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Comment from the Mayor... Youngtown: Becoming a Great Community

By HONORABLE MICHAEL LeVAULT
MAYOR
TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN

A community can be broadly defined as a group of people with common interests living in a particular area. So, by rote, any town or city, fits the definition of a community. But when you ask what makes a *great* community, the shoe becomes harder to fit, the definition more elusive.

Is a great community defined by good infrastructure? Do nicely paved, well-lit streets make a great community? How about an abundance of parks or lots of nice wide sidewalks? These things are important, to be sure, but they do not, in and of themselves, make a great community.

The essence of a great community is something more ethereal: an essential something that's harder to put your finger on. To make the search for a definition of a great community even more difficult, it does not always mean the same thing to all people. In other words, your definition of a great community may be different than mine or your neighbor's definition.

To me, a great community is a place where residents take pride in their community; they care about how it looks and feels. They look for ways to make their community safer and more secure. They constantly look for ways to put the best face on their community. They do important things, big and small, to improve it. Things like getting involved in their government or picking up a piece of trash while out walking their dog. In a great community, the people help each other and treat one another with courtesy and dignity. They watch out for one another and take pride in being there.

Does Youngtown meet **my** definition of a great community? The potential is definitely there. Youngtown is a small, relatively safe town with some pretty darn good infrastructure and lots of good people. But the spark or catalyst which ignites the fire that transforms a good community into a great one is something government can't provide; it has to come from the people themselves.

So, I ask you to join me in looking for ways we can work together to transform Youngtown from the good place it already is into a really *great* community...

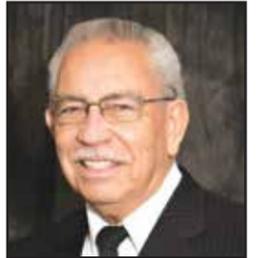
Michael LeVault
Mayor, Youngtown



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Michael LeVault



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Jack Duran



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Margaret
Chittenden



Councilmember
Judy Johnson



Councilmember
June Miller



Councilmember
Susan Hout

Art in the Park

The Annual Youngtown Art in the Park will be held on March 3rd from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. We will have artistic vendors, food, cars, and more. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact us at youngtownaz.public.art@gmail.com or pick up an application at town hall offices. On March 3rd, we will also be holding the Art in The Park MusicFest at Greer Park from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Laydee Jai and the "No Drama" will be performing along with Ballet Folklorico de Tolleson. Come join us for music, food, antique care and fun in Greer Park. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Citizens' Academy - Orientation
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 13
Youngtown Council Chambers

Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown Meeting
9 a.m. Feb. 17
United Methodist Church

Citizens' Academy - Local/Youth Government
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 26
Youngtown Council Chambers

Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown Meeting
9 a.m. March 17
United Methodist Church

TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS MEETINGS



DATE: February 1, 2018

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Town Council Chambers,
12033 N. Clubhouse Square

A. Approval of a Proclamation declaring February as Career and Technical Education Month.

B. Approval of Ordinance 18-01 relative to amending the Town Code by declaring the document entitled "Dog Park Code Amendments, February 1, 2018" as public record; adopting the "Dog Park Code Amendments, February 1, 2018" by reference; amending the Town Code Title 6 Animals by adding a new section 6.04.060, Dog Parks related to adopting regulations for Dog Parks.

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Youngtown Starts First Phase of Sidewalk Improvement Program

The first phase of the “Sidewalk Improvement Program” shall include over 40,000 linear feet of new four-foot-wide sidewalks and ADA crosswalks between the area (see map) bounded by W. Peoria Avenue to the south, N. 111th Avenue to the east, N. 114th Avenue to the west and W. Connecticut Avenue to the north. The

first phase will also include the loop around Maricopa Lake.

