

October Events!
10/31 - *Halloween*

See Events on pg. 21!

Word Search on Page 24
Answer Key: Pg. 27

THE

OCTOBER 2026
Your Hometown Newspaper

PRESORT STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
Tucson, AZ
PERMIT No. 1710
ECRWSSEDDM
Postal Customer

VAIL VOICE™

Proudly Serving South East Tucson, Corona de Tucson and Vail Since 2001

FREE

sales@thevailvoice.com • (520) 490-0654 • An Epiphany Communications, Inc. Publication

Sprouts Set to Open

The Sprouts Grand Opening is scheduled for Friday, October 30th. Activities for the community will take place there throughout the weekend.

Ted Herman of Larsen Baker said Sprouts recognized SE Pima County was extremely underserved. He shared an anecdotal story about a friend who chose to live in Vail because of the school district and later found that all the stores were sold out when he went to buy school supplies for his kids.

Herman went on to say he understands Costco is close to being fully permitted and with the Walmart Superstore on the way "this a major trade corridor period. Hands down. Another developer is planning to bring in more stores. And with those stores will come more sit-down eateries. SE Pima County is one of the few areas that makes sense to invest in ground up construction."

Herman also anticipates Old Vail Road to get a complete make over with the addition of the Walmart Superstore and Costco on the same road.

Sprouts openings in other cities have included free reusable tote bags for first shoppers, free



"Headline Story" cont. on page 23



Rocking K Veterans Day 5K & 3K Fun Run/Walk

At Rocking K, the mountains refuse to stay in the background. Step into the view on Saturday, November 7, for our competitive 5K or relaxed 3K Fun Run/Walk. Every stride under the Rincon peaks helps provide essential gear for 150 local cadets in the Cienega High School / VUSD NJROTC Drill Team & Color Guard.

SCAN HERE
Register & Sponsor

Saturday, Nov. 7 | 8:00 AM | Saguaro Creek K-8

Explore 17 model homes and 80 floorplans with special incentives on move-in ready homes and luxury rental residences .

LiveRockingK.com

ROCKING K Designed by Nature

CENTURY COMMUNITIES® Coming Soon

Del Webb® ROCKING K 520-447-4454 11 Floor Plans

D·R·HORTON® America's Builder 520-412-2204 6 Floor Plans

LENNAR® 520-399-7923 28 Floor Plans

mattamyHOMES 520-447-4273 3 Floor Plans

Meritage Homes® 844-880-4655 14 Floor Plans

MODERNE AT ROCKING K 623-303-0659 10 Floor Plans

RICHMOND AMERICAN HOMES 520-498-4105 8 Floor Plans

PIMA COUNTY District 4 Update

The Latest from Pima County District 4 Supervisor Steve Christy



Each year, as property tax statements land in mailboxes, our District 4 office receives a significant number of calls from constituents expressing dismay - and that's putting it lightly – about the bottom line, and with good reason.

This year, variables of the equation used to calculate the tax amount increased. Assessed property values rose and the primary property tax approved by the majority of the Board of Supervisors rose as well.

Now bear in mind there are a number of taxing entities listed on your tax statement that affect your total tax due, but only four are directly controlled by the Board of Supervisors:

- Pima County Primary
- County Bonds (debt service)
- Pima County Flood Control
- Library District

Other taxing districts often listed include local Fire Districts, Pima Community College, TUSD and other school districts, JTED, and Central Arizona Water, and the Pima County Treasurer collects and distributes these taxes to those entities.

The impact of a rising primary property tax rate cannot be overstated. Any property value increase set by the County Assessor can be neutralized or even reduced by the Board of Supervisors by lowering the primary rate to offset the rise in value. This is known as being "revenue neutral", which I advocate for every year, and instead my colleagues on the Board voted to raise the primary rate even higher than the year before.

Why did the primary tax rate "need" to go up? Some might call this "The Year Reality Set In". The bulk of Covid-era federal legislation and grant funding, such as ARPA, Cares, and a host of other social-services funding sent to Pima County has expired or been expended. However, as is the case with such one-time funding, there is continued demand for those pandemic era and other social-service programs.

My colleagues voted for much of their continuance, and the funding source? Local property tax increases, for projects such as "super-charging" Pre-K education and day care with $10M, as well as almost $9M in taxpayer-funded and subsidized public housing this year.

Which leads us to urge you to vote against Proposition 425.

This proposition claims to address a highly-technical and "in the weeds" challenge, that dates back to 1979. Simply put, that year, voters passed an amendment to the Arizona State Constitution that installed a spending limit (which is adjusted each year for inflation and population increase) to restrict the growth of government. It was the Arizona version of California's legendary Prop. 13.

In fact, if Prop. 425 passes, it would revise the 1979 voter-approved base limit by $70M, an addition of more than $610M in 2026 dollars to $1.427B, and adjusted upward each year. To be fair, there could be positive elements in Prop. 425 if it were to pass. The problem comes down, pure and simple, to the spending history and priorities of the current Board of Supervisors.

We cannot risk this amount of taxpayer money being handed to

"Steve Christy" continued on page 4

Ward 4 Update

The latest from Tucson Ward 4 Councilwoman Nikki Lee



Ward 4 Projects Moving Forward
Several major transportation, park, and planning projects are moving forward in Ward 4.

Valencia Road Nearing Completion
The Valencia Road improvement project between Kolb and Houghton is nearing completion. The roadway is being widened to six travel lanes and will include landscaped medians, buffered bicycle lanes, sidewalks, transit improvements, upgraded traffic signals, and improved drainage.

We are also looking forward to celebrating this milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and hope you join us.
As additional lanes have opened, we have already observed drivers traveling at concerning speeds. The added capacity should improve how people move through the corridor, but it does not turn Valencia Road into a racetrack. Please slow down, remain alert, and watch for construction workers, cyclists, pedestrians, and other drivers so everyone can reach their destination safely.

RTA Next Is Underway
In August, we joined the Regional Transportation Authority and City of Tucson to celebrate the launch of the new 20-year RTA Next plan and the start of its first project.

Crews are already well underway rebuilding and repaving Irvington Road between Houghton and Kolb. This was the first pavement rehabilitation project launched under RTA Next and is rebuilding a roadway that has needed more than temporary repairs for many years.

There is also more investment coming to southeast Tucson. RTA Next includes widening Mary Ann Cleveland Way from Houghton Road to Colossal Cave Road to four lanes, with turn lanes, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, intersection improvements, and drainage improvements. Construction is scheduled within the second and third periods of the 20-year plan.



These projects show that the plan approved by voters is no longer just something on paper. Work has begun, and major improvements for Ward 4 are part of the region's long-term transportation future.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or need assistance with a City of Tucson issue, please contact the Ward 4 team at ward4@tucsonaz.gov. We are here to help.

Teresa L. Smith
Chief of Staff for Council Woman Nikki Lee

City of Tucson Ward 4 Councilwoman Nikki Lee
520-791-3199
Ward4@tucsonaz.gov
www.tucsonaz.gov/ward4

To place an ad call: 520-490-0654

VUSD Update

The Latest from Vail School District Superintendent John Carruth



I have great respect for everyone's right to make up their minds about issues and candidates and then - vote. It is the most foundational aspect of being a citizen in our country. I am grateful to the many generations of service men and women who fought for that right and continue to ensure it for us today.

The Vail community has a critical issue on the ballot this year related to our local schools, Proposition 423, VUSD's Override Reauthorization.

An override is an opportunity for local voters to increase local school funding with their property taxes. It can only be used for staff and salaries. The reauthorization of VUSD's override is not a request for new programs or funding. It is a continuation of student courses and programs currently offered by the District.

The override reauthorization is not a new tax. If approved, it would be a continuation of a current VSD secondary property tax. That tax rate is currently $1.5512 per $100 of assessed valuation. If approved, the tax rate will not rise above this current amount.

The tax that homeowners pay that supports the 12.5% override generates about $15M annually. If Prop 423 fails, that tax will be reduced in phases, along with the funding it provides and the people it funds.

About 90% of VUSD's maintenance and operations budget funds people and their salaries and benefits. 100% of the current override funds people/employees and the programs and classes they provide to students. The Vail Governing Board asked for a 12.5% budget override in 2021 to ensure that high quality programs including art, music, PE, and advanced courses continue to be taught by highly trained and specialized educators in these areas. The Vail Governing Board is asking the community to continue the funding and the tax for these programs and the specialized people who provide them.

For context, the total voter-approved budget overrides range from 19.0% to 12.5% across the Tucson region and are as follows: Catalina Foothills, 19.0%; Sahuarita, 16.2%; Marana, Tanque Verde and Tucson, 15.0%; Sunnyside, 14.9%; Amphitheater, 13.5%; Flowing Wells, 13.0%; and Vail, 12.5%.

If the override reauthorization fails, the district and Governing Board will be required to evaluate all departments and schools and determine how to cut the $15 from the budget. The tax that provides this funding will also go away.

Proposition 423 is a choice before our community of what we value in our schools. Simply, a yes vote supports the continuation of the tax, funding, and people currently in place. A no vote removes the tax and funding and reduces the people currently in place.

Should you have any questions about Prop. 423, please reach out to me or one of our principals. Or, please visit the Vail School District Website for more information.

I am grateful to work and live alongside you in a community that continually chooses to support children and their education. As a result, Vail continues to be a place where young people are obtaining a quality education and the community is thriving.

John Carruth began his service to Vail in 1995. He has held many roles since and is deeply honored to now serve as Superintendent. He and his wife live in Vail and are the proud parents of two Vail graduates.

GREATER VAILCHAMBER UPDATE

The Latest from Dr. Denise Bowls, President / CEO

Not Every Good Idea Is Your Good Idea



Have you ever heard a great idea and immediately thought, "We should do that?"

Most of us have experienced a new event, program, app, marketing idea or suggestion about a different way to organize the office. Sometimes the new idea is exactly what is needed. Other times it is a wonderful idea, but the timing just isn't right.

These are some of the persistent challenges of running a business or leading an organization. We are surrounded by ideas and advice. The trick to not reflexively judge whether an idea is good or bad, but rather to ask yourself these key questions:

Does the recommendation fit our circumstance?

Good advice needs context. Someone may love a particular social media platform, scheduling system, membership program or advertising strategy because it worked beautifully for their situation. While this experience can be valuable, your business may have a different audience, budget, staffing level or goal.

