



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board Meeting Follow-Up:

**Lap Pool Shade Structure Request by Vitras Swim Club Parents** – representatives from the Assembly met with several Vitras parents at a meeting on December 3, 2015. The discussion included explanation of the concern by the parents that more shade was desirable for their club program, as well as the Assembly explaining the concerns and limitations for retrofitting a large shade structure over the existing lap pool. This includes the visual impact to neighboring homes, financial constraints, unknown if there is consensus among all pool users that more shade is desirable, and further improvements to a facility not designed for large-scale swim club use. The meeting concluded with a suggestion that Vitras parents would research and present options to the Assembly for temporary shade structures that could be installed during peak swim/summer season. Further evaluation would include permissibility of said structures by city, county and state building, safety and pool codes.

#### Signature Events:

##### **Hometown Holidays Series**

**Blood Drive (Dec 5)** – thank you to Cathie Pitts for once again organizing this effort that captured 38 successful blood draws from 46 total donors which is estimated to save 114 lives

**Gingerbread House Decorating (Dec 5)** – For a first-time event, there was much excitement with 13 participants. First through Third places were awarded gift cards in both the “Individual” and “Group” categories.

**Breakfast with Santa (Dec 5)** – thank you to the Verrado Golf Club for continuing this annual tradition

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Celebration (Dec 5)** – kicked off Hometown Holidays with over 3,000 residents and their guests gathered on Main Street and the Village Green to experience the charming festivities sponsored by the Verrado Assembly and generous community partners. Bashas’ for provided 1,500 cups of complimentary hot chocolate to support Joy of Giving and raised \$706.50 in donations. Blue Daisy Day Spa and the Barber Shop offered a beaded candy cane ornament craft. The Goddard School® helped 1,032 guests decorate sugar cookies and KD’s Art Studio and Vitras Swim Club assisted in the creation of 400 gingerbread houses. The Boy Scouts hosted games and activities for the little ones. Verrado Realty gave away 500 festive light-up bracelets and hosted the Gingerbread House Display. The tractor-drawn wagon rides, sponsored by DLC Resources, Inc., escorted Santa as he greeted the crowd and then provided merry rides around the Green throughout the evening. Over 321 children had an opportunity to visit with Santa and share their wish list before leaving with a souvenir photo provided by Main Street Dental. Thanks to Summit Community Church 15 tons of snow created Snow Summit, a winter playground for kids. Thank you to EPCOR Water for their overall support of the event. Last, but certainly not least, Anderson Institute of Music and Performing Arts along with their students and Phoenix Hill band entertained with holiday music and caroling. The highlight of the evening was the lighting of the tree with the honors performed by Verrado High School’s amazing football team, the Verrado Vipers. The tallest tree thus far, standing proud at 50 feet, the beauty was lit as the crowd watched in awe and marked the beginning of the much-anticipated season.

**Joy of Giving Celebration (Dec 6)** – thank you to Becky Kelley, Natalie Nevarez and Steve Sussman for organizing this annual tradition. Participating non-profits who received donations to distribute to

Buckeye families in need were Homeless Youth Connection, All Faith Community Services, and the Buckeye Super Heroes. Total monetary donations exceeded \$5,500.

**We Heart Christmas Home Tour (Dec 13)** – Thank you to Karen Milhous for organizing this annual tradition. Proceeds reached a record high totaling \$3,300 which was donated to New Life Center, a refuge for women and children victims of domestic violence.

**Holiday Home Decorating Contest (Dec 15-18)** – 1<sup>st</sup> place was awarded in each of the 4 categories: “Overall Presentation,” “Arrangement,” “Theme,” and “Originality.” The Craft Club of Verrado created festive gift baskets for the winners. Winners had signs placed in their yards, showcasing what category they won.

**New Year’s Eve Celebration (Dec 31)** – originally planned as The Victory Club debut party, the event was relocated to the Verrado Golf Club due to construction delays; nonetheless, Verrado residents enjoyed ringing in the new year with friends and neighbors at this annual tradition

### Community-wide Programs:

**Teen TREKS (October 5 – 9)** – hosted daily through Fall Break for youth ages 13-17, including: Teens Zone (Tues), Indoor Rock Climbing (Wed); Harkins Movie Theater (Thur); Uptown Alley (Fri)

**Movie Under the Stars Series:** Included *Back to the Future II* (Oct 21 at Heritage Swim Park); *Inside Out* (Nov 6 in the Village Green); *Home Alone* (Dec 4 at The Center on Main); *Elf* (Dec 11 at The Center on Main)

**Halloween Spooktacular (Oct 31)** – this first time event gave kids another excuse to wear those Halloween costumes. Over 200 residents gathered and enjoyed popcorn, cookies, music, dancing games, candy, crafts, and a costume contest. This event concluded just in time for families to grab dinner and hit the streets for trick or treating.

