

Venture Out-Lines

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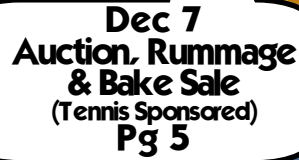
November 30, 2018

TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday • December 4 • 7:00 pm • Buena Vista Ballroom




Dec 5
Salisbury Steak Dinner
(Softball Sponsored)
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Dec 7
Auction, Rummage
& Bake Sale
(Tennis Sponsored)
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Siversmith Make
& Take
(Siversmith Sponsored)
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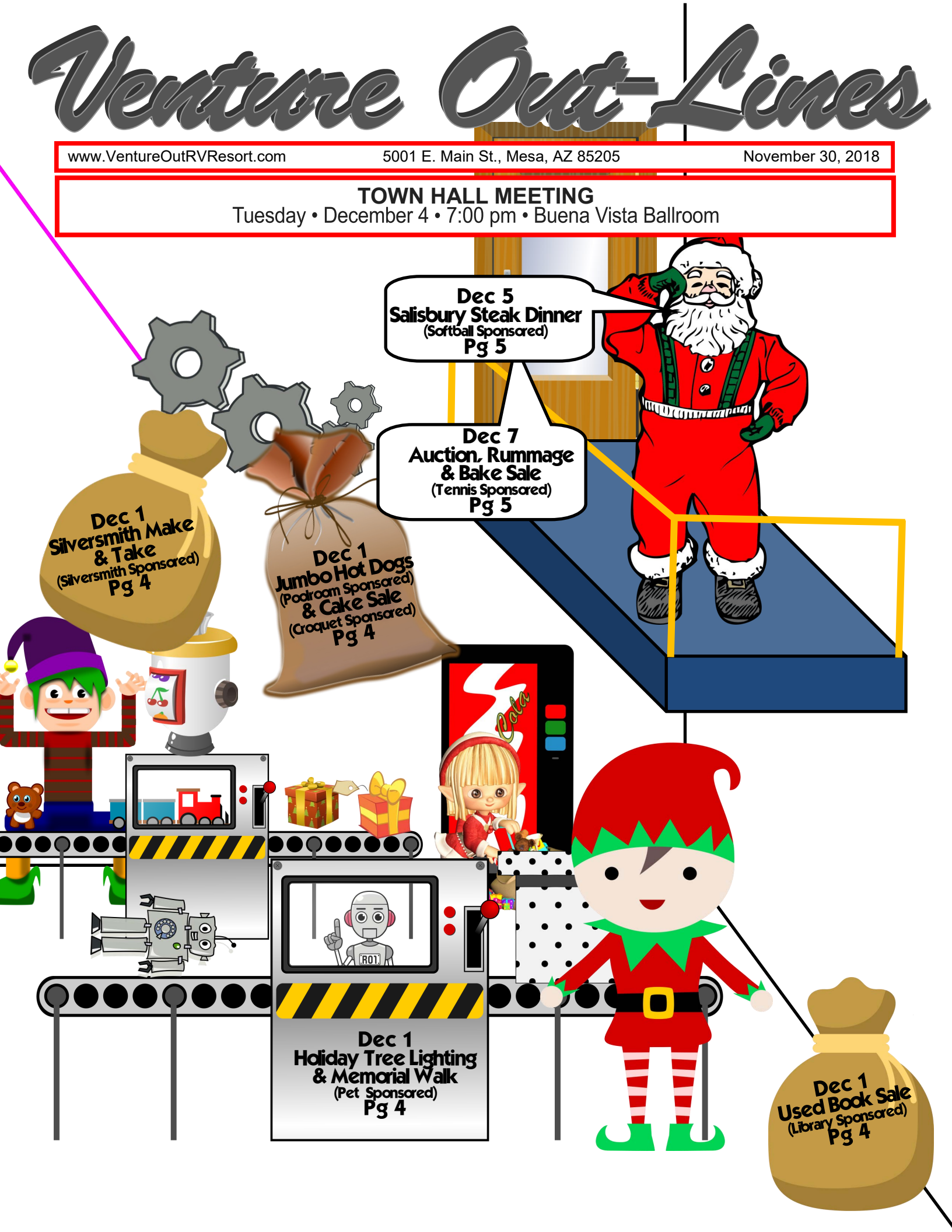
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Jumbo Hot Dogs
(Poolroom Sponsored)
& Cake Sale
(Croquet Sponsored)
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Dec 1
Holiday Tree Lighting
& Memorial Walk
(Pet Sponsored)
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Dec 1
Used Book Sale
(Library Sponsored)
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Administration

Venture Out

5001 E. Main St.,
Mesa, AZ 85205

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
(480) 832-0200
VOGM

@VentureOutRVResort.com
8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Office Quiet Hours
3:30 - 4:30 pm
Monday - Friday
Closed Sat. & Sun.

For notary service call the
Administration office at
480-832-0200 to make an
appointment.

ACTIVITY OFFICE

(480) 832-9000
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@VentureOutRVResort.com
8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Monday - Friday
Closed Sat. & Sun.

VO POST OFFICE

(480) 830-5813
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Monday - Saturday

SECURITY
(480) 832-6080

SECURITY

@VentureOutRVResort.com
24/7 EMERGENCY CELL
(480) 220-6875

Newsletter

Submissions Only:
Outlines

@VentureOutRVResort.com

MISSION STATEMENT

"Venture Out is an active 55+ retirement community where friendship, cooperation and volunteerism are highly valued, and where residents are involved in diverse activities, while keeping the park safe, secure, progressive, cost-efficient, and responsive to changing needs."

TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday • December 4 • 7:00 pm
Buena Vista Ballroom

CONDO & SOCIAL BOARDS, JOINT MEETING

Wednesday • December 5 • 9:00 am OASIS

CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 6 • 9:00 AM • OASIS

Invocation:

President's Comments:

General Manager's Report:

Lot Owners' comments, lasting not more than thirty (30) minutes dealing with any agenda item, or at the pleasure of the chair, on any other matter. Maximum time limit for any subject shall be five (5) minutes.

You may speak on only one subject one time.

Adoption of Minutes:

Treasurer's Report:

Social Board Report:

Reports:

Old Business:

New Business:

Recess Work Session:

SOCIAL BOARD DIRECTORS' MEETING

Tuesday • December 11 • 1:30 pm • Oasis
AGENDA

Invocation:

President's Comments:

Lot owners' and/or visitors' comments addressing any agenda item or, at the pleasure of the chair, any other matter; may not last more than two (2) minutes per speaker and must be limited to one topic.

Maximum time limit for any

subject shall be five (5) minutes.

Changes to Agenda:

Approval of minutes:

Correspondence:

Club Liaison Reports:

Condo Board Liaison Report:

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment:

Work Session to follow

CONDO BOARD DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 13 • 9:00 AM • OASIS

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

Venture Out offers a Medical Alert Security Service for residents in the park. It is designed to assist residents who may have a significant risk of need for emergency medical assistance. Residents who wish to avail themselves of this service may apply in person at the **Security Office** located in the **Administration Building** during regular office business hours. The Medical Alert device is installed in their VO residence and requires a VO land line inside the home. The cost for this service is \$120.00 a year.

CHILDREN'S SWIMMING HOURS

(under the age of 16)

WEST POOL

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

EAST POOL

12:00 - 2:00 pm

WEST & EAST POOL

4:00 - 7:00 pm

GREEN COMMITTEE

Annette Ripplinger

503-246-1276

Having a party? Consider washable tableware, as plastic utensils can't be recycled. Remember to donate empty aluminum cans to a Shriners' box. Thanks for avoiding Styrofoam plates and cups. The three best ways to recycle are: Know what to throw. (Don't recycle the item if you're not positive it can be.) Empty, clean, and dry. (Mesa's recycling is 25 to 50% contaminated. China is now accepting less than 1% contaminated in our recyclables.) Keep it loose. (No plastic bags in blue barrels. Use a large clear or white garage bag once a week for curbside collection.)

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Warren Lee

540-538-0438

The Infrastructure Committee has two vacancies, plus a member with medical issues. We are in need of your help. We assist the Condo Board by providing recommendations on street repair, street lighting, drainage, solar, exterior walls, etc. If you have any experience that relate to any of these activities or just a desire to be part of this process, please contact me or any member of our Committee.

Administration

REGISTER YOUR BIKE HERE IN VENTURE OUT

Schedule a time with Brandon, Security, through the Administration Office at 480-832-0200

When you leave your bike somewhere at VO and forget it. Security will retrieve it at night and call you the next morning to come and get it.

HOLOGRAMS

Come to the Administration Office to get your 2019 hologram on your badge. Make sure to bring your badge along. You can get someone else's hologram if you bring their badge with you.

Office Hours:

8:00 am - 3:00 pm
BEAT THE CROWDS



SECURITY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT OCTOBER, 2018

Security Chief, Brandon Fowers 480-832-0200

The Security Staff logged in 5,313 vehicles at the front gate for the month. The total amount of gate access by residents, contractors and visitors totaled 45,204. The total number of cars does not represent the total number of persons inside the cars. The original 45,204 cars should be multiplied by an average of 2 persons equaling a total of 90,408 people the staff assisted during the month of September.

Outside Guests for Activities – 1,775
Medical Alert - 0
Work Orders - 56
Suspicious persons/activity calls - 0
Alarms - 3
Total Incident Reports - 20
Assistance to residents - 417
911 Calls - 2
Damage to property - 1
Bikes Stolen/Missing - 2

Total Violation Notices - 28
Violation letter sent with fines - 2
Parking - 10 CC&R - 12
Speed - 3 Failure to stop - 3

*Speed Violation Notices does not include verbal warnings given to violators by Security monitoring traffic every day. This is strictly citations served.



OUT-LINES

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

The Out-Lines staff reserves the right to correct errors in spelling and grammar, as well as deviations from the style guide.

- Send your submission to outlines@ventureoutvresort.com or drop off a hard copy to the Activity Office
- The deadlines for ALL articles: Noon by the date listed below.

DUE DATE MONDAY

December 3
December 17
December 31

PUBLISH DATE FRIDAY

December 14
December 28
January 11

Hard copy submission forms available in the Activity Office

Condo Board Nominees Needed

The nominating committee is looking for a few good woman and or men to consider running for a position on the Venture Out Condo Board. The committee has been actively contacting potential candidates to fill the ranks of the three Directors leaving the board in February. It is extremely important that we fill those positions.

On behalf of the Condo Board nominating committee Mike Ellis, John Heise and Loras Watters if you can answer positive to the following criteria please consider volunteering as a candidate for the positions.

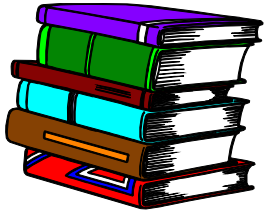
1. You have no personal agenda to bring to the Condo Board.
2. You would want to serve if elected.
3. Do you reside in Venture Out for five months each year (Mid October through Mid March)?
4. The Condo Board members represent a variety of talents. What is yours?
5. Do you have good people skills?
6. Do you have good communication skills when speaking with your peers?
7. Can you make good decisions with good information in a timely manner?

If interested contact Mike Ellis – 480-510-4644 or John Heise – 480-830-5951 or any of the 9 members of the Condo Board.

Special Events

VO LIBRARY Used Book Sale

The Library thanks everyone for donations!



Main Lobby
BEFORE AND DURING
THE JUMBO HOT DOG &
DESSERT SALE

Come to our book sale in the lobby of the Community Center from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm.**

Books for 25, 50 and 75 cents. What a bargain! No Bills larger than \$20

**SATURDAY • DECEMBER 1
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Silversmith Make and Take

Everybody is welcome to come make sterling silver earrings. Class will be **December 1 at 9:30 am** at the **Silversmith Shop**. Come sign up and pick out the pattern you want to make. Fee is \$20.00. We will have lots of fun.



Questions? Contact
Nicka Lockeman
319-331-8758

**SATURDAY • DECEMBER 1
9:30 AM • SILVERSMITH SHOP**

JUMBO HOT DOGS AND DESSERT

**¼ lb Grilled Hot Dog,
Sauerkraut, Chips &
Beverage \$4.00**

Sponsored by the
Poolroom Association

Tickets
purchased at
the event

**Cake Sale
\$1.50**

Sponsored by the
Croquet Club



*BRING YOUR OWN
TABLE SERVICE*

**SATURDAY • DECEMBER 1
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AND MEMORIAL WALK



Limited
parking;
please walk
if possible



- *View the Memorial Luminarias
- *Free Hot Cocoa & Cookies
- *Holiday Music & Sing-a-Long
- *Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus
- *Feel free to Bring an Ornament to Help Decorate the Tree

Donations of pet toys,
food & blankets
accepted for the
Arizona
Humane Society

SPONSORED BY THE PET ASSOCIATION

**SATURDAY • DECEMBER 1
LUMINARIA VIEWING 5:00 PM
TREE LIGHTING 5:30 PM
HOBBY CENTER PARKING LOT/PET WALK**

Special Events

SALISBURY STEAK DINNER

Tickets \$7.50

Past Deadline. See Post Office Hallway for ticket purchase opportunities.

