



## FROM THE DESK OF Peter Nguyen, Besertscape Park Manager



Hello everyone,

My name is Peter Nguyen.
I am the new Manager at
Desertscape. I know, I know,
another new Manager. While
I am the newest Manager, I
have been at Desertscape for
a little over a year and I love
this community because of
the residents. Each one of you
help bring a smile to my face.

Moving forward, my goal is to try to get the community more involved with events and hopefully spread more positivity around the community.

I know the clubhouse is still under construction, but it is almost finished. One of the contractors was abducted by aliens to help fix their spaceship. (He is okay.) Everything will be new and updated and ready for large events.

We have a lot of events planned for when the construction is finished. We are almost there and can't wait for everyone to see the finished clubhouse. If there are any issues, concerns or problems, please feel free to come see me at the office. The door is always open and I am here to help where I can.

Have a Fantastic Day!!!"

Thank you!

Peter Nguyen

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# Desertscape Ceptember Prirthdays



FROM ALL OF US!

.4	Jill Withrow	17	Beverly Bradshaw
5	Larry Pettit	17	Allen Pittman
7	Jerry Denton	19/	Frances Hedrick
9	Carol George	20	Bill Page
9	Chris Montgomery	24	Teri Rogers
10	Pearl Parsons	29	Charlie Bindert
11	Carolina Camargo	30	LuAnn Shepro

12 Kevin McSweeny 13 Walter Richardson

"September-born people are the perfect examples of perfectionism. They always stick to their work, and they always want their work done on time with perfection".

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Dawn Capaci

- Astrologer Bejan Daruwalla.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Patrick McCombs

# THE DESERT ANGELS by Allison Hawley



I was having difficulty writing this piece as it is still early August. For inspiration, I read what I wrote last September. Well, it was exactly what I was going to write this month. Early lead time to submit the article. Nothing happening in August to talk about. Uncertainty about the construction completion. Discussion of possible upcoming events. The start of football. Has nothing changed in a year?

Well, yes there have been a lot of changes! The palm trees have all been trimmed. Construction is well on its way and while we can't really see what the final product will look like, we can see that they are actually doing the work. Promises made about an early September completion may have been optimistic, but we are not that far off now. Last summer, Rob had left and Rose was just getting her feet in the water. Now Rose is gone, and her replacement Ron is also gone, and Peter is our new manager. Peter has now been at the park over a year, through all the management changes and knows who the residents are and their individual issues. He also knows what the problems in the park are and is getting underway to address them.

One thing I'm seeing is that Cobblestone as a management company expects certain things from their parks and park residents. You can expect more pressure on keeping your yard area clean of weeds and junk. And the definition of junk is theirs not yours. You may think that decorative pink giraffe in your front yard is cute, but if Cobblestone thinks differently, it may need to go. So remember to check with the office before any renovations or major decorations outside, new windows, doors, paint, skirting, any major change, verify with the office before spending your money. If it is not within guidelines listed in the Rules and Regulations, you may need to change it back. And if you don't have a copy of the Rules and Regulations, the office has copies and there is a copy in the legal section of the website.

Well, that last paragraph was certainly a downer! But good things are happening as well. As soon as the construction is done we are going to have a billiards tournament. Some of you "winter visitors" (I call you snowbirds, but then I've never been particularly PC) might miss the first one, but I'd like to have a monthly tournament, so you can be in the next one. I still need to find some good trophies and a nice trophy case. Any of you out there good at woodworking who can make a case for our trophies? As soon as it cools down, we'll have Bocce Ball training and games, as well as Pickle Ball training and games. Eventually, we'll have tournaments with those games as well. As we get better, maybe road tournaments with sister parks. With our new facilities, we can do much more than we have in the past and I'm looking forward to them.

The Desert Angels meet once or twice a month to make greeting cards for a number of organizations including Veterans of all ranks who served in World War II, the Korean war and the Vietnam War. Other cards made by the Angels are sent to Caregivers, nursing home residents and new parents.

Designed and created by members of the Desert Angels, each card is unique and created specifically for its recipient. Members of Desert Angels purchase their own art supplies and postage. Donations of craft store gift cards, postage stamps, your unused cards and cash are always welcome and can be taken to Sheila at A190.



