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September 2018

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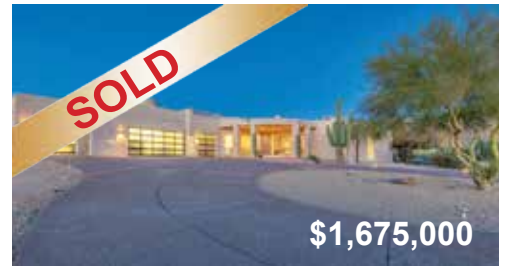
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## On the Cover

Boyce Thompson Arboretum



# 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 light fixtures and courtyard gates 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 the 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 office prior to making the change to their property to get information about the modification approval process. Please do not let this happen to you.

On another note, we have noticed an increase in the amount of vandalism that is being found by our roving patrol officers and the association staff during our inspections. Locks are being tampered with on the mailbox structures, pool furniture is being thrown into the pool, community walls are being defaced with graffiti, tables at the ramadas have been damaged, and damage has been done to roof tiles at several ramadas in the community.

Vandalism of this nature takes time and money to repair, which is paid for by you as Grayhawk homeowners if we do not catch the vandals. The Scottsdale police have been involved in several of these vandalism incidents and we will make the responsible party pay for any damage to association property if they are caught. Please let the Grayhawk Community Association office or one of the guardhouses know if you see any suspicious behavior or anyone vandalizing association property. With your help, hopefully we can alleviate these types of problems.

We'll talk again soon,

*Michael Fee*

Grayhawk Community Manager

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## BOARD MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER 2018

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

### Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the  
Talon Room, GCA office  
Grayhawk\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

### Grayhawk Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

The Board of Directors will be meeting in  
Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section  
33-1804 (A)(3) at 5:00 p.m. in the GCA office.

### Retreat Village Board of Directors

Mon., Sept. 10 following GCA meeting in  
the Talon Room, GCA office  
Retreat\_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

### Retreat Village Board of Directors Executive Session Meeting

The Board of Directors will be meeting in  
Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section  
33-1804 (A)(3) at 5:00 p.m. in the GCA office.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Communications Committee

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

### Event Planning Committee

Call Sarah Van Dwyne 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., Sept. 4 and 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the  
GCA office.

## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

### Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

Tues., Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor Room,  
GCA Office. Call Associated Property  
Management 480-941-1077 for details.

### Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

Wed., Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. in 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 Association Board Meeting

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

### Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

Wed., Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Encore  
Clubhouse. Call HOAMCO at 480-994-4479  
for details.

### Tesoro Condominium Association Board Meeting

No meeting scheduled. Call Kinney  
Management at 480-820-3451 for details.

### Venu Condominium Association Board Meeting

Tues., Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Venu Great  
Room. Call Associated Property Management  
at 480-941-1077 for details.

### Village at Grayhawk Condominium Association Board Meeting

Thur., Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor Room,  
GCA Office. Call FirstService Residential at  
480-551-4300 for details.

### Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

No meeting scheduled. Call Associated  
Property Management at 480-941-1077  
for details.



### Grayhawk Community Association Board Members

Linda Shaw  
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Jeanette Griswold  
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### Retreat Village Association Board Members

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## VISION

Grayhawk: a Sonoran Desert  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Grayhawk Master Association Board of Directors Meeting – August 6, 2018

### *Development Committee*

Michael Fee reported that he had recently spoken to Darrel Wood with Wood Patel, the engineering firm contracted by the Grayhawk Community Association (GCA), regarding the Rawhide Wash Floodplain project. The Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request to remove the west side of Grayhawk from the Rawhide Wash Floodplain is continuing to move forward and has been accepted by FEMA. FEMA has asked for additional information regarding prior LOMR requests that Wood Patel has had approved by FEMA.

### *Operational Review Committee*

Richard Zielinski reported that the committee met and reviewed a proposal by staff for an additional maintenance employee at Grayhawk to be added in 2019 and funded through the 2019 GCA and RVA budgets. The committee had reviewed the current responsibilities of maintenance and most were surprised at how much the maintenance staff was responsible for throughout the community.

A motion was made and approved to approve funding from the GCA operating budget in 2019 for the addition of a third maintenance staff person.

