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Manager's Corner



The month of May provides many opportunities for celebration. This month we celebrate Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, High School Graduations and Memorial Day. Although we may now celebrate in different ways than years past, the Grayhawk team encourages each of you to celebrate your traditions, milestones and memories with vigor. We would love to share some of your celebratory photos in a future issue of the Flight. Please share them with Jennifer Sheets at jsheets@ccmcnet.com.

This is also a busy time of year for Grayhawk and you may see quite a bit of change throughout the community. One change you might notice is

brown or bare spots in the turf, but there is no need to be alarmed. DLC Resources, our community landscaper, is preparing the turf for summer Bermuda grass. The transition requires several steps to take place for beautiful summer grass. Here is what you can expect to see as the transition

- Step 1. Monitor local temperatures. Once nighttime temperatures start exceeding 65 degrees on a consistent basis (typically late April/early May), it's time to start the spring transition.
- Step 2. Reduce watering to 70-80% of your normal usage. This will start stressing out the rye grass but will continue to support the Bermuda grass.
- Step 3. Lightly verticutgrass to open up its canopy. This allows more sunshine to reach the Bermuda
- Step 4. Aerify ground. Aeration is the process of breaking up hard pockets of soil. This increases water penetration and nutrient uptake, breaks up soil compaction, and allows more oxygen
- Step 5. Gradually lower mower settings and increase mowing intervals to twice a week so that the grass height does not exceed 1/2 to 3/4." Make sure to bag all clippings.
- Step 6. Beware of shady areas in lawn. The ryegrass will grow aggressively in these areas so maintain a low mowing height to allow the Bermuda grass to get its needed sunlight.
- Step 7. Fertilize and increase watering schedule. After about 2 weeks, the Bermuda grass is overcoming the ryegrass. Broadcast a balanced fertilizer and increase watering back to a normal summer watering schedule.

In closing, I will leave a few thoughts. For those graduating, chase your dreams and pursue your passions. I hope everyone enjoy the Memorial Day Holiday and respectfully acknowledge all that have served to protect our country and continue to celebrate at every opportunity with enthusiasm.

Stacey Harvey

Grayhawk Community Manager

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Community Meetings

BOARD MEETINGS – MAY 2021

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

Grayhawk Board of Directors

Monday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Call the GCA Office at 480-563-9708 for more information.

grayhawk_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Grayhawk Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

Monday, May 3 at 5 p.m. via Zoom The Board of Directors will be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 33-1804 (A)(3).

Retreat Village Board of Directors

Monday, May 3 via Zoom following the GCA Board meeting. Call the GCA Office at 480-563-9708 for more information. retreat_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Retreat Village Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

Monday, May 3 at 5 p.m. via Zoom The Board of Directors will be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 33-1804 (A)(3).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Communications Committee

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

Event Planning Committee

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

Landscape Committee

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

Operational Review Committee

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

Architectural Review Committee

Tuesday, May 4 and 18 at 4:30 p.m. Call Ashley Scott at 480-563-9708 for more information.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Meeting

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

Crown Point Board Meeting

Call Ashley Scott at 480-563-9708 for details.

Edge Condominium Association Board Meeting

Visit www.theedgegrayhawk.com or call 480-584-4647 for details.

Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

May 13 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Call Amcor Property Professionals at 480-948-5860 for details

Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Vision Community Management at 480-759-8683

Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

Grayhawk Community Association Board Members

David Van Omen President

> Paul Alessio Vice President

Richard Zielinski Secretary

Jeanette Griswold Treasurer

> Lou Ender Director

Derek Moore Director

Don Morse Director

Retreat Village Association Board Members

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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



Grayhawk Master Association Board of Directors Meeting – April 5, 2021

Homeowner Forum

Tesoro Resident Pat Seago stated that her husband noted recently that marking were being made on the road for the Hualapai Rd. extension. Paul Alessio suggested that management or someone from the Development Committee reach out to the City of Scottsdale for more information and a timeline for the project.

Derek Moore inquired on the status of the extension of 76th Street under the 101 freeway. David Van Omen stated that he would reach out to the City of Scottsdale for more information.

