

# LA SOLANA TOWN CRIER

ALL THE GOOD NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT

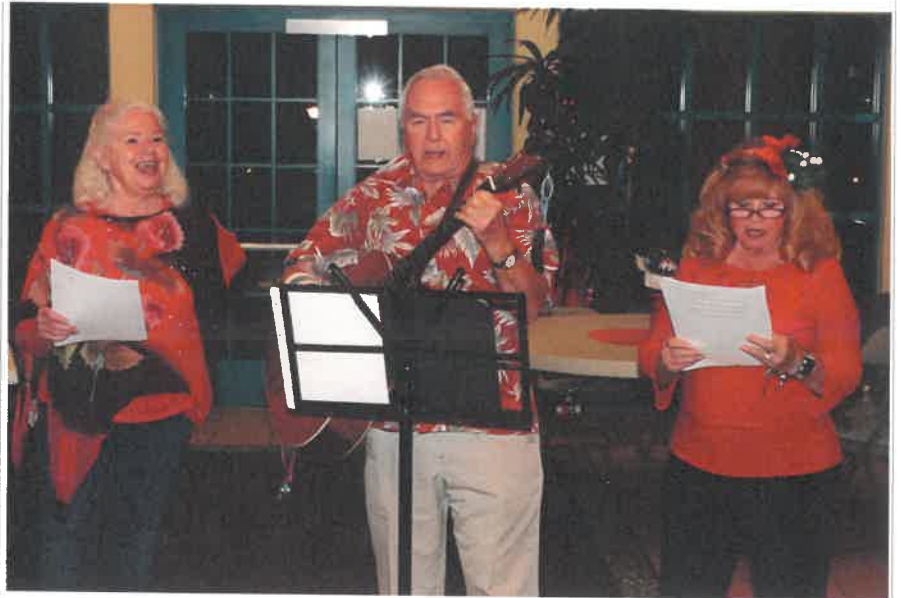
## From the President, Jan Smith

### Happy 2024

I hope everyone is off to a great start. It's definitely a time to be grateful for family, friends, and our wonderful community.

You may have heard we are contemplating a paint project in 2024. We have requested your selection between three different choices of Southwest colors. Those three selections will be painted on the outside of the mailroom walls the week of Jan. 22. Once you actually see the colors on a stucco wall, you may confirm or change your previous selection—it's your choice. Just fill out another selection card available in the club house, or go to [colorlasolanahoa@gmail.com](mailto:colorlasolanahoa@gmail.com) and send an email with your choice. This is a survey, not a binding ballot vote. The Board will consider the selections made when the color is finally chosen. Please also come to coffee on January 19th at 10 AM in the club house. The Board will be there to answer your questions.

There are lots of other things going on at La Solana besides painting. Get your monthly calendar (con't on page 2)



La Solana Residents Celebrate  
Christmas Eve 2023



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to find out all the activities taking place this month. Attend the Board meeting at 10 am on January 17th and the Chat With the Board at 7 pm on January 24th. This year's Annual Meeting will be at 10am on Feb 13th in the Sonoran Plaza Ballroom in the Grand Village Center. Please make plans to attend.

I, unfortunately, have to make a sad announcement. Debbie, one of our office staff, has resigned her position. Debbie is faced with a serious medical challenge and she needs to focus on her treatment and will be unable to work. Patti will continue working Monday-Wednesday-Friday, with occasional Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mike is available everyday as is a Board member. If you need something when Patti is off, please leave a message or call Mike. We will be hiring in Feb or March. We want to thank some of our residents who have been helping Patti. Your assistance is appreciated.

As we move into 2024, let's make it our best year yet.

*Jan Smith,*

HOA Board President



### La Solana Painting Project

#### Color Selection Update

1. The mailroom's outer walls will undergo cleaning, repair and painting by our Painting Consultant starting January 22, 2024. The three outer walls will each be painted one of our color scheme choices. This will give us a realistic look at all 3 choices with different lighting effects during the day.

(Note: If you have already made your color selection, you can change your choice after seeing the mallroom color schemes demonstration. Complete another color selection card with your name, condo number, make your selection and write CHANGE at the top.)

2. Coffee and Donuts Color Selection Party for returning snowbirds or other interested residents will occur on January 19, 2024 at 10:00am in the Clubhouse. This will be a chance for you to learn what the Painting Project Committee has accomplished to date and to make your color choice selection.
  - Who can make a color choice selection: Each titled owner of your condo
  - When will selecting end: January 31, 2023
  - How to make your selection: Complete selection card with your name and condo number in Clubhouse or email it to: [colorlasolanahoa@gmail.com](mailto:colorlasolanahoa@gmail.com)
3. Board workshop - February 7, 2024 at 10:00am in Clubhouse for Boards' final discussion of color scheme selection.



