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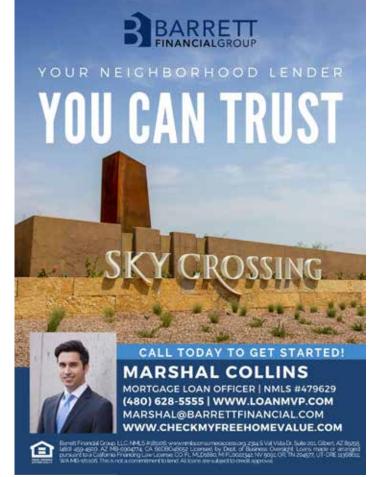
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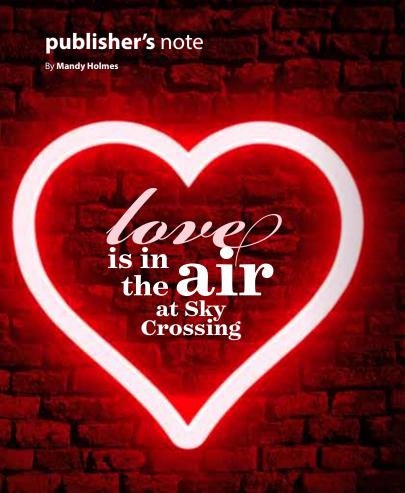
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February tends to conjure all the feels, doesn't it? It's a month focused on love, and I believe it's a time in which we're reminded that there is a lot to love about living in Sky Crossing! The weather is warming up and the community bike paths and parks are bustling.

We've got plenty of ways for you to toast a special someone from a gourmet milkshake and card making event at Soda Jerk on 2/13to a FREE appetizer at Pita Jungle on 2/10 just for Sky Crossing residents. Grab your furry friend(s) and head to the Valentine's Day Dog Event at the main park on 2/13 and keep an eye on the Life at Sky Crossing social media to find out about a very special upcoming Spring Scavenger Hunt with prizes galore.

In this issue we're including the yummiest chocolate chip cookie recipe and introducing you to a superstar neighborhood cheerleader in addition to welcoming the Potempa family on the cover.

In the pages that follow, may you find many ways in which to enjoy our great neighborhood and celebrate those you love, including yourself (you deserve it!)



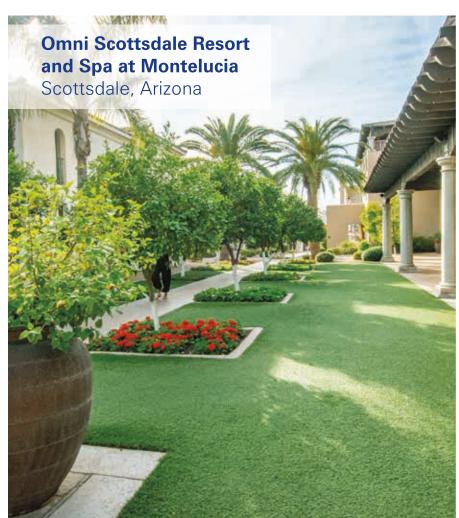
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VALENTINES DAY DOG PARTY
Feb. 13th from 10–11

@ Sky Crossing Main Park

Bring your furriest friends to mingle with other Sky Crossing dogs thanks to Doug and Kathy Ingersoll, our Precious Pet Sponsors. There will be a raffle for dogs and humans plus treats galore. We will also be hosting a blanket drive for Animals Benefit Club of AZ. For every blanket or towel (new or gently used) you bring, you receive an extra raffle ticket!



MILKSHAKES AND VALENTINES DAY CARDS
Feb. 13th from 2–4PM

Pop by Soda Jerk on High Street to sample gourmet milkshakes while you make a special Valentine's Day card with stickers, foam shapes, and sparkly embellishments. Milkshakes include the Sweet Tooth Milkshake: Vanilla frosting and sprinkles rim, cotton candy milkshake, topped with candy, whipped cream, and cotton candy AND the Cereal Killer Milkshake: Vanilla frosting and Fruity Pebbles rim, strawberry milkshake, Fruity Pebbles-flavored whipped cream, a Rice Krispies treat, strawberry, and pop tart. This event is free for Sky Crossing residents and their guests, please RSVP on the Facebook event page by searching LIFE AT SKY CROSSING.





