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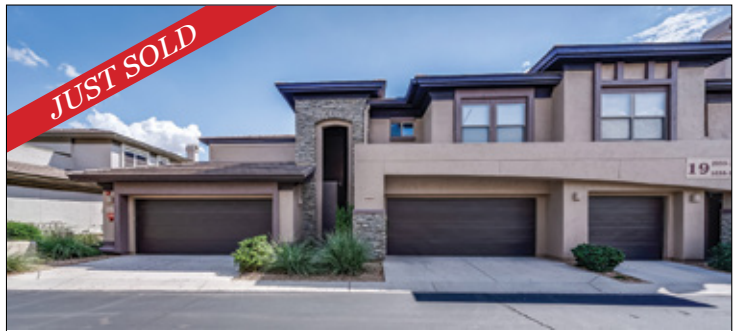
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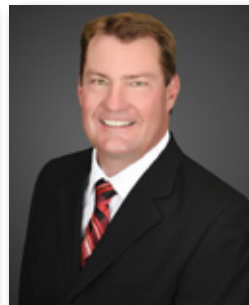
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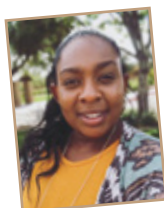
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# Manager's Corner



I would like to begin by congratulating all of the Grayhawk high school seniors who are graduating this year – Job well done!

Many of you have lived in the Grayhawk community your entire life and began your schooling by attending Grayhawk Elementary School which gave you a great foundation for learning and helped you to develop your desire to excel throughout your middle school and high school years. That is obvious to me after meeting so many of Grayhawk's young residents over the past 17+ years that I have had the privilege of serving the Grayhawk Community.

You have worked hard during the past four years and truly deserve to celebrate this achievement. A large number of you will continue your academic studies while attending colleges and universities throughout the country. I know quite a few of you have received athletic or academic scholarships which you should be extremely proud of and I know your parents are very proud of too.

As you move on to this next chapter of your life, I strongly encourage you to chase your dreams and to pursue your passion. Determine what it is that makes you excited to get up in the morning and find a way to make that happen. You have not only made your parents and your family proud of you, you have made the entire Grayhawk community proud – We Are Proud Of You!

In addition to graduation, 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. 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](mailto:jsheets@ccmcnet.com).

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys 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, Executive Director

## GRAYHAWK ADVERTISING

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## BOARD MEETINGS – MAY 2023

Board meetings are open to residents and we encourage you to attend.  
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### Grayhawk Board of Directors

Monday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. Call the GCA Office at 480-563-9708 for more information.  
grayhawk\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

### Grayhawk Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

Monday, May 1 at 5 p.m. 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 1 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 1 at 5 p.m. 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 Jennifer Sheets 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 2 and 16 at 4:30 p.m. Call Ashley Scott at 480-563-9708 for more information.

## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

### Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Meeting

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

### Crown Point Board Meeting

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

### Edge Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Associated Property Management  
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### Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Vision Community Management at  
480-759-4945

### Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### 2023-2024 Grayhawk Community Association

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*Director*

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## VISION

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

### Grayhawk Master Association Board of Directors Meeting – April 3, 2023

#### Homeowner Forum

Pat Seago, Tesoro, inquired about the bidding for Grayhawk Golf Club that was previously reported to close on March 31. The board advised that official notification on the successful bidder has not been received but it is rumored to be a large company that specializes in golf.

#### Election of Officers

Motion made to nominate David Van Omen as President, Paul Alessio as Vice President, Derek Moore as Treasurer, and Richard Zielinski as Secretary. Seconded and Motion Passes.

#### Development Committee

Paul Alessio reported that plans are underway for the proposed Banner Health site at Hayden and the 101. It is currently planned to open quarter 1 of 2026 and will be constructed in three (3) phases. As a Level 4 trauma hospital, a helicopter pad is planned for the roof however, the travel path that is anticipated is only to the south of the building and is not expected to fly over Grayhawk Community.

