

**TOM GATES RESIDENCE  
5312 EAST ROYAL PALM ROAD  
PARADISE VALLEY, AZ 85253  
RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 11, 2025**

On March 5, 2025, Tom Gates presented his home located at 5312 East Royal Palm Road to the Historical Advisory Committee for consideration to the Historical Property Recognition Program.

In 1961, Peter Shield's built this home in a mid-century western ranch style using slump block construction. Mr. Shield's designed this home with entry sequences of a front circular driveway to the front door and a side driveway to the garage. Overhangs were included in both the front and back of the home to minimize the sun exposure. The roof was originally built with shake shingles but has since been replaced with a tile roof. Inside, the home has built-in hallway cabinets with pull out shelves.

In 1979, Tom Gates purchased this home from Paul Masser as its second owner. Mr. Gates added a stain glass window designed by Mary Raneri and installed it next to the front door where it gets southern exposure to high light the artwork. On the day Mr. Gates purchased the home, he added the eagle weathervane he purchased from a service station on 44<sup>th</sup> Street and McDowell that had been torn down. Richfield Oil Company commissioned these weathervanes when they redesigned their service stations to look more appealing in the 1960s which is the vintage as the home. Mr. Gates also added a diving pool.

In Mr. Gates' interview in October 2024, he noted that there were deed restrictions on the property such as you can have only two cows and two horses, no pigs, no roosters or things that make noise. The house was also restricted to be at least 1600 square feet.

As chair of the Town's Historical Advisory Committee, I would like to recommend the Gates home located at 5312 East Royal Palm Road to the Town Council for recognition in our Historic Property Program.

