Meet Your New Board Members

Grayhawk Community Association

- Linda Shaw, President
- Paul Alessio, Vice President
- Jeanette Griswold, Treasurer
- David Van Omen, Secretary
- Margo Bellock, Director
- Bob Mann, Director
- Martha Troy, Director

Inside:
Outdoor Rooms

Retreat Village Association

- Arlene Smith, President
- Ira Mallin, Vice President
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Last month you should have received voting information for a proposed amendment to the Grayhawk Community Association CC&Rs requesting your vote to prohibit homeowners from leasing their property for less than 30 days. To amend the Grayhawk CC&Rs, the affirmative vote of 67% of the 3,784 homeowners is required, which amounts to 2,536 “Yes” votes to pass the proposed amendment. This is going to be a very difficult task and we will need every homeowner’s participation in this very important vote.

Due to the large number of votes needed, the GCA Board of Directors wanted to make voting as easy as possible for homeowners. We hired a contractor to help us by sending out the ballot electronically so we will be trying to conduct as much of the voting via email or text message as possible. The voting information was emailed and/or texted to every homeowner that we have an email address and/or cell phone number for on April 19. Homeowners without an email address listed with the GCA were sent information in the mail regarding how to vote online for the proposed CC&R amendment during the week of April 24. We are requesting that you cast your vote by May 31, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact me at mfee@ccmcnet.com or at 480-563-9708.

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

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

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

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

We’ll talk again soon.

Michael Fee
Grayhawk Community Manager

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BOARD MEETINGS – MAY 2017

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

Grayhawk Board of Directors
Mon., May 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Talon Room, GCA office
Grayhawk_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Retreat Board of Directors
Mon., May 1 following GCA meeting in the Talon Room, GCA office.
Retreat_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Event Planning Committee
Mon., May 8 at 3:00 p.m. at the GCA office.
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
Mon., May 22 at 480-563-9708 for more information.

Architectural Review Committee
Tues., May 2 and 16 at 4:30 p.m. at the GCA office.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Avian Condominium Annual Meeting
Tues., May 16 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor Room, GCA office. Call Associated Property Management 480-941-1077 for details.

Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Board Meeting
Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 for details.

Crown Point Board Meeting
Call Stacey Harvey at 480-563-9708 for details.

Edge Condominium Board Meeting
Visit www.theedgegrayhawk.com or call 480-584-4647 for details.

Encore Board Meeting
Wed., May 17 at 6 p.m. in the Encore Clubhouse. Call Ogden and Company at 480-396-4567 for details.

Tresoro Condominium Board Meeting
Mon., May 22 at 6 p.m. in the Tresoro Clubhouse. Call Kinney Management at 480-820-3451 for details.

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

Village at Grayhawk Condominium Board Meeting
Thur., May 18 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor Room, GCA office. Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 for details.

Vintage Condominium Board Meeting
Mon., May 1 at 10 a.m. in the Talon Room, GCA office. Call Associated Property Management at 480-941-1077 for details.

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

MISSION STATEMENT
Grayhawk Community Association strives to enhance quality of life and community strength through inclusion, participation and pragmatic stewardship of human, financial and environmental assets.
There was a question from the audience regarding the scheduling of a Condominium Board Presidents meeting in April. Michael Fee responded that a meeting will be scheduled later in the month.

Another question from the audience addressed the length of time it took for ballots to be counted at the Annual Meeting. Michael Fee stated that this happened due to a variety of reasons, including a record number of votes, there being more candidates than normal, and the meeting being a bit shorter than it typically is.

**Election of Officers**

A motion was made and approved to appoint Linda Shaw as President, Paul Alessio as Vice President, David Van Omen as Secretary and Jeanette Griswold as Treasurer for the Grayhawk Community Association Board of Directors 2017-18 term.

**Development Committee**

David Van Omen reported that a Rawhide Wash Flood Plain meeting is being held on May 15. It was also reported that Cold Beer and Cheeseburgers will not be moving out of the Grayhawk Plaza until September.

