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Westbrook Village Real Estate Market Snapshot

Westbrook Village Market Activity through December 2024

(From MLS as of December 15, 2024 - includes all Single Family, Condos & Casitas)

| NOW FOR SALE | PENDING CLOSING | TOTAL SOLD & CLOSED YTD | MOST RECENT SOLD & CLOSED \$\$ (% of original list price) | DATE CLOSED APPROX DAYS ON MARKET | SUBDIVISION BEDRMS/BATH | HOUSE CASITA CONDO | MODEL SQ FT PARKING | POOL/SPA GOLF LOT (MLS #) |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$185,000 To \$799,000 | \$360,000 To \$800,000 | \$201,000 to \$779,000 | \$397,000 (97%) | 12/05/2024 32 | Scotland Hills Ph. 1 2/2 | Casita | St. Thomas 1,448 2-Car Garage | No (6779703) |
| Active 54 | Last Month 18 | YTD 2024 184 | \$399,000 (100%) | 12/03/2024 103 | Meadow Park 2 2/1.75 | Casita | No Model given 1,327 2-Car Garage | No (6742226) |
| Year-to-Date 2024 (Jan-Dec) (# Sold & Closed) | Sgl Fam Detached (114) | Condo/ Casita (70) | \$490,000 (103%) | 11/27/2024 37 | Village Terrace 3/2 | House | Montana 1,800 2-Car Garage | No (6777149) |
| Highest Sold Price | \$779,000 | \$503,500 | \$495,000 (96%) | 12/02/2024 50 | Tamarron Place 2/2 | House | No Model given 1,691 2-Car Garage | No (6757377) |
| Average Sold Price | \$501,774 | \$369,282 | \$720,000 (97%) | 12/03/2024 42 | Vista Pinnacle 3/2.5 | House | Ritz Expanded 2,451 3-Car Garage | Pool (6775125) |
| Average \$\$ Sq Ft | \$262.00 | \$275.00 | | | | | | |
| Average Days on Mkt | 57 | 67 | | | | | | |



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Editor's Message

"Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.."

~ Theodore Roosevelt



Lori Reiland

As each new year begins, I always enjoy setting goals for the year. It is a chance for me to do better in the areas I choose. This year, I want to continue helping and encouraging others in their journeys. I want to ask more people I've never met to come and sit beside me at the table during an event, find out about them, and celebrate who they are. I want to do better.

Over the past year, a few little birds have reported that some folks at different club events have been less than welcoming to newcomers. This should not be, and we should do better.

If you are sitting at the table during a club activity, and someone unknown to you approaches to sit down, please say, "Oh sure, sit here with us," instead of just saying, "No, this seat is taken." Life is short, and you don't know whose day you might make better, unless you try small gestures. Think

how frightening it can be, walking into a room of people that you don't know. Let's welcome the newcomers!

Westbrook Village is a thriving community of people who moved here with a purpose: to *enjoy their lives more fully*. I think it is a worthy goal to add being kind and good to others, while at the same time enjoying life ourselves. After all, isn't that what this world is about?

The Veterans Club is a prime example of building the community up in various ways. The club not only hosts events to draw veterans together, but they open events up to the community to include anyone wanting to get to know their neighbors (see page 26). The Technology Club bends over backwards to inform and help WV residents increase their technical savvy—reach out to volunteer, especially if you have technical skills (page 21).

Let's do better, Westbrook Village. We have a special thing here, and let's preserve its goodness.

Happy New Year!

Lori

"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." ~ James Keller

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Inspirational Reading Recommendations

with Roz Farnsworth

As we consider our goals for 2025, which for many of us includes “reading more,” WV resident Roz Farnsworth has her own reading list she shares from the inspirational genre. Her suggestions can provide a list of new authors to look into during your next trip to the Peoria library or digital libraries:

“Here are some of the authors I am reading on Kindle and on the Peoria Library Libby application:

I am enjoying a series called *The Last Disciple* by author, **Kurt Brouwer**. It is a historical novel that follows the Apostle John through the 50 years following Jesus’ crucifixion and ascension.

I have also enjoyed **Tessa Afshar**, who writes fiction works base on both Old and New Testament stories. She writes both stand-alone books and also couple of series. Her book, *Pearl in the Sand: A Novel*, about Rahab in the Old Testament is a favorite.



Connilyn Cossette is an author who writes about ancient Israel and her stories always include lots of descriptions and tales of adventure, with a (sometimes mushy) romance. She has several book series, and I wish I had read them in order, because I've been reading them as they are available at the library online and I'm starting to mix up the recurring characters. I really enjoy them, but I admit that sometimes I have to scan the details, when I'm anxious to get back to the action.

Angela Hunt is a wonderful writer, and her stories are mostly built around New Testament people and events.

Other authors who write in a similar vein include: **Lynn Austin** (she does meticulous research), **Elizabeth Camden**



(has written several series, but the books fill in enough detail that they don't need to be read in order), **Terri Blackstock**, and **Dee Henderson** (has written series that include amazing research into difficult areas, such as science and military).”

“You cannot get a cup of tea big enough or a book long enough to suit me.” ~ C. S. Lewis

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Ric Dickison loves life at WV

RICHARD M. DICKISON CAPT ARTILLERY US ARMY

I initially enlisted in the Army in January 1962, and later obtained the rank as Sargent E-5. I became an officer upon completing Artillery Officer Candidate School. I served in Europe, Korea and Vietnam, along with USA assignments at Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Wolters, Texas and Fort Rucker, Alabama. One of my fondest assignments was as a Battery Commander of a 105mm Howitzer Battery in Korea up on the DMZ. I was the youngest First Lieutenant to be given command in a combat zone.

As a senior Captain, I attended Helicopter Flight School, graduating 2nd in my flight school class; which allowed me to pick CH-47 Chinook transition right out of flight school. I knew my next assignment was going to Vietnam, and I wanted to fly the biggest helicopter the Army had...maybe a little safer in combat! This was actually the case; as I didn't see even "one" US troop killed in combat... I was truly blessed!

However, during my last week in country; a new Battalion Commander asked me to show him his AO (Area of Operation). Flying at nose-bleed altitude, one of our OH-6's was shot down, but both crew members survived, but were in the middle of the U-minh Forest. Trees there were 65' tall and very dense (no place to land). Being the only Huey UH-1 in the area, we knew that if the crew was to make it out alive; we had to pick them up. Hovering above the trees; with the entire enemy force shooting at my aircraft with tracers, the Lord was with us. No one nor anything vital to flight was hit. After lifting the downed crew that dangled beneath the aircraft to safety, I was concerned about having to auto-rotate should we have an engine failure, which indeed happened on our way back to the rearm/refuel strip. We hit hard (rotor blades & engine sustained damage), but we all walked away!

