

Spotlight on the Community

MMR OKs Shade Structure for Park



MMR plans to spend \$111,417 to install a shade structure at the Community Center.

The McDowell Mountain Ranch Community Center playground will be getting a new shade structure after the Homeowners Association agreed at its August meeting to install one for \$111,417.

The money for the project, which will keep children cool playing in Arizona's intense heat, will not come out of the reserve fund. Instead the money will be coming from the capital improvement fund that is used to improve the community and increase homeowner value.

The color scheme of the shade structure is designed to match the surrounding area.

HOA to Celebrate 30th

The McDowell Ranch Homeowners Association agreed to spend \$10,000 to include a prom-themed dance to help celebrate the community's 30th anniversary.

MMR had already approved two other events for the celebration. More information will be released as the event dates approach:

30th Anniversary Events

- **Rodeo.** 4-6 p.m., Nov. 7
- **Prom Themed event.** 6-8 p.m., Nov. 14
- **Turkey Trot.** 8-10 a.m., Nov. 21



Scottsdale Expected to OK Westbound Thompson Peak Bridge

The Scottsdale City Council has tentatively scheduled Sept. 22 to vote on approving a \$6.3 million westbound bridge on Thompson Peak Parkway (TPP) over Reata Wash Pass. Photo courtesy City of Scottsdale [Story Page 2](#)

Meetings on School Shuffle Scheduled

Residents concerned about the possible shuffling of students out of Desert Canyon Elementary and Middle schools to the Copper Ridge campus should pay attention to the upcoming calendar this and next month. The Scottsdale Unified School District is in the middle of its second round of

Breakdown of three options for changes to SUSD schools:
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school closings that most likely will impact DCES, DCMS, Copper Ridge, Redfield, Laguna and Cheyenne Traditional schools.

Here are some key dates, though some will have passed by the time the print newsletter reaches MMR residents:

Sept. 8, 6 p.m. at Coronado High School — The SUSD Governing Board will include an information/discussion session on what

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Westbound Thompson Peak Bridge Approaches

The Scottsdale City Council may finally take a vote on building the \$6.3 million westbound bridge at Thompson Peak Parkway (TPP) and Reata Pass Wash during its Sept. 22nd meeting. As McDowell Mountain Ranch and DC Ranch residents have long known, drivers and cyclists have been forced onto the eastbound bridge over Reata Pass since TPP was built.

Most of the funding for the long-awaited second bridge was approved as part of the 2019 Capital Bond election, but it was scheduled as one of the later projects to be built. A portion of the project will also be funded by the 0.2% Transportation Sales Tax.

Why is the city finally building the bridge? "Over time with development in the area, the Thompson Peak Parkway bridge has kept up with the vehicular traffic volume, however, with an increase of bicycle traffic along this segment of roadway the bridge has become a safety concern for motorists and cyclists," according to an information page posted by Scottsdale.

Because the City Council has tentatively posted the project on the consent agenda, it's expected to be approved. Construction could begin this fall with the overall project expected to take about a year to complete.

- Planned agenda: tinyurl.com/ym3dm2dv
- Bridge information: tinyurl.com/nhk6vdha

Scottsdale 4th Best to Retire

Scottsdale is the fourth-best place to retire in the United States, in part because it has the best quality-of-life rank, according to a 2026 Wallet Hub report. Scottsdale also ranked 18th in the activities rank and 35th for health care.

"The best cities for retired people are those that minimize taxes and expenses," writes WalletHub Analyst Chip Lupo, "as well as have good opportunities for retirees to continue paid work for extra income, if they choose to do so. In addition, the top cities provide high-quality health care and offer plenty of enjoyable activities for retirees."

Other Arizona cities that ranked relatively high include:

17. Tempe
49. Chandler
55. Tucson
76. Phoenix

Mesa was the worst-ranked Arizona city at



The construction of a westbound bridge on Thompson Peak Parkway over Reata Pass Wash in DC Ranch has been on hold for years.

117th.

The top five cities in the United States were:

1. Orlando, Fla.
2. Miami, Fla.
3. Tampa, Fla.
4. Scottsdale
5. Caper, Wyo.

WalletHub: tinyurl.com/vj3ct54b

2019 with an 85,000-square-foot water park.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community must approve the project, which was announced at a Land Management Board Community hearing in late July and will require a variance before it can move forward.

- Business Journal: tinyurl.com/2tbentvd
- Announcement: tinyurl.com/4wc7k6tj

Great Wolf Plans Addition

Great Wolf Lodge wants to add a six-story tower to its water park on an 18.6-acre parcel in the Talking Stick Entertainment District, but it's still in the earlier phases of the project, according to the Phoenix Business Journal.

The tower would match the height of the existing building, and the plans call for 24 guest suites containing three bedrooms each.

The \$89 million lodge originally opened in

Canyon Lake Closed for Now

The Salt River Project is lowering Canyon Lake by 54 feet for 16 weeks beginning Sept. 16th for dam inspection and maintenance, according to the USDA and SRP.

Access to the lake was expected to be closed on Sept. 8th. Water from the dam will be preserved in other reservoirs, according to SRP.

Because the work will be done along the river

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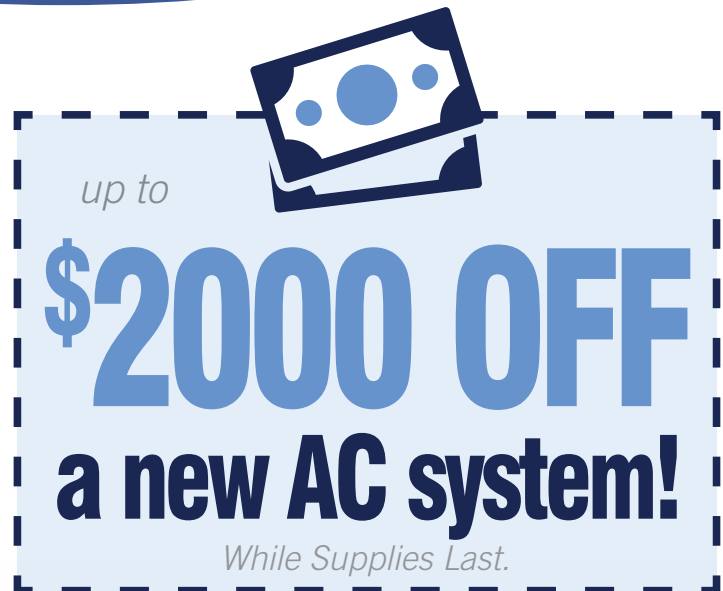


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channel, Mormon Flat and Horse Mesa Dam, all boat ramps and lake access points will be closed to the public during the 16 weeks. Boats and slips at Canyon Lake Marina will be relocated during that time.

