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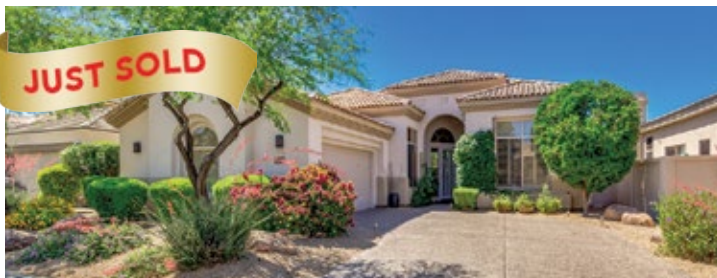
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# Manager's Corner



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 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 2019

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

### Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., Sept. 9 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. 9 following the 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 MEET

### 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., Sept. 3 and 17 at 4:30 p.m. at the GCA office.

## OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

### Avian Condominium Association Board Meeting

Tues., Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Talon Room, GCA Office. Call Associated Property Management 480-941-1077 for details.

### Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Association Meeting

Tues., Sept. 17 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 Association Board Meeting

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

### Encore Condominium Association Board Meeting

Thur., Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Encore Clubhouse. Visit [www.encoreatgrayhawk.com](http://www.encoreatgrayhawk.com) 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. 17 at 6:30 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. 19 at 6 p.m. in the Raptor Room, GCA Office. Call FirstService Residential at 480-551-4300 for details.

### Vintage Condominium Association Board Meeting

Mon., Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. in the Talon Room, GCA Office. 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 – August 5, 2019

## GUEST

Representatives from ADOT attended the meeting to provide a presentation which provided an overview and construction update for the 101 Freeway widening project as well as the new bridge at the Miller Road connection along the 76th Street alignment south of Thompson Peak Parkway.

## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

David Van Omen reported that there is still no information on a new business going into the former Tavern Americana location in the Hayden Peak Crossing shopping center. Michael Fee reported that YAM Properties, which owns the Grayhawk Plaza shopping center at Scottsdale Road and Grayhawk Drive, contributed \$5,000 toward the Rawhide Wash Letter of Map Revision Project.

## OPERATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Richard Zielinski reported the committee met last month. Pete Day with Trident Security provided an update to the committee on the recent vandalism and car burglaries. The two individuals responsible for the vandalism were apprehended and the car burglaries were all listed as crimes of opportunity as the vehicles were left unlocked and no break-ins occurred. The gate reader transition went well with no major issues at all seven gates.

Barry Ebert with Santa Fe Management provided an update on the Guardhouse Remodel Project. He has recommended an architect for the project, Keith Zollman of Studio KZ, after in-depth interviews with several architects.

A motion was made to approve Keith Zollman for the initial design of \$32,000.00 to be funded by the GCA community enhancement fund.

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Arlene Smith reported that the committee did not meet.

DLC reported some minor damage due to monsoon winds. General seasonal maintenance continues. Board approved projects have been completed or in progress

- 1) Thompson Peak Wash, South side – in progress
- 2) Thompson Peak Wash, North side – completed
- 3) Deer Valley Wash Erosion – in progress
- 4) Priority Sidewalk Edges & Culvert Headwalls – completed
- 5) Windsong Park Erosion – completed
- 6) Grayhawk Vegetation & Drainage Area 1 & 2. – completed
- 7) Sierra Pinta Tennis Court Erosion – completed
- 8) Venu Wash Erosion Repair – completed
- 9) Arbor Crew scheduled the 3rd week of every month, to address tree issues beyond onsite crews scope.

## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Bob Mann reported that the committee did not meet.

## EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Sarah Van Duyne reported that in June and July events held were Time for Teens gift card collection, RENT @ ASU Gammage, Night at the Movies, Ladies Night Out, Ice Cream Social and VIP 'Behind the Scenes' tour of the Musical Instrument Museum. All were well attended.

In August, there will be a Child and Babysitting Safety Certification Class, Pinspiration Vision Boards, Brunch & Bubbly and a New Resident Orientation.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Michael Loya reported that communication met recently to discuss Projects/Goals for 2019.

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Paul Alessio reported that the committee had met three times and had 23 submittals which included window replacements, exterior lighting, roof tile replacement, garage doors ramadas, security cameras and pavers.

## BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jeanette Griswold reported that the committee did not meet but will be scheduling a meeting with the GCA and RVA auditor in August.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

David Van Omen reported that the committee did not meet.

## NEW BUSINESS

Advanced Painting submitted a proposal for this year's painting project at a cost of \$87,443.42 (\$80,761.95 for the Park section and \$6,681.47 for the Avian common area wall). This cost is the same price per linear foot as the previous proposal for these neighborhoods in 2014. This expense would be funded through the GCA reserve fund. A motion was made to approve the proposal.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeanette Griswold reported that the GCA is slightly over budget for the year primarily due to an increase in the water expense. Almost \$85,000 was collected in community enhancement fees in June and approximately \$361,000 has been collected in community enhancement fees in 2019.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mike Fee reported that the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) approval from FEMA regarding the reclassification of the Rawhide Wash floodplain in Grayhawk became effective on June 14. The GCA has notified the affected homeowners.

DLC Resources has completed the seasonal pruning for the year throughout the community.

The new stone has been installed at the monument sign located on the NW corner of Thompson Peak Parkway and Pima Road, Scottsdale Road and Thompson Peak Parkway, the two signs at Grayhawk Drive and Scottsdale Road, Hayden Road and Deer Valley Road, and the two signs at Hayden Road and Thompson Peak Parkway. The new stone has also been installed on the neighborhood monument signs in Montevina, Windsong, Pinnacle, and Coventry at Grayhawk sign on Grayhawk Drive. The stone caps on these signs are scheduled to begin being installed during the week of August 5. Graphic Directions, Inc. has submitted a new "mock up" of the signs which include the Grayhawk hawk on the neighborhood monument signs, which are scheduled to be installed along with the new lettering during the week of August 12. The next phase of this project will be the renovation of the monument signs in the Talon Retreat.

Association Reserves began their reserve study update in June and should have their updated report completed in August prior to the 2020 budgeting season.





## Kick off a Fantastic School Year with Grayhawk Elementary

Grayhawk Elementary School is back in session for our 21st year in the community. Our teachers and administration are happy to have everyone back on campus from Summer Break, and the students are all excited to be back at school for another wonderful year of learning and fun! Everyone was welcomed back by our very own DJ RickTastic (6th Grade Teacher, Mr. Matheson) with fun music, a bubble party, and our 6th Grade All Things E.Q. Ambassadors giving high-fives as teachers and students arrived for the first day of classes.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Fall Festival, Friday, October 4, 5:30 - 8:30pm, at Grayhawk Park. Join us for food, games, entertainment, and a night of Family Fun to kick off the Fall season! Wristbands will be available for advance purchase through our website and onsite the day of the event!

If you are interested in helping our neighborhood school, our community offers a number of programs which give directly to Grayhawk Elementary and our PTO.

Sign up with [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), choose Grayhawk Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to our organization.

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If you are in need of a new mattress, Tuft & Needle will also donate a portion of your purchase to our school when you purchase through [tuftandneedle.com/givesback](https://tuftandneedle.com/givesback) and choose Grayhawk Elementary School.

Please visit our website, [grayhawkpto.com](http://grayhawkpto.com), for the most up-to-date information regarding Grayhawk Elementary School!

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# INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY



This fall, Scottsdale voters will have the opportunity to vote on three bond questions put forth by the City of Scottsdale that contain 58 projects in the following categories:

- Parks, Recreation and Senior Services: 14 projects, \$112.6 million
- Community Spaces and Infrastructure: 20 projects, \$112.3 million
- Public Safety and Technology; 24 projects, \$94.1 million

To determine what projects citizens thought were most important, Scottsdale city staff conducted six open house meetings, and accepted online comments from the public in the spring. The total cost for all 58 projects is \$319 million.

If Scottsdale voters pass all three bond questions in November, there will be several projects that will affect the Grayhawk area including a Dog Park being built near the SW corner of Hayden Road and Thompson Peak Parkway, Thompson Peak Bridge being expanded to four lanes, and infrastructure repairs which will be funded allowing Scottsdale to maintain its reputation as a world class city which enhances property values.

The City of Scottsdale's Treasurer has confirmed that the annual secondary property tax (which services bond debt) for a Scottsdale resident would NOT increase if the three bond packages are approved.

