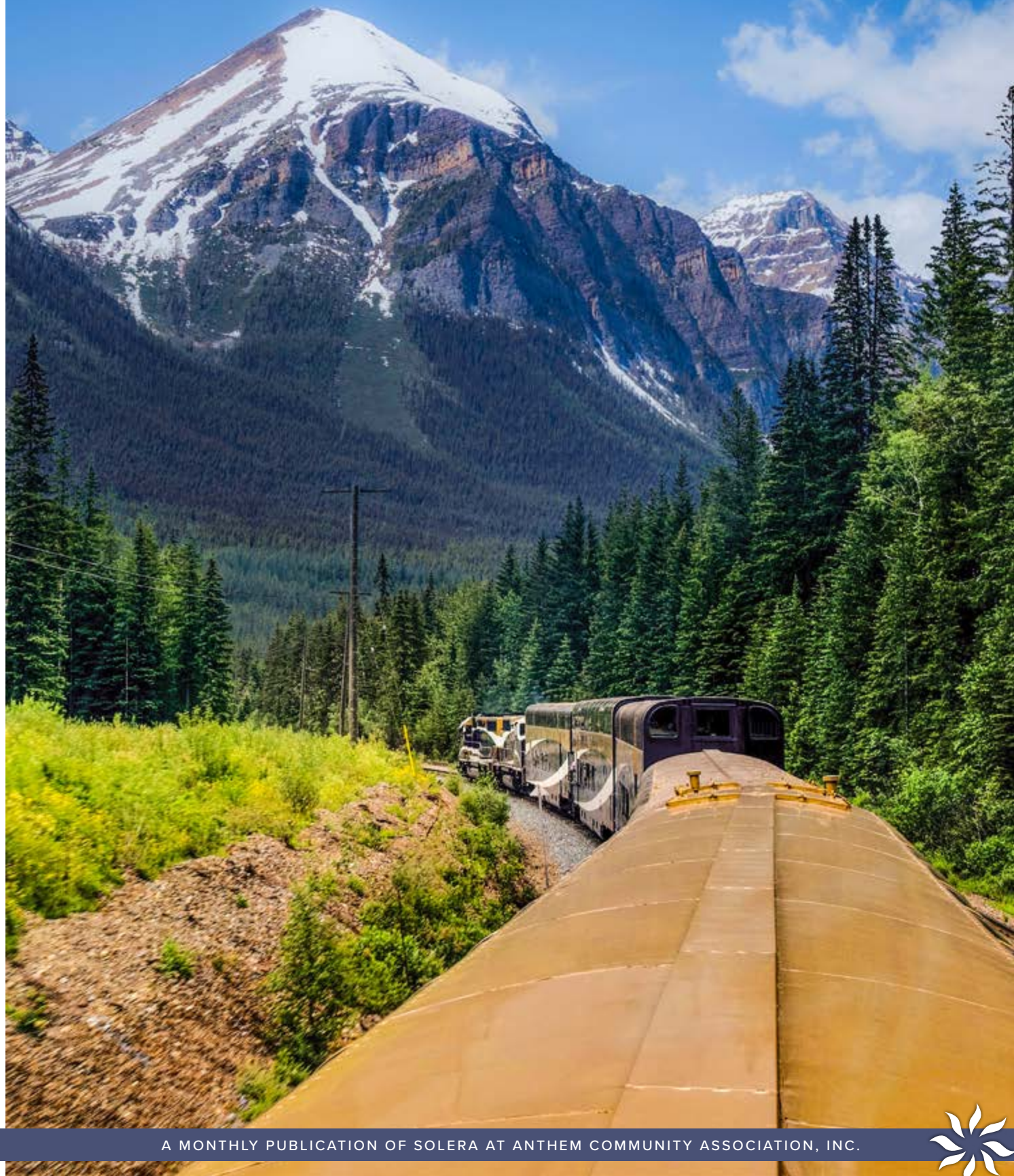


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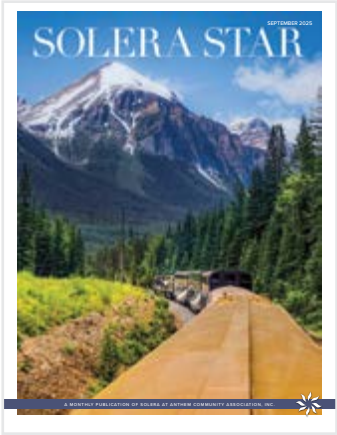
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Meetings are held in the Stardust Ballroom of the Clubhouse, located at 2401 Somersworth Dr., Henderson, NV 89044

