



Montevista Community Corner Newsletter November 2023



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HOA Meeting Minutes

The Montevista Board is always looking for volunteers, and any amount of one's time is always greatly appreciated! From architecture to landscaping, to social events and more; for an hour, a morning, once a week, month or year... Volunteers have made Montevista a community that is the envy of others.

Did You Know?

Back to Nature, Montevista's landscaping company, has been approached by numerous others desiring to do business with them after passing by or word-of-mouth about our beautifully-groomed Montevista? Due to the hard work and involvement of our Landscape Committee volunteers with their monthly meetings and more, Back to Nature is now the landscaping company for Belissima, Palomino Estates and other HOAs and businesses. Even the Arizona Biltmore recently reached out to our Landscape Committee regarding their work. Hats off to all of our Montevista volunteers!



WANTED!

As seen in the photos below, several juveniles have been riding their motorized bikes and scooters in various pocket parks throughout Montevista destroying grass and damaging irrigation lines. This vandalism has already cost Montevista residents several thousands of dollars for repairs!

A police report has been filed and our Community Action Officer, Officer Jeffrey Blair with the Black Mountain Precinct, has been notified. In addition, we are hoping to get an increase in police patrols for our community and surrounding areas. Photos of some of these suspected juveniles have been posted on the Montevista Facebook page (not a Board-sanctioned entity for disseminating information) and on Nextdoor.

In order to be held liable for their actions, such vandals must be caught in the act. We are thus asking residents to be vigilant when driving/walking through Montevista and video this behavior if seen while noting the specific location, date and time of day. It is best not to confront the perpetrators as they can simply ride off or cause a confrontation that may result in further harm.

If you have any information, photos or videos at this time or in the future, please email them to Frank Puma, VP of Operations at our management company, AZCMS. His email is Fpuma@azcms.com. Thank you!



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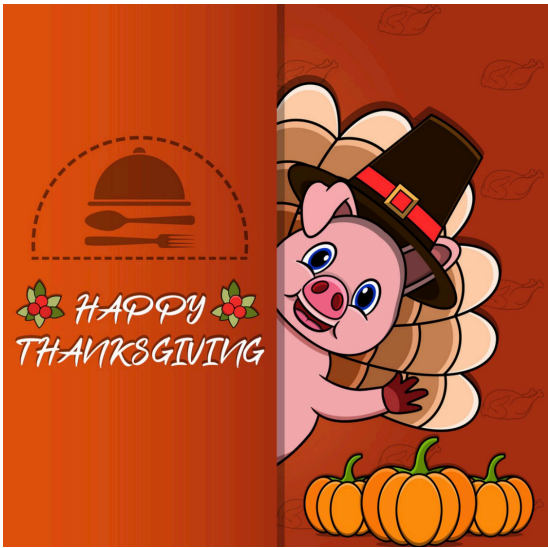
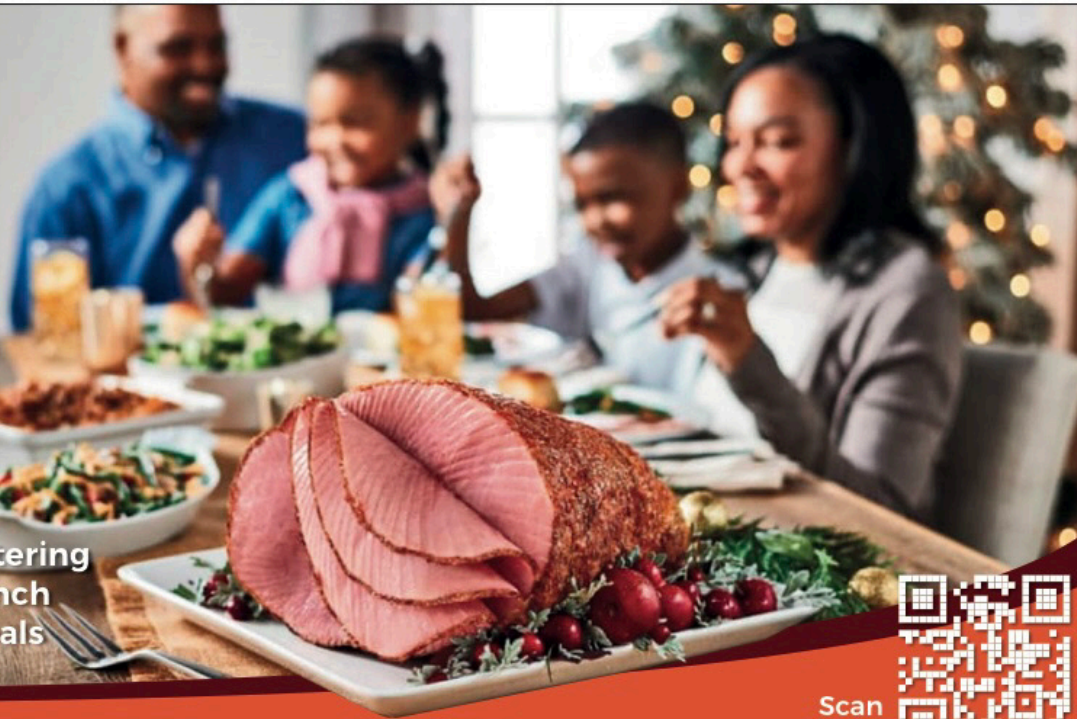
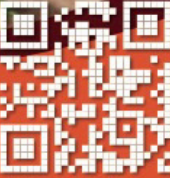
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Event Details

