for details.

Vintage Condominium Association Annual Meeting

Mon., March 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Talon Room, GCA Office. Call Associated Property Management at 480-941-1077 for details.



Grayhawk Community Association Board Members

Linda Shaw
President

Paul Alessio
Vice President

Jeanette Griswold
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David Van Omen
Secretary

Margo Bellock
Director

Robert Mann
Director

Richard Zielinski
Director

Retreat Village Association Board Members

Arlene Smith
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Patrick Thompson
Treasurer

Alan Fernandez
Director

Mark Turri
Director

VISION

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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 – February 4, 2019

Development Committee

David Van Omen reported that HonorHealth has opened their facility in the former Bashas' location in the Grayhawk Plaza. Also, the Rawhide Wash floodplain project in the GCA's attempt to receive a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) from FEMA to remove the western portion of Grayhawk from the Rawhide Wash floodplain and eliminate the flood insurance requirement for this area has been approved by the City of Scottsdale is proceeding with FEMA.

Operational Review Committee

Martha Troy reported that the school is planning to install motion sensor lights on the west side of the school. She noted that the City of Scottsdale curfew is 10:00 p.m. for children under the age of 15 and 12:00 a.m. for those 16-17 years old. This curfew must be enforced by the City of Scottsdale.

The committee recently toured the Talon and Raptor guardhouses and determined that they were poorly designed and overcrowded. The committee is planning to visit other community guardhouses for ideas before moving forward. Stacey Harvey noted that the remodel will likely have to wait until the summer of 2019 for minimal impact to residents.

Martha Troy reported that the committee would like to see an article on regular home maintenance in an upcoming issue of the Grayhawk Flight.

A motion was made and approved to appoint Richard Zielinski to the Operational Review Committee.

Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that there have been leaks and breaks in the irrigation mainlines throughout the community. DLC Resources is currently working to find stuck or seeping valves, as they continue to see water movement when controllers are off. They will also add thrust blockers as we have experienced high water pressure in City of Scottsdale lines.

Community Enhancement Committee

Bob Mann reported that the committee did not meet.

Event Planning Committee

Margo Bellock reported that the Event Planning Committee would be sharing part of their February meeting with the Communications Committee to discuss charitable giving. They will also be evaluating their 2017 events to help better plan for the future.

A motion was made and approved to appoint Laurel Rollins as a new member of the Event Planning Committee.

Sarah Van Dwyne reported that 16 people had attended the Creative Writing Class and she received very positive feedback. Ages of attendees ranged from 12 to 75.



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The upcoming Murder Mystery Dinner is full at 35. The Daddy Daughter Dance will be full of magic as Disney characters Belle and Elsa will be in attendance, and Focal Point Salon and Spa will have a glitter bar.

The Tubac bus trip is full with approximately 20 people on the wait list.

Communications Committee

Jennifer Sheets reported that the committee had met to prepare for the joint meeting with the Event Planning Committee. The Communications Committee also reviewed various aesthetic aspects of the new website.

Architectural Review Committee

Stacey Harvey reported that the committee met on January 16. They reviewed 10 submittals and all but three were approved.

The committee made a preliminary submittal to the City of Scottsdale on the monument sign project. The City of Scottsdale sent the submittal back with a couple questions and the committee is working on getting updates completed.

Budget/Finance Committee

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee did not meet.

Executive Committee

Linda Shaw reported that the dates on the Strategic Planning document seemed close together and suggested that we spread them out over two years.

All eight of the condominium associations have submitted their 2018 project requests for the Condominium Community Enhancement Program.

The CC&R Amendment ballot has not seen a huge increase in votes over the past couple months. Voting will close on April 30.

Treasurer's Report

Jeanette Griswold reported that the water overage has hurt the budget and the GCA ended 2017 approximately \$20,000 over budget in the water expense.

Management Report

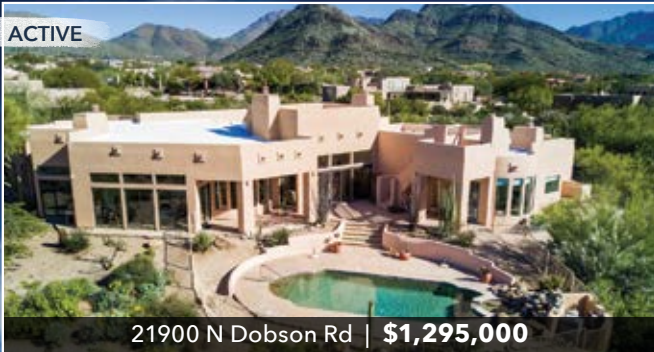
Michael Fee reported that DLC Resources is working on seasonal pruning.

The management team is in process of working with Communication Concepts to update the audio visual equipment in the Talon Room.

The Annual Meeting is being held on March 20. There are four applicants for the three open positions on the GCA Board of Directors and two applications for the two open positions on the RVA Board of Directors.

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SO LONG...FAREWELL...

By Linda Shaw, Grayhawk Board President

After serving for 12 years on the Grayhawk Board of Directors, including 7 of those years as the Board President, I have decided it is time to conclude my service on the Board. I am not a candidate for re-election this month.

