Hello? Is anyone out there?

Arizona has the largest percentage of land designated as Indian lands, and 21 federally recognized American Indian tribes.

Next time you enjoy a refreshing margarita, thank Arizona. The country’s first barrel of tequila came out of Nogales in 1936.

Morton Salt has been mining a salt deposit in unincorporated Glendale since the mid-1980s. It is about 40 square miles wide and more than half a mile thick.

In Arizona it’s illegal for donkeys to sleep in bathtubs. Take from that what you will.

You can find roadrunners running up to 17mph from their enemies in Arizona. Dynamite-wielding coyotes remain harder to spot.

The Arizona Cardinals are the longest running continuous franchise in the NFL, dating back to 1898.

Arizona’s – Motto: *Ditat eus* (God enriches)

If you cut down an endangered cactus like a Saguaro in Arizona, you could face up to a year in prison.

The roof of the Capitol building of Arizona has a copper roof equivalent to 4.8 million pennies.

Although Arizona is the sixth largest state in area, only about 17 percent of it is privately owned. The rest goes to public forest and park lands, state trust lands, and Native American reservations.

*A little tribute this month to our spectacular Blooming Desert.*
*Also check the last pages for our contribution to our local small businesses.*
Board Highlights
Submitted by Janet Christopherson

Board Workshop and Board Meetings – Both the workshop and board meetings were held in April telephonically. The workshop meeting was cumbersome, but by the board meeting, we had the details worked out with muting and resident call ins. Many thanks to all residents on the calls for their patience and willingness to participate.

Board Activity – The Board ratified the Unanimous Written Consent approved on March 20 and discussed previously in the April Mountaineer. The Board also ratified the Unanimous Written Consent from April 3rd that moved monies from expiring CDs into our US Bank accounts. The following items were also approved:

- Amended Fine and Penalty Resolution (this will be on the website for perusal – under HOME/DOCUMENTS & FORMS/POLICIES/FINE & PENALTIES POLICY AMENDED 2020)
- HVAC repair recommendations from our semiannual inspection for $15,736.01 from reserves
- Two additional trees for the Adopt a Tree Program for $591.80 from operations-insurance
- Approval of recommended changes to the document titled Architectural Standards on the website excluding changes to 2.1
- Bocce Ball Courts – approval of scope of work and direction to the General Manager to obtain bids
- East Pool Steps Refurbishment - approval of scope of work and direction to the General Manager to obtain bids
- Approval of the Redden Construction bid of $63,361.82 for the remodel of the Superstition Storage area
- The purchase of an AIA Standards document for General Provisions to be used when going out for bids at an NTE of $1,000.00.
- Purchase the remaining trees from the July 2018 monsoon in an amount equal to the remaining insurance monies for this claim. The varieties will be Desert Ironwood, Desert Willow, and Chilean Mesquite. Coy Landscaping will hold the purchased trees at no charge until each phase of the irrigation system is completed and trees can be planted.
- Tennis Court Resurfacing - approval of scope of work and direction to the General Manager to obtain bids

We continue to receive questions regarding the reopening of the campus. While the board does not have a reopening date set, we monitor federal and state actions and are committed to follow state guidelines and direction. We also are aware of what the hundreds of communities under the FSR umbrella are doing. A recent FSR webinar showed us to be right in line with what other local communities are doing.

The board will reopen amenities as soon as we believe it prudent to do so. We very much hope it is soon.

Caring Corner
Sandy Collard, Caring Corner Chairman

Illness: Barb Dahlstrom, DG166
Lucy Abrams, SS18

In Memory: Terri Fennessy, DS
Phyllis Zerend. Former resident
Rosemary Letavec, PV
Bob Matthews, IW11

If you should hear of someone who has passed away or is ill, please email caring@mbvaz.org or call or text Sandy Collard at 480-227-7271. Thank you.
Superior Burro Run

Here's something a little different, but it made for a fun day last October when we participated (as spectators, not participants) in the First Annual Superior Burro Run (BurroCross). This was small town entertainment at its best and reminded me of my hometown where we used to have the annual bait casting tournament, women's nail driving contest, horseshoe pitching tournament and greased pole climbing challenge. This was a BurroCross where you had to bring your own burro, then you and your four-legged partner competed with the other 50 teams in either a 6 mile or 12-mile race.

Colorado has been having BurroCross races for over 70 years, but this was a “first” for Arizona. The “Official Rules” state that each burro must pass a basic veterinary exam in order to participate, and that “the runner may push, pull, drag or carry the burro, but the runner shall at no time ride the burro. Unsportsman-like conduct and abusive treatment of any burro will result in disqualification.”

Burros are nothing new to Superior, as they used to roam the streets back in the town's early mining history then retreat into the hills every evening much like today in Oatman, AZ. Main Street is blocked off and this is where the contestants and their burros congregate among the spectators. It's interesting to get up close to the animals and see how their handlers have prepared them for the race, but you must be careful and watch where you place your feet. (I don't need to explain this to you, do I?) At 10:00, among much pomp and circumstance (burro style), the teams raced down Main Street to the cheers of the crowd, and the race was “on”.

