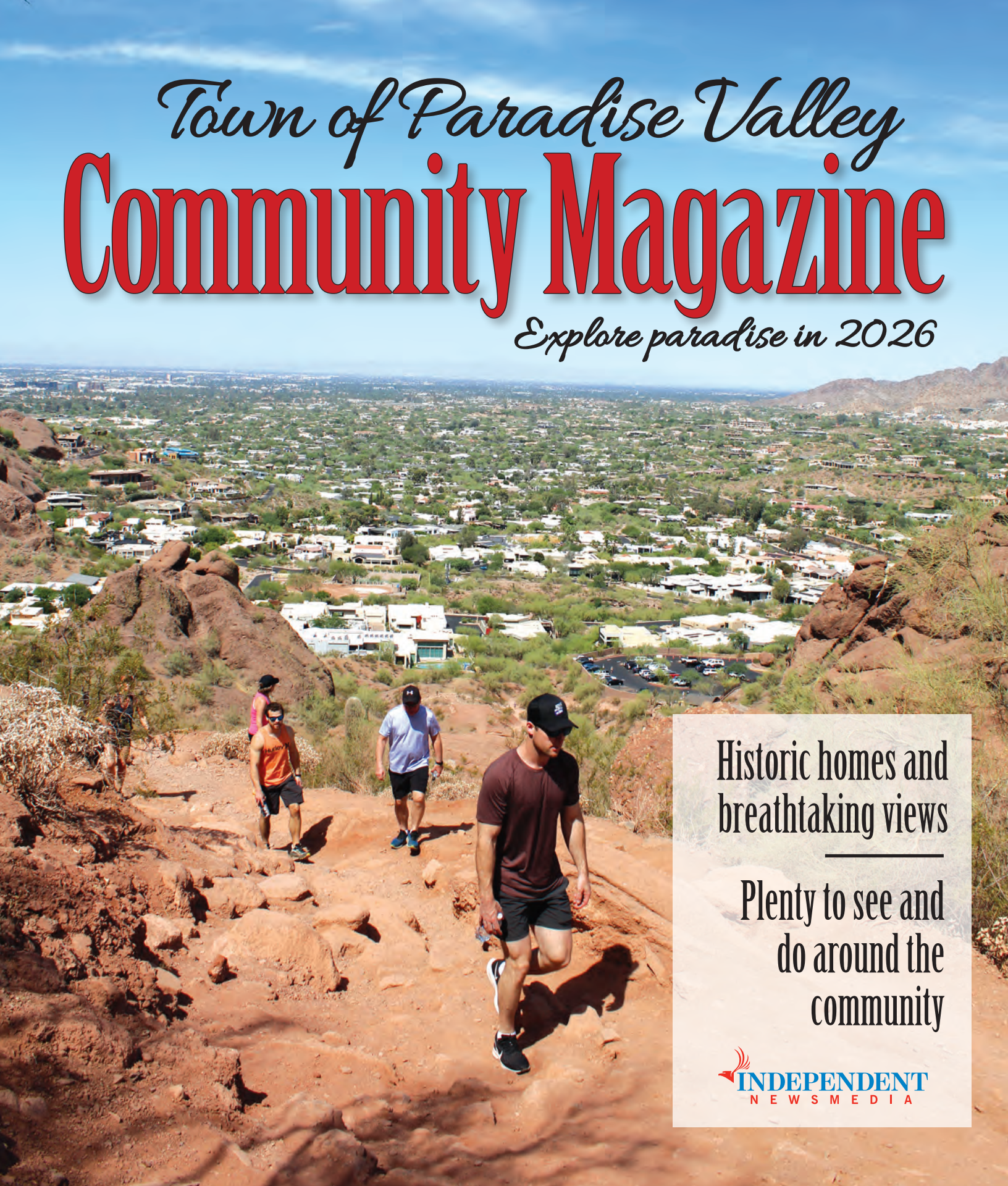
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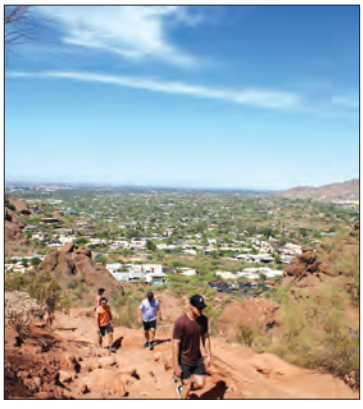
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The Echo Canyon Trailhead offers a variety of hiking experiences around Camelback Mountain and draws visitors to Paradise Valley every day. (Independent Newsmedia/Ryan Winslett)

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It's always a pleasure reading the stories that fill the pages of the annual Town of Paradise Valley Community Magazine. This year's articles have a common theme -- that the town is filled with distinguished people and neat outdoor activities.

Mayor Mark Stanton stated it best when describing the natural background of the community. **See his Op-Ed on Page 10.**

I know I sound like a broken record explaining how blessed we are to have been doing business in this town since 1984, but we can't help but be thankful for our readers, advertisers and generous real estate agents who passionately support the ongoing efforts of Independent Newsmedia's Town of Paradise Valley Independent to keep community journalism alive and well in the town.

We stay in a profession that is often criticized, but we remain hopeful because we believe knowledge promotes a stronger local democracy.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of America this year, I'm proud and thankful that the First Amendment remains today.

James Madison had the foresight to craft the Bill of Rights, keeping the people our Founding Fathers fought for in mind for generations.

Our news organization was founded on principles to support independent thinkers. I thank my mentor, Joe Smyth, for creating a journalistic trust that keeps the First Amendment in mind.

I'm humbled to see Arizona's long-timer journalists like Ryan Winslett, J. Graber, Philip Haldiman and Janet Perez, to name a few, continue our love for celebrating and connecting our Town of Paradise Valley community.

Journalism continues to shrink in America, but there are community changemakers keeping us viable even today, among all the noise of the internet.

We promise to use our publications as a platform to protect the First Amendment.

Please let me know how you think we can improve our news coverage in the Town of Paradise Valley Independent. Email me anytime at **cbisson@iniusa.org**.

We hope you love this year's community magazine. Thank you, again, for supporting us since 1970 in Arizona.

Happy perusing!



By Charlene Bisson, Independent Newsmedia, Inc., USA

20 Years Later, We're Still Hot: Celebrating 20 Years of Sweat, Strength & Community

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By Mark Stanton, Town of Paradise Valley mayor



Get out and experience paradise

A community of unique charm and unparalleled experiences

I want to share a little something special about the place we call home – Paradise Valley. It truly lives up to its name, a veritable "crown jewel" nestled in the heart of Arizona, offering a truly unique low-density, residential experience. Here, we cherish the peace of dark, star-filled skies and the tranquility of our welcoming neighborhoods.