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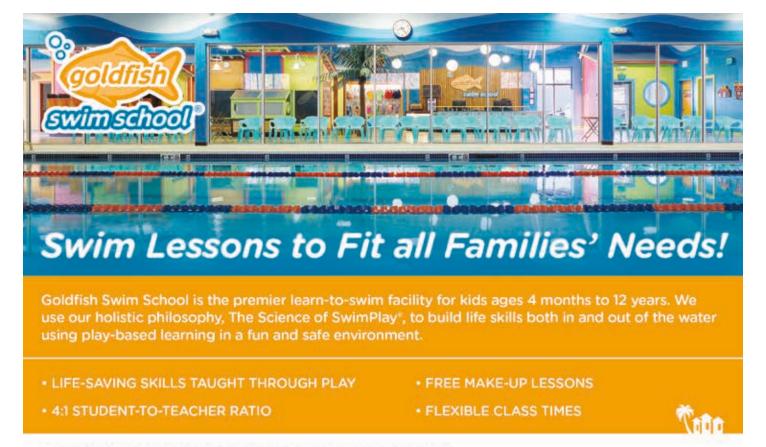


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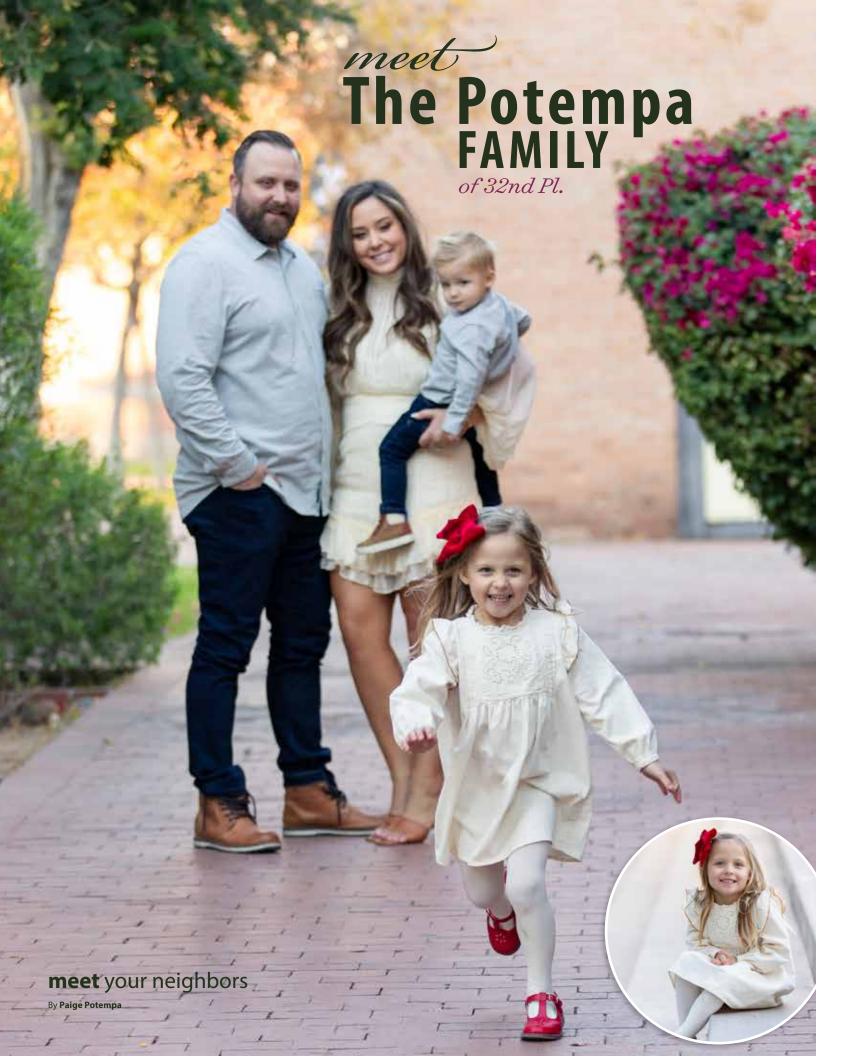




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Family member names: Tim, Paige, Scotland (5) & Boston (2)

Pet: Captain, an 8-year-old Goldendoodle

Profession: Tim is the SVP Area Manager Fairway Mortgage

Tell Us Your Family's Favorites

Activities / Hobbies: We are members at the JW Marriott and love to swim, golf and spend time there!

