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The 2015 budget season is upon us, and for the past several years we have experienced the challenge of trying to keep the assessments from increasing (or increasing a minimal amount) yet still providing the services and amenities that all of you have come to enjoy here at Grayhawk. As you probably know, many municipalities have struggled in recent years to continue to operate at their existing service level with reduced tax revenue, and the Grayhawk Community Association (GCA) is no different. This month I thought would write about what your monthly assessments pay for and the services provided by the GCA, as well as some of the challenges the association will be facing in developing this year's budget, as well as future budgets.

Your monthly GCA assessments cover, among other items, the following:

- Landscape maintenance of the common areas – this includes the maintenance of the greenbelts, pocket parks located in many of the neighborhoods, the landscaping along the residential streets and main roadways (Thompson Peak Parkway, Grayhawk Drive, Hayden Road, 76th Street, and parts of Scottsdale Road and Pima Road), the medians on Thompson Peak Parkway and Hayden Road north of Thompson Peak Parkway, the Deer Valley Channel, and the 30 mile trail system, among other areas.
- Two 24-hour community patrols throughout the entire community.
- GCA office staff salaries for six full-time employees and one part-time employee.
- Repair and maintenance of the common area walls and fences, mailbox structures, monument signs, irrigation system, and landscape lighting.
- Publication of the *Grayhawk Flight* news magazine.
- Insurance of the association's property, general liability insurance, Director's and Officer's (D&O) insurance, worker's comp insurance, and fidelity insurance.
- Utilities including water and electricity expenses.
- Social events including some expenses for community events and programs.
- Office operating expenses including office supplies, telephone and data lines, office equipment, and the monthly lease for the GCA office space.
- Professional fees including auditor, design review, and attorney/legal expenses.
- Capital reserve funding for future replacement of association assets and common elements.

One of the challenges facing the Grayhawk Community Association and the Retreat Village Association (RVA) in drafting the 2015 operating budgets is to continue funding the capital reserve accounts at the level recommended by Grayhawk's reserve analyst. Both the GCA and RVA reserve accounts are currently funded at approximately the 70% funded level, which is considered a strong reserve funding position. To continue at the 70%+ funded level, the contribution to the reserve fund increases annually, which results in an additional expense for both the GCA and the RVA. The Budget/Finance Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors that both associations strive to remain at least 70% funded. To accomplish this goal, the GCA and RVA will need to continue to increase the reserve funding levels each year.

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On the Cover

Bowling at Dave and Buster's

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Director



BOARD MEETINGS

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

Grayhawk Board of Directors

Mon., Sept. 8th at 5:30 pm
at the GCA office, Talon Room.
Grayhawk_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

Retreat Village Board of Directors

Mon., Sept. 8th immediately following
the GCA Board meeting
at the GCA office, Talon Room.
Retreat_board@grayhawkcommunity.org

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Communications Committee

Next meeting scheduled on Tues., Sept. 16th
at 5:30 pm at the GCA office.

Programs Committee

Next meeting scheduled on Mon., Sept. 15th
at 3:30 pm at the GCA office.

Landscape Committee

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

Operational Review Committee

Next meeting scheduled on Mon., Sept. 29th
at 5:30 pm at the GCA office.

Architectural Review Committee

Tues., Sept. 2nd and 16th at 4:30 pm
at the GCA office.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Avian Condominium Meeting

Tues., Sept. 16th at 6:00 pm
at the GCA office, Raptor Room.
Call 480-941-1077 ext. 36 for details.

Cachet at Grayhawk Condominium Board Meeting

Wed., Sept. 17th at 6:00 pm
at the Cachet Clubhouse.
Contact 480-551-4300 for details.
www.cachetatgrayhawk.com

Crown Point Board Meeting

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

Encore Board Meeting

Wed., Sept. 17th at 6:30 pm
at the Encore Clubhouse.

Tesoro Condominium Board Meeting

Mon., Sept. 8th at 7:00 pm
at the Tesoro Clubhouse.
Call Brown Management at
480-339-8825 for details.
www.tesorohoa.com

Edge Condominium Board Meeting

Call Associated Property Management at
480-941-1077 Ext. 31 for details.

Venu Condominium Board Meeting

Call Associated Property Management at
480- 941-1077 Ext. 39 for details.

Village at Grayhawk Condominium Board Meeting

Thurs., Sept. 18th at 6:00 pm
in the GCA Office, Raptor Room.
Call 480-551-4300 ext. 4356 for details.
www.village-at-grayhawk.org

Vintage Condominium Board Meeting

Thurs., Sept. 25th at 10:00 am
at the FirstService Residential Scottsdale Office
Contact 480-551-4300 for details.
www.arizona.fsrconnect.com/vintageatgrayhawk

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community strength through inclusion,
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ship of human, financial and environ-
mental assets.

