

Anthem at Merrill Ranch Launches the Team Anthem Volunteer Program June 24th!



As Anthem at Merrill Ranch continues to grow, it is important that we maintain a sense of community and a sense of belonging. On June 24th, join us for the kickoff event of the Team Anthem

program. Team Anthem participants receive a free team t-shirt and earn points for participating and assisting in events and activities in the community. Participants receive prizes for reaching various point levels. Come find out more information about this community-building program!

**June 24th
6:30 pm
Poston Ballroom
Refreshments provided**

Public Hearing for New Hospital

Come show your support for the Florence Hospital at Anthem to be located on 10 acres at Hunt Highway and Franklin Road near Anthem.

**June 16, 2008
7:00 pm
Florence Town Hall
775 N. Main Street**



Board of Director's Update

President of the Sun City Anthem at Merrill Ranch Board of Director's, Brandon Jones, was recently promoted to a project in north Phoenix. Brad Schoenberg, Vice President of Operations for the East Valley Division of Pulte Homes, will be appointed to President of the Board and will sit on the Design Review Committee. We congratulate Brandon Jones on his promotion and wish him luck!

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Sun City Union Center Hours of Operation

Monday - Wednesday
5:30 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday - Friday
5:30 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday
7:30 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday
10:00 am - 6:00 pm



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Murder Mystery Dinner Success!

Over 60 people attended the Murder Mystery Dinner put on by Murder Ink on April 19th. During the cocktail hour, over 20 residents were given roles to play for the evening. The dinner of Baked garlic bread, Italian inspired Ziti, salad, and catered by The Gym, got rave reviews by residents. By the time dessert was delivered to the tables, residents were in the process of trying to figure out whodunit! Thank you to everyone who attended and participated to make it such a fun evening for all!



ASU Lifelong Learning Program Kicks off the Summer 2008 Session!

There's never been a better time to try an ASU Lifelong Learning class! Classes are \$5 each and there are no registration fees! Complete the enclosed registration form and turn in at the front desk today! Call 723-6621 for more information.

Discovering Your Personal Style	June 4	10 - 11:30 am
History of Women and Film	June 16	1 - 2:30 pm
Walking Tour of Florence Cemetery	July 16	7:30 - 9:00 am
Computer Clinic - Windows Vista	July 22	10 - 11:30 am



Vote for Sun City Anthem by July 31!

Sun City Anthem at Merrill Ranch received #1 Active Adult Community by Ranking Arizona 2008. Now it's time for Ranking Arizona 2009. Let's show support for our community and cast our vote for Anthem at Merrill Ranch! To vote for Pulte and the Communities of Del Webb, go to www.azbusinessmagazine.com/raz.

Under **Real Estate-Residential** category, select: **Homebuilders: Arizona:** Choose Pulte Homes & the Communities of Del Webb **Active Adult Communities:** Choose Sun City Anthem at Merrill Ranch **Master Planned Communities: Arizona:** Choose Anthem at Merrill Ranch Under **Tourism: Golf courses: Public:** Choose Poston Butte at Anthem at Merrill Ranch. Thank you for your support and participation in Ranking Arizona 2009!

Hula Lessons Coming in July!

Who: Anthem Residents & Guests

What: Hula Lessons from Marilyn of Maliananai O' Hula Halau

When: Mondays; July 7th-August 25th (8 weeks)

Time: 1:00pm

Where: Sun City Ballroom

Cost: \$80 pp for the 8 week class

Students will perform a "show" for friends and family on August 30th!

Please register at the front desk by paying. We must have 12 participants signed up by June 13th.

Class is for those that are 19 or older.
SPACE IS LIMITED!

SAVE THE DATE!

July 4th Celebration
July 4, 2008

Sizzlin' Summer Dance
August 22, 2008

Sun City Ho down
September 5, 2008

Anthem Pet Extravaganza
September 13, 2008

Welcome Back Event
Caribbean Night
September 27, 2008

Health Fair
October 4, 2008

Summer Movie Madness

Beat the heat this summer with movie madness at Sun City! Enjoy a movie twice a week June through August in the ballroom. Movie punches can be used for multiple people or guests per visit. June movie dates are as follows:

June 3	2 pm	<i>Calendar Girls</i>	June 19	7 pm	<i>Assassination of Jesse James</i>
June 5	7 pm	<i>Blood Diamond</i>			
June 11	12 pm	<i>The Queen</i>	June 21	2 pm	<i>Westside Story</i>
June 13	7 pm	<i>Letters from Iwo Jima</i>	June 24	4 pm	<i>Ray</i>
June 16	4 pm	<i>3:10 to Yuma</i>	June 25	6 pm	<i>The Illusionist</i>

BUY A PUNCH PASS! 30 MOVIES FOR \$30!

Or \$2 pp for residents and \$4 pp for guests.

Leaving home for an extended period?



Did you know that the Florence Police Department offers a Housewatch program to residents leaving their home

for an extended length of time? Log into www.ouranthemmr.net today and open the Housewatch Form.

Keep your home and belongings safe and secure while you're away!

