



# TOWN REPORTER

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## 56th STREET DEDICATION



Shaded Pedestrian Node



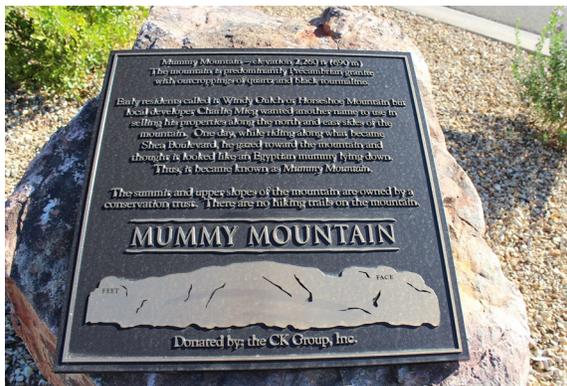
Way-finding Signage



Decorative Utility Screens



The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony of 56th Street was held on September 26, 2015. The new roadway features shaded pedestrian nodes, way-finding signage and decorative utility screens. Cutting the ribbon from left to right are Council Members Maria Syms and Jerry Bien-Willner, Vice Mayor Paul Dembow, Council Member Mark Stanton, Mayor Michael Collins and Council Member Mary Hamway. For more event photos visit [www.paradisevalleyaz.gov](http://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov).



Plaques near the shade node were donated by the CK Group, Inc. and Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC

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The redesign and construction of 56th Street between McDonald and Lincoln Drive was completed in June, on schedule and within budget. Designed by the CK Group and constructed by Achen-Gardner, the project contains some very important firsts for the Town—a shaded pedestrian node, way-finding signage and decorative utility screens. Additionally, the oleanders were removed and a meandering sidewalk with desert landscaping were installed. The 56th Street roadway improvement project is an excellent example of the Town's commitment to making visual improvements throughout the Town. These state-of-the-art elements will be incorporated in future capital improvement projects and will become the Paradise Valley "brand" envisioned by the Mayor and Council.

# MAYOR'S CORNER



Photo by Terrance Thornton

**Michael Collins, Mayor**

It has been my honor and distinct pleasure to serve as your Mayor this past year. We have a terrific Town Council and Town Staff and I am excited for you to read about our many accomplishments in this issue of the Town Reporter.

For a small community, we are certainly busy. Earlier this year, the Town Council established 13 goals (see below) to be accomplished over the next two years and we are working hard towards achieving them.

Our number one focus remains public safety as we welcome our new Police Chief Peter Wingert to the post. Police Department activities and recent accomplishments can be found on Pages 7 and 8.

The current big topic is resort development and redevelopment. It is very important for the financial health of our Town to have all of its resorts up and running since income from resort sales and bed tax makes up forty percent of our operating budget. A report on our resort activity can be found on Pages 4 and 5.

We also welcome Dawn Marie Buckland as our new Director of Administration and Government Affairs. We look forward to her leadership in developing a long term sustainable budget that addresses police pension funding requirements, ensures the financial health of our Town without compromising its values, and identifies a funding mechanism for our capital improvement projects.

As a Town we take pride in having quality infrastructure. The much needed improvements to 56th Street were completed in June and the dedication in September was a huge success. We want to make our Town look better and have its own unique "brand." A rundown of recent public works projects can be found on Page 6.

Our municipal court and volunteer bench continue to provide excellent service (Page 9), and our volunteer committees are working hard building a sense of community (Page 10).

We continue to make local government as transparent as possible and set an example that Paradise Valley's limited government is very effective, professional and responsive. We recently updated the Resident Guide, with copies at Town Hall and on the Town website. The Town's social media links are on Page 3.

Thanks to everyone who helps make Paradise Valley one of the finest small towns in America. Enjoy this issue of the Town Reporter and if I can be of service, please contact me at any time at 480-348-3534 or [mcollins@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:mcollins@paradisevalleyaz.gov).