GRAYHAWK MASTER ASSOCIATION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014

GRAYHAWK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OFFICE

5:30 PM – BOARD BRIEFS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prior to the committee reports, several representatives of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County made a presentation to the Board of Directors on the Pinnacle Peak West Area Drainage Master Study, or ADMS. The study, which covers 95-square miles, will determine existing flood hazards and risks, use input from community members to help generate potential solutions and reduce flood risks, and improve floodplain management and permitting processes by providing updated and easily-accessible information on existing flood hazards.

The representatives shared details about the floodplain. They stated that the study results will be used to develop updated floodplain maps, which could result in changes to flood insurance requirements and rates for some homeowners.

A survey can be completed at www.floodtalk.org.

Development Committee

David Van Omen reported that the committee did not meet, but did provide an update on the Grayhawk real estate market.

In July, there were 21 closings with an average price of \$460,000. As of August 4, there were 110 active listings, 46 of which were single family homes.

Operational Review Committee

Linda Shaw reported that there had been one home break-in in the Coventry at Grayhawk neighborhood, and a couple had been reported going door-to-door in Grayhawk. The same couple was reported in Sonoran Hills.

Trident Security presented a proposal for an increase to their contract to the committee. An across the board increase has not taken place since 2012. Since that time, 23 security officers have left Grayhawk, 14 for higher paying positions. The current pay rate is below other comparable communities in Scottsdale, and the committee agreed that Grayhawk needs to pay the security officers a competitive wage.

A motion was made and approved to recommend GCA Board approval of a 6.39% increase in the Trident Security contract. This increase includes both increases for implementation for the Affordable Care Act and entry pay increase, as well as a small increase to retain the best current employees.

Landscape Committee

Arlene Smith reported that there was not a meeting in July. The installation of artificial turf in the front yards has been started in the Renaissance neighborhood. Eighteen homes were selected for the initial installation.

Community Enhancement Committee

Bob Mann reported that the committee did not meet.

Programs Committee

Justin Martin reported that the beer tasting had a small crowd but was very well received. The Ice Cream Social, Cooking with Chef

Jeff, Lego Camp and Wildlife Wednesday were all well-attended and we received great feedback.

Upcoming events include another Cooking with Chef Jeff class, UnWined Wednesday and a New Homeowner Orientation.

Communications Committee

Jennifer Sheets reported that the committee did not meet. New content has been added to the website and will be reviewed by the committee at the August meeting before moving forward with any cosmetic changes to the site.

Architectural Review Committee

Paul Alessio reported submittals had been fairly standard and had included front yard and courtyard improvements, front yard landscape and synthetic turf, and solar panels.

Budget/Finance Committee

Barb Nelson reported that the committee did not meet. A meeting is taking place on August 7 to discuss the proposals for the 2014 audit.

Executive Committee

Linda Shaw reported that the committee did not meet. The management staff and several Board members have been meeting with Scottsdale City Council members and the Mayor of Scottsdale.

Election Committee

Michael Fee reported that the Election Committee did not meet and had nothing new to report.

New Business

The GCA Board of Directors discussed e-mail communication between Board members and homeowners and the process of how this is currently done. Homeowners can e-mail the GCA Board of Directors either through the www.grayhawkcommunity.org website or at the gca_board@grayhawkcommunity.org e-mail address. The GCA Board of Directors agreed that e-mailing the Board in this manner has been an effective method for homeowners to communicate with the Board and no changes would be made regarding this issue.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Nelson reported that over \$300,000 in Community Enhancement Funds had been collected through June. The GCA capital reserve account continues to be funded at 70%.

Management Report

Michael Fee reported that several new mailbox installations were complete and more were scheduled.

Due to the Labor Day holiday on the first Monday in September, the next GCA Board meeting will be held on September 8.

Manager's Corner

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As you can see, the Budget/Finance Committee and the GCA and RVA Board of Directors has its work cut out for them in drafting the 2015 budgets and future budgets. Your assessments are used to pay for a wide range of services and expenses necessary to successfully run the Grayhawk Community Association and the Retreat Village Association. Difficult decisions may need to be made in the future, but you can be assured that the GCA and RVA Board of Directors are committed to keeping Grayhawk as one of the Valley's premier communities.

We'll talk again soon.

Michael Fee

Grayhawk Community Manager



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Contact Information is Crucial for Your Safety

How nice would it be to receive a call from a security officer notifying you that your garage door is open, you have an irrigation leak, or there is a concern regarding the security of your home? Although the GCA office likely has your contact information and such problems can usually be rectified quickly during the day, patrol officers will not have access to that information after regular office hours. That poses a problem for residents, and we have a solution.

GCA has an emergency contact form for the web-based security software system ABDI that we are using at our guard-houses and unmanned gates. With this system, the security staff will have immediate access to emergency information through a computer in each of the patrol vehicles. The information in the database will only be used by the Grayhawk on-site staff and security team members.

