

THE COMMUNICATOR

SaddleBrooke One

December 2024

Shutdown = Protection of Valuable Assets

John Reed, Director of Operations

The annual shutdown for the SaddleBrooke One clubhouse was scheduled for the second week in October, to coincide with the course closures for overseeding. Our Facilities Team began the annual closure practice in 2011, to allow for deep cleaning of the building, as well as major maintenance projects. This year, the list of projects was substantial, as the coordination for the shutdown began months prior to the work to be completed. By allowing our Team to take over the building during the week, this maintains our assets and allows the equipment to run at peak efficiencies.

The projects completed during the shutdown included:

1. Replaced the condensing coils for the RoadRunner Grill walk-in cooler
2. Replaced the fan coil units above the library
3. Replaced the condenser pumps for the HVAC system
4. Hydro jetted the drains throughout the clubhouse
5. Completed the carpet installation on the upper level
6. Relocated the hostess station for the Vistas
7. Relocated all data/phone connections for the hostess station
8. Cleaned flooring throughout the clubhouse
9. Repaired cracked tile in Agave Lounge and Vistas kitchen
10. Spot painted several areas throughout the clubhouse
11. Deep cleaned the Upper and Lower kitchens
12. Deep cleaned the restroom areas
13. Cleaned all clubhouse windows
14. Resurfaced the Vermilion room flooring (sanded and applied polyurethane coating)
15. Drained both lap and main pools and restored chemical balance
16. Restored main pool deck
17. Updated the software database for our operating system
18. Completed the Ridgeview Blvd resurfacing project (segments 1 & 3)
19. Installed trellises & plantings around the clubhouse parking areas



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This was an aggressive schedule for our Facilities, Common Area, and IT Teams. The scheduling of the projects to ensure that the tasks were completed in the correct order has been the focus of several meetings over the previous three months.

I would like to recognize the great work of:

- Our Facilities Team, anchored by Manny Parra and Jeff Egan
- Our Common Area Team, led by Patrick Hughes and Jesse Camarena
- Our IT Director, Rich Sandoval
- Our Janitorial Lead, Jon Norman
- Our Purchasing Agent, Bonnie Morrow

It was through the efforts of these teams that the work was done on-time and within budget.

We have additional projects still in the works that are scheduled to be completed before the end of the year:

20. Cap truss tails at Fitness, Tennis and clubhouse
21. Paint utility boxes on Acacia Hills, SaddleBrooke Blvd and Ridgeview Blvd
22. Replace doors/jams on golf course bathrooms

Thank for your patience during this shutdown period, which allowed our teams to provide the proper maintenance of the buildings so that emergency shutdowns are avoided in the future.



SaddleBrooke Annual Christmas Cart Parade
Tuesday December 17th
HOA1 Driving Range

HO, HO, HO. It's time for the SaddleBrooke Golf Cart Parade.

Last year, the great weather brought out nearly 100 decorated carts, making it one of the largest Christmas Cart Parades in Arizona. No registration is required to enter the parade. With the large numbers, we ask that only decorated carts participate in the parade.

Decorated Golf Carts should line up at the HOA1 Golf Driving Range starting at 4:00 PM. Come and see the Carts before the parade starts around 5:45PM.

We ask that you park undecorated carts and autos in the upper automobile parking lot and walk down to the Driving Range. The parade will finish back at the RoadRunner Grill around 6:45 PM and we will announce the winners of the Best Decorated Golf Cart and Best Decorated Home.



2023 - Cindy and Gary Tressel cart winners

Trophies, and a Special Award, are being donated by The Battery Guy Tucson and Kartz Fore Kidz.

Come and enjoy the evening at the RRG for drinks and snacks. The RoadRunner Grill will be open until 8 PM.

Colleen Halverson and Cathy Cowley will again be providing musical entertainment both before and after the parade.

The final Parade Route will be published on the HOA1 website the week before the parade and most likely will be similar to last year's route. Please do not park vehicles on the streets of the parade route.



2023 - Reindeer cart in front of the Best Home Decoration

The Cart Parade cannot pass by every single home that is decorated, however, we ask that homeowners or neighbors let us know which homes should be considered for the best decorated home no matter where it is in SaddleBrooke.

Contact Pat Carney:
patcarney483@gmail.com or cellphone
480-332-1585

We still need volunteers to help with traffic flow and parking.

Contact Pete Giljohann:
pfspete@hotmail.com or cellphone
262-366-9193.