## Town Council Task-Oriented Goals

- Improve public safety services including prevention, enforcement, communication and community/victim outreach
- Support resort industry and manage its development such that it maintains the Paradise Valley quality of life and financial health
- Develop a long term sustainable budget
- Develop and advance a Capital Improvement Program
- Identify the scope, scale and possible solutions to recurring storm water management issues
- Utilize technology throughout the organization to deliver quality services in an economic and efficient manner
- Provide adequate staffing to deliver expected quality services
- Improve non-motorized mobility throughout our Town

## Town Council Value-Oriented Goals

- Maintain and Improve the Paradise Valley quality of life
- Prioritize public engagement and transparency
- Assess and improve customer service
- Protect and enhance the Paradise Valley brand
- Strengthen internal and external collaboration

# ADMIN

## DAWN MARIE BUCKLAND, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS



Dawn Marie Buckland

Dawn Marie Buckland is the new Director of Administration and Government Affairs. The position oversees the Town's budget and finance and information technology functions. She also will coordinate legislative activities, contact with other local government entities and lead special initiatives.

Ms. Buckland has 22 years of government experience, including budget and finance, information technology, parks and recreation, engineering and developmental services, and with intergovernmental relations and strategic partnerships. She most recently held the position of Director of Office Management and Budget for the Town of Gilbert. Prior to that she was the Budget Manager for the City of Chandler, and Senior Budget Analyst for the City of Peoria. Before her career in municipal government, she served in the United States Air Force for 10 years.

Ms. Buckland has a bachelor of science degree in business/information technology from the University of Phoenix and a master of administration in public management from Northern Arizona

## EXPENDITURE LIMITATION

Arizona's expenditure limitation laws ensure that you, the voter, decide the level of local government that is right for your community. This law sets the expenditure base at the amount that was budgeted in fiscal year 1979-80, then allows it to grow by population and inflation. If that adjusted expenditure does not match the bundle of services at the service level desired by the city or town residents, the voters have several ways to make adjustments. Each city and town then goes to the voters to address the unique characteristics of each community.

In Paradise Valley, the resorts drive a lot of our growth but are not included in the population adjustment. They generate the largest percentage of the revenue; however, voters still need to establish the legal authority to spend that revenue to pay for sewer and police services to our resorts. Another challenge to operating within the limit is that many of our residents list another home as their primary residence and are not counted in the PV census. Therefore, the Town incurs the municipal service cost of a new residence but not the authority to spend that residence sewer fee, fire fee, etc. without a voter approved adjustment.

Paradise Valley remains committed to providing excellent service in a limited, efficient government format. Be on the lookout over the next few months for more information about expenditure limitation and Paradise Valley's long range financial plan.

## TOWN LINKS TO SOCIAL MEDIA



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Paradise Valley provides high quality public services to a community which values limited government, making every effort to enhance the community's unique character for its residents and people from around the world

## CONNECT BIEN

Wondering how to expand your business into Mexico or Canada? Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) has developed a business to business e-platform to connect individual businesses across international boundaries. BIEN not only means good or right in Spanish and French, it's also an acronym for Building an International Economic Network. Visit [www.connectbien.com](http://www.connectbien.com).

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Town recognizes the importance of the resort community and encourages resort property renewal. The updated General Plan that was approved by the voters in March 2012 states:

"The Town shall continue to encourage Special Use Permit property revitalization and improvement ... as long as such improvement does not adversely affect the integrity and enjoyment of adjacent residential neighborhoods."

Currently, the Town is experiencing unprecedented Special Use Permit renovation activity with six resort properties in the process of redevelopment.

## MOUNTAIN SHADOWS

More than 10 years since closing, Mountain Shadows is being reborn. This resort/residential/golf course community is currently under construction, while the beautification and redevelopment of 56th Street has been completed. On the east side of 56th Street single family, detached homes are being constructed. The west side of 56th Street is scheduled to start construction this fall/winter with a mix of residential product and a newly constructed Mountain Shadows Resort hotel and restaurant. The golf course on the west side of 56th Street is remaining but undergoing extensive renovation.

## THE RITZ-CARLTON RESORT

Five Star Development, in cooperation with the Ritz-Carlton group of hotels, has proposed a resort community on approximately 105 acres at the northeast corner of Lincoln Drive and Mockingbird Lane. The foundation of the development is the proposed Ritz-Carlton Resort and Villas with 200 hotel rooms and over 100 villas offered. The balance of the project is planned as a mix of detached single family homes and townhomes, restaurants, event space, and associated retail.

## COTTONWOODS

The Town is pleased to announce that this casita-style resort is being reinvented and is currently closed for construction. Every resort unit is being renovated, a new lobby is under construction, and new spa and event facilities are proposed. The resort is planned to reopen early 2016.

