

January  
2016



**Mission  
Creek  
Apartments**

1451 W. Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ 85713 • 520-294-7041

**BEST  
WISHES!**

**HAPPY 2016**

to all of our  
residents from  
your staff!

**OFFICE CLOSED  
JAN. 1**

**AT YOUR SERVICE**

**Jessica Lopez**  
Property Manager

**Veronica Lopez**  
Assistant Manager

**Efrain Duran**  
Maintenance Supervisor

**Daniel Teran**  
Maintenance Technician

**Rocio Gallegos**  
Housekeeper

**HOURS**

**Office**

Mon–Fri: 8:30am–5:30pm

Sat: 10am–5pm

Sun: Closed

**Fitness Center**

Open Office Hours

**Pool & Spa**

7am–10pm

**Laundry Center**

7am–10pm

**Barbecue Grills**

**CONTACT US**

**Office & After Hours**

520-294-7041

**Emergency**

**Maintenance**

520-334-1936

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**🎉 HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Winter makes Arizona the ideal spot to ring in the new year, and this is the perfect place to welcome our newest residents. We're glad you've joined our long-time friends in calling our community home. You can count on us to provide you with professional management and prompt, friendly service. We wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2016! Please note: *the office will be closed January 1, New Year's Day.*

**➡ WARM & COZY**

Is your lease nearing its expiration date? We don't want you to be left out in the cold, so be sure to call or stop by the leasing office, where our staff will be glad to help you choose your best renewal option. Stay warm and cozy in the comfort of your home by signing your new lease today!

**🌿 DECEMBER'S DECORATING CONTEST**

Congratulations to the winner of our Holiday Decorating Contest! Thanks for lighting up our community with your dazzling display! We appreciate all of our residents who joined in the holiday spirit. With the holidays over and a new year here, please remove your holiday decorations.

**PARKING COURTESY 🚗**

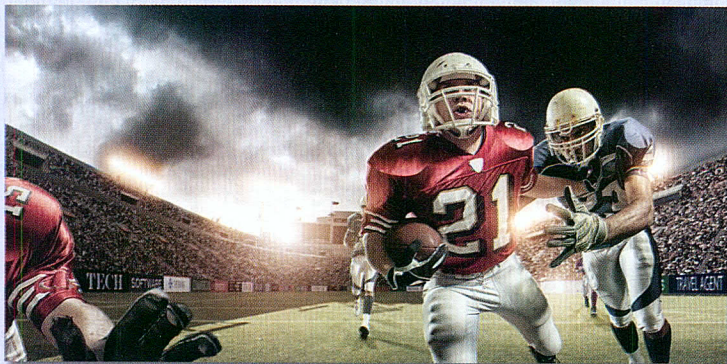
A little courtesy goes a long way in preventing dings and scratches on the vehicles in our parking areas. Remember to park in the center of the space. Take care when opening doors to keep from hitting a neighboring vehicle. Watch that shopping bags, briefcases, etc. don't scratch another car. Remind your passengers to do the same. Thanks!

**PITCHING IN**

Help keep our community clean and safe. Small trash items such as candy wrappers, fast food containers, cans, and cigarette butts spoil the beauty of our property. Please dispose of them in the trash. When you take out your household garbage, make sure your trash is placed inside the dumpster, not on the ground where it is unsightly, smelly, and attracts pests. We appreciate everyone "pitching in."



# Arizona's Football Inferno



As the winter chill of January ushers in a promising new year, Arizona seizes the nation's undivided attention with an inferno of mega football showdowns, festive parades, and blowout parties. Ultimately, accounts will be settled on the grassy field of Glendale's University of Phoenix Stadium when one, and only one, elite team will be crowned *College Football's 2015 National Champion*.

Week after bruising week, the NCAA's top coaches and student athletes have been knocking each other off as they relentlessly claw their way to a coveted spot in the four-team *College Football Playoff*. Come Monday night, January 11, 2016, at 8:30 p.m., survivors of the two semi-final games played on December 31, 2015, in the Orange Bowl and the Cotton Bowl will close out this season in one final epic battle.

Before the final showdown goes down, there's a ton of activities revolving around this spectacular event. New Year's Day celebrations kick off with two big-time parties at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. From 7:30–10:30 a.m., both the *APS Fiesta Bowl Stadium Club Pre-Game Party* and the *Fiesta Fan Fest* will rev up the revelers with great food and drink, live entertainment, marching bands, cheerleaders, and interactive games. Then the party wagon packs up and heads over to the stadium for an 11:00 a.m. kickoff of our *45th Annual Fiesta Bowl*, which features two top-ranked teams selected by the College Football Playoff Committee.

