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MEET OUR TEAM



Jason LaFlesch: Captain & Creator

You could say that I was born to be a Realtor. Both my mother and father had long careers in the Real Estate industry, and it is the only adult job I have ever had. I began my real estate career upon graduating from ASU in 1994 (go Devils)! Don't worry, I play well with others, and have many Wildcat friends...

My wife and I have over 50 years of combined Real Estate experience, as well as construction, remodel, new home development, and real estate management background. Together we have 2 adult daughters and 12 year old triplets. My passion for real estate is matched only by my work ethic, which is why I coined the phrase, "Yes, I DO answer my phone"! I specialize in getting the highest sales price in the shortest amount of time and I have a proven recipe for success, closing over \$380 Million in sales.

Check me out on my real estate radio show "The Real Estate Power Hour" KKNT 960 the Patriot.



Sarah Monroe: Maker & Creator

Hello! I am the team member that brings this news letter to life on paper! I am an architect with a background in graphic design, but I am currently a stay at home mommy to my awesome 17 month old boy, and am expecting a new baby girl this fall! My husband and I live here in The Bridges and while I am not designing and constructing this newsletter we like hiking, biking, hitting up all of the local parks with our son, and enjoying the beautiful weather as a family.

I am available for any graphic design or architectural consulting needs that you may have! Feel free to email me at monroe.sarahjane@gmail.com, or reach out to me on facebook!

Cheers!



Liz Dora: Do'er & Creator

My Name is Liz Dora. I have been a resident of The Bridges for a smidge over a year. I absolutely love it here, by far my favorite house that I have ever bought! I have two children. Allison my daughter is a Junior and Gage my son is a Sophomore that both attend Casteel High School. I stay super busy with my kids and their extracurricular activities. Allison is in the sports med program and Gage plays football and ran track this year. I work full time for Driggs Title, I am a Senior Escrow officer and have been doing it for 28 years.

Dang, that makes me sound old but I love what I do!

I love to travel. I love seeing new places and experiencing the culture and the food and the atmosphere, it is the best thing for the soul!

PHOTO COVER ART CONTEST WINNER!

"What's the big deal about a sunset?"

When I was growing up in Florida, this is what I used to say to my mother every time she asked us to ride our bikes down to the pond in our neighborhood to view the sunset.

Now I am grown up, married, and my wife and I live in the Bridges with our backyard facing west with a view of the water recharge park. There is a gorgeous Arizona sky on most nights. I now appreciate my mother's advice of taking a few minutes every now and then to appreciate this beautiful place we live in.

Thanks for letting me share my story."

Bryan Peet- Winner of this months Starbucks giftcard!!

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“LINK” - OUR COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER

Jason here, Funny Story:

So, I happen to be watching the Barrett Jackson car auction on TV and I see a good friend of mine cheering with the biggest smile on his face. Immediately I began to laugh while watching this because my friend bought a Firetruck! Yes, a firetruck!

The cool factor of this truck is off the charts! I asked my friend, Keith, if he could share it with our community. So, we are inviting the community out with their kids to check it out! He will turn on the lights, fire up the sirens and we will have a great time. I mean, what kids don't like to be able to really check out a Vintage Firetruck?! Parents too!!!

The truck is in mint condition, fully restored and is a sight to see!

I would like to share this piece of history with our community on **May 25th from 9am to 11am**
Location: Bridges Elementary Parking Lot

Firetruck Courtesy of Keith Mulqueen / Mulqueen Sewing Centers / Mesa - Tempe - Glendale

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BRIDGES CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATES

4TH-6TH BULK TRASH PICKUP

15TH- ALL CONTENT / CONTEST ENTRIES DUE

17TH- VOLLEY BALL GAME 6:00 PM

25TH- TOUCH A TRUCK

M / TH 6:00-7:00PM CAPOEIRA IN THE PIRATE PARK

MAY 2019						
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5	6 ●	7	8	9 ●	10	11
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26	27 ●	28	29	30 ●	31	

GILBERT COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE KIDS!

