Spotlight on the Community

MMR to vote on Streets, Candidates

McDowell Mountain Ranch residents will soon be voting on Board of Directors' candidates and a ballot item asking that our Homeowners Association be allowed to retain control of its streets.

While the candidate race is important, the ballot item could have an extremely negative effect on MMR if it were to fail. In fact, we took the rare move of asking in our September edition that residents support the ballot measure, which is needed because a new Arizona law would strip the HOA's ability to enforce street parking rules in many of MMR's neighborhoods.

Known as House Bill 2298, HOAs created before January 2015 will lose their

parking management authority unless the communities vote by June 30, 2025, to retain that power. MMR's roads were recorded in 1994.

HB 2298 directly targets streets maintained by municipalities such as Scottsdale, so the law doesn't impact private

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Santa Cheers Up MMR

This year Christine's Team sponsored a holiday party at Rossa's Kitchen and Patio at the McDowell Mountain Golf Club to raise money for charity.

See more photos and story on Page 13

HOA Board OKs Interim President

The McDowell Mountain Ranch Board of Directors voted at its November meet-

ing to elevate Ryan Rahaeuser, the Homeowners Association vice president, to interim president. The president's position became vacant after past president Steve Aldrich relocated to Pennsylvania following a career move.



Ryan Rahaeuser

Although the pres-Rahaeuser ident's position doesn't have to be filled, there are some functions more easily resolved with someone holding the official title. There are no plans to fill the vice president role before elections, which we discuss in the Spotlight on the Community article above.

Windscreens Approved

The Homeowners Association agreed to pay CCT Custom Courts \$13,900 for new windscreens around the tennis courts at the Recreation Center on 105th Street.

Corrections

We would like to apologize for two mistakes in the November newsletter:

- 1. The new master HOA fee should have read \$156 instead of \$147 a quarter.
- 2. The correct date for the MMR bingo night should have read Dec. 6th.

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SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight continued from Page 1 roads within gated communities.

While some residents might prefer no enforcement of city and HOA rules on MMR's streets, communities that are unable to enforce parking restrictions often look unsightly. Just imagine U-Hauls, run-down recreational vehicles and broken-down cars lining your street for weeks at a time.

While the total ballot question is too big for us to share here — see link below — this excerpt explains the two sides of this issue:

- "If this vote passes, the Association will retain its existing authority to regulate the public roadways within the community."
- "If the vote fails, the Association will lose its authority to regulate the public roadways within the community."

If the ballot measure fails, the homeowners may be forever stuck with the decision, as the ballot measure explains: "This action cannot be reversed by a subsequent vote of the Members." This statement is how CHBD attorney Deon M. Franklin, who reviewed the law for MMR, interpreted HB 2298.

It's unclear why the authority of HOAs is under attack, but it seems unreasonable. It's not clear whether the City of Scottsdale would be able take up the slack of enforcing its own street parking rules if the measure fails.

For the ballot to pass, one-tenth of MMR's roughly eligible 3,800 homeowners must cast a ballot to constitute an electoral quorum. In other words, at least 380 votes must be cast for the election to be considered valid.

If for some reason residents do not receive their ballot, they can vote before the start of the 6 p.m. annual meeting scheduled on Feb. 4th at the McDowell Center or they can contact MMR Community Manager Chris Richardson at crichardson@associatedasset.com.

- We've posted a copy of the ballot item here: tinyurl.com/579jszmd
- The text of the Arizona law is at this URL: tinyurl.com/2udjwws6

Here are Candidates for Board of Directors

Three incumbents and two challengers are running for the HOA Board of Directors this year. To see full profiles, go to this URL: tinyurl.com/yzm5frk6. On the next column are condensed profiles based on their statements:



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For more information: www.truformpilates.com **Aaron Blase:** A founding member of the MMR Pickleball Club's board of directors nine years ago, Aaron Blase moved to McDowell Mountain Ranch from Kansas in 2007. Aaron, a Scottsdale attorney practicing for 30 years, is a trained mediator and has advised government officials.

Carol Cowin, incumbent: Carol Cowin has been a board member for three years and is currently MMR's treasurer, chairperson of the Long Term Planning Committee and member of the Finance Committee. Carol, who works in finance, has owned a home in Trovas with husband Larry since 2014.

Richard Kryzanaowski: Richard Kryzanaowski has lived in Trovas for two years and MMR for seven overall. Richard regularly deals with HOAs and vendors working for Salcito Custom Homes as the Concierge Group Director in the Property Management Division, which manages 130+ area estates. **Dale Pavlicek,** incumbent: An MMR homeowner for 29 years, Dale Pavlicek raised two daughters with his wife while living here. Dale, who has been a real estate broker and manager for 30 years, was recently appointed to the current HOA Board of Directors to fill a vacancy.

Ryan Rahaeuser, incumbent: Recently named president of the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy, Ryan Rahaeuser, who grew up in Scottsdale, has two children. Ryan moved to MMR because of its proximity to Desert Canyon Elementary School and the community's large number of amenities.

Election Results to be Announced Feb. 4

The McDowell Mountain Ranch Homeowners Association generally sends out ballots by email, but residents can vote in person at the Feb. 4th annual meeting. Ballots will be counted at that meeting. Officers will be selected at the Feb. 25th regular board meeting.

Inflation Pushes Insurance Rates Up 8.4%

The McDowell Mountain Homeowners Association voted to pay \$51,962 to Philadelphia Insurance to protect the community for another year. The 8.4% rate increase was better than the anticipated 10% jump that many communities have been facing this year.

