



# KEY LINES

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**Next Board Meeting**  
Dec 17, 2019

## In Remembrance



Those we have lost.



## Here's Why Thanksgiving Is So Late This Year

While you're basting your turkey, prepping your pies, and getting your Thanksgiving menu, it might occur to you that Thanksgiving is a little later than usual this year. And you'd be right! (After all, "What day is Thanksgiving?" is always Googled around this time of year.) As it turns out, there's a reason the holiday is arriving a little on the tardier side—and it's downright historic. In fact, the story dates all the way back to 1939 when Franklin Roosevelt decided to shake up the tradition a bit in the name of capitalism.

Thanksgiving had been celebrated on the last Thursday of the month since the time of Abraham Lincoln. But, according to *TIME*, during 1939, the calendar had been unusual, as the month started on a Wednesday, so there were five Thursdays as opposed to four.

To restore some order, Roosevelt moved the national holiday to the second-to-last Thursday of the month (a change that many were unhappy with). Instead of focusing on the negative, Roosevelt attempted to justify his decision with a pro-shopping response: merchants would now have a holiday further from Christmas to allow for more shopping time. In a way, this birthed the consumer craze known as Black Friday nearly 80 years ago.

The following year (1940), the change stuck as the second-to-last Thursday (Nov. 21) was declared the official Thanksgiving Day. In 1941, he reportedly admitted that the switch was a mistake, but because the calendars were already printed with the third Thursday as Thanksgiving Day it was too late to go back.

As 1941 ended, Roosevelt made the final permanent change, as he signed a bill making Thanksgiving Day fall on the fourth Thursday of November, regardless of if it is the last Thursday of the month or not.

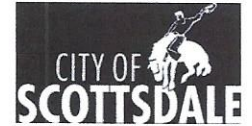
And for 2019, you may be thinking, "When *is* Thanksgiving?" This year, the month of November begins on a Friday, which means the fourth Thursday of the month falls on Nov. 28—it's the first time Thanksgiving has been this late since 2013.

Regardless of if Turkey Day snuck up on you or if you're been counting down the days till you get a taste of your grandma's famous dessert recipe, at least now you have a tidbit of trivia to bust out at your holiday party. Cheers to chowing down on stuffing, mashed potatoes and all your favorite sides with a little more wisdom!

By: Country Living Magazine

Thank you for everyone that helped out with our Fall Social and thank you to all that attended!





### Annual Scottsdale Senior Services Festive Thanksgiving Luncheon

Come enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal, entertainment and fellowship. Granite Reef Senior Center, Friday Nov 22, 10AM to 1PM, 1700 N Granite Reef Rd. Doors open at 10. \$7 event fee will be collected at the door.

### Scottsdazzle Free Canal Concerts

Enjoy live music on Saturday evenings along with Scottsdale's holiday tree, décor and public art installations. Every Saturday 7 – 8:30 PM, December 7 through 21 at Soleri Bridge Plaza, 4420 N. Scottsdale Rd. Dec 7: *The Scottsdale Chorus*, Dec 14: *Phoenix Girls Choir*, Dec 21: *Campanillas del Sol Handbell Ensemble*.

### Thoughts on Travels-

-Karl Warner

#### South Caucasus



Last Spring I visited Iran for two weeks. Since I was already in the Middle East I spent another two weeks exploring the South Caucasus. This region lies just to the south of the Caucasus Mountains with the Caspian Sea on the east and the Black Sea on the West. It is comprised of three very different countries: Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia. Leaving Tehran on a 3:00 a.m. flight put me in Baku, Azerbaijan before dawn. This oil-rich modern city with a long past is the most Westernized in the Caucasus.

The remainder of my trip was by bus, but since the three countries are not aligned politically with one another, at each border crossing we had to leave our bus, carry our luggage over the no-man's land, and board a different bus after customs and immigration formalities and changing currency.

The Caucasus Mountains are higher and more rugged than the Alps, and a highlight for me was spending time in Kasbegi, Georgia, just four miles from the Russian border and surrounded by 15,000 foot peaks.

The visit ended in Yerevan, Armenia. And my flight back to the U.S. through Qatar left at 3:00 a.m.

### Save the date January 25, 2020 Saturday



Some residents are interested in having a community garage sale on January 25, 2020. Each resident would be responsible for hosting their own garage sale.

