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🍷 🍷 🍷 Spring Market and Easter Egg Hunt at Uptown Plaza 🍷 🍷 🍷

Spring is in the air! As the weather warms up in the Valley, Uptown Plaza invites guests to enjoy free outdoor activities in the grassy courtyard. On March 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Uptown Plaza is hosting a Spring Market where businesses will have activities for guests to enjoy including Tulip Bulb Planting and Penny Pint cards by Huss Brewing Co, \$5 pizza slices from Lou Malnatis, prizes by Foothills Sports Medicine and more. Plus, they will offer animal blow up balloons brought to life by a balloon twister.

Plug in the fun with the third annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Plus, get in the Easter spirit with games, an egg decorating craft station and photos with the Easter Bunny himself. Participants can hunt 1,500 pre-filled Easter Eggs and win fun prizes from participating businesses in the plaza. There will be three egg hunts broken into age groups: 0-4 years, 5-8 years and 9+ year old. The first egg hunt will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

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Uptown Plaza will host various events throughout the year, including movies in the courtyard, yoga in the courtyard, mini golf, family-friendly events and more. To stay up-to-date on the latest events happening, please visit www.uptownplazaphx.com/events.

Uptown Plaza is located on the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Camelback Road, in the heart of Phoenix's historic north-central neighborhood. The newly restored mid-century modern shopping center is a lively urban hotspot, boasting a wide selection of health, retail and restaurants. The Plaza has over 20 retailers, and the full list can be found at www.uptownplazaphx.com.

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Scottsdale Arts Sets 'Cosmic Crescendo' Theme for Annual Gala

For The ARTrageous Gala on April 6th at Scottsdale Civic Center, Scottsdale Arts is going cosmic.

"This year at The ARTrageous Gala, you will be able to experience a solar wonderland, where dance, music and contemporary art converge," said Erin Krivanek, Director of Development for Scottsdale Arts. "Collaborative acts and interactive stations foster shared creativity among Scottsdale Arts departments, while this year's innovative dining offers two ticket levels for a unique journey, blending celestial-inspired performances with gourmet cuisine at multiple stations."

The theme for this year's gala is "Cosmic Crescendo," and the multidisciplinary arts organization plans to capture the awe-inspiring essence of a solar eclipse. In addition to culinary delights and plenty of photo ops, the event will entertain guests with a harmonious symphony of art forms as dance, music and contemporary art merge into a captivating spectacle. Collaborative acts and interactive art stations will foster a sense of shared creativity.

This annual event is the primary fundraiser for the nonprofit Scottsdale Arts, which includes Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA), Scottsdale Public Art, Scottsdale Arts Learning & Innovation, Canal Convergence and Civic Center LIVE.

The ARTrageous Gala | Cosmic Crescendo will include a red-carpet arrival, live auction and multiple dining options, all under the stars for its second year at the recently renovated Scottsdale Civic Center.

Constellation Club tickets are \$650 each or \$6,500 for a table of 10. This option provides an optimal setting to indulge in celestial-inspired cuisine. Constellation Club ticket holders may navigate freely between four gourmet food stations before returning to their reserved seating, which features wine service and exclusive lounge areas.

The general admission Galaxy tickets are \$450 each or \$4,500 for a set of 10. This flexible option also features four gourmet food stations but in an open-seating experience with the choice of high-tops or tables scattered throughout for a relaxed and communal dining atmosphere.

The menu for both options features cosmic-inspired dishes and drinks incorporating elements of light and darkness to represent the solar eclipse. Guests are encouraged to dress in upscale and artistic attire that matches the night's celestial theme, perhaps with starry accessories or lunar colors.

Per tradition, Scottsdale Arts will recognize multiple awardees during the evening's events. This year's honorees include the following:

- Herberger Award for the Arts: John and Karen Voris
- Corporate Trailblazer: Nationwide
- Trailblazing Artist: Dorothy Fratt

"In celebrating Scottsdale Arts with our 'Cosmic Crescendo' theme at The ARTrageous Gala, we are recognizing an extraordinarily successful year and a new lifecycle in the history of our organization," said Dr. Gerd Wuestemann, President and CEO of Scottsdale Arts.

Proceeds from The ARTrageous Gala support the dynamic arts and innovation programs at Scottsdale Arts. For more information about the event, visit Gala.ScottsdaleArts.org.

From the Publisher...



Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of our Biltmore Lifestyles readers. Each year, St. Patrick's Day offers a vibrant celebration of Irish culture and the best Irish cooking the Valley has to offer. Many of the local restaurants offer specials to celebrate. One of my favorite places to go each year on March 17th is our very own neighborhood restaurant, Keegan's on Camelback. Stop by for some green beer and corned beef and cabbage; you're sure to see some of your friends

from the neighborhood there. If being out and about is not your thing, Keegan's also offers their St. Patrick's Day dinners to go.

The Valley weather is perfect in March, and it is time to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Looking for something out of the ordinary to do this month? The 34th Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace takes place every weekend through the end of March rain or shine and has something for everyone. Experience their 50 acre village, 16 stages, arts and craft fair, jousting tournaments and feasting all rolled into one non-stop, day-long adventure! For more information, visit www.arizona.renfestinfo.com. It really does make for a fun day for all ages.

I look forward to bringing you another exciting issue in April.

Until next month, *Susan*

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New Year, New Adrenaline-Packed Activity At Fort McDowell Adventures

To provide local residents and visitors to the area with a unique and exhilarating outdoor experience, Adventures Out West, a long-time partner of Fort McDowell Adventures, has recently introduced their Jumping Cholla Jeep Tour.

The custom-built Yetti jeep, unmatched in the industry for safety and comfort, can seat up to 10 people and features accessible, forward-facing seats for optimal viewing. During the one- to two-hour tour, experienced and personable guides describe the local fauna, flora, geology and Native American way of life as they skillfully navigate the Sonoran Desert terrain. A nature walk is included allowing guests to get out, stretch their legs and admire the stunning scenery.

"Jeep tours have been a popular activity at Fort McDowell Adventures for years, and we're thrilled to have them back in the lineup again," said Jeffrey Duke, acting General Manager of the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort, another Enterprise of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

"Adventures Out West has been a leading adventure tour operator in Arizona and Colorado for more than 50 years," added Duke. "They're the ideal partner to operate our desert jeep tours, and we know they'll provide our hotel guests, local residents and out-of-town visitors with a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Guests staying at the nearby We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort can receive a discounted rate for the jeep tour, as can children 12 years and under.

