



2018 Election Issue

The Town of Paradise Valley will hold an election for Mayor and three Town Council Members on Tuesday, August 28, 2018. This edition of the Town Reporter includes general election-related information and personal statements provided by each of the candidates to aid voters in making informed ballot choices.

There is one candidate running for a two-year term as mayor and four candidates running for four-year terms on the Council. A candidate must receive a majority of the total votes cast in August in order to be elected. Otherwise, a run-off election will be held in November. Whether elected in August or November, the winners will take office on January 10, 2019.

The Town's election will appear on the same ballot as the Arizona partisan primary election for state and federal offices. If you are on the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL) you will automatically receive a ballot in the mail around August 1. Voters on this list who are not registered with a political party (i.e. an "independent" voter) should have received a post card from the Maricopa County Elections Department on June 1st requesting that the voter designate which ballot they wish to vote: Republican, Democrat, or local-only. All other voters must go to their designated polling place on Election Day. Similarly, "independent" voters must select which ballot they want to vote at the polling place.

An Early Voting Ballot Center will be open in the Town Hall Community Room between August 22 and August 24 and on Election Day. Voters from any precinct in Town may vote in person at Town Hall on those dates. The polls, including the Ballot Center at Town Hall, will be open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Election Day. Election returns will be posted on the Town's website starting at 8:00 PM.

If you are going to be out of Town during the election season you may notify the Maricopa County Elections Department in writing where you wish to have the ballot mailed.

The request must include:

- Full Name
- Maricopa County Residence Address
- Address where the Ballot is to be Mailed
- Date of Birth
- Which ballot is requested (Democrat/Republican/Local only)
- Signature

Call (602)506-1511 for additional information

Register to Vote: www.ServiceArizona.com

Find your Polling Place: Maricopa.Vote or <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/elections/>

Key Election Dates:	
July 30	Last day to register to vote in the August 28 Election
August 1	Early Voting Begins
August 17	Last day to request an early ballot
August 22	Early Voting Ballot Center Opens at Town Hall Community Center
August 24	Last day to vote early (in person)
August 28	Election Day – Polls are open from 6 AM to 7 PM. Ballot Center at Town Hall will also be open from 6 AM to 7 PM. Election results will be posted at 8 PM at https://recorder.maricopa.gov/electionresults/
Sept 13	Canvass of the August Election
Nov 6	General Election (Run-off if necessary)
Jan 10	Mayor and Council takes office

Goodbye Kevin



Since January 2015, Kevin Burke has served as the Town Manager and chief administrator for the Town of Paradise Valley. Kevin has recently accepted a position as the Public Works Director for the City of Peoria.

Kevin came to the Town of Paradise Valley after spending seven years as the City Manager of Flagstaff, Arizona. Prior to that, he has served as a chief administrator in Boulder, Littleton and Wellington, Colorado. After graduating with his Master's in Public Administration, Kevin began his career as the Town Administrator of West Tawakoni, Texas. Overall, Kevin has spent 25 years in municipal government and 15 of those years as the city or town manager.

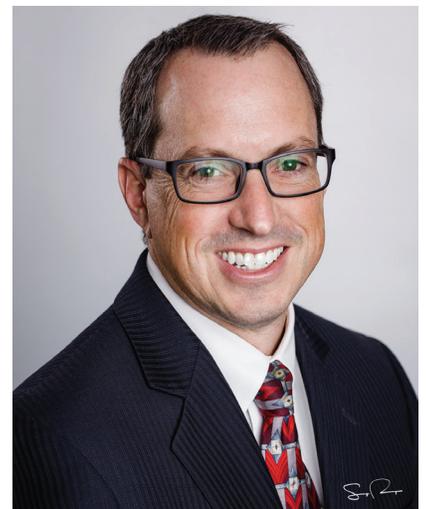
Kevin's three-and-one-half years with the town allowed for the town to see marked improvements in key service areas. During his tenure, the town saw a complete revitalization of the resort industry. Included in this was the reconstruction of Mountain Shadows, complete renovation of andAZ, and major reinvestments in Camelback Inn, Hermosa Inn and Sanctuary. He was also instrumental in the planning and zoning of the 117 acre Ritz-Carlton project.

