

# La Solana Town Crier

All the news that's fit to print.

## The President's Corner

Jan Smith, HOA President

It's 117 degrees today, so definitely a good day to stay inside. I'm sure even those of you who are in your summer homes are aware Arizona is setting records for heat temperatures. We are staying cool by walking early in the morning and by attending the fun ice cream social we had in the Clubhouse. Thanks so much to our Summer Social Committee for all their hard work.

At our Board Meeting, Jack presented our financial score card and we are doing very well YTD. Please look at the Score Card on the La Solana Website. We appointed Joe Wojtasiak to the Architectural Committee and thank him for volunteering for this important Committee.

We approved a 3 year tree trimming proposal from Carescape. (Con't page 2)



La Solana Residents ignored the record high temperatures by cooling off in the clubhouse with root beer floats and buckets of ice cream. Sprinkles, nuts, chocolate sauce—we had it all. Our Snow-Birds missed out on a fun evening. Kevin at his best. Terry Ward bellied up to the ice cream bar anticipating a big scoop. Kevin didn't disappoint her.

### Drivers Beware

The City of Surprise has hired 4 additional police officers whose primary function is traffic control. You'll be seeing them around The Grand where they will be ticketing drivers for failure to stop at stop signs, speeding (35 MPH speed limit on main streets and 25 MPH on residential streets). This includes golf carts, bicyclists, and electric bikes. *I wonder about motorized mobility devices. Any speeders out there?*

Notes from Jan (con't)

This proposal includes trimming all our trees with the exception of the Palm trees. We will receive a separate proposal for them early next summer as the Palms get trimmed by a subcontractor in July.

We also approved the proposal from Cox Business for our phone systems and internet. The good news is we will now have better internet service that not only includes the Clubhouse but also the pool area.

The intense heat, as you can imagine, is not making our landscaping very happy. Unfortunately, we will lose some smaller plants and in the fall we will need to replant. Carescape will be giving us dates soon for our turf reduction which will include some small areas by buildings 5 and 6. The new xeriscape garden for our entrance will be installed in August once the temperatures drop.

The owls have returned to the community and we see them regularly, particularly by building 4.

We had an in-person chat in the Clubhouse on July 26. The notes are included in this newsletter. If you have a question, please email me and I will do my best to respond in a timely manner.

Take care,

Jan Smith, HOA President

### Friendly Reminder

Please flat fold all of your boxes for recycling. Bulky boxes quickly fill the bin requiring more trips \$\$\$\$\$ to the recycling center. Each time we empty the recycling bin we pay. Breaking down your discards helps all of us. No plastic bags, please. No glass or food soaked boxes.



Photo taken in July of our recycle bin. Are you guilty? Time for all of us to think of the neighborhood and take the time

**Please be courteous.** Several of our residents use mobile devices and have difficulty maneuvering around vehicles parked over the sidewalk. Take that extra moment to check your parking so all of our residents can safely enjoy the community. *Thank you.*



### It's (Always) Party Time at La Solana

There's so much to do at La Solana, you need never spend an evening without the company of your neighbors. It's important as Actively Aging Seniors to stay connected. In addition to proper nutrition and daily exercise, the third pillar for healthy aging is *connectedness*. I am always grateful that I live in La Solana where I'm greeted by neighbors every day, enjoy the well maintained, safe surroundings, participate in the activities in the clubhouse and pool.

Check out the monthly calendar on page 4 and join the fun. You'll live longer and be healthier, and happier as well—I guarantee it.

### Coming soon, Pizza Party August 9th.




#### Random Noteworthy News

- New Facebook page. Positively Grand: Random Acts of Kindness. Report any acts of kindness which you experience. There are plenty of kind folks out there, let's recognize them. And, maybe commit some random acts of kindness yourself.
- City of Surprise has increased the number of beds available for the homeless. There is also a new shelter for families or single parents with children. Contact City if you know of someone with these needs.
- The Grand finance report: we are in great shape. Home sales (and CARE funds) are up; Lifestyles Magazine revenues are up; current liquid assets \$38,000,000.
- City of Surprise Council Member stated that rental property regulations have changed. All properties used for rental, full or part time, will need to be reassessed as rental property. It may take several months before enforcement happens. Councilwoman Aly Cline will speak to the issue this fall during a presentation at La Solana. Date TBD.
- Our office is back to operating full time: M-F 8:30 - 4: 30.
- Wyyred is now up and running. Residents who have activated service are reporting great results, speedy streaming. Contact Wyyred directly to get hooked up. (623-455-4555)
- La Solana has made a formal request for signage identifying The Grand entrance/exit on W. Mountain View by the Reems trail head and east of La Solana. Thank you Bob S.
- Your monthly newsletter Edited by Adrienne (Unit 3312). Your stories, comments, and questions are always welcomed. [adriennekirschner314@gmail.com](mailto:adriennekirschner314@gmail.com); 623-466-9068



# Activities Calendar-August 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Poker - 3:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm Bridge- 6:30pm Sign up for Pizza Party	2 Movie - 10:00am Movie - 1:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	3 Poker - 3:00pm Hand & Foot 1:00- 3:30pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	4 Movie - 10:00am Movie - 1:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	5
6	7 Movie - 10:00am Movie - 1:00pm Mah Jongg 1:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm  Last day to sign up for Pizza Party	8 Poker 3:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm Bridge 6:30pm	9 Board Workshop & Chat (Zoom) 10:00am Movie - 10 & 1:00pm  Pizza Party 5:00pm Clubhouse	10 Poker 3:00pm Hand & Foot 1:00-3:30pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	11 Movie - 10:00am Movie - 1:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	12
13	14  Coffee with Jan & Sue 9:30am Movie - 10am & 1pm Mah Jongg -1:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	15 Poker 3:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm Bridge - 6:30pm	16 Board Meeting 10:00am (Zoom) Movie - 10:00am Movie - 1:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	17 Poker 3:00pm Hand & Foot 1:00- 3:30pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	18 Movie - 10:00am Movie - 1:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	19
20	21 Movie - 10:00am Movie - 1:00pm Mah Jongg 1:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	22 BINGO - 2-3:00pm Poker - 3:00pm Hand&Foot 5:00pm Bridge - 6:30pm	23 Movie - 10:00am Movie - 1:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm Chat with the Board 7:00pm - Clubhouse	24 Poker - 3:00pm Hand & Foot 1:00- 3:30pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	25 Movie - 10:00am Movie - 1:00pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm	26
27	28 Movie - 10:00am Movie - 1:00pm Mah Jongg - 1:00pm Hand&Foot 5:00pm	29 Poker - 3:00pm Hand&Foot 5:00pm Bridge 6:30pm	30 Movie - 10 & 1:00pm Hand & Foot-5:00pm  Dessert Night - 6:00pm- Clubhouse	31 Poker - 3:00pm Hand & Foot 1:00- 3:30pm Hand & Foot 5:00pm		