Once the race started there were several vendors to visit such as the U. S. Forest Service with Smokey the Bear, the Lost Dutchman who was posing for pictures, the Bureau of Land Management who brought some wild burros they had tamed and were trying to sell or have people adopt, as well as several food trucks and a beer garden. We visited a few of the stores such as the Wild Cow Gallery and Picket Post Antiques before taking a tour of the refurbished Hotel Magma and lunch at the relatively new Superior Barmacy Restaurant. What a pleasant surprise this was as they have an interesting menu, excellent tasting food, clean and modern restrooms, and an outside patio for overflow, entertainment and dancing. It's good for either a bridge club luncheon, a nice lunch or dinner after visiting the Arboretum, or a festive night of beer drinkin' and dancin'.

And as for the race? It wasn't over until 4:00, but the 2020 race is scheduled for October 10th and we'll be back. It was definitely a fun and different day here “In The Territory”

Submitted by Mike Karr
The Board, along with FirstService Residential is excited to announce the hiring of our new General Manager. Mindy Schooley is a Community Association Manager with FirstService Residential. She attended college at Arizona State University and has almost twenty years in the HOA industry, working her way from Administration Assistant to On-Site Community General Manager.

Mindy has experience in Multi-Million-Dollar Development Projects, Strategic Planning, Renovation and Improvement Projects, Training and Education of staff and fellow colleagues, as well as knowledge of the processes, procedures, and systems used by FirstService Residential.

Mindy is a native of Arizona and currently lives in Gilbert, AZ with her husband, Troy, two children, Kaiden and Emerie, and golden doodle named Milo. In her free time, Mindy and her family enjoy the outdoors and exercising together, are big time sports fanatics (especially football), and are quite active in youth sports.

As soon as the curfew is lifted, Mindy will be formally introduced to the community at the first Coffee'n News. Please watch for announcements for the date.
Stinknet

You’ve seen it in the middle of downtown AJ. It looks like a beautiful carpet of green and yellow.

But be forewarned, this plant is a threat spreading quickly.

This little winter annual (6-24 inches) has only recently been recognized as a **prolific**, invasive weed in the Phoenix Metropolitan area and elsewhere in Arizona.

The weed has spread from severe initial infestations in Northwest and North Phoenix into metropolitan Phoenix and is now spreading into Southern Arizona. Globe Chamomile is a fast moving invasive in Arizona.

If left unattended, it will do damage to the Sonoran Desert as an Ecosystem.
We were flying to the moon
We were finding life on Mars
We were dropping bombs with drones
We were getting bigger cars.

We were building finer homes
Flying out to warmer lands
We were busy buying clothes
We were brushing up our tans.

We were throwing out good food
While we watched the starving poor
We kept burning fossil fuels
And our air became less pure.

We were warned by our Pope
Need to mind our Common Home
Need to watch our Carbon Footprint
Try to save our world from doom.

But we didn't want to listen
And we didn't want to hear
We just watched TV and tablets
Drank our wine and quaffed our beer.

Then Corona chose to visit
We were all caught unprepared
This wee microscopic VIRUS
Has our whole world running scared.

So our hands we keep on washing
And we're careful when we cough
We stand six feet from our neighbor
Cause this virus might jump off.

But Corona is a challenge
Makes us take a different view
Helps us see what really matters
What it is we need to do.

Now we live in isolation
While our hearts are full of fear
And we fill our fridge and cupboards
Just in case it lasts a year.

We must watch out for our neighbor
Doing everything we can
We are all in this together
Let us love our fellow man.

Pubs and cafés are forbidden
And we dare not go to Mass
Nursing homes we must not visit
Hospitals we have to pass.

God is with us every moment
Minding us with loving care
Now we know how much we need Him,
Let us talk to Him in prayer.

But this enforced isolation
Gives us lots of time to think
Time to clean the kitchen cupboards
Time to make our wardrobes shrink.

Could it be that this Corona
Is a blessing in disguise?
Makes us think about our lifestyle
Makes us open wide our eyes.

We thought we were all important
Greatest beings on this earth
So we used it and abused it
As if it were ours from birth.

So Corona, thanks for coming
Truth to tell, we needed you
But don't overstayed your welcome
That, alas, would never do!

Sister Maud Murphy, SSL, Knock, Ireland

Free Spirit Travel Agency partner has this to say:

- “We will begin operating tours when our local officials deem it is safe to do so. What will this look like? We still don’t know. Here are a few ideas we are considering.
- We are planning on adding “Travel Local” components to our existing tours where we include locally owned small businesses and restaurants. Together we can make a difference.
- We will visit outdoor attractions as much as possible.
- We may be traveling in smaller groups (less than 13).
- We may be having a maximum of 34 guests on a 56-passerger motor coach to allow for more space.
- Our world is changing day-to-day. We appreciate all of your support in moving forward.

Stay safe and thank you for your business!”

Please continue to check the website: freespiritvacations.com for future trip information. You can also visit websites for more background on your possible dream trip, maybe, to ‘Prescott Bluegrass Festival, June 27th’ or ‘Montezuma Castle, August 9th’!
Sometimes we forget and sometimes new owners don’t know.

So, here is a quick FYI

It is that time again when homeowners start to rent their homes to those who are hardy enough to handle our summer season.

