

TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY

Paradise Valley Mountain Preserve Trust



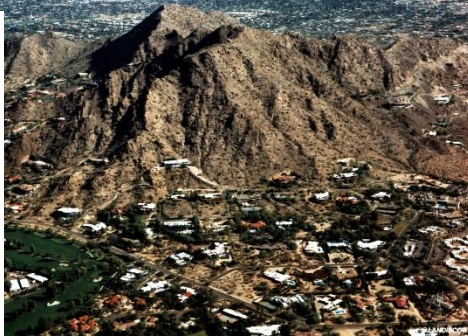
Purpose

“To preserve what cannot be replaced by man.”

Created in 1997 to acquire, maintain, preserve and protect in perpetuity undeveloped and developed property that can be returned to its natural state, and conservation easements on and around the mountain areas in the Town of Paradise Valley.



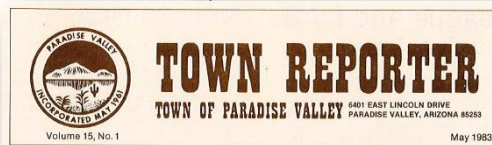
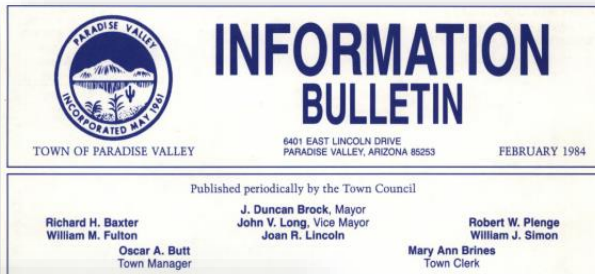
THE FAMILY CIRCUS, By Bil Keane



Trust operates as 501©(3) charitable organization

History

- In 1976 Town formally adopted a goal to acquire open space on Mummy Mountain
- First donation made in 1978
- In 1997 the Mummy Mountain Preserve Trust was created
- In 2019 renamed PV Mountain Preserve Trust and increased membership to 7



Mummy Mountain Preserve

On March 24 Mr. Foorman Mueller presented to Mayor Brock the deed to 33 acres on the top of Mummy Mountain donated to the Town by Burns Investment Opportunities, Inc. The land is to be maintained in a natural and wilderness state forever with no access, usage or trespass allowed.

With the acquisition of this parcel there are now a total of 84 acres in the Mummy Mountain Preserve. Initially a 33 acre parcel was donated to Maricopa County as a bird sanctuary by G. B. McKinley. Then the Town was given 3 acres by Dr. and Mrs.

Mervyn Lakin in September 1978, and Mrs. Velma Morrison donated 15 acres on December 4, 1980. Last September Mr. Mueller was appointed by Mayor Brock to study the feasibility of acquiring land on Mummy Mountain for a mountain preserve. At that time the Council placed a six month moratorium on the recordation of any new subdivisions on the mountain, and Mr. Mueller was charged with completing his study and reporting to the Council before the moratorium ended. At the conclusion of his assignment Mr. Mueller reported to the Council

that the approximate value of the 300 acres on the top of Mummy Mountain was \$15,000,000. In addition to the 33 acres from Burns, Mr. Mueller has received a letter from Philip F. Schneider, Jr. and W. A. Franke, the owners of approximately 36 acres on Mummy Mountain, which includes a portion of the mountain top, stating that they are seriously considering the possibility of donating a portion of their property, including the mountain top, to the Town. Mr. Mueller suggested the program be expanded beyond gifts of property on the mountain itself to gifts of property any place within the Town. Burns Investment has also given the Town an option to purchase 12 of the uppermost lots in La Place du Sommet at their fair market value until January 13, 1984. Mr. Mueller suggested that a property gift without restrictions which the Town could subsequently sell, as well as cash donations, would provide funds to purchase one or more of the 12 lots.

Mr. Mueller also advised the Council that he had received assurance of private funding by neighbors to repair the scarring on the south side of Mummy Mountain at Glen Drive. He will move along as quickly as all of the details can be put together. The Town of Paradise Valley is very proud of Foorman Mueller, and all citizens owe him a great debt of gratitude.



Left to right: Joe Adams, Burns Investment, Mayor J. Duncan Brock, Town Manager Oscar A. Butt, Foorman Mueller, Chairman Mountain Preservation Committee.

MUMMY MOUNTAIN LAND PRESERVE CONTINUES GROWTH

In April 1976 the idea for the Mummy Mountain Preserve was born when the Town Council formally adopted a goal to develop plans for acquiring open spaces such as mountain tops.

This led to gifts of three acres from Dr. and Mrs. Mervyn Lakin in 1978, and fifteen acres from Mrs. Velma Morrison in 1980.

