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October 2020

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*Join us for our first  
Trunk or Treat*

*A major remodel*



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### GRAYHAWK TRUNK OR TREAT FRI., OCT. 23 FROM 5-7 PM

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Throw on a costume and come join us at our very first Grayhawk Trunk or Treat event! Residents have the opportunity to participate as a decorated vehicle with the chance to win big prizes. Or you can participate as a guest and help us vote on your favorite decorated vehicle while enjoying the additional activities. We will have a DJ playing your favorite tunes, a greenscreen photobooth, a costume parade, and food available for purchase from the Chick-fil-a limited menu. This is a walk through event and a great opportunity to enjoy fun activities outdoors with neighbors while allowing proper social distancing. Every child walks away with a goody bag filled with crafts and tasty treats! For those not yet comfortable being out and about, the decorated vehicles will be posted on Facebook for you to participate in the voting process. Space is limited for this event due to social distancing guidelines. RSVP online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) for the time slot best suited for your family.



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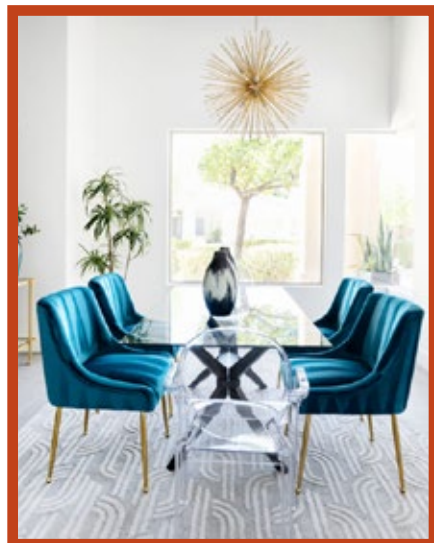


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# Manager's Corner



This month I felt it was important to remind homeowners about the importance of following the correct procedures when making exterior modifications to your property. As most of you know, if you are making alterations or improvements to the exterior appearance of your property, you must receive prior written approval from the Architectural Review Committee.

Even though you may have seen a similar modification at another house within Grayhawk, do not assume that you can do the same type of modification to your property. For example, there are stone applications, light fixtures, and courtyard gates (among other front yard modifications) that are approved in some neighborhoods but not approved in other neighborhoods. This is largely dependent upon the architecture and design of the houses within the neighborhood. Approved color schemes also vary depending upon the neighborhood.

Many times at Architectural Review Committee meetings there are a number of modification submittals for changes to the property that had already taken place, and the homeowners were notified that they were in violation of the covenants because they had an unapproved modification on their property. While generally these modifications are eventually approved by the Architectural Review Committee, occasionally modifications that are already completed are not approved and the homeowners either have to remove the modification or make changes to the modification to bring it into compliance. This results in an additional expense to the homeowners which could have been avoided if the homeowners had just called the Grayhawk Community Association (GCA) office prior to making the change to their property to get information about the modification approval process. This has happened recently on several properties and it not only results in ill-will between the homeowner and the association, it also can become a legal matter in an effort to bring the modification into compliance with the CC&Rs and the Grayhawk Architectural Design Guidelines. Please do not let this happen to you.

On another note, now that the community and neighborhood monument signs have all been renovated, the Retreat Village Association (RVA) will be upgrading the landscaping around these signs in that section of the community during the next phase of this project. This will include new plants, additional hardscape like boulders and rip rap, and possibly new lighting at these locations. The GCA and RVA Board of Directors believes that these monument signs and entrances to the community and individual neighborhoods are a point of pride for Grayhawk and should reflect that by being maintained accordingly. Speaking of a point of pride for the community, the Grayhawk and Retreat Village Board of Directors approved this year's holiday light contract at their September 14 Board meetings and this year should be bigger and better than ever. The feedback from homeowners regarding Grayhawk's annual holiday light display is always overwhelmingly positive and I know many of you look forward to seeing these lights during the holiday season.

Finally, due to these unusual times with the COVID-19 pandemic, our annual Pumpkin Patch event, which is always one of our biggest events, has been modified this year. We will be having a Trunk or Treat event at the Boys and Girls Club parking lot on Friday, October 23 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. We will be able to provide a safe environment with social distancing by doing our fall event this way and still provide homeowners and their children with an enjoyable experience. I hope to see you there.

We'll talk again soon.

*Michael Fee*

Grayhawk Community Manager

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## BOARD MEETINGS – OCTOBER 2020

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

### Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., Oct. 5 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom  
Call the GCA Office at 480-563-9708 for more information.  
grayhawk\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

### Grayhawk Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

Mon., Oct. 5 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom  
The Board of Directors will be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 33-1804 (A)(3).