The ability to have contact information available to the security staff after regular business hours is crucial for the safety and well-being of your community. Emergency contact information is needed in case you cannot be reached or there is a medical emergency. The office staff will have the ability to leave notes in your account such as, "Resident will be on vacation for the next week and no one will be at the home".

Many residents may have already completed this form. However, if you are a new resident or did not previously complete this form, or if any of your information has changed in the past year (i.e., emergency contact information, cell phone number(s), e-mail address, etc.), this would be a great opportunity to take the time to make sure that your information is accurate and current.

To find a form, visit www.grayhawkcommunity.org or call the GCA office at 480-563-9708. If your account has previously been established, just call or send us an e-mail to update contact information as needed. The form also includes information pertaining to renters/tenants. If this is applicable to your residence, please complete the renter portion of the form as well. This is a great tool to keep your community safe and connected. Please take advantage of this opportunity and return the enclosed form to the GCA office, via e-mail to pheavrin@ccmcnet.com, fax to 480-563-9709 or by mail to the address below:

Grayhawk Community Association
7940 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Ste. 102
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Pet Reminder

Please remember that City of Scottsdale & Grayhawk regulations state that dogs must be on a leash when they are in common areas in the community. Regulations also require pet owners to clean up after their pets. "Baggit" dog bags are provided throughout the community for your convenience. Violators may be fined by the City of Scottsdale. Also, please keep your dog from creating a nuisance with excessive barking.

NEW GRAYHAWK BLOCK PARTY TRAILER FOR 2014

The Grayhawk Party Trailer has been an amenity for residents for many years. For just a \$25 rental fee (\$200 refundable deposit), residents are able to rent the trailer for use at their personal parties and events.

This year, the Grayhawk Community Association purchased a new trailer, as the last one was looking a little rough around the edges. The new trailer has been wrapped and is now ready for rental.

**For more information,
contact Lifestyle Director Justin Martin at
jmartin@ccmcnet.com
or 480-563-9708.**

What's inside?

Inside the trailer, you'll find everything you need to throw a great block party. Some of the items include:

- 5- 6 ft. folding banquet tables
- 2- bar height folding tables
- 20- stackable outdoor chairs
- 4- pop-up canopy tents (10x10)
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Renaissance Synthetic Turf Project

First seen in the 1960's, artificial turf used to be installed only at football fields, miniature golf courses and tacky backyard patios. Synthetic grass has come a long way since then and is a great option for those who are looking for an easy way to maintain a year round, consistent look to their landscape.

Renaissance at Grayhawk contains many beautiful big trees that provide lots of shade for residents to enjoy in the common areas and front lawns. Unfortunately, it's hard for summer Bermuda grass to grow under the dense shade, which means the turf will never have the opportunity to flourish. DLC has helped Grayhawk come up with a solution: remove the turf under the shaded areas and replace it with synthetic turf. The new turf will not only add value, but will provide a water savings to the Community and an overall improved curb appeal.







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Xeriscape is...adaptable to any location and environment, Xeriscape is a landscaping concept with seven guiding principles – not a particular landscape design, style, or theme. XERISCAPE is not...ZEROSCAPE!

Xeriscape is:

- Pronounced Zer-i-scape
- Adaptable to any environment
- Water-thrifty desert plants
- Colorful and beneficial to wildlife
- Functional grass is OK!

Attractive Xeriscape starts with planning and design. Make a list of features you want in a landscape, which might include:

- Shade canopy
- Turf area for children and pets
- Fragrant flowers
- Wildlife habitat
- Extended outdoor living space
- Herbs or vegetables



Seven Xeriscape Principles

- **Design to fit your lifestyle.** No time for maintenance? Make it easy. Got kids or pets? Make it functional for a family. Want to attract wildlife? Make it native. Check out the free publications on landscaping with low-water-use plants.
- **Put the right plant in the right place.** Hardworking, desert-wise plants come in all shapes and sizes. You'll discover a plant palette that is awash with color and accented by unique forms, plants that are both beautiful and tough, and plants that are well adapted to desert living.
- **Use turf where it is functional.** Grass can be appropriate in



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Xeriscape if it is useful, such as in play areas for children, but grass should also work hard in desert landscapes. If you like the color of grass but don't need its functionality, choose tough, low-growing groundcovers instead.