Years later, and 4 back surgeries & right wrist frozen, life is good. For the rescue, I received the DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross Medal) which initially caused me embarrassment, as I had seen so little combat. Now at 80+, I embellish the encounter whenever I can.



Ric loved flying a variety of helicopters during his service

At the conclusion of the Viet Nam conflict; the military was forced to down-size and I was released from the Army in November of 1972. I had planned on making it my career, as I had grown up as an "Army Brat." Initially, I was devastated, but life had different plans which proved to be better yet.

Following the military, I worked for Boise Cascade Lumber and tried ranching. I then got involved with an Industrial Water Treatment Company, where I learned how to design, manufacture and operate high purity water equipment. After starting my own company; my first contract awarded was for the design and installation of equipment used to treat the lens for the Hubble Telescope.

Following the death of two previous spouses--my first for 43 years and my second for 16 years--I was blessed to meet the most fantastic lady, Marcia Wallber. The short story is that she is the reason why I/we have chosen to settle here in Westbrook Village; and so we can be near her three daughters and seven grandchildren! We are looking forward to meeting and making many new friends.

We honor you, Ric Dickison, and are grateful for your service to our country!

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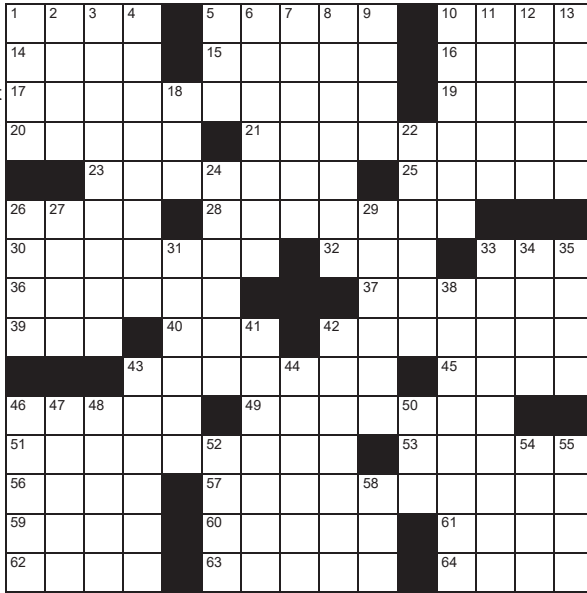
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Crossword Puzzle #88

ACROSS

- 1 To boot
- 5 Cheek cosmetic
- 10 Con man's target
- 14 Welcome benefit
- 15 Gossipy gal
- 16 Lean anagram
- 17 Revise writing
- 19 Fair feature
- 20 However, briefly
- 21 What Spock is not
- 23 Spot for grilling?
- 25 Unreactive
- 26 Netflix series, "Never Have I _____"
- 28 Have, as surgery
- 30 Style of blouse
- 32 Really like
- 33 Reiner or Lowe
- 36 Sunday paper extra
- 37 Golden years
- 39 Summer hrs. in St. Paul
- 40 Roofing material
- 42 Church topper
- 43 Kitchen set
- 45 Feudal land
- 46 Snacks in shells
- 49 Like Lenin and Lincoln
- 51 In a _____; without delay
- 53 '90s trade pact
- 56 Garden bloom
- 57 Teacher, e.g.
- 59 One of a 1492 trio
- 60 Extreme, as pain
- 61 Conclusion preceder



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- 11 Wonderland girl
- 12 "M*A*S*H" role
- 13 Prepared to propose
- 18 Kind of "hole" or "holder"
- 22 Little laugh
- 24 Beachgoer's goal
- 26 Grand story
- 27 Sell from a machine
- 29 Disorderly person
- 31 Kahlo, for one
- 33 In quick succession, as questions
- 34 Make eyes at
- 35 It's what's for dinner
- 38 Got the better of
- 41 Kirstie's "Cheers" role
- 42 Law on the books
- 43 Kind of fin
- 44 Mad Hatter prop
- 46 Use your noodle
- 47 Condor's home
- 48 Oscar winner for "The Cider House Rules"
- 50 Genetic stuff
- 52 Gravy container
- 54 Loose garment
- 55 In a while
- 58 Price word

- 62 On an even _____; steady
- 63 Become narrower
- 64 College VIP

DOWN

- 1 "Dancing Queen" quartet
- 2 Take it easy
- 3 Gulf Coast region
- 4 Tiny, as a town
- 5 "See ya!"
- 6 Far from strict
- 7 In the buff
- 8 Stiffly formal
- 9 Angelic ring
- 10 Wool source

JANUARY 2025 WVA Meetings

Meetings Held at 9:00am Unless Otherwise Noted **Note time/date change

Wednesday, January 8 - 9:00 am **FALC Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 8 - 1:00 pm **FALC Landscape and Facilities Meeting

Friday, January 10 **FALC Cornerstone Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, January 14 **FALC Recreation Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 15 **FALC Long Range Planning Meeting**

Tuesday, January 21 **FALC Architectural Control Meeting**

Wednesday, January 22 **Admin. Bldg. Ways and Means Meeting**

Sudoku

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| 9 | | 8 | | | 2 | | | |
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HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Solution to last month's puzzle to the right →

Solution to previous puzzle:

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- With Martha Swanson

Happy bells, lots of fun seeing friends, and reading all those Christmas cards! We welcome a glorious New Year!

It's time to review those serious resolutions. Your Westbrook Village Library can help you there. In the audio-visual room there are books on self-help, dieting, religion, and inspiration plus dvd's on various topics. Browse through those autobiographies and biographies about strong women and famous men and women of all decades. Notice, too, the display labeled, "Find a new author." Have fun learning new things in the new year!



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS
 learn something new



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In December we had 47 requests handled by 15 volunteers out of our roster of 36 members. These great volunteer percentages were led by Melinda Vanmeter, Allen McCracken and Marla Putnam, plus volunteers who do regular visiting on their own. We also had a new request for weekly mail pickup, which we will be providing.

