

## Montevista Community Corner Newsletter March 2025



### What's Up Montevista!

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### **Monthly Meeting Notes**

The Landscape Committee is currently surveying our landscaping to determine what areas need replanting and where granite touch-ups are needed. Tree trimming ahead of the monsoon/nonsoon (TBD) will begin in April.

Our Safety Committee members have been working hard. Please check out the page entitled "Deter, Detect and Defend" for more information! The Architectural Committee notes that homeowners needing roof repairs need to submit an architectural request prior to any work being done. This is for documentation purposes and to make sure that if any tile is replaced, the correct color tile or one closest to it if the original is not available will be used.

Montevista's list of approved plants as well as those that are not approved has been updated and is on our website. The plant lists were reviewed along with Back to Nature, our landscape company. A few trees were removed due to their invasive nature with root structures capable of lifting sidewalks. Other plants were added at the request of homeowners. If residents have a plant in mind that is not on the approved list, please contact an architectural committee member via AZCMS for approval.

## Reminders

Once again, please **do not** make any additions or changes to the outside of your home without first submitting an application to the Architectural Committee. Forms can be found on our website at *mymontevista.com*. These include, but are not limited to, the addition of a pool/spa, pergola/ramada, gutters, changes to paint, hardscape (i.e., gravel or pavers), landscape (plants or turf) or roof repairs. If you have any questions, contact AZCMS.

Our next bulk trash pickup will be **Thursday, April 10th**. Please **do not** schedule individual pick-up times on the City of Phoenix website! Details on what constitutes "bulk trash" and other information can be found by visiting the City of Phoenix Waste Management website, solid.waste.@phoenix.gov. It is a violation

of city ordinance to place trash out more than 7 days prior to scheduled appointment times.

# Don't Let Their "Boo" Get You!

Rattlesnakes typically come out of hibernation as temperatures warm up in the Valley in mid-March. They are generally active up to early November with peak activity through October. In the warm temperatures of Spring, they are more active during the day, but in early May when temps are on the rise, they tend to be more active at night. Beware, however, that there are times when temperature does not matter. If rain has been scarce but suddenly we get an unexpected light shower, even at 35 degrees rattlesnakes are known to come out for an opportunity to drink. Thus, be cautious when letting your dogs out and make sure to check your surroundings. They like to hide amongst pool equipment, storage sheds, woodpiles, construction materials and in garages. So... don't let their "BOO" get you!







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### 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!











# Deter, Detect and Defend! Gates, Cameras, Data

Our Montevista Board along with AZCMS and our new Safety Committee members recently spent several hours observing traffic flow at our Dixileta entrance. Although not perfect, gates do serve a purpose - to deter, detect and defend!

**FINDINGS:** Speeding, tailgating and drafting were frequently observed - at times leading to last-minute maneuvers in order to avoid accidents or damage to the gates. Examination of camera footage showed instances of gates being bumped or hit resulting in malfunctions. Sensors in the gate apparatus are capable of providing data that can determine whether damage is caused by a vehicle, being manually forced open, or a mechanical malfunction - all of which have contributed to costly repairs.

**PLAN:** As our current gate company, AAA Smart Business, has not been meeting Board expectations with routine maintenance lacking, new personnel not properly trained, calls not being responded to in a timely manner, and a general lack of communication, a new gate company, iCAN Access and Video was unanimously chosen after review of three bids by the Board. Their service will begin on Monday, March 3rd. More information is contained in this newsletter. Cameras, modems and routers have been inspected and are being updated or replaced as necessary.

**NOTE:** Drivers who fail to punch a code in at the entry box or use their fob, even if the gates are already open, can impact the ability of sensors to have enough time to reset. As a result, they can become "confused" - not opening or closing fully before being capable of resetting, which can lead to mechanical issues and delays. So, please use your fob!



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### Montevista Gate Access FAQ's

iCan Access and Video LLC is pleased to have been selected as the vehicle gate maintenance service provider for your community. We are a locally owned organization focused on the installation of Gate Automation, Access Control and Video Surveillance systems for Homeowner Associations throughout the Phoenix Metro Area.

