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# Paradise Valley offers amazing lifestyle



People enjoy backyard views like this one. (Photo courtesy of PV resident Greg Hague)

The Town of Paradise Valley Independent news team hope you enjoy the annual TPV Community Magazine. It's one of our favorite sections to produce to highlight the beauty of the town as well as the voices of the residents as they see it.

The town turns 62 years old on May 25, 2023. It was incorporated in 1961 to prevent Scottsdale and Phoenix from annexing the county land and possibly disrupting the rural lifestyle they appreciated. The residents of the Citizens Committee for the Incorporation of The Town of Paradise Valley had simple goals: Keep zoning to one home per acre, to keep the area entirely residential and to keep government regulation to a minimum.

After its incorporation,

the town quickly became a popular destination for wealthy homeowners and tourists due to its exclusive resorts and luxurious homes.

Longtime resident Beth Wickstrom couldn't imagine living anywhere else – and she's visited a lot of places.

"I attended Judson School in primary school and was able to ride horses for PE. My great-grandmother was one of the first homeowners in Mountain Shadows Estates East. I learned to swim at Mountain Shadows Resort."

She said her grandparents built a home on Tatum Boulevard in 1954.

"My husband and I lived in that house with my grandfather and later moved to another home in the town because my grandfather, Larry Walton,

could not understand why we would live anywhere else."

The Wickstroms loved the town so much they built two new homes and remodeled three homes over the years.

"Real estate in the town is an excellent investment," she added.

Business owner, event and play producer Jason Rose of Rose & Allyn PR and "Americano! The Musical" has lived in the town for more than 20 years, noting it's the best small town in America. "Paradise Valley is without a doubt Arizona at her very best."

You can find additional quotes from Wickstrom and Rose in this magazine.

We hope you enjoy this year's theme of rural elegance.

Happy perusing!



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**Jason Rose**  
20-plus year resident



By Charlene Bisson, Independent Newsmedia



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## town classics

Paradise Valley is home to a number of world-class restaurants, most of which are found on-property of the hotels throughout town. Here is your guide to the many establishments located within town limits:

### Lincoln Steakhouse at Camelback Inn

The Lincoln Red, a famous English breed of cattle, is the muse for this modern Paradise Valley restaurant. A tried-and-true steakhouse with a 21st-century stance, serving up locally sourced American cuisine, shareable plates and craft cocktails.

- Hours: 5-9 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; closed Monday & Tuesday
- Address: 5402 E. Lincoln Drive



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- Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-midnight Friday & Saturday. Happy hour is 3-6 p.m. daily.
- Address: 7200 N. Scottsdale Road



### Lon's Restaurant at Hermosa Inn

LON's at the Hermosa is an authentic Arizona hacienda surrounded by spectacular scenery. The menus at LON's offers popular dishes like the Himalayan Salt Seared Ahi Tuna, served with cilantro, pickled onion, and ceviche sauce, as a prime example. A new Chef's Tasting Menu is offered each week.

- Hours: Open for breakfast daily from 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner is 5:30-10 p.m. nightly; and brunch is offered 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- Address: 5532 N. Palo Cristi Road

### Prado Restaurant at Montelucia Resort and Spa

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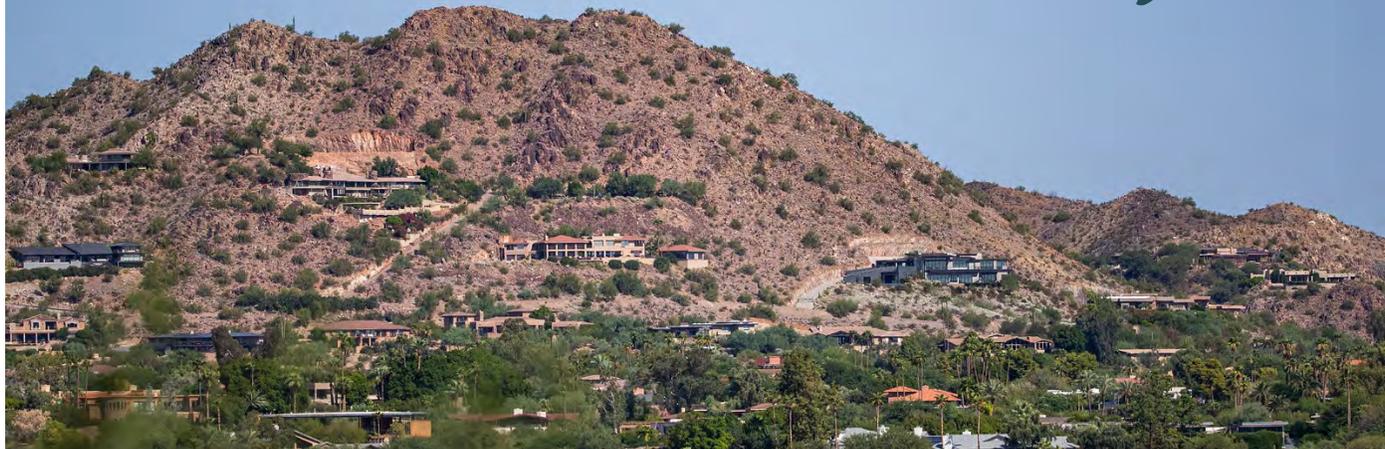


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# The charmed life



We have a beautiful community, and residents are committed to keeping the paradise in Paradise Valley. How do residents keep the town's uniqueness? Rural Elegance is one of the elements. The town is special and it did not happen by chance.