### *Landscape Committee*

Arlene Smith reported that the committee did not meet. It was nice to get rain during the recent storms, but the community also lost a lot of trees.

The sidewalk bridge between Crown Point Norte and Avian has been completed with the 18" drain installed under the sidewalk in this area.

There were several irrigation mainline breaks throughout the community, keeping the DLC Resources irrigation tech busy.

### *Community Enhancement Committee*

Stacey Harvey reported that the committee did not meet.

### *Event Planning Committee*

Margo Bellock reported that Sarah Van Duyne, along with a couple Event Planning Committee members, had completed site visits at the four final organizations selected for an annual charitable partnership. These include AZ Cancer Center, Hands on Greater Phoenix, AZ Helping Hands and The Singletons. The committee will be meeting in August to review and hopefully make their final selection on a partnership with a charitable organization.

Sarah Van Duyne reported that the Happy Hour at Cien Agaves Tacos and Tequila had been extremely successful. Cien Agaves was extremely accommodating and more than generous to Grayhawk residents for this event.

The Mermaid Swim Class was well received as well and very cute to watch. Upcoming events include Wine and String Art with PInspiration and a Superhero Breakfast Bash.

### *Communications Committee*

Jennifer Sheets reported that the new website is now live. There are definitely some challenges, but both the back and front end of the site are much easier to navigate. The biggest improvement is

that the new site is mobile friendly, allowing users to view the site easily from their phone or tablet. There is still a lot of work to do but the feedback so far has been very positive.

### *Architectural Review Committee*

Paul Alessio reported that there were meetings on June 5, 19 and July 17 with a total of 14 submittals.

The monument sign project is still in progress. The committee has been looking at new stone options.

A motion was made and approved to move forward with the new color, surface application and lettering as well as the funding through the Community Enhancement Fund for this portion of the monument sign renovation project.

### *Budget/Finance Committee*

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee met to review the 2017 audit.

A motion was made and approved to approve and accept the 2017 GCA audited financial statements prepared by Mansperger Patterson and McMullin.

### *Executive Committee*

Linda Shaw reported that there was not a meeting in July. The Strategic Plan updates and accomplishments were shared, including the new community website, the work being done to select a charitable partnership and the monument sign project.

### *New Business - Homeowner Submittal*

A homeowner submitted a complaint regarding decorative lighting installed by the neighbor directly behind his home. The decorative lighting was originally installed without approval by the Grayhawk Architectural Review Committee and a violation was sent to the homeowner. The homeowner then submitted an application for approval and the lights were approved, as they met all of the height and setback requirements outlined in the Decorative Lighting Design Guideline. On August 3, the GCA Director of Maintenance measured the lights on the neighboring property to ensure that they remain in conformance with the guidelines.

The homeowner with the complaint is still unhappy with the lights and feels that they are in violation. He is asking the Board of Directors to review this issue and have the perceived violations corrected. GCA Board President will send a letter to the homeowner indicating that the lights are not in violation of the current decorative lighting guideline.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Jeanette Griswold reported that June expenses exceeded income, but that year to date income is exceeding expenses. In June the GCA took in \$412,516 to the Community Enhancement Fund.

### *Management Report*

Michael Fee reported that the GCA office is now accepting credit card payments.



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## Just For Her: Football 101

**Wed., Sept. 12 from 5:30 to 7 pm**

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

Just For Her is a new monthly activity just for the ladies of Grayhawk. These events provide creative, social, all-inclusive experiences to help women connect and network. This month in honor of the 2018/2019 football season kicking off, we'll be eating game day snacks, enjoying a few dinks and learning some football basics. Paul Clark, one of the football coaches at Notre Dame Prep, is coming to Grayhawk to teach you everything you need to know before your first tailgate. Already a football enthusiast? Don't worry! We still invite you to join us to eat, drink and make memories with neighbors. Don't forget to wear your favorite jersey or team gear! Cost is \$5 and we ask that you bring a beverage of your choice to share. RSVP and pay online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by Monday, September 10. Thank you to our sponsors: Kathy Craig and Roxana Yantos- Skin Care Consultants with Rodan + Fields, and Kelley Carter and John Doering, Realtors with The Agency Group at HomeSmartElite for bringing the delicious eats and raffle prize.