MENU

Salisbury Steak smothered in a herb mushroom & onion gravy, Yukon mashed potatoes, seasonal veggies, roll & butter, tossed salad and beverage



Back by Popular Demand!

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

Sponsored by the Softball Association

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 5

2 SEATINGS

5:00 PM & 6:30 PM

A PLETHORA OF GREAT STUFF!

AUCTION RUMMAGE

&

BAKE SALE



**FURNITURE
HOUSEWARES JEWELRY
CLOTHING DISHWARE
GARDEN TOOLS
ANTIQUES
AND MORE...**

For pick up of items call Butch Short at 250-809-1028

Or

Drop off donated items to the roped-off area behind the Laundry building before **11:00 am** on **Thursday, December 6.**

Sponsored by the Tennis Club

All Proceeds directed to the Social Club

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 7

**8:00 AM PREVIEW • 10:00 AM AUCTION
THE PATIO**

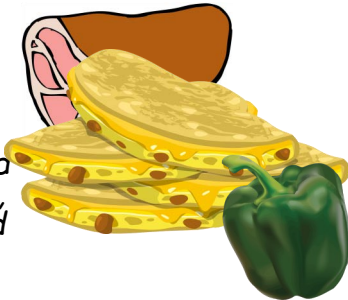
DENVER STYLE EGGS BREAKFAST!

\$5.00 Per Person

Tickets available at event

MENU

Delicious ham, green peppers and cheese folded into tasty scrambled eggs, served with country potatoes, toast, chilled juice and coffee.



Everyone welcome!

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE AND COFFEE MUG

**SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 8
7:30 - 9:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO**

Showtune Productions Presents...

IT'S A HOLLY JOLLY CONCERT

Tickets \$11.00

Available in the Activity Office and at the Door



This is a heart-warming Christmas gift. This joyous and touching professional variety show features all your favorite secular and sacred holiday songs.

HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS will become a special part of your holiday tradition with all the merriment of the season including a delightful visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus!

Sponsored by the Lawnbowling Club

**SUNDAY • DECEMBER 9
7:00 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

Special Events

Black & White Tea Party

Tickets \$10.50
available from the Activity Office until Wednesday,
December 5, 10:00 am
Tables may be reserved if all 8 seats are purchased

A delightful afternoon
of tea, specialty
desserts, door prizes
and a phenomenal
performance by

Nicole Pesce and Jan Sanwich in
"Mothers, Music & Memories-"

Wear black and white to fit with the theme!
Sponsored by the Recreation Department



MONDAY • DECEMBER 10
DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 PM
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

2018 CHRISTMAS ANGEL RAFFLE

Buy your tickets now
for a chance at many
wonderful prizes. All
funds raised are used
to purchase toys for
children in need. Check
the Christmas Angels
flyer in this Out-Lines for
times to buy your tickets
in the Baja Bistro.



There is still time to donate prizes to the
Activity Office.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

RAFFLE DRAW
TUESDAY • DECEMBER 11
1:45 PM • BAJA BISTRO

TACO BAR

Tickets \$6.00

Purchase from the Activity Office
Deadline: 10:00 am Monday, December 10

- Menu -

2 soft tacos with seasoned
ground beef, cheese, lettuce,
tomatoes, salsa and sour cream.
Served with Spanish rice and
a caramel Flan
Beverage provided

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

Sponsored by the Solos Club

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 12
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM • BAJA BISTRO

IT'S ANOTHER... MYSTERY TRIP ?

Tickets: \$99 per person. All inclusive with
lunch & bus transportation.

SOLD OUT!



Wear
comfortable
shoes & bring a
warm jacket.

Open to All!

SPONSORED BY THE BOCCE BALL CLUB

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 14
BUS LOADS AT 8:30 AM • DEPARTS 9:00 AM
RETURNS BY 6:00 PM
BUS LOADING ZONE

Special Events

HAMBURGER BBQ & ICE CREAM BARS

Menu

Grilled 1/3 lb Hamburger
or Cheeseburger
Grilled Onions •
Lettuce • Tomato
Baked Beans • Chips
Beverage
\$5.00

Sponsored by the
Softball Association

**Ice Cream Drumsticks &
Klondike Bars \$1.50**

Sponsored by
Table Tennis



SATURDAY • DECEMBER 15
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
BAJA BISTRO

Holiday Lights Contest

Join your neighbors and friends again this year in the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest. **Decorate your lot, corner lot, or entire block**, in the spirit of the holiday season, and then see who will fly the award-winning holiday banners! Awards presented at a Resident Christmas Party **Monday, December 17**. Application in this edition of the Out-Lines.



**WIN... A DISPLAY BANNER PLUS
CASH PRIZES 1ST \$50 • 2ND \$25 • 3RD \$15
for each: Individual Lot, Corner Lot & Block**

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 16
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Holiday Lights Contest



Join your neighbors and friends again this year in the Annual Christmas Lighting Contest. **Decorate your lot, corner lot, or entire block**, in the spirit of the Holiday Season, and wait to see who will fly the award-winning Christmas Banners! Should you wish to have your lot or street judged, please complete the form below and return it to the Activity Office by **noon Friday, December 14**. Judging will take place **Sunday, December 16** from **7:00 - 8:30 pm**. Awards presented at the Resident Christmas Party on **Monday, December 17**.

Lot # _____ Street Name _____
 Corner # _____ Street Name _____
 Block _____ Street Name _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ACTIVITY OFFICE
NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON • FRIDAY • DECEMBER 14**



**WIN... A ROTATING DISPLAY BANNER PLUS
CASH PRIZES 1ST \$50 • 2ND \$25 • 3RD \$15**

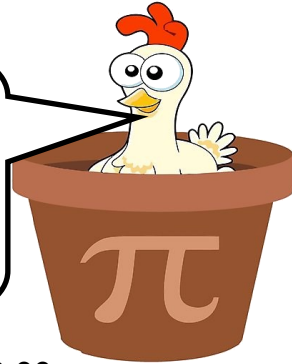
In an effort to make this contest more equitable, winners from the past two years are not eligible for awards ... however they are encouraged to light up and enjoy!

Special Events

CHICKEN POT PIE LUNCH

Menu

Homemade chicken pot pie, fresh fruit and beverage



Tickets \$6.00

Tickets available in the Activity Office.
Deadline: 10:00 am,
Wednesday, December 12
Bring your own table service.

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 19
12:00 NOON • BAJA BISTRO

ORGAN STOP PIZZA



Are you ready for some phenomenal organ music and yummy pizza?

\$8.00 pp includes pizza buffet, salad, tax and musical program (beverage extra). If sign-up is under 15 people - \$8.50. Cash or check only.

Provide your own transportation.
**PLEASE SIGN UP IN
THE POST OFFICE HALLWAY
BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 21
11:00 AM • 1149 E. SOUTHERN AVE.
MUST PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Sing-a-Long

Come one, bring your neighbor and friends, come all!

With special speaker Paul Harington and Christmas singing. All are welcomed to a service that celebrates the meaning and reason for the Christmas season. The candlelight music and narratives will prepare you for Christmas Day.



MONDAY • DECEMBER 24
6:30 PM • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM



ANNUAL COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS DINNER

HOSTS AND HOSTESSES NEEDED!

Should you wish to host a table, your duties will include cooking a ham, collecting money, assigning side dishes and decorating your table.

Ham provided!

*For more information contact
Keith Gustafson (701) 201-0061*

TUESDAY • DECEMBER 25
BYOB HAPPY HOUR 4:30 PM
DINNER 5:00 PM • BV BALLROOM

Special Events

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER ATTENDEE SIGN-UP

Delicious ham dinner with all the wonderful holiday side dishes. \$3.00 per person plus each person brings a dish to pass. Ham provided.

*Deadline to Sign Up: December 20
Call any hostess below to reserve a seat*

Keith Gustafson 701-201-0061
 Cheryl & Dennis Spear 712-490-6723
 Marcia Boyette 970-479-4900
 Elma & Eldon Becker 303-548-6157
 Annette Ripplinger 503-267-2000
 Helen Bierstedt 319-233-5408
 Sue Paniea 701-320-2199

*For more information contact
Keith Gustafson (701) 201-0061*



**TUESDAY • DECEMBER 25
BYOB HAPPY HOUR 4:30 PM
DINNER 5:00 PM • BV BALLROOM**

New Year's Eve Bash

Tickets available in the Activity Office

**Featuring
"Chuck-E-Baby & the Allstars"**

Party Favors!  **Fantastic Door Prizes**

Balloon Drop!

**Residents - \$20.00
Non-Resident Guests \$22.00**

**Buena Vista Ballroom - December 31
8:30 pm - 12:30 am
Doors Open at 8:00 pm**



MATSIKO

WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR

Hear the Joy • See the Hope
Feel the Love

A choir composed of children from Peru, Liberia and India sharing their music and culture.
"Pass the Hat"
Sponsorship that breaks the Cycle of Poverty



**WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 2
1:30 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

PRIME RIB DINNER

Tickets \$12.95
Deadline
Wednesday,
December 26,
10:00 am


MENU

Succulent Black Angus Prime Rib Au Jus, Sautéed Mushrooms & Creamy Horseradish Baked Potato with Butter & Sour Cream Crisp Caesar Salad & Beverage

Note: Prime Rib cooked to medium rare

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

Sponsored by the Recreation Department



**WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 2
4:30 PM BYOB HAPPY HOUR
5:30 PM DINNER • BAJA BISTRO**

Special Events

TACO SALAD

— MENU —
Jumbo flour tortilla shell with your choice of seasoned ground beef, beans, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, jalapenos, shredded cheese, sour cream, black olives and ranch dressing!

Includes Lemonade & Cookie

Limited Number of Tickets Available.



Tickets \$7.00
 Available from the Activity Office until sold out. If not sold out, available at the door.

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

SPONSORED BY THE TENNIS CLUB

THURSDAY • JANUARY 3
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

ENCHILADA DINNER

Tickets \$8.00
 Available in the Activity Office until Sold Out



MENU

Chips & Salsa
 Beef Enchilada
 Tossed Salad
 Refried Beans
 Beverage
 Ice Cream

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE
 Sponsored by the Electronics Club

WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 9
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Electric Boog-a-loo

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

A dance and comedy show that's wacky, wild and down-right hilarious fun! You won't want to miss this party! Your favorite 50's, 60's, 70's music, comedy, impersonations, crazy dances and more!



General Admission Seating Tickets \$10.00
 Tables of 8 can be reserved for \$11.00 per person. Must purchase entire table to reserve.

Available at the Activity Office and at the door if available

SPONSORED BY THE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Raffle 50/25/25
Two Winners

SATURDAY • JANUARY 12
7:00 - 10:00 PM
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE

MUSIC BY THE "SAGUARO SUNSET" BAND
WITH PLENTY OF WESTERN LINE DANCING

DINNER DANCING GOOD TIMES!

Raffle 50/25/25
 (Two Winners!)



MENU

Huge BBQ Pork Sandwich
 Homemade Baked Beans
 Salad
 Dessert
 Beverage

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

Tickets \$11.00 available from the Activity Office. Ticket deadline 10:00 am
 Wednesday, January 9

Sponsored by the Bocce Ball Club

WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 16 • BALLROOM
BYOB HAPPY HOUR 4:30 PM • DINNER 5:00 PM
ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWING

Clubs and Organizations

31 CARDS

Tom Croghan
402-553-3008

31 cards is played every **Wednesday at 7:00 pm** in the **Sonoran**.

ART IN THE PARK

Vicki Beckmann
780-740-3659

Welcome to an informal, drop-in gathering of artists, meeting **Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to noon**, at the **Sonoran**. This is not a structured art class. It is about sharing methods and ideas. We encourage each other to be motivated and inspired to paint at **Venture Out**. All mediums are welcome. Bring your paints, pencils or pastels and supplies. There is table space to set up and get creative. Levels from beginner to advanced are invited.

BIKING

Len Miller
604-644-3119

The biking group meets outside the **Activity Office** every **Thursday at 9:00 am** and returns before **noon**. Routes, distances and leaders vary. Most rides are 14 to 16 miles on flat surfaces. Have your bike tires aired up and ready to go. Wear your helmet, bring water and a snack for our breaks. This is an ongoing activity for the season. Join the fun.

BOCCE BALL

Janet Whitman
480-822-8444

December Calendar:
Wednesday 5 club meeting **9:00 am** in the **Cabana**.
Saturday 1 singles tournament; **Saturday 8** Christmas Party. **Friday 14** Mystery trip. **Saturday 15** doubles tournament. The Christmas party will be at the **Oasis** on **December 8** with Happy Hour starting at **4:00 pm** and dinner at **5:00 pm**. The club

furnishes the ham and rolls; members bring either a side dish or dessert to serve at least 12. Please sign up in the club house indicating what food category you will bring. Gene Waters was the winner of the **November** singles tournament. Congratulations, Gene!!

CHOIR

Bernadette Carlson
480-985-4060

Some studies show that when we sing, our bodies release hormones that relieve anxiety and stress. Other research indicates that when a group of people sings together, their heartbeats actually synchronize with each other. Venture Out choir rehearsals are on **Wednesdays at 9:00 am** in the **Music Room** located above the **Activity Office**. We are part of the worship service on **Sunday mornings**. New members are needed. The ability to read music is helpful but not required.