### Retreat Village Board of Directors

Mon., Oct. 5 via Zoom following the GCA Board meeting. Call the GCA Office at 480-563-9708 for more information.  
retreat\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

### Retreat Village Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

Mon., Oct. 5 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom  
The Board of Directors will be meeting in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 33-1804 (A)(3).

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Communications Committee

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

### Event Planning Committee

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

### Landscape Committee

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

### Operational Review Committee

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

### Architectural Review Committee

Tues., Oct. 6 and 20 at 4:30 p.m.  
Call Stacey Harvey at 480-563-9708 for more information.

## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

### Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Meeting

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

### Crown Point Board Meeting

Call Stacey Harvey at 480-563-9708  
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### Edge Condominium Association Board Meeting

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### Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Amcor Property Professionals at  
480-948-5860 for details.

### Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

Call Vision Community Management at  
480-759-8683

### Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

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

### Grayhawk Community Association Board Members

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## VISION

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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



## Grayhawk Master Association Board of Directors Meeting – September 14, 2020

### Homeowner Forum

A resident asked who placed flags throughout the community on 9/11, as she was happy to see them. Michael Fee said that was the Grayhawk maintenance staff that placed those flags at prominent intersections and the Grayhawk Community Association also places flags at the same locations throughout the community on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

### Development Committee

David Van Omen reported that a new restaurant, Craftsmans, is slated to open in the space previously occupied by Tavern Americana in the Hayden Peak Shopping Center on the SE corner of Hayden Road and Thompson Peak Parkway.

### Operational Review Committee

Dick Zielinski reported that the committee is recommending the addition of a part-time Covenants Coordinator to the staff. He noted that as the community ages, covenant enforcement has become a much greater workload for the GCA staff.

There were some budget concerns and there was discussion regarding the pros and cons of adding the additional staff member. Michael Fee noted that the Association does not feel that a full-time staff member is warranted and would likely attempt to share a staff member with another CCMC property.

There was no vote on the issue. Michael Fee will present a budget with and without the addition of the new staff member to the Budget/Finance Committee at their September 2021 budget meeting.

### Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that the committee did not meet.

With little rain throughout the summer so far, monsoon winds have dictated much of the cleanup efforts this summer. A backflow valve at Grayhawk Drive and Scottsdale Road was recently vandalized. There was also an irrigation valve issue at the entrance to the Pinnacle neighborhood.

Several recently installed plants were lost due to the extreme heat this summer. These plants are under warranty and will be replaced at no cost. The uplifted sidewalk slabs along the east side of Hayden Road and north of Grayhawk Drive have been replaced.

### Community Enhancement Committee

Stacey Harvey reported that the committee did not meet.

### Event Planning Committee

Sarah Van Dyne reported that the Event Planning Committee has worked hard to keep residents busy, even during the pandemic.

Recent events included a virtual Jungle Jill's Animal Adventure and a virtual Bingo Night. There are 34 residents registered for the upcoming New Homeowner Orientation on September 16 which is more than typically come to these events in person.

Other upcoming events include a visit from the Aioli Burger Food Truck, a free shredding event, and a cookie kit/virtual class.

### Communications Committee

Jennifer Sheets reported that the GCA office has had 294 transponder forms completed online since the end of March when we started asking residents to complete the forms online rather than in the GCA office. The GCA staff has also received 112 ABDI password requests from homeowners in the Retreat Village in the last six months, compared to 38 requests in the six months prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Architectural Review Committee

Paul Alessio reported that there were two submittals at the August 4 meeting and eight submittals on the agenda for the August 18 meeting.

Paul also noted that the committee had reviewed the most current version of the design plans for the guardhouse renovation/rebuild project. He felt that the architect hired by the association Keith Zollman with Studio KZ did a good job of reducing the cost without compromising the aesthetics and quality previously requested by the committee regarding this project.

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### **Budget/Finance Committee**

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee met virtually on August 25 with the GCA and RVA auditor Brad Enos from Mansperger Patterson and McMullin to review the 2019 GCA and RVA audits. The Budget/Finance Committee is recommending approval of the 2019 GCA audit submitted by Mansperger Patterson and McMullin.

A motion was made and approved to accept the 2019 GCA audited financial statements prepared by Mansperger Patterson and McMullin.

### **New Business**

A motion was made and approved to accept the 2020 holiday light proposal submitted by Custom Holiday Lights, which includes a \$5,000.00 "Preferred Customer Multi-Year" discount, at a cost of \$48,269.90 to be funded through the GCA Community Enhancement Fund.

### **Executive Committee**

David Van Omen reported that the committee did not meet.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jeanette Griswold reported on the budget variance report for the GCA. Through July, expenses exceed revenues by approximately \$55,000 primarily due to increased water expenses caused by a lack of rainfall and record heat this summer. There is currently \$2,461,851.00 in the GCA Community Enhancement Fund.