#### Operational Review Committee

Don Morse reported that the search for patrol guards continues. There were a total of 11 no shows for scheduled employment interviews in March.

The committee reviewed updates and rearranging of responsibility for the proposed additional maintenance technician position that staff created along with committee members and homeowner Mark Turri. The Operational Review Committee is recommending the board approve a full-time position to be funded from the Community Enhancement Fund for one year, and then when a proven success, funded as a regularly budgeted item from the GCA budget. The Community Enhancement Committee reviewed and approved the Operational Review Committee's request for funding the position for one year through the community enhancement fund at the February 21, 2023. Motion to approve the Operational Review Committee's recommendation to approve a full-time maintenance position. Seconded and Motion Passes.

The stucco delamination project that is underway has been taking longer than anticipated and the committee has discussed the possibility of engaging alternative vendors. Staff prepared an

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RFP for corrective action in addition to an RFP prepared by a homeowner in Peregrine. The committee reviewed both RFP's and directed staff to merge sections of both RFP's, when appropriate, for committee review.

### ***Landscape Committee***

Arlene Smith reported that the Landscape Committee will meet for a community drive on April 19 and a rendering of the proposed second Educational Garden is anticipated to be reviewed at the meeting as well. The landscape projects approved at the March board meeting are anticipated to begin on April 10.

### ***Community Enhancement Committee***

Ashley Scott reported that the committee did not meet.

### ***Event Planning Committee***

Jennifer Sheets reported that the recent shredding event was a success with about 100 residents participating. The Garage Sale had less than 30 participants and the committee is discussing some ways to change up this event to encourage more participation.

Kristen Hammond, Lifestyle Director, was introduced to the board. Kristen comes to Grayhawk with extensive experience and enthusiasm for event planning.

The committee met on March 27 for the annual reflection meeting to discuss all community events over the past year and evaluate participation, cost, and feedback from attendees.

### ***Communications Committee***

Jennifer Sheets reported that the committee met and discussed reducing the cost of The Flight. The committee will be cutting The Flight to 20 pages if possible, and will skip issues in June and August. The May issue will cover May-June and July will cover July-August. An email dedicated solely to distributing the Grayhawk Flight will be sent at the start of each month to encourage digital readership.

The Committee discussed the possibility of offering a business services section to allow for a less expensive advertising option.

### ***Architectural Review Committee***

Paul Alessio reported the committee reviewed 10 submittals on March 9 and seven (7) submittals on March 23. The committee is continuing to review a wide variety of submittals and is finishing the final touches for the new paint schemes.

### ***Budget/Finance Committee***

Derek Moore reported that the committee did not meet.

### ***Executive Committee***

David Van Omen reported that the committee did not meet.

### ***Condo Board Presidents Meeting***

Stacey Harvey reported that the committee did not meet.

### ***New Business***

The board reviewed the current committee chairs for all active committees.

Motion made and approved to appoint the following committee chairs for 2023:

- Architectural Review Committee – Paul Alessio
- Budget/Finance Committee – Derek Moore
- Communications Committee – Michael Loya
- Community Enhancement Committee – Richard Zielinski
- Development Committee – David Van Omen
- Election Committee – Jim Ball
- Landscape Committee – Arlene Smith
- Operational Review Committee – Richard Zielinski
- Event Planning Committee – Lou Ender

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Derek Moore reported that the GCA budget is in good shape so far in 2023 and is currently over income and under budget for the first two months.

The community enhancement and reserve funds remain well funded.

### ***Management Report***

Stacey Harvey congratulated Arlene Smith on her recent election to the GCA Board and thanked all board and community members for their contributions to the annual meeting.

The stucco delamination project was discussed and that Advanced Painting is currently still painting in Coventry at the Park. Advanced Painting will not move into Coventry at Grayhawk until the current section is completed.

The new guardhouses are fully operational with landscaping being scheduled for installation. Staff has received positive feedback about the traffic lights on both sides of the Retreat being adjusted for longer lights at Grayhawk Drive and Thompson Peak.

