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On the Cover
Fall in Grayhawk

Manager's Corner



As we approach Thanksgiving, I got to thinking about the many things that I have to be thankful for this year. On the personal side, I am thankful for my wonderful family who makes every day special for me. My beautiful wife and “joy of my life” 12 year-old daughter make me thankful to be so fortunate that they are a part of my life. I am also thankful for my relatively good health this past year. Like many people, I need to shed a few (okay, more than a few) pounds and get more exercise, but overall my doctor tells me I’m doing okay and have no major health issues. Finally, I am thankful that my two favorite football teams – the Arizona State Sun Devils and the Green Bay Packers – are both off to a pretty good start this season, but that could all change by the time you read this.

On the professional side, I am thankful to have the privilege to be the community manager of Grayhawk for the past 10+ years and work with so many truly amazing people. First, I am thankful to work with the outstanding on-site staff at the Grayhawk Community Association. Stacey Harvey, Jennifer Sheets, Sarah Van Duyne, Dana Gonzalez, Richard Dearo, and Anthony Day are all extremely dedicated and professional employees, and I don’t think I have ever worked with a better group of people. I am also thankful to work for a company like Capital Consultants Management Corporation (CCMC) who gives us the necessary support and guidance to effectively do our jobs at the on-site association office.

I cannot tell you how thankful I am to work with such a talented and devoted Board of Directors for the Grayhawk Community Association and the Retreat Village Association. These homeowner Board members all have a true passion for the community of Grayhawk and a desire to make this an even better place in which to live. I am also thankful for the work that is done by the many homeowner committee members who volunteer their time by contributing their knowledge and experience toward the betterment of this great community.

I am thankful for all of you who show such outstanding pride of ownership in your property and in doing so, help to make Grayhawk one of the Valley’s premier communities. I am also thankful for those of you who attend and take part in the many social events that we have throughout the year. It is because of you that these events continue to be successful and distinguish Grayhawk from most other communities. Don’t forget about the “Party in the Park” Grayhawk 20th birthday event on Sunday, November 6.

Finally, I think we should all be thankful to be living in such a beautiful area of this great country, especially this time of year when the weather finally starts to cool off – I know I am!

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. We’ll talk again soon.

Michael Fee

Grayhawk Community Manager

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BOARD MEETINGS – NOVEMBER 2016

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

Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Talon Room, GCA office.
Grayhawk_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Retreat Board of Directors

Mon., Nov. 7 following GCA meeting in the Talon Room, GCA office.
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Communications Committee

Mon., Nov. 14 at 3:30 p.m. at the GCA office.
Call Jennifer Sheets at 480-563-9708 for more information.

Programs Committee

Mon., Nov. 21 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., Nov. 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the GCA office.

Architectural Review Committee

Tues., Nov. 1 and 15 at 4:30 p.m. at the GCA office.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Avian Condominium Board Meeting

Tues., Nov. 15 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

Wed., Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Cachet Clubhouse. Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 for details.

Crown Point Board Meeting

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

Edge Condominium Board Meeting

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

Encore Board Meeting

Wed., Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Encore Clubhouse. Call Ogden & Company at 480-396-4567 for more details.

Tesoro Condominium Board Meeting

Mon., Nov. 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tesoro 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., Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Talon Room, GCA office. Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 for details.

Vintage Condominium Board Meeting

Wed., Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. at the First Service Residential office. Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 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.

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Grayhawk Master Association Board of Directors Meeting – October 10, 2016

Development Committee

David Van Omen reported that there has no new local development in our area. David also stated that he is monitoring the progress of the proposed Desert Discovery Center project.

Operational Review Committee

Martha Troy reported that the committee met on September 26. The committee discussed a Memorial Bench program that had previously been discussed by the committee. The program will allow homeowners to purchase one of the eight new benches already in place to honor, celebrate or memorialize a Grayhawk resident. The cost of the bench including installation, pouring the concrete pad, and installing the plaque is \$1,500.00. The Operational Review Committee voted to recommend GCA Board approval of this program.

- A motion to approve the Memorial Bench Program was made and passed.

Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that the committee met on September 27. DLC Resources presented several proposals for projects around the community, the Committee made a Motion to approve these projects as they are all budgeted expenses:

- 1). Erosion outside the walls of Talon Retreat near 8144 E. Mohawk Lane
\$1,125.00 - This expenditure is within the operating budget.
- 2). Erosion on Hayden Road just north of Grayhawk Drive
\$1,848.00 - This expenditure is within the operating budget
- 3). Replanting inside the Crown Point (Talon) and Crown Point Norte (Raptor) pools
\$4,772.00 - This will be funded from Crown Point and Crown Point Norte neighborhood budgets
- 4). Renaissance Plant removal and replanting in the front yards
\$6,959.00 - Funding from the Renaissance neighborhood budget.

- The Board made a motion to approve the committee recommendations. Motion passes.

The Committee made two motions to refer the following projects to Community Enhancement for funding:

- 1) Erosion on the north side of the Deer Valley Wash*(west of Pima Road)
6,340 square feet-remove vegetation, grade, install filter fabric and rip rap (in certain locations the rip rap will be grouted) – Total: \$68,155.00
- 2) Replenish plants throughout the Community (289 in the RVA, 390 in the GCA), and nine (9) 24” desert trees – Total: \$17,778.00

At the Landscape Committee meeting, the committee agreed to refer the plant replenishment project to the Community Enhancement Committee for funding, however, the Community Enhancement Committee was not able to meet prior to the October 10 GCA Board meeting to make a recommendation on this project. Since the GCA Board of Directors will not meet again until November 7 and DLC Resources has recommended doing the fall planting in October, the GCA Board of Directors may want to review this request for funding through the GCA community enhancement fund. The proposal for this project is for \$17,778.00 which includes 679 five gallon plants and nine 24” box trees.

