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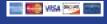




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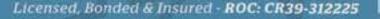




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It's that need, combined with an eye on the future for Maricopa, which will no doubt include many more new citizens, that led us to provide this guide for new residents and visitors of this city.

Need a mechanic? We have you covered. How about a heating and air conditioning specialist? You'll find that too in the pages of this publication. It's hard to imagine a service that isn't included in this guide.

Not only will you find businesses worthy of your patronage, but you will also find all the civic and governmental information you need to actively participate as a citizen and make a difference in the city you now

At InMaricopa, service is at the heart of our mission. We look to inform the citizenry of Maricopa, and this guide is our way of reaching out to you during your first days as a new citizen.

InMaricopa has provided 24/7 local news coverage through our website since 2004. Our magazine, *InMaricopa* is delivered to more than 28,000 residents every month and its reach through our community is unmatched. We serve our community though our website, magazine, social media, and other publications, including this one.

If you cannot find what you need in our guide, please let us know. Contact us if you have a story idea or a photo to publish.

Enjoy the guide, and once again, welcome to Maricopa!





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aricopa's economy is booming, and one of the most common questions we get is, "What's coming next?". Whether it's the next delicious restaurant, thriving business, housing development, or major street and infrastructure improvement, residents want to stay up to speed with how the city is growing. WhatsNewMaricopa.com is your one stop shop for all the answers!

This site is built specifically with new residents in mind. You can learn about projects already in the works including locations, designs, contacts for updates, and links to help you follow each stage of the approval process. You'll also find lists of recently completed projects and detailed descriptions on future construction including the city's first hospital, APEX's exclusive Arizona race track and luxury car club, the creation of an East-West Corridor to add a connection with I-10 and so much more!

Updates are conveniently mapped out on the site to help you see where each project fits into the vision for our city's bright future. Discover what's in store for Maricopa!



For more information, visit www.WhatsNewMaricopa.com

# Welcome to Maricopa

s Mayor, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to your new home in the Arizona Sonoran desert, the City of Maricopa. Maricopa is a beautiful, thriving, young city, having been incorporated just under two decades ago, in October 2003. As a relatively new Arizona city, this can present a host of challenges, but it also presents unparalleled opportunities for growth, expansion and success!



As you have undoubtedly seen, Maricopa is a new, blossoming and striking community, and truly an ideal location to raise a family or retire with purpose. Here we have bustling schools, open parks, great amenities, fun events, safe neighborhoods, connected social groups, as well as, a new and always expanding restaurant and business scene. And with our friends and neighbors the Ak-Chin Indian Community, you will find they add rich historical culture, deep traditions of the old west, along

with limitless modern entertainment options, all within your own backyard. In Maricopa, you will find there is no shortage of

things in which to immerse yourself.

In light of all these great reasons to live here, I still believe our greatest assets in Maricopa are her residents. As a new member of our tight knit community, I know you will quickly discover Maricopa's unique sense of community spirit, pride and belonging that is getting harder and harder to find in America today. We have so many knowledgeable, intelligent, kind, generous, caring and friendly neighbors, who are ready to meet you, say hello to you in the grocery store, volunteer or simply lend a hand when needed.

Hopefully, you will soon discover what my family and I have come to realize as each day passes. New things are always arriving, the opportunity that challenges present are always met head on, and the people here are some of the best I've ever been around in my entire life. Simply put: We love Maricopa! And I know you will, too.

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

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club, located along Highway 238, provides a welcoming ambiance with breathtaking views. Ak-Chin Southern Dunes is perfect for the golf enthusiast but also offers delicious meals at the Arroyo Grille. Southern Dunes is also rated #6 of golf courses to play in the State of Arizona according to Golf Week Magazine.

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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

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

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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 office opened.



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 in 1961.

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 economy.

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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# We asked WHAT DO YOU KNOW NOW YOU WISH YOU KNEW In Maricopa's facebook page: BEFORE MOVING TO MARICOPA?

### **Cathy Hill Barnella**

Didn't know how quickly it would grow and keep growing. I miss the small town we moved to in 2004. We moved out of Rancho to 3.3 acres, 10 miles out of town to escape! Love our Maricopa!

### **Jamie Morano**

That people would complain about every single little thing every chance they get and somehow blame the mayor, Christian Price, for everything! Oh! And that they have no clue how business

### **Becky Betta**

Love Maricopa but I wish I could have seen into the future to know how guickly things would expand. I chose Maricopa and embraced the longer work commute specifically to avoid living with as many people. I was hoping to hold on to the smaller community feeling.

### **Patty Tomlinson**

Should have bought a couple of houses 10 years ago.

### Jon Grove

Nothing. We did all our own homework and rented before buying to make sure we could deal with what the city lacked or offered.

### **Liz Morris Seymour**

Utility costs are double, and the number of flies and mosquitoes are horrible! Otherwise, I think people here, are for most part, more friendly.

### **Larry Richards CHt Rmt**

Nothing. Made many trips to Maricopa at all different times of the day on various days.

Love the dark sky.

### Mari Copa

Now if all these complainers would move out and spread the word how horrible it is here, the rest of us can go back to our happiness.

### **Rob Savana**

The amount of complainers that here! LoL

How many nice people I'd meet, but it was a great surprise!

### **King Jay Carter**

How it's only one way in and one way out. the 347 Highway.

### **Jackie Romanish**

That you can drive for hours and still be nowhere

### **Rebecca Ann Morris**

Life is so much better here. Love my house, friendly people and lower utilities.

### **Augusta Graven**

Always wait a couple secs after your light turns green because at least four other cars run though a red light.

### **Josh Christy**

How terrible 90% of the drivers are here and insist on camping in the left lane.

### Sara Bara

That even small school districts can provide excellent support for special needs.

### **Wendy Carne**

I wish I knew that the city planners would continue to build more subdivisions and not build stores and services to keep up with growing demand due to the number of homes being built.

### **Jeffery Orn**

Definitely the smell of the cows, didn't have a clue. When I decided to purchase a home here, I never once had cow smell until after I moved in, what a surprise that was.

I didn't know the mosquitoes were prevalent here, I thought I got away from those little blood suckers.

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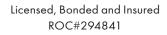




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John Wayne was born Marion Morrison in Winterset, Iowa.

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.



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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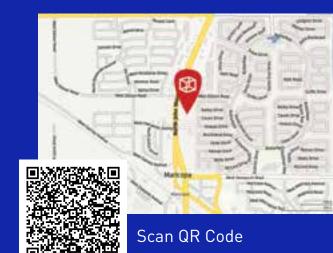
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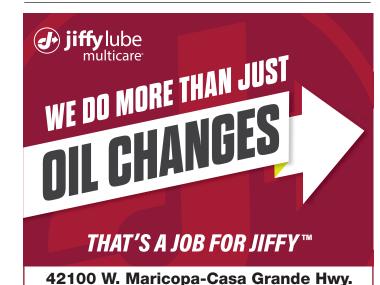
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# **CubeSmart brings 'Class A' storage to town**

ost of us have during a move, as a place to store excess stuff or for additional workspace. Well, for those of us who have had to unload a trailer in the summer heat or during a monsoon storm, there is good news — a new storage facility opened in Maricopa, and it will change the way you look at them forever.

CubeSmart, located at 20215 N. John Wayne Pkwy., offers storage with the enormous benefit of being indoors and fully air-conditioned. It has more than 900 units in the three-story facility, 95% of which are air-conditioned. It boasts state-of-the-art security including 75 cameras, individual exterior-gate and building-entry codes, and 24-hour security monitoring.

The facility is a joint venture development by Hawkins Companies and Noblewest Development and it is operated by CubeSmart, a national company with more than 1 million satisfied customers and one of the most trusted names in storage.

"Our objective was to bring something to Maricopa that just wasn't available here," Noblewest Development's John Badura said. "We wanted to offer residents a Class A storage option, and this definitely fits the bill. It's just so different from anything else available in Maricopa."

Forty-nine outdoor, drive-up units complement 867 air-conditioned lockers. Features include an air-conditioned drive-through loading area that can accommodate a 26-foot moving truck. There, customers can load and unload in air-conditioned comfort while taking their belongings directly from the drive aisle to their unit via one of the three large elevators.

General Manager Juan Cortez-Linares, a Maricopa resident, said one of the benefits he hears customers talking about is the easy, secure, automated access.

"All our units are clean and new, and we have a variety of safety and security features like 24-hour video recording and bright lights throughout the facility," he said. "People feel very secure coming in here any time of the day."

Another benefit of CubeSmart is its fully-automated building, allowing access, if required and necessary, at any time of day or night. When customers lease a unit, they





get a key code specific to their account. That code tells CubeSmart who is in and out of the building and grounds at any given time. The interior doors and elevators also require code access, so when a customer enters their code at the elevator, they only get access to their floor. Visitors also must key out of the building, giving them confidence they know who's is in the facility at any time of the day.

Those with COVID concerns can take comfort in CubeSmart's available contactless rental process through CubeSmart.com, or the CubeSmart app. Individual units are secured with padlocks, for which only the unit owner has the key, providing an additional layer of security.

Demand has been through the roof since CubeSmart opened this year, with customers raving about the variety of sizes available to accommodate about any storage need. They run from as small as a 5'x5' space that can hold

the overflow from a hall closet or bathroom to a 10'x30' unit that can hold the contents of a 3-bedroom home.

Mr. Cortez-Linares said Maricopa was the perfect location for a facility like this.

"It is evident with all the new development and the influx of new residents that there was a demand for this," he said. "With Sprouts opening up and bringing Class A retail, they felt there was an opportunity to bring the residents of Maricopa a Class A, automated, storage facility. I know they are very happy with their decision and hope the residents are happy to have us here as well."

