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Poem by WV resident Ronda Foss captures local holiday spirit

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Editor's Message

"We light candles in testament that faith makes miracles possible."

~ Nachum Braverman

"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas."

~ Peg Bracken



Lori Reiland

Looking Back on 2025

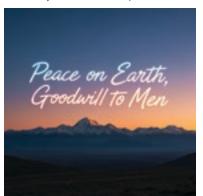
As December arrives, it is almost hard to believe that the year is almost over. Time seems to have flown by, and 2025 has passed in the blink of an eye. The holiday season offers us a chance to pause and reflect on the months behind us, cherishing the moments and connections that have made this year memorable.

December in Westbrook Village is full of celebrations, with get-togethers for the various clubs and so many options to spend time with friends and family. The calendar is almost full already, and, during the holiday season, there are more things to do than time will allow. I must remind myself to slow down and savor the little moments during this season of love-- this is my wish for you all too--Precious moments with your loved ones.

On page 9, read about the meaning behind the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, and the warm traditions of our Jewish friends. I love the fact that this miracle is still remembered and celebrated throughout the world. Speaking of lights, take the time to drive through Westbrook and see some of the stunning light displays each neighborhood puts together. This is truly a community effort! Read about Fairway Ridge's luminarias on Christmas Eve on page 34 and, if you can, take a drive over and see them.

Get into the Christmas spirit on page 31, with an original poem about Christmas in Westbrook Village. I must agree that we don't miss the snow!

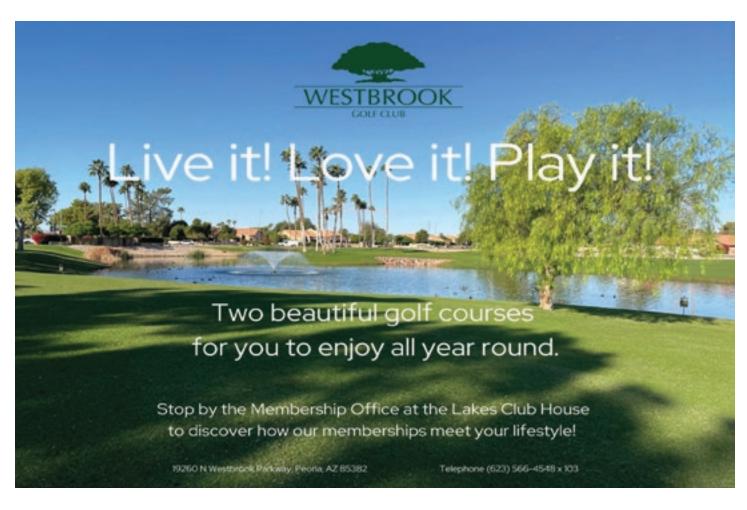
As always, this issue is packed with talented artists, tons of



things to do and an activity calendar to help you plan your days.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and may you have a New Year that sees all of your dreams come true.

Lori





WV BESTSELLER BOOKSHELF

by Sandra W. Evans

BESTSELLER NON-FICTION



In her Amazon Bestseller, Laura Dowling provides helpful tips for holiday decorating. From 2009-2015, Dowling served as the White House Chief Floral Designer. She is currently the founder and CEO of

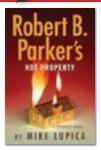
Fabuwellness and won the 2025 EY Entrepreneur of the Year.

With these expert credentials, she provides careful instructions on using her 10 key elements to showcase 10 design schemes to create a Parisian/ Italian holiday elegance to your home. Dowling also includes full page examples of decorated Christmas trees, wreaths and tablescapes!

LAURA DOWLING'S WHITE HOUSE STYLE DECORATING TIPS



BESTSELLER FICTION



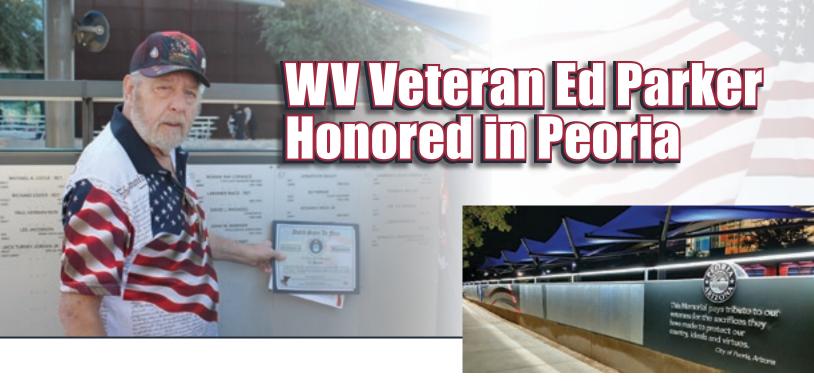
In his New York Times **bestseller**, Robert Parker continues his Spenser series with the shooting of one of Boston's toughest lawyers, Rita Fiore. While Spenser is investigating, he starts to unearth some secrets about Rita's past associates.

And, when these same people start getting vandalized and others killed, Spenser knows that he is getting close to the truth. He learns that a group of associates were involved in a lucrative land deal very near downtown Boston. With these high stake's transactions in play, Spenser begins to narrow down the players who had the motive to kill!

BOOKS MAKE A GREAT GIFT AS THEY HAVE A WHOLE WORLD INSIDE THEM! WV LIBRARY IS LOCATED IN THE FALC BUILDING!







On Veterans Day this year, Ed Parker was honored by the City of Peoria with a ceremony to unveil the veterans added to the City's Veteran Honor Wall, located at Rio Vista Veteran Memorial site. The Honor Wall pays tribute to Peoria veterans for the sacrifices they have made to protect our country, ideals, and virtues. Each honor space includes the veteran's name, rank, branch and service years.



It serves as a lasting legacy and is punctuated by an inscription on the other side of the wall that bears this quote, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of freedom." – John F. Kennedy, 1961 Inaugural Address.

Ed Parker enlisted in the Air Force in 1965, and trained at San Antonio Air Force Base in Texas. He was then sent to the 1st Air Commandos in Louisiana at England AFB, where he served as crew chief

repairing and maintaining aircraft, such as the AB26, a first-line bomber used in three wars. In November of 1967, Ed was deployed to Vietnam to work as an aircraft flight engineer, assisting with EC47's and other aircraft needed by the Electronic Airforce Squadron. As a jack-of-all trades, Ed managed aircraft engine and control systems and all types of aerospace maintenance for the Air Force.

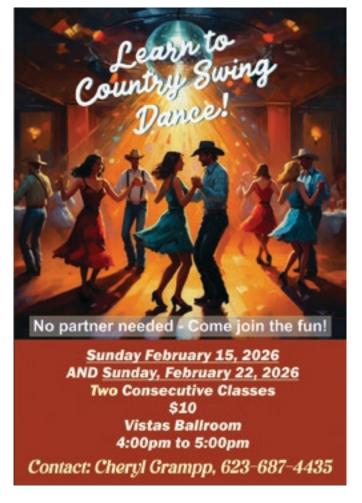
Ed is proud to have served in every Vietnam War theater – Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam and moved between all four "Corps," as the 4 military regional commands in Vietnam were called. Finishing his military career as a Staff Sergeant, Ed successfully avoided injury and went on to receive the coveted Distinguished Flying Cross and 4 Air Force Air Medals.

After serving our country, Ed moved to Kansas City Kansas and spent his civilian career in fiber design engineer. He and his wife of 55 years, Karla, moved to WV in July 2017, and found the nicest people and the friendliest community they'd ever known. They both feel they have found Nirvana!

