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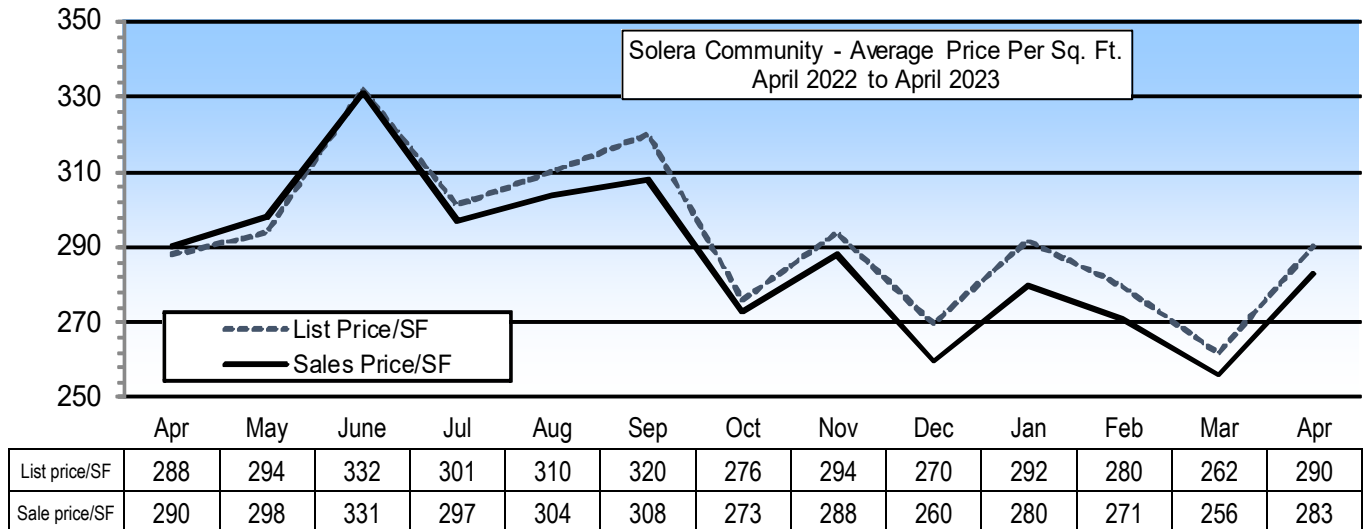
Solera Market Update as of May 5, 2023

Prices have stabilized, and the market is now more balanced between buyer and seller. Contact Anna Marie or Chris if you have questions about accurately pricing your home to sell.

CLOSINGS: There were 12 closings in April, an increase compared to the 11 closings in March. Homes sold in April were on the market an average of 41 days, a decrease from March's average of 48 days.

INVENTORY: At press time, there are 12 homes listed for sale in Solera and 6 under contract.

PRICE: The average sales price for homes sold in April was \$393,242 a slight decrease from the average sales price of \$399,180 in March. The lowest priced sale in April was \$345,000 and the highest was \$425,000.



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ON THE COVER

Just inside the clubhouse entrance, the Solera Community Library offers thousands of books for your reading enlightenment and entertainment. If you can't find the book you want there, just 2-1/2 miles away is the new West Henderson Library on Bicentennial Parkway. (Photo by Larry Edsall)

ON THE WEB

Please see the photos below and more on our website at www.soleranews.com under Event Galleries.



Parking Lot Sale



Spring Fling Dance



Derby event

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Anthem Parkway - Contact Anthem Council Community
Manager, Ivy Cullen at (702) 737-8580 (Press "0" to speak to
the operator to report the leak)

Assessments are due quarterly on the 1st
January 1 - April 1 - July 1 - October 1
<http://Nevada.fsrconnect.com/soleraat anthem.us>

SOLERA RESIDENTS:

Solera Website : Homeowners can access the Solera Website by going
to www.soleranews.com. You can access the FirstService website by
logging onto <https://soleraat anthem.connectresident.com>

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**Please send all violation reports and/or complaints
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Board Of Directors Schedule Of Future Meetings

Meetings are held in the Stardust Ballroom of the Clubhouse, located at
2401 Somersworth Dr., Henderson, NV 89044

Agendas are available the week before the meeting, and are emailed out to
all residents with an email address on file. To request a copy of the agenda,
you may also reach out to Management directly.

June 7 9:30 a.m.....BOD Executive Session Stardust

June 14 9:30 a.m.....Board of Directors Meeting Stardust

July 5 9:30 a.m.....BOD Executive Session Stardust

July 12 9:30 a.m.....Board of Directors Meeting Stardust

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If you have any questions, comments or feedback about the Solera News
website please contact Dominique Jordan at (702) 201-1430 or
djordan@soleraat anthem.us

<http://www.anthemcommunitycouncil.com/>

August 16 3:00 p.m. - Anthem Council Meeting - Sun City Anthem (Arlington Room)

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 The following committees need volunteers:
Community Standards and Communications

For more information or to apply please contact management at soleraatthem@fsrnevada.com
 Residents are welcome to attend any committee meetings that are of interest, except Covenants and ARC. Meeting dates are on the Calendar page.

Mapping our Solera community

By the Community Standard committee

There are 1,822 homes, including the Villas, in Solera. If you have walked or jogged, ridden your bike or driven throughout the community, you'll see five different floor plans in Solera, with two additional floor plans of the Villas townhomes.

You notice that each home has its own personality; each owner adding a personal touch and style to the outside, back and front. But are you able to identify the floor plans? Can you tell if it is a Franklin, Fremont, Lewis, Whitney or Clark home floor plan, or if it is a Monroe or Jefferson plan in the Villas?

When you travel around our community and you see landscaping you really like, do you, just for fun, wonder which floor plan that house might be?

Soon, being able to identify a floor plan won't be a subject for guessing. A Solera Community Map is being put together. It will not only include the floor plans, but the layout of our community, our amenities, activities, fitness classes and even the walking paths to the power line trail or to the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area.

If there is something else you might want to see in our community map pamphlet, please let us know.