Once the work is complete, it will take about four weeks to refill the lake via upstream reservoirs.

- SRP: tinyurl.com/2zprjma8
- USDA: tinyurl.com/5jpm3sr

WestWorld Leader Named

Cassie Johnson, who has served in multiple Scottsdale positions, has been named the interim general manager of WestWorld, according to a press release. Johnson has most recently been working on the WestWorld Strategic General Plan that is being designed to "improve operational efficiency, modernize technology, strengthen internal controls, and support long-term financial and facility planning."



Scottsdale: tinyurl.com/mrydpvxx Cassie Johnson

Scottsdale No. 1 for Renting

Scottsdale was the No. 1 best place to rent in America this year, primarily because the city has the highest quality of life, according to Wallet Hub. Other reasons our city was tops on the list are the high availability of jobs and an excellent driving environment.

Although Scottsdale is an expensive place to rent, it still placed 57th-most affordable, according to Wallet Hub. Residents on average spend about 22% of their annual income on rent, and rentals average a relatively spacious 2,179 square feet.

Interestingly, Gilbert and Chandler held the No. 2 and No. 3 spots, while Peoria placed No. 6. Mesa and Glendale were No. 16 and No. 17 respectively. Overland Park, Kan., and Columbia, Md., placed fourth and fifth in the nation.

Wallet Hub: tinyurl.com/5cu6yusr

DeBabel Opens Second Store

A North Scottsdale Middle Eastern restaurant, which has ranked highly in national Yelp reviews, opened a second location on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The new DeBabel is near 90th Street and the Loop 101 in The Edge center, which has been under development adjacent to a sister multi-use development called The Sydney.

The first DeBabel is located near Raintree Drive and the Loop 101 Freeway at 14884 N. Pima Road.

Other restaurants at The Edge that have opened include Shake Shack, Black Rock Coffee, Playa Bowls and Thai Chili 2 Go.

Business Journal: tinyurl.com/ymb59mwX

Famed Architect Swaback Dies

Vernon Swaback, a master planner of communities in North Scottsdale, died July 5th, according to the Phoenix Business Journal. Vernon Swaback, 87, who was Frank Lloyd Wright's youngest apprentice, was also involved with DC Ranch, Silverleaf, Anthem, Mountain Park Ranch in Ahwatukee and the rezoning of Arizona Biltmore Estates, according to the Business Journal.

"He was a mastermind of creating beautiful neighborhoods, open spaces, architecture and more," Nate Nathan, president and designated broker for Scottsdale-based Nathan & Associates, told the Business Journal.

Swaback, who lived in North Scottsdale, also served as the vice chair of the citizens group that helped create the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, according to the Historical League.

Swaback founded the Swaback architectural firm in 1978 after spending 21 years under the tutelage of Wright at Taliesin and Taliesin West, according to the Business Journal. The company continues to work on area projects, including the \$7 billion Halo Vista project in north Phoenix. The company also designed a proposed Desert Discovery Center in the Sonoran Preserve, but the project was rejected by Scottsdale voters.

"His vision, his generosity, and his boundless curiosity touched everyone who had the privilege of working alongside him," reads a statement from Swaback about the founder. "His legacy lives on in everything we build. Thank you, Vern."

Swaback is survived by his wife, Cille, his children, Catherine (Gus) Swaback Jacobson,



Vernon Swaback

Caroline (Armand) Swaback Slason, and his five grandchildren, Beckett, Collins, Charlotte, Lucy and Armand IV. A Celebration of Life is expected in the fall.

NOTE: The Arizona Business Journal reported that Swaback was the master planner of McDowell Mountain Ranch, but we've been unable to verify that. Please let us know if you have any information. Thanks.

Donations can be made here:

- The School of Architecture / TSOA, 8776 E. Shea Blvd, 106-601 Scottsdale, AZ 85260
- Cattletrack Arts and Preservation, 6105 N. Cattletrack Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Sources:

- Business Journal: tinyurl.com/2xbjd4n
- Obituary: tinyurl.com/4semxtky
- Historical League: tinyurl.com/mu6jctrh
- Arizona Highways: tinyurl.com/2jttu8p

Bike Tour Set for April 27

The Honor Health Tour de Scottsdale is scheduled to roll through North Scottsdale April 27th, 2027, according to the organization's website. That's nearly a month later than the past two

years.

As in recent years, the tour's 62-mile and 32-mile races will begin and finish at WestWorld. The event usually traverses a portion of McDowell Mountain and DC ranches.

Tour de Scottsdale: tourdescottsdale.org

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Fall Event Season Shaping Up at MMR

McDowell Mountain Ranch residents can look forward to a fall 2026 filled with events that include:

- **Trivia Night.** 6-8 p.m., Sept. 25, McDowell Center; registration opens Sept. 16
 - **Community Garage Sale.** 7 a.m.-noon, Oct. 3; registration opens Sept. 16
 - **Bingo Night.** 6 p.m., Oct. 23; registration opens Oct. 12
 - **Casino Night.** 6-9 p.m., Oct. 24, Community Center; tickets go on sale Oct. 24
 - **Pet Costume and Decorating contests.** 5-7 p.m., Oct. 30, Community Center
- More information will be available via emails from mmrca.net.

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7 Brew Beats Out Dutch Bros.

Although the media originally reported that Dutch Bros would be purchasing stores from the now defunct Salad and Go, a competitor called 7 Brew managed to win an auction for the buildings, according to the Phoenix Business Journal.

7 Brew, an Arkansas-based chain, contested an earlier deal that called for Dutch Bros to purchase 65 locations from Salad and Go, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Aug. 4th.

7 Brew offered \$143.18 million for 73 stores, well above Dutch Bros' offer to buy 65 sites for \$105 million. The purchase will bring 41 7 Brew stores into the Arizona market for the first time. There are two Salad and Go locations in North Scottsdale.

7 Brew is also acquiring 20 Salad and Go stores

in Texas, six in Nevada and six in Oklahoma.

The 7 Brew purchase will be considered by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Alfredo R. Pérez at a Sept. 21st hearing.

A second auction may be held for the remaining stores that have not been put up for sale.