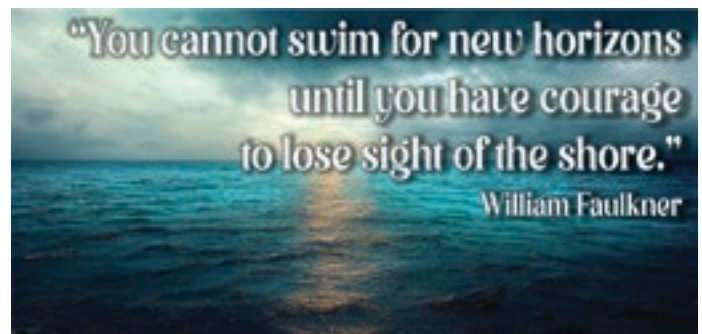
Coming later this month is another **Caregiver Connection seminar** sponsored by Helping Hands, in conjunction with Sylvia Butler, Hospice of the West and Bernadette Bruemmer with Assisted Living Locators. This seminar will cover everything you need to know about ALTCS – Arizona Long Term Care System. This program provides Long Term Care health insurance for people with an age related and/or physical disability who require nursing facility level of care. ALTCS patients can be in a nursing facility, at home or in another setting. Lora Johnson, Elder Law Attorney, will provide this **free presentation at the Lakes Ballroom, at 1 PM, January 25, 2025**. Lora will help us understand this service from the State of Arizona. There will also be various health-related vendors with information tables and handouts for you. Raffle Prizes and Refreshments too! RSVP to Roz or Judy.

We don't do lifting, bathing or personal care, but have a resource list for those services, including home health care, meals and assisted living locators. The ads in the back of the Living Magazine are a great place to find resources, or Call Roz for more information.

If someone falls, ALWAYS call 911!

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." – Thomas Edison

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2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR - FROM ALL OF US AT WVA!

WVA Treasurer's Report

For the month ending October 31, 2024

"The following figures are subject to audit. However, they fairly represent the approximate financial condition of the Association at month end."

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

(Funds designated for day-to-day operations.)

Cash and CDs on hand at the end of October was \$1.75 million. For the full year 2024 we are forecasting total revenue of \$3.3 million, of which \$3.0 million will come from homeowner annual assessments. Budgeted expenses forecast for 2024 is \$3.3 million with \$125,000 expected to transfer to our Reserve Fund. Through October, our revenue and expenses are in line with our forecast. However, we continue to monitor expenditures, and undergo higher pricing in products, labor, and availability. In addition, there remains a large "unknown" as to what may lie ahead with regards to home resales, interest rates and the overall economy in 2024.

REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND

(Funds for major repairs / replacements / improvements)

Cash and CDs on hand at the end of October was \$4.5 million. In 2024 we are forecasting revenue of \$782,000. Revenue comes primarily from new homeowner preservation fees of \$633,000.

The 2024 reserve budget includes a transferred revenue of \$125,000 from the operating budget and projected interest of approximately \$24,000. Through October, interest revenue earned is approximately \$79,600 which exceeds our projected budgeted amount of \$24,000.

Reserve fund expenditures budgeted for 2024 is \$1,142,250. Ongoing expenditures remain planned for perimeter wall repair and painting, Lakes Complex Asphalt replacement, and the Fitness Center Architect. Other normal infrastructure repairs and replacement and expenditures will be addressed as needed.

These financials will be on file at the WVA Administration Office after noon on Thursday, December 5, 2024. The October Treasurers Report will be approved at the November 6 Board of Directors meeting and available the following day. **Should you have any questions, please call 623 561-0099 for an appointment.**

Submitted by Steve Merkovich, Treasurer

General Manager's Report

Karen Jones

- The WVA Annual Assessment mailer for 2025 was mailed on Thursday November 21, 2024 to all residents. If you need a copy, please email Admin@WestbrookVillageAssociation.org.
- The **2025 Annual Assessment \$795.90**, an increase of \$19.40 from 2024. The annual assessment invoice will be mailed in late November, due January 1, 2025 and a 10% late fee assessed on February 1, 2025 if not paid.
- November BINGO was well attended with 177 players. There will be no December BINGO, see you for the January Jackpot BINGO 2025.
- Thank you to Westbrook Posse for the wonderful Posse Fest! Great booths, giveaways and it was nice to have the Mayor and Chief of Police visit Westbrook Village.
- Our annual Community Garage Sale was a success. Some residents sold all their "treasures" on the first day!
- The annual Crafts Fair was another huge success. Vendors and attendees were pleased. Thank you to the WVA Veterans Club for providing the food and refreshments!
- Overseeding is progressing very well, and the community is looking beautiful! Thank you for all of your hard work SDL!
- The WVA Concert Series tickets are on sale at the Lakes Recreation Center at 9:00am. \$150 per person for 6 concerts. Do not wait as we expect them to sell out. Individual concert tickets are also available now.
- Remember – if it does not look or feel right, call someone to report it! Peoria Police **non-emergency # 623-773-8311** – Westbrook Posse 623-566-3133 – and in ANY emergency call **911**.

- If you are bringing a guest into the facilities, you MUST check in at the front desk and obtain a wristband. If you do not follow this Board policy, your Recreation Center privileges will be suspended.
- You must have your WVA photo identification card with you when going to the recreation centers. You must be with any guests at check-in, staff will put on a guest wristband at the front desk.
- **PLEASE SLOW DOWN** and use caution when driving in the community, stay safe!
- Please continue to work with us on architectural applications, exterior improvements, maintenance questions etc. on your properties. We are always here to help! Administration office. 623-561-0099.
- If you come across maintenance needed at our facilities, please stop at any front desk, and ask staff to submit a maintenance request. They will immediately submit to maintenance through the computer system and our maintenance team will be happy to assist!

- Visit us at www.WestbrookVillage.org for all events, meetings, minutes, updates, agendas, and general information.

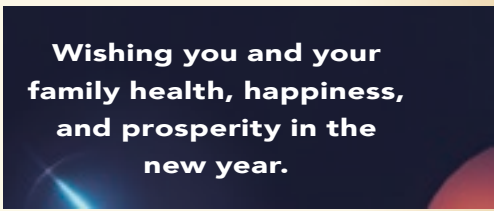
ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

- **Current Architectural Control Committee Discussion Items:**
 - Drafting standard for Permanent Generator Systems
- **ACC Submittals (10/31 – 11/27/24)**
 - Total received – 174
 - Approved within Standards –173
 - Denied – 1

RESALE DEPARTMENT

Number of Resales (10/31 – 11/27/24)

- Opened – 22
- Closed – 20
- Cancelled – 2
- Foreclosed – 0



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WV Fine Arts Featured Member Artist – *By Dottie Smith*



I was born in Ohio, and my family moved to Arizona when I was just 2 years old, so I am nearly a native Arizonan. My husband Bob (Smitty) of 50+ years and I moved to Westbrook Village in 1999.