-More information to follow. Nancy Dallett

**A mailbox has been installed at the Quad office complex just south of Golden Keys. Pick up is 10:30AM Monday through Saturday, it is over by restaurant Pitch.**





## Safety, Reminders & Community Tips of the Month:

-Gina McCracken— ginamm51@cox.net

Here we are again - so near to the Holidays. It is the time of giving, but also a time to beware of some who wish to take advantage of our kind hearts. So, NEVER feel pressured into making purchases, signing contracts or making a donation. It is NEVER rude to tell the person you need to discuss all financial matters with a family member or friend. Happy Thanksgiving!!



## Words of Wisdom

-Janet Stein

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, but lose his soul?"

--Mark 8:36



## Trivia: TURKEY DAY and NFL TRIVIA

Can you name the only NFL team to have never played on Thanksgiving Day?  
The Carolina Panthers – and the snub continues this year as well.

## REMINDER from the Architectural Standards Committee :



An owner wanting to make changes to the exterior of his/her home, including painting, needs to submit an Application for Design Review to the Architectural Standards Committee (ASC) at least 10 days before an ASC meeting. Contact **Jenny Scrivner at 602-920-0837** or e-mail at **GKHOA.jenny.scrivner@gmail.com** for an application form.

The ASC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the clubhouse when there are items on the agenda. Check the bulletin board at the clubhouse the day of the meeting for agenda items. The next ASC meeting is **Dec 10, 2019** with applications due no later than **Nov 30, 2019**.

## Events/Meetings/Social

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Bridge Players         | Mondays 12:30pm clubhouse – Retta Kelly 480-945-3303                                     |
| Men's Poker            | Wednesday, 12:00 PM Clubhouse  |
| Mahjong                | Fridays, 1:30pm Clubhouse Mary Ellen Svoboda 480-495-6638                                |
| Poker                  | Wednesday @ clubhouse Daryl Alseike 480-949-8220   |
| Book Club              | Monthly Retta Kelly 480-945-3303 and Mary Ellen Svoboda 480-945-6638                     |
| Bunco                  | Nov 26, 2019, 2019 Clubhouse 6:00pm Gerri Clontz 928-358-8221 (4th Tuesday of the month) |
| Men's Lunch/Happy Hour | Nov 26 2019- Bob Will 480-946-4889 or Dan Svoboda 480-946-5055 (last Tues in month)      |
| Creative Crafters      | Dec 3, 2019- Nancy Dallett 480-990-3681 (off July-Aug-Sept)                              |
| Arch Stds. Committee   | Nov 12 2019; 7:00 PM Clubhouse (2nd Tuesday of the Month)                                |
| Ladies Who Lunch       | Dec 13, 2019 Retta Kelly and Allison Weiss   |
| HOA Board Meeting      | Dec 17, 2019 3rd Tuesday of each month (not July & August)                               |





**Recipe of the Month:**

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Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! This recipe is the perfect light meal to use with Thanksgiving leftovers!

*Everybody loves something, even if it's only tortillas.*

*-Pema Chodron*

**Thanksgiving Wrap**

- 1 tsp mayonnaise                      1 Tablespoon gravy
- 4 ounces leftover turkey            1 Tablespoon cranberry sauce
- 2 Tablespoons stuffing              1 wrap of choice

Lay wrap flat and cover the whole surface with mayonnaise. Top with turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce. Pour gravy on top and roll to close. Place wrap on a hot grill and heat for one minute to seal the ends. Enjoy!

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Sinadinos, James         | 12/1  |
| Martin, Andrew T         | 12/2  |
| Schweitzer, John P       | 12/2  |
| Moschuk, Raymond         | 12/7  |
| de Gennaro, Genevieve    | 12/10 |
| Mosley, Kerrye           | 12/10 |
| Kernen, Susan            | 12/14 |
| Barnes, Lori             | 12/17 |
| McCracken, Chuck         | 12/17 |
| Tamasaukas, Cheryl       | 12/17 |
| Davis III, George        | 12/19 |
| Ferguson-Sinadinos, Gale | 12/21 |
| Johnson, Randall C.      | 12/24 |
| Rogers, Lew              | 12/24 |
| Callender, Melba         | 12/25 |
| Young, Brenda L.         | 12/25 |
| Laytos, Kirsten          | 12/26 |

**The Gay Side of Life:**

**"Why did they let the turkey join the band?"**

"Because he had his own drumsticks."

**"What happened to the turkey that got in a fight?"**

"He got the stuffing knocked out of him!"

**"If you call a big turkey a gobbler, what do you call a small one?"**

"A goblet."

**"What do you call a running turkey?"**

"Fast food."