Please reach out to Assistant Manager, Florine Radulovic-Kay if you have any questions at (702) 207-1402 or florine@soleraatthem.us.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Senior care critical in summer heat

By the Foundation Assisting Seniors

As temperatures in Las Vegas begin to reach into triple digits, it is essential to keep a watchful eye on our senior neighbors. Seniors are particularly vulnerable during the hot summer months and may require additional support to stay healthy and safe.

Fortunately, the Foundation Assisting Seniors provides programs to help protect seniors year-round, including the HOWRU Program, the Medication Reminder Program, and the provision of durable medical equipment.



The HOWRU Program offers a daily wellness call, ensuring a senior is doing well at a time designated by the subscriber. If there is no answer, emergency contacts are notified. To date, the program has saved at least 12 lives, a powerful demonstration of the program's effectiveness in identifying potentially life-threatening situations and taking swift action to prevent tragedy.

The Medication Reminder Program is another free service and reminds subscribers to take their daily medication. If a subscriber misses a call, a second call is made 15 minutes later. These services are designed to provide peace of mind to seniors and their families, helping them live more independent and fulfilling lives.

The Foundation Assisting Seniors also provides durable medical equipment such as canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, portable oxygen concentrators, shower chairs, commodes, scooters, knee walkers, hospital beds, electric wheelchairs, lift chairs, Hoyer Lifts, and more.

For details, contact www.foundationassistingseniors.org or call (725) 244-4200. ✨

NEW RESIDENT ORIENTATION

COME GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR FELLOW SOLERANS

welcome

Saturday, June 10

at 11:00 a.m. in the Stardust Ballroom

Food & music will be provided following the presentation.



Music will be provided by JTM
(Just The Music – Jerry, Terry, & Mike)

Please sign-up at the Clubhouse front desk if you plan on attending.

All are welcome!

Fremont Street Experience



Wednesday, June 21

\$10 for transportation

Tickets will be available for purchase at the Clubhouse Encore Lounge on Tuesday, May 30 at 9:00 a.m. Bus will leave from the Clubhouse at 11:00 a.m. & return around 3:30 p.m. The group will be dropped off at the Fremont Hotel & Casino.

Things to do at & around Fremont Street:

- Gambling at casinos
- (Golden Nugget, Binion's, Four Queens, Golden Gate, The D Las Vegas, Circa, & more)
- Lunch at local eateries
- Shopping in pedestrian mall
- Mob Museum
- SlotZilla Zipline attraction
- Street shows & street performers

Flag Day traditions

By the Solera Veterans and First Responders Club

Welcome to June, the month to celebrate our beautiful national flag.

The Solera Veterans and First Responders Club is for all in our Solera community. We are responsible for the Memorial Day, Patriot's Day, and Veteran's Day ceremonies. Our annual Ice Cream Social and Chili Feed are open to all. All donations collected go to local veteran and first responder outreach organizations, and to purchase more flags for our residents and our beautiful flags in the Community Center parking lot.

June 14 is Flag Day, it would be awesome to see our Solera community covered with our Grand Old Flag.

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."



The United States Army also celebrates its birthday on June 14. Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. However, Flag Day is not an official federal holiday.

Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, Chapter 1, 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; but, it is at the president's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale.

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is in Fairfield, Washington. Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918 and 2020, and celebrated the "Centennial" parade in 2010, along with other commemorative events.

Appleton, Wisconsin, claims to be the oldest National Flag Day parade in the nation, held annually since 1950. Quincy, Massachusetts, has had an annual Flag Day parade since 1952 and claims it "is the longest-running parade of its kind" in the U.S.

The largest Flag Day parade had been held annually in Troy, New York until 2017, annually drawing some 50,000 spectators.

Three Oaks, Michigan's Flag Day Parade is held annually on the weekend of Flag Day and is a three-day event and claims to have the largest flag day parade in the nation as well as the oldest.

Happy 246th Birthday Old Glory!

*You can purchase a flag or
flag set by contacting
Ray Carvajal at
carvajal5@centurylink.net or
Bob Propp at
soleraveterans@outlook.com*



Our other flags

Honoring the banners based on Old Glory

By Laura Addi

Flag Day is June 14, when we honor our US flag, but it also is a time to honor some of the lesser known ones.

Firefighter flag



This flag does not feature the traditional white and red stripes. Instead, it waves with black and white stripes with a red stripe in the middle.

The term Thin Red Line is a symbol used by civilians and firefighters alike to show respect for firefighters injured and killed in the line of duty.

As firefighters are periled, they place their lives second to those they protect. They are forced to face their own fears and grasp for every ounce of courage to perform the necessary tasks. “The Thin Red Line of Courage” represents the last ounce of courage firefighters find deep in their blood to conquer their darkest fears to save and protect life and property.

The U.S. Forest Service Hotshots are part of a special group of firefighters called the Wildland Firefighters. They hike in for miles behind the fire lines carrying their water, 90-pound packs, and tools. They sleep on the ground in tents that they carry. They will go days or sometimes weeks without a hot shower. They are away from their families and friends for weeks at a time, often out-of-state in remote areas.

Law enforcement flag



The Thin Blue Line came about at a very tragic time in our recent history. The term “blue lives matter” became the badge of support for those special men and women

who are constantly being thrust into dangerous situations and are required to make split second decisions for their actions.

The blue center line represents law enforcement, the bottom stripes represent the criminals and the top black stripes represent the public. Displaying a Thin Blue Line flag is a great way to show your support for the police and other law enforcement officers who protect us on a daily basis.

First responders flag



There is a variety of flags associated with first responders. The national first responder flag can be mostly black and white, which is in stark contrast to the original flamboyant Old Glory. The reason for this would be that black represents chaos or the lack of order, whereas white is completely the opposite. The colors stand for the eternal battle of light and dark, so to say.

However, this flag also can show a variety of colored stripes representing the various categories included among first responders.

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A first responder is a person with specialized training who is among the first to arrive and provide assistance or incident resolution at the scene of an emergency, such as an accident, disaster, medical emergency, structure fire, crime, or terrorist attack. First responders typically include law enforcement officers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and firefighters. In some jurisdictions, emergency department personnel, such as doctors and nurses, are also required to respond to disasters and critical situations, designating them first responders; in other jurisdictions, military and security forces may also be authorized to act as first responders.