Election of Officers

A motion was made and approved to appoint David Van Omen as President, Paul Alessio as Vice President, Richard Zielinski as Secretary and Jeanette Griswold as Treasurer for the Grayhawk Community Association Board of Directors 2021-2022 term.

Development Committee

David Van Omen stated that Lin and Louie's is definitely taking the place of Kale and Clover at Hayden Peak Crossing.

Don Morse asked what was planned for the land south of Tesoro. David Van Omen noted that the land on the southwest corner of Pima Rd. and Thompson Peak Pkwy. is also state land. David Van Omen and Paul Alessio will work to get more information.

Operational Review Committee

Dick Zielinski reported that the committee met on March 22. Trident Security is adding new staff and shifting current staff members to new positions. One of the Trident Security vehicles is being replaced at no cost to the GCA due to a maintenance issue.

Trident Staff recently participated in training. An inventory was recently done on emergency response supplies and supplies were replenished as needed.

The GCA is still working to fill the Compliance Coordinator position.

Stacey Harvey is looking for street sweeping contractors to submit bids. It was noted that the RVA will have to look into asphalt replacement after the guardhouse remodel.

Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that the committee did not meet.

DLC crews are trimming plants and maintaining site lines. DLC will start transitioning the turf throughout the community to summer Bermuda in early April.

Spring planting included 450 plants and 17 trees in the Grayhawk Community Association.

Community Enhancement Committee

The Community Enhancement Committee did not meet. Their next meeting is scheduled on April 13 to review Condo Community Enhancement submittals.

Event Planning Committee

Sarah Van Duyne reported that past events, including the Garage Sale, Bunny Boxes and Scavenger Hunt and Irish Soda Bread class had all been successful. April events include a Family Movie Night and the first of a regularly scheduled food truck night.

Communications Committee

Jennifer Sheets reported that the committee had finalized details of the upcoming Annual Meeting and continued to discuss the communication plan for the guardhouse remodel.

Architectural Review Committee

Paul Alessio reported that there were two meetings with a total of 31 submittals in March. The committee is seeing various submittals like courtyard gates, pergolas and windows.

The committee will be working with management and the Communications Committee to make sure that homeowners are staying within guidelines. Don Morse suggested articles on approved lighting styles and garage doors.

Budget/Finance Committee

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee did not meet.

Executive Committee

David Van Omen reported that the committee did not meet.

New Business

The Board reviewed a list of proposed committee members. It was noted that Steve Jesson should be removed from the Budget/Finance Committee and Rick Milburn added.

Stacey Harvey presented a proposed soft reopening plan for the GCA Office. Board members discussed the fact that because the office has been open for appointments, staff members have been able to regulate traffic in the office without interruption of service. Jeanette Griswold stated that she would like to be cautious with reopening, which was echoed by additional board members.

A motion was made and approved to wait to vote on the reopening plan until the May board meeting. The office will remain open by appointment only until the board votes otherwise.

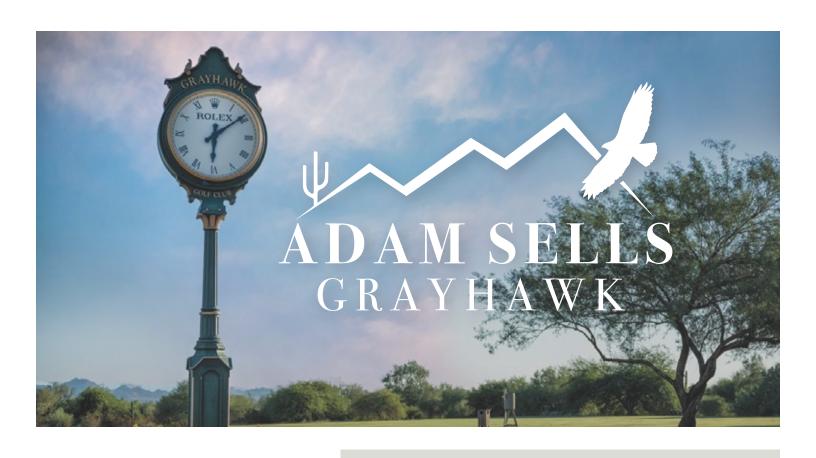
Treasurer's Report

A total of \$46,124.00 was added to the Community Enhancement Fund in February, bringing the total in 2021 to \$75,600.00. The balance stands at \$2,716,000.00

Management Report

Stacey Harvey stated that the Playground Police recently completed their annual tot lot inspection. DLC also fluffed the sof Fal so that management can work to determined areas that need to be replenished.

