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Mayor's Corner

Dear Fellow Paradise Valley Residents:

It has been a privilege to serve as your Mayor since I was sworn in at the beginning of 2019. Your Town Council has had a busy start to 2019, and I wanted to provide you with a brief update on some of the issues we have worked on so far, and our upcoming plans.

First, I am pleased to share with you that Paradise Valley continues to be recognized as one of the safest communities in Arizona. Recent data show that our crime rates have fallen since the prior year, and our incidence of violent crime remains very low. Our Police Department deserves great credit for this, and I'm proud that our Council continues to value and appropriately fund public safety efforts. Please also do your part, and help to make our Town even safer, by staying attentive and following the many safety tips that our Police Department provides.

Your Council is currently working to put together next year's budget. As part of our Town's budgeting process this year, I have asked for and received unanimous Council support for the Town to put together its first-ever strategic plan regarding revenue. While our Town's financial position is strong in this continued time of economic growth, I will be focused on making sure it stays that way and I trust that our Council will be equally committed to our long-standing values of fiscal prudence and limited government that provides high-quality and efficient services.

We will also be tackling pension funding. The Public Safety Pension Retirement System is an important financial resource for our first responders when they retire, but the state's laws have made funding the pension a challenge for almost all Arizona communities, including our Town. The Council continues to explore options to pay for these pension obligations, and will be considering the matter in more depth in connection with our budgeting for next year and beyond.

With a booming economy, so too come requests to build and to redevelop. Under my leadership, we will always consider any development proposals with the goal of preserving our Town's unique, low-density residential character and feel, and with an eye toward an open, fair, and transparent public process for each property and proposal.

Our Cellular Task Force has made significant progress, with the majority of the major cell carriers now actively working directly with the Town to improve cellular service. Also, the Task Force prepared a guide to help our residents improve their cell service within their homes, which is posted on the Town's website. There is more information and progress coming on this front, so stay tuned.

Finally, please join me in welcoming Jill Keimach as our new Town Manager. Jill will arrive in May and will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the Town. I know that the entire Council is looking forward to working with Jill. I would also like to thank interim Town Manager Brian Dalke for his exceptional service to our community during his tenure.

I always invite you to contact me directly at jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov if you have any questions, comments or feedback on Town issues.

Respectfully,



Jerry Bien-Willner
Mayor of Paradise Valley



WELCOME JILL KEIMACH



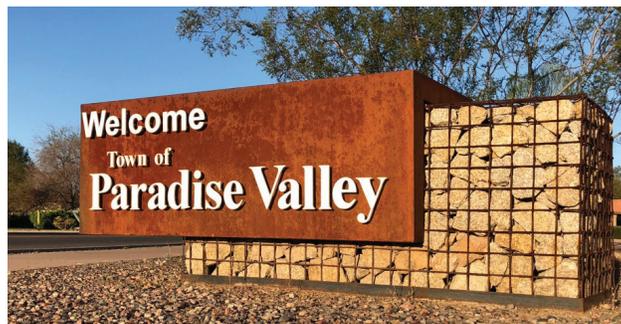
On March 28th Town Council unanimously voted on the appointment of Jill Keimach as Paradise Valley's new Town Manager. Keimach stated:

“I am so looking forward to working with such a professional and highly regarded Council to serve Paradise Valley residents, the resort and business community, and visitors. I am also very impressed by the professionalism and dedication of the staff to preserving and enhancing PV well into the future”.

Ms. Keimach will join the Town of Paradise Valley on May 20th, 2019.

The town contracted with a specialized executive search firm, CPS HR consulting, to conduct a nationwide recruitment effort. The comprehensive outreach process yielded 75 applicants, all with specialized skills and qualifications. From the competitive pool of candidates, Ms. Keimach was selected in large part for her experience in community development on large, high visibility projects and managing smaller high-value communities. Her ethics also set her apart from the other candidates. Jill Keimach was nominated for the International City Management Association 2018 Ethical Hero award for her ability to withstand significant pressure to elevate the union president to Fire Chief rather than conduct an open recruitment for the most qualified candidate.

