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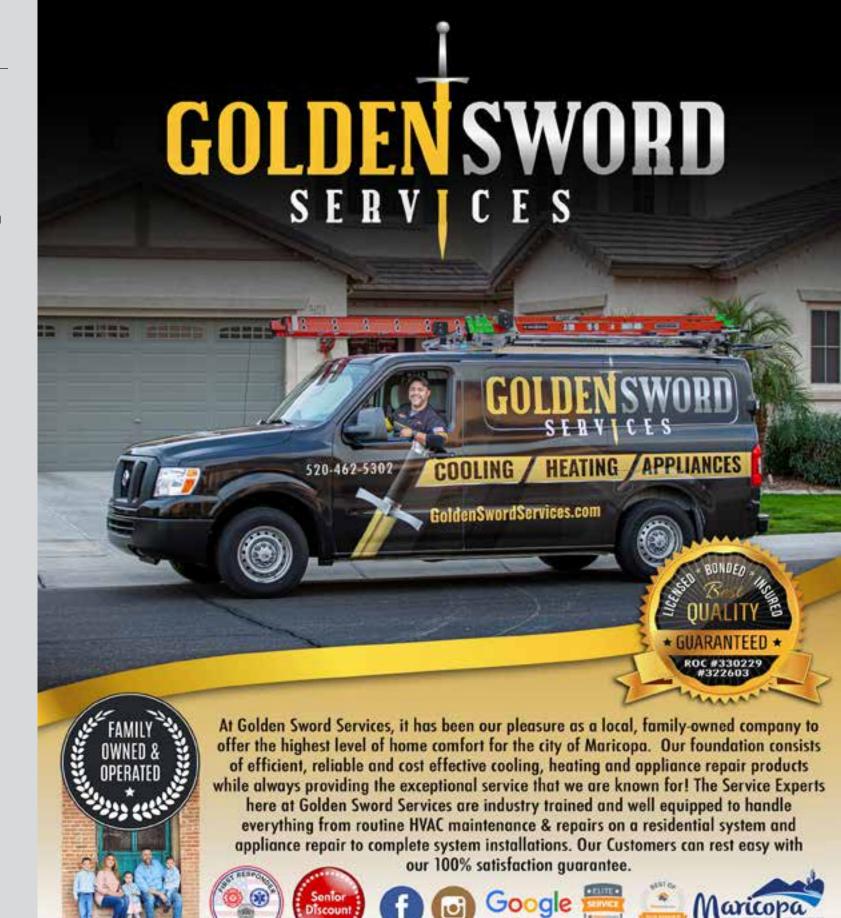
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s mayor, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to your new home in the city of Maricopa. Maricopa is a beautiful, young city, having been incorporated nearly two decades ago, in October 2003. As a relatively new city, this can present



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Hopefully you will discover what my family and I have come to realize as each day passes. Simply put: We love Maricopa! And I know you will, too.

On behalf of the entire City Council, welcome home... and welcome to Maricopa!

Sincerely

Christian Price Mayor | City of Maricopa



The Ak-Chin Indian Community

s Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, I would like to welcome you to our community and invite you and your family to visit us!

Ak-Chin is an O'odham word translated to mean "mouth of the wash" or "place where the wash loses itself in the sand or ground." The Ak-Chin Indian Community has an enrollment of more than 1,300 tribal members and



a land base of just over 22,000 acres. We were formally organized in 1961, under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

First and foremost, we are a farming community; Ak-Chin Farms was established in 1963 and currently harvests more than 15,000 acres, making us one of the largest farming communities in the United States. Cotton is the principal crop while barley, potatoes, alfalfa and corn are also grown. We are home to the Ak-Chin Him-Dak Eco-Museum, the first of its kind in the country. The Him-Dak Eco-Museum is a place where objects of our past, our culture and traditions are conserved and shared.

Our local deli, Vekol Market serves as a gas station and cafe that offers a variety of options made fresh daily, a wide selection of groceries, a dining area and a patio with outside seating.

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On behalf of the Ak-Chin Tribal Council and the Ak-Chin Indian Community, we welcome you to Maricopa and we hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Robert Miguel Chairman, Ak-Chin Indian Community



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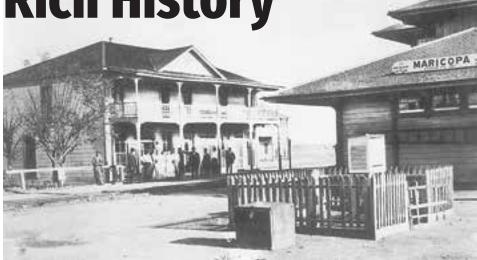
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ince pre-Columbian times, Maricopa has had three distinct locations, each with its unique history.

Prior to and during the early colonial period, native bands of the Akimel O'odham (Pima) and Pee-Posh (Maricopa) lived in the Valley around the Gila River. Relying on native trails and the "good-natured" tribes in the area, a stagecoach route was established just west of Pima Butte connecting Tucson with Phoenix.

Along that route south of the Gila River, about eight miles northwest of the current city limits, a relay station was built. Settlers called the stop Maricopa Wells after the O'odham word for the Pee-Posh people. A steady supply of fresh water made it a desert oasis fed by wells reaching into the underground Gila River.

When Arizona became a territory in 1863, there were only three communities in the state with considerable size — Tucson, Prescott and Maricopa Wells.

Prior to the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad, Maricopa Wells was a major supply post on the Transcontinental Mail Line and Butterfield Overland Stage Mail Line. Upon completion of the SPRR in 1879, the post was moved south to meet the tracks at its second home — Maricopaville — about 3.5 miles west of its current location.

Maricopaville suffered a short life, lasting only about seven years before being moved to its third and final locale. There were intentions to build a second rail line to connect Maricopaville to Phoenix (M&P Branch Line), but residents in Tempe became upset by the prospect of being excluded from access to the north-south line. In 1886, their noise eventually forced the M&P Branch terminus (Maricopa Junction) east to where the city of Maricopa is today.

In 1887, the first M&P train went into operation, and a year later the Maricopa post

Shortly after Maricopa found its new home, Maricopaville succumbed to the flames of a destructive fire, taking most of its buildings and homes, and sending its few inhabitants east to Maricopa Junction.

During the next 35 years, Maricopa Junction experienced modest prosperity building churches, a hotel and schoolhouse.

In 1912, under President Taft, the federal government established reservation land south of Maricopa Junction. Less than a year later the federal government shrunk the reservation by half due to opposition from area farmers. Ak-Chin Indian Community was established

The population of Maricopa in 1920 was 381. In 1930, in the first year of the Great Depression, that number was reduced to 143. Later, in 1935, the M&P Line closed. Over the following decade, the area struggled with the effects of the Depression and then a war-time

After World War II, the community began to again experience modest growth, even expanding the schoolhouse to accommodate the growing population. Over the next 60 years, some of the most well-known Maricopa families — Smiths, Farrells, Andersons and Burks — moved to the community and established their roots.

In 1995, State Route 347 was finished, paralleling the old M&P Branch Line. The City of Maricopa officially incorporated in 2003.

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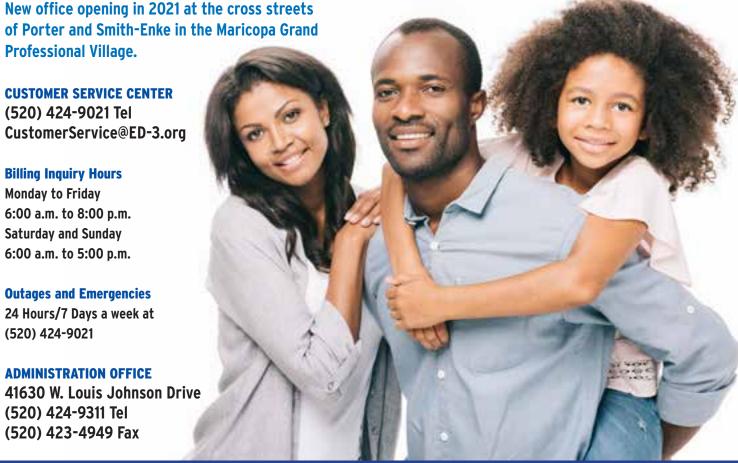
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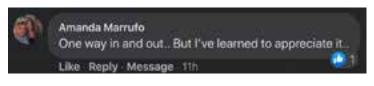
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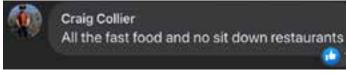
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jscore75 | wish | knew when we moved in how much better it was going to get every year! I am glad we stuck it out thru all the growing pains.





Jennifer Wagner @jwagner1319 - Dec 12 Replying to @InMaricopa

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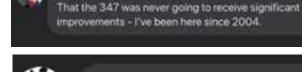
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That people drive very aggressively/stupid on the 347





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Unlike most I did my research before moving here 5 years ago, I'm perfectly happy with Maricopa. It would be nice to have a Target and Home Depot or Lowes here.



Lera Petukhova

Claire Dodd Rickman Beamer



That they were going to lie and add apartments and buildings higher than 2 story 😡



Hove it. No regrets.



That they weren't going to expand 347 for how big we're





Rob Allen

I was hoping it would stay a small hometown

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John Wayne AKA The Duke

John Wayne was born Marion Morrison in Winterset, Iowa.

He grew up in Southern California and became a movie extra and then an actor after losing his scholarship to USC in the 1920s.



Wayne bought 4,000 acres of farmland between Maricopa and Stanfield in the late 1950s.

He partnered with local cotton farmer Louis Johnson, who managed Wayne's farm. The two later merged their properties. Both now have roadways named for them in Maricopa.

Wayne and Johnson moved into the cattle business in the 1960s, running a feedlot near Maricopa and a ranch near Springerville.

One of Wayne's favorite watering holes was Table Top Tavern in Stanfield.

Johnson's wife Alice put Wayne on a weight-loss program for his movie roles.





At the peak of the Wayne and Johnson cattle partnership, they had 85,000 head.

Wayne died of cancer in 1979.

El Dorado Holdings CEO Mike Ingram campaigned to have a portion of State Route 347 (Maricopa Road) named John Wayne Parkway.

The Duke Golf Course draws its name from Wayne's nickname. Some streets within Rancho El Dorado — Sagebrush Trail, Rio Grande, Rio Lobo, Cahill and others — share names with Wayne movies.





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By Fran Lyons

ocally owned and operated by Ray Nieves, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning business strives to be a "one-stop shop" for its customers. But keeping one's air conditioning system running was more important than ever in 2020.

The Phoenix region had the hottest summer in its history, shattering the record for the most 100-degree days in a calendar year, with 144. A record was also set with the mercury reaching a high of at least 110 degrees for 50 days. That crushed the previous record, from 2011, of 33 days.