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Wine Event Set for Feb. 21

Mark your calendar! Wine With Friends will be coming Feb. 21st to McDowell Mountain Ranch. Although there are bigger events, such as the spring and fall festivals, Wine With Friends might be the best opportunity for meeting neighbors. We will post more details as the event date approaches on our page: facebook.com/mmrhomes

Scottsdale 2nd for Caring

Scottsdale is the second-most caring city in the United States, according to WalletHub. Virginia Beach ranked first, while Boston, Gilbert and Chesapeake, Va., followed Scottsdale. Chandler placed 12th, Mesa 26th and Phoenix 41st.

Scottsdale came in second for a variety of reasons, including having the fourth-highest adoption rate in the nation and the fourth-lowest child poverty rate.

Scottsdale residents had the seventh-highest interest in making charitable donations and the 10th highest giving rate in the nation. Scottsdale also has the fifth-lowest crime rate in the nation, according to the survey.



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her success in Scottsdale's real estate
market.



To contact Christine Espinoza visit ChristineEspinoza.com or coll 6112 VSW 74907

Christine Espinoza Named a 2024 Real Estate Superstar

SoScottsdale named Christine Espinoza a Real Estate Superstar in its October edition. Espinoza. who has been in real estate for 27 years, has continued to help sellers ready their homes for the market while finding residences for buyers even while inventory has remained tight. Christine was also noted for her customer service and community fundraising both in person and through this newsletter.

"In the top cities, like Virginia Beach, Va., Scottsdale and Boston, residents also display their care for others by working in professions that help others, like teaching, social work, firefighting and medicine, at high rates," said WalletHub analyst Chip Lupo. "In addition, the top cities have low crime rates, environmentally friendly residents and low rates of poverty and homelessness."

Gotothis URL for more: tinyurl.com/56683pkk

Arabian Show Reaches 70

The Arabian Horse Show will be celebrating its 70th year in Scottsdale during the Feb. 13-23 event at WestWorld, according to AZ Big Media. More than 2,100 horses are expected to compete for the \$1 million in prize money. The event will include fine arts, crafts, clothing, jewelry exhibits Odds & Ends continued on Page 5



SCOTTSDALE



Dueling Pianos: Jan. 24

Arizona Dueling Pianos will be coming to Mc-Dowell Ranch in late January. Dueling Pianos will be 6-8 p.m. Jan. 24th at the McDowell Center. Registration for the event will open Jan. 8th. We plan to post a link on our Facebook Page: facebook.com/mmrhomes

Odds & Ends continued from Page 4 and items for sale at the Shopping Expo, which is expected to host more than 300 vendors.

More information about the event can be found at this URL: tinyurl.com/2p9ju6fj

MMR Bingo: Jan. 17

Although tickets have already been sold out, Bingo will be returning to the McDowell Center 6-8 p.m. Jan. 17th. The event costs \$20 and is cash only.

Waste **Schedule**

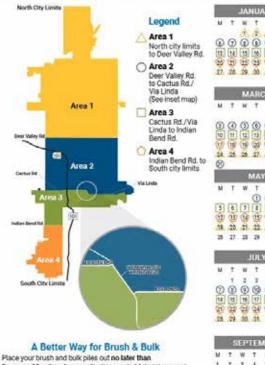
In 2025 bulk brush and garbage pickup will again be in Area 2 and generally begin on the first Monday of the month with three exceptions: the April pickup will begin on March 31st and Mav pickup will begin on April 28th. The September pickup begins on the 8th. As in previous years, homeowners are expected to separate green waste from other trash by at least 3 feet. Piles should not exceed 10 feet long and 6 feet wide and should not be higher than 4 feet.

In a policy change, homeowners should not put trash out earlier than Friday

before bulk pickup dates. Pickup times in the McDowell Mountain Ranch area begin at 5 a.m. on the dates listed below, but the process may

- Feb. 3rd
- March 3rd
- March 31st

2025 Bulk 2025 Brush & Bulk Removal Schedule



5 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. Material may not be placed for collection any earlier than three (3) days prior to Monday of the week the area is scheduled for collection.

Please separate your brush and bulk pick up into two piles: one for green waste and one for everything else

The piles should not exceed 10-feet long by 6-feet wide by 4-feet tall. Please place green waste and bulk waste piles at least 3-feet apart from each other and away from any objects obstructing pick up.

Your pile size limit is equivalent to 6 trash or recycle containers placed in 2 rows of 3 each.



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Learn about the do's and don'ts and program guidelines at ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "brush bulk".

• April 28th take several days:

- June 2nd
 - July 7th
 - Aug. 4th
- Sept. 8th
- Nov. 3rd
- Oct. 6th
- Dec. 8th

Note: Details are subject to change

Bulk and regular waste pickup information: tinyurl.com/y43dvm3w

For details about Scottsdale's four recycling electronics events, see Page 12.





COMMUNITY NEWS

Toll Brothers Plans 136 Townhomes at Cavasson

The Scottsdale Planning Commission approved 6-0 a plan to build 136 luxury townhouses on about 11 acres of the Cavasson campus. The three three-story buildings, to be built by Toll Brothers, would have a two-car garage and guest parking. Cavasson is a multipurpose campus being developed by Nationwide Insurance along the north side of the Loop 101 Freeway and west of Hayden Road.

Project plans: tinyurl.com/y4mp988h



DMHS Marching Band Performs in London Parade

The Desert Mountain High School Marching Band joined 8,000 entrants participating in the 39th annual New Year's Day Parade in London for

a sixth time, according to the Scottsdale Progress. Thousands of spectators lined a two-mile route in London's West End to watch the event.









Your McDowell Mountain Ranch Real Estate Expert

Good News: 2025 May Mirror Balanced Market of 2024

Although not particularly exciting, the housing market in our 85255 ZIP code has proven to be quite stable for 2024. While sellers might have preferred more appreciation in their home values and buyers may have been happier to see large home-price declines, the truth is that stable markets are better for everyone.