Park/play area/hangout spots: Toddler Park near our home

Restaurants: Local Bistro

Family dinner: Pita Jungle is a family fav but mom loves to cook so we often eat at home!

Vacation destination: We go back and forth to Bend, Oregon, to see family and go to Coronado Island every year for a beach vacation

Sports teams: Chicago Bears, Bulls and Cubbies

TV show/movie: We have family movie night every Friday and make homemade pizza. Scotland loves princesses and Boston only wants to watch anything with Woody-yeehaw!

Do you have any family traditions? The month of December we go on nightly golf cart rides to see Christmas lights

What college/university did you attend? Tim went to ASU and Paige went to Northwood University in West Palm Beach FL

Where are you originally from? Tim is from Chicago, IL, and Paige is from Bend, OR.

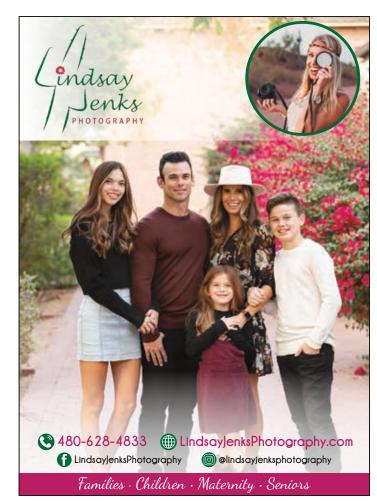
How long have you lived in this neighborhood? Moved in October 2019

What do you like to do to relax? We love to swim in our pool.

What activities are the kids involved with? Scotland attends Desert Foothills Preschool and does tennis weekly. Both kids participate in in-home swim lessons with Bravo Swim.

What is your favorite part about living in Sky Crossing?

We absolutely LOVE our neighbors! We love all the walking paths, we go on daily walks around the neighborhood.



school spotlight

By Mr. Caudle





meet

Sky Crossing Elementary School Principal,

Mr. Caudle

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5355 E. High Street, Suite 109 Phoenix, AZ 85054 the principal of Desert Shadows Elementary in the Paradise Valley Unified School District. I have three amazing kids, Drew (15), Dane (13), and Brynn (9), who are all enrolled in PVUSD schools.

As you know, there are many people working extremely hard to build this beautiful new school in the heart of your community. We will be ready to open in the fall of 2021, and when complete, there will definitely be a sense of pride!

As the principal, my goal will be to make the community even more proud of what is happening within the walls of this building. We will do this by partnering with you, and making sure your children have the best opportunities available. There will be a focus on building a positive, caring, and welcoming culture, where children show excitement to attend each day. Our hands-on learning will be designed to give kids a chance to apply what they know and see how it relates to real life.

Currently, I am in the process of assembling a group of educators that believe in this vision. We will be working with parent organizations and leadership teams to craft this mission and set the stage for success. Your participation and positive support will be critical for us to accomplish these goals.

What I have learned in this process so far is that Sky Crossing is a proud, ambitious, and supportive community. Everyone wants what is best for the children who live here. I am very excited to partner with you to make that happen!