Moreover, August was the hottest ever since records started being kept in 1895, with an average high temperature of 110.7 degrees and an average overall temperature of 99.1 degrees, both the warmest ever, according to the National Weather Service.



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We were extremely busy with each tech averaging 8 to 10 service calls a day. We brought two more guys onto the crew. Between the heat and people stuck at home from the pandemic, urgency and immediacy contributed to the need.





The region also had its hottest autumn in history, with an average high temperature of 93.2 degrees from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30.

"This year we experienced the hottest temperatures on record. It was crazy!" Nieves said at the end of 2020. "We were extremely busy with each tech averaging 8 to 10 service calls a day. We brought two more guys onto the crew. Between the heat and people stuck at home from the pandemic, urgency and immediacy contributed to the need."

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In 2017, he made the decision to open his own business in his hometown of Maricopa. 911 Air Repair launched, he said, with an emphasis on service to the customer and the community, commitment to building relationships built on trust, and quality of workmanship through training and certification of its technicians.

With families "sheltering in place" in the early months of the pandemic, many sought to improve the quality and purity of air in their homes, he said, noting a whole-house system can eliminate 99.9% of allergens and contaminates, including the COVID-19 virus.

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'MY FOOTPRINT IS HERE IN MARICOPA'

Born and raised in Maricopa and a graduate of Maricopa High School, Nieves is a tireless advocate and youth activity sponsor. He lends financial support to several high school sports teams, Little League teams and wrestling events. He is also involved in e-sports at Copper Sky and outdoor football and basketball events at Pacana Park. Last October, 50% of the money from referrals went to training, equipment and jerseys for teams. In addition, he works with local nonprofits including the Maricopa Pantry.

He also sponsored the "Maricopa Wild Horses" public art initiative, purchasing a decorated horse sculpture. This is part of his legacy to his children as a Maricopan, he said.

"I grew up here, my children are growing up here, and I want them to know how much pride I have in this community and the people in it," he said. "My footprint is here in Maricopa."

Nancy Rollins, his fifth-grade teacher at Maricopa Elementary, recalled Nieves as an "amazing student" who was interested in everything and loved science and social studies. In 1995, she said, Nieves and four classmates entered The Honeywell AeroSpace Challenge and placed second.

"This was a first for our school and Maricopa and set the tone for future first-place wins," she said.

But Rollins remembers Nieves for more than academics.

"Quiet spoken and thoughtful, close to friends and his family, Ray was always helping others," she said. "He was really communityminded even as a 10-year-old."

Over 25 years, Rollins said she has watched Nieves develop his character and relationships with people.

"He's just really a good guy," she said. "He honestly cares about people and service to his community. He is always willing to extend a helping hand."

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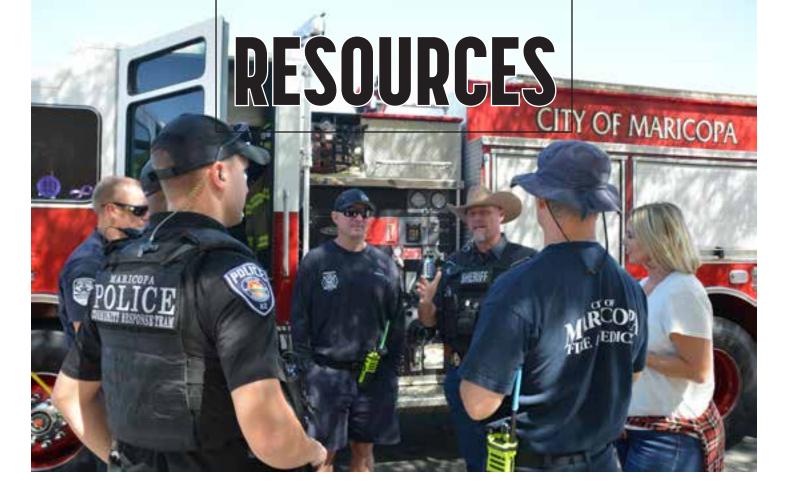




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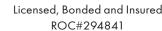




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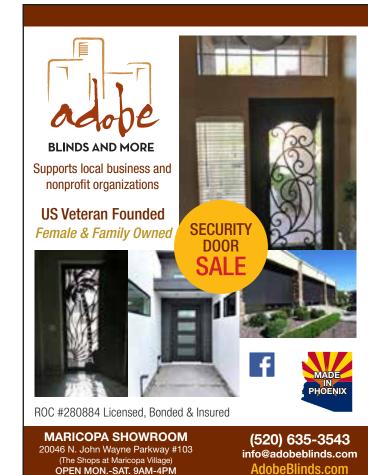
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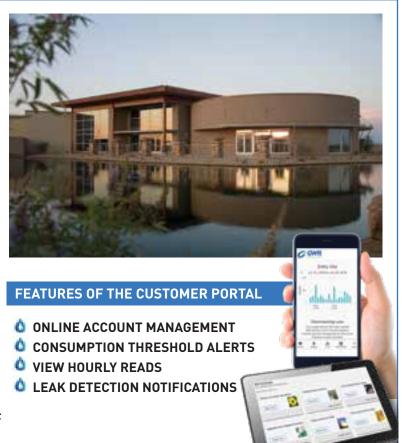
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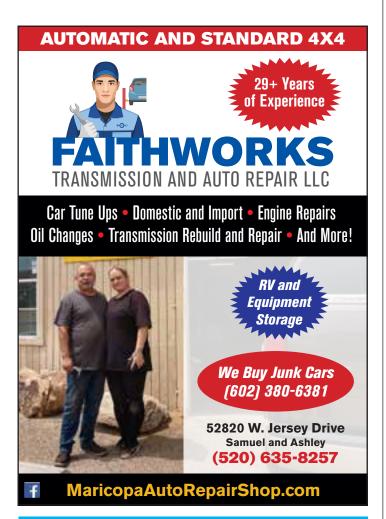




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Action Alliance Network Inc.

FIN: 20-3475933 Funds public safety, disaster preparedness and relief.

Aid 4 Grevs

EIN: 20-2574239 Rescues and resources greyhounds.

American Legion

EIN: 27-2110284

◆ ALPost133Az.org Creates programs for military veterans.

American Legion Auxiliary

EIN: 27-3655841

→ ALPost133Az.org Creates programs for spouses and families of military veterans.

Motorcycle Club

Association of Civilian Technicians Inc

FIN: 86-0470847 ActNat.com DoD union exclusively.

EIN: 39-1722440 ArizonaKnights.com

Arizona Outdoor Adventures Inc.

EIN: 86-0896931 AZOutdoorAdventures.org Promoting healthy outdoor activities for

Arizona Foundation for Social Justice

Children and Youth Service

EIN: 80-0491866

AFSJ-CYS.org

Provides family services.

Arizona Poodle Rescue

EIN: 87-0799983

children.

ArizonaPoodleRescue.org Rescues and re-homes standard poodles.

Arizona Sun Chasers

FIN: 86-0976238 ArizonaSunChasers.org

AZ Knights Inc.

Provides fundamentals in youth sports.

Be Awesome Inc.

EIN: 86-0731529 → BeAwesomeYouth.life Creates positive, empowering activities and learning experiences for youth

Be Empowered to Be Inc.

EIN: 36-4699294 → BeMPoweredInc.com Provides educational services to

women and girls 12 and older.

Blue Star Mothers of America Inc.

FIN: 36-4774227 • BlueStarMothersofMaricopa.org Provides auxiliary support of military personnel.

Boy Scout Troop 993

EIN: 20-8803738 Facebook.com/troop993 Creates achievement environment for Scouts 11-18.

Copa Shorts Film Fest Inc.

EIN: 81-0902509 CopaShortsFilmFest.org Presents short films and educational programs.

Dance For Tatas

EIN: 83-1391645 → DanceForTatas.org Brings awareness to breast cancer raising money for Impact One.

DSPA Gems

FIN: 80-0469117 → Facebook.com/DSPAGems Creates events and provides training in performing arts.

DOVES Network

EIN: 84-4404076

1 DOVESNetwork.org Bringing awareness to childhood domestic violence.

F.O.R. Maricopa Inc.

EIN: 26-0527262 → ForMaricopa.org Provides food and essentials to families in need

Families United Inc.

FIN: 51-0578429

Care.com/b/l/Families-United-Inc/ Mariconn-A7

Provides assisted living options.

Fraternal Order of Police

EIN: 27-1685692 AZFOP.Ora Committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers.

Helping Orphaned Hounds Rescue

EIN: 27-1868373

HelpingOrphanedHounds.org Finds homes for dogs and promotes spaying/neutering.



International Association of Safety

Environmental Professionals FIN: 47-1938317 ◆ IASHEP.org Helps businesses create safe workplaces.

Keep the Beat Inc.

FIN: 81-3575032

◆ KeepTheBeatDJs.com Offers music training and community service opportunities.

Legacy Traditional School Maricopa

EIN: 27-0637575

Maricopa.LegacyTraditional.org Educates kindergarten through middle school.

Little League Baseball Inc.

FIN: 20-0616188

MaricopaLittleLeague.com Provides youth sports opportunities.

Little Whiskers Animal Rescue

EIN: 83-1832268

◆ LittleWhiskers.org No kill organization committed to finding homes for cats of all ages.

Maricopa Amateur Radio Association

EIN: 46-2297818 ◆ CopaHams.ora

Presents activities and testing in amateur radio operations.

Maricopa Arts Council

EIN: 46-3796208

Facebook.com/Maricopa-Arts-Council-607730355925627 Creates opportunities to showcase community arts and entertainment.

Maricopa Community Theatre

EIN: 27-3193374

MaricopaCommunityTheatre.com Presents live theater productions and youth performances.



Maricopa Cultural Activity Center Inc. (Friends of the Maricopa

Public Library) FIN: 94-2933340

Maricopafriends.yolasite.com Supports and enhances the public library.

Maricopa Economic **Development Alliance**

EIN: 27-0924554 → MariconnaFDA com Seeks strategies and solutions for economic growth.

Maricopa Education Foundation Inc.

FIN: 260273602

MaricopaEducationFoundation.ora Provides academic and cultural enrichment for students

Maricopa Football Boosters

EIN: 81-4514608

MaricopaRamsFootball.com Provides opportunities and resources for Maricopa High School football.

Maricopa Golf Classic Incorporated

EIN: 47-5276824

→ Holes 4 Hernes A7 com Raises money for American Service Animal

Maricopa Historical Society

EIN: 27-3047891

⚠ MHS50 com

Preserves historical materials and educates through special programs.

Maricopa Lions Club

FIN: 47-3132480

• E-Clubhouse.org/sites/Maricopa Provides community service and fundraisina.