Buyers benefit because they don't have to chase after ever-increasing home prices while sellers don't have to worry about a large drop-off in home values. If you take a look at our end-of-the-year Sales by Community chart on Page 10, notice that some communities saw increases in home prices while others saw decreases or remained virtually flat.

The varied results indicate a balanced market in which individual buyers and sellers are impacting prices rather than a macro force such as interest rates or extreme demand. Overall, MMR saw a modest, but sustainable, 3.93% increase in overall home values.

Another distinguishing feature of MMR's market is its persistently low inventory of homes. This kind of low inventory has at times caused incredible upward pressure on home prices, but for now relatively high interest rates have kept price increases quite modest.

The market behaved similarly across much of Scottsdale. If you look at the chart on annual appreciation published by The Cromford Report, you can see that in 2024 home prices (below) rose exactly when they were supposed to: March through May when sales activity was at its highest level of the year in Scottsdale. Home prices fell a bit after September, when sales are generally slower, but they never went below the level they



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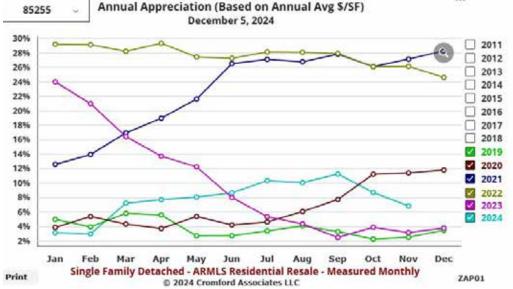
Scan to connect with Christine online!



began at in January. In fact, the overall home value increase was still at 6.8% by Dec. 5th.

The increase and decline in sales also generally mirrored the drop and increase in interest rates,

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Interest Rates pg. 10

Our Listings & Sales pg. 8

Buyer Needs

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Scan here for all MMR homes for sale!

COMING SOON, LISTINGS & SALES IN MMR

COMING SOON!

TROVAS 16575 N 109th Way

4 Bed+Bonus Rm | 4.5 Bath | 4,065 SQ FT | 3-Car Garage

Gorgeous home located in a gated community nestled by mountains. Beautifully remodeled kitchen with white shaker cabinets, highend appliances and quartz counters. The backyard features a heated Pebble-Tec pool, fireplace with custom tile seating and a built-in BBQ.

TBD



COMING SOON!



DESERT CLIFFS 10688 E Butherus Drive

4 Bed+Bonus Rm+Loft | 3.5 Bath | 3,509 Sq Ft | 3-Car Garage

Located in a gated community with a remodeled kitchen, and a backyard with a Pebble-Tec pool, rock waterfall, spa, gas fire pit, and built-in BBQ, and backs to a wash with gorgeous mountain views!

\$1,595,000

FOR SALE!



DISCOVERY TRAILS 10351 E Saltillo Drive 3 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,327 SQ FT | 2-Car Garage

This fully remodeled gem features a stunning eat-in kitchen, boasting marble counter tops, custom back splash, an extended breakfast bar, new electric range, stainless steel appliances and new white shaker cabinets. New flooring, baseboards and fixtures throughout. The backyard features new turf.

\$750,000

UNDER CONTRACT!



DISCOVERY TRAILS 10418 E Morning Star Drive

2 Bed+Den | 2 Bath | 1,548 SQ FT | 2-Car Garage This beautifully remodeled home features a culinary dream kitchen with marble counter tops, a gas range,

stainless steel appliances, and white shaker cabinets. The great room boasts a chic linear fireplace and shiplap surround. New floors, baseboards, fixtures throughout. New HVAC, roof, and owned solar!

\$850,000

SOLD!



CIMARRON HILLS 15650 N 109th Place

4 Bed+Den | 2.5 Bath | 2,787 SQ FT | 3-Car Garage

One of the best lots in MMR! Situated on a corner lot and backing to a large lot with spectacular mountain and city light views! Everything is original in this home, providing a blank slate to make this your own. Popular master-split floor plan and a sparkling pool in the backyard!

\$1,600,000

SOLD!



VERMILLION CLIFFS 16522 N 109th Street

4 Bed+Bonus Rm | 3 Bath | 3,597 SQ FT | 3-Car Garage

Beautifully renovated home with an open floor plan and huge entertainment area, wide plank flooring, renovated kitchen and baths. The backyard boasts a huge free form pool, seating area with a fire pit and BBQ, and borders NAOS with spectacular mountain and city light views!

\$1.635.000

Buyer Needs



MMR residents seek to downsize in our community. Property MUST be a 2,500-3,300-square-foot, single-level home with at least 3 bedrooms + den. Prefer kitchen that opens to the family room and has a master bedroom split. Buyers are willing to do cosmetic remodeling but prefer to make final decisions if seller is making changes. A pool is not required. Views would be nice, but back-yard privacy is most important. These cash buyers have flexible moving dates and will pay up to \$1.7 million.



Household of 2 in Troon wish to move to MMR. Buyers prefer a gated community for second home. Must be a single level, with 3+ bedrooms, nothing larger than 2,500 square feet and NO pool. VIEW, such as a wash, city lights or mountain view, is preferred. A south or west facing back yard is important. The La Jolla floor plan in Cimarron Hills/Ridge or 100 Hills would be the perfect fit. Cash buyers will pay up to \$1.5 million.



MMR residents seek larger home in our community. Buyers seek single-level, master-split floor plan with separate living space to accommodate. Move-in ready is preferred but will consider doing minor cosmetic changes. They need at least 4 bedrooms, 3+ baths, at least 3,000 square feet with a pool and a VIEW, preferably facing east! Cash buyers, flexible on move-in date, will pay up to \$3 million.



