

# ABEVA BRIEF

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## ABEVA Mission Statement

*ABEVA pledges thoughtful and motivated leadership to enhance our Biltmore Lifestyle by seeking innovative improvements and beautification, while preserving and protecting the ambiance, aesthetics, and standards enjoyed by all ABEVA members.*

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## ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE - ARIZONA BILTMORE ESTATES VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the Arizona Biltmore Estates Village Association (ABEVA) will be held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort, 2400 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix AZ, on **Monday, February 13th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (sign-in begins at 5:30 p.m.)**.

There are currently four (4) **seats open** out of the nine (9) Board of Directors seats. You will find the biographies of the nine (9) candidates running for the Board of Directors on pages two and three of this *ABEVA BRIEF*.

We strongly encourage all ABEVA members to vote. Your vote is important, as it will count towards the quorum requirement of 10% which is necessary to hold the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors election is being done by ELECTRONIC VOTING this year. An email has been sent to homeowners who have an email address on file with ABEVA. The email contains a unique link that redirects you to Election Buddy's website to vote. Please make sure to check your spam folder if you have not received this email. This is a safe and efficient method to increase participation.

If you do not have an email address or prefer to vote by mail, a paper ballot may be requested from the ABEVA office by calling 602-955-1003.

**Please do not use both methods, as only one (1) vote will be counted for each household. Redundant votes will be discarded.**

Paper ballots are mailed to MDM Accounting, Attn: ABEVA Elections, 2910 N. 190th Dr. Litchfield Park, AZ 85240 in the enclosed pre-paid return envelope included with the ballot. The paper ballot must be received by the end of the business day, Friday, February 10th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to be counted.

*Arizona House Bill 2154 mandates the use of "absentee ballots" instead of proxies. The House Bill eliminated the use of proxies. The Association must provide for votes to be cast "in-person" AND "by absentee ballot," more commonly known as a mail-in ballot.*

**Candidate Biographies on pages 2 & 3**

## Beautification Committee Update

We are pleased to welcome in the New Year with the completion of the Entrance Beautification and Improvement project design and cost estimate phase.

Bid Review is scheduled for March 24th, Contract Award March 31st, and Construction will begin April 24th, which is subject to final Board approval.

Please join us prior to the ABEVA Annual Meeting February 13th at 5:30 to browse entrance renderings. Committee Members and the Landscape Architect Team from Greey Pickett will be available to answer any questions. Greey Pickett will be presenting the 3D renderings during the meeting followed by a brief Q&A session.

In the meantime, please feel free to view the revised renderings at the ABEVA website Beautification tab at [www.abeva.com](http://www.abeva.com). ❖

## Monthly ABEVA Patrol Report for December 2022

| Name of Incident            | Total Incidents |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| ALARM                       | 1               |
| ALTERCATION                 | 1               |
| COLLISION                   | 2               |
| DAMAGE TO PROPERTY          | 8               |
| DISORDERLY CONDUCT          | 1               |
| DOOR NOT SECURE             | 2               |
| GARAGE DOOR OPEN            | 55              |
| GATE                        | 3               |
| JUNK, LITTER AND DEBRIS     | 11              |
| LANDSCAPING                 | 23              |
| LIGHTS OUT                  | 2               |
| LOUD NOISE                  | 8               |
| OTHER                       | 4               |
| PARKING VIOLATION           | 110             |
| POLICE - FIRE - EMS ON SITE | 9               |
| POLICE ON SITE              | 3               |
| SOLICITATION                | 1               |
| SUSPICIOUS PERSON           | 10              |
| SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE          | 3               |
| WATER                       | 8               |
| WILDLIFE                    | 1               |
| <b>TOTAL REPORTS:</b>       | <b>266</b>      |





# ABEVA Board of Directors Election Candidate Bios

This year, there are four seats to be filled on the ABEVA Board of Directors. There are nine ABEVA members running for election to the Board. Please take a moment to read the biographies of each candidate listed here in this issue of *The Brief* to familiarize yourself with them.



### Michelle Brendel - Meridian

To whom it may concern. My name is Michelle Brendel, and I would like to put my name forward to be considered for the ABEVA Board of Directors. I am a degreed interior designer, since 1985, specializing in new-home builder design, for one of the largest interior design companies in the country for the past 20 years.