**Operational Review Committee**

Martha Troy reported that Trident Security is currently fully staffed at Grayhawk.

Off-leash dogs have become an issue in the community. Michael Fee has had a conversation with our area representative from the Scottsdale Police Department, Officer Jason Glenn, regarding more enforcement and an article with guidelines will be in the next issue of the Grayhawk Flight.

The committee discussed and is requesting an increase for on-site Trident Security staff to stay competitive with the increasing minimum wage. A motion was made and approved to increase the on-site Trident Security pay by $1.00 per hour in the 2018 GCA operating budget and $1.00 per hour in 2019 GCA operating budget.

An informational meeting with the Mayor of Scottsdale for all homeowners to attend is scheduled to be held on May 15 in the Talon Room in the GCA office.

**Landscape Committee**

Arlene Smith reported that the committee did not meet. Projects and routine maintenance this month included completion of the Deer Valley Road and Scottsdale Road erosion project and the start of transition to summer Bermuda grass in the association common areas.

**Community Enhancement Committee**

Stacey Harvey reported that the committee did not meet but will be meeting on April 20 to review the Condominium Community Enhancement Program projects.

**Event Planning Committee**

Margo Bellock reported that the committee is looking into the possibility of a booster club for volunteers who want to help the community at events but not serve on a committee.

Sarah Van Duyne reported that the Pickleball Meet and Greet had been very well attended, with about 50 residents showing up to learn more about the game. The Community Garage Sale was also successful this year.

Upcoming events include the Easter Egg Hunt, Family BBQ and Movie Night, Family Golf Outing, Adopt-a-Road cleanup, and Grayhawk Community Golf Tournament.

**Communications Committee**

Linda Shaw reported that the committee did not meet.

**Architectural Review Committee**

Paul Alessio reported that at the March 7 meeting there were five submittals approved and three disapproved. There was also one approved subject to revisions. At the March 23 meeting, there were five submittals approved and four disapproved. There were also two approved subject to revisions.

**Budget/Finance Committee**

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee did not meet.

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Executive Committee

Linda Shaw reported on updates to the Strategic Plan, including the golf outing (community partnerships) and an upcoming meeting with the Reserve Analyst (sustainability).

New Business

A motion was made and approved to accept the proposal of $75,503.32 from Advanced Painting and Contracting for the second round of the community painting project.

It was noted by Michael Fee that the cost per linear foot for this project has not increased since 2013.

Treasurer’s Report

Jeanette Griswold reported that the GCA is over budget for income and under on expenses through February.

Management Report

Michael Fee reported that tree trimming throughout the community has started. The reserve analysts will be doing their on-site inspections on April 13 and 14. The curbing ramps being worked on by the City of Scottsdale in the Park section to comply with ADA requirements is almost complete.

Transponders

Transponder installation times for the Retreat Village will be changing beginning May 1. To better accommodate our residents’ busy schedules, we’re adding another day for transponder installations and shuffling some of our times around. The new schedule can be found below.

Monday from 8 to 9 a.m.
Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m.
Wednesday from 9 to 10 p.m.
Thursday from 12 to 1 p.m.
Friday from 8 to 9 a.m.

There is no appointment required. Just bring the vehicle that you are having the transponder installed on to the Grayhawk Community Association office at 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Suite 102 during one of the times above.

As a reminder, each household is allotted four transponders, the first two of which are at no cost and the second two at $40 each. If you are replacing a windshield or vehicle, there is a $15 charge. All payments can be made by cash or check, or you can choose to have the charge made to your association account.
Off-Leash Dogs

We understand that some residents think that their pet is well-trained and does not need to be leashed, and they ignore the rules regarding leashes, believing they do not apply to their well-trained pet. Maybe they don't understand that many people are afraid of dogs, whether or not they are well-behaved. Maybe they also don't understand that the City of Scottsdale has the power to cite a citizen for not having their dog on a leash, and has done so in Grayhawk.