**What's the best song to play while cooking a turkey?"**

"All about that baste."



**Recipe Corner-**  
Please share your favorite Recipes!



Please submit recipes to:  
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or drop it off at  
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Thanks— Fran

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 **Mahjong**  
Friday's at  
1:30pm  
  
Clubhouse  
Marry Ellen Svoboda  
480-945-6638

**Bunko 4th Tuesday**  
RSVP please to Gerri Clontz  
928-358-8221



Games start at 6:00 PM  
Nov 26th  
At the Clubhouse

**Bridge Players**  
Retta Kelly  
480-945-3303  
Monday's at 12:30PM  
Clubhouse



**Creative Crafters:**  
Nancy Dallett -480-990-3681  
Ndallett@cox.net  
Sue Kernan -480-941-5297  
skernen@cox.net  
Dec 3, 2019 6:00PM  
Clubhouse

  
**Ladies Who Lunch**  
Dec 13th at Noon  
  
Café Forte  
in Old Town Scottsdale.

**Men's Lunch/Happy Hour**  
Nov 26, 2019 11:30am  
Olive Garden on  
Scottsdale Rd.  
for more information  
contact:  
Bob Will 480-946-4889  
Rides available



## Monthly Scottsdale Brush and Bulk Alleyway Pickup

December Brush and Bulk pickup for our area is scheduled for the week of the 16th. Pickup can occur any day that week, so be sure to have your brush and bulk out in the alley by 5AM on 12/16. Please do not place items out for collection more than nine days prior to the 11th. For more information on what can be picked up and how to prepare it for collection, please visit <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste/brush-bulk-collection> or call 480-312-3111.

## Monthly Scottsdale Shred Event – Keep Your Information Secure

Scottsdale Police Department will be holding the next shred event on Saturday December 7 in the Walmart parking lot at 15355 N Northsight Blvd from 7 – 10 AM. Cost: \$4 per box/bag.

## Electronics Recycling Collection Day

Scottsdale residents can recycle unwanted electronics on Saturday December 7 at Scottsdale North Corporation Yard, 9191 E San Salvador Dr from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Items accepted include computer, office and entertainment equipment. Recycling these items prevents them from reaching landfills and creates less waste and provides usable items to organizations that can recapture their value.

## Summary of the Fall Assessment -

The Fall Landscaping assessment was completed on November 2 by members of the Architectural Standards Committee and other volunteers from the community. There were a total of 29 findings, 18 dealing with weeds and 11 dealing with trimming of bushes or trees. Thanks to all who volunteered their time so we could get the assessment done efficiently and promptly. While this assessment was only for landscaping maintenance we did notice that several alley walls are in need of repair or repainting. This will be covered during our spring assessment so if you think your property may need some repair you should take advantage of the cooler weather to avoid having to deal with this during late spring or summer. Our volunteers also pointed out that some corner properties have landscaping that blocks line of sight for cross traffic. To keep our neighborhood as safe as possible please make sure you are sensitive to this when installing landscaping materials or maintaining those already installed if you own a corner lot. - Jenny Scrivner: ASC Chair



## Pool News for November 2019 Key Lines

This is a reminder that the pool heaters will be turned off December 1<sup>st</sup>. For residents and guests who sunbathe at the pool side on sunny and warm days, please cover the chaises and chairs with towels to prevent staining of the furniture.



Thank you, Martha Spruell, Pool Chair Golden Keys HOA

DRAFT - Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
Golden Keys Homeowners Association

11/19/19, 7:00 PM

Golden Keys Homeowners Association Clubhouse

**Directors present:** Barry Downs, Pam Heckaman, Mary Jo Kelsey, Tom Kernen, Jenny Scrivner, Martha Spruell, and Carl Thompson

**Directors absent:** none

Approximately 5 members and guests were in attendance.

**1. Confirm Agenda** presented by Carl Thompson. The agenda was accepted with no changes.

**2. Call to order:** The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President, Carl Thompson.

**3. Ratify Previous Board Meeting Minutes and Financial Report**

- October 2019 minutes - **Motion** to approve. Seconded; **approved unanimously**
- October 2019 Treasurer's Report – **Motion** to approve. Seconded; **approved unanimously.**

**4. Standing Committee Reports:**

- **Architectural Standards Committee (ASC):** Written report presented by Jenny Scrivner
- **Clubhouse Committee:** Written report presented by Mary Jo Kelsey
- **Landscape Committee:** Written report presented by Barry Downs
- **Pool Committee:** Written report presented by Martha Spruell
- **Treasurer's Office and Financial Committee:** Written report presented by Tom Kernen
- **Communication Committee:** Verbal report presented by Tom Kernen
- **Real Estate Committee:** Written report presented by Pam Heckaman

**5. Special Committees:**

- **Governing Documents:** Carl Thompson presented a verbal report
- **Community Liaison:** Written report presented by Mary Jo Kelsey

**6. Old Business:**

- a) None.

