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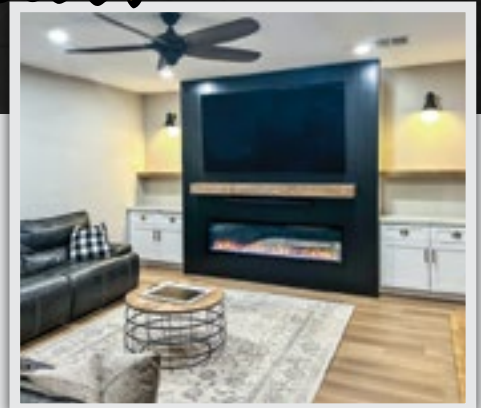




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from the developer



Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from the Vistancia development team! 2023 was a successful year in Vistancia, with the sale of over 450 new homes in the Northpointe at Vistancia community since its 2021 opening, the grand opening of the new Cassia neighborhood by Beazer Homes in The Village at Vistancia, and the opening of 5 new models in the Foothills neighborhood by Pulte Homes in Phase 2 of Northpointe.

This year, as builders in Northpointe at Vistancia's Phase 1 continue to sell their remaining new home inventory, two additional Phase 2 neighborhoods will grand open. Meridian by David Weekley Homes, a gated neighborhood featuring single-story floorplans from 2,371-2,985 sq. ft. will be opening this month, and Highpointe by Beazer Homes featuring single- and two-story floorplans from 1,683-2,804 sq. ft. is anticipated to grand open in early Spring. Additionally, Shea Homes will be opening Ridgecrest™ - a Trilogy® Boutique Community™ planned to bring an incredible 55+ lifestyle to Northpointe in the Fall of 2024.

On behalf of Vistancia, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy 2024! We are optimistic about the continued growth of Vistancia and the greater City of Peoria. With more job opportunities and additional new home choices, we are confident the Vistancia community will continue to be a first choice for families and active adults.

For the latest new home builder and development updates, visit the Northpointe Visitor Center open 7 days a week from 10 AM to 5 PM, located inside The Sovita Club recreation center in Northpointe at Vistancia. For more information, visit liveatnorthpointe.com or call 623-933-6233.



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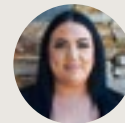
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The Vital Role of the Communications Committee in Community Engagement and Participation

BY CHARMAINE NILLES
Secretary, Village at Vistancia Board

The Board of Directors has many duties and tasks. A very important part of our job is communication. Each Board Member serves on one of Vistancia's committees as a liaison between the Board of Directors and the Committee. We report on the direction each committee is taking and the concerns we can address.

I serve as the liaison to the Communications Committee. That committee is tasked with using various methods, such as email, texts, Vistancia Magazine, and especially our website to increase residents' awareness of the many events and community news in Vistancia.

The goal of the Communications Committee is to reach the maximum number of Residents in Vistancia with news, events, and opportunities to connect. The Vistancia website is continuously being updated when the committee finds new options to make the site user-friendly. It is also instrumental in recommending annual voting methods that will streamline the process to allow the greatest number of residents to vote and ensure the greatest amount of accuracy. To be sure, the yearly voting by the residents has been very light as a percentage of homeowners.

This is a dilemma that the committee is attempting to solve. The Communications Committee is not only trying to simplify the process but also searching for ways to publicize the upcoming vote to add hundreds, if not thousands to of participating voters. Did you know that 3,600+ homeowners in Vistancia Village A can vote? We have participation numbers of less than 500. Active participation by informed residents in the voting process improves all of our home values and keeps Vistancia one of the premier developments in the Phoenix area.

The Communications committee has an important role in publicizing events as well as the use of our amenities. Vistancia has a "Country Club" feel with its tennis courts, pickleball courts, indoor basketball area, gym, pools, various classes, as well as both indoor and outdoor large gathering areas. Our committee is continuously finding new ways to "Spread the Word" and keep our many residents informed and, most importantly, involved in all the activities, events, and day-to-day happenings in our community. This keeps Vistancia a special place to live and enjoy our families and friends. I invite everyone to connect with the committee, and even attend a meeting. Be a part of the process to keep Vistancia an exceptional community in the Phoenix area.