Stacey Harvey provided and overview of HB 2030, which proposes language to include First Responders flags into the Planned Communities Act as a protected flag.





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In & Around Grayhawk

floo-id YOGA in the Park

Saturdays - May 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 9 a.m.

Grayhawk Greenbelt at 78th Way and 78th Pl, Park at 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.

floo-id YOGA offers a wide variety of sessions to accommodate all ages and skill levels and is proven to aid to a healthier, physically fit and less stressful lifestyle. floo-id has been kind enough to host regular outdoor sessions for the Grayhawk community! This is a great way to clear your mind and social distance while exercising. The outdoor sessions take place in the narrow section of the greenbelt that starts at the tunnel under the Thompson Peak Pkwy. and Hayden Rd. intersection. Walk down, ride bikes over, or park in the Offices at Grayhawk Parking Lot and head down to the greenbelt from there. Registration will go through floo-id directly. Please register online with floo-id YOGA prior to each class at https://bit.ly/2Xque3e. The Grayhawk FREE session is scheduled for Sat., May 22 and will be registered for separately at this website: https://bit.ly/grayhawkyoga. Register early to save your spot!

Pop-up Hostess Cupcake Giveaway

Tues., May 11 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. or until supplies run out

Grayhawk Greenbelt at 78th Way and 78th Pl, Park at 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.

May 11 is National Hostess Cupcake Day and we'll take any reason to celebrate with our Grayhawk family! Stop by to say "hi" to the Grayhawk staff and pick up a sweet treat for you and your family. Drive, walk or bike- just be sure to get there early because supplies are limited. If the tent is gone, we've run out. See you there!

Mother/Son Nerf Wars

Sat., May 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Grayhawk Greenbelt located at 78th Pl. and 78th Way, Park at 7940 E. Thompson peak Pkwy.

Kick-Off your summer with an exciting Nerf Wars event at the Grayhawk greenbelt! Battle it out with your friends and neighbors on one of two obstacle fields. The Nerf guns used are both safe and fun, and provide an exciting reason for kids to put down the game controllers and get outside. Kids will experience many variations of nerf games during the event. Playgrounds Dart Zone will provide the latest blasters, but kids can also bring their own if they wish! Kids/ Parents will be divided up into teams and we will have two separate fields for two age groups depending on number of registrations. Cost to participate is \$10 per child. A pizza lunch and a sweet icy treat are included at the end of the event or for take home. Guests are welcome to register with residents at this event. Register and pay online by May 12 at www.grayhawkcommunity.org.

Concert in the Park

Sun., May 16 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Grayhawk Greenbelt at 78th Pl. and 78th Way

Come prepared to enjoy an energetic afternoon of dancing and

entertainment with Outside the Lines and their 6 piece band. We will have a couple options for tasty food like Queso Good Quesadilla Food Truck and the Majik Milkshakes truck with food for purchase. Chairs and blankets are recommended and coolers are permitted (no glass please). We will have designated circles in the lawn to help everyone properly social distance. Masks are required while you are outside of your designated seating area, masks will be provided for those who do not have one. Registration is limited so we can provide proper social distancing in the event area. We will adapt accordingly to stay in line with current mandates and recommendations. Each registration/circle is limited to seven people max in their party. Registration fee for this event is \$5 per person and children 12 and under are FREE. Registration is required and walk ups cannot be accommodated. Register by May 12

at www.grayhawkcommunity.org. Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom with Keller Williams AZ Realty for sponsoring another fantastic community event.





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Thurs., May 20 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Grayhawk Greenbelt at 78th Way & 78th Pl Park at 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.