## HERMOSA INN

The front entry of this boutique resort, home of Lon's award winning restaurant, is currently being remodeled and there are plans to also refashion guest rooms and enlarge the event space.



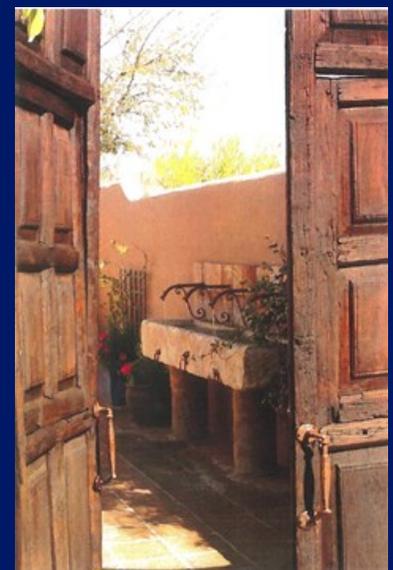
Mountain Shadows Resort



Proposed Ritz Carlton Resort



Cottonwoods Resort



Hermosa Inn

## SANCTUARY

This luxurious, mountainside resort continues to expand with 4 new casitas approved, and interior remodels of existing resort units underway. Many of the hillside casitas are also undergoing major renovations.

## CAMELBACK INN

This historic world renowned resort and spa continues to renovate its facilities. Of note is the new Jackrabbit Pool Experience. It includes an updated main pool and new children's and adult pools; as well as the refashioned Hoppin' Jack's Poolside Café.

## EL CHORRO

This 1937 landmark for destination dining has been renewed with wall and landscaping improvements along Lincoln Drive, vastly improving views of Camelback Mountain as you drive along Lincoln Drive or while dining on the patio.



The new wall and landscaping along Lincoln Drive was completed in conjunction with the 56th Street roadway improvements.

If you would like additional information on any resort redevelopment please contact the Community Development Director at 480-348-3522 or [ecutro@paradisivalleyaz.gov](mailto:ecutro@paradisivalleyaz.gov).



Sanctuary Resort



Jackrabbit Pool at the Camelback Inn

## Thank You!

Paradise Valley's resort managers would like to thank our residents for your support! Please enjoy these exclusive offers as a token of our appreciation for your business and for being some of our town's best ambassadors.



**DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley-Scottsdale**  
10% off best room rates and dining at En Fuego and Loggia Lounge; 30% off spa services (60 min.+)  
480-947-5400, [paradisivalley.doubletree.com](mailto:paradisivalley.doubletree.com)



**The Hermosa Inn**  
Up to 20% off room rates, dining, and private events with participation in the Hermosa Inn's Valued Neighbor Program  
602-955-8614, [marketing@hermosainn.com](mailto:marketing@hermosainn.com)



**JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa**  
10% off rack room rates, spa services (Mon.-Thu.) and golf on the Padre Course  
480-948-1700, [camelbackinn.com](http://camelbackinn.com)



**Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia**  
10% off best room rates plus waived resort fees  
480-627-3200, [omnihotels.com/hotels/scottsdale-montelucia](http://omnihotels.com/hotels/scottsdale-montelucia)



**Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa**  
10% off best room rates, dining at Elements and Jade Bar, and Sanctuary Spa treatments  
480-948-2100, [sanctuaryaz.com](http://sanctuaryaz.com)



**The Scottsdale Plaza Resort**  
23% off at The Salon and Day Spa and dining at Remington's, JD's Lounge and Garden Court  
480-948-5000, [scottsdaleplaza.com](http://scottsdaleplaza.com)