Agendas are available five calendar days before the meeting, and are emailed to all residents with an email address on file. Agendas are also available at the front desk. To request a copy of the agenda, you may also reach out to Management directly. If you missed the live stream, the video is available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ja9gLO1-Fh4 ----->



Board of Directors Executive Session:

September 3 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Open Session:

Compliance Letter Edits, verbiage regarding suspension use of clubhouse amenities and voting rights due outstanding collection balances

Rules and Regulation Changes, ARC Committee Resolution, Pathway to Member Advancement
September 10 | 6:30 p.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Executive Session:

October 1 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Open Session:

October 8 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

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IT'S PROBABLY TIME TO UPDATE YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS



YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE READY TO HELP

BY THE FOUNDATION ASSISTING SENIORS AND VETERANS

Editor's note: : Several years ago, Solera residents Betsy Keane and Ray Carvajal helped launch a group under the banner of Neighbors Assisting Neighbors. In the 2020-2021 time frame, NAN was absorbed into the organization now known as Foundation Assisting Seniors and Veterans.



The Foundation Assisting Seniors and Veterans wants Solera residents to understand the importance of maintaining their residential smoke/fire/carbon monoxide detectors. These detectors help prevent injury or death in residential fires and events when carbon monoxide levels inside homes becomes lethal.

Our Solera residences have been constructed with 2 to 3 smoke detectors and 2 carbon monoxide detectors. These units are hardwired into house electric system and primarily operate off the house electric system. In cases where the house electric supply is lost, the units are equipped with a battery backup to help keep you safe during a disruption of electricity.

Detector batteries need to be changed every year. Some residents like to use the Daylight Savings Time change as a reminder to replace batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

The original smoke detectors in your home only have a useful life of 10 years. Since Solera was built between 2003 and 2008, all of the original smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are beyond their useful life.

In addition to the passage of time, if you look at your detectors and they are yellow/brown in appearance, they are likely out of warranty. Just a visual look at the units on your ceiling can give you a clue about the age of your units without having to dismount them from the ceiling.

We want to keep our Solera residents safe and will install new batteries for you and let you know if your detectors are out of warranty. We also will install new detector units that meet standards of original equipment and keep your residence in compliance with building code standards at time of original house construction. There are "combo" units that are recommended to replace original carbon monoxide units. The new "combo" units are smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in one unit.

Contact us at (702) 622-7709 to request a volunteer assistance to replace batteries, install new detectors, or assist with determination of age of your detector units.

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HONORING 9/11

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PATRIOTS DAY CELEBRATION

September 11, 2001. Most of us remember the tragedy that happened that day. The United States was deliberately attacked by radical members of the Islamist terrorist group, al-Qaeda. These attacks killed 2,977 people, making it the deadliest terrorist attack in American history. Each year since, there have been groups all over the United States that remember what happened that day. Firefighters, law enforcement officers, and first responders were put in harms way to try and protect the many innocent people in New York, Washington, D.C., and other places around the country. Airports were closed down, many road blocks were put in place, and the nation watched in disbelief as we gathered together in a time of unusual patriotism.

Our Veterans and First Responders Club has hosted a Patriots Day Celebration for the past 10 years and again on September 11, 2025 we will celebrate this day. We have been privileged to host Henderson officials, the Mayors, Fire Chiefs, Police Department Officers, and others who have given their time to join us for this special occasion. The Henderson Fire and Police Honor Guard will again present the colors and the guest will share words of encouragement to the many who come together. Our own Curt Williams will offer the invocation and a few words to those attending.

All of Solera are invited to join us. Meet and hear your city officials. Share in the refreshments that are provided and feel the aroused patriotism that is generated from this special event. ✱

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- Homemade desserts
- Complimentary water & coffee (soda \$1)



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Contact: Joyce Lightowler
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FOLLOW FALL WATERING SCHEDULE TO SAVE

Many things signal the arrival of fall—football's back, there's pumpkin spice on just about everything edible (and drinkable), and we're breaking out our warmer clothes. Fall also is a perfect time of year to save water by following the community's mandatory fall watering restrictions.

In effect from **September 1 through October 31**, the seasonal watering restrictions limit landscape irrigation to three assigned days per week. You can find your assigned watering days at snwa.com.

