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A rose in full bloom greets visitors outside the main entrance to Town Hall. (Independent Newsmedia/ Ryan Winslett)

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People make Paradise Valley precious

Walt Disney noted, "You can design and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it takes people to make the dream a reality."

That rings true in most aspects of life, but it's especially the case for the people who live in the Town of Paradise Valley.

Councilmember Julie Pace writes about the wonderful people of TPV, along with many other joyful stories submitted by her fellow elected officials.

The Town of Paradise Valley Independent has been serving the community for forty years. We're blessed to have the longtime support of advertisers to bring you news and publications to preserve democracy on the local level.

We 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 63 years old on May 25, 2024. 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, keep the area entirely residential and 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.

We hope you enjoy this year's theme celebrating people.

Happy perusing!

By Charlene Bisson, Independent Newsmedia

By Jerry Bien-Willner, Town of Paradise Valley mayor

Paradise Valley is soaring to new heights

Dear fellow Paradise Valley residents,

We are blessed to live in a great community, and I continue to feel so honored to serve you as your mayor.

Paradise Valley's standing continues to reach new heights, and the town is in a great position financially and across all other important metrics. I hope you are as proud to call our peaceful and friendly town home as my family and I are.

Our town was recognized this year as topping the list of Arizona communities with the highest real estate value appreciation, creating value for all of our resident homeowners. Over the past five years, the average home price in Paradise Valley has increased by almost $1.5 million. Clearly, our community's steadfast commitment to its foundational principles is a key driver of this continued ascent.

Protecting our low-density, high-quality residential character and limited government model that prioritizes top-level service and accountability in the areas in which the town engages has been fundamental to our ongoing success. As the chosen home of top leaders across many industries, our town is also an engine for Arizona's economic growth and vitality.

Paradise Valley has cemented a national reputation as an amazing place to live and a key asset to our state, and the high demand to live in the town proves it. I am very proud to have participated in the town's accomplishments over the past six years as your mayor, with your incredible support and encouragement.

With my time in local service nearing its conclusion, I want to thank you again for the great privilege to serve our wonderful community. We all play a vital role in keeping our town safe, stable and on top, especially through our choices in our local, county, and state elections.

I would like to thank the Paradise Valley Independent for putting together this publication, and for the important role it plays in keeping our citizens informed. With elections upcoming, please continue to educate yourselves on the issues and political candidates, and choose carefully and wisely so that we may all continue to enjoy a uniquely warm and thriving community for years to come.

Jerry Bien-Willner has been mayor since 2019 and is not seeking re-election in 2024.

The people are the heart of Paradise Valley

What is the "paradise" in Paradise Valley? We have a beautiful community with iconic mountains, open space, dark sky and desert ambience. The town is special, and that did not happen by chance.

The heart of Paradise Valley is the residents who are committed to building community, advocating for the mountains, engaging in philanthropic endeavors and fighting for our quality of life.

Leading philanthropist and longtime resident Jane Jozoff sums up her feelings stating, "Paradise Valley truly embodies the essence of paradise with its breathtaking landscapes, great neighborhoods and unwavering commitment to safety. The town boasts of impeccable beauty and tranquility. It radiates with a sense of security, providing residents with peace of mind in their everyday lives. My neighbors show warmth and kindness. Living here isn't just about finding a house, it's about discovering an unparalleled lifestyle."

Planning commissioner Pam Georgelos describes why she volunteers, saying Paradise Valley is a special town with beautiful mountains, natural desert, dark skies and amazing people.

"It is a limited government town filled with people who care about their community and volunteer their time and talent on its town council, boards, commissions, committees and judiciary," Georgelos said. "The town has residents like Hope Ozer, who has served on the Paradise Valley Board of Adjustment for over 30 years. She has also shaped the future of our children by founding Valley Youth Theatre and continues to share its magic by working tirelessly on the board.

"I am just following in the footsteps of people like Hope. I have served on the Paradise Valley Planning Commission and Hillside Building Committee for over five years because I care about our town. I continue to volunteer because I want to preserve our special town character and our beautiful mountains and to work for the balanced and thoughtful evolution of our town. I am just one of many people in Paradise Valley who volunteer to make our community a better place."

Our town loves the arts. The Paradise Valley Arts Board creates an annual art exhibit in Town Hall and also fosters school art exhibits. Laura Paquelet, chair of the PV Arts Board, said, "Being able to work with our volunteers to contribute to a community is a gift. I don't view it as a chore nor burden, but rather as an opportunity to work with like-minded people in hopes of enriching the lives of residents and visitors."

Our town's commitments to education and youth are part of the fabric of our community. Resident and School Board Member, Amy Carney, describes her commitment and volunteerism to Paradise Valley, "My husband, Keith, and I chose to move to Paradise Valley 25 years ago to live and raise our five sons and daughter. As a champion of children, I serve our local community on the Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board, as I believe our public schools in Paradise Valley and surrounding cities need to be a top education choice for families. I am also a strong advocate for foster care, mentorship and adoption, having adopted our youngest two boys here in Arizona."

The town also has social groups, such as the Town of Paradise Valley Women's Association (TPVWA), which has over 200 members and numerous activities. Brenda White states, "The TPVWA works to foster community and provides opportunities to develop lifelong friendships. As the president of TPVWA, I enjoy working alongside the lovely ladies to give back to our community and to work together to make Paradise Valley a truly exceptional place to call home."

Dolf Strom, the chair of Town of Paradise Valley Men's Breakfast, leads an informative discussion monthly on current events. Dolf provides the history of the group.

"I have been involved for many years in attending and helping to run the Town of Paradise Valley Men's Breakfast," he said. "The group was founded by Chris Christy. His wife, Dee Christy, was a member of the TPVWA and it was having a woman's bridge game at her house. She told her husband, Chris, to find something to do like having breakfast with some of your guy friends. That was our start.

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PHOTOS ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT: JANE JOZOFF WITH HER HUSBAND, MAL. (SUBMITTED PHOTO), PAMELA GEORGELOS (SUBMITTED PHOTO), LAURA PAQUELET (SUBMITTED PHOTO), AMY CARNEY (SUBMITTED PHOTO), BRENDA WHITE (SUBMITTED PHOTO), DOLF STROM (SUBMITTED PHOTO), JIM ANTON (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

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

WHY I LOVE THIS TOWN

Paradise Valley people are the best. It is easy to get lost in the stunning mountains that surround us, but meeting our residents is my favorite aspect of the Town.

Thoughtful, unassuming, committed and engaged, you inspire my service and have moved me to run for Mayor. Whether at a school fundraiser, Coffee with a Cop, Planning Commission, neighborhood meeting, PV Arts Board or Historical Advisory Committee meeting, Town of Paradise Valley Women's Association events, monthly men's breakfast, with our short-term rental task force at the legislature, walking one of my German Shepherds, or gathering signatures to put my name on the ballot, I'm reminded daily of the genuinely nice people in town.

The emails I receive from residents inquiring about issues in their neighborhoods or making suggestions for improvements are passionate, yet constructive and positive reflections on improving our Town.

As your mayor, I promise to work together with you and our council to keep our world-class Paradise Valley, Paradise Valley!

