

# La Solana Town Crier

All the positive news that's fit to print.

## Notes from Jan Smith, HOA President

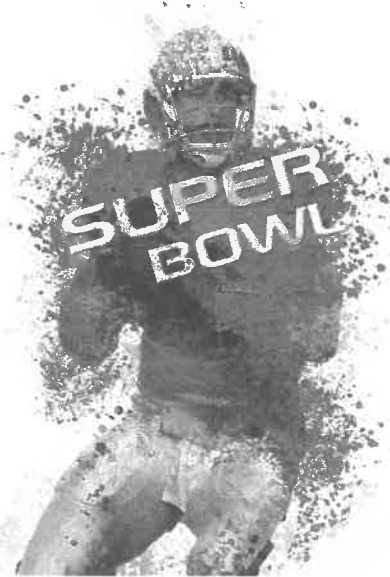
The sun is actually shining. I don't remember having so many cloudy days, as well as so much rain at this time of year. We have had so many discussions recently about water shortages, I am so hoping that our recent rains will help that situation.

The rain, however, has not stopped many things being accomplished at La Solana. We have new signage to replace our old worn-out broken signs. New signage will reflect the Grand name change (It's time since we live in Surprise, not Sun City.)

We have begun working on repairing the building entrance doors, repairing elevators as needed, and accepting bids to replace those tired "Lollipop" lights with efficient new light standards. Sadly, we have to say goodbye to 5 more pine trees that are dead or dying, ripping up our sidewalks and messing with the underground pipes.

We held our annual meeting on February 9th. Thank you to the 55 residents who attended and to all of you who returned your ballots via mail or left at the office.

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## Super Bowl 57

More than 50 residents gathered before a big screen TV in our beautiful clubhouse to watch the Super Bowl game. Close calls, alternating top scorers kept the fans tuned in through the commercials, sometimes hilarious, throughout this tense athletic drama.

As always food and drink was plentiful and delicious.

Kansas City Chiefs 38  
Pittsburgh Eagles 35

### Soups On-Back by Popular Demand

Hats off to Vicki Johnson and her team for orchestrating the first SOUPS ON in three years—something we've missed during COVID.

Over 75 people gathered at the Clubhouse at La Solana on Wednesday, February 1, at 5 pm. This year 17 crockpots served up a variety of tasty soups—from Vegetable, Reuben, Chicken Noodle, Split Pea, Mushroom-Wild Rice, Mexican Taco, to Dill Pickle—which was a favorite of many. In addition to the large array of soups, we feasted on salads, veggies, fruit (the fruit kebabs were a hit), bread/rolls, and delectable desserts (lots of chocolate!).

It was a delightful evening—weather-wise—and the food was delicious. Meeting neighbors and making new friends made the event special and memorable.

*Linda Larson Carr, Bldg 4*

The soup dinner was well attended. It was wonderful to see so many of our neighbors. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the night a success. There were 17 soup choices, many salads and breads, not to mention delicious desserts. It was a fun night. Thank you for everyone for being part of it.

*Vicki Johnson, Social Committee*





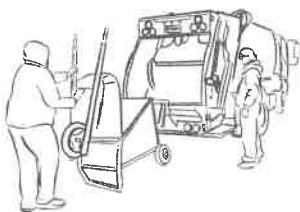
## Jan (con't from page 1)

Resident Greg Martin has been appointed to the Board to fulfill the balance of Gordon Kath's term (one year remaining). Thank you to Greg for stepping up and to Gordon for the past two years of service to La Solana.

The Long Range Planning Comm. has received your survey and is compiling and analyzing the results. Their report will be ready soon and will help to guide us for the next 10 years.

Reminder: Our community is governed by our volunteers who serve on the Board, on various committees, and step up when needed. Consider volunteering. The best communities are those where the greatest number of residents are actively involved.

*Jan Smith, President HOA*



## Grand Elections Coming Soon

Grand elections for three seats on our 7-seat Board of Directors coming in March. Just as in La Solana, the elected Board makes the decisions that impact our community and each of us. Get to know the candidates before you vote—then vote. Important dates to put on your calendar:

**Campaign Kickoff:** Meet the candidates at the Village Center. Friday, Feb 17, 3:30 - 5:30 PM. Cash Bar, festive casual atmosphere

**Q & A with the Candidates:** Thursday, Feb. 23, 7-9 PM, Sonoran Ballroom. Each candidate will have time for a 2-minute intro, and a 2-minute wrap up. While no questions will be taken from residents during the forum, residents have submitted questions on line.

**Round Table Discussions with the Candidates:** Saturday, Feb. 25, 9 AM-12:00 Noon. Apache Room, Chaparral Center.

**Candidate Debate Forum:** Thursday, March 2, 7-9 PM, Sonoran Ballroom. Moderated debate. 3-4 broad categories.

**Vote Now:** March 1 - 6. Watch for the envelope from *Vote Now* which contains your unique voting code. Three Board of Director openings. You may vote for 1 to 3 candidates, no more than 1 vote per candidate. One vote per household.

