



Signature Events:

Independence Day (July 3 – 4) –

Bike Decorating Party – Thank you to The Goddard School for hosting this event again this year! The event outgrew their indoor space, so it was hosted at The Center on Main™ on July 3

Children's Bike Parade – kicked off July 4 with a patriotic celebration that included 450 parade participants; due to the size of the event, the route was extended farther down Main Street all led by the Buckeye Fire Department's vintage fire truck parading residents celebrating their 10-year anniversary living in Verrado; thank you to Kiran Mann – a student of Anderson Institute of Music – for singing the National Anthem; Uncle Sam was a big hit this year and source of a lot of photos; Tempo Urban Bistro hosted a pancake breakfast to keep everyone full; The Goddard School provided complimentary balloons and Verrado Realty provided ice cream

Fete & Fireworks – Verrado Golf Club served as hosts of this event again this year, including the traditional "no-sweat seating" all-you-can-eat buffet and concession stands; resident-owned food trucks added to the dining selections; Assembly once again organized the water park, watermelon eating contest, pie eating contest and apple pie baking contests; Katryna Eastwood sang the National Anthem prior to the overhead fireworks display; Tempo Urban Bistro hosted an after-party to keep the celebrations going farther into the night

Pie Baking Contest - Mary Williams Miller (adult) and Lauren Duty (youth) captured First Place and were awarded a \$50 Bashas' gift card each

Thank you to the 25 volunteers who shared their time and talents

Capturing the Day – VHS students captured the celebration with a new video

Community-wide Programs:

Discover Verrado Series – "Main and More" was held September 16 along Main Street; over 100 residents participated in the progressive dinner party down Main Street that included information booths and yummy treats hosted by 16 community partners; the evening ended with door prize drawings and dessert at the Verrado Grille

Teen TREKS – hosted weekly through the summer as an offering for youth ages 13-17; very well received program and youth are already talking about the Fall Break series

Week 5: Phoenix Mercury Game hosted 3 youth

Week 6: Arizona Humane Society hosted 3 youth

Week 7: Diamondbacks Game hosted 1 youth

Week 8: Bowling hosted 3 youth

Cruise Night on Main Street – was scheduled for September 30 and would have included participation from a variety of community partners (Verrado High School volunteers, Buckeye Volunteer Police Department, Anderson Institute of Music, Lost Creek Bike Club, etc.); thank you to resident Jeff Clanin for championing the idea in 2013 and returning to help organize this year; unfortunately due to a severe storm the event had to be cancelled

Pinewood Classic – a new addition to the Cruise Night on Main Street was an all-ages pinewood

derby; hosted by Verrado Boy Scout Troop, the events included two car building days (thank you to Rick Sawyer, Hugo Caceres, and Steve Myatt for their handiwork in cutting the car blocks!);

Back to School Bash (August 2) – hosted 105 youth (ranging in ages from Kindergarten to high school) for an opportunity to get to know one another before the first day of school; and we appreciate the Verrado Cub/Boy Scouts and all the volunteers for their support as well; event included pool and “minute to win it” games, cool treats sponsored by Summit Community Church (thank you!), and live music by The Receptacles, a Verrado teen band

Holiday Lighting – completed an RFP process and selected Holiday Lighting Co. once again for this year’s exterior community lighting and Christmas tree vendor; selection was based upon competitive pricing and experience of working in Verrado®

Neighborhood Café: A Conversation about Verrado’s Latest Development – held at Verrado High School on September 23; apx. 250 attendees heard from Dr. Julianne Lien (LESD Superintendent), Kim Franz (Planning Principal for the Verrado Heritage Elementary School), Dan Kelly (Sr. Vice President/General Manager of Verrado), and Nick Taratsas (Sr. Vice President and General Manager of Victory at Verrado) about the latest development, including new schools, commercial planning, new residential planning (including the Victory district), and general updates; a summary of the information presented is available on Verrado.net

Experience Matters Author Event – nonprofit partner, Experience Matters, hosted a conversation with Chris Farrell, author of *Unretirement: How Baby Boomers are Changing the Way we Think About Work, Community and the Good Life*; Victory district prospects and Verrado Leadership members were invited to attend this event sponsored by the Victory district

Volunteerism / Philanthropy:

Verrado Leadership:

July – No Monthly Meeting; there is no meeting in July; we hope everyone had a great summer vacation

August Monthly Meeting – “Stay Active” a Leadership Luau hosted at TCOM; guest speakers included: Nicole Werhanowicz of American Cancer Society, Bob Wisener of Skyline Regional Park, Les Meyers of White Tank Mountains Conservancy and Doug Foss from the Verrado Golf Club

