



Vice Mayor Kathryn Royer listens during a Cave Creek Town Council meeting. Royer is set to take over as Mayor of Cave Creek from Robert Morris on Dec. 1. (Independent Newsmedia/Jeff Wendt)

Stepping into leadership: The vision, legacy of Cave Creek's incoming Mayor

By Jeff Wendt

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After eight years of dedicated service on the Town Council — including four as Vice Mayor — incoming Cave Creek Mayor Kathryn Royer is prepared to take the reins of primary leadership.

Her decision to run was spurred by outgoing Mayor Bob Morris, who announced his retirement back in January.

"Bob Morris announced his

retirement and asked me to succeed him, given that we were elected at the same time in 2018 and worked our way up through the Council over the last eight years," Royer said. "We've covered many difficult issues together, along with the rest of the Council, and he knew I was poised and ready for primary leadership responsibility."

Royer learned a lot from Morris that she plans to lean on as she takes over his role.

"Bob Morris is incredibly

intelligent with a firm grip on infrastructure, engineering and budget management," Royer said. "He and I shared knowledge and strategies of our water supply and infrastructure issues which resulted in a far more reliable water and wastewater utility system in Cave Creek. I respect and intend to emulate Bob's ability to fully analyze situations to benefit the residents of Cave Creek."

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Carefree Veterans Day event highlights stories of service

By Zev Black

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

For nearly two decades, Carefree has hosted a Veterans Day event featuring speakers and music. This year is no different as the town is holding its Honor and Gratitude event 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion, 101 Easy St.

The occasion will feature music from multiple groups and individuals, including local high school junior Ava Cohen. Youths from Imprints of Honor will also

be in attendance.

In addition, Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Lee, a former United States Air Force veteran, along with Master Sgt. Scott Ford, a former U.S. Army veteran, will speak at the event.

Ford served 21 years in the Army, from 1993 to 2014. He was a Green Beret for 18 years and received a Silver Star for his role in the Battle of Shok Valley in Afghanistan.

He grew up in rural Southeast Ohio

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Cave Creek Boy Scout Troop 603 bows their heads as they prepare for the presentation of colors at a past year's event. (Submitted photo/Town of Carefree)

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Development in progress throughout Cave Creek

By Jeff Wendt

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Development Services Director Luke Kautzman updated the Cave Creek Town Council on a number of projects that are going on throughout the town at its meeting on Oct. 20.

Kautzman began by offering an update on the 4,005 acres of open space land purchase with the Arizona State Land Department.

"We plan to come to the council in November with an update as to where we are in the process," Kautzman said, telling the council he had nothing new to report since the September update to the council.

"We have had some talks with Maricopa County leadership," Kautzman added, "but we want to wait until after the elections are held in November because there are some big decisions in those elections that could have an effect on us."

A contentious discussion was held surrounding the update with the Black Mountain Marketplace on the southeast corner of Carefree Highway and Cave Creek Road next to the Walmart.

Council member Dusty Rhoades talked about how concerned citizens have expressed their displeasure about the undisturbed land around the roadways.

"Can we protect the undisturbed around the roadways?" Rhoades asked. "A number of people complained about blading the thing."

"The undisturbed around the roadways is what make Cave Creek Cave Creek," Rhoades added.

Kautzman tried to reassure Rhoades that when completed, the landscaping will look similar to what the Walmart looked like when it was completed.



Development Services Director Luke Kautzman gives a presentation to the Cave Creek Town Council on Oct. 20, 2026. (Independent Newsmedia/Jeff Wendt)

"You just have to let the development requirements bear out and the landscaping as well," Kautzman said.

Kautzman added that over 160 native trees and 80 cacti have been salvaged for re-use in the project.

Council member Tom Augherton backed up Rhoades in their discussion and also had concerns about the way the landscaping would look.

Kautzman said permits have come in for Mountainside Fitness and Fry's Fuel Center as the first occupants of the new development, but no other tenants have been announced or have signed lease agreements with the development.

Kautzman also provided an update on the proposed hotel that will have 114 rooms on two stories,

a detached lobby, spa rooms, and a pool area.

"The project is in review with the engineers going back and forth on the right of way at Schoolhouse Road and how it ties in to Galloway on the north and the post office on the south," Kautzman said.

Other updates Kautzman provided included:

- Awaiting submittal of plans for a multi-tenant commercial center behind the Starbucks on the northeast corner of 53rd Street and Carefree Highway.

- Plans are in review for two of the seven Live-Work units to be built south of Town Hall.

- The API Corporate Building across the street from Town Hall is nearing completion. The company



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just began work on the interior of the building so they are a few months away.

- The 32 apartment units being built next to Stagecoach Pass are nearing completion. Building official Adam Hicks told Kautzman one of the buildings is almost ready to serve certificates of occupancy by the end of the year.

- The Havelina Springs Crossing office/retail development is in review.

- A traffic drop-off area was placed near the Jewel of the Creek, where passengers can be dropped off and picked up in a small area on the side of the road. The move was necessitated by people parking along the side of the road and causing hazards in the area, and Kautzman worked with Engineering Director Hal Marron to work this out.

- Work was done at the rodeo grounds to include new main gate installation, new fencing in the area, an electrical audit and an electrical service upgrade permit filed with APS.

- Upgrades at Desert Awareness Park to include new pathways, new security measures and bathroom upgrades.

- The ALDI planned on the north side between 50th and 51st Streets and Carefree Highway is ready for permits to be issued.

