



Montevista Community Corner Newsletter December 2024



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Notable Notes

Our 2024 Board selected their officers for the coming year at the November meeting. John Polak will remain as President; Lee Brodsky as VP; Mark Bratman as Treasurer and James Schrick along with Lynn Conroy as Directors. Once again these volunteers are looking at a busy year ahead and would welcome any assistance from other homeowners!

Our first Welcome Packets were delivered to new residents, who were very appreciative to receive them.

The Landscape Committee is pleased to report that all reseeded areas have been completed. The grassy area by the tot lot was postponed due to our annual MonsterVista event. Winter flowers have been planted and the pavement leak has been fixed by the City of Phoenix with only resurfacing of the pavement still pending.

The Architectural Committee would like to remind residents to submit applications on our website, mymontevista.com, for any changes to the exterior of one's home to include gutters, garage doors, turf, paint, driveways, plants, gravel and more. In addition, please check out our approved plant list prior to making your selections. Committee members are currently working with our landscape company, Back to Nature, to update this list.

Happy Holidays!

New News

HOA dues will increase starting in January 2025. Our new quarterly assessment will be \$717. This equates to an increase of only \$21 per quarter, \$7 per month, or .23 cents per day, equal to 3%. Please be sure to change any recurring electronic payments to reflect the new amount. Thank you.

AZCMS has finalized a quarterly bulk trash pick-up schedule for Montevista residents. For everything you need to know and more, please read Trash Talk in the pages to follow. Residents who have already scheduled a pick-up time online through December will be able to keep that time.

Reminders

Trash collection may be delayed an additional day due to the Christmas holiday.

Holiday lights, displays and decorations need to be taken down by January 15th.

If you have not already done so, please be sure to reseed your front lawn to winter rye grass. If you have any questions, please read our October newsletter located on our website for more information.

Any dead plants should be removed from front yards in order to keep our community looking great for all to see.





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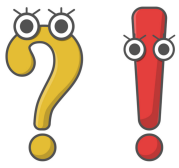
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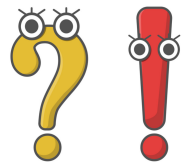
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Did You Know



In order to conserve water, encourage and assist homeowners in converting to desert landscaping, the City of Phoenix is implementing a program to pay homeowners to remove grass through their Residential Grass Removal Program. Homeowners who qualify can earn \$2 per square foot of grass replaced and save approximately 50 gallons of water a year per each square foot of grass replaced.

To qualify for the program, one must have at least 250 square feet of healthy living grass. An application must be submitted to [myPHX311](#). Quality, wide photos of one's entire lawn along with a project form of one's current lawn and the desert landscape to be installed need to be sent in as well.

The City will review applications and provide a *Notice to Proceed*, if qualified. The program has no expiration date, however; they are working with a five million dollar budget. Funding will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Let's Talk Trash!

AZCMS along with City of Phoenix Waste Management has devised a customized schedule for bulk trash pickup for Montevista residents in order to avoid endless weeks of unsightly trash littering our driveways. Pickups will occur quarterly on the following Thursdays:

- **January 9th**
- **April 10th**
- **July 9th**
- **October 10th**

Make sure you are aware of these dates before you begin placing your bulk items at the curb (**no more than 7 days ahead of the scheduled date**). It is a violation of city ordinance to place trash out more than 7 days before a scheduled appointment.

Bulk trash consists of materials too big to be placed in a garbage or recycling container. Furniture, small appliances, toilets and large amounts of vegetation are just some examples. Please see the following page for what NOT to include in bulk trash pickup.

Bulk Trash Placement Guidelines

- Securely bag and tie all grass, leaves, weeds, twigs and hedge clippings before placing out for bulk trash.
- Cut tree trimmings down to less than 12" in diameter and 4' in length.
- Place bulk trash curbside, on the edge of your property parallel to the street or curb.
- Keep piles at least 5 feet away from any fixed objects.
- Have items placed by 5:30 a.m. on the scheduled pickup date.
- Sweep or rake area after collection, if necessary.