Our community is incredibly fortunate to be cradled by the majestic Camelback Mountain, the iconic Mummy Mountain and the sprawling Phoenix Mountain Preserve. This stunning natural backdrop does not just provide breathtaking views; it also serves as an expansive playground right on our doorstep.

Whether you prefer a leisurely stroll, an invigorating hike or an adventurous bike ride, our quiet, winding streets and nearby trails invite you to explore and discover. Each turn reveals a new perspective, often highlighting the remarkable and diverse architectural styles that define homes throughout our community, transforming a simple walk into an architectural tour.

Beyond the natural beauty, our town boasts a vibrant cultural heartbeat. We are proud to host an inspiring Artist-in-Residence program at Town Hall, fostering creativity and community engagement.

Our town is renowned for its collection of world-class resorts. Imagine unwinding during a relaxing evening on the patio at the historic Camelback Inn. Or immersing yourself in the artistic beauty of Mountain Shadows. You can marvel at the panoramic views from the Sanctuary Resort on Camelback or experience the refined elegance of The Hermosa Inn.

That is not all, because you will need to round out your resort tour with a visit to The Kimpton Miralina Resort, The Andaz Resort, Doubletree Resort and the Omni Montelucia. These are just a few of the many wonderful locations where you are invited to savor experiences that truly set Paradise Valley apart.

I hope you will take the opportunity to fully immerse yourself in all the unique charm and unparalleled experiences that make Paradise Valley such an extraordinary place to live.

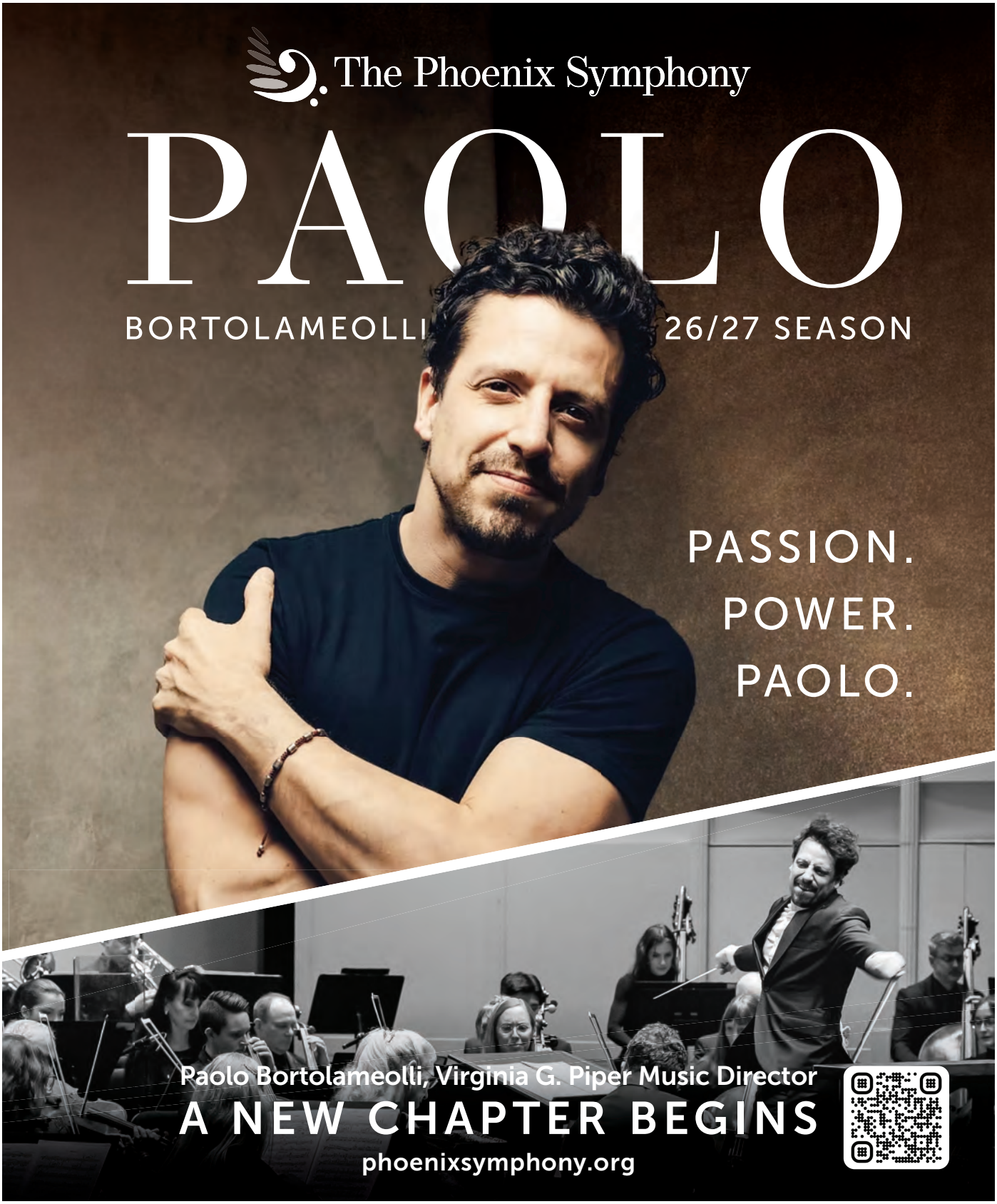
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Paradise playground!

A beautiful arena for residents to enjoy the outdoors

By Janet Perez
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Whether it's running, hiking, bicycling or walking, the Town of Paradise Valley is indeed a paradise for those who like to participate in outdoor activities.

"I think we're unique because we are literally in the center of everything, but we feel like we're not. It is fantastic that you can live in an area that's close to where you work, the airport, wonderful restaurants, shopping, etc.," said resident Patty Beckman. "But then you turn into the town, you can go to bed and wake up and be right at the base of a mountain that you can walk out to and be on beautiful little paths and feel like you're right in the middle of nature."



Town of Paradise Valley resident Patty Beckman has run on Mummy Mountain for more than 20 years. (Courtesy Patty Beckman)

Beckman and her family moved to Paradise Valley in 2002, and in 2006 she started running and joined the Mummy Mountain Running Group, which has been active for more than 35 years. At one point she was a competitive marathon runner.