0-2 Year Events:

BLOCK & ROLL : WEEKLY PLAYDATE FOR MOMS AND LITTLES
 MAY 1ST 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
 Modern Milk
 3244 E Guadalupe Road Suite 106 Gilbert AZ
 Free

TODDLER TIME
 MAY 1ST 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
 Southeast Public Library
 775 N. Greenfield Rd Gilbert AZ
 Free

2-4 Year Events:

DOWNTOWN GILBERT SPLASH PAD
 MAY 11TH 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM
 Water Tower Plaza in the heart of Gilbert's Heritage District
 45 W Page Ave Gilbert AZ
 Free

PAWS 2 READ
 MAY 18TH 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 Perry Library
 1965 E Queen Creek Road Gilbert AZ
 Free

4-6 Year Events:

HOME DEPOT KIDS WORKSHOPS
 MAY 4TH 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Home Depot
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GIRLY GIRLZ ON THE GO! – BRINGING THE PARTY TO GILBERT!
 MAY 4TH 12:30 PM
 Joss + J Boutique
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6-10 Year Events:

GILBERT POP WARNER FOOTBALL & CHEER CLINIC
 MAY 11TH 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Freestone Park
 1045 E. Juniper Ave Gilbert AZ
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SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE!
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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

FREE Capoeira In The Pirate Park (Bridges North): Monday's & Thursday's 6:00PM-7:00PM

My name is Fabian Duarte, known in Capoeira circles as Montanha (Mountain in Portuguese). I'm a resident at the Bridges of Gilbert since 2015. I really enjoy living here, having met many neighbors who are now friends and having a beautiful community to call home.

I decided to teach Capoeira in our community as a way for our neighbors to come out, get fit together and get to know each other and our kids. My vision is to have our kids getting to know each other, become friends and enjoy activities together. Capoeira is a great way to have this happen. I have trained since October 2002 with various Masters (Mestres) in the US and Brazil. I first heard about capoeira in a Portuguese for Spanish speakers class and saw it first hand being practiced at The University of Arizona. I was hooked!

What is Capoeira?

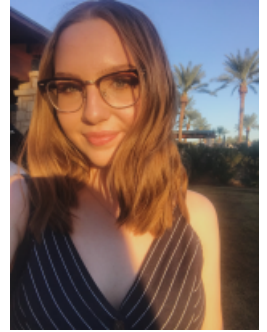
Capoeira originated by African and Indigenous slaves during the 16th century in Brazil. It is known for quick and complex maneuvers using power, speed and kicks. It was disguised defense and attack dance-fight learned as a weapon and used by escaping slaves as they fled.

Capoeira is played to the beat of instruments with capoeiristas gathered in a circle and sing in call and response in Portuguese. Just a small vocabulary is enough to establish a connection that can clearly define the harmony of the two players, creating a dialogue.

The UNESCO has granted Capoeira a designation of intangible cultural heritage for its richness in culture, history and tradition.

Youth Entrepreneur Spotlight:

"Hello, My name is Sydney Case and I am a 17 year old in my junior year of high school. With summer fast approaching, many parents might be looking for a babysitter or pet-sitter. I am looking to begin a service in which I can watch both children and pets here in the Bridges Community.



I became interested in doing so when volunteered at an animal shelter for over a year and learned a lot about working with all types of dogs. Also, I am a patient and loving person who has always gotten along with kids.

I am willing to work with all ages of children and give them my full attention. I can work most days while school is out of session.

Contact me on the Residents Only Facebook page or email me at sydneyc02@outlook.com for additional information. Thank you!"



COMMUNITY PULSE

Camp Invention® is coming to our community this summer! June 3- June 7th

The Bridges Elementary School is excited to offer Camp Invention®, the country's leading science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program, encouraging creative problem solving, teamwork, entrepreneurship and curiosity in children from kindergarten through sixth grade. In addition, many students who have aged out of the program participate as Leaders-in-Training (LITs) to develop early leadership skills. LITs receive formal training and are mentored by high school-aged Camp Invention Leadership Interns.

The all-inclusive cost is \$270 per child, and there are no fees for the school or district. Unfortunately, There are many local kids who cannot afford enrichment opportunities like Camp Invention.



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MAINTENANCE 5-MINUTE

Extending The Life of Your Water Heater

We are calling this the maintenance “5-minute” because you’re probably going to invest more than a minute in draining your water heater-but the good news is that you don’t have to drain it completely as your manual may suggest. Over time, any type of water heater tank will build up sediment- which has three harmful effects on your home’s hot water system. First, the sediment takes up space which effectively makes your water heater smaller. Second, the sediment can insulate the bottom of the tank and in a gas water heater, where much of the flame’s heat is absorbed into the water, or even cover a lower element in an electric water heater causing a reduction in heating efficiency. Third, the sediment scratches the glass lining of the water heater tank, resulting in exposed metal - which leads to rust and eventual tank failure.

Good news though, you can extend the life of the tank and increase the efficiency of the system by simply draining a couple gallons of water off the bottom of the tank.

