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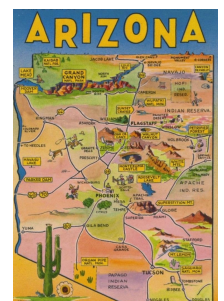
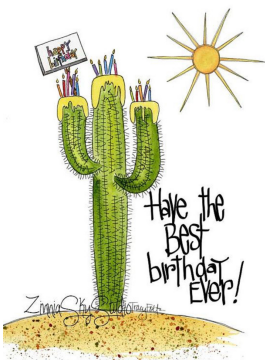
Notable Notes

Our monthly Board meeting was held on Thursday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you did not get a link to the meeting via email and/or text, please contact AZCMS at 480-355-1190. What better way to keep in touch with what is going on in our community than by hearing things firsthand? Get to know your Board members, have your questions answered here and learn of things to come in the comfort of your own home!

The Architectural Committee has created new revised plant lists, which can be found on our website. This list was made in collaboration with our landscape company, Back to Nature. One list contains approved plants and the other prohibited ones. Plants that are highlighted have been added or deleted from the original plant list by Toll Brothers. If you wish to use a plant that is not on the approved list, please contact the Architectural Committee via AZCMS or our website who will research whether or not the plant is invasive or poisonous and falls in line with our overall community landscaping design.

The Landscape Committee holds monthly meetings with Back to Nature to discuss landscaping needs. Yellowing of some grassy areas has been noted. Some of this is due to our near freezing temperatures. Additional fertilizer will be added as needed.

Happy Birthday Arizona!



More Notable Notes

The Board would like to give a shout out to our newest volunteers who have stepped up to restart our Safety Committee! They include Tim Gorman, the Chairperson, Pie Gorman and Dan Conroy. Along with other Board members, they will meet to analyze bids from gate companies to take over maintenance and repair of our gates. They are also looking into updating our camera system and reconfiguring pedestrian gate access.

Just as new gate operators were installed at Dixileta and 56th Street, the Dixileta gate was hit the weekend of January 25th. This caused misalignment of the entrance gates necessitating a visit from AAA. After multiple calls and escalation, a serviceman finally arrived and was able to fix the gate on Monday afternoon.

A new keypad was put in at 56th Street as vandals have struck once again using super glue to disable them. Our Safety Committee will be researching alternatives.

Reminders

Motor homes, travel trailers, boat trailers, sport utility vehicles and the like can only be parked on a street or common area on a 24-hour basis for loading or unloading per our CC&Rs (3.12). If additional time is needed, please notify our management company at 480-355-1190. The same rules apply to guests. For safety purposes, make sure that no part of such vehicles extends over sidewalks or into the street without proper oversight.

Don't forget to check out our website, mymontevista.com before making any changes to the exterior of your home. These include paint, gutters, landscape, hardscape, artificial turf, gravel, the addition of a pool, spa, pergola, etc. Forms and applications can be found under ARC Design Guidelines.





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Important Electric Dirt Bike Update

As many of you are aware, communities across the Valley have seen a surge in the unlawful use of electric dirt bikes by underage drivers on our streets putting lives at risk including their own. Offroad electric dirt bikes do not have pedals nor a platform to stand on. Instead, they have foot pegs and can reach speeds in excess of 25 mph. According to recent discussions with police officers from the City of Phoenix and our Black Mountain Precinct Community Action Officer, these "bikes" are **NOT** legal for use on public roads, highways, or sidewalks. They were designed and manufactured for offroad use only. They are capable of reaching very high speeds and do not offer the same level of protection as a car. For laws and city codes regarding electric bikes, see Phoenix City Codes 36-300 and ARS Title 28.

City of Phoenix Police note that the vast majority of kids who ride these bikes in our communities and on our public roadways are uninsured, underage (cannot be under the age of 18), ride without proper tags and gear, and are not properly educated with regard to traffic laws. They speed and drive recklessly among vehicles often popping wheelies in the middle of roadways, weaving in and out of traffic, tailgating and riding on sidewalks while ignoring stop signs, traffic lights and the like.

In addition to Montevista, neighboring communities such as Lone Mountain, Tatum Ranch, Desert Willow, Dove Valley, Aviano and Desert Ridge have accumulated damages in the thousands of dollars over the past several years due to destruction caused by electric dirt bike riders to golf courses, community parks, landscaping, plants, retaining walls, courts, tot lots and personal property frustrating homeowners who must pay for these costly repairs.