For more information or to book a jeep tour, visit www.azjeep.com.



About Fort McDowell Adventures

A popular destination for decades, Fort McDowell Adventures offers Wild West experiences and unique event venues in the tranquil, breathtaking Sonoran Desert. Activities for individuals and groups include horse-back trail rides, desert jeep tours, City Slicker cattle drives, barbecue dinners and teambuilding events.



Arizona Jazz Festival Returns This March

Jazz enthusiasts across the Valley get ready for a soulful experience as the Arizona Jazz Festival triumphantly returns to High Street this spring. The three-day festival taking place March 22nd through the 24th, promises a weekend filled with sensational music, delightful cuisine, and an energetic ambiance you don't want to miss.

The Arizona Jazz Festival on High Street is an annual celebration of jazz music. The popu-

lar event invites music lovers of all ages to enjoy an outstanding lineup of over 20 bands and musicians over the course of the three-day festival. From iconic jazz legends to contemporary favorites, the festival offers a diverse and eclectic musical journey like no other. Among this year's headlining acts and featured artists are Charlie Wilson, Keith Sweat, Jodeci, Babyface, Anthony Hamilton, Teddy Swims, Robin Thicke and more artists yet to be announced.

In addition to the amazing musical lineup, the Arizona Jazz Festival features a variety of food and drink vendors for attendees to enjoy all weekend while they savor each performance.

Tickets are now available to secure a spot at this highly anticipated musical celebration. High Street is located at 5415 E. High Street in Phoenix. For more information or to purchase your three-day pass or single-day ticket, visit www.azjazzfest.com. ❖



A European Getaway from Phoenix Sky Harbor

Getting to Europe might seem daunting. However, if a European vacation is on your mind for this summer, you're in luck. Phoenix Sky Harbor has a variety of nonstop options that will save you valuable time, thanks to four airlines who offer service from Phoenix to Europe.

The most recent, Air France, announced in January they offer nonstop flights between Charles de Gaulle International Airport and Phoenix Sky Harbor, three times a week for the summer season. Their service will begin on May 23rd and will carry passengers aboard a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner with flights leaving Paris at 10:10 a.m., arriving in Phoenix at 12:10 p.m. then departing Phoenix at 2:10 p.m., arriving in Paris the next day at 9:15 a.m.

Not only will this service create a never before connection from Phoenix to France, the airline, from its Paris-Charles de Gaulle hub, will offer connecting opportunities to more than 200 destinations worldwide. In fact, this three times weekly non-stop seasonal service via Air France will provide a \$30 million annual economic impact to the Phoenix community.

American Airlines and British Airways both already connect Phoenixians to London every day with non-stop service to London's Heathrow Airport. This service saves passengers valuable time when getting across the pond. Flights from PHX with connections in Dallas, New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and even Charlotte can take anywhere from 12 to almost 14 hours with wait times, but passengers who fly non-stop from Phoenix arrive in London in just ten hours or less.

Additionally, starting in May, Condor will once again be offering flights between Phoenix and Frankfurt, Germany. This season, they will be utilizing a new aircraft. The new, 310 seat, fuel-efficient Airbus A330-900neo aircraft, is considered the most planet-friendly aircraft in the skies, and will sport Condor's eye-catching striped livery, which you won't be able to miss as it takes off and lands at Phoenix Sky Harbor.

Condor's partnerships will allow travelers to easily connect throughout Europe via Lufthansa, as well in the U.S. with partnerships on JetBlue, Alaska, and other airlines. Condor flights will run on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays arriving in Phoenix at 5:40 p.m. or 6:05 p.m. and departing Phoenix around 7:30 p.m. or 8:00 p.m.

Travelers might not even realize it but when flying to Europe from Phoenix, your vacation is actually helping support and boost the economy back home in Arizona. Phoenix international flights add more than \$3.4 billion to the local economy each year per the Airport's most recent economic impact study.

For more information on all the destinations available to travel to from Phoenix, visit www.skyharbor.com/flights/where-we-fly. ❖



Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego pictured with Boaz Hulsman, Vice President of Commercial, North America at Air France-KLM at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.



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Golden Keys, designed in 1964 by architect Ralph Haver, is an iconic resort style adult community located in the heart of Scottsdale. This light & airy home with an oversized front arched window has been upgraded & meticulously maintained. It boasts magnificent views of Camelback Mountain, Travertine 16 inch tile, granite counters, SS appliances, plantation shutters, baths w/ higher cabinets & extended closets! Pipes were lined in 2020. The large primary bedroom/bath is on the lower level. Step through the French doors of the family room to the fruit tree lined expansive covered back patio to enjoy your morning coffee or host the perfect party! Steps away from Old Town, Fashion Square & Award-winning restaurants. Airport 10 min away. Amazing community with great neighbors. This is a must see!



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Spring Training Dining Around the Valley

Play ball! Spring Training is around the corner in Arizona and these Valley restaurants are serving homerun deals to celebrate!

Streets of New York – Local family-owned pizzeria Streets of New York are giving guests a homerun deal this spring training season! Guests can bring in their ticket from any Arizona spring training game to receive \$5 off their order! Minimum of a \$25 purchase. The offer is valid through March 26th and is for dine-in only at all 15 Arizona locations. www.streetsofnewyork.com.



Pita Jungle – Valley favorite for Mediterranean bites known for their house-made hummus will be offering a free small hummus for guests who bring in their same-day spring training game ticket. Offer is valid through March 26th at participating locations. Ticket must be presented at time of order. Restrictions may apply. www.pitajungle.com.



18 Degrees – The local hangout spot in Scottsdale is offering 20% off your dining bill when you show your same-day spring training game ticket. 18 Degrees offers a variety of menu items including pizza, wings, pasta and sandwiches and shareable appetizers such as Pretzel Pillows, Italian Meatballs and Spicy Teriyaki Tempura Cauliflower. Offer valid through March 26th. www.18-degrees.com.



Koibito Poke – Stop into the award-winning poke franchise through March 26th to be entered into a raffle to win exclusive signed baseball merchandise including cards, baseballs and more! To enter, guests can simply scan the raffle QR code when dining any of their five Valley locations. With its own roots in baseball, Koibito Poke was co-founded by former MLB Pitcher and three-time World Champion Todd Stottlemire, who has led the brand's expansion throughout Arizona and beyond. www.koibitopoke.com.