Hey Lobster lovers - Leave the cooking to the professionals and pick up dinner for the whole family from East Coast Joes. Walk, bike, or drive down to the greenbelt to pick up some fresh Maine Style Lobster Rolls, Shrimp and Chips or Philly Cheesesteaks! Don't miss the Ape (Ah-pay) dessert truck carrying different kinds of Tiramisu. There will be no parking on the street, please park in the offices at Grayhawk parking lot located at 7940 E. Thompson Peak

Pkwy. And take the sidewalk path to the greenbelt. Then feel free to bring chairs or a blanket to enjoy your goodies under shade trees in the greenbelt or while walking the path with family and friends. Check out the East Coast Joes food truck menu ahead of time at http://www.eastcoastjoes.com/truck-menu.html.

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Congratulations Class

We have been lucky enough to watch many of the 2021 high school seniors living in Grayhawk grow up, and are excited to share their stories with you as they graduate and move on to the next chapter in their lives.

Seniors, graduating is a huge milestone and your Grayhawk family is so very proud of you. All the best for your bright futures. The world is waiting for you!



Courtney Connor

Courtney attended Grayhawk Elementary, Rancho Solano middle school and Notre Dame Preparatory High School. We are amazed by her ability to juggle the busy schedule she craves while maintaining her grades and spending time with friends and family. She has been involved with National Charity League, National Honor Society, Veterans Heritage Project, club volleyball, karate and loves to travel. She will be headed to Newport Rhode Island to earn her business degree, play volleyball for Salve Regina University and visit friends and family. Congratulations Courtney - we love you and are excited to see where this next chapter leads!



Gregory Deaton

Gregory was born in Scottsdale and moved to Grayhawk when he was three years old. Gregory attended El Dorado Private School for Pre-k and Grayhawk Elementary School K-3rd grade. After a short time in Loveland, Ohio, Gregory reunited with his friends and attended 6th grade at Grayhawk Elementary School. He attended Explorer Middle school and is now finishing up his senior year at Pinnacle High School. Gregory has excelled in the classroom as a member of the National Honor Society and the Mentors Program. Gregory is excited to be attending Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University and will major in Finance at the W. P. Carey School of Business. Forks up!



Amelia Dellaripa

Amelia is graduating with distinguished honors from Paradise Valley High School in Engineering and has been selected by PVHS as their nominee for the leadership program at the university level. Amelia has been accepted into the Walter Cronkite School of Broadcasting and Communications, the Barrett Honors Program and selected as the newest cohorts of the 2021 Leadership Scholarship Program (LSP) to attend Arizona State University this fall. We are so proud of you Melie Girl - Forks Up!



Delainey Eatman

Delainey is a member of the 2021 graduating class of Pinnacle High. She is going to attend the University of Arizona, majoring in Speech Therapies with a focus on the geriatric community. Her Mom, Dad, brother Kael, and her entire extended family in Florida are so proud of her and can't wait to see what exciting things her future has in store for her!!



Alexis Escobedo

Alexis was raised in the Grayhawk Community. She attended Preschool at El Dorado and went on to Grayhawk Elementary School. Her favorite memories growing up here were the family movie nights and community garage sales. Alexis is finishing up her senior year at Pinnacle High School where she plays Varsity Lacrosse, is President of Pinnacle Choirs, and just wrapped up her 5th production with The Pinnacle Theatre Company. Alexis has committed to play Lacrosse at Oberlin College and Conservatory in Oberlin, Ohio. She plans to double major in Cinema Studies and Marketing.



Sydni Ganter

Sydni attended Grayhawk elementary, Mountain Trail middle school and will be graduating from Pinnacle high school this month. Sydni was on Spiritline for two years and STUGO senior class secretary her senior year. Sydni has also been a part of National Charity league since the 8th grade. Sydni plans to attend Pace University, New York City campus this fall and study Arts and Entertainment business.

Sydni, you have made us proud everyday of your journey and we can't wait to see what you accomplish next.

Love~Mom, Dad and Nolan

Class of 2021



Cameron Graninger

Cameron, 8-year Grayhawk resident, will graduate, with honors, from Norte Dame Preparatory High School in May. Cameron is a four-year Varsity letterman in both Cross Country and Track and is a NDP Dog Pound Spirit leader. Cameron will attend Colorado State University in August, where he plans to major in Engineering.