#### La Solana Motto:

Never miss an opportunity to  
**CELEBRATE**

Thanksgiving 2023.





## Don't Trash our Trash

Please pay attention to what you throw into our trash compactor. It doesn't like very hard objects, like paint cans, old printers, broken tools. The 'smashing' component balks when it hits very dense, hard objects and is subject to breakage. Please go to the City of Surprise webpage to see how/where to dispose of items that don't belong in our dumpster.

Recycle bin is now accepting glass—but be careful you avoid tossing glass objects into the bin in such a way that it leads to breakage. If you do break something, outside of the bin, please clean it up so your neighbors don't accidentally cut themselves. And please, smash/fold the cardboard boxes. We pay each time we empty the recycler. Cardboard boxes, even those from your cereal or toothpaste, take up more space when you don't take the time to flatten those cartons. Thank you for cooperating.



## City of Surprise Hazardous Waste Disposal

*Got stuff?* Old paint or varnish cans, used dead batteries, pesticides, light bulbs, even a tv set so out of date no one wants it?

The City of Surprise offers Household Hazardous Waste Collection February 5-9. They will collect the waste materials from your front door, but you must make an appointment. Call Surprise Customer Service at 623-222-1920 or make an appointment through the My Surprise App.

Do not put your hazardous waste materials in our La Solana compactor or recycling bin.

## And Here's More Trashy News. . .

Twice a year, the City of Surprise offers a free cleanup opportunity for residents. Surprise residents are able to bring one load of residential waste, 2,000 pounds, to the Northwest Regional Landfill, [19401 W. Deer Valley Road](#). Proof of Residency is required. Here's where you can dump your old chest of drawers no one wants, not even the thrift shop, or your broken bicycle, old mattresses, and who knows what else is hanging around your space waiting for disposal.

2024 Dates: Saturday, March 9 & September 14, 7 AM-10 PM

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## Surprise Pops Band Concert

Sunday, January 28, 2024

3:00 pm

The Vista Center for the Arts  
15660 N Parkview Place  
Surprise, AZ

### Free Admission

Please bring non-perishable food  
donation to support the  
Valley View Community Food Bank

## La Solana Social Committee Events

- Jan 17th Sandwich Party, 4:00 pm (note time change, originally listed at 5:pm)
- Jan 31st All People Birthday Party. 5:00 pm
- Feb 14th Baked Potato Party 5:00 pm
- Feb 28st Soup Dinner 5:00 pm
- Mar 13th Take me out to the ballgame 5:00 pm
- Mar 27th Easter Dinner 4:00 pm
- April 10th Charcuterie Board, Goodbye Party 5:00 pm
- April 24th Final Pool Party 5:00 pm

If you were around during the off-season 2023 you know that Becky and Patricia kept the parties going from May through Sept. More volunteers=more parties.

## And the Grand news is:

- The new restaurant really will open soon. Target date for the opening of the *Maple and Rye* (no longer called The Falls) is mid-February. This will be a full service restaurant operated by Westside Concepts (They own Haymaker and a few other restaurants.). Offering a well-priced breakfast and lunch menu with more up-scale dinner offerings, a full service bar, and extended hours as demand warrants. Go to the Westside Concepts website to enroll in their loyalty program and snag a free \$10 gift card—I did.
- Angela's contract has been extended for one additional year. The Grand and Angela's are planning some upgrades to make dining more comfortable.
- Grand App is up and running. Download it now and use it in place of your CAM card. (Would be great if we could do the same at La Solana so we wouldn't need to carry our bulky door cards.) You can easily set up a credit account for fitness classes, golf, event tickets, and more. For assistance, stop at the CAM office or the Computer Club.
- Grand technology is poised for a major overhaul. Some of the Audio-Visual equipment is nearly 25 years old. Stay tuned for a website redo that promises to be more user friendly so you can easily enroll in Grand Learning classes, purchase event tickets, make Golf T-Times, report a work order, and more.
- Golfers. Although there have been some complaints about the greens not being as playable due to the decision to not reseed, the upside is that Grand golf has saved 48,000,000 (that's 48 million!) yards of water this year. That's equal to more than a few showers!