Feed your brain at Solera's library

By Rosann Costantino



Do you know our Solera Community Library at the clubhouse has over 2,500 hardcover novels and 1,200 soft bound works of non-fiction?

Our library also has a nonfiction section, with biographies, cook books, travel, science, military, health and geographic material, all donated by our Solera community residents.

The main library is located across from the monitor's desk. The Solera Community Library is open seven days a week, from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and

from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m on Sunday. Our library, which opened in September 2004, has very few restrictions. You don't have to "check out" a book. Books can be borrowed and there's no specific return date, nor is there a limit as to how many books you can borrow. However, a speedy return is appreciated so others can enjoy the books.

You can also enjoy reading your selection in the comfortable chairs in the library, where there are internet-linked computers you can use, and in the Encore Lounge there are puzzles to solve.

Books and puzzles are donated by Solera residents, and when the shelves are full, surplus books are packed in boxes of 25. When the library has gathered eight such boxes, Solera resident and board member Ray Carvajal is contacted. He takes the extra books and delivers them to veterans facilities. Each year, some 1,200 books are delivered this way from Solera to veterans.

Fred Golder is the head librarian for Solera.

"Reading is food for the brain," he likes to say.



In addition to thousands of books, Solera's library features computers with internet access.



The Solera Community Library is staffed by a group of volunteers, including head librarian Fred Golder (seated) and (from left) Larry Quintos, Rosann Costantino, Susan Cusimano and Bette Rempp

Books of interest to the 55+ set

We searched Amazon for reading suggestions

Libraries are a source for books, but they may not have extensive collections about your favorite subjects or, for that matter, books focused on your life and lifestyle. Take, for example, those of us age 55-and-older.

Sure, we like to read novels and such, but what if we seek books about us, our lives and how best to live what most likely will be the second half of those lives? We did a search on Amazon for suggested titles. Here are a few we found:

The Swedish Art of Aging Exuberantly: Life Wisdom from Someone Who Will (Probably) Die Before You, is the second in a series by Margareta Magnusson. Her first was *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: How to Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter*, which inspired Amy Poehler's television series on NBC's Peacock platform.



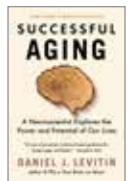
Rebellious Aging: A Self-Help Guide for the old Hippie at

Heart, by Margaret Nash, who reportedly explores how aging can be fun.

Honest Aging: An Insider's Guide to the Second Half of Life, written by Rosanne M. Leipzig, a doctor with more than 35 years of experience caring for older folks, and published by John Hopkins Press.

Successful Aging, A Neuroscientist Explores the Power and Potential of Our Lives, by Daniel J. Levitin

The Aging: A Novel – Stay Young or Die Trying, by Jack Hunt



Trivia A-Z for Seniors, by Steve L. Vernon

Nostalgic Trivia for Seniors, by Adele Rehbein

I Remember That!: Captivating Stories, Interesting Facts and Fun Trivia for Seniors, by Bill O'Neill





Jazz Night

Friday, June 23
from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Courtyard



Entertainment will be provided by **Salt 'N' Pepper**

\$15 residents/ \$17 guests
This is a BYOB event.
Cheese, meats & crackers will be provided.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the Clubhouse Encore Lounge on Tuesday, June 6 at 9:00 a.m.

West Henderson's new library

Reading, writing and activities just 2 1/2 miles from home

By Frank Nobel

The newest addition to the Henderson library system is the West Henderson Library, located at 3243 Bicentennial Parkway.



The library is situated in the Bicentennial Marketplace, which also is home to the WSKY Bar and Grill, which was featured in the March issue of the Solera Star.

Looking through the windows of the library may be a little deceiving as you approach from the parking lot because the children's section is right up front. Rest assured, however, the West Henderson Library provides service to the entire community.

At 3,500 square feet, the library may appear to be petite. However, branch manager Shakita Kirkland reports, "We're small but mighty."

Shakita was very clear that the West Henderson Library "is not just an Inspirada library, we're here to service all of West Henderson."

Instead of a 25-minute drive from Solera to Green Valley, the new West Henderson branch is just 7 minutes / 2-1/2 miles from home.

The services provided are varied and unique. One example is the concept of allowing the children to be exposed to the library and the wonderful world of literature. There is the Rhythm and Rhyme story time for ages 0 to 5. Also, a Lego Challenge for ages 5 to 11. Children are provided with a theme and given 30 minutes to build their Lego creation. All finished works are placed on display in the library.

For those 18 or older, creative writing is offered, either on a virtual basis or, under Shakita Kirkland's concept, in collaboration with Starbucks, also located in the marketplace, with hands-on sessions on Saturday mornings.

On a monthly basis, the library also offers adult craft programs, like a calming coloring hour, altered book art, and card making. There are many other activities, but times and



dates may change so it is always best to check with the library in advance to avoid any disappointment.

June will feature the Summer Reading Challenge, which is open to all ages. In short, you earn points for the books you read. Those points are tracked and earn entry into a reading raffle with a variety of gifts.

Contact the library for specific details (and you might want to tell the staff the Solera Star sent you).

The West Henderson Library is closed Sunday and Monday. The remainder of the week the library opens at 10:00 a.m. It closes at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.