### **Management Report**

Michael Fee reported that new carpet is being installed in the GCA office, including the Talon Room and the Raptor Room rental facilities, over three days beginning on September 18. The GCA office will be closed on Friday, September 18 so that furniture can be moved and carpet removed prior installation of the new carpet.



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# In & Around Grayhawk

## floo-id YOGA in the Park

Sat., Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**Grayhawk Greenbelt at 78th Way & 78th Place, Park at 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.**

floo-id YOGA is a locally owned boutique yoga studio at the SW corner of Scottsdale Road and Mayo Blvd., located in the same plaza as Whole Foods. They offer a wide variety of classes to accommodate all ages and skill levels to help you become a better version of yourself and have proven to aid in a healthier, physically fit and less stressful lifestyle. Floo-id has been kind enough to host a couple classes at no cost just for Grayhawk residents! This is a great way to clear your mind and social distance while exercising. Just bring your mat, a can-do attitude and your body will do the rest. The classes will take place in the narrow beginning section of the greenbelt that starts at the tunnel under the Thompson Peak Pkwy and Hayden Road intersection. Walk down, ride bikes over, or park in the Offices at Grayhawk parking lot and head down to the greenbelt from there. Please register online prior to each class at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) to help us coordinate with the instructors.

## LIVING TRUST WEBINAR: Planning is Essential - Do You Have A Plan?

Tues., Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Join Dwornik Law on Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. for a free webinar via Zoom to learn about the latest strategies to protect your estate. A good estate plan coordinates what happens to your home, savings, investments, businesses and retirement accounts. Learn why a will is not enough, why many people with living trusts will end up in probate and how to avoid it. If you have your plans finalized, find out what may have changed, needs updating or is still applicable in Arizona. Register by Oct. 19 by calling 480-809-1014 or email your registration to [INFO@DWORNIKLAZ.COM](mailto:INFO@DWORNIKLAZ.COM). Presented by Attorney Richard M. Dwornik, Dwornik Law Firm.

## Single Sippers Happy Hour

Wed., Oct. 21 at 5 p.m.

**Grayhawk Greenbelt at 78th Way & 78th Pl., Park at 7940 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! We are having a safe, social distancing gathering in the event greenbelt behind the GCA office. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own chairs and coolers (no glass please) to sit comfortably while meeting new people. Food and drink will not be provided. Please

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bring any goodies you plan to enjoy. Masks are always encouraged in an effort to make everyone feel comfortable. This will be in a large outdoor space where you can choose how distant to set your chairs. This will be a small gathering but a great opportunity to make new friends and try something new. You may want a flashlight to help you safely walk out of the greenbelt area after sundown. RSVP by Oct. 19 online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org).

## Grayhawk Trunk or Treat

**Fri., Oct. 23 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Boys and Girls Club Parking Lot, 20199 N. 78th Place**

Throw on a costume and come join us at our very first Grayhawk Trunk or Treat event! This is an in-person event but will look a little different than you are used to so please read carefully below. Masks are required. Have fun and incorporate it into your costume! Masks will be provided for those that show up without one. This is a walk-through event that will feature a DJ, greenscreen photo booth, costume parade and food for purchase and take home from a Chick-fil-A limited menu.

### EVENT TIME SLOTS:

**5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Planning to show off your TRUNK?** Residents willing to decorate their vehicle have the chance to win big prizes! If you are interested in decorating your vehicle for one of our three top prizes, please register as a Decorated Vehicle on the [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) website and tell us how many of your family members will be joining you. We have 20 vehicle spots available. Prizes for the top three vehicles include a Microsoft Xbox One S, Nintendo Switch Lite and a \$100 Target gift card. Decorated vehicles are required to stay for the duration of the event.

**Coming for the TREATS?** Space is limited to 50 people per time frame for this event due to social distancing guidelines provided by the state. We will adapt accordingly to stay in line with current mandates and recommendations. Register online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) for the time slot best suited for your family. **Walk-ups and changes to time slots cannot be accommodated.**

Families will have the chance to vote for their favorite trunk and every child will walk away with a goody bag filled with crafts and tasty treats!

**Staying HOME?** For those not yet comfortable being out and about, the decorated vehicles will be posted on the Grayhawk Facebook page for you to participate in the voting process.

Special Thanks to our sponsor Lisa Upper, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments; Marcia Thompson for her sponsorship in memory of Pat Thompson; and David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom with Keller Williams AZ Realty for sponsoring the exciting prizes!

## The Great Grayhawk Pumpkin Delivery

**Mon., Oct. 26 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

We're celebrating fall by delivering a limited supply of pumpkins and decorating kits to your neighborhood! Supplies will go fast. Register early to reserve your pumpkin and supplies at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org). Pumpkins will be available for pickup in various neighborhood pocket parks and you will be notified by email a few days prior to the event where you can pick up your pumpkin and kit.