I have numerous memories of my time serving on the Board. One of the first controversies during my board tenure was the decision to add shade sales to the tot lots in Grayhawk. That doesn't sound too controversial today, but it certainly was at the time the Board was deciding on this issue.

I am particularly proud of the biannual Strategic Planning Sessions the Board has held during my tenure as President. The Board has worked diligently to create the items for each plan, and also worked to implement each plan. It feels so good when we have marked the word "Completed" on various items in each plan.

Grayhawk's 20th Birthday Celebration Year was another highlight. We drank a glass of champagne at our Annual Meeting that year to toast our community. In addition to many 20th year events for residents, that year was the beginning of the now annual Grayhawk Community Golf Tournament.

A few of the special projects during recent years include new paint color schemes for Grayhawk; a new website for our community; the beginning of the new Condo Association Community Enhancement Program (now in its fifth year); the regular meetings with Grayhawk condo Presidents; numerous landscaping projects focusing on sustainability, energy, lighting, and irrigation efficiencies; working with FEMA on the project for the Rawhide Wash Flood Plain; and our project which is underway for updates for all of our Grayhawk monument signs. I am particularly proud of our recent program, entitled Grayhawk Gives Back, to work with a non-profit charity, Arizona Helping Hands, to help the lives of foster children in Arizona.

I am also pleased with the financial stability of our community, including the annual operating budget, the appropriately funded reserve fund, and our healthy community enhancement fund which allows us to fund new Grayhawk projects.

But finally, I will forever remember all of the wonderful people I have met in Grayhawk. Having served with many residents on the Grayhawk Board has been very special. These are very talented people who give their time and skills to make our community





even better. There are also many volunteers serving on various committees for Grayhawk. This is truly an opportunity for residents to be involved in making recommendations to the Board on Grayhawk issues. I personally have attended many, many of these committee meetings to hear the various points of view within our community. Grayhawk is so very fortunate to have our very professional and talented staff, the people who maintain the day-to-day functions of the Grayhawk office, as well as supervising and/or doing the work for the many projects in our community. I have the greatest of respect for all of these groups of people.

And also I have been fortunate to meet so many Grayhawk residents at the numerous programs held in Grayhawk. I have many fond memories of attending and volunteering during numerous events, including Daddy Daughter Dances (did you know we had over 250 participants this year), Easter Egg Hunts, Family Barbeques, Pumpkin Patch, Sunday in the Park, Santa Parties, Holiday Parties, yoga, meditation, and many Happy Hours.

I have truly enjoyed the privilege you have given me to be able to serve on the Grayhawk Board for so many years. I will continue to participate in Grayhawk activities. It will just be in a different role. Thank you to the many people who make Grayhawk such a fantastic community.

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GCA and RVA Annual Meetings

Tues., March 19 at 6 p.m.

Fairway House at Grayhawk Golf Club, 8620 E Thompson Peak Pkwy.

Join your fellow Grayhawk homeowners for a night of celebrating the amazing community that you live in. Look back on the past year and, more importantly, look forward to what's in store in the future. We will have plenty of snacks and refreshments before the meeting and tons of door prizes to give away. Please call 480-563-9708 if you have any questions regarding the Annual Meetings.



Floo-id YOGA in the Park

Sun., March. 24 at 4 p.m.

Grayhawk Greenbelt, Park at 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.

There are only two Yoga in the Park events left! If you haven't had the opportunity to try it out yet, join us to enjoy the spring weather and some YOU time. Floo-id YOGA is a locally owned boutique yoga studio right off the 101 Freeway and Scottsdale Road. They offer a wide variety of classes to accommodate all ages and skill levels to help you become a better version of yourself. Floo-id has offered to do these classes at no cost just for Grayhawk residents! Just bring your mat, a can-do attitude, and your body will do the rest. The classes will take place in the narrow beginning section of the greenbelt that starts at the tunnel under the Thompson Peak Parkway and Hayden Road intersection. Walk down, ride bikes over, or park in the Offices at Grayhawk parking lot and head down to the greenbelt from there. Please register online prior to each class at www.grayhawkcommunity.org to help us coordinate with the instructors!

Arizona Game and Fish Wildlife Education

Mon., March 25 from 5:30-7 p.m.

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

People who live in or visit Arizona can expect to see many species of wildlife. More often though, wild animals are venturing into areas where people live. Sometimes the wildlife becomes a problem, either by hammering on the side of your house, digging a den on your property or eating all your new plants. Preventing problems with wildlife is much simpler and less aggravating than dealing with the problems after they occur. Arizona Game and Fish is coming to Grayhawk to give us some tools we need to prevent further issues and how to best live with desert wildlife. Please RSVP online at www.grayhawkcommunity.org to attend this educational presentation "Living with Wildlife".

Bunco Night

Wed., March 27 at 6 p.m.

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

This will be like no other Bunco night we've had before! We are hosting in the larger room this month to accommodate the amount of people interested and have sponsors bringing the wine and food. To make it even better, the sponsors have special raffles to win on top of normal cash prizes! Never played before? Don't worry! It's an easy dice game- all you need to know is how to roll dice and count! We'll do a quick lesson before we get started. You must register online at www.grayhawkcommunity.org and pay \$5 in cash by March 25 to attend. There is a possibility this event will be full prior to its RSVP deadline, so sign up early! Thank you to our wonderful sponsors Kathy Craig- Skin Care Consultant with Rodan + Fields, and Kelley Carter, Realtor with Kelleysfinehomes and founders of Scottsdale Life for making this a bunco night to remember. An exciting gift card and Rodan + Fields gift basket will be raffled off as an added bonus.