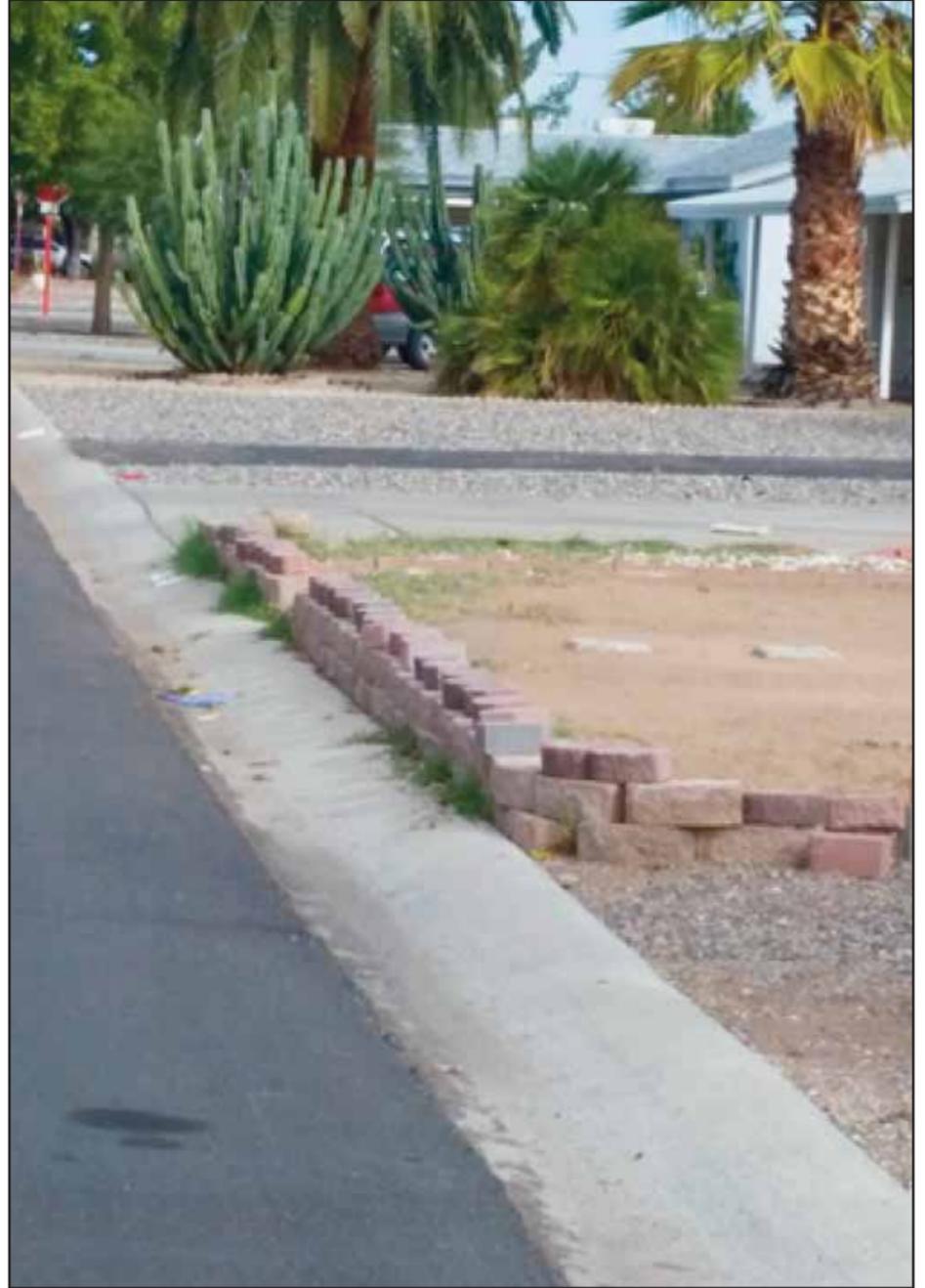
Sidewalks separated from the roadway are the preferred accommodation for pedestrians. Sidewalks provide many benefits including safety, mobility, and healthier communities. The installation of sidewalks in our

community will improve mobility for the residents in the Town and those passing through for shopping and other destinations.

The outcome from the installation of the sidewalks will be felt immediately by creating safety and mobility for our residents, thereby providing

greater access to the citizens to traverse throughout our community.

Construction is scheduled to start in the spring. For more information please contact the Community Development Manager, Gregory Arrington at 623-933-8286, or at garrington@youngtownaz.org.



Calling for Applications for Outside Agency Appropriations Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Deadline for Filing: May 21, 2018

The Town of Youngtown is seeking applications for agencies/organizations that are requesting special appropriations from the Town for services provided that impact the greater Youngtown community.