## Hand to Heart Meditation Series

**Led by Joey Bellus with Premier Fitness Systems**

**Sundays from 5:45 pm to 7 pm, Sept., 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7**

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

Meditation – what is it? Who is it for? How do I do it? What does meditating actually do for me? Joey Bellus, personal development coach at Premier Fitness Systems, has created this class to help break stereotypes that surround meditation and to help you! During class, Joey will be able to help answer all of these questions and more while providing practices that you can use in your daily life. He implements herbal teas, chocolate, live music, and other details into his classes that help reduce stress and anxiety and quiet the mind. Over the past 8 years, Joey has mastered his craft by traveling to Peru to study with a Shaman and took part in sweat lodge ceremonies in Minnesota. Learning how to take control of thoughts and emotions as well as slowing down a racing mind is a huge part of personal development. And it's something you can learn to do during our meditation series! Cost to participate is \$15 per class or \$40 if you register up front for all four classes. We must have 10 people registered and paid by Thursday, September 13 to hold this class. RSVP and pay online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org).



## Modern Brush Calligraphy Class

**Mon., Sept., 17 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

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

Calligraphy is a beautiful art related to writing. Today, people are using modern calligraphy to make their own invitations, holiday cards, font design and typography, original hand-lettered logo design, announcements and more. Maria Bernard, founder of Deco Ink Designs LLC, started her journey with calligraphy in 2015 and her passion for calligraphy developed into a career. Maria is enthusiastic to have the opportunity to share her skill with the Grayhawk community. In this workshop you will learn how to create the lowercase alphabet, and will be given several basic drills to continue practicing at home. The cost to participate in this class is \$45 and will include wine, sweet treats, two calligraphy pens and a take home workbook. We will need at least 8 people registered and paid to hold this class. Register and pay at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by Thursday, September 13.

## Grayhawk Hiking Club: 2018-2019 Season Kickoff Meeting

**Thurs., Sept. 20 at 6:30 pm**

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

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 2018-2019 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). Please RSVP no later than Tuesday September 18.

## Ladies Bunco

**Mon., Sept. 24 at 6 pm**

**Raptor Room, GCA Office, 7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy. #102**

Join neighbors for a night of food, drinks and Bunco! Never played before? Don't worry! It's an easy dice game- all you need to know is how to roll dice and count. We'll do a quick lesson before we get started. All you need to do is bring yourself, \$5 and an appetizer OR a bottle of wine to share. Your \$5 will go into the pot for cash prizes at the end of the night. RSVP online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) and prepay \$5 in cash to the GCA office by Thursday, September 21 to hold your spot!



## Grayhawk Single Sippers Club

Wed., Sept. 26 at 5 pm

Kona Grill, 5310 E. High St. #101, Phoenix

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 a 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 p.m., but you are welcome to join a little later if you cannot be there by 5 p.m. We must give the restaurant our final count of attendees by Monday, September 24, please RSVP to [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by that date.

## COMING SOON:

### Easy As Pie Bus Trip to Apple Annie's

Friday, Oct., 5, Approximate pick up time: 7:30 am;

Approximate drop off time: 6:30 pm, (Times are subject to change)

Apple Annie's, Wilcox, AZ

Travel to Wilcox for some of the best pie ever! Spend the day on the farm enjoying a flavorful harvest of pick-your-own apples, pears, peaches, pumpkins and more. Enjoy tasty lunch that includes their award-winning apple pie. Cost to participate is \$99.00 and can be paid by Visa or MasterCard over the phone by calling 480-926-5547. This price includes roundtrip bus transportation, a tour of Apple Annie's to pick your own harvest, and lunch. To register and pay, please call Free Spirit Vacations at 480-926-5547 or email [reservations@freespiritvacations.com](mailto:reservations@freespiritvacations.com) and tell them you are with Grayhawk. You will be sent more information and final documentation 14-21 days prior to departure. If 10 or more Grayhawk residents register, they will pick us up here in Grayhawk. Otherwise, the pick up location will be Mimi's restaurant at Shea Blvd. and the 101 Freeway.



