



January 2021

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ARROWHEAD RANCH PHASE V ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the Annual Meeting, the evening of November 18th the results of the community wide election were revealed. A total of eight candidates were seeking three open positions on the board. Lewana (Lee) Hinton, one of the current board members retained her seat on the board while two new board members were elected. Mark Schwarz, a long-time board member and past president brings a vast wealth of experience with him. Shawn Rhor, a board member for the first time, will be leaned on for the engineering skills he brings to the table.

Unfortunately, when someone new joins the board, someone has to leave. We have to say goodbye to Amy Hulbert-Suggs and Roger Saulnier, both will be missed. As you know, board positions are voluntary and those working in these positions do so without

compensation. Thank you for your service and for your tireless effort to keep our community on top. Good luck Amy and Roger.



Christmas Tree Drop-Off Program

Once Christmas is over, what do you do with your Christmas tree. One solution is to take it to one of the many Drop-Off locations. We have one in our own back yard - the Fire Station Number 156, located at 69th Avenue and Deer Valley Roads. They will begin to collect trees for recycling on December 26, 2020 through January 9,

2021. Homeowners are reminded to remove all stands, ornaments, tinsel and other decorations before dropping off your tree. Or, you can leave your tree out for the monthly Bulk Trash collection scheduled for the week of January 4, 2021. If you decide to use the bulk trash option please do not put your tree out for bulk collection prior to Thursday December 31, 2020 for the scheduled week of January 4th.



The 2021 Board Meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month, and will be held at the Arrowhead Country Club, 19888 N 73rd Ave, Glendale, starting at 6:00 pm. This location can change so check the website to verify meeting location.

The Architectural Committee meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W Union Hills, Glendale, starting at 6:00 pm. The deadline for submittals is the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Check out the calendar for meeting dates at www.sierraverde.org.

2021 BUDGET PROCESS, DUES INCREASE, AND MAJOR PROJECT FOR THE YEAR



The 2021 budget brought about some challenges for the board of directors due to a variety of factors. First, the HOA lost approximately \$48,000 in special assessments from the two apartment complexes located adjacent to Sierra Verde. Secondly, the HOA was forced to replace the worn-out pump house, which cost the community approximately \$250,000. Finally, in 2021, every wall in the community that belongs to the association will be addressed. Every section needs a complete retexture and paint at a minimum. Numerous areas throughout the community need to be rebuilt as the foundation or wall section are failing due to a variety of factors. The board will hire an engineer to evaluate every section of wall and work with the board to complete a

detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) that will go out to numerous contractors to bid on the project. The board hopes to award a contract early in 2021 in order to complete the project next year. The community is aging and some of these major projects are needed to keep Sierra Verde a beautiful place to live for decades to come. The board of directors will continue to work hard to keep the dues as low as possible, in a fiscally responsible manner, while maintaining the community standards we all desire and expect of the association.

Know your neighborhood birds

For more information on our neighborhood birds, check out the **Facebook** group: “*Wildlife for My Glendale Az Neighbors*”.



We have at least one Kingfisher that frequents our neighborhood.



This Snowy Egret is much smaller than the Great Egret’s we see.



You might see a Say’s Phoebe around the lake.



This is a Verdin and while we don’t have many of these around our community, this one was hanging out by the lake.

New Pump House Landscaping

Our new Pump House looks great but that dirt area around it - not so much. You’ll be pleased to know that funds have been approved to beautify the dirt area around the new pump house.

Don’t forget, the board will be judging the best Christmas lights again this year.

CITY LINK

www.glendaleaz.com

The City of Glendale has a wealth of information including links to Police, Fire department, parks, libraries, police, Trash pickup, and various programs for you kids.

www.SierraVerde.org

Your neighborhood website showing all things HOA.

THE RESIDENTIAL CORNER

This month we're starting a new section in the newsletter that highlights some of the homeowners in our neighborhood. You'll be amazed at all the talent we have living around us.



Our first resident is a former Honeywell engineer that gave up working on parts of the International Space Station to raise a family and become an author of children's books.

Her name is [Dawn Young](#). She loves using rhyme, puns, figurative language and humor to make her stories fun to read. Dawn is also a math enthusiast. When she's not busy writing and reading, she can be found doing math problems, sometimes just because... In high school, Dawn's dream was to have a math equation named after her, but now, she believes having her name on the cover of books is a million times better!

Dawn lives with her husband, three children and golden retriever in our neighborhood. Some of her best memories include reading to her kids while they were plopped in her lap, all giggling at silly, clever picture books. So please say hi if you see Dawn out walking our greenbelts in the evenings.

