

# Montevista Community Corner Newsletter June 2025



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#### **Notable Notes**

The monthly HOA Board meeting for May was canceled, but not to worry! Residents can catch the next one on Thursday, June 19th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and every third Thursday of each month.

A big THANK YOU to all residents who put forth the effort to cut back vegetation and remove lights and vines from their view fences. Word is that Ghaster Painting was very professional, courteous and did an outstanding job.

The Board would like to congratulate all graduating high school seniors and college students from Montevista and wish them success in their future endeavors!

If you see kids or homeless living in our washes, or evidence of recent campfire use in areas around Montevista, please notify the City of Phoenix Police at 602-262-6151 or 911 in an emergency. If not properly extinguished, fires can reignite potentially reaching our homes. With consecutive record-breaking hot summers, very little monsoon moisture and a dry winter, the potential for wildfires is extremely high. The City has been working on a new plan to ensure more resources are available in the event of a Wildlife-Urban Interface fire (where urban development intersects with wildland environments such as washes).

### **Reminders**

Thursday, July 10th is our next bulk trash pick-up date. Items may be placed at the edge of a property parallel to the street or curb no more than seven days prior to this date and by 5:30 a.m. For further details on what constitutes acceptable items, contact the City of Phoenix Public Works Department at solid.waste@phoenix.gov.

## **More Reminders**

Please do not interrupt landscapers and other vendors. This keeps them from completing their jobs in a timely manner. They do not have the authority to address personal issues. If you have a question, problem, or need, contact AZCMS at 480-355-1190.

Residents are responsible for the proper disposal of their landscape waste. Any debris left in common areas, including washes, for removal by Back to Nature, our HOA landscaper, will result in a charge to the responsible party.

Please call AZCMS for any after-hours emergency services at 480-355-1190. Follow the prompts to leave a message. An on-call staff member should receive a message just minutes after a voicemail has been left. This is for after-hours maintenance emergencies only (i.e., a main water line break, gate malfunction, etc.). If one experiences a health, life, or safety issue, such as a fire, please contact 9-1-1. All non-emergency calls will be returned during normal business hours.

NOTE: Emergencies do not include account inquiries, enforcement issues, governing document requests, landscape requests, or items specific to one's private residence. It is important to keep this line free of non-emergency calls so support staff can attend to true emergencies. One can also e-mail AZCMS at Support@azcms.com.

### **New News**

On Friday, April 25th, two kids were seen by several residents popping wheelies up and down our basketball/pickleball court on their electric dirt bikes. At least one resident took photos and notified AZCMS of this. These photos were then forwarded to our Community Action Officer, Jeffrey Blair. Per conversation with Officer Blair, the Phoenix Police Department is in the process of increasing patrols in our area. In addition, they are working with middle school resource officers to educate kids and their parents on the laws as they relate to electric dirt bike use and will be disseminating more information in the near future.

Scorpion season is just around the corner. Scorpions are most active in Arizona in July and August when they mate and give birth. There are 10 species of scorpions in our state, including those that like to climb walls and ceilings. Their venom varies in potency. One can spot them at night using a black light.

Aldi will be taking over the CVS store on the corner of Cave Creek and Carefree Highway. Sorry to all of you Trader Joe's fans!

# The Montevista Board would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy summer...





















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## **Lone Mountain Elementary School Update**

Good news from the Cave Creek Unified School District! Many residents of Montevista and surrounding communities have voiced concerns and questions about the future of Lone Mountain Elementary School. Hopefully, the following will address many of these.

According to the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources at CCUSD, it is not their intent for Lone Mountain Elementary to remain unoccupied. To that end, they have been actively working on plans to bring expanded preschool opportunities and community education programs to this location. Their efforts are designed to serve local families as well as generate revenue to help support the broader needs of the district.

In addition to the above, CCUSD is exploring the potential for trade-based programming, including a possible partnership with EVIT (East Valley Institute of Tech) who offers career training programs for high school students and adults to advance the skills and training needed to thrive in today's dynamic and competitive job market. The following is some of what they offer:

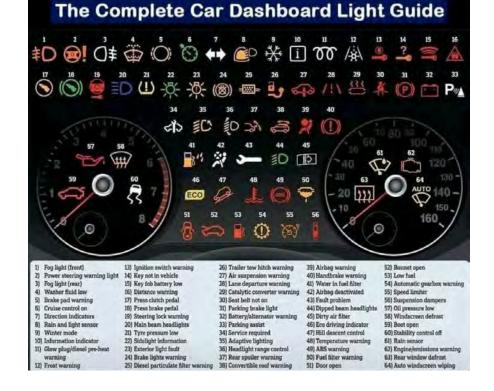
- Hands-on learning in over 50 career training programs secondary and post-secondary certificates, paid apprenticeships and associate degrees, and a fast-track nursing program.
- Preparation to earn state and national licenses and certifications.
- In partnership with Boeing, Honeywell and Intel, a STEM Academy that prepares students for immediate employment in high-tech manufacturing, aviation and engineering fields.
- Dual enrollment college credits or prior learning assessments.
- In partnership with the Scottsdale Fire Department and Scottsdale Charros,
- a Fire Science Academy that includes Fire 1 and 2 training.
- Options for students to earn their high school diploma or GED.