The Angels have been busy!

One last thought. Next month is October. In October we will be having nominations for the open Board positions. All but one position is open, so if you want to help co-ordinate some of our events and activities, now is your chance. I will not be returning as President but will continue to be involved in the Park's activities in some manner. Being on the Board is, well, rewarding. I couldn't really call it "fun", but we do have a bunch of fun putting events on. On the upside, you generally have the inside scoop on what is going on in the park. And even better, you can have a say in what activities and events are being offered. So step up and be involved. If not you, then get your neighbor to run. Tell your neighbor you'll help them. Hey, this is an election. It is politics. Lie if you have to, just get a name on the ballot!

With that I am done for another month.

## ACTIVITY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE by Gail Phrazell



Here we are the beginning of September. That means fall is here and schools are starting. Well, that used to be what happened in September, as I remember being a kid. Goodness how things have changed, school now starts in August, and as far as fall goes, we can start to enjoy around the end of October. So I say

to myself and I'll pass on to all of you, be patient, fall will be here soon. Here are some activities being planned for this month. Tuesday, September 10th. we will be having Taco Tuesday catered by Carolinas food truck. They will be offering three tacos, either beef or chicken. The September birthday bash will be on September 17th. at Rustlers Rooste. Remember, it does not have to be your birthday to attend the Birthday Bash dinners. One little last bit of information if you don't see me around the week of September 23rd., that's because I'm letting the kid in me out. I'm going to "Disneyland" just had to do it, "One More Time!" See all of you when I get back.

Gail Brazell
Activities Director
Gailbrazell61@yahoo.com

# Ceptember Home of the Month

Congratulations, Nina Page!

Your lovely home located at B-143 is the winner of the September Home of the Month.

Please see the Office about your \$50 Rent Credit!



## **Pearl Parsons**



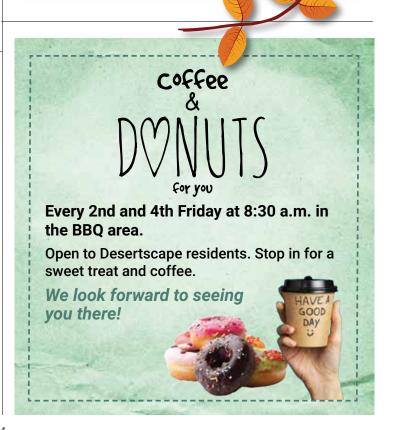
The September Resident of the Month is Pearl Parsons.

Pearl watches over the residents here in the Park because she cares about each of us and does her best to provide help in ways that are needed.

A disabled Veteran of the

U.S. Navy, Pearl understands the importance of being of service to others and we thank Pearl and all of our Veterans for their service.

When asked about the care she shows her neighbors, Pearl answered, "Because I'm a Christian and that is what we're to do. To love on each other no matter what and no matter who they are, no matter what circumstances they're in. I don't get the glory but God does.



# FLU SHOTS

Saturday, October 12th 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## FREE FOR RESIDENTS

Additional vaccines that will be available for residents:

Shingles Zoster Vaccine Pnuemococcal Vaccine Tetanus Vaccine

## WHERE?

THE DESERTSCAPE CLUBHOUSE (ALTERNATE LOCATION C-70)

KANDY EVANS AND HER TEAM FROM THE PHOENIX FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE GIVING THE VACCINES.

THERE WILL BE NO COST TO RESIDENTS AND NO NEED TO BRING YOUR INSURANCE CARD.

THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY THE DESERTSCAPE WOMEN'S CLUB.

## WOMEN'S CLUB by President Cheri Kramer

The Desertscape Women's Club has not been meeting during the Summer months, but that doesn't mean we have not been getting events ready for the fall months ahead.

In this September Newsletter there is a full page announcement with information about Flu Shots being given here at the Park for all residents on October 12th, at no cost. I urge that everyone take advantage of the day, as the Phoenix Fire Department is sending in a ten-person team who will be giving their time to come and administer the vaccines.

I hope to see a HUGE turnout of our residents.