Electric Dirt Bike Update Continued...

In Montevista underage electric dirt bike riders are often seen congregating with others, most of whom do not live here. They trespass and speed through our streets popping wheelies in the middle of our roads and driving recklessly resulting in the need for vehicles to swerve to avoid them. They disregard stop signs and speed limits, jump off and degrade retaining walls, create deep ruts in our landscaping, spit up gravel on our sidewalks and courts, trample plants and damage irrigation lines causing thousands of dollars in repairs that we all as homeowners end up paying for with increases in our HOA dues.

Because we live in a private community, we have fewer options to address the misconduct of these juveniles; however, charges can be pressed against perpetrators and their parents if proven that a an electric dirt bike was used as a weapon (criminal assault), driven recklessly on our roads, caused injury to others, damaged property, etc. In addition, **harrassment and intimidation** are criminal offenses. On January 21st, a lone female driver was followed twice by a 15-year-old boy who claimed to live here, but gave no additional information other than his age. He was wearing black sweats and a black hoodie demanding to know where she lived leaving her feeling intimidated and afraid to return to her own home. Over an hour was spent afterwards talking to the police and an incident report was filed along with photos and video.

So, what can you do? City of Phoenix police encourage residents take photos and videos when able in a safe, discreet and **non-confrontational** manner and to call them and file a police report for documentation purposes to aid in identifying perpetrators. Photos and videos can be emailed to our Community Action Officer, Officer Jeffrey Blair. Please see the following page for contact information.

Electric Dirt Bike Final Updates

Sadly, our police officers feel it is just a matter of time before someone gets seriously injured or even killed before additional laws will be put on the books to address gray areas in the ones that already exist. So, please do not assume that others have already filed complaints and contact your legislators. Enforcement is an issue due to limited resources and the ability of offenders to flee evading police who are hesitant to chase them due to the potential for accidents and subsequent lawsuits. However, they are making headway with the use of drones and other technologies and will hold responsible not only juveniles, but their parents as well if caught breaking the law.

Our Board is well aware of ongoing issues with electric dirt bike riders in Montevista. They have been tracking complaints, collecting photos, videos, names and other information regarding these juveniles. Residents who have not done so already are asked to do the same - sending photos, videos and any other detailed information, incident report numbers, etc., to them via AZCMS. Please make specific note of where and when you see these juveniles congregating, along with what roads they are using both within Montevista and surrounding communities. This information will be shared with our Community Action Officer and added to their database. Thank you!

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Black Mountain Community Action Officer
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Electric Dirt Bike Incident

Nextdoor January 28, 2025

Post:

Well, It finally happened. Someone has been seriously injured by the kids on the E bikes. That someone was me. I was out on Horseback Friday at around 530 in the afternoon. I was riding in the desert area west of 40th Street between Tatum, where it dead ends and Ashler Hills. I was in an area that you can open your horse up into a jog with limited liability to horse and rider. I was moving at a good clip when out of nowhere, no trail, no road, no nothing, just an area that was concealed with mesquite and brush about a dozen E bikes shot out of the right side of where I was riding. I am an experienced Horseman and can ride quite well, I was not prepared for what happened at the speed at which I was traveling. A bike started to slide into braking and smacked up against my left side of my horse, there was another bike in front of my horse by about 3 feet, my horse made a quick left turn and jumped the rear tire of this bike which kept traveling. I was unseated and impacted the ground, I immediately knew my clavicle was broken and I had the wind knocked out of me. I attempted to get up on my left-hand knees to catch my breath when I was surrounded by another what seemed to 6 to 8 E bikes who began to spin brodies around me and laugh. My horse was about 35 yards away. This went on for 10 or 15 seconds when they took off back towards the houses. I got out of the Hospital today. Surgery for a plate on my Clavicle and 7 broken ribs. My horse is fine, and I rode her home as I was quite a way out. I know I should have been more attentive but because of the natural area cover I couldn't see off to my Left and there were no trails entering the area I was at from that side for a ways. I know there will be horseman that will say I should not have been unseated and I have no defense other than it happened in about 1.5 seconds , I was not ready ,I will admit. If you know these kids or their parents PLEASE talk to them on the impact their careless and reckless behavior is causing. I understand the kids just being kids point of view, but what kind of kids are being raised when they encircle someone injured and laugh while riding off?