I was a busy Realtor for 30 years with very little time for outside activities; but I took up photography in 2011 at the behest of my husband. Together we've traveled thousands of miles toodling through the woods on dirt roads throughout many states, looking for wildlife to photograph. I've won several ribbons for these wildlife and landscape photographs at the Arizona Camera Club Council.

After retirement in 2017, I joined the pottery club, and stumbled into water color while attempting to learn to paint on my pottery. I've been learning to paint via YOUTUBE and a number of in person classes. With no formal training, my style is simplistic and whimsical. I have enjoyed displaying my paintings on greeting cards and mugs. My primary medium is watercolor, but I also enjoy painting in acrylic from time to time.

In an effort to "catch up" for the many years without art in my life, I have joined several art associations in addition to the Westbrook Village Fine Arts Club. These include the Artists Guild of Arizona, Ground Floor Artists, WHAM (What's Happenin' Art Movement), and Arts Alliance of the White Mountains. I have very much enjoyed the demonstrations and classes available at the WV Fine Arts Club, and through these associations, I am starting to realize the many ways and mediums artists use to express themselves. I really consider myself "an artist in the making!"



We summer outside of Show Low, AZ, and as I spend more time in the beautiful White Mountains, I find my interests are expanding from mostly desert scenes to the wildlife and mountain/landscape settings I enjoy photographing. I particularly enjoy using my own photographs as references for my paintings.



Above: Dottie Smith enjoys using her own photographs as references for her artwork

Top Left: *Thistle Purple* by Dottie Smith

Middle: *Cactus and Roadrunner* by Dottie Smith

Bottom Left: *Cactus Scene* by Dottie Smith

Bottom Right: *Happy Cowgirl* by Dottie Smith



Westbrook Village Clubs

| | Clubs and Groups | Day(s) of Week | Time | Place | Contact Person |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Arts and Crafts | Ceramics | Please call for details | | | Bernice Lever 602-373-6008 |
| | Fine Arts | Please call for details | | | Kim Mraz 623-377-6520 |
| | Glass Art Studio | Please call for details | | | Sally Bailey 360-250-9877 |
| | Lapidary/Jewelry Art Studio | M-T-W-Th-F | | Lakes | Cheryl Glennon 928-814-8269 Barb Bosworth 314-712-6225 |
| | Needle Arts and Crafts | T-Th | T-Th: 1-3pm | Vistas | Linda Gierescher 623-271-5541 |
| | Photography | 1st Tue; Oct-Mar | 7:00pm | FALC | Tom LaFleur 623-328-5612 |
| | Pottery/Claymates | M-T-W-Th-F | | | Jane Beckman 563-340-3264 |
| | Woodshop Club | M-T-W-Th-F | 8:30-12:00 p.m. 1:00-4:00 p.m. | | Ray Jansen 402-393-1802 |
| Card and Table top Games | Bunco Vistas 2 | Please call for details | | | Barb Marsteen 602-819-2439 |
| | Chess Club | W | 1:00p.m.-3:00pm | Lakes Multi | Ralph Doner 480-410-7786 |
| | Euchre Card | 1st & 3rd Wed | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Lakes Multi | Rich Mizner 253-370-7086 |
| | Cribbage | T | 7:00 p.m. | Lakes | Gloria Pawluk 623-202-7767 |
| | Duplicate Bridge | M | 12:30 p.m. | Vistas | Eileen Medansky 623-566-3634 |
| | Hearts | T | 6:30 p.m. | Vistas | Ron Bachara 623-640-8978 |
| | Ladies' Bridge | T | 12:15pm | Vistas | Dovie Templin 623-680-3369 |
| | Ladies' Bridge | Th | 9:15am | Vistas | Gerry Simpson 623-694-4918 |
| | Mah Jongg | W | 1:00 p.m. | Vistas | Cindy Michlin 480-619-0188 |
| | Mah Jongg, Wright-Patterson | M | 12:00-4:00p.m. | FALC | Mary Maccracken 623-566-3312 |
| | Monday Social Bridge | M - partner not req'd | 12:15 p.m. | Lakes | Ralph Doner 480-410-7786 |
| | National Mah Jongg | F | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | Vistas | Judy Pellish 623-362-1046 Janet Leach 623-566-6682 |
| | Pan | W | 12:00 p.m. | FALC | Mary Ann Bolyog 623-203-4469 |
| | Pinochle | M | 6:00pm | Vistas | Marlene Kiep 707-529-0441 |
| | Progressive Hand & Foot | T-Th | 12:00 p.m. | Lakes Multi | Loree Crabb 623-203-8649 |
| | Progressive Hand & Foot | Th | 5:30 p.m. | Lakes | Sharon Witthuhn 623-640-7631 |
| | Really Fun Bridge | W | 9:30 a.m. | Vistas | Ted Cooper 425-233-1960 |
| | Samba | M | 5:30 p.m. | Lakes | Sandra Sullivan 623-271-7149 |
| | Shanghai | W | 6:00 p.m. | Vistas | Judith Devenney 623-937-6535 |
| | Sheepshead | F | 1:00 p.m. | FALC | Al Boeck 602-999-3743 |
| Tuesday Night Mah Jongg | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Vistas | Carol Holtorf 602-999-8101 | |
| Winner's Poker | M | 6:30-8:30p.m. | FALC | Ron Goodman 623-444-0092 | |
| Dance & Entertainmen | Desert Dancers | Please call for details | | | Sharon Corcoran 623-670-6114 |
| | Line Dancing | T-Th | 10:00-11:00am | Vistas | Audrey Fulcher 602-620-3294 |
| | Performing Arts Council | Please call for details | | | Norma Apodaca 623-377-8500 |
| | Village Players | Please call for details | | | Max Allen, 623-523-3997 |
| | Village Voices | W | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | VistasBallrm | Nancy Connolly 602-380-9315 |
| Westbrook Musicians | Please call for details | | | Steve Thorne 602-427-7616 | |
| Fitness | Low Impact Aerobics | M-W | 6:00 p.m. | Lakes | Pat Brown 623-293-8037 |
| | General Conditioning Class | T-Th | 8:00 a.m. | Vistas | Steve Rommel 602-471-9232 |
| | Lakes Pool Noodle Fitness | W | 8:00a.m. | Lakes | Sally Cline 319-331-0270 |
| | Lakes Water Aerobics | Tues thru Sat: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am | | Lakes | Sally Cline 319-331-0270 |
| | Lakes Water Walking | T-Th-Sa | 9:00 a.m. | Lakes | Sally Cline 319-331-0270 |
| | Personalized Fitness Training | Please call for details | | Vistas | Steve Rommel 602-471-9232 |
| | Tai Chi | T, Th | 10:00-11:00a.m. | Lakes Ballrm | Michael Leoni |
| | Vistas Water Aerobics | M-W-Th-F 7:15am,8:15am,9:15am | | Vistas | Kay Neighbors 602-568-1925 |
| | Water Zumba | T-Th-Sa | 10:15-11:00a.m. | Lakes | Kathy Margolis 612-201-0167 |
| | Yoga - Mat | Sat | 9:00 a.m. | Lakes | Karen Berg, 480-390-9041 |
| | Yoga - Restorative | W | 9:00 a.m. | Lakes | Karen Berg, 480-390-9041 |
| Zumba Gold/Toning for Seniors | M - 9:00 a.m., W - 9:00 a.m., F - 9:00 a.m. | | Vistas | Veronica Lowe 623-800-9373 | |
| Misc | Blood Pressure Screenings | 1st & 3rd Thursdays | 9:00-11:00 a.m. | Vistas | |
| | Library | Open every day except | | FALC | Martha Swanson 623-566-4753 |