Community Garage Sale

Sat., March 30 from 7 a.m.- 11 a.m.

Donation Drive from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

GCA Office Parking Lot, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. #102

Grab some boxes, finish your spring cleaning and join us for the annual spring Community Garage Sale. Park residents will be marked on a sale map for \$5, and Retreat Village/Condo residents can rent a table and space at the Grayhawk Community Association parking lot for \$10 for your first table. We will advertise for you, but please also post the sale on your private Facebook accounts and the Next Door App to get more attention. A Goodwill donation truck will be in the GCA parking lot from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. to take any unsold/ unwanted items. We will be partnering with Goodwill for a Donation Drive that will benefit the Grayhawk Elementary School, Sponsored by Cashman Partners- Russ Lyon Sotheby's group. All of your unsold items that you choose to donate will be put on the truck to be weighed- Goodwill will pay \$.10 per pound for the donations collected that will go directly to the Grayhawk Elementary School and serve Grayhawk families. RSVP to save your spot in the sale by registering online at www.grayhawkcommunity.org by Wednesday, March 27. We WILL NOT be accepting additions to the sale past this date. If you are interested in being a customer instead of selling items, make sure to get out there early, the big items go fast!

Family BBQ and Movie Night

Fri., April 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Grayhawk Neighborhood Park, On 76th St. between El Dorado Private School and Grayhawk Elementary School

Come prepared to enjoy a night full of family fun including live music, bounce houses, crazy rides and more. Enjoy free hot dogs/hamburgers, chips, drinks, s'mores and a showing of "Smallfoot" on a giant 50' screen, complete with popcorn to top off the festivities. Don't forget to bring chairs or blankets to sit back, relax and enjoy the beautiful spring weather and live music. This event is free, but your RSVP is required by Tuesday, April 2 on www.grayhawkcommunity.org. Please RSVP and help us make sure to purchase the appropriate amount of food and drinks. Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom of BVO Luxury Keller Williams AZ, Pinnacle Dental Services, Kathy Craig- Skin Care Consultant with Rodan + Fields, and DLC Resources for sponsoring another fantastic community event.



HIKING CLUB- MARCH 2019

To learn more about these hikes and/or RSVP, go to <http://www.meetup.com/Grayhawk-Hiking-Club/>.

To participate, you must have joined the club online (if you have not already done so) and RSVP'd "YES" to this event. On the website, you can review many other upcoming hikes and email the organizers with questions.

Elephant Mt. Loop in Cave Creek

Sat., March 9 at 8 a.m.

Join the Hiking Club for a strenuous hike in the Spur Cross Conservation Area. This 8 mile loop hike is for experienced hikers only. Estimated hiking time is approximately 4 hours.

McDowell Mt. Preserve Loop Hike

Sat., March 30 at 8 a.m.

Join the Hiking Club for a moderate hike in the McDowell Mountain Preserve from the Gateway Trailhead to Inspiration Point and return via Desert Park. This 7 mile loop hike is ideal for intermediate hikers. Estimated hiking time is approximately 3.5 hours.



Save the Date

Easter Egg Hunt

Sat., April 20 at 9:30 a.m.
The hunt begins
PROMPTLY at 10 a.m.
Grayhawk Greenbelt
at 78th Place/78th Way



Registration begins March 1 online at
www.grayhawkcommunity.org

Grayhawk Golf Tournament

Sun., May 5 at 1:30 p.m.
(Scramble and Shotgun start) Grayhawk Golf Club
Registration begins March 1 online at
www.grayhawkcommunity.org

*1 of every twosome must be a
Grayhawk Resident/ 2 of every
foursome must be a Grayhawk
Resident.*



HOMEOWNER ASSESSMENTS

Your Grayhawk Community Association master assessments for the second quarter are due April 1, 2019. Please watch for your statement and make sure to pay your assessments on time. All payments not received 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.ccmcn.net. Assessments are collected quarterly in January, April, July and October.



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MARCH 19 AT 6 P.M.
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Flood Insurance Premiums

By David Van Omen, Grayhawk Community Association Board Member

Grayhawk is one of many communities in Maricopa County that are affected by a flood plain. In fact, there are two different flood plains that directly affect homeowners in Grayhawk: the Rawhide Wash and the Reata Pass flood plains.

If you live west of Hayden Road, you are probably paying insurance premiums because of the Rawhide Wash Flood Plain and if you live east of Hayden Road, your home is mostly likely in the Reata Pass Flood Plain. The Grayhawk Board of Directors and the Grayhawk Community Association management staff have been working diligently to have Grayhawk's status reclassified in the Rawhide Wash Flood Plain. This was made possible in large part by efforts put forth by the Vi at Silverstone north of the Grayhawk community near the SE corner of Scottsdale Road and Pinnacle Peak Road. Vi at Silverstone spent a good amount of money to mitigate flood damage on their property and subsequently received approval of their Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request from FEMA which reclassified their property from a Zone AO flood plain to a Zone X flood plain eliminating the necessity to carry flood insurance or to have the flood insurance premium significantly reduced. Similarly, Grayhawk is hoping to have FEMA reclassify the western portion of the community that is located in the Rawhide Wash Flood Plain as well. Keep your eye out for more information on the status of those efforts, which we expect to be coming soon.