Sincerely,
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Principal
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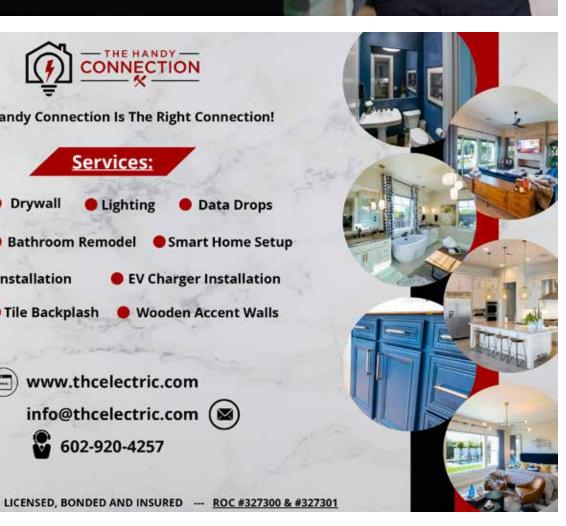
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Family member names: Doug, Kathy, Jessica, Jason Ingersoll

Pet's name: Xolo, 3-year-old male rescue dog

Where/why did you get your pet? We've always adopted rescue animals; Xolo from Rockstar Rescue. This past spring when Covid quarantine overtook our lives we thought it was a good time to find a playmate for our teenage son to wrestle around with. And they do!

Is there a story behind its name? Xolo is short for Xoloitzcuintli (Mexican Hairless) which we believe is his main breed, and "Xolo" suits him!

Anything special or unusual about them (talents/ quirks)? He likes to cross his paws when he lays down

What do you like best about your pet? His entertaining personality

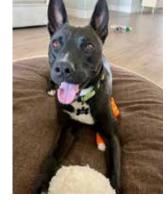
How spoiled is your pet? He LOVES toys that squeak, though they don't last long. However, he always has more to choose from.

What else should we know about your pet and/or how your pet has enriched your home/family? Xolo was adopted and returned twice before being rescued by Rockstar. When we brought him home, he immediately bonded with Jessica and Jason but was very aggressive toward Doug whenever he got near the kids. Xolo was in protective mode! Day 2 in our house the kids made a run to Petsmart to buy him a collar and nametag. Xolo did not like being left behind and started howling, similar to a wolf. Now, six months later he has pared down the howling to a constant whine- sitting, watching and waiting by the garage door. He has warmed up to Doug after much love (and treats), but is still uneasy with him during the evening time.



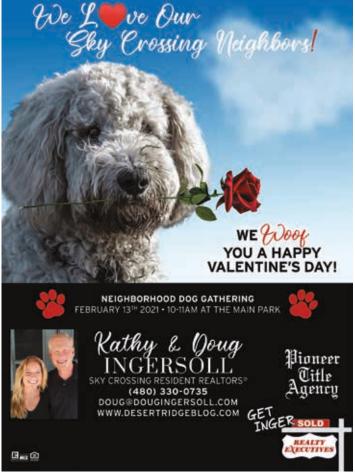
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how can you prepare for the "NEW RETIREMENT"?

A generation or so ago, people didn't just retire from work many of them also withdrew from a whole range of social and communal activities. But now, it's different: The large Baby Boom cohort, and no doubt future ones, are insisting on an active lifestyle and continued involvement in their communities and world. So, what should you know about this "new retirement"? And how can you prepare for it?

For starters, consider what it means to be a retiree today. The 2020 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study has identified these four interrelated, key ingredients, along with the connected statistics, for living well in the new retirement:

• Health - While physical health may decline with age, emotional intelligence – the ability to use emotions in positive ways



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- actually improves, according to a well-known study from the University of California, among others. However, not surprisingly, retirees fear Alzheimer's and other types of dementia more than any physical ailment, including cancer or infectious diseases, according to the "Four Pillars" study.

- Family Retirees get their greatest emotional nourishment from family relationships - and they'll do anything it takes to help support those family members, even if it means sacrificing their own financial security. Conversely, retirees lacking close connections with family and friends are at risk for all the negative consequences resulting from physical and social isolation.
- Purpose Nearly 90% of Americans feel that there should be more ways for retirees to use their talents and knowledge for the benefit of their communities and society at large. Retirees want to spend their time in useful, rewarding ways - and they're well capable of doing so, given their decades of life experience. Retirees with a strong sense of purpose have happier, healthier lives and report a higher quality of life.
- Finances Retirees are less interested in accumulating more wealth than they are in having sufficient resources to achieve the freedom to live their lives as they choose. Yet, retirees frequently find that managing money in retirement can be even more challenging than saving for it. And the "unknowns" can be scary: Almost 70% of those who plan to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their healthcare and longterm care costs will be in retirement.