Where did the term Rural Elegance come from and what does it mean? In 2018, Mayor Michael Collins, the Town Council, the Planning Commission and residents worked to develop the Visually Significant Corridor Plan and adopted it on Nov. 1, 2018. This plan took a lot of volunteer time and public comment and has great information from the type of plants, benefits of using low lumen lights to foster dark sky, preserving iconic mountains, design elements and other features to preserve Paradise Valley.

The goal from the town's general plan was to "preserve those elements or features, which contribute to the town's quality of life and character as a premier residential community and resort destination with strong rural and historic roots."

The plan identified three Character Zone Design Guidelines consisting of: Patterns of Nature, Resort Living and Rural Elegance.

Comments from current and former Planning Commission members who worked diligently on the plan helps define why the community adopted Rural Elegance design guidelines.

Jon Wainwright said that "it has

**“ Rural elegance is not just what we see, but how it makes us feel.” Jim Anton**

long been known that landscaping and trees improve quality of life and real estate values. The leafy suburbs benefit when high traffic corridors set the standard for the community as a whole and this concept of rural elegance benefits our town."

Jim Anton described rural elegance as "Focusing on all the town has done to enhance the visual beauty we all enjoy." Anton added. "Personally, for me, it is the warm feeling one has as they exit the noise, traffic, trucks, etc., of the larger surrounding cities and are greeted by the tranquility of a small, beautiful town. Decompression best describes what comes over one knowing that speeding vehicles, crowded streets and tall buildings are in the rear view mirror and inner peace are at hand." He concluded, "Rural elegance is not just what we see, but how it makes us feel."

Former Planning Commission chair Daran Wastchak said "prior to having this single, comprehensive plan document, continuity between streetscape areas geographically and over time was less likely to be cohesive. The plan allows developers and homeowners to plan ahead, knowing what is expected of them, and to create fairness with a uniform set of requirements, logically laid out, that new properties adhere to."

Wastchak continued, "While it

may be assumed the rural elegance character type is the highest standard of quality for streetscapes in the town, the reality is that it is simply different from the other two character zones of resort living and patterns of nature. It is within each of these zones that you'll find the different levels of quality described in the plan including good, better and best."

Pam Georgelos explained rural elegance as speaking to the town's commitment to preserving the one house per acre lot, the traditional desert and the unique and individual feel of the homes in the town. It is guided by the thoughtfulness of the general plan and visually significant corridors master plan, but it is generally not limited by the elements of a traditional master plan development structure."

So check out the plan on the town's website and learn about design guidelines and plant palettes that can help contribute to Rural Elegance to keep our town unique.

Visit [paradisevalleyaz.gov](http://paradisevalleyaz.gov).

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*By Julie A. Pace, Town of Paradise Valley Council member*

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# Talk of the town



**Beautiful views make Town of Paradise Valley a preferred choice to live. (File photo)**

One of the great things about small town Paradise Valley is how easy it is to know what is happening and voice your opinion.

## Learn what is happening

The Town Manager's Weekly Newsletter is an update on current events, Town Council actions, legislative activities, and timely information about your homeowner responsibilities. To subscribe, visit [paradisevalleyaz.gov](http://paradisevalleyaz.gov) or email Amy Rebenar at [arebenar@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:arebenar@paradisevalleyaz.gov) and rest assured, only town staff has access to this mailing list, and it is not shared with anyone.

For public safety information like road closures and recent burglaries, as well as to be notified of Town Council and other public meetings, sign up for Alert PV by visiting [paradisevalleyaz.gov](http://paradisevalleyaz.gov). On the menu, click "Living" and go to "Alert Paradise Valley" to sign up. Only town staff has access to your information.

"Coffee with a Cop" is hosted the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at the police station and features a public safety topic of interest along with a chance to visit with our great police staff, ask questions, express concerns, and enjoy coffee and, sometimes, bagels.

You are welcome to attend all Town Council, Planning Commission, Hillside Committee and Board of Adjustment

meetings which are open to the public, or you can watch via live-stream or on a recorded video. Town Council meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month (except July and August) at 3 p.m. for study session and at 6 p.m. for the business meeting where we welcome your public comments and vote on agenda items.

All the information and presentations we use in our decision-making is available for the public and can be found at [paradisevalleyaz.gov](http://paradisevalleyaz.gov). Go to "Government" then "Agendas and Meetings."

We also mail information to your homes. Once or twice a year we publish the Town Reporter, a mini magazine with useful homeowner information and updates on elections, the general plan and major town projects. We also mail brochures, postcards or letters about wash maintenance, storm water management, hillside building codes or pool management.

Finally, if your neighbor or the town wants to make a change to property near you that requires public notification, you will receive a postcard or letter inviting you to come to a meeting or provide comment.