Dawn's first book published was *THE NIGHT BAAFORE CHRISTMAS* (October 2019)

Followed by *COUNTING ELEPHANTS* (March 2020)

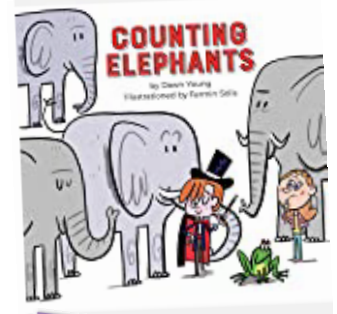
Coming January 2021 is *THE NIGHT BAAFORE EASTER*

Coming June 2021 is *THE NIGHT BAAFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL*

All of these books are available on Amazon and sold in most bookstores.

To learn more about Dawn and her books go to her website at: DawnYoungBooks.com

If you know someone you want highlighted in the newsletter, please Email your suggestions to: SierraVerdeNewsletterStories@gmail.com



RECIPE of the MONTH

Pumpkin Bread

Tis the season

3 cups sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1-1/2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. cloves
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
1 cu cooking oil
3-1/2 cups flour, sifted
4 eggs
2 tsp. baking soda
2/3 cup water
2 cups pumpkin

Combine sugar, baking powder, salt and spices in a large bowl. Stir in oil, flour, eggs and add each to the batter, mixing thoroughly. Stir in baking soda, water, and pumpkin.

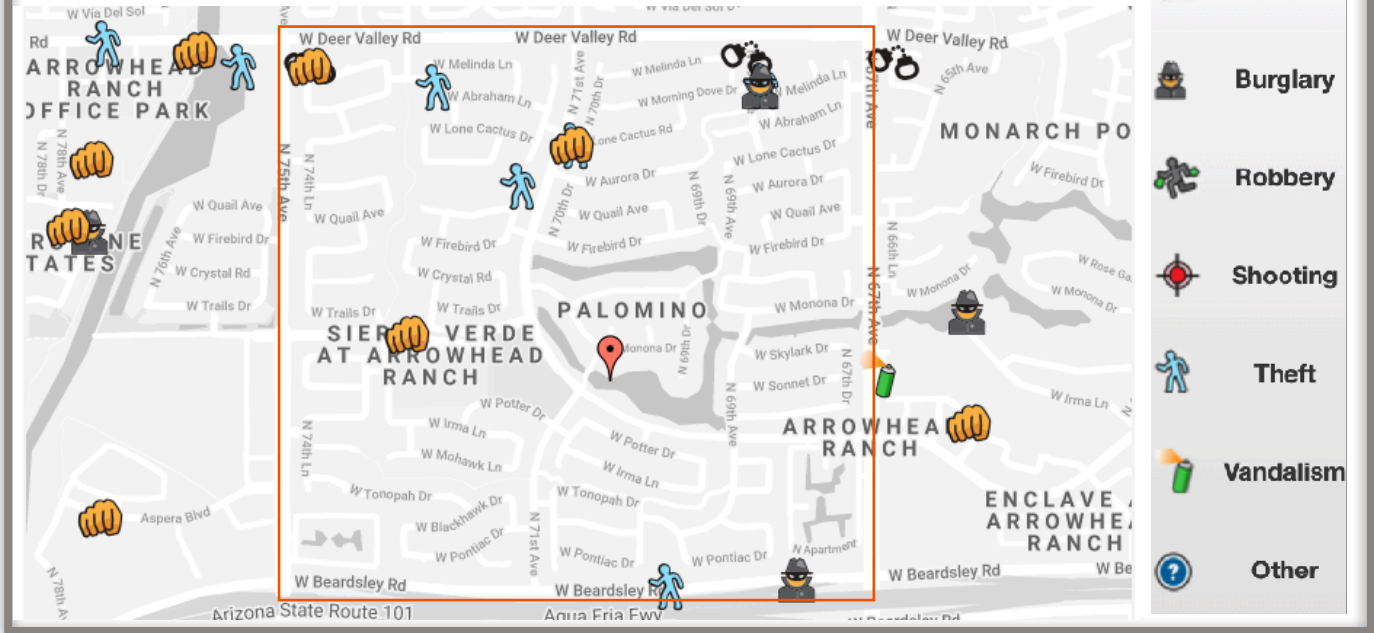
Pour into 2 greased loaf pans and bake 1 hour at 350 degrees

OR - bake them in 9 mini loaves and freeze some. They're good year round!



