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Val at 480-535-1484
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Youngtown Business Spotlight

Each month the Town of Youngtown will be featuring some of our local businesses who make up the many wonderful, long-standing businesses that service our residents and the surrounding communities in the Northwest Valley!
Please meet some of our hidden treasures right here in Youngtown!



Italia Café & Bistro

Italia Café & Bistro is a family run business and owned by Bachir Chougui. We specialize in Italian American food, with some Greek dishes.

Our menu consists of pizza, pasta entrees, salads and soups, subs, Panini sandwiches, meatballs subs, Goodfellas’ burgers, Nathan’s hot dogs, and Gyros sandwiches.

We have tasty desserts available in lemon, blueberry, mascarpone cake, baklava, New York cheesecake, and Thrifty ice cream. Italia Café & Bistro is located at 11127 W. Arizona



Avenue, or give us a call at 623-234-4552.

Welcome to our home where you can

find food made fresh daily!

Youngtown Contact Information 12030 N. Clubhouse Square Youngtown, AZ 85363

Mayor and Council: 623-933-8286
Town Administration: 623-933-8286
Building Inspector: 623-933-8286
Ext. 117
Code Enforcement: 623-933-8286
Ext. 134
Library: 623-974-3401
Municipal Court: 623-972-8226
Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office
Non-emergency: 602-876-1011
Emergency: 9-1-1

Town Administrative Office hours
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Website: www.youngtownaz.org





Comment from the Mayor... Your Safety: the Prime-Directive



By **HONORABLE MICHAEL LeVAULT**
MAYOR, TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN

Over the years, I’ve learned that the most important function I can perform, as your Mayor, is to constantly look for ways to make Youngtown a safer community. Part and parcel of that is configuring the community in ways which allow first responder vehicles like fire trucks, ambulances and law enforcement vehicles to get into and out of neighborhoods as quickly as possible. Parking violations like parking too close to fire hydrants and intersections or in other no parking zones can lengthen fire and police

response times and threaten first responders’ ability to respond to emergencies in a timely manner. As part of the process of developing a Code Compliance Strategic Plan for dealing with parking violations, the Town Council created a Parking Committee, chaired by me, to study the most egregious parking violations. This committee has presented a series of recommendations to the Town Council and a timeline for their implementation. These recommendations will be implemented in phases with the first

phase focusing on Agua Fria Ranch and the enforcement of laws that already exist in Town Code and/or State Statute. For example, residents are prohibited from parking in fire lanes or other areas designated no-parking by the Town Code. See Town Code §§ 10.16.040, .050, and .055. Residents are prohibited by state law from parking within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant See A.R.S. § 28-873(A)(4). Residents are prohibited from parking within thirty feet on the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the

side of a roadway. See A.R.S. § 28-873(A)(7). The Town Council has directed staff to begin enforcing these regulations. We will soon begin painting curbs in front of hydrants and on the approach to stop signs to help raise awareness. However, painted or not, you may be subject to immediate citation for violating the law. The Town wants to assure you that your concerns are important. Working together, we can make Youngtown a safer and better community. The Town shares this goal with the Agua Fria Ranch Home Owners’ Association (HOA). Although the Town does not enforce

the HOA’s Conditions, Covenants and Regulations (CC&Rs), we will be working, in cooperation with the HOA, to assure maximum safety on our streets. As part of this process, we will be hosting several public meetings, in the near future, where you can ask questions and express your concerns. Youngtown Town Code can be read at our website: youngtownaz.org (Our Services; Town Clerk; Town Code) Agua Fria Ranch CC & Rs can be read at: aguafriaranchhoa.com (Governing Documents; CC & Rs)



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Margaret
Chittenden**



**Councilmember
Judy Johnson**



**Councilmember
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**Councilmember
Susan Hout**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Youngtown Arts Commission Arts & Craft Show
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. March 4
Greer Park

Citizens’ Dog Park of Youngtown Meeting
9:30 a.m. March 18
United Methodist Church