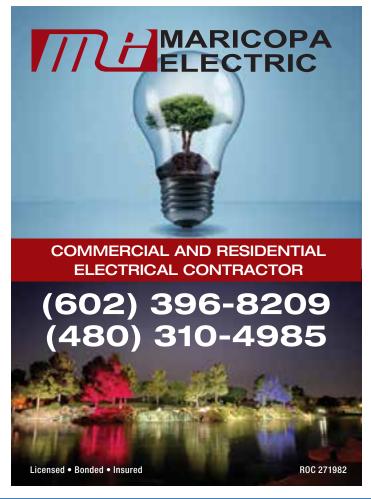
Pricing for the units begins at \$93 per month, and promotions include 35% off or a free month for InMaricopa readers (see page 63 or visit CubeSmart.com). The site also offers helpful tips on how to choose the ideal size unit for your needs.

CubeSmart also offers moving and storage supplies like boxes, tape, bubble wrap, mattress covers, dollies and push carts.

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The nearest official Motor Vehicle Department office is in Casa Grande. First-time vehicle registration and title require an office visit. The City Clerk's Office at City Hall offers voter registration applications and will mail completed forms to the County Recorder's office. Staff will also assist in accessing online voter registration forms.

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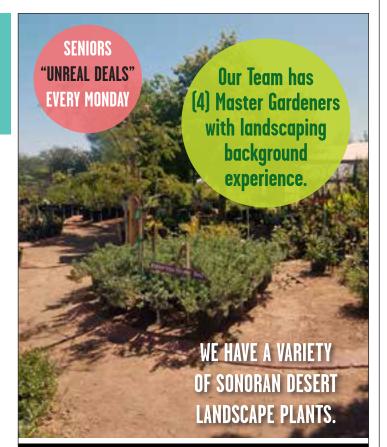


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FIN: 45-5255210

ATwistOfFaith.com Counseling and therapy

### **Adapt Overcome Repeat**

EIN: 87-1125700 Family services

### Aid 4 Greys

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.

### Arizona Foundation for Social Justice Children and Youth Service

EIN: 80-0491866 AFSJ-CYS.org Provides family services.

### Arizona Outdoor Adventures Inc.

FIN: 86-0896931

AZOutdoorAdventures.org Promoting healthy outdoor activities for children.

### Arizona Poodle Rescue

FIN: 87-0799983

ArizonaPoodleRescue.org Rescues and re-homes standard poodles.

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FIN: 86-0976238

ArizonaSunChasers.org Motorcycle Club

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EIN: 39-1722440

ArizonaKnights.com Provides fundamentals in youth sports.

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### Be Empowered to Be Inc.

FIN: 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.

### Caring Good Hearts Animal Rescue

EIN: 84-4585689 Animal rescue

### 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

DOVESNetwork.org Bringing awareness to childhood

F.O.R. Maricopa Inc.

EIN: 26-0527262

domestic violence.

ForMaricopa.org

Provides food and essentials to families in need.

### Families United Inc.

FIN: 51-0578429

Care.com/b/I/Families-United-Inc/

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EIN: 27-1685692

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### Halfway House Cat Rescue

FIN: 85-3519616 Cat rescue

### Helping Orphaned Hounds Rescue

EIN: 27-1868373

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

### **International Association of Safety**

**Environmental Professionals** EIN: 47-1938317

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Helps businesses create safe workplaces.

### Keep the Beat Inc.

service opportunities.

EIN: 81-3575032

→ KeepTheBeatDJs.com Offers music training and community

### Little League Baseball Inc.

EIN: 20-0616188

MaricopaLittleLeague.com Provides youth sports opportunities.

### Little Whiskers Animal Rescue

FIN: 83-1832268

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MaricopaCommunityTheatre.com Presents live theater productions and youth performances.

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

### Maricopa Economic Development Alliance

EIN: 27-0924554

MaricopaEDA.com Seeks strategies and solutions for economic growth.



### Maricopa Education Foundation Inc.

EIN: 260273602

MaricopaEducationFoundation.org Provides academic and cultural enrichment for students.

### **Maricopa Football Boosters**

FIN: 81-4514608

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

### Maricopa Golf Classic Incorporated

EIN: 47-5276824

Holes4HeroesAZ.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

EIN: 47-3132480

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

### Maricopa Multi Cultural Consortium

EIN: 81-2253575

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

### Maricopa Pantry

EIN: 81-3081927

Tacebook.com/MaricopaPantry Provides food bank services.

### Maricopa Police Foundation Inc.

EIN: 80-0540115

→ MPFinc.ora

Provides support and resources for Maricopa Police Department.

### Maricopa Sandlot

FIN: 82-1774844

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EIN: 01-0832741 Tacebook.com/MaricopaYouthFootball Provides recreation and instruction for youth.

### Maricopa Youth & Leadership

EIN: 85-4089649 Civic and social organization

### Moms Club

FIN: 55-0889732

MomsClub.org Support group for at-home moms.

**Movement & Fusion** EIN: 84-4325286

### Nelson C. Lathan Counseling Center

EIN: 46-1079110

Youth center

NelsonCLathanCounseling.com Provides youth programs for emotional health and education.

### North Hidden Valley Fire Dept.

EIN: 45-262478

Orphan Foundation

EIN: 20-8201228 Provides resources for adopting families.

### Pet Social Worker Tails of Hope

FIN: 26-1974172

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

### Powerpack Copa Inc.

EIN: 47-5488722

PowerPackCopa.org Provides weekend meals for school children.

### Pride & Joy Learning & **Development Center Inc.**

EIN: 41-2205048 Provides reduced-rate daycare services for qualifying families.

### Relay For Life of Maricopa

Part of American Cancer Society EIN: 13-1788491

Relay.org/MaricopaAZ Team fundraising cancer walk event.

### Rent A Vet WGY6

EIN: 84-3210805

wav6.rentavetservices.com Provide a stable environment for veterans and their families

### Revive Wellness Center Inc.

EIN: 84-1932330 Healthcare and social assistance

### Sassy's Sisters Happy Haven Animal Sanctuary

EIN: 81-4382642

Tacebook.com/sassyssisters Providing a home for rescued cats.

### Silent Heroes

FIN: 81-4088924

→ W2Waolf.com/silent-heroes Hosts golf tournament to benefit first responders.

### The Streets Don't Love You Back

FIN: 47-3208272

TheStreetsDontLoveYouBack.com Provides education and resources to prevent youth crime and recidivism.

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Tacebook.com/VetitUSA Helps veterans transition to civilian life.

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BY JAY TAYLOR

Lealani Escalade, a junior, will graduate a full year early thanks to early-enrollment classes through Central Arizona College and will have most of her education at Northern Arizona University paid for as she pursues becoming a math teacher. She's seen to the right of Rachele Reese, the principal at A+ Charter School.

chool is a place to learn.

But what sets A+ Charter School apart from your ordinary place to learn is that its faculty believes there is more to learning than the traditional subjects associated with middle and high school.

The school's innovative project-based learning (PBL) philosophy allows students to focus on the "Five Cs" emphasized by the school - communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and citizenship, which is the cornerstone of the A+ philosophy, as Principal Rachele Reese explained.

"At A+ Charter school, we see students as the future of our community and nation," she said. "Our students are not a number, but an individual who we empower to make the right decisions no matter what their current circumstances are. The PBL model connects students' learning to real life experiences, with the end goal in mind. This end goal is embodied into our Portrait of a Graduate and the 5 Cs. We believe these are the essential skills that will make our students successful at whatever they decide to do after high school."

A+ Director of Development Lauren Grav said that the school's educational model provides graduates with the foundation to become productive members of the community.

"It starts at micro level and grows from family to school, then expands to Maricopa and to Arizona," said Gray. "When our students graduate, we want to see them be engaged in their community because then they will leave the school community and have a work community and a family community. This helps prepare them for all of those."

A+, which opened in the 2019-20 school year with students in grades 7-10, now features grades 7-11 with an expansion of 12th grade for next year. Mrs. Reese explains that their first graduating class (2023) is composed of great leaders who have had the unique opportunity to "imprint future generations of students at A+".

Gray pointed out that the PBL curriculum emphasizes that students work together in small groups, or learning units, that emphasize workforce readiness. These lessons are applied across all disciplines to provide real-world context to what they are learning. This, in turn, fosters curiosity in learning, as well as transferable skills and concepts gained from multiple disciplines that are necessary for lifelong learning and success.

The project-based learning curriculum gives all students a chance to find their strengths. For example, students who do not test well on paper can show what they know in other ways. Another advantage that this curriculum brings is that it allows students to take ownership in their learning by developing their critical thinking skills, with their teachers as facilitators. They teach the students how to ask probing questions, think about a problem from different angles, or do extra research.

Dean and Academic Advisor Justin Price feels this type of learning also builds a sense of community.

"We live by a creed of 'Stronger Together' at A+," he said. "A single Archer can only be so effective; however, hundreds of arrows loosed at once can make a stronger impact. We work together to achieve our goals as we are all stronger, faster and smarter as a conglomerate rather than acting on our own."

Another element of the PBL model that enables students to implement the Five C's is its focus on cooperative learning.

"Students need to be able to communicate effectively with people across a variety of diverse groups," Gray said. "They will need to work with peers, adults, and supervisors, and work together in a team environment in order to succeed. In today's global society, the role of cooperative learning with the mentoring and coaching of a teacher is key to developing the soft skills necessary to transition out of the K-12 environment by learning to work together to accomplish shared goals."