Zoe Hanshew

Zoe is a lifelong Grayhawk resident. In addition to growing up spending endless hours at the parks and playgrounds, she has enjoyed many community events including Easter Egg Hunts, Daddy Daughter Dances, and cool winter evenings stopping by the hot coco hut and light display. The holiday sleigh ride is a favorite. Zoe is graduating from Paradise Valley High School. She serves as an officer in both the National Honor Society and in student government where she has led many fundraisers and community projects. At Paradise Valley she is a diver and three-time dive team captain in addition to enjoying pole vaulting on the track team. Zoe plans to study finance at Santa Clara University in the Silicon Valley.



John Lavinger

John is an honor student and 3 year Varsity Baseball letterman at Pinnacle High School. As a sophomore, he was selected to the All PVUSD First Team, 6A Desert Valley Region Second Team, and was named Varsity Rookie of the Year. He has also excelled in the classroom and will be graduating with a 4.5 GPA. John will be continuing his education and playing baseball at Oakland University in Michigan on athletic and academic scholarship, studying Finance. John has lived in the Grayhawk community since birth and found his love of baseball while playing Little League and attending Grayhawk Elementary School.

"Now go, and make interesting mistakes, make amazing mistakes, make glorious and fantastic mistakes. Break rules. Leave the world more interesting for your being here."

—Neil Gaiman



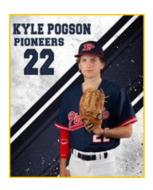
Angelina Mann

Angelina Mann was born in Scottsdale, Arizona, and has been a Grayhawk resident for nearly all her life. She graduated from El Dorado's preschool, Grayhawk Elementary School, Explorer Middle School, and, soon, will be graduating in the top one percent from Pinnacle High School. She has excelled academically and been active in Pinnacle's National Honor Society, the Society of Women Scholars, Pinnacle Mentors, Pinnacle Theatre Company, and the International Thespian Society. This fall she will be an entering sophomore at Barrett the Honors College at Arizona State University, on New American University and other merit-based scholarships. Angelina intends to obtain concurrent degrees in English (Creative Writing) and in Journalism and Mass Communication, with a minor in Spanish.



Sammi Plotnik

Sammi is graduating from Pinnacle High School. She will be attending Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University in the fall, majoring in Biomedical Sciences. At Pinnacle, she is a member of National Honor Society, Society of Women Scholars, Pinnacle Mentors and Jewish Student Union. She has been a resident of Grayhawk since she was two years old, attending Grayhawk Elementary and Explorer Middle School prior to high school. We are so proud of Sammi and her many accomplishments and are excited to share in her future successes.



Kyle Pogson

Kyle attended Grayhawk Elementary and will graduate from Pinnacle High School this spring. Kyle plans to attend the University of Arizona.



Zoe Stenseth

Zoe attended Grayhawk Elementary, Mountain Trail and Pinnacle High School, class of 2021. While excelling in honors language classes, her true passion lies in math and science.

She has been a part of the Pinnacle Spiritline for three years, winning the 2020 National Championship. Zoe is considering a career as a veterinarian or in medicine.

She has received merit scholarships from several universities including ASU, NAU, and Hawaii. The future looks so bright!

















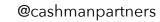
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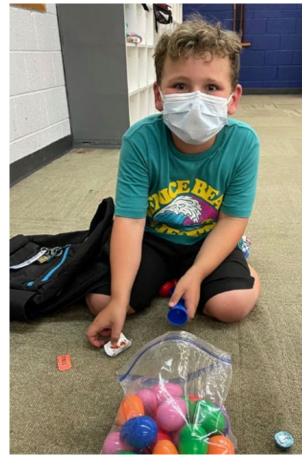
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30	31	25	26	27	28	floo-id YOGA in the Park 9 a.m. Grayhawk Greenbelt

Grayhawk donated some eggs left over from our canceled 2020 Easter Egg Hunt to the Boys and Girls Club, Thunderbirds Branch. It looks like they put them to good use!