The update for the Reata Pass Flood Plain located in the eastern portion of Grayhawk is not as good, but the City of Scottsdale and the Maricopa County Flood District are continuing to work towards a solution to getting this area reclassified as well in the next upcoming years.

Do you know how much your flood insurance premiums are? If you are paying over \$450 per year for flood insurance, chances are you are paying too much. I have helped out numerous homeowners who were paying upwards of \$800 to \$2000 per year for flood insurance. Chances are if you are paying too much, your insurance carrier has not done his/her due diligence and asked for a Flood Elevation Certificate. All you need to do is go to <https://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/bldgresources/EDM/DMSearch> on the City of Scottsdale's website, type in your street number and street name and check the box Elevation Certificate. You will be able to download a PDF of your property's Elevation Certificate. Email this to your insurance carrier and tell them that your property is rated too high and to adjust the premium. Furthermore, you are probably eligible for up to 3 years of overpayment of premiums being returned to you. If you have any questions or need help, you can call or email me any time at 602-509-8818 or David@BVOLuxury.com.



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GRAYHAWK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Paul Alessio

Full-time Coventry at Grayhawk
resident for 10+ years.



Have you served on any committees or Boards of the Grayhawk Community?

Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

- Grayhawk Community Association Board of Directors, Vice President
- Architectural Review Committee, Chairman
- Grayhawk Community Association Executive Committee

Have you served on any committees or Boards of any other associations or organizations in the past? Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

- Montaire Homeowners Association, Board of Directors President
- Montaire Homeowners Association, Architectural Committee Chairperson
- Tatum Highlands Homeowners Association, Board of Directors Vice President
- Tatum Highlands Homeowners Association, Architectural Committee Member
- Tatum Highlands Homeowners Association, Landscape Committee Chairperson
- City of Scottsdale Development Review Board, Board Member
- City of Scottsdale Planning Commission, Chairperson

How many Grayhawk Community Association Board Meetings have you attended in the past two years (0, 1-4, or 5+)?

5+

What specific projects would you like to see the Board address in the coming year?

1. Community enhancements that will maintain quality of life and property values.
2. Continue to promote community events that serve the different demographics of the community.
3. Continue to brand and market Grayhawk as a relevant and progressive community to attract premium resale.

What do you think the Board's / Community's top three priorities should be?

1. Fiscal Responsibility.
2. CC&Rs and Design Guidelines enforced fairly with clear and respectful communication with homeowners.
3. Maintain property values and quality of community.

How will your life skills and work experience help contribute to the Board/Community achieving these priorities?

My position as a Partner for a commercial and residential general contractor and real estate sales entity, as well as extensive experience serving on previous Homeowner Association Boards and Architectural Review Committees allows me to understand the unique needs of a residential master-planned community. I enjoy the community in which I am proud to live and raise my family.

Why should we vote for you?

1. Experience with the Grayhawk Community Association Board of Directors as well as serving on previous Homeowner Association Boards and Committees
2. Desire to enhance the community and preserve property values.
3. Desire to serve in the community that I am proud to live in and where I raise my family.

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GCA Board Candidates

Lou Ender

Full-time Los Vientos resident for 16 years.

Have you served on any committees or Boards of the Grayhawk Community?

Yes



If yes, please list which one(s) below:

- Event Planning Committee

Have you served on any committees or Boards of any other associations or organizations in the past? Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

- First Congregational Church in Anchorage, AK, Chair of Trustees
- International Air Academy Executive Education Board in Vancouver, WA, Member

How many Grayhawk Community Association Board Meetings have you attended in the past two years (0, 1-4, or 5+)?

0

What specific projects would you like to see the Board address in the coming year?

1. Expand the Grayhawk Gives Back Program.
2. Continue to offer fun and educational events and programs for homeowners.
3. Continue to promote and provide for the different dynamics of the community.

What do you think the Board's / Community's top three priorities should be?

1. Fiscal responsibility.
2. Continue to upgrade and enhance the community assets.
3. Continue to provide a wide range of community events for residents.

How will your life skills and work experience help contribute to the Board/Community achieving these priorities?

I have facilitated leadership and communication training with success during my career.

Why should we vote for you?

I would provide a seamless transition for the Event Planning Committee and I care deeply about the Grayhawk community and building relationships between neighbors.

Bob Mann

Full-time Coventry at Grayhawk resident for 16 years.



Have you served on any committees or Boards of the Grayhawk Community?

Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

- Grayhawk Board of Directors, Vice President and Director
- Communications Committee
- Community Enhancement Committee, Chairman
- Ad-Hoc GCA Office Remodel Task Force, Chairman

Have you served on any committees or Boards of any other associations or organizations in the past? Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

Child Abuse Prevention Arizona Board of Directors

How many Grayhawk Community Association Board Meetings have you attended in the past two years (0, 1-4, or 5+)?

5+

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What specific projects would you like to see the Board address in the coming year?