Please submit all club and activity changes to admin@westbrookvillageliving.com.

and Activities Information



| | Clubs and Groups | Day(s) of Week | Time | Place | Contact Person |
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| Specialty Clubs | Baby Boomers | Please call for details | | | Maria Thorne 602-463-2903 |
| | Caregiver Support Group | 2nd & 4th Tues | 1:30 p.m. | Vistas | Toni Stuart 602-799-0412 |
| | Christian Fellowship | TBD | | | TBD |
| | Computer (Technology) Club | Website: wbvtc.org | Email: wvcc@live.com | | wvcc@live.com; 623-226-8120 |
| | Heatherbrook Club | Subdivision coordinator | | | Marcy Reneau 425-319-8113 |
| | Helping Hands | See article in this issue | | | Roz Farnsworth 623-533-8177 Judy Reisener 623-572-3017 |
| | Hiking Club | See Hiking Club article | | | Allen Miller 623-703-6447 |
| | Italian-American | Please call for details | | | Maria Thorne 602-463-2903 |
| | Nebraska Club | Monthly Dec-April | | Vistas | Dan Geiger 303-885-8169 |
| | Photography | 1st Tues; Nov thru Mar | 7:00 p.m. | FALC | Tom LaFleur 623-328-5612 |
| | Roadrunners RV Club | 4th Thursday | 6:00 p.m. | Vistas | Harris Allen 303-956-6395 |
| | Shalom Club | Please call for details | | | Rita Paper 701-371-1548; Illa Kallish 602-796-3138 |
| | Veterans Club | W, Jan 8 | 6:00 p.m. | Lakes Multi | Carl Ulbrich 602-312-5900 westbrookvets.org |
| | WV Book Club | Th, Jan 16 | 1:00 p.m. | Vistas, Ballrm C | <i>Between Earth and Sky</i> by Amanda Skenandore; Jill Ferguson 509-939-8956 |
| | WV Bookies | Please call for details | | | Claudia Carr 206-954-4534 |
| | Wine Club | Please call for details | | | Cindy Clark 602-363-8633 Fran DeWalt 623-512-3075 |
| Westbrook Cares! | Please call for details | | | Cindy Clark 602-363-8633; Marti Harper 989-640-1399 | |
| Sports | Bowling - Senior Rollers | T | 2pm-Lakeview Lanes Sun City | | Ellen Howells 623-825-4907 |
| | Can-Am Golf | Please email for details | | | Loris Schuetzle Loris1@shaw.ca |
| | D.C. Billiards | T-Th | 6:30 p.m. | Lakes | Dave Bettner 623-866-8150 |
| | Golf Heritage Cup | Please call for details | | | Norm Richter 623-566-0971 |
| | Golf 9-Hole Couples | F mornings Nov-May | | | Lyle TenHaken 507-360-8124 |
| | Golf 18-Hole Couples | Please call for details | | | Kurt & Sally Cline Kimmerling 319-331-5814 |
| | Golf 18-Hole Ladies | Please call for details | | | Pam Sprosty, 216-536-4710 |
| | Golf 9-hole Ladies | T mornings Oct-May | | | Mary Murphy 440-479-0338 |
| | Golf Mens Association (MGA) | W | Please call for details | | Garry Horton 928-219-1557 |
| | Golf Weekend Men's Club | Sat | 9:00a.m. | Lakes/Vistas | Herb Wohlf 602 690 7890 |
| | Pickleball | Please call for details | | | Vince Lodato 253-293-2765 |
| | Table Tennis | W & F | 1:00-2:00p.m. | Vistas | Norm Miller 602-321-1244 |
| | Tennis | Please call for details | | | George Renner 623-937-1649 Randy Spontak 520-609-1662 |
| | West Valley Ladies Tennis 50+ | F, Oct-Mar | 11:00am-Paseo Racquet Ctr | | Pam Cavalier 480-276-8213 Linda Renner 602-550-0810 |
| | Village Niner's Golf Group | Please call for details | | | Herb Greksa 224-406-5255 Dean Carlson 763-301-2138 |

Important Numbers

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| <p>Lakes Recreation Center 19251 N. Westbrook Parkway, Peoria, AZ 85382 623-566-6181 ~ 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.</p> <p>Vistas Recreation Center 18825 N. Country Club Parkway, Peoria, AZ 85382 623-566-6178 ~ 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.</p> | <p>WV Administration Office 19281 N. Westbrook Parkway, Peoria, AZ 85382 623-561-0099 Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Charley's at The Lakes: 623-399-8557 Unks Grill: 623-561-1681</p> | <p>Peoria Emergency: 911 Peoria Police, non-emergency: 623-773-8311 Peoria Fire, non-emergency: 623-773-7279 Westbrook Posse: 623-566-3133 Poison Control: 602-253-3334</p> |
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City of Peoria: Mayor Jason Beck

Hoping that everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years, surrounded by family, and loved ones. As we finalize another incredible year, I want to take a moment to reflect on several important events from the end of 2024 and extend well wishes to all Peoria residents for a prosperous 2025.