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## New Resident Orientation

**Wed., Oct. 10 at 6 pm**

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

Join us to learn a little more about your new community and all it has to offer. Meet your neighbors, learn about the association and win prizes! Bring your appetite – appetizers, desserts and water will be served. Kids are welcome! RSVP online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by Monday, October 8.

## Living Trust Seminar

**Tues., Oct. 30 from 10 am to 11 am**

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

Learn about the latest strategies to protect your estate with attorney Richard M. Dwornik of Dwornik Law. A good estate plan coordinates what happens to your home, savings, investments, business and retirement accounts. Learn how to put a plan into action to help protect your legacy, your family, and your future. RSVP by October 25 at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) to reserve your seat.

## Grayhawk Summer Deals and Steals

### SUMMER NIGHTS AT BODEGA 13

**Now through September 28**

**Bodega 13, 8876 E Pinnacle Peak Rd.**

Grayhawk residents will receive 20% off your entire bill if you come pick up a discount card from the Grayhawk Community Association office (while supplies last). Make sure to call to make a reservation and identify yourself as a Grayhawk resident on the reservation.

This offer is valid from Now – Sept. 28th. While you're there, don't forget to ask about their great Jazz Concert Series on Thursday nights! For reservations call Bodega 13 at 480-284-7600. They are open Monday - Saturday for lunch and dinner.

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*Thanks to David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom with Keller Williams AZ Realty for sponsoring happy hour at Cien Agaves Tacos and Tequila.*



# BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM

By Jennifer Sheets, Director of Communication

While it doesn't make the must-see bucket list for many Arizona residents, Boyce Thompson Arboretum is definitely a state gem. Founded in the 1920s by copper mining magnate and Wall Street investor William Boyce Thompson, Boyce Thompson Arboretum has become affiliated with the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and, in 1976, became an Arizona State Park. The park near Superior, about an hour drive east of Scottsdale, allows visitors to escape the desert and explore diverse scenic beauty and thousands of plants from various arid regions.



My family visited this past winter after stumbling upon a Groupon. We're always up for a day trip and checking out a new spot is definitely more fun than watching my kids play another round of Fortnite. We didn't expect much, as we had never even heard about the park, but we were pleasantly surprised with our experience there. We've recommended Boyce Thompson Arboretum to many people since our visit.

The park is full of plants and animals, tree-lined paths and desert landscape. As you walk the paths, it's so easy to forget that you're in the middle of a desert. The arboretum also is a fantastic place for bird watching, as more than 230 avian species have been documented there.

When visiting the park, you have the option to join one of the many guided tours or pick up a map at the entrance and wander on your own. Our family chose to

do the latter. We walked along the Main Trail, a loop that covers 1.25 miles through the park. It wasn't strenuous and allowed for us to explore nearly everything the park has to offer. A word of caution, there are a few drop-offs in some areas, so keep an eye on little ones. Also, parts of the trail are not wheelchair accessible. Well labeled maps are available at the visitor center.

If you are looking for more of a challenge, the High Trail explores some of the more mountainous parts of the park. It's more difficult and might not be a good idea for small children. Warning signs alert visitors to the more challenging sections of trails.

While walking the main trail, you will encounter numerous trails that shoot off from the main trail. In addition, there are a number of gardens to explore, including a Cactus Garden with over 800 varieties of cactus and the Taylor Family Legume garden, dedicated to plants that serve as important food sources. The park also features a Children's Garden with a maze and other fun activities and an Australian Desert, where you'll find yourself surrounded by trees and shrubs from the Land Down Under.

Our favorite spots along the trail were Ayer Lake and the Queen Creek Riparian Area. Ayer Lake, a manmade lake that irrigates the gardens, is home to waterfowl, shorebirds and two endangered species of desert fish. The path along Queen Creek Canyon features water-loving native trees like the Cottonwood, Arizona Ash, Willow, and Black Walnut. This part of the trail truly felt like it didn't belong in the desert! The creek flows seasonally usually for at least a month or two in the winter during



January and February (when we visited), then again with the summer rains during July and August, but not for very long. Queen Creek actually flows all year long, even during the dry months it still flows underground when the visible creek bed is bone dry.