Diego Pops, The Montauk & The Hot Chick – Looking for a refreshing beverage after the game? Diego Pops, The Hot Chick and The Montauk in Old Town Scottsdale have you covered! Guests can bring in their same-day ticket from any Arizona spring training game to receive a \$4 Bad Birdie - Juicy Golden Ale draft beer by Four Peaks Brewing, perfect for enjoying after a day out in the sun. Offer valid through March 26th. www.jocqueconcepts.com.



Los Sombreros – Bring in your same-day Arizona spring training ticket to Los Sombreros and receive a frosty draft beer for only \$2! Inspired by Oaxaca, the culinary capital of Mexico, Los Sombreros proudly serves authentically elevated, contemporary-casual Mexican dishes. Offer valid through March 26th at both the Scottsdale and Mesa locations. www.lossombreros.com.



The Sicilian Butcher – Visit the modern casual meatball and the butchery-inspired concept, The Sicilian Butcher, and receive a complimentary Happy Hour Bruschetta when you show your same-day AZ spring training ticket. Three Valley locations in Chandler, Peoria and Phoenix. Offer valid through March 26th. www.thesicilianbutcher.com.

Hash Kitchen – At the creative a.m. eatery, when you present your same-day AZ spring training ticket OR come in wearing your spring training team's jersey or memorabilia, you will receive a mimosa for only \$4 (50% off) with the purchase of an entree. www.hashkitchen.com. ❖



Rise Uptown Spring Makers Market

Rise Uptown Hotel is welcoming the best time of year in Arizona with a Maker's Market on Saturday, March 30th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Browse goodies from 11 local vendors, enjoy a complimentary yoga class guided by Desert MVMT at 10:00 a.m. on the event lawn and even visit with some adoptable dogs that will be on-site with PACC911.

Among the participating local vendors are: Milky Candle Company, Form Floral, Rock Scissors Paper, Voyager Bake Shop, Thuy Ceramics, Mollz to the Wallz, Irasema's Accessories, Good Karma Photo, Hola Chica and Modern Moon. Visit www.riseuptownhotel.com/events-calendar for more details.

Treat yourself to the perfect getaway at Rise Uptown Hotel this season. Enjoy bright and colorful mid-century modern rooms, savor Sonoran eats at Lylo Swim Club, and grab a cocktail at Don Woods' Say When rooftop bar. Rise Uptown is located in the heart of Phoenix at Central Ave and Camelback. To book your room visit www.riseuptownhotel.com or call (480) 536-8900. ❖

Chompie's Announces St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Feast

Chompie's is celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a traditional Irish feast! On Sunday, March 17th, diners can dig into Chompie's Corned Beef Feast featuring the restaurant's famous corned beef, boiled red potatoes, cabbage and fresh-baked Irish soda bread.

This special is available from 11:00 a.m. to close. A single-serving portion is \$22.99 per person (available for dine-in or take-out); the all-you-can feast is \$27.99 per person (dine-in only).

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Thirsty Lion Gastropub

Eat, Drink & Be Irish this St. Patrick's Day Weekend: Saturday, March 16th AND Sunday, March 17th!

Extend your St. Patrick's Day celebration all weekend long at Thirsty Lion Gastropub! Head over to Thirsty Lion Gastropub's four Valley restaurant locations in Chandler, Desert Ridge, Gilbert and Tempe on Saturday, March 16th AND Sunday, March 17th for authentic Irish fun! Guests will enjoy Irish dancers, bagpipers in full regalia, giveaways, sampling opportunities with The Guinness Girls, specialty themed menu items, craft cocktails including the Irish Mule & Irish Old Fashioned; beer and more!

On Saturday and Sunday mornings, from open to 1:00 p.m., Thirsty Lion Gastropub also will be offering a limited Brunch menu featuring classics with an Irish twist. The full St. Patrick's Day specialty menu, which starts Thursday, February 29th, will be available for lunch and dinner in addition to the standard menu through Sunday, March 17th.

Signature dishes from the St. Patrick's Day specialty menu include:

Traditional Scotch Eggs: soft-boiled egg wrapped in pork sausage, lightly breaded and crispy-fried with grain mustard sauce.

Reuben Sandwich: beer braised corned beef brisket, peppered sauerkraut, melted Swiss cheese and 1000 island, on grilled rustic rye. Served with choice of fresh hand-cut fries, Napa slaw or small house salad.

Irish Shepherd's Pie: seasoned ground beef, onions, carrots and peas simmered in pan gravy, layered with white cheddar mashed potatoes and melted cheddar cheese. Served with fresh baked Irish soda bread.

And, of course, Beer Braised Corned Beef & Cabbage: with stone ground mustard vinaigrette, horseradish cream, white cheddar mashed potatoes and braised cabbage. A portion of proceeds from the sale of each Irish Mule will benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation, conquering childhood cancers. For information, visit www.stbaldricks.org.

The event is free to attend; food and drinks will be available for purchase. Happy Hour specials will not be available on these two dates.

For more information, visit the website at www.thirstyliongastropub.com or call Chandler Viridian: (480) 786-5799; Desert Ridge: (480) 419-5070; SanTan Village: (480) 899-0119; and Tempe: (480) 968-2920. ❖



Traditional Scotch Eggs



Corned Beef and Cabbage

Caesars Republic Scottsdale Luxury Hotel Opens Hotel Reservations for April 2024

HCW, a prominent national real estate development and property management company, is excited to announce the commencement of hotel reservations for Caesars Republic Scottsdale.

The highly anticipated luxury hotel is set to open its doors on March 6th, 2024. Guests can secure their reservations starting April 1st, 2024, at caesarsrepublicscottsdale.com. With its modern 11-story, 265-room design, Caesars Republic Scottsdale promises a truly unparalleled experience in the Valley of the Sun.

Situated on the north side of Scottsdale Fashion Square, the 147-foot-high, 260,000 square-foot hotel boasts five opulent top-floor penthouse entertainment suites, each exceeding 2,000 square feet. These suites are complete with breathtaking vista views, outdoor terraces and kitchens. The hotel also features 28 luxury suites, including wellness suites with Peloton stationary bikes and the La Lupa bridal suite, complete with hair salon amenities and a private lounge. King and double queen rooms are luxurious havens in themselves, where guests can enjoy modern elegance and comfort. They offer floor-to-ceiling windows, a dedicated desk area for convenience, a modern sitting area, and a 55" 4K smart TV. Stays can be enhanced with the distinctive liquor display cabinet, including premium bottle selections. Rooms vary in size from 331 to 483 square feet. Luxury and serenity can be enjoyed in all of the beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites.