Business Journal: tinyurl.com/2nky7vs9

Scottsdale Dog Park Opens

The 3.5-acre, \$6.1-million Thompson Peak Dog Park, funded by a voter-approved capital-funding bill in 2019, has finally opened. The park features three fenced and gated play areas, shade canopies, benches, water fountains and animal waste disposal stations.

The park includes four art panels that feature dogs, local plant life and a mountain landscape created by Scottsdale artist Sachi Kale, who was born and raised in Mumbai, India.

The park, open from sunrise to 10:30 p.m. daily, is located at 20199 N. 78th Place near the southwest corner of Hayden Road and Thompson Peak Parkway.

- Scottsdale article: tinyurl.com/mvcjs27s
- Go here for ABC 15 video highlighting the park: tinyurl.com/3rbymd9m
- Dog Park photos: tinyurl.com/2vyjbhr2

2026 Bulk Waste Schedule

Pickup times in the McDowell Mountain Ranch area begin at 5 a.m. on the dates listed below, but the process may take several days:

- Oct. 6th
- Nov. 3rd
- Dec. 8th

Note: Details are subject to change.

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

Orangedale Seeks Indoor Live Entertainment Permit

The Scottsdale Planning Commission approved 6-1 a permit to allow indoor entertainment at Orangedale Lounge, which is located near the 'Basas' at the southwest corner of Thompson Peak Parkway and Bell Road.

The revised entertainment hours would be from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday only, which is a change from the original request. Performances would generally consist of acoustic guitar music that would not be broadcast to external speakers. The doors would be kept closed during events.

The permit request is expected to be considered by the Scottsdale City Council at its Sept. 22nd meeting, but the schedule is preliminary. Watch our facebook page for updates: facebook.com/mmrhomes

Residents, who attended a March outreach to the community, expressed concern that noise from the events would be disruptive to McDowell Mountain Ranch communities of Montecito and The Ridge, which are adjacent to the shopping center.

"If Orangedale were to provide live entertainment, I fear the noise from Orangedale would be loud, particularly when the front door opens for entry and egress," Ridge HOA Board member Trey Long wrote in an email to the city. "The noise would disrupt the quiet enjoyment that residents of The Ridge have the right to experience. A loss of quiet enjoyment of property can damage the value of residential real estate."

The owners of Orangedale subsequently agreed to the indoor-only performances at a June meeting, according to the city's filing. Orangedale promises to keep decibel levels below 60 at the southern property line, which abuts The Ridge.

Sources:

- Scottsdale report: tinyurl.com/3nf89us9
- Phoenix Business Journal: tinyurl.com/3efmtcyf

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Inventory Drops Sharply but May Recover Soon

While summer inventory usually is lower than during the rest of the year, we consider it pretty uncharacteristic to see only 21 properties in McDowell Mountain Ranch for sale by the end of August. (See "Homes for Sale," on Page 11.) At the same time in 2025, we had 36 homes for sale in MMR, which includes about 3,900 residences.

So are there really fewer homes for sale? Maybe. Maybe not. We say this because a lot of homes

in MMR get sold before fully hitting the market. For example, there were 22 closed sales in July/August of 2025 compared with 23 in 2026. That's only a one-property difference.

But when we look at the year so far, there were 107 home sales completed by the end of August in 2025, while there were 133 by the end of August this year! So by that measure, this year is actually outpacing 2025!

Now take a look at all of 85255. As you can see in the chart below, inventory dropped steadily during the summer, but it's starting to come back up. Why? Well, who wants to buy or sell during the hottest months of the year?

What is even more confusing is that MMR homes are taking longer to sell in 2026 than 2025, even though more are selling this year. MMR



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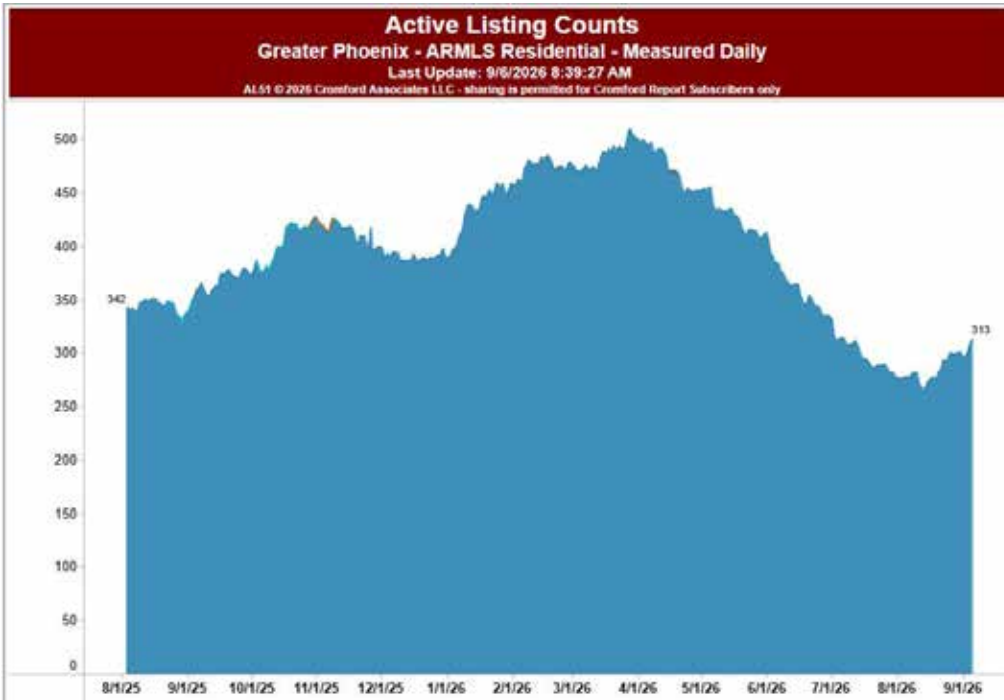


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homes remained on the market for only 107 days on average in 2025, while it took an average 133 days in 2026.

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RENTALS AND SALES IN MMR

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4 Bed+Den | 3 Bath | 2,994 SQ FT | 3-Car Garage

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SOLD!

Cimarron Hills

15348 N 106th Place

4 Bed | 3.5 Bath | 2,678 SQ FT | 2-Car Garage

Sweeping mountain and city light views and a stunning courtyard entry! Highly sought after floor plan including a casita and wood flooring throughout. The kitchen boasts granite counters, a wine fridge, built-in fridge, custom cabinetry and a center island. Fresh exterior paint and landscaping. Located in a guard-gated community with its heated, negative-edge private pool, spa, two tennis courts and clubhouse with a workout room.