## Virtual Murder Mystery Event

**Wed., Oct. 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Do you have what it takes to solve the crime and arrest the murderer? Test your crime-fighting skills in the Halloween thriller "Evil Never Dies" with your neighbors. Get in the Halloween spirit by participating in our Live Zoom Murder Mystery event hosted by [www.Mysteries-On-The-Net.com](http://www.Mysteries-On-The-Net.com) with professional actors playing the roles of each suspect. This is a fun, action-packed event where you can sit back and watch the mystery unfold from the comfort of your couch while interrogating the suspects and examining the clues. Space is limited! Register by October 26 at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) to save your spot.



## SAVE THE DATE:

### Virtual 5k Turkey Trot "Run for the Dogs"

**November 2 – November 25**

Make some room for Thanksgiving dinner as you get in shape while enjoying the outdoors. Our Virtual 5k is an opportunity to stay active, stay connected to your neighbors, and support a local charity. The Turkey Trot 5k is all about combining two of our favorite things: Running (or walking) and supporting our furry family members. Registration cost is \$23 if you register before October 21. Cost after October 21 will be \$29. \$5 of each registration fee will be donated to the Foothills Animal Rescue of Scottsdale.

#### *Your registration includes:*

- Turkey Trot Run/Walk Race Bib
- Finisher Medal
- Private Grayhawk group results posted
- Turkey Trot 5k T-shirt
- \$5 Starbucks gift card

#### *Here's how you join:*

- Register for the Virtual 5k Turkey Trot on: <https://runsignup.com/Race/AZ/Scottsdale/GrayhawkCommunityRunfortheDogsTurkeyTrot>
- Complete a 5K (3.1 miles) run, walk, trot, or exercise any time during the month of November
- Send us your results on the online form (your confirmation email will include instructions)
- Celebrate your accomplishment and your love of dogs by posting your pics on the Grayhawk Facebook page (optional)

### Streaming Services Seminar: Cutting the TV Cord

**Thurs., Nov. 5 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

#### **Virtual via Rocket Repair website**

Have you been getting frustrated with rising cable costs? Have you considered looking into a streaming service instead, but quickly get overwhelmed? Join the Cutting the TV Cord seminar with Jeff Toomey. He will be showing participants easy ways to save money by eliminating the need for traditional cable or satellite TV, and how to switch to more affordable options. Register online at [www.rocketrepair.com/cutting-the-cord](http://www.rocketrepair.com/cutting-the-cord) and Jeff Toomey will email the class reminder to everyone the day before the class.

### Adopt-a-Road Clean up

**Sat., Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

**Meet at the GCA office, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. #102**

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!** In an effort to keep our community beautiful, we are looking for volunteers to help us on this clean up day. The City of Scottsdale will provide all volunteers with gloves, trash bags, safety vests and cold water bottles. We will not be in the road so all litter pickup will be on the GCA property behind the curb. We will meet in the GCA office at 8 a.m., go over some quick instruction, and then will start walking the trails along Hayden Road north of Thompson Peak Pkwy. The walk will be approximately one mile each direction, a little over two miles in total after both sides of the road are cleaned. All volunteers 17 years of age and under must come with a guardian. This is a great way to complete community service hours for school, and get some fresh air while social distancing. We are only able to accommodate the first 12 volunteers who register. All others will be encouraged to sign up for the next chosen date in the spring. Please register at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org).



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If 2020 has given us anything to look forward to, it's decorating for the holidays. Most of us are looking for something to brighten our day, and nothing does that like a cute inflatable pumpkin or twinkling lights. Getting into the holiday spirit can be a real treat for everyone, and we encourage you to join in the fun!

There are a few things to keep in mind when it comes to holiday decorating so that both you and your neighbors are able to enjoy your labor and holiday love. Grayhawk guidelines stipulate that outdoor décor can be placed on your property 30 days prior to a holiday and should be removed 30 days after. This helps ensure that no one has icicles growing in June.

We realize that large decorations and lights are popular, and just ask that you consider the impact on your neighbors when decorating. Spotlights should be pointed toward your house and any music or noise should be turned off at a reasonable time so that you and your neighbors can have a peaceful night. By following the Association's guidelines and respecting your neighbors, Grayhawk's residents can maintain harmony and keep the holiday spirit alive!

# Grayhawk Elementary News

By Grayhawk Elementary School PTO

The first months of school are typically very busy at Grayhawk Elementary School. Even though this year began differently, the school is continuing that tradition. It has been extraordinary to see the students, teachers, parents and community continue to support the positive environment known at Grayhawk Elementary, even during these uncertain times.

The students at Grayhawk Elementary have been learning and working virtually for about two months now. They began on their original start date in August via two online models. The Paradise Valley School District offered PVConnect which gives students instruction with their regular school teacher during regular school hours, while PVOnline offers independent online work with flexible hours. The feedback on the programs from Grayhawk families has been positive, and many have been impressed with the online teaching.

