



Signature Events:

Hometown Holidays –

Pancake Breakfast (Dec 6) – Thank you to the Verrado Golf Club for hosting this annual tradition. Kids were able to feast on pancakes and all the fixings with special guest, Jolly Ol’ St. Nick.

Blood Drive (Dec 6) - The Center on Main™ served host to our quarterly blood drive, with 36 resident donors helping save a potential 108 lives

11th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration (Dec 6) – Gathered in the Village Green and along Main Street, thousands of residents, their guests and Verrado stakeholders enjoyed entertainment by Verrado High School Marching Band and Pom Squads, Anderson Institute of Music students, Verrado Elementary School and Middle School choirs; pictures with Santa thanks to Main Street Dental; holiday games with Boy Scout Troop 448; tractor-drawn wagon rides with DLC Resources, a play land of 15 tons of snow with Summit Community Church, s’more making with The Goddard School®, Verrado Realty handed out travel mugs to keep residents cozy and warm this holiday season, The Blue Daisy sold their tasty cupcakes, and the Barbershop on Main provided a craft experience for kids. The 45-foot tree was lit in ceremonial style for the first time the holiday season, with Summit Community Church doing the honors of flipping the switch while the community watched in awe. A very special thank you to EPCOR Water, for their support of the event. The Joy of Giving Committee hosted a raffle during the Tree Lighting Celebration and raised over \$281 for their cause, while our hometown grocer, Bashas’, donated hot chocolate to support the effort, keeping attendees warm and cheerful all night (with an additional \$466 raised). Verrado’s Kennel Club hosted a Remembrance Tree, giving residents an opportunity to tie on an ornament with the name of their furry pet whom they lost over the past year; the tree will be planted so these memories live on. And many guests stopped by the We Heart Christmas Home Tour booth, excitedly purchasing tickets and ready to experience the rest of the Hometown Holidays series to come this month!

Joy of Giving Celebration (Dec 7) - the annual, heart-warming tradition of the Joy of Giving Celebration was once again hosted at the Verrado Golf Club. Your and your neighbors’ generosity filled the room with toys, diapers, clothing and non-perishable food items and collected \$6,000 monetary and gift card donations. These gifts are collected by Buckeye Outreach for Social Services who will provide thousands of families in need a brighter holiday.

We Heart Christmas Home Tour (Dec 14) - another philanthropic endeavor organized by a dedicated group of residents; Verrado residents open their homes to share the spirit and sparkle of Christmas traditions. \$3,000 were raised, benefitting Owl Love You Forever and Homeless Youth Connection.

Community-wide Programs:

Pinewood Derby Races – were held on October 4, due to a reschedule of inclement weather during the September Cruise Night on Main event; three age groups participated in the event with over 30 cars participating

Teen TREKS – hosted daily through Fall Break an offering for youth ages 13-17, including: Indoor Rock Climbing (Mon); Arizona Science Center (Tues); WATERisLIFE Service Project (Wed); Fear Farm Haunted House & Maze (Thurs); Arizona State Fair (Fri)

Turkey Run/Trot – thanks to resident Vince Vallentino for organizing this annual tradition to get out and participate in a 5K or 10K run/walk on Thanksgiving morning; over 200 residents participated in this event

Holiday Lighting – installation and lighting of Christmas tree and holiday lights

Volunteerism / Philanthropy:

Verrado Leadership:

October Monthly Meeting – Quality Education, hosted at Verrado High School; speakers included: Shelly Hornback, Co-Chair, Continue the Quality PAC, Ken Kelley, President, Goodyear/White Tank Rotary Club, Nicole Bigham, Owner/ Operator, Goddard School, Janine Naffah, 7th Grade Math Teacher at Verrado Middle School, Nate Showman, Assistant Principal at Verrado High School