Ask yourself: does this solution work for us?

One of the most effective ways to make better decisions is to determine your specific goals about expansion, technology, etc before moving forward on any recommendations. Instead of asking whether something is generally a good idea, consider whether it matches our people, our resources and direction. Identifying what problem are we trying to solve is important to do in advance to know what success looks like.

Most businesses and organizations do not struggle because they have too few ideas. They struggle because they have too many. Any good idea can eventually find its way onto the to-do list. Sometimes the best answer is to wait. A good opportunity at the wrong time can quickly become an unnecessary burden. So keep what fits. The best ideas will come from conversations with others organically at business gatherings, and in casual conversation. The goal is to keep listening. The idea, once fleshed out, will be molded and shaped as it is reviewed by others. The timing of delivery may be adjusted or saved for another year.

Effective decision-making can be simple, by remembering the difference between an interesting idea and the right idea for you.

Dr. Denise Bowls
President/CEO

"Steve Christy" continued from pg 1

the super-majority of this Board. If there were guard-rails in the proposition language to ensure that core county functions, such as infrastructure, road improvements, and public safety needs were funded fully, then passing Prop. 425 would make some sense.

But we have seen from the current Board, time and again, that their priorities lie elsewhere. From the “reimagination” of the 10-year plan to repair all of our roads to good condition (spoiler alert, not happening) to buying up land and buildings, engaging in costly lawsuits vilifying businesses and economic development, and forever social-service grants to unaccountable NGO’s. And we hear that if Prop. 425 doesn’t pass, the County won’t be able to spend all of the money it collects. Here’s a radical thought, why don’t we lower property taxes and collect less?

When evaluating Prop. 425, it’s worthwhile to ask these questions:

- Are we as a region better off and is our quality of life higher with the spending priorities of the current Board of Supervisors?
- Can Pima County home and business owners afford this Board of Supervisors?

I think the reasonable answers will be that we must vote No on Proposition 425.

Pima County Supervisor
Steve Christy, District 4
33 N. Stone Avenue, Floor 11
Tucson, AZ 85701
520-724-8094 | district4@pima.gov



Bisbee Breakfast Club will be opening in Vail and plan to open by end of year or early 2027.

Chipotle construction continues and is projected to open later this year.

Valencia Road: All Lanes Now Open

Cones and other obstructions are gone from Valencia and all lanes are operating. Valencia Road is known as the longest major corridor in the Tucson area. It extends 27 miles, beginning at SR86 near Ryan air field all the way east to Old Spanish Trail in the Rincon Valley.

The 4-mile stretch between Kolb and Houghton was part of the original RTA plan and is one of the last remaining segments of the corridor to be improved. SE Tucson and the Vail area have seen significant, steady growth in the last several decades. There are more than 25,000 cars per day on Valencia in a recent count by PAG. This exceeds the capacity of a two-lane road and leads to congestion during peak travel times.





In addition, the roadway lacked several safety features appropriate for the current and future level of traffic such as a median to avoid head-on collisions, upgraded traffic signals, improved bike lanes and pedestrian facilities in several areas.

The traffic study for the Valencia project estimates volumes in 20 years will reach approximately 43,000 vehicles per day.

By Lucretia Free
Source: City of Tucson and PAG Websites







MOUNTAIN VIEW
ANIMAL CLINIC & PET HOTEL

Wellness & Senior Exams Urgent Care Radiographs
Surgery / Dentistry Laser Therapy Pet Boarding

Where your pets are family

Now offering pet boarding



13750 E. Success Dr. Vail, AZ 85641

(520) 762-0455

thevailvet.com

YOUR TRUSTED LOCAL SHOP

BIG SAVINGS.
EXPERT SERVICE.

Honest Service. Quality Repairs. Fair Prices.

$25 OFF LABOR ON ANY SERVICE OF $250+

$50 OFF LABOR ON ANY SERVICE OF $500+

$75 OFF LABOR ON ANY SERVICE OF $1000+

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!

Don't miss out on this incredible offer.





HONEST SERVICE.
STRONGER COMMUNITIES.
THAT'S THE AVERY'S AUTO PROMISE.

CALL OR TEXT
520-574-1600

9025 E. Camino Abril, Suite 3
Tucson, AZ 85747

Shop supplies, fees, and taxes extra. Cannot combine with any other offer. Must present coupon to redeem.

DON'T LET VUSD'S OVERRIDE EXPIRE!

KEEP VAIL SCHOOLS STRONG!

YOUR YES VOTE WILL...

Protect art, music, PE, and advanced programs for children

Protect 172 teaching positions

Protect class sizes

Protect property values

NOT INCREASE THE TAX RATE

CITIZENS OF VAIL COVE FOR EDUCATION

The Vail School District is one of the **BEST IN ARIZONA.**

YOUR YES VOTE HELPS ENSURE IT STAYS THAT WAY.

Our children, our community, and our home values depend on it.

YES ON 423

STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG COMMUNITY. NO TAX RATE INCREASE.

LEARN MORE AT
YESFORVAILKIDS.ORG

Paid for by Citizens of Vail for Education

To place an ad call: 520-490-0654

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our Readers Sound Off!

Our Letters Policy

We welcome a diversity of views in The Vail Voice. To submit a Letter to the Editor, please include your full name, and try to keep letters to 250 words or less. Anonymous letters will not be published. We will print a maximum of two letters that writers submit on the same subject. Please send by the 15th of every month for publication in the following month's issue. - **Thank you!**

Owner and Publisher
Lucretia Free
Lucretia@TheVailVoice.com

Editor
Editor@TheVailVoice.com

Photographer
Bel Coulson
photographybybel.com

Sales
Sales@TheVailVoice.com
(520) 490-0654

This disclaimer informs readers that the views, thoughts, and opinions expressed in the text belong solely to the author, and not necessarily to the Vail Voice. No additional fact finding or research was done to confirm the accuracy of the article content.

Dear Editor,

Vail is home to me. I grew up here and attended Vail schools from kindergarten through eighth grade. Later, I came back and spent 11 years serving the district as a teacher and administrator. I'm also the parent of three children who graduated from Vail schools. I have experienced this community from nearly every many angles as a student, educator, administrator, parent, and lifelong resident.

One of the things that has always made Vail special is the way the community supports its schools. That support has taken many forms over the years: parents volunteering, businesses stepping forward, neighbors helping neighbors, and residents choosing to support school bonds and pbudget overrides. All of those things have helped shape the schools and opportunities that generations of Vail students have experienced.

There are plenty of legitimate conversations to have about education today. The world is changing quickly. People have different opinions about priorities, funding, curriculum, and what schools should look like in the future. Those conversations matter, and many of them extend well beyond the local level. But while those larger debates continue, our students still walk into classrooms every day. They need strong teachers and staff, meaningful relationships with adults, opportunities outside the traditional classroom, and programs that help them feel connected to their schools and community.

I have watched generations of Vail students grow up, graduate, and go on to do remarkable things. I remain incredibly proud of this district and of a community with such a long history of investing its time, energy, resources, and financial support in its schools.

As the community considers the future of its schools, I hope we continue having thoughtful conversations about what we value and what we want Vail education to look like for the next generation. For the reasons above, and because of my deep love for this community, I'm choosing to support our students, our schools, and the community that has given me so much. I will be voting yes on Proposition 425.

Micah Mortensen

Dear Editor,

Since 2009, both of my children have attended four different Vail schools. While they each are very different (and seek different opportunities), the constant for both of them is the excellence of their school experiences. I cannot count how many times over the past 17 years we have expressed, "this class/teacher/club/opportunity/experience was the greatest/best/most…." only to have the next amazing thing happen.

I recently was chatting with my Uber driver as he returned me to my home in Rita Ranch. He asked if I had kids, and followed up asking if they attended Vail schools. He was so envious when I told him they've attended four different district schools. He was certain they had a top notch education (which I affirmed to be true) and expressed how I am basically guaranteed a high resale value whenever I sell my home, due to being in the Vail School District.

Please join me in voting Yes on 423 to enable the district to continue the excellence that has been my children's experience across multiple schools. Please encourage your neighbors (who may not have kids attending our high performing schools) to vote Yes on 423 to keep our home resale values high (and Uber drivers envious!).

Lisa Higgins

Dear Editor,

What do you see as your role in this world? To spread garbage? Or to pass along magic?

A taxi David Pollay was riding in was nearly hit by another car. The other driver yelled at the taxi driver, but the taxi driver responded with kindness. Pollay asked the taxi driver how he could respond so graciously, and the driver taught Pollay 'The Law of the Garbage Truck': "Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, anger, and disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it, and sometimes they dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people."

Leo Buscaglia advises, "Don't spend your precious time asking, 'Why isn't the world a better place?' It will only be time wasted. The question to ask is, 'How can I make it better?' To that question, there is an answer."

The way to make the world a better place is by passing along magic rather than spreading garbage.

Charles Morgan remarks, "There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved. It is God's finger on a person's shoulder."

When you interact with a person in a loving way, you pass along magic rather than garbage; you are like God's finger on that person's shoulder.

Tom Tripp

Dear Editor,

I am writing to encourage registered voters residing in Vail School District N0. 20 to vote for a renewal of an override election for the District in the November 3rd general election known as Proposition 423.

My husband Howard and I moved to rural Vail when there was one schools and 350 high school students who were bussed to TUSD or Benson high schools. Today there are 15,000 students attending PreK to 12th grade in attendance at 29 schools in Vail.

The override funding is one of the reasons the Vail School District has been ranked as first, second or third for the past 20 years as one of the top Districts in the State of Arizona.

The continuation of this fund is necessary to continue the

"L2E" cont. on pg 8

"L2E" cont. from pg 7

award-winning educational experiences received by each Vail student. Your "yes" vote will make sure Vail's exceptional educational experiences continue.

The override must be approved by the voters every five years. The money from the override is used to hire art, music, and physical education teachers as well as specialized teachers in achievement. Additional classroom teachers are hired with the funds to assist in maintaining smaller classroom size.

The override will not raise your taxes.

Whittley Anne Gibson
VSD Governing Board 2000

Dear Editor,

I spent my career as a corrections Professional in Arizona, ultimately serving as a Corrections Officer, Corrections Captain, and Corrections Administrator. That experience taught me a lot about people, choices, and the importance of giving kids a strong foundation early in life.