Remember—watering outside of your assigned watering days can result in costly water-waste fines, and spray watering is prohibited on Sunday all year long.

To further boost conservation this fall—and help manage your monthly bill—water plants and trees on a recommended two-day-a-week schedule, but for longer durations based on the flow rate of your emitters. Grass should be watered **ONLY** three days a week. While this may not sound like much, keep in mind that temperatures are getting cooler, meaning your landscape can stay vibrant and healthy throughout the season with even less water than you think. Remember: Drip It, Don't Drown It!

If you have a grass landscape, be sure to continue running your spray irrigation systems during the early morning hours through October to help minimize water lost to evaporation, and avoid watering on windy or rainy days. And be sure to inspect and test your system on a regular basis to prevent overspray onto sidewalks and streets, which could result in a water-waste fee.

Find more information about the community's seasonal watering restrictions and helpful tips to keep your landscape lush and happy all year long at snwa.com. ✨

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GRASS



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DAYS A WEEK

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CLARIFYING POOL RULES & ETIQUETTE

This is a clarification of the "Get In The Swim!" article published by the Community Standards Committee in the August 2025 issue of *Solera Star* magazine.

The fifth paragraph of the article suggests that the common courtesy should be used by a resident who wants to share a swimming lane with another resident. While common courtesy is encouraged and appreciated, it does not grant the opportunity for the resident, currently using the lane, to refuse another homeowner the ability to use an open shared swim lane. The Solera Community Rules and Regulations Document, Section F, paragraph 5 states:

"Lane dividers will be used to designate lap lanes and will be put in, moved, or removed Management according to the pool activity schedule."

- a) lap lanes are reserved for continuous swimming only
- b) lap lanes must be shared if multiple lap swimmers are present."

As a reminder, these rules must be followed by all residents when using the pool facility. Lap lane etiquette means informing the other member that you are entering the adjacent pool lane, and that an accommodation for sharing the lap lane is required. ✨



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Location: Solera at Anthem Community Association
2401 Sommersworth Dr.
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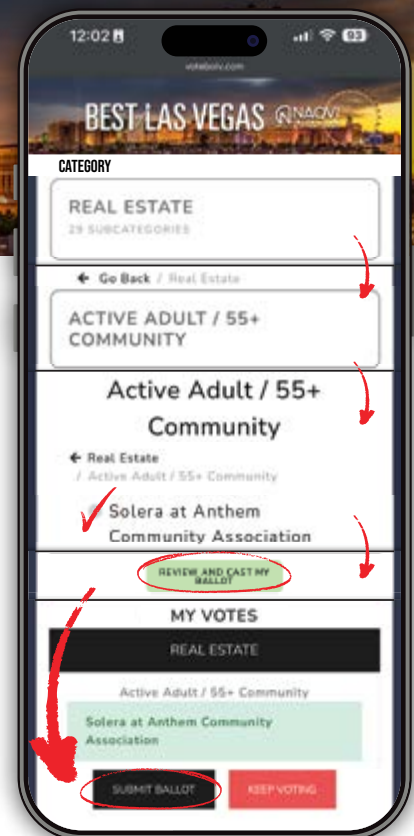


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7	8 Solera Days Table Sales 10am Covenantants 9am	9 Bulk Trash Day	10 Open Session Board of Directors 6:30pm	11 Patriot's Day Event 9am Communications 1pm	12	13 Fitness Center Orientation 10am
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Sharon Deter | (253) 303-1738 | sharon.dtd@gmail.com

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Arda Reiter | (702) 462-6167; Ardena Golder | (702) 802-1963;

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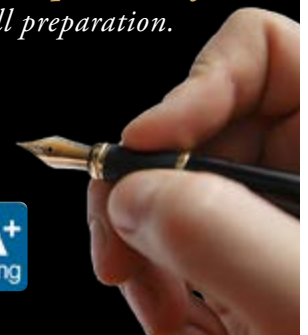
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CANADIAN ROCKIES BY RAIL

LUXURIOUS ADVENTURING

BY ALVARO MURCIA

I know that many of you have done this great trip, but I am writing this story for those who may be interested in doing so.

The adventure starts between the Canadian cities of Vancouver, British Columbia, and it ends in Banff, Alberta.