Crimes Reported 6/22 - 11/1

Data from: <https://spotcrime.com/az/glendale>



RETRACTABLE DOG LEASH'S ARE ILLEGAL

Retractable leashes (also referred to as flexi leashes) might seem like a great idea — you want your dog to have the freedom to explore while still being attached to you. Not only do retractable leashes teach a dog that pulling on leash is acceptable, retractable leashes can cause injury to both humans and dogs.



The retractable style also doesn't allow for much control over your dog; they have lots of freedom with the extended length, but you can't easily reel them in. With all that distance between you and them, they can easily walk into the street ahead of you, or around the corner right into a potentially dangerous situation. Oftentimes, dogs on a retractable leash practice very rude greetings of other dogs and people, rushing up to them with their owner far behind and unable to prevent jumping on people or intervene if the dogs don't get along.

Some dog owners purchase a retractable leash because they think it will help with their dog's leash pulling, but these leashes actually teach your dog that pulling works. The dog gets more leash length if they pull against tension from the retractable, which reinforces that pulling works to get them where they want to go — forward! It's almost impossible to teach a dog polite leash walking when using a retractable leash, since the leash itself is teaching the dog the exact opposite of keeping a loose leash.

If that's not enough to convince you to ditch your retractable leash - they are also against the law in Glendale Arizona. Click here to read the current Glendale ["Animal Laws"](#). Yeah, lots of legalese! Here's a short summary:

In Glendale, your dog can not be at large. A dog is **not at large if:**

- The dog is restrained by a leash, chain, rope, or cord not to exceed six feet in length and of sufficient strength to control the dog
- The dog is being used for control of livestock, or being exhibited or trained at a kennel club event or at an organized dog sport event approved by the City Manager or the City Manager's authorized representative, or is engaged in races approved by the Arizona Racing Commission
- The dog, whether on or off the property of the owner, is within a suitable enclosure which actually confines the dog
- The dog is a working animal under the control of the handler. For example, a dog who is specifically trained or is being trained for law enforcement or search and rescue work and under the control of a handler, a person who has successfully completed a course of training and who is using a working animal under the direction of a Law Enforcement Agency

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAILS

Did you know we have 5 trails crisscrossing our community? It's true. Supposedly, they were originally part of a planned trail system with the City of Glendale. That's the rumor anyway - we haven't been able to confirm. Regardless, they run through our neighborhood. You may have seen the trail signs when out walking. Over the next several newsletters, we'll be giving a description of each of the 5 trails.

1. De Gamma Trail (0.93 miles) - July 2020
2. Balboa Trail - (0.75 miles) - October 2020
3. **Cortez Trail - (0.89 miles) - January 2021**
4. De Leon Trail
5. Coronado Trail



THE CORTEZ TRAIL



This is basically the west side greenbelt that travels mostly north and south. It's very popular at school time with the kids due to its proximity to Sierra Verde Elementary School.

I'm going to walk you through the trail starting at point 4 in the south west corner of our community and take you to Deer Valley road.

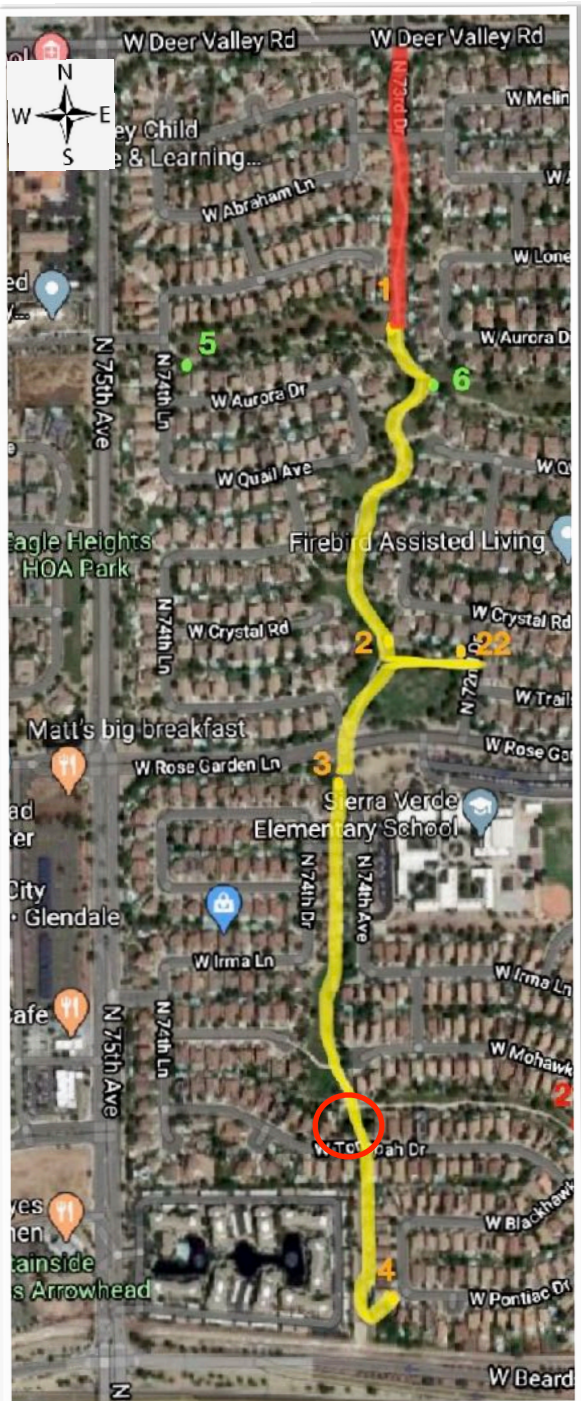
Head down to the southwest tot lot on the greenbelt (red circle on map). I suspect most people will start from here because it's the southwest corner of the greenbelt but I'm going to start at the first trail marker labeled 4 on the map.

