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On the Cover
2015 Grayhawk Pumpkin Patch

Manager's Corner

Earlier this year, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey signed Senate Bill 1350 which states that a city, town or county may not prohibit vacation rentals or short-term rentals. This new law goes into affect on January 1, 2017. Currently, the City of Scottsdale prohibits short-term rentals that are less than 30 days in length, however, after January 1, the city will no longer be able to enforce this restriction. Since the Grayhawk Community Association's CC&Rs do not have a restriction on the length of time that a property can be rented and has depended upon the city's 30 day restriction in the past to attempt to prohibit short-term or vacation rentals, the Grayhawk Community Association (GCA) Board of Directors decided at the September 12, 2016 GCA Board meeting to consider attempting to amend the GCA CC&Rs to prohibit homeowners from renting their property for less than 30 days.

To amend the GCA CC&Rs, the affirmative vote of 67% of the 3,784 homeowners is required, which amounts to 2,536 "Yes" votes to pass a proposed amendment. This is going to be a very daunting task but I have faith and confidence in the Grayhawk homeowners that an amendment of this nature can be approved. In a typical GCA annual Board of Directors election, we receive approximately 750-800 votes so obviously we will need more than three times that number of affirmative votes to pass an amendment to restrict short-term rental properties. This is a very important issue for the community because I doubt that any of you would like to live next to a property that is being used basically as a hotel with short-term rentals and new neighbors every week. Please look for further information regarding this issue and a possible proposed amendment to the GCA CC&Rs to restrict short-term rentals.

On another subject, this is the time of year that we will begin having many of our biggest events. On Friday, October 7, we will be holding the rescheduled Family BBQ and Movie Night at the Grayhawk Neighborhood Park located near the SW corner of Grayhawk Drive and 76th Street just south of Grayhawk Elementary School. Also, on Saturday, October 29, we will be having our annual Pumpkin Patch event in the Monterey Park greenbelt located near Whistling Wind Way and 73rd Way. Please mark your calendars for these and many of our other events this fall season.

We'll talk again soon.

Michael Fee

Grayhawk Community Manager

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BOARD MEETINGS – OCTOBER 2016

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

Grayhawk Board of Directors
Mon., Oct. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Talon Room, GCA office
Grayhawk_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Retreat Board of Directors
Mon., Oct. 10 following GCA meeting in the Talon Room, GCA office.
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Communications Committee
Mon., Oct. 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the GCA office. Call Jennifer Sheets at 480-563-9708 for more information.

Programs Committee
Mon., Oct. 10 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., Oct. 24 at 5:00 p.m. at the GCA office.

Architectural Review Committee
Tues., Oct. 4 and 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the GCA office.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Avian Condominium Board Meeting
Tues., Oct. 18 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., Oct. 19 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., Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Encore Clubhouse. Call Ogden & Company at 480-396-4567 for more details.

Tesoro Condominium Board Meeting
Mon., Oct. 24 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
Wed., Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor Room, GCA office. Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 for details.

Vintage Condominium Board Meeting
Wed., Oct. 19 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 September 12, 2016

Development Committee

David Van Omen reported that there was a new flood plain map released by FEMA, which removes many of the homes just north of Grayhawk from the Rawhide Wash flood area. No homes in Grayhawk that are currently in a flood plain have been removed.

Operational Review Committee

Martha Troy reported that the committee asked management staff to obtain proposals for plaques to be placed on the memorial benches throughout the community in preparation for their upcoming meeting on September 26.

Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that the committee did not meet in August. The fire mitigation projects approved by both the GCA and RVA Board of Directors are still in progress.

Artificial turf installation at the final 22 front yards in Renaissance has been completed. All but one bench has been installed. The remaining bench will be installed across from Grayhawk Elementary School once the concrete pad has been expanded.

Community Enhancement Committee

Bob Mann reported that the committee did not meet.

Event Planning Committee

Sarah Van Duyne reported that the committee is moving forward with the Adopt-a-Road program through the City of Scottsdale. Grayhawk has adopted the section along Hayden Road from Thompson Peak Parkway to Deer Valley Road. The community will be responsible for helping to keep that portion of the road clean and the committee will coordinate cleanup events.

Upcoming events include neighborhood block parties and the Family BBQ and Movie Night, which had been rescheduled from April.

Communications Committee

Jennifer Sheets reported that the committee did not meet. A photographer recently came out and took new stock photos of the community which were much needed. The committee will also be working on obtaining before and after photos of resident's renovations and additions to be featured in the Grayhawk Flight.

Room rentals have been steadily increasing and there are now many ongoing rentals.

Architectural Review Committee

Paul Alessio reported that there had been six submittals at the August 2 meeting and six submittals at the meeting on August 16. Seven were approved, four were disapproved and one was approved subject to revisions.

There were three applicants for one open spot on the Architectural Review Committee. Candidates will be interviewed at the Executive Committee on September 19.

Paul also shared photos of monument signs that the committee had reviewed in preparation for updating the community's current monuments. He shared with the Board of Directors what the committee did and did not like about each. A motion was made and approved to spend up to $5,000 from the GCA community enhancement fund to obtain renderings of monument signs and proposals for updating our current monuments.

Budget/Finance Committee

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee did not meet but will be meeting in late September or early October to review the drafts of the 2017 GCA and RVA budgets.

Executive Committee

Linda Shaw reported that the committee was recommending that Paul Alessio and Jeanette Griswold serve as the Board liaisons to the City of Scottsdale. A motion was made and approved to appoint Paul Alessio and Jeanette Griswold as Board liaisons to the City of Scottsdale.

Linda also shared that Michael Fee and Bob Mann had recently had a teleconference with the GCA's legal counsel Curtis Ekmark regarding short-term rentals. Due to recently passed legislation, beginning on January 1, 2017, the City of Scottsdale will not longer be able to restrict short-term rentals, which are considered by the City of Scottsdale as anything less than 30 days.

The GCA documents are have no restrictions regarding rental term limits, and the Board of Directors would like to attempt to amend the CC&Rs to potentially prohibit short-term rentals less than 30 days.

A motion was made and approved to solicit resident feedback through an online survey prior to moving forward.

New Business

Michael Fee shared the holiday light proposal from Custom Holiday Lights. This year's proposal includes an option for fully decorating a tree or saguaro at each of 10 monuments for a total of $1,285.60 and replacing the lights on the garland with LED at a cost of $2,160.00. The total without the two additional options was $33,309.05 and the total with the two additional options was $37,429.65.