In collaboration with Caesars Entertainment Corporation (NASDAQ: CZR) and Macerich (NYSE: MAC), Caesars Republic Scottsdale is more than a top-tier accommodation for visitors. The hotel aims to be the premier destination for hosting unforgettable events against the stunning backdrop of Camelback Mountain and the surrounding desert landscape.

"The HCW team is thrilled to open reservations for Caesars Republic Scottsdale; this day has been eagerly anticipated," said Richard Huffman, Chief Executive Officer and President of HCW. "We cannot wait to share this exceptional property with both locals and travelers. I extend my

heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in this exciting venture; your contributions have made this project truly remarkable."

Caesars Republic Scottsdale boasts bountiful amenities, including two restaurants by famed Chef Giada De Laurentiis, Luna by Giada and Pronto by Giada. Seven (SVN), an elevated pool lounge and fine dining concept located on the seventh floor, is operated by the Riot Hospitality Group of Scottsdale. For those seeking a distinctive event space, Caesars Republic Scottsdale features 20,000 square feet of event space including a 7,000-square-foot ballroom opening onto the hotel's second pool, Cleopatra's Pool & Bar.

Integrating the Caesars Rewards loyalty network, guests can earn rewards points for their stay at Caesars Republic Scottsdale. Make your reservations now at caesarsrepublicscottsdale.com to secure an unforgettable experience.

About Caesars Republic Scottsdale

Caesars Republic Scottsdale is owned and managed by HCW. Financing for the project was arranged by Walker and Dunlap, with the National Bank of Arizona supporting the endeavor. The hotel project team includes BRP Architects, Studio 11 Interior Design, and Layton Construction.

Caesars Republic Scottsdale is a new lifestyle-hotel experience and the first non-gaming hotel by Caesars Entertainment in the United States. Located adjacent to Scottsdale's premier luxury retail destination, Scottsdale Fashion Square, the new concept taps into the unique pulse of the surrounding city to form a one-of-a-kind experience. The 11-story, 265-room hotel and conference center opens March 6, 2024. For more information, visit caesarsrepublicscottsdale.com. ❖



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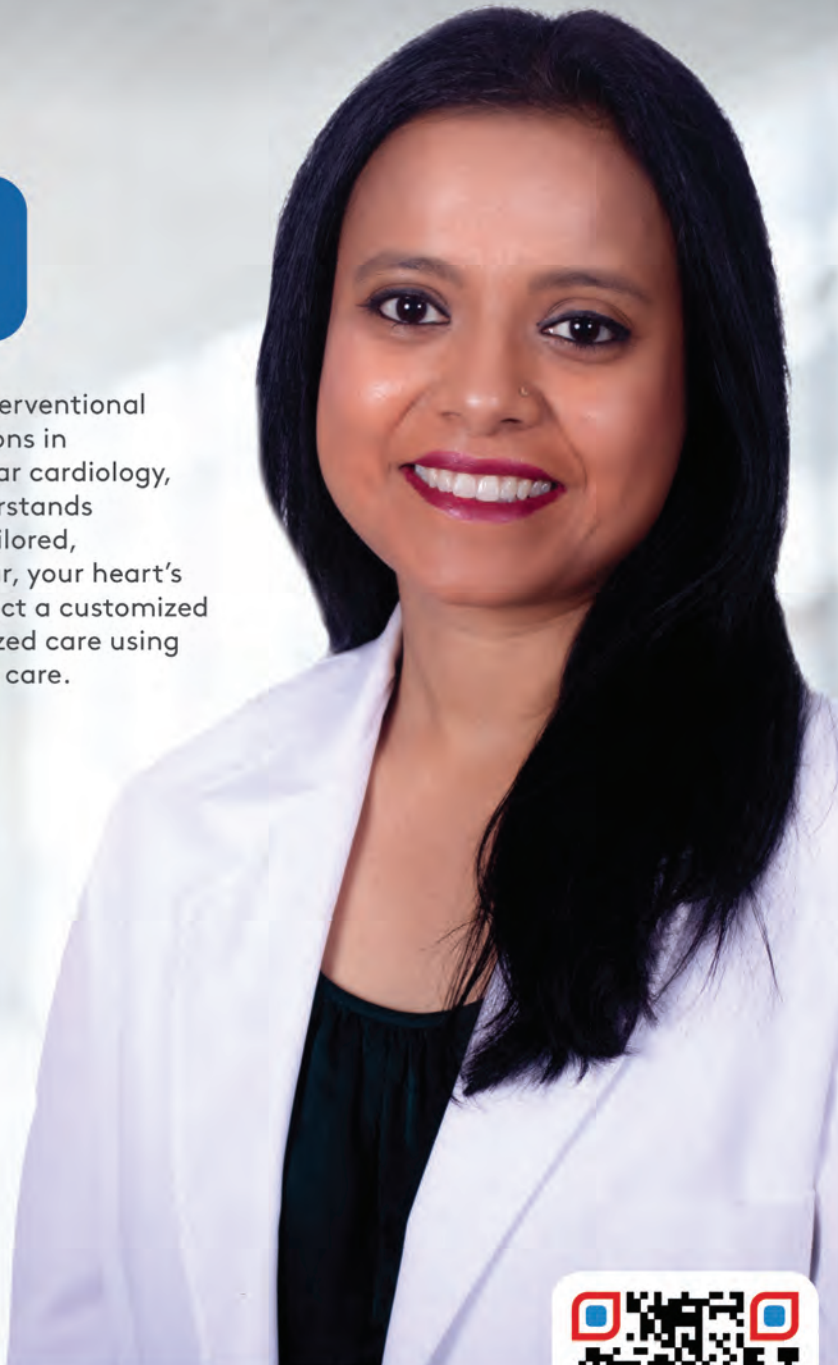
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THE BROKERY LISTS NEWEST HOME ON BILTMORE ESTATES FOR \$7.5 MILLION

THIS MARKS THE FIRST TIME THIS COVETED HOME IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

A home on the coveted Biltmore Circle in Phoenix is now for sale for the very first time.

