The Happenings

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We are nearly there!

- We are putting finishing touches on the interior of Palm Creek Golf and Gifts and have started to move in our merchandise. We hope to be open later this month.
- We have begun the installation of our commercial refrigeration equipment, as well as stoves and ovens in the kitchen. We expect to have this complex open for our New Year’s Eve gala.
- Our patios outside The Pantry and PC Golf and Gifts are nearly complete. We plan to hold functions there later this month.
- Curbs and roads are being laid in Phases 3B and 3C in the ‘north 40.’

We appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we complete these multi-million dollar expansion projects.

Kevin Flynn
General Manager
Enjoy the Holidays!

Guest Services Will Be Closed Christmas Day

Guest Services Will Be Open New Year's Day 8:00am to 5:00pm

The Back Gate is open 7:00am to 5:00pm each day of the week.

Merry Christmas!

Now that the holidays are upon us, remember we have rentals available through the end of December. Give yourself the “Gift of Family” for the holidays! We have Park Models, as well as 1 and 2 Bedroom units available so just stop by or give me a call (520) 371-5833 for more information.
Merry Christmas to all of our wonderful friends at Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort. This time of year brings special memories to mind of the friendships we have made through the years with each of you and in this community. Cherished memories. On behalf of everyone at the CSC, you are wished a prosperous New Year filled with great wealth, health and happiness.

**Special Christmas Party For Cancer Survivors and Caregivers**

We are hosting a special Christmas party this year for all of our cancer survivors and caregivers. Please join us for a celebration of living life to its fullest. We are planning a special tribute to our cancer survivors and their caregivers with delicious goodies and Christmas treats. Please call or email Diane Gaines if you would like to join the fun!

Kristen.gaines@21co.com or call 520-426-7641

**When:** Saturday, December 16, 2017

**Where:** Cancer Support Center

**Time:** 4:00pm—6:00pm
Hello Friends!

Aren’t we cute in our little elf outfits? After a very busy November, it will be nice to settle into the holidays and feel some Christmas cheer!

Although we’ve experienced some construction delays, our traditional Christmas dinner will continue as planned in the SanTan Room. Please don’t delay in picking up your tickets.

Then, the first event in the new Ballroom will be our New Year’s Eve bash! What a great way to ring in the New Year and Grand Palms Ballroom! Like last year, we will start counting down the New Year at 9:00pm, and every hour after that until midnight (for those who can’t make it to our midnight). Don’t miss this huge celebration!

As you can see, our schedule is fairly light this month because we know you are busy preparing for the holidays too and spending quality time with family and friends. I am especially excited to spend Christmas with my family in Spokane, Washington. I will come back rejuvenated and energized for our events in 2018!

—Marion

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**Holiday Golf Cart Contest and Parade**

It’s time to spruce up your golf carts for Palm Creek’s Holiday Golf Cart Contest and Parade. Get your carts ready for Friday, December 15th. We will meet at the parking lot by central mailboxes at 5:30pm. The parade will start on Cole Circle to Oasis, and then join Cole Circle again back to the Clubhouse. We will be awarding a $30 Sun gift card to the owner of the best decorated cart and a $20 Sun gift card to the runner-up. Let’s have some holiday fun!
Get Your Dancin’ Shoes Out!

We are starting up our dances for the season this month. Initially, all dances will be held in the SanTan/Sonora Rooms, while the Ballroom is being completed. Don’t fret! We are installing a portable dance floor just for you!

On December 2nd, the Newtones (formerly the Realtones) will be playing some of that great dance music from the 60’s and 70’s. Then on December 9th, DJ and the Midnight Sun will take the spotlight. Now don’t let the name fool you as this is a band and not a disc jockey. DJ are his initials!

Then our last dance for this month will be the ever popular Come Back Buddy on December 23rd, playing all of your favorite Buddy Holly tunes.

On December 12th, we will be holding our monthly Craft Fair, with the same setup as we had last month where some of the vendors were in the SanTan/Sonora Rooms and some outside on the thoroughfare in front of Palm Park.

Our first bus trip is on December the 13th when we will be heading up to the Phoenix Zoo for ZooLights. Here millions of little lights can be found on the three-story lighted tree, hundreds of glimmering light displays, lakeside Music-in-Motion shows and more! The bus will depart Palm Park at 5:00pm.

Have you started cleaning out your storage? We will be holding our first Patio Sale of the season on December 16th. This is a great opportunity to sell that extra TV or skateboard! Stop by the Activities Office and sign up for the sale. That way we can be sure to add your site to the list and include your location on our map that will be available for shoppers. The last day to sign up will be on Wednesday, December 13th.