Jill most recently served as the city manager of Alameda, California. Prior to Alameda, she was town manager in Moraga, California. Jill served in various other local government positions, including community development director, senior planner and project manager. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture and a Master of City Planning degree, both from the University of California, Berkeley.



Jill has moved with her husband, Ron, to the Valley from the San Francisco Bay Area. They are excited to relocate as new 'empty-nesters'. They have two grown children, a daughter, Alyssa of Oakland, California and son, Stephen, who lives in Seattle, Washington. Jill and Ron enjoy many of our area's outdoor activities, especially hiking, bicycling, swimming, and golf.

EPCOR Maintenance

EPCOR will be installing over two miles of 24" water transmission main pipe along Lincoln Drive in the Town of Paradise Valley.

EPCOR provides water service to nearly 5,000 service connections in Paradise Valley. Currently, water for the area comes from groundwater wells located on the eastern side of the area. This investment in water infrastructure will ensure long-term system reliability and increase capacity in EPCOR's Paradise Valley water district by nearly three million gallons per day by adding a second water source.

Construction is anticipated to begin in April of 2019, with completion expected by October of 2019. There will be ongoing traffic restrictions along the Lincoln Drive project limits, from 36th Street to Desert Fairways Drive.

Installing a water main is a time-consuming process that must be done in phases. The proposed phases/ timeframes for the traditional open-trench installation are listed below:

- May 2019 – June 2019: 36th Street to 40th Street
- June 2019: 40th Street to 42nd Street
- June 2019 – July 2019: 42nd Street to Hillside Drive
- July 2019: Hillside Drive to 48th Street
- July 2019 – September 2019: 48th Street to 52nd Place



EPCOR will also have separate crews working to install pipe under major storm drains at the following locations:

- June 2019: Hillside Drive
- June 2019: Tatum Boulevard
- June 2019: Between 46th Street and 48th Street
- July 2019: Between Tatum Boulevard and 51st Place
- July 2019: Between 51st Place and 52nd Place

Town staff and EPCOR have been working together to review the design and schedule of the project to lessen the impacts on residents. While the project work may cause temporary inconveniences, EPCOR has committed to completing the project as quickly and safely as possible.

Legislative Update and Information

Whether serving on the Town Council or one of the Town's boards and commissions, attending public meetings, or volunteering with the Police Department, Paradise Valley residents are engaged at every level in preserving the Town's many unique qualities. At times, that involvement must extend beyond the Town's borders, as Federal and State legislation also affect Paradise Valley.

Paradise Valley is universally recognized for its tourism and high-quality residential living. As a small town within a large metropolitan area, the Town recognizes that partnerships develop positive relations and are essential for success, and that local government must represent the quality of life of the local community. Paradise Valley residents value the ability to determine appropriate service levels to preserve the Town's many unique qualities, including:

- No local property tax
- Only residential neighborhoods and resorts; no commercial
- Low density large lots
- Active preservation of open space and mountains; reclaiming desert vistas; undergrounding power lines
- Effective and efficient use of technology
- 100% volunteer Town Council and Municipal Judges

At the state level, Paradise Valley is wholly within Legislative District 28 (LD28) and is currently represented by Senator Kate Brophy McGee and Representatives Kelli Butler and Aaron Liebermann. Each year the Town Council adopts a legislative agenda, providing LD28 delegates and Town staff a way to quickly reference Town initiatives and priorities and be able to respond accordingly, and meet before each legislative session begins by sharing expectations for the upcoming year. Senator Brophy McGee and Representatives Butler and Liebermann are readily accessible when the Town has concerns of unintended consequences from proposed legislation and proactively reach out to the Town for feedback on prospective legislation.

This year, LD28 legislators, Town Council members, and staff are actively engaged in several issues to protect quality of life, local revenues, and public safety. These include:

- Public Safety/Traffic Enforcement/Smart Technology
- State-shared revenues
- Rights of Way use, such as with utilities
- Zoning/preservation of quality of life, including sober living homes & short-term rentals
- Sustainable pension structure; responsible financial management
- Public safety and quality of life concerns in the sharing economy (Dockless bikes and scooters, short-term rentals, etc)

Paradise Valley interests are represented at every stage. Letters, email, telephone calls, and even testimony from our elected officials and residents help shape positive outcomes. Contact information is available for State Legislators at azleg.gov, and for Town Council Members at www.paradisevalleyaz.gov.

