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IN BRIEFS

Singles Club Potluck
Monday, August 3rd
Read Hall
5:30 pm

Singles Club Meetings
Wednesday, August 12th
and 26th
Read Hall
9:30 am

Read Hall Pool Maintenance
Wednesday, August 12th
All Day

Farnsworth Hall Pool Maintenance
Wednesday, August 19th
All Day

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Pat Clark

Hello all, we've reached August. The summer seems to be flying by. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have had some much-needed monsoon rains.

The city of Mesa is going to be doing some improvements to the drinking water systems from mid-July through September. The work is going to be in the Recker to Power and University to Adobe section of Dreamland Villa. I would hope that the city of Mesa will provide more information to those of you who live within those boundaries.

We had our 10th annual 4th of July Brats and Beans event, and though attendance was under 70 this year, thanks to ticket sales, raffle tickets, and donations, the event raised right around \$1,000. Thank you to all of you who donated or volunteered to work the event, especially those who cooked.

As of this writing, the BBQ and picnic Ramada should have had its flooring paved. Please do not walk on it right now. It needs to cure for a while before we can paint and seal the surface. Thank you so much again for the donation from the gen-

erous member that allowed us to move forward with this long-hoped-for project. We're still looking for donations to add the finishing touches.

Even though it's the height of summer, there are a few activities still going on. Fused glass has operating hours on Mondays and Wednesdays. Lapidary is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings. There are various card games going on in Read Hall. Their times vary, so please check the calendars in the Citizen newspaper and on our website, dreamlandvilla.org.

Coffee social is on hiatus in July and August.

The neighborhood code compliance committee is going to hold a town hall for all residents on Saturday, August 15th, at Read Hall, at 11:00 am. They wish to inform those who are interested, all about how to deal with code compliance issues within Dreamland Villa.

We have an ad-hoc swimming pool committee that is looking into ways to reduce the winter heating costs of the pools. They made some proposals to the board on July 14th. By the time you read this, there should be some answers and plans. As part of their research, they have looked at the sign-in sheets at both pools and the KEE card system logs to try to get a somewhat accurate number of pool users. What they have found is that there are way too many instances of people not following the rules. Unless you are bringing a valid guest, everybody entering the pools must have a KEE

card in their possession. Please, if you hold the gate open for anybody, please make sure they all have a KEE card in their possession, unless they are a valid guest. Also, everyone is supposed to use the sign-in sheets. On those sign-in sheets, you are required to sign your full name, first and last, as well as write your KEE card number. Both pools have their rules and regulations posted. Please pay particular attention to children's hours. The pools have become extremely expensive to operate, and we simply cannot have anyone but authorized users in our swimming pools.

It's bad enough that the costs to maintain the pools have gotten so high that we may have to make some unpopular decisions about them in the future, but recently, we have had multiple instances of vandalism. I would really like to know what possessed someone to tear down the shower curtain, and throw it into the pool, and somebody to tear the soap dispenser off the wall, and throw it into the yard of one of our maintenance employees. Come on, folks, this is all uncalled for. We do not have monitors at the pools, so if you use the pools, we rely on you to be our eyes and ears when you're there. This is your community, and it is up to all of us to follow the rules and to treat each other the way you expect to be treated by a fellow adult human being.

That's it for this month. For those of you still here during the summer, see you around the Villa!

Welcome to Dreamland Villa!

by Cyndy Munday

Welcome to those of you who have recently moved here to Dreamland. We sincerely hope you will take some time to get to know the area and the community here in the East Valley. It is a great location close to all services.

The office is located at 320 N. 55th Pl on the corner of University and 55th Pl. They can offer you a tour. While you are there, you could pick up a copy of the latest Citizen newspaper.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct 3rd at 10:00 am at Read Hall for a social gathering of new residents. The welcoming committee will be there to share some information with you and hopefully answer any questions you may have, besides getting to know each other a little bit.

We are always happy to meet you and hope you will not hesitate to call with any questions you may have regarding Dreamland Villa. Again, our office staff is there for you. We genuinely hope you will come join us!



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AROUND THE VILLA



Neighborhood - Code - Committee

Board Liaison: Beth White
Committee Chair: Dr. Annette Padilla
Committee Member: Megan Tackett

*What is Compliance?
Why can't the office help?*

Over the next few months, this committee will host open meetings where your questions will be answered, concerns addressed, and practical solutions offered. Our goal is to help strengthen Dreamland, improve communication, and support stable home values for all residents.

