

Cinco de Mayo

CELEBRATE

Upcoming Holidays & Observances in May

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| May 1 (Fri): May Day / International Workers' Day | May 16 (Sat): Armed Forces Day |
| May 4 (Mon): Star Wars Day / Teacher Appreciation Day | May 18 (Mon): International Museum Day |
| May 5 (Tue): Cinco de Mayo | May 25 (Mon): Memorial Day |
| May 10 (Sun): Mother's Day | All Month: Mental Health Month |
| | May 23 (Sat): World Turtle Day |



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FROM THE DESK OF

Ruben Reyes, Desertscape Park Manager



As we welcome a new month, we're reminded that April showers truly do bring May flowers—along with warmer days and plenty of reasons to come together as a community. I want to take a moment to share how honored I am to work with such an outstanding company and to be part of such a warm, vibrant, and welcoming neighborhood. It's a privilege to serve this community and see it continue to thrive.

Be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming May events! We'll be sharing details through flyers and email blasts so that you won't miss a thing. We're currently planning some fun opportunities to connect and celebrate, including possible events for Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day.

We look forward to bringing everyone together for these special occasions.

I also want to acknowledge the ongoing concern regarding the streetlights. I understand the importance and urgency of this issue, and I'm hopeful that we'll have positive updates to share with you very soon. Thank you for your continued patience as we work toward improvements.

On another positive note, home sales in the community have remained steady, and it truly shows. Desertscape is looking beautiful, well-maintained, and inviting—something we can all take pride in. Your efforts in keeping your homes and surroundings in great shape make a big difference.

As we head further into spring, we also say farewell (for now) to our seasonal residents. You will be missed! To those traveling, we wish you safe journeys and look forward to welcoming you back later in the year. For those of us staying behind—your fellow "Desert Rats"—we'll be here holding down the fort and keeping things running smoothly.

Thank you,
Ruben Reyes

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MAY BIRTHDAY BASH

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Tuesday May 12, 2026 @ 5:30pm

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FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, *Cheri Kramer*



The Month of May brings us two of the most celebrated Holidays of the Year.

Mother's Day is an annual holiday celebrated in the United States on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood, and maternal bonds in general, as well as their positive contributions to their families and society. First celebrated: In 1907, when Anna Jarvis held the first Mother's Day service of worship at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. The Bible in several verses describes the Mother as being the strength of the family, and dignity, embodying resilience for her family.

Emphasizes honoring parents, showcasing the foundational role of mothers in family structure, with good deeds of motherhood reinforcing their importance in family and community. We observe Mother's Day with cards and gift giving, churchgoing accompanied by the distribution of carnations for mothers alive or deceased, and family dinners.

Memorial Day: Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Memorial Day is observed with the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Memorial Day honors those who have died while serving in the country's armed forces. It originated during the American Civil War when citizens placed flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle.

The first national observance was in 1868. After World War I, the name was changed to Memorial Day, and in 1971, it became a federal holiday. The day is observed by visits to cemeteries, where flags and other items are placed on the graves of veterans. There are also parades and ceremonies. In addition, Memorial Day is considered the start of summer in the United States. Both of these days bring back memories for me. One celebrating Mother's Day with my mother, and then when I became a mother, and then when my daughter became a mother. A mother's love never ends, except for when the day you leave this world, and then you leave them in the hands of God. Memorial Day, I remember the parades when I was young and the family picnics. Going to Arlington National Cemetery with my daughters and standing there looking at all those white headstones with the American Flays flowing in the wind. Standing at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with my son, who served 10 years in the military, and feeling the sadness that another mother must feel knowing that could be her son lying there. Going to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and seeing the names of all those who served and knowing what they gave up for us to live in this land of the free and the brave. From the American Revolution, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam, and the war in Afghanistan -Iraq War, and now the Iran Conflict, we as a nation have been there to defend our freedom. I am hoping that all of us here in the community fly their American Flags this Memorial Day to celebrate our freedom and to represent those who gave their lives so that we could wave our flag and stand proud be and American.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM *Celicia Kincaid*



May has arrived at Desertscape, and with it comes warmer days, longer evenings, and a shift into the early rhythm of summer here in Phoenix. While the rising temperatures mean many of our activities begin to slow down. This month, there will not be a lot going on here at Desertscape, but a very important day this month is Mother's Day. Each year it arrives wrapped in soft pastels and bright bouquets, a day that seems to hum with gratitude. For some, it is a celebration full of laughter, phones ringing early with warm voices, beautiful loving cards, and the quiet steady joy of feeling seen and cherished. It is a victory, not just of motherhood itself, but of love that has endured long nights, endless worries, and years of giving more than was ever asked. But for others, the day carries a different weight. It lingers in the empty spaces, the call that can no longer be made, the advice that won't come, the familiar presence now folded into memory. It is a day of echoes, where love remains just as strong, but has nowhere to land. Grief and gratitude sit side by side, inseparable. And perhaps that is what makes Mother's Day so powerful. It holds both realities at once—the celebration and the ache, the presence and the absence. It reminds us that love, in all its forms, does not disappear. It transforms, it deepens, it stays.

I'm holding space for all of it: the joy, the memories, the gratitude, the loss. For the mothers who are here, the ones who are deeply missed, and the love that continues no matter where we find ourselves in the story. This month also brings Memorial Day, a time to honor and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country. It is a day to reflect on courage, dedication, and the freedoms their service protects, whether they were family members or friends. If you're celebrating, remembering, or simply enjoying the season, we hope May brings you moments of joy, connection, and peace. We're grateful for each of you and the ways you make Desertscape a welcoming community. We encourage residents to stay connected with the office for any updates, resources, or assistance you may need. Whether it's a quick question or a larger concern, we're here to help the community.