So, if you're getting close to retirement, and you're considering these factors, how can you best integrate them into a fulfilling, meaningful way of life? You'll want to take a "holistic" approach by asking yourself some key questions: What do you want to be able to do with your time and money? Are you building the resources necessary to enjoy the lifestyle you've envisioned? Are you prepared for the increasing costs of health care as you age? Have you taken the steps to maintain your financial independence, and avoid burdening your family, in case you need some type of long-term care? Have you created the estate plans necessary to leave the type of legacy you desire?

By addressing these and other issues, possibly with the help of a financial professional, you can set yourself on the path toward the type of retirement that's not really a retirement at all - but rather a new, invigorating chapter of your life.



- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 3/4 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Cream butter and sugars together in a large mixing bowl until light and fluffy, about 3-4 minutes.
- 3. Add the eggs and vanilla extract and mix.
- 4. With the mixer on low speed- add flour, cornstarch, baking soda and baking powder.
- 5. Stir in the chocolate chips.
- 6. Scoop out each cookie using a 1/4 cup measuring spoon.
- 7. Bake for 11-12 minutes. The center of the cookie will still look a little undercooked, but that's ok.
- 8. Remove from the oven and allow to cool for about 1 minute, then transfer to a cooling rack.

Sara's Tips:

I typically double the recipe because these disappear super fast in my house. Also, don't be afraid to take them out of the oven even though they look half baked. I also like to mix different kinds of chocolate chips-Iuse dark chocolate, semi-sweet, and chocolate chunks.



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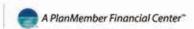
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No one is a fan of estate planning. However, it can be the difference between consistency and total chaos for grief-stricken children if something unexpected happens.

- If you're a parent and don't have a will, you should create
 one now. You must name guardians in a will in order for your
 wishes to be honored. You never know when someone might
 unexpectedly pass away.
- Make informed decisions: A good estate planning lawyer will bring up options and concerns you never thought about.
- Ensure anyone you name to care for your child if you pass away is willing and able to take on the task at hand.
- Revise your will if your mind changes. It can be quick and easy to make updates, and you aren't required to inform any person you remove as guardian.
- You should review your documents annually, but at least every 2 to 5 years. Keep in mind, guardianship decisions could change after major life events such as divorce.
- When you have more particular wishes about how your child should be raised, such as specific education decisions or the religion in which they will be raised, these wishes must be in writing.

As a parent, you probably find yourself silently admiring your child's latest success—riding a bike without training wheels, VIP in basketball, winning the spelling bee, etc.... But are you spending enough time thinking about who would raise your child if you were no longer around? If you pass away, what happens to the life you and your child are building together?

For parents that have minor children, guardianship conditions are critical to the estate planning process. In all likelihood, your named guardians will never have to step up to care for your child, because you will be survived by the child's other parent. However, if something happens to both of you, and your child needs to go live with a named guardian, having conditions in place is vital.

Naming a Guardian in Your Will

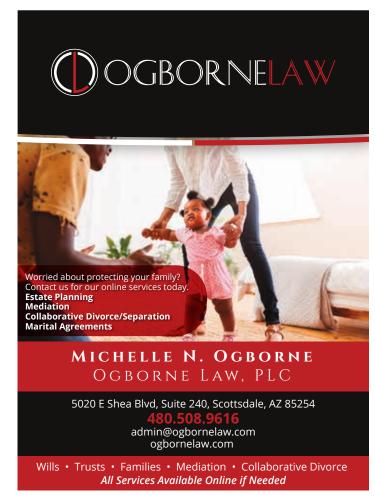
To guarantee your wishes regarding guardianship of your minor children is respected, you must meticulously and intentionally clarify your named guardian(s) and any conditions of the guardianship in your will or living trust.