Thank you, Ed Parker, for your service to our nation!

Top Left: Ed Parker has been recognized with the honor of being added to the Veterans Honor Wall at Rio Vista Community Center **Bottom Left:** Ed Parker stands in front of the Veterans Memorial at Rio Vista **Above:** The Honor Wall at Rio Vista Community Center pays tribute to those who served in our military forces.







Lapidary and Beading Club News

with Nita Lywandowsky

he Lapidary Club has been in existence more than 25 years. If you are not familiar with the term "Lapidary," it is the art and practice of cutting, grinding polishing gemstones, minerals, and stones into decorative items, like cabochons or faceted gems. We added the Beading component in 2011, because we also make jewelry. Other possibilities include creating beautiful unique objects like, handbags, ornaments, flowers, napkin rings, vases, coasters, anything that is tubular and more? Today, we are known as the Lapidary/Beading Art Studio and are located at the Lakes Recreational Center.

Making things is not the only benefit of Lapidary and Beading, however. We exercise our fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination, and cognitive skills to plan and execute the designs, and laugh a lot! Lunches, potlucks, restaurant outings, and "road trips" are often on the agenda, giving our club a calming and satisfying rhythm throughout the year.

We are a lively community of men and women that hope to encourage, inspire, and tutor the creative arts of lapidary and beadwork. While many members are highly creative and skilled designers, we share a passion to spread the knowledge forward with beginners. Items pictured here and those available for sale in our studio all started with someone who was a beginner!







Classes are offered in Lapidary, Beading, Wire wrapping and soon to come, Silver Smithing.

Our schedule:

BEADING - Monday and Friday, 10am-1pm

BEADING CLASSES – Wednesdays, 1pm-3pm thru winter season

LAPIDARY – Thursdays, 10am-1pm

WIRE WRAPPING AND SILVERSMITHING – TBD, January thru April

Please stop by our studio anytime it is open to fully appreciate these beautiful creations. Check us out, do some shopping, and make some new friends.

Club contacts: Cheryl Glennon 928-814-8269 | Barb Bosworth 314-712-6225



VISTAS WATER AEROBICS GROUP TOUR

The Lavender Farm, Chandler, AZ - with Gloria Pawluk



The Vistas Water Aerobics ladies enjoyed a delightful October outing The Lavender Farm in Chandler. Nestled in a picturesque setting, the highlight of the tour was a beautifully decorated and carefully preserved Chateau de Vie, which was rebuilt in 1984.

The tour was both informative and engaging, offering a fascinating look into the history of the chateau and its charming grounds. The weather was perfect – a quintessential autumn day, filled with sunshine and cool breezes.

After the tour, the group gathered for a relaxing and delicious lunch, where we shared stories, laughter, and reflections on our fabulous day.

A truly memorable experience for all!



L to R: Lois Webb, Gloria Pawluk, Edie Sprehn, Dorothy Olson, Jackie Brewer, and Beverly Harberson.

For more information, check out https://www.thelavenderfarms.com



INSPIRATIONAL CORNER:

Feast of Dedication, Hanukkah

Hanukkah is known as the *Feast of Dedication* or the *Festival of Lights*. The origins of Hanukkah are not documented in the Jewish biblical texts, but rather recorded in the 1st and 2nd books of Maccabees. These historical texts are also included in apocryphal books used by Christians worldwide.

The books tell of a very courageous episode in Israel's history (167–164 BC; see 1 Macc. 3–4; 2 Macc. 8:1–10:18). One of Alexander the Great's successors, Antiochus Epiphanes, outlawed Judaism and the temple in Jerusalem was desecrated.

Judas Maccabeus, a nickname meaning "hammer," was a Jewish priest who led an uprising against Antiochus's forces in order to retake the temple. Though greatly outnumbered, the Jewish rebels won an amazing victory. On the 25th of Kislev (164 BC) the defiled temple was re-dedicated, and sacrifices were once again offered to God according to Mosaic law.

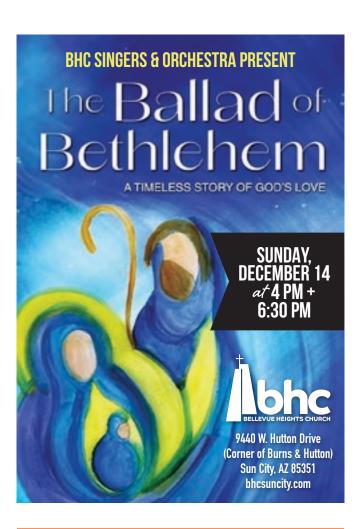
The people joyfully celebrated this victory for eight days. The menorah (the sacred temple candleabra) remained lit throughout eight days of celebration, without having the consecrated oil required to keep it burning. It was decreed



that from that time on the festival would be held each year beginning on the 25th of Kislev (1 Macc. 4:36–39). While it is not a mandated feast, Hanukkah is celebrated with great rejoicing in the homes of Jewish people to this day.

This year, the celebration of Hanukkah begins at sundown on December 14 and concludes at sundown on December 22. Each night one additional candle is lit on the menorah, which holds eight candles, representing the eight days. Festivities are held throughout the week, special foods unique to Hanukkah are enjoyed, and gifts are exchanged. Children sing Hanukkah songs and play with the traditional dreidel, which is engraved with Hebrew letters representing the phrase "a great miracle happened here."









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ALL VOLUNTEERS



Roz Farnsworth 623-533-8177 | Judy & Bill Reisener 623-810-4068

Almost every month, a resident has a life-changing fall! I found a video on YouTube from "The Best Life Senior Podcast" - "If You Fall and Can't Get Up - 5 Steps That Could Save Your Life" by Dr. Howard Tucker, America's oldest practicing neurologist, and Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara, Japan's legendary longevity doctor. Research from the National Institute on Aging, Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology, and Harvard Medical, reveals a practical plan to stay safe, calm, and strong, no matter your age or circumstance. Immediate action, within 60 seconds, cuts post-fall complications by more than 40%. Here are 5 scientifically proven steps every senior should know BEFORE an emergency:

- The "Stillness Check" method that prevents secondary injuries in the first 90 seconds after a fall.
- The breathing technique that helps your nervous system recover from shock—proven to restore muscle control up to 40% faster.
- The Roll and Rise Method used in hospitals to get up safely without straining the spine or cutting off circulation.
- The Post-Fall Recovery Window—what to do in the first 15 minutes after standing to prevent dizziness, fainting, or delayed shock.
- Micro-movements and mindset retraining that rebuild balance, confidence and independence, even after 70.

This video is well worth your time to watch and can be found by searching with the title of the podcast and episode name, as mentioned above. It was posted online on October 23, 2025.

Welcome to our newest volunteer, Stacey Ogg Grant! We can always use more volunteers. Please consider volunteering to help us as we help our neighbors. It's rewarding and only takes the amount of time you are willing to spend, no minimum requirements.

Helping Hands primarily does rides to medical related appointments, grocery shopping, visiting, minor handyman, and simple requests, plus we have our Medical Equipment Lending Closet at the Vistas Rec Center.

We don't do lifting, bathing or personal care, but we have a Resource Directory for those services, including in-home caregivers, living locators, and more. 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!

"We are closer to God when we are asking questions than when we think we have the answers" - Abraham Heschel

Other helpful numbers: 24/7 Senior Help Line -602.264.4357 Adult Protective Services - 877.767.2385 Eldercare Locator - 800.677.1116



WVA Treasurer's Report

For month ending August 31, 2025

"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.)