Kevin was able to implement key management decisions for public safety pension funding, curing the structural deficit of the sewer fund, and instituting a financial program for vehicle and facility repairs. The Town of Paradise Valley also routinely ranks in the top five safest municipalities in the state, and a community satisfaction survey ranked the town as the second highest in the nation. Kevin's position as Town Manager also provided him a rare opportunity to hire five new department directors who will continue to evolve and grow the professionalism and services offered by the town.

"I want to thank the Mayor and Council, past and present, for the opportunity to serve this amazing community. I've enjoyed getting to know many of the fine residents who work and volunteer their time to this organization. I take away some great memories and experiences."

– Kevin Burke

Mayor Collins, Vice Mayor Bien-Willner and the rest of the Council will embark on searching for the optimal replacement for Kevin Burke. That being said, his impact on the Town and the lives of the residents will be felt in the future.



Mayoral Candidate



Jerry Bien-Willner
2 Year Term

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I would like to express my gratitude to the many Paradise Valley residents who have shown their support since I announced my candidacy for Mayor. I'm very proud to be on the ballot and look forward to serving you as your Mayor in the coming years.

Over the past six years, I have been privileged to serve as a Planning Commissioner, Town Council member, and Vice Mayor, where I have seen first-hand how important it is to approach Town leadership as a team. My colleagues and I have worked very effectively together in achieving some common goals for our community. I'm proud that my leadership has been recognized through the broad support I have earned from community leaders and residents, and by the Council, which unanimously selected me to serve a second term as Vice Mayor. The Council may not always agree on each issue, but its members are all working with a common motivation — to serve the residents of our great Town to the best of our abilities.

I look forward to leading this team in the future. I am committed to working with my Council colleagues and Town residents to ensure our community remains an incredible place to live now and in the future. As Mayor, I will

stress open communication and dialogue, and working together collaboratively to meet the Town's needs.

My top priorities as Mayor will be consistent with the vision our community's leaders have had for decades:

- Maintaining our exceptional quality of life and our traditional, unique residential character in Paradise Valley.
- Ensuring police and fire service is as efficient and effective as possible in keeping us safe.
- Open government and working with people throughout the community to build consensus around key issues.
- Limited, accountable, and transparent government that does not require a property tax to balance budgets and provide quality services.
- Preserving and strengthening our Town's sense of community and unique character.
- Beneficial and strong relationships with our Town's resorts, schools, religious institutions and neighboring communities.

I invite you contact me with any questions, comments, ideas or concerns about the Town. For more information on my campaign, and to provide your feedback, please feel free to contact me directly at jerry@jerryformayor.com or visit www.JerryForMayor.com.

I appreciate your continued support as we work together to protect our incredible quality of life, and I would be very honored to serve you as your Mayor. Thank you.

Council Member Candidate



James W. Anton
4 Year Term

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With great pride, I, James Anton announce my candidacy for the Paradise Valley Town Council. As a 33-year resident and currently serving as a member of the Paradise Valley Planning Commission and having served on our Hillside Committee, I have obtained even greater respect for our wonderful community and the many volunteers that allow us to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy.

My wife Kim, a volunteer at the Paradise Valley Police Department, and I bought our first home on a one-acre lot in 1985 where we lived for 19 years. In 2004, looking for a new adventure, we purchased a hillside home where we lived for 9 years prior to my tragic automobile accident. As I was no longer able to navigate the stairs in our hillside home, we sold it and moved into a rental at Mountain Shadows East enjoying a tight-knit gated community while I recuperated. In 2014 we purchased in our current gated community where I serve on the HOA board and intend to stay for many years.

Having lived in four different PV homes, including one acre, hillside, resort and now a gated community in both East and West neighborhoods of our Town has been of tremendous value to my work on our Planning Commission and Hillside Building Committee. These experiences have given me an understanding of the needs of all our citizens including those, like myself, with physical challenges.

My career in the design, manufacturing, and sales of residential furniture has taken me to most of the USA, and many places in Europe and Asia. At the end of each trip I always had the honor of returning to our little piece of paradise.