We are looking forward to having a spectacular season this year with lots of new shows and dances.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

—Mary Ann

Get out your scissors! Mesquite Elementary School is collecting BOX TOPS so that they can build shade shelters for their playground. BOX TOPS are on hundreds of products you know and love. A list is available by the collection jar in the Activities Office.
Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort extends a heartfelt thank you to our Palm Creek Pickleball Club for its tremendous support of the USAPA 2017 Pickleball Nationals Tournament. The Club volunteered more than 7,000 hours in preparation and execution of the tournament Nov 4-12, 2017. Approximately 1,400 players descended on Casa Grande to participate in this highly popular event, which was a whopping increase of 63% from last year! Club volunteers handled 2,401 matches on our 32 courts, and remaining matches were played at Robson Ranch in Eloy. **Palm Creek Pickleball Club: You absolutely rock and we couldn’t have done this without you!**

Palm Creek’s food concessions also noticed the increase in players and spectators by a 40% increase in transactions. We also hosted a Pizza Party, Ambassador Dinner, and their Inaugural Hall of Fame Dinner. Just imagine trying to prepare all this food out of our little Mobile Kitchen! **Palm Creek Kitchen Staff: You absolutely rock and amaze us every day!**

Are you wondering how we did all this? With style, grace, and huge contributions from the Pickleball Club and Palm Creek employees! They worked tirelessly as one team to showcase our beautiful resort, and kudos keep coming from USAPA, players, and spectators.

‘Hat’s off’ to Palm Creek Pickleball Board and Tournament Leads for a job well done!
Monday, Dec 4th
Join us for Monday Morning Coffee and Donuts at the Main Patio. This week’s coffee and donuts are sponsored by Norris RV. **Pick up your FREE ticket in the Activities Office! Tickets are available for December only.**

Monday, Dec 4th
It’s Bingo! Doors open at 5:30pm, card sales at 6:00pm and Bingo starts at 7:00pm in the SanTan Room. Your name badge is required. Bring your dobbers, snacks, beverages and get ready for fun!

Wednesday, Dec 6th
Today’s Patio Luncheon features a taco salad. Invite your friends to join you for lunch on the patio today starting at 11:30am.

Thursday, Dec 7th
Tonight it’s our Christmas Chorus Show at 7:00pm in the SanTan/ Sonora Rooms. Come prepared to share holiday joy! See Page 21 for details.

Friday, Dec 8th
Come enjoy the first of our Friday breakfasts! Blueberry pancakes will be piping hot for you! Pancakes with bacon and fruit will be served from 7:30—9:00am. Cost is $8.00pp.

Saturday, Dec 9th
An evening of dancing and music by DJ and the Midnight Suns awaits you! This dance starts at 7:00pm in the SanTan Room. Tickets are $12 pp. BYOB.

Monday, Dec 11th
Join us for Monday Morning Coffee and Donuts at the Main Patio. This week’s coffee and donuts are sponsored by Amazing Dental. **Pick up your FREE ticket in the Activities Office! Tickets are available for December only.**

Monday, Dec 11th
It’s Bingo! Doors open at 5:30pm, card sales at 6:00pm and Bingo starts at 7:00pm in the SanTan Room. Your name badge is required. Bring your dobbers, snacks, beverages and get ready for fun!

Thursday, Dec 7th
It’s time for some golf followed by dinner! Our Nine-and-Dine events are hosted by the Palm Creek Golf and Gifts and The Pantry. Golf at 2:30pm and dinner at 4:30pm. **Please sign up at PC Golf and Gifts.**
**Tuesday, Dec 12th**

It’s Craft Fair time. Come do your holiday shopping! Vendors will start sales at 9am in the SanTan/Sonora Rooms, as well as in the street in front of Palm Park.

**Wednesday, Dec 13th**

Today’s Patio Luncheon features chili dog, fries and cole slaw. Invite your friends to join you for lunch on the patio today starting at 11:30am.

**Wednesday, Dec 13th**

Our bus is heading to Phoenix ZooLights, an amazing spectacle of holiday lights. Bus departs Palm Park at 5:00pm.

**Thursday, Dec 14th**

Our PC Golf and Gifts is having a holiday shopping party from Noon until 5:00pm. Come see our great holiday gifts!

**Friday, Dec 15th**

It’s Time for Dinner! We are serving up a 10oz ribeye with shrimp at 5:00pm in the SanTan Room. Cost is $25pp.

**Saturday, Dec 16th**

It’s our first Patio Sale of the season. Stop by the Activities Office at noon on Dec 15th for a listing of all participating residences. The sale starts at 8:00am on Saturday.

