



**April 2023**



### **Board Leadership Status**

HOA Board positions are two-year terms. Currently, six residents serve on the Board. Two Board members, Jaimie Barker and Linda Hillmer, will not be renewing their positions. Linda will continue to volunteer as communications coordinator, handling the website, newsletter, and other communications.

Shari Colson and Melissa Wilson will be renewing their seats on the Board. The position of President is also up for renewal. Current HOA President Suzanne Kinkel has graciously offered to renew her term.

If you would like to be considered for HOA President, please let [Linda Hillmer](#) know **by April 25** and she will work with the Board to develop a neighborhood-wide election. If no residents express interest, Suzanne will serve as HOA President for another term.

**Art You Don't Have to Own to Enjoy**



Living in Oro Valley, you are surrounded by art. While nature is the best artist by far and has blessed our location with innumerable vistas, there are more than 200 man-made art pieces throughout our community. You probably have seen some of these artworks as you travel about town: a funky bus stop, statues and art in shopping centers or along the side of the road.

Where does all this art come from? The Town of Oro Valley requires private and public non-residential property development with construction cost over \$50k to contribute one percent of the construction cost for the creation of Public Art.

The art is required to be in an area easily accessible and clearly visible to the general public. Many times, this is in the same location as the building itself, but it can also be located off-site.

While much of the art is located outdoors, it does not have to be. It can be located in building lobbies and other common areas, as long as they are available to the public at least 40 hours a week. For example, most people visiting Oro Valley Hospital are there for a reason and it isn't to look at art, but art abounds within the building starting in the lobby and working its way down hallways.

The town requires the art to not reflect or include advertising elements of a business or corporation. However, it can give a nod to where it is located. A sculpture outside of the Oro Valley Library, for example, is titled, "The Learning Tree." One of the newer Public Art sculptures is located at a storage space facility and features a person carrying a stack of boxes, some of which have tumbled to the ground.

The property owner is responsible for maintaining the art. When the artwork design is submitted, the submission should include information on maintenance required. In some cases, a developer may choose to skip the process of having art designed and instead can contribute one percent of the building cost to maintenance of existing artwork.

So where can you find all this art... just drive around with eyes wide open? Organize a Public Art scavenger hunt with friends and neighbors? Pre-Covid, the town conducted tours of selected art locations, but the pandemic put an end to that. You can take a [virtual tour](#) of all of the Public Art on the [town's website](#).

The right side of the website shows a map of Oro Valley with icons for each of the Public Art pieces. Clicking on an icon will bring up a photo of the art, the title, the artist and where the art is located.

The left side of the site shows thumbnails of each artwork. Clicking on a thumbnail will bring up the same information on the piece. The thumbnails are pretty small though. To get a better view of the collection, click on one of the thumbnails and then use the Left and Right arrow buttons to move forward or back. Or just click on the image and it will advance to the next piece.

Seeing a photo of the art is not quite like seeing it in person. Much of the art is sculpture and having the ability to walk around and view it from different angles adds much to the enjoying the piece. However you choose to do it, take advantage of the wonderful art the town of Oro Valley provides us. -- Photos and article by: Michael Theis



*Just two of many interesting Public Art sculptures. Visit the Oro Valley website to learn more.*



## Sunridge Landscape Updates

Upgraded landscape lighting will soon be installed at both entrance monuments. Additionally, our landscaper will be replacing some of the plantings that didn't survive the (long) winter.





## Oro Valley Announces New Projects

The Town of Oro Valley recently released its latest economic development report of new projects:

- \* LA Fitness (8850 N. Oracle Rd./LA Fitness): Beaming Wellness Juice Bar
- \* La Canada Office Complex (11115 N. La Cañada Dr./Oro Valley Health & Wellness Chiropractic): Jennifer Perrette
- \* Mountain View Plaza (1171 E. Rancho Vistoso Blvd./Senior Home Care of Tucson): Vistoso Community Association
- \* Oro Valley Hospital Office Complex (1521 E. Tangerine Road): Arizona Urology Specialists
- \* Oro Valley Marketplace (11895 N. Oracle Rd./Century Theatres): 3 Degrees Infrared Sauna (Tenant identified)
- \* Placita de Oro (11941 N. 1st Ave./La Hacienda): Athletico Physical Therapy
- \* Rancho Vistoso Center (12985 N. Oracle Rd./Gaslight Music Hall): Harbor Freight (Tenant identified)
- \* Rooney Ranch Office Center (10425 N. Oracle Rd./Oro Valley Dental): Sonoran Foot and Ankle Institute
- \* Rooney Ranch (10555 N. Oracle Rd./Target): Nautical Bowls (Tenant identified)
- \* The Shoppes at Oracle (8540 N. Oracle Rd./Avant Dermatology & Aesthetics): The Agave Way Title Agency (Under construction)
- \* San Jose Plaza (10110 N. Oracle Rd./China Valley): Bailey Veterinary Clinic (Tenant identified)
- \* Steam Pump Village (11075 N. Oracle Rd./Baggins): Oro Valley Urgent Care



## Meet Neighbors Shari and Jeff Colson

If you want to know where the best schools are in Southern Arizona, look for the ones Matthew Colson has attended. Matthew is the son of Shari and Jeff Colson who live on Sedona Ridge Place. Shari and Jeff believe good schooling is crucial to development of children. So much so, Shari found a position in every school Matthew attended so she could get to know his teachers and be on the same schedule, until

he ventured off to college. Currently, Matthew is a sophomore at the University of Arizona majoring in Software Engineering.

Together, Shari and Jeff have lived in Tucson, Oro Valley, Scottsdale and Phoenix. Jeff is the son of a retired Air Force Major, so his range extends quite a bit further. He was born in Spokane, WA, but his dad's assignments took him all over the U.S. along with Germany, Japan and Turkey.

Shari was born in Crookston, MN, which is in the northern portion of the state. Her mother still has a home there but recently became a Tucson "snowbird."

So why did they choose the Sunridge community? They had lived in La Reserve and wanted a bigger yard and a pool. Sunridge is beautiful and peaceful and the Colsons said they enjoy having such great neighbors.

Shari works for the Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce as their Business Development Director. She loves the position as it helps her move Oro Valley forward. Her job responsibilities include a variety of functions such as attracting new members (Sunridge Estates is a member) while retaining existing ones, event sponsorship and perhaps her most important role: that of a 'Connector.' Shari loves connecting members with other businesses and people.

Another way Shari serves her community is by being a member of the Sunridge Homeowners Association Board.

Jeff is the Vice President of Western Operations for Groome Transportation, which provides shuttle services from small towns to major airports in 12 states. In Arizona, you can take a shuttle from Tucson, Prescott, Sedona, Flagstaff, and Grand Canyon to and from the Phoenix airport.

While both have busy work schedules, they do find time for golf, hiking, yardwork, travel... and of course family. The newest family member is Leo, a Golden Whoodle dog (go ahead and Google that one) they adopted from Barb's Dog Rescue in Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point) Mexico. On previous travels there, they supported the shelter with drop-offs of dog food and on one of those drop-offs, they spotted Leo. On any given day, you might see Leo, walking with Jeff, Shari and sometimes Matt as they take a stroll through the neighborhood. -- Written by: Michael Theis (neighbor to Jeff and Shari!)

### **Sunridge Estates HOA Board**

Suzanne Kinkel, President

Jaime Barker

Shari Colson

Mark Gilkes

Linda Hillmer

Melissa Wilson

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