Maricopa Multi Cultural Consortium

FIN: 81-2253575

Facebook.com/MMCCvenue Seeks resources for construction of senior/community center.

Maricopa Pantry

FIN: 81-3081927

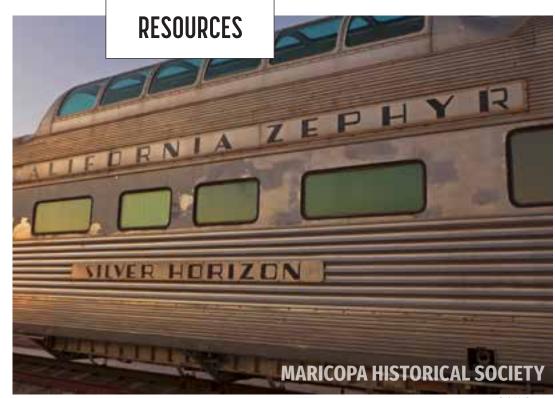
Facebook.com/MaricopaPantry Provides food bank services.

Maricopa Police Foundation Inc.

EIN: 80-0540115

→ MPFinc.org

Provides support and resources for Maricopa Police Department.



TheStreetsDontLoveYouBack.com

Provides education and resources to

prevent youth crime and recidivism.

Support Team for Education and

Supports higher learning for children

Learning Associations Inc.

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→ Toastmasters.ora

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Vetit Inc.

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in developing countries.

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MaricopaSandlot.com Provides competition opportunities for girls fastpitch softball.

Maricopa Seniors Inc.

FIN: 90-0502807

Maricopa Sandlot

EIN: 82-1774844

→ MaricopaSeniors.ora Provides resources for senior safety.

Maricopa United Soccer Club

EIN: 81-3559665

A MariconaUnitedsc.com Provides competition for year-round soccer.

Maricopa Youth Football

FIN: 01-0832741

Facebook.com/MaricopaYouthFootball Provides recreation and instruction for youth.

Nelson C. Lathan Counseling Center

EIN: 46-1079110

NelsonCLathanCounseling.com Provides youth programs for emotional health and education

Orphan Foundation

EIN: 20-8201228

Provides resources for adopting families.

Pet Social Worker Tails of Hope

EIN: 26-1974172

PetSocialWorker.org Offers information on lost/ found and adoptable pets.

Powerpack Copa Inc.

PowerPackCopa.ora Provides weekend meals for school children.

Pride & Joy Learning & Development

services for qualifying families.

Team fundraising cancer walk event.

Sassy's Sisters Happy Haven

EIN: 81-4382642

→ Facebook.com/sassyssisters Providing a home for rescued cats.

Silent Heroes

EIN: 81-4088924

→ W2Wqolf.com/silent-heroes Hosts golf tournament to benefit first responders.

The Streets Don't Love You Back FIN: 47-3208272

EIN: 47-5488722

Center Inc.

FIN: 41-2205048 Provides reduced-rate daycare

Relay For Life of Maricopa

Part of American Cancer Society EIN: 13-1788491

Relay.org/MaricopaAZ

Animal Sanctuary

EIN: 86-1003308 Hosts a museum of military aviation history.

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DEDICATED STAFF

Without exception, our classrooms are filled with educators who care deeply about the wellbeing and development of every child and work skillfully to prepare them for their futures."

- Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent

NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Pima Butte Elementary is the first MUSD school to be recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School and was one of 367 schools who received the award across the nation in 2020. The United States Department of Education selected Pima Butte Elementary for being an **Exemplary High Performing School. Their commitment** to provide a welcoming environment and meet rigorous academic standards inspires excellence.

A CHOICE THAT FITS

Whichever educational experience you choose, MUSD is here to provide the quality education and support your child needs to grow throughout the school year.

What that will look like?

Students will attend school virtually through:

- Synchronous Live Instruction
- Learning Platforms
- K-5 Florida Virtual
- 6-12 Edgenuity
- Google Classroom

What should I consider?

- Teacher may change
- · Must commit to model through the end of the school year

What that will look like?

Students will attend school in-person with enhanced safety measures:

- Masks must be worn
- · Social distancing will be practiced when possible.
- · Lunch and breakfast will be served, but students will eat in their classroom or assigned area.
- Students will not be allowed to gather in large groups and must remain with class cohorts.

What should I consider?

- Teacher may change
- Parent must commit to model through the end of the school year
- May revert back to online due to outbreak and
- Social distancing can not be practiced on buses, masks must be worn at

- intermittent closure
- all times

COMPETITIVE PROGRAMMING

We are confident our schools offer opportunities for every child. We know that much of a person's success begins with the learning that takes place from birth to five years old. In July 2019, MUSD expanded Preschool opportunities at Santa Rosa Elementary School. Each classroom is led by a certified teacher who specializes in Early Childhood learning. Registration is now open for three-, four-, and five-year olds. Call 520-568-5100 ext. 2502 or stop by the District Office to begin the enrollment process. We can't wait to meet you!

OPPORTUNITIES

- Certified Teachers
- · Research-Based Curriculum
- Locations at Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz **Elementary Schools**
- Full-Day Preschool
- Wrap-Around Child Care 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Dual Language Classes Coming **July 2021**



MUSD Elementary Schools offer leadership development, character education, and STEAM activities; and the district remains proud of its

OPPORTUNITIES

- Character Education
- Leadership Development
- STEAM Activities

MUSD Middle Schools' Blended Learning environments melds traditional instruction and self-paced project-based learning steeped in rigor and relevance. Students put their problem solving, forward thinking, and creative skills to the test by collaborating in projects to solve real-

OPPORTUNITIES

- STEAM Initiatives
- Blended Learning Opportunities



"Every Student Graduates" is an important goal that emerged through our strategic vision. By creating multiple paths to graduation, MUSD is better able to meet the diverse needs and interests of our student population. Maricopa High School

is thrilled to offer the AP Capstone Diploma program. The innovative program allows students to develop the skills that matter most for college success, such as research, collaboration, and communication. Additional paths to graduation include:

OPPORTUNITIES

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Maricopa Elementary (K-5)

18150 N. Alterra Pkwv. 520-568-5160 Principal Dr. Jennifer Robinson

Pima Butte Elementary (PreK-5)

42202 W. Rancho El Dorado Pkwy. 520-568-7150 Principal Elizabeth Allison

Saddleback Elementary (PreK-5)

18600 N. Porter Road 520-568-6110 Principal Dr. Marchelle Hasan

Santa Cruz Elementary (PreK-5)

19845 N. Costa del Sol Blvd. 520-568-5170 Principal Stephanie Rhinehart

Santa Rosa Elementary (PreK-5) 21400 N. Santa Rosa Drive

520-568-6150 Principal Eva Safranek

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Desert Wind Middle School (6-8)

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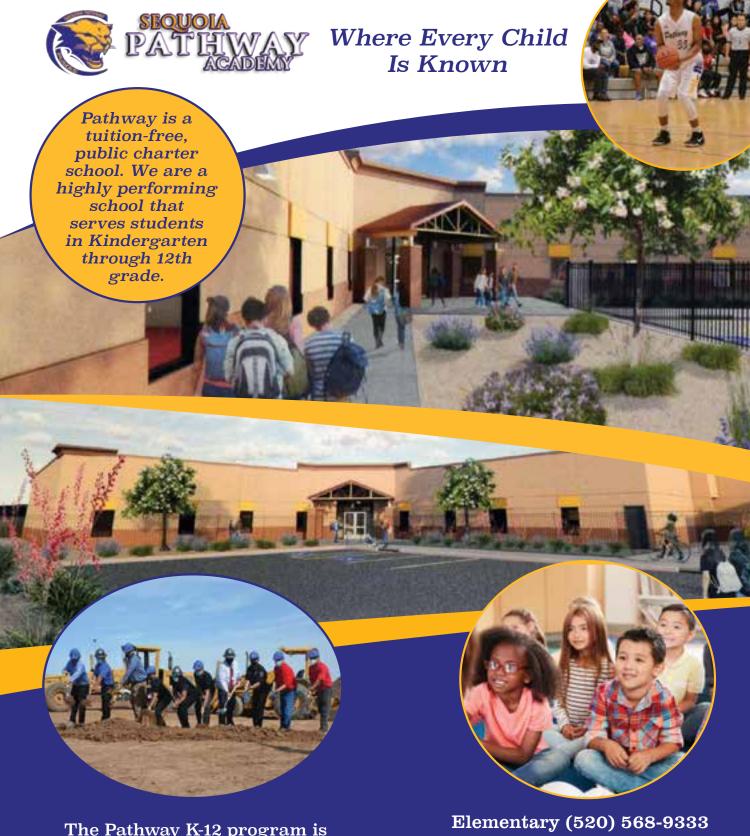
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2020 real estate recap

By Brian Petersheim

he Maricopa real estate market strongly favored sellers for much of the year. And though 2020 will be forever ingrained in our minds for the coronavirus and crazy elections, we can now add huge home value gains.

The end of 2019 was classified as a "slight" seller's market, but by the middle of January 2020, it had become a "strong" seller's market, which continued throughout the year. The year was filled with buyers losing out on dream homes even though offering full price – and sometimes more.

On the seller's side, the first weekend of a listing meant many showings and multiple offers for their home. The strong seller's market was not just confined to the city of Maricopa. Real estate agents all over the Valley were struggling to get their buyers' offers accepted with the low home inventory.

In fact, Phoenix metro had the highest year-over-year increase -11.4% through September 2020 — in the 20-City Composite Case-Shiller Home Price Index. It was the 16th straight month in which home prices in Phoenix increased more than any other city.

There was a slight hiccup in March when the state of Arizona went into a lockdown due to COVID-19. Three things resulted:

- Lenders raised the required credit scores to buy a home. Some buyers already approved were unable to close on their home because they no longer qualified.
- Real estate professionals shifted selling and buying a home from an in-person experience to video walkthroughs and virtual open houses.

NEW-HOME BUILDING PERMITS

Kevin Vasquez

3. Many of the "we buy houses" companies canceled purchases already under contract due to the unknown effects of the pandemic on the market. Many sellers were left scrambling.

Ultimately, the market was uncertain for just a week or so, and then it promptly picked up where it left off.

Historically, a "normal" real estate market with typical ebbs and flows has generally appreciated about 4% per year, according to experts. Homes appreciated in 2020 at a much higher rate, with listing prices increasing more than 20% in Maricopa.

The median home sale price in the city at the beginning of 2020 was 220,000. Twelve months later, the median sales price was 249,500, an increase of 13.4% over the year.

Many buyers, with the luxury of time, decided to buy a new-build, which can take 6-10 months to complete. But they could avoid being out-bid and travel back to their current homes knowing they had purchased a home in Maricopa. At least one of every five homes sold, 20%, was a new-build.