Before starting our main journey, Maria and I decided to take a short trip to the Island of Victoria, British Columbia. The main travel there is done on a huge seven-story passenger ferry that we were told can carry up to 300 vehicles. We spent a good part of the day touring the beautiful Butchart Gardens, which features exotic flowers from all over the world. Later we were driven via coach to the central part of the city, where we visited the inner harbor and the adjacent Parliament Building. Victoria is the capital of British Columbia, and it has been since the 1800s.

We did not have the time to visit any of the other sites including the Royal BC Museum.



On June 20 at 6:30 a.m. we set off on our trip on the Rocky Mountaineer, a very modern and gorgeous train built in Germany with German and Swiss technology. The service in every category is impeccable; Alex and Paul, the servers on the upper floor, usually serve appetizers and free drinks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic between meals. They also provide the entertainment as story tellers and constant historic information providers. The program offers two delicious meals, breakfast and lunch served in the dining room on the bottom floor by two very professional servers, Norma and Hilary.

The servers told us a very interesting and sweet story about a legendary couple, Doris Long and her husband Bryan. They live in a now famous yellow house by the railroad tracks in the small logging town named Canoe on the shore of Lake Swap. They became famous by virtue of coming out of their house every time the train goes by and waving to the people on the train. As all passengers are aware of the tradition, everybody waves back to them. Doris and Bryan were featured in the program *Mighty Trains* documentary on YouTube.

Rockies Mountaineer management invited the couple to take a tour on the train and arranged for a group of train employees to visit the yellow house to return the favor. As the train went by with the couple in it, the crowd of company employees and local residents waved to Doris and Bryan. Needless to say they were very emotional and grateful about the event.

The train company has a very high standard of safety and maintenance. We were told that in certain areas, where wildlife abound and bears and other mammals cross the rail tracks or stay on them, the company installed warning devices on the rails to get the animals safely off the tracks as trains approach.



There was quite a bit of infighting and discussion regarding the construction of the Canadian Rockies Railroad back in the 1800s. While the eastern portion of Canada already had rail service, there was opposition by politicians to the construction of the western portion, mainly because of the difficulty of carving through the Rocky Mountains. However, through compromise and a few bribes came to an agreement to launch the project.

It took years of hard and tragic labor, mainly by workers brought from China and the Union Pacific Railroad from the USA. Around 1,000 workers died in the effort, mainly the dynamite explosions, malnutrition, and disease. Most of the work was done by hand. Canadians are very grateful for what all those workers accomplished, building a railroad that would last for centuries creating a tremendous boom in the country's economy.

We had four stops between Vancouver and Banff. The first was Kamloops, which was just an overnight stay with basically nothing to do. The second was the best of all, staying at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. The hotel is gorgeous with very traditional features, great accommodations and service, but best of all the Lake Louise Lake is located directly behind the hotel and the snowcapped mountains behind the lake, just breath taking. We were lucky to get a room with a great view facing the lake.

On the second day we were driven to Lake Minnewaska, where we took a boat cruise. The lake is totally surrounded by very tall snowcapped mountains.

In conclusion, this was an experience to remember for a long time; there is a lot of beautiful nature to see through the train's 180 degrees glass. I can't remember how many rivers we either rode along or went across. The only negative of the trip was the cooperation of Mother Nature. The weather was cloudy or even rainy for most of the journey, but overall, we have no regrets. Our next train tour we hope will be through the U.S Rocky Mountains. ✧



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SO FAR NORTH THAT ONSTAR COULDN'T FIND US

DRIVING OFF THE MAP IN THE CANADIAN WILDERNESS

BY LARRY EDSALL

Dad loved to do road trips. As a teenager, he and a couple of buddies borrowed a Model T Ford and outfitted with a "Niagara Falls or Bust" banner and another advertising the local lightning rod company, which they somehow convinced to sponsor their trip.

During his lifetime, Dad and Mom — sometimes my brother and me, sometimes with my Grandmother or other relatives, sometimes just the two of them — took road trips that touched most of the US and nearly all of Canada.

But there was one piece of Canada Dad didn't get to see — probably because there was no road to get there — so that's where Mom and I went the year after his death.



Stop sign in French and Cree



James Bay

There's still no road to Hudson's Bay, but in the late 1980s Hydro Quebec opened its private road to James Bay to the public. To meet the electrical demands of Montreal, eastern Canada and the northeastern United States, the power company built a huge dam and hydro-electric generating station on La Grande River not too far east of where it flows into James Bay.

But before building the dam, Hydro Quebec had to build a road to get there. That road led north some 400 miles from Matagami, which is already hundreds of miles north of Toronto.