**Cruise Night on Main & Pinewood Classic Derby (Nov 14)** – two fabrication events

**Teen Dodgeball (Nov 20)** – teens rallied up for a good old game of dodgeball while enjoying some music

**Turkey Trot (Nov 26, Thanksgiving Day)** – thanks to The Goddard School for taking on this annual tradition to get out and participate in a 5K run/1 mile walk on Thanksgiving morning; over 250 residents participated in this event.

**Holiday Pajama Party & Main Street Express (Nov 28)** – Over 100 participants rode around the Village Green in Verrado’s version of the Polar Express, and then returned to The Center on Main Patio for s’mores and hot chocolate. Then all gathered in the Multipurpose Room to watch *The Polar Express*. Kids came dressed in their pajamas and Santa Claus made a surprise visit at the conclusion of the movie.

### Volunteerism / Philanthropy:

#### **Verrado Leadership:**

**October Meeting** – “Engaging in Education” was the topic and 83 members attended at the Verrado Heritage Elementary School, speakers included Nicole Bigham, The Goddard School Owner; Molly Evans, Litchfield Elementary School District Assistant Superintendent; Kim Franz, Verrado Heritage Elementary School Principal; Luke Jankee, Verrado Elementary School Principal; Karen Williams, Verrado Middle School Principal; Dennis Runyan, Agua Fria Union High School District Superintendent

**Victory Leaders Orientation (Oct 29)** – a midyear orientation was held specifically for Victory’s 5 new leaders

**November Meeting** – “Verrado Leadership Vision: 2016” was the topic 44 members attended the meeting at Verrado High School and the topic focused on enhancing the program in 2016

**Holiday Party (Dec 12)** – this celebration was held at The Giving Tree Pavilion and leaders were

recognized for their contributions throughout the year

**Community Connectors** – n/a

**Warm Welcome** –

Total 119 pies delivered in the quarter (38 pies delivered in Oct/ 70 pies delivered in Nov/ 11 pies delivered in Dec); bringing 2015 annual total to 353 warm welcomes!

**2015 Total New Members** – Class 9 completed the year with 49 new members!

**The Giving Tree Program:**

**Council Member Meetings** – held monthly

**ASU Lodestar Culture of Evaluation Workshop (Oct 21)** - for Giving Tree Council Members in order to focus on how to create tools and develop plans for implementing an effective evaluation system within their organizations

**This is Your Moment with Robert Egger (October 25)** – hosted in partnership with Experience Matters, this special event at The Big Patio featured a bold conversation with Robert Egger, nonprofit leader, speaker, author, activist, and founder of DC Central Kitchen. He's on a mission to galvanize change by moving thoughts into action.

**Paws on Parade (Oct 31)** – hosted by Community Paws included a fundraiser, dog walk, and vendor booths for our four-legged friends with over 100 two-legged participants

**Video Filming** – Thank you to Ryan Jimison and Summit Community Church for recording our partners for a promotion video that will launch in Spring 2016

**New Member** – Supporting Early Education Development (SEED) organized by Nicole Bigham and The Goddard School was added as a new member to the council (Nov)

**Empowering Youth Breakfast (Oct 22)** – a fund/friend raising event for Council Member Homeless Youth Connection; Verrado Assembly hosted a table with staff and Verrado Leadership member

**Brighter Day Luncheon (Nov 6)** – a fund/friend raising event for New Life Center as a way to raise awareness of domestic violence and how victims can seek refuge within the center

**Facebook** – 260 Likes on The Giving Tree Facebook page to date

**Phoenix Rescue Mission** – continue to send apx. six volunteers each month (first Thursday) to serve meals to families in need

**Verrado Volunteers:**

**Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (Nov 17)** – was held for The Center on Main volunteers Jack Boucher, Scott Lesak, Sunny Israelson, Michael Cramer, Terry Gunn, and Carmen Abogado at Tempo Urban Bistro. Thank you for your continued help serving our community!

**White Tank Mountain Conservancy:**

Supporting various working committees for the launch of the organization, including development of a logo, marketing, outreach, and volunteer program application and volunteer database

**Clubs & Groups:**

**New Clubs** – RV Club of Verrado and Craft Club of Verrado

**Breast Cancer Warriors 5K Walk (Oct 10)** – over 200 survivors, fighters and honorees gathered at the Victory's Big Patio to participate in this first annual event. Residents had the opportunity to stretch with Ignite Yoga; snacks and water provided by Main Street's CVS/Pharmacy and Bashas', Avondale Costco and Snyder.

**Girl Scouts Baby Sitting (Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 18)** – featured a movie, craft, and games

**Veterans Day & Canadian Remembrance Day Ceremony (Nov 11)** – Thank you to Michel Harris who organized this event on behalf of the Veteran's Association of Verrado and with the support of Boy Scout Troop 515 for a

flag lowering ceremony. Over 50 Verrado residents – Veterans and their families – attended this event to honor our current and past military members.