Previous resident of MMR wants to come back! Looking for a smaller, 1,800-2,400-square-foot home with low maintenance needs plus a VIEW. Buyer prefers a house that is move-in ready and will pay up to \$1 million. Sunrise Point would be ideal. This cash buyer is flexible on closing date.

Are you struggling to find a home in McDowell Mountain Ranch because of the ongoing lack of inventory? If so, call me at <u>602-989-7492</u> for exclusive access to my pocket listings and off-market inventory.

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Call us at 602-989-7492 first and let's see if we can work something out that is beneficial to EVERYONE. We have many qualified buyers seeking homes in McDowell Mountain Ranch, so call us to see if yours fits what our buyers want.

Giving Back by Christine Espinoza

Blanket Drive to Continue

Our winter blanket drive will continue through February to support those in need during the colder months. Thanks

to your generosity, we have already collected and distributed hundreds of blankets, and we're eager to provide even more. Donation boxes will remain available at the Mc-



Dowell Center and the Community Center to collect new and gently used blankets throughout the season.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who stopped by our annual Shred-A-Thon in November with blankets and to those who continue to drop them off. Because of you, we can help provide comfort and warmth for those who need it most. Thank you for making a difference!

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which ebbed and flowed as the Federal Reserve Board tried to make sense of the nation's inflation levels. Our own mortgage interest rate charts showed that a 30-year conforming loan fell to 6.49% in January and 6.99% in March, but it had creeped back up to 7.125% by May. While rates fell to 6.49% in September, they rose to 6.75% in November.

Because rates are now higher at 6.875% for January — but still in the same range as in 2024 — home sales are not expected to change much from last year's norms. The only caveat: It's tough to guess where rates will be by the March 2025 busy season.

Population Growth Impacts Our Home Values

Another reason we expect the housing market to remain stable has to do with the continued modest population growth in north Scottsdale. While Scottsdale's population was 250,583 in 2024, it's expected to reach 256,104 in 2025 and 272,353 by 2030, according to research firm Aterio. While many new residents may move into apartments or condos, those who have growing families are increasingly looking for single-family homes in communities like McDowell Mountain Ranch and other older single-family communities. That's because as Scottsdale has been running out of room for new single-family homes, older communities such as MMR become more desirable.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

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Home-hunting residents particularly like MMR, because it's more affordable than DC Ranch but more exclusive than subdivisions similar to Sweetwater Ranch. Another benefit to MMR is its outdoor lifestyle, amenities such as pickleball courts and homes that are much newer than subdivisions in central Scottsdale; think Gainey and McCormick ranches. The biggest plum, though, is MMR's proximity to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and its iconic mountains.

Another big indicator that the housing market remained healthy in 2024 is how many days of inventory was on the market for the 85255 ZIP code. When homes were selling like hotcakes in 2021, there were only 14 days' worth of inventory, but by Dec. 28th, there was 125.5 days' worth of inventory. That may sound like a lot, but compare that with 2014-2015, when it was common to see about 240 days' worth of inventory.

Our prediction is that the number of homes for sale this year will very closely resemble 2024, barring any major market changes such as a recession or a spike in inflation. And that's good news for buyers and sellers, who do best when markets are stable and balanced.

- Scottsdale report: tinyurl.com/32euyrky
- Aterio report: tinyurl.com/5n9xs3x8

Contact Me!

If you have any questions about the 2024 or 2025 markets, or you have a house you would like to put up for sale, reach out to me anytime at: 602-989-7492.

MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES

Conforming* Loans

30 Year	6.875%					
20 Year	6.625%					
15 Year	6.375%					
<u>Jumbo* Loans</u>						

 30 Year
 6.875%

 20 Year
 6.750%

 15 Year
 6.875%

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THE KEY

SF = square feet

DOM = Days on Market

% **Change** = the change in the value per square foot since 01/01/2023

SALES BY COMMUNITY (JAN.-DEC. 2024)

Community	# Sold	Avg Price	Avg SF	DOM	\$/SF	% Change
The Preserve	14	\$773,643	1858	39	\$430.81	6.23%
Cimarron Hills	13	\$1,780,988	3182	80	\$566.71	8.58%
Cachet	10	\$532,800	1463	79	\$363.68	-2.47%
Discovery Canyon	10	\$734,750	1747	83	\$427.96	7.21%
Castle Chase	10	\$804,500	1786	57	\$452.63	1.71%
100 Hills	10	\$2,166,750	3332	96	\$617.06	17.21%
The Ridge	8	\$595,738	1666	52	\$361.89	-7.06%
Panorama Point	8	\$909,313	2044	73	\$454.13	6.17%
Sonoran Fairways	8	\$1,049,625	2643	44	\$402.74	-12.50%
Cimarron Ridge	7	\$2,403,571	3813	80	\$618.26	22.69%
Arizona Vintage	6	\$744,375	1728	48	\$432.51	12.08%
Sunrise Point	6	\$867,583	1938	35	\$455.18	-1.51%
The Summit	5	\$1,102,000	2408	33	\$456.73	-1.34%
Montecito	5	\$1,122,600	2647	32	\$420.62	5.32%
Sienna Canyon	5	\$1,657,600	3165	28	\$532.19	23.83%
Discovery Trails	3	\$626,667	1460	7	\$429.95	-6.20%
Sunset Point	3	\$1,073,333	2662	172	\$404.23	3.53%
Armonico	3	\$1,515,000	3796	67	\$398.85	-4.69%
Vermillion Cliffs	3	\$1,583,333	3291	66	\$482.81	6.81%
Desert Cliffs	3	\$1,774,000	3783	33	\$468.16	4.33%
Sonoran Estates	3	\$2,380,000	4705	160	\$519.45	-3.96%
Arizona Highlands	2	\$991,500	2435	59	\$405.73	-5.47%
The Overlook	2	\$1,038,750	2288	86	\$464.90	13.48%
Trovas	2	\$1,410,500	2949	32	\$487.78	-14.38%
Mirador	2	\$1,584,500	3655	16	\$431.61	0.00%
Eagle Ridge		N	lo properties s	old this year	to date	
The Ranch	151	\$1,189,566	2470	63	\$464.60	3.93%