The general Operating fund, which is designated for day-to-day operations, has a cash balance, including certificates of deposit, of \$2,418,844.48. The forecasted revenue for 2025 is \$3,482,865 with \$3,111,969 coming from member assessments. Total revenue for August is \$289,750.55. Total operating expenses for August are \$254,916.55. For the year to date we have a spending surplus of \$34,605.

REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND

(Funds earmarked for major repairs, equipment replacement, and capital improvements)

The Reserve fund balance for the period ending August 31, 2025, stands at \$4,470,758.41 supported by home sales and the preservation fee associated with them. From August 1st through August 31st, there were 12 resales, with two preservation fees waived. From January 1st through August 31st there have been 115 resales in Westbrook Village with 20 of those as Waived Preservation Fees. Budget reserve fund expenditures for 2025 amount to \$1,219,050 and encompass projects including perimeter wall repair and painting, HVAC system replacement, installation of perimeter fencing for the pickleball courts, exercise room/gym upgrades, long-range planning professional services, as well as routine infrastructure maintenance and replacements.

Westbrook remains financially strong. Our replacement reserve fund is at over 70% fully funded. Thanks to all who inquired about Westbrook's financial health.

These financials are on file at the WVA Administration office. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 623.561.0099.

Submitted by Bruce Garrison – WVA Treasurer

General Manager's Report

Karen Jones

- Happy Holidays from your Westbrook Village Association Board of Directors and Staff.
- Celebrating Paul Pearcy's 25-year anniversary working at Westbrook Village. Paul, thank you for all your hard work! We appreciate you!
- We are pleased to announce our newest team member, Ashley Laurance. She has filled the Communications Liaison position with Westbrook Village. Welcome Ashley!
- Budget Season! Thank you to the seven (7) residents who participated in the most important task of reviewing every line item, making changes, working together to continue to keep the community in great financial shape!
- On October 29. 2025 the WVA Board of Directors held their annual Special BOD Budget meeting and approved the 2026 proposed Budget.
- The 2026 Annual Assessment will be \$819.00 and the invoice and both Budgets will be in the mail in late November. The assessment is due January 1, 2026.
- Arizona Game & Fish came to the Village to speak with residents, offer ideas for living with wildlife and answer questions from residents.
- The Board of Directors voted to allow vehicle storage in our RV Storage lot (6 available. For vehicle storage contact us. *Admin@WestbrookVillage.org*.
- Vistas Perimeter Fencing project is continuing to move forward. The Landscape & Facilities Committee requested additional information and proposals. The BOD is planning on holding a Town Hall in January 2026. Info to come.
- Vistas paint complex project has been approved and begins 1st week of November for approximately 2 to 3 weeks. Caution near workers/equipment.
- The Board of Directors will be emailing Guest Pass Fee survey to all. Please complete it for us and submit as instructed; thank you for your input.
- Golf Club wall repair is completed and looks wonderful.
 Homeowners that have ownership in damage repairs will be receiving an invoice this week.
- Seasonal tree trimming has been completed. Scalping and overseed is underway and the beautiful green grass is returning. Thank you, SDL.
- Remember if it does not look right or feel right call 911. The Peoria Police Department are always ready to help! Peoria Police non-emergency # 623-773-8311.

- Friendly reminder Please have your WVA photo ID card with you at all times when going to the Recreation Centers, as this is required to enter. We welcome you to bring your guests to enjoy the facilities with you. You must be with guests at check-in at the front desk to obtain a guest wrist band for them.
- PLEASE SLOW DOWN and use caution when driving, stay safe!
- Reminder –right lanes are "Shared Lanes" per the City of Peoria; be courteous to walkers, bikers and golf carts. We are one community, be kind!
- Please continue to work with us on architectural applications, exterior improvements, maintenance questions etc. on your properties. We are always here to help! Admin office: 623-561-0099.
- If you encounter maintenance needs in 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!
- If you notice items throughout the community that need attention and the administration office is closed, please contact the Recreation Centers as we work as one team

- and they will be sure the correct department is contacted. Water leaks, maintenance etc. Thank you!
- 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 (09/26/25 10/29/25)
 - Total received 131
 - Approved within Standards –128
 - Denied 3

RESALE DEPARTMENT

- Number of Resales (09/26/25 10/29/25)
 - Opened 20
 - Closed 12
 - Cancelled 1
 - Foreclosed 0







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Crossword Puzzle #99

ACROSS

- 1 Emerald City's creator
- creator

 5 A bit cracked
- 9 Modern messages
- 14 In addition
- 15 Run the show
- 16 Nick of "Affliction"
- 17 Church instrument of old
- 19 Sci-fi author Verne
- 20 Mother of Calcutta
- 21 Replant timber
- 23 Like sunlit water
- 25 Kidnap victim
- 28 Bananas, so to speak
- 31 Elliptical32 Brother's
- 32 Brother's daughters
- 35 Brewer's vat
- 36 "Peanuts" girl
- 37 Honeydew, e.g.
- 38 Magpie or macaw
- 39 Utah airport code
- 40 Sentence ender41 Pasadena's
- Bowl
 42 Mideast capital
- 44 More evident
- 46 Study of beauty
- 49 Affectionate one51 Took home after
- 51 Took home after taxes55 Oil source
- 56 Theater break
- 58 Not so crazy
- 59 BBQ entree
- 60 Sea eagle

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- 61 Lengthy lock
- **62** Adriatic and Aegean
- **63** Clothing closure

DOWN

- 1 One of TV's Mayericks
- 2 On the calm side
- 3 Consumer
- 4 In a humble way5 Some court proceedings
- 6 Milk container
- 6 Milk container
 7 Wake-up call?
- 8 Roxie in
- "Chicago"

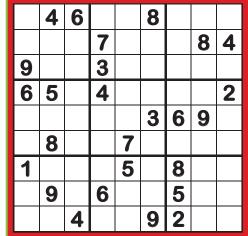
 9 Legally forbids
- 10 Weeps for
- 11 Unproven claim

- 12 Suffix with "social"
- 13 "___ we forget"
- **18** Workplace safety org.
- 22 Affability
- 24 Getty Center architect Richard
- 25 "The Planets"
- 26 Plant seed
- 27 Overly sweet
- 29 ICU worker 30 Rear-___ (road
- mishap) 33 Whitney or Wallach
- 34 Take as one's own

- 38 Shows obvious anger
- **40** Quarterbacks, often
- 43 "John Wick" star
- 45 Lenovo
- competitor
 47 Whodunit suspects often
- 48 Comic Kovacs
- 49 Purchase price
- 50 Winglike
- 52 ____ the tables
- 53 St. Vincent Millay
- **54** Thought-provoking
- 57 Abbr. on a schedule

Solution to previous puzzle:

Sudoku



HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain thenumbers 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 →



DECEMBER 2025 WVA Meetings

All Meetings Begin at 9:00am
– FALC Assembly Room

Wednesday, December 3 – The FALC Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, December 9 – The FALC Recreation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 10 – The FALC Landscape and Facilities Meeting

Friday, December 12 – **The FALC Cornerstone Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, December 16 – The FALC Architectural Control Meeting

Wednesday, December 17 – **The FALC Long Range Planning Meeting**

Wednesday, December 23 – **The FALC Ways and Means Meeting**





9:00am - Lakes Ballroom

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The WVA Administrative Office & Recreation Centers will observe the following holiday schedule:

Wednesday, December 24: Closing early at 4:00pm Thursday, December 25: Closed in observance of Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 31: Closing early at 4:00pm Thursday, January 1: Closed in observance of New Year's Day

Wishing you and your family a joyful and safe holiday season!