Today, I'm retired and co-raising my grandson, who attends Vail schools. That has given me a different perspective than I had during my career. I see firsthand the teachers and staff who show up for him every day, the opportunities he has at school, and the difference a strong school community can make in a young person's life. That is why I support Proposition 423.

Proposition 423 would continue Vail's existing 12.5% budget override. It is a continuation of an existing override rather than a new override. Voters considering the measure can review what the override supports and its tax implications as they make their decision.

As a retiree, I understand that every dollar matters. I don't automatically support every tax or every request for more money. For me, this comes down to the value I place on strong schools and the opportunities they provide for kids.

After spending a career seeing what can happen when young people get off track, I have an even greater appreciation for good schools, good teachers, and communities that give kids opportunities to succeed.

For me, this one is personal. This is my grandson, his classmates, and the future of the community we call home.

I will be voting YES on Proposition 423 and I hope my neighbors will take the time to learn about what the override supports and make their own decision to vote YES on PROP 423.

Frank Hecht

Dear Editor,

I live on Perlita Road which is a dirt road running South off of Irvington Road for approximately one mile. For better than fifty years the County has maintained this road. They come out four or five times a year to grade the road with a grader, a roller and a water truck. About every other year they come with a couple dump trucks with rocks, sand and gravel to fix the sides of the road where it washes out from rainwater. This fix only lasts until the next heavy rainstorm which washes away the sand and dirt. About forty yards South of Irvington there is a wash.

Back in the late 70's or early 80's this wash had culverts which washed out and have never been replaced. About three weeks ago we had a downpour from a rainstorm. I tried to go to the grocery store after the rain died down only to find the wash was running about 30" deep with water. It made me think, if I can't get out how could an emergency vehicle get in? Why don't the county fix this road with some asphalt, catch basins and pipe to divert the water so as not to damage the road. I understand this is expensive, but so is fifty years of maintenance. Is this really a money issue or is it a job security issue.

Jim Weaver

Dear Editor,

I strongly support to continue the override of 12.5%. Our current tax rate will stay the same.

Many people move to Vail because of its excellent school system. The override has been in effect since 1993...hence Vail's opportunities of classes including art, music, PE and gifted programs.

The money is never used for construction projects. Without the money class sizes will go up. Our future adults will suffer. I am 71 years old and want to secure their future.

Susan Nedved

Dear Editor,

Our family lived here during the recession, including the one time Vail's school override did not pass. I still remember my sister calling me in tears because her daughter's school had to let go of its PE, art and music teachers. At our children's school, we lost our amazing art teacher. Those cuts were difficult, but what stayed with me most was the feeling throughout our schools. Teachers were discouraged, families were worried, and students felt the effects. It was heartbreaking to watch.

That experience is why Prop 423 feels personal to me.

Vail's schools have earned their reputation through decades of teachers, families and a community willing to invest in children. VUSD has continued to maintain an A rating, and the district itself points to the community's long standing support of the override as part of the resources that help provide additional teachers and programs.

Prop 423 would continue the existing 12.5% maintenance and operations override for another five years. It is not a new ask and the percentage has not increased. Voting yes just continues what we already have in place and have been doing out here for many years.

This isn't simply about art, music, PE, athletics or class sizes. It is about whether we continue to be the kind of community that stands behind our teachers and our children. One that invests in future generations and keeps our home values high.

I remember what it felt like, times were hard and people said no. I also remember the next time the override was on the ballot it had an overwhelming YES and it has continued every time since.

I don't want our community to go backwards. I want Vail to remain a place where families want to live, teachers want to teach, and all children have the opportunity to thrive.

Please join me in voting YES on Prop. 423. Let's keep our schools strong and our community strong.

-Community Member for 20 years and counting

Andrea Black

Dear Editor,

The Greater Vail Area Chamber of Commerce proudly supports Proposition 423, the Vail Unified School District's request to reauthorize its existing Maintenance and Operations Budget Override.

A strong public education system is one of the foundations of a thriving community. Quality schools help prepare the future workforce, attract families and businesses, strengthen property values, and contribute to the long-term economic vitality of the Greater Vail area.

" L2E" cont. on pg 18

To place an ad call: 520-490-0654

October Garden Tips

Mel L. Shipley ACNP

Spruce up your indoor space with houseplants

When you embellish interior spaces with houseplants, you're not just adding greenery. These living organisms interact with your body, mind and home in ways that enhance the quality of life.



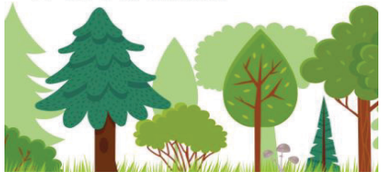




If this summer was too hot for you!

PLANT A BIG TREE!

Tree-shaded urban surfaces can be cooler than unshaded ones by 11-25°C in summer



Time to plant vegetables

asparagus, beets, bok choy, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, Chinese greens, collard greens, endive, fava beans, fennel, garbanzo beans, garlic, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard greens, onions, parsnip, peas, potatoes, radicchio, radish, rutabaga, shallots, spinach, Swiss chard, turnips

Get your culinary herbs planted this month

arugula, borage, calendula, caraway, chamomile, chervil, chives, cilantro, dill, fennel, garlic chives, lavender, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, sorrel, thyme, winter savory

SHOP - LOCAL -



Civano Nursery is the leading grower for pollinator plants and trees supplying over 240 garden centers with Civano Originals – we grow plants that beautify your space and are beneficial to our pollinator friends! Check out just of few of our unique selections. More info at civanogrowers.com



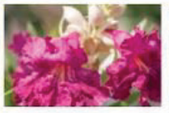
'Joan Lionetti' Live Oak
20ft to 30ft
Compact form
Civano Original



Leucophyllum frutescens 'Baby Yoda PPAF – 3ft by 3.5ft. This true compact dwarf selection perfect low maintenance plant.



Calliandra californica 'Mexicali Rose' - Butterfly magnet – 3ft by 3ft. This is a butterfly magnet.



Desert Willow 'Sweet Bubba Seedless' Hummingbird's favorite
15ft by 15ft
Civano Willow Series

Have you seen Griffin our goats' new friends Selma and Patty! Tiny Tim our hermit crab has a new friend too Little Lady.





Where Plants Live & People Grow!



SPECIAL COUPON

$5.00 Off over $40.00 coupon code VV540

$10.00 Off over $70.00 coupon code VV1070

We Design, Deliver & Plant

Cannot be combined with any other offers. One coupon per customer. Must have coupon. Not valid on prior sales. Other restrictions apply. Expires Oct 31st, 2026

Civano Nursery 5301 S. Houghton Road, Tucson AZ 85747 **Tel: 520-546-9200**

Local Care, Better Hair

By Chuck Colbath

At Bavilon, education is something dear to our hearts. We are so fortunate to have great schools - the best really, thanks to fine oversight by talented, and above all, caring administrators and faculties. Our schools are winners, and it was not without a lot of work! Vail really sets the standard for what education can be when the focus is giving our children the best leg up on life. This also gives the rest of us hope for what the next generation can be, thanks to our top schools!

We at Bavilon Salon feel fortunate to be part of this community, and are proud to be a premier sponsor of the Vail School District Foundation. The Foundation provides significant support for our local schools. That support includes our children, the schools, and the teachers themselves. The Foundation assists with scholarships for kids who might not otherwise have that chance. They also assist with getting the needed materials teachers often have to pay for. Foundation President Stacy Winstryg recently shared her thanks: “Thank you so much, and your donation is amazing. It provides several grants for our teachers and that is wonderful!” We encourage you to take a look at the Vail School District Foundation. Whether you own a business or just want to do some local good, please consider a contribution to this worthwhile cause. Our children are our future, and giving them the best start in life is in the interest of all of us.

Vail School District FOUNDATION
Supporting Positive Experiences

In a time when old fashioned caring service seems to be a thing of the past, you can still find it at Bavilon Salon. Free unhurried consultations with the stylist of your choice is a great way to get acquainted. It is a co-operative environment in which the stylists recognize they all have different approaches, and work as a team to best satisfy clients' varying needs.

Please stop in for a look! We look forward to the opportunity to please. Our stylists’ profiles, full menu with fair up-front pricing, and easy on-line booking are all at Bavilonsalon.com. Or call us at (520) 762-8787 and we will be happy to assist you.





To place an ad call: 520-490-0654

ReSources
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

ReSources Celebrates Growth, The Community That Makes It Possible

There is a lot to celebrate at Greater Vail Community ReSources! On September 21, community members, partners, volunteers, and supporters gathered to officially cut the ribbon on our new Food Bank expansion. The new 1,440-square-foot space increases our food storage and workspace by 62%, providing much-needed capacity as more of our neighbors turn to ReSources for help. Thanks to the incredible generosity of a community member, the entire project was fully funded.

We were grateful to Dr. Denise Bowls and the Greater Vail Area



Chamber of Commerce for hosting the ribbon cutting and honored to welcome Pima County District 4 Supervisor Steve Christy, Vail School District Superintendent John Carruth, and CEO Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, Natalie Jayroe who all shared meaningful remarks during the celebration.

The morning also brought some incredible news from the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, a $266,660 grant to ReSources to expand our Grocery Rescue program. This investment will help us rescue more fresh, nutritious food from area grocery partners. More food rescued means less food wasted, and more neighbors served.

These milestones are possible because of strong community partnerships and people who believe in Neighbors Helping Neighbors. We are incredibly grateful. And there are plenty of ways to be part of what comes next!

Our annual Golf Challenge is October 24 at Forty Niner Country Club, and we're looking for groups of golfers to join us. Gather your friends, coworkers, or neighbors for a fun day on the course while supporting ReSources and our mission. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

You can visit the ReSources website to register to golf or become a sponsor. While you're there, you'll also find opportunities to volunteer, donate, and learn about our upcoming community food drive. Another way to help is to host a food drive at your church, school, business, or in your neighborhood this holiday season!

Our community has helped ReSources grow, and together, we're building the capacity to serve our neighbors for years to come. Learn more at www.ReSources-Vail.org.

Callie Tippett is the Director of Development & Community Outreach for Greater Vail Community ReSources. She moved to Vail in 2002 and serves as a Governing Board member in VUSD. She is focused on supporting children and families in Vail.



UCHC
UNITED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
Serving Southern Arizona Since 1983

We are here for your family with compassionate, pediatric care designed for busy parents.