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HOMES CURRENTLY FOR SALE

Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
16600 N TPP #2036	The Ridge	Heritage	\$550,000	1298	2	1	N
16420 N TPP #1127	Cachet	Legacy	\$599,900	1640	2+Den	2	N
16420 N TPP #1009	Cachet	Legacy	\$635,000	1640	2+Den	2	N
10491 E Raintree Dr	The Preserve	Montana	\$690,000	1504	3	2	N
10351 E Saltillo Dr	Discovery Trails	Coronado	\$750,000	<u>1327</u>	<u>3</u>	2	N
10851 E Le Marche Dr	Castle Chase	Windsor	\$860,000	1936	2+Den	2	N
*10873 E Salt Bush Dr	Castle Chase	Stirling	\$895,000	1701	2+Den	2	N
10522 E Morning Star Dr	Panorama Point	Mariposa	\$937,000	1963	3+Den	2	Υ
10233 E Butherus Dr	Sunrise Point	Sierra	\$1,090,000	2083	2+Den	2	Υ
16544 N 105th St	Eagle Ridge	#3343	\$1,095,000	2161	3+Den	3	Υ
*10263 E Verbena Ln	Montecito	Castillo	\$1,200,000	3089	5	3	Υ
10532 E Firewheel Dr	The Overlook	Ironwood	\$1,250,000	2818	5	2	Υ
16593 N 104th St	Eagle Ridge	#3344	\$1,350,000	2367	4	2	Υ
10695 E Caribbean Ln	Cimarron Hills	Valencia	\$1,450,000	2369	3	2	N
10959 E Kora Ln	Cimarron Hills	Laredo	\$1,495,000	2787	4	3	Υ
*10688 E Butherus Dr	Desert Cliffs	<u>#6080</u>	\$1,595,000	<u>3509</u>	4+Loft	<u>3</u>	<u>Y</u>
10975 E Greenway Rd	Cimarron Hills	Laredo	\$1,699,990	2788	4	3	Υ
10646 E Butherus Dr	Desert Cliffs	#6080	\$1,794,900	3509	4+Den	3	Υ
11457 E Blanche Dr	Cimarron Ridge	Sevilla	\$1,875,000	2806	4	3	Υ
11312 E Greenway Rd	Cimarron Ridge	Morena	\$2,190,000	3393	4+Den	3	Υ
11440 E Winchcomb Dr	Sonoran Estates	Saguaro	\$2,375,000	3770	5	3	Υ
11138 E Verbena Ln	Trovas	Dante	\$2,900,000	3297	4+Den	3	Υ
15972 N 115th Wy	100 Hills		\$3,100,000	4596	3+Den	3	Υ
*14146 N 106th Wy	Sonoran Estates	Santana	\$3,500,000	3904	5+Den	3	Υ
15864 N 115th Wy	100 Hills	Malaga	\$3,698,000	4285	3+Den	4	Υ
16229 N 115th Pl	100 Hills	Custom	\$4,296,000	5414	5+Den	4	Υ
11475 E Paradise Ln	100 Hills	Custom	\$4,799,000	6782	5+Den	6	Υ

*Coming soon.

CLOSED SALES IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
16420 N TPP #2041	Cachet	Heritage	\$515,000	1338	2	1	N
16600 N TPP #1053	The Ridge	Monarch	\$630,000	1674	3	2	N
16420 N TPP #1014	Cachet	Legacy	\$670,000	1640	2+Den	2	N
15053 N 102nd Wy	Discovery Canyon	Clearview	\$677,500	1552	3	2	N
10215 E Hillery Dr	Discovery Canyon	Scenic	\$700,000	1837	3+Den	2	Υ
10223 E Salt Bush Dr	Arizona Vintage	Zinfandel	\$714,000	1604	3	2	Υ
10284 E Hillery Dr	Discovery Canyon	Clearview	\$750,000	1564	3	2	N
10364 E Star of Desert Dr	Arizona Vintage	Zinfandel	\$770,000	1604	3	2	Υ
10463 E Karen Dr	The Preserve	Brisas	\$807,000	2132	4+Loft	2	Ν
14779 N 103rd St	The Preserve	Avalon	\$825,000	1702	3	2	N
10314 E Morning Star Dr	Panorama Point	Mesquite	\$867,000	1817	3+Den	2	Ν
10586 E Morning Star Dr	Panorama Point	Mesquite	\$900,000	1577	3	2	Υ
11305 E Butherus Dr	Sunrise Point	Papago	\$1,047,000	2749	3	2	N
10491 E Meadowhill Dr	Sonoran Fairways	Cholla	\$1,135,000	3466	5	2	Υ

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16406 N 106th Wy	The Summit	Molokai	\$1,250,000	2682	4+Den	2	N
16317 N 108th PI	Armonico	Ladera	\$1,350,000	3896	5+Den	3	Υ
14524 N 106th PI	Mirador	Paraiso	\$1,369,000	3445	4+Den	3	N
10760 E Raintree Dr	Desert Cliffs	#6085	\$1,562,000	3500	5+Loft	3	Υ
15650 N 109th PI	Cimarron Hills	<u>Laredo</u>	\$1,600,000	<u>2787</u>	4+Den	<u>3</u>	<u>Y</u>
10507 E Conieson Rd	Sonoran Fairways	Cholla	\$1,635,000	3466	5	3	Υ
16522 N 109th St	Vermillion Cliffs	<u>932-5</u>	\$1,635,000	3597	4+Den	<u>3</u>	Y
10742 E Gelding Dr	Sienna Canyon	Borgata	\$1,700,000	2551	3	3	Υ
11023 E Mirasol Ci	100 Hills	Palma	\$2,150,000	3315	3+Den	3	Υ
11559 E Caribbean Ln	Cimarron Ridge	Andorra	\$2,675,000	3987	5+Den	3	Υ