COURT WHIST

Dale Laube
309-883-0316

Court Whist is played on **Sunday night at 6:30 pm** in the **Sonoran**. Beginners Welcome.**

CREATIVE WRITING

Linda Wallace
208-596-2748

Do you like to tell stories--either fiction or fact? Have you thought about putting them down on paper? If so, this friendly group of writers is a good place to start. We meet every **Thursday at 1:00 pm** in the **Sonoran**. We have a prompt each week to help with ideas and then share our compositions the next week. There are also helpful suggestions. Whether you prefer poetry or prose, everyone is welcome. For more

information call Linda Wallace.

CRIBBAGE

Ruby Erickson
480-924-9125

Cribbage meets on **Tuesdays** in the **Mojave Room** at **7:00 pm** sharp. Cost is 25 cents – extra pot \$1.00. Please be a little early. If there is enough interest, there may be lessons. Let me know if you are interested.**

DARTS

Barbara Henderson
208-604-6084

Our Darts will begin **Friday, December 7** and continue thru **Friday, March 29**. Join us for a fun time in the Classroom above the **Activity Office at 7:00 pm**. No experience is necessary and we have darts for your use.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE/MOJAVE ROOM

Jan Carr
515-971-7907

Please join us for duplicate bridge every **Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm** and **Friday at 12 Noon**. Looking forward to seeing you!

EUCHRE

Dianne Doering
319-610-4190

Euchre is played every **Friday** in the **Mojave Room**. Starting time is **6:30 pm** with doors open at **6:00 pm**.

FIRE CLAY ARTS

Bonnie Fauss
402-720-3341

Our Christmas lunch will be on **Tuesday, December 4**. Sign-up deadline was yesterday **Thursday, November 29**. Our meeting will follow lunch. Arlene is having classes on **Wednesday mornings – 9:00 am to noon**. Open to anyone, sign up at the club.

Wednesday, December 5 class is a snowman Candle Holder. Time: **9:00 am – noon**; Cost: \$25.00.

Wednesday, December 12 is a Christmas stocking dish. Time: **9:00 am – noon**; Cost: \$25.00. Cost includes bisque piece, all products used in class, firing and instructions.

GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP

Alice Petersen
651-214-9790

Welcome back to the VO Genealogy Interest Group. The meetings are scheduled to be held in the **Cabana from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**. The first meeting is **Wednesday, December 5**. The **2019** meetings are **January 2 and 16**; **February 6 and 20**; and **March 6**. There is no charge for participating in this group. The purpose of the group is to share our hints and finds, as we each work on our own family history. The group is moderated by the participating individuals.

GOLF ASSOCIATION – 9 HOLE

Judy Sell
503-407-0182

Welcome back, 9-hole golfers! Club membership dues are \$10.00 per year in order to be eligible for prizes and tournament play. Sign-ups are **Tuesday mornings at 7:45 am** sharp in the **Sonoran**. There are coordinators for three different courses; John Lloyd, 480-329-1439, for Royal Palms GC on **Tuesdays** starting at **1:50 pm**; Linda & Laz Tollas, 480-807-7875 for Sunland Village GC on **Saturdays** with an **11:00 am** shotgun start; Dick & Marj Skinner, 480-924-6164, for Sunland Village East GC on **Thursdays** starting at **10:45 am**. If you have not

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paid your dues yet, Treasurer Jack Gehring will be happy to help you.

HAM RADIO GROUP Paulette Thompson 480-807-1791

Thanks to Dick Vance K7NEX and all the radio hams who volunteered at the Homecoming and our first 5K walk of the season. Welcome back, Norm AF7GJ and Sara Kellman. The Ham Radio Christmas party will be held **Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 pm** in the **Oasis**. Sign the list at our **Saturday** meeting to see what food to bring. Thanks to Howard Heithoff KF6JTT, and Ken KC7EB and Jacqueline K17WSC Erickson for taking care of the coffee at our meetings. Thom Davis W6LDX explained the workings of a Rig Runner at a recent meeting.

HAMS AT HEART Vicki Postel 720-234-4036 Dottie Johnshoy 406-544-1338

Hams at Heart (not to be confused with the Ham Radio folks) is **VO's** amateur drama club. We are a fun-loving bunch of talented folks who enjoy getting together and hamming it up. We are very excited about our show, Pop's Diner, a blast from the past with lots of 60's rock and roll. Our first general cast meeting will be **Wednesday, December 12, 1:00 – 3:00 pm** in the **Oasis**. If you are interested, please come and see what we're all about. Don't be shy --- if you can carry a tune or dance a little jitterbug, you will fit right in. Show dates: **February 25 & 26**.

HANDYMAMS Pam Klocke 763-516-6214

There won't be any meetings in November and December. ••

HAPPY HARPERS Ian Stenberg 480-452-3707

Happy Harpers are playing harmonicas every **Tuesday** and **Thursday at 9:00 am** in the **Music Room**. We welcome newcomers and have harmonicas available. No musical experience required. We teach to play by ear. We are also looking for a backup piano player. If interested, contact Ian or come to the **Music Room**. •

HIKING Jim Cox 515-999-9554 Valerie Paetz 250-208-9708

Meet at the **Baja Bistro Mondays at 7:45 am** SHARP. Wear hiking boots or good heavy ribbed soled shoes. Gloves and hiking stick are recommended. Bring water, lunch and money for gas. See **Post Office hallway** for detailed descriptions, guidelines and ratings. Hikes are often physically demanding. Know your limitations. Hike at your own risk. **December 3:** Willow Spring Loop. 7 miles, trail. \$5 for gas. Rated C **December 10:** Delicate and Precarious Arches. Bring shoes for crossing the river. Some trail, lots of bushwhacking. 8 miles, 1890 feet of elevation gain. Bring \$5 for gas. Rated D

HORSESHOES Bob Pederson 360-348-3657

Horseshoe season has begun. Come on down to the **Horseshoe Courts** and check out our new club house and freshly painted courts! New members always welcome. We will have open practice and lessons every **Saturday morning at 9:00 am**. The

coffee pot will be on. Join us for some good old fashioned fun. Hope to see you there! •

ILLINOIS NIGHT DINNER

Pat Schultze
309-261-4265

Save the date – **February 17** for our dinner. Bring a dish to pass, meat will be provided. Come and meet the other people from our great state. Sign-up sheet will be up in **January**. Call Pat Schultze 309-261-4265 if you have any questions or if you want to help.

LAWNBOWLING Mardal Flynn 431-336-1172

Greetings bowlers: Our season has begun and we are welcoming new bowlers. Our main advantage to joining lawn bowling is there is no league play. You just come to the greens, and those who show up play a game. No commitment. Our games are played **8:30 am** and **12:30 pm** each day. Our Lessons are **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am**. Please come out and give it a try. We have fun with tournaments and potlucks also.

LIBRARY Ruby Erickson 480-924-9125

The library is now on winter hours – **10:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday**. Locked cases **10:00 am to 3:30 pm**. Current hologram required to check items out in the locked cases. Librarians please sign the list on the desk for brush up.

MANITOBA PARTY Vivian Jones 204-291-2317

Manitoba Party to be held on **Sunday, February 3** at the **Oasis at 4:30 pm**. It will be potluck with a \$2.00

charge at the door. Please sign up on the **bulletin board** in the **post office** area of the **Community Center**. We are looking for new hosts for the following year. If you would like to help out this year and take over next year, that would be great. Can contact Vivian Penner at vivianjones3@yahoo.com•

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mark Chandler
360-202-7177

Please sign up in the **Post Office** area of the **Community Center**.
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MONTANA PARTY Raenelle Lees 406-370-3643 Betsy Klofstad 480-440-9811

Save the date! The annual Montana party will be held **Sunday, January 27** in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**. Details will follow in the next **Out-Lines**.

NATIONAL MAH JONGG Vikki Lane Kunstman 920-246-5340

Looking to play National Mah Jongg? Bring your National Mah Jongg card and come join us in the **Classroom** upstairs above the Activity office on **Tuesday** evenings. We begin play at **6:30 pm**. See you there!

ONTARIO PARTY Linda Saunders 480-434-4909

Ontario party to be held on **Sunday, January 20** at the **Oasis**. Watch for more information in the December Outlines. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the **Post Office** area on the Provincial board. If you would like to volunteer to assist, call Linda Saunders at 480-434-4909.

Clubs and Organizations

PET ASSOCIATION

Chris Johnson
480-622-4171

The next Pet Association meeting is on **Tuesday, December 11 at 2:30 pm** at the **Cabana** at the **EPC**. Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Holiday events: **Saturday, December 1 at 5:00 pm** is the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Memory Walk. Safety Products are available - Forrest Simmons 480-532-1813

PICKLEBALL

Toni Nelson
603-381-8484

www.vopickleball.com 'Tis the Season! Give yourself a gift of fun. Play pickleball. Beginner lessons **11:00 am Wednesdays & Thursdays**. Round Robins, Saturday Scramble, Ladder Play are in full swing, join the email list, get rated and sign up. Challenge Courts and Open Courts available for play every day. A big "THANKS" goes out to all of you volunteers, helping make the VO Tournament another fun success. Next Potluck is scheduled for **December 16**, an opportunity to enjoy some great food and conversation. Attend the General Meeting **Tuesday, December 4**. Okay, let's play! Zero Zero Start!

POOLROOM – SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

Sharon Ellis
602-524-3769

Attention Billiard Pool Players. Please join us every **Saturday** night no later than **5:45 pm** for *Saturday Night Live* in Memory of Marie Austin who started this event several years ago. On the last **Saturday** of each month, we encourage you to "bring your own partner." The other **Saturday** night play is a blind draw for

partners. We each throw \$1.00 into a pot for the final 8 winners. You may play the first time as a non-member of the poolroom. However, we encourage you to join us as members since it is only \$5.00 per season. Lockers are available for only \$10.00 per year. All levels of play are welcome!

ROCK & GEM

Marilyn Clark

We are open for business! And we are always looking for new members! Whether you want to learn lapidary or stone carving or just share your knowledge of "rocks and gems," you are welcome to join! We have great instructors! Our club is quite a social bunch, holding several club events each year ranging from pizza parties to BBQ's! Partners are always welcome! The Rock Shop is open daily as long as monitors are available. Our club business meeting is the first **Monday** of every month at **9:00 am**. It is always followed by coffee and donuts and occasionally pancakes! Plans are already underway for the Flagg Rock Show on **January 3-6**! Mark your calendars! Volunteers are always needed!•

SCANDINAVIAN GROUP CHRISTMAS SMORGASBORD

Jim & Carol Wolf
253-245-8005

The Scandinavian Group Christmas Smorgasbord will be on **Monday, December 3 at 11:00 am** in the **Oasis**. Festive food, punch and tableware are provided. Limited number of tickets for \$8.00 pp can be purchased from Carol or Jim Wolf at 253-245-8005 by **November 30** or until sold out. The menu: Swedish Meatballs and Roasted Potatoes, Carrots and of course, Lefse and please bring your special

holiday treats or sides for all to enjoy.

SCRABBLE

Carol Lid
480-358-7891

Scrabble has started **Tuesday evenings** from **7:00 to 10:00 pm** in the **Sonoran**. Everyone is welcome. Games are provided.•

SEWING ROOM

Carol Lid
480-358-7891

Welcome back to our great group. If you haven't sewn for a while, stop in and see what we've been working on. We have "teachers" and fabric to get started on the kid's quilts. Thanks for stopping by our table at the sale! Check on the date and time of the Christmas party. Next meeting is **December 10**, and AZB4K (kids quilts) on **December 17 at 9:00 am**. Such an honor to see how many members came to sew for Lynettes' "AZB4K" class.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Dan Stuehrenberg
403-851-9819

Shuffleboard lessons are given every **Wednesday at 9:15 am**. Mentors assist novices **Thursday** mornings at **9:15 am**. There's Open Draw every morning except **Friday** and **Sunday**. The first two Gold Cap winners are Keith Wurgler and Barb Wright. **November 13** Turkey Shoot winners are Diane Obert, Clare McParland, John Goluk, Keith Wurgler, Les Hall, Vicki Van Slyke, and Dawn Desautels. The next Turkey Shoot will be **December 11**. Although **Friday** In-Park League has begun, members who are not yet on a team are encouraged to sign up at the courts. Next Club meeting will be **December 14** after In-Park play.

SILVERSMITH
Nancy Wombacher
319-331-8758

Don't forget the **EARRINGS Make & Take** class on **December 1**; and be sure to sign up for the **PENDANTS Make & Take** on **December 8**. Another important date for Silversmith members is **December 12**, when our second club meeting will be held at the shop at **9:00 am**. All members are encouraged to attend and bring money for the supplies auction. AND, an additional date to put on your calendar is the deadline for turning in items for the Silversmith Club auction. All items are due by the end of **December** for the auction in **January**.

SING'N'STRUM

Merle Heise
480-830-5951

Come and join us in the **Auxiliary ballroom** on **Thursday** nights at **7:00 pm** if you play a stringed instrument. We are a fun group who take turns choosing chorded music and singing songs we love.