"I think I live on the street that is the most commonly used street for recreation in all of Paradise Valley — Hummingbird," she said. "When you walk up to the top of my street, which I frequently run, you can see the entire Valley from up there and it's stunning."

Beckman, who is the chief financial officer with the Better Business Bureau Serving the Pacific Southwest, no longer runs competitively and has drifted away from the Mummy Mountain Running Group, but she still enjoys her scenic runs.

Over the years, Beckman said she has seen growth in the town's recreation culture, especially when Camelback Mountain is thrown into the mix.

"I think you can get a lot of different types of quality exercising, workouts, runs, walks, whatever it is that you like," Beckman said.



Patty Beckman, second row left, is part of a group of fellow runners. (Courtesy Patty Beckman)

Regardless of their method of exercise, residents over the years have formed a loose community that knows and takes care of each other.
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Patty Beckman, left, makes her Mummy Mountain run at sunrise. (Courtesy Patty Beckman)

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"There have been times where we will run past someone and we'll say, 'Hey, did you see a woman in a white hat' or whatever, and they'll go, 'Yeah, she was just a little way back,'" Beckman said. "So, even if they're not a part of your group, you would run by the same people. Everyone's very friendly because you're all out there for the same thing, trying to enjoy the more simple things in life, trying to slow it down, trying to get that little piece of something for yourself in the morning."

That sense of community extends to being concerned for everyone's safety. With the demolition of Ascension Lutheran Church to make way for new homes, those looking to get their workouts at Mummy Mountain no longer have the church's lot to park their vehicles as they make their way up Hummingbird. As a result, parking along Hummingbird increased.

"It has created a little bit of a bottleneck. So as a runner, the only time it gets scary is when cars are driving to try and dodge the parked cars and you have to get out of the way," Beckman said. "A lot of times you try and run on the sidewalk, but if you're in the bike lane, you'll get (drivers) that just aren't paying attention as they should. It's still fairly dangerous, although I think people are getting better."

While the changes to Paradise Valley are bittersweet, Beckman said it's still the best place to live and one of the more beautiful places in the Valley to enjoy the outdoors.

Beyond having water and wearing sunscreen, Beckman has these bits of advice for those ready to join the other hikers, bikers, runners and walkers in Paradise Valley that have formed their own community.

"The best time is to get out there is right when the sun rises because you're not running alone in the dark, but it's not warm yet," she said. "And the final and most important advice is to smile and say hello."

Town of Paradise Valley by the numbers

- *1961 was the year of incorporation*
- *12,523 people call Paradise Valley home*
- *5,149 total households*
- *74.3% of Paradise Valley residents have a bachelor's degree or higher*
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Julie Pace and Pam Georgelos soak in the beauty of Paradise Valley. (Courtesy of Julie Pace)


Dr. Teresa Zachariah snapped this photo while out on a hike in Paradise Valley. (Courtesy of Julie Pace)

Residents share why they love to get out and enjoy the community

Town of Paradise Valley is indeed "paradise." Every resident can share special memories and experiences. It's a unique community for so many reasons, but how do some residents describe this special place?

As for me, I think Paradise Valley is a special place because of the undergrounding of utilities that people can enjoy the scenic beauty. And then there's the town's dark sky rules to have low or no light at night so everyone can enjoy the stars and the mountains. And our police department exudes professionalism as officers and staff proactively work to keep us in the safest community in the state.

What do others have to say about this little slice of paradise we call home?

Planning Commission Chair Pam Georgelos said, "Paradise Valley is a gem of a small town filled with wonderful neighbors, beautiful mountains and world class resorts."

SUSD Board Member Amy Carney speaks from the heart in explaining her love of the community.

"We chose to live and raise our family in Paradise Valley for its beauty and strong sense of community, and we've stayed because of the people and a shared commitment to excellence," Carney said. "From our children attending Cherokee Elementary to my service on the Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board, I'm proud to give back to the community that has meant so much to our family."

Dr. Teresa Zachariah is a hillside resident and avid hiker of local mountains.


Amy Carney and her family call Paradise Valley home. (Courtesy of Julie Pace)

"I love Paradise Valley for its quiet sense of peace and the beauty of its natural surroundings — especially the striking mountains and serene desert landscape," Zachariah said.

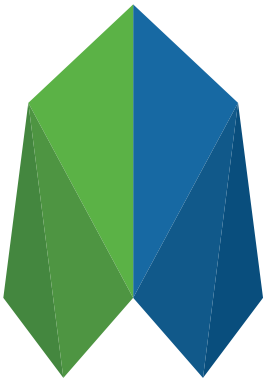
Cantatierra residents Brian and Jennifer O'Neill said their draw to the community goes beyond the surface level.

"In addition to the usual (weather, restaurants, mountains, spring training, etc.), Paradise Valley is special because it is a community that truly cares about their neighbors, and animals, now and for the future."

Historic Committee Chair Catherine T. Kaufmann summarized her civic pride, explaining that "Paradise Valley's charm lies in its small-town spirit, nestled between the cities of Phoenix and Scottsdale. **Continued on Page 20**



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



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Elsa's dog-walking groups that gets out to see the community daily on two legs and four. (Courtesy of Anna Thomasson)

85253 has gone to the dogs

A community assessment by a German Shepherd

By Elsa Thomasson, with a little help from Councilmember Anna Thomasson

Every morning at 6 a.m., the parade begins. And I use the word "parade" deliberately.

Grand Marshall Paul Butzler — warm smile, different treats in each pocket, suspiciously good at this — heads north from Lincoln and 60th to collect the crew. Shelby and Tera join first, then Bentley and Hank, then Scotty and Toby, then Gladys and Willie, then Charlie, Sam and Wylie, all waiting with varying degrees of patience for Lilith, Cossette and Sophia to complete the formation. Oh yes. There are humans too. They are welcome.

Every single day of the year, my dutiful brethren wake up their humans and remind them how lucky they are. The humans, for their part, gab and laugh and tell stories. The pups, meanwhile, are working. Assessing overnight coyote traffic. Reading the pee-mail. Conducting a full perimeter analysis. **Continued on Page 20**



Puppers play at Applewood Pet Resort. (Courtesy of Anna Thomasson)



By Anna Thomasson, Paradise Valley Town Council member

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PARADISE VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL



Anna Thomasson is exactly the kind of leader our community needs right now — thoughtful, solutions-oriented, and focused on getting results. As a councilwoman, she brings people together to protect our Town, and I'm proud to support her again for Council.