PENDING, UCB * & CCBS** TRANSACTIONS

Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
16600 N TPP #1057	Cachet	Monarch	\$640,000	1890	2+Den	2	N
16020 N 102nd Pl	Arizona Vintage	Zinfandel	\$699,900	1604	3	2	Ν
15056 N 102nd St	Discovery Canyon	Mountain View	\$745,000	2197	4+Loft	2	Ν
10399 E Saltillo Dr	Discovery Trails	Highline	\$819,000	1963	4	2	Ν
15265 N 104th Wy	The Preserve	Brisas	\$837,000	2132	4	2	Υ
10418 E Morning Star Dr	Discovery Trails	<u>Sabino</u>	\$850,000	<u>1548</u>	2+Den	2	N
10455 E Sheena Dr	Sonoran Fairways	Palo Verde	\$1,135,000	2294	4	2	Υ
16409 N 108th Wy	Vermillion Cliffs	932-5	\$1,595,000	3348	4+Den	3	Υ
10980 E Karen Dr	Cimarron Hills	Andorra	\$1,795,000	3720	4	4	Υ
10729 E Acoma Dr	Mirador	Paraiso	\$2,400,000	3770	4+Den	3	Υ
11371 E Winchcomb Dr	Sonoran Estates	Saguaro	\$2,850,000	4344	4+Den	3	Υ

AVAILABLE RENTALS

Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
10151 E Tierra Buena Ln	Arizona Vintage	Bordeaux	\$2,850	1478	2+Den	2	N
16420 N TPP #1054	Cachet	Legacy	\$2,899	1640	2+Den	2	N
15841 N 102nd Pl	Arizona Vintage	Zinfandel	\$2,950	1604	3	2	N
15746 N 104th PI	Panorama Point	Mariposa	\$3,300	1817	3	2	N
*10354 E Morning Star Dr	Panorama Point	Primrose	\$3,450	1874	3	2	N
10503 E Morning Star Dr	Panorama Point	Primrose	\$3,595	1874	3	2	N
10634 E Sheena Dr	Sonoran Fairways	Cholla	\$6,500	3466	4+Loft	3	Υ
*Coming soon.							

CLOSED RENTALS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
10241 E Karen Dr	Discovery Canyon	Cholla	\$2,500	1,093	2	1093	N
16420 N TPP #1132	Cachet	Monarch	\$2,590	1737	2+Den	2	N
10551 E Morning Star Dr	Panorama Point	Mesquite	\$2,700	1548	3	2	N
16420 N TPP #2063	Cachet	Monarch	\$2,750	1659	3	2	N

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*Pending, **UCB, & ***CCBS

All three categories mean the seller has ACCEPTED an offer on their property. More specifically: Pending: Under Conract, no longer showing or accepting back up offers. UCB: Under Contract, accepting back up offers. CCBS: Under Contract, contingent on buyer sale.

WestWorld Visitors Pump \$163.6 Million Into Scottsdale

WestWorld visitors not from Scottsdale contributed \$163.6 million to the city's Gross Domestic Product during 22 ticketed events between October 2023 and June 2024, according to the L. William Seidman Research Institute at Arizona State University. The McDowell Mountain Ranch-adjacent venue also contributed \$85.6 million in labor income, 1,813 jobs statewide and \$4.8 million in tax revenues, the Scottsdale-funded study found. The report can be found at this URL: tinyurl.com/hv39ub6e

Council Approves Princess Expansion Plan

The Scottsdale City Council agreed to allow the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess to expand by 155 rooms to bring the resort's total room count to 949 while reducing the total number of parking spaces from 3.234 to 1.855. The Princess also plans to add a 35.000-square-foot conference center and two restaurants totaling 27,000 square feet to the 67.5-acre property. The project plan can be found here: tinyurl.com/5c9udpne

N.D. Students Interview Veterans for Book

Eleven Notre Dame Preparatory High School students completed 24 interviews with veterans for the 2025 book "Since You Asked," which will be released in April. The collection of veterans' stories will include photos and artwork with the help of Imprints of Honor, a 20-year-old Phoenix nonprofit group designed to celebrate veterans and America's heritage. Notre Dame is the first Arizona high school to offer an elective course involving Imprints of Honor, according to a press release.

- Imprints of Honor can be found here: imprints of honor.org
- The book purchase site can be found here: tinyurl.com/34xexr2m

Council Approves Cosanti Commons Plan

The Scottsdale City Council unanimously approved four resolutions that would pave the way for a mixed-use development called Cosanti Commons to be created on 8.6 acres at Shea Boulevard west of Scottsdale Road. The project calls for redeveloping 79,200 square feet of existing space while adding a 345,000 multifamily residential building that would include 196 units. The project plan can be found at this URL: tinyurl.com/mrz9ywbu

GoodGuys Nationals Coming March 14-16

The GoodGuys 15th FiTech Fuel Injection Spring Nationals will be coming March 14-16 to WestWorld. Besides competitions, live music and a huge swap meet, there will be more than 2,500 1999 and older hot rods, trucks, customs, muscle cars and classics on display. Website: good-guys.com/sn

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Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
16303 N 105th Wy	Arizona Highlands	Picacho	\$3,895	2675	4+Den	3	Υ
10527 E Betony Dr	Panorama Point	Ironwood	\$4,800	2800	5	3	Υ
10577 E Star of the Desert Dr	Discovery Trails	Palo Verde	\$5,000	2364	4+Den	2	N
11478 E Beck Ln	Cimarron Ridge	Valencia	\$5,000	2398	3	3	N
10634 E Sheena Dr	Sonoran Fairways	Cholla	\$6,900	3466	4+Loft	3	Υ
10912 E Butherus Dr	Desert Cliffs	#6020	\$8,500	2351	3	3	Υ

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City Plans Four Electronic Waste Events

Scottsdale will be holding four Electronics Recycling Events this year in

which residents can dispose of unneeded equipment and consumer goods that should not be tossed into the regular trash. Each event will be 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on a Saturday at the city's north facility at 9191 E. San Salvador Drive.

