

LA SOLANA TOWN CRIER

All the good news that's fit to print

From the President's desk: Jan Smith

Let's talk summer, can you believe it? Time certainly flies by. It seems we just welcomed our Snowbirds and now they are going back to their summer homes. We will miss them.

Lots to talk about, so let's start with painting. The board received three outstanding bids and we have been busy, along with Dallas and our Consultant, reviewing each one to make sure they meet all our specifications. We will review each one at our May 8th Workshop and make a recommendation to accept the bid of one of them at our May 15th meeting. Both of these meetings will be at 10 AM on Zoom.

Now let's talk about Interior fountains. I'm sure you noticed our interior fountains were looking really bad. They were basically falling apart. They now have been repaired and will be repainted. Unfortunately, the water will be left off. We will, however, in the fall, ask for your help as to how they can be made more attractive. Once the buildings (con't page 2)

The fun begins on Monday mornings

La Solana hosts Monday morning coffee & goodies. Residents come together in the clubhouse to enjoy fresh coffee, donuts, pastries, Monkey bread, and great conversations. Want to know what's happening in your neighbors' lives, what social events to attend, how to start or join an activity? It all begins here. Everyone welcome.



And the guys enjoy their own coffee time. I'd love to be a fly on the wall and hear what 'tall stories are being shared in the game room.

Every Monday morning at 9:30 AM in the Clubhouse.

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are painted we can look at them.

Next topic: I hope you had an opportunity to see the new mailroom floor. It is so beautiful with a pebble tech finish that will match our new paint colors. Thanks to Karen Gablesen who worked hard to get this done.

One last subject to talk about: Concrete benches. You may not be aware but there are several concrete benches located in buildings one and two. We think they may have been placed there when Del Webb was using those buildings as models to sell condos. They will soon find a new location as Sue Dunn is working to find someone to move them, which is no easy task. They are very, very heavy.

To continue our conversation, remember the Summer Social Season is here. Please check out all the activities planned. Volunteer to help Becky and Patricia. Let's make it a busy, fun La Solana summer.

Thanks for talking to me. I wish each of you a wonderful summer. We will definitely be looking for our Snowbirds' return.

Jan Smith,

La Solana, Board President

RUMOR CONTROL: This is not a hold up in the clubhouse. No one was in danger. The camera caught a few residents practicing chair yoga. Join the ladies and gentlemen enjoying a 40 minute stretch and relax Chair Yoga program every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:30 AM. Everyone welcome. Do as much or as little as you are able.

Everyone can breathe.

Chair Yoga

Tues & Thurs 9:30 AM

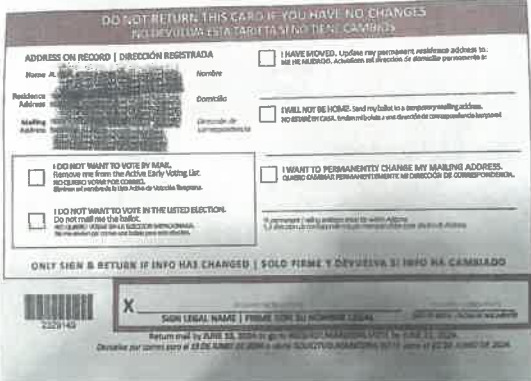


It's Time to Vote. Your Vote Counts

Way back in the day senior citizens made up nearly 80% of the electorate of the young City of Surprise. Now, with a population exceeding 160,000, Seniors account for only 18% of the population. But, we vote the most and therefore have a significant impact on election outcomes. Your vote counts.

In the upcoming primary election there's more on the ballot than who is going to run for Mayor. (Our own Aly Cline is running for Mayor against an opponent.). There are also some important propositions being addressed that are worth your time and attention.

By now all registered Arizona voters have received a two part post card in the mail affirming your voting information. Do nothing if there are no changes. But, if you are going to be away on July 3rd and want your mail-in ballot to be sent to another address, you must respond.



Unsure of your registration status: go to BeBallotReady.Vote. Register online at servicearizona.com/VoterRegistration

Election Day in Surprise is July 30. Don't let your Vote be wasted.



Locked In

You've done the right thing, you've installed an emergency lock box outside your condo door. The police and fire department now have access to your unit (without breaking down the door) in case of an emergency. But do they? What key is in that lockbox? Is it an original? Have you changed the lock since? Has ownership changed since the lockbox was installed. Now is a good time to check as the fire department will be a bit less busy with snowbirds out of town. To get the box opened and replaced with a current key, call 623-222-5000.