This application may be requested from the Town and completed applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018 to:

Youngtown Town Hall
 Attention: Jeanne Blackman
 12030 North Clubhouse Square
 Youngtown, Arizona 85363

The decision to fund all or part of a requested appropriation will be made by the Town Council, based on information provided in this application and other

information deemed relevant by the Town Council. Appropriation will only be considered for those agencies/organizations whose intended use of the funds can reasonably be expected to provide a benefit to the Town and value to the community sufficient to justify the expenditure.

Examples of criteria that may be considered by the Council in determining a project or an organization’s value to the community are:

- Benefits to be provided to the community;
- Community needs;
- Duplication of existing services;
- Geographic service area;
- Methods of documenting the benefits to be provided to the community;

- Clarity of the project’s stated goals and objectives;
- Longevity and reputation of the organization’s service in the community;
- Documentation providing information on past benefits provided to the community;
- Follow-up documentation provided for previous appropriations; and
- Ability to obtain funding from other sources.

All applications will be reviewed by staff for approval as to form and forward to the Town Council for funding consideration. Applicants will be notified when a review date has been set. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Blackman at 623-933-8286.



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...

We will be CLOSED February 19th, in observance of President's Day.

Other February Observations:

- February 2: Groundhog Day
- February 4: Super Bowl Sunday
- February 9: National Pizza Day
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 20: Love Your Pet Day

Book Club:

Come join the Book Club every third Friday of the month. The next meeting is Friday, February 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. We will discuss the novel, "Whispers", by Belva Plain.

Craft Club:

The Craft Corner meets every Monday night from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Youngtown Clubhouse. Bring any craft or hobby and join the fun. For more information contact Betty Trolen, (623) 974-9130.

Storytime:

Storytime will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. All ages are welcome!

Library Services:

The Youngtown Public Library is your information resource! We offer:

- 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, DVD's, VHS tapes, 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

Library workers recognized



Friends of the Youngtown Library

BOGO

A new month is upon us and a new book sale is taking place in the library. Buy one "next to new" book and get a slightly used book FREE. We have lots of great authors and selections to choose from.

We are currently raffling a Trolls Blanket and DVD in the library. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The proceeds are used to purchase items that are not covered in the library budget.

We are seeking new members to join our club. We meet every other month (January, March, May, September and November) on the 3rd Friday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Youngtown Clubhouse. Membership is just \$10 per year so come join and help support the library.



Christmas Party for Library Staff, Volunteers, and Friends of the Library



Library volunteers with more than 10 years of service being honored at Town Council meeting: L-R Mayor Levault, Arlene Rajcevich, Charlotte Johnson, Patrice Druehl, Beverly Meers, Terry Martinez, Kitty Spindler, Jim Schuh (accepting for Arlene Schuh), and Heidi Speed.



Town of Youngtown Citizens' Academy

The **Youngtown Citizens' Academy** is a program designed to educate residents and infuse an interest in local issues, present information about important questions facing the Town, provide an avenue for residents to help plan the community's future, and develop a pool of informed residents who would be willing to serve as local leaders on boards, commissions and among their neighbors.

In addition to guest speakers, sessions feature group discussions, activities and other topic-related exercises. Participants who complete the seminar series, including attending at least seven of the nine sessions, one Town Council meeting, one Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, are recognized by the Town Council upon graduation.

The **2018 Academy will begin in February**. Anyone who lives or works in the Youngtown area is welcome to attend. Most Town committees require residency in the Town limits in order to qualify for appointment. However, there are always opportunities to be engaged. Anyone interested in attending the Citizens' Academy may register with Nicole Smart at 623-933-8286, or nsmart@youngtownaz.org

The nine sessions will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday and fourth Monday of each month at the Youngtown Town Council Chambers.

February 13	Orientation
February 26	Local Government/Youth Government
March 13	Community Development/Public Works/Town Engineer
March 26	Courts/Prosecutor
April 10	Code Enforcement/MCSO
April 23	Town Clerk/Library/Finance
May 8	APS/EPCOR/Parks & Sons
May 29	Sun City Fire and Medical District
June 12	Leadership/Graduation

[THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACADEMY.](#)



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Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown Update...