SOCIAL BRIDGE

Marlene Anderson
480-216-6588
Laurie Reid
587-708-1208

Social bridge is held in the **Mojave Room** on **Thursdays at 1:00 pm**, contact Marlene Anderson at 480-216-6588 and **Sundays at 6:00 pm**, contact Laurie Reid at 587-708-1208. Come early, cost is \$0.50.

SOFTBALL

Bob Faith
639-316-4800

Softball is looking for former and new players for the winter season starting the first week of **January**. Practice will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** in

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November and December. For location, times and details please contact Dean Kelly 480-324-8450 or Bob. We have 4 to 5 teams at different levels and play a variety of options once a week. Twice a week either single games or double header. Come out and have some fun. •

STITCH AND CHAT

Dianne Gilbert
480-993-7794

We have started and looking forward to a busy season. If you have any excess yarn or know of someone who does, please bring it to the group to use. We make hats, scarves, mittens and slippers for the Christmas angels so all extra yarn is used and much appreciated. We meet **Thursdays** in the **Mojave Room** from **9:00 am to 12:00 pm.** •

SUNSHINE CARVERS

Tony Randazzo
208-651-8033

Members are coming back from their summer homes & our carving club is getting into full swing. Gourds will be starting up soon as Jude is here now getting things organized. We had a beginners make & take led by Tony Randazzo; participants completed their western boot. Another class date will be announced. Stop by our club between **9:00 am & 4:00 pm Monday to Saturday** for a coffee, friendly chat or see our wood & gourd projects. Information about wood carving call Tony 208-651-8033, or John 480-769-9784. Gourds call Jude 208-761-1798.

TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG

Al Manter
253-584-6307

So far our table tennis membership has been quite small. Hopefully it will pick up pretty soon. We play at

the **Auxiliary ballroom Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Thursday** we play from **3:15 until 5:30 pm** and **Saturday from 9:00 am until noon. Sunday** is open play from **9:00 am until 4:15 pm.** Please join us for a fun time playing a great game.

TENNIS CLUB

Janice Schwartz
507-251-9384

Come one, come all to our fall bake sale and auction! It's **Friday, December 7** near front entrance courts. Bring your no-longer-needed dishes, small appliances, home decor, etc. to our rummage setup on **Thursday** before the sale. Call Bruce Short 250-809-1028 for pickup of large items. Baked goods and auction helper sign-up sheet at back court kiosk. **Saturday, December 8** play 75+ at VO or invitational at GV (sign up early for both). Beginner free lessons **3:30 pm Monday** courts 5 and 6. See votennisclub.com.

TEXAS HOLD-EM

Shirley Derrien
480-570-0804

Texas Hold-Em is held in the **Auxiliary Ballroom on Wednesdays.** Please be there by **6:45 pm.** Play begins at **7:00 pm.** It is a \$10.00 fee to play with all monies paid out to the winners. For more information contact Shirley. •

WOMEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Janice Schwartz
507-251-9384

The ladies' **Tuesday** evening Bible study will resume **January 8 at 6:30 pm** in the **Cabana** and continue through **Tuesday, February 5.** Carolyn Royan will present "Through the Eyes of the Bride," her

study on the book of Revelation. Carolyn will provide materials for the table discussions. If you would like to join this group, please call Linda Martin 480-812-5110.

WOODSHOP – SANDER FOR BIDS

Ron Fackrell
480-292-3836

We will miss our good friend Peter Stasiak who we lost this year. Peter was a long time member of the wood shop. Also, Bob McMurchy who won't be back because of injuries. We have a 16x32 PerForMax upright sander for sealed bids in the woodshop. If you are interested in making bowls or pens, come to the wood shop. There will be classes and someone to guide you. Also remember we sharpen knives, scissors etc.

CARDS & GAMES

Court Whist
Sun • 6:30 pm • Sonoran
Cribbage -
Tue • 7:00 pm • Mojave
Duplicate Bridge
Wed • 6:00 pm
Fri • 12:00 pm • Mojave
Hand Foot & Toe
Wed. • 12:30 pm • Mojave
Men's Poker
Mon Tue Wed Thur
5:30 pm • Classroom
5:30 pm • Fri • Music Room
Pan
Mon & Wed • 12:30 pm
Sat • 8:30 am • Classroom
Scrabble
Tue • 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Sonoran
Social Bridge
1:00 pm • Thur
6:00 pm Su • Mojave
Spades
7:00 pm • Thur • Sonoran
Texas Hold-em
6:45 pm • Wed
Aux Ballroom

GOLF SIGN-UPS 18-HOLE COURSES

WESTERN SKIES
Play Monday 8:30 am
Please sign-up at
605 Navajo
Larry Booth
480-854-3696

Arizona Golf Resort
Play Thursday @ 10:00 AM
Please sign-up at
306 Merlin
Norm Lawrence
306-230-8597
gnlawrence@hotmail.com

9-HOLE COURSES

ROYAL PALMS
Play Tuesdays 1:50 pm
John Lloyd
480-329-1439

SUNLAND VILLAGE
Play Saturdays 11:00 am
Shotgun Start
Linda & Laz Tollas
480-807-7875

SUNLAND EAST
Play Thursdays
First tee time 10:45 am
Dick & Marj Skinner
480-924-6164

9-HOLE SIGN UP
7:45 am • Tuesdays
Sonoran

Reminder:



All Out-Lines articles have a Limit of 100 words, and must be turned in by the deadline found on the back of the Out-Lines submission sheet or the front of the previous Out-Lines

It's a Weekly Thing

TRIVIA BLAST!

Hosts
Forrest & Jan Simmons

Join us for group
trivia!

bring your own
bottle, glass,
snacks and
thinking cap!



Ice & Water Provided

50/50 Drawing
Tickets \$1 each

T.G.I.R. - THANK GOODNESS I'M RETIRED

**FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 30 &
DECEMBER 14
3:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Friday Night Dance

November 30
Cowboy Up
(Country Western)

December 7
**Midnight
Confessions**
(Oldies Rock)

December 14
**Reign -n-
Country**
(Country Western)

50/25/25 Raffle

Tickets available from the Activity Office
beginning the Friday prior to the dance or at the door



Tickets \$8.00

B.Y.O.B. & Glasses
Soda & Popcorn sold
\$1.00 each

**FRIDAYS • DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
BUENA VISTA BALLROOM**

WORSHIP SERVICE

The speaker for **December 2** will be Rev. Deborah Martinez and the offering will go to the Phoenix Inner-City Kids (P.I.C.K). On **December 9** the speaker will be Rev. Timothy Hall and the offering will go to Sunshine Acres.

GABFEST

Come enjoy
fresh coffee
and donuts!



Coffee 75¢
and
Donuts \$1.25

Gabfest is an informal gathering with your friends
and neighbors for conversations! Please feel free to
visit before & after worship service.

Sponsored by the Glass Arts Club

**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:00 AM • SUNDAYS • BUENA VISTA BALLROOM
GABFEST • 8:30 AM • BAJA BISTRO**

IT'S THE VO "GRAPEVINE"



Free Coffee & Donuts!

Event updates! Door prizes!
Ticket info & news of what's
currently happening at
Venture Out!

**MONDAYS
9:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO**

It's a Weekly Thing

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

- Vanilla
- Chocolate
- Mystery Flavor



Please bring your own bowl & spoon.

TUESDAYS
1:30 - 2:30 PM • BAJA BISTRO

Tuesday POTLUCK Dinner & Entertainment Featuring **"The Accent"**

Venture Out favorites Mary Christensen and Nan Larson of "The Accent" will sing a variety of everyone's favorite songs including some solid gold tunes from the past.



Bring table service and beverage glass and a dish to serve eight. Beverage provided.

TUESDAY • DECEMBER 4
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO



Ed's Grill

Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers
 and
— Special of the Day —
 Menu items subject to change.
 All lunches include a soda.

December 6

Open face roast beef sandwich with smashed potatoes & gravy

December 13

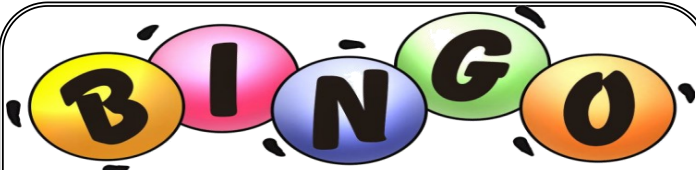
Meat ball sliders (2) & cole slaw

December 20

Chili burger topped with cheese & onions served with chips

Your Choice
\$5⁰⁰ Table service included.
 Bring your own container for left-overs.

THURSDAYS
11:00 AM - 12:45 PM • BAJA BISTRO



\$110.00 Regular Game

\$500.00 Money Ball

**\$1,000.00 Last Game
 Progressive Blackout**

Consolation Prize - \$200.00

Door Prizes!



Please bring your own coffee mug!
 Concession Stand Available

The Venture Out Bingo program includes favorite games such as Double Action and Odd & Even!

THURSDAYS
6:45 PM • BV BALLROOM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:15 PM

It's a Weekly Thing

Tuesday POTLUCK Dinner & Entertainment Featuring "Ugly Sweater Contest"

Join us in your ugliest holiday sweater (we don't care which holiday for exciting prizes including an ugly trophy for best of the ugliest! Remember - the tackier, the better! Open to everyone.



Bring table service and beverage glass and a dish to serve eight. Beverage provided.

**TUESDAY • DECEMBER 11
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

Ugly Sweater Contest Rules:

- ◆ Must wear a sweater
- ◆ Purchased or handmade sweater accepted
- ◆ Any holiday represented on the sweater
- ◆ Men & women judged together
- ◆ The stranger, crazier, uglier... The better!



**TUESDAY • DECEMBER 11
CONTEST 5:30 - 5:40 PM
BAJA BISTRO**

MEATLESS MONDAY

Bring your favorite "meatless" dish to serve 8 and your table service. Beverage Provided.

Everyone invited



Questions -
Cheryl Epping
248-925-0204

**MONDAY • DECEMBER 10
5:00 PM • BAJA BISTRO**

HOLLY JOLLY BINGO

Holiday Treats & Prizes for the Holliest & Jolliest BINGO in the Valley!

\$110.00 Regular Game

\$500.00 Money Ball

\$1,000.00 Last Game Progressive Blackout
Consolation Prize - \$200.00



Please bring your own coffee mug! Concession Stand Available

The Venture Out Bingo program includes favorite games such as Double Action and Odd & Even!

**THURSDAY • DECEMBER 20
REGULAR BINGO - EVERY THURSDAY
7:00 PM • BV BALLROOM**

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

KNOW YOUR GYM



Fitness Volunteers are available to demonstrate the proper use of the exercise equipment available in the EPC Fitness Center:

Look for individuals at the EPC desk wearing a "Volunteer" badge. **Please understand these are volunteers, not certified trainers.** Volunteers needed. See Jenn in the Activity Office

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 - 10:00 AM
FITNESS CENTER AT THE EPC

55 ALIVE SAFE DRIVING COURSE



Venture Out is offering an AARP Driver Safety course. If your insurance company is one of those that participates, this course will help with your car insurance costs by as much as 20%. It will be held in the **Oasis on Friday, November 30** at

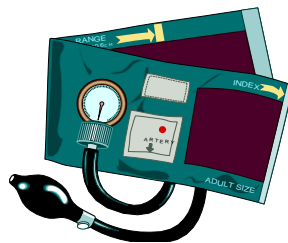
8:00 am. To quote many of those who have attended, "This is the best drivers course I have ever attended, learning a lot of important and useful information." **Cost is \$15 for AARP Members, \$20 for non-members. Preferred payment method is a check made out to AARP. Pay at the event.**

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 30
8:00 AM • OASIS

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Monitor your Blood Pressure

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is a repeatedly elevated blood pressure exceeding **140 over 90** mmHg. Have your blood pressure checked by Volunteers on Mondays in the main Lobby of the Community Center.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK EVERY MONDAY
9:45 - 11:15 AM
COMMUNITY CENTER LOBBY

FOOD HANDLER'S CLASS

Is your Food Handler's card about to expire? Would you like to volunteer in the kitchen but have no card?

If so, you can attend one of the monthly Food Handler's classes instructed by our own Chef Ed.

No Studying Required! No Test! No Cost!



No need to go off property to take a test.

This 30-minute class does the trick!

Receive your Food Service card - good for 3 years

TUESDAY • DECEMBER 4
10:00 AM • BAJA BISTRO

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

BREAKFAST WITH THE DOCTOR -

Bone/Joint Health "Life is Not a Spectator Sport" The human skeleton is made up of 206 bones. These bones are responsible for supporting the weight of the entire body.

Learn about common joint and bone problems.

***Please note time. Sign-up required. Sign up in the EPC. Limited to 50 participants as specified by Banner Health.**

Free Event!

This event is fully booked Sponsored By



Banner Health®

**THURSDAY • DECEMBER 6
9:00 AM • CABANA**

Free Dental Consultation

Meet with Dr. Pease & Associates Family Dentistry in the EPC Therapy Room 2 on Friday, December 7 for a free dental consultation.



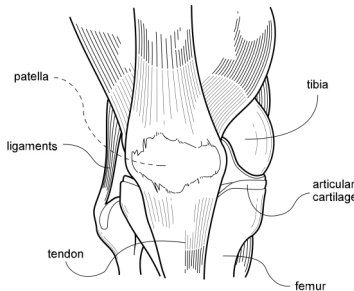
Sign-up required on the bulletin board at the EPC

Keep that smile healthy!