Anna Thomasson
Councilmember and Candidate for Mayor

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Protecting the past, and future, through the Historic Property Recognition Program

One of Paradise Valley's historic properties, located at 6105 Joshua Tree Lane. (Independent Newsmedia/Ryan Winslett)

(Image courtesy Town of Paradise Valley)

DO YOU HAVE A HOME IN THE TOWN THAT IS AT LEAST 50 YEARS OLD AND HAS HISTORICAL VALUE?

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO DOWNLOAD THE HISTORIC PROPERTY RECOGNITION PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND APPLICATION.

OR VISIT: https://shorturl.at/nuBC6

The Town of Paradise Valley was incorporated in 1961. Prior to that it was county land, being encroached on its borders by neighboring cities of Scottsdale and Phoenix and would most likely have been incorporated into one of them had our insightful town founders not banded together to incorporate and create the Town of Paradise Valley.

Since then, the Town has grown to over 12,000 residents, and many of the original historic and architecturally significant homes have made way for new homes and resorts.

Progress and redevelopment are healthy and inevitable in a growing and desirable community, but there is a balance that can be struck to preserve our heritage. Unlike some nearby municipalities, Paradise Valley does not have historic overlays and zoning regulations that protect and codify historic properties.

In an effort to create a way to preserve our heritage, the Town of Paradise Valley and the Historical Advisory Committee established The Historic Property Recognition Program that allows for a property to be submitted for consideration if it meets the requirements of the program. The program is voluntary and does not impose any regulations on the recognized property.

The dedicated team of the Historic Advisory committee, chaired by Catherine Kauffman and aided by volunteers Jennifer Gustafson, Jenny Nagel, Kathryn Gasser, Beth Wickstrom, Maureen Strom, Julie Garrison and newly-appointed member, Susan Shultz, have helped to assure the success of the program.

The first home recognized was 7530 N. Hummingbird Way on Oct. 26, 2023.

Since then, four more homes have been granted the recognition:

5150 E. Orchid Lane
6105 E. Joshua Tree Lane
6525 N. 46th Street
6330 E. McDonald Drive

This program is a welcome addition to the committee's other important work, which includes interviews with our past town leaders, historians and influencers, and also archiving our important documents and memorabilia.

As council liaison to the committee, I thank everyone who has supported the program, including our Town Council and our amazing staff. Most importantly, a big recognition and resounding "thank you" to the property owners themselves, who have allowed us all the privilege and opportunity to help them preserve and celebrate not just their homes, but our heritage as a town.

Citizens can submit an application or nominate a property by simply going to our website at ParadiseValleyAZ.gov and searching for "Historic Property Application" or scan the accompanying QR code.

A unique entryway to the historic property located at 6525 N. 46th Street. (Independent Newsmedia/Ryan Winslett)

By Christine Labelle, Town of Paradise Valley Council member

Paradise Valley Hilltop Estate

UNMATCHED CITY AND MOUNTAIN VIEWS from this spectacular single level home, located on 1.6 acres on a private cul-de-sac lot. As you enter, you'll be amazed by the height of the ceilings and walls of glass. No detail was over-looked in this custom built contemporary residence. Gallery hallway running length of the home. Primary suite with sitting room, 2 closets, slab granite baths, wood paneled study with workroom, 1000 sq foot gym with bath & closet, Marble and granite floors throughout, 2 powder rooms, kitchen featuring butler's pantry, open to family room, wine closet, bar, formal dining room, guest suite with living area & kitchen, spectacular backyard with tiled pool, spa and pond, 2 firepits. Gated circular drive, 4 car garage and ample parking.

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Built on volunteerism, thriving on volunteerism

Many of humanity's most impressive accomplishments have been achieved through herculean feats of vision, will, spirit…and volunteerism.

Volunteerism is a thread that connects us to one another. Whether in doing a favor for a friend or loved one, contributing to a beloved cause, or pursuits to accomplish a goal for the communal good, taking action without expectation of like return is precisely where volunteerism lives.

The town of Paradise Valley is one such example.

Paradise Valley was incorporated in 1961, thanks to the efforts of a handful of residents who joined together and formed the Citizens Committee for the Incorporation of The Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona, one of whom was former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Justice O'Connor is widely regarded as the PV resident who most comprehensively established the Town of Paradise Valley. Legend tells that, in support of our one-acre zoning and no commercial zoning within the proposed town boundaries, she and her husband walked the neighborhoods, asking for signatures on the petition to officially and legally incorporate as a town.

Without the O'Connors' foresight and dedication to the idea of incorporating the Town of Paradise Valley, plus their strong volunteer spirit to fuel their motivation to that cause, our beautiful and unique community might be extremely different today.

But we're all very fortunate that their resolve was strong, and their plans were solid, as we do enjoy a singular kind of community here in Paradise Valley, one in which that strong volunteer spirit lives on.

Since May of 1961, when PV was incorporated, many devoted volunteers have stepped up to serve our residents, including those who've served on our judicial bench, numerous boards, committees, and commission, and those who've been elected mayor and our Town Council.

All have shown a drive to protect the unique character of Paradise Valley, and we're lucky to have enjoyed such devoted leadership even today, with our current mayor and my fellow council members.

If you would be interested in learning more about any of Paradise Valley's volunteer positions or the Town Council, it would be my pleasure to talk with you and learn about what you see for the future of Paradise Valley and its volunteer opportunities. Visit paradisevalleyaz.gov or reach out via email to smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov.

PICTURED: Sandra Day O'Connor, first female Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. (Wikimedia)

By Scott Moore, Town of Paradise Valley Council member

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

Julie also was one of the co-founding board members of the Southwest Shakespeare Company. 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/

By Mark Stanton, Town of Paradise Valley vice mayor

Public safety a top priority in the Town of Paradise Valley

The Town of Paradise Valley has always been known for its stunning natural beauty, world-class resorts and high-quality, residential quality of life. It has also been committed to the highest level of public safety.

In 1961, Paradise Vally was incorporated as a town. The premise of that incorporation was to develop a town with a limited government model focused on resident services. Those public services include the Paradise Valley Police Department, Fire Protection Services from the Phoenix Fire Department and dedicated ambulance service. In 1983, Paradise Valley began its own police department. Since then, Paradise Valley has established one of the most responsive and reliable police departments, offering traditional law enforcement services and crime prevention as well as creating a concierge police department unlike any other in the country. All of these services provide dependable, responsive and professional public safety for our residents and guests.

The Paradise Valley Police Department is fully staffed and managed by well-trained public safety professionals. Under the skilled leadership of Police Chief Freeman Carney, the Paradise Valley Police Department has a culture of professional, ethical, public service with a commitment to community engagement, unmatched anywhere in the country.

The mission of the Paradise Valley Police Department is to provide high-quality police services, reduce crime and the fear of crime, collaborating with citizens to preserve life, protect property, promote individual responsibility and encourage community involvement.

This mission includes recruiting and retaining the highest quality professional staff and sworn officers, utilizing the latest technology and constantly reviewing and improving public safety techniques and practices. From top-notch dispatching to rigorous detective work, the Paradise Valley Police Department develops and empowers personnel to provide customer service, professional skills and a focus on community engagement all geared for public safety.