**Book Signing Event (Nov 17)** – Mindy Elwell “Defy & Conquer” hosted by Circle of Care Club at VCC

**Girl Scout Troop Holiday Gift Wrapping (Nov 28 & Dec 5)**

#### Recreation/Amenities:

**The Center on Main™ -**

##### **Programming:**

**Youth Fitness Orientation** – 9 youth oriented in this quarter

**Family Game Night** – free program for all residents held last Sunday of the month; families join together for friendly board game competitions accompanied by pizza and popcorn. September had a great turn out!

**KD Studio Create an Ornament (Dec 12)** – participants used clay, cookie cutters, and rolling pins to create festive ornaments

**Contracts Renewed for 2016** – with Cami Camp, Ignite Yoga and Vitras Swim Club

**2016 Reservations** – were made for existing clubs, groups and fitness programmers who regularly used the board and multipurpose rooms and wished to do so in the New Year

#### Community Affairs:

##### **Communications:**

Website integration – April 5, 2016\* verrado.net retires and resident-only content/functionality absorbed into verrado.com

Beginning April 5, 2016, Verrado residents can visit verrado.com for community news, information, event registrations and facility reservations. To better meet the online needs of residents, including increasingly mobile needs, the Verrado Community Life team (VA, VCA and VDA) is retiring verrado.net and moving the resident-only content and functionality over to verrado.com. This new integrated website is the place to go online for all things Verrado, including Victory. Residents will login to expose resident-only content and improved functionality, including interactive forms and simplified facility reservations and event registrations.

\*We are working diligently toward an April 5 launch, but as project timelines need to move, we will be flexible and mindful of our engagement calendar if we need to extend the project timeline.

##### **Education / Schools:**

**VHS Garage Sale** – (Dec 12) gathered in The Center on Main’s parking lot to sell used items to benefit school clubs

##### **Main Street Merchants / Community Partnerships:** n/a

##### **Public / Partner Events:**

**Summit Movie Night (Oct 2)** - Summit church showed “Home” and provided free dinner to the community

**Anderson Institute of Music and Performing Arts** - “The Dark Side” is a musical that featured the songs and villains of Disney

##### **City of Buckeye:**

**Buckeye Superheroes Christmas Event Preparation (Dec 15)** – the Verrado Assembly Engagement team volunteered at Buckeye Elementary School to help sort the donated gifts that would be available to

Buckeye families in need

**Administrative & Management:**

**Governance:**

**Contracts –**

**Cruise Night on Main:**

B.T. Bouncies | Master Contract Addendum 23 | November 9, 2015 | Inflatable Bounce House | \$211.78

Pride Group | Master Contract Addendum 7 | November 11, 2015 | Various event rental items | \$2,599.30

**Hometown Holidays:**

Ice King | Contract | November 23, 2015 | Snow | \$2,625.00

D Bar T Stables | Contract | December 2, 2015 | Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides | \$600.00

Merestone | Contract | December 2, 2015 | Event Décor | \$5,092.00

Keith Pitts Photography, LLC | Contract | December 4, 2015 | Santa Photo Booth and Event Photos | \$1,380.00

Event Rents | Master Contract Addendum 30 | December 4, 2015 | Various event rental items | \$8,739.00

Pride Group | Master Contract Addendum 8 | December 4, 2015 | Various event rental items | \$9,290.73

**Miscellaneous:**

Amendments were made to the Master Contracts for B.T. Bouncies; Event Rents, LLC; Pride Group; KD's Studio and Vitras Swim Club to update the insurance section to include all necessary entities in coverage

AZ Bounce Pro LLC Master Contract and Addendum 1 | November 24, 2015 | Trackless Train for Pajama Party November 28

KD's Studio | Addendum 8 | December 10, 2015 | Create an Ornament Workshop held at The Center on Main on December 12, 2015

Vitras Swim Club Addendum 6 | December 11, 2015 | Swim Clinic held December 13, 2015 at The Center on Main

Ignite Yoga Addendum 5 | December 17, 2015 | Yoga classes at The Center on Main

Vitras Swim Club Addendum 7 | December 21, 2015 | Swim Instruction at The Center on Main

Camellia Carroll Addendum 5 | December 21, 2015 | Zumba®, Functional Strength & Conditioning, Small Group Training at The Center on Main

**Financial Highlights:**

Board Resolution | Cumulative Founder Contribution Adjustment | November 9, 2015

2014 Review Completed and Posted to [www.verrado.net](http://www.verrado.net) | Per the 2014 Clifton Larson Allen Review, the Founder, DMB White Tank, LLC has made contributions to the VA for any operating deficit experienced. The amount transferred to the VA, has at times, been in excess of required contribution amounts established in the governing documents for the community. As such, excess contributions in the amount of \$242,276 have been reimbursed to DMB White Tank, LLC in the fourth quarter of 2015. The beginning operating fund balance from January 1, 2014 has been restated in order to properly reflect the liability due to the Founder in the amount of \$242, 276.