Kelly's Korner

Kelly Evans, Food & Beverage Director



As the year draws to a close, we want to thank you for a heartwarming month in November. From welcoming back our snowbirds to welcoming new staff to our team, and celebrating many things to be thankful for. We look forward to this December, the holiday parties, ringing in the New Year with you all, and crowning the winner of the first Iron Chef of SaddleBrooke.

January 2025 will welcome a new seasonal menu for the RoadRunner Grill and the Vistas and Agave Lounge. We look forward to expanding on plant-based dining options, smaller entrees, and shareable items for those looking for a lighter meal, the continued 3 pm-7 pm food and drink offering in the RRG, and many more exciting events. In recent years, whether dining in Tucson, other states, or at SaddleBrooke One's restaurants, we all have noticed an increase in dining costs. We will need to prepare for price increases to our menus in January 2025. The latest inflation data published October 10, 2024 by the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the average food prices in the 12 months ending September, rose by 2.3% and just the price of Meat, Poultry, Fish, and Eggs rose 3.9% from 2023 to 2024.

The Impact of Ingredient Costs

One of the key contributors to rising menu prices is the cost of ingredients. At SaddleBrooke One's restaurants, we pride ourselves on using fresh produce, high-quality meats, and other premium ingredients to create our signature dishes. Unfortunately, fluctuations in the global supply chain—driven by weather conditions, trade policies, and labor and transportation costs—have led to significant increases in ingredient prices.

Labor and Operational Expenses

Another important factor is the increase in labor and operational expenses. The restaurant industry is labor-intensive, requiring skilled chefs, attentive servers, and diligent support staff to ensure your dining experience is exceptional. As minimum wage laws continue to evolve and with rising living costs, we face higher payroll expenses.

The Influence of Dining Trends

The evolving tastes of our guests also influence our menu prices. We aim to offer unique and innovative culinary experiences, through our Chef's Table nights and seasonal menu changes. We are also expanding to cater to specialized dietary options, like vegan or gluten-free dishes. While these offerings enhance your dining experience, they often require additional investment in unique ingredients and specialized staff training, leading to increased costs.

How We Are Adapting

In response to these rising costs, we at SaddleBrooke One's restaurants are employing creative strategies to manage expenses without compromising on quality. We may simplify our menu to focus on our core dishes, reduce food waste, or collaborate with local suppliers to cut transportation costs. We are encouraging the use of member cards as the preferred payment method to avoid credit card transaction fees. We are also exploring options like smaller portion sizes and dynamic pricing models, such as discounts during off-peak hours, to remain competitive and accessible to all our guests.

What You Can Do

We encourage you to approach these changes with understanding and continue to utilize the Food and Beverage Feedback form on our website. By recognizing the various factors influencing our menu prices, you can make informed choices and continue to support your SaddleBrooke One restaurants through these challenging times. Whether using your member card to pay, as that will always help keep costs down, exploring cost-effective menu options, dining during promotional hours, or simply appreciating the quality and effort that goes into each meal, you play a vital role in sustaining your restaurants.

But don't worry, the price of the Daybreak will stay the same.

Something Exciting is Coming to Food & Beverage in December



In December, we will offer daily RoadRunner Grill Lunch Specials served off of the Grill Wednesday through Friday 10am to 2pm.

Also in December, we are expanding the RoadRunner Grill Happy Hour food service to include Wednesdays. Wednesday Event Nights (Grillin' & Chillin' and Chef's Table) will still take place in The Vistas.



The Happy Hour Schedule will be:
Sunday - Wednesday 3pm to 7pm
with the Limited Bar Menu
Thursday - Friday 3pm to 6pm Drinks Only
Saturday - No RRG Happy Hour



Library Dinners

Available on Thursday and Saturday Evenings

An intimate evening with 8-16 of your favorite folks.
A chance to curate a menu alongside our Executive Chef.
A perfect setting to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or
simply to gather with good friends and neighbors.

Contact Carolyn Butler

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currently booking dinners for 2025



GOLF & GROUNDS SaddleBrooke One

Thank You for Your Support in 2024

Mike Roddy, Director of Golf

The entire SaddleBrooke One Golf Team would like to say thank you to the entire community for your support in 2024. It was an interesting year on the courses. We saw continued great participation despite one of the warmest years on record at the Brooke. The support we saw for the Veteran's Day Events was overwhelming, with over \$30,000 being donated to the Folds of Honor Foundation.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the events possible. We continue to work to exceed your expectations on a daily basis and provide a golf experience that is fun, welcoming, consistent, and constantly improving. As we move into 2025, we remain focused on enhancing your golf experience and planning for continued future improvements, from the golf shop to the courses.

