

### Painting in the Park, See inside

# LAKESELOG



Congressional winner, See inside

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# Poker Regatta breaks records

It was an exceptionally beautiful day and everyone was excited to enjoy the day and our neighbors.

Residents and their families and guests had loads of fun at the annual Lakes' Poker Regatta held Saturday, March 29th.

The boaters and bikers and walkers traveled around The Lakes to the seven dock stations.

Over 400 scorecards were played this year – another new record!

All enjoyed a picnic in the park with our standard fried chicken, salads, chips and cookies.

Music by the Pearl Ridge Duo was enjoyed by all. What a great day!

Thank you to our official "dock workers": Cat & Rich Lemy, Jan Blanco, Christy Dye, Karena Regan, Cody Roth and daughters, Ray & Sabine Oliver, Alison Sotak, Danielle Jones, Mary Mai, Julia Recker, Cheryl Nay, Alecia Kindgren and Maureen Harrison.

And a special thanks to our Official Judges: Lori and Darrell Johnson, and Sam Marcus. Special thanks was given to Bob Marshak, who has volunteered as a Judge for more than 20 years and is leaving the Lakes.

There were many winning poker hands.

The top eight winners were all four of a kind or full houses. All of those hands received a prize! Alex VanDerWerf was the top winner, with Zachary on Holly Solberg's boat a close second place.

Other top winners were Eric Prendergast, Peter Eldridge on Gordon Whelpley's boat, Bob Winston on Bill Winston's boat, Chuck on Rhonda Walters boat, Colleen Concannon, and Heidi Andrews.

Eight "lucky loser" hands also won prizes.

Thank you to all the Lakes staff who helped make this a fun day!

See you next year on March  $28^{th}$ .

Submitted by Maureen Harrison, Activity Committee

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Concert in the Park with Walt Richardson and Friends: A fun afternoon, great music. More photos, P.6

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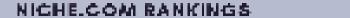








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A big thank you to everyone who voted in the community. A record number of homeowners voted to confirm that we are keeping our CCRs intact to retain enforcement rights for inoperable vehicles, boats, RVs and commercial vehicles within the Lakes community. The results were as follows: Yes votes 519; No votes 20.

I think that the record number of homeowners who voted was probably due to the volunteers who walked each and every street and talked to other homeowners about the importance of keeping our original CCRs and encouraged them to vote.

I want to thank Maureen Harrison for organizing the volunteer walkers. I also want to thank the following homeowners for walking and talking to their neighbors about the importance of this vote: Jean Di Ross, Suzanne Reddie, Georgi Hagerty, Robert Garcia, Allison McClelland, Cheryl Nay, Nate Hoffman, Jack Herbert, Anne and Steve Brown, Dan Rossi, Scott Leffler, Colleen and Gary Dehler, Alecia Kindgren, Leslie House, Roz Lloyd, Janet Corrigan, Holly Solberg, Monique Taetle, Jim Ramsey, Becky Huff, and Ann Etheridge.

The success of our vote was due to the coming together of our community, realizing the importance of our CCRs and maintaining our



beautiful community while upholding our property values.

I want to remind all homeowners who have watercraft of any kind that they have an obligation to register them and display current Lakes watercraft stickers and their lot numbers on their boats. I have previously asked for all boat registration to be in by March 1. It is now April and I have seen a large number of unregistered boats. Please come to the Clubhouse to register your boats or be prepared to receive a notification and a fine.

Last week, while I was irrigating the greenbelt along Southshore, opening the cistern where water is delivered from the canals, someone saw the water flowing and bubbling and called SRP to report it, not knowing that this is how our long stretch of greenbelt gets watered.

SRP does not flood irrigate our property. I am responsible for the greenbelt irrigation. I schedule

the delivery with SRP, I open the gates to let in the water in and I shut the gates when the flooding is complete. When a call is made to them, they call me and charge the association for having received the call.

I know Lakes homeowners want to be good citizens and don't want to see water wasted, but we are not wasting water.