I have recently handed over my duties to allow for more time with family and travel and want to devote some time per month to giving back to the community in which I live.

I see serving on the ABEVA board as a perfect avenue for this. I hope you find me deserving of the honor.



### Mike Buekers - Village on the Lakes

We have lived in the Village on the Lakes for 7+ years, and in Phoenix for 72 years. I am a proud 4th generation Phoenician.

I was on the Board of VOL for 4 years, focusing on lakes remediation, landscape maintenance and enhancement of our common areas. I have spent 48 years in commercial real estate here, including 35+ years running my own business, specializing in managing and upgrading shopping centers, office buildings and industrial parks.

I know that my business and personal background will allow me to offer guidance and direction for everything that ABEVA has been and will continue to be, the most beautiful and special area of Phoenix.



### Jason Paul DeMont - Taliverde

I am an attorney in private practice. I am currently the Vice-President of the Taliverde HOA Board of Directors and the President of the Heights of Biltmore Board of Directors. I have been and currently serve as a member of the board of directors of both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

I have had a home in Taliverde since 2007, and I love living here. My sole agenda as a member of the ABEVA Board of Directors is to be a good steward for our community.



### Garnet Harding - Colony Biltmore Greens

My wife Georgia and I have lived in Colony Biltmore Greens for almost ten years, and we love it. I serve on the CBG board and was recently re-elected to another term. I have served on the ABEVA Board of Directors for two years. For the past year, I have served as President. A lot has changed in 2022 in terms of how ABEVA operates: we have

redefined the culture of this board and how it relates to our members, as well as among the board itself. We streamlined the labor costs of ABEVA staff by eliminating redundant work, saving us tens of thousands of dollars annually. We reduced our landscaping costs significantly by hiring a new contractor that bills us more appropriately for work required.

We are a cohesive and cooperative group of passionate people bringing a variety of professional backgrounds together to ensure the beautification, maintenance, and financial health of the ABEVA community. We have done a lot of hard work, and there is much more work to be done. Every director on this board donates their time and energy in service to our community.

I ask for your vote so that I may continue to serve the ABEVA community. Thank you, Garnet Harding



### Laurence B. Hirsch - Biltmore Greens 4

Laurence "Larry" Hirsch is a Shareholder with the Phoenix-based law firm of Jaburg Wilk. He is the co-chair of the matrimonial law group and serves on the firm's Management Committee. Given his practice area, Larry has significant experience dealing with emotionally charged litigation, strong differences of opinion, and complex issues where creativity and intelligence are required to navigate a solution. Such experience should be prerequisites for ABEVA board members. Over the course of his career, Larry also has played a major role with several influential charitable organizations including Executive Council 70 and PCH50. Being a successful litigator and mediator in complicated landscapes often requires an ability to do more listening than talking, and to provide all parties involved confidence that I have developed an acute understanding of the dynamics in play – serving as an ABEVA Board Member will require much of the same. As our community enters a new era with a renovated hotel, new golf clubhouse and increased home values, we need to make sure our incoming ABEVA board members protect the heritage and beauty of the Biltmore whilst also paying particular attention to taking advantage of the new technologies and efficiencies offered to communities.



### Phil Lovell - Colony Biltmore Greens

I have been a homeowner since September, 2011. I recently completed ten years on the board of directors of Colony Biltmore Greens Homeowners Association including eight years as Treasurer. This experience has been both challenging and rewarding due to the many issues that come up for resolution.

I have a strong financial and tax background which includes experience with IRS (6 years), Public Accounting (6 years), and Corporate Tax Management (26 years). I am a Certified Public Accountant and served two years active duty in the U.S. Army. I have been a Volunteer Navigator at Sky Harbor Airport since 2019.





I believe in preserving the quality of our community and protecting our investment. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on the ABEVA Board in 2023.



**Karin Olson - Taliverde**

My husband and I purchased our Taliverde home in 2019 and became full-time residents in 2021. Simply put, we love all that the Arizona Biltmore has to offer – a fantastic location, wonderful neighborhoods and the best of Arizona living.