Included in this document are some frequently asked questions related to efficiently accessing the community.

### How do Residents enter the community?

Remote control "clickers" allow residents to access the community 24 hours a day without the need to stop at the keypad. As you approach the gate simply press the button on your remote control to activate the gates. Resident remote controls are individually coded to allow an audit trail of entries to the community.

### Can I use the "Homelink" in my vehicle?

Many vehicles are equipped with onboard programmable transmitters manufactured by Homelink. These units are designed to copy the signal from your gate clicker or garage door opener to provide entry. While some exceptions may exist, most vehicles equipped with Homelink modules are compatible with your gate clickers. Once paired, your vehicle Homelink will transmit the same unique code as the remote control used for pairing. For programming instructions specific to your vehicle, please consult your vehicle owners manual or <u>www.homelink.com</u>.

### How do Guests enter the community?

Guests, or residents who do not have a clicker with them, may access the community using two different methods. First, if the guest has been provided with a four digit access code they may activate the gate by pressing # followed by the four digit code (exe: #3738). If the guest has not been provided an access code they may also use the "A" and "Z" buttons to scroll through the dial by name directory. Once they locate your name they can call you by pressing the "Call" button. This will dial whatever phone number has been pre-registered for your home.

When a guest calls from the calling unit you may speak to the person at the gate as the unit functions like a speaker phone. If you choose to grant access to the caller press "**9**" on your touch tone phone and the gate will activate. If you prefer to deny access to the caller simply hang up the phone. This will clear the line without opening the gate.

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#### What if I am having a party, special event or open house?

Any time you are hosting a special gathering we encourage you to contact us in advance to request a "Party code". Our team will assign a unique four digit code which will be active for the specific day(s) of your event. The day following your event the code will automatically be deactivated. This allows for your guests to have prompt access to your event while helping to maintain the ongoing privacy of the community. Your code may be requested months in advance but should always be requested at least two business days prior to your event.

#### How do emergency services access the community?

When you dial 911 there is nothing more important that emergency responders having prompt access to assist with your needs. The community gates are equipped with two means of emergency ingress as required by Fire Code. First, a Fire Department Knox Keyswitch is in place which allows the gates to be held open with the turn of a key. Second, the gates are equipped with an Opticom Strobe Sensor which detects the strobe lights on equipped emergency vehicles and opens the gates without them having to stop. As a note, this is the same device used by first responders to trigger stoplights.

#### I'm new to the community, how do I get access?

Any new resident should contact our team for assistance. We will ask you to complete a Resident Access Form which provides the basic information needed to populate your community access control system. Once we have a completed Resident Access form our team will issue your unique entry codes and provide information for purchase of additional remote controls if needed.

#### Why do we have gates?

Community gates are a wonderful amenity that improve the privacy of the Association and in many cases increase property values. When it comes to protecting your family and possessions there is no substitute for being mindful of your property. Always insure that your home and vehicles are locked with items of value properly stowed out of sight.

#### How do I get help with a question that isn't answered here?

Please let us know! You may reach our team during regular business hours for assistance with any items related to gate access. If a question should arise and you don't know the answer, please call us at 602-899-2923 or reach out by e-mail at <a href="mailto:service@icanav.com">service@icanav.com</a>.

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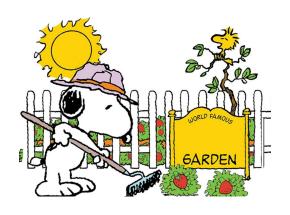




#### **'IN STORE REDEMPTION ONLY**

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# **Did You Know?**

Estimated yearly collections of HOA fees rose 32.4% between 2005 and 2015. So. how does Montevista compare?

The following is a list of HOA assessments since residents and AZCMS took over management from Toll **Brothers**:

2019:	\$577	
2020:	\$577	0% change
2021:	\$624	+8.15%
2022:	\$638	+2.24%
2023:	\$676	+5.96%
2024:	\$696	+2.96%
2025:	\$717	+3.00%

This represents an increase of \$140 per quarter over the past six years - an average year over year increase of \$23 per guarter or just 4%!