Please remember that it is against the law in Scottsdale and Maricopa County to have a dog off-leash (at large) in public. The Grayhawk Community Association is regularly made aware of unpleasant altercations between residents regarding this issue. While we understand the desire to let a dog run off-leash, it is more important to follow the laws and keep the peace with neighbors.

Owners are responsible for bites that may occur under any circumstances, to include dogs escaping from the yard. Please be considerate by keeping your dog leashed when you are walking your dog or using any of the greenbelts found throughout the community.

Also, please be aware that homeowners are responsible for actions of their guests and/or tenants. A guest is considered an individual who is at Grayhawk at the invitation of a resident and is using the association common areas or amenities. If a homeowner's guest or tenant violates the Grayhawk CC&Rs or community rules, or damages community property, the homeowners can and will be held responsible for their guest's or tenant's actions.
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Anthony and Sarah Taylor moved to Grayhawk in July of 2016 and quickly started an eight-month renovation project on their new home in the Coventry at Grayhawk neighborhood.

“We moved from out-of-state and looked at hundreds of floor plans throughout Scottsdale over a two-year time period,” said Sarah. “We selected this particular home because we saw the potential with the floor plan working well for our family of four, we liked the well-established neighborhood and its location in the city. We also liked the fact that the home was adjacent to a nice park.”

Buying a home that needed renovations might seem daunting to some, but Anthony and Sarah looked at the need for updates as a positive and took the opportunity to bring their own personal style to their home.

“My husband and I have always wanted to design all of the finishes in our home, and that’s what we did,” said Sarah. “Now that our home is completely remodeled to our liking, we could not be happier! The space is so functional and perfect for our family.”

Structural improvements that the Taylors made to the home included:

• Adding a full-wall slider in the living room
• Adding a large window and skylight in the kitchen
• Converting the living space in the dining space to an office complete with walls and doors
• Removing the master tub for a stand-alone tub
• Adding a bar to the kitchen island
• Adding a platform to the bonus room
• And removing the dry off space in the master shower to expand the entire shower

Cosmetic changes included everything from replacing the front door and staircase to replacing countertops and flooring throughout the home. Sarah and Anthony also had the cabinets refinished and painted.
Next up for the Taylors will be remodeling their backyard!

Vendors that were used on this project included:

- Holtzman Home Improvement (general contractor)
- First Impression Security Doors (iron door)
- Classy Closets (master bedroom closets)
- California Closets (office shelving)
- You Know the Drill (handyman)
- Simple Electric, Fan Doctor (electric/fixtures)
- Premiere Lighting (light fixtures)
**Aqua Fitness for Life**
Mondays & Wednesdays 9 a.m.

Come join the "Aqua Babes" in the Talon Retreat for the Water Aerobics Class. "Water Fun" is taught in the shallow end of the Peregrine pool and is designed to burn calories, increase endurance and improve strength and flexibility. Join the fun and call Sue at 480-473-9262 to register today.

**Grayhawk Golf Tournament**
Sun., May 7 at 1:30 p.m. (Scramble and Shotgun start)

**Grayhawk Golf Club**

Come celebrate Grayhawk’s 2nd Annual Community Golf Tournament. Gather your neighbors and get your teams together because you don't want to miss this opportunity! The cost to participate for this 18-hole tournament is $65 per golfer. All golfers automatically get to join us after the tournament in the Fairway House for a complimentary southwest dinner and prize ceremony. Based on room capacity the golfers will have the opportunity to invite a dinner guest at an additional $30 per person. Dinner guests will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis and walk ups will not be allowed. A Grayhawk Resident must be present on each team and must be the person to sign up foursomes. Start gathering your neighbors and get your RSVP in as soon as possible as this event will fill up fast. No team? No problem! We will pair you up. We are very grateful to our sponsors the Grayhawk Community Association, DLC Resources, Trident Security, Dworkin Law, Mo Hamideh with Homeowners Financial Group, and PR Partners Julie Pelle and Christina Rathbun with Realty One Group who has made this event possible. RSVP to 480-563-9839.