## Grayhawk Nerf Battle

**Saturday, May 6 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Grayhawk Greenbelt located at 78th PL. and 78th Way**

**Park at 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.**

Kick-Off your summer with an exciting Nerf battle 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. Battle Party Events will provide the latest blasters, but kids can also bring their own if they wish! Kids will be divided up into teams and we will have two separate fields for two age groups depending on number of registrations. Parents will even get the chance to battle it out with their littles during this event. Cost to participate is \$10 per child. Event is from 9:30-11 am and a pizza lunch will be served at the end of the event or for take home. Guests are welcome to register with residents at this event, register and pay online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org).



## End of School Year Kona Ice Blast

**Friday, May 26 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Grayhawk Greenbelt at 78th Way & 78th Pl**

**Park at 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.**

Walk the whole family over to celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer with a treat from the Kona Ice! Play casual yard games and relays in the greenbelt as we kick off the summer. The temperatures will be hot, so the games will include water balloons and be structured to be a quick-action event. Plan on getting wet with the kiddos. Wear sun screen and bring a towel. Each game may only last 10 minutes, as to beat the heat! We will be giving out FREE treats to the first 100 who attend!

## Child and Babysitting Safety Certification Class

**Friday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

This popular class covers infant/child safety and basic care techniques for present or would-be babysitters. Topics cover everything from pediatric CPR and first aid to basic child safety and diaper changing. Certification cards are issued upon successful completion of the course. Certification is valid for two years! Participants must be at least 10 years old and up to 17 years old to participate. Price is \$50 in exact cash and includes a pizza lunch, take home workbook and their Red Cross Babysitters Certificate. Register at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by Thursday, May 18. We must have at least 8 participants to hold this class, so please register early! Non-Grayhawk residents are welcome to register, so bring friends and spread the word!

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## Grayhawk Single Sippers Club

**Wednesday, May 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Pitch Pizzeria, 18750 Hayden Road (Scottsdale Road & Hayden)**

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 at this new local eatery while meeting some new people. This is a great way to broaden your circle of friends and to try something new. We must give the restaurant our final count of attendees by Wednesday, May 12. Register at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org).



## Coming Soon

### Lou Malnati's Pizzeria

**Tuesday, June 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**17787 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale**

Our favorite Lou Malnati's "Pizza By Me" experience RETURNS to Grayhawk! Back by popular demand, residents will be welcomed by Chicagoland hospitality by keeping our glasses full with house beer and wine selections, partake in a full tour of the kitchen, and indulge in family style appetizers, salad and dessert. The Chef will walk us through making our own personal pizzas. Cost is \$70 per person. Other beverages and food will be available for purchase. For those who have attended in the past, the menu will be identical, but the friendship, camaraderie and great stories always make the event fun. Register by no later than June 12 at [grayhawkcommunity.org](http://grayhawkcommunity.org).

## Ladies Bunco

**Tuesday, June 27 at 6 p.m.**

**GCA Office- Raptor Room**

**7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. Ste. 102**

Join neighbors for a night of food, drinks and Bunco! 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. All you need to do is bring yourself and pay \$5 exact cash to the office by 6 p.m. on Friday, June 16. Your \$5 will go into the pot for cash prizes at the end of the night. Register at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by Friday, June 16 to save your seat. Spots are limited, so register early!

## Grayhawk Book Club 25 Year Anniversary

**Saturday, September 16 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Raptor Room of the Grayhawk Offices**

The Grayhawk Book Club is so excited to be celebrating 25 years! Are you one of our former members? We will be celebrating with a wine and appetizer get-together for current and former members. Join us to reconnect with book club members and share in the celebration of friendship and reading. Please RSVP to Kathy Kudzia ([kkudzia@yahoo.com](mailto:kkudzia@yahoo.com)) or to any current member.







*Residents enjoyed the music of Switchback on a beautiful March day.*





# Grayhawk Resident Published Seventh Novel

Grayhawk resident James Thane recently published his seventh novel, *Picture Me Gone*. The book takes place mostly in the Phoenix area and again includes lots of local settings and references.