Youngtown Community Garden Meeting
7 – 9 p.m. March 7
Youngtown Council Chambers

Youngtown Citizens’ Academy – Town Clerk/Library/Finance
6:30 p.m. March 27
Youngtown Council Chambers

Youngtown Citizens’ Academy – Code Enforcement/MCSO
6:30 p.m. March 14
Youngtown Council Chambers

Council Meeting
7 p.m. April 6
Youngtown Council Chambers

Council Meeting
7 p.m. March 16
Youngtown Council Chambers

Council Meeting
7 p.m. April 20
Youngtown Council Chambers



TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS REGULAR MEETINGS

DATE: February 16, 2017
TIME: 7 p.m.
PLACE: Town Council Chambers,
12033 N. Clubhouse Square

Meeting Minutes.
B. Approval of Resolution 17-01 amending the Policy and Administrative Guidelines Manual Policy Number 600 Attendance and Leave regarding a) Town Hall winter closure and b) sick leave updates to comply with the Fair Wages and Healthy Family Initiative.

A. Approval of the February 2, 2017 Regular Council

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Mighty Moo Ice Cream... We are a small local gourmet ice cream company that is located at 11122 W. Alabama Avenue Suite G-3 in Youngtown, AZ. It is not your ordinary ice cream! Our ice cream is hand crafted with love every day. It simply is the best. Or so Yelp reviewers and Buzzfeed thought. Mighty Moo Ice Cream was recognized this year by Buzzfeed as being the best ice cream shop in Arizona. (https://www.buzzfeed.com/anniedaly/i-scream-you-scream-we-cream?utm_term=.wu0K8BKBZK#.hmMOgmOmoO)

What makes us the best? We put quality first. We care about what we are making, that is why our ice cream is made with pure and simple ingredients ... milk, cream, and pure cane sugar.

Our story....
In 2004, Colleen had

an idea of starting a soft serve ice cream truck as a way to finance her dream of being a toy designer. Her husband, former Phoenix Police Officer Eric White, went out and bought a stepman van with the hopes of transforming the truck for his wife. Unfortunately the day after Eric completed work on the ice cream truck, he was killed in the line of duty. Crushed by this heartbreaking tragedy, his wife, Colleen, shelved the idea and let the truck sit doormat, turning her focus to raising their two kids. Many years later, the gears of inspiration began churning again. Their kids had since grown into self-reliant teenagers, allowing Colleen time to restart Mighty Moo Ice Cream as a living tribute to the legacy of her loving supportive husband.

In 2014, Colleen had a



Walnut, Peanut Butter Explosion, Fat Elvis, or Red Hot Banana, to name a few, might sell out but we will always have some similar to replace it with. Stop on by any time Tuesday through Saturday from Noon – 9 p.m. (closed Sundays and Mondays) and sample a few. I promise you won't regret it.



brand new gourmet food trailer built to launch the ice cream business. After much research, she decided she could use her creativity to make her own flavors

of ice cream. Turns out that people loved the homemade, small batch stuff. Colleen's success on the road led her to quickly open a brick-and-mortar shop. Her shop

is now open Tuesday through Saturday Noon – 9 p.m. Stop by the shop and the smell of freshly made waffles cones fills the air. The shop doles out all kinds of things from cups, cones, floats, milkshakes, banana splits, custom sundaes, warm brownies, café style coffees and much more amid comfortable booths and armchairs. At any given time the shop has over 30 different delicious flavors of ice cream available. You are bound to find one that you too will fall in love with. Some of our more popular flavors such as Salted Caramel Butter Pecan, Almond Joy, Vermont Maple

Just in case you were wondering, Colleen has not retired the Mighty Moo Ice Cream truck. The truck continues to bring joy and refresh kids and adults of all ages throughout the Valley. You might find the truck at corporate events, food truck gatherings, weddings, funerals, carnivals, festivals, school functions, private parties, concerts, as well as sporting events. You can check out more about Mighty Moo Ice Cream at www.MightyMooicecream.com or read our reviews on Yelp or check us out on Facebook or other social media outlets.





NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

To submit your article, e-mail it to:
jamieboyett@cox.net
The right to accept or reject material rests with the publication editor

Youngtown Public Library News...



Author Visit:

On April 21st at 10:00 a.m., local celebrity and author, Jana Bommersbach, will be giving a presentation on “Outrageous Arizona” in the Youngtown Clubhouse. Following the author visit, we will have our annual Ice Cream Social. Look for more information in the Library, or in next month’s issue of the Youngtown Village Reporter.

Book Club:

Come join the Book Club every third Friday of the month. The next meeting is Friday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m. This month we will be discussing “Fallen Hopes, Taken Dreams” by J. M. Barlog.

Craft Club:

The Craft Club meets every Monday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Youngtown Clubhouse. Once

a month, we meet for dinner prior to crafting, and last month we met at Mercer’s Restaurant in Sun City. Bring any craft or hobby and join the fun. For more information, contact Betty Trollen, (623) 974-9130.

Story Time:

Come join us every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for Story Time. This month’s themes will be Dr. Seuss’ birthday, Spring Time and St. Patrick’s Day.

Library Services:

- The Youngtown Public Library offers many services, including:
- FREE Wi-Fi
 - Six Public Computers
 - All the latest videos! They can be checked out for FREE for one week
 - FREE Resume Assistance
 - FREE Tax Forms
 - FREE Chilton Auto Repair Manuals
 - FREE Legal Forms
 - FREE Career Information
 - FREE Genealogy/Ancestry resources

- FREE National Geographic
- FREE World Book Encyclopedia
- FREE Music – 5 downloads per week from Freegal
- GED Study Guide Reference Book
- Copies \$.15 each

The Library also offers a large selection of books, including large print, DVDs, VHS, magazines and newspapers.

Library Hours:

Regular Library hours are Monday – Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location:

Both the Library and Museum are located in Clubhouse Square, between Alabama and Youngtown Avenues, just west of 112th Avenue.

For additional information about the Library, Museum, or history of Youngtown, check us out on the Youngtown website, www.youngtownaz.org, under “Our Services,” or call 623-974-3401.

Youngtown Library Activities Valentine’s Day Story Time



Mia



Everyone enjoyed a Valentine’s cookie to celebrate during February’s Story Time.



Destiny

Friends of the Youngtown Library

The Friends of the Youngtown Public Library have two major sources of income that help finance library programs and supplies; our monthly sales and our membership dues.

Membership is \$10.00 per year per member. Meetings are the third Friday of every other month. Our next meeting is Friday, March 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the Youngtown Clubhouse.

Thank you for your continued support.





In the Works...



MARTY MOSBRUCKER
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

Spring is in full bloom! Get out and enjoy the weather if you are able, because before too long, the summer heat will arrive.

One thing that we can most definitely count on in the Sonoran Desert is the summer heat. Think it

will be a hot summer? Most definitely!

The Public Works Department is currently working on the following projects:

- Town Campus fire alarm install and monitoring services; this project will improve the safety of the Town facilities.
- Curb safety painting project; this project will improve resident safety for responding emergency vehicles. Fire hydrants, stop sign safety zones and mailbox clusters will be clearly marked at curb locations.
- Parking lot Town campus reconfiguration; this

- project will revise the traffic flow in the parking lot, creating a safer area for pedestrians and vehicles.
- Revising the Storm Water Management Plan; the revision is necessary per a state permit with new requirements.
 - Installing a new rubber playground at Uribe Park; the playground area will have new rubberized material installed.
 - Contract negotiations; discussions with contractors regarding present Town service contracts to ensure the best value for the Town.
 - Planning the

- late spring street resurfacing program; the program will include crack seal and restripe of the streets and alleys from Grand Avenue proceeding south to Alabama Avenue, Peoria Avenue from 111th Avenue proceeding west to Nofs Drive will receive crack seal, seal coat and restripe. The Agua Fria section of Town will be crack sealed and restriped.
- Developing the new fiscal year budget; gathering quotes to insert into the new fiscal year budget.
 - Initiated by Community Development, the Town will add 99 new street lights to

the Town. Of these 99 lights, 71 will be new and 28 will be retrofits to the current street lights. More to follow concerning the street light locations and construction schedule in later issues.