Tucker Blalock and Oleg Bortman with The Brokery have the listing for 18 Biltmore Estates, which is being offered for \$7.5 million. Built in 2019, this is the newest home on the Biltmore Circle.

“This one-of-a-kind property is located along the famed Arizona Biltmore Circle and sits on a 1.23-acre golf course lot offering unobstructed views of the Estates Course and Piestewa Peak, says Blalock.

“This is one of the most desired Biltmore homes to ever hit the market.”

Just beyond the private gated entry with lush hedges lies a circular drive and the dramatic entry to the European-inspired estate. The home was designed to maximize sweeping golf course views and panoramic scenery sur-

rounding the property. The single level property features a spacious open floor plan consisting of 5,629 square feet, 3 bedrooms, two bonus rooms, 3.5 baths, and a three-car garage.

Unique features include soaring ceilings with meticulous coffered woodworking details on the ceiling, herringbone pattern oak flooring, two fireplaces, a heated pool and hot tub, and outdoor kitchen. Multiple back patios showcase views of the panoramic scenery surrounding the property. A 952 square-foot guest casita complete with living room, bedroom, and flex space is located adjacent to the main home.

“This home offers the privacy and views of rural living, along with all the conveniences of being in the heart of the city and near the shopping, dining, and resort amenities of the famed Arizona Biltmore resort,” says Bortman. “Opportunities like this are extremely rare, and we’re looking forward to helping the future buyers of 18 Biltmore Estates find their dream home.”



About The Brokery

The Brokery is a local, boutique residential real estate brokerage that is relentlessly focused on serving residents in neighborhoods across the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. Founded in 2012, by co-founders Tucker Blalock and Oleg Bortman, the company's number one goal is to provide unparalleled service and extensive market insight to the residents of their local community. Unlike many brokerages tucked away in corporate centers, The Brokery has neighborhood-centered offices that offer high visibility for their clients' properties in state-of-the-art showcases and allows for neighbors to engage one-on-one with local real estate experts.

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~ Real Estate Update ~



By Debbie Frazelle, Coldwell Banker Realty
Know the New Rules of Selling a Home in 2024
(If You Want Your House To Fly Off the Market)

In 2023, many homeowners who hoped to sell decided to hit pause on those plans. And for good reason: High interest rates had pushed many buyers to the sidelines, and it also created an effect that would dissuade would-be sellers from giving up their current low-interest home loans.

With both buyers and sellers feeling stuck, our real estate markets slowed down a bit. But now, mortgage rates are finally subsiding a bit and house hunters are slowly returning, some with a vengeance. And with this pent-up demand finally coming down the pike, this year might be the perfect time to sell your house.

But a lot has changed since last year, so if you're hoping to sell your house soon, you've got to educate yourself on the most recent market trends. Read on to learn about a few old, outdated home-selling rules that no longer apply in today's real estate market, plus some new, improved guidance that will help you make the most of what may be shaping up to be a busy year in real estate.

Old rule: Sellers will be lucky to find any buyer

New rule: Buyers are back, and so are bidding wars

In 2023, many buyers couldn't afford both high mortgage rates and high home prices. As a result, many buyers gave up, and the few buyers who were out there prioritized affordability with an eye toward discounts. And with such little demand, many sellers were forced to oblige.

But with mortgage rates heading south, more buyers are coming out of the woodwork, and many might not be so strict with their budget. In fact, experts are already seeing sellers getting more competitive bids.

Old rule: Your home doesn't have to be perfect

New rule: Sellers have to work hard to make their house stand out

In 2023, with so few homes for sale, buyers couldn't be picky about a dated kitchen or an unfinished basement. Even the ugly ducklings and fixer-uppers drew plenty of interest, so some sellers let their prep work slide when listing their properties.

But lower rates mean more buyers are entering the market, and more sellers are willing to give up their current mortgage terms and make a move. With more houses for sale comes less leverage for sellers, so they might need to invest in renovations before listing.

Some updates that deliver the most bang for your buck include refreshing the landscaping, switching out flooring, and replacing light fixtures. This year, a home needs to be attractive and competitively upgraded to beat out the competition.

Old rule: Sellers may have to slash their price

New rule: Patience may be key to getting a high offer

Last year, home sellers' lofty expectations often took a haircut as their homes lingered on the market. Many were forced to reduce their price. This year, however, sellers might not need to lower their expectations as quickly as they did in the past.

Old rule: Sellers couldn't negotiate much

New rule: There's more room for haggling

Sellers didn't have much wiggle room with cash-strapped buyers last year. But things are set to change in 2024: More buyers in the market means sellers have some room to negotiate.

So if an offer rolls in that isn't as high as you'd hoped or lacks some elements that are important to you (like a long closing date), don't hesitate to counteroffer rather than simply accept what you get.

Old rule: Don't sell now because you'll have a hard time buying your next home

New rule: Now is as good a time as ever to sell your home

With rates high, many sellers have been hesitant to move. Why sell their home and lose their (likely) low rate in exchange for a new house for a sky-high rate? If this is you, experts say that right now is a good time to sell: We're in a sweet spot where rates aren't so high, but the market hasn't quite picked up speed yet.

We're coming back to a market where you can still sell at a really reasonable price. And then if you turn around and buy again, you have more options and more negotiating power than you've ever had, and so you get this opportunity, it's a rare opportunity, where you can still potentially sell high and you could buy low.

But it won't last long: If today's sellers wait to list and become buyers in the spring, they might be stuck searching for a home in a crowded market if the rates continue to drop, as is anticipated, that competition may get fiercer.