Please remember before making this commitment:

- You must rent your whole house
- You cannot rent just a room
- You cannot rent just your casita
- Must be for a minimum of 30 days
- At least one of your renters must be 55 years or older
- No children under 18
- You are responsible for making your renters aware of any rules associated with MBV and the use of your FOB in the Activity area
- You are responsible for anyone using your FOB
- Get a guess pass from the office for your renters to have with them when in the Activity area
- Let the office know that you will be renting your house for a period of time so in case of an emergency they know the circumstances

Below is the CC&R that refers to home rentals:

The MBV website and the Mountaineer run ads for home rentals in MBV and both state they must be for a 30-day minimum and the renters must follow the CC&Rs guidelines.

The CC&R’s clearly address the approved time frames and ages of those that can rent in MBV.

CC&R 10.20.4 states “No Owner may lease less than his, her or its entire Lot.” (This means no renting out just the Casita.) “No Lot may be leased for a period of less than thirty (30) days.” A renter must be 55+, and kids under 18 may only stay in the home for a combined total of 90 days per year, not 90 days per child or per rental.

If you have any questions, please call the office.
Always Look for the Silver Linings

- There are no bombs raining on our heads.
- I am not a prisoner held in solitary confinement, as millions are.
- I am not a refugee trying to escape with my life.
- I am not standing in line waiting to fill a pot of water.
- I have access to fresh food and I'm not starving.
- I have hot running water.
- My country has not been ruined by years of war.
- I can reach my friends by phone and check in on them.
- My friends check in on me because they care about me.
- Any whiplash I feel about this strange turn of events is itself a sign of privilege.
- More than half of the world would gladly trade their everyday problems for the modest inconveniences I am experiencing.
- I may have anxious dreams, but I'm dreaming them on a proper bed and I'm not sleeping on the sidewalk.
- By staying at home, I'm helping the planet rest.
- As long as I have my mind, I can create, imagine, dream and not be lonely.
- This global crisis connects me to people around the world and reminds me of our common humanity. This is a good thing.
- When something tragic happens to another country next time, I will respond to it not with superiority, but humility and recognition.
- I will fight for positive changes and economically just policies in my own country.
- I am surrounded by books.
- I am surrounded by love.
- The trees have already begun to bloom.

Two of the five adopted Desert Willows on the Great Wall.
Doing great and blooming already. Beautiful!
Announcing the Gold Canyon Business Association’s
2020 Board Members

By: Pam Burks

Front row
Dee Van Houten, Treasurer, Board Member
Publicity Chairman, Pam Burks

Back Row
Mike Lamb, President, Board Member
Phillip French, Vice President, Board Member
Anne Rees, Secretary, Board Member
Ray Husslein, Membership At Large, Board Member

(Photo taken in front of Gold Canyon Embroidery & Natural Healing Center)

With America’s pandemic crisis, these new Board Members will be confronting the many challenges facing their own businesses and all the Gold Canyon Business Association’s members.

When the social distancing is lifted, we encourage the public to focus on returning America back to normal, as soon as possible. When we become stable, we will go out and eat, purchase goods and services again. We are Americans, strong, innovative, resilient, and we will NOT fail!
The Pyrite Paper ⚠️ Caper – Part One
by Laura Williams

“But I only turned my back for a moment,” said Mrs. Pie-Right. Mr. Pie-Right gave her a patient pat. “Dear, you came in twenty minutes ago, leaving the garage door open, and the trunk of the car up. I...I set down a bag of groceries, washed my hands, took off my mask and I...I saw some laundry that hadn’t been folded....” Her voice trailed off, and her hands flew to her face in horror. “It’s the dreaded D-word, the bane of Seniors everywhere”.

Mr. P was aghast. “You don’t mean d.d...?”

A grim nod. “Distracted.” She gave him a stricken look. “Both rolls?”

“Well. It might last us a week if my stomach settles down”

She let out a wail. “I drove all across Mesa to meet that friend of my sister’s who smuggled them in from...and they were individually wrapped for safety. Argh, who would do such a thing?”

They hurried outside and looked suspiciously around the cul-de-sac in hopes of spotting the perp. But every Pyritian was holed up in isolation. And one of them was chuckling over Mrs. P’s TP. “Who could it be?” she gulped.

Mr. P’s eyes drifted to a nearby house.

“Not dear Lorna! She brought us cookies when we moved in.”

Her husband nodded in agreement. His gaze swept over one of the far houses. “But that guy in the red car is always driving back and forth.”

“Honey, that’s Jim. He plays cards with his friends for just a quarter a game. That’s not the behavior of a criminal! But his wife on the other hand...can you trust anyone who prances around the cul-de-sac in green tights?”

Quite normal. Sort of.”

Turning, they trudged into their house to ponder paper perfidy in Pyrite Circle.

The Pyrite Paper ⚠️ Caper – Part Two
by Laura Williams

They were crowded into the master bathroom, anxious to install their one and only roll of TP before Mr. P’s stomach made another ominous growl. He blamed his tummy upset on the take-out pizza. Mrs. P wisely refrained from reminding him of the entire bowl of popcorn he’d consumed afterwards. All those hulls jostling around seeking exit!

“Oh,” she said smoothly, slide it onto the horizontal bar.” Mr. P complied.

She clicked the bar into place. “See, it fits perfectly.

Her husband tugged on the roll, and then whole thing flopped around as ungainly as a flat tire. “it doesn’t roll properly. A roll of TP is supposed to roll. Smoothly.”

Mrs. P sighed. “I’m sure it will be fine dear. Join me in the kitchen when you’re done. We have a criminal to catch.”