If your home is placed in a trust, but your homeowner's insurance policy is only listed in your name, you may encounter coverage issues.

Insurance companies can deny claims related to property damage or liability if a trust technically owns the home and is not listed on one's homeowner's insurance policy.

Homeowner's insurance policies are tied to the named policyholder(s). If one's trust is not listed as an "additional insured", the insurer can argue that the actual owner (the trust) is not covered and therefore deny the claim. Be safe and contact your insurance provider for clarification.

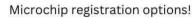


### **URGENT!!! NOTICE FOR** PETS WITH MICROCHIPS!!!

The microchip company Save This Life Microchips, which our hospital and hundreds of other hospitals have used for 13 years has suddenly and without notice shut down. The URGENT issue for you as a pet owner, is that they have unlinked their database from the national registries.

Currently - if your pet were to become lost, there is NO way for any shelter or veterinary hospital to find your information. You MUST register your pet's microchip with a new company.

You can call our office to find out the chip number and if it is a STL chip.









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James and Lisa Kai for going the extra mile and then some in their ongoing attempts to keep Lone Mountain Elementary from shutting down. Despite their best efforts, the school is scheduled to close on July 1, 2025. Virtual Happy Hour! Come join our next HOA meeting on Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom







The Budweiser Clydesdales will be staying at Los Cedros in Scottsdale at 8700 E. Black Mountain Road in early March as they will be making appearances at NASCAR, Spring Training and other events. To check availability to see them, call 480-575-6100.

# Spring Trimming Season Part I

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### **Shrub Pruning Summary**

- Don't prune unless necessary.
- Use the appropriate, sharp tool for the job.
- Prune at the right time of year.
- Use the natural growth form of the shrub as a guide for natural pruning.
- Shear only formal hedges.

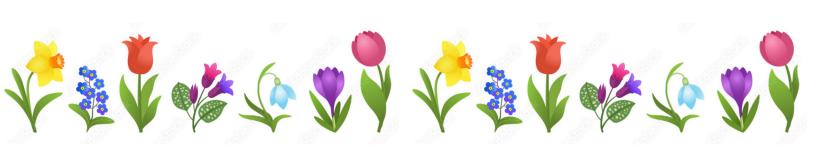
### Why prune?

Reasons for pruning shrubs include maintenance of plant health, controlling plant size (for preventing obstruction of a view, sidewalk, or driveway), and rejuvenating old plants. Maintaining plant health includes the removal of diseased, dying, injured and dead branches. Stems that rub against each other should be removed. Control of shrub size for visibility and safety concerns is sometimes necessary. These can be minimized by allowing sufficient space for the plant to reach its mature size in the landscape. Renovating or rejuvenating old or overgrown shrubs through pruning generally improves the structure and quality of the plant, and results in improved displays for flowering shrubs. Some shrubs are grown as formal hedges and require continuous pruning to maintain their size and shape.

### When to prune?

The general guideline for pruning is after flowering shrubs have completed flowering (Table 3). Therefore, spring flowering shrubs like cassia or rosemary should be pruned in late spring. Summer or fall flowering shrubs like oleander, dalea, or Texas ranger should be pruned after flowering or in late winter to early spring. Spring flowering plants complete flower bud formation the previous year, therefore pruning in early spring will remove the current season's flowers. Summer and fall flowering shrubs usually generate flowers on the current season's new growth. They should be pruned either after flowering or before new growth resumes in spring. Selective pruning of a few branches can be done on most plants throughout the year. Some very vigorous growing shrubs like bougainvillea or firethorn need light pruning throughout the growing season, unless they are given ample space to grow naturally.

Frost-damaged plants such as bougainvillea and yellow trumpet flower should be cut back to living wood after all danger of frost has passed or when regrowth resumes. Red bird of paradise is generally cut back to six to ten inches above the ground. Lantana is cut back to just above the ground after frost danger has passed.