## Voice your opinion

Call, write or email any Town Council member via their contact information on the town website. You

can also reach out to staff members with questions or issues.

You are welcome at any Town Council meeting, which is open to the public and includes an agenda item where you can speak for three minutes on any topic. Simply show up and register to speak. Alternatively, you can submit an eComment via the town's website.

If you wish to comment on matters before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment, there are public hearings scheduled on items prior to a vote. You can also email members of the Commission or Board via a link on the town website.

Finally, if there is a proposed change to property near you that requires public input, you will be notified of multiple public or neighborhood meetings where you will have a chance to attend and provide comment or submit comments in writing.

Your Town Council is a committed group of seven volunteers who care about our town. I'm confident speaking for all of us when I say we genuinely want to hear from you. Let us know what you think.

**Anna Thomasson is a former vice mayor and a second term Town Council member who can be reached at [athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov).**



# the phoenix symphony

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Julie Pace and David Selden applaud the many Paradise Valley residents who support non-profits in the Valley. Non-profits are critical to our quality of life and to the economic vitality of our community. Paradise Valley residents are respected and appreciated for their generosity.

We are both proud to have donated more than \$2 million of pro bono legal services to the Phoenix Symphony during the past 40 years, and David is the longest running Board Member of the Phoenix Symphony. Learn more or buy tickets at [phoenixsymphony.org](http://phoenixsymphony.org)

Julie also was one of the co-founding board members of the Southwest Shakespeare Company. [swshakespeare.org](http://swshakespeare.org)



Please enjoy and consider the organizations we support, including the Phoenix Symphony, Desert Botanical Garden, the Musical Instrument Museum, the Phoenix Art Museum, the Heard Museum, Liberty Wildlife, the Arizona Humane Society, Nature Conservancy, Save the Family, Paradise Valley Mountain Preserve Trust, Mesa Arts Center, the Scottsdale Cultural Council, and more. <https://www.phoenixsymphony.org/>



## town classics



### El Chorro Restaurant

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- Address: 5550 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

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- Address: 6114 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85253

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# A lifetime of philanthropy TPV couple gives back

Beth McRae and Bill Dougherty love their Valley community and support it in several ways.

Bill is the publisher of Trends Magazine, and he continually highlights and celebrates the numerous nonprofits throughout the Valley through his "Charity Spotlights" and coverage of fundraising events since he took over the publication in 2000. Bill got his volunteerism start working and chairing events for organizations like the Scottsdale Artist School and others.

Beth started her nonprofit work at age 8 by selling painted desert rocks on the side of the road with her sister to raise money for the Arizona Humane Society. This blossomed into pet shows and carnivals in the McRae family backyard to raise more money for homeless animals. She and her sister Stephanie and mom Betty would go on to found Compassion With Fashion in 1998 to benefit the Arizona Humane Society. The event is celebrating 25 years in 2023 and has raised millions of dollars for animals.

Beth and Bill attend various nonprofit events to give back via Trends Magazine coverage. Both are avid volunteers, having chaired the Phoenix Symphony Ball (with the McRae family) and the 50th Anniversary of the American Cancer Society



*Bill Dougherty and Beth McRae have each contributed significantly to giving back to their community. (Submitted photo)*

Gala together. They often open their home to host events for the Phoenix Art Museum and others.

Beth has branched out beyond those events to chair Moondance at the Heard, 50th Anniversary Phoenix Heart Ball, Phoenix Museum of History Gala, the American Cancer Society Gala (three times total) and An Evening of Trends Gala, to name a few. She's currently co-chairing Runway for Research, benefiting TGen. She serves on the boards of the Junior League of Phoenix Foundation and the FBI Phoenix Citizen's Academy. She helped found the American Cancer Society's Phoenix board of directors and is the chair of

the Phoenix Art Museum's Circles of Support group. She is a new member of the Paradise Valley Arts Board.

In addition to volunteerism, Beth runs a PR firm (The McRae Agency) and is the owner of High Society Resale Boutique in Scottsdale. Through High Society, she actively donates to Dress for Success, Harvest Compassion and PACC911. She has given pro bono PR assistance to Read Better Be Better and PACC911, among others.

Beth, her sister, Stephanie, and mom, Betty, were recently recognized with the "It Takes a Village" award at Childsplay for their lifelong contributions to the community.

The apples don't fall far from the tree: Bill's father was a founder of Orphans International in Orange County (now called Childhelp) and Beth's parents were heavily involved in the Arizona Science Center, Waste Not, Phoenix Heart Ball, Junior League, Visiting Nurses, Kappa Kappa Gamma alum group, FIJI alum group, Arizona Community Foundation, Food for the Hungry, HomeBase Youth Services and many more.

Beth and Bill look forward to many more future opportunities to serve their beautiful community.



*“ Love that we can live in this small town nestled within a major city. Both of us volunteer within the community which has undoubtedly contributed to making PV feel like home. Our son was the first PV baby born on Jan. 1, 2011. We take full advantage of the ability to walk/ride bikes to restaurants and stores, the hiking trails and enjoying the numerous resorts. Living in PV is one of the best decisions we ever made. We have fantastic neighbors who enrich our daily lives!”*

**Laura Paquelet-Carpinelli**  
Paradise Valley resident  
10-plus years & Chair of Arts Board

Pictured with husband, Rick, and son, Charles

*By Carol Dries, Paradise Valley resident*

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# WHY PV SHINES IN ARIZONA!