- The Board made a motion to approve the plant replenishment proposal with funding from the community enhancement fund. Motion passed.

Community Enhancement Committee

Stacey Harvey reported that the committee did not meet in September.

Event Planning Committee

Sarah Van Dwyne reported that Play Day in the Park and the Coventry Park Block Party were big hits. The Family BBQ and Movie Night was very successful and the residents are looking forward to the Pumpkin Patch event on October 29.

Looking ahead there is are Block

Parties scheduled in the Encore and Halcon neighborhoods, discounted tickets for The Sound of Music at Gammage and a Junior Golf Clinic on October 23.

Communications Committee

Linda Shaw reported that the committee met in September 19. A general update was provided by Jennifer Sheets regarding the progress of the communication plan. Discussion by the committee also included the message the committee is trying to relay in their communication plan and the results of the short-term rental survey. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in October.

Architectural Review Committee

Paul Alessio reported that there had been 6 submittals at the September meetings. Many of the submittals were exterior lighting, roof tile, stone veneer, window replacements and arbors. At the September 19 Executive Committee meeting, the committee members interviewed three candidates for appointment to the Architectural Review Committee. As part of the charter for the Architectural Review Committee, the Executive Committee is responsible for interviewing prospective candidates for the Architectural Review Committee and making a recommendation to the GCA Board of Directors on appointing new committee members

The Executive Committee recommends that the GCA Board of Directors appoint Michael Lauinger to fill the vacancy on the Architectural Review Committee and appoint Victoria Kauzlarich as an alternate member of the Architectural Review Committee.

- The Board made a motion to approve the committee recommendation. Motion passed.

Budget/Finance Committee

Jeanette Griswold reported that at the October 5 Budget/Finance Committee meeting, a draft of the proposed 2017

GCA operating budget was presented. The proposed draft budget had a \$2.00 per month increase in assessments in 2017 and funds \$45,000 of the \$164,580 contribution to the reserve fund through the GCA community enhancement fund. This is the same amount of community enhancement funding for the GCA reserve fund that the GCA Board of Directors approved in the 2016 budget.

The committee discussed increasing the funding of the reserve contribution through the community enhancement fund and funding several of the 2017 landscaping projects through the community enhancement fund to reduce the increase to \$1.00 per month. Michael Fee noted that if the reserve contribution through the community enhancement fund was increased to \$65,000, and if the culvert cleaning and tree replacement projects were funded through the community enhancement fund, this would reduce the 2017 expenses by approximately \$45,000 and the assessment increase could be reduced to \$1.00 per month, which was approved by the Budget/Finance Committee.

- The Board made a motion to approve the Budget/Finance Committee recommendation that the GCA Board of Directors approve the 2017 GCA assessment rate increase of \$1.00 per month to \$60.00 per month, and that the GCA Board of Directors approve funding the GCA reserve contribution in the 2017 GCA budget by \$65,000 from the GCA community enhancement fund, and approve funding \$25,000 in landscape repairs in 2017 through the GCA community enhancement fund. Motion passed.

With the 2016 fiscal year ending on December 31, 2016, Arizona state statutes require that the GCA must have an audit/annual report of the association prepared within 180 days of the end of the fiscal year. The Budget/Finance Committee reviewed the 2016 audit proposal from Mansperger Patterson & McMullin and agreed to recommend GCA Board approval of the proposal.

- The Board made a motion to approve the Budget/Finance Committee recommendation to engage Mansperger Patterson & McMullin to prepare the 2016 GCA audit and tax returns.

Executive Committee

Linda Shaw reported on the strategic goals update.

Old Business

At the September 12 GCA Board meeting, the Board of Directors discussed the possibility of attempting to amend the GCA CC&Rs to prohibit short-term rentals in Grayhawk. On January 1, 2017 a new Arizona state statute will take affect in which cities, towns, or counties can no longer have local ordinances that restrict the number of days that a property can be rented. Currently, Scottsdale has an ordinance that requires a 30 day minimum rental period, however, that ordinance will no longer be allowed to be enforced after January 1. Grayhawk's CC&Rs do not have a restriction on the length of time that a property can be rented.

To amend the Grayhawk Community Association CC&RS, the GCA will need the affirmative vote of 67% of the homeowners

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(2,536 “Yes” votes) to pass this type of amendment. The GCA Board discussed this issue at length and acknowledged the difficulty that getting an amendment like this to pass will be for the association. At the September 12 GCA Board meeting, the Board of Directors agreed to have a survey submitted to GCA homeowners asking them if they would be in favor of amending the CC&Rs to prohibit rentals of less than 30 days. The survey results showed that 85.33% of the respondents to the survey are in favor of Grayhawk regulating short-term rentals to prohibit renting a property for less than 30 days.

- The Board made a motion to proceed with attempting to amend the Grayhawk CC&Rs to prohibit short-term rentals in the community. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jeanette Griswold reported that the GCA is ahead of budget in the second quarter.