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Former Mayor, Town of Paradise Valley



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After about a mile and a stop at the treat corner — non-negotiable — everyone heads home for breakfast. And more treats. Obviously.

Continuing my investigation, I head down Lincoln to inspect Applewood Pet Resort, and I have a full report: Five stars. The Marriott family should take notes.

A team of enthusiastic young ladies greeted me at the door before I met owner Clay Coady — no ordinary human, but a legendary Westminster Kennel Club judge — for my tour. Over 250 of my canine colleagues pass through daily for boarding, grooming or day care. Then I saw the dog-bone shaped pool, and I understood completely why we live in Paradise Valley.



Scotty, sporting some fetching Halloween attire while out on a walk. (Courtesy of Anna Thomasson)

After every pool party, the nice ladies towel off each guest personally. Mom says she's relieved she's not doing that laundry. I say it's simply the standard we deserve.

Applewood also boards TSA airport security dogs — Malinois, Labs, German Short Hair Pointers and, yes, German Shepherds, who are clearly the cornerstone of the operation. Mom knows many of the airport dogs because she and her friend Donna Velcio have what I consider the finest volunteer job in existence: they go to the airport every couple of months and act as training decoys for these detection dogs. Working dogs train hard. We take this seriously. Not everyone can do it.

But most of us are not working dogs. Most of us are simply doing what dogs have always done — getting our humans outside, moving, laughing, talking to the neighbors they'd never otherwise meet. There are nearly 4,000 dogs in this community. Think about that. Four thousand reasons to leave the house every morning.



Tera knows that just because you have four legs doesn't mean you don't sometimes prefer to cruise around. (Courtesy of Anna Thomasson)

Four thousand conversations started on a street corner that would never have happened otherwise. Four thousand small, daily reminders that a neighborhood is not just an address — it's the people, and yes, the dogs, who show up for it every single day.

We are Paradise Valley. And we are very well walked.

Elsa is the proud dog of Councilmember Anna Thomasson and unofficial community assessment officer.

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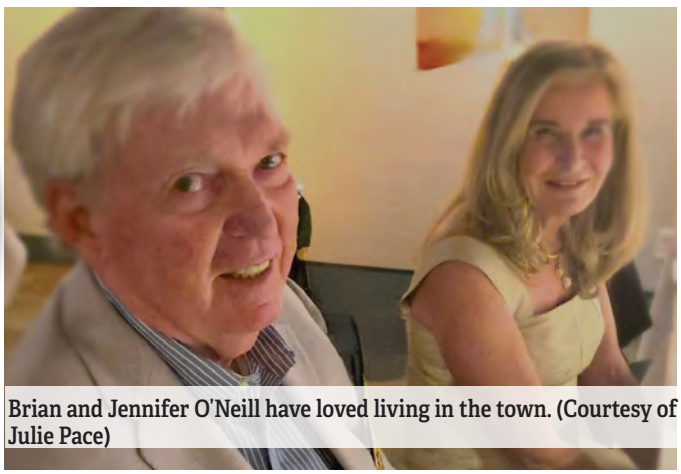
With the ease of town government, the beautiful views of the surrounding mountains and the world-class resorts."

"Paradise Valley truly stands as an oasis in the desert," she added.

Maybe you enjoy watching a roadrunner hunting or a cactus flower bloom. Or maybe you want to meditate at sunset looking at Praying Monk while the colors create a spectacular sky. Get out there and determine your own passion for this unicorn community we are so fortunate to share.



Catherine T. Kaufmann



Brian and Jennifer O'Neill have loved living in the town. (Courtesy of Julie Pace)

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Paradise Valley:
The Town You ***Thought*** You Knew



Hidden histories, **quiet legends**, and **everyday miracles** from the neighbors who call this desert sanctuary home.

I've been writing about Paradise Valley for more than twenty years now, and I still don't feel I've quite caught it in the act. It's a town that keeps its best stories tucked just out of sight, like a neighbor who waves every morning but never quite lets you see over the wall. This year, I wanted to write something for you, our neighbors and friends, that you could read over coffee and later lean into the next room and say, "You are not going to believe this about our little town."

If Paradise Valley had a motto, it might be: "Looks quiet. Isn't."

The Town That Preferred Stars to Streetlights

Paradise Valley did not begin life as a grand plan; it started as a polite "no, thank you" that got steadily more insistent. In the years when Phoenix and Scottsdale were growing toward one another, there was talk of folding this valley into one city or the other. The people who lived here at the time, ranchers, winter visitors, and a few early visionaries, liked their space, their darkness, and their peace and quiet.

Rather than risk seeing Camelback wrapped in billboards and the washes turned into parking lots, they pushed to create their own little town, officially incorporating Paradise Valley in 1961. That is how we ended up with a place where one acre lots are the rule, not the exception, and where the unofficial policy on streetlights appears to be, "Let the moon handle it." The low speed limits, the lack of commercial strips, the insistence on quiet nights, those aren't oversights. They are love letters from earlier residents to the future.

Every time you find yourself slowing down on a dark road and seeing more stars than headlights, you are enjoying the benefits of a very successful "leave us be" campaign.

Paradise Valley, The Desert Angel

If you want proof that this little town has a way of getting under people's skin, you do not have to take my word for it; you can ask Stevie Nicks. In her song "Desert Angel," written after the Gulf War, she sings about "a place the Indians call Paradise Valley," and calls it her "sanctuary." For a time, she had a home here, and you can hear in that lyric the same thing many of us feel when we pull into our driveways at night. This patch of desert is not just an address; it is a refuge.

I have always liked the idea that somewhere out there, fans are listening to that song and picturing some mystical desert valley, not realizing she is singing about the streets many of us walk our dogs on. The fact that Paradise Valley can be both a global daydream and your perfectly ordinary Tuesday is one of its best tricks.

Where Houses Try Not to Be Noticed

You do not have to be an architect to appreciate one of Paradise Valley's quiet games, the game I think of as "find the house." Some of the most remarkable properties here have been designed not to shout their presence, but to whisper it. Rooflines hide behind rock outcroppings. Glass walls tuck into the shoulders of hills. From the street, you sometimes glimpse only a sliver of steel or stone and a suggestion that there might be something extraordinary just out of sight.

Then there is Cosanti Originals, sitting right on Doubletree Ranch Road. It is a cluster of domes, courtyards, and earth cast shapes that look as if the desert decided to try its hand at architecture. Paolo Soleri came here to experiment with ways humans might live more gracefully in a hot, dry world. He left behind a place where bronze and ceramic windbells are still cast on site, and where the buildings themselves seem to be exhaling.