UCHC at Old Vail Middle School
13299 E Colossal Cave Rd
Vail, AZ 85641
Now welcoming pediatric patients!
Same-day appointments available.
Call today: (520) 762-5200



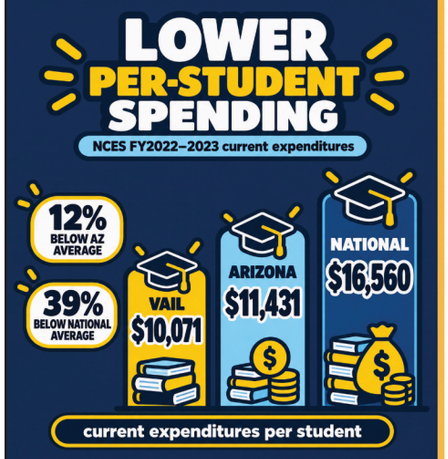
PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME
NCQA
RECOGNIZED PRACTICE

¡Cuidado de salud para todas las edades!
Most insurance plans accepted
Ask about our Sliding Fee Discount Program
uchcaz.org

Pediatric Care Close to Home in Vail and Rita Ranch!

VOTE YES 423: PROTECT WHAT MAKES VAIL SCHOOLS SPECIAL

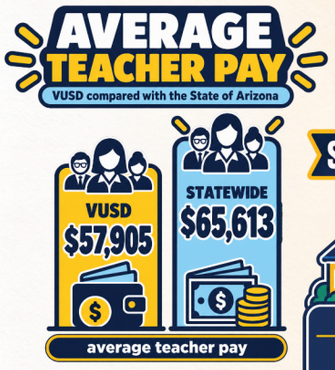
STRONG PERFORMANCE
LOWER PER-STUDENT SPENDING

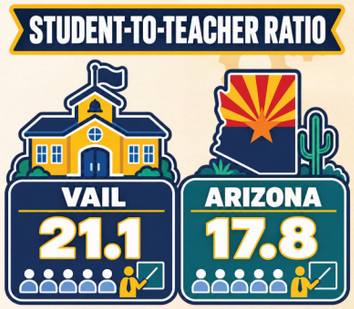


Source: NCES, FY2022-23
Source: Arizona Auditor General, FY2025

HIGHER STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO + LOW PAY = STRETCHED TEACHERS.

Arizona Auditor General Data (FY2025)

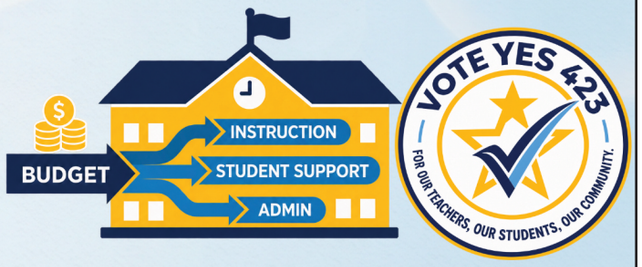




PAID FOR PERSONALLY BY: ROB NEMITZ
A VAIL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT

A WISE INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE.

Vail prioritizes the classroom. Most current expenditures went to instruction, student/staff support, and operations. NCES FY 2022-23 data shows roughly **$1,185** per student in administration.



REDUCING OPERATING CAPACITY MAKES RETENTION AND STAFFING CHALLENGES HARDER TO ADDRESS.

SANTA RITA
Family Dentistry

Strong Smiles Start Here



Full-Service Care, Honest Treatment Plans,
Bilingual Team and Same-Day Appointments.

www.santaritadentalaz.com | (520) 762-0123

55 E Tallahassee Dr, Corona De Tucson (between Argenziano's & the Fire Station)

15th Annual
Artisan Faire
Del Webb Rancho Del Lago

October **24**, 2026
8 AM – **2** PM
10264 S Blendu Way, Vail

Join us in **celebrating 15** years of **showcasing** Tucson's fine arts and crafts!

Discover an **eclectic** selection of original, **handmade** work for your **home**, for a **gift**, or simply to **indulge** yourself.

Contact us: delwebbartisanfaire@gmail.com

ADOPTABLE PETS ON THE EASTSIDE!

¡MASCOTAS EN ADOPCIÓN AL ESTE DE LA CIUDAD!





Eastside PACC Adoption Center

Visit us at - *Visítanos en el*

7225 E. Broadway

friends of PACC

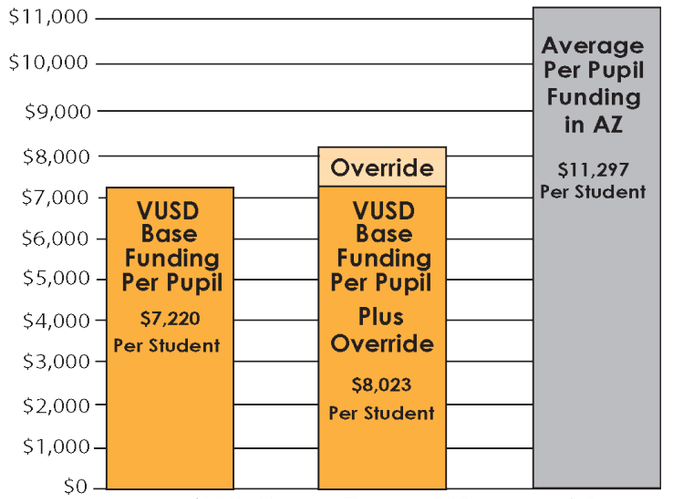
PIMA COUNTY
ANIMAL CARE CENTER



VUSD OVERRIDE REAUTHO

WHAT IS AN OVERRIDE?

- An opportunity for local voters to increase local school funding with their property taxes.
- It can only be used for staff and salaries, not for building facilities.
- The reauthorization of an override is NOT a request for new programs or funding.
- It is a CONTINUATION of student courses and programs currently offered by the District. Vail voters have authorized override funding since 1993.



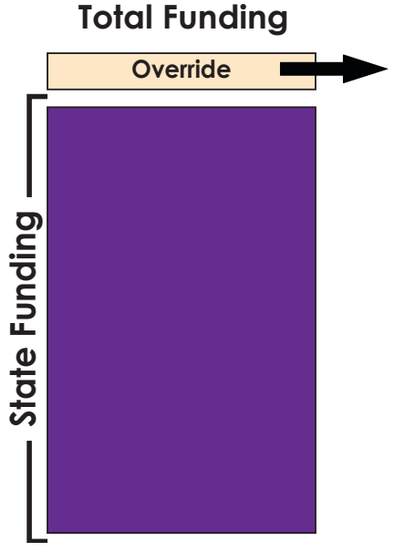
*U.S. Census Bureau 2024 Annual Survey

WHY HAS VAIL CALLED FOR AN OVERRIDE REAUTHORIZATION?

- Override funding is not permanent.
- Funding must be reauthorized every five years, or it phases out over the next two years along with the programs (and teachers) it supports.

Voter approval will ensure the continuation of the following:

- Dedicated music, art, PE, Gifted, and advanced courses for students
- Additional classroom teachers to reduce class sizes
- 172 teachers, which represents 20% of all teaching positions in VUSD.



The override funds:

20% of teaching positions in Vail.

172 art, music, PE, advanced, gifted, and classroom teachers to help control class size.

To place an ad call: 520-490-0654

ORIZATION INFORMATION

BUDGET AND TAX FACTS

- **Yes Vote = No Tax Rate Increase** -
  Because VUSD is asking voters for a continuation of the current override, a yes vote will **not increase the tax rate.**

- Arizona historically ranks at or near the bottom of the nation for per pupil funding. Currently Arizona is ranked 49th.

- VUSD's current funding per student, including the 12.5% override, is $3,274 LESS than the state average.

- All school districts in the Tucson area have at least one voter approved override in place.

- VUSD's 12.5% override is among the lowest in the Tucson area.

DISTRICT PERFORMANCE FACTS

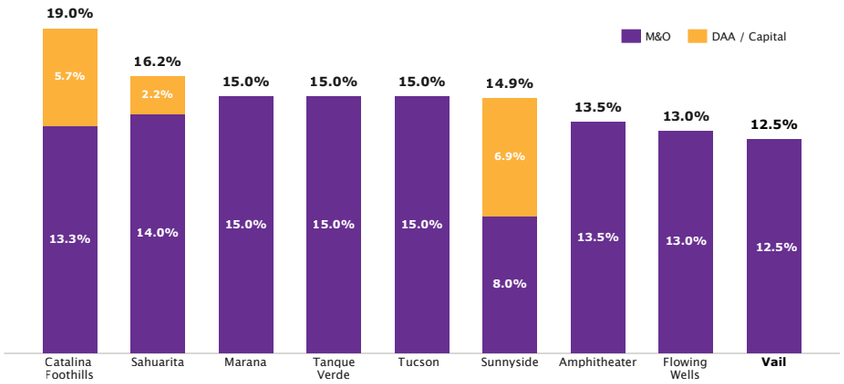
- VUSD is consistently rated one of the top districts in Arizona — it is currently tied for 2nd among districts with ten or more schools.

- VUSD's most recent AASA scores were 58% higher than the state average.

- VUSD's graduation rate is 93% compared to Arizona's average of 80%.

- VUSD has earned 47 A+ School of Excellence Awards from the Arizona Educational Foundation as well as FIVE National Blue Ribbon School Awards.

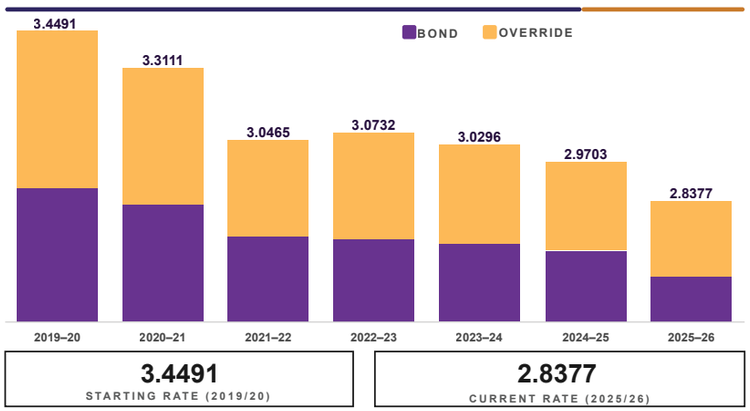
Pima County School District Overrides



M&O plus effective DAA/capital override as a percentage of Revenue Control Limit

SECONDARY PROPERTY TAX RATE

PER $100,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE · BOND & OVERRIDE COMBINED





Monica Perez was recently elected President of the Pima County Teen Court. She has been involved with Teen Court since she was 12 years old and is now 17.