Price said that characteristic is crucial in a smaller, but growing community like Maricopa.

"We live in a growing community, and A+ is a growing school," he explained. "We are always looking at how to not only better our own lives but the lives of those around us. Maricopa still has the small town feel where neighbors watch out for each other; A+ Archers also live this way, looking out for one another both on and off campus."

Another way A+ fosters the group dynamic

is by placing each student with an advisor and a group of no more than 20 students from enrollment through graduation. This is another way of fostering the Five Cs, as it ensures community and collaboration are built into the structure of each student's

Reese explained that Price takes groups of students on tours of colleges and businesses to give them insight into what is required to succeed in those areas and provides them with additional voices and points of view.

"The advisory program exposes students to different colleges, businesses and the like to give them broad perspective," Reese said. "The students get to meet with doctors, engineers, writers - we even had one who works on Grey's Anatomy — and they share their paths from school to professional life. This is one more way we use innovative strategies to focus on each individual student's growth."

Price pointed out that the curriculum at A+ provides Archers with an expanded set of tools to meet the needs of an ever-changing job market. Researchers predict the workplace of tomorrow will value the agility that allows workers to successfully navigate a work environment that requires them to deal with automation and the ever-increasing role of technology.

"The Department of Labor identified the following skills as being in the highest demand in the coming years," Price said. "Creative thinking, decision-making, problem-solving, learning how to learn, collaboration, and self-management will be things employers are looking for. A+ integrates instructional approaches to support the development of these academic and non-academic skills to help graduates be ready to succeed in their post high school endeavors from day one."

Gray said the A+ curriculum is designed to address those needs.

### "The one certainty for all of us is that the world is full of challenges, and we need to teach this new generation to step up and be problem solvers." PRINCIPAL RACHELLE REESE

The school also considers the socioemotional needs of students through the implementation of advisory classes and character curriculum. These teach the whole student to engage in learning and develop their intrinsic motivation, with advisors serving as mentors and working with each student to reach their greatest potential.

Grav said A+ provides this kind of instruction because its class sizes are typically smaller than those found in public schools, allowing for more individualized attention.

"We focus on small class sizes, no more than 25 per section," Gray said. "One primary benefit of those small class sizes is that every student is known by name by all of their teachers. We have advisory first thing every morning, so their advisors are constantly in tune with their progress and helping them develop the best strategies for success. And being in a smaller school environment gives kids more opportunities to get involved in multiple activities and have more leadership

While academic development is obviously a priority, at A+, it coincides with preparation for life after school.

"In industry, there's a great emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers," she said. "It doesn't matter if you go into engineering. You still need strong reading, writing and communications skills. We have extremely strong math and science teachers, as well as English language arts teachers. That well roundedness is important because you can't project what factors will be important 10 years from now. That's why our focus on those five Cs helps kids transfer skills and knowledge to whatever careers exist when they enter the work force. We work on the whole student because it's not just academics that will lead them far in life."

Reese said that the big philosophy behind A+ is to prepare students to solve challenges because that is the one thing that students will have to confront every day of their lives. Reese explained: "The one certainty for all of us is that the world is full of challenges, and we need to teach this new generation to step up and be problem solvers. Our school had to open online due to the world's biggest health challenge in this century- Covid-19. We had to open our school, and work around the pandemic." Reese added that the sports

program suffered the most and this is one of the biggest attractions for students in Maricopa. That challenge required someone with the right mentality, disposition, and knowledge in the area of building a sports program. "We solved this problem by hiring Nate Wong as our Athletics Director. Wong has made a huge difference in our school; his energy and positivity is contagious. He has built great relationships with our students." Said Reese.

New Athletic Director Nate Wong stated: "We completed five sports programs this fall and our high school boys and girls basketball and wrestling teams are in season. Our partnership with the city of Maricopa has more than doubled our eSports program. For spring, we will begin other programs, including high school baseball, junior high boys basketball, high school and junior high track and field, as well as high school softball

Wong explained that while the intent of A+ is to have a competitive Varsity and feeder program for the future, their primary goal this year is to offer as many opportunities as possible for the students to participate



in something following the onset of the pandemic and provide for them a sense of pride and belonging.

Reese added, that preparing students for the future is not taken lightly by the staff by A+.

"It's not just us talking, it's us actually supporting these students to help them achieve the goals they have set for themselves after high school," said Reese.

Reese illustrated that point through the school's first graduate, junior Lealani Escalade. She said Escalade is a perfect example of the benefits of the close working relationships the school fosters between students, faculty and staff. Escalade will graduate a full year early

thanks to early-enrollment classes through Central Arizona College and will have most of her education at Northern Arizona University paid for as she pursues becoming a math teacher.

"We worked very closely with Lealani and her family to get scholarships and grants and help her get almost all of her college paid for," Reese said. "This is a perfect example of what we mean by working with the whole child and how kids are not just a number here. Justin Price supported her through the entire process of college enrollment. She is our first graduate, she's graduating early, and she embodies the kind of experience we want to provide for our students and their families."

Price echoed Reese's point and added that A+ strives to offer students more than just a

"A+ Charter Schools provide more than an education but a sense of family and belonging,' he said. "We may have a small campus, but we have big hearts, we work together, and students and teachers know one another. The atmosphere on campus is great, and Archers enjoy coming every day to campus to see what challenge they can overcome next."





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# 2021 real estate

# **RECAP**

BY BRIAN PETERSHEIM

n 2021, The seller's market went into overdrive as the median listing price for a home spiked more than \$110,000.

The median home price in Maricopa at the beginning of 2021 was \$290,335 and at the end of November 2021, the median list price was \$400,626, which translates to a growth far above the norm for any type of asset. Please keep in mind the comparison is of listing price, not sales price.

Historically, a "normal" real estate market, with the ebbs and flows, has generally appreciated approximately 4% per year, according to experts. The past decade that number has easily been over the 4% but nothing along the lines of 2021.

The Maricopa real estate market, and honestly the entire Phoenix metro area, along with many other areas in the country would be categorized as a "strong seller's market"

In a "strong seller's market," homeowners are able to pit multiple buyers against each other to get over asking price within hours or days of listing their home. There were so few homes and so many buyers, allowing sellers to hold out for prices that were unheard of in previous years.

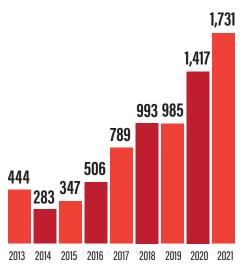
Buyers, on the other hand, made concessions that were uncommon up to this

point. Buyers either needed to make their "best offer" upfront or use an escalation clause which could automatically raise their offer to a preset amount. Some buyers even bought the home "as-is" or removed the appraisal contingency.

As we open a new door and step through a new portal, what are we leaving behind in Maricopa Real estate?

- L. 2021 had months with the lowest inventory of homes for sale that I have seen since I began tracking in 2006.
- 2. In Maricopa, since the early 2000s, the average number of homes currently for sale would average about 300-350 homes. sometimes a bit lower, sometimes a bit higher, but for about half of 2021, there were only 125 or so homes available. Buyers ended up fighting over homes and some were never able to purchase one. More brand-new homes were built in 2021 than any previous year. Until the end of November 2021, there were more new homes built than any other year since Maricopa has been a city. As of November 30, over 1,730 new homes have been permitted, not counting December.
- **3.** Some of the longest construction times were quoted by builders due to supply issues. In the past, builders were quoting six to eight months from contract to move-in for a new home. Currently, the builders are quoting 10 months to a year. Recently, some of those buyers coming up to the year mark are being notified that it will be several more months until completion. Reasons given by builders for the extension include a shortage of timber, concrete and appliances.
- 4. The highest sold prices ever in Maricopa, with some homes selling for over

### **NEW-HOME BUILDING PERMITS**



### **2021 HOME STATISTICS**

Least expensive

3 beds/2 baths 1,893 square feet Rancho El Dorado 43357 W. Chisholm Drive

### **Most expensive**

3 beds/3.5 baths 3,142 square feet Province 19795 N. Puffin Drive

\$267,990 2020 median closing price

\$362,500

2021 median closing price

Average days on market (Lowest in a decade)

Data source Multiple Listing Service; 2021 stats through

There were six homes in subdivisions in Maricopa that sold for \$600,000 or more in 2021, a height unseen between 2003-2020. The six homes were in the Lakes, Province, Glennwilde, Rancho El Dorado and two in Homestead.

The forecast for 2022 indicates a strong showing by the current builders, with new builders coming in.

The biggest challenges these builders face is a building material shortage. Hopefully, if that can be resolved, the supply of new homes will increase due to a decrease in build times.

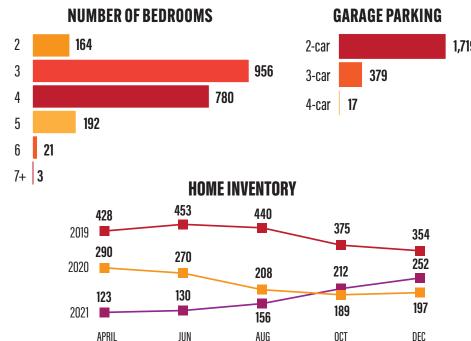
Many of the builders are offering multigenerational single-story floorplans, as many families are growing and expanding with parents and grandparents.

Prices will continue to rise but the amount of the increase should be much lower than 2021. Our fair city will continue to grow with more businesses, big and small.