Management Report

Michael Fee reported the City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Commission will be recommending the city approve the GCA funding for the conversion of a basketball court to three pickleball courts at Thompson Peak Park. DLC has completed the overseeding for this year and the first mow should be the third week of October. Five sidewalk panels considered trip hazards were replaced and Trident Security Services has replaced the two patrol vehicles with new Toyota 4Runners.

Cheers to 20 years!



On November 6, Grayhawk will celebrate 20 Years at the Party in the Park. This event, previously named Sunday in the Park, was a huge hit the previous two times it was held. The event will include food, music and fun for all ages. As you can see from these old pictures, it is a blast! We hope to see you there.

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Thanks to Cliff and Leslie Diamond for sponsoring a fantastic Encore Block Party.



Thanks to The Rounds/Tackett Group with RE/MAX Fine Properties for sponsoring an amazing Coventry at the Park Block Party!

Grayhawk Updates

Grayhawk is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. While the Board of Directors has done an excellent job at trying to stay current with common area physical plant and landscaping, the common area isn't the only thing aging. Many homes in Grayhawk are nearing the 20 year mark too, and a number of owners have found themselves wondering what they can do to update their home's now dated look.

Howard and Leona Weinstein, owners in Halcon Villas, knew before they even moved into their home that it needed a little refresh. Prior to them moving in, the house underwent a two-month interior overhaul that took their home from heavy Tuscan to light and bright. The Weinstein's got rid of outdated niches and updated a fireplace. They replaced the flooring throughout the house with natural wood and repainted, as well as updating the kitchen.

While they were at it, the Weinstein's hired a contractor to spend about three weeks updating the exterior of the home, which enhanced enjoyment of their outdoor space. They removed flagstone and replaced it with travertine pavers as well as covering the old cracked cool decking with the same travertine pavers.

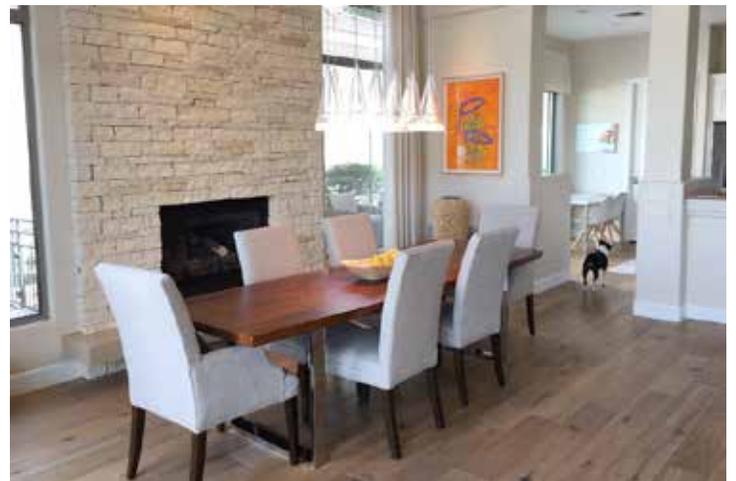
They updated the pool with travertine coping around the pool and new pool tiles. They also added a patio off the arcadia door on the side yard as well as updated the landscaping. The owners chose to add milkweed and other plants butterflies and hummingbirds love. The exterior updates took about three weeks.

They love the new look, and it serves as a good reminder that a few updates can go a long way!

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Plant More of What Works

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

One sure fire way to know what works in your landscape is to go away for the summer and see what's still alive when you get back.

While it seems that July and August would be hardest on plants, it is normally the fore-summer that takes its toll. This is when it is hottest and driest. On the heels of a lovely May, June was particularly brutal this year. Remember those 115 degree days? There were a bunch of them and they made life difficult for plants - all the more for plants enduring reflected heat.

Hotspots

Every yard has at least one hotspot and some prove hotter than others. Ours is the side yard that faces Southwest and has over 100 linear feet of plantings. During the summer months, this swath gets full sun from 10 am to 3 pm. This onslaught is compounded by the reflected heat that comes off the block yard wall, the stucco house wall and the concrete walkway between the two. Here, the heat gets trapped and reflects back on the helpless plants, creating a tough-to-survive environment.

In the three years that I've been planting and maintaining this area, I've been making adjustments for plants that didn't work and



Candillia Works Well in Hotspots & is a Great Accent Plant

I thought I pretty much had it right - until our series of excessively hot days. This year's casualties were Elephant Food and Slipper Plant. While both of these plants work great elsewhere in our landscape, both just gave it up in parts of our heat soaked side yard.

What to do? Plant more of what works. Using this as my fall "mantra" also had me revising my goals for this hotspot. Now, I'm looking for plants that don't just survive that inferno. I'm looking for plants that actually like it. Reassessing caused me to (yet again) move some plants and remove others.

Planting more of what works has another advantage. In landscaping, continuity is an important criteria. You achieve continuity by planting several plants of the same type and carrying these over from one part of your yard to another. If these are blooming plants, give yourself extra credit because your eye (and those of hummingbirds and butterflies) will note this satisfying repetition.

A thoroughly selfish reason for planting more of what works is that it reduces maintenance. Plant the right plant in the right place and you won't have to do anything (or almost anything) for years to come.