On Saturday, January 2, at 11:00 a.m., Diamondback Hall of Famer, Randy Johnson, leads a dazzling array of colorful floats, marching bands, and equestrian units in the *45th Annual National Bank of Arizona Fiesta Bowl Parade* in Central Phoenix. That evening, at 8:15 p.m., Chase Field holds another gridiron classic between the Pac-12 and Big 12 in the *27th Annual Cactus Bowl*. If you need a short break from college football, switch over to a thrilling NFL game with our *Arizona Cardinals*. They're hosting the *Seattle Seahawks* at 12:55 p.m. on Sunday, January 3, at the University of Phoenix Stadium. Don't forget the *Preflight Party* starting three hours before the game in Westgate's Entertainment District.

If, by chance, you've totally maxed out on football, just remember to check our *Fun in the Sun* section for all kinds of other great events going on in your area this month.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I'll remember 2015 like it was yesterday.

A new year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

New year's resolutions are like the glass in fire alarms. They're made to be broken.

Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habits.

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.

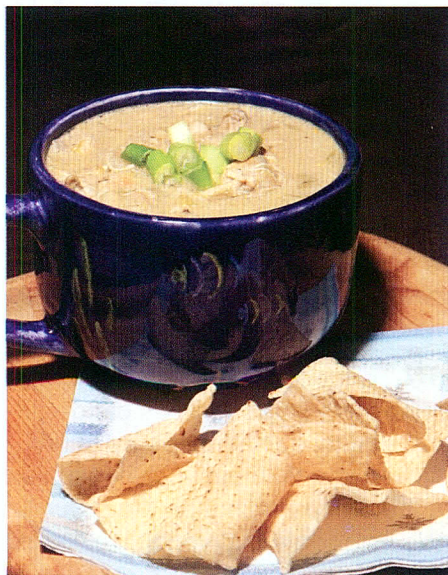
May all your troubles last as long as your new year's resolutions.



## What's Cookin'

### White Chicken Chili

Serves 6



#### Ingredients:

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch cubes  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
2 cans (15 1/2 ounces each) Great Northern beans, rinsed and drained  
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) chicken broth  
2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chiles

1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream  
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream  
Tortilla chips

#### Directions:

In a large saucepan, saute the chicken, onion, and garlic powder in oil until chicken is no longer pink. Add the beans, broth, chiles, and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes.

Remove from heat; stir in sour cream and cream. Serve with tortilla chips.



# All the "White" Stuff



If you're a winter snow buff, then El Niño may be the answer to your dreams this year. According to the weather gurus, this system should continue to bring big winter storms and freezing temperatures that could keep Arizona's ski slopes buried in a deep blanket of snow for quite awhile.

Whether you love skiing, snowboarding, sledding, tubing, or just making snow angels, our snowy mountain landscapes have all the "white" stuff. Arizona takes pride in its four great ski areas. In the White Mountains of eastern Arizona is *Sunrise Park Resort* (800-772-7669). Flagstaff is home to *Arizona Snowbowl* (928-779-1951). In north-central Arizona near the Grand Canyon is the *Elk Ridge Ski and Outdoor Recreation Area* (928-814-5038). Tucson offers *Mount Lemmon Ski Valley* (520-576-1400).

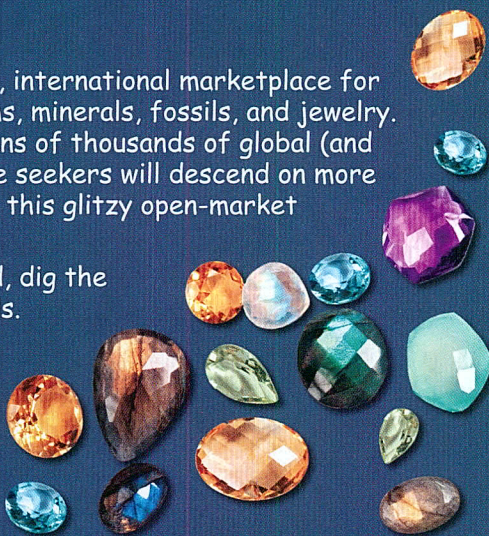
Before you go out to play, call ahead, or check the ski area's website for snow conditions.