More Trash Talk - What Not to Include!

- More than 10 cubic yards per residence, which is similar to the size of a SUV
- Loose debris and litter, and any ordinary household trash
- Loose grass, leaves, weeds, twigs, and hedge clippings
- Household hazardous waste, such as antifreeze, pool chemicals, oil, batteries and paint.
- Community piles - avoid combining piles from multiple households.
- Materials placed in Bagster bags
- Materials such as bricks, concrete, dirt, rocks, asphalt and roofing shingles/tiles
- Construction/demolition materials in excess of 25 pounds or over 4 feet long
- Metal or car parts in excess of 20 pounds or over 4 feet long
- Tires, any shape or size
- Glass such as windows, showers doors, patio doors, mirrors, fluorescent tubes, etc.
- Tree trunks or stumps longer than 4 feet and bigger than 12 inches in diameter
- Large appliances that use refrigerants such as freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioners. For appliance recycling options, visit the Appliance Recycling page at phoenix.gov/publicworks or contact the Public Works Customer Care Center at 602-262-6251.



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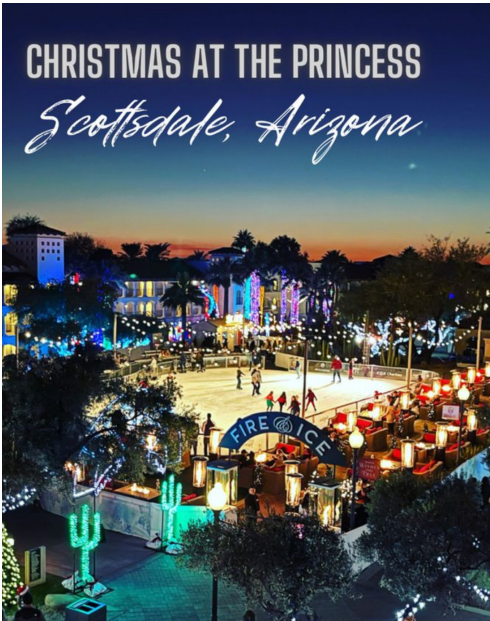


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Cave Creek Santa Summit
December 21 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm MST



Annual Santa Summit on Black Mountain. Meet at the intersection of Military and School House Roads at 10am. The primitive trail is 2.2 semi-rocky miles round trip. Bring water and wear appropriate shoes. We will toast the season at the summit around 11am and then descend to Local Jonny's for some post-hike refreshments.

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SHOW STARTS AT 9AM
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December 8th - 10am-2pm

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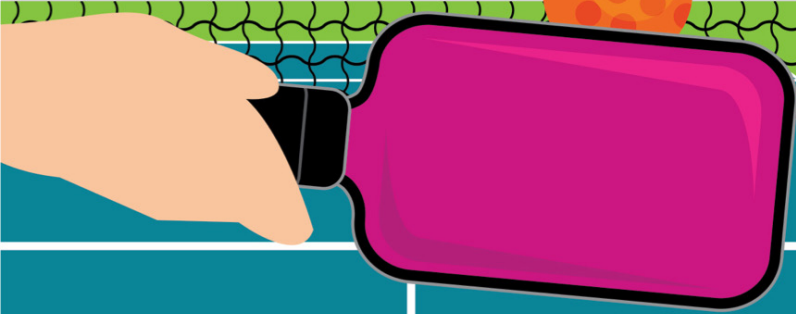
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Our next Board meeting is Thursday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom!

HAPPY NEW YEAR





A Funny Thing Happened the Night Before Christmas



You'll never guess what happened last night! I was _____ on my pajamas
(VERB -ING)
before bed. I had just put one _____ in my pants when I heard a
(BODY PART)
_____ sound at the window. I thought everyone was asleep! The house
(ADJECTIVE -ING)
was so quiet I could hear Mom _____ while she was sleeping.
(ADJECTIVE -ING)

The rest of the _____ were nestled all snug in their bed when I heard
(NOUN, GROUP)
the rattling sound again. I'm sure they were having visions of _____
(DESSERT, PLURAL)
dancing in their dreams. I put on my _____ and went to the
(ARTICLE OF CLOTHING)
window to get a closer look at the _____ shadow _____
(ADJECTIVE) (VERB -ING)
over the snow.