A motion was made and approved to accept the option that included the two additions for a total of $37,429.65.

Treasurer's Report

Jeanette Griswold reported that the GCA is within 2% of the projected revenue for the year and within 1% of the projected expenses.

Management Report

Michael Fee reported that he and Jeanette Griswold had recently attended at City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. They were representatives for Grayhawk as the commission discussed the proposed donation from the Grayhawk Community Association from the GCA community enhancement funds to convert one basketball court at Thompson Peak Park to three pickleball courts. The commission was in favor of the project and the next step will be gaining the Scottsdale City Council's approval.

New mailboxes are being installed soon at Renaissance, Talon Point and Monterey Retreat.

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have a teen that needs community service hours for school? Are you an adult looking for a way to give back to your community?

Grayhawk is looking for volunteers to help at various fall events, as well as participate in our ongoing Adopt-A-Road cleanup efforts through the City of Scottsdale. These opportunities are a great way for you to make a difference in both your Grayhawk and larger community. They are also a fantastic way for people of all ages to connect with their Grayhawk neighbors.

If you have an interest in volunteer opportunities, please contact Sarah at svanduyne@ccmcnet.com or 480-563-9708.

Grayhawk Quarterly Assessments

Homeowners, please note that your Grayhawk Master Association and Retreat Village Association (if applicable) fourth quarter assessments are due October 1st, 2016. All assessment payments not received 30 days after the due date will accrue late fees and applicable charges. If payment is not received by this date, you may incur late fees and collection costs.

If you have any questions regarding payments or your account, please contact the Grayhawk Community Association Office at 480-563-9708 or log on to grayhawkcommunity.org. Visit the Payment Options tab on ccmcnet.com to sign up for direct debit or make online payments on your account.

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Check out these photos, taken by aerial photographer Jim Todd in 1995 when Grayhawk was just becoming what we see today.

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Patrol Update

Kelly Pinebird, Executive VP at Trident Security

As we approach the end of yet another Arizona summer, we at Trident Security would like to take an opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the trust and confidence you've afforded us throughout our ten successful years serving your beautiful community. Without your support, our staff, our program and our partnership could not have grown as strong as it is today.

As we move forward, our commitment remains strong to constantly look for ways to continuously improve upon our foundation. With that, we'd like to ask for your support with an issue that has presented itself a number of times over the past year. As you may or may not be aware, our security staff processes thousands of guest and vendor entry transactions every (week/month) at the gates, our patrol team answers hundreds of calls every (week/month) covering on average 75,000 miles per year, completing tasks such as relocating snakes and wildlife, reporting to resident disturbances, assisting Scottsdale Police and Fire Departments, and a myriad of other dynamic calls for service.

With that being said, the challenge facing our staff lately is a few, but notable, instances of homeowners acting and communicating in a volatile, often disrespectful manner to the gate and patrol staff. Understandably, there are often times when the security team must disallow access to guests or vendors by following the HOAs rules and guidelines; and justifiably, these decisions toward compliance can sometimes create "friction" during an interaction with the staff – but please be assured that policy and procedure enforcement must be clear and consistent in its implementation, or the integrity of the program as a whole is compromised.

We fully acknowledge that there will always be differing perceptions and expectations among homeowners to what extent and what role security should play in a gated community. Some residents would prefer a concierge, "smile and wave", customer service approach; while other residents might want a screening approach, with the community locked down as much as possible.

Our challenge, along with the Community Management staff, is to do our absolute best to manage a delicate balance between the two where we regularly train employees to possess a security mindset to report and prevent suspicious activity, while also fostering a welcoming environment for residents and guests.

We are so thankful for the relationships that we've built with homeowners, contractors, guests and staff throughout the past ten years that it is with humility and respect that we ask for your assistance in continuing to foster a positive and productive environment – and to build upon our delivery of service. We are by no means perfect and we acknowledge that our staff may make some mistakes along the way, and we are committed to giving our utmost effort to get better every day so we can provide you with the best people and most comprehensive security service available.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to continuing to exceed your expectations.

Pickleball

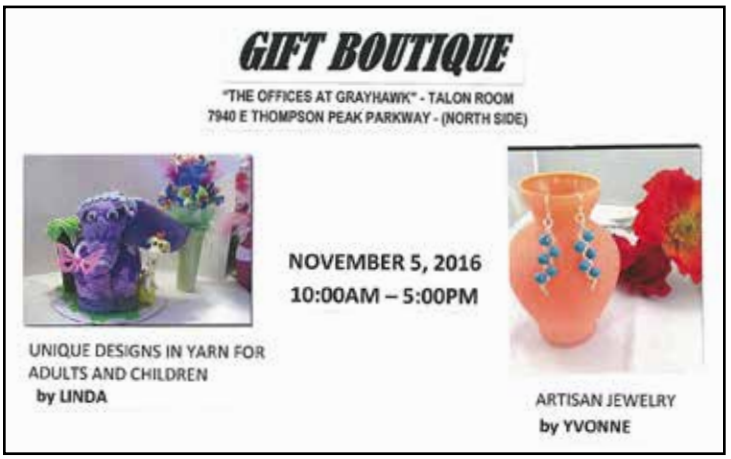
At the August Board of Directors meeting, the Grayhawk Community Association Board of Directors voted to donate $35,000 to the City of Scottsdale to help fund a conversion of one basketball court at Thompson Peak Park into three pickleball courts.

The park, on the south side of Thompson Peak Parkway just west of Hayden Road, is currently home to two basketball courts. After tracking usage over a number of weeks, it was determined that the conversion would not be significantly infringing on anyone currently using the courts.

The conversion, which the City of Scottsdale hopes to start in the fall of 2016, will provide a much-needed amenity to the Scottsdale community. The recent conversion of tennis courts to pickleball courts at Cholla Park has been wildly popular with Scottsdale residents.

Over the years, many Grayhawk residents have in fact inquired as to whether or not the Grayhawk Community Association was able to provide pickleball for the community. The GCA building its own court, however, came with a variety of roadblocks including closeness to homes, lack of viable land, a higher price tag and limited parking. The Board of Directors felt partnering with the City of Scottsdale would help benefit both our residents and the community at large. With over $1.8 million in the Community Enhancement Fund, the Board of Directors believed this was a worthwhile expense and a good way to forge a partnership with the City of Scottsdale.