Comments:

We live right over by desert willow park and the kids on e bikes are awful! They are so rude, and cut in front of cars all the time. It's an accident waiting to happen. As a parent myself I would be outraged if that was my child, however most apparently don't care. I'm so sorry that happened to you! Truly awful

I'm so sorry...probably the same kids doing stupid things around cc and Lone Mountain to Rancho. Doing wheelies in cc and being reckless.

I wonder if they are the same e-bike group who cut me off while driving on Carefree Highway to pop a wheelie IN my lane of traffic. I slammed on my brakes and was lucky to not hit another car trying to avoid the kid

I'm so sorry this happened to you . I went and reported what happened to me when they chased me in my car. I reported it to sheriffs office and said I needed to have license number...These kids are every where even down Dixeleita on the road.

Current E bikes are nothing like the e-bikes of just a few years ago and their riders require no licensure. They are capable of reaching significant speeds 40 + mph. This is a matter for the legislature and police. I'm a lifelong motorcyclist-60 + years. Daily in the area I see adolescents doing things that are significant dangers to the public safety in the streets and on the sidewalks. Please contact your state legislator and request licensure laws for the machines and their riders.

Just a sample of over 200 comments posted in less than 24 hours...



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In November, the USPS Board of Governors approved several proposed price adjustments. Starting on Jan. 19, the price of some services will increase.

- **Priority Mail prices will go up by 3.2 percent.** With this option, packages typically arrive in one to three business days.
- **Priority Mail Express prices will also increase by 3.2 percent.** This speedier shipping service usually provides delivery in one to two days, with an overnight guarantee to some destinations.
- **USPS Ground Advantage prices will rise by 3.9 percent.** This option can be less expensive, yet delivery can take two to five business days.
- **Parcel Select prices will jump by 9.2 percent.** Mainly used by businesses for bulk shipments, the speed of delivery varies by shipping zones but is typically two to eight days.

The USPS is scaling back some of its on-time mail delivery targets for the 2025 fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2024 through Sept. 30, 2025). For instance, it aims to deliver 87 percent of first-class two-day mail and 80 percent of three-to-five-day mail on time, down from its 2024 goals of 93 percent and 90 percent, respectively.

The USPS [raised the cost](#) of a first-class mail Forever stamp, which covers the cost to mail a 1-ounce letter, twice in 2024, from 66 cents to 68 cents in January and up to 73 cents in July. Fortunately, the cost will remain 73 cents — at least through the first half of 2025. The USPS will not propose another increase before July, says Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. The price of a Forever stamp, which cost 41 cents when it was introduced in 2007, has increased nine times in the past eight years alone.

Here is the Postal Service holiday schedule for 2025:

- **New Year's Day:** Wednesday, Jan. 1
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Monday, Jan. 20
- **Presidents Day:** Monday, Feb. 17
- **Memorial Day:** Monday, May 26
- **Juneteenth National Independence Day:** Thursday, June 19
- **Independence Day:** Friday, July 4
- **Labor Day:** Monday, Sept. 1
- **Columbus Day:** Monday, Oct. 13
- **Veterans Day:** Tuesday, Nov. 11
- **Thanksgiving:** Thursday, Nov. 27
- **Christmas:** Thursday, Dec. 25

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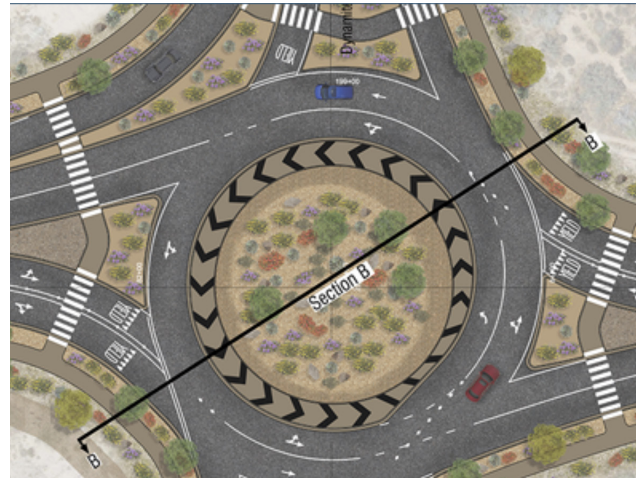
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More Roundabout News

As you know, Scottsdale Road improvements have already begun from Jomax to Dixileta. These will include a roundabout at Dynamite, landscaped medians, bike lanes, sidewalks and trails to improve safety, capacity and accessibility for motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. In addition to a multi-lane roundabout, a signalized high intensity activated crosswalk crossing (HAWK) at Pinnacle Vista Drive will be installed and drainage improvements undertaken. There will be an 8-foot wide detached concrete sidewalk on the west side; a new 10-foot multi-use concrete path on the east side; a 5-foot bike lane and unpaved trails on both sides of the roadway. Elimination of wet crossings is also planned.