To illustrate how builders compete against the resale of homes in Maricopa, here are the stats:

2020 HOME STATISTICS

2,033

Homes sold

\$220,000 -> \$249,500

Median sales price growth

42

Average days on market (Lowest in a decade)

Least expensive

\$169,000

3-bedroom, 2-bath 1,309-square-foot in Rancho El Dorado, 42380 W. Anne Lane Most expensive

\$500,000 5-bedroom, 3-bath

3,305 square feet in The Lakes at Rancho El Dorado, 40636 W. Parkhill Court

Data source Multiple Listing Service; 2020 stats through Dec. 13, 2020.

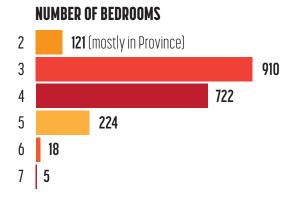
In 2020, there was a resurgence in the number of new homes under construction, a much-needed complement to the tight inventory of available resale homes. Some noticeable changes include the filling in of some partial subdivisions. Three companies are building in both The Lakesat Rancho El Dorado, and Tortosa, and homes under construction in Palo Brea and Santa Rosa Crossing.

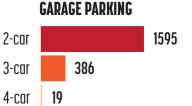
The forecast for 2021 indicates a strong showing by current builders, with new builders coming in. Expect a parcel or two of land to be zoned residential and improved in 2021. Many of the new-builds will be singlestory with some offering multigenerational floor plans as many families are growing and expanding with parents and grandparents.

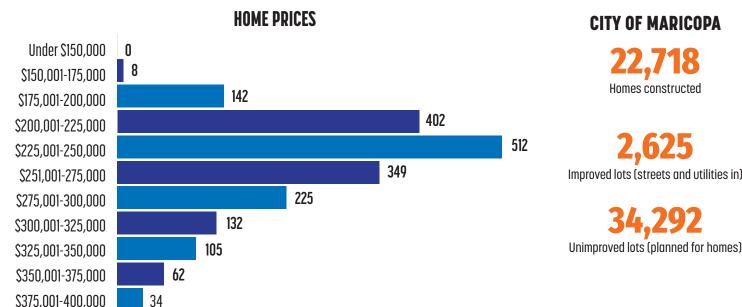
Prices will continue to rise, and supply will stay low through the summer. Our fair city will continue to grow with more businesses, big and small. Most residents don't realize there are 22,718 homes currently in

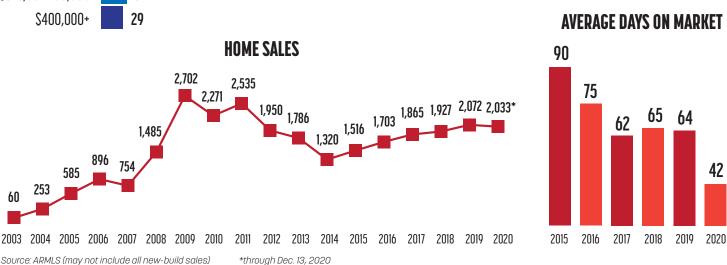
Maricopa, but developers actually have land and plans set aside for another 35,000 homes. That would mean that we are currently only 40% built out.

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RESOURCES

By Brian Petersheim

If you live in Maricopa or are moving to town, your home is likely in a homeowners association, or HOA. All of the city's 19 residential developments — from Acacia Crossings to the Villages at Rancho El Dorado —have them. They are run with the help of eight management companies with varying monthly fees and amenities.

Before you make that big decision, here are a few things to consider:

- How important is the commute time?

 What do I get for my manage?
- What do I get for my money?
- How strict is the HOA with parking?
- What amenities are included?How often does the HOA raise fees?
- Is construction ongoing in the area?



Rob McCovern

ACACIA CROSSINGS

Lots: 739

Homes: 739 (100% developed)

Dues: \$76.47/month, including Orbitel

Manager: City Property Management, 602-437-4777, City Property.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths,

children's playgrounds, BBQ areas,

basketball courts

Fun fact: The HOA modified a walkway from the center of Acacia Crossing to walk to the stores in the Bashas' center, so residents wouldn't have to walk or bike all the way around the subdivision to shop.

ALTERRA

Lots: 1,005, with Lennar Homes and Wade Jurney Homes building Homes: 980 (98% developed) Dues: \$62,92/month

Manager: JSquared Property Management, 623-251-5260,

JSquaredPropertyManagement.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBO areas

Fun fact: The main entrance to Alterra once had a large fountain/waterfall but was changed to a large planter after the pump system had to be replaced multiple times.

COBBLESTONE FARMS

Lots: 892

Homes: 892 (100% developed)

Dues: \$280.31/quarter, includes basic cable Manager: AAM, 602-957-9191,

AssociatedAsset.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, pool, horseshoes, basketball court, lake, sports

Fun facts: Cobblestone Farms has one of the quickest commute times to the Valley based on the location and traffic in the subdivision Cobblestone/Fulton built the only basement homes in Maricopa, which are about 4,000 square feet.

DESERT CEDARS

Lots: 418

Homes: 418 (100% developed)
Dues: \$225/quarter

Manager: City Property Management, 602-

437-4777, CityProperty.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas

Fun fact: Desert Cedars is the closest subdivision to Copper Sky Multigenerational and Aquatic Center, which means not only an easy walk to Fourth of July festivities, but a front seat for the fireworks for those who stay home.

DESERT PASSAGE (aka Smith Farms) Lots: 706

Homes: 706 (100% developed)
Dues: \$102/month

Manager: Trestle Management Group, 480-422-0888, TrestleManagement.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBO areas, pool, basketball court, sports fields, baseball/ softball field

Fun fact: The interior of Smith Farms Circle is an enclave of homes called Juniper at Desert Passage.

GLENNWILDE GROVES

Lots: 1,948

Homes: 1,917, with Fulton Homes building (98% developed)

Dues: \$92.25/month, with basic cable included

Contact: AAM,

602-957-9191,AssociatedAsset.com **Amenities**: Walking/biking/jogging paths,

children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, 2 heated pools, tennis, basketball, soccer, baseball/ softball, stocked fishing lake

Fun fact: Pacana Park, in the center of Glennwilde Groves, was the city's main gathering place for festivals and sporting events before the larger Copper Sky Multigenerational Complex was built.

HOMESTEAD

Lots: 2,406

Homes: 2,162, with Meritage and Gehan homes are building (90% developed) Homestead has three HOAs and two management companies.

HOMESTEAD NORTH

Dues: \$48.50/month **Manager:** AAM, 602-957-9191. associatedasset.com

HOMESTEAD SOUTH (GATED)

Dues: S107.80/month, including basic cable Manager: CCMC, 480-921-7500, CCCMCnet.com

HOMESTEAD SOUTH (NON-GATED)

Dues:: \$85/month, including basic cable Manager: CCMC, 480-921-7500, CCMCnet.com. Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, volleyball court, basketball courts and lake subdivision Fun fact: The entire subdivision of Homestead is called Homestead North, but locals and residents refer to the gated parcel as Homestead South.

MARICOPA MEADOWS

MARICOPA MEADOWS

Lots: 1,626 Homes: 1,621[1

Homes: 1,621 (100% developed)

Dues: \$210.00/quarter

Manager: Desert Vista Community Management, 480-573-8999,

MyDesertVista.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, basketball court, outside workout trail, pickleball court, Frisbee golf and lake Fun fact: Maricopa Meadows is home to one of Maricopa's two disc aolf courses.

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HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS Cobblestone **Farms** The Lakes Rancho El Dorado **SMITH-ENKE** ILLAGES AT RANCHO EL DORADO Bob McGovern Acacia Crossings The Villages **Homestead North Province** North Maricopa Maricopa Manor HONEYCUTT McDavid Maricopa Townsite **Tortosa** Senita **Estrella Park** Glennwilde Rancho Mirage Maricopa **Meadows** Desert Desert Santa Passage **BOWLIN** Cedars Rosa Alterra Crossing San Travasa **ANDERSON** Neely HARTMAN **Estatés** MURPHY El Rancho Sorrento FUQUA Santa Rosa Santa Rosa Palo Springs Brea FARRELL Red MARICOPA-CASA GRANDE Cortona **Valley** Ranch Avalea/Trilogy STEEN Daltessa GREEN PORTER **Eagle Shadow Hartman Ranch** SR-347 Heiahts (The Sanctuary) **Eagle Wing** PETERS & NALL PARKER **GLENNWILDE** ŏ WHITE : PLANNED Anderson Russell ACTIVE COMPLETE New Resident & Visitor Guide 2021 • InMaricopa.com/NewResident Guide

Lots: 525

Homes: 265, with DRHorton building (51% developed)

Dues: \$70/month

Manager: City Property Management,

602-437-4777, CityProperty.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths,

children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, basketball courts and one of the few sand volleyball courts in Maricopa

Fun facts: There is a plan for a walking path from the neighborhood directly to Copper Sky. Palo Brea offers homes with an attached RV garage.

PROVINCE

Lots: 2,214

Homes: 1.687, with Meritage Homes building (76% developed)

Dues: Villas or Gemini homes 55+ community, \$1,181.15/auarter, includes basic cable; sinalefamily detached 55+ community, \$767.40/ auarter, includes basic cable

Manager: CCMC, 520-568-8315, CCMCnet.com Amenities: Gated community, walking/biking/ jogging paths, lakes, shuffleboard, tennis, pickle ball, indoor/outdoor pools, full workout facility, craft rooms, poker room, 50,000+ sauare-foot clubhouse, library and BBQ areas

Fun facts: The smaller Villa or Gemini (duplex) homes have a higher HOA fee than stand-alone homes because roof insurance is included as two separate units share a common roof. The entire subdivision of Province is composed of singlestory homes only.

RANCHO EL DORADO

Lots: 3,132

Homes: 3,132 (100% developed) Dues: \$136.30/auarter

Manager: First Service Residential, 855-333-5149, FSResidential.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, lake, driving range, restaurant/bar (at the golf course).

Fun facts: Rancho El Dorado was Maricopa's first master-planned community; when the homes were built, the nearest supermarkets were in Chandler and Casa Grande. It is Maricopa's only aolf course subdivision.

THE LAKES AT RANCHO EL DORADO (Rancho El Dorado Phase 3)

Ints: 1.643

Homes: 713, with Meritage, Richmond American and Gehan Homes building (43% developed) Dues: \$67/month

Manager: CCMC, 520-568-8315, CCMCnet.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths,

children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, lake and water feature.

Fun facts: Residents may use non-motorized boats like canoes or paddle boats on the lake. The Lakes offers homes with attached RV garages.