Thank you,
Celicia Kincaid

FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, *Gail Brazell*



I just wanted to remind you all that the fun truly never stops in our wonderful community—there's always something happening or right around the corner! One of the best ways to stay connected and up to date on everything going on is by joining us for coffee and donuts every Friday. It's not only a great chance to enjoy

a treat and good conversation, but also the easiest way to hear about upcoming events, last-minute updates, and new activities being planned.

In addition, don't forget about our water exercise classes, which I lead Monday through Thursday at 10:00 AM. It's a fun, low-impact way to stay active, cool off, and spend time with your neighbors. So grab your swimsuit and come join me at the pool—we'd love to have you!

I also want you to know that my door is always open—I truly welcome your suggestions, ideas, and feedback.

If there's an activity, event, or gathering you'd love to see here at Desertscape, please don't hesitate to let me know. This community is at its best when we build it together!

I look forward to seeing you at coffee and donuts or at the pool soon!

Thank you,
Gail Brazell



Desertscape May Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FROM ALL OF US!

Wishing all of our residents with May birthdays a year of good health and happiness.

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| Charley Laman..... | May 1 |
| Mia Capers | May 3 |
| Jim Conway | May 8 |
| Sheri Kramer..... | May 11 |
| Rick Esping | May 14 |

Do you have a neighbor that could be recognized as the Resident of the Month? How about that dog or cat that you see all the time and want it to be recognized also? We are looking for you to be part of your newsletter and we would like to continue these two sections. Please email DSCadmin@cobblestoneassets.com to nominate your favorite pet. However, if we can't get nominations we may replace the sections with something else.





NOTE FROM YOUR DESERTSCAPE RESORT HOME SPECIALIST, *Ozlen Green*

I just wanted to share that there are some wonderful homes available right now, and it's a great time to explore what the community has to offer.

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Thank you,
Ozlen Green



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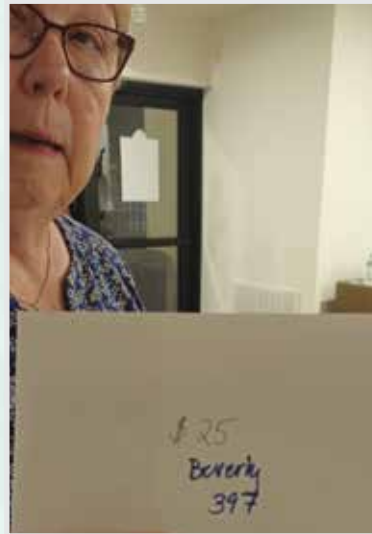
GOOD TIMES AT DESERTSCAPE



Happy times come and go, but the memories stay forever. Enjoy our collection of photos featuring Desertscape events and residents!

Casino Night Winners:

John Simich – 1st Place - \$100 - Dan Williams – 2nd Place - \$50 - Beverly Bradshaw – 3rd Place - \$25.00



Easter Egg \$ Giveaway

Mary Doyle - \$10, Keith Heikes - \$5





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SERVICES:

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Do you know someone who is sick or in the hospital? Let Leslie Nielsen know, and she will send them a card. Contact Leslie N. 602-708-7754.

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GIVING HAND:

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- Shoe boxes up to size 10, stuffed animals, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners
- Hats, socks, washcloths and Ivory bar soap, combs and toothbrushes.
- \$10.00 for shipping around the world.

Thank you so much, Carol Sparks B162

SOLDIER'S ANGELS DONATIONS: Please join me in supporting our military and veterans. I have supported our military and veterans through Soldier's Angels since 2005. My particular involvement is sending cards and letters. I write to you to join or help me help them by donating greeting cards. The cards can be on any subject or blank. Please feel free to write your own message inside the card if you'd like to. Also appreciated are craft store gift cards and cash donations to purchase supplies and postage stamps for mailing bulk packages to Chaplains.

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Thanks a lot for your support!
Sheila Thomas A190

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- * Childcare/Head Start
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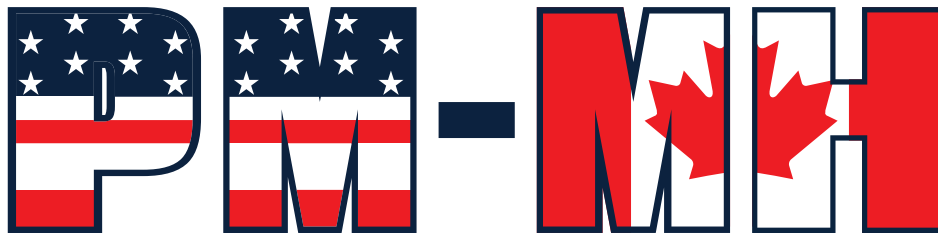
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May 2026 Activities Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9am Coffee & Donuts 6pm Karaoke	2
3	4 10am Water Exercise 6pm Horse Races	5 10am Water Exercise 10am Chair Exercise 6pm Movie Night	6 10am Water Exercise	7 10am Water Exercise 10am Chair Exercise Bingo 5:30pm starts at 6pm	8 9am Coffee & Donuts 6pm Karaoke	9
10	11 10am Water Exercise 6pm Horse Races	12 10am Water Exercise 10am Chair Exercise 5:30pm Birthday Bash at Las Glorias Grill	13 10am Water Exercise	14 10am Water Exercise 10am Chair Exercise Bingo 5:30pm starts at 6pm	15 9am Coffee & Donuts 6pm Karaoke	16
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