**Monday, Dec 18th**

Join us for Monday Morning Coffee and Donuts at the Main Patio. This week’s coffee and donuts are sponsored by Freedom RV. **Pick up your FREE ticket in the Activities Office! Tickets are available for December only.**

**Monday, Dec 18th**

It’s Bingo! Doors open at 5:30pm, card sales at 6:00pm and Bingo starts at 7:00pm in the SanTan Room. Your name badge is required. Bring your dobbers, snacks, beverages and get ready for fun!

**Tuesday, Dec 19th**

New Image Fashions presents its fall collection at 10:00am on the Main Patio. Save 25-75% off retail. Come indulge in a little retail therapy.
Events and Activities

**Tuesday, Dec 19th**

It’s time for some golf followed by dinner! Our Nine-and-Dine events are hosted by the Palm Creek Golf and Gifts and The Pantry. Golf at 2:30pm and dinner at 4:30pm. Please sign up at PC Golf and Gifts.

**Wednesday, Dec 20th**

Today’s Patio Luncheon features chicken strips and baked potato salad. Invite your friends to join you for lunch on the patio today starting at 11:30am.

**Friday, Dec 22nd**

Come enjoy Friday Breakfast with us! Our Western Breakfast Bowl and pastry bar will be waiting for you. Breakfast will be served from 7:30—9:00am. Cost is $8.00pp.

**Saturday, Dec 23rd**

Bring your dancin’ shoes for an evening with Come Back Buddy starting at 7:00pm in the SanTan Room. Tickets are $12 pp. BYOB.

**Saturday, Dec 24th**

The Palm Creek Chapel will be holding Christmas Eve Candlelight Services tonight at 7:00pm in the SanTan/Sonora Rooms.

**Monday, Dec 25th**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are serving a traditional Christmas dinner today at 2:00pm in the SanTan/Sonora Rooms. Cost is $16.00pp.

**Friday, Dec 29th**

Join us for golf. This shotgun start will be at 1:00pm, with the best two balls out of four gross. Prizes and lunch will follow at 3:00pm. Entry fee is $25.00pp. Please sign up at PC Golf and Gifts.

**Sunday, Dec 31st**

Come ring in the New Year in the Grand Palms Ballroom tonight at 8:00pm! Be the first to experience our newest facility. Hors d’oeuvres will be served as you dance to the music of Spotlight. Tickets are $25.00pp. BYOB.
Palm Creek is again supporting a Christmas party for Pinal County for CASA, Inc, a local foster program for children. A ‘giving tree’ is set up in the Activities Office with paper ornaments listing the age and gender of each child needing a gift. We ask that you pick up an ornament and return with an unwrapped gift valued between $35 and $50. If you are not a shopper or are stumped on what to buy for your child, we will gladly accept your tax deductible donation in cash or check made payable to PCCI. Please no bicycles as we have no where to store them. Please do not wrap the gifts rather bring them back in a gift bag by Thursday, Dec 7th by 5:00pm.

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated, especially by the children who may not otherwise have a Christmas gift at all.
Happy Holidays, Friends!

It’s hard to believe that December is here and soon snow will be covering the ground...Oh, I forgot I am not in Indiana! I think my crew and I have adapted very well to our smaller kitchen quarters. It’s amazing what can be accomplished when we put our heads together. With that said, here’s what’s in store for the month of December.

Patio lunches return this month. We will serve from the MK window and then invite you to eat and mingle with friends at the patio.

- Dec 6th—Taco Salad
- Dec 13th—Chili dog, French fries and cole slaw
- Dec 20th—Chicken strips, baked potato salad and chips
- Dec 27th—No patio lunch.

Also this month we will be starting our Friday Breakfast. Since we are still waiting for the completion of our new kitchen, we will be serving in the Adobe room at 7:30am.

Dec 8th—Fresh blueberry pancakes, bacon, fruit kabob, coffee and juice

Dec 22nd—Western Breakfast bowl (eggs, potatoes, cheese, green peppers, onions), pastry bar, coffee and juice

Tickets are still available at $8.00pp

Join us for our new Time for Dinner!

Dec 15th—10 oz. Ribeye steak, shrimp cocktail, baked potato, salad and Boston cream pie. In the Sonora South Room at 5:00pm.

Tickets still available at $25.00pp.

—Robin
Greetings, Palm Creek!

As we begin our golf season at Palm Creek, I would like to take a moment and wish everyone a safe holiday season.