Experts from Realtor.com. Need help listing or buying, give me a call Debbie Frazelle (602) 399-8540 or DFrazelle@cox.net. ❖

Statistics from January 15th to February 14th, 2024

Homes for Sale	35	Homes Sold/Closed	10
Homes Sale Pending	14	Rentals Furnished	3
Rentals Unfurnished	6		

For Sale

Cloister	2	\$435,000-\$460,000
Courts	6	\$565,000-\$609,000
Estates	4	\$4,750,000-\$7,500,000
Fairway Lodge	2	\$949,000-\$1,225,000
Gates	1	\$1,675,999
Heights	1	\$835,000
Hillside Villa	2	\$1,495,000-\$2,895,000
Mountain Estates	1	\$3,495,000
Meridian	3	\$300,000-\$525,000
Terraces	10	\$289,750-\$499,000
Village on the Lakes	3	\$1,599,000-\$2,100,000

Pending Sales

Colony	1	Courts	3
Estates	2	Fairway Lodge	2
Heights	1	Hillside Villa	1
Meridian	1	Biltmore Mountain Villas	1
Biltmore Square	2		

Closed Sales

Cloister	1	Courts	1
Gates	1	Greens	1
Hillside Villas	2	Meridian	1
Terraces	2	Two Biltmore	1



The Madison Education Foundation is excited to present VIVA, Madison Gala, on Saturday, April 27th, at the Madison Center for the Arts. Go all in on Madison and join them for games, cocktails, food, music from the Twice Baked Band, Silent Auction, and more! Please purchase your tickets now and get ready to LET IT RIDE! With your help they hope to reach the goal of raising over \$100,000 to enhance arts education throughout the Madison School District.

For tickets, visit www.secure.qgiv.com/for/mef/event/865679. The Madison Education Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to enriching the quality of education of every child who attends Madison Public Schools by providing innovative, hands-on programs in music and the arts. The Madison Center for the Arts is located at 5601 North 16th Street, Phoenix AZ 85016. ❖



Enjoy A Rooftop Easter Brunch Fit For A King in Downtown Phoenix

The festive Easter tradition continues on the Rooftop at the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel as they host their third annual Rooftop Easter Brunch Sunday, March 31st, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The hotel invites the community to continue your family tradition and hop-on over for the Easter Brunch celebration worthy of a King. Guests will enjoy a beautifully decorated rooftop terrace and welcoming tables to dine at with their friends and family beneath the blue, sunny sky of Downtown Phoenix. Not only will you enjoy delicious food, but they will also have live entertainment as well!

Reservations and preferred seating times for the 3rd Annual Easter Brunch can be reserved by visiting RooftopEasterBrunch.com.

The Rooftop Easter Brunch at the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel will be complete with:

- Bottomless Mimosas (21+)
- Seafood including Shrimp, Crab, Ahi Poke, Smoked Fish, Oysters
- Glazed Easter Ham, Prime Rib and Chicken Breast
- A Variety of Salads
- Delectable Desserts... the menu goes on!

Reservations are available from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults are \$95, children aged 5-12 are \$55 and children under five (5) are complimentary. Pricing is per person and does not include taxes or gratuity. Seating is limited, and reservations are required.

Reservations and preferred seating times for the 3rd Annual Easter Brunch can be reserved by visiting RooftopEasterBrunch.com.

For information about the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel visit www.RenHotelPHX.com or call (602) 333-0000. ❖

New Seasonal Dishes at Over Easy!

There are some great new dishes at Over Easy! The breakfast-brunch-lunch restaurant with a modern twist is getting ready to launch three NEW seasonal items to its menu with something for everyone, using both the savory and sweet flavors of breakfast! The new seasonal menu will be available through March at all 13 Valley locations for dine-in, takeout and delivery. (Alcohol excluded from takeout/delivery)

The seasonal dishes include:

Chorizo Benedict - English muffin, chorizo, zesty cilantro crema, hollandaise sauce, caramelized onion, avocado, jalapeño

Strawberry Crunch Waffle - Strawberry compote, cream cheese glaze, and strawberry streusel topping

Cold Brew Mocha - A blend of Press cold brew, chocolate milk, chocolate syrup, topped with a cloud of whipped cream (try it spiked with Stoli Vanilla Vodka!)

Founded in 2008, Over Easy quickly became recognized as the best breakfast in Phoenix. Over Easy's menu of made-from-scratch dishes, aesthetic décor and great customer service have led to features on the Food Network, in *Bon Appétit Magazine* as well as recognition as one of America's best breakfast and brunch restaurants by *Travel + Leisure*. With 13 locations across Arizona, Over Easy continues to be a favorite for all things breakfast. For more information, visit www.eatatovereasy.com. ❖

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Biltmore Villas 2	6198 North 28th Place
Biltmore Villas 2	6180 North 28th Place
Biltmore Villas 2	6177 North 29th Place
Biltmore Villas 2	6173 North 29th Place
Biltmore Greens 1	2530 East Oregon
Biltmore Greens 3	6101 North 31st Place
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Biltmore Villas 2	6193 North 29th Place
Biltmore Villas 2	6194 North 29th Place
Biltmore Villas 2	6180 North 28th Place
Biltmore Greens 4	3146 East Claremont
Biltmore Greens 4	6235 North 31st Place
Biltmore Greens 4	3166 East Claremont
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Uchi Makes Its Arizona Debut in Old Town Scottsdale

The award-winning, Austin-based restaurant group, Hai Hospitality (Uchi, Uchiko, Uchibā, and LORO Asian Smokehouse & Bar), brings their first Arizona concept to the heart of Old Town Scottsdale. Uchi is conveniently located at 3821 N. Scottsdale Road (N. Scottsdale Road and E. 1st Street). Uchi is introducing Phoenixians to its delicate balance of elevated food and impeccable service, featuring the signature non-traditional take on Japanese cuisine, signature tastings, sushi, and a seasonal omakase for which James Beard Award-winning Chef Tyson Cole is known.

Translated from the Japanese word meaning “house,” Chef Tyson Cole created the original Uchi location in a refurbished South Austin bungalow in 2003 with the simple vision of bringing the intimacy and collaboration of the sushi bar experience to every table in the restaurant. Chef Cole’s innovative take on sushi and signature dishes has been delighting guests from across the country and around the world ever since, with a variety of hot and cool tastings, sushi and sashimi, makimono, yakimono, tempura, and an ever-changing omakase (or chef’s choice menu) based on seasonal items. Diners visiting Uchi Scottsdale can expect to indulge in familiar favorites, along with exclusive Scottsdale-specific menu items, including Lamb Sirloin with roast kabocha puree, cranberry ginger relish, spicy pickled kabocha; Masu Crudo made with ocean trout, Japanese sweet potato, makrut lime leaf, or decadent Wagyu Carpaccio (also available at the original Uchi in Austin, TX).