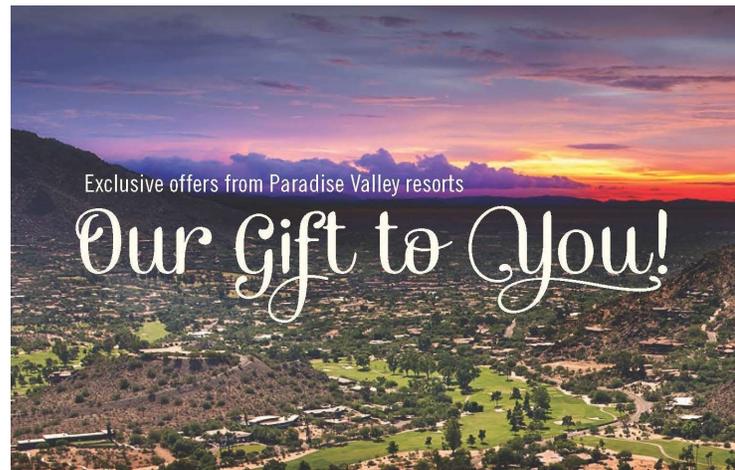


**SmokeTree Resort and Bungalows**  
20% off rack room rates  
480-948-7660, [smoketreesort.com](http://smoketreesort.com)

Must show driver's license with 85253 zip code to redeem. Some restrictions may apply. Contact individual properties for details, availability and valid dates.

## RESORTS THANK RESIDENTS WITH EXCLUSIVE OFFERS

In September residents received a postcard with exclusive offers from seven Town resorts. The resort, spa and dining specials were facilitated for you by the Paradise Valley Mayor and Council and by the Scottsdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Residents who wish to take advantage of these specials must show a driver's license with the 85253 area code. Please note that some restrictions may apply. Contact the resorts for details, availability and valid dates. Additional postcards are available at Town Hall in the Town Manager's office.



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

You may have noticed a lot of construction going on around Town over the last year. We have completed some very important projects, such as signal upgrades, undergrounding of power lines, treating residential streets, and the reconstruction of 56th Street. Below is information on recently completed and future Capital Improvement Projects.

## TRAFFIC SIGNALS

The Town's 12 signalized intersections were recently updated with improvements of LED signal heads, LED street lights, completely new wiring, replacement poles and foundations, and new cabinets. One important upgrade was the addition of emergency vehicle preemption or EVP. This feature allows emergency personnel (police, fire and EMS) to receive the right-of-way when approaching an intersection with their sirens on. The EVP cuts down on response time and improves safety when responding to emergencies. After the construction was complete, new signal timing was implemented that improved system efficiency. An upcoming marquee sign installation project will add to the aesthetic upgrades included with the signal project and help further promote the Town's brand.

## ASPHALT SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Existing asphalt sidewalks will be replaced at various locations with six foot wide colored concrete sidewalks to match the Town standard. Additionally, some non-compliant accessible ramps will also be replaced. Construction will begin at the beginning of 2016 and will be completed within a few months.

## SRP KEIM DISTRICT

Keeping with its long history of converting overhead power lines to underground, the Town has prioritized the final four SRP districts, with the Keim District beginning soon. Located in a rear easement near Keim and Hohan Drive, this SRP district affects 14 properties with the removal of 11 poles and 2000 feet of overhead wire. It is currently being designed by SRP and residents within the district will soon receive detailed information regarding the timeline and costs. Dependent on resident participation, construction is slated to begin in the fall of 2016.

## APS DISTRICT 30

The last APS undergrounding district is slated for design this year with construction to begin in the fall of 2016. The district encompasses 30 properties east of Scottsdale Road between Jackrabbit and Vista. In the coming months residents within the district will be contacted by the Town to discuss the project timeline. Construction will be dependent on meeting the minimum resident participation for the district. In addition to undergrounding the Town's portion of the project, we will attempt to coordinate with the City of Scottsdale to also convert overhead lines within their city limits.

## WATERSHED STUDIES

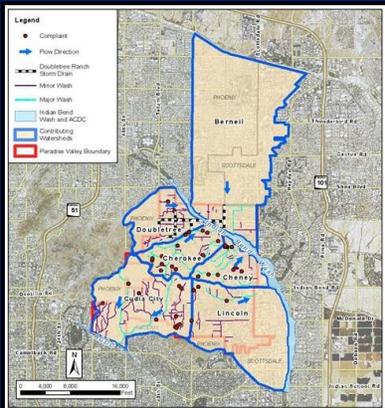
Over the past several years the Town has experienced storm events which continue to affect the residents in many ways. To address issues with drainage and identify projects which may help reduce the risk of flooding, the Town has selected an engineering firm to study two watershed areas—the Cheney Watershed and the Cherokee Watershed. Once the projects are identified, Council will discuss prioritizing and future funding availability for construction. These are the first of five watersheds to be studied over the next several years. The studies will begin this fall and there will be ample opportunities for public meetings, input and feedback.