When you realize all of this sits quietly inside one small town, it becomes harder to call Paradise Valley "just" a neighborhood.

Mountains With Opinions, Neighbors With Roots

One of the underrated luxuries of living here is negotiating with mountains before breakfast. For most people, Camelback is a postcard; for us, it is a neighbor with moods. On some mornings it invites you up Echo Canyon or Cholla with a friendly glow. On others, it reminds you by the halfway point that you may not be as young or as hydrated as you thought.

Mummy Mountain, softer in outline but no less present, anchors the center of town like a kindly relative who sees everything. The Phoenix Mountain Preserve hems in our western edge and marks the point where cul de sacs must surrender to cacti and coyotes. It is entirely possible here to climb a mountain, shower, and then be in a meeting or at a school event as if that were the most normal progression in the world.

Over time, Paradise Valley has also become home to an unusual assortment of people who could have picked almost anywhere on the planet to live. Some run companies. Some have retired from doing so. Some appear on television. Many you would never recognize. The remarkable thing is not who lives here, but how people live here. For all the success that has moved into this valley, the real currency still feels like time, space, and neighborliness. Teresa and I have seen streets turn into communities. Driveways become gathering spots; cul de sacs become playgrounds; backyards turn into impromptu fundraiser venues when someone in town needs help. Paradise Valley may be known on paper for its property values, but in daily life it behaves more like a small town that just happens to have unusually nice views.

Borrowed Beauty, Temporary Stewards

When I step outside in the evening with Teresa, and we listen to the birds settling into the palms and watch the last light slide off Camelback, I am reminded that none of us really "own" any of this. We borrow it for a while from the people who will live here after us and from the land that was here long before us. The Hohokam who first coaxed life out of this desert, the ranchers who followed, the early winter visitors, the neighbors who fought to incorporate the town, the artists and architects and families who came later, each group added a layer to what we now casually call "home."

Our turn is brief by comparison. But it is a good turn. If this little tour of hidden stories and quiet oddities gives you one new thing to notice on your next drive, or one fresh appreciation when you pull into your driveway at night, then it has done what I hoped. And if you happen to walk into the next room later and say, "You know what I just learned about Paradise Valley…," that is this town working its old magic on you again, one more time, as softly as ever.

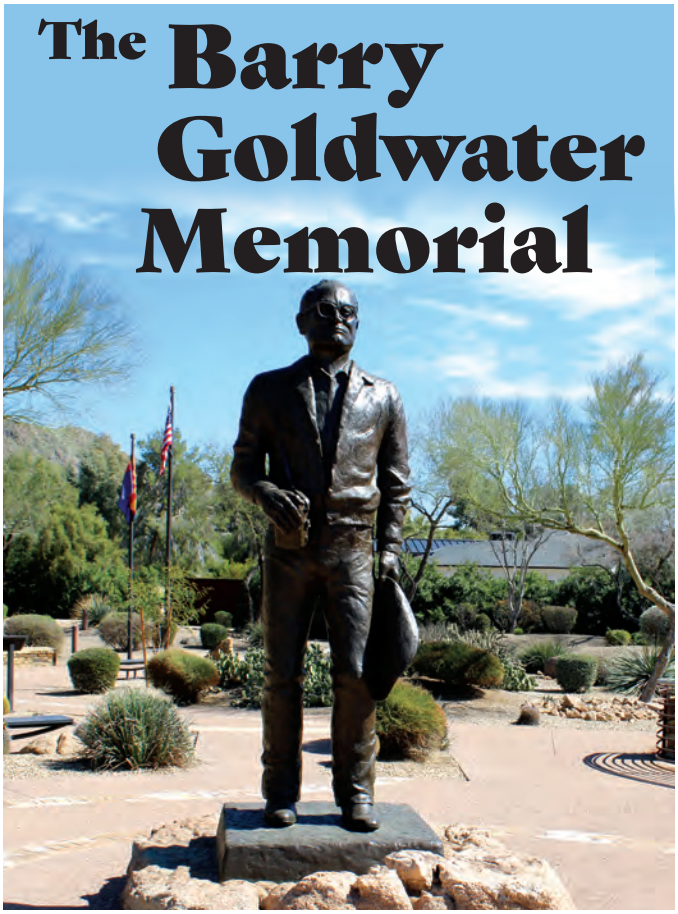


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The Barry Goldwater Memorial



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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The Paradise Valley Youth Group

Investing in the next generation



The Town of Paradise Valley Youth Group is getting involved around the community, learning about local government and helping where needed. (Courtesy of Christine Labelle)

In a town defined by its history, character and careful stewardship, a new initiative is taking shape — one that looks ahead with intention while staying grounded in what makes Paradise Valley so special.

The Paradise Valley Youth Group represents a deliberate effort by town leadership to engage the next generation in meaningful ways. It is not simply about participation, but about connection — creating opportunities for young residents to better understand the values, traditions and decision-making processes that have shaped this community over time.

Membership in the group is open to Paradise Valley residents, regardless of which high school they attend — an intentional approach that brings together students from a variety of educational backgrounds, united by a shared connection to the town.

As Council liaison to the group, I've had the privilege of working alongside these students and witnessing firsthand the perspective they bring. What stands out is not just their enthusiasm, but their thoughtfulness. They ask insightful questions, offer fresh viewpoints and demonstrate a genuine interest in how their town functions — not just today, but into the future.

As one of the group's founders, Saniya Diwali shares what she has learned.

"In the time I've been part of PV Youth, I've learned so much and met so many amazing people, from other teens to council members and members of our community," she said. "I've also learned a lot about how our town functions, especially through experiences like the police department tour, the court tour and getting to speak with Judge Nagel.

"PV Youth creates a space for young people to step beyond the digital world, connect with their neighbors and discover how they can make a meaningful impact while exploring what they're truly passionate about, and I've really been able to experience that firsthand."

This initiative reflects something larger than a single program. It speaks to a conscious effort around intergenerational outreach and succession planning, ensuring that Paradise Valley continues to benefit from residents who are not only invested in the community, but who also understand its history, culture and unique identity. For a town like ours, where preservation and thoughtful growth go hand in hand, that continuity matters.

Core members helping to shape and grow the Youth Group include Umeed Singh, Ollie Wurth, Claire Young, Mia Stienmetz and Lara Shah, each contributing their own perspective, energy, and commitment to the program's success.