Discerning Dewey's Decimal System

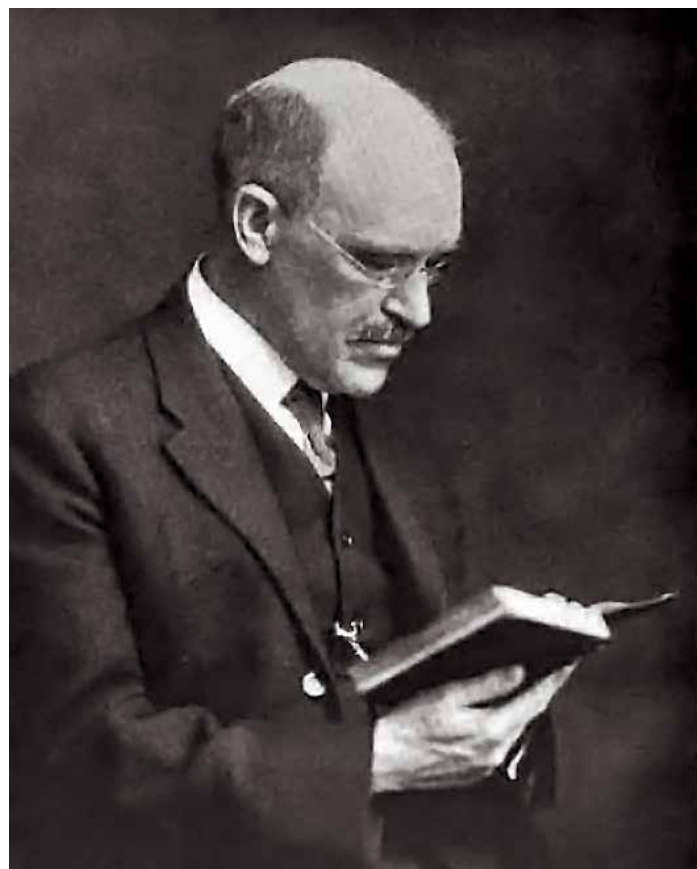
Ah, the days of the analog library and its card catalogs

By Larry Edsall

Back when you were in high school and college, or maybe you were one of those who borrowed books just for the joy of reading, you would go to the card catalog. Unlike the Sears Christmas catalog, this catalog took the form of a series of long and narrow wooden drawers, each chocked full of cards, each card listing a book or an author and a series of numbers.

You needed those numbers to find the book you sought because once upon a time, libraries kept books not in alphabetical order, nor on shelves labeled, as they would be in a retail book store, by subject matter.

Instead, a library's books were arrayed in what was known as the Dewey Decimal Classification, which dated to 1876, when it was created by one Melville Louis Kossuth "Melvil" Dewey.



Melville Dewey

A new way for libraries to organize their collections wasn't the only reform a young Mr. Dewey promoted. He sought reform in the very way words were spelled. For example, he didn't like repeated letters (nor apparently those that were unpronounced), and thus went by "Melvil" rather than his given of Melville.

Dewey was a student at Amherst College when he wrote a 44-page pamphlet explaining his method for organizing a library's collection. He also manufactured the trays and the cards to hold them.

Historians inform us that prior to Dewey's system, libraries simply shelved books in the order in which they were acquired.

Dewey's system assigns each book a decimal number. The first three digits are based on subject matter, numbers following the dot represent other details, and might be followed by the first letters of an author's name.

For example, books on the social sciences are assigned numbers 300-399, those on the arts 700-799, books on history, biography and geography (my personal favorite as a student and young reader) are 900-999.

Looking for a book on European history, go to the 940 shelves. Make that British history, narrow your search to the books labeled 942. Focusing on the Stuart period of British history? Look for the number 942.06.

Dewey helped found the American Library Association. He also was chief librarian at Columbia University, and then for the New York State Library. (Later, he founded the Lake Placid Club in upstate New York and, with his son, Godfrey, hosted the 1932 Winter Olympics.)

Sometimes, libraries sell older books that are falling apart or may no longer be needed. On my shelves at home I have a copy of *Highlights of the Olympics: From Ancient Times to the Present*, written in 1961 by John Durant. I bought it at a local library sale. Its spine still wears its Dewey designation: 796.48 DUR.



Sun Cat Skylights Presentation by Glenn Georgens

**Tuesday, June 27
from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
in the Stardust Ballroom**



Sun Cat Skylights has been in business since 1997. They will present solutions to light your home using daylight. They also offer energy efficient ways to remove hot air from the attic and garage.

Most products qualify for a federal tax credit. See what's new in-home daylighting and ventilation.

If you are interested in attending the presentation, please sign up at the Clubhouse Front Desk.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

SOLERA ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY BBQ

**Tuesday, July 4
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
In the Stardust Ballroom**

\$10 for residents, \$12 for guests
Tickets will be available for purchase at the
Clubhouse Lady Luck Room
on Tuesday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Hot dogs,
hamburgers,
chips, dessert,
soda & water
will be served.

This is a
BYOB event.



Entertainment will be provided by
Reboot

Bookshelves

By Larry Edsall

Kirsy, my neighbor's daughter, was in second or third grade and had just learned about putting things in alphabetical order. One afternoon she was visiting after school. I was busy in one room while she was playing in another with toys I had for when my grandchildren were visiting.

At least that's what I thought she was doing.

Actually, she was reorganizing my bookshelves, putting the books in alphabetical order. She saw the project as applying her newfound education to use while doing me what she thought was a huge favor.

After the shock of seeing my books thus rearranged, I laughed, and then spent a good share of that evening putting them back where they had been.

Triggering that memory was a recent article in *The Washington Post*, which asked nine writers to share how they organize their bookshelves.

One said she placed the books chronologically, based on when she read them. Another said she placed by subject matter. Another said he groups books by subject, but within a subject by color, "so that the shelves don't look too chaotic."

As a youngster, one of my favorite places was our local library. An old downtown mansion had been turned into the community book depository. It had lots of big windows and aged floors that flexed and groaned as you walked across them. The place smelled of old books. I learned my way around the card catalog and the Dewey Decimal System there, useful knowledge a few years later when I volunteered as a library aide in high school, where such service allowed you to escape a dreary daily session in study hall.

I really didn't need those catalog trays or Mr. Dewey's mysterious numbers once I identified the shelves that housed Random House's Landmark Books, more than 150 works on U.S. and world history. I may have read every volume the library possessed, and especially liked the writing of Quentin Reynolds and Stewart Holbrook. Years later we named our son after the title character in Slater Brown's *Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys*.



The wonders of the library gave way to a part-time job and the ability to buy rather than borrow books. Less than 30 miles from home was Kroch's and Brentano's, a marvelous multi-story bookstore in downtown Chicago. There would be many other bookstores — new and used — to visit through the years.