HOME *sweet* HOME

FEBRUARY 24, 2024 | 9AM-12PM

Is it time to paint your home? Looking to upgrade kitchen cabinets or counters? Do you need beautiful new windows? Could your garage floor use a new durable coating? Do you need pest control?

Exciting news! A diverse group of skilled tradesmen will be gathering right here at the Mountain Vista Club, ready to cater to all your home improvement needs. As you explore the options, you will be able to enjoy delicious food trucks that will be onsite. Don't forget to bring your wallet for a delicious breakfast and your imaginative ideas to breathe new life into your home.

But that's not all – some vendors are generously offering exclusive raffles and discounts, specially reserved for Vistancia Residents. It's a unique opportunity to enhance your home while enjoying the perks of being part of our vibrant community. Join us for a day of inspiration and community spirit with the companies shown below!

More companies may be added before the expo.





What to Expect in the 2024 Election

BY CULLEN BOSWELL
Communications Manager

VOTE·HOA·NOW

The upcoming 2024 Board of Directors election is right around the corner, and our primary goal is to ensure that every homeowner is well-informed about the process ahead. With the Board of Directors' decision to transition from TXT2Vote to Vote HOA Now, all election notifications will be delivered to homeowners digitally. What can you expect to receive? Homeowners will receive the call for candidates and voting information via email, with a physical postcard mailed separately, providing Annual Meeting details.

The Call for Candidates will be sent digitally to the email listed in the homeowner's HOA Account Portal (distinct from the Constant Contact subscription). If you need to update your account email, please visit vmsweb.cmcnet.com. The Call for Candidates email will feature a letter from the Executive Director and a direct link to the Candidate Interest form on myvistancia.com. If you need assistance with accessing your account, please contact Customer Service at 480-921-7500.

Following the Call for Candidates email, homeowners can anticipate an official email from Vote HOA Now containing personal voting details, including a unique voter PIN. For more information on what the email will look like and tutorials on how to vote, visit votehoanow.com. It's crucial to receive emails from Vote HOA Now, and in case of any issues locating the PIN, or if an email is not received, homeowners are encouraged to contact the Communications Manager, Cullen Boswell.

The only physical mailing homeowners will receive is the Annual Meeting Notice postcard, with brief information about the Annual Meeting, where to locate the candidate bios and information, and voting instructions (excluding each resident's unique voter PIN).

It's worth noting that while digital voting is an option, homeowners can also vote via paper ballot by voting in person or by requesting a ballot via email through the Executive Director. Throughout the election process, regular updates and reminders will be posted on myvistancia.com and in our weekly eNews to keep homeowners informed.





Winter Water Management

BY DEAN RODRIGUES
DLC Resources Field Manager



Water Wisdom

- Pull weeds every week to they don't steal water from your plants.
- As your landscape plants grow, water needs will change. Mark your calendar to reevaluate your landscape each year to determine if water placement should be changed and if more water should be applied.

Are your trees and shrubs on the same valve?
Many systems have been installed with one valve to water plants of different types and sizes. In the example on the Run Time Worksheet (page 30), trees, shrubs, and succulents are all watered on the same valve. Since these plants have different watering needs, it would be more efficient to have them watered by different valves.