Finding Your Landscape's Hotspots

Where are your hotspots? If you have a smart phone, it probably has a compass. Use it to determine where your Western and Southern exposures are. Extend your arms from your sides toward East and West (yeah, I know, you'll feel silly, but this is a really useful experiment). Your extended arms create the line that the sun follows across your property - high in the sky during the summer. Hotspots come in all sizes and shapes and you likely have more than one. Regardless of the number, each will dictate the success of your plant choices in those spots.

Correction: Last month's column indicated that the featured 'Argentines' were hardy to 150 degrees F. That was an error. These cacti are hardy to 15 degrees F.

Plant of the Month

This month's plant, Pink Muhly Grass, is one of many great plant choices for hotspots. Muhlys are practically bullet proof and are a lovely, soft contrast to cacti, agave and other succulents. They are a good choice near pools because these grasses sway in the breeze and give an overall cooling effect. As an added bonus, they bloom in the fall during the lull between our summer and winter bloomers. Plant them near Pink Prickly Pears or Beavertail Prickly Pears for a breathtaking contrast.



Plant of the Month: *Muhlenbergia capillaris*

Latin Name: *Muhlenbergia capillaris*

Common Name: Pink Muhly Grass

Native Distribution: Texas & Mexico

Size: Up to 3' x 3', Mound-Shaped

Flower: Purple/Pink Feathery Flowers Forming A Cloud-Like Appearance in the Fall

Foliage: 18-36" Glossy, Wiry, Thin Leaves Alternate from the Stem

Site Preferences: Best in Full Sun, But Tolerates Light Shade in Well-Drained Soil; Withstands Heat, Humidity, Drought & Poor Soil

Landscape Uses:

Grouped or Massed in Borders; Can be a Hedge; Cuttings Can Be Used for Indoor Flower Arrangements; Prevents Erosion; Associates Well with Prickly Pears, Agave and Other "Structural Plants"

Plant Characteristics:

- Evergreen
- Perennial
- Herbaceous Ornamental Grass
- Clumps into Herds Forming Bushes
- Drought Tolerant; More Water in Summer
- Shade Tolerant
- Low Maintenance
- No Serious Insect or Disease Problems
- Grows in Zones 6-10

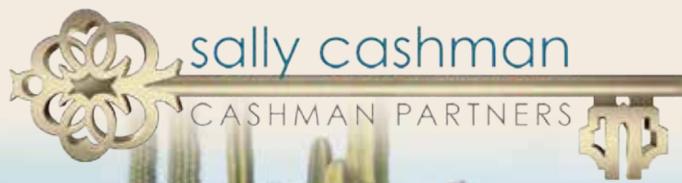


Kids having fun at the Playdate in the Park



Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom with RE/MAX Platinum Living, DLC Resources, Tavern Americana, Pinnacle Modern Dentistry and Mo Hamideh with Homeowners Financial Services for helping to make the 2016 Family BBQ and Movie Night a huge success!





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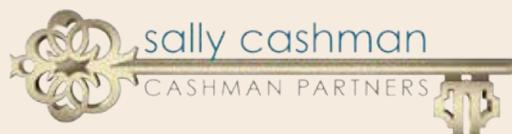
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In & Around Grayhawk

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.

Party in the Park

Sun., Nov. 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Grayhawk Greenbelt, Corner of 78th Pl. and 78th Way

Come celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Grayhawk with the return of an old favorite event! Enjoy samples and tastes from favorite area restaurants like Decantur Winery, Market Street Kitchen, JJ's Deli, sweets from Zak's Chocolate, and even a taste of filet and mashed potatoes from Capital Grille! Kids will love the Gamez on Wheelz Truck, exciting rides, the pony carousel and bounce houses. Everyone can sit back, relax, and enjoy the sounds of our three bands: Madison Holmes, 76th Street, and Matt Kahler. Cost for the event is \$3 for adults and free for kids if prepaid by November 1. Final registration date is: Friday, November 4 at noon. If paid after November 1, the price goes up to \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. There will be NO event day walk-ups for this event, so make sure to RSVP to 480-563-9839 to get in on this historic Grayhawk event! Thank you to our sponsors: David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom with RE/MAX Platinum Living, Jeremy Mueller with State Farm, Premier Fitness Systems, VIP Mortgage, Pinnacle Modern Dentistry and DLC Resources for making this event an unforgettable experience!



Understanding Medicare

Wed., Nov. 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Talon Room, GCA Office, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy

Are you turning 65 next year and need to learn about your rights, options and entitlements under Medicare? Are you 65+ and need to know what other Medicare health plan options are available to you, when you can switch plans, and how to go about it? Join Grayhawk resident Rita Ferraro as she simplifies the confusing subject of Medicare. As a Medicare Health Plan Specialist for over 7 years, Rita will focus on what Medicare is, review changes that are taking place, and provide an overview of your Medicare health plan options. This is pertinent information you cannot get from the overflow of brochures in your mailbox! Come enjoy appetizers and receive your free copy of “7 Tips to Getting the Most Out of Medicare”. This seminar is for educational purposes only and is NOT a sales presentation regarding any specific insurance. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by November 7.

