

HAPPY Halloween



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Desertscape October Birthdays

**HAPPY
Birthday**

FROM ALL OF US!

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

Oct 2nd Dick Weaver
Oct 4th Michael J Harczykaski
Oct 5th Dale Hart
Oct 6th Jenice Blair
Oct 7th Don Ringer
Oct 11th Linda Miles
Oct 18th Maryann Riebold
Oct 18th David Edwards
Oct 18th Yolanda Gutierrez
Oct 27th Tom Nugent
Oct 31st Robert George
Oct 31st Leonard Rudholm

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 dscassociation@yahoo.com to nominate your favorite pet. However, if we can't get nominations we may replace the sections with something else.



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MONTHLY CHUCKLE



A MESSAGE FROM DESERTSCAPE'S ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, *Cheri Kramer*



October in Phoenix, the heat of the summer is exchanged for the milder, cooler temperatures with the city's transition into vibrant autumn. Time for Concerts, Football Games and Day Trips around Phoenix and surrounding communities.

October is also the month when we celebrate one of the most popular holidays in the United States, second only to Christmas.

Halloween or All Hallows' Day is an annual holiday celebrated on October 31st, characterized by costumes, trick-or-treating, and spooky decorations. It has become increasingly popular in recent years, with more people participating in Halloween festivities around the world. The holiday has its roots in pagan traditions and has evolved over time to become a cultural phenomenon celebrated by people of all ages.

The origins of Halloween can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. It was believed that on this day, the boundary between the living and the dead was blurred, and spirits could come back to the mortal world. This tradition was later influenced by Christian traditions and eventually evolved into the modern-day Halloween celebration.

Popular activities during Halloween include trick-or-treating, attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins or

turnips into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling frightening stories, and watching horror or Halloween-themed films. Some Christians practice the observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, although it is a secular celebration for others. Some Christians historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.

There are several psychological reasons why people love Halloween. For some, it is the thrill of being scared or the opportunity to be someone else through costumes and makeup. For others, it is the chance to connect with friends and family or to participate in community events. Halloween also provides a sense of nostalgia for many adults who have fond memories of the holiday from their childhood.

The popularity of Halloween tells us a lot about society, including our fascination with the supernatural, our desire for community and connection, and our love of entertainment and consumerism. Halloween is a cultural touchstone that reflects our values, attitudes, and interests, and will continue to be a significant holiday for years to come.

As the month of October starts in our community, I hope to see yards and houses decorated with Spooky, Ghoulish, & Ghostly Jack-o-Lanterns, Spider Webs, Bats & Witches.

Sincerely,
Sheri Kramer



FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR *Gail Brazell*



Well...here we are fellow Desertscapers! We made through another HOT Summer in Phoenix--Whew!

Events were few through the summer. We had lots of fun with the Thursday night "Horse Races" and they will continue through the fall and winter, although the day of week

will change because Bingo will resume the first week of October on the 2nd, same time same place.

If you have not experienced an evening at the horse races give it a try, bring a roll of quarters and you may just come

out ahead with your winnings, it gets exciting rooting for your horse when it gets close to the finish line.

For you Bingo enthusiasts, the game will start up this month. We are looking for a few new Bingo callers and helpers...if you are interested and up for this please give me a call at 602-327-8125.

There are several new activities being planned so keep an eye open, and of course, we are always looking for helpers.

Remember the birthday bash every month, it doesn't have to be your birthday month.

October Home of the Month

Gene keeps his home in tip-top condition — a true example of pride in ownership. Keep up the great work, Gene, lot # C066! Please make sure to contact the office to arrange for your \$50 rent credit.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BASH

Cheddar's
SCRATCH  KITCHEN

Come celebrate with us at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen

**8172 W Bell Rd,
Glendale, AZ 85308**

**Date: Oct 14th
Start Time: 5:30pm**

It's October—birthday month or not, everyone's invited to join the fun! Come out for good food, great vibes, and spooky-season cheer.

Contact Gail to RSVP or if you need a ride
(602)327-8125.

WOMEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT *Cheri Kramer*



The Women's Club is back from their two month summer hiatus and we are planning our events for the fall and winter months.

Women's Club Open House is our first event on October 18th at 6:00 pm at the clubhouse.

We welcome all women of Desertscape to come down to the Clubhouse, enjoy a

light dinner and learn a little about what the Women's Club is all about. While we are "all hands on deck" for the events we plan each year, we are a social club and enjoy getting together twice a month to visit and plan events like the Bake Sale in December and Soup Sale in January. The funds we raise from these 2 events and others throughout the year are gifted each year to three local charitable organizations that Club members choose together.

I hope to see more women get involved with the Women's Club as we go into our fall/winter months.



Recipe of the Month

Nan's Famous Shipwreck Stew

Ingredients

2 cans of green beans, 2 cans of corn (drained), 2 cans of chili beans, 2 cans of tomato soup, 2 cans of chicken and rice, 2lbs of ground beef.

Instructions

1. Incorporate diced potatoes to enhance the flavor.
2. Cook ground beef then add all the ingredients. Cook until it comes to a boil.