**Meet the Mayor**
Mon., May 15 at 6:15 p.m.

**Talon Room, GCA office**

Join Grayhawk neighbors for this informational session with the Mayor of Scottsdale Jim Lane. The meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. with light refreshments. At 6:30 p.m. the Mayor will address the issues we have identified below:

- Overview of Scottsdale’s recent improvements and vision for city’s future.
- Future development plans for the northern part of Scottsdale, particularly near the Loop 101 corridor.
- Is the city planning to propose any bond issues during the next election cycle?
- Status and timeline for Reata Wash Flood plain.
- Where on the priority list of future improvements is a dog park in the northern part of Scottsdale?

If you have a specific question you would like addressed, email Jennifer Sheets at jsheets@ccmcnet.com or login to grayhawkcommunity.org to complete the request form. We would like the questions in advance to allow for an organized presentation. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Friday May 12.

**Ladies Night Out**
Tues., May 16 at 5 p.m.

**Jalapeno Inferno, 20825 N. Pima Rd.**

Join the Grayhawk ladies at this DC Ranch hotspot for a few drinks, a little food and great conversation. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends! Space is limited. Reservations are accepted until seats are filled. RSVP to 480-563-9839.
Community Yoga Series
Sundays, May 21, June 4, 11, 18, 25
from 3 to 4 p.m.
Talon Room, GCA Office, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.
Mariah Seacrest-Comer, certified as both a personal fitness trainer and yoga instructor, is spreading her skills and knowledge of Yoga to the whole community! If you sign up and pay for all 5 classes by Friday, May 19 you pay the early bird price of $5 per class ($25 in total). If you choose to pay per class it is $10 per class. All skill levels and abilities welcome, but all participants must be able to get up and down from the floor to participate. Don't forget to bring your mat! Please RSVP to 480-563-9839 to reserve your spot and we must have 8 people signed up to be able to hold the class.

Grayhawk Single Sippers Club
Wed., May 24 at 5 p.m.
Jalapeno Inferno, 20825 N. Pima Rd.
If you are a single looking for casual conversation, a friend, or just to meet some other singles in your neighborhood, then this event is for you! Come grab yourself a light bite to eat and a drink all while meeting some new people. This is a great way to broaden your circle of friends and to try something new. Our reservation starts at 5 pm but you are welcome to join a little later if you cannot be there by 5 pm. We must give the restaurant our final count of attendees by May 22, please RSVP by that date to 480-563-9839.

Wine for Humanity Wine Sampling
Thurs., May 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Home of Debbie and David Van Omen
Wines for Humanity is a wine tasting company who raises funds for charities across the country to help in the prevention of homelessness in families with children. The funds raised are actually applied locally as well! Not only will you get to enjoy some great tasting seasonal wine, but you will also be helping families in need through your purchase of wine. Call to RSVP today and join your neighbors for a perfect pre-summer get together! Cost to attend is $10 per person, and attendees should also bring a light appetizer to share. The sampling will be hosted in a resident's home and space is limited. The address will be given upon registration. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by end of day Monday, May 22.
## Calendar of Events

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### WHO TO CALL
- ROVING PATROL (480) 502-7685
- GRAYHAWK ASSOCIATION (480) 563-9708
- SCOTTSDALE POLICE (480) 312-5000
- RSVP FOR GRAYHAWK (480) 563-9839
Is your irrigation system ready for the next season?

By Jim Carter, DLC Resources Field Manager

With frost and chilly temps behind us and the scorching heat still a few weeks off, we’re in arguably one of the best times of year in Arizona. As the Valley’s residents enjoy the spring season, most of the plants and trees surrounding your homes are waking up after their winter slow seasons. As temperatures continue to warm up in the coming weeks, your trees and shrubs will require more water than they did over the winter.

DLC Resources’ Water Management Team is in your parks and streetscapes each day, checking soil moisture and adjusting your irrigation system each day to react to any weather and moisture changes and help ensure that Grayhawk’s common area plants get the right amount water to stay healthy.

In your backyard, this level of checking and adjusting isn’t necessary. But, your irrigation system isn’t just “set it and forget it” either.