Saturday meetings at Read Hall, 11:00 am
July 18, 2026
August 15, 2026
September 19, 2026

We are still finalizing details, but we look forward to providing clear, transparent, and helpful information as we work together to make our community even better.



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Acts of Kindness Card Program

DVRC Social Committee would like your help in reaching out to those who have suffered a loss, are dealing with an illness, or recovering from a surgery.

There is a fill-out slip in the office where you can add a name and address of someone to whom we can send a card. Then place the slip of paper in the Acts of Kindness box. We promise to send a card if you let us know the need! Lastly, if you have any of the *Get Well* and *Sympathy* greeting cards that you're not using, we would gladly take them off your hands and put them to good use.

Thank you for your support.



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Memory Brick Update!

by Cyndy Munday

We have placed another brick in our Memory Garden. This one for Tom Kiernan. We were all so sad to hear of his passing.

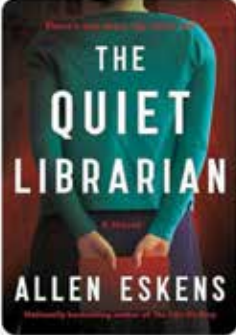
We can honor Coni and Tom by having a brick in our little memory garden.

We have had a few even purchase a bench to honor their loved ones. It's so great to have this place in our community.

It takes a few weeks to get the bricks engraved and installed. We hope you will consider purchasing a brick and being a part of our little Memory Garden. All bricks are only \$60.00 each.

Please stop by the office if you have any questions. There are order blanks in the office or on the Dreamland website for your convenience.





Book Review

By Anita Thompson

The Quiet Librarian
by Allen Eskens

This was a wonderful book that I couldn't put down. It was well-written and exciting.

Hanna Babic is a quiet, middle-aged librarian in Farmington, Minnesota.

She just wants to live a quiet life in the shadows and be left alone. Then a detective arrives with the news that her best friend has been murdered. Hanna knows that something evil has come for her, a dark remnant of the past she and her friend had shared.

30 years ago, back in 1977, Hanna was someone else: Nura Divjak, a teenager growing up in the remote mountains of war-torn Bosnia. Then Serbian soldiers arrived at her farm and killed her entire family right before her eyes. That event thrust her into the war, leading her to join a band of militia fighters, where she became not only a fierce warrior but a legend. She was eventually forced to flee to the United States with a bounty on her head.

Now someone is hunting Hanna, and her friend has paid the price. From there, the book goes back and forth between the events in Bosnia and the hunt with the help of a St. Paul detective to find the killer and protect her friend's grandson, whom Hanna has been given the responsibility of protecting.

I definitely recommend this book. Eskens is another Minnesota author that I just discovered a couple of years ago, and this is his latest book.

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AROUND THE VILLA

ACROSS

1) Dell competitor

5) Diamond surface

10) Lose an encounter with ice

14) Central part of a church

15) Coffee enticement

16) Disorderly outburst

17) Course with sines

18) Different version of a song

19) Change parts, often

20) Broadway sign make-up

23) Cantrell, Wood and Turner

24) Usher's beat

25) Country with the most lakes

28) Utilized an elevator

30) Word before "loving" and "lasting"

31) Places for human development

33) One tying a knot?

36) Couldn't care less

40) Nip in the bud

41) Year-end seasons

42) One of Napoleon's exile isles

43) It may frequently hit the bottle

44) Wake maker

46) Beach spread

49) Michael Jordan's old position

51) What a good horror film can make one do

57) Far from the bottom

58) Eat away at

59) Word after "Let's try something"

60) Important hotel number

61) X, in math class

62) Strip under a mattress

63) Tireless toy?

64) Like the best guard dogs

65) Temporary fixer

DOWN

1) Not for

2) Psychologist Jung

3) Like a soap opera twin

4) Some men's jacket sizes

5) Hot breakfast fare

6) Venue for a big-time boxing match

7) Sleeping episodes that could last years

8) Send off, as broadcast waves

9) Urban vehicle

10) Inexpensive cigar

11) Step-ups from 4-Down

12) Epitome of perfection

13) Follower of Western tracks

21) Insane

22) Comaneci of the balance beam

25) Yield, as property

26) Stratford's waterway

27) On a ____-to-know basis

28) Accelerates, as a motor

29) It might require refining

31) Quite unattractive

32) Evening result?