Recipe of the Month

Better than Starbucks Pumpkin Bread

Ingredients

Cooking spray, 2 cups granulated sugar, 15oz can of pumpkin pure, 1 ½ cup of vegetable oil, 3 large eggs, 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice, 1 ½ tsp of baking powder, ¾ tsp of making soda, ½ tsp salt, 2 ¼ cups of all-purpose flower, ¼ cup of roasted salted pumpkin seeds (aka pepitas)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350, coat 9x5 pan with cooking spray, place sugar, pumpkin, oil, and eggs in a large bowl and whisk until smooth and combined.
2. Add the flower and fold in until just combined.
3. Pour batter into the prepared pan and spread into an even layer.
4. Sprinkle with pumpkin seeds, then gently press them into the batter to make sure they stick.
5. Bake until toothpick comes out mostly clean with a few moist crumbs attached, 65-85 minutes.
6. Let cook 10 minutes in pan, then transfer to cooling rack and let cool completely. Enjoy!



FREE SIX HEAD SOLAR LIGHTS

We still have numerous **FREE** solar lights for all residents.

Lights are to be used on your property.

Let us know if you need help with installation.

To request installation, please send your name, lot# and contact info to this email only:

dscassociation@yahoo.com



IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PROCEDURES AT DESERTSCAPE

Clubhouse Rental Procedure

Residents who wish to rent the community clubhouse must follow the procedure below to reserve and use the space:

1. Check Availability

Contact the office to confirm if your desired date is available.

2. Secure Your Date with a Deposit

Once availability is confirmed, your date will be reserved upon receipt of a **\$100 deposit**.

Accepted forms of payment:

- Personal check
- Money order
- Cashier's check

Clubhouse Readiness

Prior to your event, we will ensure the clubhouse is **clean, orderly, and ready to go**, including access to the **refrigerator** for your use during the event.

4. Deposit Refund

After your event, your deposit will be refunded **following a thorough inspection** of the clubhouse to ensure:

- The space is **fully cleaned**
- **Furniture and items are returned to their original place**
- No damages or policy violations occurred

Please allow time for inspection before your refund is processed.

For more information or to check availability, contact the office during normal business hours.

Community Cat Trap & Neuter Procedure

To help manage the stray and feral cat population in a humane way, Desertscape offers a **Cat Trap & Neuter Program** available to all residents:

- **Cat traps are available for check-out** from the office on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Traps are to be used **only for humane trapping of stray or feral cats** for the purpose of spaying or neutering.

- **Residents are responsible for arranging and paying** for the spay or neuter procedure through a licensed veterinary clinic or animal rescue partner.
- **If the receipt is returned to the office**, the community will reimburse up to \$75 of the cost of the procedure per cat.
- **Traps must be returned clean and undamaged**

This program helps reduce unwanted litters, protects community pets, and improves overall animal welfare.

Violation Procedure

To maintain a safe and respectful living environment for all residents, Desertscape has implemented the following structured process for addressing lease or rule violations:

1. **First Courtesy Notice** – A friendly, informal reminder of the issue, requesting prompt correction.
2. **14-Day Legal Notice to Cure** – If the issue continues, a formal notice will be mailed, allowing 14 days to correct the violation.
3. **30-Day Notice to Vacate** – If unresolved after 14 days, a final notice will be issued requiring the tenant to vacate within 30 days.
4. **Eviction Filing** – If the tenant remains after 30 days without correcting the issue, formal eviction proceedings may begin.

We encourage all residents to address any issues promptly to avoid legal action. This process ensures fairness while protecting the integrity and quality of our community.



NOTE FROM YOUR DESERTSCAPE SALES ASSOCIATE, *Twila Dawson*



Yayyyy it's October and the dog days of Summer are behind us.

I hope this month finds you well! As summer winds down and cooler evenings arrive, we want to thank everyone for keeping our community safe, friendly, and welcoming.

I'm encouraging our wonderful residents, those that are able, to volunteer helping with the events that we sponsor for you all! We have some exciting plans for the upcoming months.

Sales have been a little slow this summer, although we did close some deals and have some wonderful new residents. If you see a new face, smile, say hello and welcome them to the neighborhood. LOL they may already be resident ya never know.

Warmly,
Twila Dawson, Sales
O- 602-943-5833 M- 308-520-6132
dscsales@cobblestoneassets.com