- **Prepare the soil.** Desert plants don't need soil improvements. Just dig a good hole at planting time to get plants off to a healthy start.
- **Apply mulch.** Mulch provides a cover over the soil, reducing evaporation, soil temperature, and erosion. It also reduces weed growth and helps control dust, improving air quality. Traditional organic mulches such as compost are good in small gardens, adding nutrients and structure to the soil, but often are not practical for larger expanses in a desert landscape. Decomposed granite, or crushed rock, is an inorganic mulch that is more appropriate for large areas.
- **Water efficiently.** Although some desert plants can survive on rainfall alone, most landscape plants will require watering during extended dry periods to maintain their appearance. Drip irrigation systems are designed to deliver water directly to the roots of landscape plants, and automatic irrigation controllers offer flexibility in scheduling and optional water-saving features.
- **Maintain regularly.** Xeriscape is low maintenance by design, reducing the need for an arduous routine of watering, fertilizing, weeding, and pruning. But all landscapes need maintenance occasionally. Weeds will crop up. Irrigation systems require periodic inspections to work efficiently. Automatic watering schedules should be adjusted seasonally. And pruning, though seldom required, should be performed when necessary.

Desert-adapted plants thrive without fertilizer or soil amendments. Many Sonoran Desert trees and shrubs are legumes - plants that produce their own nitrogen.

Native plans have fewer insect and disease problems than introduced species. This reduces, or in most cases, eliminates the need for pesticides. Birds, lizards and beneficial insects consume pests for you.

Permeable soil surfaces allow rainwater and irrigation water to soak into the ground to promote healthy root systems. Permeable surfaces include mulch (compost, wood chips, decomposed granite), gravel drive-ways, and pavers laid in sand without grout.

There is no need to clean up every leaf, flower or seed pod that drops. Simply allow plant litter to collect around the plant as mulch. It supplies nutrients as it decomposes.

Drip irrigation systems water the landscape even when you are away. Timers can be programmed for seasonal changes in water use.

Desert plants seldom need pruning if they are suited for their site and not over-watered.

Scottsdale's Xeriscape Garden

If you are looking to xeriscape, head down to the Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden for some ideas. Scottsdale's 5.5 acre Xeriscape Garden is hidden from the street, nestled behind the dog park and baseball fields of Chaparral Park at 5401 N. Hayden Road. The garden is open for self-guided walking tours during regular park hours.

Visitors can learn about desert-friendly



landscaping and see plants that are both beautiful and water thrifty. Kids will also love the Xeriscape Garden. There is a scavenger hunt available to print online for both preschoolers and slightly older kids. There is also a "Look See" printable activity to encourage young visitors to look for ABCs in nature.

Gather the troop for a nature walk! The Xeriscape garden is a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat and is home to a host of birds, creatures, insects, and the native plants that sustain them.

For more information, visit <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Water/Conservation/Garden>. Or if you have other gardening questions, try calling the Master Gardener's Office at the Via Linda Senior Center at 480-312-5810.



COOKIES FOR KIDS' CANCER

The Grayhawk Community Association staff will be getting in on the Cookies for Kids' Cancer #50states4kids challenge in September, but just a little late. We'll be asking residents to join us by donating baked goods for us to sell at the Fall Farmers Market on October 4. All proceeds will be donated to Cookies for Kids' Cancer. Look for more info on page 17. Below are just a few of our favorites:

PEANUT BUTTER WHITE KRISPY TREATS

Stacey Harvey, GCA Assistant Community Manager

Ingredients:

- 24 oz. vanilla almond bark
- 1 ½ cups chunky peanut butter
- 5 cups Rice Krispies
- 4 ½ cups mini marshmallows

Preparation:

1. Line a 9 x 13 pan with wax paper.
2. Melt the vanilla almond bark.
3. Stir in the peanut butter until melted and combined.
4. Toss in Rice Krispies and mini marshmallows.
5. Spread in pan and cool (can be placed in refrigerator to speed up the cooling process).



PUMPKIN WHOOPIE PIES WITH CREAM CHEESE FILLING

Jenn Sheets, GCA Director of Communications

Ingredients:

For the Cream Cheese Filling:

- 3 cups confectioners sugar
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 3 Tbsp. maple syrup

For the Pumpkin Whoopie Cookies:

- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 Tbsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp. ground ginger
- 1 Tbsp. ground cloves
- 2 cups firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil

- 3 cups pumpkin puree, chilled
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

Preparation:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper or a nonstick baking mat.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and cloves. Set aside.
3. In another large bowl, whisk together brown sugar and oil until combined. Add pumpkin puree and whisk until combined. Add eggs and vanilla and whisk until combined. Sprinkle flour mixture over pumpkin mixture and whisk until fully incorporated.
4. Use a small ice cream scoop to drop heaping tablespoons of dough onto prepared baking sheets, about an inch apart. Bake until cookies are just starting to crack on top and a toothpick comes out clean, about 15 minutes. Let cool completely on pan.
5. Make the filling. Sift confectioners sugar and set aside. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat butter until smooth. Add cream cheese and beat until well combined. Add confectioners sugar and vanilla and beat until smooth. Filling can be made up to a day in advance. Cover and refrigerate and then let stand at room temperature to soften before using.
6. Assemble the whoopie pies. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Put filling in a pastry bag or Ziploc bag with the corner cut off. Once cookies are cooled completely, pipe filling onto one side. Top with another cookie. Once all of the cookies are complete, refrigerate until ready to serve.