Neighborhood Block Parties:

Dates in the fall and winter are filling up quickly with neighborhoods planning their Block Party! Don't miss out and plan yours today! You will find the November Block Party schedule below; see if your neighborhood is already on the calendar! We will provide a Grayhawk Birthday Cake and the Block Party Trailer at no cost for the neighborhood Block Parties if you are interested in signing up! Our offer will last through April 2017 if we didn't have room on the calendar for your fall date. Please email Sarah if you would like to be a coordinator for your neighborhood or have any questions at svanduyne@ccmcnet.com or call 480-563-9839 to RSVP today!

TESORO BLOCK PARTY

Fri., Nov. 11 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tesoro Clubhouse and Pool

Come out to your neighborhood Clubhouse and enjoy a potluck dinner with friends, family, and neighbors! Join in the fun, socialize, and share some sweets and eats with your Tesoro neighbors. Bring your favorite dish to share, coolers with plastic or aluminum allowed (but must stay in the clubhouse), and enjoy delicious cake provided by the Grayhawk Community Association. Thanks to our sponsors: Andrew Bloom and David Van Omen with RE/MAX Platinum Living for supplying the party with beer, wine, and for making this event extra special.

TALON FAIRWAYS BLOCK PARTY

Sat., Nov. 12 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Ramada at the end of the cul-de-sac on Chino Dr.

Come out to your neighborhood block party and enjoy dinner and drinks with friends, family, and neighbors! Our sponsors are providing a tasty pizza and salad dinner, so there is no need to cook! This event is BYOB, so coolers with plastic or aluminum allowed. Enjoy a delicious cake provided by the Grayhawk Community Association. Thanks to our sponsors: Rounds/ Tackett Group with RE/MAX Fine Properties for participating in this event and for making it extra special!

AVIAN BLOCK PARTY

Sun., Nov. 13 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Avian Large Pool

Join in the fun at the Large Pool in the community! Enjoy great food and celebrate the 20th anniversary of Grayhawk with a delicious cake. Food will be provided by our sponsors: The Rounds/ Tackett Group with RE/MAX Fine Properties. All you have to do is show up with your favorite beverage. RSVP to Laina at 480-620-4771 by Friday, November 11 and help us make sure we have enough food. Contact Sarah with any questions at 480-563-9708 or svanduyne@ccmcnet.com.



Ladies Night Out

Tues., Nov. 15 at 5 p.m., Soul Café, 7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd.

Join neighbors and friends to relax, and enjoy good food with great company. Soul Café feeds the soul through fine food, beautiful art and great music. Enjoy the patio and pick from a diverse selection of wines and extensive Happy Hour items. There will be raffle prizes at this special Ladies Night Out, so don't miss it! RSVP to 480-563-9839. RSVP's will be taken until seats are filled.

Grayhawk Single Sippers Club

Wed., Nov. 16 at 5 p.m., Rhythm and Wine, 7605 E Pinnacle Peak 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 sit on the beautiful patio; 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 5pm, you are welcome to join a little later if you cannot be there by 5. Notice this is falling a week earlier than normal due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be raffle prizes at this event, so don't miss it! RSVP's will be taken until seats are filled. RSVP to 480-563-9839.

Grayhawk Game & Book Exchange – We are open for business!

GCA Office, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.

The Game Room is now open for business if you would like to stop in, check it out. Borrow a game, book, or puzzle to take home and enjoy. This is a great solution whether you have family coming into town for the holidays, you need some new game ideas for your family game night, or you're in the market for a new book! We are still accepting donations to add to the collection if you happen to have some extra board games, puzzles, or books around the house that you no longer use. You can borrow and donate between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Sarah at 480-563-9708 or svanduyne@ccmcnet.com with questions.

November 2016 Hiking Club

To learn more about these hikes and/or RSVP, go to <http://www.meetup.com/Grayhawk-Hiking-Club/>. To participate, you must have joined the club online (if you have not already done so) and RSVP'd "YES" to this event. On the website, you can review many other upcoming hikes and email the organizers with questions.

GATEWAY SADDLE LOOP – Sat., Nov. 5, 2016 at 8 a.m.

Join the Hiking Club for a moderate hike in the McDowell Mt. Preserve. This 4.5 mile lollipop loop ideal for beginning-intermediate hikers and will serve as an introduction to the McDowell Preserve for hikers new to the area. Estimated hiking time is 2 hours.

LOST DOG WASH TO TALIESIN OVERLOOK – Sat. November 19 at 8 a.m.

Join the Hiking Club for a hike in the Southern McDowell Mt. Preserve. This 4.4 mile loop is both easy and beautiful. Estimated hiking time is 2 hours.

DECEMBER EVENTS:

Howl at the Hawk- Dueling Piano Shindig

Thurs., Dec. 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., McDowell Room at the Grayhawk Golf Club

Join your friends and neighbors for Grayhawk's first ever Dueling Piano event! Dueling pianos are an entertainment concept that comprises a dose of comedy with music. Because of the concept's focus on audience engagement and interaction, the dueling piano musical repertoire generally consists of up-tempo pop and classic rock music that is easy to "sing along" with. As Grayhawk's year of the 20th Anniversary comes to an end, we decided to go out in style with a Shindig at the Golf Club. Premier Piano Shows plans to bring their A Game to entertain and wow the audience with all your favorite classic tunes and will be looking forward to taking requests. Come enjoy the entertainment, tasty apps, and two drink tickets for \$30 a person. Thank you to our sponsors David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom with RE/MAX Platinum Living, You must RSVP to 480-563-9839 by November 28.