**FRIDAY • DECEMBER 7
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • EPC THERAPY ROOM 2**

THURSDAY HEALTH SEMINAR "Natural Solutions to Inflammation and Arthritis"

Dr. Harvey Abrams, a licensed Chiropractor & Acupuncturist with "Aaaah...Wellness" will be here to teach some natural ways to reduce or eliminate pain. Many people have inflammation which is associated with arthritis, increased weight, Alzheimer's, cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, pulmonary, autoimmune and neurological diseases to name a few. Find safe and natural options for your inflammation and chronic health problems.



**THURSDAY • DECEMBER 13
1:00 PM • THE CABANA (EPC)**

Tour of Italy Cooking Class Conducted by Chef Salvatore Zappone of Zappones Italian Bistro

\$38.⁰⁰ includes instruction, lunch & recipes

Sign up & pay in the Activity Office



**Monday January 21
11:00 am
in the Sonoran**

**20 person Minimum
30 person Maximum**

Fresh Pasta & Seasonal Sauces

Learn to make three different kinds of pasta with savory sauces

Corn Ravioli in a fresh herb cream sauce,

Pappardelle with pancetta, broccoli rabe & pine nuts

Ricotta Gnudi with a fresh pomodoro sauce

& Mascarpone Cheesecake

BYO Wine - Ice Tea & Water Provided

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

9:00 AM WATER AEROBICS EAST POOL (CO-ED) **Elma Becker** **480-695-7222**

We are in a transition time when you are returning to the resort and the hugs are so much fun. Our water aerobics are a great way to start your morning and get the joints moving. It helps the blood flow as well as the cardio. We do make the heart pump faster which gives you more energy for the day. Don't forget to come and join your friends for exercise. Grab your spouse/significant other and head to **the pool at 9:00 am**. You will find it to be a great activity to do together. Questions call Elma. •

9:00 AM WEST POOL EXERCISE **Irene Fuller** **480-628-3019**

Noodles Exercise: **8:45 – 9:00 am**. Water Exercise: **9:00 – 10:00 am Monday – Saturday**. Everyone is welcome. Exercise at your own speed and level to music and directed activity. Using the buoyancy of the water to strengthen and enhance your body movements. You will feel healthier and happier in your daily life.

10:00 AM WATER EXERCISE EAST POOL MONDAY-FRIDAY **Janis Seville** **780-940-5416**

Everyone is welcome to join our healthy living water aerobics class. Using the natural resistance and buoyancy of the water against our bodies, this fun filled class targets specific muscle groups while helping to increase energy, stamina, strength and balance. Work out in an enjoyable atmosphere along with great music and friends. No swimming is required; all you need is sunscreen, water for

hydration and a smile. See you at the pool! •

10:00 AM WEST POOL WATER EXERCISE **Jan Smith** **612-280-4673**

We are up and running, ready for getting those joints loosened up. Requirement – suits and smiles!

BEADING CLASS **Loralee Campbell** **503-680-9136**

For the month of **December**, we will be meeting in the **Sonoran on Monday and Friday 1:15 to 4:00 pm**. Come on in with your own projects or choose from available project kits that we have on hand. Prices vary from \$5.00 to \$20.00. You can make lanyards, bracelets, anklets, or earrings. Everyone welcome, no experience needed! We will teach you everything you need to know. Classes will begin in **January**. All new projects!

CHAIR YOGA – COMING IN JANUARY

Vikki Lane Kunstman
920-246-5340

Chair Yoga is for those unable to participate in regular Yoga which has Sun Salutations requiring the participants to get up and down on their mats. Chair Yoga will begin on **Tuesday, January 8 at 8:45 am**. Participants will need a yoga mat and water. Chair Yoga is a great way to experience the benefits of Yoga: Breath work, strength building, flexibility, balance and relaxation. •

FREE BEGINNERS TENNIS CLINIC **Joan Logan** **403-851-0506** **Holly Beattie** **701-866-8873**

For VO Residents and Renters **Saturday, January 12 from 10:00 am**

to noon. This will be followed by a free lunch for all participants at 509 Debonair so please register soon. These courts (7 and 8) have been booked for this event. Please meet here at **9:55 am**. Rackets will be provided if needed. See Outlines Seminars section for further details. To register please call Joan Logan at 403-851-0506 or Holly Beattie at 701-866-8873 by **January 10** •

LINE DANCING **Liz Johnson** **712-298-4019**

Starts **Thursday, December 6**. Beginners at **12:30 pm** and Intermediaries at **1:15 pm**. Classes held in the **Buena Vista Ballroom**.

MASSAGE BY MARYANNE **Maryanne Schuster** **210-287-4719**

Howdy all. A new VO year has begun. To best take care of one's health, start with healthier choices by losing weight through eating good foods, more green vegetables, less red meat, more chicken and fish. Snack on raw veggies and fruits. Make sure you are drinking lots of water – at least 2 liters a day. These small changes will bring long term good results. Remember to add at least 30 minutes of aerobic exercise every day. Do reward yourself with a massage. Call Maryanne for your appointment 210-287-4719. \$50.00 an hour, **Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**. Located inside EPC gym. By appointment only. ••

PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING **Ann Marie Henry** **480-205-5942**

If you are looking for a fitness program to help improve your mobility, strength, balance, coordination, aerobic capacity or flexibility, I am ready to help. Or, if you are

comfortable working out, I can also design a program for you to do on your own. One-on-one sessions, partner sessions, small group sessions and program design will be conducted in the **Fitness Center** located at the **East Pool Complex**. Sessions are by appointment only. Prices vary. Please contact me for more information. •

REIKI LEVEL 1 COURSE **Lynne Bigg** **480-275-1618** **Beverley Nugent** **780-619-4035**

reikigroup18@outlook.com
Self-care in your own hands - try Reiki! This gentle practice focuses the body's own healing mechanisms. Reiki practice is safe. Nothing to buy, nothing to swallow and no interference with any treatments or therapies. People receiving Reiki touch report feeling calm, rested, and cared for. Daily Reiki practice on oneself is a portable form of self-care that will always be with you. Join global Reiki leader Paul David Mitchell from Idaho in VO **January 25-28, 2019**. In Paul's course you will get lots of practice as you learn to treat yourself and others. Limited class size. Registration is now open. Call Lynne or Beverley. Fee \$165.00.

STRETCH AND TONE **Joe & Kathy Blitgen** **563-451-4828**

Stretch and Tone Class is in the **Buena Vista Ballroom Monday-Friday 8:00-8:30 am**. Weights on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. All you need to do is bring your mat and weights! •

SWEATIN' WITH THE OLDIES **Cheryl Epping** **248-925-0204**

Join us **Wednesday and Friday 8:45 - 9:45 am** in the **Cabana** for a fun workout with the Richard

Classes, Seminars & Wellness

Simmons' Sweatn' to the Oldies series of aerobic workouts. This is a low impact, easy-to-follow workout that is guaranteed to make you smile and sing while you sweat away the pounds. There is **no charge** for this class. All you need to bring is a water bottle, a hand towel and your enthusiasm. •

TAI CHI
Kathy Smith
480-410-8783

Come and experience Tai Chi. It's a very gentle exercise with many benefits. Some of these are greater flexibility, better balance and strengthened muscles. We practice in the **Auxiliary Ballroom** on **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays** from **9:00 – 10:00 am.** •

YOGA CLASSES
Vikki Lane Kunstman
920-246-5340

Welcome back, Yogis! We are looking for more volunteers to start the Yoga DVD at **7:15 am** classes. There is a list of steps to assist volunteers in turning on, starting up and putting away equipment. If you can assist, please contact Vikki Lane. Why do yoga? The new research shows that yoga is surprisingly protective when it comes to staving off fractures and helping to prevent osteoporosis. Attend the **7:15 am or 11:17 am** classes in the **Auxiliary Ballroom Monday-Friday.** Class includes breath work, warm-ups, asanas (poses), releases and savasana (relaxation). Beginners are welcome and are

encouraged to watch the DVD one time before participating. •

EXERCISE CLASSES

- Co-ed Exercise**
7:25 am • Mon - Fri
Aux Ballroom
- East Pool Aqua Aerobics**
10:00 am • Mon - Fri
- East Pool Water Aerobics**
9:00 am • Mon - Sat
- Exercise at the West Pool**
7:30 am • Mon - Fri
- Lap Swimming**
(every day)
6:00-7:30 am • West Pool
7:00-8:00 pm • West Pool
- Stretch & Tone**
8:00 am • Mon - Fri
Buena Vista Ballroom

Sweatin' with the Oldies
 8:45 - 9:45 am • Wed, Fri
 Cabana

Tai Chi
 9:00 - 10:00 am • M, W, F
 Aux Ballroom

Water Walking
 6:00 - 7:30 am • West Pool

West Pool Water Exercise
 10:00 - 11:00 am • Mon - Fri



Having a gobble of a good time at Homecoming

This and That

Please Register...

YOUR PET

Registration is for the pet's safety. If an emergency occurs, park staff can contact the Pet Association to care for or assist in locating a lost pet. Tags are available in the Activity Office. Be sure to bring current rabies tag information (Not required for cats). Pets must be registered annually!
 July 1 - June 30

Dogs:
 Seasonal: \$15.00
 Monthly: \$10.00
 Weekly: \$5.00

Cats:
 Seasonal: \$10.00
 Monthly: \$5.00



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DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS

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To purchase contact
Robbie Oldemar at 480-396-9987

This and That

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Barb Lawrence Dec 1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ken and Jacqueline Erickson
 Dec 9 63 yrs

HAVE YOU HEARD?

To submit information Email outlines

@ventureoutversort.com

or call the Activity Office at 480-832-9000

Betty Osterdock, former resident, passed away in November.

Dick Baker of 12 Douglas passed away November 13. Cards may be sent to 910 NW 91st St, Vancouver, WA 98665

A celebration of life will be held for **Les Parton** on November 25 at 11:00 am at 901 Navion.

Virgina Moody of 322 Aero passed away November 25.

Cards may be sent to her Grandchildren Todd Moody & Traci Trujillo at 2679 E Augusta Ave, Gilbert AZ 85298. A Celebration of life will be held December 15 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Oasis.

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

Should you be new to our beautiful community, as a homeowner or a renter, please plan to attend a **Newcomers' Orientation Friday, December 7, 9:30 am, Mojave Room.** Feel free to bring any and all questions you may have regarding your home, recreation or administration. We'll do our best to be of assistance.



Musical Jam



Don't forget to mark your calendar for our musical Jam. Everyone welcome! Musicians and singers are encouraged to participate in this fun laid-back event. Our audience can just sit back and listen, or dance to the lively music. See you there!

For more info call
 Diana McCallum 480-478-3032

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 16

1:00 - 4:00 PM

BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

MarketPlace



It's a smorgasbord of jewelry, cosmetics, tools and other must-haves that you can't do without and just-gotta-have

"thingamajiggies." Don't miss your chance to find that special unique item.

All licensed vendors!

Be sure to have lunch at Ed's Grill!

THURSDAY • DECEMBER 13
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • **BAJA BISTRO**
 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM • **ED'S GRILL OPEN**

NEW IMAGE FASHIONS BY DON SCOTT

- Major brand fashions at 25%-75% off department store prices!
- Over 9,000 garments from many leading manufactures such as Ruby Road, Cactus, Erin London, Maxine Swimwear & others
- Sizes to fit 4 petite - 3X Women's
- Watch Batteries replaced for \$3.00



Bringing the store to you!

MONDAY • DECEMBER 10
 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
BAJA BISTRO

This and That

Star Volunteer



*Way to go,
Ruby Erickson*

Ruby Erickson of 218 Debonair has been volunteering for all of her 32 years of residency in Venture Out. She has been Secretary, Vice President and President of 10 Pin

Bowling, Secretary of Ceramics, Co-Captain of Perkettes (ladies pool team). She also has served on the Safety and Security Committee, helped with the Friday Night Dances, worked 32 years in the Library (13 years as one of the leaders) and spent 15 years in charge of Tuesday Night Cribbage as well as worked Continental Coffees. Way to Go, Ruby!

SANTA'S PUTTING TOURNAMENT

Wear a Santa Hat to put for free!



- Win cash prizes
- Winners qualify for the Championship tournament!
- Hole-in-One Prize!
- Most Aces Prize!
- Will pay 1st place in every flight for men and women!

- Putter & Ball available if needed
- \$1.00

All invited to participate!
No experience necessary!

Chairpersons: Joe & Kathy Blitgen 563-451-4828

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 8
10 AM - 2 PM • PUTTING GREEN

HOLIDAY Food Drive

Bring your non-perishable food items to the Activity Office and place in the large box located by the front door.



ALL ITEMS DONATED TO AREA FOOD BANKS

FOOD BOX LOCATED IN THE ACTIVITY OFFICE UNTIL DECEMBER 20

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER REMINDER

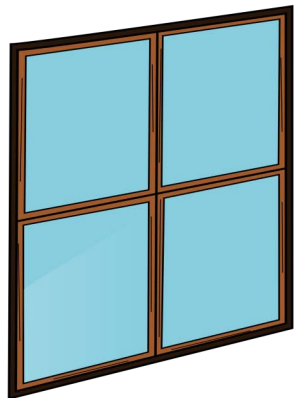
Hosts and Hostesses pick up your Holiday Ham!