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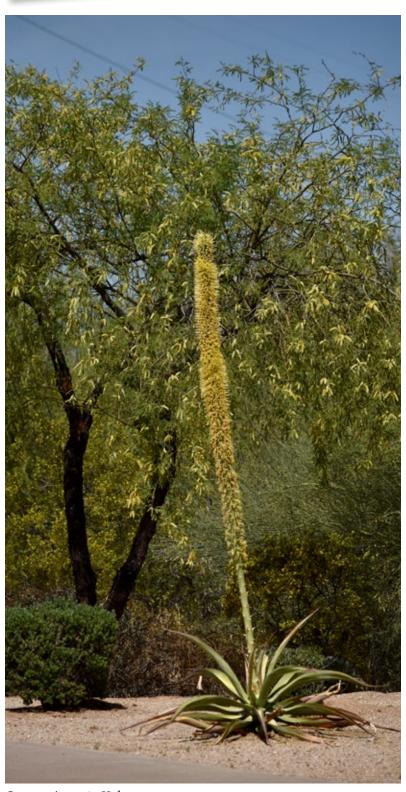




Our Desert, Our Home

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

An Octopus Chorus



Octopus Agave in Halcon

My ideas for columns often start with an observation from my daily walks. Free from all distractions except nature, I find myself observing and trying to make sense of what nature is communicating.

Sometimes it's a puzzle or a mystery. Other times, individual plants communicate strongly en masse.

So it is with the Octopus Agave that are sending up their flower stalks all over Grayhawk as though they're part of the same chorus.

When you drive on Hayden between Thompson Peak and Grayhawk Drive, you'll see them in the center traffic median. Their flower stalks look like giant yellow pipe cleaners.

There are 3 at Grayhawk's monument sign on the corner of Pima and Thompson Peak Pkwy. All in bloom. How is it that they're all flowering at the same time? We'll get to that in a minute.

Agaves are fascinating plants but there is a fair amount of misinformation about them. For example, Agaves are thought to have long life spans. The giant blue/gray agaves often seen in residential landscapes are commonly known as Century Plants. That common name? Well, it's an exaggeration. They don't live that long. While a Century Plant CAN live to be 70 or 80, their typical lifespan is around 30.

For an Octopus Agave, the typical lifespan is closer to 7 years. When watered too often, they'll grow too fast and send up their flower stalks before they're ready for kindergarten.

In their native habitat, Octopus Agave are cliff dwellers. Theirs is an unusual form for an Agave.

Their leaves twist and turn, curling their sides upward and inward, setting themselves apart from other Agave species. These odd leaf shapes allow them to drape themselves from rocky edges and look perfectly at home. They also look especially good planted on a slope.

Why Does An Agave Flower Once and Then Die?

An Agave flowers just once in its lifetime because there is a single site on each plant that produces leaves or a flower stalk. It cannot do both at once. When it flowers, it consumes the location of the flower stalk which results in the death of the entire plant.

While flowering plants generally rely on pollinators to ensure their survival, Agave survival is species-dependent. Some, but not all, Agaves produce offsets or "pups" which are perfect clones of the parent plant.



As the Plant Starts Dying, So Do Its Leaves



Close-Up: Flowers on Octopus Agave Stalk



Tangle of Plantlets on an Octopus Agave Stalk

Others flower and wait for pollinators (hummingbirds, bats and bees) to work their magic. Still others, do both.

Octopus Agave don't pup. They instead rely on their flower stalks to both flower AND produce thousands of plantlets - all perfect clones of the parent.

Why Are the Grayhawk Octopus All Blooming at the Same Time?

Growers deliver to nurseries potted plants that were likely potted at the same time and are about the same age. And, in the case of Octopus Agave, they could all be from the same stalk!

Since our Octopus Agave were bought at the same time and have been growing in the same general area under similar conditions, it stands to reason that they would bloom at the same time.

A Great Chance to Experiment

There are several upsides to this Agave species. They take on interesting shapes and look especially at home on a slope or ledge. They don't get overly large and they don't pup so they pretty much stick to their own space. And, because they are so prolific (remember thousands of plants from a single stalk), they're not very expensive.

