



Ancala Home Times

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Open Board Meetings

Held monthly at 4:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Executive meeting follows immediately.

Location:

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Catholic Church
10755 N 124th St, Room 203
Scottsdale, AZ 85259

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Wine Tasting

Our January Wine Tasting event was held on January 23rd at the home of Matt & Marcia Benjamin. With about 65 homeowners in attendance, we had a great crowd including many newcomers to our Ancala community. Our hosts suggested the clever wine theme of “People’s Choice” so many brought their own personal favorites. Combined with good food, lots of people and just fun, friendly neighbors - what a night! Thank you Matt and Marcia for being wonderful Hosts.

March’s Wine Tasting is March 26th.



Guideline Basics

- Ancala’s [Tree and Shrub Policy](#) indicates that Homeowners are responsible for trimming any tree located on their lot that poses a potential safety issue such as **trees that block views of vehicular traffic, extend into any roadway, overhang a neighboring home, or lean on such homeowner’s own home or walls. Trees affecting vehicular traffic or blocking the passage of motor vehicles must be trimmed to a minimum height of 14 ft. above street level.**

There are many trees and shrubs that need to currently be trimmed or cut back to comply with this policy. Please review the trees and shrubs on your property and have them trimmed if needed to comply with this important safety issue.

- Did you know that there is no overnight parking in Ancala? Please follow this rule. In addition, regular guests or vendors should park in your driveway and not in the road.
- Just a reminder that the Architectural Control Committee has 30 days to resolve on all applications. Please plan your project accordingly.
- Weeds, weeds and more weeds! Our recent rains have caused the weeds to rear their ugly little heads. We have sent out more than 30 weed violations in the past month. If you have weeds, please clean them up!
- Please keep your dogs on their leash, don’t let them continually bark, pick up after them and please don’t allow them to use owner mailboxes as their personal bathroom!
- Click for the [Bulk trash and bulk brush schedule](#) – [Bulk items](#) can be placed on the curb no sooner than the Friday before the pick-up schedule and [Brush items](#) can be placed on the curb no sooner than the Monday prior to the pick-up schedule.



Poisonous Plants

As we say goodbye to Winter and welcome Spring, we look forward to the desert coming alive with colors, fragrances and beautiful blooms. Spring is also a time when many of us spruce up our yards and plant new flowers, shrubs and trees.

We encourage all homeowners to be knowledgeable about the plants they select for their property as they plan for new trees or shrubs. It may surprise you to learn that some commonly known plants on Ancala's Approved Plant List are named by the University of Arizona as poisonous with toxicity levels ranging from being fatal for humans when consumed, to causing a rash when touched, to the plants bring harmful to animals only.

For more information on these and other poisonous plants, their levels of toxicity and photos of the plants, please visit the websites listed below. You can click on each of the named plants, taken directly from the U of A website below as well which will direct you to the websites summary of these specific plants.

<https://azpoison.com/poison/plants/poisonous-plants>

<https://www.britannica.com/list/7-of-the-worlds-deadliest-plants>

Candelabras Cactus

A many-branched succulent spiny shrub or tree with milky sap. Sometimes mistaken as a cactus. Branches are angled with a white band down the middle of each side. Ridges are wing-like and spiny. There are tiny leaves between the spines.

Poisonous Parts: The milky sap.
Avoid contact with skin or eyes.

Castor Bean

A shrub with large-lobed leaves. The mottled black, brown and white glossy seeds are enclosed in a spiny husk and grow in clusters on the seed stalk.

Poisonous Parts: Entire plant, especially the seeds.

Britannica.com lists Castor Bean as one of the world's seven most deadly plants.

Century Plant

A succulent with large clumps of fleshy strap-shaped leaves with hooked spines along the edges and a wicked spine at the tip, blue green in color. There are several varieties with yellow or white striped leaves.

Poisonous Parts: Sap.
Avoid contact with skin or eyes as it can cause irritation.

Lantana

A shrub with leaves that are oval shaped with toothed edges. Individual flowers are small and tube-shaped that are clustered together to resemble a single bloom. Flowers are white, yellow, orange, red, blue or a mix of several colors. Fruit is berry-like with a hard seed, turning blue-black when ripe.

Poisonous Parts: All parts, but especially the green berries.
Mostly poisonous to animals.

Mexican Bird of Paradise

Is a shrub or small tree. Leaves are oblong and small. The flowers are yellow with long, colorful red filaments (stamens). Seed pods are flat and shaped like a pea pod.