- Free microchips for dogs
- October 16th, 2023 to December 29th, 2023
- Monday through Friday, 12pm-4pm
- Register online [here](#)

Free microchips will be available at both shelter locations:

- West Shelter: 2500 S. 27th Avenue in Phoenix
- East shelter: 2630 W. Rio Salado Parkway in Mesa

With a microchip, if your pet is ever lost and picked up by a Maricopa County Animal Control Officer, they can get a ride home that very same day! If unable to reach you at your home address, your pet will be held at the shelter for a minimum of five days, allowing you more time to reunite with your precious furbaby.



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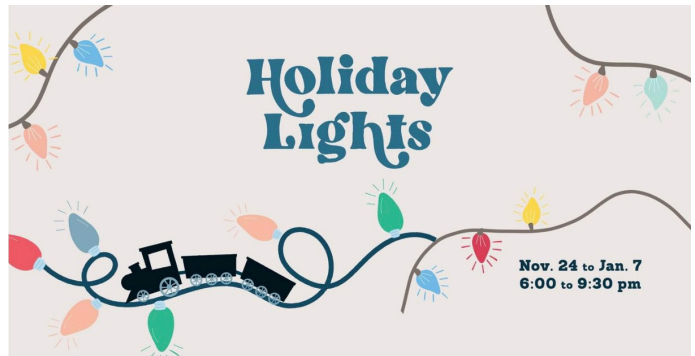
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November 23, 2023
 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
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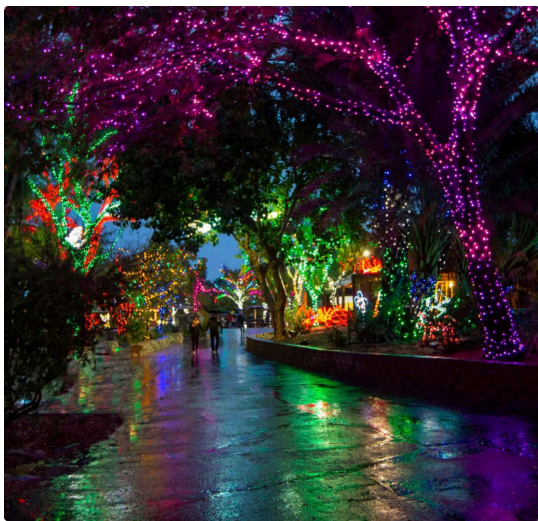
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Cave Creek MARKET UPDATE

September 2023

MEDIAN PRICE OF NEW LISTINGS	\$987K
PRICE PER SQ FT	\$407
AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET	106
INVENTORY	93



Happy Fall Y'all!

I hope all of you are enjoying the break in the weather. I know I am. In fact, I recently had the pleasure of sitting on the patio with some neighbors to talk through their recent life changes. You see, they realized that they needed extra help with daily activities of living like medication reminders, help with meals, housekeeping, etc. It becomes a lot as we age. We talked about all kinds of options from the costs of moving to a **senior living community**, to the possibility of obtaining a **reverse mortgage** which would allow funds to go towards in-home caregiving services. Of course I encouraged them to be sure to consult with their financial advisor and one of my trusted mortgage brokers as well, and together we were able to help them navigate the best option for them. No, it wasn't a commission-making activity, but I felt good knowing that I could at least connect them to the right people in order for them to make the best decision. I am a problem-solver by nature, and the greatest benefit for me is developing and fostering life-long relationships with those who live in and around where my family works, plays, and worships. Are you finding yourself with too much house as **recent empty-nesters**? Did you bring a **new baby** home and quickly realizing that your home is now just a bit too small? **Relocating**? What problem can I solve for you? Give me a call and let's navigate it together.