November Monthly Meeting – VL Vision 2015, hosted at The Center on Main™ with the main focus of strategic planning for the program in 2015 including meeting topics, locations, speakers and Community Connectors; additional speakers providing community updates at the meeting included: Tracy Simmons, Director of Marketing for DMB; Mike & Michelle Harris from the Water Action Committee; Jeff Byers, representing the Youth Triathlon; Cathie Pitts, representing the UBS Blood Drive; Becky Kelley, representing the Joy of Giving Celebration

December – No Monthly Meeting; there is no meeting in Dec; we hope everyone had a great winter holiday season

Holiday Party – hosted at The Verrado Coffee Company by Becky Kelley, Jane Carlson, Kimberly Banach and the Verrado Assembly. Over 80 leaders attended with their spouses and seven Class VIII members were recognized for finishing their first year of the program

Community Connectors – n/a

Warm Welcome – 36 apple pies were delivered

Welcome New Members – Pat Brannin (Morningside Place); Scott Lesak (Astoria Gardens); Mary Casey (Tempo)

Park Parties – were hosted by Verrado Leaders of the King's Green, Poet's Park and Hamilton's Run neighborhoods

New Welcome Gift – is ready for distribution starting in 2015, includes a branded tote bag for a packet of materials helpful to new residents

The Giving Tree Program:

Phoenix Rescue Mission – a group of six volunteers carpools to the Mission in Central Phoenix the first Thursday of each month to help feed community members

Facebook Page – please LIKE the new page to stay informed of the latest updates and volunteer opportunities (140 likes at the end of the quarter)

October Monthly Meeting – held at the New Life Center, included a tour of the property

November Monthly Meeting – Hosted by Bernadette Mills and Desiree van de Bogaard with West Valley Arts Council at the Arts HQ Gallery in Surprise

December Monthly Meeting - Year-end wrap-up luncheon was hosted at the Verrado Grille; members discussed ideas for the program in 2015 as well as reflected on the accomplishments achieved in 2014

Verrado Middle School Fall Festival – included a GTP booth; thanks to Cassie Wilkins (All Faith) and Sarah Taylor (Community Paws) for hosting the table

Community Outreach Events –were held by our GTP partners: Homeless Youth Connection, Community Paws, WATERisLIFE, New Life Center, White Tank Mountain Conservancy, Buckeye Rotary Club (NASCAR)

Youth Exchange Program – Verrado residents have an opportunity to host a foreign exchange student at their home, while the student attends Verrado High School; this opportunity is hosted by the Goodyear/White Tanks Rotary Club and also offers an opportunity for a VHS student to study abroad; thank you to the Kelley and O’Neal families for agreeing to host the student

Verrado Volunteers:

The Center on Main – has had regular help at the front desk thanks to Michael Kramer and Terry Gunn; thank you for your weekly service and extra support around our community center and Assembly office!

Clubs & Groups:

New Clubs – n/a

Trail Clean-up – was hosted by the Lost Creek Bike Club on Oct 4 to restore one of Verrado’s hiking and mountain biking trails; over 20 volunteers participated in the morning event

Paws on Parade – hosted by the Verrado Kennel Club to raise money for Community Paws, a local nonprofit organization

Veteran’s Association of Verrado – hosted a Veteran’s Day and Canadian Remembrance Day Ceremony (Nov 11) on the Village Green; Mayor Meck and Vice Mayor Eric Orsborn spoke to the crowd, and resident (Ret. Brigadier General USAF/ANG) George Cannelos who served as host of the event. Boy Scout Troop 515 presented the colors to over 50 residents in attendance. Thank you to all of our Veterans and members of the armed forces!