I was supposed to visit for the weekend. I ended up staying forever.

Growing up in Cincinnati, I was intrigued when a friend invited me to visit him in Arizona. I wondered whether the state had more than cowboys, horses and desert. Even if that's all it had, I was excited to check it out.

Turns out Arizona had a lot more; one of the jewels being Paradise Valley.

Even though I couldn't afford to live in PV when I first moved out here after that 1981 visit, owning a home in PV was a goal. Eventually, I was fortunate to be able to move to PV and it was everything I thought it would be... and so much more.

Why does PV shine so brightly in my eyes, and I expect yours too?

## VALUE...

Did you know that while home prices in the Arizona market were down roughly 9% after last year's rapid rise in interest rates, PV home values actually went up 2.3%? The average sale price in PV was a little over \$3,550,000. PV shined brightly above other AZ communities.

## STABILITY...

In April of this year, the number of homes that came on the market in PV was at the lowest level in 23 years. People love living here. We come to PV and we don't leave! Because we love living here, a smaller percentage of homes come on the market, which helps the price of our homes. In other words, PV is a very stable market with values that stick and neighbors who do too.

## GOVERNMENT...

There are roughly 6,700 single family homes in PV. About 4900 are primary residences, 1300 are secondary residences and 440 are rentals. The small remainder are vacant. When short-term rentals started hurting other communities, our local government fought a 2-year battle to tightly control them and preserve our lifestyle and community. It was successful!

## RESIDENTS...

With high profile residents such as the Kellogg family and Muhammad Ali (who once fondly referred to me as the "Muhammad Ali of real estate"), it is no surprise that Paradise Valley

enjoys a reputation as home to some of Arizona's most prominent influencers.

## DENSITY...

Despite a population of about 14,000, PV's low-density zoning restrictions allow us to benefit from generously spaced homes while maintaining the natural surroundings and the privacy we all so covet. Framed by breathtaking mountains like the legendary Camelback range, the spacious feel of Paradise Valley is another reason it shines so brightly as a community.

## SERENITY...

As I make the evening drive from the busy thoroughfare that surrounds my Scottsdale office and cross over into Paradise Valley, I always seem to relax in my car while making the transition from Scottsdale into PV.

As much as I love driving briskly with my Porsche, I slow down to a crawl when I enter PV to enjoy the rest of my drive home. And then I enter my Paradise Valley driveway and settle into the tranquility of my forever home.

I love this paradise so much I even had my wedding to Teresa performed here at the Sanctuary Resort!

I have discovered that the closer we get to being who we really are, the brighter we shine. Paradise Valley has helped me shine. So in my eyes, Paradise Valley not only shines, it sparkles. As Brad Goreski once said, our "future's so bright, I gotta wear shades."



*Greg & Teresa Hague in the backyard of their PV residence.*

## town classics



### elements Restaurant at Sanctuary Camelback Mountain

Indulge in culinary delights and impeccable service at elements featuring an array of farm-fresh American Cuisine with Asian accents. Inspired seasonal menus incorporate local, organic produce and sustainable seafood. Savor delicious, diverse fare, as well as vegetarian and gluten-free options.

- Hours: breakfast is served 7-11 a.m. Monday-Friday; lunch 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 5-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 5-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Brunch is 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Address: 5700 E. McDonald Drive

### Prado Restaurant at Montelucia Resort and Spa

Featuring a festive and communal atmosphere, Prado is a picturesque restaurant reminiscent of an old-world dining room. Offering seasonal Spanish-influenced fare for an approachable American palate, Prado reflects the unique flavor and heritage of Spain's Andalusian region.

- Hours: Open for breakfast, dinner and tapas daily; brunch is offered 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

- Address: 4949 E. Lincoln Drive

By Jim Hawthorne, Advisory Committee on public safety

# Keeping yourself safe from crime

A popular comedian, Bill Engvall, has made a career poking fun at basic human flaws by saying "here's your sign" when somebody does or says something ill-advised.

Our Paradise Valley Police Department works hard to protect the citizens and property of this community, but at times they must wonder about some of the things our residents do that only make their jobs more difficult.

Case in point: in January of 2023, 100% of all thefts from vehicles in Paradise Valley occurred in unlocked vehicles, 50% of home burglaries in unlocked homes, and 100% of stolen vehicles were left unlocked..

Have you found yourself doing the following:

- Leave the car running or unlocked when you run back into the house because you forgot something? Here's your sign!
- Leave your home unlocked while you go for a cup of coffee with a neighbor? Here's your sign!
- Leave a backpack or a purse in plain sight as you make a quick trip to a Starbucks for your

favorite Latte? Here's your sign!

By keeping our doors locked and valuables out of plain sight we are telling criminals "Here's your sign" to move along.