A handful of adjustments throughout the year can help make sure that your trees and shrubs are getting the amount of water they need for each season. And, it can drastically reduce your irrigation water use and costs – as much as 30% to 50%, according to the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association.

The Five Seasons of Irrigation Programming

When setting your irrigation clocks, the first thing you need to take into consideration is what kind of trees and shrubs you have. Desert Adapted landscapes require far less irrigation than Non-Desert Adapted species. If you have turf, keep in mind that winter ryegrass and summer Bermuda have their own and very different irrigation needs.

But at Grayhawk, trees and shrubs are most common, so let’s focus on those. Here are some examples of Desert Adapted plants and Non-Desert Adapted plants at Grayhawk:

Desert Adapted:
- Trees such as Mesquite and Palo Verde
- Plants such as various species of yucca and agave
- Cactus and succulents such as golden barrel and hedge hog cactus

Non-Desert Adapted:
- Shrubs – most flowering varieties such as lantana, tacoma stans and bougainvillea
- Flowers such as verbena, some varieties of penstemon and blackfoot daisy

If you have a mix of Desert and Non-Desert Adapted plants in your landscape and on the same irrigation valve, make sure to set your irrigation system to accommodate your highest water use plants.

Spring

Once temps begin to consistently warm up (usually in March and April), plants and trees begin growing again and taking up more water from the soil. Desert Adapted plants and trees should be watered once every two to four weeks, while Non-Desert Adapted plants need water about every week to 10 days.

Summer

In the hot summer months — (typically May through July) when temperatures are at their highest, humidity at its lowest and the days the longest — trees and shrubs require the most water. Desert Adapted species should get water every one to three weeks, with Non-Desert Adapted plants need irrigation 2 – 3 times each week. The deeper the roots, the longer you can go between waterings. Typically, established Saguaro should not receive any water other than what Mother Nature provides. The exception is in the hot summer months when monsoons are sparse, just a bit of supplemental water will suffice.
Monsoon Season (DLC’s recommended addition to the AMWUA guidelines)

Once Monsoon Season (July and August) rolls around, it’s time to readjust. Depending on the rainfall amounts, irrigation cycles may be skipped. The humidity in the air reduces the amount of water your plants actually need. In fact, you can usually reduce your regular summer run times by about 20% during Monsoon Season.

Fall

Plants typically end their main growing seasons in October and November and take up less water. Desert Adapted plants and trees should be watered once every two to four weeks, while Non-Desert Adapted species need water about every week to 10 days.

Winter

Because your landscape isn’t actively growing and needs the least amount of moisture during the winter months (generally December, January and February), your irrigation system should ideally have been running only about once every four to six weeks for your Desert Adapted landscapes. Non-Desert Adapted landscapes require more irrigation and should be watered about once every one to four weeks. However, this all goes out the window with winter rains. This past winter was especially wet. Mother Nature essentially applied your irrigation cycle for you, and unless you had newly installed plants, you may have been able to shut off your irrigation system entirely.

By staying on top of your irrigation system, making just a few adjustments throughout the year and taking advantage of any rain the Valley gets, you can drastically reduce irrigation water waste while still keeping your plants and trees healthy. Happy Spring!

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AMWUA Water Guidelines – This chart from the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association’s pamphlet “Landscape Watering by the Numbers” (www.wateruseitwisely.com) outlines irrigation guidelines for Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Because irrigation can be decreased drastically during Monsoon Season, DLC adds a fifth season to the guidelines.

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**LANDSCAPE WATERING GUIDELINES**

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These guidelines are for established plants (1 year for shrubs, 3 years for trees). Additional water is needed for new plantings or unusually hot or dry weather. Less water is needed during cool or rainy weather. Drip run times are typically 2 hours or more for each watering.
Outdoor Rooms
By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

We love our courtyards, side yards, patios and balconies, but boy do they present landscaping challenges.

Whether you’re landscaping in pots or trying to create an oasis in a courtyard, you’re in for a series of learning experiences and a fair bit of frustration. This undertaking is tricky and getting it right the first time is almost impossible - whether you get professional help or do it yourself.