"The Black Mountain and the ALDI are the last real sizable parcels of land to be developed along Carefree Highway," Kautzman said. "We have like three or four parcels of two acres each left for development."



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Cave Creek Council approves land designation

By Jeff Wendt

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The Cave Creek Town Council approved the rezoning of more than 400 acres of land designated for open space within the town limits at its meeting on Oct. 6.

The town, along with the Desert Foothills Land Trust, owned five parcels of property that were either given to the town through agreements with developments or gifted to the town.

According to Development Services Director Luke Kautzman, it took time to bring all these rezoning requests together.

"This is our opportunity to come through and kind of clean up our roles," Kautzman said.

Kautzman discussed how important the open space is to the town.

"In our general plan it talks about open space," Kautzman said. "Obviously the objective of open space is to enhance the livability, character and appreciation of the

Cave Creek community by preserving as many of its natural characteristics as possible within the town of Cave Creek. These amenities help reflect the livability and character of the town."

The five parcels of land included: Saguaro Hills, near the Desert Foothills Library; the Rosenus Parcel located near Cahava Springs; the Cahava Springs Tract Parcels; the PA Seitts Preserve near Cave Creek Regional Park; and the DFLT Black Mountain Preserve Parcel.

"So with the Rosenus parcel and the Black Mountain preserve parcel, those are a little bit different in that the underlying land use as identified in the general plan is still a residential category, whereas the PA Seitts, Cahava Springs, and Saguaro Hills are already identified in our general plan as open space, but the zoning is still residential," Kautzman said. "So, what we're asking council to consider tonight is two general plan

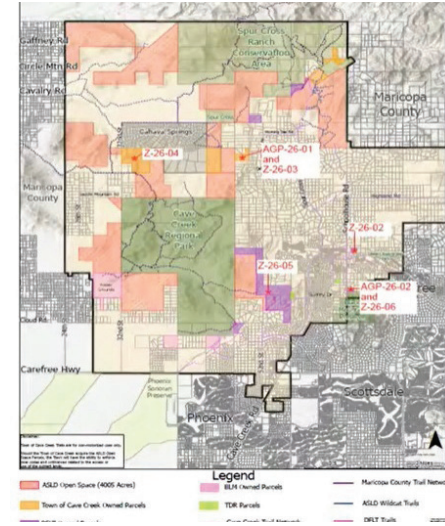
land use amendments in addition to the five zone change requirements."

Council member Cynthia Driskell asked Kautzman if there had been any opposition to the rezoning requests for the parcels of land in question.

"No, just more of anytime you see a big sign that says zoning hearing, you get a few people that say 'What is this?'" Kautzman said. "And it's always nice to kind of talk shop and talk zoning with people that really otherwise don't understand."

"Just a few just curious people calling and seeing exactly what we're doing," Kautzman added. "We had one person misread the sign and say you're rezoning it from open space to residential. We're like no turn your glasses upside down. It's the other way around."

In approving all seven motions required for the parcels, Driskell commented on the process Kautzman and his staff took to get to the finish line.



A map showing the five parcels of land that are being re-designated open space by the Cave Creek Town Council on Oct. 6, 2026. (Screen capture from YouTube)

"It's been a very good process," Driskell said. "I did listen in to one of the planning commission meetings, and it's been thoroughly thought out and a good action on behalf of the town. I'm in favor."

Visitor Center to host mini-gallery open house



The Cave Creek Visitor Center will host a mini-gallery open house on Nov. 6. (Submitted photo/Cave Creek Visitor Center)

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Cave Creek Visitor Center welcomes locals and visitors to a mini-gallery open house on Nov. 6.

From 5-7 p.m., visitors can come to the mini-gallery, which is home to twenty-four works of local art, eight of which are included in Sonoran Arts League's Art in Public Places program.

While at the event, guests can mingle with local artists over some refreshments as well as become acquainted with what the visitor center has to offer.

In addition to the mini-gallery,

visitors will find displays about desert plants and critters, local history, shop and restaurant fliers, park and trail maps, event and area info, a Little Free Library and complimentary Arizona road maps too.

The visitor center, in tandem with the Cave Creek Museum, is also a base location for the Local Landmarks passport program inspiring visitors to learn about the town.

The visitor center is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 6528 E. Cave Creek Road.



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Morris has high praise for Royer as she ascends to the mayor's role.

"Kathryn is totally dedicated to the fundamental principles Cave Creek residents want from its government," Morris said. "She is a super networker who knows how to represent the Town in all power circles that the mayor must operate."

Royer's extensive background over eight years on the Council has provided a comprehensive grounding in municipal operations, from zoning and budgets to emergency services, road infrastructure, and water utility management.

Royer played a key role in recruiting Town Manager Grady Miller and has worked closely with staff and volunteers to advance town goals. This local experience seamlessly complements her 40-year career as a news reporter, corporate communicator, and government policy professional.

"It's an enormous responsibility and I don't take it lightly," Royer said. "I will set the tone for leadership on our Council and our daily community life. I am quickly becoming the public face and voice of our town, representing Cave Creek in the media, at regional and state governmental meetings and events, and serving as a spokesperson at community functions."

Her ascension to the office marks a notable milestone: becoming only the third female mayor in Cave Creek's 40-year history.

She honors the path forged by her predecessors, Jacky Davis and Laura Cox. Davis, appointed shortly after incorporation in 1986, navigated environmental protections and resisted absorption into Phoenix, while Cox managed



Kathryn Royer is set to be the third female mayor of the Town of Cave Creek when she assumes the role on Dec. 1. (Courtesy of the Town of Cave Creek)

rapid commercial and residential growth in the 1990s alongside flood control battles and intense media scrutiny.