Santa Party - Holiday Pajama Party

Tues., Dec. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Fairway House at the Grayhawk Golf Club

Ho! Ho! Ho! It's time again for Santa's annual visit to Grayhawk. It is the annual party in your pajamas theme! Kids are encouraged



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to be dressed in their cutest, most adorable holiday pajamas. We will give a special prize for the best dressed. The evening will be full of magical holiday cheer including crafts, gifts, treats and more. The meal portion will feature “breakfast for dinner” for the kids, plus a selection of appetizers and a cash bar for the adults. There will be a hot chocolate station to warm you up and get you in the Holiday spirit. In the spirit of giving, your little one’s will also have a chance to spread their own cheer by donating a gently used book from their own personal collection to benefit a less fortunate child in the valley (not required). Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for kids. Parents should drop off prepayment and a wrapped gift at the GCA office for Santa to give your child by no later than Friday, December 2 to hold your spot. Clearly mark your child’s first name, last name and age on the gift. Space is limited. RSVP and prepayment are due by Fri., Dec. 2. Cost is \$15/adults and \$12/child. Cost after November 29 RSVP and payment is \$18/adult and \$15/child. Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom of RE/MAX Platinum Living for sponsoring this event!

Mamma Mia at ASU Gammage

Wed., Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m., ASU Gammage, 1200 S Forest Ave, Tempe, AZ 85281

MAMMA MIA! is the ultimate feel-good show that has audiences coming back again and again to relive the thrill. Now it’s your turn to have the time of your life at this smash-hit musical that combines ABBA’s greatest hits, including “Dancing Queen,” “S.O.S.,” “Super Trouper,” “Take A Chance on Me” and “The Winner Takes It All,” with an enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship. We have tickets available at a discounted price of \$62.00 per ticket. These great seats in the Orchestra section would be a perfect gift for someone over the Holidays! Our seats are in Row 16, Seats 26-56. RSVP to 480-563-9839 before they’re all gone!

Holiday Shopping Trip

Thurs., Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Phoenix Premium Outlets

Are you finding it hard to get out and finish your Holiday shopping? Grayhawk is going to fill up a bus and head to the Phoenix Premium Outlets in Chandler to help you check off your shopping list. With over 50 stores including Kate Spade, Coach, and Fossil, this isn’t your average Outlet Mall. We will be meeting in the back of the Grayhawk Plaza parking lot (near Circle K) by 9 a.m. The bus will be leaving promptly at 9:15 a.m. We will have approximately four hours of free time to walk the shops and restaurants of the mall, then will be leaving promptly at 2 p.m. We will likely be back to the Bashas’ parking lot by 3:30 p.m. Please see the website to view the shops and restaurants prior to making the trip: <http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/phoenix/stores>. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Friday, December 4 to reserve your spot on the bus. Cost for riding the bus is: \$10/ person.

Corks & Canvas – Holiday Edition

Tues., Dec. 13 at 6 p.m., GCA Raptor Room

Start the December holidays with an evening of artistry and libations. Enjoy light appetizers and other seasonal eats along with your favorite wine all while painting a beautiful winter scene. Lisa Fitzgibbons, one of Arizona’s top art instructors, will guide you with light-hearted, step-by-step instruction that guarantees terrific results. Expect to have lots of fun and to leave with a painting you will be proud to show off at your holiday gatherings! Cost is \$35 and includes all art supplies and eats. Please bring your favorite wine to share. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by December 12. Seats are limited!



Holiday Hayrides

Wed. Dec. 14 and Thurs., Dec. 15 at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m., GCA Office

RSVP’s will begin on Wednesday, November 30 and close once each time slot is full.

This always popular evening is sure to fill up fast so don’t wait to register! Mrs. Claus will be leading the group on each horse-drawn carriage ride through the Grayhawk community. Families will enjoy the beautiful holiday light displays, sing carols along the way and read ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas. Lastly, the group will make a stop at the Montevina neighborhood cocoa shack for hot cocoa and cookies before heading back to our North Pole drop off at the GCA office. Price is \$4 per person plus one non-perishable food item per person. RSVP to 480-563-9839 after November 30 to save your spot. **DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THIS EVENT, NO MORE THAN 6 PEOPLE PER RESERVATION and NO MORE THAN 2 NON-RESIDENTS GUESTS ALLOWED PER PARTY. MANDATORY PRE-PAY BY 12/12 OR YOUR RESERVATION WILL BE MOVED TO THE WAIT LIST.**

Chanukah Party

Wed., Dec. 28 from 5 p.m. to 7p.m., Talon Room, GCA Office

RSVP by Wed., Dec. 21. Happy Chanukah! All residents are invited to enjoy traditional latke’s, apples & honey and other popular sweet treats, along with plenty of beverages at this Festival of Lights celebration! Listen to subtle music to help set the festive mood; there will be crafts for the kids and a traditional lighting of the menorah. Price is \$3/person. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by 12/21. Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom of RE/MAX Platinum Living for sponsoring this event!

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Using the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics skills they learn every day, students were graphing candy pieces, counting coins, measuring tower heights, and observing the effect of gravity on structures. Most importantly, they learned teamwork and engineering, had fun working together with their classmates, and can now live "Happily Ever After"!