Overall, 2024 has undoubtedly been a year of significant milestones and progress for our city. Recently, Peoria celebrated groundbreaking ceremonies for two important developments in our community: American Leadership Academy (ALA) and Saddleback Heights.

Expected to open in the Fall of 2025, ALA will immediately be home to 2,400 K-12 students. The 25-acre campus will work to relieve the overcrowding of Peoria's local schools and provide additional school choice opportunities for students and families. As part of the project, ALA and Vistancia, will construct a special use park adjacent to the school. Upon completion, this park will be dedicated to the city for routine maintenance and will provide a valuable public amenity for Peoria residents.

Saddleback Heights, a high-end residential community in Northwest Peoria, will usher in a combination of pristine open spaces and scenic views. The 5,300-acre community is expected to be completed with over 8,000 residential units, a minimum of 600 acres of open space, and a central town center.

Both Saddleback and ALA cap off a year full of exciting development and important progress. From the opening of the P83 Dining District to the completion of a massive



Mayor Jason Beck

reclaimed water infrastructure project, I am fully confident in the vision for our city. It's that very vision, in combination with community involvement, that informs our daily action.

As Mayor, I envision a Peoria where residents can live and work in their city; a Peoria that fuels economic growth instead of reliance on tax increases; a Peoria where residents, students, and families feel safe in their communities, and a Peoria where our future is fully secured.

As we close out 2024 and look forward to 2025, I am filled with optimism and anticipation for what lies ahead. This past year has been a testament to our community's resilience and growth. We have made significant strides, and I am confident that we will continue with that same momentum.

In the spirit of the holidays and the hope of a new year, I extend my warmest wishes to everyone across Peoria. Thank you for the continued trust you have placed in me as Mayor. Together, let's look forward to a challenging, rewarding, and productive 2025 across our city.

Mayor Jason Beck _____





WV Tennis Club News

With Kathy Houda

Need to get your Holiday body back into action? Come and join Westbrook Village Tennis Club! Open casual play is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00-11:00am. Intermediate play is Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00am-11:00am.

Super Bowl Party will be February 1, with casual play at 11:00am and food at noon. The week before the party we will have Football squares for purchase! Looking for fun and camaraderie, you will find it at WBV Tennis Club!

Contact **George** at georenner@aol.com or **Randy** at spontak59@gmail.com.

Attention 9-Hole Lady Golfers!



If you're looking for a fun way to meet new people and play some golf, the 9-Hole Ladies play every Tuesday. Our tee times differ for the coldest months of the year. In December and January, the tee times are in the afternoons. In February, March, April, October and November, the tee times are in the morning. We welcome all golfers whether you're an old pro or new to golf. Come join us for golf, laughs, and comradery!

If you have any questions, please contact **President, Mary Murphy** at mkmurphy1@yahoo.com or 440-479-0338

Above: Our hosts for the 9-Hole Ladies Annual Christmas Luncheon **From left to right:** Beverly Saccente, Kris Huss, Anne Pratt, Kay Hill and Holly Harmon-Morse



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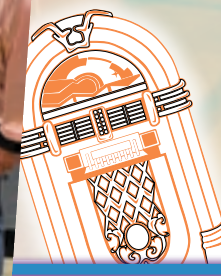
Rob and Barb Thurman brought the theme to life:

TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL

Also, several others: **L to R: Derry and Lynn MacFarlane, Darrell and Loris Schuetzle, and Scott and Shelly Berndt**



Not to be outdone by the ladies in pink:
L to R: Loris Schuetzle, Lynn MacFarlane, Shelly Berndt, Gwen Arnold, Donna Bassall, Lori Deemer



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Unfortunately, **NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TO FILL THE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, MAGAZINE ARTICLE COORDINATOR and TECH TALK COORDINATOR.**

The Program Coordinators, John Ellsworth, Pat Williamson, and Tanju Bayramoglu will complete their workshop schedules through the end of April 2025.

AARP: The Free AARP Tax Services that have been offered in the past are anticipated to continue as usual.

TECH TALK – Cybersecurity

Don't miss the first Tech Talk of the year presented by AARP regarding "Cybersecurity" on Thursday, January 9 at 6pm at the Lakes WBVTC Classroom Computer Rm #1.

WINDOWS WORLD, APPLE WORKSHOPS and MASTERMIND MEETUPS

Apple Bytes will offer "Applications" (what they are, how to add, delete and use) on Wednesday, January 8 at 2:00 – 3:00 pm; and Windows World will spotlight "Google Drive and Docs" on Tuesday, January 14 @ 2 - 3:30 pm.

With Tanju Bayramoglu resigning, Pat Williamson and John Ellsworth will continue monthly Meetups every 3rd Monday of each month – Next one: Monday, January 20th @ 2 – 3:30 pm.

MEMBERSHIP DATA

The process has started for all 2025 new and renewal members; updated Application and Release & Indemnification Waiver will be required for membership and 2025 dues are free. The Lab will be accessible to all WBVTC Members (just check out the key). Remember your membership badge and WBV ID card to gain access to the room!



The Club is a group of tech users that learn from each other and advance our knowledge and proficiency in technology. We appreciate all volunteers from all areas of technology. Bring us your ideas and talents. ** Dues are waived for 2025. (Applications are available at the Rec Centers or printed from our new website as listed above.)




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Pickleball Club News

– With outgoing club president, Vince Ladato & incoming president, Lynette Jones

During fourth quarter 2024, The WV Pickleball Club continued its commitment to “give back.”



In November, the Pickleball Club veterans hosted a Veterans Day celebration on November 12 at the pickleball courts. Vets from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy were present. Carl Ulbrich, president of WV Veterans Club, gave an inspiring speech on the sacrifices made by all our brothers and sisters in arms. For the celebration’s crowning stroke, jets from Luke Air Force base performed three flyovers during the ceremony; once before it started, one during and one after. We’d like to say the Pickleball Club social committee planned the flyover. They are good - but they deny involvement.

For the holiday season, Deb Desaulniers took up residence court side and collected \$1098 in donations for the St. Mary’s Turkey Drive, which will buy 44 turkeys--a new record for the Pickleball Club.

In December, Nancy Millard, the Pickleball Club’s vice president, spearheaded another annual “Christmas Gift Boxes for Children” initiative. Nancy distributed empty gift boxes to club members and others in the Village. Participants filled the boxes with toys, school supplies and personal items. The boxes were shipped to Samaritan Purse, a worldwide nondenominational Christian organization that provides aid to people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease and famine (<https://samaritanpurse.org/our-ministry/about-us/>)

The Pickleball Club looks forward to continuing our commitment to give back to the community in 2025.