During construction, lane and turn restrictions will be put in place to shift traffic away from work zones. Traffic control will remain in place 24/7 to protect the work zone, and speed limits will be reduced. Work will take place during daylight hours on weekdays and at times during night hours or weekend days. This project is expected to be completed in Spring 2026.



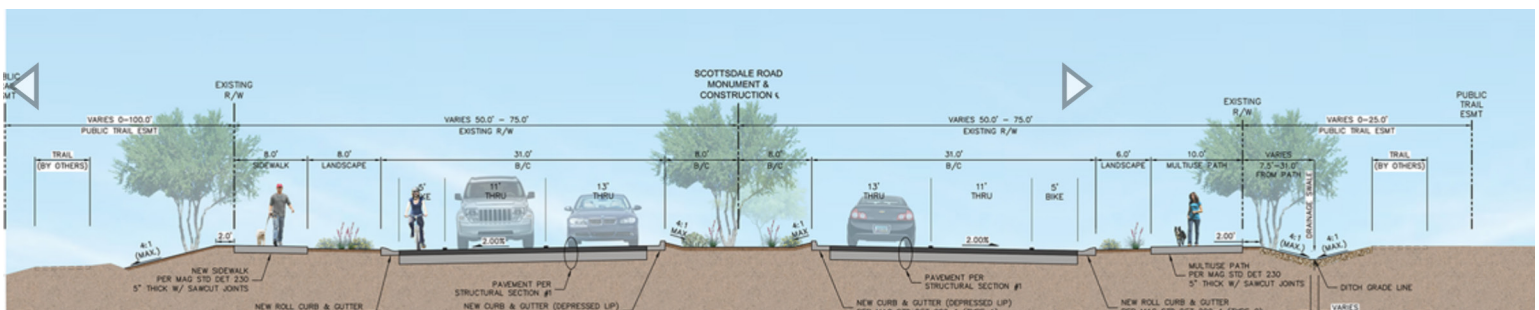
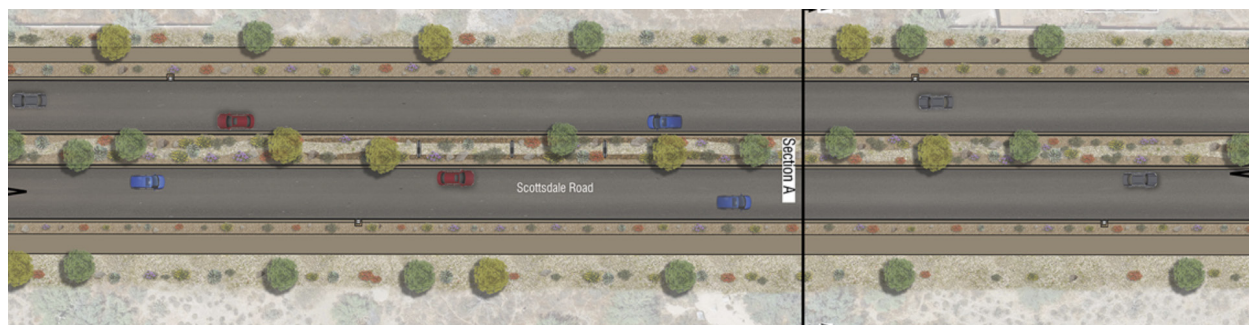
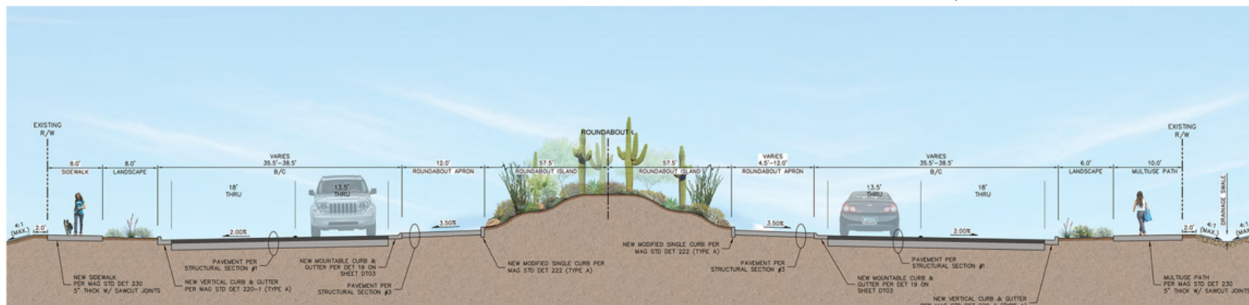
Roundabout News Part II