The bonds can be issued in stages as existing bonds are paid off, ensuring that the city's secondary property taxes will stay at or below current levels. The estimated average annual tax rate for the proposed bond authorization is \$0.2877 per \$100 of limited assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes. Voters have not passed a significant bond package since 2000.

The election process will be via mail-in ballot only. Every registered voter in Scottsdale will be mailed a ballot in early October for the November 5 election date. The ballot will not list the individual projects or their costs, but that information is available on the City of Scottsdale website.

Projects are spread throughout Scottsdale and range from repairing lakes and irrigation systems on Indian Bend Wash to building new and renovating existing public safety and recreation facilities. More information regarding this bond election and a full list of projects can be found at [www.scottsdaleaz.gov](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov) by searching "bond 2019 project list."



Thanks to our Sponsors David Van Omen and Andrew Bloom with Keller Williams AZ Realty for sponsoring a fantastic Ice Cream Social!





Thanks to the MIM for hosting a behind-the-scenes tour for Grayhawk residents.



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## Bus Trip: Flagstaff Lowell Observatory

**Mon., Sept. 9,**

**Leave meeting location at 12:30 p.m.; Arrive back in Scottsdale around 10 p.m.**

The Lowell Observatory was discovered in 1894 by Percival Lowell and since that time, Lowell astronomers have discovered Pluto, collected the first evidence of the expanding universe, and measured the motions and properties of stars. We are taking a special trip to Flagstaff to walk around downtown Flagstaff, enjoy the cooler weather, and take part in some night sky viewing at the observatory. Cost to participate is \$99 a person. Participants should plan to eat lunch prior to leaving, and dinner is not included in the cost. However, you will have time to walk around downtown Flagstaff and pick the restaurant of your choice for dinner. 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 more than 10 people register, they will pick us up in Grayhawk. If less than 10, they will have us meet the bus at a nearby later disclosed location.

## Internet Privacy Class with Jeff Toomey

**Wed., Sept. 11 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

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

Internet privacy or "e safety" has become a popular topic in our digital world today. Many of the large companies that people use online, such as Facebook and Google, are not automatically making your information private. Jeff will show you best practices on how to help protect your online privacy across the major websites and social media apps people use everyday. This is a great opportunity to learn how to keep you and maybe even your children's online information safe and private. RSVP online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by Monday, September 9.

## Drunk Circles Textile Art Class

**Tues., Sept. 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

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

Join instructor Mimi Damrauer who is an award-winning local textile artist who teaches fun and informal classes that everyone can enjoy. You will have the opportunity to make your own Drunk Circle design that has been a popular item at her shows throughout the U.S. Bring a beverage of your choice to share and be sure to sign your friends up to enjoy this exciting, stress free (and air conditioned) activity. Cost to participate is \$40 per person and can be paid in cash or check (payable to Marian Damrauer) at the GCA Office by Friday, September 20 or by card over the phone calling Mimi at (773) 486-0668.

## GRAYHAWK HIKING CLUB: 2019-2020 Season Kickoff Meeting

**Thurs., Sept. 19, at 6 p.m.**

**Talon Room, GCA Office**

Join the Grayhawk Hiking Club for their annual Season Kickoff Meeting. Since 2004, the hiking club hosts several hikes per month from October through April with varying difficulty to accommodate both beginning and experienced hikers. Come to the meeting to learn more about the hiking club and gain insight into the hikes planned for the 2019-2020 season. Refreshments will be provided. To learn more and 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 by no later than Tuesday September 17.



## Bunco Night

**Tues., Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.**

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

Join us for another Bunco Night to remember! Sponsors Kathy Craig- Skin Care Consultant with Rodan + Fields and Kelley Carter, Realtor with Kelleysfinehomes and founders of Scottsdale Life will be back and are bringing food and wine to make it an carefree evening for residents. They'll also have special raffles to win on top of normal cash prizes. 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. This event often fills up fast. RSVP online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) by no later than September 20.