Public Works

When Should I contact the Town of Paradise Valley's Public Works Department?

If you see a problem or hazard, please report it to the Public Works Department and we will respond. We appreciate the feedback and communication from Town residents in keeping the Town safe and maintained.

How do I contact Public Works?

- **By Phone during Regular Business Hours:**
Public Works/Engineering Direct Line 480-348-3636
Town of Paradise Valley Main Number 480-948-7411
- **By Email**
Jerry Cooper, Public Works Superintendent jcooper@paradisevalleyaz.gov
Brent Skoglund, Director of Public Works bskoglund@paradisevalleyaz.gov
- **Online**
<https://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/>; to complete a RequestTracker to report your concerns.

When to call Public Works:

- **When you notice debris in the road:** Public Works removes debris from streets, center median islands and rights of ways such as tree limbs, dirt, stone, and garbage.
- **When you notice a pothole:** While major road repaving and resurfacing is contracted out by the Town, Public Works is responsible for patching potholes and associated street repairs. The Public Works Department encourages residents to call to report any streets or roads in need of repair.
- **When you notice sidewalk, curb and gutter problems:** For sidewalks, curbs, gutters, or concrete structures in need of repair, contact Public Works and they will inspect and evaluate the damage and decide on its priority for the repair.
- **When you notice a traffic signal outage, malfunction, or dim light bulb:** The Public Works department maintains twelve signalized (12) intersections. If you notice a signal malfunctioning, please notify Public Works immediately. A traffic signal technician will come out and address the problem.
- **When you notice a sign missing, faded, knocked over, or not completely visible:** Street signs occasionally get knocked over due to accidents or storms. Over time, signs also can become faded by exposure to the elements. In addition, signs may be missing or are obstructed by overgrown vegetation.
- **When you want information about roadway construction in the Town:** The Town may have multiple roadway construction projects occurring throughout the year. These projects include capital improvement, pavement management, street repair, or utility construction. For additional information about current roadway projects, please visit the Town's website or contact the Public Works/Engineering Department.
- **When you notice a dead animal:** If the carcass is on the Town's streets, or within the Town's Rights-of-Way, please contact Public Works to have the animal removed.
- **When streets require sweeping:** The Town of Paradise Valley maintains a schedule for sweeping all streets on a regular basis. If a storm occurs, please contact Public Works to request a street sweeping to remove storm debris and dirt.

Wash and Storm Drainage Facilities

When residential properties are designed and constructed the Town requires that specific quantities of stormwater that falls onto the property be collected and retained. This is accomplished through various types of storm drainage facilities such as culverts, drain inlets, retention basins, underground tanks, dry wells, etc. These drainage facilities must be maintained and kept in proper working order to remain effective in protecting homes and neighboring properties from stormwater damage. These facilities should also be inspected before the start of monsoon season and after each significant rain event.



During rainstorms, washes are the main pathways that collect the water running off the mountains and through the Town. As evidenced with recent storms, severe flooding can occur when wash capacities are exceeded or their ability to carry the water effectively is impeded. Preserving our washes' natural beauty while maintaining its ability to convey stormwater safely is an ongoing responsibility. Per the Town Code, residents with a wash on their property are responsible for maintenance. Washes should be maintained or restored to a natural condition at least once a year before the monsoon season (beginning June 15 and ending September 30). Sediment, debris, downed trees, and other obstructions should be cleared from the wash as soon as possible to reduce the risk of flooding during the next storm.

The Engineering Department has created wash and residential storm drainage facilities brochures to help provide critical information to residents. These brochures can be found on theThe Town's Engineering Department website. The brochures will also be mailed to all Town residents in April.

Community Development

Active Special Use Permit Properties in Paradise Valley

There has been significant activity on several of the Special Use Permit Properties within the Town of Paradise Valley over the last twelve months. Special Use Permit properties include resorts, medical office buildings, places of worship, schools, and other similar non-residential uses.