September Monthly Meeting – Development Updates, hosted at the Verrado Coffee Company; speakers included: Dave Nielson, Director of Development, Jill Kusy Hegardt, Vice President Entitlements, Public Affairs and Business Attraction, Craig Guincho of Blue Daisy Day Spa and Barber Shop, Dr. Peace Ezeogba-Odoemena from the Water Action Committee and Sarah Taylor from Community Paws (9/10)

Community Connectors – a group of 5 VL members attended a tour and art night at WHAM (What’s Happening in Arts Movement), a west valley nonprofit to learn more about the work they are doing in the greater community

Warm Welcome – 70 apple pies were delivered

Welcome New Members - Four new members joined Verrado Leadership: Nancy Wells (Cora’s Garden), Gary Ames (Jackson Green), Mike Jones (Astoria Gardens) & Don Nickel (Astoria Gardens)

CPR Certification – several leadership volunteers completed a CPR certification training course to help serve the needs of the Assembly during pool-related events

New Neighborhoods – the homes in the area known as “Phase 3 South” are now identified by their neighborhood name and boundaries, thanks to Debbie Sailer – VL member – who worked with Joy to complete this process; new neighborhood maps will be created and available soon

Phoenix Rescue Mission – a group of six volunteers carools to the Mission in Central Phoenix the first Thursday of each month to help feed community members; 38 cases of water were donated to the Mission as part of their summer water drive

The Giving Tree Program:

Facebook Page – please LIKE the new page to stay informed of the latest updates and volunteer opportunities (127 likes at the end of the quarter)

August Monthly Meeting – held at the WATERisLIFE office w/ host Kristine Bender (organization's President)

September Monthly Meeting – held at the Verrado Coffee Co.; provided an opportunity to showcase the space for organization events/meetings

New Council Members – Community Paws, New Life Center, Rotary Club of Buckeye

Revised Logo – the Giving Tree logo has been refreshed to meet Verrado's newest brand standards

Spirit of Independence Day Celebration – over 25 volunteers dedicated over 50 hours to assist throughout the weekend Festivities

Water Action Committee – a subcommittee of the Community Pride Community under the Verrado Community Association; supporting the committee's needs and efforts as needed

Clubs & Groups:

New Clubs – Viper Wrestling Club, Verrado Adult Sports Club (co-ed), Copperstate Street Rods, DSCC Life Group, Lost Creek Bike Club, Veterans Association of Verrado

Fuel Fitness 6-Week Challenge – 20 participants of the club participated in this fitness challenge; each challenger lost weight and inches and are faster, stronger and healthier than they were before the program; there was one person who dominated the competition and who deservingly won first place: Anna Dyachanko

Masters Swim Club – 10 members of the club completed the "Escape of Alcatraz" 1.25 mile swim in the open waters of San Francisco Bay; The team included Verrado Residents: Lisa Cantrell, Viki Landis, Julene Geilenfelt, Micaela Leighton, Mary-Kae Vranesic, Jeffrey Gill, Kurt Watkins, Jeff Byers, Kim Varshine, Rebecca Curry and Coach Sarah Byers. All members finished and completed the swim. Jeffrey Gill finished third in the 35-44 age group for men's wetsuit division. Jeff Byers finished third in the 25-34 age group for men's wetsuit division. Coach Sarah Byers finish first in the women's elite "skin" (non-wetsuit) division as well as first in her 25-34 age group for women's skin division. The group had been training for this swim for a year by swimming practices 2x a week for an hour in the mornings as well as doing pool mile time trials and training open water swims in California.

Bean Bag Toss/Corn Hole Tournament – the Verrado Adult Sports Club hosted their first tournament on September 27 at Walton Park; the double elimination tournament featured 3 Divisions (Men's, Women's, Coed) and included 38 teams; Best Team Uniform Awards were given to: "Sweatin' Off Our Cornholes" and "USA Holes"; all-in-all, the Tournament was a huge success; each participant received a commemorative tournament t-shirt thanks to local sponsors (Main Street Dental, Tempo Urban Bistro & Coffee Bar, Cory Acton with HomeSmart, Peter Zipp with Allstate, and Gilbert Ochoa with Select Pest Control); unfortunately the weather impeded on the festivities and the remainder of the tournament had to be cancelled without a winner declared

Verrado Coffee Co. – serves as a secondary host for clubs and groups; Spanish Language Learners and Knits and Giggles has used the new “Den” for their meetings and have increased memberships since the change

Recreation/Amenities:

The Center on Main™ -

Maintenance & Operations:

Outside Restrooms A/C Units Repaired

Pool Maintenance Days are scheduled for the last Tuesday of the month to allow the necessary deep cleaning of all pool areas/decking efficiently

Programming:

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

Drop-in Co-working – free program for work-from-home professionals to collaborate and get out of the home; free wifi and coffee/soda provided; Tuesdays 1 – 3 PM

Calendar of Programs – check out the new and improved calendar and program listing available in The Center on Main lobby

Cami Camp – returned as a fitness provider in September; welcome back Cami!