However, we can water this landscape more efficiently by making some simple changes to the emitters. If we add two emitters to each tree and change the emitter output on the succulents from 1 gallon per hour to 1/2 gallon per hour, the run times would be adjusted in line with one another. Here's how the example would look after adjustment:

| Valve No. | Plant Type | Number of Plants per Valve | Water Output (Gallons/Hr) | Valve Output (Gallons/Plant/Hr) | Water Required (Gallons) | Run Time (Hrs) |
|-----------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 5 TREES | 5 | 2 G/HR | 10 G/PLANT/HR | 50 | 3.5 HR |
| 1 | 3 SHRUBS | 2 | 1 G/HR | 2 G/PLANT/HR | 6 | 4 HR |
| 1 | 2 SUCCULENTS | 1 | 0.5 G/HR | 0.5 G/PLANT/HR | 2 | 4 HR |

Here are some other ideas for modifying your system:

- Hand water smaller plants that cannot survive longer frequencies between waterings.
- Place organic mulches around smaller plants to slow evaporation.
- Plug all emitters around your trees and use soaker hoses periodically instead.



3. Check to make sure your irrigation system is not leaking. With everything off, inside and out, observe the dial on your water meter (usually located in the front yard). If it is still turning, there is water leaking somewhere.
4. Test the moisture depth in your soil. A screwdriver will move easily through moist soil when it is wet but will stop when it reaches dry soil. The roots of most shrubs are about 6" to 18" deep, grass roots are about 4" deep, and a large tree will have most of its roots within the first 24".
5. The irrigation to your Bermuda turf should be off. You can water once a month in spots with rocky and sandy soil that dries out quickly, like at Vistancia. This helps the grass roots to stay hydrated.
6. If you are watering Ryegrass or plants, try to water in the evening. If water gets on sidewalks or driveways it will dry before it has a chance to freeze in cold temperatures.

LANDSCAPE WATERING GUIDELINES

| How Much & How Often <small>Note: In the case of the plant's canopy and in the desert-adapted. Watering frequency will vary depending on season, plant type, weather and soil.</small> | Seasonal Frequency — Days Between Waterings | | | | Water The Depth <small>(Equal Root Depth)</small> | |
|---|---|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|--------------|
| | Spring Mar - May | Summer May - Oct | Fall Oct - Dec | Winter Dec - Mar | | |
| Trees | Desert-adapted | 14-30 days | 7-21 days | 14-30 days | 30-60 days | 24-36 inches |
| | High water use | 7-12 days | 7-10 days | 7-12 days | 14-20 days | 24-36 inches |
| Shrubs | Desert-adapted | 14-30 days | 7-21 days | 14-30 days | 30-45 days | 18-24 inches |
| | High water use | 7-10 days | 5-7 days | 7-10 days | 10-14 days | 18-24 inches |
| Groundcovers & Vines | Desert-adapted | 14-30 days | 7-21 days | 14-30 days | 21-45 days | 8-12 inches |
| | High water use | 7-10 days | 3-5 days | 7-10 days | 10-14 days | 8-12 inches |
| Cacti and Succulents | | 21-45 days | 14-30 days | 21-45 days | if needed | 8-12 inches |
| Annuals | | 3-7 days | 3-5 days | 3-7 days | 5-10 days | 8-12 inches |
| Warm Season Grass | | 6-14 days | 3-6 days | 6-21 days | 15-30 days | 6-10 inches |
| Cool Season Grass | | 3-7 days | none | 3-10 days | 7-14 days | 6-10 inches |

These guidelines are for established plants (1 year for shrubs, 3 years for trees). Additional water is needed for new plantings or severely hot or dry weather. Less water is needed during cool or rainy weather. Dig out trees are typically 2 hours or more for each watering.

How frequently should you water?

The Run Time Worksheet helps you determine how long to water, but how often to water can be one of the most difficult questions to answer. Notice that the Landscape Watering Guidelines is divided into seasons. It is important to adjust your watering schedule at least seasonally because plants can use 2 to 5 times as much water during the hot, dry summer as they do during the winter.

Water Wisdom

- You can reduce your landscape watering 30 to 50 percent by adjusting your irrigation each season.
- Once established (3-5 years), many plants that are desert adapted can survive on rainfall along with occasional supplemental waterings during extended dry periods.
- Independent studies from the University of Arizona and Arizona State University have demonstrated that established desert adapted plants can tolerate long irrigation intervals. Shrubs remained healthy up to 60 days between irrigations and trees tolerated over 100 days without harmful effects between October and March.