“The criminal is the guy that charged five bucks for this!”

He was still muttering under his breath as he closed the bathroom door.

When he emerged a few minutes later, his wife was seated at the kitchen table studying the sketch she’d made of the houses on Pyrite Circle.

Sitting beside her Mr. P jabbed his finer at a house near the row of mailboxes. “Those two, Ted and Trish. They’ve been driving back and forth for days. What does that tell you?”

“Um...that they are putting things in storage to make moving day easier?”

“No!” They’re deserting us. Their loyalties now lie elsewhere. It means nothing to them if we only have one roll left in the whole wide world.”

“It’s not quite that dire, dear.”

“It is if your sister’s contact gets caught at the border!”

Mrs. P tapped her pencil on Ted and Trish’s quickly emptying house. “I always thought they were really nice people. She’s an artist. He’s an engineer.”

“Exactly. Just the type of creative and clever people to plan a successful heist.”

Troubled. Mrs. P’s eyes scanned the other houses in the cul-de-sac. “What about them?” She pointed at the home across the street.

“Laura and Bill? I’m not sure they even exist. Nobody ever sees them. They’d stick out like a sore thumb if they tried to rob us. No, scratch them from the list.”

His expression turned grim. We have to face up to it dear. The perp is here on Pyrite.”

(To be Continued)
At the end of the day, you might be asking yourself what Activities are being planned or is it all fun and games in the office? Well the first couple of weeks was negotiation time and rebooking all events that had been cancelled. Then there was what we call a six-foot working huddle with the office staff to prepare refunds for all events cancelled so we would be ready when MBV campus re-opens. About a month into the campus closure, my desk began to look like a giant game of Jenga. The balancing act of picking dates for events, a lineup of dance bands and filling the spaces with events on the Trumba calendar. Meanwhile, throwing dates around with entertainers is like playing a game of darts and after several weeks of tossing a date around I’m done - bullseye we have a schedule. Now we can start a new game of piecing together a puzzle of private parties, potlucks and other events creating the big picture of the 2020/2021 Event Schedule. Soon I begin to realize there is just not enough weekends in season and I wish there were more. Somewhere in the mix of this, there is an expiration date hanging over my head - the food from Canyon Cookout. Time out! Off to the Mission Food Bank we go to donate items. Finally, I felt like taking a break from all the fun of planning and the day-to-day inquiries to order keepsake photo canvas pictures for Mike Olson and Dan Mcgraw the 2019 and 2020 phone book winners. Well, now I am starting to panic because we have not opened up yet. I am wondering when we will get word and hear first call ring thru the village again; am I ready for all of the groups to start using the buildings. I decide to tackle entering all MBV games, groups and classes on the Trumba calendar. This is like a season of football with a lot of different players and spectators and will there be enough room for everyone. We are now about 5 weeks into the Covid Campus Closure and I am going a little stir crazy to get back into the game again. I start putt zing around, taking inventory of kitchen items, ordering new equipment and organizing cabinets. Occasionally, I look out the windows of a building to see someone I know on the golf course and for a split moment it seems just like life as usual at MountainBrook. It’s time for the real games to begin and I’m not procrastinating this season. So, I changed my strategy and I ran over to the decoration storage area and scored plenty of inventory to use and created 350 centerpieces for private parties to use. I can hear the crowd cheering from the distance and can only imagine what they will think when they see each building has a lineup of decorations on the sideline ready and waiting for them. I did squeeze in at the beginning of week six some online training, so stay tuned for Zoom and Wellness Classes. I have put my game to the test and because MountainBrook has a very busy lifestyle it has kept me excited about the opening of season. So, at the end of the day, we miss all of our MBV friends and your smiling faces. Hurry back, Jennifer
Classes, Groups & Clubs

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UNTIL
SHUTDOWN
IS LIFTED

Ladies Bridge (Year Around)
Meets every Monday at 1:00 in the Sunset Room. Potluck at noon on the first Monday of the month. Sign up one week ahead and walk-ins are welcome. We pay 50 cents for small prizes. Questions call Barbara Osborn @ 480-982-9408

Mixed Bridge (Year Around)
Both couples and singles, no partner necessary. We meet every Thursday at 1pm in the Sunset Center. You can sign up one week in advance and walk-ins are welcome. Call Jim McClure, 480-983-5203

Duplicate Bridge (Year Around)
Meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month in the Mesquite Room 12:30pm to 4pm. Bring a partner and $3 each for cash prizes. Suzy Cavoto, 847-302-4806

Canasta (Year Around)
Come join us. We play every Monday and Friday from 12:45pm – 4pm in Sunset. Call JoAnn Skow at 671-3298 questions.

Hand, foot and toe (Canasta) (Year Around)
We play every Wed. and Thursday at 9am to noon in the Sunset Room. This card game is easy to learn, and we will be happy to teach you the game. Interested call Joan Archer at 480-288-0891

Texas Hold’em (Year Around)
Texas Hold’em is played in the Sunset Center daily. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday both men and women play 12:00pm until 3:00pm. On Tuesday and Thursday ladies only play 12:30 until 3:00pm. Interested? Call Jim Welch @480-212-2209.

Deep Water Aerobics (Year Around)
Wednesday and Saturday 8am East Pool. Bring a noodle.