We need to remain fiscally responsible, while ensuring that Grayhawk residents continue to enjoy the unparalleled atmosphere and amenities of one of Arizona's finest communities.

What do you think the Board's / Community's top three priorities should be?

1. Remain fiscally responsible.
2. Continue to maintain the common areas in such a manner so as to keep our community looking vibrant.
3. Communicate with our residents to ensure that all of our neighbors have a voice in our community management.

How will your life skills and work experience help contribute to the Board/Community achieving these priorities?

As a practicing attorney, I have been able to assist the Board in examining and analyzing many different legal, as well as practical, issues that confront it on a monthly basis. Aside from my work experience, my wife Emily (who also is an attorney) and I have two daughters, Angelina and Caroline. We take every opportunity to enjoy Grayhawk's parks and walking trails, as well as community-sponsored events. I know first hand the importance of maintaining and improving these amenities and events. Moreover, before spending the past eleven years in Coventry at Grayhawk, my wife and I lived in the Raptor Retreat. I therefore appreciate and understand the similar, as well as different, needs of the gated communities, and will respect and honor those needs.

Why should we vote for you?

The Board cannot be an entity that dictates how we live. Rather, it must enhance what we achieve as neighbors. We need to make sure that the Board is a mechanism to let us get to know one another and enjoy the wonderful Grayhawk lifestyle, without micromanaging the residents. Grayhawk maintains a large reserve fund to allow us to keep making improvements that positively impact our daily lives. In short, I will continue to do what I have done the past eight years as a Board member - spend responsibly to give our residents every opportunity to enjoy our community.

Derek Moore

Full-time Coventry at Grayhawk resident for 4 years.

Have you served on any committees or Boards of the Grayhawk Community?

Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

- Grayhawk Budget/Finance Committee

Have you served on any committees or Boards of any other associations or organizations in the past?

Yes



If yes, please list which one(s) below:

I was the Treasurer and later President of the Camelview Green HOA in Scottsdale. During that time I brought our underfunded reserves to proper levels using long term budgeting

How many Grayhawk Community Association Board Meetings have you attended in the past two years (0, 1-4, or 5+)? 1-4

What specific projects would you like to see the Board address in the coming year?

1. Continue dialogue and urging of FEMA and Maricopa County to reduce flood insurance liabilities
2. Review reserve and operating budgets for ways to find projects with reasonable return on investment to consider.
3. Continue to have a voice in development in our area.

What do you think the Board's / Community's top three priorities should be?

1. Seek to continue to enhance home values.
2. Look for opportunities to continue to provide community participation and involvement.
3. Continue to maintain landscaping.

How will your life skills and work experience help contribute to the Board/Community achieving these priorities?

Having been President/Treasurer of a past HOA I was able to bring differing sides together to find consensus. I gained deep understanding of long term budgeting and expense involved. The ability to break down larger project ideas so that they could be thoughtfully evaluated and rolled to a successful end.

I have worked in the investment world for 20+ years, hold an MBA, and have understood the need for executional success. During my time as HOA President I brought a balanced approach looking to find compromise and agreement on many issues. I also was able to bring projects from idea to completion by mapping out a path to execute.

Why should we vote for you?

I would love the opportunity to bring my past experience and knowledge to enhance what the board is already doing.

I've found that volunteering for the Board was a great way to meet residents and get meaningful feedback. It was rewarding to take a community and make it better leaving it more sound for the future than it would have been.

I appreciate responsibility of being available to attend meetings and would enjoy working with a group of residents.

I'd love to try and leverage my experience with all of you at Grayhawk and look forward to the opportunity.

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RETREAT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Michael Loya

Full-time Avante resident for three years.

Have you served on any committees or Boards of the Grayhawk Community?

Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

Communications Committee

Have you served on any committees or Boards of any other associations or organizations in the past?

No

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

None

How many Grayhawk Community Association Board Meetings have you attended in the past two years (0, 1-4, or 5+)?

5+

What specific projects would you like to see the Board address in the coming year?

1. Create small neighborhood gatherings (For example – Avante community, etc.) via social events to open-up friendly communication among neighbors.
2. Create opportunities to engage homeowners in beautifying their homes inside and out.
3. Create wildlife awareness program keeping homeowners, guest, and their pets safe through the year.

What do you think the Board's / Community's top three priorities should be?

1. Continue to enforce and follow the rules set by the HOA.
2. Maintain effective communication among homeowners, HOA board members, directors, management and staff.
3. Project and enhance the assets of HOA community.

How will your life skills and work experience help contribute to the Board/Community achieving these priorities?

My many years of volunteer leadership experience in community organizations will allow me to effectively communicate and carry out the duties as a board member. In addition, I bring over 10 years of work experience in the senior management level in the operations of running a business. Most importantly, I have over 15 years of marketing expertise in capturing the attention of consumers and generating revenue for businesses.



Why should we vote for you?

It's important to take on volunteer roles to serve in your community. Living in the Retreat Talon (Avante) community over the last few years has given me the opportunity to experience the beauty of Grayhawk. As I walk my dogs daily, it gives me a chance to meet friendly neighbors and share in wildlife encounters, and talk about our beautiful community we live in. Becoming a HOA board member will allow me the opportunity to use my leadership skills and experience to effectively work on behalf of all the homeowners. I am happy to volunteer my time to maintain and enhance our community as a proud homeowner.