The protagonist is an executive named Molly McIntyre. Five years ago, Molly's idyllic life was irreparably shattered when her seventeen-year-old daughter, Jennifer, failed to return home from school and when Minneapolis police concluded that Jenny had fallen victim to a sexual predator. The tragedy was then compounded when Molly's husband, Alan, was killed by police after shooting the man accused of the crime. Now Molly's life is abruptly turned upside down again when an anonymous "friend" directs her attention to *FantacieLand.com*, a website where upscale Phoenix, Arizona, escorts advertise their services. Molly is stunned when she sees on the website a photo of "Amber," a young woman who very strongly resembles the daughter that Molly has long presumed to be dead.

Molly rushes to Phoenix in a frantic effort to contact the young woman, only to discover that Amber's ad has disappeared from the website and that she is nowhere to be found. Then, within hours of Molly's arrival in Arizona, Amber's roommate is viciously murdered, and Molly suddenly realizes that she's not the only one searching for Amber. Now, in the face of overwhelming odds, Molly must somehow save the young woman who might be her daughter before she and Amber together fall victim to a desperate killer who's stalking them both through the disturbing world of *FantacieLand*.

The book is available at Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com and other online booksellers. Both the Poisoned Pen Bookstore in Scottsdale and Changing Hands Bookstore in Tempe have signed copies available.



## SCOTTSDALE CURFEW REMINDER

During the summer months, Grayhawk patrol typically sees an increase in late night activity throughout the community, especially in the City of Scottsdale Parks. For parents, knowing the city's curfew laws helps make sure children are at home safe late at night and don't have to experience an unpleasant contact with their friendly Grayhawk patrol or Scottsdale PD.

In the City of Scottsdale, it is unlawful for minors under 16 to be outside unsupervised between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Minors ages 16 and 17 years-old may not be outside unsupervised between midnight and 5 a.m. The City of Scottsdale park curfew, which applies to people of all ages, is 10:30 p.m. The curfew law applies seven days a week.

There are a few exceptions to the curfew, including times minors are accompanied by parents or legal guardians; going to or returning from work; or any reasonable, legitimate and specific business or activity, with permission by parent or guardian.

According to Scottsdale Code Sec. 19-11, it is also unlawful for a parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of a minor to knowingly permit, or by insufficient control, allow a minor to violate curfew. If you have a minor in your home, please make sure you understand the laws and have everyone home before curfew.

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# Congratulations Class of 2023!



## Ally Alessio

Ally, a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory High School, has received numerous awards, including National Honor Society, Principal's List, English Department's Award for Excellence, and St. Teresa Award for Service/Justice. As a four year varsity volleyball player, Ally led NDP to top four finishes each year, including a State Championship. This year she was also named Northeast Valley Defensive Player of the Year and 5A Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Ally held leadership positions in school clubs and volunteered weekly as a youth leader at CCV. She will study political science and continue playing volleyball at the United States Naval Academy, where she hopes to serve as a military liaison to the White House.



## Luc Baker

Luc has been a four year letterman in Track and Field at Pinnacle high School. He received All District Honors and went to State in the Long Jump, Triple Jump and High Jump. Luc was selected as a Captain of the track team his Junior and Senior years. He was also a two year letterman in Football. He was a starting Safety that helped Pinnacle make it to the 6A State Championship this year. Luc also excels in the classroom and is a Mentor to Freshman at Pinnacle High School. Luc will be attending Colorado State University where he will also be jumping for the CSU track team.



## Evelyn Dellaripa

Evelyn is graduating with distinguished honors from Paradise Valley High School in Bioengineering from CREST. Evelyn has been accepted into the School of BioSciences, Barrett Honors Program and the newest recipient of 2023 Leadership Scholarship Program (LSP) to attend Arizona State University this fall. Evelyn has also received a Congressional nomination towards her application to the United States Air Force Academy as well. We are so proud of you Evelyn – Sky's the limit! Forks Up or Wings out!