The teachers brought enthusiasm and expertise on day one. The school year began with another successful Meet the Teacher event. Students logged in on the afternoon before school began to see their new teacher and catch up with their classmates. The teachers had training on how to use Google effectively with the students, combining Classroom, Docs, Slides, Forms, and Meet to deliver and assess content. With creative uses of technology,

teachers have gone above and beyond by integrating interactive programs designed for students to feel a sense of community, engagement, and collaboration in the classroom. Using these different platforms, the teachers are able to reach all learners in new ways.



Along with this new and different start to the year, Grayhawk Elementary also welcomed new staff members, including an assistant principal, and new programs. The school has implemented a new area of study called Social Emotional Learning that focuses on identifying and processing feelings and working through emotions. During these times of uncertainty, this appears to be an area that needs to be addressed as an unfamiliar educational environment is navigated. Teachers have also been coming up with ideas and ways to give positive reinforcement in the virtual classroom, such as PJ Day or Show and Tell from home.

The Grayhawk PTO has also been successful in bringing together the school community in new ways. From Bingo Night to Dine for Donations, they have kept the events known to take place at the beginning of the year going. In person events are on hold, but many of these same events are now being held virtually, and others will hopefully take place later in the year. In keeping with the tradition of welcoming everyone back, the Grayhawk PTO sponsored a Bingo Night. Students and staff met online this year to catch up, play games, and win raffles prizes from generous sponsors. Over 50 families participated in the event, and teachers and staff served as surprise bingo number callers. In September, Chipotle and Barro's Pizza participated in the Dine for Donations program. Each month, different restaurants and vendors offer discounts or give proceeds of purchases back to the school. Everyone in the community is encouraged to participate in this program.

Grayhawk Elementary continues to appreciate the support from everyone in the community. The community sponsors are vital as the school continues to adapt to a new learning situation and hold events in a more virtual environment. The school is grateful for the continued support from those sponsors.

Through all of the challenges faced beginning the school year, Grayhawk Elementary continues to be Grayhawk Strong. Thank you to the entire school community for the support.

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# Our Desert, Our Home

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

## ETO: The Desert Explainer

Learning is a wonderful thing. It can produce breakthrough moments in how we think and view the world around us. And, sometimes, it can produce awe.

While in Desert Landscape School, I had many breakthroughs, but the seminal moment came when I learned about evapotranspiration (aka ETO). This single concept made all of what I learned before and after it, like so many pieces of a puzzle, fall magically into place.

Evapotranspiration is not a concept unique to the Sonoran Desert or our plants. It happens everywhere, all the time, but it is the WAY that desert plants have adapted to it that fascinates.

### What it Is and How it Works

Simply, evapotranspiration is how plants and soil release moisture into the atmosphere. Soil releases moisture through evaporation. Plants release moisture through transpiration. Put the two words together and, voila! You have evapotranspiration.

Don't let the transpiration part throw you. People perspire. Plants transpire. Both release moisture to stay cool. And, thus, the fascination begins.

We humans have lots of ways to get and stay cool. Perspiration is just one of them. Our forms of external adaptation include physical shelter, air conditioning, bathing/swimming, the shade of a large tree, etc.