For decades, Paradise Valley has relied on engaged volunteers to serve on boards, commissions and Council. These roles require not only time and commitment, but also a deep appreciation for the Town's guiding principles. The Youth Group offers an early introduction to that tradition of service — helping young people see how they, too, can play a role in shaping the future of the community.

By inviting young residents into the conversation, we are reinforcing the idea that Paradise Valley is not just a place to live, but a place to belong and to contribute.

As the program evolves, its impact will likely extend beyond what we can measure today. Some of these students may go on to serve in formal roles; others may simply carry forward a deeper understanding of the Town and a lasting connection to it. Both outcomes are meaningful.

Ultimately, the Paradise Valley Youth Group reflects a shared belief that the future of the town is not separate from its past, but built upon it. By investing in the next generation, we are not changing the identity of Paradise Valley — we are preserving it.



By Christine Labelle, Town of Paradise Valley vice mayor

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Paradise Valley is unlike anywhere else. It's a community defined by its character, its quality of life, and the balance between residents, local businesses, and world-class resorts. Bill currently serves on the Town's Planning Commission — and understands that balance because he's lived it professionally for decades.

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Martin R. Galbut named 2026-27 artist in residence

Work to be featured in Paradise Valley Town Hall

Paradise Valley is known for our world-class resorts, natural open spaces, outdoor lifestyle and unique quality of life. Paradise Valley is also home to a thriving arts community, which includes public sculptures, renown architecture and, surprisingly, a Town Hall that doubles as an art gallery.

Residents and visitors alike are familiar with the town's publicly accessible art, such as Paolo Soleri's Cosanti, the Barry Goldwater statue by Joe Beeler at the northeast corner of Lincoln Drive and Tatum Boulevard, and the historic and sobering "That Which Might Have Been, Birmingham 1963," sculpted by John Henry Waddell to honor the four girls killed in the 1963 Birmingham church bombing, located at the Unitarian Church on Lincoln drive. The town is also home to a number of architecturally significant residences, including homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and Al Beedle. **Continued to Page 30**



Martin R. Galbut is the current Paradise Valley Town Hall artist in residence. (Courtesy of Karen Liepmann)



One of the beautiful landscapes painted by Martin R. Galbut. (Courtesy of Karen Liepmann)



A still life by Martin R. Galbut. (Courtesy of Karen Liepmann)



By Karen Liepmann, Paradise Valley Town Council member

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.

With Warmest Regards,

Stone Canyon Residents

Terry and David Appel
Joan and Charles Clancy
Vita Rowe and David Borneman
Kathy and Ron Brown
Dr. Marilyn Gianetti
Pam Hait
Ingrid and Al Harrison
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Julie Pace and David Selden
Tracy and Scott Tonn
Rita and Jay Varty
Drs. Teresa and Joe Zachariah
Sheila and Michael Zuieback
and many others…



Worship in Paradise Valley

Paradise Valley offers unique opportunities for individuals and families to connect with their faith and community with several places of worship that cater to diverse faith traditions.

Whether you follow a particular religion or are seeking spiritual guidance, you'll find welcoming spaces that embrace all walks of life in the Paradise Valley religious community. Explore the rich tapestry of religious diversity in Paradise Valley and discover a place where you can nurture your spirituality and find belonging.

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6107 N. Invergordon Rd.
480-948-7310
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Camelback Bible Church
3900 E. Stanford Drive
602-955-6370
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4015 E. Lincoln Drive
602-840-8210
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First Southern Baptist Church
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St. Barnabas on the Desert
6715 N. Mockingbird Ln.
480-948-5560
saintbarnabas.org

Temple Solel
6805 E. McDonald Drive
480-991-7414
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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix
4027 E. Lincoln Drive
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Valley Presbyterian Church
6947 E. McDonald Drive
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Valley View Bible Church
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Perhaps the town's most innovative public arts initiative is the Paradise Valley Artist in Residence program, which has turned the Town Hall into a public art gallery. The Artist in Residence program sponsors year-long exhibits of works by local artists selected by the Paradise Valley Arts Board. In selecting featured artists, the Arts Board endeavors to vary diverse styles and mediums. The only criterion for selection is that the artist must live in Paradise Valley.

In the past, such luminaries as Paolo Soleri, Bil Keene, Beth Ames Swartz and Louise and Robert McCall have all been featured artists in residence.

The Arts Board was created in 1999 with a mission to help create and sustain a cultural and artistic environment in the town that encourages local artists, collectors, schools, residents and gallery owners to participate in educational and exhibition projects within the town. The Arts Board is comprised of eight council-appointed residents.

"We take great pride in the rich artistic landscape that exists in Paradise Valley," said Arts Board Chair Colleen Steinberg.

Since October of 2025, Curtis Dickman's vibrant multi-dimensional art has delighted Town Hall visitors and staff. Dickman is a local artist and retired neurosurgeon. His pieces include opticokinetic illusions, reverse-perspective sculptures, collages, mixed media pieces and paintings.

From October 2026 to September 2027, Martin R. Galbut's paintings will adorn the walls of Town Hall. Galbut is a landscape and seascape painter in the impressionist and tonalist traditions. His works reflect his love of travel and the outdoors.

Galbut said he is thrilled to have been chosen as Paradise Valley's next Artist in Residence. "My greatest art honor is the town's exhibition," he said.

When asked why he paints, Galbut said, "It is because I love beautiful places I have visited, and I want to capture those experiences and share them with others. It is also because the creative exercise is peaceful and very different than my profession and daily concerns. It includes my desire to share these experiences and my passion with family, friends, other artists, and collectors. It builds relationships and friendships."

