

La Solana Town Crier

All the good news that's fit to print

From the President's desk

Time seems to be flying. Here it is mid-April already and many of our.... winter residents are already packing up to leave. It seems strange to say "enjoy your summer" but I guess it won't be long before temperatures rise and Arizona will be hot again.

I thought for this column I will just do a "did you know." So here goes:

Did you know the Long Range Planning Committee has presented all their hard work to the Board and now the Board has to read all the goals and see what can be accomplished? We will keep you posted.

Did you know that our Painting Project has been sent to 3 Contractors for bids? We expect the bids back on April 26. It's an exciting, but also a nervous time for our community. Excited to get it done but nervous about the process to get it done. We will send out regular emails to keep you updated.

Did you know the mailroom floor will have a new surface? It's going to be like surfaces you may have seen in garages. So exciting because the color is beautiful. It will match our new paint. It will require no maintenance and have a long warranty. It will require closing the mailroom for at least one day so we will let you know when. (Con't p.2)



(Left to right). Barbara Willard, Ben Willard, Lois Mumford

We Are The Champions

La Solana is finally getting the attention it deserves, First a new sign on Mountain View identifying us as part of The Grand, and now our own champions.

Congratulations to our La Solana Bocce Players! Ben and Barbara Willard's team won the 2024 annual Bocce tournament at The Grand. Lois Mumford's team won the 2024 Tri-City Bocce Tournament.

For those not in the know: Bocce ball is a non-contact game brought here by Italian immigrants and gaining in popularity. It is played on a long, narrow court. The object of the game is to outscore your opponents (singles or doubles, male or female, young or more mature) by getting your balls closest to the **jack** or **pallino**. You don't need a lot of physical strength and everyone, from beginner to expert can enjoy the game. *And...* with our own in-house champions it may be time for La Solana to have our own Bocce Court.

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

The President's message con't:

Did you know Wyyred has told us they will be providing two free years of 5G Wi-Fi for our Clubhouse? The reason is because we have been so cooperative with getting their services available to our neighbors, The Colonnade. We are very happy to have this opportunity for our Clubhouse and pool use. We will send an email once it's installed.

Did you know La Solana will have an Ad in The Grand Lifestyle magazine next month? You also may have noticed the new sign across the street. We are officially now a part of The Grand.

Did you know we have amazing volunteers? We cannot thank them enough. Volunteers are what keeps this community being the incredible place it is. Please consider volunteering. There are opportunities from being a Board Member, an IT advisor, a Social Committee member, a Gardening volunteer for your building, a Security Advisor, and many other opportunities. Please ask a Board Member how you can help. IT TAKES A VILLAGE.

Enough Did You Know. Everyone take care, be safe, enjoy the summer.

Jan Smith.



Stanley
and
Adrienne
(Kirschner)
Bittman

Married
March 11,
2024

So Much To Do, So Little time

Here's some ideas:

Paint and Sip every Sunday in April at 3:00PM. All supplies will be provided. Gather your friends and enjoy an afternoon of paint by number. BYOB

Chair Yoga: Every Tuesday and Thursday 9:30AM in the clubhouse. Chair yoga is a very gentle form of yoga encourages deep breathing, improved posture and meditation. It is said that Chair yoga helps reduce blood pressure, quicken recovery from injuries or surgery and improves sleep. Chair yoga is a great way to experience overall well being in body and mind

Movies: Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00AM & 1PM. Check the mailroom bulletin board for movie titles.

Coffee: Every Monday at 9:30AM join your neighbors for Men's and Ladies' coffee.

Mahjong: Mondays at 1PM, Friday at 10AM.

Hand & Foot: Mondays to Thursdays at 5:00PM:

Bridge: Tuesdays at 6:30PM and Thursdays at 1PM

Poker: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00PM

Mexican Train: Tuesdays at 12:30PM



Happy 60th **Wedding Anniversary**

Jan and LeRoy Smith

And now for a report from The Grand, and more

- Want to know what CAM employees/departments are doing? Check out: "Through Synergy" video available at <https://vimeo.com/930806724?share=copy>
- Beautification is in progress. Plants were removed from the median on Remington Dr. and will be replaced with fresh, drought resistant plants. CAM is working with our landscapers, AquaTrac-Jim Kauth and the Garden Club.
- Maple & Rye is open for business, and business has been brisk. Restaurant staff are working hard to get the kinks out. You can see some of the interior improvements: noise dampening, chairs, countertops, and kitchen setup. Our input was incorporated into the improvements. The café is also doing well with our support.
- Painting: Cimarron is almost done with trim work and detail. The building looks great. CAM continues to work with Sherwin-Williams to ensure that the painting meets specifications. Our spring/summer painting at La Solana will be as beautiful and help to make our facility "younger".
- We have a new ice cream machine at the Grand Cafe, and a back up just in case. Even at \$2. Grand ice cream is still a bargain.
- On 4/1 the board elected officers for the BoD for 2024 and on 4/2 at their training session they assigned committee liaisons as follows:
 - President – Rene Mitchell Covenants
 - Vice-President – Gabriele Dawson Code of Conduct, NReps
 - Secretary – Jeff Gibbs Technology Advisory Comm., Deaf Advisory
 - Treasurer – Doug Brady Finance Advisory Comm, Chartered Club Peer Group Council
 - Ben Serns - Golf Advisory Comm.
 - Thomas Gusich – ARC
- Carol White LRPCrime is down 4% in the City of Surprise. Want more details? You can always find information at <https://communitycrimemap.com/>
- Voting information -- The by mail ballots will be mailed out the Week of July 1 for the primary July 30th. Early In person voting will begin July 26th with the last day to vote in person being July 30th at City Hall. If a resident is going to be away from their home where they are registered, the Post Office will not forward their ballot. To have their ballot forwarded residents can call 602-506-1511 or email EVreq@resc.maricopa.gov Additional Information is available at <https://electionsmaricopa.gov/FAQ>
- State of the City of Surprise video is available on line at <http://www.surpriseaz.gov/SOTC2024> A 30 minute video but it speaks to all the cool things that have been going on in Surprise.
- Leaving town for the summer months? Update your CAM information before you leave so that they have a key holder and a way to reach you if there is an emergency at your home. Notify our La Solana office of your summer plans and where/how you can be reached.

You've got to love it—Easter dinner at La Solana

Once again the La Solana social committee, with the help of all who attended, served a spectacular feast. Our clubhouse is made to order for community gatherings. What a great place to meet and make new friends, enjoy a homemade repast, and be able to get home without driving.



Patti Farrell & Cheryl Enslin



Amy Mook & Elaine Weber



Town Crier brought to you by
Adrienne (Kirschner) Bittman.

Your photos, articles, tips, are all
welcomed. 623-466-9068

adriennekirschner314@gmail.com