\$1,211,000

SOLD!

**Cimarron Hills**

11543 E Caribbean Ln

4 Bed+Den+Bonus Rm | 3.5 Bath | 3,922 SQ FT | 3-Car Garage

Situated at the top of a guard-gated community with spectacular city light & mountain views, this home features a casita, designer kitchen with quartzite surfaces and modern cabinetry. The resort-like backyard includes a heated pool, spa, fire pit & built-in BBQ!

\$2,300,000

RENTED!

**The Summit**

10531 E Bahia Dr

4 Bed | 2 Bath | 2,199 SQ FT | 3-Car Garage

Beautifully updated with luxurious wood-look tile, stunning granite countertops and subway tile backsplash accents, and updated bathrooms. The private backyard features a sparkling pool, a built-in BBQ, serene views of the wash and breathtaking desert sunsets!

\$5,000 per Month

Buyer Needs



1. Household of 4, current MMR residents have grown out of their current home and want something larger. They are looking in MMR and also Horseman's Park. Must have at least 3,000 SF, 4 Bedrooms + Den or Loft (space to set up an office), 3-car garage and a sizable back yard. Pool would be great, or room to add a pool. They are pre-approved and flexible on closing date. Price range up to \$1.2 Mil.



Household of 2, looking for a second/winter home in MMR. Single level, 3 Bedrooms + Office area, must back to a wash/have view fencing! Cash buyers, flexible on closing date: ideal closing time in winter or spring of 2027. Price range up to \$1,250,000.



Household of 2 looking for a 2nd/winter home in MMR to eventually become their full-time residence after retirement. Must be single level, 3+ bedrooms and office or 4th bedroom, 2,400+ SF, open floor plan and VIEWS! They are open to remodeling at a lower price or an already remodeled property up to \$1,800,000. They are flexible on closing date ... anytime in 2026 or spring of 2027.



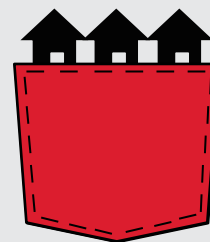
Household of 4, moving to Arizona for a full-time residence and MMR is their 1st neighborhood of choice! They must have at least 3 Bedrooms + an office, but prefer 4 bedrooms + office, 3,000+ SF. Must have a pool and play area in the back yard and 3 Car Garage. Price range up to \$1.5 Mil. Cash buyers, who would like to close in the spring of 2027.



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Hoodie Drive!

Giving Back by Christine Espinoza

As the winter approaches, we're asking our generous neighbors to help support Hope 4 Phoenix, which serves meals every Sunday to individuals experiencing homelessness. If you have new or gently used hoodies you can spare, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Community Center or the McDowell Center through the end of November. Thank you for always being such a generous and caring community!



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We assume that one of the reasons the homes remained on the market a bit longer is the increase in prices that went from \$1.2 million on average in 2025 to \$1.3 million in 2026. What makes less sense is that inventory has remained low even though home prices are still up and sitting on the market longer.

Inventory Remains Low Despite Interest Rates

At the same time, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rates are at their highest since the same time last year at 6.71%, according to The New York Times.

The mortgage rate increases are in response to bond market problems and persistent inflation, according to The Times.

"The U.S. housing market has essentially been stuck for the past several years, squeezed between high prices and high mortgage rates,"

according to The Times. "Jonathan Miller, a real estate appraiser and consultant, said mortgage rates had ascended at their steepest pace in history. Rates are now double what they were during the Covid-19 pandemic."

The shortage of inventory is also a problem nationally, according to The Times, though it's not quite as extreme as it is in North Scottsdale. The story can be found here: tinyurl.com/bdend29n.

In contrast to the nation and North Scottsdale, inventory and prices have continued to loosen up overall in Arizona, according to the Cromford Report.

"We expect prices to stay soft through the rest of September and into October" according to the September Cromford Report.

While that may be true of the state, there is little sign that will hold true in MMR, which continues to benefit from increased employment opportunities across North Scottsdale.

The proprietary Cromford Market Index also

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found that the Scottsdale housing market is the third-most improving in the state, following Paradise Valley and Fountain Hills. Phoenix, Glendale and Peoria were experiencing worsening housing market conditions, according to Cromford.

Housing Market Has Been Remarkably Stable

MMR's and North Scottsdale market has been relatively stable, with mild ups and downs, since the huge price increases that we saw at the end of the Covid-19 pandemic. To be honest, this kind of stability is the best of all worlds for buyers and sellers.

Sure, it would be better for buyers and sellers if interest rates were a few points lower, but that negative is also a positive in that it keeps prices from shooting up uncontrollably. As we have been saying for the past few years, it's still a great time to buy or sell a home in MMR.

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THE KEY

SF = square feet

DOM = Days on Market

% Change = The change in the value per square foot since 01/01/2025

SALES BY COMMUNITY (JAN.-AUG. 2026)

Community	# Sold	Avg Price	Avg SF	DOM	\$/SF	% Change
Cimarron Hills	13	\$1,710,462	2960	58	\$574.00	11.09%
The Preserve	12	\$809,917	1701	42	\$486.87	14.99%
The Overlook	9	\$969,833	2147	29	\$456.35	0.91%
Sienna Canyon	9	\$1,459,556	2991	39	\$491.04	-7.67%
Trovas	8	\$2,041,500	3560	43	\$574.55	0.36%
100 Hills	8	\$2,686,313	4129	47	\$615.85	1.77%
Castle Chase	7	\$890,714	1805	52	\$491.41	6.47%
The Ridge	6	\$545,000	1489	69	\$367.30	9.44%
Panorama Point	6	\$872,500	1966	53	\$447.38	-2.84%
Cimarron Ridge	6	\$1,843,333	3396	15	\$543.25	-1.88%
Discovery Trails	5	\$756,180	1534	25	\$492.55	8.29%
Sunrise Point	5	\$832,800	1800	21	\$464.02	0.22%
Desert Cliffs	5	\$1,604,650	2853	35	\$577.50	16.82%
Arizona Vintage	4	\$733,750	1719	75	\$438.86	0.30%
Discovery Canyon	4	\$783,928	1622	146	\$484.52	6.89%
Arizona Highlands	4	\$1,115,000	2708	42	\$414.10	-19.04%
Montecito	4	\$1,264,283	2491	67	\$506.44	18.73%
Sonoran Estates	4	\$2,705,000	3828	21	\$691.56	15.39%
Sunset Point	3	\$1,011,667	2273	77	\$452.40	4.14%
Cachet	2	\$567,500	1640	53	\$346.04	-3.50%
The Summit	2	\$1,167,500	1969	49	\$593.10	17.15%
Eagle Ridge	2	\$1,202,610	3198	55	\$382.54	-22.20%
Vermillion Cliffs	2	\$1,232,500	3138	152	\$393.40	-13.42%
Sonoran Fairways	1	\$1,050,000	1994	105	\$526.58	5.82%
Armonico	1	\$1,247,000	2413	54	\$516.78	12.41%
Mirador	1	\$2,222,000	3710	3	\$598.92	-1.27%
The Ranch	133	\$1,321,144	2524	49	\$505.14	4.36%