This has been the method used to water the greenbelt and the trees for the last 54 years. I am very mindful of our water usage and I monitor it hourly while we do the flood irrigation. I know that seeing the water bubbling out of the cistern structure and the bubblers along the greenbelt can be alarming to newcomers, but it is the method used to keep our greenbelt green. I do not irrigate in the winter months since the bermudagrass is dormant, but I do occasionally add water for the trees while I am filling the lake.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any concerns versus calling SRP or the police. I will continue to be mindful of our water usage while keeping our community looking lush and green.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me; 480-332-0050.

Christine





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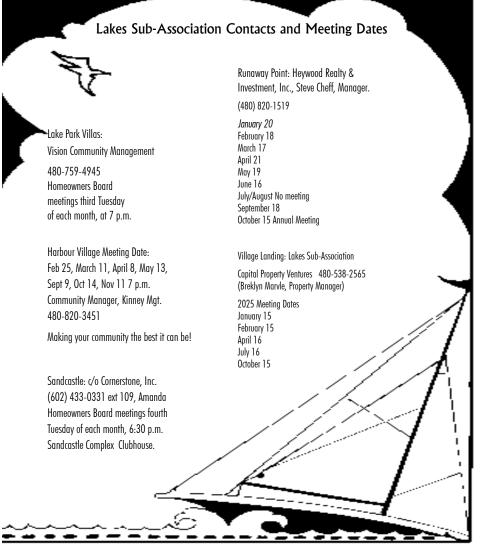
### **MEETING SCHEDULE** April 23, 2025

Christine Baldanza, Community Manager christineb@thelakesoftempe.com

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### **LCA Committees** & Chairpersons

- Activity-Meets 2nd Monday, 5:45 p.m.
- Architectural—As needed
- Architectural Nominating Committee - Nate Hoffman
- Budget & Finance— Mondays before BoD meeting at 7 p.m.
- Fishing & Boating-Clark Fisher Meets 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m.
- Lakes Women's Club— Betty McCarney, 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.



### Financials as of November 30, 2024

**Total Current Assets** \$601,916

**Total Reserve Assets** \$1,481,019

**Net Fixed Assets** 

\$147,650

**Total Assets** 

\$2,230,585

**Total Liabilities** 

\$220,804

**Total Fund Balances** \$2,009,781

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances \$2,230,585

### **Board Meeting Dates**

No Meeting

)	January	22
١	Annual Meeting F	ebruary 11
	February	26
)	March	26
)	April	23
١	May	28
	June	25
)	July	No Meeting
)	August	27
١	September	24
	October	22
)	November	19

December

The first annual meeting of the members was held on Feb 8, 1972 and has been held on the second Tuesday in February at 8:00 p.m. ever since.

An agenda is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board five days prior to the monthly Board meeting.

Members who desire to discuss a problem with the Board and seek a resolution are requested to provide the Association office with a short description of the problem and any proposed solution at least seven days prior to the meeting.

The information will be included in the Board's meeting package.

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### SCAN FOR SPECIAL OFFERS



## $\it More\ from\ Pg1-Fun\ for\ all\ with\ Walt\ Richardson\ and\ Friends\ at\ our\ Concert\ in\ the\ Park$













# Spring Fling 2025... Rock out with Rock Lobster!

Dudes, it's time to flash back to the 80's! Break out your parachute pants, leg warmers, Valley Girl speak, and hairband to join us at The Lakes Spring Fling! Saturday April 26 starting at 4 PM.

Rock Lobster, the Valley's most rad 80's cover band will be jamming out with us again this year. Come hang out, enjoy the music and dance the evening away! We will have 80's trivia and prizes for the team with the best memory.

Join us for a fun Saturday evening in the park and enjoy the beautiful Arizona Spring weather.

Spring Fling is a free event! We will not be serving food so bring your own favorite munchies along with your favorite drinks.

So, moonwalk over to the Beach and Tennis Club Large Park and enjoy a blast from the past!