Ira Mallin

Full time Crown Point Norte resident for 13 years

Have you served on any committees or Boards of the Grayhawk Community?

Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

- Retreat Village Board of Directors, currently Vice President
- Election Committee, Chairman
- Budget/Finance Committee
- Grayhawk Executive Committee
- Operational Review Committee

Have you served on any committees or Boards of any other associations or organizations in the past?

Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

- Past President of the Bradley University Alumni Association, Chicago, Illinois
- Member of the Board of Directors for 12 years of the Princeton Village Homeowners Association, Glenview, IL

How many Grayhawk Community Association Board Meetings have you attended in the past two year? (0, 1-4, or 5+)?

5+

What specific projects would you like to see the Board address in the coming year?

1. Promote community events that serve different facets of interest to Grayhawk residents.
2. Continue to improve communications to all Grayhawk residents.
3. Increase usage and signage of the Grayhawk name throughout the greater Scottsdale area and have Grayhawk become more well known within Phoenix and its surrounding cities.



What do you think the Board's / Community's top three priorities should be?

1. To provide a safe and secure environment for families and homeowners.
2. To maintain or increase property values.
3. To control costs and expenses through careful control of expenditures and constantly reviewing the budgeting of funds.

How will your life skills and work experience help contribute to the Board/Community achieving these priorities?

As the current Vice President of the Retreat Village Association, I have gained great insight into the process of the Board and their relationship with the Grayhawk community. My employment experience as the Purchasing Agent for a large Bank as well as serving on the Board of Directors of a homeowners association for twelve years has given me extensive experience in the areas of leadership, budgeting, and finance. My corporate world experience has provided additional knowledge in the areas of contracts, vendor bids, negotiations, and problem solving solutions.

Why should we vote for you?

I possess leadership ability and extensive experience and knowledge of the Grayhawk community. As Vice President of the Retreat Village I would welcome the opportunity to continue ongoing projects. I want to enhance the community and preserve or increase our property values and see Grayhawk be known as a premier community. As a Grayhawk resident I take a personal interest in the community and would welcome the opportunity to be of service to Grayhawk. Thank you for your vote.

Barb Nelson

Full time Talon Fairways resident for 22 years

Have you served on any committees or Boards of the Grayhawk Community?

Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

- Budget Finance Committee, Chairperson
- Communications Committee
- Community Enhancement Committee
- Grayhawk Community Association Board of Directors, Treasurer

Have you served on any committees or Boards of any other associations or organizations in the past?

Yes

If yes, please list which one(s) below:

- New Hope Center - a social services agency serving the needs of developmentally disabled adults
- STARS (Scottsdale Training & Rehabilitation Services) - currently serve on Finance Committee

How many Grayhawk Community Association Board Meetings have you attended in the past two years (0, 1-4, or 5+)?

5+

What specific projects would you like to see the Board address in the coming year?

I'd like to see continued emphasis on strengthening our financial Reserves. We also need to identify and fund projects that will update and enhance our community so that we maintain our reputation as one of the best places to live in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

What do you think the Board's / Community's top three priorities should be?

1. Fiscal responsibility and operational efficiency.
2. Maintaining and enhancing the value of our community.
3. Community involvement and providing the best quality of life to our residents.

How will your life skills and work experience help contribute to the Board/Community achieving these priorities?

My background as a CPA and Certified Financial Planner as been put to good use over the last several years. We've strengthened our Reserves and developed sound budgets with only minimal increases in our homeowner assessments. We weathered the housing market crash and the weakened state of our economy years ago while maintaining our financial strength. I believe that my skill set is a valuable asset to the community.

Why should we vote for you?

Experience, dedication and financial skills. I care about this community and want to continue to work on its behalf.



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Ecosystems: Yours, Mine and Ours

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

All this thinking about Monarch butterflies and what they need from us to survive got me thinking about ecosystems. Most of us likely think about ecosystems (if we think about them at all) as big - planet-sized, maybe. If that's our frame of reference, we're also likely to think about them as being outside of our control. To gain control, all we need to do is change our frame.

What if an ecosystem could be the size of Grayhawk - some 2300 acres? What if it could be the size of a single neighborhood? What if it could be your own yard or the property surrounding your condo? Now, we're talkin'!

Quite simply, an ecosystem is a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment and, you know what? We all have at least one.

Our recent discussions about Monarchs graphically illustrates the importance of a mindful biological community. We can have one if we agree that it's important and then make the necessary choices.

The beauty of the Monarch project (and of every diverse ecosystem) is in its knock-on effects. We plant shrubs and trees that we like and that are beneficial to Monarchs. These additional and varied plants contribute to a more diverse ecosystem which will attract a greater diversity of wildlife - more species of butterflies than just Monarchs and additional food sources for hummingbirds, for example. Plant diversity can produce interesting and wondrous unintended consequences. For example...

About four years ago, we removed two Palo Verde trees from our property and replaced them with two Shoestring Acacias. As in most Grayhawk yards (er, ecosystems), we don't have much space and we needed to be mindful when planting a tree that will eventually hang over our neighbor's yard.