We will be opening Palm Creek Golf and Gifts, formerly known as the Pro Shop, in December. Your golf experience will be a bit different this year—new facilities, new staff and new merchandise. We plan to offer a variety of items beyond those that are golf-related. We are introducing a boutique section, as well as Palm Creek signature items which make wonderful gifts for any occasion. Come by, see our new merchandise and experience the hospitality that my staff has to offer.

Golf lessons will commence on December 6th. The sign-up sheet is located in Palm Creek Golf and Gifts.

Our December Golf events are:

- Thursday, December 7th: Nine and Dine
- Saturday, December 16th: Christmas Golf
- Tuesday, December 19th: Nine and Dine
- Friday, December 29th: New Year’s Eve Golf Tournament

See you on the fairway!

—Nate

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Washington State Golf Tournament
Saturday, February 10th
8:00am
18 Holes + Food + Prizes + Fun!
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Tickets go on sale Jan 2nd
Contact Keith Williams at (253) 631-6049 or Jay Bell (425) 232-9027 for more information.
Palm Creek Sales Office

Parade of Homes
Every Friday at 9:00am at the Sales Office. Tour NEW and PRE-OWNED homes.

Cottage Home Sale!
Now on sale—NEW Cottage homes for $82,900.
Includes a three year space rent incentive PLUS a seven year warranty. Look for the signs throughout the resort.

Move-in Ready Village Homes
Marked down to $124,900 incl free landscaping as well as rent incentive AND home warranty.

OUR SALES OFFICE IS OPEN EVERY DAY
Mon—Fri 8:30am—5:00pm
Sat and Sun 11:00am—4:00pm

Referral Fee!
Receive $1,000 when you refer a family member or friend who purchases New home.

(520) 371-5850
Now Is the Time to Build Your Dream Home.

Pick a site in the new expansion area. Add your favorite floor plan. And voila...you can have your new home this season! Many of these lots are large enough to build a garage or store your RV.

Happy Holidays from the Sales Team at Palm Creek

(520) 371-5850
Happy Holidays!

Here it is the Holiday Season already. This year seems to be going by so fast. A lot of you will be mailing packages and mail back home. Allow extra days this time of year for them to be delivered or received here in the park. If there are storms and plane delays on the west or east coast, they will affect the mail delivery times.

We are again mentioning the fact that we need those pink package notification cards back as soon as possible in order to clean and reuse them.

For those of you who are leaving to go home for the holidays or rent your place out, please drop by the Mail Room and make arrangements for your mail.

Another reminder: you cannot pick up packages for anyone else even with their pink card unless we have heard from that person or you have a written authorization.

Please remember to wear your Palm Creek badge or have photo ID on you when you come to the Mail Room even with a pink card.

We wish all of our residents the best of the Holiday Season.

—Donna

Looking for An Opportunity to Volunteer?

The children at Mesquite Elementary School need help reading. Would you like to volunteer?

Where: Mesquite Elementary School (about a block past Walmart on Arizala)
When: Any day - one to five days a week
Any time - one hour per week to one plus hours every day
Age of children: Kindergarten thru fifth grade
Training: Orientation, tour of the school, getting to know the teachers and students.
Fingerprinting and background check is required.
How do I sign up: Contact Nancy Smith, 765.749-7940 (cell), bdnjsmith@msn.com

The need is great! They are waiting for you!
**Fax Services**

Need a fax? We have made adjustments to our capabilities so we can now fax your documents. Bring our documents to the Activities Office during business hours. Your documents will be faxed or scanned and sent electronically (eFAX) through our computer. Confirmation of successful delivery can take up to 15 minutes, so please be patient. The Activities Office can also scan and send your documents via email if you have an email address instead of FAX number. The flat rate for either of these methods is $3.00 per transmission; however, we strongly recommend you obtain an email address for your recipient as confirmation is immediate.

**Notary Services**

We have three notaries here at Palm Creek. Mary Ann Brown in the Activities Office, Amber Moore in Sales and Nancy Paust in Sales. If you need a document notarized, please make an appointment with one of these folks. There is no charge for notary services here at Palm Creek.

**Courtesy Phone**

The phone by the Concierge Desk in the Main Lobby has been moved to the Activities Office. Please note the phone will only be available for local calls (area code 520) or toll free numbers. This phone is available only when Activities is open.

**Resort Publications**

To become better stewards of our environment, we are encouraging our residents to sign-up to receive our monthly newsletter—The Happenings—by email. If you would like to receive this publication electronically, please stop by Activities and provide us with your email address.

We will no longer send out the newsletter in the resort mail. Should you want a printed copy, you may obtain one at the Concierge Desk at Guest Services.

The Ad Corner will continue to be distributed to residents via resort mail.