Poisonous Parts: Pods and seeds

Mistletoe

Parasites that grow on trees and shrubs. Pairs of leaves grow on opposite sides of the stem and vary from scales to oblong and leathery leaves. Fruits are small white to pinkish berries with a sticky pulp.

Poisonous Parts: All parts, but especially the berries

Oleander

Can be a shrub to small tree with narrow lance-shaped leaves. The leaves are dark green, leathery and glossy. Flowers are white, pink, red or salmon and they cluster at the ends of branches. Fruits are long slender capsules with the seeds having a tuft of hair.



Real Estate Stats as of February 10, 2020

Actives.....	14
Homes Under Contract	5
Homes Closed YTD	1

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Poisonous Parts: Entire plant. Eating a small part of the plant can be fatal.

Britanica.com lists Oleander as one of the world's seven most deadly plants.

Philodendron

Mostly is a houseplant, but may grow outdoors. The two main classes are vining or the large erect type with a self-supporting trunk. Plants have a wide range of appearance. Leaves can be triangular, heart shaped, fanned and feathery. They can vary in color from green to red to white.

Poisonous Parts: Entire plant

Texas Mountain Laurel

An evergreen shrub or small tree with dark green oval leaflets. Blooms are violet blue flowers that are grouped together in clusters. Silvery gray, woody, seed pods open on ripening to show bright red one-half inch seeds.

Poisonous Parts: Entire plant, especially the seeds

Yellow Oleander

A shrub or small tree with leaves that are very narrow, with edges rolled under. Leaves are deep green and glossy. Flowers are tubular, fragrant, orange or yellow and found in clusters at branch ends. Fruits are triangular and red or yellow, turning black when mature. They are different from Oleander plants.

Poisonous Parts: Entire plant, especially the fruit.

Safety is important to all of us. If you need help with poison exposure, please call 911, or the national Poison Help hot line at 1-800-222-1222.



Ancala Rocks 2020

Friends and guests danced the night away with music by DJ, Scott Keo, at our second annual Ancala Rocks event, hosted by Ancala HOA and Ancala Country Club.

Chef Jason and George prepared a delicious dinner of comfort food including a wonderful ice cream bar.

Thank-you to everyone who helped make this evening a huge success and to Stephanie and Amy who are always available to help with a smile.

A perfect evening with great friends. Hope all will join in again next year!

Ancala making memories with a Rock and Roll selfie station



Progressive Dinner 2020

This year our annual Progressive Dinner will be held on November 14, 2020 and not this spring. We are hoping November will allow for better alfresco dining and weather.

As many of you know, the Progressive Dinner is a great way to get to know your neighbors in a more intimate setting. The evening begins with guests gathering in a large group for appetizers and drinks. After appetizers all guests disperse among several homes for a deliciously catered dinner and wine. To wind down everyone gathers again for desserts, coffee and a nightcap.

If you would like to be a host home for any part of the Progressive Dinner please let us know. You provide your home and we provide everything else!

Here's what we are looking for:

- Two Appetizer homes that can host about 75 guests each.
- 20 Dinner homes that can host 8 to 10 guests each.
- One Dessert home that can accommodate 150 guests.

If you are interested in hosting please contact either:

Julie Losasso: text/cell 303-877-6216; or julie.losasso@comcast.net

Susan Niernberg: text/cell 480-507-5300; or SNiern@gmail.com

ANCALA COUNTRY CLUB & ANCALA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

FASHION SHOW

Boutique & Luncheon

FRIDAY, MARCH 27th
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

11:00 Champagne Welcome /
Boutique Shopping

12:00 Luncheon / Fashion Show

Featuring Paris Paris
\$35 Inclusive

Reservations are required. Full tables of 10, names included, may be reserved in advance on a space available basis. Open seating for parties of less than 10. Nonrefundable payment required at time of reservation.

Reservations: www.ancalacc.com or 480.391.1000

Save the Date!
Ancala Country Club & Ancala HOA
Invite you to a

Hawaiian Luau

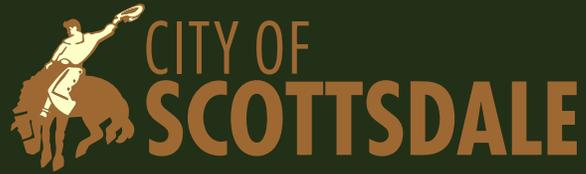
April 24, 2020
6 - 10 pm

\$35 ++ Per Person

Hawaiian Buffet
Dancing
Karaoke
Hula Dance Contest!

Hawaiian Attire!