Community Spirit - Getting Involved in Youngtown!

Community meetings are a great way to get involved in your community. Youngtown normally has two monthly council meetings. Here, members of the council discuss challenges that the community is facing, as well as solutions. Attend these to see what your community's

concerns are and what others think about how to improve your community.

The meetings are usually held twice per month and the dates are posted on the community bulletin boards located at the parks and on the Town facilities and on the Town web site.

Being involved in your community makes you a more responsible citizen. You are taking an active role in helping to shape your community. Being more involved can also give you a voice in your community.

Keep smiling and we will see you around Town!



West Valley Genealogical Society...
2017 New Board Officers:

The West Valley Genealogical Society announces the installation of its 2017 Board officers:

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| President: | Irma Hardin |
| 1st Vice President: | Pam LaFond |
| 2nd Vice President: | Adrienne Haupt |
| Director of Education: | Connie Sheets |
| Director of Membership: | Tina Hancox |
| Director of Fundraising: | Rosalyn Matthews |
| Director of Technology: | John Staggs |
| Treasurer: | Betty DeRentis |
| Recording Secretary: | Carolyn Grace |
| Library Administrator: | Karen Zeppenfeld |

The all-volunteer Society operates the largest genealogy library in the state and offers outstanding opportunities to family history researchers. Please visit our website at www.azwvgs.org or call us at 623-933-4945 to schedule a free tour.

To register for a class, upcoming event, or to learn more about the Society, visit www.azwvgs.org, or call 623-933-4945.



MONTHLY FARMERS MARKET

The Community Outreach Arm of RCCG Jubilee Parish, in collaboration with Produce on Wheels – With Out Waste (POWWOW), presents a monthly ‘Farmers Market’ experience.

For just \$10, members of the community can get up to 60 pounds of fresh produce every second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Farmers Market will be held in the Jubilee Plaza parking lot at 11122 W. Alabama Avenue, Youngtown. All members of the community are welcome.



Citizens’ Dog Park of Youngtown Update...

News You Can Use: Canine Happenings at the Dog Park!

NW corner of 113th and Alabama Avenues
Open: Monday through Sunday
6 a.m. to 10 p.m.



“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.”
-----Anatole France

If you haven’t been to the Citizens’ Dog Park of Youngtown, you are missing out on some fun and fellowship.

Most dog owners are gracious enough to pick up after their dogs, but some are leaving their treasures behind. Let us work together to keep the Park clean and provide a safe environment for others.

During the next few months, you and your four-legged friends will continue to see improvements to the Park. This is why we need you to attend our meetings and give us your ideas, comments and suggestions.

Please continue to donate at the following businesses that are assisting the committee in purchasing much needed amenities for the Park: Koppy’s Body Shop, Town Tobacco, and the Youngtown Library. Donations may be brought into the Youngtown Town Hall at 12030 N. Clubhouse Square – Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Checks must



Rocky taking a rest after running around at the Youngtown Dog Park.
Rocky’s belong to Town of Youngtown staff Nicole Smart

be written out to the Town of Youngtown with the memo section filled out for Citizens’ Dog Park. be March 18th and April 15th, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church at the corner of Alabama and 113th Avenues. For further information, please contact Margaret Chittenden at 623-974-9756.

The next two Dog Park Committee meetings will

DOGGIE TIDBITS

“WHAT NOSE AROUND COMES AROUND”

A larger portion of a dog’s brain is dedicated to scent discrimination than is a human’s. That means that dogs can tell whether a human is nervous and fearful or relaxed just by his odor. They also have a keen memory for odors, and once a dog has met someone, especially if that person had an impact on him in any way, he will remember their scent forever.

Youngtown Community Fund News...



YOUR LOCAL MEDICAL LENDING CENTER

Volunteers Serving You

623-977-4661



If your doctor says you need a knee or hip replacement and you need a walker, shower chair, reacher, sock assist, and a toilet riser, what would you do? Would you go to the store and buy all of these items? Would you ask your insurance company to purchase them for you? Or, would you come to us and borrow them?