If you've never purchased an Agave, this would be a good one to try. Oh, and if it doesn't work where you plant it, dig it up and move it. Agaves are remarkably resilient and un-fussy. If you've got enough space, plant three of these near one another. Remember, too, that any Agave you can grow in the ground, you can also grow in a pot.

Adaptive 'til the End

Agaves are determined to "go out with a bang" and they won't be deterred from that mission, even if it means snaking up a Mesquite tree to do so.

Once you know a little more about these plants, they're so good at grabbing attention, it is hard to look away.



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Animals like bobcats, coyotes and javelina are very active in the Grayhawk community. Grayhawk maintenance staff regularly observe signs of residents or vendors leaving food for wildlife. However, feeding wildlife is a bad practice that can lead to potentially dangerous encounters between animals and humans.

While feeding wildlife might seem like the nice thing to do, it is actually conditioning animals to frequent specific locations and increasing the chance of human-wildlife conflict. In 2006, the Arizona Legislature passed a law (13-2927. Unlawful feeding of wildlife; classification) making it illegal to feed wildlife in Maricopa and Pima counties.

While some are purposely feeding wildlife, that is not always the case. You may not be intentionally feeding wildlife, but if you are leaving trash or pet food outside you could still be soliciting the visits. To reduce the chance of an unwanted encounter, do not feed the wildlife, keep trash secured and pet food indoors. Remember that for their safety, you should always watch small pets when they are outside.

For additional information on the dangers of feeding wildlife and tips on living with urban wildlife, visit the Arizona Game and Fish Department Web site at https://www.azgfd.com.



HEALTHY HINTS: Meal Planning Tips

By Tina Uphoff, Grayhawk resident, Certified Health Coach and Fitness Trainer

Whether you are trying to be more organized or improve your nutrition, planning your meals it a helpful way to save time, as well as eating healthier. Below are five (5) steps for meal planning including a template.

STEP 1:

Pull out your calendar. Start by marking off any meals for the next week when you know you WON'T have to cook. This could be due to breakfast meetings, lunches with friends, or a date night with your partner. For example, if you know you have a business breakfast on Tuesday, lunch with a friend on Thursday and a happy hour date on Friday, you'd mark an 'X' in each one of those spaces on the meal planning template.

STEP 2:

Make a plan for what you'll eat for dinner each night. You might decide to have grilled fish on Monday, chicken stir-fry on Tuesday, and fish tacos using the leftovers from Monday on Wednesday.

STEP 3:

Fill in your lunches using any leftovers from dinners. For example, if you make chicken stir-fry for dinner on Tuesday, you can plan to have leftovers for lunch on Wednesday. You could also choose to use leftovers from Monday night's fish



to make a big salad for your lunch on Tuesday. One thing I'll often do is to make a big pot of soup or a big salad to fill in lunches and dinners as needed.

STEP 4:

Plan your breakfasts. Aim to eat something that has a combination of fat, fiber and protein to keep you full and satisfied through the morning. If you know you have busy mornings, plan ahead by pre-making hard boiled eggs or prepping the ingredients for a smoothie the night before.

STEP 5:

Plan a few different snacks to have through the week, like veggies and hummus, home-made trail mix or even smoothies for the mid-afternoon. Prep the ingredients so they're always ready to go and easy to access – this will cut down on binge snacking on foods like candy and chips.

You can find a simple meal planning template by going to Good luck and happy meal planning! Feel free to contact me at tina@tinahealthcoach.com or my cell (612.720.3596)



Meal Plan for the Week of _

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER	SNACKS
DAY 1				
DAY 2				
DAY 3				
DAY 4				
DAY 5				
DAY 6				
DAY 7				



Still Sweet and Salty

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet Residents

As you know I usually feature my favorite health-conscious recipes in this column but sometimes we all need to splurge and enjoy a sweet dessert. This berry trifle is so easy to make and so yummy that your family and friends will ask you to bring it to every gathering.

Trifles are an elegant layered dessert that originated in England in the 18th century and consist of layers of fruit, cake, custard, and cream. Trifles can be made with homemade custards and cakes but no one will be able to tell the difference--so to keep it simple I recommend store-bought pudding and frozen pound cake. You can use any of your favorite fruits and any flavor of pudding. You can also whip your own heavy cream.