March and April Events Around Scottsdale



Spring training continues at Scottsdale Stadium. Catch the San Francisco Giants as Cactus League action resumes Saturday, Feb. 22, at the award-winning [Scottsdale Stadium](#). Tickets are available at the stadium box office, by calling 1-877-473-4849 or at [sfgiants.com](#). [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “spring training”.

WestWorld hosts Sun Circuit Quarter Horse Show Feb. 29-March 8. Sun Circuit is not just a horse show ... it's an equine extravaganza! While it's the largest AQHA circuit in the west, there is still a class for every exhibitor at every level. [SunCircuit.com](#).



Via Linda Senior Center hosts annual Spring BBQ, March 3. Get fired up for a delicious meal in the Via Linda courtyard, 10440 E. Via Linda. Games and live entertainment are also on the menu at the event which runs from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$7 for nonresidents. Register here. Recreation. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “Spring BBQ”.

The Wedge Skate Jam returns March 7! Parks & Recreation rolls out the annual Wedge Skate Jam from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Eldorado Park, 7650 E. McDowell Road. Event



highlights include a DJ, giveaways and fun for all ages. Entry is free, but parents/guardians must sign waivers. Don't miss this action-packed event! [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “skate park”.

Teens and parents – attend Youth Corps Info Night. This program will provide your child with valuable volunteer experiences to work one-on-one with field experts in various departments such as human resources, marketing and the City Manager's office. The information session runs from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Horizon Community Center, 15444 N. 100th St. Call 480-312-2650 for more information or to register. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “youth corps”.

Don't miss this one-time chance to kiss your library fines and fees goodbye. Do you owe library fines? Or is there a library book sitting on your shelf that you've been meaning to return? Whatever the reason, we want you and our items back in the library!



We're offering a one-time opportunity to have your library fines waived during April. This offer is not available for accounts already in collection. Call 480-312-READ (7323) for more information.

Get drawn into Scottsdale ArtWalk - an American original. Stroll at your own pace, wander into galleries through a festive area enjoying dramatic statues, bubbling fountains, tree-covered courtyards, famed restaurants and live music. ArtWalk runs from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, year-round in Old Town. [ScottsdaleGalleries.com](#).

Veg out at the Old Town Farmers Market in April. Buy fresh vegetables, fruits and creative crafts at Scottsdale's Old Town Farmers Market. It's held 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through May. The market is in the public parking lot at 3806 N. Brown Ave. [ArizonaCommunityFarmersMarkets.com](#).

Arizona Bike Week winds its way into WestWorld, April 1-5. Are you ready for the wildest and hottest ride in Arizona? Motorcycle enthusiasts of all skillsets can participate in daily charity rides, bike races, concerts, parties and other activities. Each night ends with a concert featuring big names in the rock world. [AZBikeWeek.com](#).



Big things are in store for the Exclusively Little Expo, April 4. Families are invited to this one-of-a-kind event to learn about programs, services, education and products for their kiddos. The free event runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. [TheRailRoadPark.com](#), search “events”.

Entertainment Extravaganza showcases senior talent, April 22. Scottsdale Senior Services' signature variety show returns at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Seniors showcase their singing, dancing, comedy and more! Free admission with a canned food donation for Vista del Camino's Food Bank. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “talent show”.

Sunday A'Fair minifestivals continue in March. Sunday A'Fair features free outdoor concerts by the Valley's top musicians, an arts-and-crafts market and fun activities for families. The concerts run from noon-4 p.m. most Sundays, Jan. 12-March 29, on Scottsdale Civic Center.



[ScottsdalePerformingArts.org](#), search “events”.

Students can apply for 2020-21 Scottsdale Community Collaborative scholarships. High school seniors who enroll at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in Arizona are eligible. Since 2007, 40 students have been awarded a total of \$96,500 in scholarships. Application deadline is Monday, March 23. [Learn about the criteria and apply](#).

Experience...

Family friendly ambience & world class golf!



Come experience the club lifestyle! Whether you are a single golfer or have a family, Ancala has something to fit everyone's needs! Hit the course for world class golf and make connections that will last a lifetime or show off your skills on the tennis court! Golf and tennis not your thing? Then attend one of our many social events, fitness classes, or indulge in some delectable bites in our full service restaurants.

Membership Specials

Full Golf Membership

(over 40 years of age) \$12,000 initiation. 0% payment plan over 3 years!

Young Professional Membership

(under 39 years of age) \$8,500 initiation. 0% payment plan over 3 years!

Additional Incentives

No dues now until April 1st, 2020

50% off dues April 1st, 2020 - December 2020. Free carts for 1 year!



**Contact Jamie Wray, Director of Membership
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