- Input for The Happenings should be directed to Barb Poole at (520) 371-5843 or bpoole@suncommunities.com.
- Input for The Ad Corner should be directed to Glo Mason at (520) 371-5846 or gmason@suncommunities.com.
What is Dog Agility? Agility is a GAME you PLAY with your dog. Agility is a sport that appeals to all dog lovers – from young people to the young at heart! Agility is designed to demonstrate a dog’s willingness to work with its handler in a variety of situations. It requires training and teamwork and promotes a chance to develop an even stronger bond with your dog. You do not need to compete to enjoy agility training.

Benefits Include:
- Confidence-building – Agility is a great way to build confidence in insecure dogs. Conquering obstacles shows them life is not so scary and that they can do anything!
- Strengthens Dog-Owner Bond – Agility is a team sport. It requires great communication and trust between dog and handlers.
- Exercise – Taking an agility class means getting active for both your dog and you.
- Fun – Most important, it is cherished time that you and your dog spend enjoying an activity together!

Palm Creek Agility Classes. To be eligible to participate your dog must have basic training skills. They must be able to sit, stay and walk on leash. No aggression of any kind is allowed. We want all of our participants and pooches to be safe!

We offer four levels of training with increasing levels of difficulty. Each class meets one day a week for 4 weeks. Cost for the 4 week class is $15.00. You and your dog must meet the minimum requirements to start a class or progress to the next class.

The four levels of training in order are:

**Foundation Class: Jan 2, 9, 16, 23 2018, 10:00 – 11:00am**
- For dogs getting started in agility. The focus will be on developing handling and relationship skills.
- Dogs need to be at least 6 months of age to start the class.
- Activities include: recalls, targeting, three-point barrels, walking wait, send through hoops, tunnels, weave poles with gates, etc.
- No jumps or contact equipment.

**Beginners Class: Jan 2, 9, 16, 23 2018, 11:00 – 12:00pm**
- Will build on skills developed in the Foundation Class.
- Dogs must be a minimum of 12 months of age to start the class.
- Activities will include an introduction to all agility obstacles, start lines, handling through gates, and sending to obstacles (continued on next page).
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**Intermediate Class:** Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 2018, 10:00 – 11:00am

- Will build on skills developed in the Beginners Classes.
- Dogs must be a minimum of 12 months of age to start the class.
- Activities will include practice in performing all agility obstacles, obstacle discrimination, jump sequences and handling skills.

**Working Group Class:** Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 2018, 11:00 – 12:00pm

- For experienced agility dogs and their handlers.
- Focus will be determined by participants.
- Activities can include front crosses, rear crosses, distance handling exercises and actual competition courses.

Class registration forms for the January classes can be picked up in the Activities office on the Agility Club clipboard in December. Class space is limited so don’t wait! Hope to see you and your favorite pooch in class!

For more information, contact Sue Reineck at (440) 554-4940.

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**CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Thursday, December 7th
7:00pm in the SanTan Room

**Tickets are $10pp and may be purchased from Chorus members or at the Concierge Desk on Nov 21st and Nov 30th from 10:00am to 1:00pm.**
**Club News**

**Singles Social Club**

We invite singles from Palm Creek to join us for social time and planned activities.

We have coffee and donuts in the Sonora North Room from 7:30—9:00am every Monday morning. We hold a social hour every Tuesday evening at 4:30pm. For the time being, we will gather at the Sports Complex. The first Thursday of every month we hold a potluck in the Sonora South Room. Bring a dish and a beverage. Game night will follow at 6:00pm. Watch NextDoor for reminders and changes to the schedule. If you have any questions, give Flo a call at (480) 390-0626.

**Poker**

Our poker lovers can be found any day of the week playing their favorite game. They’d love for you to join them! Stop by the Adobe Room for a complete schedule and details.

Are you ready to learn Texas Holdem or Omaha Hi/Lo? Our team of poker instructors hold classes on Wednesdays at 9:15am in the Adobe Room. You’ll meet for about 2 1/2 hours to learn the principles of the game. Beginner and advanced player instruction is offered. Classes are free! When you finish your instruction, you’ll be ready to try your hand at tournament play.

**Water Aerobics/Exercise**

The weather is nice so why not start your day in the pool? Water Aerobics is offered at the North Pool Monday thru Saturday at 8:30am and 9:30am. No experience is necessary and beginners are always welcome! Instruction starts out with some warm up exercises, progresses to toning and ends with stretches during the cool-down period. Each session lasts 45 minutes.