"It seems navigating transitional periods for Cave Creek is our common ground," Royer said.

Upon taking office on Dec. 1, Royer's immediate agenda highlights long-term water sustainability, completing the purchase of 4,005 acres of state land for open space preservation, supporting local business vitality, attracting and retaining Town Hall workforce talent, improving traffic safety, and upgrading town infrastructure — all while protecting Cave Creek's unique southwestern culture.

Water sustainability remains one of the most critical issues facing

the town. With 95% of Cave Creek's water supply dependent on the Colorado River — facing imminent cutbacks via the Central Arizona Project in 2028 — Royer and Morris have proactively forged regional partnerships with neighboring cities like Phoenix, Tucson, Peoria, and Surprise to secure future supplies.

Drawing on her 20-year career at CAP, Royer championed a campaign platform in 2018 to bank excess Colorado River water underground through the CAP recharge program,

Cave Creek has successfully stored over 3,000 acre-feet of water credits, which can be exchanged for wet water as needed.

Royer's professional relationships across the Valley and state water organizations continue to prove invaluable as the region navigates Colorado River allocation challenges.

Morris knows the challenges that Royer will face.

"Water issues will likely dominate much of the next two years due to the 30-year drought and Arizona's efforts to craft water law and policy in response to lower CAP deliveries," Morris said.

Town Manager

Grady Miller has complete confidence in Royer heading into both the water and state land issues.

"I have a high level of confidence in Kathryn providing leadership on both water and state land matters," Miller said.

"Kathryn has had a tremendous amount of professional experience at Central Arizona Project (CAP)

and advising the town on water policy matters. Through her relationship with leaders at CAP and the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Town of Cave Creek received authorization to bank its excess allocation of water resources for several years.

"Along with the entire Town Council, Kathryn supported having town residents study and evaluate the possibility of Cave Creek acquiring 4,005 acres of State Trust land," Miller added. "While there are more steps involved in the process to acquire the trust land, Kathryn will continue to display considerable leadership in proceeding with the State Land Department auction and purchase process."

Looking ahead, Royer's vision centers on humble, service-oriented leadership — guided by author Ken Blanchard's principle that true leadership is about serving others.

Royer's goal is to ensure a secure, vibrant future for Cave Creek's residents and businesses within the Sonoran Desert habitat, supported by a high-functioning, transparent, and trustworthy town government.

"I did not go into this volunteer position on Council for my own benefit," Royer said. "I knew that my years as a news reporter, corporate communicator and government policy work over the past four decades would be of value to my community."

"I have balanced my career and council membership with being a mother, grandmother and wife," Royer added.

"I cherish all of those roles. I think this community knows that after 30 years in Cave Creek, I apply all of my skills and experience to make the best decisions on behalf of all of us who live, visit and work here."

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Bob Morris
Outgoing Mayor

Veterans

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in what he described as a "very patriotic area."

His father, along with two of his uncles, served in the military. He said he always respected their service.

"I was ready to get out and do something beyond the small community," Ford said. "I loved the small community that I lived in... But I wanted to see the world."

During his service, Ford traveled to over 40 countries. He did combat tours in Africa, Afghanistan, Iraq and Bosnia.

He said it's important to treat veterans as individual people and not a conglomerate.

"While they are a part of a bigger group of veterans, and I'm saying that people stereotype, but every veteran is a person and you have to approach it that way," Ford

said.

He added some veterans certainly have had their struggles and continue to struggle, but not everyone is the same. Ford has been in many combat situations but said he's "perfectly fine."

During this event, one of the things he's going to be talking about is what Veterans Day means to him. He's looking forward to talking to the community about the holiday from his perspective.

"I take the opportunity to remember the people that I served with," Ford said. "And, to me, it's about our country."

Carefree Mayor John Crane stated in an email this event gives the younger generation a chance to learn about "citizenship, duty, courage, civic engagement and service."

"All these values build character and will serve them well throughout their lives," he stated. "When

young people witness ceremonies, interact with veterans, and learn the history behind their sacrifices, they develop a deeper appreciation for citizenship, service, and the responsibilities that accompany freedom."

Ford added he was serving during Sept. 11, 2001. While he acknowledged it was a "unfortunate situation," he saw one major positive from it.

"The positive out of 9/11 was the unity in our country and the patriotism that came," Ford explained.

"How do we, with all the troubles in the world today, how do we keep the momentum going with that. I think the biggest thing you can do on Veterans Day is to love and respect our flag and our country."

"We would like our veterans and active-duty personnel, as well as their families, to know that we

are grateful for their service and sacrifices, not only on Veterans Day, but every day," Mayor John Crane stated in an email.

He added this will be shown by the Carefree residents at the event.

"By providing opportunities for attendees of all ages to learn about military service, hear veterans' stories, and participate in ceremonies of respect, we ensure that the contributions of veterans remain part of our identity," he stated.

For more information about the event, go to visitcarefree.com/veterans.