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HOMES CURRENTLY FOR SALE

Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
10212 E Betony Dr	Arizona Vintage	Chardonnay	\$760,000	1744	3	2	N
*10289 E Karen Dr	Discovery Canyon	Catalina	\$820,000	1504	3	2	N
*10439 E Salt Bush Dr	Panorama Point	Primrose	\$885,000	1874	3	3	N
10607 E Autumn Sage Dr	Castle Chase	Nottingham	\$899,000	1881	3	2	N
*10394 E Hillery Dr	The Preserve	Brisas	\$945,000	2132	4	2	Y
10401 E Helm Dr	Sunset Point	#1912	\$1,199,000	2000	3	3	N
10637 E Blanche Dr	Cimarron Hills	La Jolla	\$1,225,000	2285	3	2	Y
10335 E Verbena Ln	Montecito	San Miguel	\$1,250,000	2412	4+Den	2	Y
16024 N 111th Pl	100 Hills	La Jolla	\$1,275,000	2285	3	2	N
11477 E Raintree Dr	Sunrise Point	Sierra	\$1,395,000	2083	3	2	N
10671 E Caribbean Ln	Cimarron Hills	La Jolla	\$1,579,000	2328	3	2	Y
10531 E Conieson Rd	Sonoran Fairways	Cholla	\$1,675,000	3466	5	3	Y
16632 N 105th Wy	Arizona Highlands	Catalina	\$1,724,998	2885	5+Loft	2	Y
10968 E Kora Ln	Cimarron Hills	Laredo	\$1,750,000	2788	4	3	Y
10875 E Mirasol Ci	Armonico	#912	\$1,780,000	3213	4+Loft	3	Y
10969 E Butherus Dr	Desert Cliffs	#6040	\$1,799,000	2351	4	3	Y
10857 E Butherus Dr	Desert Cliffs	#6090	\$1,825,000	3924	5	3	Y
10931 E Bahia Dr	Vermillion Cliffs		\$2,210,000	5745	7+Den	3	Y
16137 N 111th Wy	100 Hills	Palma	\$3,035,000	3178	4	3	Y
11550 E Paradise Ln	100 Hills	Custom	\$4,000,000	5588	6	3	Y
*11429 E Le Marche Dr	100 Hills	Cardona	\$5,850,000	6161	5+Den	4	Y

*Coming soon.

CLOSED SALES IN JULY & AUGUST

Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
16600 N TPP #2051	The Ridge	Heritage	\$490,000	1298	2	1	N
16420 N TPP #1122	Cachet	Legacy	\$610,000	1640	2+Den	2	N
16600 N TPP #1068	The Ridge	Legacy	\$630,000	1674	2	2	N
10859 E Le Marche Dr	Castle Chase	Helmley	\$690,000	1701	3	2	N
10224 E Firewheel Dr	Arizona Vintage	Zinfandel	\$735,000	1603	3	2	N
15734 N 102nd St	Arizona Vintage	Bordeaux	\$757,500	1478	3	2	Y
10272 E Mallow Ci	The Preserve	Palomino	\$799,000	1358	3	2	Y
10345 E Texas Sage Ln	The Preserve	Brisas	\$875,000	2132	4	2	Y
10354 E Raintree Dr	The Preserve	Brisas	\$895,000	2132	4	2	Y
10638 E Betony Dr	The Overlook	Mesquite	\$935,000	1972	4+Den	3	N
15799 N 104th Pl	Panorama Point	Ironwood	\$1,050,000	2655	5	3	N
10304 E Rosemary Ln	Eagle Ridge	#3375	\$1,055,220	3462	5	3	N
<u>15348 N 106th Pl</u>	<u>Cimarron Hills</u>	<u>Sevilla</u>	<u>\$1,211,000</u>	<u>2678</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>N</u>
14109 N 109th St	Sienna Canyon	Catalina	\$1,225,000	2738	4+Den	3	Y
16332 N 108th Wy	Vermillion Cliffs	932-5	\$1,225,000	3248	5	3	Y
10262 E Jasmine Dr	Montecito	San Miguel	\$1,240,000	2212	3+Den	3	Y
10304 E Acacia Dr	Montecito	Santa Barbara	\$1,710,000	2770	4+Den	3	Y
11216 E Caribbean Ln	Cimarron Ridge	Montilla	\$1,950,000	3749	3+Den	3	Y
16562 N 109th Wy	Trovas	Caprino	\$1,970,000	3043	4	3	Y
11221 E Greenway Rd	Cimarron Hills	Laredo	\$2,100,000	2788	4	3	Y
<u>11543 E Caribbean Ln</u>	<u>Cimarron Hills</u>	<u>Andorra</u>	<u>\$2,300,000</u>	<u>3922</u>	<u>4+Den</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Y</u>
11475 E Paradise Ln	100 Hills	Custom	\$4,250,000	6782	6	5	Y

PENDING, UCB * & CCBS** TRANSACTIONS

Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
10393 E Texas Sage Ln	The Preserve	Avalon	\$775,000	1702	3	2	N
10533 E Firewheel Dr	The Overlook	Mesquite	\$869,900	1972	3+Den	3	Y
15984 N 106th Wy	The Overlook	Mesquite	\$875,000	1972	3+Den	3	Y
10614 E Meadowhill Dr	Sonoran Fairways	Mesquite	\$950,000	1994	3	2	N
16484 N 108th Pl	Armonico	Mirada	\$1,300,000	2994	4+Den	3	Y
10975 E Kora Ln	Cimarron Hills	San Rafael	\$1,725,000	3393	5	3	Y
10679 E Raintree Dr	Desert Cliffs	#6060	\$1,999,000	2670	3+Den	3	Y
11023 E Mirasol Ci	100 Hills	Palma Expanded	\$3,695,000	3409	4	3	Y

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

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

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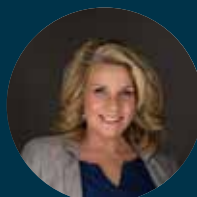
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Primary Results Set Stage for November Ballot

While McDowell Mountain Ranch resident Joseph Chaplik failed to move forward in his race to become a U.S. congressman in District 1, resident Julie Gable will move forward in her bid to become an Arizona House representative for District 3. Below is a breakdown of the various races and who will compete in the General Election.