## A Cut Above the Rest

Every winter, Tucson transforms into a bustling, international marketplace for buyers, sellers, and spectators of exquisite gems, minerals, fossils, and jewelry. From January 28 through February 15, 2016, tens of thousands of global (and local) jewelry makers, rock hounds, and treasure seekers will descend on more than 40 venues in the Tucson metro area during this glitzy open-market exposition, one of the largest in the world.

It's the perfect opportunity to gawk at the gold, dig the diamonds, ogle the opals, and flip over the fossils. The crown jewels of this extravaganza are the *Tucson Gem & Mineral Show* at TCC and the *J.O.G.S.* show held at the Tucson Expo Center.

For more information, visit [xpopress.com](http://xpopress.com), or call 520-622-4367.



**"PEN"GUIN POWER** Test your "pen"guin power by correctly completing the word each definition describes. Answers below.

1. One who builds houses

— — P E N — —

2. High priced; costly

— — P E N — —

3. Punishment; fine

P E N — — —

4. Freedom

— — P E N — — —

5. To pay; reimburse

— — P E N — — —

6. Tree with quaking leaves

— — P E N — —

7. Straps to hold up trousers

— — P E N — — —

8. Had occurred

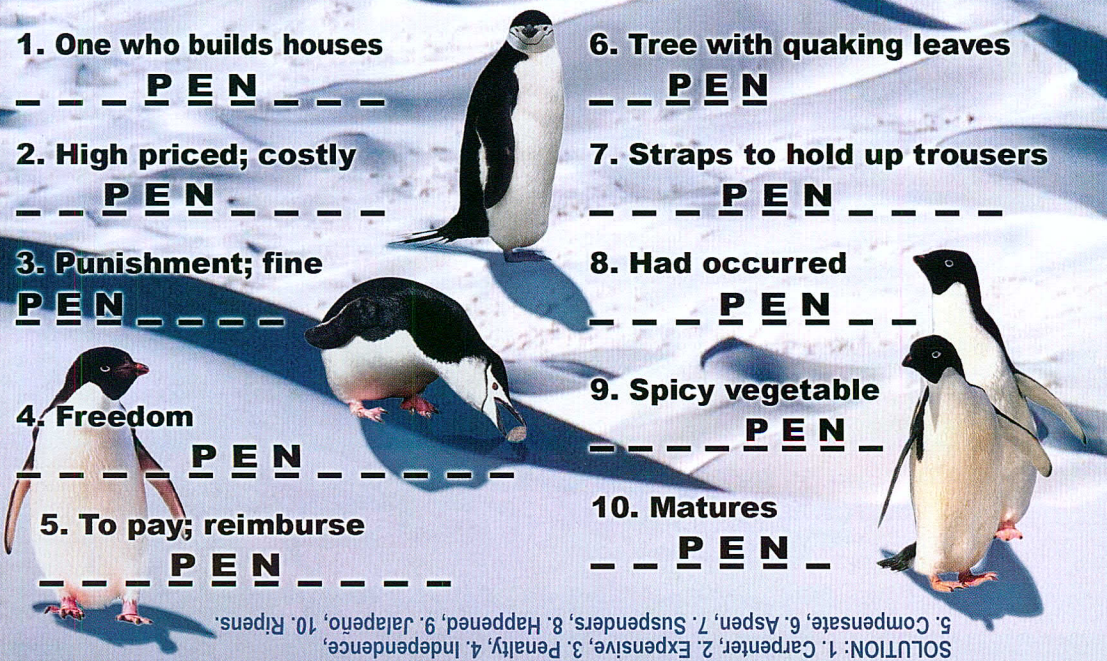
— — — P E N — —

9. Spicy vegetable

— — — — P E N — —

10. Matures

— — — — P E N — —



SOLUTION: 1. Carpenter, 2. Expensive, 3. Penalty, 4. Independence, 5. Compensate, 6. Aspen, 7. Suspenders, 8. Happened, 9. Jalapeño, 10. Ripens.

## First Day Hikes

These Arizona State Parks offer free guided hikes on January 1, 2016, with park admission (generally \$5-\$10 per vehicle). Details at [AZStateParks.com](http://AZStateParks.com).

**APACHE JUNCTION**  
**Lost Dutchman State Park**  
Treasure Loop Trail. Moderate 2.5-mile hike with 500-foot elevation gain. 9am. 480-982-4485.