Pinochle Report (Year Around) by Barb Hofmeister
The Thursday evening group starts to gather in the main room of the Sunset center about 6:30 and play begins at 7 p.m. If you would like to learn the game or brush up please call Barb at 602-284-6379 and I will meet you there at 6 pm and we will have a class and practice before play starts. We are a fun and very friendly group. We pay $2 to play and all the money is returned to the top winners. Hopefully we can play in May.

The Tuesday Daytime Pinochle group is now open for men and women and meets at 1:00 PM in the Gold Room of the Sunset center. We are a friendly group and welcome new members. Contact Sharon Hanson at 480-415-0859 if you have any questions.

Tuesday National Mah Jongg (Year Around)
The Tuesday Mah Jongg group welcomes anyone and everyone to join us in the beautiful Sunset Room. You can play in the mornings around 9:30, afternoons at 12:30, or bring a lunch and play all day! We use the National Mah Jongg League card and rules. You are also welcome to come and observe the game anytime and see how interesting and challenging Mah Jongg can be. We promise to make it a fun time for all. We hope to put together lessons for beginners or new players soon. For any questions about the game or lessons, please call Janie at 480-258-2336.

Low Impact Aerobics and More (Year Around)
We are here year round! Come join us for low impact aerobics in the MPR from 7-8am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Joann J. 983-9620.

The Abrams’ Men’s Golf (Year Around)
The Abram’s Men Golf Group Plays Wednesday mornings at MountainBrook Golf course. Players of all skill levels, or lack of, are welcome. Group rates and cash games. Contact Lonnie @ 972-352-9654 or kathylonnie@hotmail.com.

Famous Cooney Men's Golf League (Year Around)
Plays every Monday morning at Mountain Brook Golf Course. We have group rates. For tee times and info, contact Roy Rskiezstyn @ cooneygolf2@gmail.com.

Whine and Cheese for the Ladies (Year Around)
Meets every Monday at 4:00pm for the ladies, in the Superstition Center. Just bring $1.00, your beverage of choice and sit and enjoy the cheese and crackers that are there to enjoy. Call Nancy Bilensky @ 480-982-3686
Oriental Mah Jongg (Year Around)
Oriental Mahjongg meets twice a week on Sundays and Wednesdays in the Sunset Room! We contribute $5 each time. We can play with 3 to 5 players per table, so everyone is welcome. If you have no knowledge of the tiles, we can teach you and we have sheets with the tile names to refer to. It's easy. We meet at 12:50 to draw chips to see who we play with. Please join us. Kathy 530-263-1188

Tennis Talk (Year Around) by Karen
Even though our tennis players and courts at MountainBrook are sidelined and closed, there is still tennis news and activity. Our HOA Board continues to work through the campus closure and in March directed the Buildings and Grounds Committee to write a Scope of Work to allow the General Manager to obtain bids for the rebuild of Tennis Court 1. At the April 23rd board workshop, the Board reviewed the scope of work provided by the Committee. The scope and bids are to look at post tension construction directly over the existing courts; which is considered to be a viable alternative to demolishing the existing courts. The scope will specify Court 1 with an option for reviewing the cost savings of doing both Courts 1 and 2. The RFP authorization should be on the April 28th Board agenda. Stay tuned for further developments.

Pickleball News (Year Around) by Elisa Howard
The courts have been locked up for some time now, so it’s challenging for those of us who love the sport of pickleball. It’s possible to do some drills at home, and there are some very good YouTube sites to inspire you. Check out Simone Jardin Pickleball, In2Pickle, and Better Pickleball. All of these sites have loaded great content to keep us informed and entertained during this time. And finally, for those who are heading to their summer homes, keep on picklin’ and we’ll see you in the Fall!

Knitting (Year Around)
Welcome to knitting! We are a group that meets every Tuesday at 10am in the Mesquite Room. We welcome all levels of knitters and even people who think they might like to learn how to knit. We offer help in understanding patterns and learning new stitches. Feel free to join us any Tuesday morning, meet our knitters, and decide if the Knitting Group appeals to you. If you have any questions, please call Judi at 314-435-1552.

MBV Ceramics and Glass Arts (Year Around)
New and interesting Glass and Ceramics projects continue to be in the Fired Arts Studio. Sign-up sheets with pictures of the projects are available in the office. Be sure to look for the tab labeled “Ceramics” in the binder labeled “Classes” to sign up. Classes are limited to 12 unless otherwise noted. The Tuesday/Thursday schedule is as follows: Tuesday afternoons are reserved for Ceramics with instructors available; Thursday mornings the studio is open to all techniques unless a class is scheduled; Thursday afternoons are open to all techniques. During the Winter Season, Tuesday mornings are reserved for Bottle Slumping and Glass Fusion.

MBV Pottery Club (Year Around)
Check out the lighted windows of the Fired Arts Center on the way to the pool or fitness facility. All of the displayed art has been made by your friends and neighbors. Our club’s mission is to promote and support MBV residents in the pursuit of artistic expression in the art and craft of pottery. Volunteer instructors conduct half-day introductory, intermediate and advanced classes, in an open, welcoming environment. Pottery Club hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Stop by and take a tour of the studio to see if pottery is something you would like to try. Our class schedule will be released November 1, and class sign-ups will begin on January 1, either in person or by email. Annual membership in the club is $40 and classes are $20. The funds generated keep the studio supplied with glazes and specialized tools. Questions? Contact Pierce McIntosh at 480-244-7080, or email at pierceaz1@msn.com.