This irrigation chart can help you set your irrigation system correctly. Winter rains can nourish your landscape for several days; turn your irrigation off to save water and water costs.

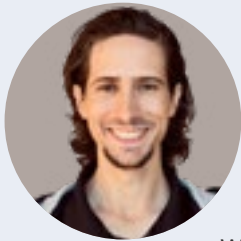
In most households, the majority of water used is applied to the landscape. But now that the winter months are bringing cooler, wetter weather, you have an opportunity to reduce your water usage and save money on your water bill. In addition, using less water helps save valuable resources for those summer months when plants, turf and trees need extra hydration.

Here are some tips and tricks that you can use to reduce water usage while still maintaining a healthy landscape:

1. As the weather continues to cool down, adjust your watering frequency and run time. You can use the interactive tools at wateruseitwisely.com to determine how often and how long the stations on your irrigation controller should run. If you have a desert-adapted landscape, you can usually turn off your irrigation system from Thanksgiving to Valentine's Day.
2. Take advantage of every rainfall. Turn your clock to the "off" or "rain" position and monitor plants for the first signs of wilting before reactivating.

news brief

Welcome Michael!



Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our new Maintenance Supervisor, Michael Geroulis! He is a skilled and versatile individual with a passion for enhancing living spaces and community aesthetics.

With years of maintenance expertise, Michael possesses skills in HVAC systems, drywall installation, painting, electrical work, and plumbing repairs. With a diverse background, Michael has gained valuable experience in various settings, including luxury event venues, resort-style communities, private residential spaces, and restaurant management.

Outside of his professional life, Michael enjoys hiking, crafting, and woodworking. Michael is excited to begin this new journey within the Vistancia community. He is eager to forge connections with residents and looks forward to making a positive impact and fostering a sense of community pride.

Welcome Michelle!



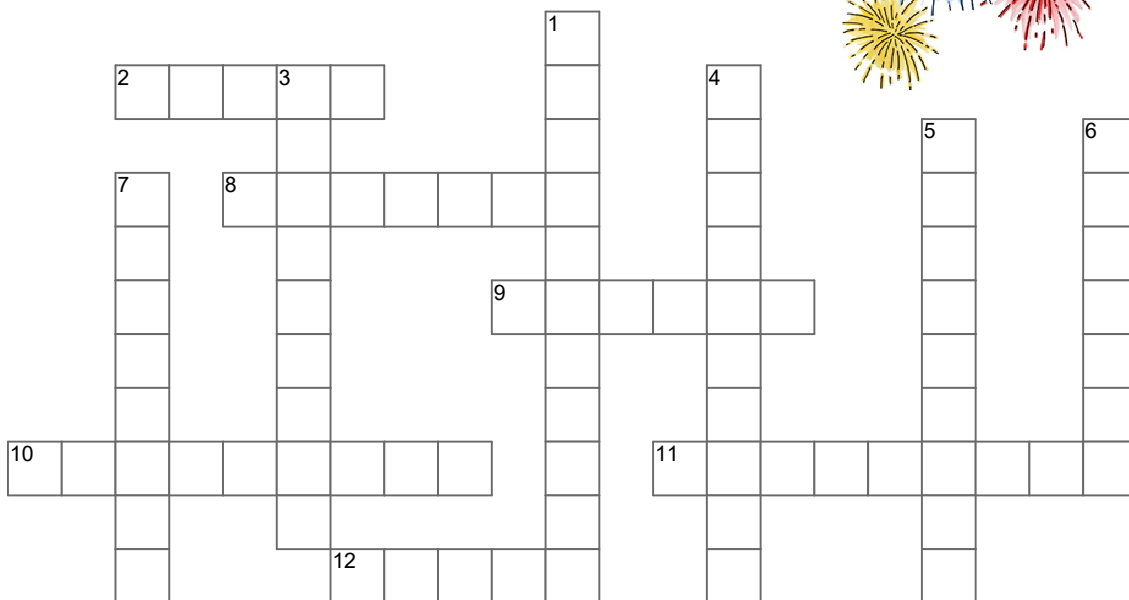
Meet Michelle Nell, the new Community Manager for The Village at Vistancia. Michelle comes from the charming town of Lake Charles, Louisiana. The need for change from her small town and the desire to live in a big city brought her to Phoenix, Arizona in 1997.