You should include a provision covering future children to guarantee none of your dependents are excluded from your will, even if you pass away prior to revising your will to reflect their existence. A good estate planning attorney will include a provision in your will to guarantee that future children born and/or adopted are included in the guardianship naming. What Happens if You Don't Name a Guardian?

Most people believe their children will go directly to family, so they spend very little time thinking about, let alone developing a plan for, guardians. However, if you fail to designate a guardian in a will, the court will decide this, and many other, issues about your child's future. Additionally, the State is responsible for your child until a suitable guardian can be appointed by the Court, and a Judge might make a decision contrary to your wishes. Preparing a will and naming a guardian avoids this and many other issues.

Special Factors for Divorced Couples or Blended Families

When you are divorced, you still need to name a guardian in case your ex-spouse passes away before you. Furthermore, if you are remarried and have a blended family, you should name a guardian specifically for your children, since your stepchildren will likely have a living parent or a different guardian named. A knowledgeable estate planning attorney can help you plan for these and many other issues to ensure your children are protected.



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Name: Lindsay Yager Age/Grade Level: 16, 10th grade at Pinnacle

Where were you born? Phoenix, Arizona

How long have you lived in Sky **Crossing?** Two years

What is your favorite part about living in Sky Crossing? Babysitting the kids of Sky Crossing

What are your hobbies/interest? Cheerleading and playing lacrosse

Where can we find you hanging out on weekends? Hanging with my friends and my boyfriend

What is your biggest accomplishment/award/recognition? I used to be a swimmer and I swam in the Junior Olympics and took first place in the 1000 meter freestyle event.

What is your favorite place you've traveled to? Norway

What is a fun fact about yourself? I love Harry Potter and I am a Slytherin.

Anything else we should know? I am a flyer for Pinnacle High School Spiritline.

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Submitted By **Alex Swartz**

Founded in 1981, Southwest Human Development started as a single Head Start disabilities program. Today, the nonprofit has grown to 900 staff members and over 40 programs and services serving over 140,000 Arizona children, families and professionals each year. Southwest Human Development is home to the Birth to Five Helpline, a free resource for all Arizona families with young children in need of support or advice. Since 2007, it has also been the Easterseals affiliate for central and northern Arizona, offering early intervention, assistive technology and other disability programs.

In partnership with families, Southwest Human Development provides children with the care, attention and support needed to set them on a path to success in school and life, and help them reach their fullest capabilities. Learn more at swhd.org"



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& Home Office. We wanted to save space so we blended a home office concept with our movie room couches.

What makes your space unique? We think this space is unique because the built in desk and softly lit cabinets frame the 2 TV's which gives it that WOW factor. And of course you can't have a home office or man cave without a beer fridge and reclining chairs, so as you can see it's Brad's favorite room in the house.

Did you design the space by yourself? We gave Stone Creek furniture the idea we had for the built-in desk and cabinets, and then they took it from there! They loved the idea of building the unit all the way up to the ceiling and framing the TVs for a more custom look.

Anything else we should know about your beautiful home? After becoming empty nesters and downsizing homes, we decided to have each room in the house have multi-purposes in order to take advantage of our smaller square footage. The den/home office is also the movie room. The guest room also serves as Lesley's office. The other guest room contains the treadmill and exercise equipment

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home of the month

Subdivision: Taylor Morrison Venture II

Why do you choose to live in Arizona or this part of the valley? We've lived in Arizona for over 20 years now and chose this corner of the Valley because of its proximity to restaurants, shopping, and outdoor activities.

What do you especially love about Sky Crossing? We love our Sky Crossing neighbors and the sense of community we feel every day in our Astarea neighborhood! This is our first new build home and especially love seeing what other neighbors did with our same model.

What was the inspiration for your home design? The Taylor Morrison model inspired our "Man Cave" Movie Room

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Take a Visual Vacation with, muralist, Laura Thurbon

2021 is the year to own your space and more people are seeking to add a personal touch to their home. There is a shift towards interior decor that shows character and personality, and that means gorgeous hand-painted murals!





For accent walls, you have the ability to add a strong conversation-starting image without overbearing the whole room. Popular choices include forest, beach, and mountain scenes in addition to kid-friendly themes like fun tee-pees, vibrant underwater, cuddly animals, and funky patterns.