Fine Arts Featured Member Artist - Sylvia Aunger

I grew up where art was always present. Both my Dad & Mom were very artistic. They have been my inspiration in my life's long art journey.

My dad owned a commercial sign business, which included hand painted signs, silk screening, and hand painted highway billboards (back in the good old days). My mom was a beautiful seamstress and was very creative.



I have a degree in Interior Design, and so I have been involved in a lot of different art media: Stained glass, clay, china painting, weaving, needlepoint, sewing, pencil, watercolor and pastels.

Today I am doing pastels. In pastels there is a lot of freedom to make changes, and it is very forgiving. I love looking at things up close, seeing the details, and the mixing of the colors and shapes in them. I love the bright and vivid colors in pastels. When I take pictures, I am aways looking for the next painting. When I start painting, it can be hours that go by, and it just seems like minutes. It is very rewarding when I finish a painting, and I can't believe I did it. It is definitely a gift from upstairs looking down on me.

Above: Sylvia Aunger loves the rewards of finishing a piece

Left: Dog in pastel by Sylvia Aunger

Bottom Row- Left: *Little Boy* by Sylvia Aunger **Middle:** *Floral in pastel* by Sylvia Aunger **Right:** *Berry Pie in pastel* by Sylvia Aunger







A Life of Love and Service

By JOHN TOSTO

Orazio Giovanni Tosto was a great man who had two sons, and they each had success in their respective fields.

His father, my paternal grandfather, was born in a small town in the northern foothills of Mt. Etna, Sicily circa 1907. His parents were farmers of little means. He received only a 3rd grade education, but he was a wise man. He apprenticed with a master shoemaker who also taught my maternal grandfather, Gaetano Daidone the craft of custom made shoes. It was a friendship that spanned many years and led to their arranging the marriage of my parents in the late 1930s. Grandpa "John" was a warm and loving grandfather to us until his death in 1984.

My father was born in 1932. As my father grew, my grandfather and his brother Salvatore discussed the future of their families. This led to my grandfather's determination to give my father a college education and a profession of some means. He became a grocer in the small town of Passopisciaro. With hard work and innate wisdom, my grandfather prospered, and he sent my father to an elite boarding school in Sicily and also to the University of Catania, where my father became a pharmacist.

In 1958, my parents came to New York City with me in the womb. Because the state of New York refused my dad the opportunity to test to become a licensed pharmacist, he attended Columbia University and obtained his Bachelor's degree in pharmacy. Subsequently, my father enjoyed a career at the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital for over 30 years.

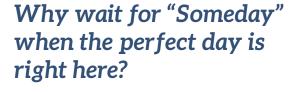
In 1965, my grandfather arrived in NY from Sicily on a ship of the Italian line. I was awestruck with the simple, yet awesome manners and love Grandpa John bestowed upon me. My grandmother Francesca and Uncle Joe arrived in January of 1966. In my limited boyish wisdom, I failed to appreciate the impact of their arrival and the subsequent birth of my sister Isabella in September of 1966. As I grew in stature and wisdom, it became much clearer to me how the reunification of my grandfather's household heaped blessings on my life.

I am now 66 years old and remember with great fondness and admiration the family God has blessed me with all these years. As I enter my 67th year, I remain indebted to my family and Grandpa "John" for years of love and sacrifices on my behalf. It remains my objective to tell their stories with love and gratitude.

The rise of the family of O.G. Tosto from humble beginnings to halcyon heights is a cherished memory that I share with you, gentle reader. It is my hope that a small-town grocer's efforts will be appreciated. Good memories keep love growing and maturing as years pass. I urge you, gentle readers, to treasure your memories as I do.

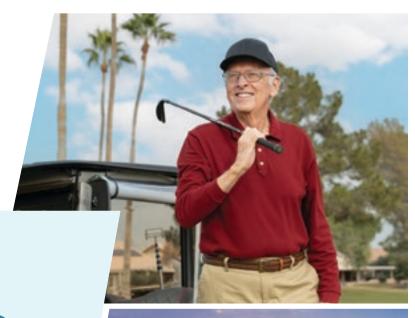


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Westbrook Village Clubs

	Clubs and Groups	Day(s) of Week	Time	Place	Contact Person	
			Tille	Place		
rafts	Ceramics Fine Arts	Please call for details Please call for details			Bernice Lever 602-373-6008 Kim Mraz 623-377-6520	
	Glass Art Studio	Please call for details			Marcia Ulbrich 602-312-5901	
		M-F 10:00 a.m1:00p.m.;W, 1	:00-3:30pm Class by	Lakes,	Cheryl Glennon 928-814-8269	
	Lapidary/Jewelry Art Studio			\$30/yr	Barb Bosworth 314-712-6225	
and	Needle Arts and Crafts	T-Th T-Th: 1-3pm		Vistas	Linda Gierescher 623-271-5541	
S S	Photography	1st Tue; Oct-Mar	7:00pm	FALC	Mary Barany 623-680-5091	
Art	Pottery/Claymates	M-T-W-Th-F			Marilyn Reed 602-432-4024	
	Woodshop Club	M-T-W-Th-F			Tom Canepa 513-477-2207	
		1:00-4:00 p.m. M 12:30 p.m.				
	Duplicate Bridge		12:30 p.m.	Vistas	Eileen Medansky 623-566-3634	
	Monday Social Bridge	M - partner not req'd	12:15 p.m.	Lakes	Ralph Doner 480-410-7786	
ည်	Bridge Lessons	T T	9:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Vistas Vistas	Ted Cooper 425-233-1960 Dovie Templin 623-680-3369	
Bridge	Ladies' Bridge Ladies' Bridge			Vistas	Gerry Simpson 623-694-4918	
"	Really Fun Bridge	W	9:30 a.m. Vistas		Ted Cooper 425-233-1960	
	Saturday Night Bridge	1st & 3rd Saturday			John Schoop 623-215-6978	
	Bunco Vistas 2	Please call for details		Vistas	Barb Marsteen 602-819-2439	
	Chess Club	W 1:00p.m3:00pm		Lakes Multi	Ralph Doner 480-410-7786	
	Euchre Card	1st & 3rd Wed	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.		Rich Mizner 253-370-7086	
S	Cribbage	T	7:00 p.m.	Lakes	Gloria Pawluk 623-202-7767	
ne	Hearts	Ť	6:30 p.m.	Vistas	Ron Bachara 623-640-8978	
Games	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	
Tabletop	Nietienel Mah Jenes	-	1.00 4.00	Viotes	Janet Leach 623-566-6682	
<u>e</u>	National Mah Jongg	F	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Vistas	Mary Phipps 623-248-3542	
ap	Pan	W	12:00 p.m.	FALC	Mary Ann Bolyog 623-203-4469	
Ë	Pinochle	M	6:00pm	Vistas	Marlene Kiep 707-529-0441	
and	Progressive Hand & Foot	T-Th	12:00 p.m.	Lakes Multi	Loree Crabb 623-203-8649	
o T	Progressive Hand & Foot	Th	5:30 p.m.	Lakes	Sharon Witthuhn 623-640-7631	
Card	Samba	M	5:30 p.m.	Lakes	Sandra Sullivan 602-510-1799	
Ü	Shanghai	W	6:00 p.m.	Vistas	Judith Devenney 623-203-9458	
	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	
	Desert Dancers	Please call for details			Sharon Corcoran 623-670-6114	
i t	Line Dancing - Intro & Novice	W, 3:00-3:45-Intro; 3:45-4:45-Novice		Lakes - \$5	Cheryl Grampp 623-687-4435	
∞ E	Line Dancing - Intermediate	W	4:45-5:45pm	Lakes - \$5	Cheryl Grampp 623-687-4435	
Dance & tertainment	Line Dancing - Intermediate	Sundays	3:00-4:00 p.m.	Vistas - \$5	Cheryl Grampp 623-687-4435	
an la	Performing Arts Council	Please call for details			Norma Apodaca 623-377-8500	
lo 활	Village Players	Please call for details			Max Allen, 623-523-3997	
E E	Village Voices	W	1:30-3:30 p.m.	VistasBallrm	Nancy Connolly 602-380-9315	
	Westbrook Musicians	Please call			Steve Thorne 602-427-7616	
	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	9:00 a.m. only	Lakes	Sally Cline 319-331-0270	
	Lakes Water Aerobics	Nov. 1-Tues thru Sat: 8:0		Lakes	Sally Cline 319-331-0270	
Fitness	Lakes Water Walking	T, Th, S 9:00a.m. only		Lakes	Sally Cline 319-331-0270	
ţ	Personalized Fitness Training Gi Gong and Tai Ji	Please call for details T, F 10:00am-11:00am		Vistas Lakes	Steve Rommel 602-471-9232 Becky Boosalis 650-868-4385	
证	Vistas Water Aerobics	T, F 10:00am-11:00am M-W-Th-F-Sat - 8:15a.m. & 9:15a.m.		Vistas	Debbie Hake 805-630-6833	
	Water Zumba	T-Th	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			Vistas	Veronica Lowe 623-800-9373	
Misc	Blood Pressure Screenings		9:00-11:00 a.m.	Vistas	Key McCovehov COO 247 44 C4	
by.	Library	Open every day except	major nolidays	FALC	Kay McCaughey 623-217-4161	