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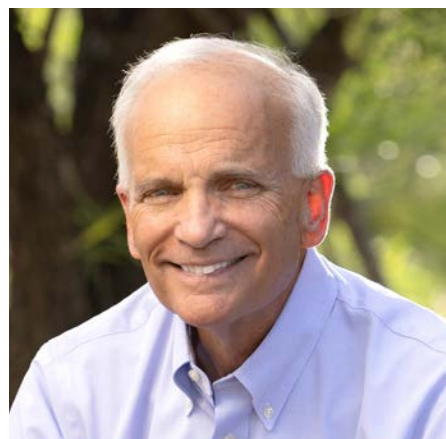
By John Crane

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In Carefree, this is the most wonderful time of the year! November in Carefree marks the return of family, friends, and refreshing cooler mornings and evenings. After October rains, the Carefree Desert Gardens and surrounding Sonoran Desert are as green and lush as ever. Welcoming festive lights have returned to the Carefree Desert Gardens beckoning all to explore, not only the Gardens, but our restaurants, art studios, galleries, and shops. And to make November even more enticing, the calendar is packed with events for every taste and interest.

Join us at the 33rd Thunderbird Artists Annual Fall Carefree Garden Art Experience, November 7 and 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. This year the November show has evolved. Street closures will be limited. The festival will immerse itself in the stunning Carefree Gardens. With existing sculptures and artistic installations already woven throughout the gardens, the Gardens offer a naturally elegant, gallery-like atmosphere that beautifully complements fine art. Whether you’re a casual browser, a serious collector, or a wine connoisseur, this festival serves up an unforgettable, all-senses celebration for everyone!

The Carefree Annual Veterans Day Celebration, November 11, 3 to 5 p.m. in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion celebrates and honors our veterans—past and present—with a patriotic small-town gathering featuring live music, heartfelt speakers, community togetherness, and local, veterans focused non-profit organizations.



Carefree Mayor John Crane. (Submitted photo/John Crane)

Carefree Art Nights, November 19, beckons with an enchanting evening under the desert stars. From 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., enjoy an unforgettable experience for art lovers and community members alike and explore the diverse array of galleries that make Carefree a distinctive art destination.

You asked for more music in the Carefree Desert Gardens, so check out Sanderson Lincoln Saturdays afternoon music. To enjoy a variety of different music in a special place, stop by November 13 and 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Enjoy live music in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion while you shop, dine, or explore the Carefree Desert Gardens. View the November entertainment lineup at visitcarefree.com/events.

The Hidden In The Hills Artist Studio Tour, November 20-22 and 27-29, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., presented by the Sonoran Arts League, provides an opportunity to visit the workspaces of dedicated artists in the Sonoran Foothills, to learn about the artist’s methodology and process, and purchase art directly from the artists

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As November draws to a close, the Town of Carefree will wrap up the year with traditional favorites.

The Kiwanis Club of Carefree will bring us Kiwanis Christmas for the Kids, a free family event, Saturday, November 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion. The festivities will include exotic animals, hayrides, a Christmas tree giveaway, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and a raffle drawing for 75 bikes.

As the sun begins to set, join us for our popular, small-town Christmas celebration, Carefree Lights Up! at 5 p.m.

Gather for carols by the tree, countdown the tee lighting, sip hot cocoa, and enjoy a heartwarming community concert in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion as we “light up” Carefree for the season.

The backdrop of our surrounding beautiful Sonoran Desert makes everything in Carefree special. There is a lot happening in this beautiful jewel of a town. November is the best time to have some fun and take it all in.

Town of Carefree slates Christmas tree lighting

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Imagine a small town glowing with Christmas lights, neighbors gathering around the tree and familiar carols filling the air. It sounds like a scene straight out of a Hallmark Christmas movie, but it's exactly what you'll experience at Carefree Lights Up!

Beginning 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, the Town of Carefree invites Valley resident to join in for an evening of holiday magic, music and community spirit. The festivities begin in the Carefree Desert Gardens, where families, friends and neighbors will gather around the 20-foot Christmas tree near the Veterans Memorial.

The Desert Hills Presbyterian Church Bell Ringers will lead the crowd in beloved holiday carols. Mayor John Crane will share his holiday wishes before leading the countdown to illuminate the tree

and officially welcome the Christmas season.

Following the tree lighting, stroll just across the street to the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion to continue the celebration. Melodies from the young string musicians of Jubilate Conservatory of Music will provide the perfect background music as you grab a free cup of hot chocolate, courtesy of the town, and settle into your seats for a Christmas concert beginning at 6 p.m.

The concert features performances by the Desert Cactus Kickers, a dynamic senior tap troupe known for their high-energy, and POP (Performing Outreach Project), an inclusive dance group made up of performers with physical and learning disabilities.

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Carefree residents gather at a past year's event. (Submitted photo/Town of Carefree)



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Pizzicata reopens in Carefree

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Before Pizzicata became an Arizona restaurant group, it was a small Carefree dining room, a collection of family recipes and a husband-and-wife team with a personal goal: make Italian food in Arizona feel as warm and memorable as it did back home.

The original Pizzicata, 7212 E. Hum Road, reopened Oct. 12 following a full renovation of its dining rooms, bar, kitchen and patios. The restaurant celebrated the transformation with a VIP grand reopening gathering Oct. 22.

Custom tables from Italy, new booths, textured walls and charcoal-colored resin floors set the tone, while a black-and-gold bar gives the space a new place to gather over Italian wine and cocktails.

"Carefree is where our Arizona story began, so this project is especially

meaningful to us," Venturini said. "We wanted to give the restaurant a beautiful new setting that reflects how much we have grown, while holding onto the food, traditions and hospitality that have always made Pizzicata feel personal."

Guests can also get a closer look at the craft behind the menu. The renovation opens the view into the kitchen, adding a little theater to the nightly work of dough stretching, pasta making and sauce simmering. Outside, refreshed patios are ready for long lunches, dinner under the stars and all the lingering Arizona patio season deserves.