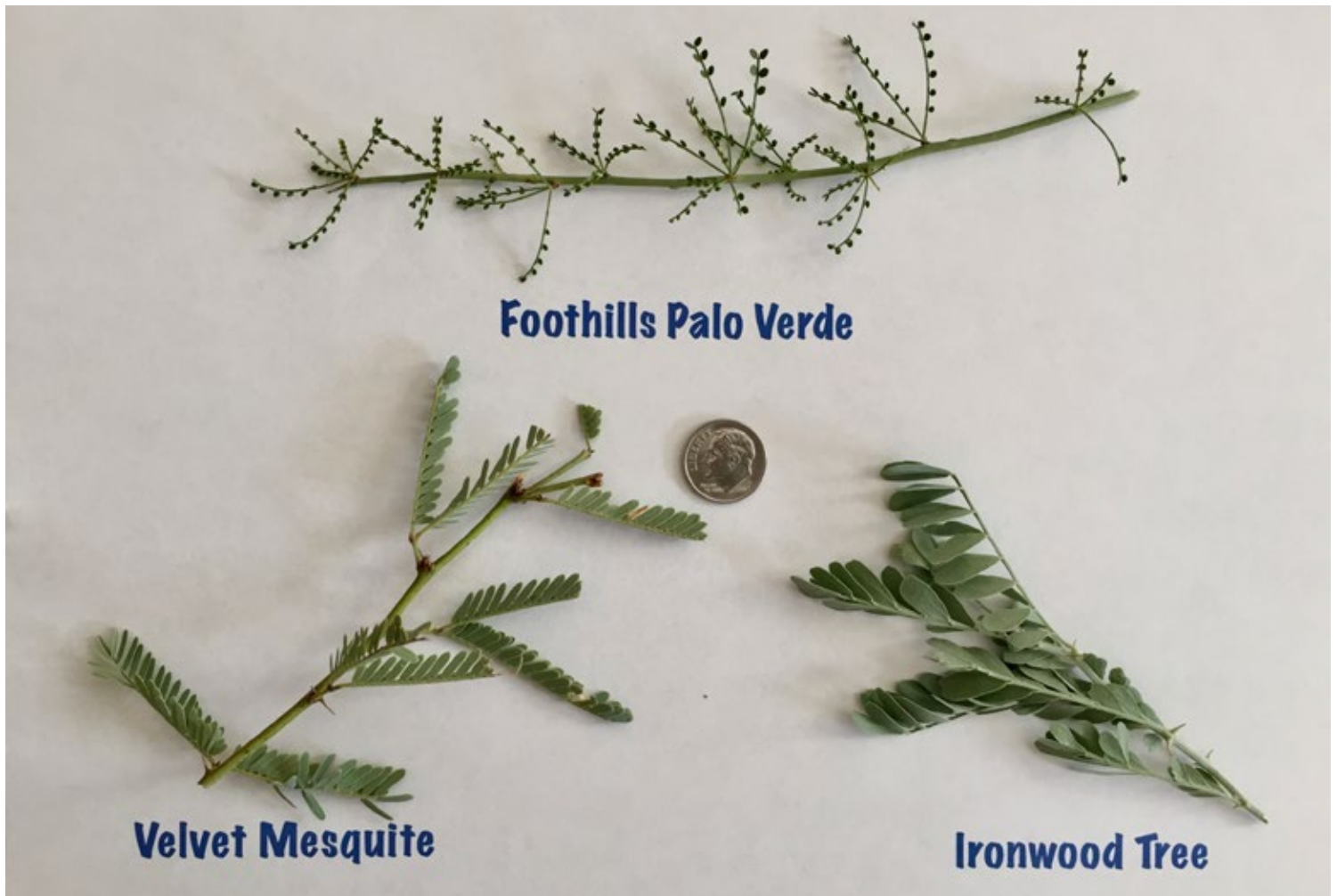
For a plant - stuck in a single place for its whole life - it's adapt or die. Desert plants are champions of natural adaptation. And, they use a variety of techniques to retain the moisture so vital in an arid environment. Let's look at just one of these: leaves.

### Leaf Size

One of the principle ways shrubs and trees limit moisture loss is through leaf size. The smaller the leaf, the smaller the moisture loss.

Take a look at the headline photo. The cuttings are from three common (and native) desert trees. The dime in the middle of the photo gives a sense of scale.

The winner of the tiniest leaf contest is, by far, the Foothills Palo Verde. Smaller than the head of a pin, these leaves make an appearance in the spring, the tree blooms, the blossoms drop and then the leaves do, too.





Why? Once the need to propagate is passed (the flowering and subsequent pollination), the tree focuses on getting by with as little rainfall as possible. Shedding its leaves virtually eliminates its challenges with moisture loss and it continues to photosynthesize through its trunk and branches. It's why they're green. Palo Verde means "green stick".

## Leaf Shape

The round Palo Verde leaves are quite the contrast to those of the Mesquite, also pictured above. Mesquites have bi-pinnate leaves - leaf pairs on both sides of a pin-shaped stem.

Bi-pinnate leaves are common in desert plants and are thought to be an adaptation from a single leaf of the same overall size and shape. Over time, plants adapted by making the larger leaves into tiny ones reducing the surface area of each leaf and the plants' susceptibility to moisture loss.

Mesquite trees drop their leaves and stay bare for only about a month or so before they leaf out again. Less messy than Palos, but still...

The Ironwood tree represents yet another form of adaptation. Their gray/green oval leaves are just a half inch long. This tree is semi-evergreen in that it will drop SOME of its leaves but, in general, the tree will not become bare. It would be easy to conclude that Ironwoods are under stress when some of their leaves discolor and fall, but it is normal for this species.



Blue Ranger (*Leucophyllum zygophyllum*)

## ETO and Shrubs

The principles of moisture retention and adaptation are also found in shrubs, but the wide variety of shrub adaptations is stunning. Let's look at a few.

Pictured here is a member of the sage family, the Blue Ranger (*Leucophyllum zygophyllum*). The blue/gray leaves are only about 3/8" across. These leaves are cupped and covered with tiny hairs; both features protect the plant from sunburn.

Tiny round leaves are fairly typical in desert plants. Their minimal surface size helps them retain moisture and, in the case of the Blue Ranger, the cupped leaf shape captures rainfall and delivers it to the plant's base.