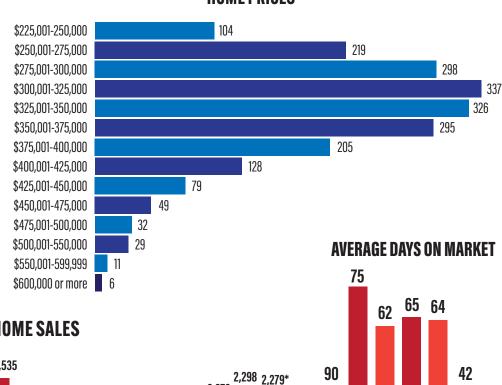
Most residents don't realize that there are

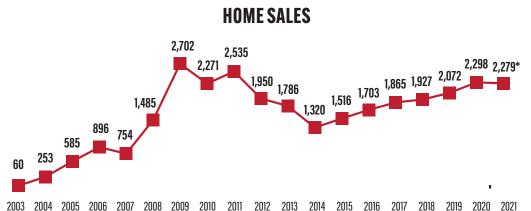
23,956 homes currently in Maricopa, but developers actually have land and plans set aside for another 39,147 homes. That mean that Maricopa is only 36% built out.

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Source: ARMLS (may not include all new-build sales)

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### **ACACIA CROSSINGS**

739 homes on 739 lots.
Subdivision is completed.
HOA: \$83.82/month. HOA provisions include Orbitel internet. Management:
City Property Management, 602-437-4777.
www.cityproperty.com

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

Fun fact: The HOA actually modified a walkway from the center of Acacia Crossing to be able 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

1,104 homes out of 1,105 lots.
The subdivision is currently in close-out.
HOA: \$68.00/month. Basic cable not included in HOA. Management: JSquared Property Management, 623-251-5260. jsquaredpropertymanagement.com
Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas.
Fun fact: Much of Alterra was under water at one time in the 1980s. There was a large flood that submerged much of what is now Alterra.

### **COBBLESTONE FARMS**

892 homes on 892 lots.
Subdivision is completed.
HOA: \$299.18/quarter. Basic cable included in HOA. Management: AAM, 602-957-9191. associatedasset.com
Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths,

children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, pool,

horseshoes, basketball court, lake, sports field.

Fun fact: Cobblestone Farms is one of the few subdivisions that was built all by the same builder (Fulton Homes)
Fun fact 2: Cobblestone/Fulton built the only basement homes in Maricopa, which are approximately 4,000 square feet.

# **DESERT CEDARS**418 homes of 418 lots.

Subdivision is completed.

HOA: \$240.00/quarter. Basic cable not included in HOA. Management: City Property Management, 602-437-4777.

www.cityproperty.com

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

Fun fact: Desert Cedars is the closest subdivision to Maricopa's Copper Sky Multigenerational and Aquatic center,

which means not only an easy walk to the festivities, but an up-close and personal view of the Fourth of July fireworks from your house.

### DESERT PASSAGE (aka Smith Farms)

706 homes of 706 lots.
Subdivision is completed.
HOA: \$102.00/month. Basic cable is not included in HOA. Management: Trestle
Management Group, 480-422-0888.
trestlemanagement.com
Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, pool, basketball court, sports fields, baseball/softball field.
Fun fact: Much of Desert Passage was

located in a flood zone when the subdivision

was started, but FEMA revised the flood

maps a few years later

### HOMESTEAD

2,339 homes on 2,406 lots. Homestead is currently nearing closeout. **HOA1:** DRHorton (non-gated) homes: \$48.00/month. Basic cable not included in HOA.

### GLENNWILDE GROVES

1,948 homes on 1,948 home sites.
Subdivision is completed
HOA: \$99.00/month. Basic cable included in
HOA. Management: AAM, 602-957-9191.
www.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/sporting
events before the larger Copper Sky
Multigenerational Complex was built.

Fun fact: The entire subdivision of Homestead is called Homestead North, but locals and residents refer to the gated parcel as Homestead South.

Management: City Property Management,

602-437-4777. www.cityproperty.com

Basic cable is not included in HOA.

HOA2: DRHorton (gated) \$108.00/month.

Management: Trestle Management Group,

480-422-0888, trestlemanagement.com

HOA3: Meritage/KBHomes/Gehan \$85/

month. Basic cable is not included in HOA.

Management: Trestle Management Group,

480-422-0888. trestlemanagement.com

children's playgrounds, BBQ areas,

lake subdivision.

volleyball court, basketball courts, and

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths,

### MARICOPA MEADOWS 1,624 homes on 1,626 lots.

Building has been completed.

HOA: \$210.00/quarter. Basic cable is not included in HOA. Management: City Property Management, 602-437-4777.

www.cityproperty.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, basketball court, outside workout trail, pickle ball court, Frisbee golf and lake.

Fun fact: Maricopa Meadows is home to one of Maricopa's two disc golf courses.

### **PALO BREA**

511 homes on 525 lots.
DRHorton is currently building.
HOA: \$70/month. Basic cable not included in HOA. Management: City Property
Management, 602-437-4777.
www.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 fact: At one time the builders planned to make a walking path from the neighborhood directly to Copper Sky. Palo Brea offers homes with an attached RV garage.

# PROVINCE (Villas or Gemini homes 55+ community)

1,813 homes on 2,214 lots.
Meritage Homes is currently building
HOA: \$1,181.15/quarter. Basic cable included in HOA. Management: CCMC, 520-568-8315.
www.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+ square-foot clubhouse, library and BBQ areas.

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Fun fact: The smaller Villa or Gemini (duplex) homes have a higher HOA payment than standalone homes because roof insurance is included as two separate units share a common roof.

# PROVINCE (Single Family detached 55+

1.813 homes on 2.214 lots. Meritage Homes is currently building. **HOA:** \$781.59/quarter. Basic cable included in HOA. Management: CCMC, 520-568-8315. www.ccmcnet.com.

Amenities: Gated community, walking/biking/ jogging paths, lakes, shuffleboard, tennis, pickleball, indoor/outdoor pools, full workout facility, craft rooms, poker room, 50,000+ square-foot clubhouse, library and BBQ areas. Fun fact: The entire subdivision of Province is composed of single-story homes only.

### **RANCHO EL DORADO** 3.132 homes on 3.132 lots.

Subdivision is completed. HOA: \$138.00/quarter, Basic cable not included in HOA. Management: 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). Maricopa's only golf course subdivision. Fun fact: Rancho El Dorado was Maricopa's first master-planned community; once Rancho El Dorado's popularity started growing, other communities started springing up.

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

854 homes on 2265 home sites. Meritage, Richmond American, DRHorton, K.Hovnanian and Gehan Homes are currently building. HOA: \$70.00/month. Basic cable not included in HOA, Management; CCMC, 520-568-8315. www.ccmcnet.com.

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, lake and water feature. The Lakes offers homes with attached RV garages. Fun fact: Some builders gave homebuyers a

free battery powered paddle boat when they bought a home on a waterfront lot.

### **RANCHO MIRAGE**

696 homes on 2,136 home sites. DRHorton is currently building. HOA: \$99,21/month, Basic cable included in HOA. Management: AAM, 602-957-9191. associatedasset.com

Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, lake with walkout pier and water feature.

Fun fact: Of the four builders originally scheduled to build in Rancho Mirage, two never broke ground, and four more came in and started building.

### SANTA ROSA CROSSING

119 homes out of 351 lots. Centex/Pulte homes are currently building. HOA: \$72.00/month. Basic cable is not included in HOA. Management: AAM, 602-957-9191. associatedasset.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas Fun Fact: Santa Rosa Crossing is Maricopa's

original "ghost subdivision" where homes were

### SANTA ROSA SPRINGS

built, abandoned, razed and rebuilt,

647 homes out of 788 home lots. No current building. HOA: \$73.00/month, Basic cable not included in HOA. Management: Brown Community Management 480-539-1396. www. brownmanagement.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas. Fun fact: The original builders used extra insulation for noise reduction because of the proximity of the Union Pacific train tracks.

### **SENITA (Maricopa Groves)** 1.375 homes on 1.375 lots built.

Subdivision is completed. HOA: \$174/quarter, Basic cable not included in HOA. Management: Oasis Community Management, 623-241-7373. oasiscommunitymanagement.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas Fun fact: Senita 1 and 2 are the parcels west of the bridge over the wash while Senita 3 is the parcel east of the bridge.

### **SORRENTO**

819 homes out of 2110 total lots. Scott Communities are currently building. HOA: \$80,00/month, Basic cable not included in HOA. Management: AAM, 602-957-9191. www.associatedasset.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, lake, splash pad, water feature, tennis courts. Fun Fact: There are currently two new builders quickly putting up homes in Sorrento.

### **TORTOSA**

1,675 homes out of 2,462 total home lots. DRHorton and Starlight are currently building. HOA: \$81/month. Basic cable is not included in HOA. CCMC, 480-921-7500. www.ccmcnet.com Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, lake, water feature.

**Fun Fact:** 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

1,941 homes out of 1,941 lots. Building has been completed. HOA: \$258/quarter. Orbitel communication internet included per HOA agreement. Management: First Service Residential, 855-333-5149. fsresidential.com. Amenities: Walking/biking/jogging paths, children's playgrounds, BBQ areas, 2 pools, clubhouse w/kitchenette for resident use, workout facility, basketball and tennis courts. Fun fact: 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.

The HOA monthly fees are the "ongoing payments" that a homeowner makes monthly or quarterly. Some HOAs requirement of two months of fees upon move-in. Please keep in mind that 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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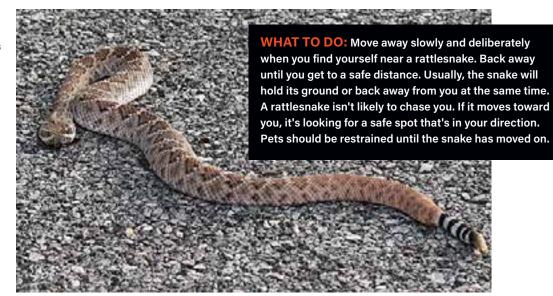




Fish Department.