Initially a 33-acre parcel was donated to Maricopa County by G. B. McKinley. That land, designated as a bird sanctuary, was subsequently annexed to the Town.

In March 1983 Burns Investment Opportunities, Inc. gave 33 acres on the top of Mummy Mountain to the Town, making the present total of 84 acres in the Mountain Preserve. Negotiations are presently underway to obtain additional acreage through donations.

The Town would like to acquire the entire top of the mountain, approximately 300 acres in all, including the 84 mentioned above. This land will have to be donated to or purchased by the Town. A Land Bank has been established for this purpose.



PVMPT Board of Directors

Seven Trustees appointed by the Mayor & confirmed by the Council serve 3-year staggered terms

- **John Graham, Chair** (appointed 2018)
 - Chairman & CEO of Sunbelt Holdings
- **George Getz, Vice Chair** (appointed 2022)
 - President & Co-CEO of Globe Corporation
- **Christa Berlanti** (appointed 2025)
 - President & CEO of Fairview Dev Corp
- **Stephen Evans** (appointed 2022)
 - Chairman & CEO of Evans Withycombe Residential
- **Scott LeMarr** (appointed 2023)
 - Former Mayor & Founder of Palo Cristi Stone Company
- **Fred Pakis, Past Chair** (appointed 2005)
 - Co-Founder, President, & Co-CEO of JDA Software
- **Rene Romero** (appointed 2025)
 - Co-Founder Baby Kay's Cajun Kitchen



Stewardship

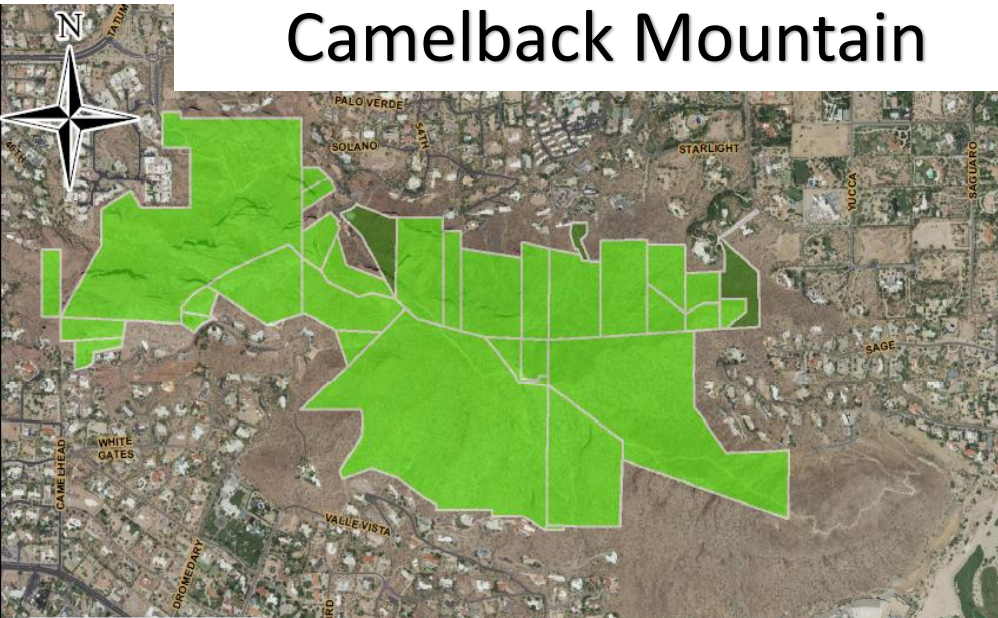
- Accept donations of land (not just on Mummy Mountain), cash, investments, and other assets
- Land maintained in its natural state in perpetuity
- Land may not be sold, traded, re-designated, leased, or subleased
- No access or use of Mountain Preserve land shall be permitted (police and utility exception)
- Trust may inspect, review, and monitor property
- May undertake cleanup of property