Still, once you DO hit on the right combination of plants and hardscape, you will be endlessly rewarded by how attractive your outdoor rooms can be. So, keep your eye on the prize and let’s take a peek at each of these spaces to see why they are so difficult and what can be done to de-mystify them.

Side Yards

The side yard pictured here is full of healthy plants - chosen to succeed in this treacherous space where reflected heat is the enemy. The tall yard wall, the exterior house wall, the walkway and the stone surface of the raised bed all radiate heat back onto the plants. This space faces southeast so summer brings unrelenting sun from mid-morning until mid-afternoon.

While this side yard gets brutally hot, it also has a hidden advantage. It quickly infiltrates rainfall. There is a lot of roof runoff in this area, but there is also more than 100 linear feet of beds to soak it up. All of the plants in this side yard are Sonoran natives or desert adapted and these are the very plants that make the best use of large volumes of water dropped in short periods of time.

Courtyards

Simultaneously lovely and tear-your-hair-out frustrating, courtyards are a blessing and a curse. The surrounding walls create a “corralled” space that creates hyper shade and hyper hot spots - often within a few feet of each other.

Success requires that you think of your courtyard as a collection of mini (or maybe even micro) spaces. Spend some time learning the sunlight pattern and understand how it changes from summer to winter.

Since desert plants do not actively grow during the winter months, they can tolerate a fair bit of shade during this period. It is the summer that will make or break them. So, get out your compass, find “due east” and plot the path of the sun across your courtyard. Then go select plants that fit the constraints posed by your mini-spaces, i.e. full afternoon sun here, a couple of hours of morning sun there, full shade elsewhere.

Patios & Balconies

Roofed spaces generally limit the amount of direct sunlight to a few hours a day. While these areas DO get hot, they rarely stay that way which makes plant selection easier. These conditions allow you to focus on the amount of sun and the time of day when it is at its peak.

Select Your Plants with Care

When picking a plant, most of us engage in backward thinking. We fall in love with a plant, buy it and hope for the best.

Try this instead. Identify the constraints in your space: the number of hours of sun per day (morning? afternoon? mid-day?), how much reflected heat there is in the dead of summer, mature plant size, and maintenance considerations. Then, go shop for a plant.

Tell the nursery what your constraints are and ask for plant recommendations. Ask specifically what choices they have among native and desert-adapted plants. Then, feel free to fall in love and get ready for your plant to love you back.

Great plants come from great nurseries, but which nearby nurseries are best? My favorites are Summer Winds (on Tatum Blvd), North Scottsdale Nursery & Cactus on Scottsdale Road, and Desert Foothills Gardens & Nursery in Cave Creek. Each of these has knowledgeable and helpful staffs, willing to work with you to select the right plant for the right spot.

Plant of the Month

Red Yuccas have long been a favorite of mine. These virtually carefree plants are evergreen, frost hardy and have the most amazing blooms: coral petals on the outside with buttercream yellow petals on the inside. They are slow growing plants that should only be cut back at the base to control their overall width. If you have a space constraint (these grow to as much as 5’ wide), select this plant’s little sister ‘Brake Lights’ which only grows to a height and width of 2-3 feet with deep red flowers.

Red Yuccas and Brake Light Yuccas work great in courtyards, side yards, patios and balconies. They are also terrific around pools. They tolerate reflected heat, they like it dry and they aren't messy. Both can be planted in the landscape or in a pot, though Brake Lights are the better pot choice because they are smaller. Your only maintenance tasks are removing spent blooms and the occasional dead leaves from the plant’s base.
**Plant of the Month: *Hesperaloe parviflora***

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**Size:** Forms Grass-Like Clump 2-4’h x 3’-5’w

**Flower:** Bell-Shaped Flowers - Deep Pink on the Outside and Yellow on the Inside Atop 5’ Stalks from March through June

**Foliage:** Dark Green Curved Leaves 3’ Long and 1/2” Wide with Fibrous Threads along the Edges

**Site Preferences:** Adapts to Most Well-Drained Soils; Prefers Full Sun; Tolerates Partial Shade; Also Tolerates Reflected Heat