### Rattlesnakes

There are two main varieties of rattlesnakes you are likely to encounter in and around Maricopa. The Western Diamond Backed Rattlesnake and the Sonoran Coral Snake. The Western Diamond Backed snake can get aggressive if angered enough. The Sonoran Coral Snake is very shy but is still highly venomous. Both snakes are attracted by shelter, water and a supply of rodents.



# WHAT TO DO: If you come across a score

### **Scorpions**

According to the Arizona Poison and Drug Center, there are 30 different species of scorpions in Arizona and only one, the bark scorpion is considered deadly. At full maturity, it's only an inch and half in length. It's small but climbs well. Scorpions are dormant during the day. During the warm months most stings reported to the poison center occur at night.

WHAT TO DO: If you come across a scorpion inside your home, it's time to contact an exterminator and get on a routine maintenance plan. In order to keep them away, make sure your grass is cut short, and keep any trash or debris away from your home. In the off chance you are stung, clean the site with soap and water, and use a cold compress while you position the affected limb into a comfortable position. Most bites can be medicated with an over-the-counter pain reliever.

### Gila Monster

The Gila Monster is the largest lizard in the United States, weighing in about 2 pounds and sometimes reaching a length of 20 inches, including its tail. It moves slow and spends most of its time underground. They are most active in the spring. They burrow into the ground during the hottest months of the year but emerge during the rainy season in late July and August.



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### **Education**

### **PUBLIC DISTRICT SCHOOLS**

### **Maricopa Unified School District**

44150 W. Maricopa-Casa Grande Hwy. 520-568-5100 MUSD20.org Superintendent Dr. Tracey Lopeman

### **K-12 ONLINE EDUCATION**

### Maricopa Virtual Academy

44150 W. Maricopa-Casa Grande Hwy. 520-568-5194

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

### **Butterfield Elementary (PreK-5)**

43800 W. Honeycutt Road 520-568-6100 Principal Janel Hildick

### 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 (K-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

### **SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

### Desert Sunrise High School

16200 N. Murphy Road |520-509-0400

### Desert Wind Middle School (6-8)

35565 W. Honeycutt Road 520-568-7110 Principal Carlos Alvarado

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### A+ Charter Schools (7-12)

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### Sequoia Pathway Academy Elementary

19265 N. Porter Road 520-568-9333 SequoiaPathway.org Principal Taylor Stanton

### Sequoia Pathway Academy Secondary (7-12)

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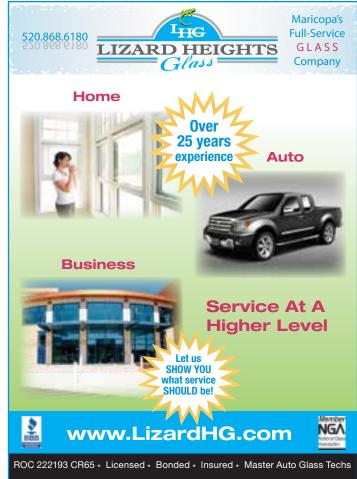
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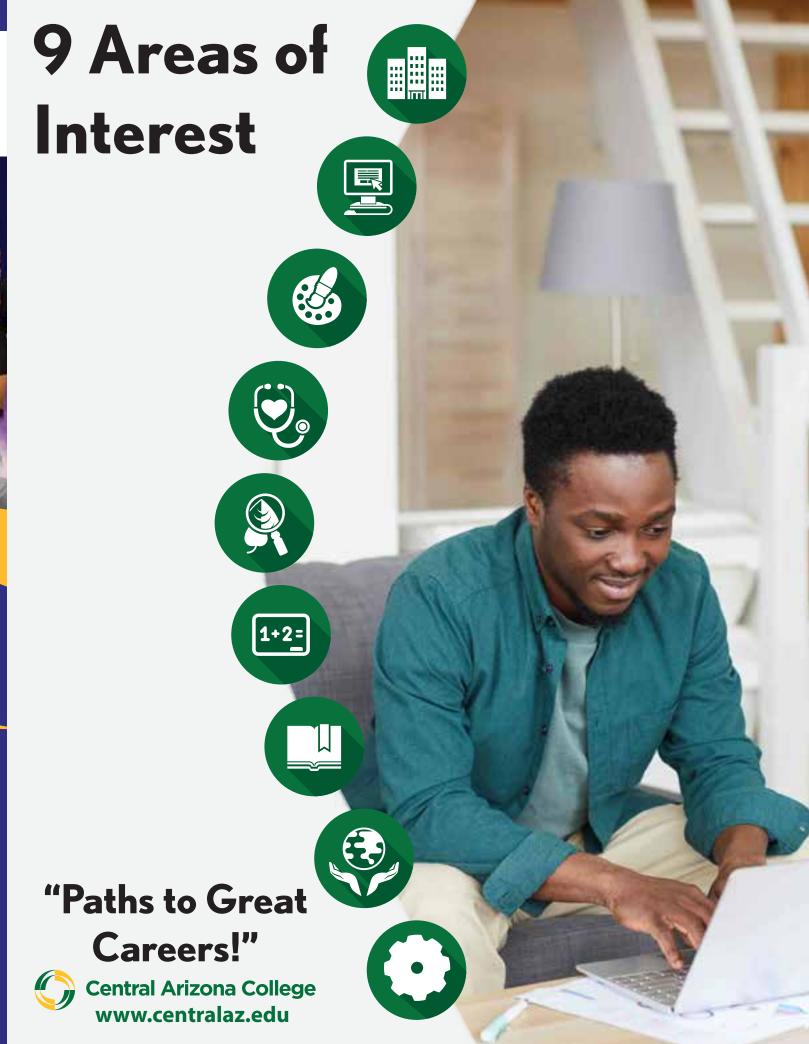
# Sequoia Pathway Academy K-12 continues full in-person learning!

In addition to its new STEAM building and on-campus Astro-turf football field, Campus Director, Lee Bryan and Elementary Principal, Taylor Stanton invite you to come and see why students love learning here!!!



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# WHY CHOOSE MUSD?

Maricopa families will find our city's best and most exciting choices for their children's education in Maricopa Unified School District. Our schools are steeped in tradition and motivated by innovation. From pre-school through high school, MUSD captures the connected values of a small town with the dynamic academic, social, and extracurricular experiences of a destination city. Here are just a few highlights that make us stand out in Maricopa:



### **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 that 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.

### THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Whether you attend one of our neighborhood schools or prefer the flexibility of online education, MUSD offers families a choice.

In 2021, MUSD launched
Maricopa Virtual Academy
(MVA), an online school
with virtual classes
students can attend
from home, a library, or
anywhere with an internet
connection. For more
information visit
www.musd20.org/mva

# MARICOPA VIRTUAL ACADEMY

### **PROGRAM FEATURES:**

- Tuition-free K-12 online school
- District-issued laptop with technical support
- Certified teachers
- Rigorous, engaging, structured, and researchbased curriculum
- Local, in-person learning labs available
- Flexible schedule
- Open Enrollment

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- Self-motivated
- Gifted
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### **PRESCHOOL**

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.

MUSD has expanded Preschool opportunities throughout the district.

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. Visit us at www.musd20.org/preschool to learn more. We can't wait to meet you!

### PROGRAM FEATURES/ OPPORTUNITIES

- Certified Teachers
- · Research-Based Curriculum
- · Locations throughout the district
- Full or Half Day Preschool
- Wrap-Around Child Care
   6 AM 6:00 PM available
   at Santa Rosa Location
- Dual Language Immersion
   Classes Available



### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

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

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Accelerated Model Coming July 2022
- Character Education
- Leadership Development
- STEAM Activities



### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

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

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- STEAM Initiatives
- Blended Learning
   Opportunities

### **HIGH SCHOOLS**

"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



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### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Career Academies
- STEM Academy
- Leadership
- AP Capstone Diploma Program
- College Prep/Central Arizona
   College
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# BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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- Clubs





HUNTING

**Sonoran Desert National Monument** 

places for a local hunt is less than an hour

of the Sonoran Desert National Monument.

While hunting is allowed on much of the

nearly 500,000 acres of federally protected

land, it can be limited in certain areas and

west of the city, in the mountains and valleys

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Victor Mo

### **FISHING**

### Copper Sky Regional Park

45345 W. Martin Luther King Blvd. 520-316-4600

Open 5 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Copper Sky is home to a 5-acre lake stocked with a diverse population of aquatic life. Licensed anglers can take home a daily limit of four catfish, four trout, two bass (13-inch minimum), 10 sunfish/bluegill or one white amur (30-inch minimum). Normal statewide limits are applicable to any other species.

City park rules prohibit boating, swimming or wading (by humans or pets). Glass containers and alcoholic beverages are also prohibited at Copper Sky Regional Park, unless otherwise indicated for a special event.

### Pacana Park

19000 N. Porter Road

From sunrise to 11 p.m., licensed anglers can find a diversely-stocked pond with a maximum depth of 11 feet. Arizona Game & Fish keeps this lake stocked with a mixture of fish allowing for an individual daily-bag limit of two catfish, two trout, one bass (13-inch minimum), five sunfish and one white amur (30-inch minimum).