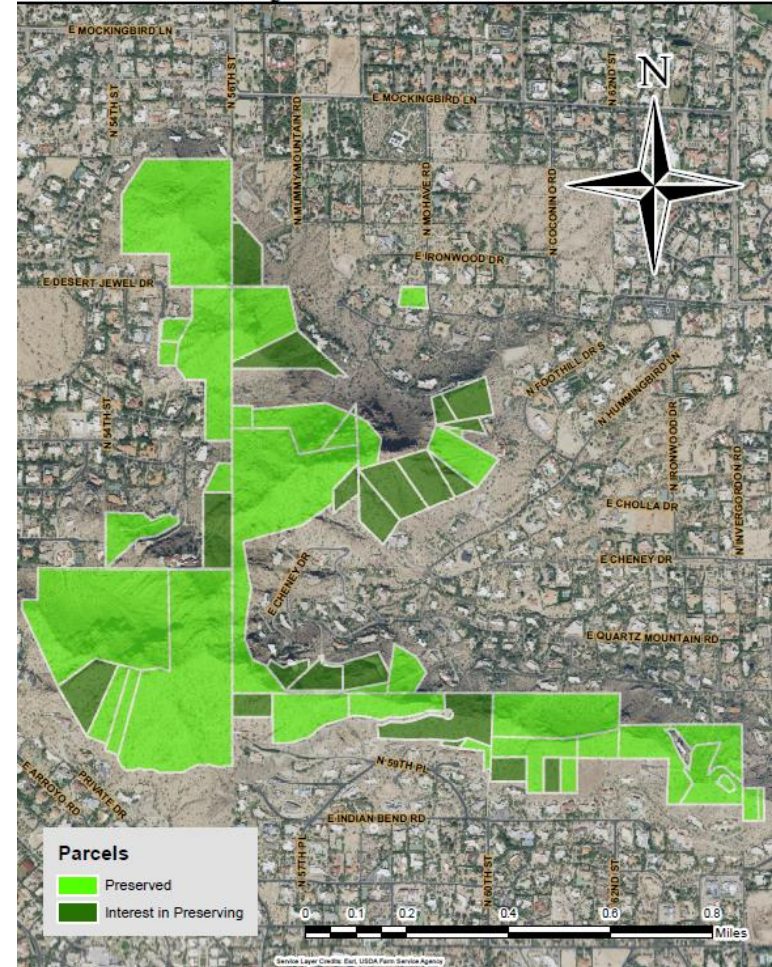
PVMPT Successes

Of the 320 acres on Mummy Mountain originally identified, approximately 235 acres are now in the Preserve in fee title or conservation easement.

Camelback Mountain



Mummy Mountain



2024 Successes

- Donor Wall Dedication
- Donation of 5562 E Roadrunner Rd
- 4.395 Acres



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

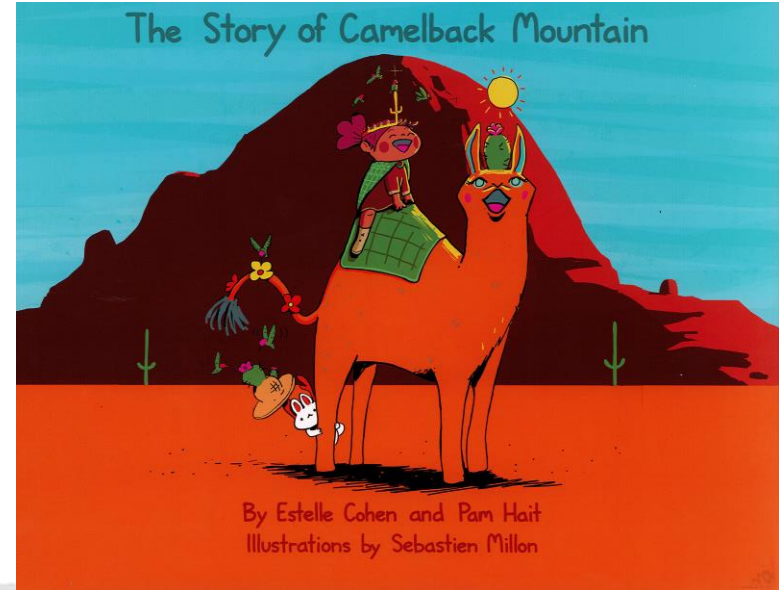
- Mervyn and Lorraine Lakin 1978
- Velma Morrison 1980
- La Place du Sommet LLC 1983
- Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Steer 1984
- Michael and Heather Greenbaum 1984
- Carl Yarbrough 1986
- Jack and Diane Peterson 1989
- Francis Trecker Trust 1989
- Camelback Inn 1989
- William A. and Carolyn Franke and Family 1993
- Phil and Nancy Schneider 1993
- Maricopa County 1999
- Christenholz Family 1999 and 2006
- Richard and Carole Kraemer 2000
- Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Dickman 2001
- Lyle and Nancy Campbell 2002
- Stewart Title and Trust 2003
- Dr. Anthony M. and Jeanne S. Pavio 2005
- Robert and Carole Griego 2005
- Christa Berlanti 2019
- Amy and Ray Thurston 2020
- Steve and Ardie Evans 2020

This donor wall was generously underwritten by the family of Anne P. and Robert A. Williams Jr.



Current Projects

- Potential Donor Outreach



Questions?