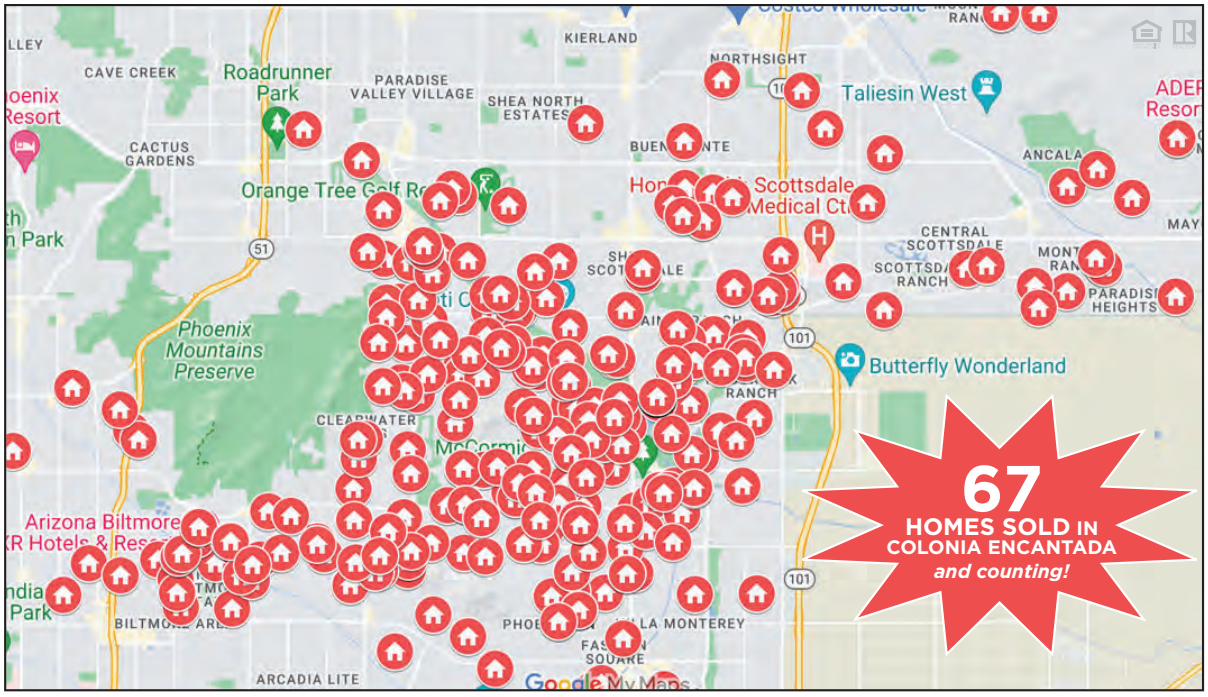
Galbut is a highly regarded, nationally recognized civil litigator. He has practiced law in Phoenix and Scottsdale since 1971. His firm, Galbut Beabeau, is celebrating its 40th year. The firm is now managed by his son, Keith Galbut, and Oliver Beabeau.

Galbut and his wife Cindy raised their children in Paradise Valley; in a house they built in 1977. Much to Galbut's delight, his grown children, Keith Galbut and Lindsay Morris, as well as four grandchildren, all live in Paradise Valley.

"We are so fortunate to all be here," Galbut said.

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Hit the links

A golfer's paradise, no matter how you slice it

By J. Graber
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Home to three courses — two public and one private course — Paradise Valley is a golfer's dream.

The fairways are green and they all offer awe-inspiring mountain views.

And the approximately 300 sunny days per year don't hurt.

But be warned, the greens in town tend to run fast.

Whether you are looking to invest some real time into your game with 36 holes at JW Marriott Camelback Golf Club or you're shooting for something a little quicker with the 18-hole, par 3 course at Mountain Shadows Golf Club that can be finished in about three hours, Paradise Valley's clubs have something to offer every type of golfer, from novices to seasoned veterans.

The town's location relative to Sky Harbor Airport makes it an ideal spot for out-of-towners, according to Tom McCahan, Mountain Shadows director of Golf and Club Operations.

"People can arrive in the morning, be here after lunch and still play a full round of golf," he said. "Or depart, they can play golf in the morning and then head over to the airport and leave. That's another great thing about Paradise Valley is the location."

But golf in Paradise Valley isn't just for visitors. It's an important part of many residents' lifestyle.

The town's residents are coming out to play golf these days in numbers not seen since Tiger Woods' heyday, according to J.W. Marriot Camelback Golf Club Golf General Manager Oliver Riding. **Continued on Page 36**

Golf courses like Paradise Valley's Mountain Shadows offer a natural access point to Paradise Valley's mystique. (Courtesy of Dave Sansom Photography)



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The luxury home market in the Town of Paradise Valley continues to evolve to fulfill the needs of homebuyers who desire unique gaming or sport amenities that will complete their home, such as this large chess set at a home on Mockingbird Lane. (Courtesy of Joan Levinson)



Bowling alleys aren't as easy to come by as they used to be, so why not build one in your home? (Courtesy of Grigg's Group)



An indoor shooting range, built into a home right here in Paradise Valley. (Courtesy of Grigg's Group)



THE SPORTING LIFE

Paradise Valley homeowners and their kids enjoy amenities to reflect their gaming loves

By Philip Haldiman
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Covaciu family loves sports, playing games and sharing their home with others to partake in such activities.

Maggie Covaciu has five children — three boys and two girls — who are now adults, but she says they have all been blessed to have a large enough home to experience athletics on their property.

Her boys all played soccer, and she fondly looks back on their recently sold 2.5-acre Town of Paradise Valley home that had a huge field that allowed them to play the game with their friends.

The home was also stacked with a volleyball court and a multi-purpose sports court that could be used for basketball, pickelball and tennis.

Their home also had an oversized chess court.

The family has hosted many parties — a wedding, bridal showers, baby showers and church gatherings with 200 teenagers playing soccer and other sports in the backyard.

Paradise Valley is a place were you can really utilize a number of sport and gaming amenities, Covaciu said.

"We have been very grateful that we have been able to share our home with our community," she said.

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Bottom Left Photo: A golf simulator means you can practice your swing without having to leave the home, an especially useful amenity during the hottest months of the year. (Courtesy of Grigg's Group)

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In fact, one could say golf is almost sewn into the very fabric of Paradise Valley, as the two are virtually synonymous with luxury.

Golf is like tennis or snow skiing, he said. It's something that tends to be present in high-market towns like Paradise Valley, with homes that often reach into seven figures.

"The whole Paradise Valley experience is almost magical in certain ways, the cleanliness, the way it's organized, the way the streets are done," Riding said.

And golf courses just add to the beauty and mystique of the town.

"More trees, more plants, more flora, more fauna, it just enhances the town as a whole, I would say," Riding said.

It's also good for animals, as J.W. Marriot Camelback Golf Club is working with the Audubon Society to put up nests for endangered bird species around its courses.

But everyone knows, golf courses are thirsty things. They take a lot of water, and in a desert in the throes of 30-plus-year mega drought, that's not always a good thing.

But Paradise Valley's courses have taken steps to minimize environmental impacts.

For instance, by reopening as an all par-three course in 2017, Mountain Shadows has reduced the amount of grass on it course from 34 acres to 13.

"A lot of unneeded grass was taken out, but the fairways we have are in really good shape and they look good," McCahan said.

Of course, with all of the holes being par threes, the idea is not actually to play on them like longer holes. You're supposed to be on the green in one shot, but it's okay if you're not.