Just take a moment and remember to protect our town and our neighbors by taking your keys when you leave your car, lock your home and car, and hide your personal property. Let's partner with the police in keeping our community safe and make sure to do our 9 o'clock walks.

### 9 O'clock Walk:

It's 9 p.m., and it's time to take your 9 o'clock walk!

Remember to lock all doors and windows before you go to sleep. This will help to prevent burglaries and other crimes.

Also, remove all valuables from your car including wallets, phone, and laptops. This will make it less likely that your car will be broken into.

The 9 o'clock walk is a simple but effective way to help keep your property safe. So don't forget to do it tonight.

Remember to do the 9 o'clock walk every night. It's a great way to stay safe and get some exercise.

*If you were going to hang out with friends or family in/around the Town of Paradise Valley, where would you go and why?*

*We enjoy hosting, and our own backyard is wonderful to swim, play with the dog, barbeque, and watch the sunset over Camelback Mountain. But my go-to place is the Sanctuary Resort. I love it there. It's a magical place to relax and recharge. Also, I need somewhere to burn off El Chorro Sticky Buns!*

*-Joan Levinson*

*Paradise Valley resident and local Realtor*



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# Must try restaurants in the PV area



Pictured at left is bruschetta from spot No. 1, Fratelli La Bufala; On right is the Limoncello Margarita from spot No. 2, Picazzo's Healthy Italian Kitchen. (Submitted photos)

Are you looking for a new restaurant? Or maybe a fun brunch menu for the weekend? We've compiled a list of popular, new and delicious eateries around the Paradise Valley area that all residents should know about!

## Now Open

### 1. Fratelli La Bufala

• 7300 N. Via Paseo del Sur, suite B at The Grove

A piece of Italy has arrived in the heart of Scottsdale, with Fratelli La Bufala proudly making the Arizona debut of its second U.S. location.

Fratelli La Bufala invites guests to feel at home with delicious main menu favorites, including Gnocchi

alla Sorrentina, homemade ricotta gnocchi, Grass Fed Angus Beef "Arizona Burger," Parmigiana in Carrozza, deep fried eggplant parmigiana ball served with tomato sauce, and fresh basil, Cannoli, crispy wafers filled with ricotta cheese and dark chocolate and pistachio and almonds and Croccantino Caprese, couscous deep fried fior di latte mozzarella, fresh tomatoes, and EVOO served on a bed of arugula.

Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Sunday; happy hour is available at the bar only 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

## Must Try

### 2. Picazzo's Healthy Italian Kitchen

• 4669 E. Cactus Road, Phoenix

Stop in to Picazzo's to try the Elote Pizza — Mexican street corn gets reimagined on Picazzo's Elote Pizza. This pizza, available with regular, gluten-free vegan, or cauliflower crust is brushed with a buttery-garlic sauce, and topped with mozzarella, corn and red onions, and herbed parmesan, drizzled with a spicy chipotle sauce and finished with fresh cilantro. This craveable pizza is a Mexican Italian fusion not to be missed.

While you're there, try the Limoncello Margarita — The perfect spring sipper, Picazzo's new limoncello margarita puts a lemony spin on the classic margarita.



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“The biggest difference to me between other communities and Paradise Valley, is the emphasis we as a community put on prioritizing open space. This comes in the form of primarily one acre or larger residential lots, strict guidelines on setbacks and stringent criteria for variances. The Town respects that culture, and our Brand, and continues to work hard to preserve those goals.”

**Christine Labelle**  
Council member

## good eats



### 3. Hearth '61 at Mountain Shadows

- 5445 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley

For meat lovers, the Niman Ranch Tenderloin of Beef has become a true staple at Hearth '61. The steak is complemented by a bleu cheese fondue, savory red wine demi glace and truffled mashed potatoes. To make the red wine demi, the kitchen simmers roasted veal bones with tomato paste, celery, onion, carrots, and other aromatics, then reduces it down to the ideal consistency. A port-and-cabernet sauvignon reduction makes for the perfect finishing touch.

### 4. Over Easy

- 10637 N. Tatum Blvd. suite 101, Phoenix — plus 10 other locations

Craving a yummy breakfast? Try Golden Waffle Dogs at Over Easy. As seen on Food Networks 'The Best Thing I Ever Ate,' Over Easy's Golden Waffle Dogs are arguably one of the most unique and popular menu items on the breakfast café's menu. Dipped in vanilla waffle batter and fried until golden brown, these hearty sausage links are served on a stick for the ultimate syrup dipping experience.

### 5. Pita Jungle

- Multiple locations; three nearest Paradise Valley are: Arcadia, Old Town

Scottsdale & Shea Boulevard

No visit at local favorite Pita Jungle, is complete without ordering hummus! The restaurant group has been known for serving the best hummus made in-house for almost three decades in the Valley. Guests can choose from their classic hummus, roasted bell pepper hummus or spice it up with their cilantro jalapeño hummus.

### 6. The Collins Small Batch Kitchen

- 3160 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix

Chef Christopher Collins serves up his takes on classic American dishes alongside a carefully crafted cocktail menu. A must try item to start with at The Collins are the Charred Brussel Sprouts (candied bacon, 'low & slow' garlic, and balsamic reduction). The Collins is open from 4-9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 4-10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and closed on Sunday. Daily happy hour is also available from 4 to 6 p.m..