LIBRARY NOTES (Year Around)
As of the day of this letter the library was still closed, so, there is not a lot of news. But the library is still there and the books we selected for the book giveaway are still in their boxes. Maybe by the time you read this the library will be open and we will indeed have that giveaway. Should have had it as originally scheduled but it was supposed to rain. Hindsight is always 20/20. As much as I like the feel and smell of a real book, I am glad I have an e-reader. But it’s just not the same. Hope you have something to read other than the newspaper will all the dire news. Just read the funnies.

Supper Club (Year Around) Ruth Parker
Are other members of the club missing our suppers as much as I am?? It really is odd to look at my calendar and see Supper Club crossed out. Let’s hope that doesn’t last much longer. I certainly miss the sociability and, of course, the food. So, to kind of stay connected, I made one of the April dishes. I chose the Dill Pickle Pasta Salad. And ya know what? It was good!! Not quite the same as eating with 7 others but what the heck. In May I’m going to make Kentucky Hot Brown Tart. I can attest it’s good, it’s my recipe. Hope to see you soon.

Social Hour (Year Around)
Every Tuesday night year ‘round, there’s a long standing, very popular, free MountainBrook event in the Superstition Center. Residents gather at 5:00 PM to enjoy an evening out with old and new friends. The LAST Tuesday of the month is a POT-LUCK which is meant to be a full meal. The fare on “regular” Tuesdays could be classified as snacks/appetizers or desserts. As always BYOB. Tableware provided. The Chairperson maintains a schedule of weekly volunteers to ‘Host’ the Social Hour. These volunteers set up the food tables, organize the food as it arrives, make the welcome announcements with a little clean up afterwards. Don’t be afraid. There are usually others who join in helping. Please consider joining the group on a Tuesday night; singles and couples are welcome. We try to keep an eye out for new faces and welcome them to join a table of ‘veterans’.

MBV Veterans Group (Year Around)
Are you a military veteran? Did you know we have an informal group of veterans here in MountainBrook that meets in the Mesquite Room every 3rd Monday of the month at 1600 hours. Our meetings have been suspended until September due to the virus close down of our campus and all the folks heading to their summer homes. Our main goal is to put out information and the sharing of information that is beneficial to the veteran. We stress that getting registered in the VA system is the most important thing a veteran can do. If you’re interested in having a little social time with other veterans, hearing more about your VA benefits and where to go for help why not try one of our meetings. If you’d like more information about the group and what we do call Dennis Malsom, 425-315-6035.
Helping Hands (Year Around) by Loretta Milton
We are a group of volunteers who live in MBV and help our residents on a temporary basis. We have been assisting with medical transportation, grocery shopping and caregiver support for many years. We also have a list of medical equipment and child care equipment for loan. There is a card holder in the office with resident’s names and numbers for you to contact. If you would like additional information, please call Loretta Milton and leave a message at 480-474-9958.

Democratic Women of MBV (Year Around)
Democratic women of MBV will meet at 3 PM on the first and third Thursday of the month. We will meet in the Mesquite room. Any woman who is interested is welcome to join us. If you consider yourself progressive, independent, liberal or democratic, this is a group you will enjoy.

Wii Bowling (Year Around)
Every Thursday at 1:00 PM in the MPR Enjoy friendship with fellow Wii Bowlers.

SUMMER BUNKO (Summer Seasonal)
Meet Thursday at 6:00pm in the Turquoise room of the Sunset building, to check it out. We will discuss how often we want to play, hostess sign-ups, and what commitments it will require to make this an awesome group. The games will be on Thursdays at 6:00pm, in the Sunset room. If you are ready to roll those dice give your brain a rest, and have 1000 laughs, join us. Questions contact Mickey Bankson 928-710-7360.

Book Discussion by Peggy Malsom
That’s a wrap! It was a great season for Books & Bubbly. We are happy to announce our 2020-2021 book selections:
November - Sand in Our Shoes: Chasing the American Dream by Julian M. King. Note: This is an out-of-print book about Kings Ranch and Gold Canyon. Start looking now at Amazon.com, used bookstores, etc. Ask your neighbors if they have a copy, they are willing to loan.
• December - Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.
• January - Our Man in Moscow by Amor Towles.
• February - Flight by Sherman Alexie.
• March - The Heartbreak of Wounded Knee: Native American People from 1890 to the Present by David Treuer.
I’d like to thank everyone for their attendance and participation this season especially those who stepped forward to be presenters and to provide the bubbly. I enjoyed every Discussion and hope you did too. Cheers to your summer reading.

“It’s 5 o’clock somewhere”
In the roughest of times; we Buffett it with a little MountainBrookville!
If you have some time on your hands, join the community in a round of applause every evening at 5pm in your driveway, come out and applaud all of our dedicated Healthcare Workers and First Responders for making a difference every day.

Easter Parade
Yes, we all need to be careful these days --but some things must still go on!
An Easter parade for MountainBrook – in fact two of them. Easter morning there were over 20 carts, cars, bikes and several pets circling various neighborhoods. The afternoon parade had nearly twice as many! Both groups were applauded and photographed by residents throughout the entire route!
It was a great way to get out and celebrate Easter with neighbors, while maintaining social distancing.
Submitted by David Larsen & Jerry Stevenson

Poor barrel cactus. Stuck home with all those kids every day.
Going outdoors is not cancelled, listening to music is not cancelled, quality time with our families is not cancelled, reading a book is not cancelled, sharing with friends is not cancelled, singing out loud is not cancelled, laughing has not been cancelled, sharing **HOPE** with others has not been cancelled. Let’s **EMBRACE** what we have.