Farewell for the Summer

Any excuse for a get-together. This time it was a last chance to empty the ice box and the liquor cabinet and wish friends, old and new, a safe, enjoyable summer.

See you in September (or October or November).

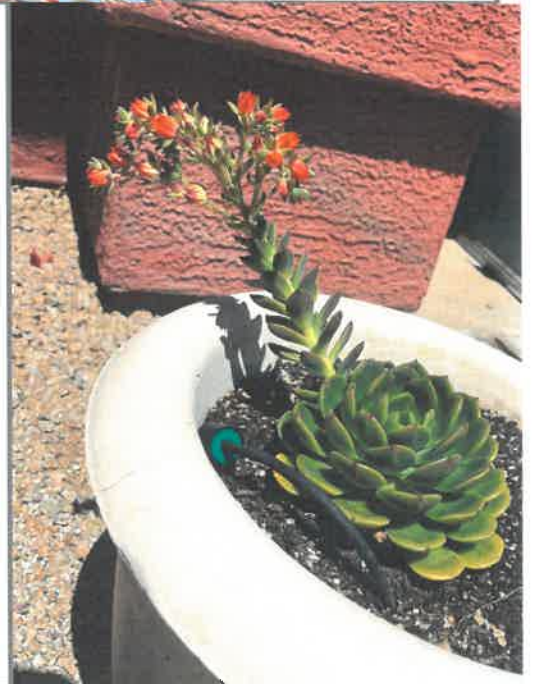
The Desert is A-Bloom, and so is La Solana

Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping to make La Solana bloom. The pot to the right (photo) is in front of building 3 bringing smiles to all who enter.

Thinking of joining our planting brigade? There's help from the Grand Garden Club and their demonstration garden.

- Residents are invited to the Open House on 5/15 on the Desert Springs Trail on Summerwalk Dr from 8A-10A (Demonstration Garden) See NOTD 5.3.24 and link to video about this project <https://vimeo.com/942153995?share=copy>.

Not sure where the Desert Springs Trail begins, check the Grand map on the website or check with our office staff to view the map.





Shout Outs

Grand HOA president, Rene, led the way on Shout Outs, honoring those who help our community. We have plenty of La Solana heroes in our midst. Let's honor those among us who bring smiles to our faces, are always helpful, or provide an unexpected act of kindness. Please send your shout-outs to the editor (me). Watch for the Shout Outs column in the next edition of the Town Crier.

Surprise Library is full of surprises!

Available to Surprise Library patrons, a new MAX program that enables a patron to order a title from other partner libraries if not locally available. E-books available through Libby and Hoopla (free apps). More information can be found at <https://www.surprisepubliclibrary.gov/resources/online>

The Surprise library also has movies available to download to your TV via Hoopla.



Neighborhood Block Party Grant

Hey Social Committee:

Did you know? As an official neighborhood La Solana is eligible for the Surprise Block Party Grant. The Grant includes an annual "party in a trailer". While we do have our own tables and chairs and don't need to use the city's, the Grant also provides a live DJ, sound equipment, and \$150 to be used for food purchases. Reserve early: <https://surpriseaz.gov/428/Block-Party-Trailer>.

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Introducing 988

We're all familiar with 911, the national emergency hot line. Now introducing 988, a second national hot line for more emotion based issues.

Grand recently experienced a suicide. Perhaps it could have been prevented if someone had noticed, offered a bit of kindness, an ear to listen, a smile and a hug. Community is more than living near one another.

Surprise also offers a free WeCare service. Once you register, you receive a daily automated phone call to check in. If no one answers, a volunteer calls. Still no answer, the city sends out a wellness team to check. There is no shame in asking for help. Especially if you live alone, consider signing up. Call 623-222-4277 for more information or to register.

Happiest are those who give!

Looking for more volunteer opportunities? Plenty at La Solana, plenty more at The Grand (Chaps is in need of volunteers) , and even more through the city of Surprise. Check out Friends of the Library, Citizen's Patrol, Crisis Response, St. Mary's Food Bank.

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Lonnie is looking for some Scrabble players. Let the office know if you are interested.



Shout out to our fabulous volunteers. Some of the people who help to make La Solana a great place to live.

Volunteer
Luncheon
April 11, 2024



Great food, fabulous company, beautiful balloons and table decorations. Gifts for all of the honored volunteers in attendance.

Join the volunteer group. Lots of opportunities at La Solana. Check with the office, ask a board member, talk to your neighbors. Your ideas and energy are welcomed.