Submitted by Denise Rentschler for The Lakes Activities Committee

### Lakes Easter Egg Hunt: Welcome again, Mr. Bunny

Every year, the Lakes Activity Committee puts on an egg hunt for kids, so bring the little ones to the Lakes Beach and Tennis Club for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 9 AM on *Saturday*, *April* 19.

Those 2-4 years will gather eggs in the Kids Cove at 9 AM and, of course, there will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny.

Children 5-7 years will hunt on the west side of the Large Park at 9:15 AM and should line up at the black gate just outside the gym.

Those 8-12 years will hunt on the east side of the Large Park and should line up by the double black gate down by the dumpster at 9:15 AM.



**Lakes Activity Committee** 

# COVER STORY — POKER REGATTA Continued from Pg. 1















### Cocktails and Paint made for a creative (and enjoyable!) afternoon of fun in the park.











10 Dimes and 2 Quarters are all you need for a Tuesday evening of fun!! Bring your own drinks, snacks and friends. You're guaranteed to have fun and may be a winner at the same time! Hope to see you there April 8 at 6:30 PM.

# Dime Bingo



### Get ready now for Lakes Spring Garage Sale

Recycle those treasures and GO Green! The Lakes Spring Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 7:30 AM to approximately 1 PM.

Sign up at the Clubhouse and get your official Lakes Garage Sale Day permit. The fee is only \$10. Be sure to post this permit on the day of the Garage Sale. Also on the back of the permit is important information about places to donate left-over items.

The Women's Club will do all the media advertising and decorate the entrances to The Lakes with signs and balloons the day of the sale. Please put up your own signs especially at the end of your streets to help people find you!

We'll have people walking the neighborhood on Saturday, April 12 asking for your permit. If you can't get a permit before Saturday, you can pay for one that day. But please, please make time to get to the Clubhouse prior to Saturday for your permit.

This way you can be on the official Lakes Garage Sale Map so everyone will know you're open and ready for business.

This small \$10 fee is our way of helping to fund charitable contributions to community programs.

The Lakes Women's Club sponsors this event and all proceeds from permits are used to fund things needed and used by us for our community center.

A win for everyone.

If you do not want to pay the \$10 fee, please do not have your garage sale on this day.

This is a fun Lakes event, and a perfect time for "spring cleaning".

It's fun to participate and fun to walk around hunting for treasures.

Submitted by Jennie Cohagen for the LWC

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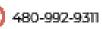
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Take the first step toward a healthier, more vibrant life. Schedule your consultation with Dr. Sara Bulson today!



A resident of The Lakes, Dr. Sara Bulson is a licensed Naturopathic Doctor who specializes in family health and emotional wellbeing. With a deeep commitment to holistic care, Dr. Bulson believes in the body's innate ability to heal itself, and she partners with you to create a personalized treatment plan tailored to your unique needs.

Whether you're looking to enhance your overall health, address specific concerns, or improve your emotional balance, Dr. Bulson offers a range of natural therapies to support your journey to wellness.







Lakes Book Club
Features . . .

'The Wind Knows My Name' Lakes residents are invited to attend the Lakes Book Club on Thursday, April 17 at 7 PM.

We will be meeting upstairs at the Lakes Clubhouse.

All are welcome to attend the discussion even if you have not read the book. Diane Escalante will continue a discussion of *The Wind Knows My*   $\it Name$  by Isabel Allende.

The lives of a Jewish boy escaping Nazi occupied Europe on the Kindertransport and a mother and daughter fleeing twenty-first century El Salvador intersect in this ambitious, intricate novel about war and immigration and the kindness of strangers who become family.

# 2025 Spring schedule

**April 17** - *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende

**May 15** - The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict

**June 19** - Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

### For more information, please contact the Lakes Book Club Coordinators listed below:

- Patsy Policar perkypatsy@cox.net
- Diane Escalante descalante62@gmail.com
- April Sapinski Lrkinc@aol.