### 7. Merkin Vineyards

- 133 E. Stetson Drive, suite 105, Scottsdale

A perfect pairing to their pizza and wines, Merkin Vineyards offers house made, hand crafted gelati and sorbetti by Merkin's gelato chef Kelley E. Foy. Each flavor is created using Arizona produced dairy and fresh ingredients grown in the Merkin Vineyards green

## Scottsdale's Zamora Acupuncture Offers Hope for Back Pain and Nerve Pain, Even After Failed Surgeries



Dr. Kourtney Zamora, D.Ac.

Dr. Kourtney Zamora, D.Ac., specializes in evidence-based traditional Chinese acupuncture, helping patients alleviate pain and improve their quality of life.

For those who have been struggling with chronic back pain or nerve pain, even after undergoing unsuccessful back surgery, there's a beacon of hope in North Scottsdale: Zamora Acupuncture. Dr. Kourtney Zamora, a Doctor of Acupuncture, has been providing pain-relieving acupuncture for over nine years. She has a focus in treating chronic pain and nerve disorders.

She relocated to North Scottsdale with her family from Washington state in January 2022 and has since become an active member of the Scottsdale community. As early as 16 years old, she describes working in a nursing home as a nursing assistant. As a healthcare provider, she is compassionate and loves what she does. She holds a Bachelor of

Science in Public Health. Dr. Zamora later earned her master's and doctorate degrees in Acupuncture and is board certified through the NCCAOM.

Dr. Zamora's most rewarding experience comes from witnessing her patients' progress and improvement throughout their treatments. Patients who initially feel impatient for results eventually experience the benefits of acupuncture, leading to a more positive outlook on life. Patients say things like, "I was able to take my dog for a walk without my sciatic pain acting up the rest of the day. I slept all night without waking up with nerve pain in my feet." And "I was able to complete 18 holes of golf, which I haven't been able to do in years!"

If you are suffering in pain, schedule a complimentary consultation at Zamora Acupuncture to discuss your condition. It's never too late to start your journey to better health.

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### 8. POMO Pizzeria

- 8977 N. Scottsdale Road, suite 504

POMO Pizzeria is a true authentic Italian dining experience where you can indulge in mouthwatering Neapolitan pizzas, homemade pastas, and an array of expertly crafted entrees and cocktails. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. To make reservations and for more information, visit [www.pomopizzeria.com](http://www.pomopizzeria.com).

### 9. 32 Shea

- 10626 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix

32 Shea turned a drive-thru fotomat into a flex concept in the heart of Phoenix. Operating seven days a week, the local hot spot also offers a 12-hour happy hour from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Guests can order counter-service for breakfast and lunch or enjoy full-service dinner in the intimate lounge or on the lush patio. An espresso bar and café serving hand-crafted drinks is available all day and the entire menu is available at the drive thru window.

### 10. CRUjiente Tacos

- 3961 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix

Co-founder and Executive Chef Rich Hinojosa brings an award-winning, modern neighborhood taqueria featuring globally-influenced tacos, tapa-style eats and magnificent margaritas with fresh ingredients and high-quality agave-based spirits. The namesake crujiente or crunchy style tacos are a must and come in variations such as beef, pork, lamb and potato.

### 11. Tarbell's

- 3213 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix

This nationally-recognized contemporary American restaurant committed to food and beverage excellence is helmed by James Beard Foundation nominated Chef Mark Tarbell and consistently executes dishes with refined, well-sourced ingredients and French culinary techniques. There is a large selection of ingredient-driven options on this menu depending on each guest's mood, with signature meals like "The Meatball" with Spaghetti, made with organic marinara sauce, as well as dishes driven by the season's freshest bounty, such as the Seared Georges Bank Scallops that are expertly crafted with roasted tomato whipped potatoes, mushroom, snap peas and a scallop bisque. Next door to Tarbell's is Tarbell's Wine Store, a neighborhood gem and a boutique wine and spirits store offering wine and spirit memberships, tasting events, exclusive wine dinners, a wine bar, and a curated selection of the finest spirits.

## history notables



Four generations of women lived in the town, from left, Bette Phee El Wardani, Beth Wickstrom, Bess Schaffner and Mary Walton. (Submitted photo)



“ I love living in the Town of Paradise Valley because it is where I grew up and it is my home. I have not been to any other place where I would prefer to live.”