New Traffic Signals



Utility Poles in 2 districts to be undergrounded



Watershed Studies

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



Peter Wingert, Chief of Police

## PETER WINGERT, CHIEF OF POLICE

After a nationwide search, Peter Wingert was selected to serve as the new Police Chief of the Town of Paradise Valley. He has excellent community policing and organizational skills and has the ability to pick a problem apart, identify the root causes, and build custom solutions. He recognizes the importance of community partnerships and strives to provide quality law enforcement services to citizens and visitors to Paradise Valley. He is ready to tackle new challenges both internal to the department and external to the community.

Before coming to Paradise Valley, Chief Wingert was Chief of Police in Wickenburg since 2011. He served 19 years at the Flathead County Sheriff's Office, and was named Undersheriff in 2007, the highest appointed position in the County. He implemented numerous community oriented policing programs, including the "Wickenburg Five-O" where officers interact with students in a proactive environment to build positive relationships and serve as role models to those students. Other programs include the neighborhood speed patrol, and "Fill A Cruiser" a food drive where community members fill a police vehicle with non-perishable food items. The food is then donated to a local senior center.

Chief Wingert is a graduate of Northern Arizona University and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

## "PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK" PROGRAM

Over the past several years, the Paradise Valley Police Department, in conjunction with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, has participated in the "Prescription Drug Take Back" program. Twice during the year, in April and again in October, the department sets up a drop site where expired or unused prescription drugs that are collected. In 2014 over 600 pounds of prescription drugs were collected.

Because of the success of that program, the Town will participate in an expanded version of the drug collection program called Operation Medicine Cabinet. This program will allow residents to properly dispose outdated or unused prescription drugs at their convenience, any day of the week, year round. A permanent drop box has been installed in the Police Department lobby.

In the past unwanted drugs were simply flushed down the toilet or put in the trash that ended up at the landfill. However, studies have determined that the chemicals from such drugs are now showing up in our watersheds, streams, and lakes. Furthermore, these drugs can end up in the hands of someone for whom they were not intended. Operation Medicine Cabinet will make it convenient to properly dispose of such drugs.

Periodically, an officer will empty the box, sort, weigh and photo the returned drugs. Then the drugs are transported to a location where they will be incinerated, insuring proper and safe disposition.

This program is for prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, samples and pet medications only. Liquid prescription drugs, needles, thermometers, inhalers and aerosol cans are examples of what is not accepted. Liquid medications should be poured into a sealable plastic bag or an empty can. Add a substance like kitty litter, sawdust or used coffee grounds to make the medication less appealing to kids and pets. Seal the container and put it in the trash.

Please get involved in this program. Bring prescription drugs that you no longer need and contribute to our box. It is located in the Police Department lobby at 6433 East Lincoln Drive.



Prescription drop off box in the Police Department Lobby, 6433 East Lincoln Drive.

### YES - Accepted

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets



# KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE...

## LICENSE PLATE RECONGNITION (LPR) PROGRAM

In an effort to increase public safety, the Town of Paradise Valley completed the installation fixed License Plate Recognition systems in September.

LPR technology compares license plates captured by the fixed and mobile LPR's with an established list of wanted license plates produced by the Department of Public Safety . If a match is identified, police dispatch and active patrol cars will be alerted and further action will follow. It does not identify every license plate that drives by it.

Since the installation of the LPR units, the Police Department has made 10 arrests, recovered one stolen license plate, and recovered two stolen vehicles as a result of scanned license plates matching vehicles on the Department of Public Safety hotlist.

The 11 LPR systems were installed at these locations:

- E. Stanford Drive and N. 32nd Street
- E. Doubletree Ranch Road and N. Scottsdale Road
- E. Lincoln Drive and N. Scottsdale Road
- N. Invergordon Road and E. Chaparral Road
- E. Lincoln Drive and N. Palo Cristi Road (a.k.a. 36th Street)
- N. 40th Street and Paradise Valley Town limits (faux cactus)
- N. 40th Street and E. Stanford Drive (faux cactus)
- E. McDonald Drive and N. Scottsdale Road (faux cactus)
- E. Doubletree Ranch Road east of N. Tatum Boulevard (faux cactus)
- N. Tatum Boulevard and E. Shea Boulevard
- N. Tatum Boulevard and E. McDonald

These fixed LPRs compliment the 10 mobile units that were installed on the police fleet in August of 2014.