Thank You Sheri Kramer Women's Club President



## **WINNER!!!**



## Charlotte Murphy, owner

I have a special dog named Sadie. I rescued her several years ago from MCACC.

She was a "stray" yet already spayed.

She was very fearful of people and that's why she was on the E List (euthanasia).

She warmed up to me and I adopted

her. She has been a blessing in our lives (me and the 2 cats).

We are a bonded "senior" family.





BEEF AND BREW WITH A VIEW

# LET'S CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Time to dust off those cowboy boots and get ready to slide into Rustlers Rooste for the September Birthday Bash on Tuesday, September 17th at 5:30 pm.

Rustlers Rooste is located at 8383 S 48th St, Phoenix, AZ 85044. Remember, it does not have to be your birthday to attend the Birthday Bash dinners. Call Gail Brazell to let her know you're attending and inquire about car-pooling to the restaurant.



# GOOD TIMES at Desertscape

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

A big thank you to Cobblestone for providing the good food and a cool place for the residents to get together.

















## August Birthday Bash at Ah-So Teppanyaki

August birthday girls, Linda Lewin and Mary Jane Caraher, celebrated with friends at Ah-So, a teppanyaki restaurant. Our chef, Checko, did a great job and it was cool to watch him cook the food on the grill in front of us. All in all, very good food and a fun experience. Hoping all of you who celebrated a birthday in August had a very happy birthday!



# THE GARDEN GUYS, brought to you by your neighbors Ban and Michael whose beautiful gardens can be admired at C-111

## September 2024

September - the month when one begins to think of what to plant this fall. Next month the garden centers and nurseries will have the fall flowers and vegetables arriving and it is not too early to begin thinking about where to plant them. This year we should make it easier on ourselves and give pots and containers a try. It also gives the gardener the chance to choose the right soil for that special plant.

There is no real difference between a pot or a container. Pots come in all shapes, sizes and styles. The lightest materials for a pot or window box are plastic, foam, resin or fiberglass (the latter being the most easily paintable). There are many highly decorated ceramic pots that can be quite expensive, but used ones can be found at an affordable price at your local thrift store. Next is terre cotta, extremely versatile and very porous, which allows the roots to breathe, providing faster plant growth. Terra cotta pots do dry out more quickly and must be watered more often. If your terra cotta pot has been treated with a sealer it will require less water. Wood, such as old barrels, planter boxes or window boxes should be treated with an exterior wood sealer, both inside and out, in order to help keep your container from rotting.

It is easy to improvise your own container from recycled household objects. Anything that will hold potting soil

and allow drainage is a potential plant container. Look around your home for any receptacles ready for a new life. Get creative! You can do this! Old colanders, tin buckets, old baskets, wooden crates, an old wagon, a washtub or even a wheelbarrow can make a stunning statement. Containers are all about flexibility and they give the gardener the opportunity to introduce shape and color where it is needed.

Growing plants in containers lets you have a garden even when your space is limited. A planter box can be installed below a window or use containers to turn your deck or patio into a tropical paradise. Gardeners who have plenty of room appreciate containers too, valuing the versatility they offer. Blooming potted plants bring seasonal color to garden beds, porches or front steps and are easily replaced with new ones once their flowers fade.

Just as important as the pot or container you choose is what you put in it. A good all-purpose potting soil will allow the roots to grow easily and quickly. It should be fast draining yet moisture retentive. Quick drainage means they won't run the risk of suffocating in soggy soil. Good water retention also saves you from having to water too often. Regular garden soil, even good loam, is too dense for container use. For the best success, many gardeners have turned to packaged potting mixes containing organic materials like ground bark, peat, coconut fiber and compost

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chicken tacos is \$5.00.



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with added mineral matter such as perlite or agricultural sand. Your local nursery or garden center will have many varieties to choose from. A 2-cubic foot bag of potting soil contains enough to transplant 8 to 10 plants from 1-gallon nursery containers into individual 10 to 12 inch pots or fill a 36 by 8 by 10 inch planter box.

What a wonderful time of year for us Phoenix gardeners. There are so many varieties of seeds, vegetables, herbs and flowers that grow so well here in the winter that it makes it difficult to decide what to plant. Maybe a trip to the garden center might be in order.