33) Shed feathers

34) Judicial attire

35) Wish recipient

37) African antelope with spiral horns

38) Old, slow ship

39) Item that can be raised in a car's interior

43) Emulated a smoke detector

44) Most inferior

45) Tolkien menace

46) Russian monarchs no more

47) Eight-related

48) Composed, as a text

49) Colorful garden figure

50) Milk dispenser over a pail

52) Prefix with "physical"

53) Fleshy seed wrapper

54) "Enchanted" film girl

55) "... and make it fast!"

56) Allocate (with "out")

OLD-SCHOOL PARTY

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Help Services

By Lew Hooser

Each time I sift through the years of Help Services articles, I am reminded of the Help Services commitment we've made to the folks of Velda Rose Estates and Dreamland Villa and the responsibility we have to serve these communities. It is a privilege for our president, Patty Thorpe, and me, and our Board members and monitors to be a vital part of both communities in maintaining the highest standards of operation.

We have improved how we serve you, overcome challenges of the past, and made plans for the future. Our hope is that our ability to serve you and your family has exceeded our commitment to each and every one. We are excited about the ways we're preparing to deliver on our mission statement that we have supported for the last 56 years. Our hope is paying it forward; our mission statement will hold true for generations to come.

By the way, please consider joining us now as members of the board of directors to help us take Help Services into the future.

A little updating for all the newbies about our 24-hour equipment you can borrow: Appliance Hand Truck, Fold-

ing Chairs, and Wet/Dry Vacuum. Please remember we are financed solely by your donations, plus it's a tax deduction for you as well.

We also have a team of qualified folks to help you with bequests for people who have no beneficiaries. For more information on this, or if you have any other questions, please stop in at the Help Services office. Our summer hours have started: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 am to Noon. We will be closed on Saturdays for the summer months. Check us out on our webpage at www.HelpServicesInc.org. Stay cool, that's it for this newsboy.

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Posse Corner

By Joseph Favazzo
*Protecting Our Community —
One Smart Move at a Time*

DON'T LET THE SCAMMERS WIN

Fraud is no longer something that happens to other people — it's happening right here, right now, to people just like us. According

to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the number of adults 60 and older who reported losing \$10,000 or more from impostor scams alone more than quadrupled between 2020 and 2024. Even more alarming, reported losses of \$100,000 or more skyrocketed from \$55 million to \$445 million in that same period. Eva Velasquez, CEO of the Identity Theft Resource Center, warns that with the rise of artificial intelligence, 2026 could be even worse — making it harder than ever to tell the real from the fake.

So, let's talk about what's out there.

Crypto & Bitcoin Scams — If a stranger contacts you by email, text, or phone promising extraor-

inary returns on cryptocurrency investments, hang up or delete it. These con artists are skilled, convincing, and relentless. Never send money or share banking information without first consulting a licensed financial professional.

Romance Scams — Someone online showers you with attention, builds an emotional connection, then asks for money. It feels real — that's exactly what they're counting on. Adults over 60 are a primary target. If an online relationship leads to a request for cash, it's almost certainly a scam.

Arrest Scams — A caller claims you have an outstanding warrant for a traffic ticket and demands immediate payment to avoid arrest.

Remember: no legitimate court calls people to collect fines. Ask for the court's name and call them directly to verify.

Poser Scams — "Grandma, it's me — I'm in trouble and need money fast. Please send gift cards!" These tug at your heartstrings by design. Before doing anything, call other family members to verify. If the name doesn't ring a bell right away, trust that instinct.

The best weapon we have is a simple pause. Before sending money or sharing personal information, stop, verify, and fact-check. A few minutes of caution can protect a lifetime of hard-earned savings.

Stay sharp, Dreamland Villa — we look out for each other.

Save The Date!

By Mary Sabel
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An illustration of a person with red hair in a bun, wearing a yellow shirt, sitting at a desk with a laptop. To the left of the laptop is a small blue pot with a plant. To the right is a yellow mug with steam. In the background, there is a computer monitor displaying a Microsoft Word document with a large 'W' logo. To the left of the person is a newspaper with the headline 'DREAMLAND WILL BE OPEN' and a picture of a building.

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DREAMLAND BOWLING LEAGUE

By Cyndy Munday

We meet each Tuesday at 1:00 pm at East Mesa Bowling, located at 9600 E Broadway just east of Ellsworth. We do not bowl as teams in the summer. Everyone is on their own, and you are welcome to drop in anytime. Bowling is \$13.00 for 3 games. We do hand out weekly prizes. This is the perfect sport for getting a little exercise indoors with their a/c.

This past week we celebrated Dan's 99th birthday! He is a great bowler and a good friend. Congrats Dan!!