# Save the Date:

## Paws at the Park

Sun., Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grayhawk Greenbelt at 78th Place & 78th Way

As avid dog lovers, Cashman Partners | Russ Lyon Sotheby's and the Grayhawk Community Association are excited to host Paws at the Park! With the support of our canine loving sponsors and vendors, we look forward to an event filled with family fun, activities for all and great entertainment. Check out the Doggie DJ., kids fun zone, pup portraits, pup adoptions, ask the Pet Vet, raffles and more! This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, learn about new pet products and services and to gain resources that enrich the lives of your pets. Your event hosts live, work and play within the beautiful community of Grayhawk and are thrilled to be celebrating canines at this Pawwwsome event! This is a free event, but please RSVP online at [www.pawsattheparkaz.com](http://www.pawsattheparkaz.com) to help ensure we provide enough supplies for all. Thank you to the Cashman Partners | Russ Lyon Sotheby's for sponsoring and organizing this memorable event.

## Grayhawk Pumpkin Patch

Sat., Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monterey Park

Throw on a costume and come pick out the best pumpkin in our "patch!" Get creative at the DIY pumpkin decoration station and then join in on other fun that includes Deb's Dragons, face painting, and more. DLC Resources, our community landscaping company, will be providing hot dogs, drinks and potato chips! There will also be plenty of sno-cones to go around. Cost is \$8 per child if RSVP online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) and prepayment is received by Monday, October 21. Registration will be taken through Thursday, October 24, however, the cost increases to \$10 per child if registered between October 22 and 24. There will be NO event day walk-ups for this event. Special thanks to Trident Security, DLC Resources, and Andrew Bloom & David Van Omen with BVO Luxury Keller Williams AZ for sponsoring this incredible event.



## Living Trust Seminar

Mon., October 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

Free living trust seminar: learn the latest strategies to protect your estate Planning Is Essential – Do You Have A Plan? Join us for this seminar, even if you have a will or a trust. A good estate plan coordinates what happens to your home, savings, and your retirement accounts. Learn how to appoint someone to make healthcare and financial decisions for you when you are unable to do so. If you do not, a court may decide for you. Why a will is not enough. Why many people with living trusts will end up in probate. Learn how to avoid it. If you have your plans finalized, find out what may have changed, needs updating or is still applicable in Arizona. Guests will have an opportunity for questions after the seminar with Attorney Richard M. Dwornik. Presented by: Dwornik Law Firm. RSVP by Friday, October 25 online at [www.grayhawkcommunity.org](http://www.grayhawkcommunity.org) to reserve your seat!

## Mistletoe Market

Sat., Nov. 16 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Offices at Grayhawk parking lot and GCA Office  
7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy.

The Grayhawk Community Association is holding a Holiday Market where local businesses and shops will have the opportunity to showcase and sell their products in a festive setting to the residents of Grayhawk. If you are a Grayhawk resident and own a business with home décor, adult or children's fashion, accessories, personal care products, pet accessories, holiday crafts or specialized gifts, we invite you to join us! Contact Sarah at [svanduyne@ccmcnet.com](mailto:svanduyne@ccmcnet.com) for more information and a vendor application. All applications must be submitted by October 11 so that chosen vendors can be confirmed and notified by October 16.



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# September 2019

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In late May, several homes, common area structures and local businesses in Grayhawk were tagged with graffiti. Through the efforts of Trident Security staff, the Scottsdale Police Department and the Grayhawk maintenance crew, the parties

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## Pointy Objects

By Victoria Kauzlarich, Volare

If you'd told me 5 years ago that I'd be writing a column about cactus spines, I'd have gently recommended that you consider a rubber room. Who would write about such a thing? Who, indeed.

As it turns out, cactus spines are pretty fascinating. They serve a useful purpose. They come in all sizes, shapes and colors. They look great when wet and if you can catch them with the sun behind, they are to die for.

Once upon a time, Cacti had leaves and, at least one species of *Opuntia* (Prickly Pear) still does. But, over about 10,000 years or so, these plants began to adapt and change. As our once-tropical environment shifted to becoming a desert, cactus leaves morphed into spines.

There are lots of spiny plants in the plant kingdom; not all of them are cacti. Many of our native trees and shrubs have spines, for example. And there are many species of succulents that sport spines, but not all of them are cacti. Cactus spines emanate from areoles.

Cactus areoles are unique in the world of spiny plants. These circular bumps on a cactus produce spines, flowers and the dreaded glochid; more about that in a minute.