Upcoming Holiday Hours

The Sun City Union Center and Parkside Community Center will observe holiday hours of **10:00 am - 6:00 pm** on the following days:



Friday, July 4
Monday, September 1

All classes for these days will be cancelled.

Portal Training



www.OurAnthemMR.net

is the best place to find community news, talk with neighbors, view calendars of community events, check e-mail and so much more! If you're having trouble using the portal or want to learn more about what's available, come to portal training in June!

June 26th
Union Center Computer Lab
6 - 7 pm
RSVP by June 23rd to 723-6613

What is the monthly Lifestyle Update?

The monthly lifestyle update is YOUR chance to find out about the upcoming events from the Sun City Lifestyle Director, Shannon Johnson. It is your opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions and hear event details. We want to plan the events and activities that you're interested in, but we will only succeed if we hear from you! Check the newsletter, portal, or bulletin board to find out when the next one is!

June Lifestyle Update

Summer Movie Madness

Beat the heat with movies twice a week! *June 3 - August 28; Times vary; \$30 for 30 movies or \$2 pp for residents; Ballroom.*

Basic Internet Class

Need help with basic computer tasks? Come learn the basics from a very patient teacher. *June 5 & 24; 4 pm; FREE; Computer lab.*

Concert Under the Stars

Come enjoy the sounds of the Sonoran Jazz Ensemble under the stars with hot appetizers and wine. *June 6; 8-10 pm; \$10 till May 30. \$20 after.*

Resident CPR/AED/First Aid Training

June 7; 12:30 - 8 pm; Classroom.

Resident Appreciation Root Beer Floats

Join us as we show our appreciation to the residents with root beer floats! *June 10; 3-4 pm; FREE; RSVP by June 6.*

Cooking Demo

June 11; 7 pm; FREE; Poston Ballroom.

Scrapbooking Workshop

June 13; 10:00 am; \$5; RSVP to 480-626-4347.

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast & Fishing Derby at the Community Park

Pancake breakfast includes pancakes, toppings, juice and coffee. Fishing gear available. Prizes for largest and smallest fish and best dressed fisherman (or woman). *June 15, 8 - 11 am; \$3 pp by June 8; \$5 after.*

Why should you RSVP?

Events and activities involve a variety of costs and preparation, from food to decorations and supplies. If only 3 residents RSVP to an event, but 46 show up, we run the likely risk that there will not be enough food or supplies for everyone. Vendors often will not come out to Anthem unless we meet a minimum number of guests. Without RSVP's, we may have to cancel events. Please be courteous and RSVP.

Why I love living at Sun City Anthem...

...People are so friendly. The fitness center is beautiful and fit for anyone's needs. So much to do but can't join them all at once. Just a wonderful place to live in Arizona!

~ Patricia M. Bishop ~

Resident Mixer

Bring your own wine and a light snack as you mingle with neighbors and friends. *June 20; 5 - 7 pm; FREE; Ballroom/patio.*

BINGO Night

June 21; 6 - 8 pm; \$5; Parkside Community Ctr.

Trip to Parsons Spring - Cottonwood

June 21; 7 am; Call 723-6626 for info.

Team Anthem Program Launch

Come find out how you can assist in a new community-building program. Program participants receive a free t-shirt and earn incentives. *June 24; 6:30 pm; FREE; Ballroom.*

Community Portal Training

Open to all Anthem residents. Find out how to use www.ouranthemmr.net to stay connected! *June 26; 6 - 7 pm; FREE; Computer lab.*

Lifestyle Update

Join us to find out what events and activities are coming your way for July. The lifestyle director will be on hand to answer questions and take suggestions. *June 27; 10:30 am; FREE; Conference room.*

Resident Potluck - International Delight

Bring your favorite international inspired dish. Plates and service ware provided. Bring own serving utensils. *June 27; 6 - 8 pm; FREE; Sign up; Ballroom.*

After Hours Dive In Movie - RV

Join us at the pool for a dive in movie after hours. Cost includes popcorn, soda and candy. *June 30; 8 - 10 pm; \$3; Outdoor pool.*



A Message from Your Community Manager

As I toured the community recently, I couldn't help but notice several residents have fallen victim to the winds of the region and others have taken extreme measures to prevent losing any of the trees in their yard. Proper pruning and staking can help prevent the loss of a tree.

The goal of staking is to train a tree to be on its own and to keep it from moving. If staked properly, the main stem of a tree will be able to move slightly in the wind. This allows the roots to spread and anchor the tree. When a tree is staked too rigidly, it sends a message to the roots that they don't need to anchor to hold up the tree and a weak root system can't support a growing canopy. So how do you stake properly? Check your trees to see they are staked firmly enough with two stakes to prevent them from falling, but loosely enough to allow the entire stem to move slightly, not just the portion above the tie. Monitor the system and adjust when needed. Thin the crown periodically to reduce the strain on the tree stakes. This will prevent having the tree outgrow the stakes which will eventually cause them to break.

For more information on proper tree pruning and staking, check out the community portal landscape group sponsored by DLC.

Jody Cote
Community Manager