Michelle's professional journey began in the early 90s, venturing into real estate and representing builders. Over her illustrious career, she dedicated over 14 years to managing HOA communities, showcasing her expertise in community management. As she embarks on a well-deserved retirement from real estate, Michelle redirects her energy back towards community management. Now, in her role, Michelle is thrilled about connecting with new faces and delving into the intricacies of the property.

In her free time, Michelle finds joy in maintaining an active lifestyle by working out, cooking delicious Cajun dishes, and exploring new destinations through her love for travel. With a wealth of experience and a vibrant spirit, Michelle brings a unique blend of expertise and enthusiasm to the community.

featured activity

HAPPY NEW YEAR



ACROSS

- 2. A mechanical or electrical device for measuring time.
- 8. First month of the year.
- 9. All the descendants of a common ancestor.
- 10. The point in time at which something starts.
- 11. Low explosive pyrotechnic device used for entertainment purposes.
- 12. A social gathering of invited guests.

DOWN

- 1. January 1st
- 3. A white sparkling wine associated with celebration.
- 4. A firm decision to do or not to do something.
- 5. Counting numerals in reverse order to zero.
- 6. A person one knows and with whom one has a bond of mutual affection.
- 7. Twelve o'clock at night.

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FOOD TRUCKS

JANUARY 18 | 5:30-7:30PM | MVC PARKING LOT | FREE

HAPPY HOUR

JANUARY 18 | 6-8PM | MVC CLUBHOUSE

Registration Required

FARMER'S MARKET

JANUARY 21 | 10AM-2PM | MVC PARKING LOT | FREE

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

JANUARY 27 | 9AM-12PM | MOUNTAIN VISTA CLUB

Registration Required

For all events, please refer to the Lifestyle Page for details on registration and event information at MyVistancia.com > Lifestyle > Events and Rentals.



featured event



SAVE THE DATE

CASINO NIGHT

FEBRUARY 10

Registration Required.

JANUARY

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CLUBHOUSE | THE GREAT ROOM

- **Book Club** | Diana Daniels | daniels_diana@hotmail.com
» Second Tuesday of each month | 7-9 p.m.
- **Canasta** | Linda Hutchinson | lindashutchinson@aol.com
» First & Third Thursday of each month | 12:30-4 p.m.
- **Crochet & Knit Club** | Jennifer Fury | jen.rosquist@gmail.com
» 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month | 7-8:30 p.m.
- **Mah-Jong** | Debbie Farmer & Gretchen Wensman
Farmerdeborah17@gmail.com & gmwensma@gmail.com
» Tuesdays | 12:30-4 p.m.
- **NCL (National Charity League)**
Anna Ratiu | Anna@Activerealestate.com
» Next Date TBD
- **Next Level Alliance Networking Groun**
Amber Bator | amber@batorinsurancegroup.com
» First & Third Tuesdays | 9-10:30 a.m.
- **Poker Club** | Daren Sanborn | daren.sanborn@gmail.com
» Jan. 6 | Jan. 20 | Feb. 3 | 4-11pm
- **Shine Ministry**
Carla Sukhram | team@shineerinbubbministries.com
» Third Thursday of every month | 6-7:30 p.m.
- **Vistancia Fishing Club** | Aley Akers | aleyakers8@yahoo.com
» First Tuesday of each month | 7-8:30p.m.
- **Wine Club** | Anna Ratiu | anna@activerealestate.com
» 1st Tuesday of every month | 6-8 p.m
- **Wellness Babes Community Mastermind**
Tabatha Marden | twardenaz@gmail.com | \$
» Second Friday of each month | 8-9 a.m.

