

Treasure from Trash

Have you ever noticed the beautiful gray-green rock façade at the Lakeview Medical Building on 103rd just west of us? Or the stone lining the entrance to Lakeview Rec Center?

The technical name is Chrysocolla according to the rockhounds in the Sun City Club. But it also has a less official name: Britton Stone.

Wally Britton headed construction in Sun City in the early 1960s. He and his wife had a friend who was an engineer with Phelps Dodge in Jerome, and on one visit Wally saw this unusual rock in the tailings there. Worthless stone.



He drove a company truck to Jerome on his next visit, and loaded it with the colorful blue-green rock. It would be the first of many truckloads that would be brought to Sun City for the building of the entrance to the hospital and several other buildings. It also appears on several homes in Sun City.