Then along came amazon.com. I like the ease of having a book (or two or three) delivered to my home. However, I miss wandering through book stores, be they small mom-and-pop places or the The Strand in New York City or John King's amazing used bookstore on the western edge of downtown Detroit.

And I like "real" books. I'm a tactile reader. I like the heft of holding a bound book and of turning its pages with my fingers, not with the click of a button on an e-reader.

I built up a substantial library, and have donated a couple trailer loads to a college in Kansas. Though I've pared my personal library after downsizing with my move to Solera, I still have shelves full and close at hand.

Sorry Kirsy, but none of them are arranged in alphabetical order.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR • JUNE 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
●	●	●	●	1 Communications 9:30 a.m. First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month	2 Coffee & Donut Social 9:00 a.m.	3
4	5	6 ARC 9:00 a.m. Veterans & First Responders 6:30 p.m. Bulk Trash Day	7 Executive Board 9:30 a.m.	8	9 AARP Safe Driving Class 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	10 Fitness Center Orientation 10:00 a.m. New Resident Orientation 11:00 a.m.
11	12 Covenants 10:00 a.m.	13 Tickets go on sale for 4th of July BBQ 9:00 a.m.	14 Board of Directors 9:30 a.m. Flag Day	15 Bingo 6:30 p.m.	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20 Lifestyle 11:15 a.m. Tickets go on sale for Mandalay Bay Shark Reef Aquarium 9:00 a.m. Bulk Trash Day	21 Buildings & Grounds 9:30 a.m. Fremont Street Experience (Bus leaves at 11:00 a.m.)	22	23 Jazz night in the courtyard w/ Salt 'n' Pepper 6:00 p.m.	24
25	26	27 Sun Cat Skylights presentation 2:00 p.m.	28 Finance 9:30 a.m. Community Standards 4:00 p.m.	29 Eid al-Adha	30	●

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Vickie (702) 489-7922

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Walter, Mariko and their son's dog, Leo

Their next adventure awaits

Walter and Mariko Skya making Solera their home

By Betty Boyd

Seattle native Walter Skya and his wife, Mariko, have been married for 43 years. He studied at the University of Tokyo and lived in Japan for 10 years. He and Mariko met at a social event while Walter was living overseas.

Walter earned a Ph.D in history at the University of Chicago and is a full-time professor and director of the Asian Studies Program at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, teaching Japanese and Chinese history and East Asian survey courses. However, the Skyas are in the process of moving to Solera to be closer to their two children, and to live in a warmer climate.

They bought their Solera home within the past year, and Walter already is teaching Introduction to Asian Studies at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

They have enjoyed meeting their new neighbors and are taking advantage of many of the opportunities provided at Solera's clubhouse. They use the gym and the swimming pool. Mariko especially likes aerobics and tai-chi classes. She has a license to teach the *Sogetsu* style of Japanese flower arrangement and hopes to offer classes here at Solera.

When Walter first met Mariko, she spoke no English. Today, they communicate at home in both languages.

Walter became interested in Japanese history while in high school, where he met Fred Sato, a Japanese American


who was a wrestling and judo coach. Walter joined the intramural judo class and earned his black belt before his high school graduation.

His involvement in judo led to Walter's interest in Japanese culture and history. He graduated from the University of Washington, where he majored in Japanese language and history. He then went abroad, intending to spend a year, but was admitted to the University of Tokyo as a graduate research student and stayed for a decade.

Walter worked as a translator for the Mitsubishi Corporation, where he translated personnel manuals from Japanese to English and translated speeches for top managers to deliver at international seminars.

"I learned more about the Japanese by working in the real world than at the University of Tokyo," he said.

Walter's travels have included China, South Korea, Southeast Asia, Europe and Asia. He recently did a presentation at the Solera Veterans and First Responders club about his book, *Japan's Holy War*, and on postwar Japanese nationalism. He said he was impressed by the interesting questions that came from the Solera audience.

Walter and Mariko are looking forward to becoming even more involved in Solera and the surrounding Vegas Valley. They bring a unique perspective because of their backgrounds. We welcome them. 



Tuscan soup

By Nadyne Sweetko

Tuscany is a region in Italy. Its residents speak a form of Italian which is the standard variety taught to foreign learners. It lends its name to a style of soup that is common throughout all of Italy.

This Tuscan soup recipe is from Solera resident David Distefano. He and his lovely wife, Terry, moved to Solera in 2017 from Land O' Lakes, Florida. He has been following this recipe for Tuscan soup for more than 20 years and is asked to make it often by his wife since it is her favorite soup.

David recalls making his recipe for a potluck dinner. When he was retrieving his empty container to take home, he was asked if his wife made it. He informed those asking that he was the cook in their house and that he created the recipe himself. They asked if he would share the recipe and he kindly did.

He is now sharing for our Recipe Exchange feature. He explained that there are many recipes for the many variations for Tuscan soup, and added that he likes to try new recipes.

David was wearing a sharp chef jacket as he cooked. He was presented with the jacket earlier this year while he and his wife were attending a special food and wine pairing dinner at Hank's Steakhouse in the Green Valley Ranch Resort and Casino. The Distefanos belong to a food and wine pairing group which is a new society club at Hank's Steakhouse.

Just beneath his name on the jacket is that of To Kalon, which means "highest beauty" in Greek. The To Kalon vineyard is in Napa Valley, California. His was the first such honorary chef jacket to be presented at Hank's. As video from the presentation shows how completely surprised the presentation caught David.

"I am not a chef, just a cook," David exclaimed.

The Distefanos enjoy entertaining in their home, and David does all the cooking, as well as planning the menu and the shopping. He prints up menus for the meals so his guests can read what will be served. Terry said, quite happily, that David also cleans the kitchen when he's finished.

The Distefanos belong to the Chaine Des Rotisseurs wine and food society club, an international gastronomic society founded in Paris, France, in 1950. The pairing of wine and food is a delicious and fun part of David and Terry's life, and they add that they have made wonderful friends at wine and food pairings events. [continued on page 22](#)



Nadyne's notes: When the soup was cooking, a wonderful aroma filled the house with smells of the fresh ingredients, sausage, onions, mushrooms, garlic, and thyme. The flavor of the soup was warm and delicious. The mushrooms and sausage along with the white northern beans give the soup body and substance.