Verrado Adult Sports Club Corn Hole Tournament – was held at Walton Park on Nov 23 with 36 teams participating

Recreation/Amenities:

The Center on Main™ -

Maintenance & Operations:

Programming:

2015 Contracts Renewed – with Cami Camp, Ignite Yoga and Vitras Swim Club

2015 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

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

KD’s Studio – a new opportunity for residents of all ages to express their creativity with step-by-step instructional painting classes; held monthly for adults and children

Community Affairs:

Education / Schools:

Verrado High School Homecoming Parade (Oct 11) – annual tradition was hosted on Main Street

Main Street Merchants / Community Partnerships:

Public / Partner Events:

Art of Movement (Nov 15) – hosted by Ignite Yoga, benefitting West Valley Arts Council took place in the Village Green and at The Center on Main, included fitness classes, wine tasting, and art exhibits

Youth Triathlon (Nov 15) – Vitras Swim Club hosted Verrado’s first youth triathlon, starting and ending at The Center on Main for apx. 100 youth participants

City of Buckeye:

Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce Luncheon – hosted Luke AFB’s new Commanding General,

Brig. General Scott Pleus; the Assembly hosted George Canelos and Angelo Rossetti at the luncheon as a thank you for their contributions to the Veteran's Day event

Hike to the Petroglyphs – was hosted by the City of Buckeye Community Services Division on October 4

Administrative & Management:

Managing Staff and Volunteers Workshop – offered by ASU/NMI was attended by Joy Rosek

22nd Annual ASU Nonprofit Conference on Sustainability Strategies Conference – was attended by Jaime Gonzales and Joy Rosek

Josh Swartz – last day with the Verrado Assembly was November 10; we wish Josh well

Governance:

Contracts –

Hometown Holidays Tree Lighting Celebration:

Event Rents, LLC Master Contract Addendum 25 | December 3, 2014 | \$11,693.17 | Rental Items (i.e. tables, chairs, tenting, etc.)

Pride Group, LLC Master Contract Addendum 4 | December 3, 2014 | \$9,212.78 | Traffic Control Equipment, Fencing, Audio Equipment and Technician, Restrooms, Litter Control Services

Tolmachoff DLT, Inc. dba Classic Cowboy Carriage and D Bar T Stables (Revised) | November 20, 2014 | \$700.00 | Tractor-Pulled Wagon Ride for four hours

The Production Pros, LLC | November 20, 2014 | \$2,629.64 | Décor and Props

Fun in a Flash | November 20, 2014 | \$1,092.00 | Open Photo Booth Services and Printing

Recreation/Fitness Programmers:

Vitras Swim Club LLC Master Contract | November 4, 2014 | Ongoing swim club and private swim lessons at The Center on Main

Vitras Swim Club LLC Master Contract Addendum #1 | November 4, 2014 | Use of The Center on Main Lap Pool through December 31, 2014

Vitras Swim Club LLC Master Contract Addendum #2 | (May 9, 2014) | Use of The Center on Main Lap Pool through December 31, 2014

Vitras Swim Club LLC Master Contract Addendum #3 | December 23, 2014 | Use of The Center on Main Lap Pool for Winter Break and January 3 – May 31, 2015

Ignite Yoga Studios Master Contract | November 4, 2014 | Ongoing yoga classes at The Center on Main

Ignite Yoga Master Contract Addendum #1 | November 4, 2014 | Use of The Center on Main Multipurpose Room through December 31, 2015 for yoga classes

Ignite Yoga Master Contract Addendum #2 | December 15, 2014 | Use of The Center on Main Multipurpose Room from January 3 – May 31, 2015 for yoga classes

Camellia Carroll Master Contract Addendum #2 | December 15, 2014 | Use of The Center on Main Multipurpose Room from January 3 – May 31, 2015 for fitness classes

Miscellaneous:

Jen McSweeney | December 22, 2014 | Communications and event consultant services in 2015

KD's Studio LLC Master Contract Addendum 2 | October 3, 2014 | Use of The Center on Main Multipurpose Room on October 18, 2014; November 22, 2014; and December 20, 2014

Jeremiah Stone | December 3, 2014 | \$100.00 | Musical entertainment/acoustic guitar for the Verrado Leadership Holiday Party to be held on December 13, 2014 at the Verrado Coffee Company

Café de Light | November 12, 2014 | \$560.00 | Food truck dinner service for November Verrado Leadership Meeting