## Morgan Escobedo

Morgan is a senior at Pinnacle High School, where she is a point guard and captain for the varsity girls' basketball team. She is involved in the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and National Charity League. Morgan was born and raised in Grayhawk. She attended El Dorado Pre-school, Grayhawk Elementary, and Explorer Middle School. Growing up here, Morgan loved playing at the parks with friends, shooting hoops on the courts, and celebrating all the holiday events. Next year Morgan has committed to playing basketball at Chaminade University of Honolulu and study biology. Aloha!





## Nolan Ganter

Nolan has lived in the Grayhawk community since birth. He attended Grayhawk elementary, Mountain Trail middle school and now Pinnacle High school, all of which have been great experiences! He played in the neighborhood little league (Cactus-Horizon) for many years as well. Nolan played both football and baseball at Pinnacle. Nolan has committed to play baseball at Pima community college in Tucson next year.



## Bianca Halcomb

Bianca has lived in Grayhawk her whole life. She attended Grayhawk Elementary School, Explorer Middle School, and is now graduating from Paradise Valley High School in Engineering from the CREST Program. She is a member and officer for PVHS own National Honors Society, Society of Women Scholars, and is a Freshman Mentor. She has been selected by College Board for the National African American Recognition Program and is also recognized as an AP Scholar. She will also be completing her final year of dancing with Dance Motion Performing Company, becoming an Alumni of an organization that has been like family for 11 years. Bianca will be attending the University of Arizona majoring in Chemistry with a minor in either Business Management or Entrepreneurship to pursue the career of becoming a Cosmetic Chemist. Bear Down! Go Cats!



## Katherine Jacobs

Katherine, our outstanding senior, is an honor student in the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and the String Orchestra at Pinnacle High School. A Girl Scout project with Foothills Animal Rescue inspired her to volunteer with animal welfare organizations. As an animal lover, Katherine completed the Veterinarian Science program at WestMec. She is the recipient of the Superintendent Honor Roll and Most Outstanding Pioneer Excellence Award in English. Katherine is taking a gap year to explore career paths in animal law, veterinary, and forensic science. We wish her a successful exploratory year as she prepares to continue her education in college. We love you and are very proud of your accomplishments. Daddy, Mami and Isabelle.



## Luke Lewis

Proud of our graduating Senior, Luke Lewis. He will be graduating from Pinnacle this year and plans to attend ASU Engineering in the fall. Luke is a lifeguard and swims competitively for Scottsdale Aquatic Club. We love you!



## Andy Lowd

Andy attended Grayhawk Elementary, Explorer Middle School and will be graduating from Pinnacle High School with a 4.46 GPA. His senior year was split between Pinnacle and PV High Schools, where he attended the Healthcare Pathways class. He will be attending The University of Arizona in the fall and will pursuing a BSPS (Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences). We are so proud of all his hard work, and are excited to see where this next step leads him. BEAR DOWN!

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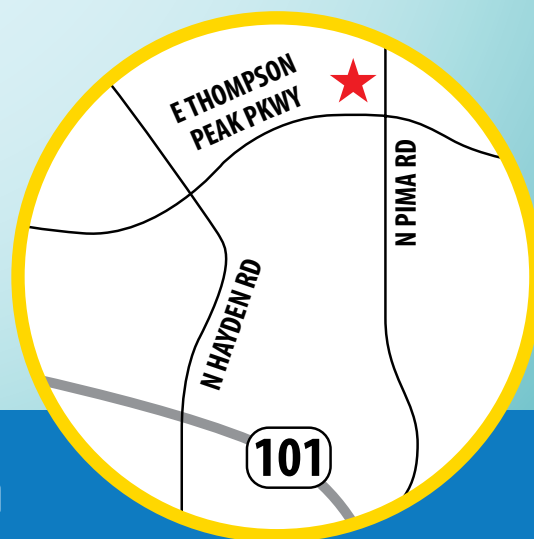
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- Secure doors, gates and pet doors that lead to pool area. Secure spas with childproof covers.
- Keep a phone by the pool to call 911 in case of an emergency.
- Take CPR classes at least every two years, and practice in between to keep your skills sharp. Babysitters, grandparents and friends should all know safety rules and CPR.
- Children and adults should learn how to swim. (Remember this does not “drown-proof” anyone!)