I’m appreciative of the historical relevance and the quality of life that is a part of the Biltmore – that is what drew me in, and I would strive to maintain, protect, and improve our community.

A little about me – I spent the last 25+ years working in various corporate finance roles, most recently at Adobe, Inc., serving as Chief of Staff to the CFO focused on strategy and operations. My strengths of innovative thinking, collaboration and thoughtfulness were honed in the corporate world and I have leveraged these skills in various volunteer, academic and non-profit endeavors throughout the years.

I’m passionate about my Arizona Biltmore community, and I would work to ensure that our future is bright through completion of current initiatives, listening to our homeowners and developing the roadmap for the future. I appreciate your vote!



**Tiffany Marie Brannon Siegel - Biltmore Gates**

My name is Tiffany, and I’m a Biltmore area native. I was raised just down the street, and my husband, Justin, and I are so glad to be living in the ABEVA community!

I have proudly served on the ABEVA board since being voted in to fill an abdicated seat in April 2022. Since joining, I have worked to make sure we are being fiscally responsible, have used my mediator experience to help mediate HOA disagreements, and have tried to increase community-wide communications through our newsletter. I am also the youngest board member and the only woman currently serving on the ABEVA board, so I am able to offer fresh perspectives and unique approaches to situations.

My goals for the next year, should I be re-elected, include; hosting an ABEVA neighborhood gathering and fostering more community engagement, creating an active social media presence, working with the Biltmore hotel to ensure respect for our community and its history is prioritized and home values are maintained, and creating checks and balances for ongoing projects. I am also currently working with the office on updating our website - so keep an eye out in the new year! It would be an honor to serve you again. Thank you for your consideration, Tiffany



**David Upin - 87 Biltmore Estates**

My wife Marissa and I moved to Phoenix about 5 years ago, first living in Biltmore Greens and then two years ago moving to our current home. We enjoy very much living on the Biltmore Circle and are quite active playing tennis, pickle ball, and golf at the Biltmore. We both grew up and raised our children in Minnesota, so we particularly enjoy the warm Phoenix weather! We have four adult children living in Minneapolis, New York, Iowa City, and Missoula. And we recently became grandparents.

I am the Senior Partner at the Upin Hoch Group at RBC Wealth Management. We manage roughly \$300 million representing approximately 250 families, small businesses and non-profits. I earned a BA from Connecticut College and then an MBA from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Business.

I am currently on the board of our Minneapolis condo’s HOA. In addition, I am on the board of the RBC Foundation, which is responsible for awarding approximately \$1 million of grants to non-profits annually. ❖



**ABEVA  
Board of Directors**

- Garnet Harding – President
- Bill McKay – Vice President
- John Lynch - Secretary
- Keith Mishkin – Treasurer
- Mark Baldree – Director
- Wes Balmer – Director
- Michael Fallaw – Director
- Will Hawking – Director
- Tiffany Siegel – Director

**ABEVA Office Information**

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602-955-1144 fax**  
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 abevaoffice@abeva.com  
**Roving Patrol: 602-369-4776**  
**Police Dept. Non-Emergency:  
602-262-6151**

**Website Information**

Please visit the website at [www.abeva.com](http://www.abeva.com). There is a link to pay your annual assessment. You can download many ABEVA documents; CC&Rs, Parking Permission, Architectural Request Form, and more. You may also read board minutes and the *ABEVA Brief* online. ❖

**Handy Contacts**

- City of Phoenix Back-Washing  
602.256.3190
- Dead Animal Pick-up  
602.262.6791
- Dog Catcher  
602.506.7387
- Snake Control  
480.894.1625
- Fish & Game  
602.942.3000
- SRP Outages  
602.236.8811
- Water Department  
602.262.6251
- Water Department (after hours)  
602.261.8000



## Arizona Biltmore Golf Club News

**Clubhouse Renovations Update:** We're in the final stretch of phase one of the clubhouse renovation project, as the new golf shop and cart storage building is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. Crews are working on landscaping and the parking lot, while also finishing exterior details. Inside, millwork, flooring, doors and tile are all being completed. Soon, we'll start moving equipment, merchandise and golf carts into the building. Phase two, which includes the new Adobe Restaurant, is expected to begin in the coming month and be completed by early 2024. Please visit [www.YourBiltmoreGolf.com](http://www.YourBiltmoreGolf.com) for updates.