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PRO RODEO

ABOUT: 3-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 5-7, Cave Creek Rodeo Grounds, 37201 N. 28th St., Cave Creek.

INFO: Professional rodeo competitors will gather for the Turquoise Circuit event, part of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's regional competition system. The three-day event showcases rodeo athletes competing within the circuit.

WEB: turquoisecircuitfinalsrodeo.com



Professional rodeo competitors will gather for the Turquoise Circuit Pro Rodeo Nov. 5-7 at the Cave Creek Rodeo Grounds. (Submitted photo/TCFR)

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ABOUT: Through Jan. 3 at JW Desert Ridge, 5350 E Marriott Drive, Phoenix.

INFO: Register online for a Christmas tradition at Desert Ridge, bring "Elf" to life in a breathtaking frozen world.

WEB: jwdesertridgchristmas.com

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE

ABOUT: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 and 20, Harold's Cave Creek Corral, 6895 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek.

INFO: The Silver Sage Band will perform country music at Harold's Friday night dance parties, with DJ Dennis Anderson also participating. Admission is free, with no cover charge.

WEB: haroldscorral.com

CAREFREE MARKET

ABOUT: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27, Carefree Sundial Gardens, 101 Easy St., Carefree.

INFO: The weekly outdoor market features seasonal produce, locally

made foods, flowers and artisan merchandise. The market takes place in downtown Carefree near the town's landmark sundial.

WEB: carefreecavecreek.org

CRAFT & BAKE SALE

ABOUT: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, American Legion Post 34, 6272 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek.

INFO: American Legion Post 34 will host a community craft fair and bake sale. The event offers an opportunity to browse crafts and baked goods while supporting a local veterans organization.

WEB: azpost34cavecreek.org

SCANDALOUS HANDS

ABOUT: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Janey's Coffee Co. & Bodega, 6602 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek.

INFO: Scandalous Hands will perform an evening concert at Janey's, a Cave Creek café and live-music venue. A \$10 cover

charge applies.

WEB: cavecreekazmusic.com

LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC

ABOUT: 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays throughout November, Buffalo Chip Saloon and Steakhouse, 6823 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek.

INFO: Resident band Pick O' The Litter performs live music five nights a week at the Western-style saloon. The venue also offers free line-dancing lessons Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 7 p.m., with couples dance lessons Thursdays at 7 p.m.

WEB: buffalochipsaloon.com

LIVE MUSIC AT BARS

ABOUT: Various evenings and weekends throughout November, Hideaway, 6746 E. Cave Creek Road, and The Roadhouse, 6900 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek.

INFO: Both Cave Creek establishments host regular live music. The Hideaway features a

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patio stage, while the Roadhouse offers indoor and outdoor performance spaces. Individual performers and showtimes are posted on the establishments' online music calendar.

WEB: hideaway-usa.com/music

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ABOUT: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13-14, Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church, 36811 N. Pima Road, Carefree.

INFO: Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church will host its two-day Christmas bazaar, offering a seasonal community shopping event ahead of the holidays.

WEB: carefreecavecreek.org

SONORAN DOGS

ABOUT: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Janey's, 6602 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek.



A couple shows off one of the bowls at the 2025 Empty Bowls Marketplace. This year's event takes place on Nov. 14. (Courtesy of the Foothills Food Bank & Resource Center)

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INFO: The Sonoran Dogs will take the stage for an evening of live music at Janey's. The venue lists a \$10 cover charge for the performance.

WEB: cavecreekazmusic.com

EMPTY BOWLS MARKET

ABOUT: Noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, Foothills Food Bank & Resource Center, 4250 E. Carefree Highway, Cave Creek.

INFO: Foothills Food Bank will host its annual Empty Bowls Market, featuring hundreds of handcrafted ceramic bowls, wood-turned creations and other artisan gifts. The fundraiser also includes live music, food, raffles and a silent auction, with proceeds benefiting the food bank's hunger-relief programs. Admission and parking are free. VIP early admission is available from 10:30-11:30 a.m. with a purchased ticket.

WEB: foothillsfoodbank.com/emptybowls

DESERT DISCOVERY DAY

ABOUT: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, Jewel of the Creek Preserve, 40029 N. Spur Cross Road, Cave Creek.

INFO: Desert Foothills Land Trust will host its 14th annual outdoor discovery event, offering families opportunities to explore and learn about the Sonoran Desert. Activities emphasize nature, outdoor education and hands-on discovery. The preserve's terrain is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.

WEB: dflt.org

CAREFREE ART NIGHT

ABOUT: 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, downtown Carefree.

INFO: The community art evening invites visitors to explore participating galleries and local artwork while strolling through Carefree's downtown district.

WEB: carefreecavecreek.org

THE CHEEKTONES

ABOUT: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Janey's, 6602 E. Cave Creek

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Road, Cave Creek.

INFO: The CheekTones, from Prescott, will perform live at Janey's. A \$10 cover charge applies.

WEB: cavecreekazmusic.com

HIDDEN IN THE HILLS

ABOUT: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 20-22 and 27-29, participating artist studios throughout Cave Creek, Carefree and North Scottsdale.

INFO: The Sonoran Arts League's 30th annual Hidden in the Hills Artist Studio Tour invites the public to visit working artists' studios, watch demonstrations, meet artists and purchase original artwork. The free, self-guided tour includes locations throughout the Desert Foothills, with participating studios and maps available online. Visitors should select



Scottsdale artist Jeanne Bonine is one of 151 artists participating in the 30th Annual Hidden in the Hills Artist Studio Tour, taking place over the last two weekends of November. (Submitted photo/Jon Linton Photography)

studios within their preferred area.