October Halloween Decorating Contest



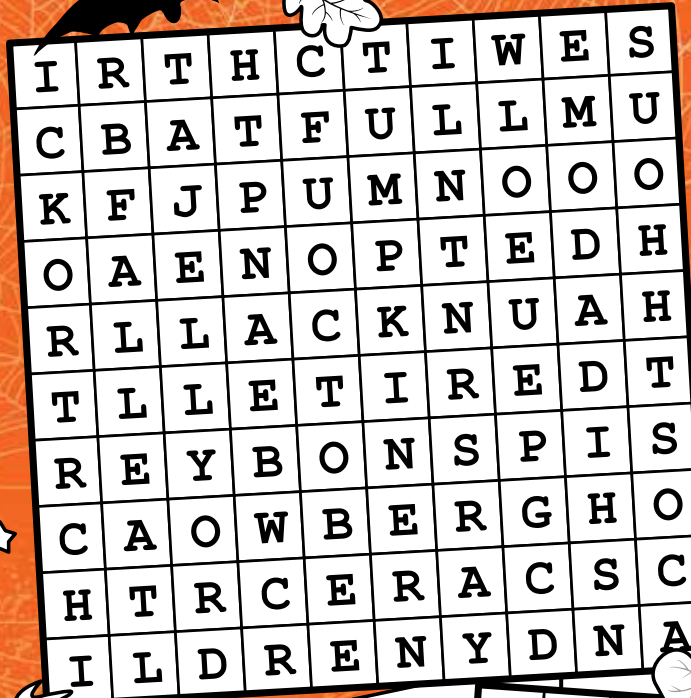
Light up your homes for the annual Halloween decorating contest. You must have your decorating done, and contact someone on the Board to let them know you are entering the contest by October 28th. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you are not competing.

Judging will be done and the winners will be contacted on October 31st. The Board will decide a first and second place winner. Prize for first place is a \$50 gift card and \$25 for second place.

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle.

There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.



GOOD TIMES *at Desertscape*

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

Birthday bash at the Old Spaghetti Factory



Picture taken by Caren Bialis on Set 1st, 2025



Introducing Our Mobile App

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A smartphone displays the Desertscape mobile app interface. The screen shows a grid of icons for various services: Reservations, Activity Updates, Events, Desertscape, Amenities, Available Homes, Contact Us, Maps, Community, and Local Points of Interest. The background of the app shows a scenic view of a resort with palm trees and a swimming pool.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SERVICES:

MEDICAL:

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.

The Medical Equipment Lending Closet will continue to be handled by the Association. For assistance contact: Gail Brazell 602-327-7125.

GIVING HAND:

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES THROUGH SAMARITAN PURSE: My family packs these boxes every year in Payson, generally, we pack 300 to 400 boxes each year. We would greatly appreciate any of the items I have listed below:

- 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.

SoldiersAngels.org
Thanks a lot for your support!
Sheila Thomas A190

RESOURCES:

TEMPORARY A/C UNITS: The Desertscape/Cobblestone Team oversees the management and distribution of the portable a/c units in the park. If you need one of the loaner 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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| * Utility and Discount programs | * Advocacy and Referrals |
| * Rental/Mortgage Assistance | * Childcare/Head Start |
| * Housing Repair, Rehabilitation and Weatherization | * Housing and Homeless Assistance |

<https://www.aaaphx.org/area-agency-on-aging-programs/> OR CALL 602-264-4357

<https://wildfireaz.org/find-help/community-action-agencies/> OR CALL 602-604-0640

<https://benefitscheckup.org> OR CALL 1-800-794-6559

<https://www.maricopa.gov/5214> Apply-for-Home-Improvements-Program OR CALL 602-285-1800

<https://www.phoenix.gov/nsd/homerepair> OR CALL 602-534-4444

<https://www.maricopa.gov/4119> OR CALL 602-506-5911

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<https://www.fsl.org/rise/> Resources, Information, Support and Education OR CALL 866-375-9779

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October 2025 Activities Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30a Men's Breakfast 6p Mexican Train	2 11a Bible Study 6P Bingo be there at 5:30	3 9a Coffee & Donuts 6p Karaoke	4 8:30a Breakfast in the Park
5 6p Marbles & Jokers	6 6p Hand & Foot 6pm Horse Races	7 11a Craft Corner 12-4p Billiards TBD 6p Movie Night	8 8:30a Men's Breakfast 6p Mexican Train	9 11a Bible Study 6P Bingo be there at 5:30	10 9a Coffee & Donuts 1p Bunco 6p Karaoke	11 12p-2p Desert Angels
12 6p Marbles & Jokers	13 6p Hand & Foot 6pm Horse Races	14 11a Craft Corner 12-4p Billiards 5:30p Birthday Bash	15 8:30a Men's Breakfast 6p Mexican Train	16 11a Bible Study 6P Bingo be there at 5:30	17 9a Coffee & Donuts with Association Meeting 6p Karaoke	18 11a Pumpkin Painting Costumes & Open House
19 6p Marbles & Jokers 1:00p Football Game Cardinals vs Green Bay	20 6p Hand & Foot 6pm Horse Races	21 11a Craft Corner 12-4p Billiards 6p Movie Night	22 8:30a Men's Breakfast 6p Mexican Train	23 11a Bible Study 6P Bingo be there at 5:30	24 9a Coffee & Donuts 6p Karaoke	25 12p-2p Desert Angels
26 6p Marbles & Jokers	27 6p Hand & Foot 6pm Horse Races	28 11a Craft Corner 12-4p Billiards Halloween Home Decorating Final	29 8:30a Men's Breakfast 6p Mexican Train	30 11a Bible Study 6P Bingo be there at 5:30	31 9a Coffee & Donuts 6p Karaoke Halloween Home Decor Judging	