# Saddle Up. OTLB Goes to Feta Cowboy

Lakes residents and their guests are invited to join the Out To Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, April 9 at noon at Feta Cowboy,1840 E. Warner Road, suite 108, Tempe on the northeast corner of McClintock and Warner.

Feta Cowboy is a new concept from the founders of Pita Jungle. The counter-service restaurant, which takes over a strip-mall corner space formerly home to CoreLife Eatery, offers a menu that mixes Mediterranean food with Southwest cuisine.

The menu is segmented into bowls (\$10.99-\$14.99) and handhelds (\$8.99-\$11.99). Signature creations include a brisket kimchi burrito (\$11.99), a spicy chicken bowl (\$11.99), and a hummus and birria dip (\$12.99).

There's also an option to build your own bowl (\$10.99), pita (\$9.99), or burrito (\$8.99). Protein choices are chili-braised chuck roast, gyro, chicken

shawarma, chicken taouk, salmon, cowboys kebab, or brisket. The full menu may be viewed at fetacowboy.com

Feta Cowboy offers seven sauces, ranging from salsa verde to harissa, and five kinds of pico.

Please make reservations at the Clubhouse no later than Monday, April 7. Let us know if you need a ride, as we will carpool from the Clubhouse at 11:30 for a 12:00 luncheon.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennie Cohagen at 602-451-6177 or April Sapinski 602-430-4413. The Out To Lunch Bunch meets the second Wednesday of the month from September through May.

### Swim Team Season Nears Everybody Into the Pool!

We are excited to get the 2025 Summer Swim Season going and this year holds significance, as we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary as the Lakes Snakes Swim Team.

• April 21 - Online registration will open to the Lakes Community Residents only at www.lakesssnakes.com. You must live in the Lakes community and provide a valid lot number before registration will be approved. There will be a max capacity limit on all age groups so please register as soon as possible to secure your spot.



- April 28 Online registration will open to everyone.
- May 18 Cookies with Coaches 3 to 5
  PM at The Lakes Clubhous. More information will be provided at Cookies with
  Coaches.

• June 2nd - First day of practice for all age groups.

### **Team practices Monday-Friday**

• 6 – 7 AM: Ages 13-Over

7 − 8 PM: Ages 9-10 & 11-12yrs

• 8 – 8:45: AM Ages 8-Under

Cost for swim season: Lakes Residents: \$150 per swimmer

Non-Lakes Residents - \$200 per swimmer

Looking forward to seeing everyone,

The Lakes Snakes Swim Team Committee



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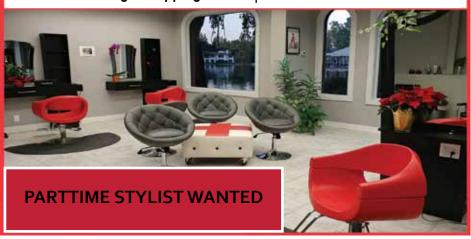


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### Play Mah Jongg at The Lakes

Tuesday afternoon, Friday morning

re have two opportunities for Lakes residents to play Mah Jongg upstairs at the Clubhouse: Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 3 PM and Friday morning from 9 to 11 AM.

LynnAnn Wojciechowicz is in charge of the Tuesday afternoon group.

Jane Toaspern is in charge of the Friday morning group.

We must be notified by 8 PM the night before you wish to play in order for us to accommodate

Contact LynnAnn on Monday to play on Tuesday by texting: 602-769-5088.

Contact Jane on Thursday to play on Friday by texting: 602-403-8620.

We use the National Mah Jongg League 2024 card, which will be good through March 2025.

In January, LynnAnn will begin taking orders for the National Mah Jongg League 2025 card.

The card will be mailed out the first part of April.

If you don't have a card, but would like to learn, phone or text LynnAnn (602-769-5088) or email her: lynnannw@gmail.com.

LynnAnn is happy to teach you how to play this exciting game of skill and luck that keeps Alzheimer's at bay.