Five Star Development / Ritz Carlton Resort

The property, located at 7000 East Lincoln Drive, received zoning approval in 2016 and has been in different phases of construction since that time. Active construction on the site includes grading, hotel garage, resort casitas, and resort residences. The town continues to provide plan review services for building permit plans, including the hotel itself, and for single family homes to be built on the property. The town is also providing inspection services for construction on site.

Mountain Shadows Resort

Recently the Mountain Shadows Resort applied for a new restaurant building as previously approved in their 2013 development plan. The request is for a new 3,500 square foot standalone building near the intersection of 56th Street and Lincoln Drive and includes both indoor and outdoor dining spaces. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2019.

Smoke Tree Resort

In 2018, the owners of the Smoke Tree Resort applied for a Major Amendment to their Special Use Permit to demolish the existing structures on site and redevelop. The applicant is requesting 165 units in two- and three-story buildings in addition to a spa, restaurant, market, and outdoor event spaces. The application is currently under consideration by the Town Council.

Medical Plazas

Two of the four medical centers in the Town are requesting renovations. While the uses will remain as medical, the applicants are requesting to modernize the facilities and grounds to better serve their patients. The Town has received Special Use Permit amendment applications from Mountain View Medical Center at the southeast corner of Tatum and Shea, and Paradise Valley Medical Plaza located at 5410 North Scottsdale Road. The proposed redevelopments are at various stages of the approval process requiring Planning Commission and Town Council input and final approval.

Places of Worship

In early 2019 Valley Presbyterian Church, located at 6947 East McDonald Drive, received approval to construct various renovations throughout the property. These improvements include minor revisions to four of the existing buildings on site and interior remodeling. Various site improvements were also approved such as a central outdoor plaza with new hardscaping and landscaping, new pedestrian and vehicular access, and a reconfiguration of the parking lot with additional landscaping.

Police Department

It's Springtime and something new has blossomed in the Town! The Paradise Valley Police Department today announced that it is joining the free Neighbors app by Ring to provide the Town of Paradise Valley community with real-time, local crime and safety information. The Neighbors network already has millions of users and has been instrumental in catching package thieves, stopping burglaries, and keeping neighborhoods safe.

Residents can text 'PVPD' to 555888 from their smartphone to download the Neighbors app for free on iOS and Android and use the app to join their neighborhood, share crime and safety-related videos, photos and text-based posts; and receive real-time safety alerts from their neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team.

Chief of Police, Peter Wingert, said: "This is the next step of creating a virtual block watch. In our endeavors to find real-time solutions to real-time issues, the new application brings forth the ability to promote our residents communicating safety concerns with their neighborhoods and with our law enforcement personnel regardless of the video surveillance system they choose to use. It's a platform tailored to our public safety needs and aligns with our goal of incorporating technology into the Department."



Jamie Siminoff, Chief Inventor and Founder of Ring, said: "We're excited to have the Paradise Valley Police Department join Neighbors to keep their community up-to-date on local crime and safety information. Over the past few years we have learned that, when neighbors, the Ring team and law enforcement all work together, we can create safer communities. Neighbors is meant to facilitate real-time communication between these groups, while maintaining neighbor privacy first and foremost. By bringing security to every neighbor with the free Neighbors app, the Town of Paradise Valley community can stay on top of crime and safety alerts as they happen."

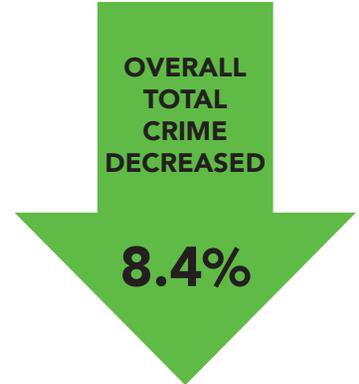
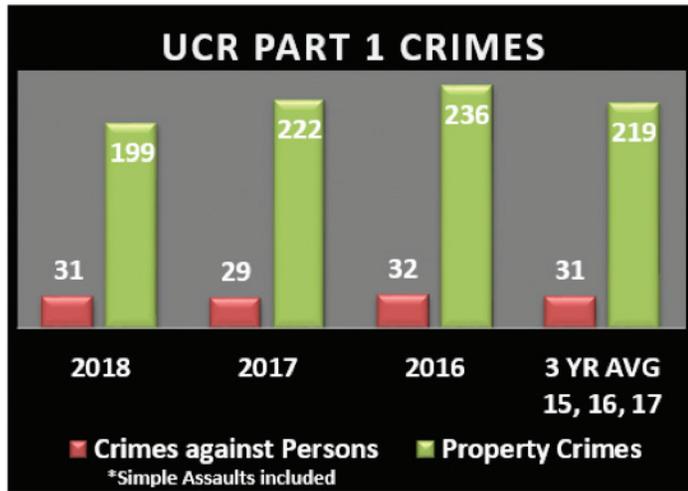
How It Works