FOOTHILLS POOL

- **Lessons with Coach Taylor**
Taylor Hayes | taylor@vistanciavipers.com | \$
» Fridays | 3-6 p.m.
» Saturdays | 7:30-10:30 a.m.
- **Swim4lifephoenix**
Lori Lindstrom | lori@swim4lifephoenix.com | \$
» Lessons vary in days & time
- **Vistancia Vipers**
Taylor Hayes | taylor@vistanciavipers.com | \$
» Monday & Wednesdays | 4 - 8:30 p.m.
- **Water Aerobics**
Lisa Siminoff | siminoff77@gmail.com
» Monday, Tuesday & Friday | 9-10 a.m.
Currently Full – email to be put on waiting list

MVC POOLS

- **Aquaria Swim**
Cari Lopez | www.aquariaswim.com | Slide Pool | \$
» Season resumes in end of March 2024

TENNIS COURTS

- **Drop-in Tennis Club** | Elena Yeaton | eayeaton@aol.com
» Courts 2 & 3
Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday | 8-10 a.m.
- **Tennis Lessons** |
Warfield Morsell | warfieldtennis2@q.com | \$
» Court 2 | Monday-Friday | 5-9 p.m.
» Court 2 | Saturday | 6:30-8 a.m.

MOVEMENT STUDIO

- **Beginning/Intermediate Ballet**
Leah Blue | leahf.blue@gmail.com | \$
» Wednesday | 4:30-6 p.m. (ages 10-12)
» Wednesday | 6-7:30 p.m. (ages 7-9)
» Thursday | 6-7:30 p.m. (Teen/Adult)
- **Chronic Pain Yoga & Well Program**
Meghan Scherpenberg | info@spooniemom.com | \$
» Tuesdays & Thursdays | 10-11 a.m.
- **Goddess Yoga Workshop**
Tabatha Marden | twardenaz@gmail.com | \$
» Third Monday of the month | 6-8 p.m.
- **Slowrobits** | Mary Asquith | asquithdesigns@gmail.com
» Thursday | 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- **Tiny Dancers** | Leah Blue | leahf.blue@gmail.com | \$
» Wednesday 3:30-4:30 p.m.
» Thursday 3:30-4:30 p.m.
» Saturday 10-11 a.m.
- **Total Body Stretch**
Mary Asquith | asquithdesigns@gmail.com | \$
» Friday | 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- **Yoga 101** | Mary Asquith | asquithdesigns@gmail.com | \$
» Monday & Wednesday | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

MVC GYMNASIUM

- **Basketball Drills & Skills**
Carlton Brown | brown.carlton@gmail.com | \$
» Monday | 3-6 p.m.
» Tuesday & Thursdays | 4:30-6 p.m.
» Wednesday & Friday | 12-4 p.m.
» Saturdays & Sundays | 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.
- **Evolution Basketbal Tots**
Paul Rangel | paul.rangel@evoathletesc.com | \$
» Tuesday | 8-10 a.m.
» Wednesday | 4-6 p.m.
- **Mom's Club** | Jessica Dragone | jessicadragone@gmail.com
» Second Thursday of each month | 10-11 a.m.
- **Vistancia Fitness Bootcamp**
Janae Hillman | vistanciafitnessbc@gmail.com | \$
» Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays | 6-7 a.m. & 8-9 a.m.
- **Vistancia Basketball Leagues**
Anthony Eleamos | aweleamos@gmail.com
» Thursdays | 7-9 p.m.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

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Christine Chowning | VistanciaVillagePB@gmail.com
» Courts 2 & 3 | Monday, Wednesday, & Friday | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
» Courts 1 & 4 | Monday, Wednesday, & Friday | 6-9 p.m.
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Terri Bewley | terri_bewley@yahoo.com | \$
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BY BRAD SHAFER

Mesquite District Council member

It feels as though 2023 was one of the busiest years for the city of Peoria – and the Mesquite District. We saw everything from new commercial and residential developments to a new school, employment centers and entertainment districts. I want to take a moment to reflect on these accomplishments and give a huge thank you to the city staff that took council's vision and made these projects possible. It's no easy task to care for a city of this size, and I'm grateful that we can continually work together to serve Peoria residents in the best way possible.