**Landscape Uses:** Good Accent Around Patios, Swimming Pools and in Flower Gardens; Compatible with Other Succulents & Cacti; Associates Well with Leafy Plants; Striking When Massed

**Plant Characteristics:**
- Evergreen
- Slow to Moderate Growth Rate
- Drought Tolerant Once Established
- Soak Deeply 1/Mo in Summer
- Cold Hardy to About Zero F
- Prune Back Spent Flower Stalks
- Attracts Hummingbirds
- Can Be Grown in Containers
- Control Size by Pruning Leaves at Base
  - Do NOT Shear
  - Do NOT Prune from Leaf Tips
- Can Be Easily Transplanted

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Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

I always feel like May will be a month to slow down, and every year I feel genuine surprise when it’s really still quite busy. In addition to Cinco de Mayo, the Kentucky Derby, Mother’s Day and Memorial Day, those of us who stick out the summer are busy saying goodbye to our many seasonal residents.

There are many high school and college graduations this month as well. I am actually going to take the time to brag about my grandson, Jack, who is graduating with honors from Saguaro High School. After years of studying hard, playing sports and participating in community activities, Jack is headed to the University of Washington later this summer where he will be majoring in Engineering. We are so proud of his accomplishments!

May is a popular wedding month as well. In fact, my regular lunch/happy hour date Grayhawk’s Director of Communications Jennifer Sheets and her husband, Brian, celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary on May 28. Congratulations to them!

Speaking of lunches with Jennifer, this month I wanted to tell you about an American comfort-food restaurant in North Scottsdale that opened in March. It is owned by the Keeler Hospitality Group which also operates Market Street Kitchen in Scottsdale’s DC Ranch and Spencer’s for Steaks and Chops in Omaha, Nebraska. The restaurant transformed the space formerly occupied by the Italian restaurant, Cibo e Vino, into an all-American tavern called Liberty Station.

Located in the Terravita Marketplace near Carefree Highway and Tom Darlington Drive in north Scottsdale, Liberty Station is open for lunch and dinner and serves American comfort food with regional touches, including several nods to the Keeler family’s Boston roots. The bar at Liberty Station offers vintage cocktails created in a very classic style, and local craft beers, plus a wide array of wine options.

The restaurant smokes many of their high quality meats from Creekstone Farms (Kansas) on a custom made smoker from Camelback Smokers, which is prominently displayed on the west side patio of the restaurant. Drool-worthy menu items include Tavern Mac and Cheese (cheddar cream, bacon breadcrumbs, Pasilla chiles), Boston Lobster Roll (lemon aioli, celery, brioche roll), and Kobe Meatloaf (shoestring onions, ketchup vinegar glaze, mashed potatoes).

Chef Michael Hunn, the former executive chef of Anthem Country Club, along Chef de Cuisine Dan Watts head up the kitchen. The pair seems to have created a menu using many locally sourced ingredients, which include creative “shareable” appetizers, sandwiches, pasta and salads. Entrees feature fresh seafood, steaks and chops.

On my recent trip to Liberty Station with Jennifer Sheets, I opted for the Boston Lobster Roll with lemon aioli, and celery that was served on a Brioche Roll. It came with a side so I ordered the BBQ Dusted House Chips. I’ve never had a Lobster Roll before and while this one was good, it wasn’t quite what my New Englander friends had created in my mind. It must be a popular item at Liberty Station though, because it appeared that almost everyone who ate lunch there that day had ordered the lobster roll. Jennifer Sheets ordered the Brisket Grilled Cheese & tomato bisque soup with Smokey Cheddar, Pepper jack and Burnt Ends. It was not a typical gooey grilled cheese, but still worthy of dipping into the soup, which Jenn said was delicious.