Be a Good Cookie



In the next three minutes, a family will hear the words, "your child has cancer." In the U.S. alone, more than 13,000 children are diagnosed

each year. And right now, there are more than 40,000 children in the U.S. actively fighting pediatric cancer.

In September, people all over the country will participate in the 50 States Challenge for Kids (#50states4kids), featuring more than 5,000 events in 50 states and 16 countries...all centered around cookies and raising money for pediatric cancer research.

When 2-year-old Liam Witt was diagnosed with neuroblastoma in 2007, his parents Larry and Gretchen were shocked to learn of the lack of effective treatments for pediatric cancers due to lack of funding. They pledged to support the funding of research for safer, more effective treatments for children battling cancer. With the help of 250 volunteers, his mom Gretchen baked and sold 96,000 cookies, raising more than \$400,000 for research. Word spread, and people nationwide began asking, "How can I help?"

Since 2008, Cookies for Kids' Cancer has funded 4 dozen childhood cancer research grants, resulting in nine promising new treatments now in clinical trial available to children today. How? One Good Cookie at a time! In just 6 short years, supporters have held more than 5,000 events in all 50 states and in 16 countries worldwide.

Realities of Childhood Cancer

- Cancer is the number one cause of death by disease of children in the U.S.
- Less than 4% of the National Cancer Institute's budget goes to all childhood cancers combined. Two-thirds of pediatric cancer patients will develop long-term side effects, many life-threatening -- a result of the treatments that "cured" them.
- Only four of the 12 most common

types of childhood cancers have average survival rates over 80%.

- 13,500 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer each year.
- There is one thing that can truly change the facts of childhood cancers forever – funding for research to find new, improved therapies.

Cookies for Kids' Cancer provides annual research grants to five of the nation's leading pediatric cancer centers to advance the development of less toxic, more effective treatments for children battling cancer. The three pillars of Cookies for Kids' Cancer value proposition are:

Targeted Focus

Under the direction of their Medical Advisory Board, funds are granted to five of the nation's leading childhood cancer research centers to find less toxic, more effective treatments. A portion of funds also goes to the Children's Oncology Group's Phase 1 & Pilot Consortium to match, dollar for dollar, funds granted by the Federal Government for children enrolled in clinical trials.

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Cookies like you. A majority of this funding came from bake sales and other grassroots events!

Building Community

In an often disconnected world, Cookies for Kids' Cancer seeks to engage people from all walks of life in changing the face of childhood cancer, one Good Cookie at a time. Through this unified effort and focused goals, we are building a community of supporters worldwide, who in turn inspire their local communities in the Good Cookie spirit.

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It's Time to Overseed!

By DLC Resources, Inc.



The return of cooler temperatures marks a major milestone for turf landscape in the desert. It's the time that those who want to maintain green turf in parks and lawns through the winter need to overseed Bermuda grass with winter rye grass. This year, overseeding at Grayhawk will start around the middle of September and will continue into the beginning of October. Please note that about a quarter of the turf areas in Grayhawk will not be overseeded as part of the approved overseed turf cycle plan. Continue reading about what to expect in the overseeded turf areas.

Having a Green Winter

Overseeding is the process of transitioning summer Bermuda grass out and bringing in winter rye grass. We overseed because Bermuda grass grows well in the summer but goes dormant during the winter months. Dormant Bermuda grass has a brown, blonde, straw like appearance and will remain that way until spring. Rye grass however, stays green and vibrant through the cooler months, then dies out with the summer heat.

When DLC starts to overseed, typically the irrigation in the



2013 overseeded spring turf



2014 non-overseeded spring turf

turf areas is reduced by half and mow heights are lowered to suppress the growth of the Bermuda and open up the soil for the rye grass. In addition, the turf is aerated to help the ground receive additional water and nutrients. After that, the rye grass seed is laid down. As the grass germinates, we will be watering frequently to keep the delicate seed bed moist. We encourage you not to walk or play on these areas as the grass germinates and until the new grass receives its first mow, typically in 3-4 weeks. In areas that aren't overseeded, we will work to keep the Bermuda grass green for as long as possible.

Turf Rotation Project in Grayhawk

This is the second year of the non-overseed rotation, and this fall new turf areas in Grayhawk will not be overseeded. Areas that do not go through the overseeding process will see an improved quality of spring turf. Pictures of the turf areas that were not overseeded last fall are included to show the improvement in the turf, and a map of the turf rotation project can be found on www.grayhawkcommunity.org.

To learn more about overseeding, type in "overseed" in the handy search function located at the top right of the DLC Learning Center at www.dlclearningcenter.com.