**Beth Wickstrom**  
40-plus year resident

## mayors of the past

May 1961-Oct. 1962: Patrick G. Downey  
 Oct. 1962-April 1972: Jack B. Huntress  
 April 1972-Aug. 1975: E. Roberts Tribken  
 April 1975-April 1980: Barbara vonAmmon  
 April 1980-April 1984: J. Duncan Brock  
 April 1984-April 1986: Joan R. Lincoln  
 April 1986-April 1990: Robert W. Plenge  
 April 1990-April 1992: Kent D. Wick  
 April 1992-April 1994: David Hann  
 April 1994-April 1996: Joan Horne  
 April 1996-June 1998: Marvin Davis  
 June 1998-June 2004: Edward F. Lowry  
 June 2004-June 2006: Ron Clarke  
 June 2006-June 2008: Ed Winkler  
 June 2008-June 2010: Vernon Parker  
 June 2010-Dec. 2014: Scott LeMarr \*  
 June 2015-June 2018:: Michael Collins  
 Jan. 2019-Current: Jerry Bien-Willner

\*2012-2014 First direct election of mayor

## Paradise Valley by the numbers

- 1961 was the year of incorporation
- 12,658 people called Paradise Valley home in 2020
- 5,064 households in town
- 72% of Paradise Valley residents have a bachelors degree or higher
- \$203,659 is the median household income



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# Meet Leslie Sandbulte, Paradise Valley's artist in residence



*Leslie Sandbulte, Paradise Valley's Featured Artist for 2022-23, at the opening reception of her exhibit at Town Hall in 2022. (Special to the Independent/Arianna Grainey)*

Each year the Paradise Valley Arts Board honors an artist in the community with the opportunity to present their work in a year-long display at Town Hall where visitors and residents alike can enjoy the pieces and purchase them.

Leslie Sandbulte is the featured artist for 2022-23.

Behind the scenes, the members of the Arts Board spend years in advance preparing for their upcoming featured artists, sourcing candidates who are town residents by word of mouth and touring those artists' studios. Laura Paquelet-Carpinelli, chair of the board, said that Sandbulte was already in consideration around three years ago.

"It's actually a little bit cumbersome because a lot of the artists that we have are working artists that sell their work, so to put on a show they need to have enough pieces of work,"

Paquelet-Carpinelli said.

Planning the featured artist in advance allows for the given artist to have time to develop and choose what work they'd like to feature. For Sandbulte's collection, she said that there are around 30 different paintings included.

Unlike a typical art gallery, the town does not take a commission of the profit when one of the pieces is sold. Paquelet-Carpinelli said that 100% of the profits go to the artist.

"If the artist wants to replace a painting that sold, he or she may choose to do that or not," she said. "And it may get replaced immediately or not for a month or two after they create a new one, so it's very organic."

All of the pieces displayed are available for purchase, but whether they are replaced is the artist's prerogative. Sandbulte's exhibition is free to the

public during Town Hall's operating hours and will be there until the end of September 2023.

"We don't just do it because we like Leslie, right?" she said. "We do like Leslie, we love Leslie, but we're doing it to help build community and create an event that's free for the community."

Through the Featured Artist opportunity, Paradise Valley residents are essentially able to get to know one of their neighbors through their artwork, Paquelet-Carpinelli continued. The Paradise Valley Arts Board, aside from the Featured Artist program, also contributes events that celebrate the arts in the community.

"It's not art, nor is it community," Paquelet-Carpinelli

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*By Caroline Yu, Independent Newsmedia*



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# Getting to know Sandbulte

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said. “It’s both, where the art helps build community and the community steps in and supports the art.”

A long-time Seattle resident, Leslie Sandbulte didn’t begin her career as a professional, full-time artist until her mid-40s. Before launching this era of her career, she was still tied to the arts, teaching art lessons in a private setting to students of all ages.

The turning point came when she developed a liking for Russian impressionism — a sub-genre that depicts subjects in a poetic and lyrical way — while taking a class at the Scottsdale Artists’ School.

Given this influence, her pieces create a narrative with what appears to be just a simple portrait. Paquelet-Carpinelli talked about how

looking at her work can raise many questions about the subject’s intent or emotions.

Reading an excerpt of her speech for Sandbulte’s opening reception, Paquelet-Carpinelli said, “To me, it is simply impressive how Leslie managed to create so many different characters oozing endless amounts of personality and igniting our curiosity about what the subjects are pondering.”

She continued to say that Sandbulte’s work to her stood out from the other artists considered because of this different storytelling quality.

Sandbulte, who’s been a resident of Paradise Valley now for about seven years, made the move to the Valley after deciding to focus on her own art as well as her ties to the Scottsdale Artists’ School where she first was

inspired to pursue this passion.

“I told my husband, ‘I need to do this for about 10 years, so don’t ask me when I’m going to make money because I probably won’t for 10 years, but I will make it someday. Someday I will make it,’” Sandbulte said of her transition from exclusively teaching art.

She made that deadline. Over those 10 years, Sandbulte worked on her craft and was even picked up by an art gallery in Scottsdale.

Now, she has her own studio in Old Town Scottsdale where she displays and sells her work. When asked about what works she chose to display in the Featured Artist exhibition, Sandbulte said that she told the board during their studio tour that they could take all the work that she had on display.


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*Giving her work to be displayed at Town Hall, Sandbulte explained that it’s a rewarding experience to share her finished pieces with others. (Special to the Independent/Arianna Graine)*

# Welcome from Stone Canyon Neighbors!

**W**e are excited that you have chosen to live in our unique Town with its scenic vistas, iconic mountains, open space, and dark skies. We are the Stone Canyon neighbors who live on the northside of Camelback Mountain. We are strong advocates for our Town's quality of life and have worked with others to stop developments, projects, and policies that do not support our Town values.