Privacy matters. The Town of Paradise Valley has established policies consistent with state law regarding retention, use and release of data generated by this technology. Visit <http://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3986> for more information about Paradise Valley's license plate reader program.

## PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

In April four fixed photo radar systems were installed to enhance the road safety program. The additional photo radar systems will monitor both red-light running and speeding incidents at the following intersections:

- northbound and southbound lanes at Lincoln Drive and Tatum Boulevard
- eastbound and westbound lanes at Lincoln Drive and Palo Cristi Road
- eastbound lane at Lincoln Drive and Mockingbird Lane
- northbound and southbound lanes at Tatum Boulevard and Desert Jewel Drive

Photo enforcement is an efficient and effective way to modify a driver's behavior and over time, drivers slow down and stop on red, making our streets safer for everyone.



Fixed LPR



LPR Camera in Faux Cactus



Fixed Photo Radar Locations

# COURT

## KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE...

### Coming November 2015 MVD Kiosk Services

- ⇒ adjudication documents
- ⇒ registration renewal
- ⇒ driver's record
- ⇒ duplicate driver's license
- ⇒ registration tab replacement
- ⇒ duplicate vehicle registration
- ⇒ driver license reinstatement
- ⇒ change of address
- ⇒ insurance verification
- ⇒ 3 day permit
- ⇒ 30 day general use
- ⇒ voter registration
- ⇒ sold notice
- ⇒ plate credit
- ⇒ vehicle fee recap

### PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The Paradise Valley Municipal Court has lowered fines for speeding violations and the fee for defensive driving school. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the speeding fines were lowered to the following:

Speed Not Reasonable Prudent (28-701A)	Effective July 1	Prior to July 1	% Change
1-9 mph over posted speed limit	\$231	\$236	-2%
10-15 mph over posted speed limit	\$242	\$271	-12%
16-20 mph over posted speed limit	\$260	\$293	-13%

The Court routinely evaluates fines by comparing them to other Limited Jurisdiction Courts in Maricopa County. The objective is to find balance with other jurisdictions without losing focus of the Court's main goal of changing behavior. "Our whole goal is safety, slower speeds, to bring accidents down, to bring deaths down," said Presiding Judge Ty Taber, who initiated the fee cut. "In doing that, we're trying to treat people as fairly as we can and lower the fine."

In addition to lowering the fines for speed violations, Paradise Valley Municipal Court reduced the Town's portion of the defensive driving school fee by 16% effective October 1, 2015. "We wanted to make driving school more affordable in the interest of the Town to increase driver safety," said Court Director, Jeanette Wiesenhofer. The reduction of the Town's portion lowered defensive driving school from approximately \$259 to \$234. The majority of the speed violations filed in the Court are within the 10-15 mph and 16-20 mph over posted speed limit breakdown, making defensive driving school a cheaper option than paying the fine.

As of July 6, 2015, defensive driving school can now be attended every 12 months rather than every 24 months. Additional benefits to driving school are the dismissal of the charge once class is completed and no points assessed to the driver's motor vehicle record.

### MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES



Municipal Court Judges are volunteers appointed by the Mayor and Council at the recommendation of the Presiding Judge. Pictured left to right: Terry Gould, Charlene Jackson, Stanley Marks, Steven Cohen, Jack Cunningham, Presiding Judge J. Tyrrell Taber and Mayor Michael Collins. Not pictured: John Auran and Jeffrey Timbanard.



Kiosk provided by ADOT and located in the Court lobby at 6517 East Lincoln Drive.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## VINTAGE CAR SHOW

On November 7, 2015 the Town of Paradise Valley will host the 11th Annual Paradise Valley Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Town Hall parking lot, followed by a driving tour, and no host lunch at El Chorro. Each entrant donates \$50 that goes to the Sentinels of Freedom and the Military Assistance Mission; both nonprofits, supporting Arizona military. For additional information, please call 480-348-3691.