Over the years, she has grown within the program, become a Teen Attorney, served as Teen Court Treasurer, and now has been elected by her peers to serve as President.

FALL ARTS/CRAFTS BOUTIQUE
October 17th 9:30 am-6:00 pm
October 18th 8:30 am-2:00 pm
Corpus Christi Catholic Church
300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd
(1 mi. east of Houghton between Broadway & Speedway)
35 Vendors, Art, Bake Sale, Quilts, Seasonal, Jewelry,
Plants, 3D Items & More; Raffle: Vendor Items & Quilt!
Food Court: All Day, Both Days

REGINA LIFE CARE ADVISORS
Anna Regina Licensed Insurance Broker
Serving you with life care needs including Medicare insurance, Individual & Family Plans, long-term care and more
To contact a licensed broker, call 520-784-9670
(TTY: 1-877-486-2048) for a no-fee, no-obligation to enroll review!
Health and Life Insurance Licensed in AZ, NM & MN
Anna Regina • areginamedicarehelp@gmail.com • www.annareginains.com
Tucson AZ: 2120 W Ina Rd, Suite 105, 85741 • Green Valley, AZ: 101 La Canada Drive Ste 50, 85614
Enrollment in a plan may be limited to certain times of the year unless you qualify for a special enrollment period or you are in your Medicare Initial Election Period. Not affiliated with or endorsed by the government or the federal Medicare program. Insurance-related solicitation.

EVERY YARD NEEDS A HERO
Artificial Grass
Pavers & Patios
Landscapes
Irrigation
Maintenance
Tractor Services
BBB A+
VAIL LANDSCAPE BUILDERS
(520) 308-7000
vaillandscapebuilders.com
A Man Of The Soil LLC Company Est. 1974 ROC 349400 CR21

Copper Dog
Property Management
- Veteran-owned • Husband & Wife Team • Proudly serving our Military & Veteran community
- Flat-rate pricing—no percentage surprises
- Full service property management OR tenant placement & you manage
- Serving the greater Tucson area
- Honest communication • No corporate runaround • Operated by someone who truly loves real estate

NEW CLIENT SPECIAL! Mention this AD for $15 off your first 6 months of property management fees with 1 year contract
(520) 634-8595
Randi@copperdogpm.com
copperdogpm.com

Cage-Free Dog Boarding
Camp JimmyDog LLC
Never Crowded. Home Environment.
Room to RUN, PLAY & RELAX!
520-710-6667
Call Today or Visit us at
CampJimmyDog.com

Newest Self Storage Facility in Rincon Valley
Rincon Valley Super Storage
14150 E. Old Spanish Trail Rd.
Vail, AZ 85641 | (520) 861-3222
RINCON VALLEY SUPER STORAGE
www.rinconvalleystorage.com

To place an ad call: 520-490-0654

VAIL PLUMBING
LICENSED BONDED AND INSURED
ROC CR37 364158

VAIL'S LOCAL PLUMBER

Whatever your dilemma, don't hesitate to call.

We can handle anything from little drips to whole home re-pipes and even complex commercial jobs.

WWW.VAILPLUMBINGAZ.COM

OVER 75 YEARS' INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

520-390-5525

FINANCING AVAILABLE

Owned and operated by Allen Schwartzberg

admin@vailplumbingaz.com

CHAIRMAN, NATURAL RESOURCES
ENERGY & WATER
VICE CHAIRMAN, RULES
LAND, AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

GAIL GRIFFIN
MEMBER, DISTRICT 19

ARIZONA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
1700 W. WASHINGTON STREET, STE. H
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007-2844

CAPITOL: (602) 926-5895
TOLL FREE: 1(800) 352-8404
ggriffin@azleg.gov

Academy Villas

Assisted Living and Memory Care
Living Well with Assistance



A warm, intimate community offering compassionate care in a peaceful desert setting.
Now welcoming new residents.

13775 E Langtry Lane, Tucson, Az. 85747

(520) 647-7500 | academyvillas.org



"L2E" cont from pg 8

As our community continues to grow, maintaining the quality of Vail schools is increasingly important. Proposition 423 is a continuation of the district's current override, allowing Vail Unified School District to maintain important educational programs, attract and retain exceptional teachers and staff, and continue providing students with the high-quality educational opportunities our community has come to expect.

Our local businesses benefit when students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and experiences needed to succeed in college, careers, and the workforce. Investing in education is an investment in the future of our community and local economy. Allowing this existing funding to phase out would put teachers and programs at risk and weaken one of our community's greatest strengths.

For these reasons, the Greater Vail Area Chamber of Commerce encourages voters to support Proposition 423.

Dr. Denise Bowls

Dear Editor,

I am voting yes on Proposition 423. I have lived in the Vail School District for the last 17 years and retired for the last 15 years. Proposition 423 is a continuation of a current Prop so this is not a new tax. I recognize that my home value is a result of the success of the school district.

I have 3 grandchildren who have attended and graduated from schools in the Vail School District. Over the last 15 years I have volunteered in many areas of the Vail School District and worked as a Volunteer Coordinator and in the Counseling department in the high school. I have also had the pleasure of being on the Governing Board from 2016 through 2020.

"L2E" cont on pg 22



CLEAR VISION FOR THE LIFE YOU LOVE

Good vision is essential in staying active and enjoying the moments that matter most. Our compassionate team of ophthalmologists, optometrists, and opticians provides everything from comprehensive eye exams to advanced medical and surgical care to help keep your eyes healthy and your vision at its best.

With three convenient locations, including TMC Rincon Health Campus, exceptional eye care is always close to home.


Carmen L. Felix Tacoronte, MD


Karl A. Rosen, MD


Timothy E. Marra, DO


Zachary P. Pfau, OD


Stephanie Burruel, OD

Schedule your appointment today and keep living life with confidence and clarity.

DESERT EYE
ASSOCIATES, LTD.

(520) 327-5677
DesertEye.net

Request an appointment with Dr. Burrel at the TMC Rincon Health Campus:
10350 E Drexel Rd, Suite 230

Or at one of these locations:
1110 N El Dorado Place, Tucson

1150 S Calle de las Casitas, Suite 150, Green Valley

Prior to your visit, please call the office to ensure we are in your insurance network or vision plan.

VOTE ANYWHERE!



Cast your ballot at any of
126 Vote Centers or use the new Election Day early ballot drop-off option

Pima County Elections: 520-724-6830

Visit **WWW.PIMA.VOTE**

PIMA COUNTY

Termite Treatment Options

Liquid Termiticide vs. Termite Baiting Systems: Which Is Right for Your Vail Home?

If your home needs subterranean termite protection, you'll likely hear about two common options: liquid termiticide and termite baiting systems. Both are effective, but they work differently.

Liquid Termiticide
This treatment creates a chemical barrier in the soil around and beneath your home. Termites that enter the treated zone are exposed to the product, which can then spread to others in the colony. Benefits include immediate protection and effectiveness for active infestations. However, treatment may require trenching around the foundation or drilling through concrete.

Termite Baiting Systems
Bait stations are placed in the soil around your home. Foraging termites consume the bait and share it with the colony, gradually reducing the population. Baiting is minimally invasive, targets the colony, and works well where trenching is difficult. It does require ongoing monitoring and works more slowly.

The best option depends on your home, current termite activity, landscaping, and budget. Bill's Home Service starts with a thorough inspection and recommends the treatment that best fits your needs.

Call **520-346-4564** or visit **BillsHomeService.com** to schedule an inspection.

BILL'S HOME
SERVICE COMPANY
TERMITE & PEST CONTROL

Pest Control • Weed Control • Termite Service • Home Inspections

Desert-proof your property.



New customers save up to $100 on select termite treatments.

GET COUPONS

Get your coupon.
Scan QR code or
visit bit.ly/4h22N9x

(520) 346-4564

BILL'S HOME
SERVICE COMPANY
TERMITE & PEST CONTROL
billshomeservice.com

Family-owned & community trusted since 1964.

PMD Lic. #4320

Please Join us

2026 ~ 2027

Angels Too Marketplace

Unique Boutique

Handmade
Holiday Crafts, Jewelry, Metal Art,
Baked Goods and more.

SHOP

MasterCard DISCOVER VISA

FREE ADMISSION

OCTOBER SHOW
October 10th & 11th
La Paloma Academy
8140 E. Golf Links Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85730
(Golf Links and Pantano)
Hours:
Saturday: 9AM - 4PM
Sunday: 11AM - 4PM

DECEMBER SHOW
December 5th & 6th
La Paloma Academy
8140 E. Golf Links Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85730
(Golf Links and Pantano)
Hours:
Saturday: 9AM - 4PM
Sunday: 11AM - 4PM

FEBRUARY SHOW
February 27th & 28th
La Paloma Academy
8140 E. Golf Links Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85730
(Golf Links and Pantano)
Hours:
Saturday: 9AM - 4PM
Sunday: 11AM - 4PM

Visit us at: www.angelstoomarketplace.com

Events

Every Thursday, 7 p.m.
Vail Al-Anon Family Group Meeting at St. Rita in the Desert Church, 13260 E. Colossal Cave Rd. Lear more at al-anon.org.

Every Friday, 6 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery meeting at Empire High School Library, 10701 E Mary Ann Cleveland Way. Age 18 +.

Every Sunday
Worship with us at Crosspoint Lutheran Church! Sundays at 8:30 am – Blended Worship. 9:40 am – Adult Bible Class & Sunday School. 10:45 am – Contemporary Worship. 2285 E. Sahuarita Rd. www.crosspointlutheranchurch.org

Every Sunday, 11 a.m.
Desert Skies United Methodist Church worship service. Great Room 13715 E. Langtry Ln. ASA building. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, 9-11 AM
New Beginnings Community Church Women's Bible Study. A Study of 2 Corinthians. 16540 South Houghton Rd. Corona de Tucson, AZ 85741. cdtbchurch28@gmail.com

Mon, Oct. 5, 3 p.m.
ASA*: Lecture by Dr. Mimi Nichter, Professor Emerita, U of A School of Anthropology, “Held Hostage: A Memoir of Terrorism, Trauma, and Resilience."