Pink Fairy Duster (*Calliandra eriophylla*) Leaf Detail

From tiny, round blue/gray hairy leaves to those that are more green and fern-like, the leaves of a Pink Fairy Duster (and the red variety, too) are just lovely when you take a closer look. This is another example of bi-pinnate leaves but note the red pins and stems. Here, too, fine white hairs along the length of the pins and stems protect the plant from sunburn.

Our last example is the fine-textured foliage of the Green Feathery Senna. These barely look like leaves; more like pine needles. Just 1/16' across and perhaps 1 1/2" long, these gray/green leaves (or more properly leaflets) are evergreen - just like the Pink Fairy Duster and Blue Ranger.



Green Feathery Senna (*Senna artemisioides* ssp. *filifolia*)

Again, evergreen, in this context, means that the plant engages in gradual leaf drop and replacement throughout the year.

It's plain to see the role that leaves play in our oh-so-arid environment. But their last act is almost as interesting.

## Deciduousness

I come from Illinois and I always thought deciduousness meant just one thing: trees drop their leaves in the fall. Oh, contraire.

In the desert, leaves do their plants an additional service by falling when the plant needs them to do so, not just when the weather turns cold. It is true that some desert trees are winter deciduous. Others, like the Ocotillo, are drought deciduous. And, Boojam trees (an Ocotillo relative) are summer deciduous.

All of this is to say that there is a language to our ecosystem. Through their behavior, our plants are routinely communicating with us. We owe it to them to try to understand.

Evapotranspiration is a great place to begin.

# A Fresh Look in Pinnacle

Many of the homes in Grayhawk are over 20 years old and likely in need of a little refresh. For some, it may be difficult to see the potential and move forward with change. The good news is that you can take the lead from homeowners who have already brought their visions to life, like this recent remodel in the Pinnacle neighborhood completed by Vincent Betancourt.

This home was built in 1998 and went from outdated to outstanding in a seven-month remodel. The home is 3,108 square feet and features 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths with a den. The update created a more modern look along with an open floor plan, luxurious master suite and both formal and casual living and dining spaces.

"74th Place was a labor of love! It took me 6 months to renovate this home, top to bottom," said Vincent. "This was a complete gut, but luckily the home had terrific bones so the majority of the work was aesthetic."

Some of the improvements that Vincent made were:

- All new flooring
- New baseboards
- A custom entry door
- Addition of a swimming pool
- New countertops and appliances in the kitchen
- Paint inside and out

A new color palette really added to the modern vibe that Vincent was going for. "I went for a livable, modern style," he said. "The color palette was gray, black and white with accents of brass throughout."

He also improved curb appeal by painting the house and adding new light fixtures and house numbers. The old flagstone around the driveway was also replaced with gray tile.

We hope the photos might spark some ideas for your own home. Remember, anything that is visible from the street or your neighbor's home must be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for approval. This includes paint, landscaping, pavers and light fixtures as seen in this Pinnacle remodel. If you have questions or want to make modifications to the exterior of your home, please contact Grayhawk's Assistant Community Manager Stacey Harvey at [sharvey@ccmnet.com](mailto:sharvey@ccmnet.com) or 480-563-9708.