According to the EVIT website, programs are tuition-free for high school students who live within the boundaries of particular school districts, and are tuition-based for Phoenix-area adults.

Per the Cave Creek Unified School District, a program such as the one described above would need to be practical and financially sustainable for CCUSD and the partnering organization. Stay tuned...







## **Water Bottle Warning**

While it may seem harmless, firefighters around the country are warning folks not to leave water bottles in their car, especially on sunny days. This common practice could potentially pose a significant fire hazard.

The combination of sunlight, a clear plastic bottle, and a car's interior can create the perfect environment for a fire to ignite. A plastic water bottle filled with liquid acts as a lens. When sunlight passes through, it converges into a single point, similar to how a magnifying glass can focus light. Under optimal circumstances, including the bottle's position, the angle of sunlight, and the duration of exposure, if the focused light reaches a flammable surface such as upholstery, paper, or plastic within the car, it can generate enough heat to start a fire.

If you must leave a water bottle in your car, it is best to store it in the trunk or a shaded area where it will not be exposed to direct sunlight. In addition, be sure your car's interior is free of flammable materials that could serve as tinder in the event of a concentrated light beam.

## Firefighters Warn Public Of Dangers Of Leaving Water Bottles In Cars



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## "Too Hot For Spot"

If the asphalt outside is too hot for you to touch or it is over 85°F outside, it is too hot for your dog's paw pads. Walking on baking cement can cause burns that may progress into cracked, infected paws. To avoid this altogether, schedule your walks during shady parts of the morning or evening. Alternatively, you can just stroll in more comfortable grassy areas during peak sunlight hours. Lightweight dog booties can help protect against hot asphalt as well, but some dogs are not big fans.

The single best way that you can care for your dog's paws is to look over them regularly. This includes checking for foreign objects, such as thorns, weeds, pebbles, glass, or something else. If you can check them every time they come in from outside, that is great! However, we know this is not always realistic, so give them a good look about once a week, but preferably more often if you have the time.



Dog paws see a lot of mileage between extreme cold, extreme heat, and the odd rough, rocky terrain that bites into their feet. Some dogs have rougher paws just like some humans have rougher feet, but all doggy paws can benefit from the occasional dog-safe moisturizer. If you are unsure what brand to use, ask your vet for safe recommendations. Pet balm or moisturizer should be vigorously rubbed into your dog's paws so they can't lick it off, as the ingredients are usually topically safe but can cause some digestive upset if eaten.



Get your news firsthand!
Come join our next HOA Board meeting on Thursday,
May 15th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.





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Sweet Suzan's, a family-owned gem in Cave Creek, Arizona, is renowned for its delectable gelato and kolaches. We offer a delightful fusion of flavors in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Our owners, Laura and Tim, have cultivated a beloved local spot where community members gather to enjoy sweet treats and friendly service.

#### Our Menu

We offer a variety of local flavors in-store, along with rotating specialties. Click below to see our current list of flavors.

Our menu features gelato, a selection of kolaches, a wide range of coffees, cold drinks, and new specialty baked goods that we're excited to roll out!



## June Fun for Everyone!





Fri, Jun 6 at 5 PM

Free Days - Children's Museum of Phoenix

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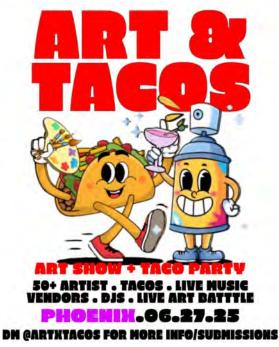
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## Free Family Summer Saturday Make Music Phoenix

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## Recipe of the Month Frozen Banana Split Pie

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

3 Tbsp chocolate hard shell ice cream topping

1 graham cracker crust (9 inches)

2 Medium bananas, sliced

1/2 Tsp lemon juice

1/2 Cup pineapple ice cream topping

1 quart strawberry ice cream or frozen yogurt, softened

2 Cup whipped topping

1/2 Cup chopped walnuts, toasted

Chocolate syrup

8 maraschino cherries with stems



#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Pour chocolate topping into crust; freeze for 5 minutes or until chocolate is firm.

Meanwhile, place bananas in a small bowl; toss with lemon juice. Arrange bananas over chocolate topping. Layer with pineapple topping, ice cream, whipped topping and walnuts.

Cover and freeze until firm. Remove from the freezer 15 minutes before cutting. Garnish with chocolate syrup and cherries. Yield: 8 servings.

Optional - mix crushed pineapple with strawberry ice cream and/or cool whip for topping. Layer fresh strawberries and bananas over chocolate shell.