### Yoga at The Lakes

Sunday Yoga at The Lakes Beach and Tennis Club

### Yoga Hit

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (30 minutes)

Level: Intermediate to advanced Description: Intense 25-minute

Focus: Ten 2-minute strengthening and flexibility exercises for core and overall body

Concludes with a 5-minute flow cool down and relaxation

### Gentle Yoga

Time: 11:05 AM - Noon (55 minutes) Level: Suitable for all ages and skill levels

Description: Focus on slow and mindful movements

flexibility, improve balance, enhances body awareness

Benefits: Reduces stress, increase

#### **March Focus**

Yoga Hit - Build strength and flexibility with spinal mobility and core power!

Gentle Yoga - Nurture your core, release stress, and invite more flexibility into your spine.

Let's flow into spring feeling strong and refreshed.

#### Class Pricing:

Yoga Hit: \$10.00 Drop In Lakes residents can grab a 10-class pass for just \$60 - no expiration date! Stop by the Front Desk to get yours.

Gentle Yoga: Complimentary (a \$5 donation recommended). Donations support instructors and a community lunch on the fourth Sunday of every other month after class.

Attendees of Yoga Hit are welcome to stay for Gentle Yoga at no extra cost.

Instructors — Malachi Crawford and Jeff Jurkowitz, certified voga teachers through Yoga Alliance and The Kundalini Yoga Research Institute.

# For Lakes teen, a coveted U.S. Congressional Award

Congratulations to Lakes teen and Tempe Prep senior Brian Mause for earning the U.S. Congressional Award Silver Medal!

An outstanding achievement, the award recognizes initiative, service, and achievement in America's youth. The award is Congress' highest recognition for young Americans.

To qualify, Brian got involved in Tempe Prep's Congressional Award Club and completed over 200 hours of volunteer service, 100 hours of personal development, 100 hours of physical fitness, and a planned 3-day expedition.

For Voluntary Public Service, Brian focused most of his efforts on serving the school community at Tempe Prep and the Tempe community at large.

Brian participated in park and hiking trail clean-ups to help beautify the community.

He worked at local nonprofits doing service such as packing food boxes at Feed My Starving Children, packing medical supplies at Project C.U.R.E. in Tempe, and making gingerbread houses with clients at The Center for Habilitation.

Brian served on Teen Court juries at Tempe Prep and was the assistant coach for both the middle school Swim and Robotics teams. His favorite service project was rewriting the VEXcode VR solution code which is now used by teachers in over 100 countries worldwide to instruct students on how to use Python code to control a robot.



The Congressional Award was a great program, and it opened me up to so many new experiences I wouldn't have had if I had not participated. By making and completing goals for the award, I have many opportunities in front of me that I would not have had otherwise.'

— Brian Mause

For Personal Development, Brian decided that he wanted to learn how to play the guitar. Through weekly lessons and hours of practice, Brian was able to go from a complete novice to learning both the acoustic and electric guitar. His favorite music is classic rock, and he really enjoys playing songs from AC/DC, Def Leppard, Led Zeppelin, and Pink Floyd.

For Physical Fitness, Brian competed on Tempe Prep's varsity Swim, Track & Field, and Wrestling teams. Brian enjoyed his time with all of his teams, but his favorite place to compete was in the pool. Brian was the team Captain for the Swim team his senior year and qualified for the State Swim Championships in two individual and two relay events.

For the Expedition/Exploration, Brian planned a road trip for his family to explore Southern Arizona.

They visited Tucson, Tubac, and Nogales, Mexico. Brian says that the highlights of the trip were the Pima Air and Space Museum, the Titan Missile Museum, and haggling with street vendors in Nogales.

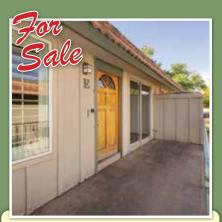
Brian's involvement in Tempe Prep and community activities have already garnered him many college admissions and scholarships, including Congressional nominations to the U.S. Naval and Merchant Marine Academies.

We are excited to see what the future holds for our Lakes teen!

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