The kids also loved the Clevenger House, a rock house built in 1915 that was home to a family who farmed the canyon and sold their produce to the local miners. They also loved "Mr. Big", a massive red gum eucalyptus. It was planted in 1926 and it over 140 feet tall!

Other areas at the park include the Hummingbird and Butterfly Garden, Rose Garden, Chihuahuan Desert Exhibit, the South American Desert Exhibit, the Wing Memorial Herb Garden and a demonstration garden for water-efficient plants.

There is a picnic area if you want to pack a lunch. Sandwiches, trail mix, candy bars, other light snacks, and drinks are available in the gift shop. Pets are welcome as long as they are well-behaved and on a leash. Hours from May through September are 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, with last admission accepted at 2 p.m. From October 1 through the end of April, admission is taken daily from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., with the Arboretum closing at 5 p.m.

The fee for admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$5 for ages 5 to 12; children under age five are admitted free.

On last note – we visited in the winter months on a gloomy, misty day. The water in the creek was flowing and it was not crowded. It was great! While we were there, however, my husband and I both commented that it would be great to come back in the late spring or early fall, just to get a different perspective. If you are considering a visit, don't stress too much about when to go. I don't think there is a bad time to visit as every season showcases abundant wildlife and beautiful scenery.





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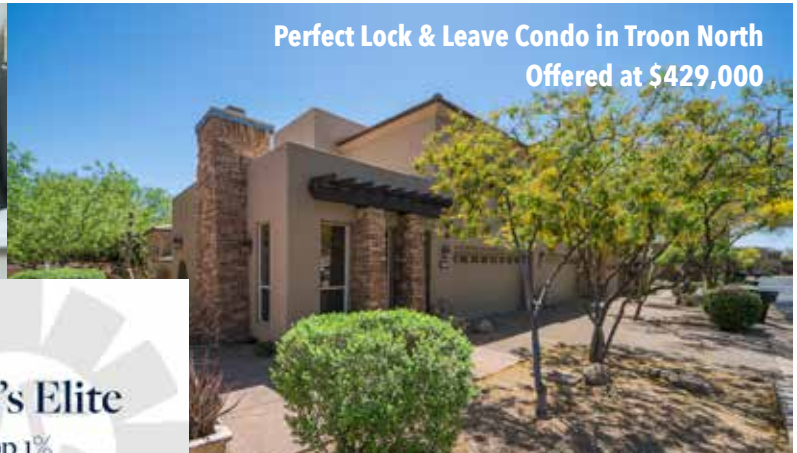
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# Monsoon Storm Damage

Between July and August, Grayhawk saw a good amount of monsoon activity. The storms whipped through with winds and heavy rains, damaging many trees, both at homes and in Grayhawk common area.



The first round of storms, hitting between July 6 and 13, caused severe tree and property damage as well as erosions throughout the community. A second series of storms began on July 23 and ran through August 15 with similar impact. In both cases, the onsite DLC

Resources crew was first to respond, prioritizing tree removal efforts, clearing roads, sidewalks, walls, staging cones at tree debris piles and clearing silt from sidewalks and roads. Additional help also came from arbor crews and special projects crews, addressing priority tree issues.

During the storms, the Grayhawk Community Association lost 36 trees from monsoon winds and the Retreat Village Association lost seven. These tree roots snapped and trees were not salvageable. Both the trees and stumps were removed by DLC from the property. This is a huge loss for the community as trees are our largest asset. There is funding in the budget to replace trees, and DLC Resources will work with GCA management to prioritize replacement.

There was also damage to many trees throughout the community that required emergency response. Crews were able to trim, clear and remove the damaged trees and branches leaving salvageable trees.

In addition, there was some fence damage. A large piece of view fencing in Pinnacle was damaged by a Palo Verde tree that was knocked over by winds. DLC repaired the view fencing, replacing bent metal pieces, welding unusable fencing, resetting into the block wall and painting the wall to match. View fencing at a home was also damaged by a common area tree, requiring similar repair.

Monsoon season is always a busy one for our DLC landscaping staff, and we thank them for their hard work in getting damage cleaned up and cleared quickly.