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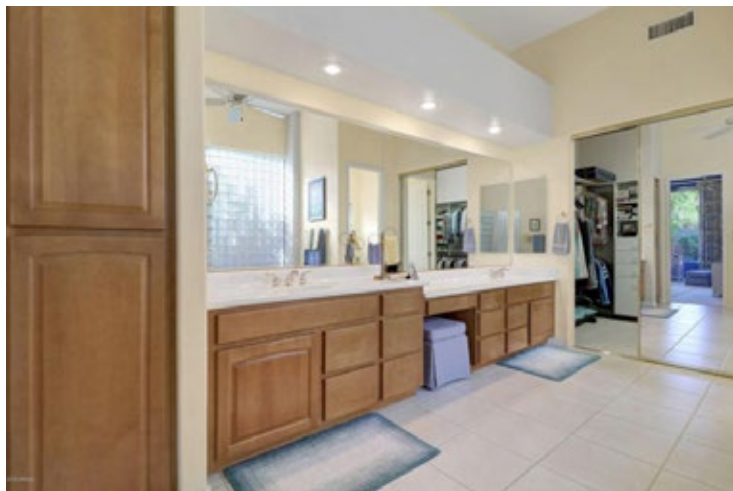
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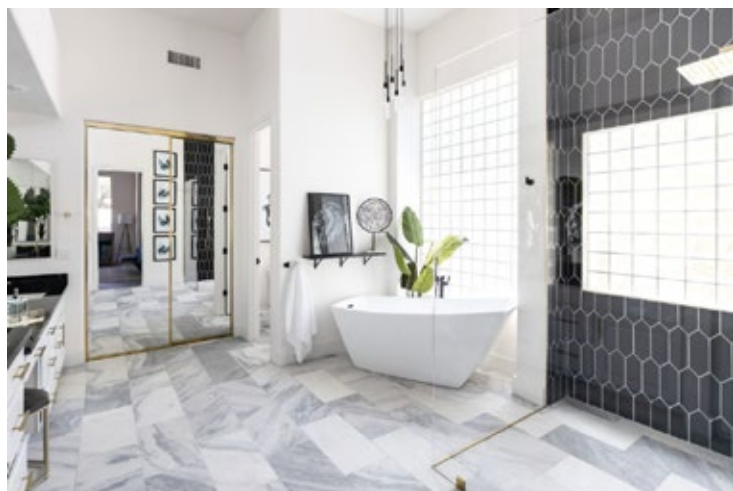
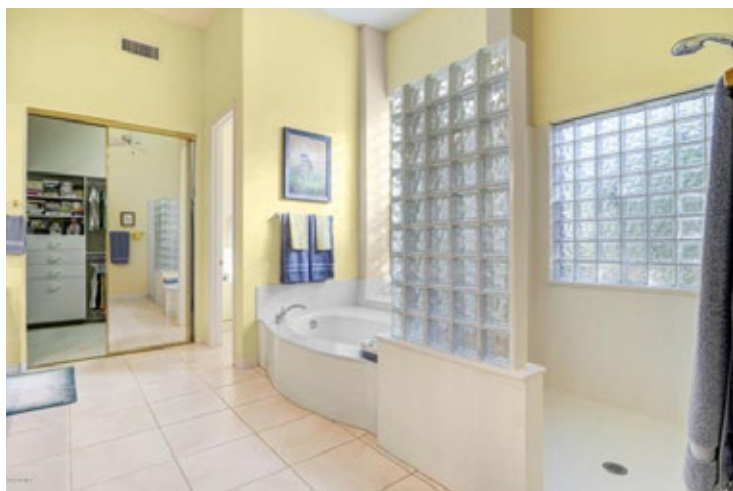




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## Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

Welcome to October, the month we (finally) get to wave goodbye to the heat and start catching our first hints of Arizona fall. We have been jealously watching our friends and family around

the country pull out their scarves, but we'll soon be the envy of them all!

Grayhawk's Director of Communications Jennifer Sheets and I found a real gem this month and I can't wait to share. **Café Paris** is a French restaurant hidden right under our noses and I can't believe we have never been there before! The café is run by French husband and wife team Arnaud and Caroline Catois. Arnaud is a chef of 20 years and the couple wanted to share their knowledge of family and affordable French cuisine with others.

This restaurant did not disappoint. We loved it! I'll be honest though, the last place I would've gone looking for a great little French restaurant is the Scottsdale Design Center on Hayden Road between Northsight Blvd. and Raintree Drive. It's a unique spot but maybe that's part of the charm. The reviews we read before going were spot on. It really is a great place. I also read that one of **Café Paris's** most popular dishes, the Croque Monsieur, was published in the Phoenix Magazine and the restaurant was featured on *Check Please!* on PBS.

**Café Paris** has both a breakfast and lunch menu. Breakfast includes items like Quiche Lorraine, French toast a l'orange and



Croque-Monsieur/Madame. For lunch they offer starters, soups, salads, sandwiches, Paninis and yummy desserts. They have over 15 varieties of crepes served all day long. You can get menu items delivered via Uber Eats and Postmates, and they also cater.

The *Paris Combo* caught Jennifer's eye, which is your choice of a cup of soup and a 1/2 sandwich. You can also choose a 1/2 Panini or French onion soup for an additional charge. Ultimately she couldn't say no to their popular crepes. She ordered *Crêpes Chef*, which is two crepes with pesto, tomatoes, ham, brie cheese and caramelized onions. Jennifer said it was amazing. It came with a choice of side (green salad, French taboules, fruit salad, French fries or onion rings) and she opted for the green salad.

Because I love shrimp, I ordered the *Cocktail* sandwich, which has homemade dressing, shrimp, avocado, salad and tomato served on sourdough bread. I was bad and ordered the fries as a side. I don't regret it though. They were the best French fries I have ever had! Our food was so good that we ate everything. The portions were perfect. If we hadn't been so full, we may have indulged in a dessert crepe or fruit tart. They looked delicious!

If you have never eaten at **Café Paris**, I would highly encourage you to try it. You won't be disappointed. It is located in the Scottsdale Design Center on Hayden Road near Costco. There is parking where the restaurant is located directly off Hayden Road.

Until next month, stay safe and healthy, and Happy Halloween!

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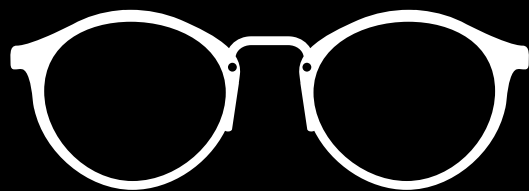
  
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