**BENSON**  
**Kartchner Caverns State Pk.**  
Biology, geology of park. Moderately difficult hike. 1pm. 928-289-4106.

**COTTONWOOD**  
**Dead Horse Ranch State Pk.**  
Guided walk meanders along the riparian area of Verde River. 9am.

**LAKE HAVASU CITY**  
**Cattail Cove State Park**  
History, wildlife of area. Moderate 1.5 to 2-mile hike, about three hours. 9am. 800-285-3703, [golakehasvu.com/events/details/1392/](http://golakehasvu.com/events/details/1392/).

**Lake Havasu State Park**  
Sunset Trail. Flora and fauna of Lake Havasu. 10am. 928-855-2784, [golakehasvu.com/events/details/1431/](http://golakehasvu.com/events/details/1431/).

**PARKER**  
**Buckskin Mountain S.P.**  
Beautiful scenery. Moderately difficult 1.5-mile hike, about 2 hours. 10am.

**PATAGONIA**  
**Patagonia Lake State Park**  
Petroglyph Site Hill. Moderately difficult 3-mile hike with elevation gain, rock scrambling. 9am. 520-287-6965.

**PAYSON**  
**Tonto Natural Bridge S.P.**  
Gowan Trail. Half-mile steep trail with steps. 928-476-4202.

**PICACHO**  
**Picacho Peak State Park**  
Views of Sonoran Desert. Moderate 1-hour hike. 9am.

**SAFFORD**  
**Roper Lake State Park**  
Dankworth Pond. 1 1/2-hour hike. 10am. 928-428-6760.

**SEDONA**  
**Red Rock State Park**  
Natural history, archeology, geology of Red Rock area. 10am and 2pm.

**ST. JOHNS**  
**Lyman Lake State Park**  
Petroglyph Trail. 928-337-4441.

**SUPERIOR**  
**Boyce Thompson Arboretum**  
Natural history. Main trail for 1.5 miles. 11am. 520-689-2811.

**TUCSON**  
**Catalina State Park**  
50-year Trail Loop. Moderate 7-mile hike, elevation gain. 8am. 520-628-5798.

**WENDEN**  
**Alamo Lake State Park**  
Moderate 1-mile hike. 928-669-2088.

**WINSLOW**  
**Homolovi State Park**  
Diné Point via Tsu'vô Trail. Moderate 2-mile hike. 1pm. 928-289-4106.

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## PARMESAN CHICKEN STRIPS

Makes 16 strips

### Ingredients

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
2 large eggs  
1 tablespoon water  
1 cup seasoned bread crumbs  
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons olive oil

### Directions

Slice each chicken breast into four strips. In a small bowl, combine flour, salt, and pepper. In a second bowl, lightly beat the eggs and water together. In a third bowl, mix the bread crumbs and parmesan cheese. Dredge the chicken strips in the flour mixture, then the egg mixture, and finally the bread-crumbs mixture, pressing lightly to coat.

Heat 1 tablespoon of butter and 1 tablespoon of oil in a large sauté pan. Cook the coated strips for about three minutes per side until cooked through. Do not crowd the pan. Add the remaining butter and oil. Cook the rest of the chicken strips.

Enjoy with your favorite dipping sauce!

## JANUARY 2016

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<i>Best wishes to our JANUARY Birthdays!</i>				<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	<b>1 RENT DUE OFFICE CLOSED</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>RENT LATE</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>PEST CONTROL every THURSDAY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> JAN 1-10 QUARTZSITE TYSON WELLS GEM SHOW 928-927-6364
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> JAN 14-17 WILLCOX BIRDING & NATURE FEST 800-200-2272
<b>17</b> JAN 15-17 LAKE HAVASU BALLOON FESTIVAL & FAIR 877-505-2440	<b>18</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> JAN 22-24 CAREFREE INDIAN MARKET & FESTIVAL 480-488-2014
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> JAN 29-31 BUCKEYE SENIOR PRO RODEO 928-684-9566	<b>30</b> JAN 29-31 CAREFREE FINE ART & WINE FESTIVAL 480-837-5637
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## SPORTS AT HOME

### UA MEN'S BASKETBALL

McKale Center, Tucson. \$19-\$120. 520-621-CATS

JAN 14-WASHINGTON JAN 28-OREGON  
JAN 16-WASH. STATE JAN 30-OREGON STATE

### UA HOCKEY

TCC Arena, Tucson. \$5-\$18. 520-749-2590

JAN 8-9 UNIV. OF COLO. JAN 22-MIDLAND UNIV.  
JAN 21-OHIO UNIV. JAN 23-MIDLAND UNIV.