If you are only going to need the items for a short time, I hope you would come and borrow them. It would save you money and you could return the items for someone else to use. You usually only need them for a few weeks or less. Now they sit in the garage gathering dust.

If the insurance company did

purchase them, you just contributed to their justification to raise rates and none of us need an increase. If you did purchase durable medical equipment that you no longer need, please consider donating it to us when you are finished with it.

Many folks prefer to borrow and return and donate money so we will be there for the next client. Way too many folks have no choice but to borrow. They can’t afford to buy and if insurance is willing to provide, the co-pay or deductible may be prohibitively high.

Of course, there are many other reasons people need equipment for temporary use. We want to be here for all of those needs. We love

helping.

This month is fund drive month. If you don’t get a letter asking for help in continuing this service, please consider this your request for help. If we all work together helping one another, even a small contribution can make a difference.

We are a 501C-3 non-profit organization and contributions are tax deductible up to your donation limit. Also, we are a Certified Non-Profit for the Arizona state tax rebate program. Up to \$400 per person or \$800 per couple can be donated and then claimed as a rebate on the state income tax form.

We are still participating on the Fry’s Community Rewards

program. At no cost to you, a donation is made to us if you sign up for the program and name us as your charity. It works through your Fry’s card and does not take away from your gas reward. Do you buy from Amazon? Please buy through smile.amazon.com and chose the Youngtown Community Fund as your charity.

We are located at 11215 West Nevada Ave Suite A, Youngtown AZ 85363. Our hours are: Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. – Noon or you can contact us at 623-977-4661. We serve El Mirage, Surprise, Youngtown and Peoria.

We welcome visitors to stop by and see what all we have to offer.





Code Enforcement Update...

Spring is high weed season for Code Enforcement

Spring is here, which means the Town’s Code Enforcement Officers are out in full force to address seasonal violations.

The Code Enforcement Division has opened numerous cases in the past couple of weeks for high grass and weeds. This is typical for this time of the year and you’ll see that increase rapidly if we get any rain. The Town of Youngtown considers any grass over six inches or any weeds to be within violation according to Chapter 8 of the Code.

In addition to getting the noxious weeds and grass issues dealt with, Code Enforcement is responsible for investigating who is responsible for the vacant property in hopes of obtaining voluntary compliance. If voluntary compliance is not obtained the town could ultimately issue criminal citations and/or have the property abated and a lien assessment applied.



the town, it also contributes greatly to the health and safety of you and your neighbors. This can cut down on the problems for allergy sufferers too.

Thank you for taking pride in the town you live in. Please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 623-933-8286 if you are aware of a vacant home in your neighborhood or have any concerns regarding code.