Happy Holidays!

2024 Golf by the Numbers thru 10/31/24

- **Rounds Played: 68,314** – highest number since 2020
- **Average Rounds Per Day: 228** vs. 221 in 2023
- **Revenue Generated: \$2,882,922** – vs. budget of \$2,768,449
- **Golf Shop Net Sales: \$326,135** – vs. budget of \$276,923
- **Acres of Fairway Mowed: 3,150 Acres**
- **# of Cups Cut: 3,633**
- **# of Bunkers Raked: 16,252**



Annual Golf Shop Holiday Sale: Dec. 5 thru Dec. 11th

The Annual SaddleBrooke One Golf Shop Holiday Sale is currently scheduled for Thursday, December 5th through Wednesday, December 11th. Annual members only the first two days and open to everyone the rest of the dates. A great opportunity to find that special holiday gift right here at SaddleBrooke One, as well as use up any expiring credit book!

What's New at the Library?

Margaret Betanzos



This month, I will start the article with three different Non Fiction books. The first is **Book and Dagger** by Elyse Graham. This is the story of how the U.S. turned to scholars and librarians to fill the ranks of spies at the beginning of WWII. Until that time we had no spies, but the UK did and we needed to develop a same or similar kind of department. But who could fill the bill? The OSS (Office of Strategic Services) is formed. This will eventually become the CIA. This book has excellent reviews.

The second Non Fiction book is **Ingenious: A Biography of Benjamin Franklin - Scientist** by Richard Manson. We hear about Franklin the diplomat, but he was also the inventor of the lightening rod and bifocal glasses along with other interesting things.

The third Non Fiction book is by Bill Clinton. It is called **Citizen, My Life after the White House**. I think there is no explanation needed.

Don't worry Fiction readers, there is plenty for you to read! First of all, there is a new Phillip Margolin novel. **An Insignificant Case: A Thriller** is a legal thriller. A mediocre attorney is given a case that seems mediocre too – until it isn't!

David Baldacci is back with his series - 6:20 Man. The title of the latest one is **To Die For: A 6:20 Man Thriller**. Have you read the first two? Travis Devine is the leading man and he is again caught up meeting twelve year old Betsy Odom – the girl on the train. Read On!

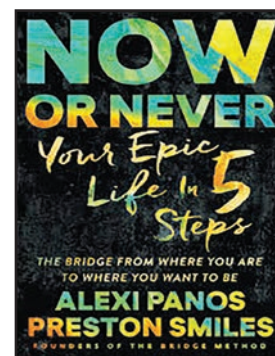
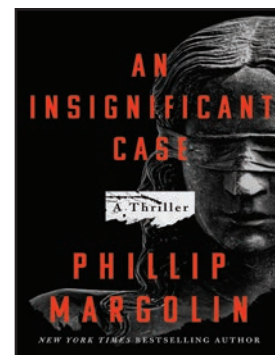
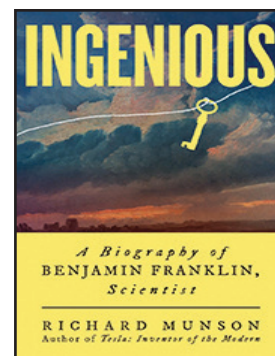
Have you been reading Janet Evanovich and her Stephanie Plum series? Well, there is a new one out and it is titled **Now or Never**. As you may know, Stephanie is a bounty hunter in Trenton, NJ. Her adventures are epic!

If you have been waiting for another Craig Johnson novel with Walt Longmire, wait no longer! This one is called **Tooth and Claw** and takes place in Alaska!

There needs to be a different kind of story for many of our readers. Who best to bring that difference than Danielle Steel! Yes, she has another novel out! This one is called **Trial by Fire**. This story takes you from France to California. Ladies, you will love it.

Be sure to look on the shelves for other titles that might intrigue you! Also, be sure and renew you membership to

Friends of SaddleBrooke Libraries (FSL), if you haven't already. Until next month, happy reading!



Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in SaddleBrooke

Sharyn Jupp, Compliance Officer

I want to take some time to highlight some vital safety information here at SaddleBrooke and introduce you to one of the main safety features: an AED. What is an AED? This device, also called an automated external defibrillator, assists those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. According to current numbers, cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in the United States and can occur when irregular heart rhythms keep the heart from pumping properly, potentially leading the heart to stop altogether.



However, any individual can use an AED to jolt the heart back to its regular rhythm until professional medical help arrives at the scene. It is during these crucial moments when an individual is experiencing cardiac arrest that we can work to help provide assistance and buy time until medical professionals arrive. The device has an audio feature to walk you through using it. This is an excellent opportunity to come together as a community, be proactive and informed about AEDs, and work together to keep SaddleBrooke as safe as possible for all those involved.



BE PREPARED

SaddleBrooke One AED Locations

- Fitness Center - near the office
- Tennis Center Patio - near the outdoor storage room
- Clubhouse Upper Level - next to the restrooms
- Clubhouse Lower Level - in hallway by Pro Shop
- Activity Center - by the double door closet
- Pickleball Courts - at the ramada between the courts
- Catalina Recreation Center
- Patrol One vehicle
- Main Pool

SaddleBrooke Two AED Locations

- Mountain View Clubhouse - main hall near the restrooms
- Mesquite Building - in hall by the drinking fountain
- DesertView Theater (2) - one in lobby by doors and one in Fitness Center
- The Preserve Clubhouse (2) - one by north hallway door by tennis courts and one in Fitness Center
- Patrol Two vehicle
- MountainView Pool - near men's locker room
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SaddleBrooke Neighborhood Watch Neighbors Helping Neighbors - It's The SaddleBrooke Way!

SaddleBrooke's greatest security strength is our community's **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** program - promoting security and crime prevention! In cooperation with the Pinal County Sheriff's Department, our Homeowners Association's Health and Wellness Committee promotes considerations and reminders regarding our SaddleBrooke's personal safety and property security. Crime prevention starts with having a cooperative effort between SaddleBrooke residents, SaddleBrooke Patrol, and the Pinal County Sheriff's Department.

Senior Citizens don't need to fear crime in SaddleBrooke if we all take a few simple steps to reduce our chances of becoming a victim. **NEIGHBOR WATCHING OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER!** Criminals favor easy targets. The more difficult a target you present, the less likely you are to become a victim. Our **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** strongly recommends the following security procedures.

- Advise your neighbors and SaddleBrooke Patrol if you plan to be away
- Stop your mail and newspapers for the period of your absence
- Make your home appear that someone is at home
- Do not leave notes about where you are and when you will return. Keep your garage door closed. Open doors invite theft.
- At night, lock the garage door going to the house
- Don't leave keys outside your home. If you must leave a key, leave it with your neighbors.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - What you observe and hear is important!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCHERS are always aware of activities in their neighborhood DAY and NIGHT! A concerned and watchful neighborhood is important in preventing a crime because burglars are amateurs and they will be discouraged if they think they have been observed. If you observe a strange vehicle in your neighborhood, write down the make, color, and license number. If you observe a suspicious person, call **911** and the **SADDLEBROOKE PATROL**. ***The Sheriff's Department Needs Our Eyes and Ears!***

GOOD HOME SECURITY HABITS

1. ***RE-KEY LOCKS***: This should be done when moving into an apartment, rental home, or second ownership of homes.
2. ***LOCK DOORS***: An unlocked door is a welcome mat for burglars. Make sure you lock the door that leads into your home from the garage.
3. ***HIDING KEYS***: An extra key hidden in a secret location should be avoided. A burglar knows all the hiding spots.
4. ***SECURITY PRODUCTS***: Dead Bolt Locks, Charlie Bar, Sash.
5. ***WIDE ANGLE PEEP HOLE***: Added security! A door chain is no substitute for a good lock.
6. ***HOUSE NUMBER***: House number should be visible day and night from the street. This is important for the Sheriff's Office, EMS, and our Patrol when responding to a complaint or Medical Emergency.
7. ***SHRUBBERY***: No more than three feet high and cut in a V-shape from ground up. If done correctly, the burglar is denied the opportunity to work undetected.
8. ***LIGHTING***: Turning interior lights on with a timer is inexpensive and is highly recommended when away from the home. A radio or TV left playing when away will help confuse a would-be burglar. External lighting is very important! The use of outside lighting in conjunction with inside lighting when the home is unoccupied, will deter a would-be burglar.
9. ***ADMITTING STRANGERS***: Always be careful about admitting strangers! Identification of salespersons, public utility personal, and repair persons, should always be required before opening the door.
10. ***VACATION***: If you will be gone for a long time, advise your neighbors and friends and request that any mail or other deliveries be picked-up. Have your lawn mowed or weeds pulled. Secure your home and lights on a timer. Leave a key to your home with a trusted neighbor in case of an emergency. Also notify the HOA #1 Patrol and request a "Vacation Watch".
11. ***ENGRAVE OR PHOTOGRAPH***: Items such as Antiques, Silver, Jewelry, watches, power tool, bikes, and TV's etc. Basically anything that can be taken out by a burglar