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### Steph's Curried Chicken Salad

By Lori Bosch and daughter, Stephanie, Cachet at Grayhawk

On a recent visit to Grayhawk, Stephanie asked if I liked curried chicken salad and she was surprised when I told her that I had never tried

it...because it was her new obsession. She liked the ones she had sampled at Whole Foods and Sprouts but she wanted to try to make her own healthier version. It honestly didn't sound that good to me, but what the heck, if someone wants to make me dinner I'm not going to turn it down!

I haven't used curry very often in my recipes, so I googled it and discovered that curry powder is actually a blend of spices that usually includes turmeric, coriander, cardamom, cumin, basil and red pepper. It is a staple spice in many countries such as India, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, and even Jamaica and Great Britain. Curry also has many health benefits such as...preventing Alzheimer's disease, cancer, and heart disease, as well as reducing joint inflammation and improving osteoporosis. That is reason enough to start adding more curry to my recipes!

It was a very hot day in AZ so I enjoyed chilling on the couch with a glass of wine while Stephanie worked her magic in the kitchen. She plated the chicken salad on butter lettuce for us and I was smitten at first bite! The coolness of the chilled chicken and grapes, the crunch of the almonds, and the light yogurt dressing with the spice of curry all tasted amazing together. We used the lettuce leaves as wraps for the chicken salad, but it can also be served on bread or with crackers. Now Steph's curried chicken salad is my new obsession...and we hope it will be yours too.

And always, always, always be open to trying new spices to spice up your favorite recipes...and your life!

We welcome your feedback, suggestions and recipe requests! Please feel free to email us at [boschl@me.com](mailto:boschl@me.com).

### Steph's Curried Chicken Salad

**Prep time: about an hour**

**Enough for 2-3 people**

**Ingredients (as usual, try to buy organic):**

- 6-8 raw, skinless, chicken thighs (juicier than breasts)
- ½ cup shredded carrots
- 1 cup red grapes, cut in half (can substitute raisins)
- 2-3 green onions, chopped
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds (in baking section)
- About 6 whole leaves butter lettuce, rinse and dry with paper towel (available at Fry's)

**Dressing:**

- 1 cup Greek yogurt, nonfat
- 2 tablespoons light mayonnaise
- 1/2 tablespoon honey
- 1 ½ - 2 tablespoons curry powder, good quality (got ours at Whole Foods)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 15-20 grinds of black pepper



1. Baste chicken thighs with olive oil, salt & pepper. Bake uncovered in a shallow pan in pre-heated 425 degree oven approximately 25 minutes, until fully cooked. Allow chicken to rest and cool at room temperature for 15 minutes, then pull meat from bones into bite-sized pieces or shreds. Cover and refrigerate.
2. Mix together all dressing ingredients.
3. Add chicken, carrots, grapes, onions and almonds to dressing, and lightly toss.
4. Serve on beds of butter lettuce.





## Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, *Encore*

Fall is officially arriving on September 23, and I can't wait. I am truly looking forward to cooler nights and sitting out on our patio sipping a cocktail, watching our beautiful Arizona sunsets. It was just

too hot for this 'ol gal this summer. Our trip to Lake Tahoe might've been the only thing that saved my sanity!

September can seem like a slow month, but in reality, there is quite a bit going on. Between Labor Day, Grandparents Day, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur I'm sure we'll all keep ourselves busy. And let's not forget the beginning of football season- Go Devils! This year I'm also cheering for the Huskies because my grandson is at the University of Washington.

It was my birthday week when Jennifer Sheets and I went to lunch last month, and it was my choice. Since I am a sandwich kind of a gal, and since last month (August) was National Sandwich Month, we headed to an already popular sandwich place, **Rubicon Deli**.

**Rubicon Deli**, an award-winning San Diego-based fast-casual sandwich restaurant that currently has three locations in San Diego and one in Reno, Nevada. They added their newest location right down the road from Grayhawk at Scottsdale Road and Acoma Drive. According to Marc Golan, chief financial officer for Rubicon Deli they aim to open a total of 15 stores in Phoenix in the future.