Park rules prohibit boating, swimming or wading (by humans or pets). Glass containers and alcoholic beverages are also prohibited at Pacana Park, unless otherwise indicated for a special event.

species, season and method-of-take, so do your research with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Bureau of Land Management.

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.

### **PUBLIC SHOOTING AREAS**

### Maricopa Shooting Range

Hidden Valley Road

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 flame and trash disposal. During the hotter months, April to September, BLM reminds hikers to stay hydrated and always bring a cellular phone in case of emergencies. It is also important to notify someone of the location of your intended hike.







Victor Moreno

### **GOLF**

### **Ak-Chin Southern Dunes**

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### The Duke at Rancho El Dorado

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A par-72 "championship style" course located in the heart of Maricopa's flagship subdivision, Rancho El Dorado, The Duke offers the public golfing and dining via its Silver Spur Grill right in their own backyard.



### **RECREATION CENTER**

### **Cooper Sky Regional Park**

44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 520-316-4600

The municipal recreation complex at Copper Sky not only offers members access to its indoor fitness and sports facilities and a premier aquatic center, it offers public access to its many outdoor amenities. Outdoor basketball and tennis courts are available first-come first-served, while baseball and softball fields can be reserved for as little as \$10 per hour. There is also a dog park and skate park for both roller blades and skateboards.

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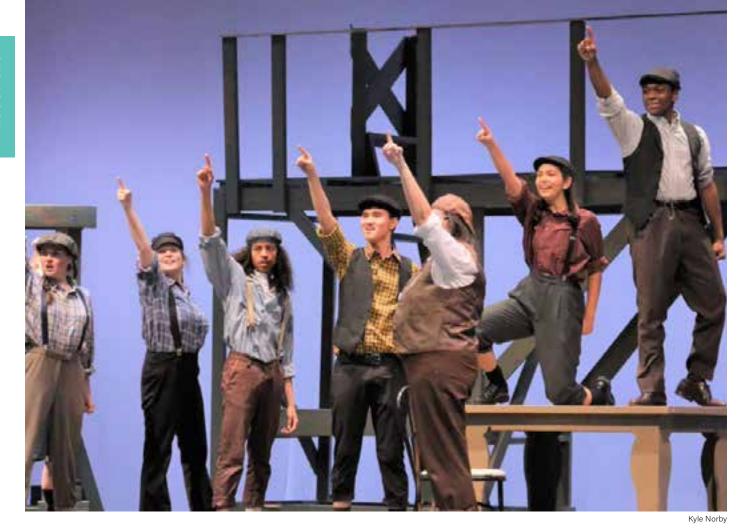
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The region's rich Native American history is displayed on the walls of the Ak-Chin Him-Dak EcoMuseum, and the Maricopa Historical Society works to preserve the city's past through its monthly meetings and cultural events.



Brian Petershe

### **Maricopa Arts Council**

Co-directors: Judith Lang Zaimont, Susan Cameron, David Vargas, Angelina Martin MaricopaArtsCouncil.wixsite.com/ MaricopaArtsCouncil MACmaricopa@a

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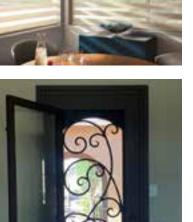
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ith each job, the professionals at Felix Appliance Heating & Air look to make a statement about their dedication to their customers and community.

Felix Appliance Heating & Air is a family-owned company based in Maricopa that repairs all major residential appliances, including washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, microwaves, cooking ranges and stoves. Felix Appliance Heating & Air services all major brands.

They also repair and install heating and air conditioning systems.

Robert Felix the owner, said that Felix Appliance Heating & Air provides excellent customer service, before, during and after the repair.

"We want people to know that when we say we schedule a repair, we will be there," Felix said. "We are the ones who show up on time."

And during the visit, the Felix Appliance Heating & Air professionals wear boot covers over their shoes and use mats to ensure that when the job is done, they leave no trace that they were even there.

"That's something from the major companies in other cities that we liked and have followed," Felix said. "We also insist that our repairmen wear printed shirts and our trucks are wrapped with our decals. We want people to know who we are."

And in the off chance, you need assistance afterwards, Felix pointed out that Felix Appliance Heating & Air has your back.

"We stand behind our repairs," said Felix.
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Felix Appliance Heating & Air technicians are trained on industry standards and work on every brand you can imagine, including: GE, Whirlpool, Frigidaire, Electrolux, Kenmore, KitchenAid, Kirkland, Jenn-Air, Maytag, Amana, Admiral, Hotpoint, LG, Roper and Samsung.

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Felix Appliance Heating & Air has also taken an interest in helping the citizens of Maricopa live a healthier lifestyle. The firm is the city's only licensed, bonded and insured indoor air cleaning service. They offer a professional duct cleaning service that utilizes a negative air machine along with a spin brush that cleans and disinfects the air you breathe in your home.

"We want people to know that when we say we schedule a repair, we will be there. We are the ones who show up on time."
-ROBERT FELIX, OWNER

Felix and his wife, Maria, moved to Maricopa in 2011 shortly after getting married. The two were living in Mesa and her family lived in Maricopa.

While visiting her family, the two fell in love with Maricopa and decided to buy a house.

At the time, Felix was working with Chase Bank and changed careers. He entered the repair business, but soon started to see where he would like to do things differently. "Working for that outfit, there just wasn't much of a company culture," Felix said. "I got tired of feeling like a number and I wanted to create something where there was a team atmosphere."

In 2018, Felix and Maria forged their own path when they started Felix Appliance Heating & Air.

It started small with just appliance repair but has grown steadily to 10 full time employees which include six appliance repair technicians, two heating and air conditioning specialists and two office employees.

Maria has proven to be a key to the success of the business, as she is actively involved in its day-to-day operations.

 $\label{eq:Along with the expansion of their company,} Along with the expansion of their company, the Felix family has grown.$ 

"I have three kids and all of them go to Butterfield Elementary School," Felix said.

Along with running a successful business, community matters to Felix and his family. They've sponsored youth league soccer teams and partnered with ACE Hardware in its participation in an Angel Tree, where Christmas presents are donated to local women's shelter, Against Abuse.

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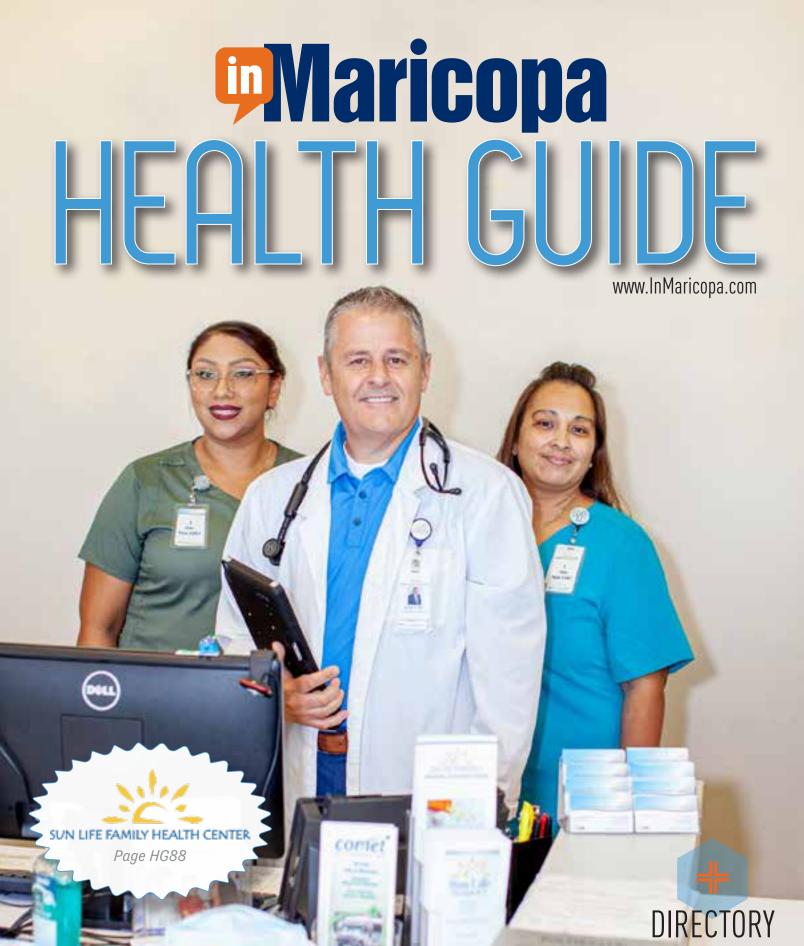
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# SURVIVOR FORMING COVID SUPPORT GROUP



race Gomez has had four generations of her family infected with COVID-19. She knows first-hand how valuable a support group could be, so she is starting one to help Maricopans cope with, recover from and prevent the disease.

Gomez, her mother, a daughter and a grand-daughter all have been infected with COVID-19, with her mother and daughter passing away from the virus earlier this year. She believes the city's residents have the resources to help each other get through the pandemic together.

"I'd like to get a group together to talk about how we deal with the loss we've had, recovery, prevention, all those issues," she said. "I would love to have a registered nurse or a doctor from the area come to educate us about COVID and the vaccines.

I believe there are a lot of people in Maricopa besides me who could benefit from something like this."

Anyone interested in joining such a group can contact Gomez at 520-518-2015 or GomezFamily901@ gmail.com. The group will meet at the InMaricopa office, 44400 W. Honeycutt Road, Suite 101, with the date and time of the initial meeting to be determined.

Gomez believes such a group will be helpful not just in today's climate, but for the future.

"This is not going to be the last time we're going to have a pandemic," she said. "We need to learn how to cope with them."