Muralist, Laura Thurbon brings her expansive experience and knowledge of cultural diversity, and

applies these as vehicles with which to engage people of all ages through her art. After a successful career in Peru, Laura moved to America where she launched her fine art, mural, and faux finish business transforming residential and commercial spaces with her

Mural artwork adds an extra dimension to wall decoration. bringing beautiful themes into home interiors and office designs.

hand-painted touch. As a mom herself, getting kids involved with creating their own inspiring and whimsical space is one of Laura's favorite things to do!

Mural artwork adds an extra dimension to wall decoration, bringing beautiful themes into home interiors and office designs. Laura adds dramatic, stylish and impressive details to modern interior design while personalizing rooms. Her paintings create amazingly beautiful living spaces that feel fresh and unique and did we mention that she does it all by freehand?

If you're not sure where to begin, Laura can help you envision a beautiful mural on your bare wall. She has transformed homes in Sky Crossing with her work and remember, ideas for mural art can come from everywhere, - your favorite landscapes, sights, cityscapes, or photographs.

From fine art to hang to faux finish walls and art lessons galore, Laura can help take your space up a notch. A conversation with Laura is the best place to start and be sure to mention Sky Crossing when inquiring!

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Joe Levy - Edward Jones Investments

I decided to become a financial advisor as a result of a family situation. My grandmother, due to a lack of financial planning, ran out of money when she was 87 years old. She then lived to be 99. Unable to pay her bills on Social Security alone, two generations of my family helped to supplement her income. I saw firsthand the negative effect that poor planning (or no planning) can have on a family and decided that if I could help others to live a comfortable retirement, that was my life's purpose.

I enjoy educating people in a way that transforms complicated ideas and issues to simple concepts, and then helping them to use what they've learned to make the best financial decisions possible.

Our ideal clients are serious about having a detailed strategy which will help them to effectively transition from their working years to their retirement

years. In addition, we work extensively with small business owners who want to start or improve upon their existing 401k plans.

I began working for Edward Jones in 2007 and hold the CRPS® designation. I'm a Georgetown University graduate with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, double majoring in finance and international management. For my first job out of college, I worked on Wall Street as an American Express financial analyst. Mid-career, I took a detour from the financial services industry, working for four different professional sports teams.

I grew up in a relatively small town called Simsbury, CT, and went to college in Washington, DC. However, I've now lived in Phoenix for the past 24 years. My wife, Meredith, is a speech therapist in the Paradise Valley School District and our daughter, Sarah, is a 7th grader at Sunrise Middle School. We also have two dogs (cockapoos) named Elphie and Oz.

When I'm not working or spending time with my family, I enjoy volunteering for Junior Achievement of Arizona, teaching entrepreneurship and finance. I'm passionate about teaching children real-world skills to prepare them to make good financial decisions.

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3255 E. Sands	Sky Crossing	\$777,500	09/22/20	103	4	2.5	3,116	YES
22418 N. 28th St.	Sky Crossing	\$582,990	09/17/20	53	3	2.5	2,172	NO
3290 E. Tina Dr.	Sky Crossing	\$625,000	08/18/20	30	3	2.5	2,772	NO
22018 N. 33rd Pl.	Sky Crossing	\$726,000	09/08/20	69	5	4	3,885	NO
22418 N. 29th Pl.	Sky Crossing	\$687,552	09/30/20	31	3	3.5	2,870	NO
3235 E. Harlow Dr.	Sky Crossing	\$1,260,000	10/09/20	27	4	3.5	4,163	YES
3258 E. Tina Dr.	Sky Crossing	\$630,000	09/25/20	6	3	2	1,973	NO
22605 N. 32nd. St.	Sky Crossing	\$915,000	10/02/20	73	3	3.5	3,121	NO
22207 N. 31st St.	Sky Crossing	\$895,000	10/01/20	85	5	4.5	4,474	NO
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2850 E. Sands Dr.	Sky Crossing	\$517,500	10/30/20	3	3	2.5	2,059	NO
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