### TAR SOCCER SHOOTOUT

JAN 15-17 Fort Lowell Park. Free. 520-529-1493

### ARIZONA CARDINALS FOOTBALL

Univ. of Phx. Stad., Glendale. \$47-\$663. 602-379-0102

JAN 3-SEATTLE

### NFL POSTSEASON

JAN 9-10: WILD CARD JAN 24: CONFERENCE  
JAN 16-17: DIVISIONAL JAN 31: PRO BOWL

### FIESTA BOWL

JAN 1 Univ. of Phx Stadium, Glendale. Ohio State vs. Notre Dame \$85-\$325. 480-350-0911 FiestaBowl.org

### CACTUS BOWL

JAN 2 Chase Field, Phx. Arizona State vs. W. Virginia \$25-\$120. 480-350-0911 FiestaBowl.org/cactus-bowl

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

JAN 11 Univ. of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale. National Championship Game. \$. CollegeFootballPlayoffs.com

## ON STAGE

### CENTENNIAL HALL

UA, Tucson • 520-621-3341 • UAPresents.org

JAN 5-10 Riverdance 20th Anniversary World Tour  
JAN 15 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra  
JAN 17 Monterey Jazz Festival  
JAN 23 Emanuel Ax  
JAN 26 Pink Martini with Storm Large  
JAN 29 Bodytraffic

### FOX THEATRE

Tucson • 520-624-1515 • FoxTucsonTheatre.org

JAN 7 Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live!  
JAN 14 Jimmy Heath & TJI Ellington Band  
JAN 20 Dave Mason's Traffic Jam  
JAN 21 Poncho Sanchez with La Voz de Tres  
JAN 22 The Rad Trads with Arthur Migliazza  
JAN 23 Travis Tritt  
JAN 30 Jay and the Americans

### RIALTO THEATRE

Tucson • 520-740-1000 • RialtoTheatre.com

JAN 9 Café Jaleo ... music of Buena Vista Social Club  
JAN 10 Queensryche  
JAN 13 Dave Rawlings Machine  
JAN 15 Snarky Puppy  
JAN 17 Josh Ritter and the Royal City Band  
JAN 23 Lizz Wright  
JAN 24 Kermit Ruffins  
JAN 26 Mike Gordon  
JAN 31 The Paradox 2015 Tour

### TUCSON ARENA AT TCC

Tucson • 520-791-4101

JAN 19 Janet Jackson: Unbreakable World Tour

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### FIRST SATURDAY CONCERT

JAN 2 Catalina State Park Trailhead, Tucson. Grey Sails and West Texas Intermediate perform. Bring chair and food/water. \$3-\$7. 520-825-9122

### CONCERT SERIES

JAN 9 Steam Pump Ranch, Oro Valley. Gabriel Ayala performs. Free. 520-229-5050

### 2ND SATURDAYS DOWNTOWN

JAN 9 Congress Street, Downtown Tucson. Music, vendors, street performers, store specials, more. Free. 520-545-1102 2ndSaturdaysDowntown.com

### LIVING HISTORY DAY

JAN 9 Tucson Presidio. Experience Spanish Colonial Tucson with food, stories, crafts, re-enactments. \$3; under 14 free. 520-837-8119

### OUTDOOR CONCERT

JAN 14 Oro Valley Marketplace. Concert by Ocotillo Rain and Thunder. Free. 520-797-3959 SAACA.org

### DOWNTOWN JAZZ FIESTA

JAN 18 5th Ave. between Toole & Broadway, Tucson. Two outdoor stages, jazz ensembles and local Latin jazz, food trucks. Free. TucsonJazzFestival.org

### DILLINGER DAYS

JAN 22-23 Hotel Congress/Downtown Tucson. Live music, historical re-enactments, car show, whiskey tasting, tours. 800-722-8848

### LA ENCANTADA FINE ART FESTIVAL

JAN 23-24 La Encantada Shopping Center, Tucson. Finest artwork in Southern AZ, live performances, mountain views. Free. 520-797-3959

## FUN IN THE SUN

Events may change. Please call ahead.