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		
	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		
	Club GenXYZ	Please call for details			Sophia Phillips 847-565-1457		
	Heatherbrook Club	Subdivision coordinator			Marcy Reneau 425-319-8113		
	Helping Hands	Please call for details			Roz Farnsworth 623-533-8177		
	Helping Hallus	riease call for details	14.		Judy Reisener 623-572-3017		
	Hiking Club	Please call for details	2K+		Barry Spiegel 602-318-4149		
	Italian-American	Please call for details			Maria Thorne 602-463-2903		
Specialty Clubs	Nebraska Club	Monthly Dec-April		Vistas	Dan Geiger 303-885-8169		
l 5	Roadrunners RV Club	Please call for details			Jack Lytle 623-256-1658		
- ₹	Shalom Club	Please call for details			Rita Paper 701-371-1548;		
<u>.e</u>	Shalom Club	ricase can for details			Illa Kallish 602-796-3138		
ec	Technology Club	Website: wbvtc.org	Email: wvcc@live.com		wvcc@live.com; 623-226-8120		
Sp	Veterans Club	W, Dec. 10 Holiday Party	6:00p.m.	Lakes Ballrm	Carl Ulbrich 602-312-5900		
	Veterans club	w, Dec. 10 Hollday Faity	о.оор.пп.	Lakes Dallilli	westbrookvets.org		
	WV Book Club	Please call for details			Jill Ferguson 509-939-8956		
	WV Bookies	W, Dec. 10	4:30p.m.	Vistas	The Santa Suit by Mary Kay Andrews		
	W V BOOKIES				Claudia Carr 206-954-4534		
	Wine Club	Please call for details			Cindy Clark 602-363-8633		
	Wille clab	ricase can for details			Fran DeWalt 623-512-3075		
	Westbrook Cares!	Please call for details			Cindy Clark 602-363-8633;		
					Marti Harper 989-640-1399		
	Billiards	T-Th	6:00p.m.	Lakes	Thomas Martinez 602-459-0389		
	Bowling - Senior Rollers	Т	2pm-Lakeview Lanes Sun City		Ellen Howells 623-825-4907		
	Can-Am Golf	Please email for details	0 ,		Loris Schuetzle Loris1@shaw.ca		
	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			Rick & Patti Leishman 541-941-6638		
	Golf 18-Hole Women	Please call for details			Shelly Berndt 507-951-5412		
	Golf 9-hole Ladies	T mornings Oct-May	r Please call for details		Mary Murphy 440-479-0338		
ts	Golf Mens Association (MGA)	W, Dec. 10 Santa Classic			Ed O'Bryan 308-631-2260		
Sports	Golf Weekend Men's Club	Sat	9:00a.m.	Lakes/Vistas	Michael Giroux 623-910-4269		
Ş	Pickleball	Please call for details			Lynette Jones 425-269-6590		
	Table Tennis	W & F	1:00-2:00p.m.	Vistas	Bob Suda 847-249-1590		
	Tennis	Please call for details			George Renner 623-937-1649		
		1st & 3rd Saturdays F, Oct-Mar	10.20-	Vistas Pool	Randy Spontak 520-609-1662		
	Water Volleyball		10:30p.m		Lynn Semall 623-512-1599		
			12:30p.m.		Lori Van Deventer 706-533-0775		
	West Valley Ladies Tennis 50+		11:00am-Paseo Racquet Ct		Pam Cavalier 480-276-8213		
					Linda Renner 602-550-0810 Herb Greksa 224-406-5255		
	Village Niner's Golf Group	Please call for details			Dean Carlson 763-301-2138		
					Dean Callson 703-301-2138		



Important Numbers

Lakes Recreation Center
19251 N. Westbrook Parkway, Peoria, AZ 85382
623-566-6181 ~ 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Vistas Recreation Center 18825 N. Country Club Parkway, Peorla, AZ 85382 623-566-6178 ~ 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. WV Administration Office 19281 N. Westbrook Parkway, Peoria, AZ 85382 623-561-0099 Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Charley's at The Lakes: 623-399-8557 Links Grill: 623-561-1681 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

18 Hole Women's Club News -with Ann Chapman



The ranks of the 18 Hole Women's Golf Club have returned to the warmth of the Arizona desert. Welcome back! We staybirds have missed you! With the overseeding of both courses completed and both courses in pristine condition, our season is in full swing. Thank you to our amazing grounds crew!

We gathered on Monday, November 10 for our welcome back event at the Lakes Ballroom. It was great to see so many familiar faces back in the Valley of the Sun as well as some new members.

We are preparing for our first big tournament in early December – The Eclectic. A "big tournament" is one that is typically followed by lunch or dinner and awards. Even if you didn't sign up for the Eclectic this year (the deadline will have passed by the time you read this) all our members are more than welcome to attend the Pre-Eclectic Kick Off on December 8th at 4 PM in the Lakes Ballroom. We'll have appetizers and there will be pari-mutuel betting. It gets pretty serious, as well as scientific, as we provide a roster of past winners for the last several years to aid in your betting.

Club contact: Shelly Berndt, 507-951-5412

SAVE the DATE...

for the following events and watch for emails about when and how to sign up.

Pick Your Partner

(January 13)

Ladies Classic Tournament

(February 10 and February 17)

Guys & Dolls

(March 3 and 4)

Member – Guest

(March 17)

Farewell - Election & Social

(April 13)

Cactus Cup

(April 14)

Citrus Bowl (April 21)

Left: Returning Snowbirds – Colleen Smiley, Rhonda Hoge, Britta Johnson, Vicki Day

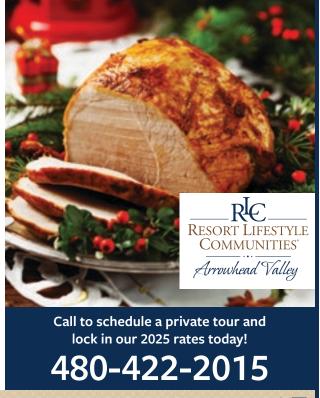
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Do you ever wonder what kind of situations your volunteer Posse Patrol Officer encounters? Well, here are some events that "happened on my shift" from me and my fellow Patrol Officers!