This soup is made in one pot, so the cleanup is easy.

Recipe Corner is interested in recipes for main or side dishes, appetizers, desserts, baked goods, cooking for two,

family recipes, ethnic recipes, and holiday favorites. Please locate your favorite recipe and send it to me at the email address below with your contact information. We will schedule a month to run your recipe. I will interview you with your prepared recipe at your home or at the clubhouse.

Have a recipe to share?

Email your recipe and contact information to Nadyne Sweetko at renons@aol.com



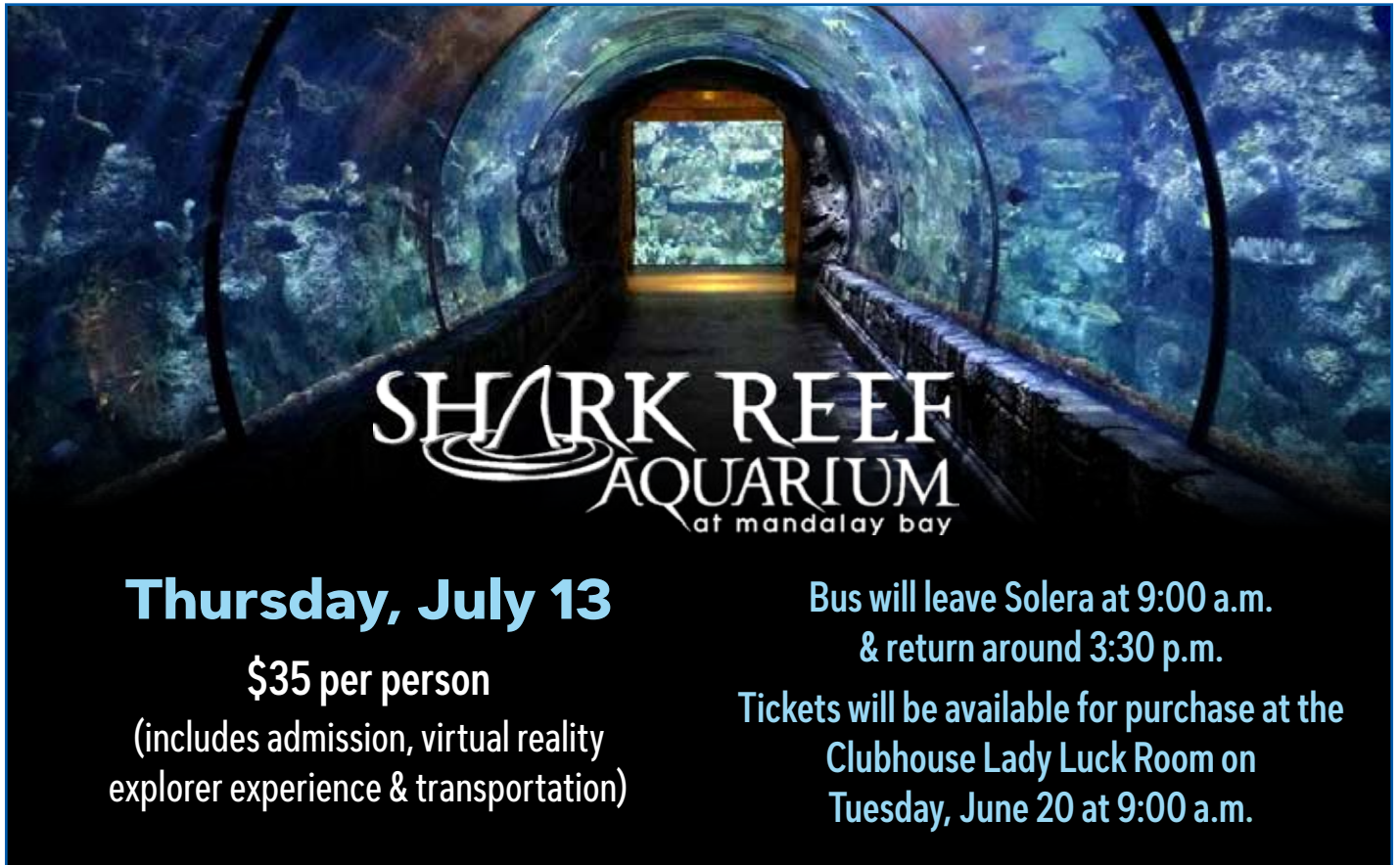
Tuscan Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 3 - 5 mild Italian sausage links casing removed
- 2 - 3 cans Bush's Great Northern White Beans
- ½ onion diced
- 3 cloves of garlic chopped
- 1/3 to ½ lb. Baby Bell Mushrooms sliced
- 6 - 8 cups chicken broth
- 2 medium sprigs of thyme
- 1 cup fresh basil chopped (not dried)
- 1 tbl butter
- ¼ cup cream
- salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- Sauté the sausage in a large pot, on medium heat until brown, add diced onion, cook until a little translucent and then add garlic and cook for 2 minutes stirring to not let garlic burn.
- Add chicken stock, beans, herbs and cook on low heat for 30 - 40 minutes.
- Add butter and cream.
- The amount of sausage, beans, and ingredients are for a smaller amount. For a larger amount of soup, adjust the ingredients accordingly. You can make any amount you like and freeze leftovers. It keeps well.



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Natural Life is a Florida-based chain of retail stores that focuses on CBD and other holistic plants such as Kratom, Kava, Mushrooms, Seamoss, Elderberry, and more. Our mission is to provide customers with high-quality natural wellness alternatives, while providing credible and relatable information to the public. By partnering with local farmers and trusted brands around the nation, Natural Life stores are able to offer the largest selection of natural health and wellness solutions in one place and help create a sustainable future for all. We are dedicated

to enhance lives by sharing honest knowledge about natural wellness and personalized care with those in need of alternative health solutions. Natural Life believes in a healthier lifestyle for all members of the community. Our store is located in Henderson at the southeast corner of Eastern Ave and Horizon Ridge in the Smith's shopping center. Samples will be handed out during the presentation.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the Clubhouse Front Desk.

