

# ABEVA BRIEF

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## ABEVA Mission Statement

*ABEVA pledges aggressive leadership to nourish and enhance our Biltmore Lifestyle by preserving and protecting the ambience and environment, and by maintaining standards which benefit all members of ABEVA.*

## FROM THE ABEVA OFFICE Highlights from the November 19, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting

- Jay Swart reported on two important issues in front of the Camelback East Village Planning Committee. First, an apartment complex will be built at 28th Street and Indian School Road. Second, he reported on the proposed changes at the retail center at Lincoln Drive and 32nd Street. A group of orthopedic surgeons wants to lease the 15,000 sq. ft. former Loehmann's space. Jay reported that homeowners due south are not happy with the plan. In addition, the bank due south is protesting the fact that the plan involves revoking some of their parking.
- Reporting on the Security Committee, Jay wants the ABEVA Board to honor Squaw Peak Precinct at the annual meeting for protecting us well.
- The Board discussed the fact that the golf course is private property, and homeowners should not walk on it.
- This year, ABEVA will change the format of the annual meeting. The Board wants to make the meeting more fun and interesting for homeowners.
- The Board will invite David Kirken, General Manager of the Arizona Biltmore Resort, to speak at the annual meeting.
- Jay will attend the Biltmore Area Partnership holiday luncheon and present the Salvation Army's Forgotten Angels Program with a \$100 check from ABEVA. ■

## Annual ABEVA Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Canyon Room at the Arizona Biltmore Resort. Notices, ballots and biographies will be mailed prior to the end of the year.

There will be five Director positions to fill, with four of the five current members re-running. If you are interested in running for a seat on the ABEVA Board of Directors for a two year term, the criteria includes:

1. Candidates shall be members of the association in good standing.
2. Candidates must own a unit within ABEVA – although they need not live in that unit.
3. Candidates should have a sincere interest in the well being of the community.
4. Candidates should have an active willingness to participate in the governance of the Master Association.
5. Candidates need to be available to attend monthly meetings the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the ABEVA office.

If you are interested in serving the community, please submit a short biography of 200 words or less along with your address and contact numbers by email to [bross@abeva.com](mailto:bross@abeva.com) or by fax to 602-955-1144 **no later than Monday, December 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.** so your name can appear on the ballot.

Should you have any questions, please call the ABEVA office at 602-955-1003. ■

## SECURITY

**THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY BEGINS WITH EACH RESIDENT. MOST CRIMES ARE CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY.**

**IF YOU HAVE A SECURITY SYSTEM AND DO NOT TURN IT ON, THEN YOU DO NOT HAVE A SECURITY SYSTEM.**



Should you see anything suspicious, call Roving Patrol at 602-369-4776 or Phoenix Crime Stop at 602-262-6151. For your safety, please program both of these numbers in your home and cell phones. ■

## Coffee with a Cop

Would you like to feel more comfortable working with the local police? Would you like more information about Crime Stop or any of the other police activities? They are changing it up a bit, with a meeting at a different location each month. The first Wednesday of each month at various roving areas, you have that opportunity between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The December Coffee with a Cop will be at Maize's Café, located at 4750 N. Central Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. There will be a guest speaker. ■



**The ABEVA Board of  
Directors, Office Staff and  
Roving Patrol Guards wish  
you a Safe and Happy  
Holiday Season.**





## A Note from Marcia Finberg, Secretary, ABEVA Board of Directors

Recently, I had a chance conversation with Officer Ben Carro, Community Action Officer for the Squaw Peak Precinct and lead officer of the Off-Duty Program sponsored by BCNA (the Biltmore Community Neighbors Program). Since several ABEVA homeowners had expressed concern over the program, I wanted Ben's perspective.

Ben told me a story of how effective the program has been. He described an encounter he had with a young woman and her boyfriend who were riding around the neighborhood in an odd way. Ben began a conversation with them that resulted in acknowledgment that they were carrying drugs. He gave them a "Free Pass." He did some research and found outstanding warrants on each of them. Officers from another precinct kept them under surveillance. Eventually, they committed a crime that involved an arrest. BECAUSE BEN HAD A RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM, Ben interviewed the woman and got her to confess,

not just to the crime at hand, but also to who her drug dealer was.