“As a fellow chef here in the Southwest, I’ve always appreciated the vibrant culinary scene in Scottsdale, and the growth over the past few

years has truly been incredible,” said Executive Chef Tyson Cole. “We spent a lot of time trying to find the perfect spot to bring Uchi to Scottsdale, and I know our entire team is so excited to finally reveal the results of all of our planning and hard work over the past year plus of getting ready. Most of all, I’d like to thank all the local chefs and the restaurant community here, who have been so supportive in welcoming us to Arizona.”

The space was designed by Hai Design Studio in collaboration with architect of record, AV3 Design Studio of Phoenix, and design architect, Hazelbaker Rush, based in Tucson. Uchi’s interiors explore the intersection of Arizona and Japanese design sensibilities to create a multi-sensory dining experience. Housed inside the longtime Bandera restaurant in the heart of Old Town, Uchi seats 180 total guests, which includes bar seating with unique bites, as well as a luscious outdoor patio and a private dining room available upon request for large parties up to 12 people. This space has been transformed into a striking, modern sanctuary with large wooden sculptures suspended from the ceiling, and accented with additional artwork and lighting fixtures from local and national artists. This includes a sculptural wood and neon piece by Steve Jones and a Raku pot by Jeffrey Perkins, both from Art One Gallery in Scottsdale, as well as number of tonal paintings by Danny Rose



from Neighborhood Art Gallery, in Dallas, plus a trio of fiber hangings from VuzelArt to create a unique, textural complement to the Sushi Bar.

Uchi Scottsdale is Hai Hospitality’s seventh Uchi location, following the openings of Uchi Austin, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Miami and Los Angeles. Uchi Scottsdale is now open Sunday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Plus, Happy Hour daily from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Valet parking is available, and to-go options will be available to order via Uchi’s website for pickup as well as via UberEats for at-home delivery. To learn more about Uchi Scottsdale, or to make a reservation, visit uchirestaurants.com or follow the brand at [@uchirestaurants](https://www.instagram.com/uchirestaurants) on Instagram. ❖



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ALINE Architecture Wins Two Architecture & Design Awards

ALINE Architecture Concepts has been honored with two 2023 Architecture & Design Collection Awards for Clever Ramen. The Scottsdale-based architecture firm was named a Platinum Winner in the Architecture & Design Interior Design Innovative Design Elements category and a Silver Winner 2023 in the Architecture & Design Interior Design Dining Space Aesthetics category.

“Our concept for Clever Ramen was to use raw, true materials that bring warmth and life to the space while representing quality, craft, and raw ingredients,” says ALINE Co-Founder Brian Laubenthal. “We wanted to bring plant life and warmth into the project, but also let the design and function of the space lean heavily on technology. Working with our millwork partner, we developed the curved plywood ceiling and wall using parametric software that allows us to control the shapes.”

Laubenthal says the result of the undulating millwork was designed not just for aesthetics, but also with sustainability in mind. Because software transmitted accurate cut information directly to the machine, ALINE was able to achieve a quick turnaround while limiting waste.

“We used this and other design elements to bring in the woods and warmth to the space. We then infused more character into what started as an empty shell through the incorporation of plants, lighting, patterns and breeze block. We are incredibly pleased with how Clever Ramen turned out, and it’s a true honor to receive this global recognition.”

About ALINE Architecture

ALINE Architecture Concepts is an award-winning architecture firm making waves in modern architecture and design. Established in 2010, ALINE is focused on craft, community, and collaboration. The Scottsdale-based team specializes in commercial retail and hospitality projects, sustainable design and adaptive reuse. ❖



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March 2024: Art Detour Returns as an Invitation to Define ‘Your Life’s Style’

Attention art lovers! Artlink, the non-profit credited with establishing Downtown Phoenix’s amazing First Fridays and the organization responsible for connecting artists and businesses to the community is thrilled to announce the month-long celebration of Art Detour, which celebrates its 36th year from March 1st through the March 31st.



Art Detour invites the public to enjoy impromptu excursions or plan a customized “Artinerary” of cultural discovery that defines their life’s style in Arizona through visual, performing and culinary arts, fashion design, public art and more. Patrons can choose from hundreds of experiences produced by Arizona’s creative community and explore and appreciate all that is beautiful, energizing, compelling, stylish and flavorful.

The event schedule offers art patrons, collectors and art lovers a broad range of ways in which to engage with artists and destinations throughout the state, in partnership with Arizona Commission on the Arts, City of Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture, Valley Metro, Downtown Phoenix Inc., Park Central, Phoenix Art Museum, FOUND:RE Phoenix Hotel, Greater Phoenix Economic Council and more to come.

Artdetour.com is where patrons can find an event schedule of engaging activities and diverse communities that showcase the very best arts and culture that Arizona has to offer. The site is powered by Artlink’s new Artinerary platform, providing customizable and shareable “Artineries” complete with maps, and directories of participating artists, arts organizations and venues.

A highlight of Art Detour’s month-long celebration is the 11th annual Art d’Core Gala to be held at a new location, the Phoenix Art Museum on Saturday, March 16th, 2024. The theme for 2024 is: P A N O R A M A, celebrating the 360 view that Arizona’s creative community brings to a colorful life. From the stunning visual displays to the exhilarating performances and the culinary delights, guests will be enveloped in the expanse of art in motion and celebrate those who contribute to Arizona’s creativity, community and economy.

The evening will honor Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, Owner of Bentley Gallery Bentley Calverley, Associate Vice President at Arizona State University Rick Naimark, and Honorary Commander Doris Ong.

Featured artists include Artlink Artist Council members Kenaïm Al-Shatti, Laura Spalding Best, Ruby Farias, Magda Gluszek, Liliana Gomez, Abbey Messmer, Nicole Lyn Olson, Rembrandt Quiballo, Patricia Sannit and Tricee Thomas with additional collaborating artists to be selected via an open call to artists.



Camacho, the President and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, serves as the event’s honorary chair.

“As we embark on the 2024 Art Detour and the Art d’Core Gala, we are thrilled to witness the convergence of artistic brilliance and community spirit,” said Catrina Kahler, President and CEO of Artlink. “Together, we are not only celebrating art; we are crafting an immersive narrative that echoes the voices of our state and paints the future for artistic inspiration.”

The suggested Art d’Core attire is for a progressive arts experience where shimmering cocktails meet hip and chic. Tickets start at \$175 (with special pricing for Artlink Articipants) and are now on sale.

Artlink invites Arizona artists, venues, businesses and organizations to register as an Articipant to be a part of Art Detour and receive discounts tickets for the Art d’Core Gala.