Ask someone in Matagami where they live and they respond, "Two inches above the map."

Because a road that traverses hundreds of miles of wilderness doesn't get much traffic, as you leave Matagami you are required to check in at

a roadside kiosk, share your name, vehicle type, and your anticipated return date. There are no settlements between Matagami and the dam and the small town of Radisson that has grown around it, though there is one gas station midway between and, yes, you do stop there to fill up rather than risk being stranded on a road where you see another vehicle maybe once every 50 miles.

The wide, two-lane roadway crosses a dozen rivers, rivers raging with spectacular rapids. We didn't see any of the caribou herds, but we saw moose and enough bears to convince us that running out of gas was not an option.

We spent a few days in Radisson, got an amazing tour of the dam and a drive down through a tunnel to the power station. I learned that when driving in such tunnels, the rule of the road is keep to the left. The reason: When it becomes so foggy from condensation that you can't see what's in front of you, the driver can roll down the window and literally feel the way by reaching out to touch the tunnel wall.

One day during our visit, we drove some 60 miles west to Chisasibi, a Cree village on James Bay. There, we learned about the walking-out ceremony and why the poles of the tipis are left up year-round. We met a First Nation family preparing to launch their boats into the bay for their annual goose hunt. Before the highway was built, such hunts provided the food needed to get families through the bitterly cold winter months.

The trip was amazing, something my father would have enjoyed.

I mentioned earlier that Matagami was located a couple of inches north of the map. Well, we were 400 miles north of there. Even though we were driving a brand-new General Motors vehicle, its OnStar GPS system couldn't find us. But there was no reason to worry, you really can't get lost when you're on the only road. ❄️



AN **ISLAND-HOPPING** CARIBBEAN CRUISE

SAILING TO COCOCAY, ST. THOMAS & ST. MARTIN

BY SHELLEY PAYNE-PITTMAN

This spring, my ex-husband Rudy and I took our first cruise to the Caribbean. Initially, our itinerary included CocoCay (Bahamas), Puerto Rico and St. Martin islands. However, construction on the ports in Puerto Rico re-routed us to St. Thomas.

CocoCay, Bahamas is one of the Berry Islands, a collection of cays (low-elevation sandy island in coral reefs) and small islands located 55 miles north of Nassau. Royal Caribbean uses CocoCay exclusively for tourism. The island has seven beaches: one private beach for adults and the rest for families. CocoCay has the largest freshwater swimming pool in the Caribbean.

Our next stop was the island of St. Thomas, which is the second largest of the three U.S. Virgin Islands (St. Croix and St. John are the others). Coming from the desert, the first thing I noticed was the lush green hills and Crown Mountain (the highest point on the three islands).

During our bus tour through the capital town of Charlotte Amalie, we saw government buildings in *Kongens Kvarter* (King's Quarter), downtown local businesses and Danish-styled homes in *Dronningens Kvarter* (Queen's Quarter) and heard stories about historical island facts.

St. Thomas students are required to speak three different languages; the government pays their college tuition when they continue their post-high school education. We also heard historical stories like: the original Ciboney people of Jamaica settled in St. Thomas around 1,500 BC; and





Christopher Columbus found the islands in 1493 and named them after martyred Saint Ursula and her reported 11,000 virgins (the name later shortened to “The Virgins”)

Our final stop was the island of St. Martin. After much fighting, the island was split in 1648 between France (Saint-Martin) on the north side and the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Sint Maarten) on the south side.

Our bus tour took us through the city of Philipsburg on the Dutch side, which is geographically larger and more populated. On the French side, we rode through the city of Margot. I shopped at a French bakery and perfume shop while Rudy shopped for Cuban cigars.

In 2017, Category 5 Hurricane Irma caused significant damage to both sides of the island. Personally, I liked St. Martin islands the most because it was like getting a bonus French island.

While traveling between islands, there were lots of shows and entertainment on the ship. We saw the Hiro water show and Flight, an air/space show. We sang karaoke, played trivia, drank and, of course, ate (and ate and ate). However, since we don't have grandkids, I think we're done with the family cruises.

I plan to visit many more beautiful islands in the Caribbean. However, when you book your trip, be sure to avoid hurricane season (June 1 through November 30). ✨

SEDONA AND THE SOUTH RIM IN THE SNOW

ROAD SCHOLAR PAVES THE WAY FOR SENIOR TRAVEL ADVENTURES

BY BETTY BOYD

My most recent great adventure took me to Sedona and the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. I took this trip in March. It was both cold and snowy, but worthwhile.