This didn’t say anything about talking to yourself. Was that cancelled or not? As they say, asking for a friend.
Let's Get Organized: It Beats Washing Your Hands and Staring Out the Window

Submitted by: Pam Berks

1. Take Everything Out of the Space.

You know what they say: sometimes it has to get worse before it gets better! That is often the case with organizing. I find that it helps to start with a blank slate. Clearing out the whole space always helps me to see what I have, assess my storage needs, and really make the most of the space.

2. Purge Like Crazy!

Be ruthless. Seriously. If you haven’t used it recently, throw it away or donate it. If it’s broken, you don’t need it anymore. If it’s stained or worn out, get rid of it. The more you can get rid of, the less cluttered your space will feel. You have this beautiful blank slate in front of you; you only want to put back what is absolutely necessary!

Once I even cleaned out our master closet twice in two months! When I went to do it the second time, I didn’t think I would get rid of much since I had just organized everything, but I surprisingly ended up with a few more bags of stuff to get rid of. I have a tendency to hold on to things because I think I might need them “someday,” but in reality I use a lot less of my stuff than I realize. And if I’m not using it, it needs to go!

3. Put Like Items Together.

After your big purge, separate like items into groups. When I was organizing my pantry, for example, I put all of my spices together, all of the canned goods together, all of the baking items together, etc. When everything is divided out, it makes it easier for me to see what kind of organization systems I’ll need.

To take it one step further, I often put bins inside of bins. This helps control the clutter even more because each item has a specific spot. I know when I take it out and use it, it has its own space to go back to and I’m more likely to put it there.

4. Label!

Oooh my favorite part! I love labeling! Not only does labeling help me quickly determine what is where, but it is also pretty too! There are several ways I like to label. Sometimes I’ll print a simple tag from the computer. Sometimes I’ll use my Silhouette machine to cut adhesive vinyl labels I’ve designed. Sometimes I’ll use my label maker to create a label. You could handwrite a chalkboard label. So many possibilities!

5. Fill Your Space.

My space has been sitting blank up to this point, but once I have everything separated, corralled in bins (when appropriate), and labeled, it’s finally time to start putting things back. I always start with the items that I use most often and put them in the most accessible spot. Then from there, I fill in the gaps until everything has a place.

6. Train Yourself to Put Things Back in Their Spot.

In step 5 I talked about making sure everything has a specific spot. Once everything is organized and back in place, the only way that it will stay that way is if I get in the habit of putting things back where they go as soon as I am finished with them. Honestly, this is a challenge for me. My scatterbrained side tends to leave materials and half-finished projects laying around everywhere! I work hard to create solid organizational systems, though, so if I want to maintain them, I have to commit to returning items to their place when I’m done.

7. Don’t Be Afraid to Tweak It.

Finally, don’t be afraid to change systems that aren’t working. There have been instances where I have spent a lot of time setting up a system and making it look pretty, but when it came to day-to-day use, it just wasn’t practical or workable.

One time I was organizing under our sink, for example, and I stacked boxes on top of one another. It looked like a neat pile, but it was a pain to get to the ones on the bottom, so I just wouldn’t use those items or I would make a big mess trying to get to them. When I realized that my system wasn’t working, I was able to replace the boxes with drawers that I could easily pull out to retrieve what I needed, and it worked much better. Don’t be afraid to reassess and fix those broken or annoying systems.

From Lifehack.org

Habits and Attitudes

1. Learn to travel light. That way, a) you don’t have as much to carry, and b) you don’t have as big a bag to store in your house when you’re not traveling. (Steve Moyer)

2. Close the circle. This takes a little discipline — ok, a lot of discipline — but if you can build the habit of always seeing every act through to its logical end every time, it will prevent a lot of clutter. In practical terms, this means that every time you use something, you follow through until that thing is back where it started from: eat a bowl of cereal, wash the bowl, dry it, and put it back on the shelf. Our lives tend to be built up out of a lot of little “incompletion” that lead to clutter; if you can break that habit and see things all the way through, you’ll find a lot more improves than just your clutter situation.

3. Clean one room or area a day. This is less daunting than cleaning the whole house, and gives you a clear goal, instead of the “one-more-thing” syndrome that strikes when you get a mind to “do some cleaning”.

4. Find the clutter “focal point” of each room and keep it clean. In the bedroom, make the bed and keep it clean; in the kitchen, don’t store anything in the sink. If these focal points are clean, the room will seem less cluttered.

5. Give it away. Make a habit of taking regular trips to the Goodwill or other donation center to give away excess stuff, and make sure that when that day comes, you’ve got a full load of stuff to get rid of.

6. One in, one out. Make a habit of throwing out, selling, or giving away something for every new thing you bring into the house. For example, when you buy a new pair of shoes, get rid of your least favorite shoes. Variation: One in, TWO Out!

Use “deep storage” wisely. Pack up things that you’re not going to use and store them — don’t keep stuff out when you are unlikely to ever need it. (Productivity Science)

1. Don’t shop “recreationally”. Go shopping for the things you need, not to kill time or “just to look”. Avoid succumbing to temptation by avoiding temptation itself!