To do this, follow the following steps:

1. Shut the unit down by turning the gas valve to “pilot” or “off”, or flipping off the breaker for electric units.
2. Turn off the cold water supply line, usually located on the right side as you face the unit.
3. Attach a garden hose to the drain valve on the water heater tank, and run it to a drain.
4. Turn on a hot water faucet somewhere in your home to allow the water to flow and then open the drain valve toward the bottom of the tank.
5. Check the color of the water that drains- at first it may appear dark, but after just a few gallons it will become clear. At that point you can close the drain and turn off the hot water faucet you had turned on previously.
6. Turn the cold water supply back on and turn the power or gas supply back on.

And You’re Done!

REAL ESTATE PRO TIPS FROM JASON

Want to update your home on the Cheap? First, for those of you that don’t know, both my wife and I own Results Realty which is a Family owned real estate company right here in the east valley AND we are your neighbors right here in the Bridges!! Jennifer is the Broker and keeps me and the Results Team in line. yes, she’s the boss! There, I said it!!! Ha. I run the team at Results Realty and I’m in the Top 100 Realtors out of 65,000 + licensed agents in the Valley. I work the business full time and have a tireless work ethic and can help you either sell your current home or find you your dream home right here in the valley of the sun! I’ve also fixed and flipped over 800 homes since the housing market hit rock bottom in mid 2009. While being very involved in all aspects of fixing and flipping homes I’ve learned just about everything you need to know on what to do when updating your home and what will yield you the most bang for the buck. I love sharing my experiences with anyone that wants to learn what is best for your home. That’s how I have built our business over the last 25 years.... educating others on what has worked for me!

So here are a couple tips on how to update your home on the cheap!

1. **Cabinet handles and pulls:** One of the best ways to spruce up your kitchen, bathrooms and laundry room is to add cabinet handles and pulls. They can be bought online or better yet at Lowe’s or Home Depot, where you can check them out in person and see what works best for you. There is an additional step on what size to buy and what finish to buy. Yes, there are trends and trends are what can be the difference between getting top dollar for your home or a potential buyer thinking to themselves, “I need to update those cabinet handles”. Ha. Web resources like Pinterest or Houzz are great to check out the latest and greatest finishes and colors that are trending. Utilize those simple resources before deciding on your home updating wants.
2. **Adding custom trim work to your home:** Selecting a few rooms in your home to add one or more of the following trim accents. Wainscoting, beadboard, shiplap, crown molding or taller baseboards. All of these really add a major custom pop to your home and will wow potential buyers!!! Even if you’re not ready to sell, adding these features to your home will put a huge smile on your face every time you see it! Why not enjoy it while you are living in your home? For examples of what these trim work suggestions are, make sure to google it. You will see some examples of it all over the internet.

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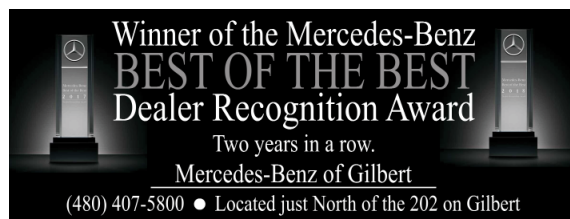


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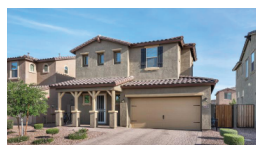
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MARKET SCOOP

Gilbert Mega Park and The Strand @ Gilbert Water Park - Good or Bad???

Is it May 2019 already?!?! Yes it is! Wow, time flies!! Anyway, I have been getting a lot of calls from residents in the Bridges and other friends and clients that live in the area about the new \$100 Million Dollar Gilbert Regional Park and the newly introduced The Strand @ Gilbert, a 25 acre park that will be part of the Gilbert Mega Park. As you probably know, this will be across Higley road as you exit our community.

The question on everyones mind, “Will this park be good for our resale value?” OR “What will this do for our current value of our home?” I’ve been in this real estate game for over 25 years and am very entrenched in what development does for neighborhoods whether it be good or bad. Yes, there are commercial developments that can definitely affect your property value in a negative way, but this Regional Park, in my opinion, will help our property values immensely. I believe that this park as a whole will attract people from at least a 10 mile radius. It will be state of the art, cutting edge to the point where people will want to be part of the growth and the growth in the immediate area that the Mega Park will command. This is the kick in the pants that this part of Gilbert needed in order to spark other entertainment growth of other commercials development that will happen within a 3 mile radius or so. Time will tell but I believe we will all reap the benefits of this Mega Park!

I hope this helps answer everyones questions, and gives some peace of mind!

For all of your real estate needs whether buying or selling or if you have any questions regarding your home and a potential remodel, call or email me anytime. Jason@ailaz.com or call me!! 602 369 4663 and YES!!!... I DO answer my phone.