Up in the Canopy of a Shoestring Acacia

Shoestring Acacias have a tall, narrow canopy when compared with Palos or Mesquites. They are also willow-like in their appearance. Their branches are extremely slender and are way too delicate for the likes of Doves, Gila Woodpeckers or even Cactus Wrens - which currently dominate our ecosystem/yard and the Natural Area Open Space (NAOS) behind us. They're also inhospitable to roof rats.

I first became aware of these trees when we had our condo in the Village. Ours was a second floor unit with a Shoestring Acacia planted square in front of the balcony. We could watch the tiny birds that favored this tree and listen to their higher-pitched bird song.

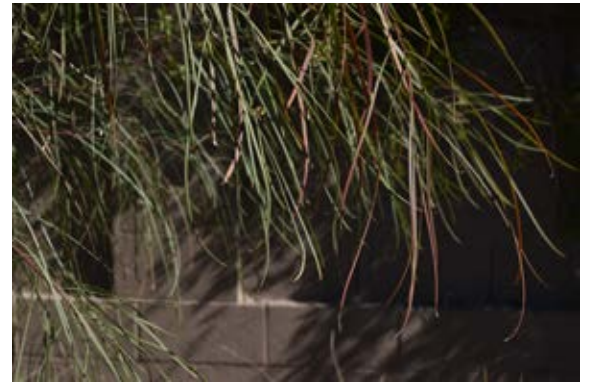
When we planted our very young and very spindly Acacias (trunks about the diameter of a quarter), I hoped they would attract smaller birds and add some much needed diversity to our bird song. Sure enough, I recently spied three very small birds perched on the wall we share with our neighbors. And, for all the world, this trio looked like they were checking out the Acacia.

I see Gnatcatchers and Flycatchers in the Deer Valley wash area but never in our yard. These tiny birds - not much larger than hummingbirds - find these Acacias to be a perfect place to take a break. Larger birds can't perch there so these trees provide a measure of safety for the smaller ones, including hummingbirds. Planting a Shoestring Acacia is like putting out a welcome sign: "We ♥ Tiny Birds."

Species diversity is crucial to a healthy ecosystem and we can achieve it through careful plant selection. That is, one mindful decision at a time.



Five-Year Old Shoestring Acacia



PLANT OF THE MONTH: *Shoestring Acacia*

Botanical Name: *Acacia stenophylla*

Common Name: *Ocotillo*

Native Distribution: *Australia*

Size: Columnar Structure, 20-40 x 15-20 Feet, Upright & Airy

Flower: Cream Puffballs throughout the Year, with the Majority Produced in Spring; Green Pods Turning to Brown are Constricted Between Each Seed

Foliage: Dusky Green, Long (12") and Narrow (1/4-1/2"); Generally Straight, but can be Curved & Twisted; Beautiful Contrast with Mahogany-Colored Bark

Site Preferences: Full Sun or Partial Shade in Well Drained Soil with Regular, Deep Irrigation; Tolerates Heavy Clay Soils

Landscape Uses: Screen Planting Around Property Perimeter; Along Streets & Sidewalks; Use Against Taller Structures & High Walls; Good in Tight Landscape Settings; Can Also be Planted in Small Clusters or Groupings without Tangling Branches; Good Near Pools

Plant Characteristics:

- Fast Growth
- Straight Trunk; Narrow Canopy
- Evergreen
- Low Litter
- No Thorns
- Hardy to 18F
- Roughly Textured Deep Brown Bark
- Produces Filtered Shade
- Tolerates Periodic Flooding



Hungarian Goulash

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk

Not many desert or tropical destination hotspots have Grayhawk's convenient access to ski hills just two hours north of us! On a recent ski weekend, we wanted to make an easy, satisfying, one-dish meal. My mom used to make goulash to economically feed our family of eight and even used her own canned tomatoes from the garden. I've made it for many years whenever I need a quick and satisfying meal. Besides, who wants to spend all day in the kitchen when you're in Flagstaff?

Goulash is a stew filled with meat and vegetables, and this Hungarian Goulash gets its flavor punch from paprika and peppers. This version is made with ground beef and elbow macaroni, but if you want to take it up a notch and you have more time for stewing, it can also be made with chunks of beef and served over egg noodles. You can maximize this meal's nutrition by choosing organic meat, vegetables, tomatoes and pasta. It's a hearty dinner that can be served any night of the week. Whether sunning in Scottsdale or skiing in Flagstaff, this easy goulash recipe will maximize your time outdoors!

And always, always, always remember cooking doesn't have to be fancy or time-consuming... sometimes just warm, simple meals will put smiles on your family's faces! We welcome your feedback, suggestions and recipe requests! Please feel free to email us at boschl@me.com.