In addition to 24-hour patrols, traffic enforcement and investigations, the Paradise Valley Police Department provides the following concierge services:

- Online crime stats and maps
- Alert Paradise Valley online and text resident public safety notification
- Vacation Property Watch
- Alarm monitoring
- You Are Not Alone (YANA) wellness checks
- Project Life Saver
- Blue Wednesday student liaison program
- Free Home Security Assessments
- Coffee with A Cop, monthly resident meetings with important public and community information and to meet the officers and detectives
- Advisory Committee on Public Safety, quarterly resident engagement public meetings
- Photo traffic enforcement monitoring systems
- Community Resource Officer available for neighborhood, community and HOA meetings

Paradise Valley initiated the use of photo traffic monitoring systems in 1987, the first town in the nation to have that system. Today those state-of-the-art advanced systems are in place and proven to increase traffic safety, stop collisions from occurring and reduce accidents and damage to property. Most importantly, those red light and fixed speed cameras are all posted and provide a safer community for residents and guests by helping reduce traffic speeds and red light accidents.

Although no community is immune from crime, Paradise Valley remains committed to meeting public safety challenges and providing high quality customer service.

Please do your part to prevent crime; keep your garage doors closed and your doors locked. Keep an eye out in the community, and if you see something unusual, always call the Paradise Valley Police. The police are there to protect our community and serve the residents, and they want you to call if you see any suspicious activity.

The Town of Paradise Valley is unique and our public safety team including police, fire and ambulance service provide 24/7 professional services for our beautiful town and all of our residents. ***To learn about all Paradise Valley Police Department programs and sign up for Alert Paradise Valley, visit paradisevalleypd.org.***

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Paradise Valley Arts Board celebrates three artists of distinction

Photos featuring the work of Dave McGary hang on the wall in Town Hall. (Independent Newsmedia/Ryan Winslett)

Each year Paradise Valley Town Hall council chambers come alive with a new art exhibit from a local artist curated by the all-volunteer, passionate Paradise Valley Arts Board. As we reflect on past featured artists, we highlight three noted sculptors.

Dave McGary sculpted proud historically authentic Native Americans with staggering realism. Many of us are probably familiar with his Chief Washakie keeping watch over the entry to Camelback Inn. This stunning piece is also in the U.S. Capitol National Statuary Hall and his other works can be found in our own Museum of the West as well as the Smithsonian Museum, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, the Buffalo Bill Historical Museum, the Gene Autry Museum, Concordia University and many more.

His sculptures are entirely bronze including the apparent beaded fabric, rumpled leather clothing and feathered headdresses. Even the slender strips of fringe and wispy feathers don't rustle as you touch the work and feel only the coolness of metal.

Visitors to Town Hall in 2002 were treated to a life-size monument, "Rain in the Face," his 6'10" tribute to Shoshone warrior Chief Washakie. A year later, Mr. McGary brought us "Bear Tracks," commemorating Mandan Chief Four Bears, who was enjoyed by thousands in front of Town Hall from 2003 to 2015 until it was relocated to a proud position at Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West.

Mr. McGary was the Town of Paradise Valley featured artist in 2009 and his story was told through four large posters and a series of maquettes in the council chambers. One of our most popular exhibits, town staff recalls that visitors would come to Town Hall from all over Arizona to see his work and meticulous detail up close. The posters from the exhibit are still on display in the Town Hall lobby hallway, across from the IT Office.

One of Paolo Soleri's bells hangs outside Town Hall. (Independent Newsmedia/Ryan Winslett)

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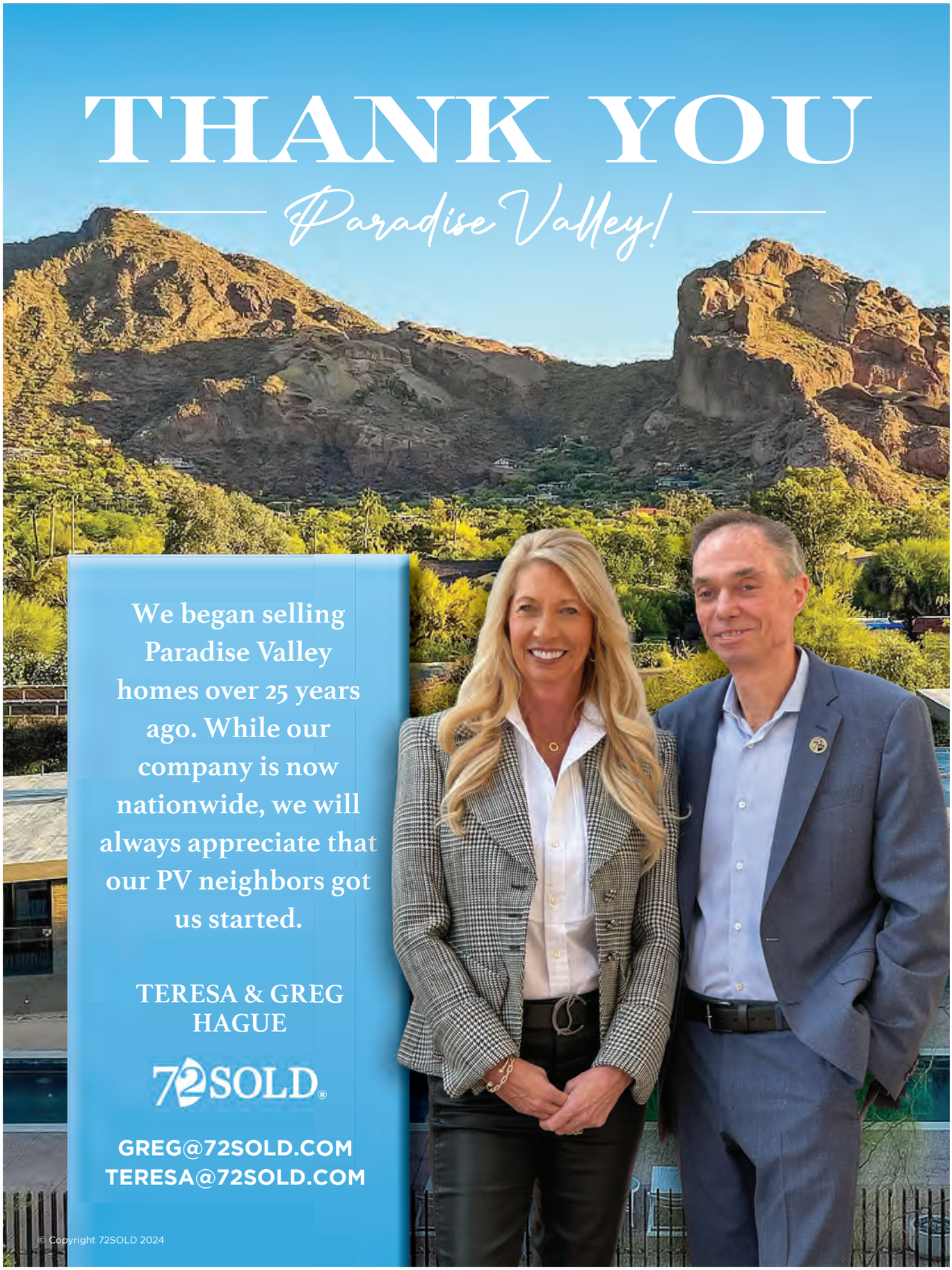
"Vermillion Cliffs," by Ed Mell, hangs alongside his other work in the Paradise Valley Municipal Court. (Independent Newsmedia/Ryan Winslett)

By Anna Thomasson, Paradise Valley Town Council member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IT INSPIRES THOSE W

GATEWAY TO SERENITY

Each evening as I depart from my Scottsdale office and pull onto the always-busy Scottsdale Road, a sense of calm begins to wash over me. I know what lies ahead. In a few moments I will be turning onto Cheney, my weekday evening gateway to Paradise Valley serenity, the place I lovingly call home.