Although right in Grayhawk's back yard, the pickleball courts will belong to the City of Scottsdale, not the Grayhawk Community. Ongoing maintenance of the courts will also be the responsibility of the City of Scottsdale. The plans have been presented to and approved by the City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Commission, and will be presented to City Council at their October meeting. Once approved, steps will be taken to move toward construction.



Grayhawk is Adopting!

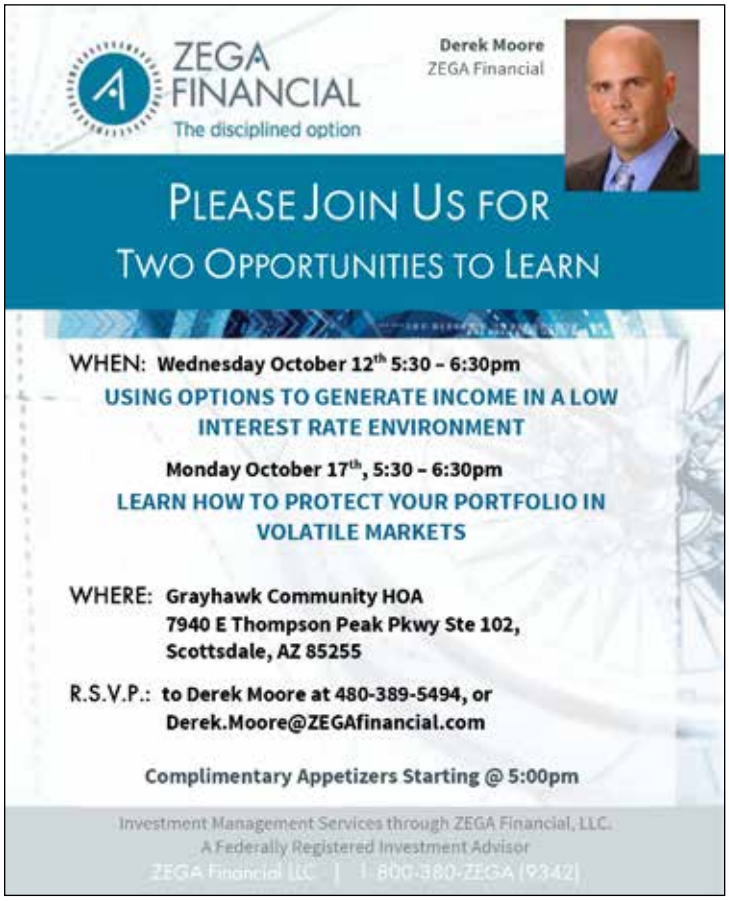
A road, that is. The Grayhawk Events Planning Committee and Board of Directors recently decided to participate in the City of Scottsdale's Adopt-A-Road program, and we need your help!

As part of the program, Grayhawk has adopted a portion of a Scottsdale city street that the community will be responsible for keeping clean. Three clean-up dates are required annually and the program requires a two year commitment.

The road assignment for Grayhawk is right here in Grayhawk along Hayden Road from Thompson Peak Parkway to Deer Valley Road. The first clean-up date is scheduled on Saturday, October 22 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and two additional clean-up dates will follow in January and April.

The City of Scottsdale will provide garbage bags, safety vests and gloves for participants, and the Grayhawk Community Association has ordered trash grabbers as well. In addition, two Adopt-A-Road signs have been ordered. One will face south on Hayden Road at Thompson Peak Parkway and the other will face north on Hayden Road at Deer Valley Road.

Volunteering is a great way to meet neighbors and give back to the greater community. It's also a good way for teens to meet community service hour requirements! Anyone interested in participating can contact Sarah Van Duyne at svanduyne@ccmcnet.com or 480-563-9708 to sign up as a volunteer.



Falling in Love with the Argentines

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

Common sense would dictate that since we live in the desert, any cactus will thrive here. Oh, contraire!

Non-native cacti come from a wide variety of arid climates. Some of these climates boast frigid winters. Others never experience sub-freezing temperatures. If we plan to grow cacti from some of these warm winter environments, we'll also need to protect them from our occasional cold winter nights.

If you've been following this column for awhile, you've probably gathered that I have a strong bias for growing what works and keeping my yard maintenance to a minimum. That said, I DO have plants that need to be covered to protect them from freezing temperatures including my beloved Organ Pipe cactus.

Since my landscape renovation, I have continued to replace those plants that can't tolerate our winters without frost cloth or, in the case of cacti, cups on their crowns. The Organ Pipe is one of just a few exceptions to this rule.

Enter the Argentines. These cacti are so carefree that you will feel almost guilty about how little they require from you. Plant them. Get them established. Enjoy them. That's it.

Okay, I've teased you enough. Let's take a closer look at these plants. All are hardy to 150 F.

Argentine Saguaro *(Trichocereus terscheckii)*

Meet the Saguaro with a difference. Like the native Sonoran Saguaro, this cactus grows as a single column and sprouts arms as it matures.

The skin on an Argentine Saguaro is dark green and its orange spines are several inches long. What really makes these spines special is the way they glow when backlit by the sun.

This plant can reach 25' high with arms that often grow at odd angles from the plant, making it quite the conversation piece.

With supplemental water, these will be fast growers. Mine, pictured here, gets indirect irrigation from the plants near it. Otherwise, its only water source is rainfall.

Argentine Giant *(Echinopsis candicans)*

My inherited landscape included three of these - all of which I kept; two of which I transplanted.

You can read more about these plants on the next page, but let's just say the principal drawback of this cactus is that it gets BIG. With a sprawl of seven feet or more, this is a plant that you'll likely need to contain. Fortunately, this isn't too difficult, especially if you're the proud owner of a machete.

Argentine Giants can be easily pruned by simply cutting stems at the base. Place a removed stem in a shady spot for a few days to harden over and then give it away or replant it. These plants will eventually need pruning. If left to their own devices, the older stems will look unkempt. Occasional pruning produces new growth and keeps the plant looking vibrant.

Another option is to plant one of these in a fairly confined space which will send the stems upward. These will still need the occasional pruning but, you can ignore them for years before they will need your attention.

Why would you want this plant in your landscape? One reason is that the skin is a lovely green/yellow and associates well with a wide variety of shrubs, perennials and succulents. Another reason is that this one, too, has orange spines AND sports killer flowers. These bloom at night to attract nocturnal pollinators. The blooms last only a day, but at 8" across, these flowers are fragrant AND spectacular.