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



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

-Anatole France

Winter is almost over. February is health month and good time to get out and moving with your 4-legged furry friends. It is a great way to get healthy. Enjoy the park mornings and evenings. Hope all are enjoying the new light and the two new tables.

The Youngtown Dog Park Board will be working hard to continue to add amenities, hopefully with input from those who use the park, for their four-legged friends. The Board meetings are always open to the public and we would love to hear your ideas and suggestions for events, fundraisers and dog park projects. We need more dog lovers to join us. We are grateful for all of the donations we have received. You may continue to drop off your donations at the following locations: Kopyy’s Body Shop, Town Tobacco, and the Youngtown Library.

We need you to participate at the next Youngtown Dog Park Committee meetings which will be held February 17th and March 17th at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you there.

Once again, just a friendly reminder to make sure your pet is wearing a collar and identification tag that is up-to-date and visible at all times. Be sure to identify a neighbor or friend who could help you and your pets in case of an emergency.



Henry the 8th is an 8-week-old boxer. Sun City Resident visiting the Youngtown dog Park for the first time.



“Smudge” new resident at LifeStream
“I’ve been out walking and getting used to my new surroundings.”

DOGGIE TIDBITS
“WHAT NOSE AROUND COMES AROUND”

Children and dogs are as necessary to the welfare of the country as Wall Street and the railroads.

– Harry S. Truman

Citizens Dog Park of Youngtown
Hours of Operation
6 AM -- 10 PM
NW Corner of Alabama & 113th Aves
For Information & Donations
623-974-9756



Rules of the Dog Park are hung for easy reading.

Please pick up after your pets, other dog owners are having to pick up after yours. If you brush your dog in the park, please pick up the fur.

The dog park is a great place for your furry friends to get some exercise and for you to meet some new friends. We hope to see you there!

Youngtown Community Fund News



We lend durable medical equipment to residents of El Mirage, Peoria, Surprise and Youngtown
Youngtown Community Fund Inc.
11215A W. Nevada Ave.. Youngtown AZ 85363
Phone: 623-977-4661

The Youngtown Community Fund Inc. serves Youngtown, El Mirage, Surprise and Peoria by loaning durable medical equipment, such as walkers, knee scooters, wheelchairs and more, for short term use. Hosting out of town company? You can borrow equipment for their visit whether it is a wheelchair, shower chair or even a crib, stroller or high chair for a little one. This service is free!

We require a prescription for some of our equipment like three or four-wheel walkers, stationary bikes and the treadmill. We no longer have knee scooters to loan. Providers can fax the prescription to us at 623-224-8806.

NEW ARRIVALS! Extra wide two and four-wheel walkers. The two-wheel walkers are rated to 600 pounds and the four-wheel, 19” wide walkers are up to

400 pounds. Also, we have purchased two new high chairs for your little guests. These were purchased with part of our grant from the West Valley Lutheran Thrift Shop.

Please tell your friends and neighbors we are here for them. It is so sad when we learn of folks who really needed equipment and didn’t know we were here.

Would you have a few hours a month to volunteer and assist folks coming for equipment? If you are interested, please contact us at 623-977-4661. It is very rewarding to see how relieved folks are that we are there to help.

Mark your calendar, as it is almost time for our annual Yard Sale. This is a major fund raiser for the Medical Lending Center-Youngtown Community Fund Inc. It will be held on March 22nd, 23rd, and



Facade improvement grant from the Town of Youngtown completed. Paint, new signs, flowers in front.

24th at 11127 Nevada Avenue, just down the street from our office. Please share gently used items for the sale. They can be brought to the office (11215-A Nevada Avenue) 9 a.m. to Noon Monday through Saturday.

Have you signed up for the Fry’s Community Rewards program? Please go on-line to your Fry’s account and choose the Youngtown Community Fund Inc. as

the non-profit you would like to support. Our number is 36688. We receive about \$100.00 per quarter for this project. A no cost way to support the program.

Stop by and check out the Youngtown Community Fund, Inc. at 11215-A West Nevada Avenue Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to Noon, or you can contact us at 623-977-4661.

Check out our web page: www.