RANCHO MIRAGE

Lots: 2,136

Homes: 616, with DRHorton building (29% developed)

Dues: \$99.21/month, includes basic cable Manager: AAM, 602-957-9191,

AssociatedAsset.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playarounds, BBO areas, lake with walkout pier and water feature **Fun facts**: Of the four builders originally scheduled to build in Rancho Miraae, two never broke ground, and four more came in and started building.

SANTA ROSA CROSSING

Lots: 351

Homes: 7, with Centex Homes building (2% developed)

Dues: \$67/month

Manager: AAM, 602-957-9191, AssociatedAsset.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas Fun facts: Santa Rosa Crossina is Maricopa's original "ghost subdivision," where homes were built, abandoned, destroyed and rebuilt.

SANTA ROSA SPRINGS

Lots: 788

Homes: 644, with no current building (82% developed)

Dues: \$73/month

Manager: Brown Community Management, 480-539-1396, BrownManagement.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas Fun facts: The original builders used extra insulation for noise reduction because of the proximity of the Union Pacific train tracks.

SENITA (Maricopa Groves)

Lots: 1,375

Homes: 1,375 (100% developed) Dues: \$174/auarter

parcel east of the bridge.

Manager: Oasis Community Management, 623-241-7373, OasisCommunityManagement.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas Fun facts: Senita 1 and 2 are the parcels west of the bridge over the wash while Senita 3 is the

SORRENTO Lots: 821

Homes: 789, with Starlight Homes and Scott Communities building (96% developed)

Dues: \$75.50/month

Manager: AAM, 602-957-9191, AssociatedAsset.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, lake, splash pad, water feature, tennis courts Fun facts: There are two new builders auickly putting up homes in Sorrento.

TORTOSA

Lots: 2,462

Homes: 1,205, with DRHorton and Starlight building (49% developed)

Dues: \$91/month

Manager: CCMC, 480-921-7500, CCMCnet.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, lake, water feature

Fun facts: There were several streets in Tortosa with partially built homes, but no builder. The builder ran out of money and went under. Some of the homes were sold unfinished, but eventually the bank came in, finished and sold the homes.

THE VILLAGES AT RANCHO EL DORADO

Lots: 1,941

Homes: 1,941 (100% developed) Dues: \$258/auarter, including Orbitel internet

Manager: First Service Residential, 855-333-5149, FSResidential.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, two pools, clubhouse with kitchenette for resident use. workout facility, basketball and tennis courts Fun facts: The original owners of the farmland that became the Villages still live in the same house. If you look closely driving the northwest part of Butterfield Parkway you will see a lovely, older home behind a gate with large mature trees. The home was built in 1956.

Note: The HOA fee is the "ongoing payment" a homeowner makes monthly or quarterly. Some HOAs require two months of fees upon move-in. Please keep in mind there may be additional one-time fees when buying or selling a home in an HOA community. Be sure to specifically inquire about disclosure fees, capital improvement fees, transfer fees and community enhancement fees. The disclosure fee is always paid by the seller, but any other fees are negotiable in the contract to purchase.

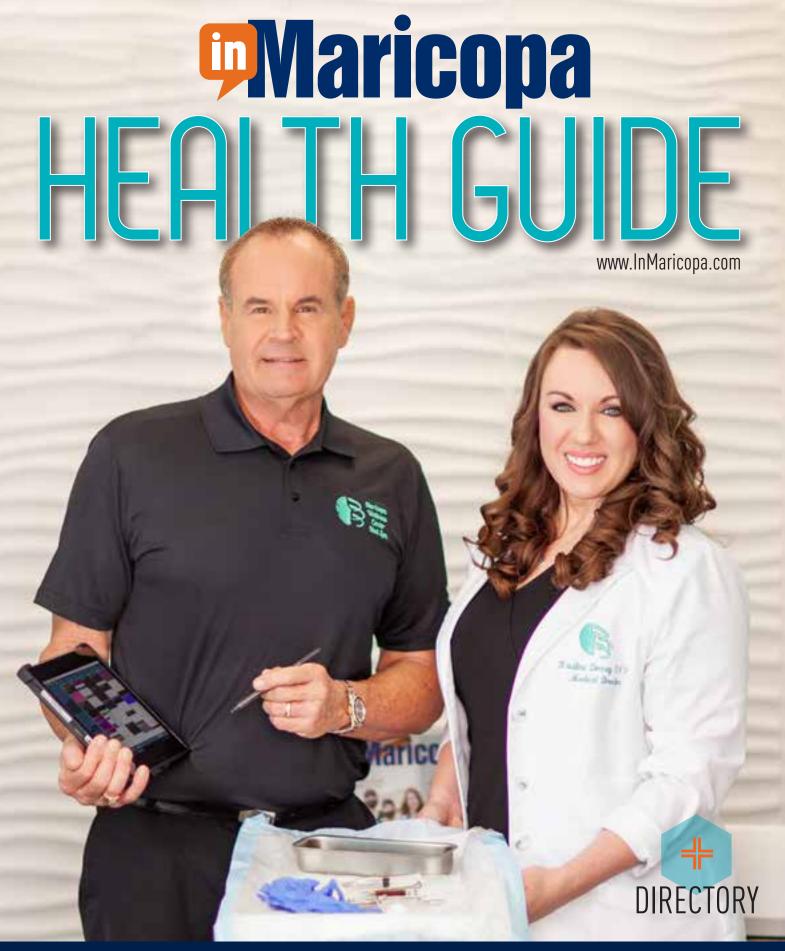
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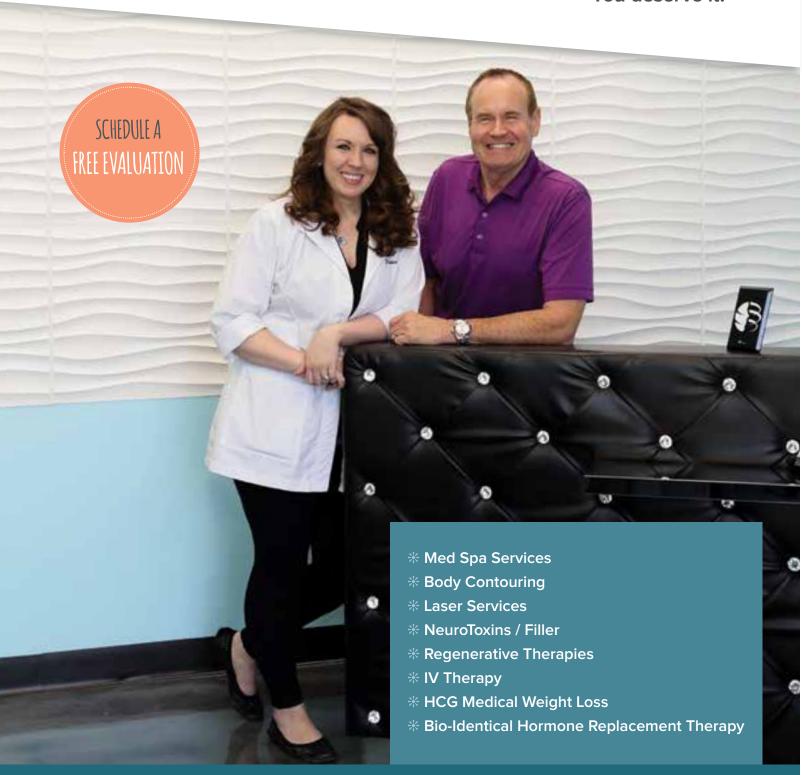
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On the cover: Bill Day

father-daughter team at

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and Kristina Donnay are the

State of health in Maricopa

a diverse mix of age groups, income brackets and health needs. According to U.S. Census estimates, the city has 5,900 residents over the age of 65 and 3,300 under the age 5. Data from 2018 estimate 6.5 percent live below the poverty level.

In 2020, Pinal County Public Health tried to help communities mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Through August, the county had 9,900 cases, with 190 related deaths.

The health portrait of Maricopa is similar to that of Pinal County, with some of the same health concerns. Cardiovascular disease remained, by far, the leading cause of death.

Here are statistics from federal and local agencies

Pinal County's health rank out of 15 counties



Percentage of Maricopans with health insurance

with no health insurance in 2018.

Rate per 100,000 dying

from traffic accidents in Pinal County (the same rate as dying from firearm injuries). Men were twice as likely as women to die in a traffic accident



between age 15-50 who gave birth in 2018



Reported opioid overdoses in Pinal County 2017-2019, 29 of them fatal

Maricopans who received food stamps/ **SNAP in 2018**



32%

Pinal County adults deemed obese, a rate that rose 4% in six years



Average

lifespan

for Pinal

County

males



Average lifespan for Pinal County females



11%

Maricopa's military veteran population 20% disabled



per primary care area

Maricopa sexually transmitted disease

per 100,000

Data from U.S. Census, American Community Survey estimates and Pinal County Public Health Department

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Hospital



File photo by Jonathan Williams

aricopa is within 30 miles of two medical centers, but transportation issues seem to magically expand that distance

State Route 347, a necessary corridor for those heading to a hospital in Chandler, is often slowed by commuter traffic. Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway, the route to Banner Casa Grande Medical Center, is mostly a two-lane road with its own challenges.

That is much of the impetus behind the long-time push to bring a full hospital to Maricopa.

"Sure, we might have hospitals within 30 minutes, but for our middleaged/elderly folks who suffer a heart attack or have a stroke, a legitimate hospital within our community makes more sense," resident Brent Engal posted on InMaricopa's Facebook page. "Additionally, our lack of routes out of the city complicates transport to the hospital



during rush hour, or when a crash closes down the 347 or MCG.

"A smaller hospital would be good for our community; something that has a 15-20 bed ER, MED-SURG unit, outpatient surgery unit, radiology department, and lab would create lasting jobs for our current residents and give the community a reliable place to obtain care."

According to city leaders, there are ongoing talks with healthcare companies to make that happen, but COVID-19 slowed any advancement of those conversations in 2020. The messaging about the possibility of a hospital echoes what was said publicly in 2019.

Dignity Health has long owned this

Cobblestone Farms.

Honeycutt Avenue.

property at John Wayne Parkway and

Exceptional Healthcare is planning to build an emergency center at SR 347 and

"Discussions are being had with all the major companies," Mayor Christian Price said. "Clearly, there are two companies here who have a foothold already. Things are progressing. We've made progress with one of them perhaps far more than with the other."

He declined to name names, but Banner has a health center on Porter Road, and Dignity Health runs an urgent care facility



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Hospital

on John Wayne Parkway and has long owned a vacant lot at the intersection of John Wayne Parkway and Cobblestone Farms.

Residents have noticed that, too.

"Too bad Banner or Dignity wouldn't step up. I'll still drive out of town for medical care," Julie Schlagel commented to InMaricopa on social media.