# Pinal County has lowest fatality rate for COVID-19 in Arizona

By county as of Dec. 9

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Yavapai	34,057	858	2.51%
Navajo	25,404	698	2.75%
Mohave	36,957	1,069	2.89%
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# CITY FINALLY HAS HOSPITAL; PLANS SET FOR SECOND

aricopa's booming growth brings lots of things — new stores, more traffic, rising home prices — and soon, two new hospitals for a city that has survived for a century without one.

Texas-based Exceptional Healthcare opened the city's first hospital in December at the southwest end of the overpass on John Wayne Parkway. The \$20 million facility's initial phase brings a 24-hour emergency department to the city, eliminating the need for patients to travel 20-plus miles to receive emergency care in Chandler or Casa Grande.

The hospital will be a single story and have 10 private rooms, 10 emergency department rooms and space for radiology. The state-of-the-art facility also will feature a digital-imaging suite including CT Scan, X-Ray, mobile MRI and ultrasound, an in-house lab, and inpatient and outpatient hospital beds for acute admissions and overnight observation of patients.

The operation is expected to create 60 to 100 jobs.

Exceptional Healthcare also will feature a landing area for air ambulances to ensure the fastest possible transfer of patients needing a higher level of care.

Bruce McVeigh, the chief operating officer of Exceptional Healthcare, said his company is excited to be part of the Maricopa community.

"For one thing, we get to build a relationship with the community," McVeigh said. "We've been saying that since the groundbreaking — we are all about the community. We want to make a difference in the lives of people in the community. Clearly, in Maricopa it was an access-to-need problem. Our company is doing the ERs we do so well and putting them in areas where there's a need."

Mayor Christian Price said Exceptional Healthcare's hospital fills a vital need for the city.

"For over a decade now, the City of Maricopa has been working diligently to assist healthcare options to locate here," Price said.



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"We are extremely excited to see Exceptional open the city of Maricopa's first 24/7 ER and hospital. This new facility will provide desperately needed medical services to our ever-increasing population, and we are so very appreciative for their large investment in our city."

Price said the hospital will be the catalyst for bringing in doctors, nurses, physician assistants and other highly skilled professionals to the city.

"It sends the message that this is a great place to do business," Price said. "Everywhere you go, people are finding they need more and more health care, and I think we are on the way to having many more options here in town. They will all find their niche. We'll need all that health care and more, as we continue to grow."

McVeigh said the initial phase of Exceptional's campus may not be the final product.

"We've got quite a bit of land we purchased at that spot, and we have phase 2 and phase 3 plans at that site that include imaging, medical office space, family practice space for clinical space," he said. "We'll see what the market wants over the first six months. Now we can grow with the community."

If the market wants more, it is going to get it. The city's appetite for hospitals was underscored in June when S3 BioTech LLC announced before the city's first hospital was complete, a second was on the way.



S3 BioTech initially bought a 4-acre parcel along Bowlin Road between John Wayne Parkway and North Graythorn Drive, near Copper Sky, for a hospital to be operated by Nutex Healthcare of Houston. In August, S3 BioTech announced plans to more than double its concept with the purchase of 4.7 more acres at the southeast corner of West Bowlin Road and John Wayne Parkway.

The initial plans include a medical campus with a "specialty ER hospital" of at least 100,000 square feet and 25 beds along Bowlin Road. Other services could include an ambulatory surgery center, a catheterization lab, and offices to house additional medical services and physicians' practices.

City Manager Rick Horst said the developers of the initial parcel came back to the city almost immediately to ask to buy 12 adjoining acres for further expansion of the project.

The expansion is more of a mixed-use development that includes a hotel and condominiums. A conceptual sketch presented to the city council showed a hotel with about 125 beds and a seven-story condominium tower sitting atop a smart parking structure.

S3 BioTech's initial expansion plans also call for an Innovation Center along the east side of John Wayne Parkway, between La Quinta Inn & Suites and Palo Brea.

In Horst's presentation to the city council – in which he emphasized that the plans were preliminary and conceptual only – the Nutex hospital and Innovation Center campus could include:

- Research labs, coworking space and startup office space of about 100,000 square feet.
- Behavioral health and sports-psychology facility with about 120 beds.
- Academic classroom, fitness center and multipurpose gymnasium building of about 100,000 square feet.
- Student/staff housing, auditorium and cafeteria building of about 80,000 square feet.
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Dr. Ed Johnson, member of the S3 BioTech board of directors, said his group is an ideal fit for Maricopa — and vice versa.

"Maricopa gives us the opportunity to grow with the community, and the types of hospital-related services (S3 BioTech) offers and want to scale seem to fit perfectly with what the city is looking for," he said.

The timing on the Nutex hospital is a little less clear, but Johnson said it should be underway soon.

"It will be sooner than later," he said about breaking ground on the new facility. "Because the city is being so helpful, we're pushing each other in a positive way. But it's going to be this calendar year. We're going to turn a shovel as soon as it's humanly possible."

One city council member said when it comes to health care and hospitals, more is better.

"Just a year ago having one hospital in the city of Maricopa was a dream," Councilmember Vincent Manfredi said. "But today, we're on the verge of having two. I could not be happier with this news."



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How is that different from other doctors' offices? According to Samantha Reinhard, Sun Life's director of community outreach, it starts by including things in an office visit for which Sun Life may not be able to bill your insurance, such as a visit with a clinical pharmacist about medication management.

"We have programs that insurance doesn't always consider as billable, but we feel like they are valuable to patients for their care. Those items are included as patient perks," Reinhard said.

From infants to seniors, Sun Life offers a full continuum of care, often referred to as integrated care as opposed to the traditional models of healthcare silos.

Reinhard said that is Sun Life's biggest advantage over other healthcare providers.

"We don't work in silos," she said. "The care team can look at a chart from each service line. If one of the doctors wants to know what our OB team did, they can just look at the chart instead of relying on the patient to remember what happened at their OB appointment, or the OB's office sending the records. We don't have to spend time going through siloed systems or dealing with a medical office phone system, so our patients get whole care, not siloed care."

Most patients newly diagnosed with diabetes, for example, are reluctant to change the behaviors that affect their condition, like their diet, exercise habits or glucose monitoring.

Sun Life offers the ability to address all those needs in its Maricopa location. The lab work can be done on site, and the prescriptions filled at the pharmacy just down the hall. Diabetes counselors work with patients to help determine effective treatments, and in-office, integrated, behavioral health professionals help develop strategies for making the lifestyle changes needed to achieve the patient's health goals.

One patient said consolidation of her medical needs was exactly why she chose Sun Life for her healthcare.

"It's just so convenient," she said. "They have the labs and pharmacy here in the office, and that's very practical; I can fill my prescriptions here and everything is at the same place. I should have looked up Sun Life about seven years ago. I'm one happy

As part of its unique approach, Sun Life also teaches patients about nutrition, exercise and medication management to give patients an understanding of how each aspect of care works, how they interact and what their benefits are. The staff also talks with patients about their habits and listens for red flags that could impede the patient's ability to manage their condition.

At Sun Life, the medical providers and staff want to make the whole patient better, not just one aspect.

"We are affecting the whole patient, the whole you," Reinhard said. "We look for things you might not be looking for. If we're talking about nutrition, we don't just talk about eating better, we make sure you have access to good food. We want to treat people the way we would expect someone to treat our mom or grandma; we take that level of care."

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# AUTO INJURY CARE IS NOT HEALTHCARE

utomobile 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 inability to do some things altogether. You must understand how these issues tie into physical health, emotional well-being and how they affect your 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. Comparatively, 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.
- If the airbags go off, have your lungs checked because you suck in the powder when they deploy. Have your ears checked as well. The sound from airbags can be deafening.
- After an accident, ice is the therapy of choice, not heat.
- Do not wait to see if the pain gets worse. Low-level pain can turn serious over weeks, months and even years.
- Pay attention to your body and emotions after an accident. Get help if you notice anything unusual.
- If you do not know what to look for, you will not find it. Dr. Donohue is certified in Motor Vehicle Injury Care and has treated thousands of motor vehicle collision patients over 29 years. ■



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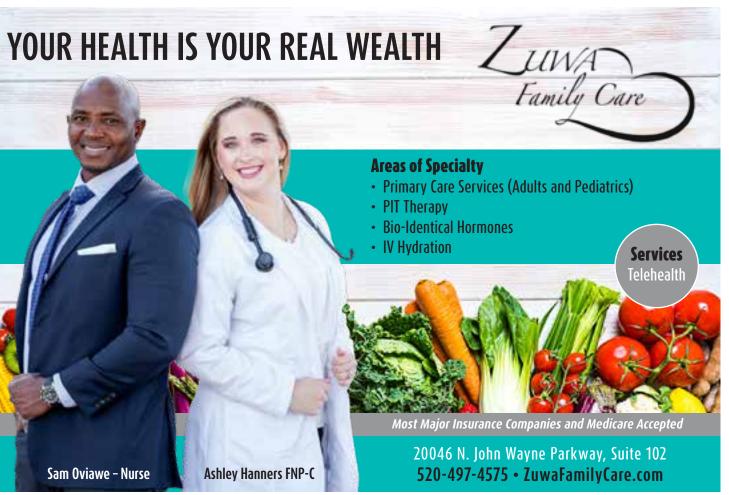
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# **ZUWA FAMILY CARE:** WHERE MODERN AND HOLISTIC MEDICINE MEET

n ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Ben Franklin's bit of wisdom seems to be a guiding principle for Ashley Hanners, the provider at Zuwa Family Care, an integrative medical practice in Maricopa.