The outcome was the capture of three criminals. We are all safer.

Subsequently, I had a conversation with Ina Manaster, spokesperson for BCNA. She gave me the following statement about the efficacy of the off-duty program.

"(At our recent meeting) Officer Ben Carro provided us with statistics of crime in Biltmore Estates as compared to the surrounding areas for the past six months. While crime continues to escalate in grids surrounding our neighborhood, there has been no incidents within Biltmore Estates that have resulted in a home invasion or burglary, nor has there been any financial loss or endangerment to members as a result of crime. While arrests have been made, the off-duty police patrol has become a positive deterrent to crime. I believe that surrounding areas benefit as well – especially those that have access via Thunderbird Trail." ■

## Don't Let the Grinch Steal Your Christmas From Securitas Security Services, USA, Inc.

All the shopping, travel, decorating and partying associated with end-of-the-year celebrations increase risks for crime, fire and accidents. You don't have to be a pessimistic worrywart, but a little extra vigilance wouldn't hurt. Here are some tips to help minimize holiday spoiling incidents.

Holiday shopping calls for special awareness. Crowded, harried, distracted people with money and merchandise make great targets. Here are some ways to make a thief's job harder:

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings and walk confidently.
- Park in well-lighted areas, close to stores, and always lock your car.
- Have your key ready when getting into the car or going into the house.
- Ask for an escort whenever available.
- Teach your kids to go to a security officer or store clerk if they get separated from you.
- Pickpockets bump into people to distract them. Be alert to jostling, and keep your wallet in your front pants pocket or inside a coat pocket. Carry your purse close to your body, with the opening toward you.
- Use checks or credit cards instead of cash and take your receipts.
- If you have to carry cash, keep large amounts separate from your wallet or purse.
- Don't get overloaded with packages. Be sure they don't block your view when walking or resting, so someone can easily surprise you.
- Keep shopping bags and purses in sight while paying for other items.
- Do not leave packages visible in the car. Lock them in the trunk.

Remember, the holiday times are a key time for robbers, so ALWAYS be on the lookout. ■

## MEETINGS & LUNCHEONS

### Camelback East Village Planning Committee

A developer presents the City Planning Department with plans. The plans are then given to the Camelback East Village Planning Committee for review and recommendations before they are passed on to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devonshire Senior Center, located at 2802 E. Devonshire (one block north of Indian School Road.) The meetings are open to the general public. For additional information or to confirm the meeting has not been cancelled or changed, please call Jacob Zonn, Camelback East Village Planner at 602-534-5829 or visit the website at [www.phoenix.gov/PUBMEETC/indxhtml.html](http://www.phoenix.gov/PUBMEETC/indxhtml.html). ■

### Biltmore Networking Group

The Biltmore Networking Group monthly happy hour provides an excellent opportunity to meet and network with others in the Biltmore community. There is usually a group of about 60-80 professionals, including finance, fine arts, government, hospitality, law, marketing, medicine, real estate, technology and many more. The upcoming happy hours are planned for December 6th, January 3rd, and February 7th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Omaha Steakhouse Garden Lounge inside the Embassy Suites Phoenix Biltmore, located at 2630 East Camelback Road in Phoenix.

There is no need to RSVP, and there is never a charge to attend these events. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list for monthly announcements, please contact Shahpar Shahpar at [biltmorenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:biltmorenetwork@gmail.com). ■

### Biltmore Ladies Lunch Club

The Biltmore Ladies Lunch Club will not meet during the month of December. For advanced planning, put Friday, January 11th, at 11:45 a.m. at Frank and Albert's, with La Rita Mason as the Coordinating Hostess, on your calendar.

If you have any questions, you may contact La Rita Mason at 602-667-0002 or [lrmason@arn.net](mailto:lrmason@arn.net). ■



## NEWS FROM ABEVA NEIGHBORS

### Biltmore Fashion Park

**Movies in the Park** – Classic Favorites Under the Stars Every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Center Lawn. Schedule is as follows:

Dec. 7th - *A Christmas Story*, Dec. 14th - *The Holiday* ■

### AZ Biltmore Resort

**Arizona Biltmore Holiday Happy Hour in the Wright Bar** – daily from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. through January 1st. Enjoy \$2 off starters, Santa's selection of red or white wine by the glass for \$6 and special holiday cocktails for \$6!