Argentine Hybrid *(Trichocereus huascha hybrid)*

While both the Argentine Saguaro and the Argentine Giant are attention-getters, the Argentine Hybrid will literally stop traffic when in bloom. Like the 'Giant', these blooms last a single day, but unlike the 'Giant', they will bloom 5 or 6 times from spring into summer and may surprise you at other times of the year as well.

These hybrids go by many common names, one of which is "Flying Saucer" because of the way the flowers are perched on top of the stems.

These are prolific bloomers and routinely sport five flowers per stem. I once had as many as eight on a stem, making it look like a bouquet.

Since these are hybrids, they come in a wide variety of flower colors - most of them intense: deep red, orange, yellow, rose and pink. The one pictured here is called "Del Rue" - a bi-color pink variety.

I'll bet you can see why I fell for the Argentines and now that you know a bit more about them, give at least one of them a try. You may fall in love, too.

Plant of the Month: *Echinopsis candicans*

Latin Name: *Echinopsis candicans*

Common Name: Argentine Giant

Native Distribution: Ecuador to Central Argentina

Size: Height to About 3'; Spreads to About 7'; Stems Typically 4" Across

Flower: Fragrant While Flowers with Yellow Centers Open at Night; Blooms Last a Single Day; Blooms Mar-Apr

Stems: Light Green with 9-11 Low Ribs

Site Preferences: Full Sun - Partial Shade - Light Shade; Deep, Infrequent Irrigation in Well-Drained Soil; Tolerates Reflected Heat

Landscape Uses: Striking Accent or Specimen; Suitable for Xeriscaping; Needs Lots of Room to Spread; Avoid Planting Under Trees - Stems Collect and Hold Plant Debris

Plant Characteristics:

- Fast Growing
- Long Stems
- Spreading Habit
- Needs a Lot of Room
- Easy to Propagate
- Aging Plants Can Look Ragged
- Adaptable to Variety of Sunlight Conditions
- Drought Tolerant
- Hardy to 15F

The Condominium Community Enhancement Program: Focus on Encore

The Grayhawk Community Association Board of Directors created a Condominium Community Enhancement Program for condominium associations for the specific purpose of focusing on condominium community enhancement projects. This program is designed to demonstrate the Grayhawk Community Association's commitment to, appreciation for and inclusion of the sub-associations as vital and important parts of the Grayhawk community.

Applications are solicited on an Annual basis and there are specific guidelines that the condominium associations must follow in the submittal process. The GCA Board has set a goal to disperse up to $100,000 annually for condominium association enhancement purposes. In the first year of this program (2015) the GCA awarded funds to every condominium that requested such funds.

To be considered, enhancement projects should be considered capital improvement projects that will benefit all residents of the condominium associations, rather than just a few residents. Community Enhancement funds may be used for project completion costs, but cannot be used for any maintenance or ongoing costs that these projects may impose. Condominium association requests may not be for maintenance costs that are covered in, or should be covered in, the operating budget. These include projects like roof repair, gate or street maintenance, or painting.

Applications for funding are submitted in the early part of each year, and response letters are sent to applicants following the May GCA Board of Directors meeting. Once the condominium project is complete, the Grayhawk Community Association reimburses the condominium association for the amount approved for the project.

The Program at Work in Encore

In 2015, the first year of the program, the Grayhawk Board of Directors approved funding $16,500 to install a FOB system for clubhouse, fitness facility and pool access at Encore.

In 2016, the Grayhawk Community Association Board of Directors approved a total of $15,990 to be paid to Encore for two projects in their community. Encore will install security cameras at the pool and clubhouse area, and a total of $12,000 was paid to that project out of the Grayhawk Community Enhancement Fund. An additional $3,900 was approved in order for Encore to install shade covers at their pool.

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Encore at Grayhawk

Hank Davis, Encore resident

Located near the southwest corner of Thompson Peak and Pima or, better stated, directly behind the 17th and 18th holes of Grayhawk's Talon Golf course, is Encore at Grayhawk. Encore is one of the eight condominium complexes within Grayhawk, and with construction ending in 2012, was the last full neighborhood in Grayhawk to be built.

Within the gates of Encore are condominiums as well as single and two-story townhomes. The condominiums, named Villas, are located within buildings of four-units, ranging in size from 1,356 sq. ft. for the upstairs lofts to 1,810 sq. ft. for the two-story, three-bedroom units. The townhomes, also known as Palagio's, are a bit larger – ranging from 2,100 sq. ft. for the single story to 2,500 sq. ft. for the two-story residences. The Palagio's also offer entryway courtyards and comfortable back yards that are large enough for small pools, fire pits and the always necessary barbeque. In total, there are 185 residences in Encore, 45 Palagio units and 140 Villas.

What most people notice upon entering Encore is the openness of the community. The fifty residential buildings are nicely spaced around a perimeter road - well enough to allow small lawns, landscaped shrubs and bushes, and mature trees between the residences. In the center area of the community is where you'll find the large heated community pool and nearby Jacuzzi.

Around the perimeter of the pool are recently installed shade sails and two large gas barbeque grills with tables. The community clubhouse, which contains a kitchen, fireplace, large TV and pool table is available to all residents for private parties and group functions. Our pool complex also includes a modern fitness center with three mounted flat screen TV's.

Encore has its own Board of Directors plus a landscape committee, architectural committee and a very active social committee.

My wife and I have a Palagio located on Encore's east side, where our great room and backyard views are of the beautiful McDowell Mountains. Those who live on the west side have the valley views and sunsets looking over Talon's 18th fairway. The residents who live on the north end view Pinnacle Peak.

We purchased our townhome in 2007. That year, we came for our annual March baseball Spring Training vacation. Unbeknownst to us, we would leave owning a beautiful home here in Encore at Grayhawk. We now enjoy living in the Grayhawk community full time.

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In & Around Grayhawk

Aqua Fitness for Life

Mondays and Wednesdays at 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. To join the fun, call Sue at 480-473-9262 to register today.