The Argentine Giant (*Echinopsis candicans*) pictured here has easy-to-see white areoles which create great contrast with the plants' bright green skin and its golden yellow spines. When these spines are back-lit by the sun, they are gorgeous.

Speaking of being back-lit by the sun, take a look at this.



Argentine Giant



Barrel Cactus

This is an otherwise ho-hum barrel cactus. You would walk by this one 10 times out of 10 without noticing it.

With the morning sun behind it, though, all of its spines stand out in full relief. They are different lengths and different shapes and they are full of yellow, maroon and gold against a dark green skin.

The areoles on this one aren't apparent but you can easily see how the spines are clustered together in little groupings. The areoles are responsible for this arrangement.

And, here is our new friend, the Cordón. This "aerial" shot allows you to see all of the new spine growth and clearly see the areoles. At this stage, the spines are two-toned - almost maroon at the base bleeding to white.

Lovely geometry, huh?



Cordón



Our discussion of pointy objects would not be complete without the Teddy Bear Cholla (pronounced CHOY-ya). As some of you have learned the hard way, segments of a Teddy Bear Cholla are weakly attached.

They've been accused of "jumping" by more than one hiker or the occasional inexperienced dog. They don't jump but they also release themselves with little provocation. But that's not what makes these plants interesting. What's interesting is (you guessed it) their spines.

Their spines shimmer in the sun regardless of the sun's angle on the plant. Why? Their spines are virtually pearlescent. Each spine reflects light from every angle. Look closely and you can see the flesh-colored areoles against the pale green skin in this up close shot of a Teddy Bear Cholla.

But, just look at what the sun does when it hits this plant. Is that gorgeous, or what? Note, too, this Cholla's offspring littering the ground.



*A Teddy Bear's Close Up*

### **What Good Are Spines?**

Think of spines as cactus armor. They are a form of self-defense. Browsing animals are generally put off by spines, with the exception of Javelina and their particular affinity for consuming Prickly Pear. Doesn't that hurt?

Spines also protect cactus stems from sun - at least a little. Oddly, there are many cacti that can grow here but aren't fond of the blazing sun on 115-degree days. These are the ones that are

native to cooler environments, like the upper elevations of the Chihuahuan Desert, for example. And if they're not adapted to these conditions, they will burn; Argentine Giants bleach to a sickly shade of yellow in truly hot conditions - spines or no spines.

Spines are also pretty good at deflecting hail which protects delicate cactus skin from injury. And, there are many native birds that are attracted to these plants. Cactus Wrens, White Winged Doves and Gila Woodpeckers hop all over spiny plants. They love them.

### **The Dreaded Glochid**

While cactus spines are often beautiful, glochids are not. Glochids are nasty and can be dangerous. Once you get them embedded into your skin, you can feel them but you can't see them unless you can hold the affected area up to direct sunlight.

You can remove them but only with perfect vision or an excellent eye glass prescription. To see one clearly, you'd need a microscope. If you can catch them in the sunlight, you can pull them out, one at a time with a tweezer.

If you can't see them to tweeze them, you'll have to endure their being in your skin for two or three days until they finally work their way out.

Glochids are hair-like and barbed. Think of an arrow with a really sharp tip and barbs down its length. And, since they are a form of spine, they can be found on the areoles of many cacti. If you didn't know they were there and you touched the areole with your fingers, you would feel them for days.

If all of that weren't enough, glochids transfer very easily from a cactus onto your skin, into your gardening gloves, onto your clothes and, well, you get the idea.

I have a pair of heavy leather gardening gloves that had glochids on the fingers and the gloves promptly transferred some of them to my own fingers, right through the leather. The solution? Tweeze out as many as many as possible and replace the gloves because the transference will continue.

Clearly, the only thing worse than getting glochids in your fingers, hands or arms, is getting them in your lungs. THAT should be avoided at all costs.

### **The Bottom Line?**

When it comes to cactus spines, it's always wise to remember your mom's admonition, "Look, but don't touch," at least not without the proper tools and protection.

Come back next month when we'll be focusing on another feature of a single plant type: Agaves and their stalks.

## Fan Favorite Football Food – Million Dollar Dip

Football is underway and that means you'll likely be looking for something easy and tasty to serve your favorite fans. Look no further. Throw these five simple ingredients together and we promise you'll be a hit at the next party!