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| <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> <p>GCA & RVA Board Meetings 5:30 pm Talon Room</p> <p>Tesoro Board Meeting 7:00 pm Tesoro Clubhouse</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Canasta 12:00 pm Raptor Room</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> |
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| <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Wild Horse Pass Bus Trip 9:45 am Bahas'</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Grayhawk Hiking Club Kickoff Meeting 6:30 pm Talon Room</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Canasta 12:00 pm Raptor Room</p> <p>CPR/AED Class 5:30 pm Talon Room</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Vintage Board Meeting 10:00 am First Service Residential Office</p> <p>Mixology Class 5:00 pm Isabella's Kitchen</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> |
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The price includes an 18% gratuity for the massage. To book, call the spa reservations line at 480-595-3500 and book the Grayhawk Rocks Package.

Aqua Fitness for Life

Mondays & Thursdays 9 a.m.

Come join the "Aqua Babes" in the Talon Retreat for the Water Aerobics Class. "Water Fun" is taught in the shallow end of the pool and is designed to burn calories, increase endurance and improve strength and flexibility. Join the fun and call Sue at 480-473-9262 to register today.

Play Bridge

Tues., Sept. 2 at 10 a.m.

Raptor Room, GCA Office

If you would like to play party bridge with a neighborhood group, give us a call at 480-563-9839 to check availability. Men and women are invited to join this social game.

Play Canasta

Every Wed. beginning on Sept. 3 at 12 p.m.

Raptor Room, GCA Office

If you would like to play canasta with a neighborhood group, contact Jenn at jsheets@ccmcnet.com or 480-563-9839 to check availability and get more information. This is a great way to meet your neighbors!

Play Mah Jongg

Fri., Sept. 5 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Raptor Room, GCA Office

If you would like to participate in a monthly neighborhood Mah Jongg game, contact Jenn at jsheets@ccmcnet.com or 480-563-9839 to check availability and get more information. This is a great way to meet your neighbors!

Back to School Bowling

Sat., Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dave and Buster's

21001 N. Tatum Blvd. (Desert Ridge Marketplace)

Roll on over to Dave and Buster's for breakfast and bowling to celebrate being back in school. Cost is \$14 for adults, \$10 for kids. Cost includes a breakfast buffet, standard beverages and bowling (shoes included). Space is limited, so be sure to register early. RSVP to 480-563-9839 by Sept. 2. Thanks to Bloom and Van Omen with RE/MAX Fine Properties for sponsoring this event.

Simply Sports Soccer

Mondays from Sept. 8 to Oct. 20

10:00 am, 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm (based on age)

Grayhawk Greenbelt

Don't let your 2 and 3 year old miss out on Mini-Kicks, or your 3-5 year olds on Little Kicks, both a fun introduction to the sport of soccer. Through a blend of exciting games and activities, Simply Sports promotes their goal of having fun while developing your child's gross motor skills, self-esteem and social skills. In Junior Kicks, your 5- 7 year olds will become part of a games-based approach to learning the essential skills of soccer. Classes last 45 minutes and are staffed by professional coaches on one of Grayhawk's own greenbelts! Cost is \$129 for the session. A minimum of six children are required for a session. For more information, visit www.simplysports.org or call 480-585-7684.

Ladies Night Out

Wed., Sept. 17 at 5 p.m.

La Hacienda at the Scottsdale Princess

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Grayhawk Hiking Club 2014-2015 Season Kickoff Meeting

Tues., Sept. 23, 2014, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Talon Room, GCA Office

Since 2004, the hiking club has hosted at least two scheduled hikes per month from October through April. Hikes vary in difficulty to accommodate beginning and experienced hikers. Join fellow hikers at this meeting to gain insight into the 2014-2015 schedule and learn about all the new trails in the McDowell Mountain Preserve from our special guest speaker, Claire Miller - McDowell Preserve Coordinator. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to 480-563-9839 or on the website at www.grayhawkhikingclub.org by Friday, September 19. To RSVP on the website, you must sign up as a member (it's free).

CPR/AED Class

Wed., Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Talon Room, GCA Office

It's time to make sure you are CPR certified! Join us for this teen/adult course that teaches CPR for adults, infants & children as well as AED and First Aid skills. Class fees are \$30 per student and include a course handbook & 2 year completion card. Checks should be made payable to "Rescue Hearts". The minimum age required to participate is 14 years old. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. RSVP to 480-563-9839 and prepayment are due by September 19. No refunds will be given for this event.

Thirsty Thursday Cocktail Mixology Class

Thurs., Sept. 25 at 5 p.m.

Isabella's Kitchen patio

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Join us for fun lessons on how to concoct your favorite cocktails! This event is for those 21 years and older. Price is \$20 per person and includes multiple drinks per participant (up to 4) as well as passed and tabled appetizers. Thanks to John Blavatsky of Berkshire-Hathaway Realty Group for sponsoring this event. RSVP to 480-563-9839 and payment are due by September 22.