**Welcome Leo Simonetta:** In case you haven't heard, Leo Simonetta is the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club's new General Manager. He comes to the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club from The Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park, where he served as the Director of Golf Operations since 2010. Prior to The Wigwam Resort, Simonetta worked for Hilton Hotels, leading the golf operations at various resort properties, including The Pointe at Tapatio Cliffs. Originally from Philadelphia, PA, Leo has lived in the Valley for over 35 years.

**Thank You Dick Bates:** With Leo Simonetta's arrival at the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club, legendary Club GM, Dick Bates, moved into a new role with JDM Golf, becoming a Special Projects & Procurement Manager for the club's ownership group. Bates served as the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club's GM for 33-plus years. Prior to getting into the golf business (40-plus years ago), Bates had a career in professional baseball, pitching for the Washington Senators and Seattle Pilots. ❖

## Arizona Biltmore Resort News

### Deepen your Connection at Tierra Luna Spa

Tierra Luna Spa at the Arizona Biltmore curates experiences for couples in bespoke suites for ultimate relaxation and reconnection. Deepen your loving haze with a nod to the natural in a private treatment room, complete with an aromainfused steam shower and large soaking tub to bring you back to each other in meaningful connection. Release your mutual tension, dissipating into a far-off desert dreamland.



Or rekindle your inner flame through Tierra Luna's curated Awakening Journey, caring for your body through massage, body scrub application and Hydrafacial. Solidify your intentions for love, life and the year in the new, first-of-its-kind outdoor Salt Room, exclusively offering halotherapy. This holistic ritual emits healing energy while releasing tiny particles of salt into the air, proven to reduce stress, improve mood and enhance relaxation. This age-old practice offers profound benefits, including boosting the immune system, healing skin and respiratory conditions and anti-aging properties.

To view spa offerings and learn more, please visit [TierraLunaSpa.com](http://TierraLunaSpa.com) or call 602-381-7656. ❖



## ABEVA MEMBER DISCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

The following businesses and ABEVA partners have graciously offered to provide discounts to ABEVA MEMBERS ONLY. THERE IS NO ABEVA-ISSUED CARD. TO SHOW YOU ARE A MEMBER OF ABEVA, BRING THIS SECTION OF THE BRIEF WITH YOU. Please call first to verify that they are open.

### Restaurants

- **Wrigley Mansion** - 2501 E. Telawa Trail. 20% off Sunday brunch food items. For your reservation, call 602-955-4079 or visit [www.wrigleymansion.com](http://www.wrigleymansion.com).



### Partners & Businesses

- **Salon D&A** - 6070 N. 16th Street - \$10 off any service for 1st visit. Call or text 602-561-6774 or visit [salondnaphx.com](http://salondnaphx.com).
- **Mane Attraction Salon** - 3156 E. Camelback Road - 20% off first haircut and/or color service for first time guests. Must mention ABEVA Brief Discount when booking. Call 602-956-2996.



### MANE ATTRACTION SALON

- **Hair Craft Salon** - 6522 N. 16th Street - 50% off any hair service for 1st visit. Call 602-435-8488.
- **UPS Store** - 3219 E. Camelback Road (next to Tomaso's) 5% off. Call 602-952-8830.



- **Sculpt AZ Medical Spa** - 20% off your first service and all skin care products. Experience luxury and top notch beauty treatments like you have never seen before. Call 602-699-3311 or visit [www.sculptazmedspa.com](http://www.sculptazmedspa.com).



- **Get Your Move On, Delicate Moving & Storage** - \$100 off for your next move. Call 480-695-6621.



- **RunBuddy Mobile** - Mobile Dog Gym. Starting at \$50 for one dog. First session at a discounted weekly rate. Call/Text 480-433-8835 or visit [runbuddymobile.com](http://runbuddymobile.com)



- **Pet Market** - 4719 N. 20th St. #A30 in Town and Country Shopping Center. Mention you are an ABEVA member to receive 10% off your entire purchase. To redeem, use code item #500170. Call 602-954-4000 or visit [www.mypetmarket.com](http://www.mypetmarket.com).