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In a Low Interest Rate Environment Investors Turning to Alternatives

By Derek Moore, Coventry at Grayhawk

While lower interest rates have aided mortgage borrowers, investors (particularly retirees) are in a challenging time period often taking more risk to find a return. Pictured above is the interest rate for the US Treasury Bond going back to 1962. It may be hard to believe in today's environment but around 1980 one could have bought a bond with an annual coupon interest rate of 15%. Considering that in July rates dipped below 1.5% we are now at historic lows. Now more than ever, investors are considering alternative investments in their portfolios to find their desired rates of return.

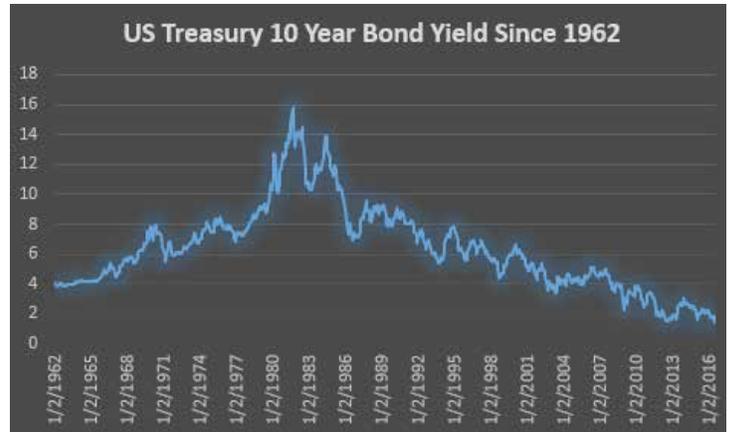
The rate environment poses some potential issues. First, with rates this low, there is very little income being generated from interest payments. But interest is only part of the return equation. You see if rates were to move higher, the market value of a bond or collection of bonds (like in a mutual fund) could see losses in market value. This is because bond prices and interest rates have an inverse relationship. As yields rise, bond prices drop and as yields fall bond prices rise.

For the last 36 years, yields have been on a steady trajectory downward and that has aided market returns of bonds. Since a bond's market value moves higher as rates drop, the bond market has had a tailwind at its back. Taking that into account, the fixed income asset class is enjoying around a 7.5% annualized return. Needless to say, most experts would agree that rates are more likely to rise over the long term. To understand the risk many bond funds might experience, consider an example of how market values could change if rates were to rise.

Say one put \$1,000,000 in 10-Year Treasuries trading at par value (\$100) issued with a coupon equal to a yield of 1.50%. Doing a back of the napkin calculation, if its yield jumped up tomorrow to 2.50%, one would expect the market value of the bonds to fall around -8.8%. If rates dropped to 0.50% tomorrow, the gain would be roughly +9.7%. The remaining duration until maturity, coupon, and current market interest rates all matter in a bond's price, but you get the idea. The yield or interest rate changes can cause gains or losses in the underlying value of the bond. With rates at historic lows, most of the risk to bond portfolios is rising rates.

Recently, Janus' bond guru Bill Gross commented that the returns experienced over the last 40 years were unlikely to continue. Gross also commented that interest rates would need to go to negative -17% for investors to realize the same type of returns going forward. The probability of rates going that negative would be nearly impossible. Vanguard's Jack Bogle recently expressed his view that going forward, bond investors should pretty much expect an annual return to what their yield is. With rates this low, it doesn't paint a good picture for using the same old asset allocation in this new reality.

So what are the alternatives for investors? There is some good news: Many strategies, once only accessible via hedge funds, are now more widely available. Our High Probability Options strategy is designed to produce monthly income by selling options premium. While many are familiar with stocks and bonds in their investment



pie chart, options fit in the alternative asset class. An investor can find strategies that are highly liquid, generate positive returns in up or down markets, and have little to no historical correlation to interest rate sensitive markets. These can be excellent replacements for a fixed income allocation. Now more than ever, considering alternative asset classes may help you position your portfolio for the new environment.

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Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, *Encore Resident*

November always seems to be a special month for the Lukenbills. We moved here to Scottsdale 20 years ago and stayed at the then Merv Griffin Hilton Hotel while our home here in Grayhawk was being built. We stayed there for about six weeks before we could move in. For us, 20 years seems like an eternity, considering that at one time we averaged a move every two years. But, we have many happy memories here and I can't imagine anywhere I'd rather be.

We always tend to think about how grateful we are in November, and truthfully, I wish we did that year round. Hopefully we're just as thankful in April as we are November. When I think of Grayhawk, I'm reminded how thankful I am for our Board, who volunteer to make sure this community is so fantastic. And I never forget the CCMC staff. That crew up there at the Grayhawk office works hard for us sometimes six or seven days a week. Both are devoted to keeping us all happy campers and proud residents of Grayhawk.

Speaking of being thankful...how lucky are we to have so many fantastic choices of places to eat and drink in our area? I know many of you will have visiting friends and family this month, and I want to make sure that you are taking them to some of the "newbies."

Shake Shack, new to Scottsdale but a familiar favorite to many east-coasters, opened on September 15 in Kierland Commons. **Shake Shack** originally started as a hot dog cart in Madison Square Park in Manhattan to support the Madison Square Park Conservancy's first art installation in 2004. The cart was quite the

success, and the fast-casual burger joint now has more than 60 locations worldwide.