COMING SOON:

Grayhawk Autumn Farmer's Market & Bazaar

Sat., Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grayhawk Greenbelt (78th Place/78th Way)

After the success of our Spring Farmer's Market, we are bringing you the Grayhawk Autumn Farmer's Market & Bazaar. This event will include many local vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, meats/seafood, breads, desserts, salsas/jams, and other culinary favorites. There will be prepared food items for sale along with other vendors to include items for babies/children, pets, home goods, jewelry and much, much more. Bring your knives to be sharpened by the valley's most well-known sharpener. There will be

a bounce area to keep the kids busy. Don't forget your cash, camera and family. Spread the word, this is sure to be a great event!

Join GCA Staff to raise funds for pediatric cancer research!

GCA staff and your neighbors will be selling baked goods at the Autumn Farmer's Market, and we could use your help. We are looking for a few good residents, young and old, to donate baked goods as well as volunteer day of the Farmer's Market. If you're interested, contact Jenn at jsheets@ccmcnet.com or 480-980-0869 for more information.

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Good Neighbor Campaign

Coming in September - Grayhawk Good Neighbor Campaign



Jeremy Mueller Agency, Inc.

Being a "good neighbor" is an important part of the social fiber that makes Grayhawk such an exceptional place to call home. Knowing the people that live around you not only makes your neighborhood feel more homey and safe, but it can also help you feel a sense of camaraderie and belonging. Knowing the importance of this, it only seems fitting that we want you to recognize your "good neighbor" by awarding them a special memento of your appreciation.

Here's how it works: It is super simple...

Simply submit a short blurb about what makes your specific neighbor exceptional and how they positively impact your living here at Grayhawk. Upon submittal, you can pick up a special memento that you can either present to, or drop off to the doorstep of your "good neighbor." We just ask that you snap a picture of your neighbor, or their doorstep with their memento and send it to the GCA.

But wait...there will also be two special awards.

One prize for the street with the most "good neighbors" living on it, and one overall grand-prize winning "good neighbor" (voted on by GCA Staff).

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Firenze resident Cristina Carballo-Perelman, M.D., has been a neonatologist in the valley for the past 27 years. She is also passionate about women's rights in the work-

place and at home.

She was inspired to write *Calling All Women: Your Chariot Awaits You* for her daughter and generations to come, so that they continue to advance in society and be viewed as equals. In this compelling and dynamic book, she challenges women to become empowered.

In Part I, she examines the history of women's "unempowerment" through a series of essays that cover such hot topics as equality of the sexes; the progress seen by women in underdeveloped nations as well as those in medicine and in corporations; how world religions have affected

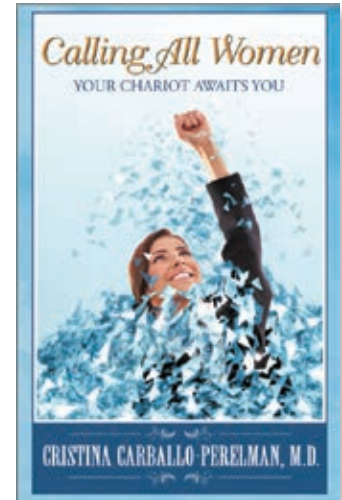
the treatment of women; and the reasons that men still dominate today's world.

In Part II, she relates the "original fairy tale nightmare"- an allegory for the status of women, both historically and through the ages to present day, delineating the story's similarities to today's headline news.

She retells classic fairy tales from the point of view of an empowered woman in Part III, following up with real-life examples of the fairy tales' heroines. Each heroine embodies one of Carballo-Perelman's "eleven attributes of empowered women": confidence, teamwork, respect, compassion, humility, calmness, acknowledgement of others, honesty, courage, success and employment. Then, in Part IV, she shares her version of the ideal future, told as a modern fairy tale.

Are you ready to shatter the glass ceiling that has been holding you back and change your internal perceptions? Empowerment comes from within. In her

book, Dr. Carballo-Perelman will give you the practical tips, encouragement and motivation to move upward as an empowered woman. *Calling All Women* is presently available in ebooks through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Print version will be available in November.



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| | 21559 N 74th Wy | 1,873 | \$380,000 | 2/7/14 ← Sold |
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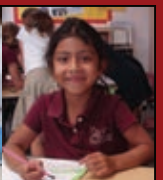
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Sue Lukenbill, Encore Resident

Fall is officially arriving on September 23, and I for one can't wait. I'm looking forward to cooler nights and time sipping a cocktail on the patio.

Grayhawk Flight editor Jennifer Sheets and I took a trip just a bit down the road this month to **O.H.S.O. Eatery and Distillery** for happy hour. With a popular sister bar/restaurant to **O.H.S.O. Eatery + nanoBrewery** on Indian School Road in Phoenix, this newer location on Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. and Hayden Road is "OHSO" good.