This information is provided to you by: SaddleBrooke HOA#1 Health and Wellness Committee
Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention Program



PATROL

SaddleBrooke One

The Wild, Wild West

Christopher Albers, SaddleBrooke One Patrol Manager

Patrol would like to remind residents that we live among a wide variety of wildlife, many of them are predators. From as small as scorpions to as large as mountain lions and black bears, there are many species living in and around SaddleBrooke that can be harmful to humans, and more likely, to our pets. Bobcats and coyotes have been reported poaching pets from backyards throughout SaddleBrooke since the inception of the community. Rattlesnake bites are not uncommon in the warmer months. Therefore, it is incumbent upon pet owners to keep an eye on their pets when they are outside. It is not wise to leave your pet, especially if they are small in size, in the backyard unsupervised. So, don't put yourself in a position to regret your decisions; keep a constant eye on your pet when they are outside, especially after dark. If you find a rattlesnake in your yard, call 911, and Golder Ranch Fire will respond to remove it. If you see a predator lurking about, call Patrol at 520-861-7064 so we can put out a notice to the community.

Holiday Children's Pool Hours

Over the Christmas holiday, as in the past, our Children's pool hours will be changed to **10:00am to 4:00pm from Friday December 20th through Thursday January 2nd**. We will be putting extra signs on the pool gates to remind our residents and their guests of our pool rules. Our patrol officers will also be making extra trips through the pool area to answer any questions and ensure that everyone understands our rules.

Guests over the holidays

If you are planning to have guests over the holidays, please remember, **no more than two (2) vehicles, excluding RVs/trailers, can be parked overnight on your driveway or in front of your residence.** If you plan to have more than two (2) vehicles parked at your residence over the holidays, please give me a call at (520) 917-3752 so I can notify our 3rd shift duty officers not to issue a Notice of Violation

2024 Notice of Violations Issued		
Violations	September	October
Speeding	1	2
Stop Signs	1	0
Handicap Parking	0	0
RV Parking	0	1
Other Parking	0	1
Pets	0	1
Total	2	5



Please turn your outdoor LIGHTS OFF after 10 PM.



In order to speed up the permit approval process and cut wait time, you can now **SCHEDULE YOUR ALC APPOINTMENT ONLINE** in one of four windows (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, and 10:30). The link is available on the SB1 website.

The **ONLINE EXTERIOR PAINT PROCESS** is easy. Go to the website (www.saddlebrooke.org) and to the ALC section, follow the online directions, make your selections from the ALC approved colors and once your application is completed by you, it will be forwarded to the ALC for action.

EXTERIOR PAINT PROCESS



FYI: The ALC is seeking members to begin January, 2025.

- You must be a current full-time resident of HOA1.
- You must be willing and availability to work/volunteer 4-8 hours a week.
- You must be willing to meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings from about 8:00am-12:00pm.
- You must be willing to enforce Architectural and Landscaping Requirements & Guidelines.
- You need basic computer skills (Word and Excel) with reliable internet service.
- You will need to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Applications are available at the Administraion Office and on the website.

ALC Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00am.
Signups will be in the Coyote room, where you will wait your turn.
If you don't have an appointment, it will be on a first come, first served basis.
You will be escorted to the meeting room when it is your turn.

Upcoming Meetings

December 5th & 19th
January 2nd & 16th

Information Line: 520-917-3767

Call the Information Line to report an issue to the ALC or if you have a question.

ALC Email: alcadmin@saddlebrooke.org

ALC Secretary: [Sharyn Jupp](#)



2025

New Years Celebration

December 31, 2024

Doors open at 5:30pm
Dinner is served at 6:30pm

Reservations
Required

In The Vistas & The Agave Lounge

Music by Silk and Soul

Ball Drop 10pm Local Time