Hungarian Goulash

Cook time: 40-45 minutes

Servings: 4 - 6

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 lb. elbow macaroni (or your favorite pasta)
- 1 small bell pepper (chopped)
- 1 small Spanish onion (chopped)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 20-25 grinds black pepper
- 3-4 teaspoons Hungarian paprika
- ½ cube of beef bouillon (we like Knorr)
- 1 15 ounce can stewed tomatoes with juices (rough-chop tomatoes)
- 1 15 ounce can tomato sauce
- 1/3 cup Heinz organic ketchup (secret ingredient!)
- ½ of 6 ounce can tomato paste
- grated Parmesan cheese

1. In large pasta pot, boil water and cook pasta according to directions on package. Cook 1 minute less than directions, drain in colander, then rinse with cold water and set aside.
2. Chop pepper and onion.
3. Heat a large pot or skillet on high before adding 2 lbs of ground beef. Use a wooden spatula to break meat apart. Continue cooking and stirring meat approximately 10 minutes until brown, and moisture evaporates. Drain and discard any remaining grease. Brown meat on medium heat an extra minute or two to caramelize, add chopped pepper and onion, stirring constantly. If meat starts to stick to the pan, add a splash of water. Continue to cook 2-3 minutes until onions are translucent.
4. Season meat and vegetables with salt, pepper, paprika, and bouillon.
5. Add tomato sauce, stewed tomatoes, and ketchup.
6. Simmer on low heat for an additional 20 minutes to tenderize meat.
7. Add tomato paste for the last 5 minutes of cooking to thicken.
8. Mix pasta and sauce together and serve immediately, topping with parmesan cheese.



Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

As I write this article, Valentine's Day is almost here as is the beginning of Lent. The month of February's temperatures have been very spring-like. I hope these unseasonably warm days aren't an indication of what's in store for us this spring and summer! March is one of my favorite months, as it's the month for St. Patty celebrations, March Madness and Spring Training. We also have our Grayhawk Annual Meeting where we elect new members to the Board of Directors. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. at the Fairway House and join fellow neighbors as we determine the new leaders for the community. If nothing else, come for the great food and amazing prizes!

This is the time of year our weather in Arizona is the envy of nearly everyone else in the country. Many of us will be expecting guests and those people are going to need to eat. Home cooking is great, but we all know that showing off some of the area establishments is half the fun of having a houseguest. It leaves more time for us to enjoy ourselves and the company of friends and family.

This year I am going to try to step outside of my "Grayhawk bubble" and venture more than five miles from my home to eat. I know the Valley is full of great food and drinks! I kicked off my adventure this month as Grayhawk's Director of Communications Jennifer Sheets and I decided to visit **The Sicilian Butcher** for lunch. We were not disappointed.

The Sicilian Butcher was opened by the visionaries and operators of **Tomaso's Italian Restaurant**, **Tomaso's When in Rome**, and **Hash Kitchen**. With casual dine-in and to-go services, **The Sicilian Butcher** is a build-your-own meal experience with gourmet meatballs and Italian cured meats for charcuterie boards. Using family recipes, The Sicilian Butcher offers 15 craft meatball varieties including dry-aged steak, lamb, ahi tuna, lump crab and meatless/vegetarian choices such as lentil and eggplant parmigiana. The choose-your-own-meatball adventure offers eight sauce options such as garlic basil marinara, pesto trapanese, Parmigiano cream sauce, truffle mushroom, and spicy arrabiatta. Guests can mix or match their meatballs and add a Caesar salad, house-extruded pasta, bread for sandwiches, polenta or risotto.

The restaurant really specializes in craft meatballs, so Jennifer and I decided to order meatballs with no bottom (pasta). You can order the Bucket of Balls, but the five meatballs in the bucket are all the same kind and we wanted to be able to mix and match, for your benefit of course! Our server suggested that we do a flight like one might do with wines. All the meatballs are served in separate dishes and have the same sauce.



We ordered the popular **Tomaso's Sicilian Meatballs** with ground veal, prime beef, pork, pine nuts, raisins, pecorino cheese, garlic, and fresh herbs; Sausage with ground pork, aged provolone, fennel seeds, wine braised green onions, garlic, and calabrian chili; **Eggplant Parmballs** with roasted eggplant, basil, parmigiano cheese, fresh mozzarella, and herb bread crumbs; **Uncle Arthur N.Y. Meatballs** with ground lamb, ground beef, aged provolone, garlic, and fresh herbs; and the yummy very popular **Lump Crab and Shrimp** with garlic, meyer lemon, fresh herbs, whipped boursin cheese, and bread crumbs. They were served with the Marinara sauce which is made with San Marzano tomatoes, garlic, and basil. We ordered an Arrabiatta sauce (spicy marinara) as well.

We also ordered the **Arancini**, which are saffron rice balls, fresh mozzarella, meat ragu, and English peas. The **Arancini** was yummy and the meatballs were out of this world. They were huge! We were able to cut each meatball in half so we could both sample all of them. We both felt the Sicilian was a good "everyday" meatball and really enjoyed both sauces. The Arrabiatta was not nearly as spicy as I had anticipated.

What I think I liked most about **The Sicilian Butcher** was that the casual, family-style vibe I got there. It would be a great place for a brunch with the girls, a family dinner or a happy hour with friends. Speaking of happy hour, they have a great one! I was especially drawn to the bottle and board (house select wine and the polenta and meatball board) for \$19. Quite a few people ordered that board while we were there for lunch and it looked amazing!

Until next month, I leave you with some fun trivia. I am sure you noticed that Valentine Day and Ash Wednesday fell on the same day. The last time that happened was in 1945 and won't happen again until 2024. And guess what?? Easter and April Fool's day fall on Sunday, April 1. The last time they coincided was 1956 and next the time they both fall on the same day will be in 2029. See what happens when I research holidays and the month I am writing about?

Happy Month of March.

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