Top Left: The Christmas Gift Boxes for Children initiative was a big success

Top Right: Mike Barnett was there with a salute to his fellow veterans and pickleball players

Bottom Right: Some of the veterans honored at the Veterans Day Celebration were (L to R): Ralph Sleeper, Anthony Morrelli, Carl Ulbrich, Mike Barnett, Larus Durnell, Jerry Davis, Butch Holmberg, and Ray Jensen

Life After Loss: An Invitation to Share

Have you lost someone dear to you? Maybe a spouse, a friend, or a pet? Grief is a common experience that each of us will face at some point in our lives.

You are invited to share any tips you have encountered that have helped you on your journey, while “doing life” without your loved one who passed.

Let’s make 2025 a year to build each other up and find ways to help from our own experiences. No one should have to

feel utterly alone after losing a loved one. This is a wonderful world, with so much to be grateful for, and encouraging each other can improve the quality of life for most anyone.

Please send your tips either by email or snail mail to us, and we will include it in an upcoming issue of Westbrook Village Living Magazine. Make sure to include your full name, and let us know if you would like your full name *published*, or if

you would prefer to have first name and last initial only. We will honor your wishes with respect to your name in the article.

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The Westbrook Water Volleyball Club will hold its 1st Inaugural Meeting on Saturday, January 11th at 10am at the Vistas Pool

They will discuss club play times, dues, the guest policy & sign liability waivers.
Email questions to Lynn at : llyncleve@gmail.com

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Thursday, January 30th - 3pm
Lakes Recreation Center - Ballroom
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Sign-up is at the Lakes & limited to the first 350 residents.

Call 623-566-6181 for More Details

Second Sundays Marketplace



Sunday, January 12, 2025
9:00am - 1:00pm

Where: Parking lot behind Admin Bldg. The Lakes, 19251 N. Westbrook Pkwy

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WV Veterans Club NEWS

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January Schedule:

Club Meeting – Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00 PM - Lakes Recreation Center – Multi Purpose Room

Coffee with a Vet – Friday, January 24 at 10:00 AM - Lakes Recreation Center – Multi Purpose Room

In December, the Veterans Club holiday party was a festive occasion to eat together, plan for 2025, and give gifts of support. There were four college scholarship awards announced during the evening, owing to funds raised by the club's various fundraising events held throughout 2024. Club President, Carl Ulbrich, and Randy Weiland were honored to also present checks on behalf of the Veterans Club to the following five charities for their efforts on behalf of veterans.

2024 Recipient Charities

Imprints of Honor

Imprints of Honor (formerly Veterans Heritage Project) develops character and civic responsibility in students by providing experiential learning programs that honor veterans and preserve their legacy. The program bridges the gap between civilian and military life, building students' understanding of our veterans' legacy of service.

AZ Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Too many of our heroes who served and sacrificed in our military are suffering in silence with PTSD. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy of Arizona, an alternative treatment clinic in North Phoenix, and help is needed to treat more veterans with this specialized therapy—a therapy that's still not covered by insurance or the Veterans Affairs Department.

Southwest Veterans Foundation

There are at least 22 Veteran Suicides Every Day. And that's just the official number. Experts believe the number is more likely 24-25 Veterans a day. That is over 9,000 former service members each year we are losing to Veteran suicides, and



the rate of active-duty suicides has increased over the last five years.

Those who fought for our freedom are not getting the services they need after returning home from war. Grants from the Southwest Veterans Foundation help aid in the fight against the tragedy of veteran suicide.

Mana House

Formerly known as Madison Street Veterans Association, the MANA (Marines, Army, Navy, Airforce) House is a peer-support organization of homeless and formerly homeless veterans. MANA House helps support veterans rebuild their lives by providing support from staff and partners.

U. S. Vet – Phoenix

U.S. VETS Phoenix has proudly served more than 10,000 veterans since 2001, providing housing, mental health services, career development and case management services to assist veterans in regaining and maintaining independence. The Veterans Club donation will help fund the programs and services provided to homeless and at-risk veterans and their families at U.S. VETS Phoenix.

Carl Ulbrich – 602-312-5900 – carl@jirehcom.com
<https://westbrookvets.org>

On behalf of the Veterans and their families who will benefit from your generosity, WE THANK YOU.

Top Left: Mana House helps veterans rebuild their lives

Top Right: Club President Carl Ulbrich reviewed the year and the club's fundraising achievements which enabled the club to generosity with those in need

Bottom Left: Executive Director of Imprints of Honor Michelle DiMuro was presented with a check by Carl Ulbrich and Randy Weiland

Bottom Right: Veterans Club Secretary Marcy Reneau with husband Sean serve party attendees a delicious lasagna and fettucini alfredo meal



WV Hiking Club

DECEMBER 2024 HIKE SCHEDULE

In general, hikes are classified as follows:

- Easy** – 2 to 4 miles with elevation gains up to 400 feet.
- Moderate** – 4 to 7 miles with elevation gains up to 750 feet.
- Difficult** – 7 or more miles with no limit on elevation gain.
- Total Ascent** – adds all the up elevation changes together.

- Jan 3 Butterfield/Coldwater Loop** – Estrella Mtn. Regional Park – approx. 6.7 mile loop. Moderate. Loop uses part of the Butterfield and Coldwater trails. Overall elevation change minimal, but passes through many steep washes which may contain loose rock. Entrance fee per vehicle. Restrooms at TH. Driving distance approx. 65 miles RT.
- Jan 10 Cone Mountain/Cloudburst Loop (New)** – Scottsdale - McDowell Sonoran Preserve Northern Region – about 5.3 mile loop & RT. Goes around Cone Mtn. and between Cone Mtn. and Brown's Mtn. Take Upper Ranch Trail to Cone Mtn. Trail, then take Cone Mtn., Hackamore, and West Express to Cloudburst, through many granite formations and boulders which affords good views on the McDowell Mtns. and many of the South Valley Mtns. Cloudburst to high point and follow ridge with mountain views of North Valley and Cave Creek area. Rolling hills with many ups and downs and vegetation is typical Sonoran desert. Restrooms at Brown's Ranch TH. After the hike lunch at The Thumb. Driving distance approx. 70 miles RT.
- Jan 17 Ford Canyon to Dam** – White Tank Mountain Regional Park (fee) – 7.1 mile RT. Moderate to difficult. Trail starts from parking area at Ford Canyon Rd. First 1.5 to 2.0 miles is fairly level, then begin climb with next mile scrambling over large rocks to reach large rock area to climb over face of large rocks in order to reach abandoned dam (or you can stop here and return to TH for a 6 mile hike). Great views as we gain elevation. Restrooms at TH. Driving distance approx. 50 miles RT.
- Jan 24 Spur Cross/Fairy Duster/Metate/Dragon Fly Loop** – Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area – approx. 6.1 mile loop. Moderate. Loop using combination of trails. Short stretches are steep and rocky and cross creek several times, in and out of several washes. Last mile follows Cave Creek and pass by saguaro forest area. \$3.00 fee per person. Driving distance approx. 70 miles RT.
- Jan 31 National/Hidden Valley Loop** – South Mountain – 4.8 mile cherry loop. Moderate. Trail starts at Buena Vista Lookout using the National Trail (part of Maricopa Trail System). Descend about 20' and then climb about 70' to a saddle and reach high point in about 0.35 miles. Then gradually descend about 300' in about 1.3 miles to Hidden Valley Trail, which goes through Fat Mans Pass and natural tunnel, then back to National Trail. Driving distance approx. 85 miles RT.