For more information on Art Detour, please visit artdetour.com. To sign up for updates and for more information about Artlink, please visit artlinkphx.org, or connect via social media on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.



Camelot Homes Aura Community in North Scottsdale Now Open

Camelot Homes is pleased to announce that their new Aura luxury community, located at 128th Street and Shea, is now open. Customers are invited to tour the newly completed model home at this private gated community of 12 single story homes.

At Aura, homeowners can choose from two thoughtfully designed floor plans featuring brand new designs from acclaimed architect The Woodley Group. The Vibe, priced from \$1,839,900 includes 3,034 sq. ft. with three bedrooms, three and a half baths, and a 3-car garage. The Essence, priced from \$1,845,900, includes 3,228 sq. ft. with 3-4 bedrooms, 3.5 – 4.5 baths and a 3-car garage.

“The design of these homes is phenomenal,” says Camelot Homes Julie Hancock. “Dramatic great rooms open to indoor/outdoor spaces, and the sophisticated contemporary architecture is pure Camelot.”

Located in the vibrant Shea corridor near The Mayo Clinic and the highly acclaimed Basis School, Aura reflects the best in Scottsdale living.

“Though you won’t want to leave your home, when you do, you’ll be close to everything you love about Arizona,” says Hancock. “These homes truly enable our homeowners to live their best life!”

Those interested in more information are invited to visit www.camelothomes.com/community/aura to see floorplans, take a virtual tour and sign up for more information. Interested homebuyers can also schedule an appointment with Jonnea Bennett at (602) 818-3725. ❖





Embrace a Healthier 2024 as The Westin Tempe Debuts New Wellness Package Powered by Lululemon

With New Year's resolutions in full swing, The Westin Tempe announced today the launch of its wellness stay package in partnership with Lululemon alongside new fitness offerings, including a digital running route curated by Strava and a gear-lending program featuring workouts and recovery equipment from Hyperice and Bala – all designed for travelers seeking to maintain an active lifestyle.

“Keeping in mind The Westin Tempe’s six pillars of wellness, it felt natural for us to create offerings giving our guests the ability to sleep, eat, move, feel, work and play well during their stay,” said Danielle Gilligan, General Manager of The Westin Tempe. “Travel can put a strain on remaining consistent with healthy habits, so our wellness-focused package helps visitors enjoy Tempe without missing a beat in their routines.”

With room rates starting from \$365/night, the limited-time Lululemon In-Room Fitness Experience package is available through April 30th and includes:

- Accommodations in a guest room equipped with a Lululemon branded yoga mat and yoga block.
- A breakfast credit for a nourishing meal at Terra Tempe Kitchen & Spirits where guests can select healthy options like smoothies and juices curated by The Juicery or dishes from the “Eat Well” menu that is focused on portion size and nutritional balance.
- Access to WestinWORKOUT Gear Lending, the hotel’s signature gear-lending program featuring Hyperice’s most sought-after recovery devices and Bala’s full-body workout accessories, including weights, resistance bands and more.
- A Lululemon branded take-home water bottle.
- Book at <https://www.marriott.com/offers/wellness-by-westin-tempe-off-100737/phxwt-the-westin-tempe> or by calling (480) 968-8885.

Also new this year, The Westin Tempe introduces its WestinWORKOUT Gear Lending, allowing guests to request fitness accessories for in-room use to stay in shape from the comfort and privacy of their own accommodations. This program features full-body exercise equipment from Bala, a workout tools company to give everyone the chance to break a sweat anywhere, anytime. The Bala kit includes resistance bands, balance blocks, yoga mats and bangle weights. Recovery devices from Hyperice provide travelers the ability to reset for their next workout with a variety of equipment, such as Hypervolt Go 2, Hypersphere Go and Normatec Go. Additionally, for running enthusiasts, the hotel is offering WestinWORKOUT Routes, a curated digital running route with Strava, an activity tracking app that connects runners, cyclists, hikers and walkers, that empowers travelers to experience the city like a local while staying consistent with their schedules.

For information about The Westin Tempe or to book your stay, visit <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/phxwt-the-westin-tempe/overview>. ❖



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Lon's Makes OpenTable's List of 100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America 2024

Love is in the air at Lon's at the Hermosa, as it is honored to be one of five Arizona restaurants named to OpenTable's annual list of the 100 Most Romantic Restaurants in America. This dining guide was created after OpenTable analyzed more than 12 million diner reviews collected throughout 2023 and calculated numerous data points, including reviews for which 'romantic' was selected as a special feature.

"We are honored to be named to this elite list for the fifth time," said Noel Fulton, Managing Director of The Hermosa Inn. "Lon's world-class cuisine, attentive service, and authentic Arizona ambiance and architecture combine for a memorable and romantic dining experience."

Originally hand-crafted in the 1930s by cowboy artist Lon Megargee as his private residence and art studio, The Hermosa Inn is a secluded AAA Four-Diamond boutique hotel nestled in

the foothill of Camelback Mountain. Lon's at the Hermosa is this hidden gem's culinary centerpiece and is celebrated for its globally inspired Arizona fare and award-winning wine list. Locally sourced ingredients power LON's menus, featuring classic and seasonal dishes that reflect both the adventurous spirit and the sophisticated artistry of its namesake.

Lon's offers several idyllic settings for a romantic lunch, brunch or dinner. The ruggedly handsome dining room and bar, LON's Last Drop, feature several cozy fireplaces and exude the resort's luxury desert feel using traditional Southwestern architecture, adobe bricks, wood beams, hand-painted Mexican tile, and many one-of-a-kind embellishments reflecting its artistic heritage.

The picturesque patio, renowned for its explosively colorful flowerbeds, desert flora, trickling

fountain, twinkling lights and a massive wood-burning fireplace, boasts breathtaking views of nearby Camelback Mountain. Live entertainment on the weekends enhances the already dreamy vibe, encouraging guests to savor a handcrafted cocktail by one of the many fireplaces on the adjacent Lon's Last Drop patio.

For the ultimate in romance, LON's underground wine cellar can be reserved for private candle-lit dinners for two to 12 guests, where diners can savor a luxurious five-course menu with wine pairings. Featuring 1890s Chicago brick, reclaimed beams and beautiful rustic tables, hundreds of spectacular bottles from LON's award-winning wine list are displayed amidst the soft glow of countless votive candles, creating a magical and memorable setting.

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