Preying on problems

Raptors are one solution, but not the only one

By Larry Edsall

It's a mainstay in Hollywood films, an elderly gentleman sitting on a park bench and tossing popcorn or some other snack to a growing number of pigeons. But what those movies don't show is that those pigeons are an invasive species, nor the corrosive properties of pigeon poop, nor how expensive (and unsightly) it can be to "pigeon-proof" your home.

The local expert on pigeon preclusion is Airborne Wildlife Control Service, founded by husband and wife Dave and Cion Kanellis (and featured in the *Solera Star* in March 2021). Their business works with commercial properties, such as the tall casino buildings on The Strip, where they control pigeons by employing native raptors, such as the peregrine falcon.

Cion Kanellis and Airborn staffer C.J. White visited *Solera* to talk with community residents about pigeons and to

share information about a couple of live birds — a peregrine falcon and a young lesser yellow-headed vulture — they brought for show-and-tell.

While a peregrine falcon flying up to 200 mph and knocking a pigeon out of the sky may be a spectacular sight, she said, it isn't practical for dealing with such feathered pests around your home.

For the pigeons in your yard or on your roof (or those residing between your roof and roof-mounted solar panels), your best practice, she said, is not to leave cat or dog food (or their water bowls) outdoors, and to be consistent in chasing pigeons away. Poison, though legal, is not the solution, she added, because it kills other animals as well. She suggested the plants in your yard also can be an issue, for example, pigeons like the red berries on a pyracanthas shrub.



A peregrine falcon and a young lesser yellow-headed vulture visit Solera



Ciyon Kanellis



Solerans react to C.J. White and the vulture

In addition to those pesky pigeons, she and White shared information on falcons and vultures (“nature’s clean-up crew,” with stomach acid so strong vultures can stop the spread of rabies by eating the remains of infected animals).

They noted that in addition to working with casinos on The Strip, they are setting up a series of public presentations on raptors to be held at the Wynn resort.

Kanellis was introduced to falconry as a pre-teen visiting England with her mother. She served as an apprentice to a falconer until she was 14 and old enough to get her own handler’s license.

White volunteered as an animal rehabilitation center and at the National Aquarium in Baltimore for several years before finding a paying position at a rehab and education program in Missouri. He joined Airborne just a month before their visit to Solera.

Airborne Wildlife Control Service
(702) 617-1833

<https://airbornewildlifecontrolservice.com/>




PIGEON COMPLAINTS INCREASE AT SOLERA

The Association continues to receive various correspondence regarding pigeons and the nuisance they present. Please do not feed pigeons and, additionally, please be aware that it is unlawful to encourage the congregating of pigeons. City of Henderson Municipal Code of ordinance states the following:

7.08.040 - Pigeon control

A. The roosting or lingering of wild pigeons poses a health hazard in addition to offending the aesthetic senses by pigeon contamination. Such roosting or lingering of wild pigeons is declared to be a public nuisance.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to encourage the lingering, roosting and/or congregating of wild pigeons by providing food-including but not limited to grain, seeds, greens, bread crumbs and miscellaneous food scraps-intended for wild pigeon ingestion on public or residential property.

If you have an infestation problem and are looking for a solution, the Association recommends contacting a pigeon control company that may present options to keep pigeons from gathering at your property. Pigeon spikes are not the only option anymore. Bird wire and pigeon guards are also available and have been used to effectively prevent infestation. Please keep in mind, however, that prior approval from the ARC Committee must be obtained before any alterations to the exterior of the home may be undertaken. 





Men and women are not the same

By Fred Addi

(Editor's note: The author admits this might be considered sexist by some, but hopefully most will see the humor.)

John Gray pithily wrote that men are from Mars and women are from Venus. Few have thought to rebut his observation. Indeed, my wife feels she may be underestimating the chasm between us and has declared if she is from Venus, then I must be from Alpha Centauri.

But what exactly makes us so different, and more importantly, what allows us to live together in peace? Is it because, over the course of time, each sex learned to embrace and accept its biological role? For years, men hunted and women cooked. Now I have tasted some women's cooking and can attest this might not always have been the best arrangement. But, in fairness, not all men are suited to the task of hunting game. It would be a very minimalist menu if I were sent into the woods to rustle up some dinner.

The point is, as we have evolved, human intelligence has recognized we are more alike than different and that either sex may be the best person for the job at hand and any preconceived stereotype should be scoffed. For instance, in my household, I am charged with taking the trash to the street while my wife limits herself to doing absolutely everything else.

It has been a long and hesitant path to equality between the sexes. Women may be quite right to indignantly remind us men that it took 150 years or so for them to be given the right to vote in this country. But we should all remember that it was a male-dominated Congress that ratified the 19th

amendment in 1920. And, besides, is 150 years really that long? I seem to recall spending almost as long at the DMV trying to renew my driver's license.

There may still be some distance to go until we hear the last complaint at perceived unfairness. Many still protest that men earn more than women. This may be true, but I think a healthy skepticism should accompany claims that point one way or the other. So much can be slanted to support the position you wish to propose. My own study, of an admittedly small sample, compared my income to that of actress Jennifer Lawrence, and the finding is that women earn more than men.

In some areas, women will always have a unanimous grievance. Due to the biased machinations of biology, women are the sex to bear children. And, let's face it, if a ballot was handed out offering, on the one hand, nine months of morning sickness, swollen ankles culminating in agonizing labor, or lounging around pondering what brand of cigars to hand out, I think most men would vote on the same side.

So, whether you are a man or a woman, relish in the differences with which you have been blessed. Yes, some women may be puzzled why a 60-minute football game lasts for three hours, but many men are just as perplexed that we can be shaved, dressed and out the door in less time than it takes her to decide which shoes to wear.

These are just my thoughts and I am probably wrong.



Preparing for summer with smart irrigation controllers

With summer approaching, it's time to adjust your landscape irrigation clock to follow the community's mandatory seasonal watering schedule.