Top Bowlers for the week –

Week of 6/9:

Darlene Poynter 607; Sherrie Cutler 633; Dave Cutler 658; Judy Schulster 617; Kevin Roberts 674; Brian Wheeler 625; Dan Jenkins 634; Jack Cregar 600; Megan Tackett 621

Week of 6/16-:

Jon Drumheiser 648; Dave Cutler 607; Cindy Pena

646; Anita Brown 592; Brian Wheeler 598; Jack Cregar 637; Mike Tackett 640

Week of: 6/23:

Mike Tackett 674; Brian Wheeler 614; Wayne Hereman 612; Sara Kempke 611; Darlene Poynter 594; Dave Cutler 583; Megan Tackett 580

Week of: 6/30: (Fun day – 9 pin no tap)

Kevin Roberts 788; Said Yaffar 760; Judy Schulster 747; Brian Wheeler 736; Jon Drumheiser 733; Jeff Wallace 719; Mike Tackett 689; Sara Kempke 688; Dan Jenkins 682; Nancy Cole 681 – Our birthday boy had a 217 game!!

Splits picked up:

Dan Jenkins 6-10; Anita Brown 2-7, 4-6-7, 5-10; Dan Jenkins 6-7-10; Dave Cutler 5-7-9;

If you are interested and need more information, please call Cyndy Munday at 425-218-1105. Thank you.



Sr. Techies Computer Club

By Megan Tackett



Purpose of the Barcode on Arizona License Plates (Microsoft Copilot. Microsoft, Accessed 7 July 2026)

The barcode at the bottom of your Arizona license plate is a machine-readable registration identifier used by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and law enforcement to quickly verify your vehicle's registration status.

What it does

Registration verification: When you stop at a toll booth, weigh station, or during a traffic stop, officers or automated systems can scan the barcode to confirm that your plate is registered, valid, and matches the vehicle's registration record.

Efficiency: It replaces the need for manual plate number entry, speeding up processing at checkpoints, toll plazas, and during traffic enforcement.

Data link: The barcode contains encoded information that can be read by scanners to pull your vehicle's registration details from the ADOT database.

How it works

The barcode is part of the plate's registration tab or decal, which is affixed to the plate.

Scanners at checkpoints or toll points read the barcode and cross-check it with ADOT's registration system.

If the plate is registered and valid, the system will allow the vehicle to proceed; if not, it will trigger a registration check or enforcement action.

Related plate features

Plate number: The visible letters and numbers identify your vehicle.

Barcode: The hidden or low-visibility code under the plate's bottom edge.

Tab/decal: The small registration document that goes with the plate and contains the barcode.

In short, the barcode helps ensure only registered vehicles are allowed to operate in Arizona, while also making enforcement and toll collection faster.

August Computer Lab- 4:00-5:00 pm Wednesdays in Room 9

August 5th- How to optimize your hard drive

August 12th- Purpose of Bar Code on Lic Plates

August 19th- Chris Tucker Genealogy Club

August 26th- Cool PC Narrator

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Dreamland Singles Club

By Lu Wald

Everyone is probably happy to be counting down the days of summer heat. It has been brutal this past month! I do hope everyone had an opportunity to take in some great 250th Anniversary and 4th of July Celebrations. Personally, watching it on television proved to be very satisfying for me. However, here in North Dakota, we did have an amazing dedication of the President Roosevelt National Library, so that was impressive.

We hope many of you will be coming to the August Potluck on the 3rd at Read Hall at 5:30 pm. We get to join our friends again on the 7th at Mr. Brews Taphouse, 1113 S. Signal Butte Rd, at 11:30 for a great lunch. On that same day, there will be a free Chandler concert with carpooling at 7:00 pm. Additional Chandler concerts are scheduled for the 14th and the 28th as well at the Chandler Community Center. Be sure to contact Kathie if you wish to join the group. On the 17th, a group will head out for a fun few days where it's cooler. We'll be heading to Pinetop and staying at a VRBO rental. Although the space has been confirmed, if interested in going, contact Kathie just in case someone cancels. Our August dinner out will be at Olive Garden, 6201 E. Southern. We'll be carpooling to the Heard Museum on the 28th, and here's a little bit of information. If you go to the Mesa Library, probably best if you do it

earlier in the month- you can get a "Culture Pass" that will save you \$21 to get into the Museum. We'll finish out the month with a "Woodstock" concert at the Hale. Also, remember that the group gathers for a movie at least once a month, so grab a calendar and call Ruth; her number is on the back, to find out when those movie gatherings happen. They are planning to go to Fat Cats on the 18th to see "On the Brink of War". Also, please support the community Pancake Breakfast on the 1st. During these summer months, we may just go out for a second lunch or dinner to celebrate our birthdays, because who wants to cook when it's this hot!