Million Dollar Dip...Neiman Marcus Dip...whatever you call it, it's delicious! You'll find plenty of variations of this dip out there, but the tried and true classic is all you need. It was created by

Helen Corbitt who served as Director of Food Services at Neiman Marcus' flagship Zodiac Restaurant in Dallas, Texas. This dip does not need to be heated, so it's perfect for your home, a friend's place or even tailgating.

Cheers to the food, fun and camaraderie of the football season!

### Ingredients:

- 5 green onions chopped
- 8 oz cheddar cheese shredded
- 1½ cups mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup real bacon bits
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds

### Instructions:

Add green onions, cheddar cheese, mayonnaise, bacon bits, and slivered almonds to a small bowl. Mix until combined and chill for at least 2 hours. Serve with your favorite crackers, chips or crudité and watch it disappear.



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## Sip and Tell

By Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

Fall is officially arriving on September 23, and I for one can't wait. I am truly looking forward to cooler nights and sitting out on our patio sipping a cocktail or glass of wine. It was just too hot for this 'ol gal this summer!

School is back in session and things might have slowed down just a bit. But right around the corner we'll celebrate Labor Day, Grandparents Day and Rosh Hashanah. And let's not forget the beginning of football season. Go Devils and Go Huskies!!! I have to root for those Huskies also because my grandson is a junior at the University of Washington.

While Grayhawk's Director of Communications Jennifer Sheets and I sometimes have a hard time finding a newly opened restaurant to review, we always seem to manage to stumble on something we haven't tried. We have talked about having lunch at **Zoës Kitchen** multiple times, and finally made it happen this month. **Zoës Kitchen** is a fast casual restaurant chain headquartered in Plano, Texas that has grown to include 203 locations across 17 states. The menu features Mediterranean-inspired comfort food with made-from-scratch recipes using fresh ingredients. The menu has a variety of starters, salads, pitas, bowls, kabobs, soups, sandwiches and a kids menu.

As we enter the latter part of the year, where cookies, holiday meals and party food seem to reign supreme, I welcomed the healthier meal options offered by **Zoës Kitchen**. If I'm honest, I might even need a little refresh coming off of the summer. It's possible I overdid it just a tad during my summer travels and birthday celebrations!

Many of you know that I love a good burger or pizza, but what you don't know about me that I am definitely a falafel kind of a gal. I love falafels! So obviously I had to order the *Baked Falafel Pita*, and I was not disappointed! The pita was filled with three



baked falafels, Greek tzatziki, Mediterranean relish, cabbage, feta and fresh dill. It is offered with a fresh side and I choose the *Potato Salad*. Jennifer Sheets ordered the *Chicken Kabobs* which was marinated chicken, topped with peppers, onions, and tomatoes. She chose the *Greek Salad* and *Roasted Vegetables* for her sides. We both thoroughly enjoyed our lunches and neither of us left feeling too stuffed, which is a plus!

**Zoës Kitchen** is a great place to go for lunch or dinner or even takeout. In addition to great food, they serve beer and wine and even have desserts. If you are out and about in Scottsdale Road area give it a try. This fast casual restaurant chain's number one priority is serving fresh, delicious food that's filling and fulfilling. Happy fall!

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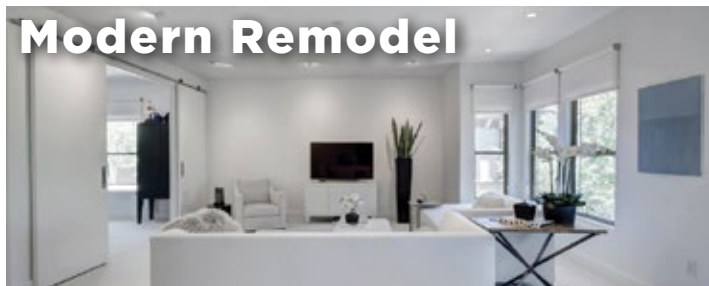




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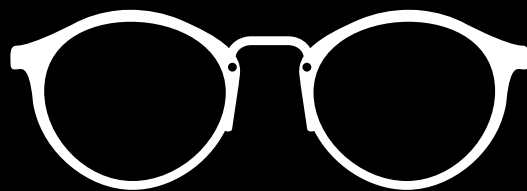
  
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