Since opening in 1994, **Rubicon Deli** has been known for its flavorful bread baked in-house, its use of fresh ingredients, and positive environmental practices. The restaurant offers sandwiches, salads, sides, scratch-made soups, acai bowls, and more. Catering is also available.

The **Rubicon Deli** menu is divided into hot and cold sandwiches. The veggie options are also promising and varied enough to pull your eyes away from the meat. One is called "Veggie of the Sun."

Jennifer and I were not disappointed by our lunch. The space is pretty small but sitting there eating I could see why. They appear to do a ton of take out business! They actually had cubby holes that were alphabetized for online orders. This system gives customers the option to pop in and pick up their prepaid order without having to wait in line.



The bread comes in whole or half loaves and these loaves are large! Depending on the filling, half a sandwich will satisfy most appetites. The sandwiches come with a small bag of house chips and a small cookie. A display case by the register contains more cookies, and they all looked delicious!

I knew I was going to order a sandwich but couldn't decide between the *Achin' 4 Bacon* and the *Rubicon Special*. The nice young lady taking our order helped me by suggesting I go with the *Achin' 4 Bacon* on a half garlic cheese loaf. It came with roasted turkey, thick cut bacon, avocado, lettuce, tomato, and mayo. I'm usually pretty picky about bacon, and theirs was cooked to perfection! I couldn't finish the whole sandwich (a half loaf) and took the rest home for dinner.

Jenn went with the *Cowboy Salad*, with chipotle chicken, cotija cheese, avocado, black beans, hominy, cherry tomatoes, tortilla strips, baby romaine, cilantro lime dressing, and chipotle crème. Her salad was gigantic just like the menu said. I loved that they spread it out over a long rectangular plate instead of piling it high. It makes it so much easier to eat that way!

The Rubicon Deli has a \$4 Snappy Hour every day from 3-6 p.m. They offer their Snappy Sliders and brews at \$4 each or 3 for \$10. I didn't find my usual Diet Coke at Rubicon, but they do serve up some cool teas and sodas. They sell their own mustard in three flavors including cranberry and habanero, as well as the loaves of bread.

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## Denizens of the Desert: Ocotillo

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

Native to both the Mohave and Sonoran deserts, the Ocotillo (*Fouquieria splendens*) is a fascinating plant. You know it when you see it because it is so distinctive. You will also never mistake it for anything else. Its cane-like branches and profile are unique and it would be easy to think that this is a “one-off” plant, but it has more relatives than you might imagine. More about that in a minute.

Though Ocotillo are loaded with spines, they are neither cacti nor succulent. They are, instead, drought deciduous shrubs which some writers refer to as semi-succulent because of their ability to withstand long periods without water.

They tolerate drought all right, they just don't look great while doing it. Their appearance during dry periods is a cluster of dead sticks with spines.

Ocotillos leaf out twice a year - in the spring following our winter rains and again in the fall following monsoon season. Once it gets dry again, Ocotillos shed their leaves for the duration of the dry spell. They wait to leaf out after the rainy period is over. And, when they do, they are magnificent.



Ocotillo in the Spring

### Ocotillos in the Landscape

If you're looking for a bullet-proof native plant, this is one of the best. It has the added advantage of being irresistible to hummingbirds.

Another plus for this native is it requires very little maintenance. It grows slowly and if you buy one bare-rooted, it may take it a couple of years to leaf out for the first time.

Ocotillo can be dug and easily transplanted so, if you have one but aren't happy with its current location in your landscape, move it!

A word of maintenance caution though. Always prune an Ocotillo from the base of the plant. Never cut back the branches from their tips. Doing so ruins the Ocotillo's vase-like shape.

Ocotillos can be planted as a specimen plant and will ultimately dominate a front yard like the one above. Another way to feature



Ocotillo Flower

this plant to its best advantage is to plant it in front of a large and otherwise blank wall. During dormancy it will be striking in such a spot and if you uplight it with some landscape lighting, its nighttime shadows will be gorgeous.

So, who are other Ocotillo relatives? I thought you'd never ask.

### Fouquieria Species

There are 11 species of plants in the Fouquieria genus. They have similar characteristics - they are relatives after all. But, their overall shapes vary a bit from one to another and their flower color is distinctive as well. Bloom colors range from deep red and orange to yellow, pink and white. Fouquieria are also good candidates for bonsai. They readily adapt to bonsai techniques and look great in miniature.