Scottsdale City Council

Incumbent Solange Whitehead won her City Council seat outright with 17.48% of the vote, meaning she won't have to participate in the General Election. Her total vote count was 28,338. Meanwhile, former Councilman Bob Littlefield dropped out of the Council race even though he won the right to compete in the General Election, which is set for Nov. 3rd.

Littlefield told the Scottsdale Progress that he's leaving the race to return as the leader of Taxpayers Against Awful Apartment Zoning Exemptions

(TAAAZE), a Political Action Committee fighting Axon's headquarter and 1,200 apartment/condo project near McDowell Mountain Ranch.

The closing of this year's City Council term will be the end of a 24-year run in which either Bob Littlefield or his wife, Kathy, have been on the council. Kathy Littlefield has reached term limits and cannot run again.

The City Council certified the primary at a special Aug. 3rd meeting.

The candidates in bold type will be competing in the General Election:

Crystal Carroll: 11,801 (7.28%)

Barry Graham: 23,565 (14.54%)

Ethan Knowlden: 21,308 (13.15%)

Bob Littlefield: 22,091 (13.63%) — dropped out of General Election

Eric Sloan: 8,705 (5.37%)

Michelle Ugenti-Rita: 24,221 (14.94%)

Raoul Zubia: 21,897 (13.51%)

Source: scottsdaleaz.gov/elections/election-results

Out of 166,588 registered voters, 60,271 votes were cast resulting in a 36.18% turnout, according to the city.

Scottsdale Progress: tinyurl.com/4jhrvswy

U.S. House — District 1

Democrats

Amish Shah: 29,002 (39.45%)

Marlene Galán-Woods: 25,267 (34.37%)

Jonathan Treble: 13,006 (17.69%)

Rick McCartney: 6,248 (8.5%)

Republicans

Thomas "Jay" Feely IV: 43,709 (49.8%)

Joseph Chaplik (MMR resident): 31,347 (35.71)

John Trobough: 12,718 (14.49%)

Arizona House — District 3

Democrats (two winners)

Julie Gable (MMR resident): 18,522 (56.07%)

Richard "Rick" Robert Spargo: 14,509 (43.93%)

Republicans (two winners)

George Khalaf: 23,165 (33.68%)

Cody Reim: 18,713 (27.2%)

Jay Schlum: 18,046 (26.23%)

Thomas M. Walsh II: 8,863 (12.88%)

Arizona Senate — District 3

Democrat

Jeffrey Fortney (unopposed): 19,696 (100%)

Republicans

John Kavanagh: 35,902 (85.23%)

Robert Michael Wallace: 6,224 (14.77%)

Note: The Scottsdale Unified School District does not have a primary, but we have a short story on the General Election candidate at the bottom of Page 13.

Resources and Dates

- Oct. 5th is the last day to register to vote: tinyurl.com/ypjnfe78
- Oct. 7th is when early voting begins: tinyurl.com/27jaumm4
- For general voting information, go here: tinyurl.com/4yhpkmm
- For Arizona ballot measures: azsos.gov/elections/ballot-measures

AVAILABLE RENTALS

Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
10460 E Hillery Dr	The Preserve	Avalon	\$2,600	1702	3	2	N
15728 N 104th St	Panorama Point	Mesquite	\$2,995	1548	3	2	N
10270 E Blanche Dr	Discovery Canyon	Scenic	\$3,195	1837	4	2	N
15731 N 102nd St	Arizona Vintage	Merlot	\$3,250	1347	3	2	N
*10534 E Star of the Desert Dr	Discovery Trails	Coronado	\$3,400	1451	3	2	Y
16420 N TPP #1013	Cachet	Monarch	\$3,500	1659	2+Den	2	N
10310 E Le Marche Dr	Arizona Vintage	Chablis	\$3,900	2504	5+Loft	2	Y
10655 E Acacia Dr	The Summit	Catalina	\$4,000	2478	3+Den	3	Y
16601 N 104th St	Eagle Ridge	#3344	\$4,500	2367	3+Den	3	Y
11113 E Betony Dr	100 Hills	Sevilla	\$4,990	2629	4	2	N
10872 E Raintree Dr	Desert Cliffs	#6090	\$6,500	3924	5+Loft	3	Y
11543 E Caribbean Ln	Cimarron Ridge	Andorra	\$7,500	3922	4+Den	3	Y
16589 N 109th St	Vermillion Cliffs	#923	\$7,900	2835	3+Den	3	Y
10458 E Karen Dr	The Preserve	Brisas	\$8,000	2200	4	2	Y
11047 E Mirasol Ci	100 Hills	Montilla	\$8,000	3721	5+Den	3	Y
<u>10840 E Bahia Dr</u>	<u>Armonico</u>	<u>Montana</u>	<u>\$9,000</u>	<u>2994</u>	<u>4+Den</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Y</u>
11416 E Autumn Sage Dr	Cimarron Ridge	Escalante	\$11,000	3377	4+Den	3	Y

*Coming soon.

CLOSED RENTALS IN JULY & AUGUST

Address	Subdivision	Model	Price	SQFT	BR	GAR	Pool
14862 N 103rd St	The Preserve	Brisas	\$3,200	2132	4	2	Y
10290 E Mallow Ci	The Preserve	Avalon	\$3,400	1702	3	2	N
10618 E Morning Star Dr	Panorama Point	Mariposa	\$3,400	1963	3+Den	2	Y
10335 E Rosemary Ln	Eagle Ridge	#3344	\$3,950	2367	3+Den	3	Y
10620 E Tierra Buena Ln	The Overlook	Ironwood	\$4,500	2818	4+Den	2	N
<u>10531 E Bahia Dr</u>	<u>The Summit</u>	<u>Aruba</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>2199</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Y</u>
14892 N 107th Wy	Desert Cliffs	#6060	\$5,000	2647	4	3	Y
11071 E Evans Rd	Sienna Canyon	Catalina	\$7,500	3377	5+Den	3	Y

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is called the Phase II portion of closing North Scottsdale Schools.