And JW Marriot Camelback Golf Club utilizes native vegetation to minimize water consumption.

"The whole idea of the golf course was to preserve water, to promote nature, to enhance (Indian Bend) wash," Riding said. "It's a very mondern golf course, very much dedicated to conserving water, using native flora and fauna and have people enjoy the game of golf."

To learn more about JW Marriot Camelback Golf Club, visit camelbackgolf.com. For additional details concerning Mountain Shadows, visit mountainshadows.com/golf/.

For additional resources concerning golf in the area, as well as links to additional courses nearby, visit paradisevalleyaz.gov/348/Golf.

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"We've had great memories for the kids and great memories for us. It's been a blessing."

Such amenities are not uncommon, but the luxury home market in Paradise Valley continues to evolve to fulfill the needs of homebuyers who desire that unique gaming or sport amenity that will complete their home.

As a veteran luxury home Realtor, Joan Levinson has seen her fair share of athletic and gaming amenities.

The homes she has shown over the years have had a wide scope of amenities ranging from the more traditional outdoor options such as tennis courts, basketball courts, as well as putting and chipping greens, to those that are growing in popularity today, including pickleball courts, race car simulators, bocce ball courts, bowling allies and other indoor courts.

"You can't forget the swimming pools. In the old days, they used to be kidney shaped, now they are rectangular because people love swimming laps. But people just like to have fun. Game and sport amenities are a great way to enjoy that side of life," Levinson said.

The first luxury home Realtor Chris Karas sold around 20 years ago had an indoor shooting range.

The founder of luxury real estate agency Compass thought it was one of a kind and wasn't sure he would see something like that again.

But as it goes, that amenity is becoming more common for luxury home buyers.

He too has seen his share of unique sporting amenities.

Karas said he once had a client who loved soccer so much that he planted high-performance natural grass to set it to the standards of the elite-level playing fields that USA Soccer uses.

He added that Padel courts are becoming more popular installs in luxury homes.

Padel is a fast-growing, social racket sport that blends elements of tennis and squash, typically played as doubles on a smaller, enclosed court featuring glass and mesh walls.

Karas said the sport is picking up and people are wanting to be close to a Padel facility or have a court on their property.

"It's been really neat to see homeowners bringing what they are passionate about or what their children are passionate about into their homes and backyards," he said.

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Finding a home away from home





Left, St. Barnabas hosts many family events. (Courtesy of Saint Barnabas). Right, the Renewal Center follows in the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. (Courtesy of Franciscan Renewal Center)

Religious centers provide faith, fellowship and fun

By Cyrus Guccione
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Tucked away in the quiet beauty of Paradise Valley, Saint Barnabas on the Desert Episcopal Parish has been a place of refuge and reflection. A gathering place of worship for more than 50 years, Saint Barnabas serves as a spiritual home where people from all walks of life can find connection and belonging.

The Rev. Susie Parker, who retired in early 2026 from Saint Barnabas, said the church follows a simple but powerful motto: "All Are Welcome."

"This is not just a phrase, but an attitude and commitment embraced by all members. Every member takes this as a personal commitment to others, with a curiosity to learn the needs and desires of those visiting Saint Barnabas," Parker said. "It doesn't stop with visitors but continues throughout the experience with our community."

In a world that can often feel isolating and fast-paced, Saint Barnabas offers something more profound — a sense of home beyond four walls.

But what makes a church feel like home? Is it the people who open their hearts to one another? The shared moments of faith and music? Or, as seen at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Paradise Valley, a place for spiritual growth, healing and transformation.

Fr. Page Polk of the Franciscan Renewal Center says that for more than 70 years, their mission has extended beyond just Sunday services. Their outreach includes distributing food to those in need at the Andre House in Phoenix, building homes in Guaymas, Mexico, and providing ministry and care to the Tohono O'odham Nation in Topawa, Ariz.

"For those who come here and get some sense of the place, I believe people really do believe that God loves them," Polk says. "When there is care among the clergy and the congregation, that's where home is."

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> Franciscan Renewal Center

At Saint Barnabas, another guiding principle is: "No One Suffers Alone."

To Parker, this means anyone who walks through their doors has a space to share personal struggles. From loss, grief or emotional and physical challenges, the church offers a compassionate community ready to listen and support community members through life's hardships.

Whether through contemplative prayer, pastoral care or the sharing of beautiful music, faith communities in Paradise Valley offer more than just places of worship—they are sanctuaries to be seen, heard and supported.

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REVVED UP for Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show



2026 event set for November

Every year the Town of Paradise Valley mayor, Town Council and all committee members and volunteers invite residents and friends to get out and experience the town's largest community event, the Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show.

Each year, residents take those amazing collector cars out of their garages and drive them over to Town Hall to celebrate and show support for veterans. One of the most amazing aspects of this show is the resident volunteers, professional staff, several former mayors, council members, committee members, the local police department and Public Works personnel who volunteer their time to put this show on.

From humble beginnings bringing forth the idea of an annual car show celebrating veterans, then Vice Mayor Ed Winkler presented the idea to Mayor Ron Clark. Both being huge car enthusiasts, they loved the idea and the Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show was born.

Over 20 years later this event is still led by former Mayor Ed Winkler, and the event continues to sell out every year, bringing in over 150 classic cars today. Volunteers work together all year planning this event and it shows a true reflection of the town's values and community support. Last year's event alone raised over $17,000.00 for military veterans. "Take a free trip back to the 1950s and 60s," said Winkler of the event. "Spend an hour leisurely strolling among wonderfully preserved vintage cars. This is a great place to bring your kids and grandkids to see our automotive heritage on display. Coffee and donuts are supplied by our sponsor."

The objective of the show today is for Paradise Valley residents, young and old, to visit Town Hall and meet their neighbors and enjoy these vintage automobiles, trucks and motorcycles, plus meet some outstanding military veterans. It's a wonderful way to bring the community and its professional staff together to celebrate the excitement and love everyone has for the Town of Paradise Valley.

If you have not attended, please come by this year on Nov. 14 and meet some of your neighbors and help celebrate the community's veterans. It's more than just a car show. It's a great place to connect with the mayor and council, staff, police officials and many of Paradise Valley's wonderful resident volunteers.



(Above) Hundreds of visitors came out to the 2025 Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show to mingle with neighbors, speak with town staff, support a good cause and, of course, check out some amazing vehicles. (Courtesy of Scott Moore)

By Scott Moore, Town of Paradise Valley Council member

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