"They are very excited about doing it," Price said of the unnamed provider. "They want to come. It's just a matter of getting all the signoffs from the national side of things. All these companies have a state presence due to state insurance laws and they have a national presence if they're traded on the New York Stock Exchange."

As a result, cities wishing to lure them must start at the local level and move on to the national level. Though headway was being made, the pandemic was a blow.

"COVID threw a wrench into things, so clearly the national folks didn't meet as often," the mayor said. "That's kind of what the hang-up is."

The process now is only described as "moving forward."

While Exceptional Healthcare announced its intention to build an emergency room in Maricopa, residents still want a comprehensive medical center.

"We need a HOSPITAL, with beds, doctors, a cardiac team, a labor & delivery unit, a trauma center and a proper emergency department," resident Merida La'Calsty shared.



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-Merida La'Calsty

Because of the uncertainty of the progress of talks, Price said he did not want to share misleading information with the public.

"I can call over there a million times. but at the end of the day, all we can do is stay in front of them," he said. "They have to go through their process, their timeframe and everything else. It's in their hands."

Resident Robin Bennett understood that situation: "Ask a hospital to build out here. They pick us. We don't pick them."

Price said discussions have made it clear a future medical center will be a general-practitioner hospital and not just an ER or an urgent care.

"It's not going to have a ton of specialties, just because it will start out small, but you've got to think like a big company does. You'll grow in phases as the city continues to grow, as the area grows," Price said. "It will certainly have the things the people need here."

All of that is tentative, of course, which is why officials have been reluctant to make a major announcement about a hospital. And that leaves residents with big questions and theories.

"We need a real hospital system," Engal said. "We need a hospital that works with our insurance companies. Where is Banner, Dignity or Honor Health?" ■



Raquel Hendrickson

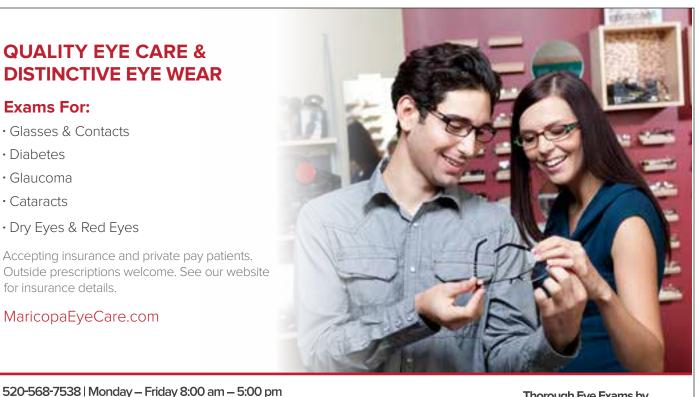
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Kristina Donnay is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner and the facility's on-site Medical Director. Kristina is also Board-Certified in Aesthetics and a Certified Master Injector. Bill Day is an entrepreneur and the acting Office Manager. Maricopa Wellness Center's focus is helping people look and feel better in their own skin, combining medical-grade services in a relaxing spa-like setting. The staff customizes each individual program to fit the needs and goals of each customer.



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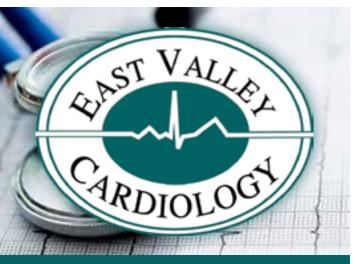
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Auto injury care is not healthcare

Automobile collisions have very distinct injuries that need to be addressed by specific, detailed exams. These exams are determined by the type and location of impact on a motor vehicle and its passengers or pedestrians. The physician must also look at whether the airbag deployed, the type and size of the vehicles, if a seat belt was worn, the approximate speed of each vehicle, the height of your head rest or if it is a front, rear or side impact to name a few variables. Each of these will affect the individual victim in numerous ways. You must understand what is relative to the biomechanics of each variable and how every type affects your body independently.

There are more than 50 symptoms associated with motor vehicle collisions that are correlated to the injuries that include, but are not limited to neck pain, low back pain, arm pain with tingling, numbness and weakness, leg pain with tingling, numbness and weakness, visual disturbance, fatigue, headaches, dizziness, nausea, memory problems, etc. You can develop anxiety and irritability that may emotionally affect you like PTSD. It can cause fear of driving, depression, and sleep disorders.

Eighty-seven percent of minor impacts result in Traumatic Brain Injury. The most common form is a concussion. The brain shifts inside the head and hits the skull. Fifty percent of all concussions occur in motor vehicle collisions and half of those occur in low speed impacts. A doctor must be able to identify a concussion, know if it is improving or worsening, know how to test it and how to treat it and know when to refer to a concussion specialist.

One of the major injuries of motor vehicle collisions is a spinal ligament injury, which can cause problems for decades after a collision. When a ligament is hyper-flexed or hyper-extended, it causes hypermobility of the spine. In turn, this causes accelerated degeneration of the area.

There are specific protocols for automobile collisions. Each injury has an individual protocol for concussions, ligament injuries, etc. Some of the imaging types used are X-ray, MRI, CT scan, etc. Know which to choose and when.

Injuries can impact your life by making it difficult to do certain activities and may cause the

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inability to do some things altogether. You must understand how these issues tie into physical health, emotional well-being and how they affect vour healing time.

Another area of concern is vehicle damage and how to proceed regarding the type of parts, the collision center, rental cars, diminished value, mileage, seatbelt replacement and how minimal vehicle damage affects your body. There is a Florida statistic showing 35,000 accidents at less than 10 mph resulting in 1,900 deaths.

To put it into perspective: a crash at 2.5 mph can cause symptoms, but vehicle damage may not occur until 8.7 mph. A rear-end collision at 8 mph produces 2 g's of acceleration to the vehicle and 5 g's to the head after a quarter second. At 15 mph, the head will accelerate 10 g's in a half second. Fighter pilots gray out at 6 g's.

There is much more to a Motor Vehicle Injury vs Basic Healthcare. Take all areas of this article into consideration when deciding on what to do after an automobile collision. Due to the space limitation of this article, consider that we are just scratching the surface of all the important factors pertaining to automobile injury.

Helpful information

- Head restraints should be even with the top of your head. If it is too low, it acts as a fulcrum. It is best to keep your head against it while you drive.
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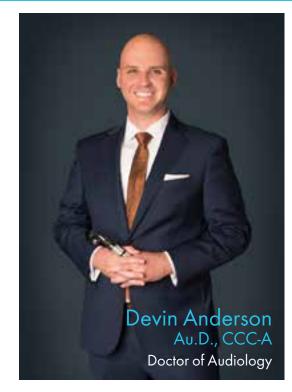
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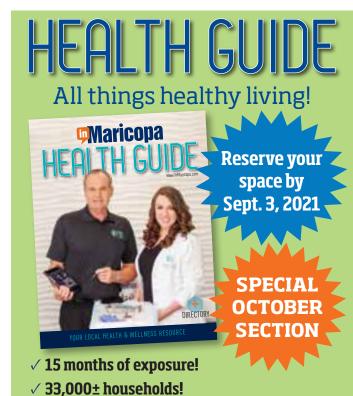
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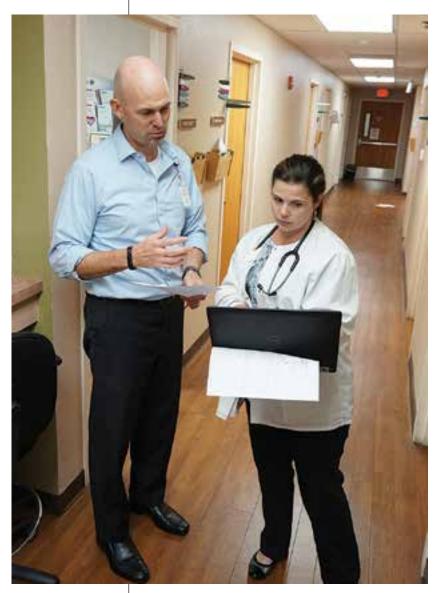


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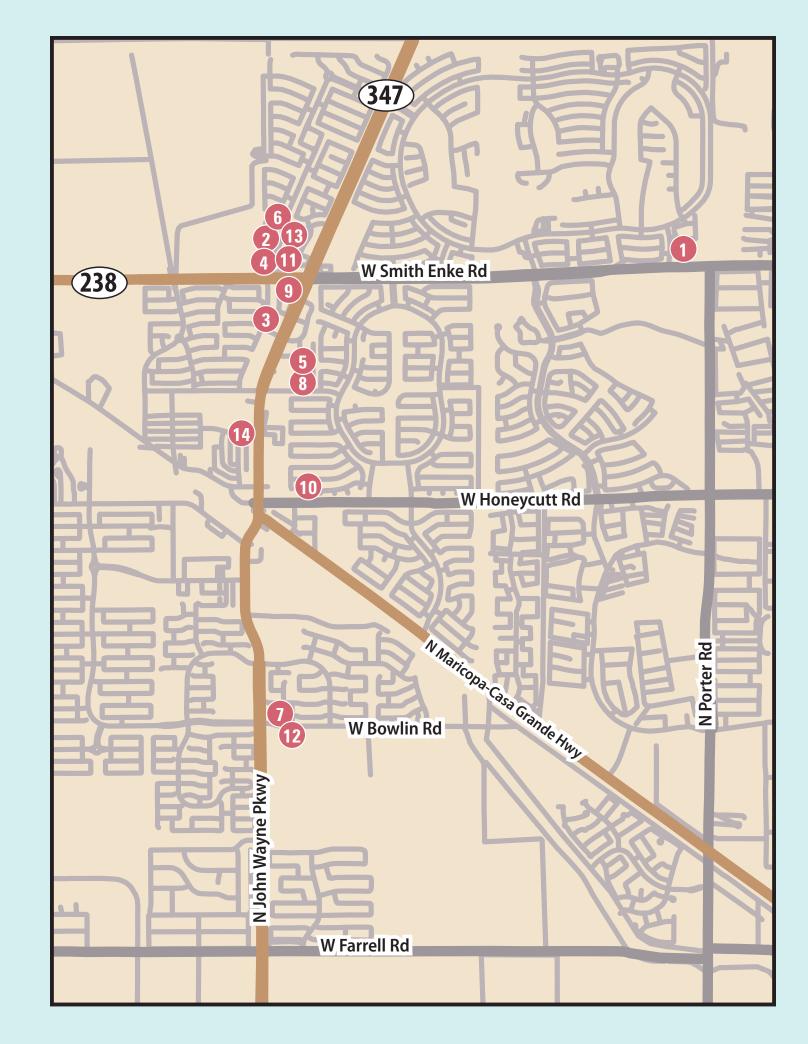
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When properly licensed and permitted, hunters in the monument could have access to javelina, mule deer, mountain lions, dove and quail. Desert bighorn sheep are also known to live in the Maricopa Mountains, though due to dwindling populations, permits to hunt these illusive mammals have become harder to obtain, with only 80 to 100 being awarded in the state each year through the AZGFD's lottery system.