**7. New Business:**

- a) Refurbishment of decomposed granite and removal of turf: **MOTION:** Accept bid by AZ Metroscapes not to exceed \$15,000 to add decomposed granite to 61<sup>st</sup> Place, 63<sup>rd</sup> Place, and the pool area, and to convert the turf area on the north side of Pinchot to xeriscape. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
- b) Pool winter projects: No action taken at this time. Proposal to be firmed up and bids obtained and brought to a future board meeting (likely December).

**8. Open Forum** – no topics were brought up by members in attendance.

**9. Executive Session:** no topics for executive session this month.

**10. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Scrivner, Secretary

**GOLDEN KEYS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Treasurer's Cash Summary Report a/o 10/31/2019**

**CASH ASSETS**

|                                    |    |            |           |
|------------------------------------|----|------------|-----------|
| Checking                           | \$ | 87,770.81  |           |
| Savings                            | \$ | 14,788.20  |           |
| Vanguard                           | \$ | 175,428.70 |           |
| Vanguard - Settlement Account      | .. | \$         | 36,527.20 |
| Reserve Acct Other                 |    | \$         | 3,901.50  |
| <u>Surplus Savings</u>             |    |            |           |
|                                    |    |            |           |
| <u>Reserve Spending</u>            |    |            |           |
| VG=CD - Bk China 1.95% 01/17/2020  | \$ | 18,000.00  |           |
| VG-CD -Atl Union 2.0% 11/07/19     | \$ | 27,000.00  |           |
| VG CD - Cap 1 BK 2.30% 9/27/22     | \$ | 40,000.00  |           |
| VG CD - PNC Bank NA 2.25% 06/10/19 | \$ | 50,000.00  |           |

**Total Cash Assets**

**\$ 277,987.71**

**INCOME & EXPENSE**

10/01/2019 -      05/1/2019 -      2019-20  
10/31/2019      10/31/2019      Budget

**INCOME**

|                                |           |               |           |                   |           |                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| H/O Assessments                | \$        | 350.00        | \$        | 128,800.00        | \$        | 128,800.00        |
| Uncategorized Income           | \$        | -             | \$        | -                 |           |                   |
| Interest-Savings Acct          | \$        | 0.25          | \$        | 1.48              | \$        | -                 |
| Interest-CD                    | \$        | 119.97        | \$        | 1,862.18          | \$        | 2,500.00          |
| Vanguard Dividend Income       | \$        | -             | \$        | -                 |           |                   |
| Transfer Fee - purchasing home | \$        | -             | \$        | 2,400.00          | \$        | 3,200.00          |
| Return Check Charges           | \$        | -             | \$        | 12.00             | \$        | -                 |
| Late Fees                      | \$        | -             | \$        | -                 | \$        | -                 |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>\$</b> | <b>470.22</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>133,075.66</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>134,500.00</b> |

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

|                                 |           |                 |           |                  |           |                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE---Expenses       | \$        | 422.35          | \$        | 3,439.56         | \$        | 15,129.00         |
| CLUBHOUSE---Expenses            | \$        | 489.39          | \$        | 2,925.72         | \$        | 5,450.00          |
| LANDSCAPING---Expenses          | \$        | 3,085.11        | \$        | 23,413.78        | \$        | 40,910.00         |
| POOL UPKEEP---Expenses          | \$        | 1,183.64        | \$        | 8,998.25         | \$        | 22,990.00         |
| REAL ESTATE---Expenses          | \$        | -               | \$        | -                | \$        | 100.00            |
| UTILITIES---common areas        | \$        | 2,733.61        | \$        | 16,978.95        | \$        | 28,228.00         |
| IINSURANCE                      | \$        | -               | \$        | -                | \$        | 3,400.00          |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>7,914.10</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>55,756.26</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>116,207.00</b> |

**NET FY 2019-20 OPERATING BALANCE**

**\$ (7,443.88)**      **\$ 77,319.40**      **\$ 18,293.00**

**TOTAL RESERVE EXPENDITURES**

**\$ 1,200.00**      **\$ 28,625.24**