I was ending my shift near Tamarron Place when a lady waved me down and told us her neighbor had fallen inside the home. My partner and I called 911 and stayed to comfort her, as it was clear she was badly hurt. When the EMT's arrived we debriefed them and they took charge.

One time Dispatch asked me to respond to a lady's request for help in Scotland Hills. She was looking for a tall Officer to change a driveway light (she was too frail to go on a step ladder). Upon review, the light was on a dusk-to-dawn sensor and didn't need to be changed. She was grateful for the assistance.

In response to a Dispatch call to check on a coyote in Cypress Point, I found it laying on the owners' yard, malnourished and dehydrated. We gave the owner the contact information to Arizona Game and Fish as they would handle the issue with them.

Speaking of coyotes, an owner in Mountain View was out with friends when a coyote entered the home through the rear patio "doggie-door," scared several of the dogs and one dog escaped and ran away. After some effort, we helped the owners get their dog home safe. Lesson learned for all!

I was driving along W. Lakeview Rd and noticed a fellow fishing in the lake. I stopped to let him know that fishing was not permitted and asked him to leave. He said he didn't know that so I told him to simply turn around and read the "No Fishing" sign. He apologized and promptly left Westbrook.

Your Posse consists of full and part time residents and when our services are needed most in summer months, part time members go home leaving roughly 25 full time members to carry the load of doing more than 125 vacation watch checks DAILY! That's now up to 15,000 house checks per season.

To be successful the Westbrook Village Posse NEEDS full time volunteers to help fulfill our mission to "Serve and Protect". Contact us at *commander@westbrookposse.com* or 623-566-3133 to see how you can get involved. Thank you.







Bringing the Beat to Westbrook Village!



Above: With the determination of the community behind them, the Gen XYZ Club board leads the club to more fun L to R: (Rob Affalter (Treasurer), Sophia Phillips (President), Kim Mraz (Secretary), and Tom Mraz (Vice President)

In 2022, Sophia Phillips had an idea to start a club at Westbrook for residents who love music from the 1970s through today. The enthusiasm from friends and neighbors who shared that same passion for Gen X–era tunes (and beyond!) kept the dream alive and brought it to reality.

After hosting a few successful parties at Westbrook, **Club Gen XYZ** was born! Our dedicated board went through the proper channels to become a sanctioned club at Westbrook. On September 3rd, 2025, the HOA Board approved our club, and by October 25th, we hosted our very first dance!

Our debut event, an '80s Theme Dance, was a total sellout! Residents embraced the RAD decade, dancing the night away in true retro style. One of the evening's highlights was our new photo-sharing app, inspired by an idea we saw at a Vistas Ballroom birthday celebration. It was a huge hit, and we plan to continue this fun feature at future events!

- with Kim Mraz

Upcoming Club Gen XYZ Events

- **December 16** Holiday Golf Cart Parade
- February 7 Prom: Glitz & Glam Dance
- April 11 70s Disco Theme Dance
- **June 27, 2026** Americana Pool Party

Club Gen XYZ is open to all Westbrook residents, of every generation and every groove. Our club is open to ideas for future events to offer to our community. Some ideas include: 60s Hippie Dance, Sunsets and Sangria, Cook Offs, Walk-a-thons, Fund-raising Events, Game Night, Wild West and so much more!

Stay in the loop and get all the latest updates by joining our **Facebook page: Club Gen XYZ**. Become a member to enjoy discounted tickets, **early access to pre-orders**, and more! Membership sign-up forms are available at the **Lakes Rec Center Desk**.



A huge thank-you to our amazing board members - Sophia Phillips (President), Tom Mraz (Vice President), Rob Affalter (Treasurer), and Kim Mraz (Secretary) and to all the friends and volunteers who helped bring this awesome idea to life.

We can't wait to create many more memories, share great music, and have endless fun with our Westbrook Village family!

Contact: Sophia Phillips, 847-565-1457

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Club SHOWCASE

- with Rita Hjelm

Rita absolutely loves exploring the drama of angles through the lens of her camera. She finds endless design delights this way, and she takes the images in portrait mode. These two colorful treats were taken during a visit to the Phoenix Art Museum.



CLUB CONTACT: Mary Barany – 623-680-5091

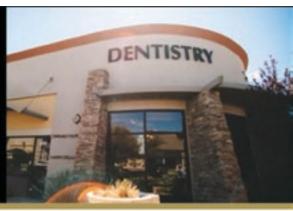






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City of Peoria News:

Mayor Jason Beck

In October, Peoria celebrated a significant milestone in our economic development journey. While we mark the incredible groundbreaking of Amkor Technology, we also reflect on the strategic steps that made this outsized success possible, as we advance our mission to create local jobs, lower commute times, and drive future revenues to keep taxes low.

In December 2024, Peoria signed a landmark Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) to lead the planning and development efforts for the 7,000-acre Peoria Innovation Core (PIC). This unique agreement allowed the city to invest in infrastructure and be reimbursed through future land sales, driving development while saving taxpayer dollars. The agreement is also expected to generate up to \$1.5 billion in statewide K–12 funding and create shovel-ready sites for faster development.

The formalized IGA set the stage for Peoria to bring the PIC to market and facilitate future development. Following its adoption, Amkor was offered the opportunity to pursue a location within the Peoria Innovation Core, a strategy





Mayor Jason Beck

agreed upon in February 2025. From that point forward, Peoria staff remained relentlessly focused on bringing Core 2 of the PIC to market as efficiently as possible. Through tireless work by city staff across many departments—planning, engineering, economic development, and more—the auction for the PIC property was publicly noticed in June 2025 and scheduled for late August.

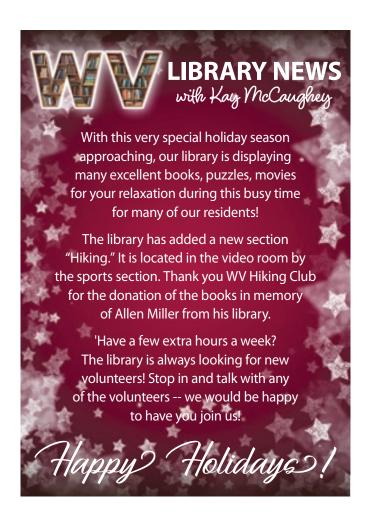
On August 27, 2025, Peoria made history as the successful bidder for the Core 2 property, representing 834.5 acres along Lake Pleasant Parkway and Loop 303. The following day, the Peoria City Council unanimously adopted an updated Development Agreement and land swap with Amkor Technology to locate on a 104-acre site within the PIC.

These actions represent just some of the behind-thescenes work that led to the formal groundbreaking on October 6, where Amkor announced plans to expand their investment from \$2 billion and 2,000 jobs to up to \$7 billion and 3,000 jobs.

Peoria's recent economic development success is the result of years of planning, preparation, and importantly, effective execution. As we advance, our economic vision remains centered around creating local jobs that drive revenue to maintain low taxes and cut down on costly commute times. Driving revenue and employment fosters a friendly environment for our small business, increases the quality of our schools and local property values, and creates new revenue that allows Peoria to prioritize public safety and other critical city services.

This process marks an incredible milestone for our city. The past year has shown what's possible when innovation meets execution. And the best part? This isn't the end of Peoria's drive for economic development; it's only the beginning.