**Let's carve out some time to talk
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Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, November 15, 2023
at 6:00 pm
via Zoom.



Now that the weather is finally cooling off, it's a great time to enjoy the outdoors and play some pickleball! Our Montevista pickleball peeps groups consist of beginners, intermediate and advanced skill levels. We currently play six days a week on varying days depending on skill level, but all residents are welcome to come out any morning to see where they feel most comfortable. Our beginner/advanced beginner group meets on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and our more experienced/higher skilled players meet on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. If you have any questions or wish to sign up for a group, please contact Lauren Polak at lpolak0125@gmail.com or text 602-421-4589.



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Let's Talk Turkey

It takes an average of 9.6 hours for a host to prepare a full Thanksgiving meal. How much time is spent on average eating that meal?

Answer: 16 minutes.

There is an average of 3,000 calories in a typical Thanksgiving meal, which a typical adult will need to spend 10 hours at a steady pace on a treadmill to burn off.

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is known as "Drinksgiving." Thanksgiving Eve is traditionally the busiest bar night of the year.

What's the difference between a turkey and a chicken? Answer: Chickens celebrate Thanksgiving.

Why did the pilgrims hunt for turkey? Answer: They were hungry and in a foul mood.





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INVASION OF THE TARANTULA



LOOK FAMILIAR? THIS WESTERN DESERT TARANTULA, AKA THE ARIZONA BLOND TARANTULA, HAS BEEN SPOTTED AROUND MONTEVISTA DESPITE BEING FAIRLY HARD TO SPOT AND RARELY SEEN; BUT, THERE IS NO NEED TO PANIC! THESE LARGE, HAIRY SPIDERS ARE MOST ACTIVE RIGHT BEFORE SUNSET AND DURING THE NIGHT. THEY TEND TO LIVE IN BURROWS, UNDERNEATH ROCKS AND IN CAVES.

TARANTULAS ARE THE LARGEST SPECIES OF SPIDERS IN ARIZONA. THEY DO POSSESS FANGS AND ARE VENOMOUS, BUT THEY ARE NOT AGGRESSIVE, AND WITH GENTLE HANDLING DO NOT BECOME AGITATED AND POSE NO THREAT. THEY DO NOT BITE UNLESS SERIOUSLY PROVOKED; IN FACT, THERE ARE NO RECORDS OF SERIOUS HARM TO HUMANS RESULTING FROM THEIR BITE. AS SUCH, THIS VERY DOCILE SPECIES OF TARANTULA MAKES THEM IDEAL FOR FIRST-TIME PET OWNERS!

Recipe of the Month

Mini Turkey Brownie Desserts



INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup white sugar
1 large egg
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
3 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
1/8 tsp baking powder
1/8 tsp salt

FROSTING:

3 tbsp butter, softened
3 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
1-1/2 tbsp milk
1 cup powdered sugar

DECORATION:

24 candy eyeballs
12 red candy-coated pieces (such as M&Ms)
60 candy corn, or as needed.

SUBSTITUTIONS/CHEATS:

Sugar Bowl Bakery
Brownie Bites - Costco
Store-bought frosting

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 12-cup mini muffin tin with cooking spray.

Cream butter and sugar together in a bowl with an electric mixer. Add egg and vanilla; mix well. Stir flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt together in a separate bowl. Add flour mixture to butter mixture and mix until batter is smooth. Divide batter evenly among muffin cups.

Bake about 14 minutes until a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool in tin for 5 minutes. Transfer to wire rack and cool about 20 minutes.

Prepare the frosting - combine butter, cocoa powder, and milk in a bowl and mix with an electric mixer until smooth. Slowly add powdered sugar and mix until frosting is smooth and fluffy. Spoon into a piping bag with a Wilton #10 tip.

Pipe a circle of frosting near the bottom half of each brownie to create the turkey's head. Add two candy eyes. Add one red chocolate piece to form the beak. Pipe five lines of frosting in the shape of a semi-circle coming up from the head. Place a piece of candy corn on each of the five lines to form the turkey feathers.