**Voting:** Monday, March 6 thru Tuesday, March 14, noon AZ time.

### *Your Vote Matters*

*An informed electorate makes better choices.*

### Trash Collection Isn't Free

Because we, every La Solana Owner, pay every time our dumpster is emptied, we reserve the dumpster for household trash. Items such as large rugs, refrigerators, microwaves, dishwashers, TV's, blinds, chairs, computers, folding chairs, screens, screen frames, undried paint cans, etc., are not permitted in the Trash Compactor or Recycle Bin. Disposal of household items, renovation and/or construction materials from LaSolana's property are the responsibility of the Owner.

According to the Rules and Regulations under "Trash and Recycling Area", page 10, 1.6 of our HOA Documents, violators are subject to a \$500. fine.

*No one likes to be a cop—so police yourselves and don't dump your junk.*

### La Solana Social Calendar

Our volunteer social committee is hard at work keeping our Club House jumping.

February 15 at 4:30 : Celebrate Valentine Nite at the Pool

March 1 at 4:30: Pool Party, (Don't tell anyone but the social committee is preparing a skit.)

March 15 at 4:30: 60's - 70's party poolside (details below)

March 29 at 4:30: Pool Party

April 5 at 5:00 pm: Easter Dinner in the Club House

April 19 at 4:30: Pool Party

May 3 at 4:30: Pool Party

Details for each event to follow. Check the bulletin board in the Mail Room for more up-to-date information. What an amazing job our Social Committee volunteers do to add to the enjoyment of living at La Solana. New volunteers are always welcome. Volunteer to be a committee member, chair a specific event, help with any of the necessary tasks. Contact Vicki Johnson, or any member of the social committee, to volunteer.

In addition to the events listed above, don't forget Bingo, movies, Hand and Foot, Mahjong, Breakfast meet ups. Monthly calendar posted in the Mail Room.



### 60s-70s Party March 15, 2023

5:00

Bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share!

OK, put those thinking caps on. What to wear, what to wear?! Let's see---space age, leftover 50s looks, mini skirts, go go boots, bell bottoms, polyester pantsuits, wedges, maxi dresses, bouffant hair, braids, pixie cuts, flips, bee-hives Jackie O and

All Around Grand

**The Falls** restaurant is set to open mid-March. There will be a varied menu, table seating for 240, big screen bar-style venue as well as quiet sit-down dining. Unidine's parent company, Compass Group, and considerable expertise operating restaurants, will be the lead on The Falls' operations. Let's support this newest addition to our beautiful community.

**Stay informed.** If you are not already receiving the daily email blasts, sign up now. Here's how:

- From the SCGrand website sign in and go to edit profile which appears above your photo.
- Scroll down to e-notifications subscriptions.
- Select the options you want. Click Update

**Read the monthly LifeStyles Magazine.** It is chock full of information, entertainment choices, community resources, and fitness tips, as well as info about The Grand its financials, and the Falls.

**Clubs abound in Grand.** The Boomers is a social group for ages with lots of no-pressure events. For those athletes who may be looking for low or no impact activities, check out Bocce or Lawn Bowling. From the Grand home page check out

The City of Surprise

- Coming up in Surprise:
- Sunday in the park Feb 19. Live music, food trucks, kids activities. Mark Coronado Park, 3-7. Special addition—Surprise Founder's Day Car Show.
- Spring Training open Feb 24. Order your tickets online at [SurpriseStadium.com](http://SurpriseStadium.com)
- Surprise Day of Service March 18. Call 623-222-1522 to volunteer.
- Lunchtime Theater. Check out [westvalleyarts.org/theater](http://westvalleyarts.org/theater) for Classical Jazz Feb 23 and Cal's Jazz Combo March 16. Poetry slam at Wham on Feb. 17. Visit [wham-art.org/poetry](http://wham-art.org/poetry).
- Public Art Tour of City Hall on March 9. To register: [surpriseaz.gov/](http://surpriseaz.gov/)



A Stop signs means STOP.

The Surprise Police Chief reported that due to the complaints of speeding and stop sign runners in Grand, police presence was recently stepped up. 35 of 38 folks stopped by police received a ticket, including one bicyclist. Slow Down. Come to a complete stop. Use your blinkers when changing lanes. Our streets belong to the City of Surprise.

**Grief Support – FREE, Benevilla** Ambiguous Loss/ Grief, every Wednesday 11:30 – 1:30, **St Clement of Rome Church**, 15800 N Del Webb Blvd., Sun City 85351. **FREE**, nd th

Bereavement – grief due to death, 2 & 4 Thursday 3:00 – 4:30, **Lord of Life Lutheran Church**, 13724 W Meeker Blvd., SCW 85375, **Grief Share**, 13-week cycle, different places, cost \$20 to cover cost of Grief Share Workbook, religious, talks of Jesus. City of Surprise Resource Center, 623-222- 1600 or visit [surpriseaz.gov/HSCV](http://surpriseaz.gov/HSCV)

**Please send your community news, ideas, tidbits, and stories to the editor:**

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