Mayor Jason Beck -





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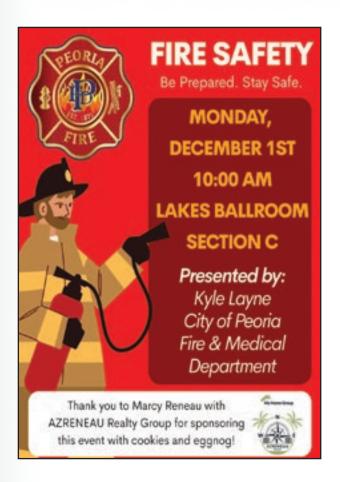
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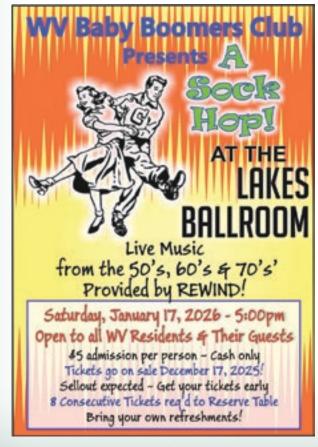
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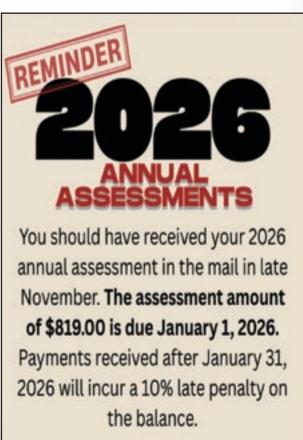
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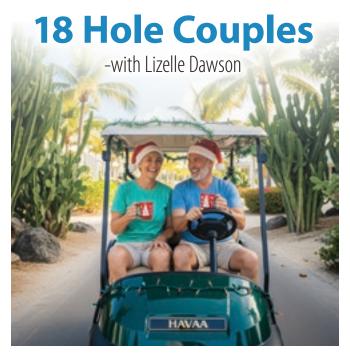
WV HAPPENINGS











The 18-Hole Couples 2025-2026 golf season is off to a great start. There are over 50 couples registered to participate this season. The first event was a Glow Ball Tournament held November 14, 2025 (See January issue of this magazine for photos).

We would like to introduce to you this year's Board of Directors:

President: Rick Leishman
Vice President: Mary Jo Walter
Treasurer: Janis Stanwood
Secretary: Patty Gilmore
Catering: Edie Schmitz

Decorations: Pug Rhen and Barb Bellitt

Entertainment: Lori Deemer Publicity: Lizelle Dawson

Member at Large: Donna Dauner Handicap and Rules: Rob Sprosty

The following significant events are scheduled for this season:

December 12, 2025: Holiday Party Lakes Ballroom, Dinner/Dance

January 16, 2026: Battle of the Sexes

Lakes Ballroom, Luncheon

February 27, 2026: Second day of the Classic

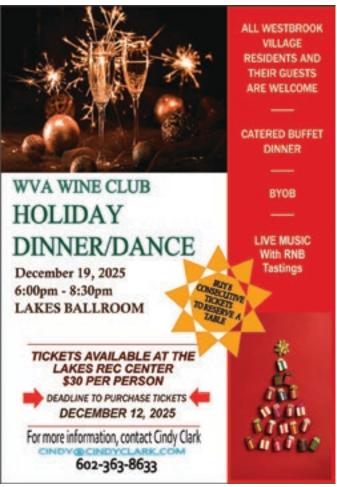
Lakes Ballroom, Dinner/Dance

March 20, 2026: Invitational Vista's Ballroom, Luncheon

April 10, 2026: Farewell Vista's Ballroom, Luncheon

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Rick Leishman at (541) 941-6638 or by email at rickathlh@aol.com for more information.







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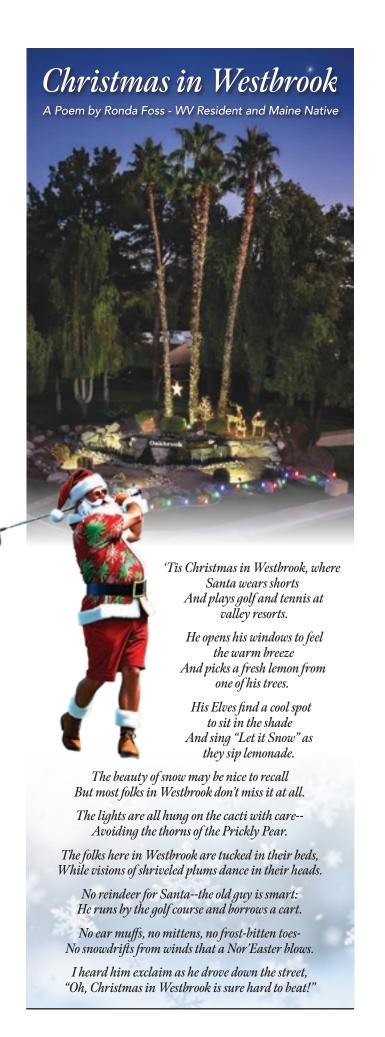
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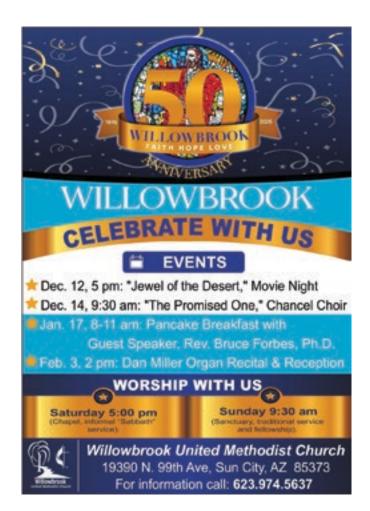
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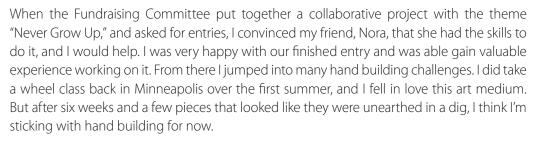
Claymates Pottery Studio Featured Artist

KRIS MASSIE



After this Minnesota snowbird landed at Westbrook Village, becoming a member of the WV Pottery Club was the definitely the frosting on the cake. I've been under the spell of CLAY ever since. The studio is My Happy Place, a room full of wonderful, talented artists with so much creativity just bubbling over.

After taking the beginner's class, I honestly wasn't really sure I'd ever make more than a simple dish. Then I took an "advanced" beginners class from one of our longtime artistic members, Sue, and was able to gain some advanced skills. I started believing that, yes, I can do this!



In addition to the joy the hands-on experience brings me, I can't say enough about the people I've met and friends I've made. Everyday someone willingly shares something new. Every day we find something to laugh about, and every day I feel kindness. Please stop in and see all the art in process, and the treasures for sale. And look me up - I'd love to show you around My Happy Place.



Top Right: Claymates Studio member Kris Massie

Top Left: Bowl by Kris Massie | **Middle Left:** Poodle vase with blooms by Kris Massie

Bottom Left: Pup trio by Kris Massie

Bottom Middle: Never Grow Up by Kris and Nora | Bottom Right: Floral elegance by Kris Massie







Club contact: Marilyn Reed | 602-432-4024



Come and See the Luminarias at Fairway Ridge



Luminarias light the way on Christmas Eve each year

Every year on Christmas Eve, the residents at Fairway Ridge volunteer their time and efforts to make this a wonderful event to be shared with our entire Westbrook Village Community. Hundreds of simple paper lanterns are made by placing a votive candle in some sand inside a paper bag, and then lining the streets and walkways with them.