Your Christmas ham will be available for pick-up on Friday December 21 between 9:00 -9:30 am in the Baja Bistro Kitchen

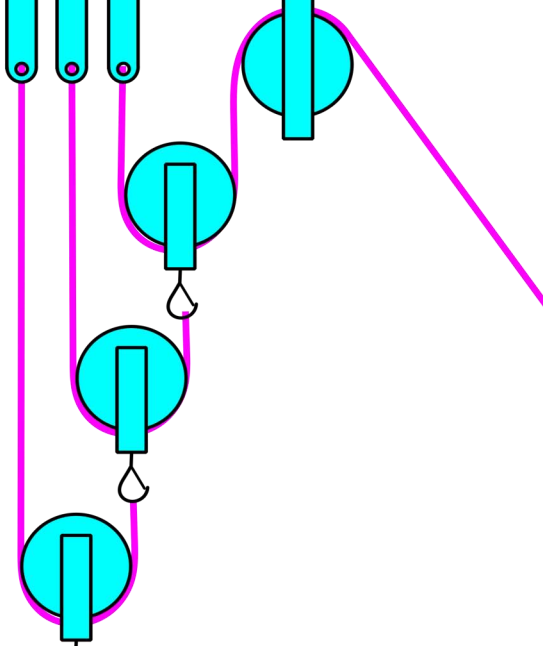


For more information contact 2018 Christmas Chairperson: Keith Gustafson (701) 201-0061

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 21
9:00 - 9:30 AM
BAJA BISTRO KITCHEN



**Dec 11
Christmas
Angel Raffle
Draw
Pg 6**



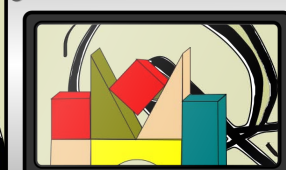
**Dec 16
Holiday Lights
Contest
Pg 7**

**Dec 16
Chicken Pot
Pie Lunch
Pg 8**

**Dec 14
Mystery Trip
(Bocce Sponsored)
Pg 6**

**Dec 9
It's a Holly Jolly
Concert
(Lawnbowling
Sponsored)
Pg 5**

**Dec 12
Taco Bar
(Salos Sponsored)
Pg 6**



**Dec 10
Black & White
Tea Party
(Recreation Sponsored)
Pg 6**

**Dec 8
Denver Style Eggs
Breakfast
Pg 5**



Recreation Update

November 30, 2018



Join the Pet Association at the Hobby Center parking lot for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Party Saturday, December 1 beginning at 5:00 pm. The lighting of the tree will take place around 5:30 pm with free hot coco and cookies, singing of holiday favorites and a visit from the big man in red and his lovely wife as part of the evening's event. Feel free to bring an ornament to add to the tree and a donation for the Arizona Humane Society. They accept used blankets and towels as well as new toys and pet food. You'll also get a chance to view the Memorial Luminaire in honor of Venture Out residents and long-time renters who passed away this past year.

The Poolroom will be grilling their famous quarter pound jumbo hot dogs on Saturday, December 1 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm outside the Community Center. Tickets may be purchased at the event but please remember to bring your own table service. Be sure to bring some extra moo-la as the Library will host another of their popular Used Book Sales.

Be sure to take the flyer from this edition of the Out-Lines and head to Vito's on Sunday, December 2 for a killer pizza or delicious pasta dish. They also serve gluten free pizza should that call your name. 20% of your bill is donated back to the Social Club. This event is sponsored by the Pickleball Club.

There is one more week for which you can choose a child from the Salvation Army Christmas Angel tree. If you can't get out to shop, please remember cash donations are also accepted with Venture Out volunteers providing the shopping service. All gifts must be returned to the Baja Bistro by Friday, December 7 and the Christmas Raffle Draw is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11 at 2:00 pm in the Baja Bistro during the Ice Cream Social.

Thank you, Ruth Baker and Earl Neoff, for stepping up to the plate and taking over the Angel Raffle at the last minute. It is volunteers such as these two who make Venture Out the great place it is!

New owners and renters are invited to attend an informative Newcomers Orientation Friday, December 7 at 9:30am in the Mojave Room located on the lower level of the Community Center. You will leave knowing all the ins and outs of this beautiful community.

Have you started working on your entry for this year's Artisans Showcase? The theme this season is a "tree" which must be displayed somewhere in your artwork. All medium of art is accepted but artwork must be original and only two entries per person are allowed. Cash prizes awarded. Think Maple, Elm, Birch, Palm, Oak, Mesquite.....

Have you started planning your outfit for the Ugly Sweater Contest to be held at the Tuesday night Potluck on December 11. No sign up required! Just be ready to strut your stuff for the world's ugliest trophy and other fantastic prizes. Join the potluck at 5:00pm in the Bistro or simply come for the contest which will begin around 5:40pm or so.

The patio and kitchen area at the Pickleball courts as well as the Patio located behind the Laundry facility and the new Game Zone are available for scheduling private parties. Bookings may be requested through Arlene in the Activity Director's Office.

The Tennis Club Sponsored Auction, Rummage and Bake Sale is just around the corner on Friday, December 7 at the Patio. Need a slightly used sofa? How about a computer desk? Dishes or a potted plant? Preview at 8:00 am with the auction beginning at 10:00 am.

Tis the holiday season and you're invited to enjoy a Denver Style Eggs Breakfast in the Baja Bistro Saturday, December 8 from 7:30am-9:00am. Add country fried potatoes, toast, chilled juice and unlimited cups of coffee to those eggs and you have a deal for only \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased at the event but please remember your table service and mug. Be on the lookout for Santa and Mrs. Claus as there's a strong possibility they might be in the mood for a bit of biscuits and gravy made and served right here at VO!

Support the Lawnbowling Club in their sponsorship of a Holiday Christmas Concert as Showtune Productions present "Holly Jolly Christmas" Sunday, December 9 at 7:00 pm in the Buena Vista Ballroom. Tickets are \$11.00 and can be purchased from the Activity Office or at the door the evening of the performance.

Santa has his putter and will hit the green on Saturday, December 8 for the Holiday Putting Contest. No experience is necessary, and you need not be a member of the Golf Association to participate. Bring your putter and ball (provided if needed) and \$1.00 and you'll be good to go. If you wear a Santa hat you putt for free!

The first Hamburger BBQ of the season is Saturday, December 15 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Baja Bistro. Nothing is better than one of the Softball Team's burgers topped with their famous mouth-watering grilled onions. Bring your table service, tickets are purchased at the event and remember ice cream bars will be sold by the Table Tennis Club.

More hostesses are needed for the Resident Christmas Dinner. Responsibilities include cooking a ham, decorating a table, collecting money and assigning side dishes from those joining your table. Not too overly difficult! In fact, it can be quite enjoyable. If interested contact Keith Gustafson. For those who wish to attend the dinner please contact a hostess listed in the Resident Christmas Dinner ad in this edition of the Out-Lines.

Applications for the Holiday Lights contest will be accepted in the Activity Office until Friday, December 14 with judging to take place Sunday, December 16 between 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Awards will be presented at the Resident Christmas Party, December 17 in the Buena Vista Ballroom at 6:45 pm.

Those individuals who have odd number addresses are asked to bring a small plate of cookies to the Community Center kitchen by 4:00 pm on Monday, December 17 for the Resident Christmas Party. A can of food is the entry fee for the event and remember to view the memorial Luminaria which will be on the upper deck of the lobby in the Community Center.

Mark your calendar for Friday, December 7 and head to the Ballroom for some of the best rock and roll music you will hear all year with the band Midnight Confessions. Tickets are \$8.00 and doors open at 6:30 pm.

Don't forget Chef Ed is conducting another Food Handler's class on Tuesday, December 4 at 10:00 am in the Baja Bistro. No studying! No test! No charge!

See you at the Trivia Blast this Friday, November 30 at 3:00 pm in the Baja Bistro!

Teresa Beally

Activity Director

recdir@ventureoutvresort.com



Manager's Corner

November 30, 2018

This week's occupancy is 1150 or 66% vs. 1031 two weeks prior and 1111 a year ago. There are currently 217 renters in the park.

Welcome back for those of you who just checked in. For those of you who are leaving and heading home for the Holidays, be certain to check out with us and check back in upon returning. That way, in the event of an emergency we know where to reach you.

I want to thank Deanna in our Admin office for doing a fantastic job this last summer and fall, working to get so many of you on our Fast Mail system as well as signed up for Vote Now. If you are signed up for Fast Mail, then you most definitely should be signed up to vote electronically. Last year, Venture Out printed and mailed out paper ballots costing \$1932 in printing and postage. Most of those paper ballots were not returned. Even if you *NEVER* vote, help Venture Out to save some money by signing up for electronic voting. Venture Out must mail or e-mail a ballot to all 1749 lot owners, regardless if you vote or not. Every year we get back positive feedback on how easy it is to vote using this method.

At our last Board meeting we were asked why Contractors were allowed to hang signs on the property. I quickly responded they were not and we went out to address the issue. It turns out that the Registrar of Contractors paid a visit to all the licensed contractors on site and informed them that they **MUST** post a sign, with their name, phone number and license number on every job site they are working on. Those signs are required by law the same as a Realtor's sign would be. Therefore, the rules will have to be changed to allow this type of signs. Those are the only two signs allowed, Realty signs and Licensed Contractor signs.

Over the Holidays we had a large build up of garbage in the SW corner, while the roll offs were not full in the SE corner. Please take your garbage etc. over to the SE corner if The SW corner is full. In the rare event that all three white trash roll offs are full, you can also toss your trash (not re-cycles) into the rolling trash carts.

Everyone knows the compactor was briefly down last week. We appreciate the co-operation we had while it was fixed. I want to mention that the compactor is over 15 years old and is a major workhorse, with relatively few problems. I suspect if we had to buy a new one today, it would never be as good as this one.

The Century Link Pedestal is finally being moved at the front entrance to the NE Sportsplex. After this is done, we will move the wall. It took Century link over a year to get this done, since they have halved their staffing, due to extreme cost cutting measures. I suspect this is just one example of major changes in the telecom industry as everything is changing dramatically as we move more towards over the air services.

A reminder, if you have a renter coming in, the 3rd party rental agreement must be turned into guest services/ADMIN, before they arrive. The dates are also important! If they show up earlier than their move in date, we cannot allow them access to the unit. This is especially critical over Christmas and New Years when we have over 500 third party rentals in the park and checking in. We have turned away many early arrivals this year and when they show up we have to tell them to find a hotel until their check in date or the owner calls us to authorize it. This creates more than a little angst at the front desk so please help us out.

Next Tuesday is the Town Hall meeting, we hope to see you there.

Mary Schmit

General Manager
vogm@ventureoutrvresort.com

President's Comments

Social Board

First, I'd like to shout out a great big thank you to both the Social Board and the Condo Board as well as past board members, staff, and numerous other volunteers who helped with another successful Homecoming. We've had our first Club Officers' meeting recently whereby the Social Board and staff presented an overview of resources and guidelines available to clubs. That being said, we are beginning to tackle the season as clubs are diving into their fundraising events.

Another thank you to all volunteers who assist clubs with their fundraising and to all of the residents who support these events. The saying is "It takes a village to raise a child", I say it takes a village to create the lifestyle you've become accustomed to living here at Venture Out. So, let's keep it up and continue to support the events here at VO.

As a point of interest – you have nice elected members on the Social Board. Each act as a liaison to 3 to 4 clubs whereas they attend club meetings and assist at their various fundraisers. This year to further strengthen the communication and working relations between the two Boards, your Social Board directors are also represented on 15 Condo directed standing or ad hoc committees. Trust me when I say that's a lot of meetings.

The Concert Series Ad Hoc Committee is in place and will be working on resolving issues with the current ticketing process. I will keep you updated as to their progress and ultimate recommendation to the Social Board of directors.

Lorraine Hee

Social Board President

Venture Out Condominium Board Presidents Report
November 26,2018

December at Venture Out is such a special time with all the holiday decorations. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to put them up in our common areas – they are beautiful.

I have been asked a number of times about the SRP work that was being done to replace our secondary electrical lines. Is that program going to continue? Tania Barks, Strategic Energy Manager for SRP, when asked that question replied on 11/21/18 as follows: “With regards to the question of possible future secondary replacement, SRP has no current plans for...the Venture Out Development. We have focused all efforts on the primary cable replacement program in the Valley for continued reliability. For secondary outages as a whole, we will continue to repair any possible secondary and service line faults.”

As proof that L.Hee, Social Board President and I are getting along, we were both given knives this last week! OK, one was to carve at the tri tip dinner and the other was to cut baked potatoes at Homecoming... We continue to talk and work together, always trying to look at the big picture, which is VO. Condo Directors were invited to attend the SB club officers meeting last week. Our Board executive teams met to share information and opinions on a variety of issues, to field rumors ask and answer questions and talk about going forward. You will find that on a variety of projects that both a Condo and a Social Board Director are assigned to work together. To me, it is very clear that a decision by one Board, more often than not, has an impact on the other Board.