When I enter our town my tires turn to a whisper as I find myself instinctively easing off the accelerator, allowing the peace of my surroundings to seep into my soul. To me, there is something almost sacred about my evening return home to Paradise Valley.

A "FOREVER" HOME

As the chaos of the day begins to melt away, I'm greeted by a feeling I've found only in our low-speed limit, no streetlight, sanctuary community of PV. My Porsche, designed as a vessel of speed and precision, relaxes into a carriage of leisure, drifting peacefully toward what I believe will be my forever home. When I say, "my forever home" I don't mean my house, I mean my town.

Paradise Valley is where I have come to feel more aligned with my true self than I ever had before. That may sound hokey (insincerely emotional), but it's how I truly feel about PV.

COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP

I've lived in many other communities (a byproduct of being scary old) but only in Paradise Valley have I found absolute confidence in the mayor (Jerry is remarkable), the police/fire departments and other services, and the capable personnel at Town Hall.

EVENINGS OF RENEWAL

After spending each evening where I was meant to be, the next morning Teresa and Maverick (our Cavachon) walk me to our detached garage

WHO DWELL WITHIN IT

to kiss me goodbye as I leave for work. I always feel renewed from my nights in PV, ready like an adventurer to go out and find treasure in the struggles of business the next day. Win or lose, days become brighter as the sun sinks lower because my time to return to PV grows closer.

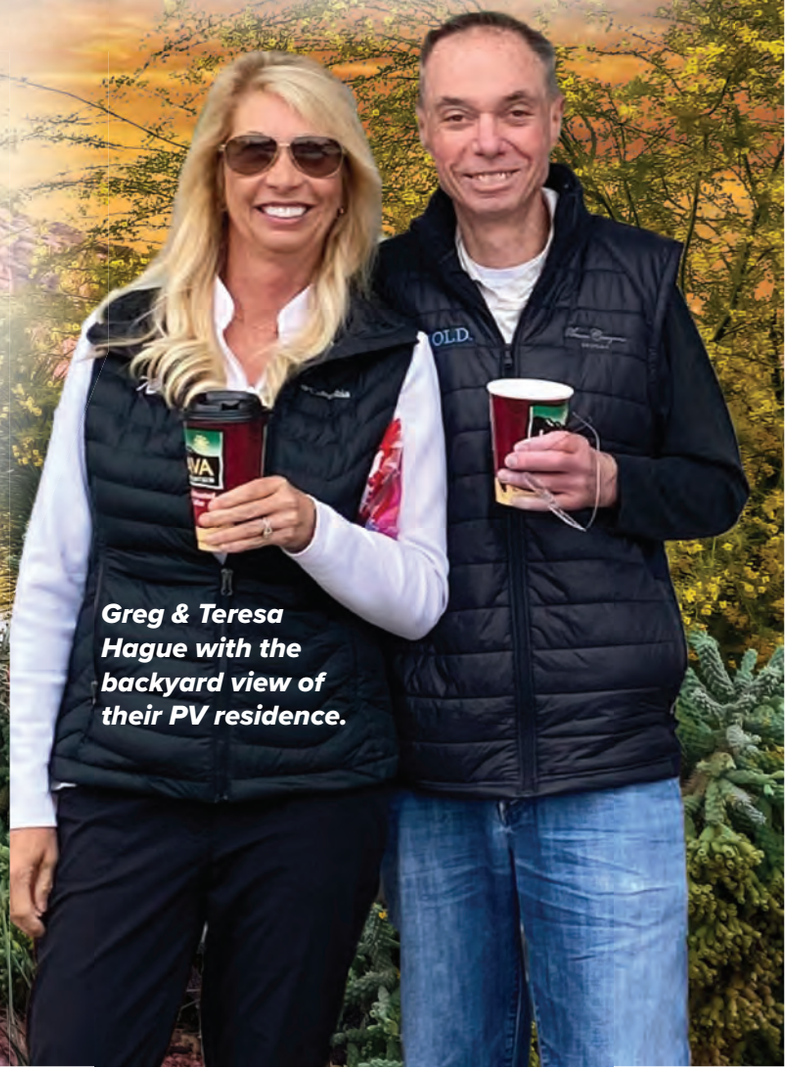
ENTWINED IN PV

It was here in PV, amidst the breathtaking vistas and whispering breezes of the Sanctuary Resort, that I exchanged vows with Teresa, further entwining my destiny with this slice of paradise.

BEST IN THE U.S.

I have only one purpose in sharing my thoughts with you, my neighbors, today. You know I'm in real estate, and you probably know my company is nationwide. For that reason, I am acutely aware of many, many wonderful places to live in this great nation. It is with this knowledge that I can confidently state Paradise Valley is the best place to live in the U.S.

Paradise Valley doesn't just shine; it sparkles with the kind of brilliance that inspires those who dwell within it to shine too. That's you.



Greg & Teresa Hague with the backyard view of their PV residence.

Bonnie Radow is a Paradise Valley jewelry artist. (Photo courtesy of Bonnie Radow Designs)

Using high-clarity diamonds, onyx stones and free-floating pearls, Radow integrates Victorian and antique Asian artifacts into her designs. (Photo courtesy of Bonnie Radow Designs

Creating beauty with a bird's-eye view

Custom jewelry artist's studio has unobstructed view from Mummy Mountain

By Cyrus Guccione
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

An artist's studio settled on a hill with a breathtaking view of Camelback Mountain, Bonnie Radow said she is "very fortunate" to live in such a beautiful place.

Radow's Paradise Valley studio is open and bright, with a panoramic view from her perch on Mummy Mountain. Her studio countertops span the entire length of her space which showcase her one-of-a-kind art pieces which are laid out like a timeline of her career from interior design to sculpting to jewelry. Radow surrounds herself with her work, gaining inspiration from the view before her.

"I look out and I can see forever," Radow said. "It just takes me into a clear space and I can just come up with ideas."

During the day, Radow works in her studio until around six or seven o'clock; melting, machining and polishing her jewelry.

In the evening, when the sun is setting and the night lights are aglow, she enjoys time alone, organizing her work for the next day.

"Every day is a surprise," she said. "I never know what I'm going to create because it just happens."

For 23 years, Radow has taken in the views of Paradise Valley. She's seen people come and go and the changing seasons from her perch.

At one point, she and her husband were considering selling their home but decided against it given the view and the central location to everything the Valley has to offer.

Before she began creating custom jewelry 15 years ago, Radow was a mixed-media sculptor and spent 30 years as an interior designer.

Radow's most recent collection, "Eye Candy," featured rings and necklaces designed to make a statement.

Using high-clarity diamonds, onyx stones and free-floating pearls, Radow integrates Victorian and antique Asian artifacts into her designs.