Background: Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area

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"Actual Size"

Congratulations to, Nancy Kwiatek, who correctly identified that Westbrook Will dressed as Santa and holding his favorite golf club, hidden in the December 2024 issue on **Page 17** in the **Resort Lifestyle Communities** ad. Her entry was one of many who sent theirs in, and she will be receiving \$20 as the winner of the draw. Thank you to all who participated!

BONUS PRIZES: 4 ADDITIONAL NAMES WERE DRAWN TO WIN A HAPPY NEW YEARS MUG WITH OUR BELOVED WESTBROOK WILL ON THEM: John Anderson, Mona Johnson, Neil Oppenheimer, and Gwen Arnold! Enjoy!

The challenge in this issue is to find **Westbrook Will with his New Year's Wish sign right beside him**. Once you find the image (as shown here) inside one of the ADS in this issue (January), please jot down the ad location and your name and address on a 3" x 5" card, and postmark your entry by January 10, 2025, so you can be included in the draw for the cash prize! One prize per household, please!

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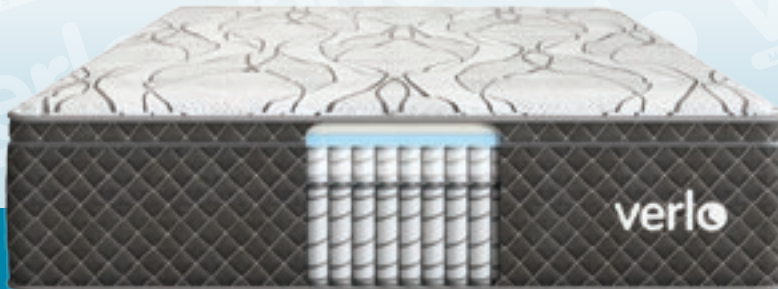
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The store concept is highly unique: every mattress is made at the local factory store in the area it was purchased, tailored to the individual customer to fit their own sleep needs and sold at a factory-direct price, cutting out the middleman-associated markup.

Franchisee owners Jonathan Scholz and Michelle Sachau are thrilled to offer this concept to customers at their 12,400 square-foot store, where Westbrook Village residents can shop high-quality and hand-made custom mattresses, pillows, adjustable bases and other sleep products.

A household name in Wisconsin, the company was founded in 1958. Verlo Mattress is passionate about helping people find the right sleep products – at the best prices – because so much depends on a good night’s sleep. Verlo mattresses are built in local mattress factories, sold at consumer-direct prices, and serviced locally with a **Lifetime Comfort Guarantee**.

With an emphasis on the word **“customizable,”** Jon and Michelle help each customer adjust the comfort level precisely to their liking, crafting the mattress on-site at their Glendale factory store. “American-made, locally crafted is a very special product we love offering locals. A personal touch is very much alive and has absolutely sets us apart in this industry,” explains Michelle from the store on Bell Road. “Our signature **vCollections** include a range of materials and features to capture our guests’ ideal sleep experiences at any price point, and we’ll adjust the comfort level of any mattress

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Honoring Outgoing Commander, Rick Meggison, 2024

In 2024, now outgoing Rick Meggison became Commander. Rick commissioned a committee to produce a new Standard Operation Procedures manual, and he also commissioned a committee to study and re-write the Posse Bylaws, which has since been approved by the Board of Directors.

Commander Meggison was also pleased to oversee the 2024 Posse Fest, which was a great success with many attendees and participants. Next year the Posse Fest will be even bigger and better.

Since joining the Posse in 2021, Rick rose in the ranks from Deputy to Sergeant to Lieutenant and then Captain. Previously, Rick worked in the field of 911 program implementation, as well as stints as an EMT and in his much younger days as a member of the United States Navy, where he spent his time suspended from the end of a rope from beneath a helicopter, jumping into the sea to save lives. We not only thank you, Rick for your service to our country, but also all you have done to lead the Posse.

Welcoming Incoming Posse Commander Mark Gittins, 2025

Mark states, "My goal is to continue to support the mission of the Westbrook Village Posse to protect and support the residents

of Westbrook Village and all the members of the Posse. I hope improve the day to day operations of the Posse, and to grow the organizations operational abilities to serve our community and enhance keeping Westbrook Village the safest, and most secure community in our region for all residents, families and visitors.



During 2024 Posse Commander Rick Meggison swore in Sergeant Mark Gittins. Mark will now lead the Posse as Commander

Please plan to attend the WV Posse Swearing-in Ceremony for Mark Gittins, which will take place at the Vistas Ballroom at 7 o'clock on January 16, 2025.

— *Commander Rick Meggison*

18 Hole Ladies – With Debbie Stephanson



Above: 2025 18 hole Ladies Golf Board – L to R: Patty Gilmore, Shelly Berndt, Pam Sprosty and Karen Hagan

Our official golf season began in November with a Welcome Back Cocktail Party. The Tuesday morning golf league kicked off with our annual Turkey Bowl/CAGD tournament and luncheon. With the snowbirds returning, we had 9 flights of golfers participating. All who attended enjoyed a fun day of golf, nice weather, great course conditions, friendships, and an amazing Thanksgiving themed luncheon. Individual gross and net prizes were awarded, and Fry's Turkey gift cards were presented to the individual flight winners. Our overall low gross winner was Robin Krapfl, and the overall low net winner was Carol O'Brian.

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