In effect May 1 through Aug. 31, the summer schedule prohibits spray irrigation between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday watering is prohibited. However, just because you can water more this summer doesn't mean you need to. Follow these tips to help you maintain a healthy landscape and manage your water bill.

- Water in the early morning to minimize the amount of water lost to evaporation and daytime winds.
- Water grass on a three- or four-day a week schedule and slowly add additional days as the summer heat increases.
- Water your grass no more than 12 minutes total per watering day. It's all your grass needs. Run sprinklers 3 times a day for 4 minutes each cycle, spaced 1 hour apart.
- Plants and trees require much less water than grass. Set your drip irrigation to two to three days a week.

- The average customer can save up to \$300 annually on their water bills by following the seasonal watering restrictions year-round.

Take advantage of the cash rebate the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) offers on the purchase of smart irrigation controllers, which use sensors and weather data to automatically adjust irrigation system run times and the amount of water your landscape needs.

The SNWA's rebate offers 50 percent off the purchase price of a new smart controller, or up to \$100, whichever is less. Installing a smart controller can not only help you maintain a healthy landscape through the heat of summer, but it also can help you cut your outdoor water use by as much as 30 percent, which also will save money on your monthly water bill.

For more information about the smart controller rebate and other SNWA programs that can help you save water and money, visit snwa.com



The advertisement is split into two main sections. On the left, a photograph shows a rocky coastline with a small boat on the water under a clear blue sky. Overlaid on this image is the text "IT'S TIME TO GET REAL" in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. On the right, a solid yellow background contains a white rounded rectangular border. Inside this border, the text "NEVER WATER ON SUNDAY" is written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, in smaller black, sans-serif capital letters, it says "OR ANY DAY 11 AM TO 7 PM MAY - AUG". At the bottom of the yellow section, a white rectangular box contains the text "IT'S THE LAW!" in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters.

Home maintenance tips

While the weather is still cool enough is a good time to start on those spring cleaning and maintenance chores.

We all know maintenance is key to the quality of everything: relationships, physical appearance, your car, your kitchen appliances and, very importantly, your biggest investment – your home itself.

Sure, you can wait until something breaks before worrying about it. At least you know you got the full value from the item. However, and this is a big however, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. In other words, you'll end up paying more in the long run.

Important note: Solera is nearing its 20th anniversary and thus original equipment in your home may be nearing the end of its useful life.

Following is a chart that may be helpful in helping you do your routine maintenance around your home. Some of these are DIY items while others should be handled by a professional. The important thing is, as the sports shoe company reminds us, just do it. You'll be glad you did!



MAINTENANCE ITEM	FREQUENCY	COMPLETED
Roof inspection and repairs	2 years	
Gutter cleaning	1 – 3 years	
Exterior painting or fogging	10 years	
Sprinkler inspection and repairs	Yearly	
Lighted address sign	Now	
Wood fence and gate painting	5 years	
Garage door lubrication and adjustment	Yearly	
Hot water heater maintenance	Yearly	
Dryer vent cleaning	2 years	
Washing machine hose inspection	Yearly	
Battery replacement: smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detector, garage door and gate remotes, sprinkler controller, etc.	Yearly	
Furnace, fireplace and cooling inspection	Yearly	
Replace smoke alarms	10 years	
Open faucets in unused sinks, tubs, shower	Weekly	
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Hello Solera Homeowners!

By May 1st we had already closed 31 sales in Solera at Anthem, and out of 18 homes for sale, 7 already had accepted offers on them! With the warmer weather has come a warmer real estate market too - and that's good news for everyone.

Below is a list of the homes for sale and for rent in Solera at Anthem. As I have mentioned before, there is roughly a 30 day time period between when this is submitted to print and when it actually hits your mailbox. So, if you want up to date information please call or email me and I will send it out to you (or bring it to you if you prefer). I am here for you when you need me, so please don't hesitate to call.

Homes listed for sale as of 05/01/2023:

Address	Approx Total		
	List Price	Liv Area	Model
2514 Darda ST	\$349,000	1,142	Lewis
2428 Ashen Light DR	\$375,000	1,142	Lewis
2534 Evening Twilight AVE	\$325,000	1,142	Lewis
2509 Jade Sky ST	\$359,900	1,142	Lewis
2351 Tranquil Moon ST	\$370,000	1,248	Clark
2321 Celestial Moon ST	\$385,000	1,248	Clark
2348 Apparition ST	\$389,000	1,425	Fremont
2600 Red Planet ST	\$419,900	1,425	Fremont
2481 Meteor Stream TER	\$399,000	1,425	Fremont
2473 Jada DR	\$425,000	1,596	Whitney
2563 Moonlight Valley AVE	\$433,000	1,596	Whitney
2262 Bildad DR	\$399,999	1,768	Franklin
2600 Icy Moon ST	\$434,900	1,768	Franklin
2560 Crater Rock ST	\$460,000	1,768	Franklin
2496 Comet Cloud CT	\$585,000	1,768	Franklin
2449 Cosmic Ray PL	\$474,999	1,768	Franklin
2654 Solera Moon DR	\$449,000	1,768	Franklin
2500 Solera Sky DR	\$699,990	1,768	Franklin

Homes listed for rent as of 05/01/2023:

Address	Approx Total		
	List Price	Liv Area	Model
2484 Ashen Light DR	\$1,849	1,142	Lewis
2599 Anani RD	\$1,850	1,142	Lewis
2269 Jada DR	\$1,850	1,248	Clark
2599 Sargon ST	\$1,875	1,248	Clark
2341 Neutron Star ST	\$2,100	1,425	Fremont
2310 Galilean Moon ST	\$1,900	1,596	Whitney
2285 Jada DR	\$1,950	1,596	Whitney
2320 Meteor Shower ST	\$1,950	1,596	Whitney
2510 Starlight Valley ST	\$2,000	1,596	Whitney
2527 Stardust Valley DR	\$2,100	1,596	Whitney
2446 Evening Twilight AVE	\$2,395	1,596	Whitney