**To register for classes with City of Scottsdale Aquatics, visit: [recreation.scottsdaleaz.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/recreation)**

Choose: Register for Programs  
Choose: Aquatics/Swimming  
Click on: Lessons

- Keep toys and objects away from pool or spa area.
- Move furniture inside of the fenced area and away from fences so children can't use them for climbing.
- Empty inflatable pools, ice chests and buckets when not in use.

- Keep bathroom doors closed. Consider using a toilet latch during toddler years
- If an accident happens, act immediately.

**If a child is missing, always check the pool or spa first.**

- Yell for help.
- Dial 911.
- Start CPR.
- Teach your children to be water safe!
- Tell children to yell for an adult and throw a flotation device if they find someone in trouble in the water. They should NEVER jump into a pool to save someone else.
- Encourage children to tell an adult right away if the pool gate is left open or the cover is left off the spa.
- Teach them to dial 911 in case of an emergency.

For more information, visit [www.scottsdaleaz.gov/fire/pool-safety](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/fire/pool-safety)





## Our Desert, Our Home: A Giant Among Cacti

By Victoria Kauzlarich, *Volare*

We got a LOT of rain this winter and our reward for enduring months of cooler rainy weather is a drop-dead-gorgeous spring. Everything is in bloom and all of it is blooming abundantly. Achoo!

As I write this (near mid April), Argentine Giants are in bloom and they deserve more than our passing attention.

It is not uncommon for these plants to bloom profusely but, this spring they've outdone themselves and they will do so again before too long - and maybe even bloom a third time.

This plant is an object lesson in desert plants - how they adapt, and what they're doing right under our noses - besides blooming, of course.

Argentine Giants come by their name honestly. The one in the banner photo above is at least 10' across; there is one at the Botanical Garden that is nearly double that. If you have a big, sunny open space, consider one of these because they will do their best to fill the spot. Their stems grow up at first and then gravity gently brings them back to earth.

If you don't have a spot this big but still want one of these, go for it. It is easy to control their overall size. More about that in a bit.

These plants are big and so are their flowers - at 8" or so across.

And, fragrant? OMG, you can smell them from across a street. And, if you have a couple of plants in adjacent yards, the air will have the fragrance of spring. So, what's going on here? Giant plant, giant flowers, giant fragrance.

I can answer that in a single word: sex. Yep. This is a discussion about the birds and the bees. Or, in this case, the bats and the moths but I'm getting ahead of myself.

While we see the beauty on display, that's not what's at work, here. This plant is screaming for pollinators - for a particular type of pollinator at a particular time of day: night. If you've ever seen these flowers at night, they look like beacons, even in total darkness. And, their fragrance, particularly at night, is especially strong.

Like side-show barkers, these plants are determined to get their night-time pollinators to pay attention. Argentine Giants are in the business of attracting bats and moths. They have to act fast (hence their large flower size and strong fragrance) because the blooms only last about 24 hours. That's the window for fertilization. They will bloom again, but there won't be nearly the number of flowers the second and (maybe) third time around.

These plants have adapted to ensure their reproduction but





they have also adapted to a variety of growing conditions.

When we see them, we think “full sun” but too much sun can lighten their skin to a yellow-green. They CAN recover from this overexposure but they may not. Notice in the photo here that this Giant is under a tree and in front of some aloe. Argentines like shade and dappled sunlight - as much as half the day.

When it comes to controlling their growth, this is easily done with a pruning saw. Cut a stem clean and let it callous over. The plant will look like an amputee for awhile, but it will recover nicely by rewarding you with new stems that start out looking like bulbs. It will also encourage the growth of the rest of the plant.

I now have 4 Argentine Giants in my yard - two of them from stems of two existing plants. This type of propagation? Also, easy.