WEB: sonoranartsleague.org/hidden-in-the-hills

CAVE CREEK LEGENDS

ABOUT: 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Harold's Corral, 6895 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek.

INFO: Local favorites Cave

Creek Legends will perform an afternoon set of live music. The performance is open to the public with no cover charge.

WEB: haroldscorral.com

TURKEY WEEKEND

ABOUT: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Janey's, 6602

E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek. **INFO:** The T-BoneZ will perform Nov. 27, followed by Audio Farm on Nov. 28. Both evening concerts carry a \$10 cover charge.

WEB: cavecreekazmusic.com

THANKSLIVING MUSIC

ABOUT: Friday-Monday, Nov. 27-30, Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center, 7415 E. Elbow Bend Road, Carefree. Concerts are scheduled Nov. 27-29.

INFO: The second annual festival will feature tropical rock performances by Mark Mulligan, John Patti, Carrie Welling and Rudy B, along with a Jimmy Buffett tribute show. Individual concert tickets, including meals, and multiday lodging packages are available for purchase.

WEB: sitdmusic.com

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Spinal stenosis may cause neuropathy symptoms

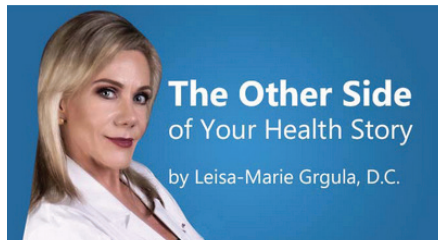
I've treated spinal stenosis in my practice for 31 years. Yes, this may cause burning, numbness and tingling in the feet, but there is more to it. Spinal stenosis is a narrowing of spaces in your spine that put pressure on your spinal cord or your peripheral nerves. It's a severe condition that, in many cases, is manageable conservatively. It's generally caused because of degeneration of the discs between the vertebrae that compress the nerves or spinal cord, causing pain. It's degenerative and doesn't go away on its own. Although other symptoms may come and go, the condition is still there. My patients have great results with my specific protocols, and I've been able to save them from surgery.

Poor circulation in the legs

Poor circulation may be caused by diabetes, blood clots, peripheral artery disease (PAD), and more. In many cases, it is diminished by walking or rest. It's important to be tested for these other conditions so we can treat your neuropathy effectively.

Foot Problems

There are certain foot conditions



that can cause neuropathy symptoms. We will examine the feet to determine if that is the cause of your symptoms.

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Cave Creek Finance Director Cherie White, left, and Finance Services Director Bridget Black present the new Lifeline Water Assistance Policy to the Cave Creek Town Council on Oct. 6. (Independent Newsmedia/Jeff Wendt)

Cave Creek council approves modified water assistance program

By Jeff Wendt

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Cave Creek Town Council approved a modified Lifeline Water Assistance Program Policy during the Oct. 6 meeting.

The council had heard this policy originally at the Sept. 1 meeting, when numbers presented to the council were under an older water policy from 2014.

According to Finance Services Director Bridget Black, the program provides qualified customers with a 50% reduction on water base rate and usage charges.

Users under the policy could use, depending on household size, between 5,280 gallons to 26,400 gallons per month in Cave Creek and 4,530 gallons to 22,650 gallons per month in the Desert Hills system.

Mayor Robert Morris asked that those numbers be looked at according to the new water tier usage that Cave Creek adopted earlier in the year.

Finance Director Cherie White and Black returned to the council with a

new number for both Cave Creek and Desert Hills systems of 100 gallons per capita per day, which translates to 3,000 gallons to 15,000 gallons per month, depending on household size.

The 100 gallon per capita per day is based on 45 gallons per day of indoor use and 55 gallons of outdoor use. This was based on research done by staff, and it was based on EPA recommendations and Arizona Department of Water Resources recommendations.

Staff also proposed an additional exception for unusual circumstances. That would authorize the town manager to consider the circumstances of an individual case when deciding whether to approve an exception to a loss of reduced charges or program eligibility.

Six customers are currently involved in the program. The participants' average water base and water usage fee for the July 2026 bill with the reduced rate is \$39.41. Before the reduction, it

Museum presents speaker on 'Life and Foodways of the Salt River People'

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Cave Creek Museum is hosting Gary Owens Jr. to talk about "Life and Foodways of the Salt River People."

The event takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the museum in the historic church.

Owens will share his inside into the traditional gathering and farming of indigenous foods of the Salt River People.

Owens, director of The Huhugam Ki: Museum in Scottsdale, is a featured speaker in this season's Cave Creek Museum Presents series.

Owens, a long-time friend of the Cave Creek Museum, will discuss "Huhugam Ki," which means the "House of the Ancestors" in the Oñk Akimel O'odham language.

Cave Creek Museum works

to preserve and protect tribal collections and many historical archives of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Tickets are \$10 each, and no discounts or Culture Passes will be honored during the event. Advance reservations are required for the event.

The Cave Creek Museum's mission is to preserve the artifacts of the prehistory, history, culture and legacy of the Cave Creek Mining District and the Cave Creek/Carefree foothills area through education, research, and interpretive exhibits.

The museum is located at 6140 E. Skyline Drive and is open from October through May.

For more information call 480-488-2764 or visit cavecreekmuseum.org.