**Christmas Holiday Dining** – Enjoy a four-course dinner in Wright's on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day or a three-course dinner on Frank & Albert's. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling 602-381-7632.

**Rewards Card** - Did you know the Arizona Biltmore Resort offers ABEVA members a Rewards card? With this card you are entitled to a 15% discount at restaurants, gift shops, spa services and guestrooms. To obtain an application you may call our office and we can email or mail you one, then you fill it out and fax it to the resort. They will mail your card within seven days of application. ■

### Biltmore Golf Club

There may not be any snow on the ground, but the brand new course renovations and exciting deals have made the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club a winter wonderland this December!

Tis the season of giving! The Arizona Biltmore Golf Club is again an official drop-off location for Toys for Tots. Bring in a new toy and receive \$5 off your greens fee.

- **Overseeding is over** and the Adobe course is wall-to-wall with grass this year! Plus, ABEVA members receive \$76 greens fees this December. Love the LPGA? Come see some of the best of the LPGA seniors and current pros in the Fore Barrow Charity Golf Challenge on December 8th and 9th on the Adobe course at the Biltmore.
- **Enterprise Members, Junior Pricing.** Arizona Biltmore Golf Club is rolling out its Enterprise Junior Golf Membership. In celebration of the club's founding year, 1929, the first 29 people to sign up for an Enterprise Membership will receive delayed initiation fees. Available to prospective members under the age of 40, Enterprise Members have the same privileges and obligations as golf members, yet pay a reduced monthly membership fee. Interested in becoming an Enterprise Member? Contact the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club at 602-955-9655.
- **Out with the old, in with the new....**logo, that is. This December, Arizona Biltmore Golf Club celebrates Throwback Thursdays by rewarding you for your old apparel. Bring in any golf shirt, hat or ball featuring the old Arizona Biltmore logo any Thursday throughout December and receive 15% off (25% for members) any similar item with the new logo. Since they'll donate what you turn in to charity, you'll not only look good, but you'll feel good, too! Don't throw it out; throw it back - Throwback Thursdays.
- **Experience new tastes at the Adobe for winter.** The new menu features sweet and savory dishes for breakfast, lunch and evening cocktails. Rise and shine with the signature Banana Walnut Pancakes or complete your round with the delicious Crispy Pork Sandwich. Don't forget to pick up your holiday wine from the Adobe, where their wine guy, Jim, always offers wholesale pricing. Still looking for a location to host your holiday party? The Adobe still has availability for private parties. To host yours, call Jim at 602-468-9160.
- **It's not too late to see what's new.** Golf course renovations are ready to view, including new bathrooms featuring new lockers indoors. Course enhancements include new bathrooms, laser-leveled tee boxes on the Links course and wall-to-wall overseeding on the Adobe course. Members, check out your new exclusive section of the driving range.

For additional details about December promotions, memberships, or to book a golf tee time, visit [www.azbiltmoregc.com](http://www.azbiltmoregc.com).

**And Please remember: The Golf Course is Private Property and not a part of ABEVA** – For your safety and protection, **DO NOT TRESPASS**, no running, jogging, dog walking or fishing. ■

## ABEVA

### Board of Directors

Mark Monserez, President  
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Police Dept. Non-Emergency:  
602-262-6151

Resort Truck Parking on ABC Hotline  
602-954-2573



#### **Website Information**

Sign on to visit the website by going to [www.abeva.com](http://www.abeva.com). If you do not yet have a login name and password, from the menu on the left choose e-forms, then choose login request, fill out the required information and click submit. We will send your pre-assigned login name and password back by email. You may read board minutes and the *ABEVA Brief* online. ■

## Embassy Suites

Embassy Suites would like to take care of your friends and relatives this holiday season by offering this fantastic rate of \$119.00 + tax from now through January 5th, 2013.

Rates are based on availability and will include:

- Full cooked-to-order breakfast
- Manager reception
- All suite accommodations
- Best location in town!!