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

New Class Schedule – check out the new and improved club and class schedule available in TCOM lobby

Summer Programs Kick Off:

Vitras Impact Camp – this free course is designed to help young athletes stay in shape; 20 teens per week attended over the summer; continued on Fridays in September

Ignite Yoga Kids Camp (younger & older)

Vitras Summer Team – 140 child swimmers registered; included seven members achieving 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the “High Point Winners” categories

Community Affairs:

Education / Schools:

ASU Doctoral Research – prospective doctorate, Craig Talmage from ASU, was awarded his degree upon passing his dissertation, entitled: The Search for Social Capital | The Case of The Verrado Assembly; congrats Craig and thank you for the incredible information about our amazing community!

Main Street Merchants / Community Partnerships:

Discover Verrado: Main & More – was held to support and acknowledge our amazing community merchants; thank you to all who participated!

Public / Partner Events:

Local First Mixer – held September 17 at Ciao Grazie and Tempo Urban Bistro, was a joint effort by Local First Arizona and DMB’s Commercial team; evening included apx. 30 local business owners

from across the Valley to showcase Verrado and our thriving businesses; all locally-owned businesses were invited to attend

Ignite Yoga Opens in Goodyear – congratulations to Eva Shaw/Ignite Yoga for their expansion in the west valley!

City of Buckeye:

Events Coordination Council – City of Buckeye has organized a council to coordinate on events in the Buckeye borders; meeting is held monthly

Communications:

Administrative & Management:

Lifeguard Policy – a new policy has been adopted that includes professionally certified and equipped lifeguards at Assembly-hosted events; this was implemented with the Back to School Bash in August

2015 Budgeting – process has been completed with all team members' input

Overflow Parking Lot Usage – an agreement has been executed with DMB White Tank LLC to allow the Verrado Assembly use of the adjacent land next to The Center on Main as needed for community events

Year End Evaluations – were completed for all staff in September; another great year for the Assembly team – thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Verrado community!

Jen McSweeney – last day was September 30, as Jen has decided to spend more time with her family at home; Jen has been an incredible asset to the team and community and we wish her well!

Communications for Women Conference – attended by Jaime, Joy and Jen

Violence in the Workplace Training – hosted by DMB for all staff members; available both in live and webinar formats for all staff to complete training

Piper Academy Event – Jen attended “A Thriving Partnership: Dynamics of Sharing Leadership” to learn more about board of director responsibilities

CPR Certification – Joy completed a CPR certification course

Getting Your Organization Onboard with Fundraising - Weaving a Philanthropic Culture, a webinar attended by Jaime and Joy to learn more about nonprofit board fundraising

Governance:

Contracts –

Discover Verrado Series: Play & Connect

Bashas' | May 15, 2014 | \$403.63 | Catering

Event Rents Addendum 23 | May 14, 2014 | \$1,321.96 | Event equipment

Cruise Night on Main

B.T. Bouncies Addendum 18 | September 19, 2014 | \$190.02 | Bounce House

Pride Group Addendum 3 | September 18, 2014 | \$1928.82 | Street Closures, Light Towers, Restroom Units

Miscellaneous:

Holiday Lighting Company AZ Addendum 3 | \$1512.74 | Christmas Tree Décor Refurbishment

Holiday Lighting Company AZ Addendum 2014-1 | \$11333.00 | Christmas Tree Purchase/Installation/Removal, Decorations Installation, Crane Service

Transtyle, Inc. | September 2, 2014 | \$1152.00 | Teen TREKS Transportation on October 5, 7, 9, 10

Sonora Lifeguarding, LLC | July 28, 2014 | \$324.00 | 4 Lifeguards w/ Equipment for the Back to School Bash

Camellia Carroll Master Engagement Agreement | September 8, 2014

Camellia Carroll Addendum 1 | September 8, 2014 | Zumba®, Functional Strength & Conditioning, Small Group Training at The Center on Main

KD's Studio LLC Master Engagement Agreement | September 15, 2014

KD's Studio LLC Addendum 1 | September 15, 2014 | Adult and Youth Paint Classes September 20, 2014

2013 Audit Complete | Clifton Larson Allen | Posted to www.verrado.net