If you have an interest in the Singles Club and you get the e-mail blast Newsletter, there is a link on the Singles Club article that takes you to a survey. We are trying to determine if folks who spend their days working are interested in joining us and which days and/or times of day would work best. So, let us know through the survey or send an email to singles@dreamlandvilla.org, and we can communicate. In addition, we meet monthly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Read Hall or drop in to our monthly potluck on the first Monday evening at 5:30, where you can get more information as well! We are booking plays for the upcoming season at the Hale and Arizona Theatre Company in Tempe.

FUSED GLASS

By Cyndy Munday

It's the middle of summer already and really heating up here in Arizona. Thankfully, we have this nice studio to use to create our works of art out of glass.

We have been busy in Fused Glass and have cleaned the studio up to display some of the works of art in the window for your enjoyment. Perhaps you would consider trying out this activity.

The studio is open to all who want to gather and see what lovely works of art they may produce. Class is open Mondays 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, and again in the evenings from 5:00-8:00 pm. On Wednesdays we're open from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The only expense is for any glass you may purchase and a small firing fee.

Right now is a good time to work on those holiday projects. We welcome all and hope to see you soon.



Quilting Club



By Becky Lamson

Our photo this month is a sample of the quilt we will make in February. It is called a Crumb Cake, made of many small scraps of fabric. The project will be led by Faye and Jonnelle.

We're on our summer schedule, meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, at Read Hall. We will be on this schedule through September.

We continue to work on special projects, piecing quilt tops, stitching borders onto the quilts, and socializing. You are always welcome to bring one of your projects to finish, or something for Show and Tell.

New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please give me a call at 480-202-7003 or email me at beckyNieslie@gmail.com.

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2026AUGUST MONTHLY EVENTS2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 (July) <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> <u>9:00AM - 12:00PM</u>	27	28	29 <u>Open Painting</u> <u>1:00PM - 3:00PM</u>	30	31	1 <u>Pancake Breakfast</u> <u>7:30AM - 9:00AM</u>
2 <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> <u>9:00AM - 12:00PM</u>	3 <u>Singles Potluck</u> <u>5:30PM -</u>	4	5 <u>Open Painting</u> <u>1:00PM - 3:00PM</u> <u>Night Card Bingo</u> <u>6:00PM -</u>	6	7	8
9 <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> <u>9:00AM - 12:00PM</u>	10	11	12 <u>Pool Cleaning Day</u> <u>Singles Meeting</u> <u>9:30AM -</u> <u>Open Painting</u> <u>1:00PM - 3:00PM</u>	13 <u>Card Bingo</u> <u>10:30AM -</u> <u>Ceramics Bisque Ware Sale</u> <u>11:00AM - 3:00PM</u>	14	15 <u>Neighborhood Code Compliance Committee</u> <u>11:00AM - 2:00PM</u>
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30 <u>Faith In Christ Church</u> <u>9:00AM - 12:00PM</u>	31	1 (September)	2 <u>Night Card Bingo</u> <u>6:00PM -</u>	3	4	5

August Weekly Activities						
SUNDAY AM	MONDAY AM	TUESDAY AM	WEDNESDAY AM	THURSDAY AM	FRIDAY AM	SATURDAY AM
	Pickleball 7:30R-O Aquacise 8:45R-O Help Services 9:00 - NoonHS Lapidary 9:00 - 11:30R-6 Fused Glass 9:30 - NoonR-7	Bocce Ball 7:00F-O Aquacise 8:00 - 8:45R-O Lapidary 9:00 - 11:30R-6	Pickleball 7:30R-O Aquacise 8:00 - 8:45R-O Help Services 9:00 - NoonHS Lapidary 8:00 - 11:30R-6 Fused Glass 9:30 - NoonR-7	Bocce Ball 7:00F-O Aquacise 8:00 - 8:45R-O Lapidary - CLOSED 8:00 - 11:30R-6 Quilting Call 480-203-7003 10:00 - NoonR	Pickleball 7:30R-O Aquacise 8:00 - 8:45R-O Help Services 9:00 - NoonHS	Bocce Ball 7:00F-O
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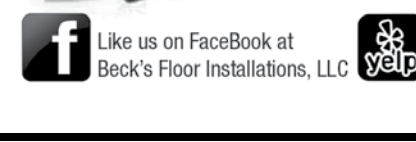
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