Wed, Oct. 7, 3 p.m.
ASA*: Lecture by Kotutuwa Johnson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, U of A School of Natural Resources and the Environment, “Tribal Agriculture: Preparing the Future.”

Fri, Oct. 9, 9-10 a.m.
Valencia Road Ribbon Cutting. Harrison Greenway Parking Lot, 9357 E. Valencia.

Fri, Oct. 9, 11:30 a.m.
ASA* Concert: Spanish singer, guitarist and composer, Tomas Lozano.

Sat, Oct. 10, 17, 9 a.m. - noon
Puppet Making Workshop. Create a Giant Sugar Skull puppet for the Day of the Dead parade. All ages. 14893 E Colossal Cave Rd Vail, AZ 85641

Sat, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Sun, Oct. 11, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Angels Too Marketplace Unique Boutique. Handmade crafts, jewlery, art, baked goods. La Paloma Academy.

Sun, Oct. 11, 8 a.m.
Persons with Special Needs Mass at St. Rita of the Desert Catholic Church. If you have special needs, or if you would like to bring a relative or a friend with special needs to this Mass, please know that you are invited and encouraged to join! Please contact Jim Grayson at (815) 546-4944 to advise the Knights of Columbus council to help accommodate.

Mon, Oct. 12, 3 p.m.
ASA*: Lecture by Stephen Nash, Ph.D., President of Archeology Southwest, “Visit with Respect: Archaeology Southwest.

Wed, Oct. 14, 3 p.m.
ASA*: Lecture TBA.

Fri, Oct. 16, 11:30 a.m.
ASA* Concert: Fleet-fingered guitarist/songwriter Ryan David Green.

Sat, Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun, Oct. 18, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Fall Arts/Crafts Boutique. Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd. 35 Vendors, Raffle + Food Court

Sat, Oct. 17, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
TMC Spooktacular at TMC Rincon. Food, music, inflatables. 10350 E. Drexel Rd.

Sun, Oct. 18, 3 p.m.
ASA* Concert: Violinist Yixuan Lai and pianist Chia-Chun Ko present a program of music for violin and piano, including music of Beethoven, Dvorak, Sarasate and Amy Beach.

Sun, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
TCC Coin & Stamp Show with 42 tables of dealers. Admission free. Tucson Woman’s Club, 6245 East Bellevue St., Tucson, Arizona 85712 Contact: www.tucsoncoinclub.com

Wed, Oct. 21, 3 p.m.
ASA*: Lecture by Deborah Robin, Ed.D., Regional Drector of Operations, Keller Graduate School of Management and Art History Instructor, Art Institute of Phoenix.

Fri, Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m.
ASA* Concert: University of Arizona faculty composer/pianist John Muniz and violinist Emily Chao.

Fri, Oct. 23, 4-10 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 24, 2-10 p.m.
Harvest Fest on the parish grounds at 13260 E. Colossal Cave Road.

Fri, Oct. 23
Cienega Key Club's Breast Cancer Awareness Walk-A-Thon. Cienega Stadium. Entry: $5 (cash only) All proceeds will be donated to Impact 1.

Sat, Oct. 24, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
15th Annual Artisan Faire at Del Webb Rancho Del Lago, 10264 S Blendu Way. Celebrating 15 years of Tucson's fine arts and crafts. Contact delwebbartisanfaire@gmail.com.

Sat, Oct. 24, 8 a.m. Shotgun Start
ReSources Vail Golf Challenge. 49er Golf Course. Awards lunch, prizes, raffles. resourcesvail.org

Mon, Oct. 26, 3 p.m.
ASA*: Lecture by Kevin Greene and Nancy Parry, representing Sustainable Tucson’s Zero Waste Committee.

Wed, Oct. 28, 3 p.m.
ASA*: Lecture by Dan Stormont, docent for Watershed Management Group, “Water in the Desert.”

Fri, Oct. 30, 11:30 a.m.
ASA* Concert: The Bad News Blues Band returns for another rocking good time with West Coast jump blues.

Fri, Oct. 30
Sprouts Grand Opening. Community invited. Sprouts on Old Vail Rd.

Mon, Nov. 2, 3 p.m.
ASA*: Lecture by Gordon Nutall, volunteer energy coach for Sustainable Tucson, “The Five Big Energy Decisions That Really Matter.”

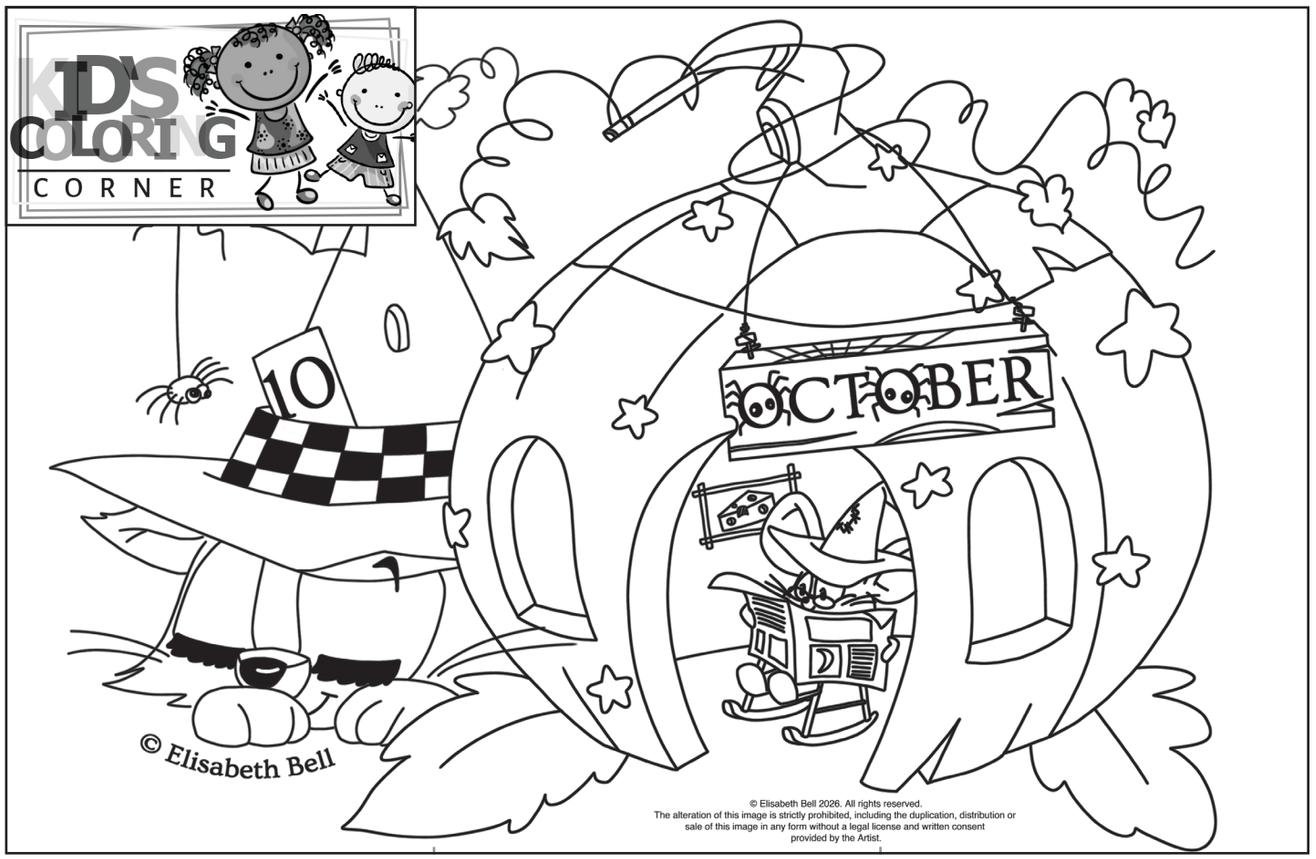
Tues, Nov. 3
General Election. For Info: pima.vote

Wed, Nov. 4, 3 p.m.
ASA*: Lecture by Donna Corbin, former Curator, Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Fri, Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.
ASA* Concert: Oboist Sara Hammelef and pianist Woan Ching Lim.

Sat, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Vailfest. Pima County Fair Grounds. greatervailchamber.com

***ASA. The Arizona Senior Academy**



© Elisabeth Bell 2026. All rights reserved.
The alteration of this image is strictly prohibited, including the duplication, distribution or sale of this image in any form without a legal license and written consent provided by the Artist.

CLaSSIfieDS

BUSINESS and PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

CLEANING SERVICES

2 Guys & A Sponge - Window Cleaning: Interior Exterior Window Cleaning. Screens, Tracks, Mirrors. Licensed, Insured. Prices that won't leave a streak! Ask about our Specials! Tyler 520-260-6360.

Let Maid 4 U Do Your Dirty Work. Residential Cleaning. Serving Vail and Tucson for over 30 years. Fully insured, bonded and provide workman's compensation. Mention this ad and receive $10 off first cleaning. Call Kris 520-647-0929 (Vail). Call Kim 520-336-7509 (Tucson)

Peachy Does It Maid Service: We offer weekly, bi-weekly, tri-weekly, monthly and move-outs. We service Vail, Benson, Green Valley, Sahuarita and Tucson. We have been keeping homes Peachy Clean for over 35 years. Free Estimates. If you want your home cleaned the right way, call Peachy, Does It Maid Service 520-305-1289.

HANDYMAN

Above Handy Services. Tucson licensed handyman services for home repairs, installs, doors, drywall, painting, minor plumbing, minor electrical, maintenance, and improvement projects. Quick, Clean, Done Right. 520-395-7836 aboveazhandy.com dcnoperi@aboveazhandy.com ROC#365-336

Handyman No job too small. Painting exterior and interior, roofs, stucco, sheet rock, doors, woodwork, wooden shelves, hauling. Call Mike at 520-262-5258

Beck's Handyworks - 20 yrs. Experience. New & old construction. Electrical, Plumbing, Drywall & more. Reasonable, Reliable, Excellent references. Work guaranteed. Senior & Military discounts. Call Joe 520-449-9587.

Loren's Handyman and Painting Services. Painting, Drywall repair, tile setting, wood laminate floor install, minor bathroom remodel, minor plumbing repairs, misc. house repairs. Call or text: 520-912-5055

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Civano Exercise Studio Stretch+Strength, Pilates & Aerobics weekday classes (in-studio & Zoom). New Yoga classes (weekday, evening & weekend). See www.tucsonstretch.com, contact Susan 520-270-4440 or tucsonstretch2@gmail.com. In Civano Center, 10501 E.Seven Generations #108.