**Cocktails and Coloring**

Our group Cocktails and Coloring (previously Cocktails and Crayons) meets on Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 5:00pm each Wednesday. Bring a beverage, your favorite coloring books, pencils, markers or crayons. We have plenty of all those things to share. Come join us for a relaxing time.

**Drama Club**

Palm Creek Drama Club is gearing up for another ‘fun season.’ This year we plan on doing two short comedies, with one funnier than the other. Why not join us? Perusal scripts for *A New Sunrise* and *Off With His Head* are available in the Activities Office. Auditions will be held on Thursday, January 11th from 1:00 to 4:00pm in Sonora North. And we do need people to work backstage as well! Contact Dennis Haney at (701) 426-4103 for more information. Come check us out!
Palm Creek Art Studio

Our Art Studio is located in the Prickly Pear building on the Street of Dreams past the model homes. It is available for the artistic endeavors of all Palm Creek residents during the scheduled Open Studio hours monitored by Art Club Members. The schedule for the use of the Prickly Pear is posted. Open Studio use for non-Art Club members is $1 per day payable to the studio monitor.

Art Instruction

Classes using various mediums and styles are provided by several members of the Art Club. They may be geared specifically for beginners or for more advanced artists. These classes are usually held in the Art Studio. Information regarding content, time, fee and sign-up is posted separately by the individual instructor. Classes are open to all Palm Creek residents.

Art Club

Artists take out membership in the Art Club for the camaraderie and encouragement of like-minded people. Along with the Open Studio, membership benefits include the use of the art library and club equipment such as mat cutter, light box, easels, etc. Club members also enjoy monthly socials, may participate in the annual art show, display artwork in the studio, participate in monthly workshops, etc. There are monthly meetings and email communication to club members. Please stop by the Art Studio to see our artists at work and receive information about membership.

Palm Creek Community Chapel
Pastor: Debbie Killian

- Non-Denominational Church Service Sundays at 9:00am
- Communion on Sunday Dec 3rd
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7:00pm
- Bible Study Tuesdays at 10:00am
- Chapel Choir Rehearsal Sundays at 8:00am in the SanTan Room

For further information contact Pastor Debbie at (907) 315-8397 or bdkillian@hotmail.com
**Palm Creek Book Club**

The Palm Creek Book Club meets every other Friday in the Cholla Room at 2:00pm. On Friday, Dec 1st we will be discussing *The Zookeepers Wife* and on Friday, Dec 15th we will take a look at *Peaches for Father Francis*. Other recommendations for the month are *Hansel and Gretel* and *Once We Were Brothers*. Come join our discussions or just listen to comments about the books.

**Bicycle Club**

The Palm Creek Bicycle Club rides three times each week, 25-40 miles, at 10-12 mph. You can find Dave leading the group every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Helmets and an extra tube are required. We are looking for self-sufficient, experienced riders. Stops for coffee or lunch are included in every ride. For more information email Davereiter8701@gmail.com.

**Rec Water Volleyball**

Water volleyball beckons you! Come on out to the Sports Complex Pool at 2:00pm for some volleyball. No experience necessary. This is a social game where we volley the ball back and forth and revel in our successes. Come prepared to laugh...a lot. We play daily!

**Ladies Poker**

Ladies, need a break from ‘the routine’? Why not join us for Ladies Poker? We play every other Tuesday evening at 6:15pm in the Adobe Room. We will be playing Dec 5th and Dec 19th. We have added a little more excitement to our game this year. Get pocket queens and you and your table win extra chips! And of course we have our ‘consolation’ prize for the first woman out of the tournament. Join your friends and neighbors for some exciting Texas Holdem.

**Genealogy Club**

Palm Creek Genealogy Club meets each Tuesday in the SanTan room at 7:00pm. We welcome returning members and encourage anyone who has an interest in researching their family tree to join us. The December meeting will be a workshop format with time for comparing notes, internet research and using our club library.

**Tennis Club**

Come play tennis! December is filled with Open/Social Play Mondays thru Fridays from 9:30am until 11:00am. We will have our round robins set up in December, too. Check our bulletin board for our round robin schedule. Anyone can join and all skill levels are welcome. Our 2018 schedule is bursting with events and activities. See you on the courts!
**Pegs and Jokers**

Do you keep hearing about a board game called Pegs and Jokers? Pegs and Jokers is a North American race game for four, six or eight players, using playing-cards to move pegs around a board. Each player has five pegs, and the winners are the first team to move all their pegs from their START area to their HOME areas. It's lots of fun! Want to learn? Come to free lessons in the Adobe Room at 9:30 on Thursday mornings.