If elected to our Town Council, you have my commitment to preserve and protect the quality of life we have all come to know and respect in our wonderful community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Endorsed by Town Council members Julie Pace, Scott Moore, David Sherf as well as Former Mayors Scott LeMarr, Ed Winkler and former Vice Mayor Mary Hamway.

Also endorsed by two of of my competitors, Paul Dembow and Ellen Andeen.

I Love this Town!

Council Member Candidate



Ellen Andeen

4 Year Term

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Growing up in the Town of Paradise Valley & having family so involved with the Town since the 50s, it is only natural that I find myself devoted to furthering our community's outlook & success while preserving our unique character and quality.

I believe in the organizational structure of our Town which provides **limited government & quality services** while ensuring **no property taxes to balance the budget**.

Public Safety is a key priority. Being a **Paradise Valley Police Volunteer**, I will be an advocate for our police, fire & community to ensure we have the tools to **protect** our community.

Open communication & transparency is essential.

I believe in the uniqueness of our Town and that our **quality & character** deserves preservation.

My decisions will be consistent with our **Town Vision, Mission & Core Values**.

I will uphold fiscal responsibility to ensure a **sustainable balanced budget**.

Starting in the 1950s our family came to Arizona and we were immediately struck by the beauty of our Town. **Mummy Mountain was particularly enchanting, and our family eventually gave the mountain its name.** Uncle Charlie Mieg became one of the original land owners & developers of Mummy Mountain Park.

I attended **Cherokee Middle School** and **Chaparral High School**. Following High School, I attended the University of Arizona in Tucson attaining a **Double Major in Accounting & Finance**. In 2016 I graduated from University of Arizona Eller College of Management in Phoenix and attained a **Master's in Business Administration (MBA) graduating summa cum laude**.

My profession for the last 20 years has been as an **executive in finance & banking with a focus on the automotive & recreational vehicle industries**.

I have fond memories of my **Father (Richard Andeen) on Town Council** in the 80s. **My Mother (Anne Andeen)**, serving many positions in the Town, **currently volunteers on the Historical Committee**.

I am proud to have the support of so many residents, to include (at the time of this writing) but not limited to: Former Mayors **Scott LeMarr & Ed Winkler**, Former Vice Mayor **Mary Hamway**, Current Council Members - **Scott Moore & Julie Pace**, Competitor & Current Council Member **Paul Dembow**, Competitor/Planning Commissioner **Jim Anton** and **Retired Paradise Valley Police & Community Resource Officer Kevin Albert**. For continued campaign activity and to learn more about me & my updated supports please visit www.ellenforcouncil.com.

Thank you for your consideration and vote.

The list of candidates is placed in a random order. Narrative from the candidates was not altered by the Town of Paradise Valley.

Council Member Candidate



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Ronald Reagan said, "I hope we once again have reminded people that man is not free unless government is limited. There's a clear cause and effect here that is as neat and predictable as a law of physics: As government expends, liberty contracts.

Having a government that does less legislating rather than more seems to be a great way to keep the Town of Paradise Valley the paradise that our residents love! Our community is populated with successful people. I believe that you can make a better decision about what is best for you than I can.

Focusing on keeping our community safe by supporting our police is my highest priority. Being safe in your town and home is what your government should do first and foremost.

My second priority is to focus on projects and issues that will increase property values. Working with industry to improve cell service is something that is both a safety issue and a quality of life issue. Road improvements and beautification projects help increase the quality of life and the value of the properties.

I feel proud of my record of accomplishments. I will look at all issues with this approach: Do we need to change the way things are to address it or can we find a solution that keeps government limited? What do the numbers tell us? Meaning, if we make this change will it be financially sustainable? Will it increase the cost to build a house or remodel a house in our community? Is this justified?

I'm a strident property rights supporter. Thomas Jefferson said, "Most bad government has grown out of too much government." As long something does not harm another resident's enjoyment of their property, less government is better.

Thank you for the privilege of having me serve you for the past eight years! I hope to have the opportunity to serve you again. I promise I'll always be consistent in my positions. I will always view all issues that present themselves to the Town Council through the lens of, "How will this impact the residents?" Will it make Paradise Valley a better place to live? If I'm not hearing from anyone I know I'm doing a great job.