So get out your favorite glass trifle bowl or any glass bowl and start layering all of these delicious ingredients into this gorgeous dessert that will disappear in minutes!

And always, always bring your yummiest recipes to friend and family gatherings...you're guaranteed to be invited back again and again. We welcome your feedback, suggestions and recipe requests! Please feel free to email us at boschl@me.com.



EASY BERRY TRIFLE

Prep time: 20 minutes

Servings: 8-10

Ingredients:

- 4 cups berries, washed and dried
- 3 large bananas sliced
- 1 large box instant vanilla Jell-o pudding (5.1 oz.); pudding requires 3 cups cold milk
- 1 family size Sara Lee butter pound cake (16 oz.)
- 1 tub Cool Whip (16 oz.)

Instructions:

- 1. Wash berries and allow them to dry. If using strawberries cut in half.
- 2. Prepare pudding according to instructions on box.
- 3. Cut pound cake into one-inch cubes.
- 4. Layer cake on bottom of bowl, followed by pudding, then fruit, then whipped cream. Repeat.
- 5. Garnish top with a few berries.

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I hope that the month of May finds you safe and healthy. May is

a month full of some of my favorite celebrations that include Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, the Kentucky Derby and Memorial Day. It is also a popular month for weddings. In fact, my lunch buddy and GCA Director of Communications, Jennifer Sheets, will be celebrating her 15th anniversary this month.

Grayhawk has some great events on the calendar in May as well, including the Mother's Day Craft Kit (great for dads looking for a unique gift for the kids to give mom), a virtual Seis de Mayo Tequila Tasting and a Concert in the Park. Lifestyle Director Sarah Van Duyne is keeping us busy as it heats up outside!

This month Jennifer and I lunched at *The Craftsman*, the newest restaurant at Hayden Peak Crossing. Open since October 15 of 2020, *The Craftsman Cocktails and Kitchen*, specializes in hand-crafted cocktails and creative classic tastes. *The Craftsman* is headed by Chef Christopher Nicosia, an Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame Inductee and former Executive Chef of *Sassi* in Scottsdale. The restaurant serves up conventional American dishes with a twist, using as many locally grown ingredients as possible.

We got off to a bit of a rough start because the diet cokes we ordered came in a- gasp- can! That'll teach us...order water next time. Jenn, usually a big salad eater, took the road less traveled and ordered the *Heavy Handed Grilled Cheese* which was served on griddled thick cut crusty bread with Daphne's snowy cheddar, Zoe's prosciutto and spicy fig jam. The bread was very unique and looked quite delicious. Jenn said it was fantastic and took half back

for the staff in the office to try. I ordered the *Distiller's Burger*. It is not your typical hamburger. It is made with brisket and short rib, a wet porcini rub, caramelized onions, fontina cheese, arugula and garlic aioli, all served on a brioche bun. I also took half of my burger home and finished it off for dinner. All sandwiches come with choice of fries, potato chips or a side salad. I chose the fries and Jenn chose a side salad. We both thoroughly enjoyed our lunch. The service was good and staff was friendly. I would order the burger again in a heartbeat. The side of fries was a generous serving.

It's nice when family or friends eat at some of the restaurants I review. My daughter and son-in-law visited *The Craftsman* recently and loved it. They really liked the menu. My daughter ordered the *Coast to Coast Roll* which was lobster, Dungeness crab, local celery, butter lettuce, lemon puree, tarragon butter jus. It was right up her alley! She said that it was delicious particularly with a cold glass of white wine. My son-in-law loves pastrami and ordered the *Wagyu Pastrami* which was Tempest wagyu, pickled cabbage and caraway mustard on a pretzel roll.

This is a great place to go for lunch or dinner, and they have a great happy hour. I would recommend the *Craftsman Meatballs* under starters. You won't be disappointed. Until next month, enjoy the month of May and Happy Mother's Day.

The Craftsman Cocktails and Kitchen 20469 N. Hayden Rd. (Fry's Shopping Center) 480-401-1102 • thecraftsmanaz.com



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