Coventry at the Park Potluck Block Party

Sat., Oct. 1 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Tot Lot at 76th Way & Whitetail Way

Coventry at the Park neighbors, pop over to the tot lot and enjoy a potluck dinner with friends, family, and neighbors! Play giant jenga, let the kids run off some energy, socialize, and share a meal with your Coventry at the Park neighbors. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy delicious cake provided by the Grayhawk Community Association. Water will be provided. Coolers with plastic allowed. Thanks to our sponsors: The Rounds/Tackett Group with RE/MAX Fine Properties for participating in this event and for making it extra special!

Grayhawk Hiking Club – 2016-2017 Season Kickoff Meeting

Wed., Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. – Talon Room, GCA Office

Join the Grayhawk Hiking Club for their annual Season Kickoff Meeting. Since 2004, the hiking club has hosted several hikes per month from October through April. Hikes vary in difficulty to accommodate beginning and experienced hikers. Come to the meeting to learn more about the hiking club and gain insight into the hikes planned for the 2016-2017 season. Refreshments will be provided. To learn more and/or RSVP for this meeting, go to http://www.meetup.com/Grayhawk-Hiking-Club/. To review details and/or RSVP "yes", you must have joined the club online (if you have not already done so and it's free). You can also RSVP to 480-563-9839. Please RSVP no later than Monday Oct. 3.

Family BBQ and Movie Night

Fri., Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. – Grayhawk Neighborhood Park, On 76th St. between El Dorado Private School and Grayhawk Elementary School

Come prepared to enjoy a night full of family fun including live music from 76th Street, bounce houses, hamster ball races, bungee trampolines, and so much more! Enjoy free hot dogs, chips, drinks, s'mores and a showing of "Zootopia" on a giant screen, complete with popcorn to top off the festivities! Don't forget to bring chairs or blankets to sit back, relax and enjoy the beautiful fall weather. This event is free, but your RSVP is required by 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 3 to 480-563-9839. Please RSVP and help us make sure to purchase the appropriate amount of food and drinks! Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom of RE/MAX Platinum Living, DLC Resources, Tavern Americana, Pinnacle Dental Services, and Mo Hamideh with Homeowners Financial Group for making this amazing event possible!

Women's Self Defense Class

Sundays starting Oct. 9 until Oct. 30
4 Weeks/2 hour class from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
GCA Office, Talon Room

If you have ever thought it would be useful to get some self defense training, now is your chance! Join instructors from Hazak Defense here at the Grayhawk office to learn Krav Maga-based techniques that are designed to get you out of trouble fast. You'll learn how to find sensitive target areas and strike with precision — protecting your boundaries. It's simple, intuitive, and a great stress reliever! This class is open to women ages 16 and up. Feel free to contact Hazak Defense with questions or concerns at 480-861-2820, and make sure to RSVP to 480-563-9839. Cost to participate in this 4 week class is $75 per person and can be paid in cash or check here at the GCA office prior to the first class.

Ladies Night Out

Tues., Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. – Isabella's Kitchen, 8623 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.

Gather with friends and neighbors, relax, and enjoy good food with great company. Enjoy homemade traditional American Italian favorites – pizza, pastas, salads, sandwiches, bruschetta, and much more! Pick from a diverse selection of wines available by the bottle or glass to complement any entrée or budget. Space is limited. RSVP to 480-563-9839.

Zega Financial 2 Part Series

GCA Office, Talon Room

Wed., Oct. 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
PART 1: USING OPTIONS TO GENERATE INCOME IN A LOW INTEREST RATE ENVIRONMENT
Grayhawk Resident, Derek Moore, with Zega Financial is coming to the Grayhawk office to educate residents and discuss topics such as bond yields, traditional stock, and bond allocations. Come learn how they may be hard pressed to offer material returns in this current environment. Even the largest Wall Street firms are adjusting their return expectations. Join this two part series to learn more! Complimentary appetizers will be served starting at 5 p.m. Please RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Tues., Oct. 11.

Mon., Oct. 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
PART 2: LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PORTFOLIO IN VOLATILE MARK
While the 2008 Great Recession moves further away in the rear view mirror, the lessons and pain many investors experienced are still present. While many investment approaches claim to reduce risk, they traditionally only use diversification to reduce risk. Instead, learn how to truly protect your assets against catastrophic losses by using a systematic hedging program that puts "hard floors" in your portfolio, which in turn should allow you to sleep better at night. Please RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Fri., Oct. 14.

Encore Octoberfest Block Party

Sat., Oct. 15 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. – In front of the Encore Clubhouse
Encore residents, please join the Encore Social Committee and the Board of Directors for a fun-filled Octoberfest block party. Encore will provide beer and water, (feel free to bring your own beverage) brats and all the fixings. The Grayhawk Community Association will also provide a special cake commemorating our community's 20th Anniversary. There will be opportunities to win some fun raffle prizes sponsored by The Rounds/Tackett Group with RE/MAX Fine Properties! You must RSVP by the Oct. 12 deadline to receive raffle ticket. Limited to 2 tickets per unit and you must be present to win. Please RSVP with number attending by October 12 to Leslie Diamond, at email4ladiamond@icloud.com.

The Sound of Music at ASU Gammage

Tues., Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. – Gammage Auditorium, 1200 S. Forest Ave. Tempe
The hills are alive! A brand new production of The Sound of Music, directed by three-time Tony Award® winner Jack O'Brien, is coming to ASU Gammage! The beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony®, Grammy® and Academy Award® winning Best Score, including "My Favorite Things," "Edelweiss" and the title song. Grayhawk residents have the opportunity to purchase tickets at the discounted rate of $67 each. We have great Orchestra seating in rows 15 and 16, seats 59-67 and 55-65. Please call 480-563-9839 to reserve your tickets today!

New Resident Orientation

Thurs., Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. – GCA Office, Talon Room
If you have some questions and want to learn a little more about your new community and all it has to offer, you should come to the Grayhawk New Resident Orientation! Meet your neighbors, learn a bit about the association and win prizes! Bring your appetite as appetizers, desserts and water will be served. Kids are welcome. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Wed., October 19.

Halcon Villas/ Vistas Block Party

Sat., Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. – Halcon Villas Community Pool
Halcon residents, it's that time of year when your winter neighbors start returning to the valley and the Block Party is a great opportunity to get acquainted or re-acquainted. Bring an appetizer dish to share and a beverage of your choice (no glass please). Thanks to The Rounds/ Tackett Group with RE/MAX Fine Properties for sponsoring this event to help us make it extra special. RSVP to 480-563-9839.