If you want to keep a cut stem (or several), put them in some shade for about a week. When the callous forms, the stem is ready to plant.

The only problem left to solve is handling big spiny (and heavy) stems and that's easy, too. Find something to use as a sling to carry the stems - a big towel or a tarp (this is likely a two-person job).

To plant new stems without injury, use a piece of carpet with the yarn embracing the spines. The dense carpet back will prevent the spines from coming through.

These plants can be incredibly expensive when bought at a nursery. So, if you've got an Argentine Giant that is nearly out of control, remove some stems. Let them callous over and give them to Grayhawk. These are ideal for common areas throughout the community. They will reward residents for many years to come and, as an added advantage? You can go visit them anytime you want.





## HEALTHY EATS

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

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

Chia seeds are the theme for this month. I have written about chia seeds in the past; however, given the health benefits I am highlighting them again. Chia seeds are an excellent source of a healthy fat. Chia is an edible seed that comes from the desert plant *Salvia hispanica*, a member of the mint family that grows abundantly in southern Mexico. Yes! They are the same seeds you saw growing on Chia Pets.

Chia is very rich in omega-3 fatty acids, even more so than flax seeds. Chia is so rich in antioxidants that the seeds don't deteriorate and thus can be stored for long periods without becoming rancid. Unlike flax, they do not have to be ground to make their nutrients available. Chia seeds also provide fiber, as well as calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, manganese, copper, iron, molybdenum, niacin, and zinc. When added to water and allowed to sit for 10 minutes, chia forms a gel, which works well as an egg replacer in many baked goods.

Chia seeds are incredibly easy to use and can be added to smoothies, salads, and even breakfast cereals. You can buy chia seeds in many health food stores. They are usually located in the raw foods or bulk sections. If you don't have a health food store near you, you can get chia seeds via an online retailer such as Amazon.

Chia seed pudding is a staple recipe of mine that can be prepared in less than 5 minutes. I make it about once/week. You can eat chia pudding for breakfast, snack, or a healthy dessert. Below is a basic chia seed pudding recipe with some additional variations.

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### **Chia Seed Pudding**

**Makes 1-2 servings.**

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 cup milk of choice
- 1/4 cup chia seeds
- 1/4 tsp pure vanilla extract
- Sweetener of choice, as desired\*

\*Sweetener amount will depend on the type of milk and sweetener you use, as well as your tastes. Some options include maple syrup, stevia, honey, date paste, etc.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Whisk all ingredients in a container.
2. Cover, mix and refrigerate overnight. Pudding will keep for 4-5 days in the refrigerator.

**Tip:** Double or triple the recipe if you want a larger batch, or make up a bigger version of the base and then portion individual servings into containers, turning each one into a different flavor so you can try a new flavor every day.

#### **Other Flavors/Variations**

**Chocolate Chia Pudding:** Add a spoonful of mini chocolate chips and 2 tbsp cocoa powder or your favorite chocolate protein powder to the base recipe below for a chocolate fudge pudding variation.

**Strawberry Coconut:** Use canned or carton coconut milk for the milk of choice in the base recipe, and garnish with sliced strawberries.

**Peanut/Nut Butter:** Stir one or two tablespoons of peanut butter or nut butter into the base recipe.

**Chocolate Chip Banana:** Stir in mini chocolate chips and 1/4 cup mashed banana for a banana chia pudding.

Other flavor ideas for how to make chia pudding include mocha, pumpkin pie or sweet potato, key lime pie, or coconut chocolate.



# Bite Back: Prevent Mosquitoes from Ruining Your Summer

Summertime in Arizona brings many pests- scorpions, ants, bees and...mosquitoes. Here are some things you can do around your house to prevent mosquitoes from breeding, and how to protect yourself from bites.

Start by getting rid of places where mosquitoes can breed, such as:

## *In Standing Water*

- Don't allow any outside water to stand for more than four days.
- Drill holes in the bottom of any unused containers so water can't collect.
- Remove or drain any standing water from birdbaths, flowerpots (check the dish underneath the flowerpot), wheelbarrows, barrels, tin cans that are left outdoors.
- Keep decorative fountains operational or drain the water. Check fountains after rain and at least twice a week.
- Change water in animal watering dishes at least twice a week.