How do we spend Condo fees?

Bathhouse #2 pipe lines	\$39,790	Club requests/transmittals	\$73,842
Roads	\$228,086	Community Center/annex	\$21,237
Seal coating of roads	\$77,000	Admin conference room	\$6,370
Street lights	\$79,000		

\$525,325 – that is just over a half million dollars and does not even include palm tree trimming which was \$170,000

These above are good uses of your money.

The following is a BAD use of your money. The East Pool handicap pool chair has been repaired three (3) times at a cost of \$5,700. It was bent out of shape by having too many people on it at one time and bending it. Please if you see someone damaging your property, speak up. If you do not speak up, it will cost you.

BOARD MEMBERS ARE NEEDED to serve next year. If you are interested please contact Loras Watters or any Director who would be happy to talk with you about what it takes to be on the Board.

TOWN HALL MEETING – December 4, 2018
7pm Ballroom

Agenda includes a review of the Long Range Plan, Easements, Finances and comments by our General Manager, Social Board and myself.

Alice Anderson - Condominium Board President

DAILY TIMETABLE

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED MONDAY - FRIDAY

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Co-ed Exercise	7:30 - 8:00 am	BV Ballroom
Water Exercise	7:30 - 8:30 am	West Pool
Know your Gym	8:00 - 10:00 am	EPC
Stretch & Tone	8:00 am	BV Ballroom
Lawnbowling Games	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lawnbowling
Water Exercise	9:00 - 10:00 am	East Pool
Electronics Treasurer	9:00 - 11:00 am	Electronics
Library Locked Cases	10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Library
Water Exercise	10:00 - 11:00 am	West Pool
Children's Pool Hours	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	West Pool
Children's Pool Hours	12:00 - 2:00 pm	East Pool
Post Office	2:00 - 3:30 pm	VO Post Office
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool

Weekly Recurring Events

MONDAYS

Hiking	7:45 am	Baja Bistro
Grapevine	9:00 am	Baja Bistro
Men's 8-Ball Pool	9:00 am	Pool Room
Blood Pressure Chk	9:45 - 11:15 am	CC lobby
Ham 20M	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Pan	12:30 pm	Classroom
Splashers	1:00 - 2:30 pm	West Pool
Electronics Classes	2:00 pm	Ham Shack
Western Skies Sign-up	4:00 pm	523 Aztec
Table Tennis	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom

TUESDAYS

9-hole Sign-up	7:45 am	Sonoran
Bocce Fall League	8:00 - 10:00 am	Bocce
Happy Harpers	9:00 am	Music Room
Lawnboling Lessons	10:30 am	Lawnbowling
Ice Cream Social	1:30-2:30 pm	Baja Bistro
Potlucks	5:00 pm	Baja Bistro
National Mah Jongg	6:30 pm	Classroom
Scrabble	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Sonoran
Cribbage	7:00 pm	Mojave
Table Tennis	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom

WEDNESDAYS

Sweatin' w/Oldies	8:45 - 9:45 am	Cabana
Choir Rehearsals	9:00 am	Music Room
Shuffleboard Lesn	9:15 am	Shuffleboard
Pickleball Beginner	11:00 am	Pickleball
Ham 20M	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Pan	12:30 pm	Classroom
Hand Foot & Toe	12:30 pm	Mojave
Splashers	1:00 - 2:30 pm	West Pool
Duplicate Bridge	6:00 pm	Mojave
Texas Hold-em	6:45 pm	Aux Ballroom
31 Cards	7:00 pm	Sonoran

THURSDAYS

Biking	9:00 am	Activity Office
Stitch n Chat	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Mojave
Fired Clay Classes	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Fired Clay
Happy Harpers	9:00 am	Music Room
Art in the Park	9:00 am	Sonoran
Lawnboling Lessons	10:30 am	Lawnbowling
Ed's Grill	11:00 am - 12:45 pm	Baja Bistro
Pickleball Beginner	11:00 am	Pickleball
Creative Writing	1:00 pm	Sonoran
Social Bridge	1:00 pm	Mojave
Table Tennis	3:15 - 5:30 pm	Aux Ballroom
Solos	4:00 pm	Oasis
Bingo	6:45 pm	BV Ballroom
Sing'n'Strum	7:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Spades	7:00 pm	Sonoran

FRIDAYS

Sweatin' w/Oldies	8:45 - 9:45 am	Cabana
Duplicate Bridge	12:00 pm	Mojave
Ham 20M	12:30 pm	Ham Shack
Splashers	1:00 - 2:30 pm	West Pool
TGIR	3:00 - 5:30 pm	Baja Bistro
Euchre	6:00 pm	Mojave Rm
Table Tennis	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Aux Ballroom
Friday Night Dance	7:00 pm	BV Ballroom
Darts 12/7	7:00 pm	Classroom

SATURDAYS

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Pan	8:30 am	Classroom
Lawnbowling Games	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lawnbowling
Table Tennis	9:00 am - 12:00pm	Aux Ballroom
Horseshoe practice	9:00 am	Horseshoe Court
Water Exercise	9:00 - 10:00 am	East Pool
Ham Radio Mtg	10:00 am	Oasis
Children's Pool Hours	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	West Pool
Children's Pool Hours	12:00 - 2:00 pm	East Pool
SNL Pool	5:45 pm	Pool Room
Mixed Couples 8-Ball	6:00 pm	Pool Room
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool

SUNDAYS

Lap Swimming	6:00 - 8:30 am	East Pool
Water Walking	6:00 - 7:30 am	West Pool
Gabfest	8:30 am	Baja Bistro
Lawnbowling Games	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lawnbowling
Table Tennis Open play	9:00 am - 4:15 pm	Aux Ballroom
Worship Service	9:00 am	BV Ballroom
Children's Pool Hours	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	West Pool
Children's Pool Hours	12:00 - 2:00 pm	East Pool
Social Bridge	6:00 pm	Mojave
Court Whist	6:30 pm	Sonoran
Lap Swimming	7:00 - 8:00 pm	West Pool

The Following Tickets Are Now Available In The Activity Office

Current badges (with a red hologram)
are required to purchase tickets

Event	Date of Event	Deadline	Amount	Qty.
Friday Night Dance (Cowboy Up)	F - Nov 30	Nov 30 (3:00 pm)	\$8.00 <small>Sold also at the door</small>	[]
Friday Night Dance (Midnight)	F - Dec 7	Dec 7 (3:00 pm)	\$8.00 <small>Sold also at the door</small>	[]
Holly Jolly Concert	Su - Dec 9	Dec 7 (3:00 pm)	\$11.00 <small>Sold also at the door</small>	[]
Black & White Tea Party	M - Dec 10	Dec 5 (10:00 am)	\$10.50	[]
Taco Bar	W - Dec 12	Dec 5 (10:00 am)	\$6.00	[]
Friday Night Dance (Midnight)	F - Dec 14	Dec 14 (3:00 pm)	\$8.00 <small>Sold also at the door</small>	[]
Chicken Pot Pie Lunch	W - Dec 19	Dec 12 (10:00 am)	\$6.00	[]
Prime Rib Dinner	W - Jan 2	Dec 26 (10:00 am)	\$12.95	[]
Taco Salad	Th - Jan 3	Until Sold Out	\$7.00	[]
Enchilada Dinner	W - Jan 9	Until Sold Out	\$8.00	[]
Electric Boog-a-Loo GA	Sa - Jan 12	Jan 11 (3:00 pm)	\$10.00 <small>Sold also at the door</small>	[]
Country Western Jamboree	W - Jan 16	Jan 9 (10:00 am)	\$11.00	[]

Reserved Seating Tickets				
New Year's Eve Bash	M - Dec 31	Dec 31 (3:00 pm)	\$20.00 for residents \$22.00 for non resident Guests	[]
Electric Boog-a-Loo Table of 8	Sa - Jan 12	Jan 11 (3:00 pm)	\$88.00	[]

If you fail to meet the purchase deadline or the event is sold out, check the Post Office Hallway Ticket Bulletin Board Clipboard for resale offerings.

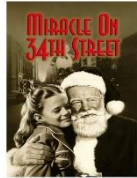
Bring this list with you to the Activity Office to expedite your ticket purchases.



Contact
Robbie Oldemar
 to Reserve Your Seats!
 (480) 396-9987 (h)
 (360) 425-4670 (c)

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 Your full-service travel professionals since 1979 Summer Hours 9am – 3pm, Mon - Thurs

Dec 8 Celebration of Christmas



\$89 pp Enjoy *Miracle on 34th Street* this year for our popular Celebration of Christmas day trip! Relax in reserved seating at Dream City Church, with dinner following the matinee performance, before returning to Mesa. (M)



Dec 24 - 26 CHRISTMAS IN LAUGHLIN

\$269 pp dbl; add \$75 single

3 Days / 2 Nights at the Golden Nugget in Laughlin! Enjoy dining, gaming, entertainment and more! Includes Christmas Dinner and 2 breakfasts. (M)

130th TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

SOLD OUT - WAITLIST AVAILABLE THANK YOU!



Dec 29, 2018 – Jan 1, 2019



Celebrating 40 years 1979-2019!

Jan 17 FUN FOODIE FEST!



\$125 pp Do you love food? Fun trip savoring some of Scottsdale's best restaurants! Enjoy a popular dish at each of 6 great food places, with a short walking tour in between! Wear your walking shoes. Vegetarian friendly options (not recommended for other food sensitivities). (M)

Jan 20 – 22 VIVA LAS VEGAS!

\$269 pp dbl or \$314 w/ Neon Museum; add \$85 single

3 Days/2 Nights at the beautiful Silverton Casino, where you'll have a choice of 10 restaurants and lots of gaming! You may choose an evening visit the Neon Museum to see some of Nevada's history. Explore the Clark County Museum. (M)

Jan 24-25 AQUARIUS in LAUGHLIN



\$159 pp dbl or \$196 pp dbl w/Righteous Brothers*; add \$50 for single



2 Day/1 Night at the Aquarius in Laughlin - a customer favorite! Music fans will enjoy a Righteous Brothers tribute concert*. Includes breakfast.

Feb 6 60th ANNUAL TUBAC ART FESTIVAL

\$75 Day Trip This popular annual event showcases the work of hundreds of visiting artists from around the United States and Canada. Tubac was established as a Spanish Presidio in 1759. The festival hosts a huge food court that features a variety of cuisines. Lunch at own expense. (M)

Feb 9 TURF PARADISE GOLD CUP

\$99 pp Day Trip

Don't miss this popular day trip! Reserved seating in the Turf Club Terrace, with a Prime Rib & Turkey buffet lunch.

Feb 13 – 15 VALENTINE'S DAY IN LAUGHLIN



\$279 pp dbl; add \$100 single

3 Days/2 Nights in at the Aquarius! If you're tempted by Prime Rib, the Prime Rib Dinner at the Riverside is highly recommended, and VERY reasonable priced. Included 2 breakfast buffets.

Feb 19 KARTCHNER CAVERNS



\$99 pp

Start this great day trip with lunch at Benson City Grille. Visit the fascinating Kartchner Caverns! Tour the Great Room, and spend some time browsing the Discovery City.

Feb 27-28 PRESCOTT & VERDE CANYON RR

\$289 pp dbl; add \$40 for First Class RR; add \$100 single

2 Days/1 Night Spend the afternoon in historic downtown Prescott, with lots of fun shops and places to visit. Stay at the Hassayampa Inn, and enjoy breakfast in the morning before traveling to the Verde Canyon RR Depot. Enjoy a box lunch, or take it on the train! After touring the Verde Valley by train, return to the Depot, and depart for Mesa. Refreshment stops along the way. (M)



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Feb 27-Mar 1 Laughlin Winter Dance Party

\$299 pp dbl; add \$100 for single

3 Days/2 Nights at the beautiful Aquarius in Laughlin. Enjoy the re-creation of the Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Bog Bopper's final tour at the Winter Dance Party! Breakfasts (2) included.



Mar 12 - 14 TUCSON TRAILS



\$399 pp dbl; add \$125 single

3 Days/2 Nights at the beautiful Desert Diamond Resort & Casino in Tucson! Tour the PIMA Air & Space Museum, and the famous "Boneyard." Visit Mission San Xavier, the "Sistine Chapel of North America." Enjoy a tour of Borderland Brewery (sample the beer or the wine), and enjoy the acclaimed tamales from Tuscon Tamale Company. Relax on a Tram tour of gorgeous Sabino Canyon. (M)

Mar 16-18 St Paddy's Day in Las Vegas

\$319 pp dbl; add \$100 for single

3 Days/2 Nights at the Golden Nugget. Fremont Street will light up with St Paddy's celebrations and plenty of green, so don't forget to wear yours!