## THE ART OF MICHELLE ELIZABETH PARKER

On October 13, 2015, the art of Michelle Elizabeth Parker was presented to the Town. Residents who could not attend the art opening are invited to view the exhibit during regular business hours Monday through Friday, except from 12:00—1:00 p.m. when the Town Hall closes for lunch. Ms. Parker's collection of fine art will be exhibited through the end of September 2016. For more information, please visit the Town website [www.paradisevalleyaz.gov](http://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov)



Arts Advisory Committee Members: Council Liaison Mary Hamway, Chair Elaine "Bunny" Gordon, Georgann Byrd, Carol Brecker, Laura Paquelet-Carpinelli, Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegro, Louise McCall, Mardelle Mikus and Janie Russo. Not pictured: Kathy Duley.

## BOB BERG'S STAINED GLASS PANELS

Back in 2008, the Arts Advisory Committee and then Vice Mayor Mary Hamway rescued from demolition eight stained glass panels designed by Bob Berg depicting several *Greater African Kudu* drinking at a stream. The panels were sidelights of a massive entry door at the Leona Helmsley mansion on the west side of Mummy Mountain. The new owner had no use for door and panels and the Arts Committee thought our architects could incorporate the stained glass into the design of the two new fire stations that were still in the planning phase. At that time the artist, Bob Berg, agreed to store the panels for us.

Subsequently, they were not used at the fire stations, nor at the new courthouse that was built two years ago. Earlier this year, the Arts Committee decided it was time to find a home for the artwork. Mardelle Mikus, a member of the Arts Committee, and Jennifer Sands of the Phoenix Zoo met with Bob Berg to photograph the panels. Ms. Sands presented the photos to Norberto (Bert) Castro, the President/CEO of the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation at the Phoenix Zoo. Mr. Castro liked the stained glass art and agreed to place the panels in a new restaurant being constructed at the Phoenix Zoo.

In June Town Manager Kevin Burke authorized transferring ownership of the panels from the Town to the Phoenix Zoo. Mr. Berg will clean, frame and install the panels at the restaurant. Once the panels are in place, the Town will make the formal presentation to the Zoo and be recognized as the donor.



2014 Vintage Car Entrant



Floral by Michelle Parker



Stained Glass Panels by Bob Berg

# KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE...

## ACOPS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pictured from left to right: CRO Kevin Albert, Jay Ozer, Jennifer Schwarz, Council Member and Committee Chair Maria Syms, Victoria Bellomo-Rosacci, Richard Post, Larry Fink and Chief of Police Peter Wingert. Not pictured: Paul Moore



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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Keeping our community safe is a top priority for the Town and the Advisory Committee on Public Safety (ACOPS). ACOPS was established to increase community outreach efforts and crime prevention awareness. Chaired by Council Member Maria Syms, the committee is made up of six resident volunteers: Victoria Bellomo-Rosacci, Larry Fink, Paul Moore, Jay Ozer, Richard Post, and Jennifer Schwarz.

Over the course of the next year, the Committee will assist Chief Wingert and the PVPD with communication efforts and in turn, provide our officers with valuable community feedback. Thank you to our ACOPS volunteers for their commitment to securing our community and increasing awareness.

The Town has added four new police officers and invested in long overdue police technology, such as a communications system integrated with other cities and towns, computers and license plate readers in the patrol cars, and most recently body cameras for our patrol officers. These investments are already realizing returns in the form of an increased police presence and significant reduction in response times. We are hard at work with our new Police Chief Peter Wingert, officers and staff to build on these successes.

To prevent burglaries residents are encouraged to lock their doors, set their alarms and keep their garage doors secure. Such crimes may be preventable through education and awareness. In addition to setting your alarms and securing your doors and windows, here are a few ways you can protect your home and your loved ones:

- Request a PVPD security assessment of your home. Our police officers can advise you on low cost, simple ways to make your home less attractive to burglars.
- Sign up for PVPD vacation watch. If you are away for a period of 7 days up to 4 weeks, the PVPD will conduct security checks. It is as easy as filling out a form at the police department.
- Sign up for CodeRed®. Get real time local, emergency notices and information.
- Attend Coffee with a Cop. PVPD holds regular community meetings in resident homes to keep folks informed on recent public safety developments. You can find the meeting dates on our Town website, and if you would be able to volunteer your home, please let our Community Resource Officer know.

Your feedback is essential to maintaining our high community policing standards. Remain vigilant and report any suspicious behavior in your neighborhood.



Sign up for CodeRed® at [www.paradisevalleyaz.gov](http://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov)





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