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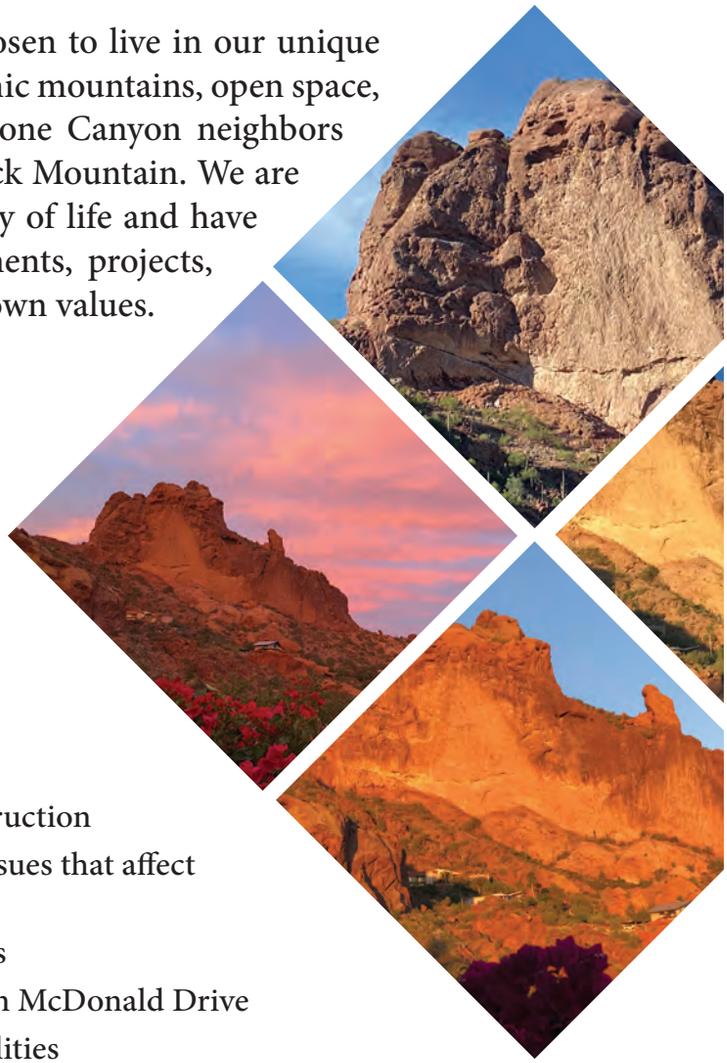
Welcome from Stone Canyon Neighbors!

We 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.

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A sign welcomes visitors to the Paradise Valley Town Hall Complex, 6401 E. Lincoln Dr. (Independent Newsmedia/Ryan Winslett)

Town of Paradise Valley Municipal Complex

The Town of Paradise Valley Town Hall Complex is the community's one-stop shop for municipal operations.

Located at 6401 E. Lincoln Dr., the campus is home to the Town of Paradise Valley Town Hall building, Public Works and Paradise Valley Police Department. Right next door, visitors will find the Municipal Court building and Paradise Valley Fire Department.

In Town Hall, visitors will find staff offices, helpful attendants to answer questions and meeting areas for Town Council, the Planning Commission, etc.

The Post Office is also located within Town Hall and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m., excluding federal holidays.

For additional information on town services and more, visit paradisevalleyaz.gov.

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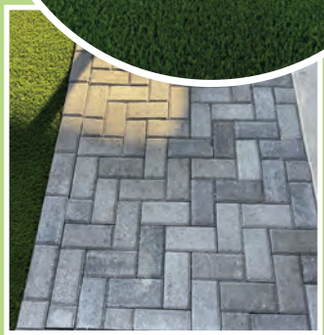

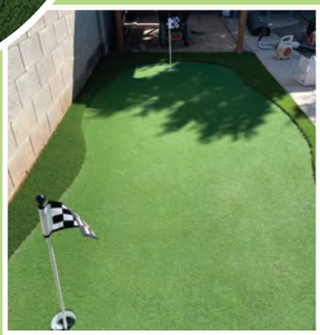

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Interior design, remodels on a budget

The indoor-outdoor lifestyle is a prominent aspect of homes in Paradise Valley. (Courtesy Living with Lolo)

By MacKenzie Brower
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Even in luxury, the housing market has prompted many Paradise Valley homeowners to remodel and upgrade their current homes instead of selling.

The main areas of homes such as the kitchen, office space and master bathrooms have been the focus of clients as the priority in the bulk of their investment, according to luxury interior designer Lauren Lerner, principal designer and founder of Living with Lolo. Office spaces have become more permanent in homes since the pandemic shifted workplaces remote.

The indoor-outdoor lifestyle and maximizing square footage are also prominent aspects of homes in Paradise Valley. Certain lighting and furnishings create a flow between the indoor and outdoor space.

Not only have homes been more expensive, but materials as well, so homeowners have to value engineer their projects and make different design style decisions based on what they're able to execute. Technology and timeless options are recently valued in interior design.

"They want to feel like if they're putting money into their house today, and it's going to cost them so much, it feels timeless in 10 years from now and they're not going to have to redo this again," Lerner said.

Automated systems for lighting, drapery, garages and home security are some of the technological aspects more commonly incorporated into interior design today.

And that idea of "timelessness" is often created with colors used for kitchen cabinets, for example. A lot more wood tones, as opposed to gray or navy paint in previous years, are becoming more common for kitchen cabinets.

Interior design of new builds now lean toward a feeling of consistency, making the whole house feel like "one," as opposed to every room being different and creating a "hodgepodge," Lerner explained. The flooring is the same throughout except for the bathrooms, and lighting is kept in the same visual plane.

Dining room designed in a home on Fanfol Drive. (Courtesy Living with Lolo)

At a time when budgets are important, when remodeling, there is value in hiring together an interior designer and general contractor who understands the costs associated with construction before getting into design.

"Often what we see is somebody hires a designer and they put together this amazing design, and then they start reaching out to contractors to get pricing and it's way above what they can spend. Then they have to go back to the drawing board or they might just become frustrated and decide not to do anything," Lerner said.

Interior designers can help clients understand from an investment standpoint what is possible with their budget and what their house can be worth by remodeling and updating it.

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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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"I joined at about the third breakfast. There were about eight guys. Within a few months we moved to the Quilted Bear and had about 15 guys. After a few years, the Quilted Bear was sold and we were outgrowing it anyway. My goal was to find a Town of Paradise Valley location. The Scottsdale Plaza is in our town despite the name and is where we meet. We are still primarily a men's group except for Town Council and Planning Commission members. Recent breakfast attendances were 35 to 40 people."

Jim Anton reflects on our community and says, "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 that, "The rural elegance in our town is not just what we see, but how it makes us feel." And that is the heart of Paradise Valley!