Sept. 15, 6 p.m., McDowell Center — Residents from MMR-only are invited to learn more about the possible school changes. This is an unofficial event hosted by a resident who has been a part of the SUSD committee studying the three plans to repurpose the schools.

Sept. 22, 6 p.m., Desert Mountain High School — SUSD will present the school closure options to residents, who will be given up to two minutes to voice their opinions. The SUSD Governing Board will be listening to the speakers, but they are not expected to comment.

Oct. 6, 6 p.m. Coronado High School — The SUSD Governing Board is scheduled to vote on which closure plan will be implemented.

Please keep in mind that because this is a print publication, some of these times, dates or locations could change by the time you receive this. For the SUSD meeting schedule, go here: tinyurl.com/2u6k3zvt

Enrollment Impact Released

More information about how shuffling North Scottsdale students has been released by the committee studying the issue since our last edition in July.

The biggest update reveals that far fewer students will be impacted by Scottsdale Unified School District's Option C (See "The Three Options at right), which calls for the repurposing of Laguna and Copper Ridge, than Option B, which calls for sending DCES & DCMS students to Copper Ridge.

The numbers below are based on the estimated student population as of July 2026 (Red text in chart at above right):

Option A: 2,126 students would be impacted under this plan, which would move Copper Ridge students to DCES and DCMS. Redfield and Laguna students would move to Cheyenne and then Cheyenne students would move to Copper Ridge.

Option B: 2,132 students would be impacted under this plan, which calls for DCES and DCMS students moving to Copper Ridge. Under Option B, Laguna would be repurposed and those students would relocate to Redfield.

Option C: 773 students would be impacted under this plan, which calls for repurposing Laguna and Copper Ridge. Under Option C, Laguna students would move to Redfield and Copper Ridge students would move to DCES and DCMS.

Phase 2 Schools: K–5 Enrollment & Options

Top: 25–26 school year (May 1) Bottom: 26–27 school year (July 2026)

School	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	K–5 Total	PS/PK–5 Total	K–8 Total
Anasazi <i>IB - no PK or specialized SPED</i>	40 38	62 46	52 64	59 57	84 66	107 89	404 360	404 360	—
Cheyenne Traditional <i>Traditional - 1 PK</i>	100 102	104 104	110 105	98 112	103 105	113 105	628 633	652 656	928 956
Copper Ridge K–8 <i>PK, PANDA, Lifeskills, SCA</i>	23 33	34 26	41 29	55 37	31 56	56 30	240 211	270 230	449 380
Desert Canyon Elementary <i>PS, PK SUCCESS - Dual Language Immersion</i>	69 58	86 76	41 87	78 45	74 75	70 74	418 415	455 463	—
Desert Canyon Middle <i>Grades 6–8 - no K–5 enrollment</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	413 457
Laguna Prep <i>STEAM - Toddler, PS, PK, PANDA, 2 SCA, ALC</i>	48 46	41 50	52 45	48 51	67 46	55 68	311 306	393 374	—
Redfield <i>PK, CGP, PANDA, 2 SCA</i>	50 45	62 53	64 68	62 62	70 56	74 66	382 350	408 374	—
Phase 2 K–5 Total	330 322	389 355	360 398	400 364	429 404	475 432	2383 2275	2582 2457	—

Students impacted by option

Option A	Option B	Option C
2232 EOY 25–26	2153 EOY 25–26	872 EOY 25–26
2126 July 2026	2132 July 2026 <i>Updated to include Desert Canyon Middle</i>	773 July 2026

Source: SUSD enrollment data as of May 1st; 2026–27 counts were ascertained in July.

The Three Options

Option A

Copper Ridge students move to DCES & DCMS; Redfield and Laguna students move to Cheyenne Campus. Cheyenne students move to Copper Ridge.

Option B

DCES & DCMS students are moved to Copper Ridge while Laguna students move to Redfield. Cheyenne remains unchanged, though students

might relocate to a repurposed Desert Canyon campus.

Option C

Copper Ridge students move to a combined DCES/DCMS campus. Laguna students move to Redfield, and Cheyenne would not be impacted. **NOTE:** SUSD has agreed to repurpose schools that lose students, but the final outcome will be determined at a later date.

Note: The breakdown in the posted chart are estimates based on the 2025–26 school year (blue) and expected student populations as of July 2026 (red).

Sources

- Chart: tinyurl.com/2s46nfv2
- General information: tinyurl.com/yp4arr54
- Here are proposed boundary maps, which we don't have room to cover: tinyurl.com/44s2yajk

SUSD Seeks \$375 Million

The Scottsdale Unified School District will be asking voters on Nov. 3rd to approve \$375 million in bonds that would fund capital improvement projects such as school renovations, technology upgrades and security improvements. The most recent, previously approved bond election was in 2016.

Bond homepage: tinyurl.com/ye2a7j7u



Amy Carney

Jeanne Beasley

Jennifer Johnson

At Least 1 Newcomer to Be Elected to SUSD Board

Because Carine Werner decided against running for re-election to the Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board, at least one newcomer will be joining the board, according to the Scottsdale Progress. There are two seats up for election with incumbent Amy Carney running against Jeanne Beasley and Dr. Jennifer Johnson.

Beasley failed in a bid to join the board in 2024. School districts do not have primaries in Arizona.

Scottsdale Progress: tinyurl.com/2c5ucuaa

Campaign pages:

- Amy Carney: amycarney.com
- Jennifer Johnson: jennifer4sUSD.com
- Jeanne Beasley: beasleyforsUSD.com

Elite Garages Plans Nearby Vehicle Storage

Elite Garages Scottsdale seeks to develop a long-empty 3.58-acre parcel near Bell Road and 91st Street into a vehicle storage facility, according to filings with Scottsdale. The proposed project, which requires a zoning change, would include three garage buildings that total 32 condominium-style storage spaces and a community office/clubhouse building that would total 36 feet in height. Individual units would hold five to six vehicles, according to the filing.

Entrances to the facility would be on 91st Street. No public hearings have been scheduled at the time this was written.

- Project documents: tinyurl.com/24nvmz97
- YouTube video: tinyurl.com/yjb2cpwh



Elite Garages seeks to develop a lot at the southwest corner of Bell Road and 91st Street.

Council OKs Rivian Center

The Scottsdale City Council approved a zoning change that opens the door to Rivian Automotive opening a service and delivery center near McDowell Mountain Ranch. The zoning change was approved 6-0 after Councilwoman Jan Dubauskas recused herself because of a conflict of interest.