## Happy Gardening!!





# Recipe of the Month

## **HEALTHY CHIPS,** by Caren Bailis

## Ingredients

- · One russet potato
- Salt
- Cooking oil (I use sunflower)

## Ingredients

- Cut the potato on the thin setting of a mandolin slicer (watch those fingers!)
- Put them in a bowl and add cooking oil and salt.
   Mix
- Put parchment paper on the microwave plate.
   Place potatoes on the paper.

Microwave for 3-6 minutes depending on the size of the chips. I start with 2 or 3 minutes then add 30 seconds at a time until they start to turn a little brown.

Only 3 ingredients, no additives!

# MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The Men's Breakfast Club reaching a milestone of nine participants on a recent trek to Denny's. Looking good, men of Desertscape.



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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES THROUGH SAMARITAN PURSE

My family packs these boxes every year in Payson; generally, we pack from 300 to 400 boxes each year.

We would greatly appreciate any of the items I have listed below:

- Shoe boxes up to size to 10, stuffed animals, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners
- Hats, socks, washcloths and Ivory bar soap, combs and toothbrushes

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Thank you, Carol Sparks B162 Do you know someone who is sick or in the hospital? Let Leslie Nielsen know and she'll send them a card. You can reach Leslie at 602-708-7754. Thank you!

Allison

#### 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.

#### **SoldiersAngels.org**

Thanks a lot for your support! Sheila Thomas A 190

#### **TEMPORARY A/C UNITS**

The Desertscape/Cobblestone team has agreed to take over management and distribution of the portable a/c units in the Park. If you need one of the units contact the office at 602-943-5833. For after-hours help, call Bill Hegwood at 720-224-5190. You may also email the office to request a unit.

Peter: desertscape@cobblestoneassets.com

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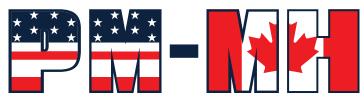


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\$80,000	\$5,500	\$40,000	\$8,000	\$100,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$620
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# Ceptember 2024 Activities Calendar

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	Saturday		12-2 Pantry open C70		12-2 Pantry open C-70		12-2 Pantry open C-70		10:00 Association Meeting* *Time and location to be announced. 12-2 Pantry open C-70			
	Friday	9	7:15 Bible Study	13	8:30 Coffee and Donuts in BBQ area 1:00 Bunco C-70 NEW 7:15 Bible Study	20	7:15 Bible Study	27	Coffee and Donuts* *Time and location to be announced. 7:15 Bible Study			
•	Thursday	5	1-3 Pantry open C-70	12	1-3 Pantry open C-70	19	1-3 Pantry open C-70	26	1-3 Pantry open C-70			
	Wednesday	4	8:30 Men's Breakfast at Denny's Metro 6:00 Mexican Train	11	8:30 Men's Breakfast at Denny's Metro 6:00 Mexican Train	18	8:30 Men's Breakfast at Denny's Metro 6:00 Mexican Train	25	8:30 Men's Breakfast at Denny's Metro 6:00 Mexican Train			
5	Tuesday	8	11:00 Craft Comer 12:00 Bible Talk	10	11:00 Craft Comer 12:00 Bible Talk 5:00-7:00 Taco Tuesday Carolina's Food Truck	17	11:00 Craft Comer 12:00 Bible Talk 5:30 September Birthday Bash at Rustlers Rooste	24	11:00 Craft Comer 12:00 Bible Talk			
	Monday	2	10-12 Pantry Open C-70 6:00 Hand & Foot	6	10-12 Pantry Open C-70 6:00 Hand & Foot	16	10-12 Pantry Open C-70 6:00 Hand & Foot	23	10-12 Pantry Open C-70 6:00 Hand & Foot	30	10-12 Pantry Open C-70 6:00 Hand & Foot	
	Sunday		6:00 Marbles & Jokers	ω	6:00 Marbles & Jokers	15	6:00 Marbles & Jokers	22	6:00 Marbles & Jokers	29	6:00 Marbles & Jokers	