## *Swimming or Wading Pools*

- Immediately remove any water that collects on pool covers.
- Make sure the pool's pump is circulating water properly.
- Turn over wading pools when not in use.
- Don't leave out children's toys, cups, etc.



## *In Your Eaves and Drains*

- Clear leaves and twigs from eaves, troughs, storm and roof gutters.
- Make sure that drainage ditches are not clogged.
- Check flat roofs frequently for any standing water.

## *Around Your Yard and Lawn*

- Fill in any low depression areas in lawns.
- Check knots in trees.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets and remove air conditioner drain hoses frequently.
- Remove areas such as dense shrubbery where mosquitoes breed and rest.
- Let your neighbors know about potential mosquito breeding grounds on their property.

## *Try to Keep Mosquitoes Out of the House*

- Make certain that door and window screens fit tightly and do not have holes.
- If there are no screens, keep doors and windows closed from evening to dawn.

## *Personal Protection From Mosquitoes*

- Stay indoors from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes are most active. If you need to be outdoors during this period, cover up and use insect repellent for extra protection.
- If you like to work in your garden, avoid early morning and evening when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks when outdoors during these active times. Apply insect repellent to any exposed skin, sparingly.
- Do not apply repellent to children's hands, or near any areas of mucous membrane such as the eyes or mouth.
- Do not apply repellent on children under two years of age.
- It's a good idea to spray any clothing with repellents containing DEET, as mosquitoes easily bite through thin clothing such as cotton t-shirts.
- Carefully read and follow manufacturer's directions for use.

## *First Aid for Mosquito Bites*

- Wash bite with soap and water.
- Apply anti-itch medication.
- Apply cold cloth for swelling.
- Watch for secondary infections.

**For more information on mosquitoes, visit [Maricopa.gov](http://Maricopa.gov) and search "mosquitoes"**

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

## UTILITIES

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Southwest Gas                               | 877-860-6020 |
| City of Scottsdale Water                    | 480-312-5650 |
| City of Scottsdale Solid Waste              | 480-312-5600 |
| APS   | 602-371-7171 |
| Street Light Repair (SA/ ID prefix on pole) | 602-371-7171 |

## CITY OF SCOTTSDALE

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Non-Emergency Police Department | 480-312-5000 |
| Fire Department Main Phone      | 480-312-8000 |
| Police or Fire Emergency        | 911          |

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| Parks and Recreation                    | 480-312-2771 |
| Street Light Repair (SS prefix on pole) | 480-312-5483 |

## SCHOOLS

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Grayhawk Elementary School   | 602-449-6600 |
| Mountain Trail Middle School | 602-449-4600 |
| Pinnacle High School         | 602-449-4000 |
| El Dorado Private School     | 480-502-6878 |

## LIBRARIES

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
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| Mustang                           | 480-312-6050 |
| Grayhawk Golf Club                | 480-502-1800 |
| Boys and Girls Club, Thunderbirds | 480-538-9547 |
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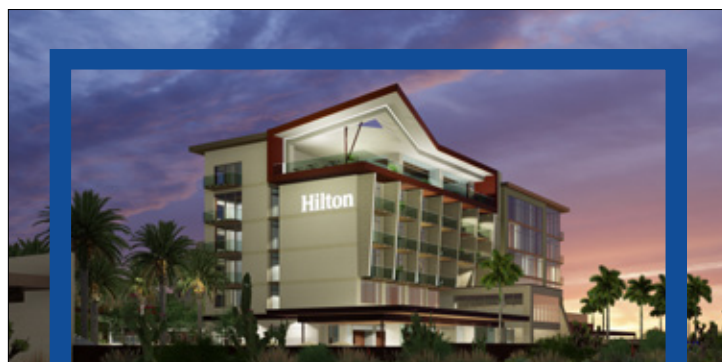
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