A quick google search using the term Fouquieria will take you to scores of images of these intriguing plants. Wikipedia (of course) has a list of all 11 species and you can google each separately to get a look at them.

Most Fouquieria would need to be ordered, but here are two that you can find locally.

### Meet the Macdougals

The Macdougall Ocotillo (*Fouquieria macdougali*) has many common names: the Mexican Tree Ocotillo, Candlewood Tree, Ocotillo Macho and the Torote Verde. It is a branching version of the Ocotillo that we know so well.

This Ocotillo grows faster than its 'splendens' cousin and with supplemental irrigation, can reach 20 feet tall. The Macdougall also flowers from spring into summer and seems to hang on to its leaves a bit longer than the 'splendens'.

Macdougalls require a little more water than the 'splendens'. They also outperform the 'splendens' with a showier display of flowers (owing to their overall size and shape).

Think you've never seen a Macdougall? Think again. You'll find them - 6 of them in fact - in the medians at the corner of Thompson Peak Parkway and Hayden Road.



Macdougall Ocotillo at Hayden & Thompson Peak Pkwy



Boojam Tree against a backdrop of Papago Park

### Straight Out of Seuss

Another lesser known relative of the Ocotillo is the Boojam Tree (*Fouquieria columnaris*). Shaped like spiny upside down carrots, these slow growing (3" per year), expensive plants (\$1,000 per foot) are guaranteed to start a conversation.

Boojams are anything but ordinary and, like their Ocotillo relatives, can never be mistaken for any other plant.

This species is another Sonoran native, but its natural habitat is exclusively in Baja, California.



These funky and oddly-charming plants have straggly branches that are attached to a central gray-colored trunk. As the plant matures, the base continues to enlarge. Boojams are summer deciduous; foliage doesn't appear until about November. It makes a strong showing during the winter months and then, when warm weather returns, it goes dormant again.

The best place to see Boojams is at the Desert Botanical Garden (DBG). You will find the first of these to the left of the Otteson Entry Garden along the trail in the Desert Terrace Garden.

From Boojams to Ocotillio and beyond, the *Fouquieria* species are among the most interesting denizens of the desert. Get to know them better, won't you?

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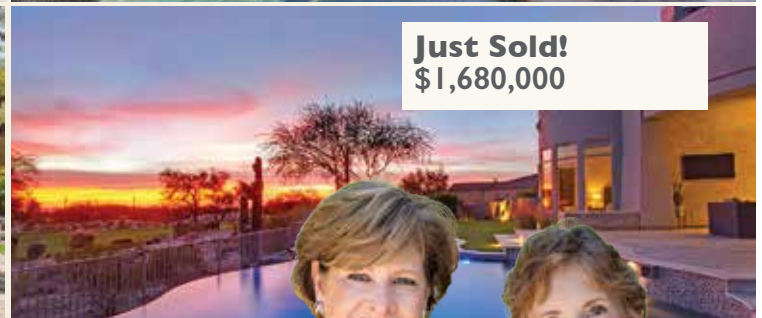
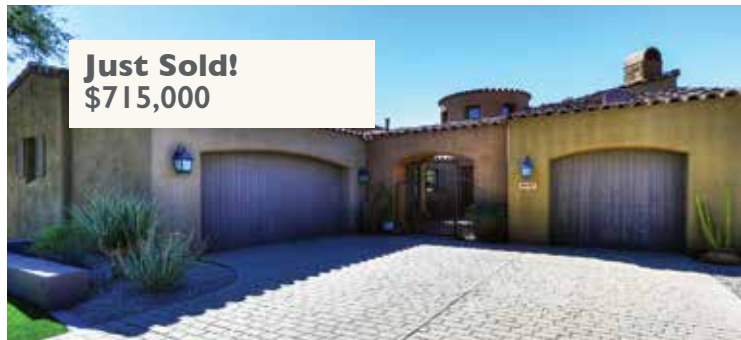
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*Close-Up of Boojam Tree Trunk*



*Three Boojams at the DBG in the Desert Terrace Garden*



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