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**Trivia**

Come and join with friends and neighbors for a fun filled evening of TRIVIA. Play as an individual or a team or spontaneously join a team. The evening promises to be fun, challenging and informative. We meet on Wednesdays at 5:00pm in the Prickly Pear Room located to the north of the Sales Office. Bring a dollar to be pooled into a prize. For more information contact John or Donnalee at Phone: (520) 414-3332 or email: hobjon@gmail.com.

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**Welcome to the World of Mahjong**

There are primarily two forms of Mahjong being played at Palm Creek—National Mahjong (played with the 2017 card obtained from the National Organization) and Western Mahjong (an abbreviated form with special hands chosen from the Players Companion Book). For now, all players meet at the same time and join the table of their choice.

**PLAY SCHEDULE**

- Mondays 12:30pm in Sonora North
- Thursdays 6:30pm in Sonora South
- Friday 12:30pm in Sonora North (lessons included on Fridays)

**CLASSES**

Classes for Western are available Fridays at 12:30pm. It is best to come about 12:15pm to form tables. Come learn to play a FUN game and make new friends.

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**Gourd Art Classes**

New Gourd Art Classes start on Jan 4th and will be held every Thursday morning from 9:00am to Noon in the Cholla Room. Each class will be different and no experience is required. There is some prep work before class, leaving the fun and creativity for class time. Most of what is needed for the project including the gourd will be supplied. Please bring any gourd tools or supplies you might have at home. The cost is $35 per class. Feel free to leave notes or questions on the clipboard in Activities. For more information, contact Blanche Murrin at (219) 477-8591 or theblanche@comcast.net.
**Photo Club**

Do you have a camera? Would you like to use it more? Would you like to learn about photography? If so, join Palm Creek’s Photo Club on Monday mornings at 9:30am in the Sonora South Room. We welcome all skill levels—absolute beginner to accomplished photographer. Members shoot photos for weekly topics, an annual photo show, and a yearly club photo contest. In addition, field trips and walkabouts are held for members to practice what they learn each week. A Photoshop Elements class is held as a benefit of club membership. You will learn how to use Elements software to manage and improve photos. Please join us on Monday mornings or at least smile when you see us out with our cameras!

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**Socrates Discussion Group**

Are you interested in learning from others on important issues of today and discussing philosophies? This is your opportunity to express yourself and your opinion and be heard respectfully. Come join the Socrates Discussion Group. This is your chance to keep your brain active and alert. We meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm—8:30pm in the Ocotillo Room. For more information contact Larry Freebourg at (612) 723-5395, email larry@steppingthroughthe gate.com.

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**Mac Users Group**

Want to learn how to use your Mac more effectively? Need help with technical issues? Join us on Tuesdays from 1:00—3:00pm in the SanTan Room. Here you can learn to make the conversion from PC’s to Mac’s go smoother, learn the nuances of Apple including iPads and iPhones, learn from other users’ experience, reduce your fear to do ‘things’ and pick up ideas from other users. You can also learn basic operations, how to manage and access files, keyboard shortcuts, how to stay current with upgrades and manage your photos. For additional information contact Larry Freebourg at (612) 723-5395, email larry@steppingthroughthe gate.com or Jack McClesky at (503) 307-9737, email bigmac27@me.com.

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**Lawn Bowling**

Looking for some easy exercise and fun? Palm Creek Lawn Bowling Club welcomes you! Take our two hour Tuesday lesson, join the club ($15.00/year) and play in your first game that very afternoon! We bowl Mondays to Fridays at 12:45pm until about 3pm. Play any day you like. No equipment is needed and experienced club members will help you along. Top off the week with our “Saturday Fun bowl” at 9:45am. Various fun games are held for prize money. Tournaments start in January and we plan on a couple of visits to other bowling clubs in the area. Come over to the club any day after 10:00am for more information which you will find on our outside bulletin boards or from a club member who may be on site.
The safety and health of our residents, guests and visitors are very important to our community. Fire safety is imperative and second hand smoke has been determined to be a serious health issue. In order to provide a fire safe environment and mitigate the effects of second hand smoke, we have instituted these guidelines.

- Smoking is not permitted in or within 20 feet of any building at Palm Creek. This rule also applies to the Tennis Pavilion, North Pavilion, South Pavilion, Sports Pavilion, laundry rooms, restrooms and all pool and patio areas. When smoking outdoors, please be respectful of others and do not drop cigarette butts on the ground. Please use the provided receptacles.