## *Our neighborhood has:*

1. Been instrumental in conserving open space high on Camelback Mountain by encouraging and supporting donations of private property
2. Opposed variances and applications for developments that would result in scarring Town mountains
3. Supported restricting dynamiting on the mountains
4. Worked to ensure safety in hillside construction
5. Addressed drainage and infrastructure issues that affect our hillsides and valley
6. Opposed reducing setbacks in front yards
7. Advocated for the landscaped medians on McDonald Drive
8. Initiated and worked to underground utilities

In addition, a group of Stone Canyon neighbors developed and published a children's book, *The Story of Camelback Mountain* by Estelle Cohen and Pam Hait and illustrated by Sebastien Millon to teach children the value of conservation. Because of generous PV donors, 100% of the proceeds from book sales benefit the Paradise Valley Mountain Preservation Trust (PVMPT). To date we have sold approximately 2000 copies.

*We invite you to join us in our mission to keep the paradise in Paradise Valley. It's an important job and we welcome your help.*

## **With Warmest Regards,**

Stone Canyon Residents

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By Ed Winkler, former Paradise Valley mayor



# Veterans Day car show etches place in Paradise Valley history



It all began in the fall of 2005, when then-Mayor Ron Clarke and I, then vice mayor, proposed to the Town Council the idea of sponsoring a vintage car show.

On Nov. 11, the Paradise Valley mayor and Town Council will invite all town residents to the Annual Paradise Valley Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show. This is the 18th year that the town has sponsored the show and again, we will honor our veterans and active service military.

The vintage car show creates an opportunity for residents of Paradise Valley that own and appreciate collector cars to meet at the Town Hall Parking lot and discuss one of our favorite passions, the automo-

bile. You do not need to be a resident to display your car or to attend the show, it is open to everyone.

To be eligible, automobiles must be pre-1983 sports, antique, special interest, race car, truck or motorcycle. We request a minimum donation of \$50 from each car participant, but there is no fee to come to view the vintage cars. All proceeds are donated to two Arizona Veterans' organizations: Sentinels of Freedom and Military Assistance Mission.

The Paradise Valley Vintage Car Show has been recognized as one of the best car shows in the Valley. We are very fortunate that we have many car collectors in Paradise Valley who enjoy sharing their vin-

tage cars with all who attend. The show is a true family event, it is not unusual to see multiple family generations spending the morning viewing the cars and talking to the owners.

I believe the kids have the best time at the show. They get to explore automotive features they have never seen before. They gain a whole new vocabulary, such as running board, rumble seat, hood ornament, well you get the idea.

This is the largest attended event that is sponsored by the town and if you have missed it in the past, please put Nov. 11 on your calendar.

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By Jerry Bien-Willner, Town of Paradise Valley mayor



# Thankful for community

Friends,

It's common to hear from people — both visitors and residents — that the first part of our town's name fits perfectly: Paradise. I couldn't agree more.

The beauty of our town is obvious. And the impressive property values in our town, a reflection of our common commitment to the best and safest neighborhoods with limited, responsible government, are also apparent. But I think what really sets our town apart is our unique sense community and respect.

When our town was incorporated just over 60 years ago, it was viewed as an experiment. Our focus on low-density residential charm, nestled within larger and more commercialized surroundings, was innovative. Today, it's clear the experiment

continues to be a great success. And, as your mayor, I see and feel regularly the respect for the traditions we love about our town, and respect for one another.

Our community's warmth and independent streak continue to run deep. In Paradise Valley, one can engage easily with friendly neighbors or enjoy other forms of socializing both in town and in our surrounding communities, but also experience real privacy and tranquility whenever desired. I often describe this common spirit as a "live and let live" ethos that prioritizes win/win solutions, rather than zero-sum outcomes.

And you never know who you may meet in our town. There really are exceptional people here from all walks of life, and just about every field. I'm always interested to hear the incredible life stories and

to understand what brought people to our town, and what they value about it.

There is so much to learn from the people in our community.

Whether it's from a causal conversation, or in other forums — such as the new "Coffee with the Mayor" meetings I am enjoying hosting at Town Hall — community feedback is so important and valuable. Please feel welcome at all town meetings.

I am so grateful for the privilege to serve our outstanding community, and I am as confident as ever in the town's bright future. I welcome your contact and input.

Let's keep lighting the way together!

**Bien-Willner has been the town's mayor since 2019.**

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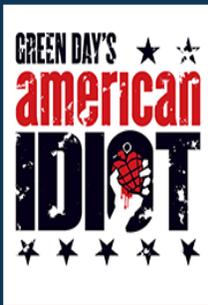
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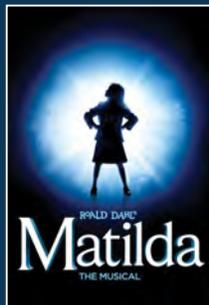
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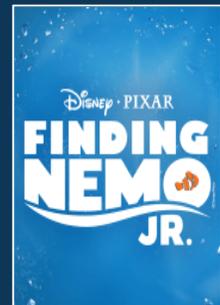
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