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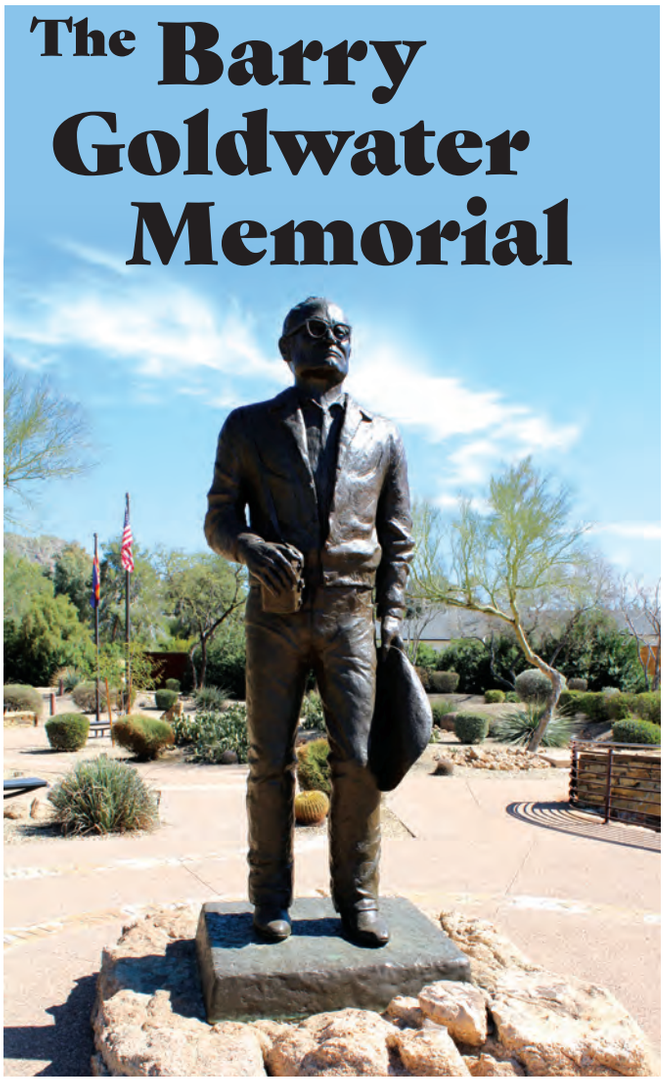

A 1.5-times life-size statue is the main focal point of the Barry Goldwater Memorial, located at the northeast corner of Tatum Boulevard and Lincoln Drive. (Independent Newsmedia/Ryan Winslett)

The Barry Goldwater Memorial commemorates a true person of distinction, including a sculpture depicting the former U.S. Senator surrounded by the Goldwater Garden, which boasts a butterfly garden, flag plaza and additional instillations showcasing the desert landscape and community Goldwater loved so well. Throughout the Goldwater Garden, various details highlight his various achievements, as well as his love for photography and aviation.

The park, located at 6401 E. Lincoln Dr., is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Limited parking is available.

Among his many achievements, Goldwater served in the U.S. Senate for 30 years before retiring to his hilltop home, which he named Nun-I-Kin, in Paradies Valley. The statue of Goldwater was unveiled in 2004, according to the memorial park's page at paradisevalleyaz.gov.

"Barry Goldwater was an avid and skilled pilot, a talented photographer and famous for his direct approach to politics," the listing explains. "But above all he was a passionate Arizonan who loved the many unique features of this state. This sculptural portrait in the desert setting speaks eloquently of what was important to him."

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Both a painter and sculptor, we were fortunate to have Ed Mell's work exhibited in Town Hall in 2013. His paintings of Arizona scenes come to life as one revels in the colorful sunsets, iconic saguaros or a solitary, grazing horse. One of his paintings served as the backdrop for Phoenix Opera's "Riders of the Purple Sage" and his "Jackknife" sculpture of a rider astride a bucking horse in Old Town Scottsdale at Main Street and Goldwater Boulevard is a must-see, Instagram-worthy stop for Scottsdale visitors.

Mr. Mell was born in Phoenix and later moved to New York to work as a commercial artist and illustrator but returned to Arizona in 1973 to paint our stunning scenery.

His 2013 Featured Artist exhibit in Town hall included 26 paintings that were enjoyed by many. His "Vermillion Cliffs" and "Single Strike" are still on display in the courthouse.

Well-known for his bronze Soleri bells, Paolo Soleri moved to Paradise Valley in 1956 (prior to Town incorporation) with his wife and daughter seeking a warmer climate for his ceramics, since it was too cold in Santa Fe. After finding five untouched acres for sale at Doubletree and Invergordon, he started experimenting. Although he is best known for his architectural experimentation at Arcosanti located off I-17 outside of Prescott, his Soleri bells are well-loved and appreciated worldwide and continue to be handmade by Arizona artisans.

Soleri was the Paradise Valley Arts Board featured artist in 2002 with an exhibit of architectural drawings and a collection of Soleri bells. The bells have become a tradition at Town Hall with a gift often being bestowed to departing staff and council members. Three of his bells can be found at Town Hall in the council chamber and greeting visitors at the entries to Town Hall and the Municipal Court building.

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She gains inspiration from her family, her clients and especially her unencumbered view.

As a successful artist, Radow enjoys giving to charities that she finds meaningful, donating many of her custom items to causes that she finds meaningful.

"I like to be able to share my gift with other people because jewelry makes people happy," Radow said.

Radow said her journey as an artist has evolved into a career she would have never envisioned with her work gaining international acclaim. She has traveled extensively, making connections to artisans in Brazil, Bali, Thailand and Africa.

Radow makes her rounds to jewelry shows from Tucson to Vegas, offering trunk shows in the spring and winter seasons.

Despite her world travels, Radow says nothing quite compares to home.

"The main reason I have my studio here is the views," she said. "It's just a very inspirational area for me to create."

For more information on Bonnie Radow, send an email to bonnieradow@cox.net or visit bonnieradowdesigns.com.

Veterans Day Car Show brings the community together

The Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show takes place Nov. 9 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Photos courtesy Town of Paradise Valley)

By Ryan Winslett
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show is set to return Nov. 9, making this the 19th iteration of Paradise Valley's signature event.

While former Paradise Valley Mayor Ed Winkler will once again be involved with this year's show, he said many individuals have to work together to make the event a reality. The real workhorse lining up all the automobiles and organizing the event, he noted, is Diane Wayland, Paradise Valley town attorney legal support specialist.

"Diane has been the voice of this show since it was begun," Winkler said. "She does all of the registration and lots of behind-the-scenes work."

Winkler is supported by a committee of about 10 individuals who help put the show on each year, both private citizens and employees of the town dedicated to making each year's event a success.

"The town does a great job, handling fees and making sure the landscaping, for instance, looks great the week of the show," Winkler continued. "We also have the police involved, as well as the town manager, who helps make sure we are able to accomplish everything we need to accomplish.

"And then we have people like Warren Kosters, who has been on the committee since day one, along with resident Rick Mahrle. People like that, they've been involved all these years and have helped make every show a success."

Oddly enough, the car show began with a car wash. Two decades ago, a gentleman drove through a fundraising event to get his car cleaned. According to Winkler, the man suggested that having a car show and charging participants might bring in more money than a car wash. And the rest, as they say, is history.

"We always run about 150 cars, right there in the parking lot of Town Hall," Winkler said. "Most of the parking spots are covered, which is really nice for a car event."

Winkler said there are so many folks in Paradise Valley who have nice cars that they seldom take out. Events like the Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show give them an opportunity to show off their wheels while also contributing to a good cause. Participants make at least a minimum donation per car they wish to showcase, then visitors get to enjoy the show free of charge. All proceeds from registration are donated to two Arizona veterans' organizations, Sentinels of Freedom and Military Assistance Mission.

Community members and visitors are invited to enjoy this free event.

Those wishing to attend simply need to head to the Town Hall parking lot Saturday, Nov. 9, anytime from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Additional information can be found at paradisevalleyaz.gov/680/Veterans-Day-Car-Show.

"It's a community event," Winkler said. "Come out to see the cars, see your neighbors and maybe meet some neighbors you may not already know. And bring your kids and grandkids, too. It's a very family-friendly show. There are no awards presentations or anything like that, just a chance for people to show off their cars, meet each other and have a great morning at a fun local event."