The Rivian service and delivery center, which would be located inside the Mack Innovation Park project at the northeast corner of the Loop 101 Freeway and Bell Road, will use more than 65,000 square feet in a building already under construction. The zoning change would be for lighter use than the originally approved heavy industrial.

- Report: tinyurl.com/ysam552e
- Business Journal: tinyurl.com/3efmtctfy

Charles Schwab to Expand

Charles Schwab & Co. plans to spend \$11.7 million to renovate 84,000 square feet in an office building near McDowell Mountain Ranch, according to the Phoenix Business Journal. The project at Two Scottsdale Landing, at the northwest corner of Bell Road and the Loop 101 Freeway, is expected to be part of a major expansion project that calls for hiring additional financial and wealth professionals.

The building at 8701 E. Hartford Drive is directly across from the Mack Innovation Park where the Toy Barn and Rivian are building facilities.

Business Journal: tinyurl.com/ya37ab78

Paradise Earth Vote Delayed

Concerned about water usage, waste and extreme heat, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council delayed voting on a proposed indoor rainforest called Paradise Earth, according to the Phoenix Business Journal. The council was also concerned about ethical sourcing of the animals, how the project fits into the community's plans and water drainage issues.

If built, Paradise Earth would include a 92,716-square-foot indoor "rainforest" on a 10-

acre parcel at 8450 N. Dobson Road near the Loop 101 Freeway. "The interactive facility would include hundreds of free-flying birds, freshwater fish, two-toed sloths, snakes and reptiles, small amphibians and invertebrates," according to the Business Journal.

The project has been under consideration since at least 2017. Dr. Amram Knishinsky, who also developed OdySea, Butterfly Wonderland and other projects in the area, plans to keep working on the project to meet the council's concerns.

Business Journal: tinyurl.com/23zevmdk

Vestar Plans Retail Project

Vestar seeks to build a retail project if it succeeds in buying a nearly 21-acre parcel near Desert Ridge, which is adjacent to North Scottsdale, from the Arizona State Land Department in a Nov. 5th auction, according to the Phoenix Business Journal. Bids will start at \$6.8 million for the property, which is located at the southwest corner of Deer Valley Drive and Black Mountain Boulevard.

The winning bidder is required to spend about \$2.3 million on intersection and roadwork improvements.

- Business Journal: tinyurl.com/4xttprfcr
- ASLD flyer: tinyurl.com/4jdb28t5

Industrial Park Planned

A Los Angeles company has signed a 99-year lease to build an industrial park that will total nearly 1 million square feet adjacent to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, according to the Phoenix Business Journal. Majestic Realty Co. signed the 99-year lease on July 7th.

The project, which would total up to eight buildings at the northeast corner of Pima Road and McDonald Drive, would allow for a wide range of uses, including "warehousing, distribution, light manufacturing, assembly and wholesale sales."

The project is still in the planning phases, so specifics will come later.

Business Journal: tinyurl.com/3tjx59fs



Looking Back...

Just 5 Years Ago*

September 2021 — MMR approved spending \$144,860 to update lighting at monument signs and at the Community and Recreation centers. ... Plans to build what is now called Reata Fields were going through the approval process. ... The WestWorld tent used for the Barrett-Jackson Auto Show had new front and back panels installed following monsoon damage.

Only 10 Years Ago*

September 2016 — The McDowell Mountain Ranch Homeowners Association OK'd paying Dig Studio \$15,056 to develop preliminary designs for remodeling of its parks. ... Chris Richardson became MMR's General Manager.

15 Years Ago*

September 2011 — Newsweek Magazine named Desert Mountain High School as a top U.S. school. ... Planners met to discuss a proposed \$74 million Desert Discovery Center that never materialized.

20 Years Ago*

September 2006 — Scottsdale held the formal groundbreaking for the Arabian Library. ... The opening date for the Aquatic Center was pushed back to November. ... Plans for a small amphitheater between the Aquatic Center and Arabian Library were discussed, though the idea never came to fruition.

25 Years Ago*

September 2001 — Circle K revealed a plan to build a gas station on the corner of Thompson Peak Parkway & Bell Road, though the effort eventually failed. ... The McDowell Mountain Ranch condominium community, The Ridge, held its grand opening.

*As reported in this newsletter

Cimarron Hills Advice: How to Keep MMR Firewise

Article courtesy James Cooper, Cimarron Hills

The Cimarron Hills Firewise team, a community recognized by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), hopes all our neighboring communities in MMR are enjoying a safe, rewarding and worry-free summer.

Congratulations to the One Hundred Hills community on their official recognition as a Firewise USA community! Thank you for the hard work and dedication to keep your community informed and safe!

Things to Consider Before Traveling

Our home fire suppression systems require a steady, strong water supply. Turning off your main house water supply valve can also turn off this safety system unless it has a separate shut-off valve. Here are things to consider:

- **Isolate Your Feed** — If you plan to turn off your home water during a long absence, consult a plumber to install a separate shut-off valve for your household lines. This keeps your fire sprinkler system active.
- **Enroll in Alerts** — Sign up for City of Scottsdale Services water leak alerts to monitor sudden pipe leaks. Go to this URL: tinyurl.com/2zumxh52
- **Install Leak Detectors** — Put smart leak detectors or smart shutoff valves in high-risk rooms.
- **Appliance Safety** — Turn off water valves on big appliances.
- **Water Heater Management** — Switch your water heater to vacation mode to save energy and lower pressure leaks.

Scottsdale OKs 911 Misuse Penalty

The Scottsdale City Council approved an ordinance that makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for intentionally misusing the 911 emergency number. The ordinance is designed to punish individuals who intentionally or repeatedly misuse the system, which receives nearly 100,000 calls every year, according to a press release.

"This ordinance is about protecting the integrity of our emergency response system," City Attorney Luis Santaella said in the announcement. "Residents should never hesitate to call 911 when they believe an emergency exists. This ordinance is intended to address the small number of individuals who intentionally or repeatedly misuse the system while protecting those who call in good faith."

Crimes are still considered emergencies, whether they are in progress or have already occurred. Reckless driving and moving traffic violations are also considered emergencies.

Emergencies include the following, according to the press release: fires, life-threatening medical events, accidents, gas leaks, hazardous vehicles, suicide attempts, missing persons and animals in danger.

- For nonemergencies, Scottsdale residents can call: 480-312-5000
- Press release: tinyurl.com/39t56rrt



Recommended Maintenance Checks

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