YOUR LOCAL MEDICAL LENDING CENTER
Volunteers Serving You
623-977-4661





In the Works...



MARTY MOSBRUCKER
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

Revolution and led the Colonists to Freedom as the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. He was a wise and courageous man admired for his honesty and strength of character. He also spoke of his having chopped down a cherry tree and admitting it to his Father, as he could not tell a lie.

neighbors. It is important that you know the people around you and in your community. This makes it much easier to spot someone that doesn't belong and may be there to simply cause problems. If you live next to one of the Town's parks, please be observant for potential vandalism. If you observe someone damaging something in the park, place a phone call to the MCSO office at 602-876-1011. The residents are the eyes and ears of the community. It's your community, don't let someone destroy it.

ment. Users of this bus stop can use the bus stop located 400 feet south at 111th and Wisconsin Avenues.

Ducks:

This month, the US Department of Agriculture will conduct a duck round up at Maricopa Lake. Though many of us enjoy the ducks, the duck population needs to be controlled to be maintained at a healthy level

to help keep the park clean. Not all the ducks may be rounded up and other ducks may return to the lake. We can all do our part to help control over population by not feeding the ducks. Together, we can all do our part to help manage the duck population so we can enjoy this great amenity.

ing preliminary FY 2018/19 budget planning. Our goal is to produce a fiscally responsible budget focusing on providing aesthetically beautiful amenities while encouraging community pride and promoting transparent, effective and efficient government services.

FY 2018/19 Budget:

The Public Works Department is start-

We hope to see you around Town, keep smiling!

President's Day:

The third Monday in February is designated in the United States as Washington's Birthday, more commonly known as Presidents' Day. George Washington, known as "The Father of Our Country", was the first President of the United States of America. He played a major role in the drafting of the Declaration of Independence signed on July 4, 1776, declaring the Colonies to be free and independent states. He fought valiantly in the American

Vandalism:

Vandalism is an "action involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property". The term also includes criminal damage such as graffiti and defacement directed towards any property without permission of the owner. Graffiti is the most common type of property vandalism (35%) according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. How can Youngtown citizens help to stop vandalism?

Get to know your

Bus stop Removal:

The bus stop located on 111th Avenue, south of Grand Avenue will be removed March 1st. The removal is necessary due to the new fire department location. The removal will ensure clear egress for emergency response from the fire depart-

AARP News

AARP's historic Chapter #1 is under new and exciting leadership and we invite all national AARP members to join the local chapter. Meetings are held the 1st Friday of the month September through May. We meet at 5 p.m. beginning with a social time and potluck followed by a short board report. We then have an educational speaker of interest to the members.

Keep an eye out for more information on our annual Shred-A-Thon coming April 7th.

Please come join the fun.



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

AARP Board

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
OFF: May, June, July
Tim Ayers – 623-974-8217



AARP CHAPTER 1

MEET: 1st Friday of the month
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
OFF: June, July, August
Tim Ayers – 623-974-8217



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



CRAFT CORNER

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MEET: every other month on the 3rd Friday
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



WOOD CARVERS CLUB

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



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

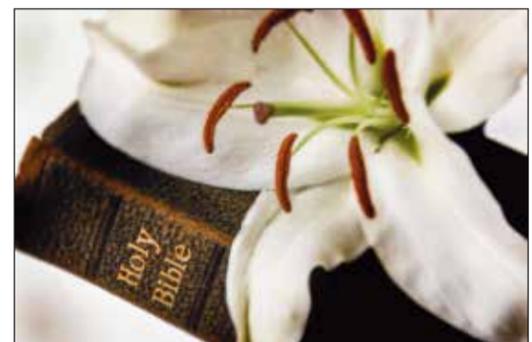


YOUNGTOWN COMMUNITY FUND

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

YOUNGTOWN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MEET: every Wednesday
10:30 a.m. - Noon
OFF: June, July, August
Madelon Jeffreys – 623-583-8047



ALL CLUBS MEET IN THE CLUBHOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.



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FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22 & MARCH 1

WIN UP TO \$25,000

IN THE GRAND FINALE DRAWING AT
7:30PM: MARCH 1

Where jackpots hit close to home.

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.

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