HELP WANTED

St. Rita in the Desert seeks a pianist to accompany the Tuesday 5:45 pm choir rehearsal and Saturday 5 pm Mass: ~5 hours/week. Stipend available. Contact Nancy CampmanCrofts at music@stritainthedesert.org*disappear.* www.dennisondrejka.com

HOME SERVICES

Tucson Grill Cleaning: for professional BBQ grill cleaning/skilled repairs/pack-rat solutions & seamless installations. Local/award-winning/BBB accredited & 10+ years strong. Book online for $10 off any service @ TucsonGrillCleaning.com, or call 520-245-7967 For A Clean Grill Of Health. Residential/commercial.

Bender Information Technology Services, LLC - Computer need a fix? Better call B.I.T.S. - Bender I.T. Services. Local, friendly, and reliable. Exceptional residential and small business I.T. services. In-home or remote, 24/7. www.benderITservices.com Call 520-200-7415

House Cleaning, Petsitting, Assisted Home Living, Plant Care, Organizing Plus Excellent Refs, 25 + yrs exp. 928-308-6560

PERSONAL SERVICES

Experienced Childcare Provider seeking live in position nanny in exchange for room and board. I have a small dog. I am also willing to relocate out of area. Call (520) 246-6153.

Nanny/Babysitting Services
I provide individualized childcare services from my home in Rancho Del Lago. Great references and reasonable pricing, warm family-like atmosphere. I can be reached at 520-834-6611.

STORAGE

Industrial Rental Yards East - Fenced, Gated. Onsite Security Locking Metal Shipping Containers monthly, quarterly, yearly leases Utilities, Facilities Maintained 520-271-1854 6775 East Littletown Rd - littletownenterprises@aol.com.

YARD WORK

Landscaping by J & E - Quality landscaping at an affordable price. Best "contract free"maintenance plans starting at $60 per month. Free estimates! Referrals available! Call today! 520-250-9913 Insured.

Junior's yard & Tree Services - Specializing in - Yard & acreage clean up & brush removal - Cactus and Pack Rat Nest Removal - Tree Trimming and Tree Removal - Palm - Mesquite - Pine & Saguaro. Call or text me Jeremiah @ 520 697 0216 "I will make your place look fantastic" Jeremiah W.L. Patten.

Sprinkler & Drip Irrigation Repairs - Irrigation Repair Specialists, System Check-Ups, Valves, Heads, Timers, Leak Detection, Sprinkler & Drip Irrigation Maintenance, Troubleshooting & Repairs, Wiring & Low Pressure Problems .30+ Years of Quality Service Call 520.306.2900

Sunrise Irrigation Since 1984. Owner Tom Daniels. Specialists in installations, repairs, and troubleshooting of sprinkler and drip systems. Email: lindycm@msn.com Phone: 520 882-9929. Licensed and Insured.

Wild Terrain Landscaping: Experienced, Reliable and Affordable. Weeding, cleaning, trimming, gravel. Junk removal/hauling, irrigation installs & service, pre and post emergent spray...and more! Call Eduardo: 520-396-8449. Free Estimates!

Classified Ad Rates: $50 for up to 30 words. $1 additional for each word thereafter. Business Name will be **Bolded**. Additional **Bolding** ($1 per word) is now available. No ALL CAPS or graphics, please. Ad copy is due by the 10th of the month for publication the following month. To place a classified ad, send an email to: **classifieds@TheVailVoice.com**.

"L2E" cont from pg 18

I have seen firsthand how the District manages the resources they have been given. This District understands the value of the Fine Arts and extracurricular activity as an integral part to learning. When I was a child, MANY years ago, I am sure there were grandpas who voted yes on school overrides which impacted me directly. It is now my opportunity to pay it forward for the children in the Vail School District. A very wise investment. We need to continue to reward success.

By Mark Tate

From the Editor

Thank you to those who took the time and initiative to send in your letters and share your opinion. We at the Vail Voice believe in the importance of hearing all voices in the community.

Send your letters to: Editor@TheVailVoice.com

eXp REALTY | MASON MARTINEZ

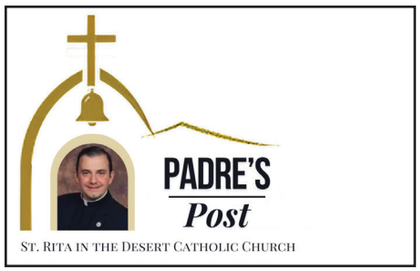
Median Sales Price

Tucson Area September
Single Family Home By City
Tucson: $360,000
Vail: $405,000
Sahuarita: $325,000
Oro Valley: $972,000
Marana: $449,900
Green Vallley: $349,900

AZ Lantanas
Landscaping
(520) 288-1271

- Yard Maintenance
- Tree Trimming
- Initial and Monthly Service
- Rock Installation
- Weed Control
- 10% Military & Veterans Discount and Much More.....

Free Estimates!!!
Owner: Juan Gastelum



Dear Vail Community,

Fall is here, and the desert is showing off. The light sits lower on the Rincons. The fields that baked all summer have gone gold. The nights are cool enough to sit outside again. I do not think that is an accident. In the turning of the season, we see the hand of God — rest after heat, harvest after waiting. He invites us to notice.

The Community of St. Rita in the Desert would love to notice it with you.

Please come to our Harvest Fest on Friday, October 23, from 4:00–10:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 24, from 2:00–10:00 p.m., here on the parish grounds at 13260 E. Colossal Cave Road. There will be food, vendors, games, and entertainment for the whole family. You do not have to belong to the parish. If you live in Vail, you already are part of our community.

Proceeds from the Harvest Fest will help us build a new church so more of our parish family have a place to pray and worship. Come hungry. Come with the children. Come if it has been a long time.

We look forward to seeing you there!

With warm regards and gratitude,

By Very Reverend Alonzo M. Garcia, Dean

HEAT OPTIMIST CLUB

Optimist Club Shoe Day



Heat Optimist Club Shoe Day 2026

The Rincon Optimist Club hosted a Shoe Day for students in the Vail School District. Enthusiastic students arrived at the Skechers Shoe store on Broadway on August 1st. They supplied 106 children with the shoes of their choice. In addition, they received 3 pairs of socks. The students could also receive a balloon, and a representative from Michaels led a craft table. The Rincon Optimist Club paid for the shoes, and several Rincon Vista Middle School Jr. Optimist Club members helped the kids pick out their new shoes. This is an annual event sponsored by the Rincon Optimist Club.

By Marcia Aurand

"Headline Story" cont. from pg 1

flowers, pop-up parties, free samples, and a scavenger hunt. Visit The Vail Voice Facebook page for a specific schedule and list of activities for our area.

Adjacent pads housing First Watch and the other retailers are planned to open in the first quarter of 2027.

Sprouts is based out of Phoenix and has about 500 stores in 25 states.

By Lucretia Free

Support ReSources Vail Food Bank

as a Golfer or a Sponsor at the

GREATER VAIL COMMUNITY
ReSources
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Golf Challenge

Premier Sponsors
Vulcan Materials Company
Atkinson Family Trust

Hole-in-One Sponsor
Mercedes-Benz of Tucson
A New Mercedes Benz
*actual prize vehicle not shown

Awards Lunch, Prizes, Raffles

Saturday, October 24th, 2026
Forty Niner Golf Course
12000 East Tanque Verde Road
Tucson, AZ 85749
8:00 AM shotgun start

Register as a player or as a sponsor for the ReSources 2026 Golf Challenge online:

www.resourcesvail.org
(follow the prompts to golf registration)

Register and pay for a foursome OR register and pay as an individual, listing the players in your foursome.

Questions or need assistance?
Contact: Shane Stamback
shanestamback@resourcesvail.org

Greater Vail Area Chamber of Commerce

Influencing Vail's Future

"To enhance growth opportunities and advance economic development in the Greater Vail Area."

13105 E Colossal Cave Rd | Vail, AZ 85641 | 520.261.8245



New Members

- Tierra Antigua Realty- Debra Larochelle
- Be Kind Lyfe
- Crest Insurance Group
- Robert Chasan Lifewave Brand Partner

Renewing Members

- Home Instead
- Sunset Weight & Wellness
- ApexNetwork Physical Therapy
- Clayco Electric Inc Solar Specialist
- Pima County Fair
- Concord General Contracting, Inc.

greatervailchamber.com

The Academy of Tucson

Looking for an A-Rated, tuition free, college-prep, K-12 school for your child?

Come see about the Academy of Tucson!





Elementary School	Middle School	High School
9209 E Wrightstown Rd	7310 E 22nd St	10720 E 22nd St
(520) 886-6076	(520) 749-1413	(520) 733-0096

Tuition free public charter schools • Founded in 1986 • Chartered in 1999
Fully accredited since 1990 • Small class sizes • College-preparatory curriculum
Art, music, performing arts, PE, technology electives
Extracurricular activities including sports and clubs • 100% Graduation rate
Earn college credit while still in high school

Ready to retire?
Do you have a plan in place?
Let's talk.

Fee Only Fiduciary, I act in your best interest.



To learn more, call Brad Singer today at **480-330-4878**

Brad Singer, CFA
480-330-4878
Brad@VailFinancialAdvisors.com
www.VailFinancialAdvisors.com

VAIL FINANCIAL ADVISORS

*Disclosure: Vail Financial Advisors is an investment advisory firm registered in Arizona. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Differences in account size, timing of transactions and market conditions prevailing at the time of investment may lead to different results, and clients may lost money. Clients should consult with their personal tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of investing. Yields are not guaranteed. May not be appropriate for all investors. Employs the use of option strategies and or Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) using option strategies.