# Spring Trimming Season Part II

### How to prune?

### Selective thinning

refers to removing branches back to the point of attachment to another branch, or to the ground. This type of pruning opens the plant canopy, increasing light and air movement (Figure 1). Thinning cuts do not stimulate excessive new growth. They serve to maintain the natural growth habit of the shrub. When light can penetrate the canopy, entire branches can maintain leaves whereas in a dense canopy branches have leaves near the tip but are bare further back. Selective thinning is suitable for all plants and is generally the most desirable type of pruning cut.

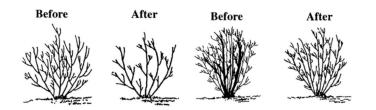


Figure 1. Selective thinning removes the branches back to the point of attachment (left) or to the base of the plant (right) and preserves the natural shape of the plant.

# Training large shrubs into small trees

Some shrubs can be trained into small trees. Shrubs that naturally grow to a larger size are suitable for this manipulation. They include Arizona rosewood, Texas olive, Texas mountain laurel, oleander, waxleaf privet, and xylosma (Figure 10, 11). This process should be initiated when shrubs are small and at this time they are trained as either a single trunk or a multi-stem tree. Multi-stem trees are best to accommodate the natural form of large shrubs. For a single trunk tree a straight central leader needs to be selected early. Training is complete when the plant reaches mature size. Regular follow-up maintenance is usually required to keep the trunks free of new adventitious shoots and the base free of suckers. Plants vary in their requirements for selective maintenance. Single stem oleanders demand very frequent removal of sucker growth from the base.



# Spring Trimming Season Part III

### Renovating or rejuvenating

older or overly large shrubs extends their life and improves their aesthetic value. One method is to cut all stems about 12-18 inches above the ground. This is a severe measure and changes the appearance drastically (Figure 3). However, when done in spring before bud burst, a great proliferation of stems will grow just below each cut by mid-summer. At that time, about half of the stems should be removed and the remaining ones should be cut back to different heights. Varying the height and cutting just above an outward pointing bud will stimulate growth of new branches out of the canopy. This procedure works well for larger fast growing shrubs like Texas ranger, xylosma, and oleander and for slower growing shrubs like hop bush and creosote. Some shrubs such as cassias, arborvitae and junipers do not respond favorably to this treatment and might die.

A less severe approach to rejuvenating shrubs is to remove half or more of the older unproductive branches at the base of the plant or those growing into the canopy. This thins out the plant to a much greater extent than regular maintenance pruning. Follow-up care requires removing a portion of the new shoots a couple of weeks later, which might be too numerous and result in an overly dense canopy. The third method of rejuvenation spans three to four years and is less noticeable. About one third to a quarter of the oldest unproductive branches are removed each year. This method requires thinning excess branches and cutting back the remaining new branches as described before.

### Shearing

shrubs entails cutting back branches to a uniform surface. This should not be done other than for formal hedges or special topiaries (Table 2). Shearing shrubs uses heading cuts and leaves stubs which results in proliferation of new dense growth just behind the cut. There are several reasons why shearing is not recommended other than for formal hedges (Figure 4, 5). Shearing is labor intensive and requires repeat shearing to maintain the shape. It destroys the natural growth habit and gives shrubs an unnatural look. It is difficult to control the plant height since the new dense growth shades the inside of the canopy which can defoliate for lack of light. Subsequent cuts into the new growth will shear close to the surface, but over time the dimensions of the canopy will increase. Cutting into the older, bare wood by shearing results in a leafless shrub, limits the plants ability to produce their own food, and depletes their reserves to grow new leaves. This stresses the plant and can result in decline or death. Regular shearing of shrubs removes flower buds, flowers, and destroys their natural form.





Ashler Hills Park has finally opened! It is located behind Target at The Summit off of Ashler Hills Drive and 74th Way (east of Scottsdale Road). The park has eight lighted pickleball courts, lighted basketball courts, restrooms, open turf play areas, shaded playgrounds, walking paths and trails, lighted parking and beautiful views. There is no dog park. According to the project manager whom I spoke to, no decision will be made to add gates or additional fencing to the pickleball courts until a review of all change orders and the contract balance has taken place.