The shadow disappeared, and I heard the ornaments on the Christmas tree
_____ around. As I walked down the hallway to the _____,
(VERB -ING) (ROOM IN A HOUSE)
who did I see but Santa! He said not a single word but continued to fill the
_____ and put _____ beneath the tree. Once he was
(NOUN, PLURAL) (NOUN, PLURAL)
done, he nodded, put his _____ on his nose, and flew back up the chimney.
(BODY PART)

I could hardly believe my eyes. But as I went back to bed, I heard the sound of
_____ and his deep _____ laugh as he took off into the
(NOUN, PLURAL) (BODY PART)
night to visit the next _____.
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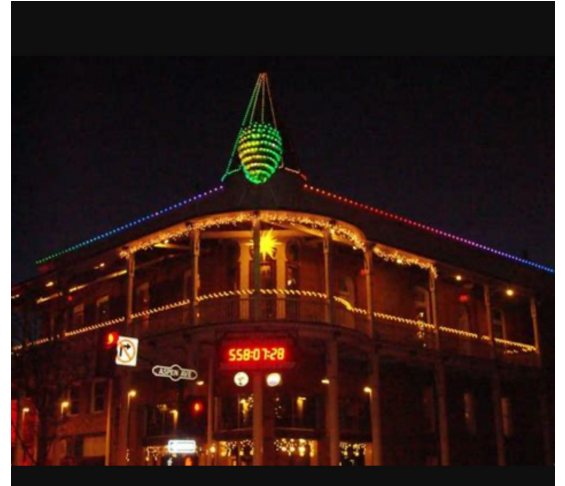


FLAGSTAFF: New Year's Eve Pinecone Drop

A Flagstaff tradition, watch as an LED-Lighted Pine Cone is lowered from the top of the Historic Weatherford Hotel.

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BRINGING IN THE NEW YEAR TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Eat 12 Grapes

In Spain, there is a tradition that involves eating 12 grapes by the time the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve. Doing so ensures you will have good luck in the year ahead.

Hang an Onion on Your Door

In Greece, hanging an onion on your door on New Year's Eve symbolizes rebirth and the coming of the new year. When New Year's Day arrives, parents traditionally tap the onion on the heads of their children to wish them good luck for the coming year.

Gather Round Items

In the Philippines, people collect and/or consume round objects that symbolize money, wealth, and good luck. These items may include fruits, donuts, cookies and eggs. Wearing polka dots, carrying coins, buttons and other round objects are common customs to bring in the New Year.

Dress in White

In Brazil, wearing white before the New Year is believed to usher in a sense of calm, peace, and contentment. Thus, one will often see people wearing white on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day to honor this tradition and set the tone for the year to come.

Dress in Red

In Europe, dressing in red, a tradition thought to be started by the Romans, is believed to bring luck in the New Year. In fact, in Italy wearing red, specifically red underwear as the clock strikes midnight is thought to bring good luck.

Bang Pots and Pans

In parts of England and Ireland, banging pots and pans at midnight is thought to banish away evil spirits and stop them from entering the New Year with you.



Happy New Year!



Recipe of the Month

Apple Pie Bread

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can apple pie filling, mashed
- 1 yellow cake mix
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 cup self rising flour
- 1 Tbsp cinnamon
- 1 medium chopped apple



DIRECTIONS:

Whisk all dry ingredients, add wet ingredients.

Fold in apples.

Pour in two loaf pans, greased. Sprinkle cinnamon and sugar on top.

Bake in 325 degree oven for 35-45 minutes.

Note: To make self-rising flour, for every cup of all-purpose flour, add 1-1/2 tsp. baking powder and 1/4 tsp. fine salt.