Maricopa Shooting Range

Located on Hidden Valley Road, approximately 1.25 miles south of Farrell Road, is Maricopa's closest public shooting area. Situated on the eastern slopes of the Palo Verde Mountains, this target-shooting area is open and free to shooters of all ages and types.

The secluded site is managed by the Bureau of Land Management, which requires target materials, ammunition casings and all other garbage be disposed of properly. Individuals caught littering may be prosecuted.

Sonoran Desert National Monument

Most of the Sonoran Desert Nation Monument is open for recreational shooting, with the exception of 10,600 acres in the north and northeastern areas that in 2015 closed to target shooting because of a court-ordered analysis of the impacts of such shooting on the Monument. The prohibited areas amount to only about 2 percent of the total monument.

The Bureau of Land Management advises all shooters to follow safety guidelines and only use firearms as prescribed by federal and state law. BLM also requires target materials, ammunition casings and all other garbage be disposed of properly.

CAMPING & HIKING

Sonoran Desert National Monument

Hiking and camping is allowed throughout most of the monument. With nearly 500,000 acres of federally-protected lands, SDNM can entertain novice hikers and adventurous explorers alike. From short, scenic hikes and wildlife viewing, to overnight camping and stargazing, BLM encourages people to explore the numerous hidden treasures of both indigenous and colonial history.

BLM advises all visitors to follow park regulations concerning the use of open

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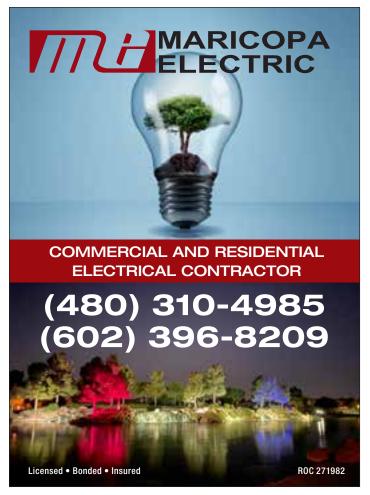
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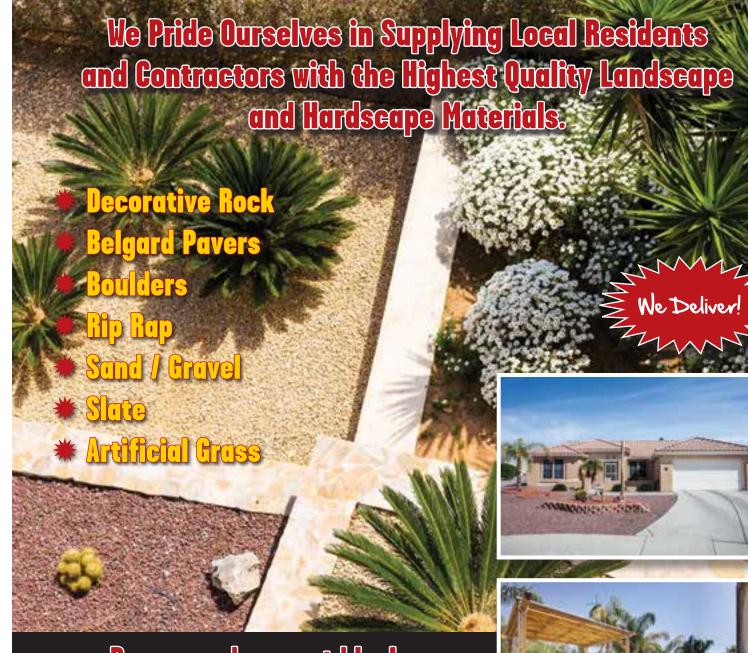




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Maricopa Chamber of Commerce is "an organization of business leaders who work to improve their community and the area's business climate," in hopes it "strengthens the community by identifying needs, problems and opportunities." The organization also directs residents to local resources and visitors to tourism information



An elected volunteer board of directors governs the Maricopa Chamber. The organization is dependent on the support of its 300 members and their involvement.

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Native Grill owner tastes success despite 9/11, housing crash, fires and COVID-19



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BY JAY TAYLOR

ll business owners encounter hurdles as they are getting things going; it's part of the process.

Pat Kieny, the owner of Native Grill & Wings, has experienced more than his share.

He opened his first Native Grill in Mesa just five days before the 9/11 attacks on the United States. (He sold that store in 2019 but still owns another location in Laveen.)

He weathered the housing crash that devastated Maricopa's economy for years beginning in 2008.

He rebounded after two early morning kitchen fires – the first in November 2013, and then another in January 2019, which closed the restaurant for five months. And now, like all local business owners, he is dealing with the COVID-19 crisis. But he knows it will pass, as the other crises have.

"The time in 2001 after 9/11 was very scary because we didn't know what was going to happen or how long it would last," he said. "People were just scared and were staying home. Thankfully, it just lasted a few months and it pretty much went away unless you went to the airport."

He was obviously not deterred because just four years later, on July 25, 2005, he opened the Native in Maricopa, at 21164 N. John Wayne Parkway, as one of the first sit-down restaurants in town. The way he chose Maricopa is interesting.

"We chose Maricopa because I was driving through in 2003 and I saw the Bashas' going up — there was nothing on the east side of John Wayne Parkway where Fry's is now – and I saw that, and all the other building going on,



and thought the city was going to take off," he said. "The building we're in was already under construction, it was basically just a roof and some air conditioning units, but it was originally designed as four suites. I just thought this would be a great place to have a restaurant. I called the landlord and he said he'd be happy to lease it to us as a restaurant, and we spent about 18 months doing the improvements and getting it open, and we were on our way."

According to Rod Tichnor, who owns two Native Grill restaurants in Ahwatukee, Kieny's choice of Maricopa was perfect.

"I think Maricopa is a perfect place for Pat to own a restaurant," said Tichnor, who worked with Kieny at Wendy's in Tempe when both were getting started in the industry. "It's a very locally oriented community and that's perfect for him. People associate him with Native Grill. He's very eager to give back to the community, give to fundraisers, and has a reputation as just being a great guy.

"Pat wants to do the right thing," Tichnor continued. "He cares a lot about his customers and employees, and he values friendship and relationships tremendously. He's also a good man of faith and believes if he does the right thing for you, you'll do the same for him." WE'RE BACK AGAIN AND DOING GREAT'

Kieny's first few years were great, as he established himself in town and built a reputation for quality food and great service. But then the housing market collapsed in 2008. "Those few years after that weren't fun, but now we're back again and doing great," he said.

But that experience steeled him for what has transpired since March 2020 with COVID-19. Surprisingly, he says the business isn't tremendously different than before COVID. "We have always done a lot of takeout business because of big sporting events like the Super Bowl, and big events like graduation parties," he said. "So, we were well positioned to deal with a change to an emphasis on a takeout.."

Kieny said the up-and-down nature of the economy has always been the hardest part of being in business. He said striking a balance between offering the best possible customer service against wasting money when things are really tight is the toughest thing he has to do.

Having to shut down in-person dining for eight weeks due to the state stay-at-home order was also rough, especially coming at what is traditionally Native's busiest time of the year. But Kieny agreed with the decision at the time.

"I thought it was right thing to do when it happened," he said. "We didn't know exactly how



big this thing was going to be or how long it was going to last, so to be safe it was the right thing to do. We've learned a lot more now about how to be open to dining in and still be safe, so we're getting a handle on it from our perspective."

He said it took two to three weeks to get organized so he could provide the level of service expected by his customers and get out food out in a timely manner. But he quickly got the proper processes in place, and it turned out they were able to get back to in-person dining a little sooner than he thought — at 50% capacity.

"Both our staff and the customers were able to shift our business model pretty easily to adapt to the reality of the situation," Kieny said. "In the beginning it was a little tough if we had a ton of people all coming in at once, but we've been able to adjust quickly if we need to. Customers are adjusting to scheduling and we're getting better at getting food out on time. The first few weeks were definitely a learning experience, but we adjusted our staffing and the customers realized they couldn't expect to get their food in 15 minutes at the busiest times of the week. Now everyone is used to the situation and we're doing great."

OLD-SCHOOL FIX: **SUNS SHINING**

Native, like all local restaurants, is still operating at 50% capacity. That's mostly not a problem, Kieny said, but high peak times like Friday night and during Sunday NFL games, when people want to stay at their table for three hours or so,

He said his business is pretty evenly divided now between in-person dining and takeout. "About 30% of our sales is liquor, and the rest is pretty evenly balanced, with about 30% takeout and 40% eat-in," he said.

One thing Kieny does see as helping business, both during, and hopefully after COVID, is sports. And while he doesn't position himself strictly as a "sports bar," games definitely have an impact on the business.

"In our first year at the Mesa store, after

9/11, what helped us more than anything that year was the Diamondbacks winning World Series," he said. "It really brought people in and brought them together. It did a lot for our business and really helped us rebound."

And as we emerged from the initial lockdown earlier this year, Kieny said the return of sports was a big part of his business rebounding — the ability for people to gather and watch a game outside their home was huge after being stuck at home for several months. But he's lost out on Friday night crowds that typically swelled by 30-70 people after high school football games — when fans could attend games.

But overall, sports have a huge impact on the bottom line at Native.

"The capacity limits have hurt our Sunday sales for sure," Kieny said. "We can only get half full, and those were days we would be at capacity for six or seven hours straight. But it's not anything we can control so we make the best of it. We're making up for it on the other

But he said the best thing for business might be an old-school fix.

"I'm really hoping the Suns can make the playoffs this year," he said. "They are by far the biggest draw of all the major sports, bigger than football, baseball or hockey by a mile. If they could figure out a way to make the playoffs that would be great for business and for the mentality of the state.

"By then, hopefully, the vaccine will be in effect, so that would be great for us in May and June, especially if we're back to 100% capacity."

As concerned as he was about doing business during the pandemic, Kieny's worry didn't rise to 2008 levels, when the housing downturn devastated the economy and his circumstances were different.

"In 2008 I was in a much different position, I owed money to the banks, it was just a whole different situation," he said. "This time I'm sure there were lots of people who may have thought about losing their businesses, but that wasn't a worry for me this time around."

When the lockdown was announced, although he wasn't worried about losing the business, he obviously did have concerns, including his staff, which was reduced from 60 to 21 during the lockdown. It is now back to 60

"The first thing I thought about was our employees. I was worried about whether we would have enough money to pay our employees. That was the first thing I wanted to be sure we were able to do."