- Download the Neighbors app on iOS and Android here: <https://download.ring.com/paradisevalley> or by texting 'PVPD' to 555888 from your smartphone.
- Opt-in to join your neighborhood.
- Customize the geographic area you want to receive notifications for (users must verify where they are located and cannot participate in other neighborhoods).
- Receive real-time alerts from your neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team that inform of crime and safety alerts as they happen.
- View local crime and safety posts via a live feed or interactive map.
- Share text updates, photos and videos taken on any device, including Ring's home security devices.

Police Department



Paradise Valley is ranked 7th Safest City/Town in Arizona**



According to 2017 FBI UCR:
 *Paradise Valley average is 2.39 Officers per 1,000 residents.
 *Arizona average is 1.83 Officers per 1,000 residents.

PV is ranked the 2nd lowest in Violent Crime and 7th lowest in Property

Town of Paradise Valley Crime Clock

One **Major** crime occurred in Paradise Valley every **1.8 days (2018)**
 1.5 days (2017)
 *Arizona every **2 minutes**

One **Violent** crime occurred in Paradise Valley every **121 days (2018)**
 61 days (2017)
 *Arizona every **17 minutes**

One **Property** crime occurred in Paradise Valley every **1.8 days (2018)**
 1.6 days (2017)
 *Arizona every **2 minutes**

One **Robbery** occurred in Paradise Valley every **1 year (2018)**
 183 days (2017)
 *Arizona every **1 hour**

One **Burglary** occurred in Paradise Valley every **7.6 days (2018)**
 5.8 days (2017)
 *Arizona every **14 minutes**

One **Theft** occurred in Paradise Valley every **2.5 days (2018)**
 2.3 days (2017)
 *Arizona every **3 minutes**

*Arizona based on 2017 UCR Data
 **Based on 2017 UCR Data on minimum population of 7,500 per capita

Paradise Valley Veterans Day Car Show

On November 10th, 2019, the Town of Paradise Valley hosted the 14th Annual Paradise Valley Veterans' Appreciation Vintage Car Show. The Town invited its neighbors and friends to take those wonderful collector cars out of their garages and drive them over to Town Hall; and for a good cause.

Participants donated at least \$50 to our designated charities. This year we donated over \$10,000; split between the Sentinels of Freedom and the Military Assistance Mission, both nonprofits, supporting Arizona military and their families.

The Town Council donated the Town's time & energy necessary to support the show. The show's objective is for Paradise Valley residents, young and old, to come to Town Hall and meet their neighbors and enjoy these wonderful old vintage automobiles and motorcycles as well as meeting some outstanding Veterans.

Please put this event on your 2019 calendar for November 9, 2019. Admission is free to view the 150 plus pre-1979 automobiles, including cars from the Brass Era, Classics from the Pre-War Era, vintage European and American Sports cars, 50's chrome beauties, Muscle Cars from the 1960s, Hot Rods and motorcycles. Grandparents, Moms, Dads and especially the kids have a wonderful time admiring the kinetic art represented by generations of mobile transportation.





The next decennial census is just around the corner in 2020. An accurate snapshot means that communities across the nation receive the funding, services, and business support they deserve and need. Responses are completely confidential. The Official Census Day is April 1, 2020, And for the first time in history, you can respond to the census 3 ways - online, phone or by mail. Make sure that you are counted!

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