This New York-based burger chain opened its first Arizona location in late February, bringing Valley residents burger bliss at Scottsdale Fashion Square and later at the location at Uptown Plaza in central Phoenix. It is being billed as a "modern day 'roadside' burger stand," that serves burgers made with 100 percent all-natural, antibiotic-free Angus beef, as well as hot dogs, fries, frozen custard, shakes, beer, wine and more.

The new location also offers several unique menu items, including frozen custard called the *Kierland Campfire*, a decadent blend of chocolate custard, marshmallow sauce, graham cracker and dark chocolate chunks from Zak's Chocolate, a family-owned restaurant in Scottsdale. Sounds like a new take on S'mores, yummy! Another frozen custard to try is the *CamelShack* with vanilla custard, salted caramel sauce and a slice of banana cream pie from The Bakery in Phoenix. The company will donate 5 percent of sales from the *CamelShack* concrete (frozen custard) to Phoenix Children's Hospital. Bonus? Their ice cream is spun daily in-store.

Guests can kick back on the outdoor **Shack** patio and sip on a selection of hand-picked wine and ice cold local craft beer from **Huss Brewing Company**, **SanTan Brewing Company** and **Phoenix Ale Brewery** in addition to the Shack-exclusive Shack Red® and Shack White® wine from **Frog's Leap Winery** and ShackMeister® Ale from **Brooklyn Brewery**. And while you are sipping your favorite beverage and enjoying your choice of a burger

or hot dog or one of the frozen custard concretes on the patio be sure to challenge your friend or significant other to a game of ping pong.

When *Grayhawk Flight* editor Jennifer Sheets and I lunched at Shake Shack we were not disappointed. Many residents from Grayhawk have already eaten there and have fallen in love with the burgers. Residents have asked me if it was like Five Guys or In-Out. I don't think you can really compare.

One advantage of **Shake Shack** is the service. True, you order your meal like you would a fast food place, but if you are sitting outside on the patio your meal is brought to you, and if you are seated inside, when your restaurant page lights up you go and get your meal. The staff is pleasant, all smiles and happy faces.

I love a good hamburger, so I ordered the *SmokeShack*, a cheese burger with all-natural smoked Niman Ranch bacon, chopped cherry pepper, and ShackSauce. It was recommended by staff and it was delicious, but I didn't realize those cherry peppers would be so hot. Silly me!! I admit I'm a wimp, and just don't care for hot and spicy. It couldn't have been that bad though, because I did eat the whole thing, bun and all. Jennifer ordered the new chicken burger called Chick 'n Shack that was a crispy chicken breast with lettuce, pickles, and buttermilk herb mayo. We shared an order of fries.

As much as I wanted to, I didn't have it in me to order a shake or custard. Remember, I ate the WHOLE burger!? It's just a good reason to go back another day.

If you have not been to **Shake Shack**, consider November the month to get it done! It's casual, easy and good. What else could you ask for when company is visiting or you're out shopping? Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and thank you Grayhawk for the wonderful memories that seem to go on and on!

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Chill-out Veg-out Chili!

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk

Yay, it's Fall! Time to veg-out and eat hot comfort food again. Stephanie and I make a lot of different varieties of chilis, and for sure we will have to share our white bean chicken chili soon, but this favorite turkey veggie chili recipe has more vegetables and is a little healthier than your average chili. We always make a huge pot of it because any extras can be easily frozen and thawed for a quick go-to meal. It actually tastes better the next day so it's great for leftovers, and is also easy to prepare the night before a tailgate or football Sunday. The giant vat I'm currently making (while running back & forth to the computer to type up this recipe!) is for an MSU tailgate and leftovers on NFL Sunday...easy peasy weekend. Enjoy this super simple, one-pot meal with crackers, cornbread or whatever you like to eat with your chili. Hoping you can chill-out and veg-out this fall!



CHILL-OUT VEG-OUT TURKEY CHILI

Total time:

25 minutes prep & cook~90 minutes additional simmer time

Ingredients: (use organic for all ingredients below....readily available in "simple truth" brand at Fry's)

- 2 lbs ground extra lean turkey
- 1 yellow or Vidalia onion diced
- 1 orange bell pepper diced (If you like it spicy...add 1 or 2 minced jalapeno peppers along with yellow peppers!)
- 2 cups free-range chicken broth
- 1 ½ cups julienned carrots, find pre-chopped in carrot section (or 3 large grated carrots)
- 1 28 ounce can stewed or chopped tomatoes
- 1 28 ounce can, plus 1~15 ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 ½ cups frozen corn (or 1~15 ounce can)
- 4 ~ 16 ounce cans pinto beans
- 4 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons cumin
- ½ teaspoon fresh ground pepper
- A few dashes tobasco
- 1 Knorr chicken bouillon cube
- 1 small can tomato paste (save this for the last 15 minutes of simmering)

Optional toppings:

- Shredded cheddar
- Sliced green onions
- Sour cream

1. Brown ground turkey and stir often in large pot (should not need draining if you are using extra lean)
2. Chop all veggies
3. When turkey is fully cooked & slightly browned (about 10 minutes), add chopped onion & pepper
4. Sauté while stirring for 3 minutes until veggies are softened
5. Add chicken broth, carrots, tomato sauce, stewed tomatoes, and seasonings ~ simmer on low for 45 minutes
6. Add beans & corn ~ simmer for 30 more minutes
7. Add 1 small can of tomato paste ~ simmer for 15 more minutes

And always, always, always prepare food in advance when you can! So you can chill-out on the weekends!

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