At dusk on December 24, be sure to head over to W. 94th Land and N. Lakeview Road at the Lakes and either stroll or drive slowly alongside the beautifully lit neighborhood in the cool evening air. Bring your hot chocolate in a thermos—a perfect outing!

This traditional light show brightens the community until well after midnight.



WV Veterans Club NEWS

Community * Patriotism * Camaraderie

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Christmas Party – Wednesday, December 10 – 6:00 pm – Lakes Recreation Center

- Free for members
- \$15 for non-members

(Join the club for only \$10 per person and attend the holiday party for free!)

Coffee with a Veteran – Friday, December 19 – 10:00 am – Lakes Recreation Center

Join us at the Coffee with a Vet, where camaraderie and community come together over a cup of coffee. Whether you're seeking support or simply want to share experiences, our welcoming atmosphere is the perfect place to forge meaningful connections. Coffee and Donuts provided. Donuts donated by BoSa Donuts – N. Lake Pleasant Rd.

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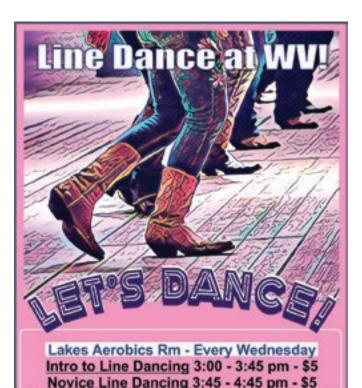
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visit our facebook page for more info - CLUB GEN XVZ

The WV Veterans Club
Supports Our Troops Deployed Abroad



Above: Linda Wright shares her finished ornament while

"Operation Veteran's Care Package" was a tremendous success! Dozens of WV residents gathered at the Lakes Ballroom to build thoughtfully planned care packages for troops deployed overseas. Thanks to the ongoing and tireless efforts of Youth 4 Troops in our area, the event went off like a well-oiled machine!

All the items were already purchased, so an assembly line was formed to include all the gifts and to add a personal note to each care package. Volunteers also decorated ornaments to

help with the R.E.D. (Remember Everyone Deployed) aspect of the effort. The atmosphere was filled with holiday music and a jovial spirit was felt by all attending.

Thank you, Veterans Club, for your unending support for our Veterans and their families, and for contributing to our military in such a meaningful way for this time of year. May each serviceman deployed abroad experience a special touch during this season as they are far from their families.



Above Left: Club President Carl Ulbrich spoke to the group about the gifts going out to the troops and their impact

Bottom Left: Everyone pitched in to fill the care packages for the troops

Above Right: An assembly line was formed to fill the care packages with all the specially gathered goodies

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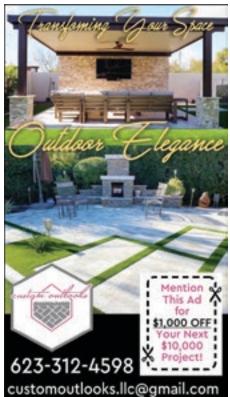






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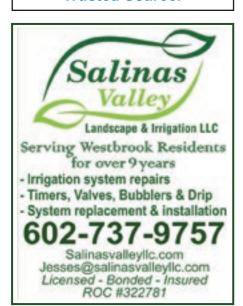
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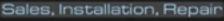


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Technology Club Tip of the Month!



Questions about the best email providers and email clients? Attend our free Windows Workshop on December 9th at 2 p.m. hosted by John Ellsworth!

("Windows World" is the second Tuesday of the month – tune in for upcoming Workshops!)

Additional December Workshops:

Tech Talk Thursday, December 4th 6 p.m., topic "Web Meetings" hosted by Pete Lawton

Apple Bytes Workshop on Wednesday, December 10th, 2 p.m. hosted by Pat Williamson

All will be held in the Technology Room at the Lakes Rec Center

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Technology Club – Member of the Month

Jerry Davis

Jerry Davis is a Westbrook resident for over 9 years. Married to Donna over 53 years with two children and five grandchildren. Air Force Veteran (1971 to 1975). Work experience included over 35 years at Baxter Healthcare with increasing experience in the hospital



laboratory, pharmaceutical manufacturing, purchasing, supply chain and product development. Over five years consulting in supply chain and product development. Global responsibility for sourcing and product development offices in Europe, India, Far East, and Latin America. Responsible for over \$940 million in purchases. Volunteer activities in Westbrook Village included: AARP Tax Aide (10 years), Pickelball Treasurer (3 years), Computer Club Treasurer (3 years) and Veteran Club (4 years). Interests include Walking, Hiking, Pickleball, and Biking.

The Technology Club has a few open positions we are seeking Volunteers for.

- Communications Coordinator
- Events Coordinator
- Workshops Coordinator



If you are interested please contact the Club at 623-266-8120 or wbcc@live.com



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NOTE**We are NOT a Tech Support group and cannot provide specific tech support, setup assistance or in-home device support



NEEDLE ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB NEWS

with Joanne Eichler

Even though we sold much at the craft fair, we may still have some Rudolph wall hangings left-- Please stop by the studio. If you have that special person to buy for on your holiday shopping list, visit the Needle Arts Studio and select a unique handcrafted gift made right here in Westbrook Village. Studio hours at the Vistas are Tuesday and Thursday 1-3 pm.

The club is making plans for a Christmas Pot Luck luncheon for club members in the Vistas Ballroom on Tuesday, December 9 from 12 to 2pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS The Club would like to thank all WV residents who donate supplies for club use. Your donations are put to very good use when we donate every year to local organizations who serve

> our community. Please contact Linda Gierescher, our club President, to determine if your item can be used and how to arrange for drop off at the NAAC studio.



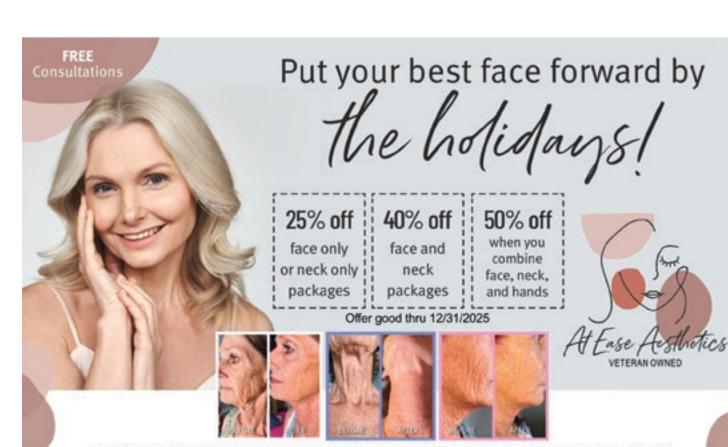
Above: Linda Wright, President, Linda Gierescher, VP Gwen Borlaug, Secretary, Wanda Swichtenberg

KNITTING NEWS Starting in January, the Needle Arts and Crafts Club is offering a **Beginner Knitting Class**. This class will be free to NAAC members. If you're interested, feel free to join the club. Annual dues are \$15.00. More information will be available in next month's Living Magazine.

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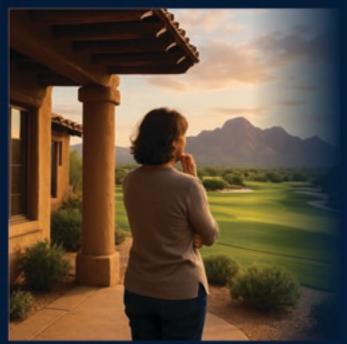
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