2. Never put anything on top of anything smaller than it is. For example, never put a newspaper on top of a small book or your keys. You’ll lose less stuff that way. Don’t make piles. Ever.
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**STANDING COMMITTEES:**
- Board of Directors: Last Tuesday 9:45am SC
- Activities Committee: Second Monday 9:00am PM
- Architectural Committee: Alt. Thursdays 9:00am PV
- Budget & Finance: Monday, BOD 9:00pm PV
- Buildings & Grounds: First Tuesday 12:30pm PV
- Communications Committee: First Thursday 9:00am LCR
- Planning Committee: Second Monday 2:00pm MR
- Committee Chairs: Second Wednesday 1:00pm LCR
- Board Workshop: Tuesday before BOD 9:45am SC
CLASSIFIEDS

For Rent

On the Golf Course! Mountain Views! 3-car Garage! Fully furnished. 2BR 2.5BA 2,400 sf. Nov, Dec only. pears4@gmail.com

MBV home on quiet street: 2 master BR, Sleeps 6, Avail May - Nov 2020, 30 day min. NS, Dogs ok. 360-395-5070, tracey_mm87@icloud.com

MBV home: May – Dec 2020. 2 bed / 2 bath completely renovated. Three blocks from pools, clubhouse. No pets/smoking. Shane 612-964-5194 or shane@keisertruckinginc.com


Humans: Will rent out my humans in exchange for some quiet time alone. They seem to be good at eating, drinking and cleaning up after themselves. Contact the family dog.

Service

We will house sit your home. Frequent visits and always after every rain and wind storm. Call Chuck/Diana 630-546-4018.

PET SITTING: I’d love to care for your pet(s) while you’re away. Please call for details and visitation. Nancy C. 480-474-1200.


Have a flat tire on your golf cart? Same day repair. Annual checkups, repairs, updating, or questions. Call Chuck 630-546-4018

Home watch: Licensed and insured, FT residents, Exp, trusted, reliable protection. Info: 641-780-1963 Goodneighborsolutionsaz@gmail.com


Handyman: FT resident. Insured. Great referrals. Info: 515-783-8328 Jimpaige32@gmail.com


Need help with caring for a loved one? Cheri 480-982-8312.

Handy Woman. Afraid to let just any man into your home to help with household needs? Call me first. Jesika 480-980-0548.


Wanted

Helping Hands in need of infant and childcare equipment from those willing to loan to their neighbor. Log in the Activity Office. 480-474-9958.

Helping Hands in need of volunteers willing to transport clients to the doctors or shopping. Available? Call 480-474-9958.


Mountaineer May 2020

CLASSIFIED ADS

• One free ad of 20 words or less, for 30 days for MBV residents only.
• Must be resubmitted each month.
• Classified ads are to be submitted to the MountainBrook Activity Office or emailed
• Ads may be subject to editing.
• Rental ads must meet CC&R Guidelines (i.e., 55+ & 30 day minimum).
• Deadline for all ads is the 25th of the month

Business/commercial ads for residents and nonresidents are available for purchase from Ray’s Printing.

CLASSIFIEDS

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet? Or should we just keep washing our hands?

I’m so excited it’s time to take the garbage out. I wonder what I should wear?
Mountaineer May 2020

**Shop Local**

**Mountain Brook Golf Course** is open. The “Prospector Restaurant” is open with a curbside menu. Call 480-671-1013.

Your GCGR wants to serve the community and they are providing a limited curbside menu daily from 11am-6pm. Call 480-671-5517 to place your order.

**Chens**: Bashas Plaza 480-288-2228, 11AM-8PM open later on weekends, to see menu go to: chenschinesebistroaz.com

**Del A Cruz**: Bashas Plaza 480-982-5401, open Tuesday-Saturday, 10AM-8PM, food and drink, and margaritas too!

**Gold Canyon Café**: 480-983-1933, Full menu, for pick-up and delivery 6AM-8PM

**Gold Stallion**: is open for food & drink pick up, and delivery, 480-935-1998, go to https://goldstallionaz.com to view their full menu, hours 11 AM – 8 PM daily.

**Rosati’s**: – 480-983-7400, Open every day 11AM-9PM full menu and delivery, https://myrosatis.com/goldcanyon/

**Subway**: Bashas Plaza 480-288-6810, Mon.-Sat. 9AM-8PM, Sun. 10AM-8PM, www.subway.com

**CARRY OUT ONLY.** Currently observing summer hours 6 am - 2:00 pm

**Wednesday is Seniors 10% off**

**Gecko** has gone to our summer hours but will remain open to serve our customer as long as we are permitted. We will take all the necessary precautions to keep our customers and staff safe and follow all guidelines during these tough times. Thanks for your continued support.

**Great Wall**: on Kings Ranch Road is now open - Carry Out Only - 11:00 am - 9:00 pm - 480-982-2197

**Wahoo’s**: Car Hop Service in Parking Lot
Carry out Curbside Pick Up
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Monday - Saturday

Taking reservations for airport drop off and pickup, as well as, appointments, events and various other destinations.
Thank you to all of our businesses who stayed open for us. Bashas & Walgreens, our anchor stores, we couldn’t have done it without you! Everyone else, what a blessing.