This is an interesting area that you should check out. It's where the HOA recently rebuilt the spillway that takes rain run off and drains it off in to main canal.

Just around the corner is the first trail marker. Number 4 on the south end of the map. From here we'll take that buttonhook sidewalk to the spillway and parallel the small run off canal north all the way to Rose Garden. You'll walk by the sandy tot lot and ramada out to 74th Ave where you'll continue north past the school. Just before Rose Garden you'll see the next trail marker labeled 3 on the map. This is 0.42 miles from the start and is on the west side of the road. Walk across Rose Garden and continue on the greenbelt north. You'll come up to a 3 way junction in the sidewalk within a minute or so. This is where it gets strange. If you turn right here and head east to 72nd Dr you'll find another trail marker. I have it marked as 22 on the map. This is 0.52 miles from the start. I don't know what they were thinking when they placed this marker. If anybody knows please contact me. From 22 we head back west on the sidewalk and turn right at the 3 way junction (where we were 5 minutes ago) and continue north. You'll immediately find another trail marker. It's number 2 on the map and is 0.65 miles from the start.

This is a really pleasant part of the trail with a couple of benches so you can sit and watch the wildlife go by. Once you're done sitting, continue north on the greenbelt to the next and final trail sign on the Cortez trail. You'll find it just north of where the main greenbelt heads east and is labeled number 1 on the map. Congratulations, you made the entire trail. We're 0.89 miles from where we started.

You get extra credit if you continue another tenth of a mile to Deer Valley Rd. That's one miles from the start.



Wall Restoration coming to Sierra Verde



In response to our aging community, the HOA Board of Directors has made it a priority to bring every association owned wall within Sierra Verde back to original standards, or better. This is a huge undertaking that will take many months to complete and will affect every homeowner. The Board has maintained the walls to the highest standards possible, but due to their age, and many other factors, it is now time to address every issue the various sections of wall have. The Board is in the process of hiring a construction company that specializes in walls, and iron fencing, to complete a detailed request for proposal (RFP). Once the RFP is approved by the wall committee and the Board it will be sent to contractors to obtain bids. It is the goal of the association to obtain at least seven bids that can be evaluated in order to find the best company for the project. We will keep homeowners up to date on the project and when it is time to start construction, City Property will be contacting homeowners that will be affected as the project reaches their area. We will make every effort to minimize the impact to homeowners, but recognize that in many places there will be inconveniences that must happen to make this project successful. We look forward to bringing the walls back to the standard that we all expect. Thank you in advance for your consideration and patients.



Help Wanted! WebSite Design

The board of directors have formed a committee to work with our web site designer in an effort to remove clutter from the site and make it a little more user friendly. This is a project that really needs to be done and will be

completed over the next 3 months. We will be adding new photos, adding new content and creating new links to make it easier for the user. **If you have website design experience using Wordpress and wish to lend a hand with design ideas, please send an email to board@ap5.org and we will be back in touch with you.**

Do you have a story or recipe that you would like to share with your neighborhood?

Email your stories or recipes to: SierraVerdeNewsletterStories@gmail.com