The speed limit will remain 50 mph on Scottsdale Road for most of the corridor. The speed limit within the Dynamite roundabout and all approaches will be 20 mph. Conventional asphalt will be used as opposed to rubberized. The landscaped median island will be raised with openings at cross street intersections and property access points.

All roadway grade wash crossings will be eliminated with a pass-through drainage design for regional flows at crossing locations. Peak storm flows will be collected in a swale on the east side of the roadway and will be directed to culverts crossing beneath Scottsdale Road. Sound barrier walls were deemed unnecessary.

Project Hotline

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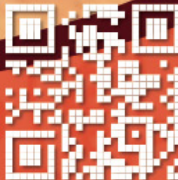


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- Arizona is home to the Four Corners Monument where one can stand in four states at the same time - Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.
- The unofficial "state food" of Arizona is the chimichanga - a dish created in a restaurant in Arizona that is now a fundamental part of American Southwestern cuisine.
- Our country's oldest continually run rodeo is located in Prescott. It began on July 4, 1888 and continues to this day.
- The world's first McDonald's drive-thru was established in Sierra Vista, Arizona so that soldiers from nearby Fort Huachuca would not have to exit their vehicles in order to get food. Soldiers at that time were not allowed to walk around in uniform.
- Arizona is one of the most mountainous states in the U.S. with nearly 4,000 mountain peaks, 26 of which reach an altitude of over 10,000 feet.
- Arizona boasts the world's largest collection of miniature airplanes. Nearly 6,000 models can be found in the Hazy Library & Learning Center at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott.
- In Arizona, you can be fined for harrasing cottontails or bullfrogs. In addition, cutting down the endangered saguaro cactus is illegal and can land one in prison for up to 25 years.
- The highest point in the state is Humphrey's Peak at 12,633 feet. It is also the 12th highest state point in the country. The lowest point in Arizona is 70 feet above sea level at the Colorado River..
- Arizona has an official state fossil, petrified wood. Because petrified wood had been long associated with Arizona, it was officially recognized as the state fossil in 1988.



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Recipe of the Month

Valentine's Day

Roasted Potato Hearts



INGREDIENTS:

3-6 large Russet potatoes, washed & peeled
(depending on how much you want to make!)

1/4 cup Olive oil

2 tsp. salt

pepper to taste

1 tsp. garlic powder

2 tsp. rosemary

1/2 tsp paprika

fresh Parmesan (optional)



DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and spray with Pam. Set aside. (You may need two baking sheets depending on how many potatoes you use).

Fill a large pot with 1-2 quarts water, add 1 tsp. salt and bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer.

Peel the potatoes and slice them about 1/2 inch thick. Place the potato slices into the simmering water and cook for **3-4 minutes**. They should be a little soft, yet still a little hard! Drain potatoes and run cold water over them to slightly cool.

Using a small heart shaped metal cookie cutter cut out as many hearts as you can. Place the remaining potato scraps in a bowl with water and use them to make mashed potatoes if you'd like.

Combine all of the remaining ingredients for the olive oil mixture except the Parmesan cheese, the Parmesan can be used for garnish!

Pour the olive oil mixture over the potatoes, stir and let sit for **~5 minutes**.

Roast potatoes in oven for **22-25 minutes**, flipping them over once at the half way point. If your oven has a broiler, broil the potatoes for an additional **5 minutes** to get the nice golden brown color. Be sure to watch them carefully so they don't burn!

Enjoy dipped in ketchup, or just with the Parmesan sprinkled on top!