Junior Golf Clinic

Sun., Oct. 23 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – Grayhawk Golf Club
The Junior Golf Clinic at the Grayhawk Golf Club is a great family event that allows parents and guardians and their kids to spend quality time together while learning the game of golf. Whether your child has golfed before or it is their first time, this two hour event is designed to accommodate junior golfers of all ages and skill levels. A teaching professional instructs children on the aspects of the sport while having fun! Come enjoy putting practice, driving range instruction, mini pumpkin painting, and goodie bags provided by our sponsors PR Partners Julie Pelle and Christina Rathbun with Realty One Group, all for only $10 per child! Adults are free. Don't miss this fun, family bonding opportunity! Clubs are provided. Space is limited. RSVP to 480-563-9839.

CPR Class with ABC's of CPR

Mon., Oct. 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
GCA Office, Talon Room

This CPR program is meant for anyone in the community wanting to learn CPR for their own personal enrichment and/or to fulfill certification requirements for certain types of employment (this is not a Healthcare Provider Certification). In this class you will learn how to provide CPR to adults, children, and infants, proper us of an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), and what to do in the case of a total airway obstruction (choking) for adults, children, and infants and so much more! Participants must be at least 10 years old. Certification cards are issued upon successful course completion and are good for two years. The cost for the class and certification is $30 a person which can be paid ahead of time in the GCA office by Wednesday, October 19 with cash or check. Checks are made out to: ABC's of CPR. Please call 480-563-9839 to register. We will need 10+ participants in order to hold the class.

Grayhawk Single Sippers Club

Wed., Oct. 26 at 5 p.m.
Spiga Cucina Italiana, 8623 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.

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! Grab yourself a light bite to eat and a drink all while meeting some new people. This is a great way to broaden your circle of friends and to try something new. Our reservation starts at 5:00 p.m., but you are welcome to join later. Due to Thanksgiving falling the day after our regular scheduled Single Sippers, please keep an eye out for the change of date in November! RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Grayhawk Pumpkin Patch

Sat., Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monterey Park Greenbelt

Throw on a costume and come pick out the best pumpkin in our "patch!" Get creative and artistic at the DIY pumpkin decoration station and then join in on other fun that includes a bounce house, crazy games, Deb's Dragons, face painting, hay rides, or be entertained by our juggling stilt walkers! DLC Resources, our community landscaping company, will be cooking and supplying hotdogs, cold refreshments, and potato chips! RSVP to 480-563-9839 and prepayment of $6 per child must be received by no later than Monday, October 24. Registration will be taken through Friday, October 28 at noon, but the cost after the Monday deadline will be $8 per child. There will be NO event day walk-ups for this event. Special thanks to Trident Security, DLC Resources, Andrew Bloom & David Van Omen of RE/MAX Platinum Living, for sponsoring this incredible event.

Grayhawk Game & Book Exchange

THE COLLECTING HAS BEGUN!
GCA Office, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.

The Grayhawk Community Association office is creating an opportunity for Grayhawk residents to borrow games, puzzles, and books, and we are asking for your help! If you happen to have some extra board games, puzzles, or books around the house that you no longer use and would like to donate, we would be happy to take them off your hands! Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please feel free to stop by during those times to drop off your donations. Thank you in advance for your donations. Contact Sarah at svanduyne@ccmcnet.com or 480-563-9839 with questions.

Neighborhood Block Parties

Dates in the fall are filling up quickly with neighborhoods planning their Block Party! Don't miss out and plan yours today! You will find the October Block party schedule below to 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! The Rounds/Tackett Group with RE/MAX Fine Properties would like to help you make your event special by sponsoring an element of your choice! 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 reserve the party trailer. Please check your mailbox fliers for additional information and how to RSVP for scheduled neighborhood parties.

SCHEDULED OCTOBER BLOCK PARTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COVENTRY AT THE PARK
Sat., Oct. 1 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
at the Tot Lot at 76th Way & Whitetail Way.

ENCORE OCTOBERFEST BLOCK PARTY
Sat., Oct. 15 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
in front of the Encore Clubhouse

HALCON VILLAS BLOCK PARTY
Sat., Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. at the Community pool

COMING SOON:

Party in the Park

Sun., Nov. 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Grayhawk Greenbelt, Corner of 78th Place 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, Tavern Americana, JJ's Deli, 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 of course 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. 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, Premier Fitness Systems, VIP Mortgage, and DLC Resources for making this event an unforgettable experience!

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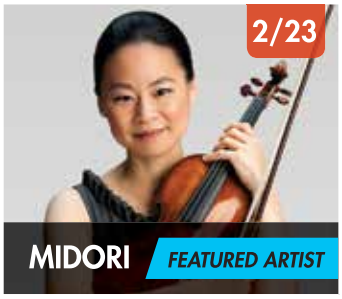

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Grayhawk Goes K-8!

Susan Matura, Coventry at Grayhawk resident and President of the Grayhawk Elementary School PTO

When Grayhawk Elementary School opened its doors in August of 1998, the Grayhawk community was just two years old and the community was growing daily with new families moving in. Very soon our Paradise Valley Unified School District K-6 school was busting at the seams and the school's original boundaries (Loop 101 all the way north to Jomax Road, and from Scottsdale Road to Pima Road) needed to be adjusted. In 2002, Pinnacle Peak Elementary School was opened and students not living within the Grayhawk community were then served by Pinnacle Peak Elementary.

As our Grayhawk community approached its 20th birthday, PVUSD began hearing from parents in the district that a K-8 school model would be desirable for many families. Because of Grayhawk Elementary's and Pinnacle Peak Elementary's locations within the district (to the far northeast), the district approached the two schools with the option of becoming a K-8 school. The district felt that our communities would appreciate a K-8 school in our neighborhoods, and they had faith that our two schools would do a really great job of bringing a premier K-8 curriculum to the schools.

Last year, PVUSD met with the parents at the elementary schools and solicited feedback about how the parents felt about becoming a K-8 school. A committee was formed at the schools to explore the K-8 model and it was decided that a K-8 at both Grayhawk and Pinnacle Peak Elementary would be a great option. The parents and school board agreed, and the schools are now moving forward to plan for this exciting change in our school communities.

So in August, 2017, Grayhawk will open its doors as a K-7 school. And as our neighborhood school celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2018, it will open it's doors as a K-8 school. We can't wait to see what the next 20 years will bring!