Both Hanners and her husband, Sam Oviawe, who opened their practice in August in the Shops at Maricopa Village, have extensive health care experience. While earning her degree as a certified family nurse practitioner, she was an ER nurse at Chandler Medical Center. He ran several different divisions for nursing and rehabilitative care centers.

Hanners grew up in Oregon, while Oviawe was born in Nigeria. They met working as nurses for the same Arizona-based home health company.

The couple has a desire to not only treat illnesses, but to work with patients to prevent the occurrence of problems in the first place.



Zuwa Family Care owners Sam Oviawe and Ashley Hanners with daughters Osayame, 4, Adanya, 8, and 3-year-old twins Obosa and Ivie.

#### **DEFINING INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE**

The Andrew Weil Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona describes integrative medicine as "healing-oriented medicine that takes account of the whole person, including all aspects of lifestyle. It emphasizes the therapeutic relationship between practitioner and patient and is formed by evidence and makes use of all appropriate therapies."

In a sense, it's an approach combining the best of advanced medical treatments and holistic medicine. While Western medicine is practiced, there's an emphasis on finding the root cause of an ailment, instead of focusing just on the symptoms.

Hanners said a driving force in her desire to open a practice was to find the cause and cure of illnesses and ailments, instead of managing them.

"We're in the position to do things the right way, the holistic way. Not just to make profit, but to make an

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person's life."

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"You don't learn a lot about preventative medicine while you are in school," Hanners said. "There is definitely a flaw, in my opinion, in our health care system, where we focus very much on a disease process and what medications we can give for that process. There's

> not a lot taught on the underlying cause and how we treat that underlying cause."

Still, Hanners is quick to point out that modern medicine is a blessing.

"I've worked in an emergency room where many lives have been saved by Western medicine," Hanners said. "But what I also saw were patients who would come in with several comorbidities. They are on medications to counteract the side effects from the other medications they were on."

There's not enough of a focus on educating patients - not enough of a proactive approach to health care,

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according to Hanners. In effect, it's sometimes waiting for bad things to happen before any action occurs.

"We are managing, instead of treating the disease process," she added. "I felt like there had to be a better option. People didn't know why they were taking all of the medications they were on."

#### FORGING A DIFFERENT PATH

As a unit manager for a team of nurses at a large facility in Scottsdale, Oviawe gained a lot of valuable experience in the field. While successful, he longed for a situation where he could make more of an impact.

"When you work for someone else, you don't always have a lot of control," he said. "The good thing about our situation now is that we can focus our decisions on how to provide the best health care for the citizens of Maricopa and anyone who comes to our practice."

#### Zuwa?

The namesake of the practice, Zuwa, is a phrase from the Edo language that means to choose the path of wealth through one's health. While English is the official language, there are many different dialects in Nigeria. Edo is spoken in Benin, Nigeria, Oviawe's hometown.

Oviawe pointed out that with ownership of their practice, he and Hanners get to hone in on what they find to be most important.

"We're in the position to do things the right way, the holistic way," he said. "Not just to make profit, but to make an impact in that person's life."

The best way to have that impact is taking time to listen to patients and to become personally invested in their health and wellbeing.

"I'm excited that we have time to

answer their questions, encourage and point them in the direction they need to go," Oviawe said. "One of the greatest satisfactions is when someone in the community who we have helped tells someone else, 'Try this, I did it and it's working for me."

#### **ENHANCING CARE**

At Zuwa, even a basic medical test is being enhanced to elevate

At most practices, a patient's bloodwork – and its levels of cholesterol, glucose, vitamin D, testosterone and estrogen, for example – are graded on a pass/fail basis. There's a reference point for each value. A patient is considered fine if the levels fall within accepted levels, until one day, your levels fall out of the prescribed range.

Such a process feels counterintuitive to Hanners.

"Do you wait until you fail an exam to study for it?" She asked. "It seems like a silly question to ask. People study before they take the exam. Why in health care are we waiting for patients to fail in order to do anything about the symptoms they are experiencing?

"Just because you are not failing, it doesn't mean that you are necessarily doing well."

Instead. Hanners grades bloodwork on an A-B-C-D scale and works with patients to improve any C or D levels.

Hanners' approach can identify potential issues with patients' health before they become problems. She looks for imbalances in hormones like testosterone and estrogen, which can show up in unexpected places.

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Brian French said he has benefited greatly from the therapy at Zuwa. He broke his foot while coaching a soccer match, sustaining serious nerve damage.

"I've had this foot injury for the last five years," French said. "I've had multiple operations and been to doctor after doctor and haven't been able to get any relief."

French, an active young man of 42, said the injury had slowed him down to the point where he'd gained nearly 60 pounds. After getting the treatment in August, he's been able to return to a physically active lifestyle and lose nearly 20 pounds.

"It's made a real difference in my life," he said.

The treatment isn't covered by his insurance, but French said he gladly pays for it out of pocket.

Kristan Boardman, another Zuwa patient, had similar results.

A pinched nerve in her lower back was so painful she found it difficult to stand or walk. She tried adjustments by a chiropractor and massages and took Tylenol in an attempt to alleviate the pain.

"Nothing was really working," she said

Boardman said she underwent the treatment of about 20 injections and despite some tenderness at the injection site, the results were impressive.

"It wasn't 100%, but I felt relief immediately," she said. "At first, I would say that it cut my pain in half, and a week later, I felt no pain. It was awesome."

In the second week of September, the practice put up a sign to let people know it was open for business. In the six weeks before the sign went up, however, the practice had amassed 140 patients through word of mouth, Hanners said.

"Once we launched, it's been nonstop," Oviawe said. "The community has been supportive. The people who come, seem to tell their friends, their neighbors and spouses about the services we have to offer."







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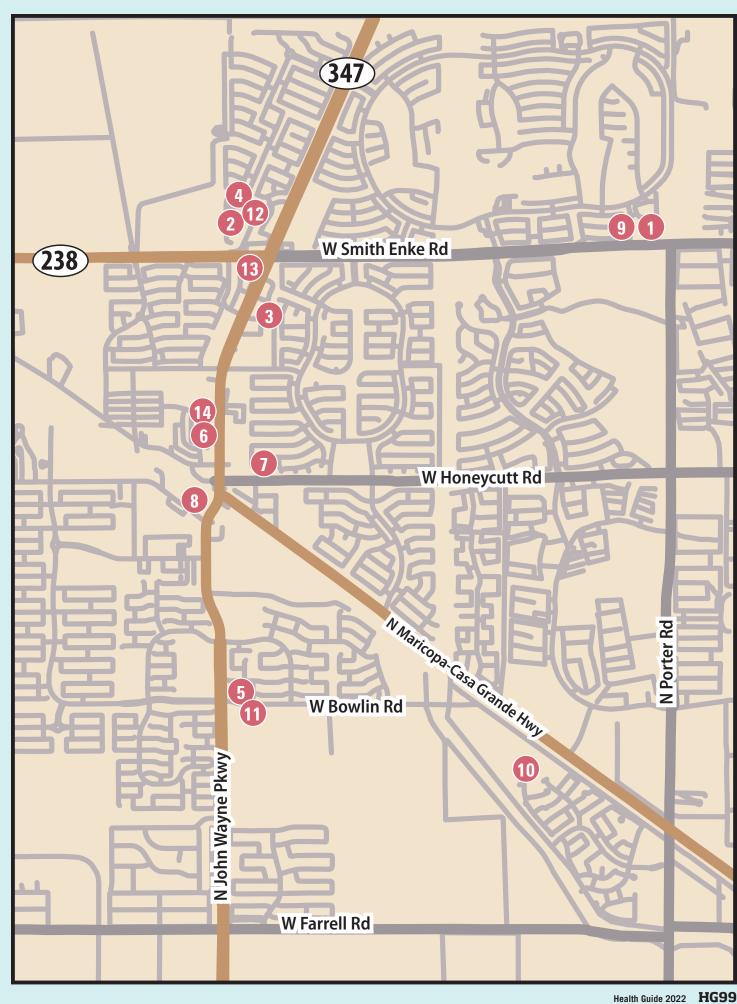
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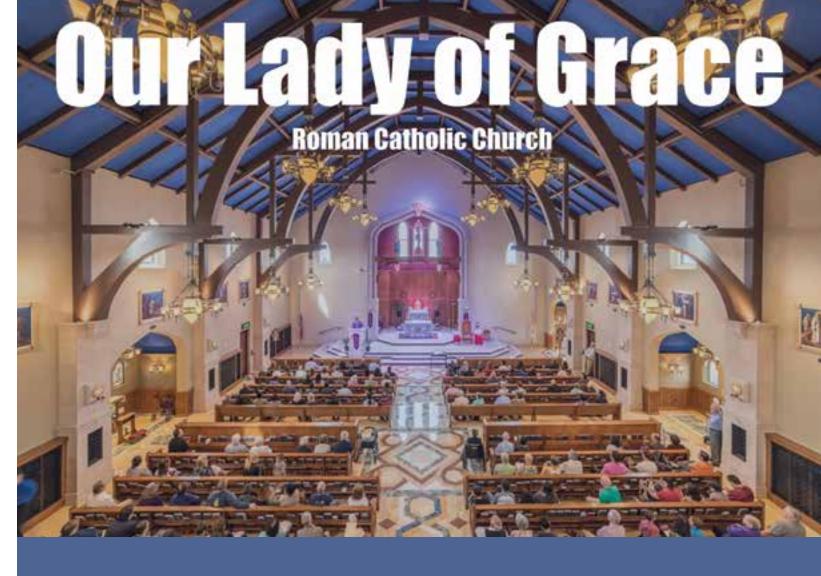
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