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would have been an average of \$78.82 per participant.

Council member Tom McGuire commented how he hopes this policy will be helpful for everyone involved.

"It's difficult to balance issues when some people are using more water than others," McGuire said. "Some of us are equestrian, some of us are not, some of us do not have outside watering. I don't think there's any easy answers, so, I think

this is probably the most rational way to go about it."

Council member Cynthia Driskell commented on how this will be easier on the users under this program.

"I think it's an improvement kind of clarifying and simplifying the process and the information that will go out to water users," Driskell said.

Council member Dusty Rhoades was happy to see the exception added to the policy.

"I think it's good policy and I also think it's good policy that the town manager can make exceptions," Rhoades said.

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Carefree Kiwanis Club donates \$120,000

The Kiwanis Club of Carefree is investing \$120,000 in the children and families of the Desert Foothills community through a grant to the Cave Creek Unified School District to support the launch of the Digital Citizen Academy during the 2026-2027 school year.

DCA is a comprehensive K-12 program focused on digital wellness, responsible digital citizenship, online safety and artificial intelligence literacy. The initiative is designed to give students the knowledge and practical skills they need to navigate an increasingly technology-driven world safely and responsibly.

Just as importantly, the program extends beyond the classroom. Parents, teachers, and school staff will receive resources and education to help create a shared understanding and consistent approach to technology, online behavior, and child safety throughout the school community.

Through the \$120,000 Kiwanis grant, the Digital Citizen Academy initiative will include:

- Age-appropriate K-12 curriculum covering digital citizenship, online safety, and AI literacy
- Student leadership opportunities through the Technology Leadership Council
- Parent education and resources addressing social media, gaming, artificial intelligence, screen time, and online risks
- Professional development and resources for teachers and school staff
- Support for restorative and educational approaches when



Kiwanis President Brian Kunkel, CCUSD Superintendent Dr. Nicole Regan, CCUSD Chief Financial Officer David Wheeler and Dr. Lisa Strohm. (Submitted photo/Jen Miles)

students experience technology-related challenges

Implementation is anticipated to begin during the 2026-2027 school year, with the grant supporting programming through June 2027.

"Kiwanis is making an extraordinary investment in the children and families of our community," Dr. Lisa Strohm, psychologist and attorney, founder of Digital Citizen Academy and member of the Kiwanis Club of Carefree said.

"Technology is now part of nearly every aspect of a child's life, and our responsibility is to make sure they have the education, skills, and support to navigate that world safely. This partnership allows us to bring students, parents, and educators together around a shared commitment to raising healthy and responsible digital citizens."

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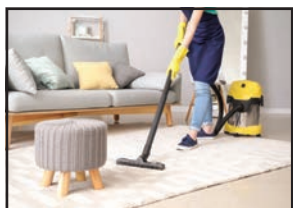


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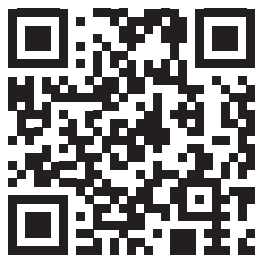
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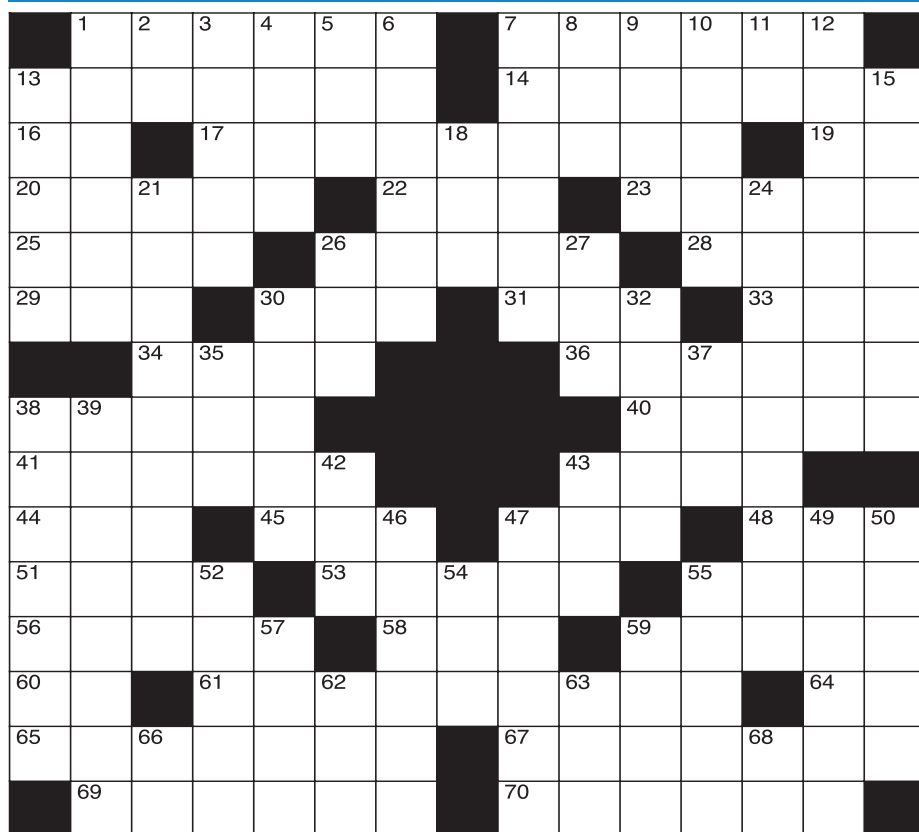
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8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction

18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
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62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
68. Powerful government lawyer

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 26

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Thanksgiving.