Open Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is going on now. There are spots available at Grayhawk Elementary School for students entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. If you live in the Grayhawk community, there is a guaranteed spot for you in the Grayhawk Elementary K-8 program. If you have questions or comments about the new K-8 school model, contact grayhawkgeneralk8@gmail.com

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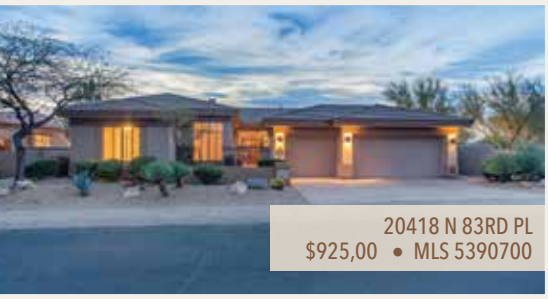

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Another Appetizing Appetizer!

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk

I'm starting to think that all we ever cook is appetizers! Let's face it…. whether you are an empty-nester, or you entertain often; sometimes it's just more fun to stand around the kitchen island with a variety of appetizers! And even if they aren't the 'healthiest' of appetizers, if you place a platter of crudités' next to your tasty bites, it will all be okay! But mushrooms DO have health benefits…they are high in iron & vitamin D and low in calories. White button mushrooms are also known to be high in anti-oxidants, kick-up your metabolism, and promote immune functioning. So find a way to make those somewhat boring fungi taste good!

Really….I do make complete, well-balanced meals, and I promise one soon! But I made this delish dish recently, snapped a photo, and thought I should share it as we approach the fall season and hot appetizers become socially acceptable in AZ again! And…while doing water aerobics in the Cachet pool this summer, a neighbor just happened to ask me for a mushroom recipe for gluten-free friends who were visiting…and this is gluten-free! I scored this recipe from one of our favorite lake/sunset restaurants in Grand Haven, Michigan. Often when we go out to dinner and discover something amazing, Steph & I try to figure out what's in it! Sometimes we even chat with the server and ask for more info than what is offered on the menu! So even though this is a carefully-guarded restaurant recipe, this is what we gleaned from the server and the menu! Hope you, your friends & family love it!

DRUNKEN SHROOMS
Total time: 30 minutes total (marinate for 24 hours before baking), Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 - 8 oz package medium button white mushrooms, organic, clean & trim bottom of stems
- 1 – 8 oz package medium button Portobello mushrooms, organic, clean & trim bottom of stems
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup beef consomme', or beef broth (we like 'Pacific' organic, available at Frys)
- 2 tablespoons dry red wine, merlot or cabernet sauvignon
- 1 tsp sugar
- 12 grinds of fresh cracked pepper (approx ¼ teaspoon)
- 3 slices provolone cheese
- ¼ cup parmesan cheese
- 3 sprigs fresh rosemary (buy the whole plant at Fry's)

1. Heat butter in medium size iron skillet (another good source of iron!) until bubbly
2. Add mushrooms and brown lightly for a few minutes over medium heat
3. Add consommé/ beef broth, sugar, and pepper, simmer on medium heat for 5 minutes
4. Add red wine and cook down (steam off liquids) for 2-3 more minutes. Only about ½ cup of liquids should be left before removing from stove
5. Remove skillet from stove, cover with foil, and refrigerate/ marinate mushrooms overnight
6. Allow skillet to reach room temperature (30 minutes) then cover mushrooms with provolone, parmesan, and top with a couple sprigs of fresh rosemary
7. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and heat uncovered, until heated through and cheese is melted~about 20 minutes
8. Serve immediately

And always, always, always, when enjoying delicious food, don't feel guilty! Just try to eat a moderate amount and eat your vegetables/crudités' too.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions (really we do!) If you have any questions or comments about this recipe or any other recipes, please feel free to email us at lbosch@me.com

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Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

This time of year we're all getting a lot of good news. The local meteorologists are telling us that it's finally cooling off. Friends are calling to schedule their winter visits. Sports news? It's full of football scores and the World Series is fast approaching.

But the real news is that I finally got around to eating at ***Market Street Kitchen*** at Market Street at DC Ranch. The restaurant has been there for awhile, and I have been meaning to make it there for a test run, really! I'm embarrassed that it has taken so long. Now that it is open for lunch with a new menu from Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., I had no excuses. I grabbed Grayhawk's Director of Communications Jennifer Sheets and headed over.

The restaurant is what I would call a good blend of modern and rustic. It felt urban, but still echoed the desert. Original DC Ranch photos were placed next to distressed wood and Edison bulb lighting, which created a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere.

The newly appointed and acclaimed Executive Chef, Michael Hunn, is at the helm using his talents to offer a full-flavored experience. Lunch menu items include everything from comfort foods like Grilled Cheese and Tomato Bisque to Pasta Bolognese. The dinner menu covers a wide range of options as well, from Dr. Pepper Braised Beef Short Rib to Idaho Trout. There is a nightly special as well. The Tuesday Bottle and Board night and Tiki Thursdays both give me a reason to go back!

Jennifer and I thoroughly enjoyed our lunch. We had a nice, quiet booth and a fantastic server. Under the Shareables, we enjoyed the Fried Green Tomatoes prepared in a shrimp remoulade, dill, and MSK hot sauce. Jennifer ordered the Quinoa and Farro Salad with tomatoes, celery, red onion, and sundried tomato puree. I was going to order the MSK Turkey Wrap, but our server highly recommended the Rotisserie Chicken Wrap with red pepper, aioli, bacon, tomato, and avocado in a whole wheat wrap served with tasty French fries. We were not disappointed with our meals. I had to take half of my sandwich home along with the French fries because the serving was so generous.

MSK has really become a great place for lunch or dinner. They also offer what they call the "Happiest Hour" every day from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (hours vary seasonally). The menu features $5 and $9 menu items as well as $14 combos. Drink specials include 3 cans o' beer for $3, $4 local drafts, $5 glasses of wine and $7 classic cocktails.

I'd say whether you are looking for a great spot for lunch, wanting to enjoy a fantastic happy hour, or hoping to find a place for a incredible dinner, ***Market Street Kitchen*** is your spot. I am certainly glad I finally went to check it out!

Until next month, Happy Halloween!