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Restaurant owners pivot to survive – and thrive – in pandemic

BY BOB MCGOVERN

alk about a cloud with a silver lining.
For restaurants in Maricopa the pandemic was a huge challenge requiring significant changes to how they served their customers. But those adapting quickly and effectively have reaped the benefits, with meals flying out the doors at some places and driving healthier bottom lines.

InMaricopa talked to a few restaurant owners about how they transformed their businesses during the public health crisis. Two were bold enough to open their kitchens in the midst of it all. All said they are now well-positioned for success, no matter what the future holds.

Roots Eatery chef on pandemic launch: 'I figured I'd go to battle'

Christopher Spear opened Roots Eatery in July — in the middle of the public health crisis.

The fast-casual restaurant opened slow,

and that helped, said the chef-owner. They relied on curbside pickup, with as much as 90% of orders served that way on some days.

"It didn't mean much of a change for us," he said. "It heightened the alert for everybody. We were more thorough with our cleaning and sanitizing, wiping the door handle and other common touch points."

Before the opening, Spear said he and his wife talked about the wisdom of launching a restaurant during a pandemic. Roots is the seventh restaurant he has opened but the first he has owned.

"We thought about walking away from a \$20,000 investment," he said. "But I figured I'd go to battle."

It helped that his landlord was supportive. "I knew he had my back," he said.

Ultimately, he said, it came down to sustaining his vision.

"We were just looking at the end goal: feeding the people of Maricopa."



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Christopher Spear, chef-owner at Roots Eatery, with his Pan Seared Salmon with Zucchini Pasta, Candied Bacon and Tomato-Bacon Cream Sauce.

At Barro's, a jump in sales continued

When COVID-19 hit, Barro's transitioned to an alternate form of meal delivery.

"We had a tent set up outside for curbside pickup," general manager Mike

Hull said, noting the restaurant was "crazy busy" and had to double kitchen and counter staff to keep up. "And the uptick in delivery was crazy, too."

With people stuck at home in the early days of the pandemic, the restaurant saw a significant increase in business and sales have yet to dip, Hull said.

"We exploded, to be honest," he said. Indoor dining remains way off, so that has been a big change, according to Hull, adding "we used to pack this house on the weekends."

Meanwhile, the restaurant is following CDC protocols. Every hour on the hour masked and gloved staff members are sanitizing the eatery, which is physical distancing as well, he said.

COVID-19 'didn't really hurt us,' new Sunrise owner says

Sunrise Café closed at the beginning of the pandemic, but it wasn't dark long. Billy Godwin bought and renovated the restaurant and re-opened in September. It has been renamed Sunrise Diner and he has no regrets.

"I didn't really hurt us," he said. "We had to keep the people coming in."

In some respects, it was a good time to

open the doors and have the opportunity to wade in a bit more slowly.

"We kept the menu small, and we were trying to push out good, consistent quality food," he said.

The restaurant is following CDC guidelines – wiping down and sanitizing, face masks for staff and physical distancing. "We moved some tables to facilitate that."

And outdoor tables for dining will be coming soon, he said.

Papa John's: Pizzas, prevention, jobs and community service

When the pandemic hit, Papa John's was one of the first pizza chains to offer no-touch delivery and quality seals to

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ensure pizzas went from oven to box and remained unopened through delivery to the home, said Jesse Rutledge of Round

Rock Restaurant Group, which owns 33 Papa John's stores including Maricopa's.

Mandatory masks, sanitizing and handwashing, and plexiglass at the front counter were other steps taken to keep customers and employees safe.

She expects the chain will offer curbside delivery in January.Round Rock hired 100 people who had lost their jobs or been furloughed, including an Applebee's staffer who lost her job and is now working as a manager at the Maricopa store, Rutledge said

In addition, pizzas were delivered to food banks and shelters to feed the hungry, she said.

"It was so crazy and stressful. We were delivering smiles and the pizzas were extra."



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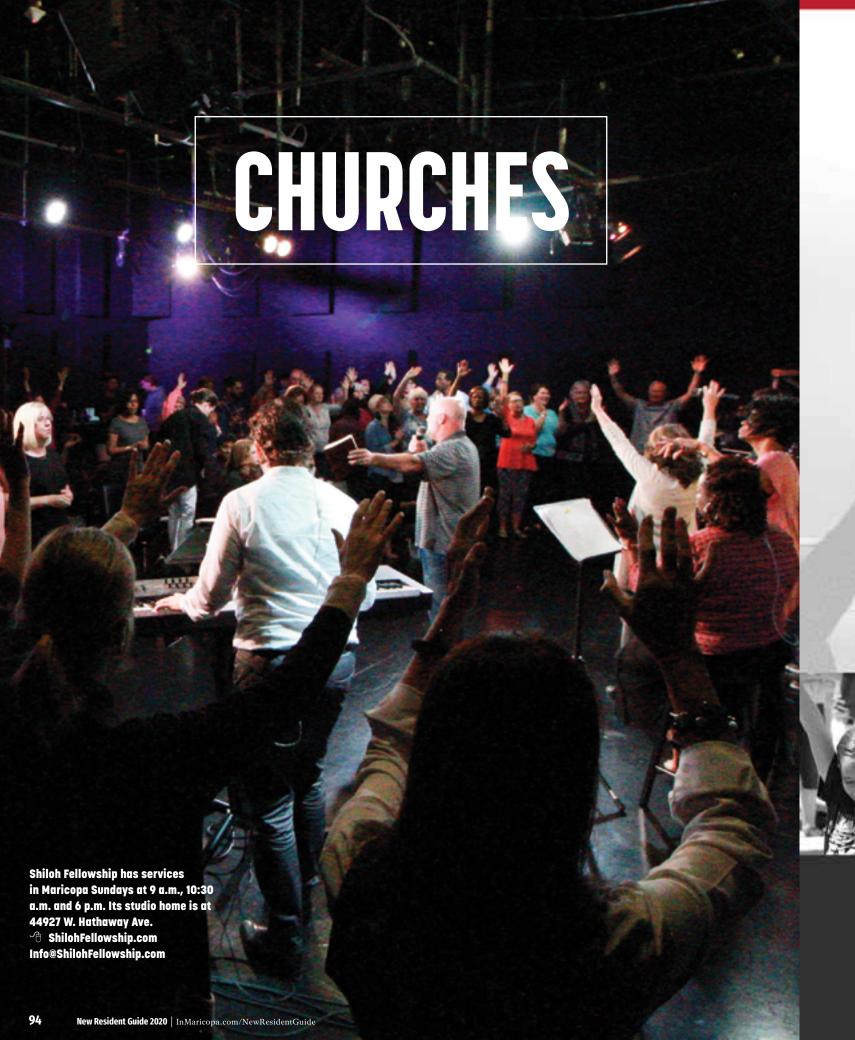
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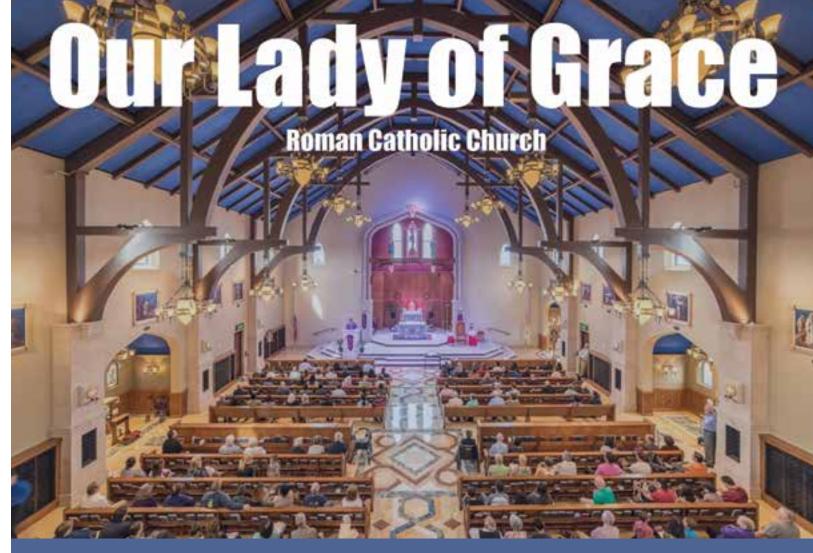
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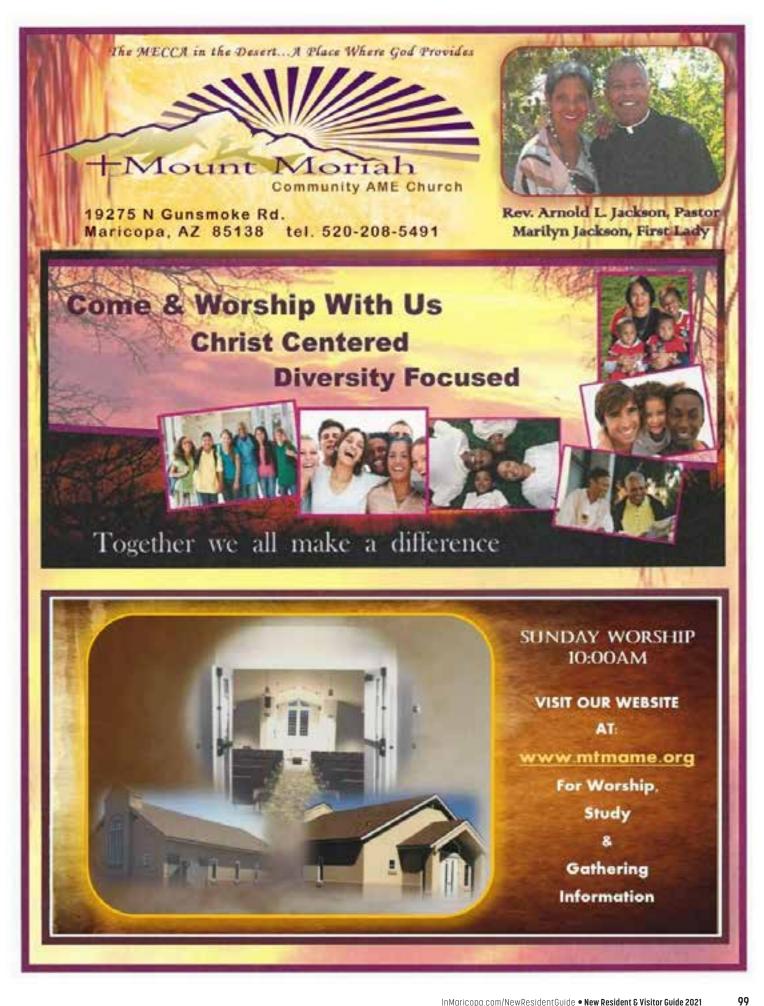
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