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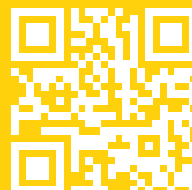
Answer: Stuffing

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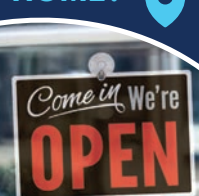
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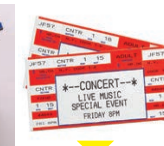
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF CAVE CREEK ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE UNDERLYING ZONE OF PARCEL 216-29-011A FROM DESERT RURAL 89 (DR-89) TO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION (OSC) WHICH TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, Zoning Case No. Z-26-06 has been noticed for public hearing pursuant to the Town of Cave Creek Zoning Ordinance and the Statutes of the State of Arizona.

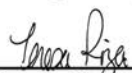
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That the Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect that parcel 216-29-011A which totals approximately 5 acres, described by the attached legal description (EXHIBIT A) and depicted in (EXHIBIT B) and is rezoned from Desert Rural Residential (DR-89) to Open Space Conservation (OSC)

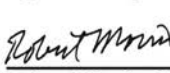
Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, this 20th day of October, 2026 to be effective upon expiration of a thirty (30) day period following the adoption hereof and completion of notice and publication pursuant to A.R.S. §9-812.

ATTESTED TO:


Teresa Riza, Town Clerk

FOR THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK:


Robert Morris, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


William J. Sims, Town Attorney

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Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF CAVE CREEK ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE UNDERLYING ZONE OF PARCELS 211-18-146 AND 211-18-147, CAHAVA SPRINGS TRACT PARCELS B AND C, FROM DESERT RURAL 190 (DR-190) TO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION (OSC) WHICH TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 130 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, Zoning Case No. Z-26-04 has been noticed for public hearing pursuant to the Town of Cave Creek Zoning Ordinance and the Statutes of the State of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That the Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect that parcels 211-18-146 AND 211-18-147, which total approximately 130 acres, described by the attached legal description (EXHIBIT A) and depicted in (EXHIBIT B) and are rezoned from Desert Rural Residential (DR-190) to Open Space Conservation (OSC)

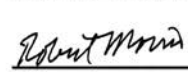
Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

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ATTESTED TO:


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William J. Sims, Town Attorney

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF CAVE CREEK ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE UNDERLYING ZONE OF PARCELS 211-16-017, 211-16-018, 211-16-024, 211-17-042, AND 211-17-043, WHICH IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS "PA SEITTS PRESERVE" FROM DESERT RURAL 190 (DR-190) TO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION (OSC) WHICH TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 272 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, Zoning Case No. Z-26-05 has been noticed for public hearing pursuant to the Town of Cave Creek Zoning Ordinance and the Statutes of the State of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That the Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect that parcels 211-16-017, 211-16-018, 211-16-024, 211-17-042, AND 211-17-043, which total approximately 130 acres, described by the attached legal description (EXHIBIT A) and depicted in (EXHIBIT B) and are rezoned from Desert Rural Residential (DR-190) to Open Space Conservation (OSC)

Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, this 20th day of October, 2026 to be effective upon expiration of a thirty (30) day period following the adoption hereof and completion of notice and publication pursuant to A.R.S. §9-812.

ATTESTED TO:

Teresa Riza
Teresa Riza, Town Clerk

FOR THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK:

Robert Morris
Robert Morris, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. Sims

Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF CAVE CREEK ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE UNDERLYING ZONE OF PARCELS 211-01-039 FROM DESERT RURAL 190 (DR-190) TO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION (OSC) WHICH TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 25 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, Zoning Case No. Z-26-03 has been noticed for public hearing pursuant to the Town of Cave Creek Zoning Ordinance and the Statutes of the State of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That the Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect that parcel 211-01-039, which totals approximately 25 acres, described by the attached legal description (EXHIBIT A) and depicted in (EXHIBIT B) and is rezoned from Desert Rural Residential (DR-190) to Open Space Conservation (OSC)

Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, this 20th day of October, 2026 to be effective upon expiration of a thirty (30) day period following the adoption hereof and completion of notice and publication pursuant to A.R.S. §9-812.

ATTESTED TO:

Teresa Riza
Teresa Riza, Town Clerk

FOR THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK:

Robert Morris
Robert Morris, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. Sims

William J. Sims, Town Attorney

Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF CAVE CREEK ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE UNDERLYING ZONE OF PARCELS 216-06-013C AND 216-06-013D, FROM DESERT RURAL 89 (DR-89) TO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION (OSC). WHICH TOTALS 2.2 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, Zoning Case No. Z-26-02 has been noticed for public hearing pursuant to the Town of Cave Creek Zoning Ordinance and the Statutes of the State of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, as follows:

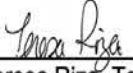
Section 1: That the Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect that parcel 216-06-013D, which totals 2.2 acres, described by the attached legal description (EXHIBIT A) and depicted in (EXHIBIT B) and is rezoned from Desert Rural Residential (DR-89) to Open Space Conservation (OSC)

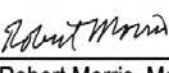
Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, this 20th day of October, 2026 to be effective upon expiration of a thirty (30) day period following the adoption hereof and completion of notice and publication pursuant to A.R.S. §9-812.

ATTESTED TO:

FOR THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK:


Teresa Riza, Town Clerk


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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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