- Smoking on spaces is permitted but with restrictions.
  - Cigar or pipe smoking is not permitted on a space unless it is done within a confined area that does not allow any smoke to drift onto another space.
  - Cigarette smoking is allowed on spaces without smoke containment as long as your neighbor is not adversely affected. If your neighbor is adversely affected by the smoke or smell, you will be asked to contain your smoke.
Save the Date

Organ Stop Pizza
Enjoy pizza while marveling at one of the world’s largest theater organs with nearly 6,000 pipes and numerous percussion capabilities all being masterfully played by talented musicians.

Casino Night
Here’s hoping that Lady Luck is on your side tonight. Enjoy a casino atmosphere with table games and a live band!

Welcome Back Party
It’s Carnival Time! Come out to play with your friends and neighbors! We’ll have all sorts of carnival games.

Seminars

Hearing Centers
The Hearing Centers of Arizona will be presenting an exciting and informative seminar on the subject of Brainhearing, as well as information on some of the amazing technology now available. Learn about Connectivity......It is true, you really can connect your hearing aids to your phone, TV, and much more. Also, introducing the worlds first Internet connected Hearing Device.....learn what this means for you! Complimentary refreshments will be served. Please sign up in the Activities Office.

SkyMed Takes You Home - Free Lunch!
Join us for lunch and a SkyMed “Takes You Home” presentation. Receive a special discount for anyone purchasing a membership at this seminar. Dream vacation voucher for all new sign ups and renewals. Current SkyMed members are always welcome! Please sign up in the Activities Office.
**KANSAS**
Sunday, January 28th
4:30pm
Pantry Patio
Bring a dish to share and your beverage. Water and table service provided. Kansas memorabilia welcome!

**IOWA**
Friday, February 9th
5:30—8:30pm
SanTan Room
Look for details to be published next month.

**WASHINGTON**
Thursday, February 15th
5:30—8:00pm
Ballroom
Cost is $7.00pp for entrée (chicken), water, coffee and dessert. Bring a side dish for sharing. Tickets go on sale in January. Contact Jay or Nancy Bell at (425) 232-2097 for more information.

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**No Need to Live in the Dark**
Did you say your street lights aren't working?
Give APS a call.
They are responsible for the ‘dawn-to-dusk’ lights on all resort streets.

(520) 421-8625
Community News

Winter Wonderland

Date: Saturday, December 2th
Time: 1:00—6:00pm

’Tis the season for holiday fun! The community is invited to kick off the Electric Light Parade at Winter Wonderland in Downtown Casa Grande. Festivities include an ice skating rink, food vendors, live entertainment, vendor market, game booths and a craft area sponsored by JOANN Fabric and Craft Stores. Pictures with Santa will be held from 1:00pm—6:00pm at Herbalicious of Arizona - Holistic Medical Center & Apothecary. This event is free of charge. Location: 110 West 2nd Street, Casa Grande.

23rd Annual Electric Light Parade

Date: Saturday, December 2nd
Time: 5:45pm

It’s time to truly get into the holiday spirit with lights, lights and more lights. Downtown Casa Grande is holding its annual electric light parade today. At 5:45pm, the parade will start at the intersection of Florence Blvd and Colorado St. It will continue down Florence until 2nd St. Directly following the parade, the Christmas Tree in front of City Hall will be lighted. Come enjoy the holiday spirit of Casa Grande.

Happy Holidays with the Duttons

Date: Wednesday, December 13th
Time: 7:00—9:00pm

This show combines the high-energy of the Branson, MO family’s year-long show - a blend of musical genres from classical to bluegrass to pop and more - with heartwarming holiday songs that will inspire and cheer audiences. All members of this talented family perform, from Grandma and Grandpa, Sheila and Dean, to the youngest grandchildren. The Duttons were Top 10 finishers on America’s Got Talent, and have been awarded TripAdvisor’s Certificate of Excellence for consistently great reviews by audience members who visit their theater in Branson. “So much talent on one stage from the same family is amazing,” says one recent review. “Fabulous show... VERY ENTERTAINING... Everyone should see this.” raves another. Location: Central Arizona College’s Signal Peak Campus, Pence Center, 8470 North Overfield Rd, Coolidge.

Learn How to Make Horsehair Baskets

Date: Thursday and Friday, December 21st and 22nd
Time: 10:00am—3:00pm

Leona Romero demonstrates the art of making baskets from horsehair. The Tohono O’odham (AKA Papago) Indians are located in the Arizona desert and are famous for finely woven baskets. Baskets are produced by the Tohono O’odham from various materials such as willow, yucca, and horsehair. Miniature versions of these baskets are highly sought after by collectors. Basket making is a long tradition of the Tohono O’odham and each one is unique to the maker. Location: Casa Grande Ruins, Visitor Center Courtyard.
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