The server was good at suggesting different entrée choices and was very attentive. The vibe in the restaurant was laid back and fun and I hear they have a fantastic happy hour. Although our food was good, I don’t know whether I would venture up there for lunch unless I was meeting family or friends who lived up by Carefree Highway and El Pedregal. It is a little too far outside of the “Grayhawk bubble” for my liking.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers out there, and congratulations to all the graduates and those celebrating anniversaries.

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Still Sweet and Salty

Chicken Soup for the Soul
By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk

We always have homemade chicken noodle soup in our Michigan and Arizona freezers, just in case one of us comes down with a cold or flu. Soup truly is a powerful weapon to help fight colds! Celery and carrots contain Vitamin C which bolsters the immune system and fights infection. We also add leeks which are an anti-oxidant rich food to help reduce inflammation and act as a natural antihistamine. The warmth of soup relieves congestion, and the saltiness soothes a sore throat. Most store-bought soups are higher in sodium and additives and just don’t have the flavor or health benefits of homemade chicken soup. It takes a little extra time to make it yourself (that’s why we freeze it in advance!) but nothing is more comforting than a delicious bowl of chicken noodle soup when you’re under the weather.

This recipe was handed down directly from Stephanie’s Great Grandmother Anna who lived in Germany, but visited America often and left us some amazing traditional recipes from the old country. We use a couple of shortcuts like pre-made broth and pre-packaged egg noodles (Great Grandma made her own broth and homemade spaetzel noodles).

Stock-up on this delicious, healing soup which will last about 2-3 months in your freezer. It is always a wonderful thing to have extra containers in your freezer to drop off to a sick family member or friend… I’m taking some to my 86 year old mom tomorrow before we head to AZ for some fun in the sun!
Great Grandma Anna’s Chicken Soup

Total time: 1 ½ hours

Ingredients:

- 1 whole organic chicken, thawed, washed and innards removed. It is important to use a whole chicken and not just chicken breasts…the bones give the soup its flavor and added nutrition
- 3 boxes organic chicken broth (32 ounces each)
- As much fresh ground black pepper as you like…we use a couple teaspoons
- 3-4 large carrots peeled and sliced about 1/3 inch thick
- 3-4 large celery ribs sliced about 1/3 inch thick (you can also add celery leaves for extra flavor)
- 4 large leeks, trim off dark green end and white ends. Slice stalk lengthwise and clean thoroughly under running water, then chop (leeks often have dirt inside)
- 1 whole russet potato chopped

Optional: ½ cup white rice (thickens soup)

- 1/2 12 ounce package egg noodles
- 1 or 2 Knorr chicken bouillon cubes

1. Place whole chicken into the chicken broth in a large soup pot and gently boil for 25 minutes covered (this is a good time to chop the veggies)
2. Add all veggies, potato, and rice and continue to gently boil for another 45 minutes uncovered, until chicken legs are fully cooked, and can be pulled apart
3. Remove entire chicken from pot. Caution— you might need an extra hand, it will be hot and falling apart. Set chicken aside on platter to cool and capture juices
4. Taste the broth and determine if it needs more flavor, if so add 1 or 2 bouillon cubes
5. While chicken is cooling add about ½ (or more) of a 12 ounce bag of egg noodles to broth in pot to cook for about 15 minutes
6. Now the tedious part…separate the chicken from the bones, skin, etc. Use your hands and pull off bite-size pieces of whatever parts of white and dark meat that you like. Our little dog Hampton loves this part because there is always a plate of leftover bites that don't make it into the soup
7. When noodles are fully cooked, return chicken pieces and juices to soup pot
8. It’s ready to eat or freeze!

And always, always, always, pamper yourself when you are under the weather! Rest, cut back on exercise, drink lots of fluids, and have healthy simple foods on hand, like homemade chicken soup for the soul! We welcome your feedback, suggestions and recipe requests! Please feel free to email us at boschl@me.com.
The 2017 Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success thanks to Darren Tackett and Chris Usher with The Grayhawk Group RE/MAX Fine Properties, Kathy Craig and Nancy Costlow, Skin Care Consultants with Rodan + Fields, and Mo Hamideh with HomeStreet Bank Home Loans.
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