Event dates: Feb. 1, April 5, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6.

Items that will be accepted include: computers/peripherals, printers, scanners, keyboards, flat screen TVs/ and audio equipment.

Items that won't be accepted include: tube televisions, small large appliances and batteries. Go to Scottsdale's waste information page here: tinyurl.com/4b5c2fyp

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Scheduled Home Collections for 2025:

By appointment only January-November with no collection in June & December.

Register first day of the month starting at 8 a.m. For more information or to schedule a pick-up, go to ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "hazardous waste."

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Paint/Vamishes/ Stains/Thinners
- Household Cleaners
- Pool Acids and Chlorine Household and Car Batteries
- All Lightbulbs

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Appliances
- Landscape Waste Explosive Material (Including Ammunition & Fireworks)

Please keep all hazardous waste items out of your bins, they can cause truck fires.

Electronics Recycling Events Scheduled Collection Days for 2025

- Saturday, February 1 · Saturday, April 5
- Saturday, October 4
- Saturday, December 6

When: 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: 9191 E. San Salvador Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

- Computers/Peripherals
- Printers, Scanners,

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Flat Screen TVs/
- Audio Equipment
- Keyboards
- ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED Tube Televisions
- Small and Large Appliances
- Batteries

For more information, go to ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search electronic recycling

No commercial materials will be accepted, Collection events are only for sdale residential utility customers. Please be prepared to show proof of residency in the form of a picture ID and, either a city utility bill or a rent receipt

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Christine Espinoza stands in front of donation boxes with Marines supporting Toys for Tots.

Christine's Team Christmas Party, Gift Drive Big Hit this December.

We wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our donation drive

Thanks to your generosity, we successfully collected more than 150 toys for the Toys for Tots program, which was started by a U.S. Marine Corps major in 1947 to provide new toys to those less fortunate children during the holidays.

Christine's Team was thrilled to host our first holiday party at Rossa's Kitchen at the McDowell Mountain Golf Club and truly appreciated everyone who attended and brought toys for our donation drive.

It was especially exciting to see the Marines in attendance who were able to personally deliver the gifts to the children before Christmas.



McDowell Mountain Ranch residents pose with Santa Claus.



Christine Espinoza and family members pose in front of Christmas decorations.



Party goers enjoy the warm weather and sunset outside Rossa's Kitchen. Photo by Ruby Rideout

City Council Approves Sonoran Preserve Resource Plan

The Scottsdale City Council approved a Mc-Dowell Sonoran Preserve Ecological Resource Plan at a meeting on Dec. 4th. The 57-page plan includes a description of the Preserve, the state of its ecological resources and recommendations to maintain a healthy park.

Components of the study include studying saguaro growth and development while watching out for diseases, stress and arm loss. Mule deer, coyotes, bobcats, javelina and mountain lions are also monitored. Other animals that are watched include amphibians and reptiles. Sonoran Desert tortoise populations also should be monitored, according to the report.

There are also numerous public suggestions at the end of the plan, though most comments were

generally supportive. "It seems a rather thorough outline of current achievements and future goals," wrote Jennifer Wells.

Other residents had suggestions. "We need to do more targeting fire," wrote Jim Dublinski, who owns Xplore Outside. "Scottsdale must leverage a more robust community outreach with fire awareness during the July 4th holiday."

Added Korey Hjelmeir: "With the ever increasing number of visitors to the Preserve, my personal experience has been that the number of instances where the Preserve could be damaged from their behavior has also increased substantially (off-leash dogs, pet waste not removed, visitors remaining after hours, use of e-bikes, off-trail exploring and creation of non-official trails, smoking in remote areas, trash, loud music - all daily occurrences)."

Bryan Hughes of Rattlesnake Solutions wrote that more needed to be done to inventory reptiles and amphibians. "Cryptic and difficult to access species ... have yet to be documented," he wrote. "In addition to the Sonoran Desert Tortoise, I suggest that Gila Monsters are an indicator species."

The original plan was developed in 2016. A McDowell Sonoran Preserve Ecological Health Assessment should be produced periodically, according to the plan.

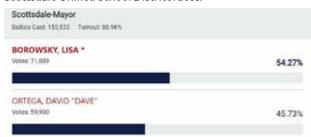
The report's cover image was taken by Lynne Janney Russell, a Legacy Steward at the Preserve.

The Resource Plan can be found at this URL after scrolling down: tinyurl.com/rybh96c6

Voters Pick New Mayor, Councilmembers in Vote

Nothing changed in the local state races and congressional races, but Scottsdale voters made big changes in the mayoral, City Council and Scottsdale Unified School District races.

Democratic challenger Amish Shah. Schweikert had a total of 225,538 votes compared with Shah's 208.966



Chaplik, Kolodin Keep Dist. 3 Seats

McDowell Mountain Ranch will continue to be served by State Reps. Joseph Chaplik and Alexander Kolodin, according to Maricopa County election results.

The only Democratic contender in the state house race was Richard Corles, who wasn't in striking range of the two Republican incumbents.

Chaplik received 93,596 votes followed by Kolodin's 88,693 and Corles' 55,372 votes

John Kavanagh, who holds the District 3 state Senate seat, did not face opposition this year.