A top priority for Peoria, and most certainly the Mesquite District, continues to be the future of water. The city has invested millions into enhancing and diversifying our water portfolio. Projects included the building of **five new wells** in the district to serve future developments, **increasing capacity** at current water treatment plants like the Jomax facility and **expanding access** to reclaimed water (purple pipe). These projects will continue into 2024, along with a host of new investments. To help the public stay informed about these investments, Peoria launched a new video series, "Ripple Effect: Our Water. Our Future",

with the first episode highlighting the \$170 million budget commitment this year. New episodes will be released monthly at youtube.com/digitalpeoria.

Another important investment continues to be in the field of public safety. As the fastest growing district in the city, it's critical that the city provides the necessary resources that ensure the safety of Mesquite residents. Resources such as a **new public safety facility** located north of the CAP Canal to house both the police and fire personnel (yet another important resource). Last year the council approved a budget that included funding for four new school resource officers and **11 new officers**. In addition, Fire Station 196 gained a **new rescue unit** providing additional medical and rescue response for the surrounding area.

The Mesquite District is no stranger to development and last year we saw our fair share of construction at seemingly every corner. 2023 brought in **Harkins Theater**, a new steakhouse, and plenty of retail and medical space. Plus, the approval of **5 North** will usher in a whole new vibe and entertainment amenities to the Vistancia area.

2024 will be just as busy with all types of new development. Retail remains strong as the Vestar project at the Four Corners wraps up in the the new year and construction at the **Trailhead** begins as well. Additional office space, hotel and medical facilities along Lake Pleasant Parkway will be getting started, while details about the highly anticipated **Amkor** facility will also be released.

As always, I continue to advocate for **community involvement** on all projects big and small. From community meetings to city council meetings, there are always opportunities for residents to have their voices heard. This was the case last year when two separate developments withdrew applications following resident feedback, and again when council voted to fund the specific West Wing trail option that was supported by local residents. This is the type of resident engagement I love to see.

In closing I want to wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season. Peoria is such a wonderful place to live and at the heart of it all are residents like you and I who continue to care for our community.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

BRAD SHAFER

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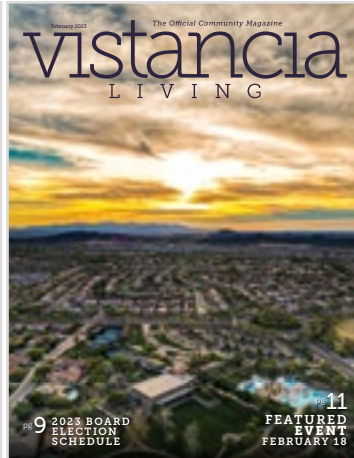
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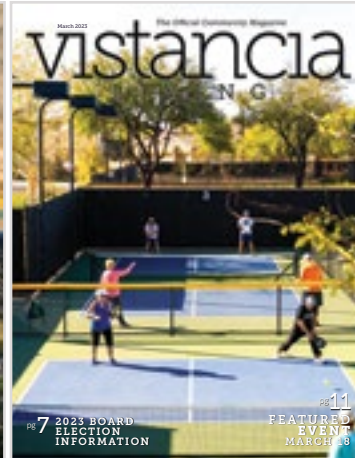
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 Police North Valley Tip Line **623-773-5077**
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CITY OF PEORIA

City Hall **623-773-7000**
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 Zona Wyyerd (Internet and Phone) **623-455-4555**

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District Office **623-486-6000**
 Lake Pleasant Elementary **623-773-6575**
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 Liberty High School **623-773-6525**



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