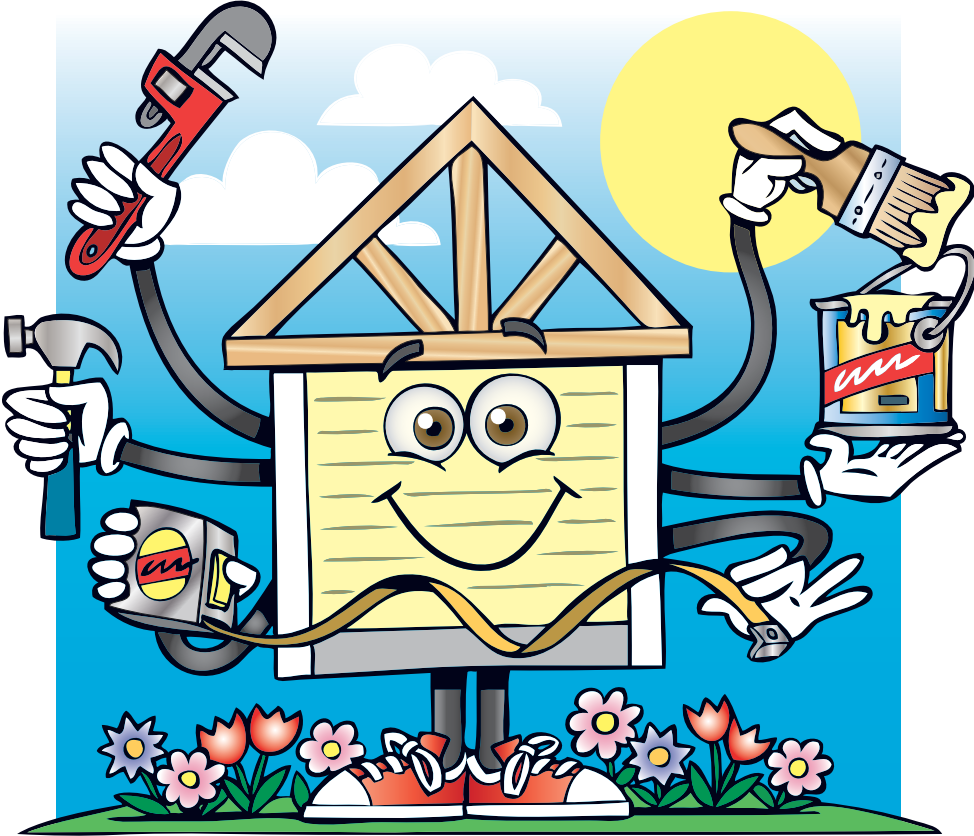
FOCUS PROGRAM CONTINUES

Please continue to correct possible violations on your property. Code Enforcement is actively leaving educational information and will issue notices where violations exist.



Although most violations are addressed without issuing a citation here in Youngtown, some cases call for a fine to be issued.

There are many reasons for controlling the height of grass and having weeds removed. It preserves the value of the home and beautifies



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

AARP Board
MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
OFF: May, June, July
Larry Wise – 623-249-3253



CRAFT CORNER
Meet: every Monday
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Betty Trolen – 623-974-9130

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
MEET: 3rd Friday of every other month
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
OFF: July
Patrice Druehl – 623-974-9816

OPEN PAINTING- ALL MEDIUMS WELCOME
MEET: every Monday
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Beverly Meers – 972-5145

YOUNGTOWN ART COMMISSION
MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
OFF: June, July and August
Val Wilson – 623-810-3137



AARP CHAPTER 1
MEET: 1st Friday of the month
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
OFF: June, July, August
Larry Wise – 623-249-3253



AGUA FRIA RANCH HOA
MEET: 2nd Wednesday of the month
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
OFF: August
Ogden & Company/Jackie Monty 623-628-4708

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB
MEET: 3rd Friday of the month
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Meets in the Youngtown Library
Heidi Speed – 623-974-3401



WOOD CARVERS CLUB
MEET: every Tuesday
8:00 a.m. - Noon
Terry Damato – 623-933-2426



YOUNGTOWN COMMUNITY FUND
MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
OFF: June, July, August
Madelon Jeffreys – 623-977-4661

YOUNGTOWN RV CLUB
MEET: 2nd Friday of the month
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
OFF: June, July, August, and September
Karen Duncan Haney – 623-297-6202

YOUNGTOWN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
MEET: every Wednesday
10:30 a.m. - Noon
OFF: June, July, August
Madelon Jeffreys – 623-583-8047





THE \$84,000 SLAM DUNK!



MARCH 3 – 30

Play our game and embrace the \$84,000 madness!

- You could be one of 128 winners who score up to \$1,500!
- Take your best shot every Monday and Thursday from 4PM – 7PM.
- Plus, on March 16 and 30, one lucky player will win **\$1,500 cash AND 2 VIP passes to the College Hoops Tournament!** VIP passes include a backstage party with College Hoops legends! The runner-up will take home \$750 cash.

Shoot for more prizes all month long!

Where jackpots hit close to home.



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See the Rewards Center for details. Must be 21. Desert Diamond West Valley Casino Rewards Card necessary to participate. Management has the right to alter/cancel without notice. Please play responsibly. An Enterprise of the Tohono O'odham Nation.