Borowsky Beats Ortega

Although the race seemed closer early on, Scottsdale Mayor David Ortega received 59,900 votes compared with Lisa Borowsky's 71,089.



3 Newcomers Elected to SUSD's Board

Newcomers Donna Lewis, Matt Pittinsky and Mike Sharkey were all elected to three openings on the Scottsdale Unified School District's Board of Directors. Here's the

breakdown:

- Donna Lewis 56,097
- Matt Pittinsky 52,961
- Mike Sharkey 52,355
- Jeanne Beasley 46,850
- Gretchen Jacobs 46,000
- Drew Hassler 42,422

More information: Maricopa County election results can be found here: tinyurl.com/446sf4ye

Editor's Note: One of the limits of publishing six times a year is covering big elections. The earlier the vote in November, the more difficult it is for MMR Real Estate News to provide timely results,

but we still feel it's important to provide final numbers to our readers.

Caputi Loses Council Seat

Adam Kwasman and Maryann McAllen tallied enough votes to join Jan Dubauskas, who won outright in the July primary, on the Scottsdale City Council while ousting incumbent Tammy Caputi. Kwasman led with 55,452 votes, followed by McAllen, who had 53,596. Caputi had 50,617 votes followed by Tom Durham, who had 25,713.

Prop. 490 & 491 Pass Easily

Scottsdale ballot items, Prop. 490 and Prop. 491, passed by large margins. Prop. 490, which will put in place a 0.15% sales tax that would benefit city parks and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, had 82,032 yes votes and 58,788 no votes

Prop. 491 received 91,814 yes votes and 46,974 no votes. The yes vote on Prop. 491 means the city can spend an additional \$22 million on city programs than the State of Arizona currently allows.

Rep. Schweikert Keeps Seat

Incumbent U.S. Rep. David Schweikert continued his long-running win streak by defeating

Barrett-Jackson: Jan. 18-26

Sammy Hagar and Friends! will be performing live at the Rock the Block concert as part of the Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction on Jan. 17th at WestWorld.

The Barrett-Jackson event will be Jan. 18-26 this year: tinyurl.com/hecp7emr



Looking Back...

Just 5 Years Ago*

Jan. 2020 — MMR residents voted to approve a 30-day limit on short-term rentals. ... Voters approved Scottsdale's 2019 capital bond ballot items and SUSD's bond override. ... The Frank Lloyd Wright, Loop 101 Freeway interchange was labeled Scottsdale's most dangerous.

Only 10 Years Ago*

Jan. 2015 — The plan to build SOHO Scottsdale in the McDowell Mountain Business Park near WestWorld was announced. ... Joan Fudala published a book about the Sonoran Preserve titled "The People's Preserve." ... MMR's Yvonne Johnson received a life-saving stem cell transplant needed to fight Scleroderma.

15 Years Ago*

Jan. 2010 — New cell tower nodes were in the process of being installed to improve connection quality throughout MMR.... Scottsdale added 400 acres to the Sonoran Preserve after spending \$6.5 million for land north of DC Ranch.... The city's Preserve Commission recommended naming the road into the Preserve's Gateway entrance Carla Way.

20 Years Ago*

Jan. 2005 — The Arizona State Land Department planned to auction several properties, including an 80-acre parcel north of Bell Road at 94th Street that was eventually purchased by Scottsdale and half of which became soccer fields.

25 Years Ago*

Jan. 2000 — The Loop 101 Freeway opened as far north as Shea Boulevard and stoplights were installed at McDowell Mountain Ranch Road and Thompson Peak Parkway. ... Three-quarters of MMR homes were sold, allowing for five temporary board members to manage the HOA.

*As reported in this newsletter

Petitions Opposing Axon Project Sent to City

The battle over Axon's planned multi-use project that would be adjacent to the company's yet-to-be-built headquarters has reached fever pitch after former Scottsdale City Councilman Bob Littlefield, dressed as Santa, delivered more than 26,000 opposition signatures to City Hall.

Although Axon revised its project, set on land it purchased from the Arizona State Land Department at the northeast corner of N. Hayden Road and E. Mayo Boulevard, following previous complaints, many Scottsdale residents have continued to oppose the building of 1,895 dwelling units and five to seven restaurants in the area. Others were opposed to a proposed hotel.

Taxpayers Against Awful Apartment Zoning Exemptions (T.A.A.A.Z.E.) originally sought to submit about 15,000 signatures, according to its website. T.A.A.A.Z.E. is a pun based on Axon's most famous product, the Tazer.

"The citizens of Scottsdale do not want urbanization," Bob Littlefield told the Scottsdale Progress. "The citizens have spoken: 'Stop!'"

The 26,000 signatures and project will face new mayor Lisa Borowosky, who beat David Ortega, and incoming City Council members Adam Kwasman, Jan Dubauskas and Maryann McAllen. Before the measure can be put on the ballot though, 15,353 signatures must be certified, Axon spokesman

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David Leibowitz told the Progress. The city can then call for an early vote or wait until the 2026 elections.

"If this measure makes the ballot, we look forward to running an honest and straightforward campaign to share with Scottsdale voters the economic benefits that Axon and its new headquarters will bring to our community," Leibowitz said.

City Councilwoman Kathy Littlefield, who is married to Bob Littlefield, and Barry Graham voted against approving rezoning for the project on Nov. 19th, but it was passed 5-2.

Axon's market capitalization jumped 140% to \$45.3 billion in 2024, according to a recent Phoenix Business Journal article.

- Scottsdale Progress: tinyurl.com/8aeuvfj4
- To see the Protect Our Scottsdale's video interview of Bob Littlefield, use this URL to go to their Facebook page: tinyurl.com/3b7ccjfv





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