Pickleball:
The game for everyone

Sport exands to kids and professionals

By George Zeliff
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Have you caught the pickleball bug?

Millions of people have played the sport over the past 59 years, but pickleball's unprecedented growth in recent years leads Seth Korey to call it "pickleball mania."

The Seth Korey Tennis Academy, founded in 1996, has been offering pickleball clinics in Paradise Valley, Scottsdale and the Greater Phoenix area for 10 years. Korey said his academy gets about 10 calls a day asking about lessons.

"In the last couple of years, I've seen such a surge in everybody wanting to play," Korey said. "Everybody talking about it. It's a dinner topic."

Pickleball was founded in 1965 but has dramatically grown in popularity over the last few years. According to the USA Pickleball Annual Growth Report, USA Pickleball membership grew 15% over 2023.

There are tons of leagues, from recreational to competitive, and singles and couples offerings. Pickleball used to be seen as a sport for older people, but the age demographics are growing just as much as anything with pickleball.

A lot of kids start playing because their grandparents or parents want to play with them, but they keep playing because they're having fun. Korey said there's an instant gratification to pickleball because it's so easy to learn and play.

Seth Korey Tennis Academy offers programs to juniors from age 8-18 and has partnerships with various area schools. The Academy was selected by the Scottsdale Unified School District to facilitate adding pickleball into the physical education curriculum and trained over 40 P.E. teachers at the first workshop.

"Our plan is to be offering pickleball and tennis through all the districts, but we have to make sure we have viable pros," Korey said. "People instructing and coaching this at the right level before we keep growing. It's like having a restaurant, but if you don't have the servers, you're not going to be successful."

With so many people playing now, Korey said the biggest problem is finding court time. Arizona is one of a few places where people can play year-round, but to avoid weather and crowds, some people start playing at 5 a.m., and others play under lights at night.

Where do people play pickleball in Paradise Valley? There are not many public courses in the Town of Paradise Valley, but there are multiple parks surrounding the town, such as G. R. Herberger Park, Roadrunner Park and Cholla Park.

There are pickleball communities at the Paradise Valley Country Club and Arizona Country Club, and many residents have their own private courts.

Ashley Leroux and Patrick Sullivan, Jr., saw the growth of the sport as a new business opportunity, and they opened The Orchard at Jigsaw Health in 2022 and founded the Arizona Pickleball League in 2023.

"There are lots of private courts in Paradise Valley because the lots are bigger," Leroux said. "Tons of people have a court in the backyard, so I think that's the secret court you don't know about."

Five professional teams from around the Valley compete for 13 weeks in the Arizona Pickleball League. In the first season, over 10,000 fans watched the weekly matches online, and the couple filmed a documentary of the first season called "Breaking Pickleball."

Pickleball will continue to grow as more leagues and tournaments pop up each year. With kids and teens picking up the sport as quickly as adults, many players believe it's only a matter of time before pickleball becomes a college and Olympic sport.

PICTURED TOP: Paradise Valley residents play pickleball on the converted courts at G. R. Herberger Park. (Independent Newsmedia/George Zeliff)
TOP RIGHT: Patrick Sullivan, Jr., and Ashley Leroux pose with their Pickleball Pups at The Orchard at Jigsaw Health. (Independent Newsmedia/George Zeliff)

Car collecting:
A popular hobby with many niches

Warren Kosters' collecting experience

By George Zeliff
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Town of Paradise Valley is home to many antique and luxury car collectors.

Collectors come in many variations and have decades of cars to select from. Paradise Valley resident Warren Kosters said an individual's personality makes the difference in the cars they choose to collect.

"I have a 1949 MGTC, and that has been my interest for a long time," Kosters said. "I think you're going to find that with a lot of collectors. They have a very specific car, a particular type, maybe even a year that they're interested in, a particular style, and they focus on that."

Kosters became interested in British automobiles at a young age and said that all collectors have a different reason for why they collect. It is a popular hobby, and there are several car clubs and groups around the Valley where people can meet others with similar interests.

"I was a youngster and in the barber shop, picked up a copy of 'Road & Track,' and there was an ad in there for the MGB," Kosters said. "It showed in the background, the cars that were made before the MGB, which was the T-series MGs, and that just caught my eye. I just said 'wow, that's what I'm going to have someday,' and that's eventually what I did collect."

Kosters belongs to the Arizona MGT Roadrunners car club. The group is open to collectors with British MGs built before 1956, and Kosters said many car clubs are focused on a particular type of car.

Websites like oldride.com and arizonacarculture.com have lists of car clubs all around Arizona, such as the Arizona DeLorean Club. In the past, collectors would have to subscribe to a national magazine or national car club to find information about their favorite cars, but now that information is readily available.

Collectors can thrive in Paradise Valley, and Kosters thinks local residents make up about half of the participating car owners in the annual Paradise Valley Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show. Kosters is on the car show committee and has been a greeter at the show since it started in 2005.

"It's an educational experience," Kosters said. "They want to share it. They've got this car, they like it. They like either the era that the car was built in, or the shape of the car, the design, and they want to show it off. Not for ego purposes, I think it's more educational purpose. This is what I've got, this is why I like it. Maybe you'll enjoy it, too."

Kosters does not have a huge collection, but he enjoys driving and working on his cars, and social activities through his club. He believes the Phoenix area and Paradise Valley gained a reputation for car collecting communities thanks to big shows and auctions like Barrett-Jackson.

The Barrett-Jackson auction company is headquartered in Scottsdale and held its first auction in 1971. There are several shows and auctions held throughout the year by other companies as well, and that has helped bring in spectators and grow the Valley's reputation for car collecting.

PICTURED: Warren Koster shows off his 1949 MG-TC. (Submitted image)