Word Search

Halloween

S V A M P I R E Z O M B I E B
L N R E T N A L O K C A J Y O
U B C B N G R A V E Y A R D E
O G A K C O F F I N D A W N M
H O N C T I T N K R C F E A U
G B D I N O I E A S U G R C T
W L L T N K M C L L A W E Y S
I I E S P E U B L E O M W R O
T N M M K L T M S R K B O E C
C S U O A U O H C T A S L T S
H P M O F O L E G T O O F E E
E R M R N A R L S I H N P M L
S P Y B M A E R C S R G E E P
L E T A C K C A L B S F I C P
G H O S T S S R E D I P S N A

APPLES
BATS
BLACK CAT
BROOMSTICK
CANDLE
CANDY
CEMETERY
COFFIN
COSTUME
DRACULA
FRIGHTENING
FULL MOON
GHOSTS
GHOULS
GOBLINS
GRAVEYARD
JACK O LANTERN
MASK
MUMMY
NIGHT
PUMPKIN
SCARECROW
SCARY
SCREAM
SKELETON
SKULL
SPIDERS
TOMBSTONE
VAMPIRE
WEREWOLF
WITCHES
ZOMBIE

To place an ad call: 520-490-0654

ElderHealth at home

Personalized concierge
primary care
right where you call home.



Mobile Primary Care | Caregiving Support | Cognitive Health

www.elderhealthathome.com | (520) 829-9987

Keeping homes termite-free since 1938.

$100* Off
Termite Control

Call Now!
Receive a FREE inspection
and this great offer.
*Applicable to new annual service agreement.

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO AND DEALS

THAT IS NOT THE KIND OF WOOD WORK YOU WANT AT HOME!

TRULY NOLEN
PEST CONTROL
TERMITES

800 • GO • TRULY

SEAC Override

Vail Unified School District provides safe learning/nurturing environments for students along with quality education for K-12 students living in south east Pima County. The impact of rapid residential/business development has affected the school district, as well as the basic infrastructure in our area, which includes roads/transportation, recreational endeavors, safety services (fire, law enforcement and emergency services), wildlife preservation, public library use as well basic human needs for our residents.

How do we support our community needs for education and infrastructure as well as grow our community? According to Superintendent, John Carruth, the school district has many families living in and being served in the district with food-insufficiency, qualifying for reduced lunches, dealing with mental health needs, experiencing increased stress levels, limited resources for basic needs and many other at-risk indicators that school staff deal with on a daily basis. It is a known fact that many students take longer to complete their graduation from high school than four-years due to situations that occur within their family structure. The district has developed programs that allow students to finish their diploma requirements in the summer or another semester to assist with opportunities to move forward with their lives and graduate from high school. The district partners with community volunteers/businesses to meet the needs of students.

The current over-ride is a way for the community to provide funding for the schools through local taxes. Voting to approve the over-ride will not increase your taxes but will enable the following programs to continue: music, art, physical education, advanced courses for college preparation/entrance, and gifted programs. The state provides money for basic courses such as math, reading, writing, history and science, however, since 1993, parents in the district have felt their children need to develop into well-rounded citizens by providing alternatives for children who excel in areas that include more than basic academic courses. Due to the over-ride funding and programming the school district is able to provide these additional courses to students. The lack of continued over-ride funding will see many programs that benefit students phased out within the next two years. Long-standing community choice and consistent local investment are the reasons students have been successful. If you would like to know more about the community investment into the school district and programs available to students check out the school district website.

By Carol A. Wagner Williams
President – SEAC of Pima County
info@seacpimacounty.org

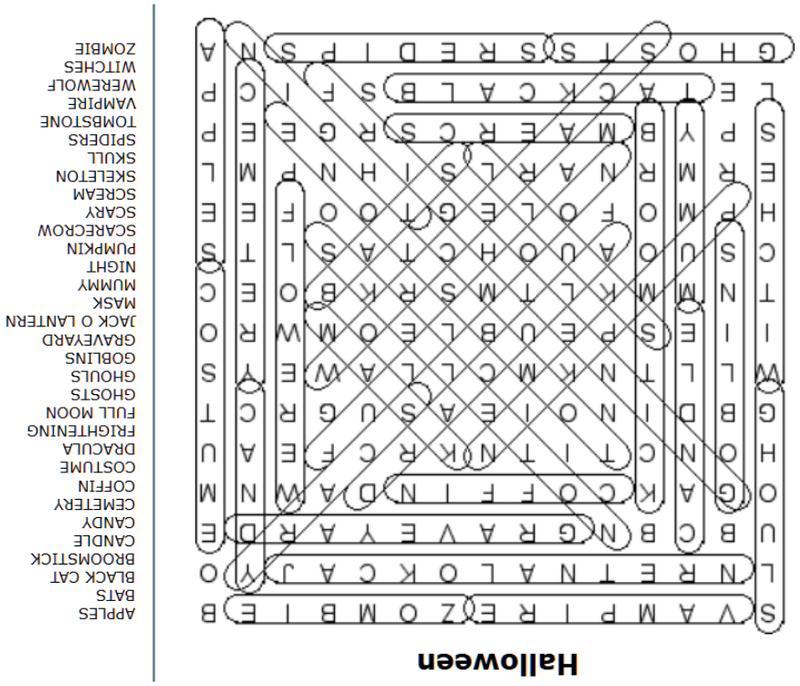
Beautify Your Home with
PROFESSIONAL & DEPENDABLE LANDSCAPING AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE.
Landscape installations, One time clean ups, Irrigation system installs, landscape lighting & Irrigation repairs
520.326.7209
www.sonoranscapesinc.com
Free ESTIMATES
SONORAN SCAPES LANDSCAPING INC.
BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESS
Servicing Tucson & Surrounding areas since 2000 ROC#256984

Over 20 Years in the Community.
Heather Redmon, DVM
Madera Veterinary Hospital
OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:
CO2 Laser Surgery
Digital Radiology
Internal Medicine
Dentistry
Cold Laser Therapy
Microchipping
Puppy & Kitten Packages
Excellent Care for Excellent Pets!
maderavet.com
(520) 574-3700
Serving Rita Ranch and Southeast Tucson
7681 S. Houghton Road

ooroo
Auto Repair With Heart
OOROO Auto is proud to join the Vail community! Locally owned and operated, OOROO provides expert car repair and maintenance
For a limited time: Take $25 or 10% off your next service.
(520) 394-8394 | Monday-Friday: 7:30am-5:30pm
10508 E Old Vail Rd (next to Hotrods)
oorooauto.com
Arizona Daily Star
AZ DAILY STAR READERS FAVORITE
BBB
SOUTHERN ARIZONA TORCH AWARD ETHICS & CUSTOMER EXCELLENCE

Word Search Solved

The hidden message is: BOBBING FOR APPLES



Vail School District FOUNDATION
"Supporting Positive Experiences"

A BIG THANK YOU to Tucson Electric Power for their generous $10,000 donation to the Vail School District Foundation! We are grateful for TEP's continued investment in our students, teachers, and schools. Support from community partners like TEP helps make it possible for the Foundation to provide meaningful opportunities that enrich learning throughout the Vail School District. We appreciate your partnership and commitment to our schools! We're also excited to spotlight Sarah Holzwarth, a dedicated Corona Foothills Middle School teacher who received a Foundation grant to purchase STEM materials for her classrooms. These hands-on resources will give students opportunities to explore, create, problem-solve, and bring STEM concepts to life in an engaging way. We love seeing donor support turn into real classroom experiences that inspire curiosity and learning! To learn more about who we are and what we do, go to www.vsdfoundation.org.

TEP
Tucson Electric Power

need some support?

individualized *whole-person* support for local teens, parents/couples and families.
improved mental, emotional and physical well-being... for good.

call today for your free consultation
www.mindfulvisioncounseling.com
860.249.1720
mindful vision counseling



What Actually Determines Your Auto Loan Rate?

You've found the car, and you know the price. Now comes another number that can have a big impact on what you actually pay: your auto loan rate.

There isn't one standard rate for every borrower. The rate you receive can depend on your credit profile as well as details about the loan itself. That's why two people buying similarly priced vehicles may end up with different financing offers.

Your credit is a big part of the picture. Lenders may review your credit score along with payment history, outstanding balances and recent credit activity. Generally, a stronger credit profile can help you qualify for more favorable terms.

But your credit score isn't working alone.

The amount you borrow matters, too. A down payment or trade-in can reduce the amount you need to finance, while taxes, fees, add-ons or an unpaid balance on a trade-in can increase it.

Lenders may also consider the relationship between the amount you're borrowing and what the vehicle is worth. This is commonly called the loan-to-value ratio, or LTV.

The loan term matters as well.

A longer term can lower your monthly payment because the balance is spread over more months. But paying over a longer period can mean paying more interest overall.

That's why shopping by monthly payment alone can be misleading. Before agreeing to a loan, look at the annual percentage rate (APR), how much you're financing, the loan term and what you'll repay in total.

Your existing financial obligations can also come into play. Lenders may consider your income and current debts when reviewing an application. Even if you qualify for a certain payment, it's worth doing your own math. Add insurance, fuel, registration and maintenance before deciding what fits comfortably.

If a car purchase may be in your future, checking your credit ahead of time is one of the most useful things you can do.

Hughes Federal Credit Union members can use CreditSmart through Hughes Digital Banking to view their credit score and report, see factors that may be affecting their score and monitor changes to their credit. Checking CreditSmart uses a soft inquiry, so it won't lower your score.

Reviewing your credit can give you valuable context. You may spot a balance that has climbed, information that needs correcting or other activity you'd rather know about before you apply.

You won't know your exact auto loan rate until a lender reviews your application, but you can go into the process better prepared.

Check your credit before you shop, know how much you want to borrow and compare the full financing offer instead of focusing only on the payment.

Learn more about auto financing at HughesFCU.org/Auto.

Hughes Federal Credit Union



More within reach.

Auto loan options personalized for you.

That next car or truck may be more within reach than you thought. With Hughes Federal Credit Union, you can:

- Apply for an auto loan online in minutes
- Finance a NEW or USED vehicle
- Get pre-approved before you shop
- Get a rate personalized just for you!

If it's been a while since you considered Hughes for an auto loan, take another look. Our Auto Loan rates are now personalized just for you, creating more opportunities for qualified borrowers. We've been helping Southern Arizonans move forward for generations, and you may qualify for a rate that helps put the vehicle you want within reach. Because where you've been matters. And so does where you're going.

We take you further.

Hughes Federal Credit Union

READERS' CHOICE 2026 WINNER Arizona Daily Star

Best Bank/Credit Union
Best Debit Card
Best Large Company to Work For

HughesFCU.org/Auto
520-794-8341

Insured by NCUA. Membership required. Loan approval and rate subject to creditworthiness and other qualifications. Rates, terms, and conditions subject to change. Visit HughesFCU.org for details.

This Page to be removed