I'm proud to be endorsed by:

Mayors: LeMarr, Parker, Winkler, Clarke, Haan, and Kathy Petsas, Pam Kirby and two of my competitors in this race, Jim Anton and Ellen Andeen.

Council Member Candidate



Anna Thomasson
4 Year Term

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Twenty-five years ago, I realized a dream and bought my home in Paradise Valley.

After 35 years in business, I transitioned to civic life to give back to the town I love. As a managing partner of global consultancy Towers Perrin/Towers Watson, I advised executives of major brands on organizational and culture change issues while learning how to get people to work together solving problems.

I will keep **Paradise Valley, Paradise Valley** by:

- 1. Preserving our special character.** Attending many Town Council, Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment meetings, I've seen the threats to our 1-acre lots and view corridors. I will monitor compliance with our SUPs to ensure those seeking short-term gain do not compromise our town's character.
- 2. Providing high quality public safety services.** I will make sure our police have current technology and sufficient staffing.
- 3. Investing in critical public facility and infrastructure projects.** We need to mitigate flooding and solve our cell phone issues without additional cost or compromising our aesthetic.
- 4. Conservatively managing our financial resources.** I will be a fiscal hawk on our budget, while remaining resolutely opposed to any property tax.
- 5. Building community.** Our Volunteers in Paradise initiative is a great way to get our residents involved in our town.

Decades of service have given me useful skills.

- **Town of Paradise Valley** Board of Adjustment
- **Arizona State Bar Board of Governors**, Public Member: HR and Finance Committees
- **Franciscan Renewal Center**: Board member. Capital Campaign
- **ASU WP Carey** Executive-in-Residence mentor to MBA students

Thank you, Mayor Michael Collins and many others for your encouragement and endorsement.

I would be grateful for your vote in August.



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Vacation Watch

Paradise Valley residents leaving town to avoid the heat can request a Vacation Watch be conducted on their property during their absence. The Vacation Watch request lets the volunteers and officers know to keep an attentive eye on the property during vacation periods.

Volunteers and officers will attempt to check on the residence at least one time per week. Vacation Watch checks after darkness will entail the front of the residence only. Staffing limitations dictate that only 75 vacation watches can be accommodated at one time. The quickest way to file a Vacation Watch is to complete the form online at <https://docs.paradisevalleyaz.gov/Forms/PoliceVacationWatch>. If service more than one time per week is needed, please consider hiring a private security company to complete the task.

Here are some other tips for home security during vacations:

EMERGENCY CONTACT: If you are going on vacation, it is a good idea to add a local person who can act as an emergency contact in the case of an unlikely event or emergency.

LIGHTS: If you are going to leave lights on, consider placing them on timers, or ask a neighbor to turn them on and off for you. Exterior lights should only be left on if they are equipped with dusk to dawn sensors. Lights left on overnight are ok, but exterior lights left on through the day can be a sign that no one is home.

PETS: Having a friend watch your pet for you while you're gone is a great idea, but make sure your dog or cat has updated ID tags with good contact information for you on them. That way, in the event your pet gets out, they can be traced back to you.

VISITORS: The best way to avoid having your house look empty is to not have an empty house. Finding a friend to "house sit" for you is not only a smart idea, but it takes care of other issues as well, like a pet sitter, parking a car in the driveway, etc.

VEHICLES: No matter where you leave your vehicle, do not leave valuables inside. If there will be no vehicles parked in front of your house or in the driveway, ask a neighbor if they would park their car in your driveway. Enjoy your vacation!



Camelback Inn Ballroom

You may have noticed some renovations happening at Camelback Inn located at 5402 E Lincoln Drive. The resort is undergoing a demolition and rebuild of the existing meeting space north of the Arizona Ballroom located near the southeast end of the property. This new meeting space is the Paradise Ballroom that will be connected to the north end of the Arizona Ballroom. It is 15,092 square feet and has a capacity of 1,570 persons. The new ballroom provides additional pre-function indoor space, along with renovated outdoor terraces that includes a new sitting area with fireplace. This new ballroom is in the final building stages and set to open to the public the end of June 2018. The resort has also done remodeling to some of its existing meeting spaces.