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# Don't Go Off the Rails, When You Hit the Trails

### Plan ahead

Before you go, plan ahead. This goes whether you are hiking in a group, but especially if you are on your own. Preparation, self-reliance, and common sense are crucial, and it's okay to be overly cautious when planning your hikes. Plan on taking twice as long to hike uphill as it takes to hike downhill.

- Know what your destination will be.
- Share your planned route with at least one person not hiking with you.
- Don't overestimate your capabilities.
- Hike intelligently. Engaging in risky behavior endangers not only yourself but potentially your entire party.

## Be a lightweight

The less you carry, the more enjoyable your hike will be, so travel as lightly as possible. The heaviest items in your pack should be your food and (plenty of) water. Hiking sticks can take some of the stress off your legs.

Wear well-fitting and broken-in lightweight hiking boots. Wear sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. Bring a map and compass or handheld GPS unit, signal mirror, small trash bag, moleskin, and water purification tablets (as a backup). Bring a small lightweight flashlight and a change of batteries and a bulb, even if you only intend on hiking during the day.

### **Poop happens**

When nature calls, and there's no restroom nearby, here's the rule: Bury your waste under 4– 6 inches of mineral soil. Use that small trash bag we mentioned above to carry your toilet paper out with you. Or, buy one of several EPAapproved, pack-out systems that are sanitary and easy to use, such as GO Anywhere, Biffy Bags, and ReStop.

Leave the area as you found it; trash your trash, including biodegradable items, such as fruit peels and apple cores.

## Stick to the trails

Always hike on sanctioned trails or identifiable routes and never shortcut switchbacks. In the event that those don't exist, find a durable surface on which to hike—think hard rock, sand or gravel). Trails exist not just for your personal safety, but to preserve Arizona's delicate ecosystems and wildlife.

## Be kind to yourself

Do not exceed your normal level of physical activity or training. Limit your exertion and especially your exposure to the heat if you have asthma, heart problems, diabetes, knee, back or any other medical concern as trail conditions, such as altitude, the risk of dehydration, heat and strenuous activity may make these issues worse.

# Continued...



# Don't Go Off the Rails, When You Hit the Trails Part II



## No food, no fuel, no fun

Stay hydrated and eat often—twice more than you normally would. Eat before, during, and after your hike. Eat before you are hungry. Drink water before you are thirsty. **No matter what the temperature, you need water and energy to keep going.** Your best defense against illness and exhaustion is to eat a healthy breakfast, a snack every time you take a drink, and a rewarding full dinner at the end of the day. This is not a time to diet.

Hiking in Arizona takes a very large amount of energy (food). It may seem counterintuitive, but snacking on salty foods like nuts provides a good source of electrolytes to help your body. If you replace the water, but not the electrolytes that you have sweated out of your body, you can develop a serious and dangerous medical condition known as hyponatremia (water intoxication). If left untreated, it can lead to seizures and possibly death.

## Avoid huffing and puffing

If you can talk while you are walking, you are walking at the perfect speed. When you huff and puff, your body doesn't get enough oxygen, which can deplete your energy reserves and make your legs feel heavy. You may even feel sick.

Walking uphill at a pace that allows you to walk and talk will help guarantee your body is getting the oxygen it needs. It may seem like you are walking too slow (sometimes taking only babysized steps when the trail is steep), but your energy reserves will last much longer, you'll enjoy your hike more, and you'll feel much better at its end.

Eat some food, drink some fluids, and take this break time to really enjoy and appreciate the view. These efficient breaks can really recharge your batteries. In the long run, these breaks will not slow you down.











### Scottsdale Road Improvements – Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive

Construction continues for improvements to Scottsdale Road from Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive. Planned improvements will convert this section of Scottsdale Road to a complete street to include landscaped medians, bike lanes, sidewalks and trails to improve safety, capacity and accessibility for motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. The project includes converting the existing signalized intersection at Dynamite Boulevard to a multi-lane roundabout, installation of a signalized crossing at Pinnacle Vista Drive, and drainage improvements.