Mar 19 - 22 TEMECULA VALLEY & SAN DIEGO

\$529 pp dbl; add \$175 single



4 Days / 3 Nights Visit Temecula Valley Wine Country, with accommodations at Embassy Suites! Spend a day in San Diego doing what you love – visit the Zoo or spend the day at the Harbor. Visit a local wineries in Temecula Valley and enjoy tastings! Attention golfers: there will be time for a round of golf one morning! Includes accommodations, 3 breakfasts, 2 wine tastings, box lunch on return. (M)

Mar 27-29 PALM SPRINGS GETAWAY



\$479 pp dbl; add \$150 for single

3 Days/2 Nights in Palm Springs at the Palm Mountain Resort & Spa! Enjoy the fun at Village Fest, and listen to the sounds of Glenn Miller & Big Bands at the tribute performance. Includes 2 continental breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner.

Apr 3 GOLDFIELD GHOST TOWN & DOLLY STEAMBOAT



\$99 pp

This fun day trip starts with browsing the Goldfield Ghost Town and stopping by the Mammoth Saloon & Steakhouse for lunch! Then off to board the Dolly Steamboat for a relaxing afternoon cruise!





RESIDENT CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MEMORIAL WALK

MONDAY • DECEMBER 17

6:45 PM HOLIDAY LIGHTS AWARDS PRESENTATION

7:00 PM SHOW

BUENA VISTA BALLROOM

Entrance charge:

One can of food for the East Valley Food Banks

*View the
Memorial
Luminaria on the
upper lobby deck
of the
Community
Center*

Residents with
ODD numbered
addresses are asked to
provide a small tray of
cookies delivered to
the **Baja Bistro
Kitchen by 4:00 pm
the day of the
performance.** Cookies
and punch following
the show!

*Holiday Light
Contest Winners
Announced*

*Holiday Performance
by*

“Chandler Children’s Choir”

The Chandler Children's Choir is designed to teach children the pure joy of singing! They share the beauty of classical, folk, holiday and art song styles with audiences of all ages. They are taught solfege and note reading skills as well as choral blend and vocal technique. Join this unique children's choir as they bring the sounds of the holidays to the Venture Out stage.

**The Memorial Luminaria
honors those Venture Out friends and neighbors
who have passed away this year**





**CHRISTMAS
ANGEL RAFFLE
SPECIAL**

One Day Only!



**Wednesday,
December 5**

8:00 - 11:00 am

Baja Bistro



**Buy \$5 worth of raffle
tickets, receive 5
bonus tickets!**

THE SALVATION ARMY'S CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROGRAM



Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning, and thanks to supporters of The Salvation Army's **Angel Tree** program, thousands of American children will find this waiting under their Christmas trees this year. The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program provides new clothing or toys for children of needy families through the support of donors. Angel Trees are decorated with numbered paper angel tags with the first name, age and gender of a child in need of presents. Contributors remove one or more tags from the tree and purchase appropriate gifts for the child or children described on the tags.

Have a donation for the Angel Raffle?
Donations accepted in the Activity Office

Pick out your special Angel



Help a child smile this holiday season!

November 26 - December 8

Please be a part of this special event!
Sponsored by the Venture Out Social Club

2018 Christmas Angel Program



**Angel Selection & Raffle Schedule
November 26 - December 8**

- Friday 11/30** Angels available from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon in the Baja Bistro.
- Saturday 12/01** Angels & raffle tickets available in the Baja Bistro from 9:00 am 1:00 pm. Jumbo Hot Dogs served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with the Library Book Sale from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. All proceeds from the Book Sale donated to Angel program.
- Sunday 12/02** No Angels-Day of Rest.
- Monday 12/03** During and following the Grapevine, Angels & raffle tickets are available from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Baja Bistro.
- Tuesday 12/04** Angels & raffle tickets available from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm with Venture Out's Sing N' Strum performing at 1:45 pm during the Ice Cream Social in the Baja Bistro.
- Wednesday 12/05** Angels & raffle tickets available 8:00 am - 11:00 am in the Baja Bistro.
- Thursday 12/06** Angels & raffle tickets available in the Baja Bistro between 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and during Ed's Grill from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
- Friday 12/07** Final return of Angel gifts to the Baja Bistro 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Raffle tickets will still be available.
- Saturday 12/08** Last Chance to get those raffle tickets during the Denver Style Egg Breakfast in the Baja Bistro between 7:30 - 9:00 am.

***Raffle draw December 11
2:00 pm - Baja Bistro
During the Weekly Ice Cream Social***

VENTURE OUT DAY

AT

Vito's

Pizza & Italian Ristorante

1947 N. Lindsay Road – Mesa
SE Corner of Lindsay & McKellips
(480) 832-3311

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2018

11:00am – 9:00pm

“Dine In” for lunch or dinner and Vito’s will **DONATE 20%**
of sales to the Venture Out Social Club
(donation excludes liquor, tax and gratuity)
One check per table

*Full Dining Menu (11:00 am – 9:00 pm)

Full dining menu at \$14.00 and up

Vito’s provides a gluten-free menu upon request

MUST BRING THIS FLYER!

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VO Voices

A newsletter by and for the residents of Venture Out

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Editorial

by Maureen Robertson

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill

Welcome back to all! For many of us returning from northern climes, we gratefully embrace the warm air and blue sky. But the best embrace is that which we receive from friends and neighbours upon our return. We especially welcome new residents and encourage you to meet others by volunteering.

Venture Out offers a multitude of opportunities for volunteering. One can select from a single event or regularly scheduled activities ranging from the library, the activity office, special events, food service, and handymen as well as all the clubs and sports groups.

There is no better way than offering one's time to get to know others, provide a valuable service to our community and the best of all, to experience the sense of joy and satisfaction one receives from helping others.

Start today! Ask your neighbours what they do. Visit the clubs and sports venues. You'll be sure to reap the rewards.

Our writers look forward to another productive season and hope you enjoy the articles in VO Voices. We are all volunteers too!

Designing Women

by Keith Gustafson

Bobee Romstad facilitates the gathering of a cadre of ladies who meet every Monday afternoon. They design and create greeting cards using paper-folding as the basic design element. The craft, Iris Folding, consists of producing a pattern of textures and colors using multiple strips of thin paper or ribbon arranged according to a pattern. Bobee learned the craft in Montana and brought it to VO. The group started when Bobee sat on her deck folding the tiny pieces of paper to create cards. Soon other women joined her. When the group became too large for Bobee's deck, they moved to a larger neighbouring deck. Soon the group outgrew that deck so they moved to the Baja Bistro in the Center. One day Teresa approached the group to find out what all the fun was about. When she heard their story, she arranged for them to have a permanent room in the Center where they are completing their 4th season in their new home.

An average of 18-25 ladies participate each week, designing and constructing cards. Many are donated to Veteran's Hospitals so that hospitalized veterans have cards to send home to loved ones on special occasions. Each card is truly a work of art with a potpourri of colors, patterns and textures. The ladies order the templates for the cards from an on-line site specializing in Iris-folding and then purchase or secure the materials for the design on their own. The variety of materials used includes popcorn bags, ribbon, gift wrap paper, tissue paper, foil, and even colored napkins. The cards donated to veterans are generic with no verses or words added.

The cards the Designing Women make for themselves include all the seasonal cards imaginable. Each lady maintains a portfolio with pictures of the cards they have made. Although most are standard greeting card size, some of the ladies have experimented with larger constructions that are then framed and serve as decorative wall art. One lady created the Sea Hawks logo for a favorite relative. None of the cards are ever sold.

The group is open to anyone who is interested in joining.



The Doll House

by Keith Gustafson

Gerry and Jane Hudson have renovated their unit on Navajo several times resulting in a cozy casita that can best be described as a “doll house”. Gerry designed the stucco façade of the unit and although it is definitely of the adobe style, the geometry is reminiscent of an Aztec temple. The front entrance consists of two glass doors, flanked on either side by floor to ceiling windows. Gerry designed and created the leaded glass panels in the side windows. The flowing, geometric pattern repeated on both sides, but in a mirrored image, creates a harmonious entrance into their Arizona room.

The combination sitting and dining area has a vaulted ceiling with an open nook in the kitchen that overlooks the Arizona room. The interior walls in a wheat color coordinate with two cinnamon colored accent walls in the dining area. The dining area features a credenza built so that it appears suspended in space. It is obvious that the overall look of the unit and the accent lighting was designed by an interior decorator, which is what Gerry did professionally prior to his retirement.

A brilliant walnut wood floor flows throughout the unit. The decorations and furniture are color coordinated in beiges, French red and burnt orange, accenting several works of art. Their collection includes both paintings and sculptures, many by African artists as well as a number designed by Gerry.

The bedroom, sporting a king sized bed, is decorated in the same color scheme, which allows the serenity of the Arizona room to flow through the entire unit. The walk in closet rivals the size of many bedrooms in VO. The updated kitchen has beautiful cherry wood cabinets and a built-in breakfast bar that serves as a home office for Gerry. A seating area by the front windows overlooks the street. Sliding glass doors in the kitchen provide access to the front patio for ease in entertaining. The overall effect is truly like looking into a dollhouse or a display in a design gallery and as a result, their unit has been on the tour of homes several times.



Meet Your Neighbors

by Jean DeLoye

While a number of people arrive at Venture Out through different avenues, Mark and Sharon Chandler came to VO in a unique way. They had an RV and visited many parks in the area, talked to various people and studied organizational structures. One gentleman recommended that they investigate parks where you own the land.

Therefore, they looked at all of them and came to the conclusion that Venture Out was the one. Before buying, Mark studied documents pertaining to the organizational structure and financial statements, as well as relationships with management, owners, and clubs. They also researched the functions of the activity office, real estate and a variety of other pertinent information. They were extremely impressed and that led them to buy at Venture Out.

Mark spent 42 years in institutional food service distribution, owning his own business. Sharon worked for the Disney family for 11 years in operations of the steam train and monorail, both loves of Walt Disney. She attended Cal State in Long Beach, then sold heart valves in the Midwest until she met the love of her life. She and Mark raised four children in Anacortes, Washington, 90 miles north of Seattle on Fidalgo Island.



The Chandlers are interested in joining activities at Venture Out; Sharon in sewing and knitting and both in pickle ball, bocce, electronics, and Bible studies. They especially enjoy the dog area for Woody, their daily companion.

Mark is looking for a surfing buddy to reminisce about the good old days surfing in Southern California.
Please welcome Mark and Sharon to Venture Out.

Thanksgiving, When did the Tradition begin?

by Maureen Robertson

A common theme in our Thanksgiving celebrations refers back to the early Pilgrims of Plymouth in 1621 who celebrated their first harvest with the Wampanoag Indians who provided deer for the feast. While we consider this the first Thanksgiving, other places in the US and Canada vie for the distinction. Texans claim the first celebration occurred at San Elizario in 1598, when the Spanish conducted a religious service. But Saint Augustine in Florida goes back even earlier to a Thanksgiving service by the Spanish on September 8, 1565.



Even the French settlers in Quebec celebrated harvests in the 1600's. But this is not surprising. The European settlers were accustomed to having religious services at any time of year where they either fasted or gave thanks for a variety of events, primarily the end of wars, or floods and plagues. In addition, for centuries, people all over the world celebrated the harvests in a variety of ways, feasting, dancing, praying and providing offerings to their gods.

Early settlers in North America feasted upon cornmeal, succotash, pumpkin, venison, and wild fowl (no sweet potatoes as they had not yet been introduced to North America). Turkey, as part of the meal, did not become popular until more than 150 years after the Pilgrims celebrated their first feast. Irish and Scottish immigrants who fled the US as United Empire Loyalists and settled in parts of Canada at the end of the Revolutionary War included the turkey with their traditions.

Thanksgiving as we know it today, can be more closely related to a proclamation by President George Washington, who called for the first nationwide Thanksgiving celebration in America, marking November 26, 1789, "...as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer..."

Thanksgiving continued in the United States, but as a regional event, celebrated on a variety of dates until in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving on the final Thursday in November. This declaration was meant to recognize the bounties that had fallen upon the Union and for its military successes in the Civil War.

Not until December 26, 1941, did President Franklin D. Roosevelt sign a joint resolution of Congress changing the national Thanksgiving Day from the last Thursday in November to the fourth Thursday.

Now, in 2018, we celebrate the traditions passed to us from centuries before. We not only give thanks for the bounties we receive, but also, and more importantly, for the fellowship we value in our community.

Connections

by Jean DeLoye



It was an unfortunate event when Beryl Grina suffered a heart attack and had to be air-lifted to a hospital in Minneapolis, MN. As a result of being in a large hospital with good doctors, Beryl was blessed to survive surgery.

While recuperating, she was introduced to a cardiac rehab therapist who provided her with therapy and recovery instructions. Visiting her therapist, Beryl mentioned that she travels to Arizona in the winter and began to describe Venture Out. The reply was, "I know it well. My folks are there, Janice and Roger Schwartz."

It was a pleasant surprise for both of them as well as Janice and Roger when they heard about it. One never knows who you might meet when you are air-lifted to a big hospital in a big city.

Armistice Day, November 11, 1918 - 2018

by Maureen Robertson

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the “war to end all wars” that came to be known as the First World War. Many of us have grandparents who not only served, but also gave their young lives so we could live in a better world.

To honor the lost soldiers, John McCrae, a doctor who treated thousands of wounded in horrific conditions near the battlefield, wrote the following poem in 1915. Doctor McCrae was a Major in the medical ranks of the Canadian Field Artillery and died of pneumonia at his field hospital in January, 1918.

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.



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Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

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