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The Benefits of Not Overseeding

DLC Resources

Late September through mid-October marks a major milestone for turf landscape in the desert. It's the time for those who want to maintain green parks and lawns through the winter to overseed Bermuda grass with winter Ryegrass. It's also the time to decide which areas not to overseed, allowing them to go dormant in the winter in order to have lush, strong Bermuda grass in the spring. This year, one large greenbelt in Grayhawk will not go through the overseeding process to allow the Bermuda in these areas to rest. You can view the non-overseed turf rotation map on grayhawkcommunity.org under the Resource Center/Landscaping.

What to Expect

Bermuda grass can stay green until the first frost, usually the middle of December. The grass in the selected non-overseed areas will start to turn a brown, blonde, straw like appearance. This is the natural dormancy cycle of the Bermuda grass and is not the result of irrigation problems. Around the middle to end of March, when nighttime temperatures begin to approach 60 degrees, Bermuda will start to grow again and will return to a regular mow and care cycle.

The Science Behind It All

Overseeding in the fall does not allow Bermuda grass to complete its normal growing cycle before winter dormancy approaches. Much like a bear preparing for hibernation, Bermuda spends the weeks and months prior to the cold season storing the reserves it needs to keep its roots and stems alive through the winter. Overseeding interrupts this process and often die-back results in the root system. The effects of interrupting this process are seen in the spring when weather conditions are right for Bermuda to begin growing again. The thick, tall Ryegrass will keep the Bermuda shaded and cool, which prolongs the dormancy period. By keeping the Bermuda dormant longer, the percentage of Bermuda that runs out of food before it can begin to photosynthesize increases.

When the Bermuda does come out of dormancy, it must contend with the Ryegrass for nutrients while the Ryegrass is at its strongest. Ryegrass is a fierce competitor for all the resources required for Bermuda to grow: sunlight, water, nutrients and even oxygen. During early spring, the Bermuda is at a disadvantage during the time it should be strengthening to withstand the extreme heat and dryness of a typical Arizona summer. By mid-summer, the Ryegrass dies out and physically impedes the Bermuda's ability to spread. The dead Ryegrass must be removed through dethatching, which may further injure and set back the Bermuda. In most cases, the Bermuda does not get the time needed to recover because overseeding starts again in just a few weeks. We recommend suspending the overseeding process for at least one season to help restore the root system and nutrients of the Bermuda grass.

To continue reading about the benefits of not overseeding for your home lawn, go to http://dlclearningcenter.com/2012/11/16/dormant-bermuda/

Bermuda overseeded September 2007

Bermuda left dormant winter 2007

Note: Both turf areas shown above have experienced the same amount of resident activity since September 2007

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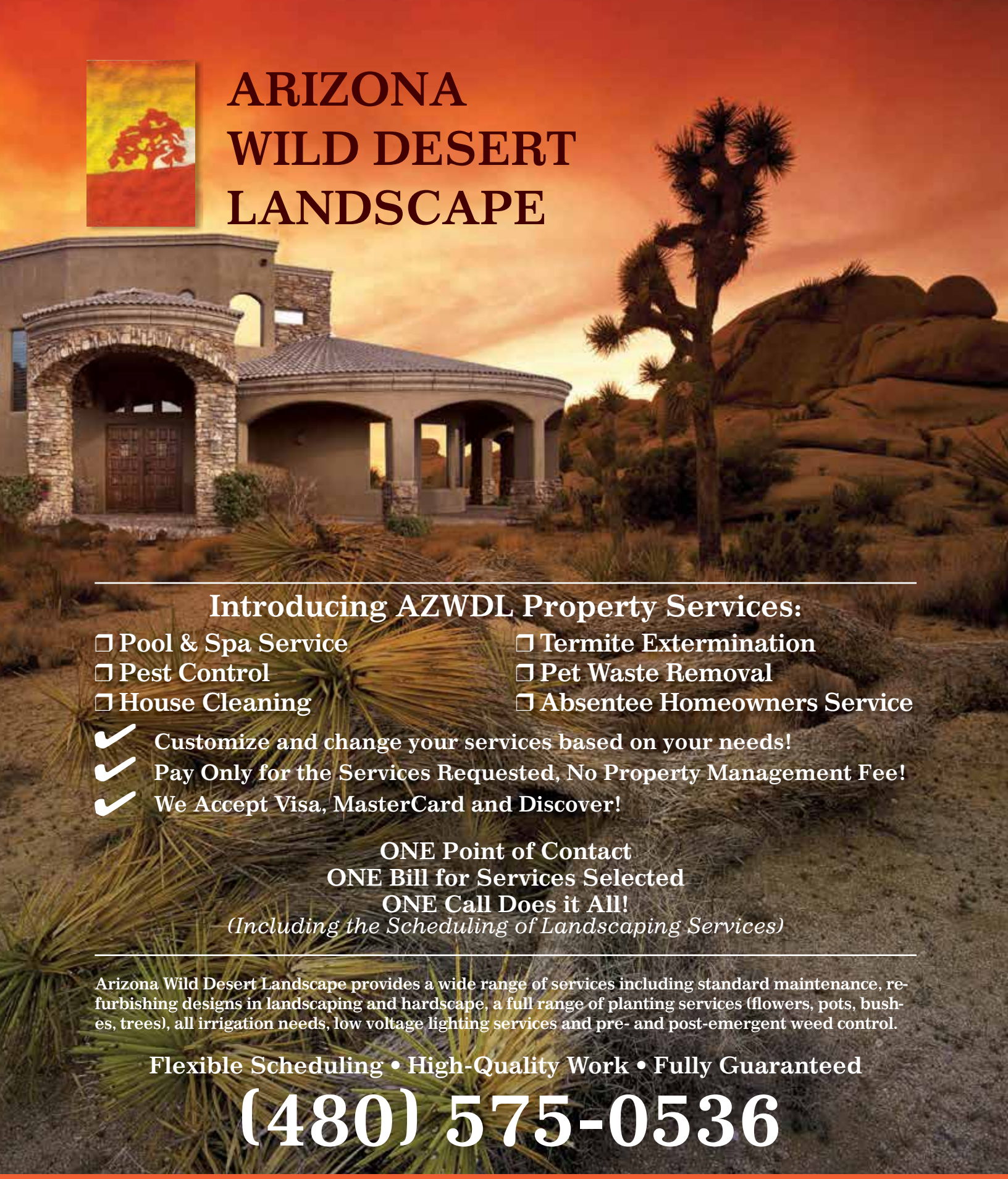

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