- Most traffic control was recently removed from the project area as the City and contractor worked to rephase the project construction.
- Crews are currently working on the east side of Scottsdale Road, off the roadway, to conduct native plant salvage. This involves boxing and relocating trees to a contractor nursery where they can be maintained during construction, to be replanted in the project area as the project nears completion.
- Scheduled to take place beginning next week, crews will work in the east side of Scottsdale Road at Bent Tree Drive to relocate waterline to accommodate the road improvements. Following that work, similar work will take place at Redbird Road to relocate waterline. Those impacted by planned water service disruptions will be notified in advance, typically by door hanger on the front door.
- Scheduled to begin in early March, crews will work to complete installation of storm drain pipe in the northbound lane (east side) of Scottsdale Road, from Jomax Road north toward Redbird Road. Scottsdale Road traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction, shifted to the west side of Scottsdale Road. Left turns may be restricted during this storm drain work, which is expected to take about 2-3 weeks to complete.
- Currently scheduled to take place in mid to late March, crews will work at the Dixileta Drive intersection to install a temporary traffic signal to be able to relocate the existing traffic signal further back as part of the planned improvements at that intersection.
- Utility work continues by various utilities to relocate their facilities out of the way of the planned improvements. This utility work is expected to be complete in late March.

During construction, lane reductions and turn restrictions may be in place, as needed, to shift traffic away from the work zone. Please obey traffic signage as it is placed for the safety of residents, travelers and construction crews. Traffic control remains in place 24/7 to protect the work zone, and speed limits are reduced near the work zone. Work primarily takes place during daytime hours, weekdays; however, it may be necessary, at times, to conduct work during night hours or weekend days.

We'll do our best to keep you updated during construction, but please remember that construction schedules may be impacted by a variety of factors, to include weather and resource scheduling.

For additional information, or to keep up to date with the project construction , please visit the project <u>webpage</u> at <u>ScottsdaleAZ.gov</u>, search "Scottsdale Road".

#### Project Info: <u>480.898.4110</u> | <u>ScottsdaleAZ.gov</u>





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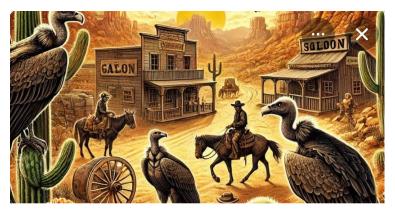


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# Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!

The Cave Creek Fire Department will host two community meetings to discuss the town's preparedness for wildfires. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13th at 3:30 p.m. at the Cave Creek fire station at 37402 N. Cave Creek Road. The second meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9th at the Desert Foothills Library at 38443 N. Schoolhouse Road. Representatives from the Daisy Mountain Fire District and Tonto National Forest will be in attendance.

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## Recipe of the Month Game Day Machaca Beef Dip Sandwiches

### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 boneless beef chuck roast (2 to 3 pounds)
- 1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced

**1** can (14-1/2 ounces) reduced-sodium beef broth

1/2 cup water

- 3 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, chopped
- 1 tablespoon adobo sauce
- 1 envelope au jus gravy mix
- 1 tablespoon Creole seasoning
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 6 French rolls, split
- Optional: Guacamole and salsa

### NOTE:

The following spices may be substituted for 1 tablespoon Creole seasoning: 3/4 teaspoon each salt, garlic powder and paprika; and a pinch each of dried thyme, ground cumin and cayenne pepper.



### **DIRECTIONS:**

Place roast in a 3- to 4-qt. slow cooker; top with onion. Combine the broth, water, chipotle peppers, adobo sauce, gravy mix, Creole seasoning, chili powder and cumin; pour over meat. Cover and cook on low until meat is tender, 8-10 hours.

Remove roast; cool slightly. Skim fat from cooking juices. Shred beef with 2 forks and return to slow cooker; heat through. Using a slotted spoon, place meat on rolls. Serve with guacamole or salsa if desired and the cooking juices.