O.H.S.O. is a comfortable yet trendy spot offering convenience for those of us in north Scottsdale. Jenn and I fell in love with the place. Although in mid-August it was too hot, the patio was great and they seem to be very pet friendly. I can't wait to go back and check it out once it cools off! The service we received was excellent. We found our server to be funny, attentive and helpful.

Actually, before we could even order, our server told us that we looked like "tequila gals." I asked him if someone had called ahead of time and said that I was coming. Imagine that! I did inquire about the Margarita on the menu, which he said he highly recommended. Margarita Mama isn't one to turn down a margarita, and I have to say that this is just about the best margarita I have ever sipped. The *Gila Monster* is made with tequila, grapefruit juice, herbs and jalapeños and served on the rocks in a cocktail glass. I had it without the jalapeños because I was worried about it being too spicy for me, leaving just the herbs to be muddled. I know, I'm a wimp!

Jennifer started to order a Moscow mule but opted instead for an Oak Creek Amber, a local AZ beer made at the Oak Creek Brewery. Prices on drinks were excellent during happy hour. You can get an Arizona craft beer pitcher for \$6!

We ordered from their happy hour small bites menu. We chose the Pretzel + Cheese which was one soft pretzel served with a side of their green chile cheese sauce. Perfect bar food. We also tried the Thai Spiced Hummus, a delicious Thai peanut hummus served with herbed pita and cucumbers. They were both so good that we had to ask for more herb pita bread to scoop up the



remaining dip.

We did not order off of the regular menu, but the food looked fantastic as it passed by headed to other tables. They have a simple but eclectic menu to pair with all the craft beer available. Highlights include the Steak and Garlic Fries with Garlic Cream Sauce, Mac Del Mar and Brisket Sandwich. They also have a kids menu that includes all the little people favorites, including Mac 'n Cheese, Hot Dog, Chicken Tenders and Grilled Cheese.

O.H.S.O.'s happy hour is Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and includes all Arizona beer pitchers, all wines and all house specialty cocktails for \$6. The \$3 small bites menu includes Pretzels + Cheese, Spanish Olives, Thai Hummus, Roasted Nuts and Pepper Caprese Salad. They also have a Reverse Happy Hour 7 days a week from 10 p.m. to 12 p.m. with a reduced-price late night food menu and \$4 Smirnoff vodka and all flavored vodka until they close.

Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and for \$10 includes an Arizona beer or mimosa and anything from Biscuits and Gravy to Pan Purdue or Quiche Lorraine. They also have a kid's brunch menu that includes a Waffle, French Toast or Eggs and Bacon along with a beverage for \$4.99.

O.H.S.O. also serves up a special Sunday Backyard BBQ for \$15 every Sunday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. You can't go wrong with pulled pork and coleslaw!

O.H.S.O. stands for Outrageous Homebrewers Social Outpost and it's exactly that. **O.H.S.O.** brews their own beers, does collaboration brews with local breweries, and even does collaboration brews with local homebrewers. Aside from those beers, they have a ton of beers on tap. You will never get bored as you attempt to make a million different food and drink combinations!

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IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

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| Grayhawk Onsite Office | 480-563-9708 |
| Capital Consultants Management Corporation | 480-921-7500 |
| Grayhawk Community Patrol | 480-502-5078 |
| Talon Guardhouse | 480-502-7685 |
| Raptor Guardhouse | 480-502-5078 |
| After Hours Answering Service | 602-234-9288 |

UTILITIES

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| Southwest Gas | 602-861-1999 |
| City of Scottsdale Water | 480-312-5650 |
| City of Scottsdale Solid Waste | 480-312-5600 |
| APS | 602-371-7171 |
| Street Light Repair (SA/ ID prefix on pole) | 602-371-7171 |

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE

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| Non-Emergency Police Department | 480-312-5000 |
| Fire Department Main Phone | 480-312-8000 |
| Police or Fire Emergency | 911 |
| Parks and Recreation | 480-312-2771 |
| Street Light Repair (SS prefix on pole) | 480-312-5483 |

SCHOOLS

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| Grayhawk Elementary School | 602-449-6600 |
| Mountain Trail Middle School | 602-449-4600 |
| Pinnacle High School | 602-449-4000 |
| El Dorado Private School | 480-502-6878 |

LIBRARIES

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| Appaloosa | 480-312-7557 |
| Arabian | 480-312-6250 |
| Mustang | 480-312-6050 |

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| Grayhawk Golf Club | 480-502-1800 |
| Boys and Girls Club, Thunderbirds | 480-538-9547 |
| Motor Vehicle Division | 602-255-0072 |
| Poison Control | 602-253-3334 |
| US Post Office, Kachina Branch | 480-513-2963 |
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