For reservations please contact them directly at 602-955-3992 and ask for ABEVA special Holiday rates. ■

## Ritz-Carlton

Special Discount Rate for ABEVA! The Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix will have a special ABEVA rate of \$219 for a Deluxe room through the month of November. The rate will include the \$27 daily valet parking fee. For reservations, you may call either central reservations at 800-542-8680 (available 24/7) or Randy Ichiuji at the hotel at 602-468-0110. ABEVA guests will have the option of upgrading to Club Level Access on the 11th floor (if available) for only \$70. This level of service comes with a personal concierge staff, exclusive access to the Ritz-Carlton Lounge along with its five daily food presentations and an elevator key for Club Level Access.

## Bistro 24 – Holiday Events

**Teddy Bear Tea** – Friday, Saturday and Sundays November 24th through December 16th. Seating is at

noon and 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$38 per person.

**Yuletide Tea** – Wednesday through Thursday from November 27th through December 13th and every day except the 24th and the 25th from December 18th through the 30th. Seating is at noon and 3:00. The cost is \$38 per person.



**Breakfast with Santa** – Thursday, December 20th and Friday, December 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Breakfast will feature a two-course breakfast, holiday activities and private visit with Santa for \$39 per person. For additional information or to secure a table, call 602-468-0700.

## Holiday Dining

### Christmas Eve Dinner in the Club Bar

4 p.m. to 12 a.m. Menu Pricing

### Christmas Day Brunch in bistro 24

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$80 per adult \$40 per child

### New Years Eve Dinner

6 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$140 per person

### New Year's Day Breakfast

6:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. ■

## ABEVA MEMBER DISCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 2012

The following businesses and ABEVA partners have graciously offered to provide discounts to ABEVA members. **THERE IS NO ABEVA-ISSUED CARD. TO SHOW YOU ARE A MEMBER OF ABEVA, BRING THIS SECTION OF THE BRIEF WITH YOU.** If you forget, you can try showing your resort or Wrigley Mansion card. To view menus, log onto the ABEVA website at [www.abeva.com](http://www.abeva.com) and click onto Hot Links.

### Restaurants

- **Baby Kay's** - 2119 E. Camelback - Town & Country Shopping Center - 10% - 602-955-0011.
- **Omaha Steak House** - 2630 E. Camelback - Embassy Suites - 10% off food only - not valid holidays - 602-553-8970.
- **L'Amore Restaurant** - 32nd Street & Lincoln Drive - 10% - (bring your business card and enter a drawing to win a free dinner) - 602-381-3159.
- **City Market Deli** - In the Esplanade - 2425 E. Camelback Road, #103 - Just mention this ad when you purchase any specialty sandwich/wrap combo or gourmet salad and receive a free homemade cookie of your choice or free drink upgrade! Open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Phone: 602-242-2300, Fax: 602-242-2301.



### Partners & Businesses

- **blow dry bar** - 3141 E. Lincoln Drive - 602-956-2049. Special Introductory Offer Exclusively for Biltmore Residents. - 20% off blow outs - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Wednesday during December.
- **Salon Vanity'z** - With years of experience in the beauty industry, our highly-skilled staff invites ABEVA residents to

come in and experience the highest quality salon treatments in a relaxing, professional environment. For a limited time, we are offering 20% off to new clients on all nail and skin care services. We look forward to meeting you and fulfilling your beauty needs. Please call for an appointment at 602-553-0399. We are located at 2633 E. Indian School Rd., Suite 150, Phoenix, AZ 85016. Visit [www.salonvanityz.com](http://www.salonvanityz.com)

### ABEVA Residents Special!!!

#### State of the Art Designers in Hair.

Complimentary haircut with any color service. - 2398 E. Camelback Rd., Northern Trust Building. Stylist Jill Moore - 602-435-8488.

- **UPS Store** - 3219 E. Camelback Road (next to Tomaso's) - 10% - 602-952-8830.

### Window Cleaning ABEVA Special \$99

Recommended by a Biltmore homeowner – A professional cleaning company serving the community since 2008 that is fully insured - references available. Special includes interior and exterior windows and tracks, up to 2500-square-foot home. We also have other cleaning services available. Please call Catherine Stewart at 602-421-2568.

### Inspired Bodies Massage

Therapeutic Massage & Reflexology - Hot Summer Special for ABEVA Members only - Relax and renew yourself with an in-home one-hour massage for \$60. Contact Natalie Lawson LMT at 602-451-5436.