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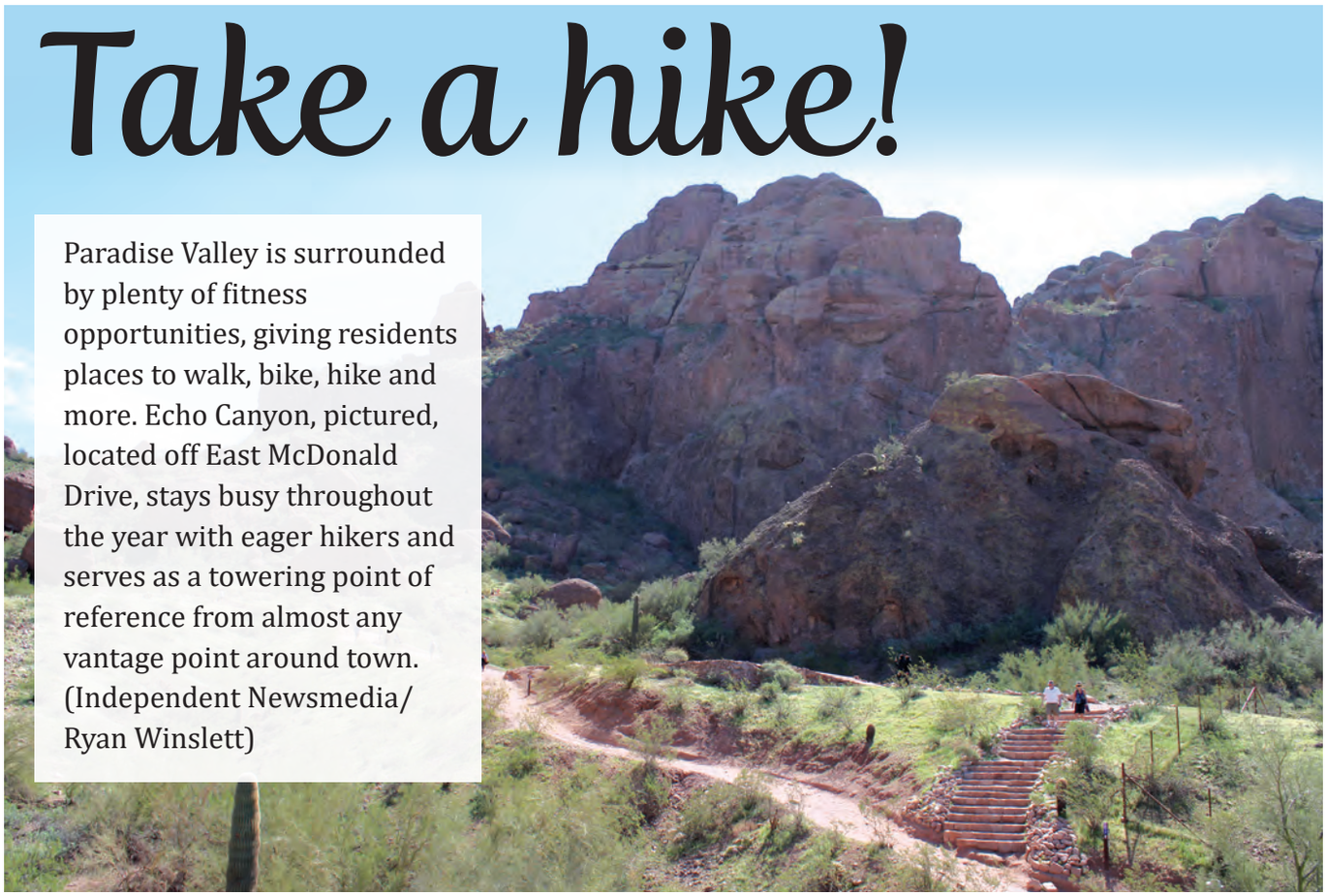

Paradise Valley is surrounded by plenty of fitness opportunities, giving residents places to walk, bike, hike and more. Echo Canyon, pictured, located off East McDonald Drive, stays busy throughout the year with eager hikers and serves as a towering point of reference from almost any vantage point around town. (Independent Newsmedia/ Ryan Winslett)

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Temple Solel promotes kindness

Temple Solel is located at 6805 E. McDonald Dr. in Paradise Valley. (Photo courtesy of Rabbi John Linder)

Reformed Jewish temple has deep connection to the community

By Cyrus Guccione
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Fostering kindness and inclusivity, Temple Solel in Paradise Valley is a progressive synagogue that welcomes all people regardless of religious background, sexual orientation and gender identity.

The Temple's Program Director Mason Marks said the Temple has become a community gathering place for social action work, saying the most important people in the community are those who are most in need of empathy and kindness.

Nearing its 60th year in Paradise Valley, Temple Solel was founded on the unifying Jewish principle of tikkun olam, a commitment to making the world a better place.

Repairing the world

"Tikkun olam is a deeper Jewish value which literally translates in Hebrew to 'repairing the world,'" said Marks. "Many Jews believe that if you do enough acts of kindness, then the redemption of mankind will eventually come and it will bring the world together."

Senior Rabbi John Linder and Associate Rabbi Debbie Stiel promote this community-minded focus through several initiatives at Temple Solel.

Those initiatives include its alliance with the Valley Interfaith Project to advocate on behalf of working families and its support of immigration and asylum seekers through the Kino Border Initiative and Arizona Jews for Justice. Temple Solel has also provided Iftar, a fast-breaking evening meal for Muslims during Ramadan.

Temple Solel also works with Family Promise, an organization that helps homeless families achieve sustainable independence by taking in homeless families for a week at a time, providing food, shelter and evening activities.

"It's better to focus on the things that bring us together versus make us different," Marks said.

Temple Solel has seven values for its members to uphold: respect (Kavod), collaboration (B'yachad), empathetic communication, people-focused, kindness (Chesed), assuming best intent (Kaf Zechut) and proactive responsibility.

Supporting the youth through Jewish learning, Temple Solel has a Raker Religious School for students in first grade through high school and offers a youth annual retreat to Prescott.

"Given that there are three Abrahamic faiths - Judaism, Christianity and Islam - acting with kindness and compassion is a great litmus test for all of us to judge the heart of our religious identity," writes Rabbi John Linder in his clergy message. "My guess is there is room for a kindness tune-up for us all."

Open to new members, Temple Solel is located at 6805 E. McDonald Drive in Paradise Valley. For more information, call 480-991-7414, send an email to office@templesolel.org or visit templesolel.org.

TOP LEFT: Temple Solel is founded on the Jewish principle of tikkun olam, repairing the world for the redemption of mankind. (Photo courtesy of Temple Solel)

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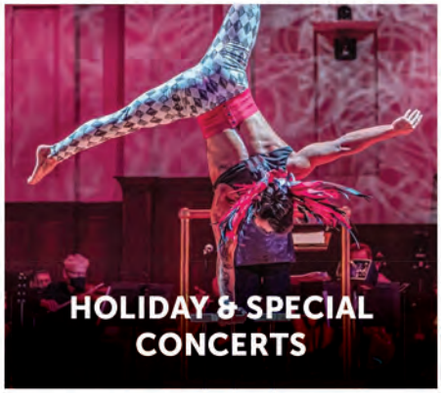
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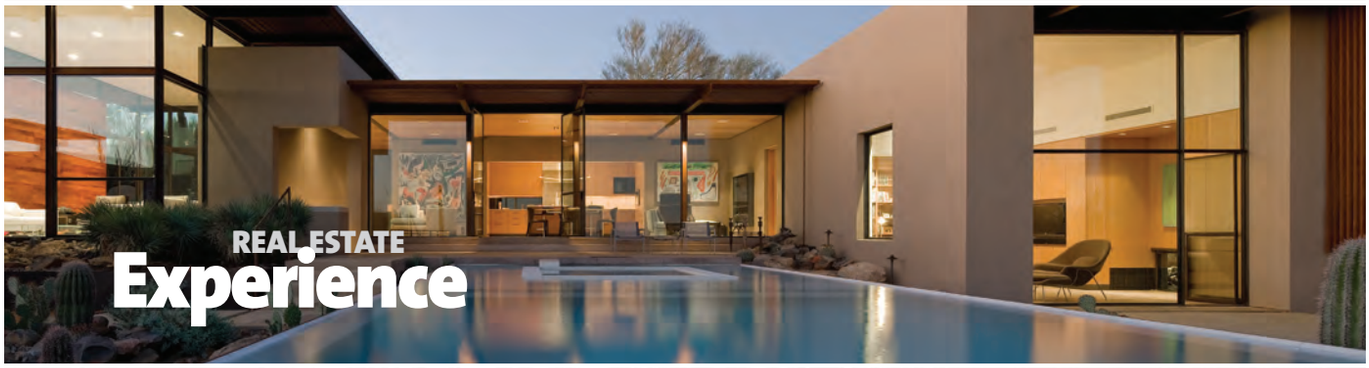

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