I availed myself of an organization called Road Scholar. Road Scholar was founded in 1975, and this year celebrates 50 years of global travel and learning. Road Scholar was founded under the name Elderhostel, providing older adults with a learning program and inexpensive lodging. Today, Road Scholar offers thousands of learning programs, and in almost every state, and is present in 150 countries, utilizing ships on rivers and oceans worldwide.

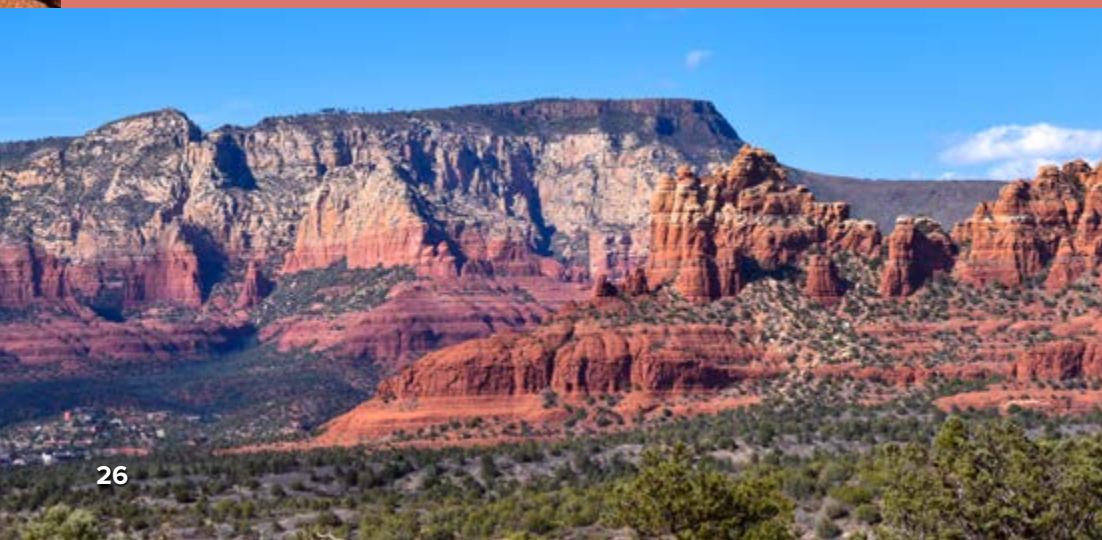
The Road Scholar program is open to all ages, featuring programs that allow grandparents to take their grandchildren on a trip. There are trips for families as well as options for hiking and biking. Some programs visit individual cities, national parks, and explore different cultures.

SEDONA

The trip started in picturesque Sedona. There are sandstone formations, which appear to have a pink glow due to illumination from the rising or setting sun. There had been a drought of snow in January and February; however, that changed when I visited in March. The snow followed me throughout my trip.

We had a field trip to Montezuma Castle National Monument. This is a 5-story, 20-room cliff dwelling recessed in limestone. It is one of the best-preserved cliff dwellings, constructed nearly 600 years ago by the Sinagua Indians.

In the afternoon, we enjoyed a 4X4 "Pink Jeep" ride (yes, all the jeeps were painted pink), where we had to be prepared for uneven roads, sandy washes, or slick rock. The drivers would



stop at various points to visit different viewpoints. Our driver was well-versed in both ancient and modern culture, as well as natural history. All had a great time being shaken, rattled, and almost rolled.

Do you know what a vortex is? A vortex is the funnel shape created by the motion of spiraling energy. Sedona is considered one of the most potent spiritual centers on Earth. These vortexes are located throughout Sedona, with seven primary sites. I'm not sure if I felt anything unusual, but the beauty of the area is what captivated me.

GRAND CANYON-SOUTH RIM

The Grand Canyon became a national park in 1919 and spans 277 miles along the Colorado River. The South and North Rim are the primary public areas. The South Rim is more accessible than the North Rim, and accounts for over 90 percent of the park's visitors. (Recent wildfires have destroyed the North Rim lodge and the North Rim has been closed to visitors until further notice.)

The geology of the Grand Canyon is unique in that it comprises 40 major sedimentary rock layers. The age of these layers ranges from approximately 200 million to almost 2 billion years old. These were deposited in warm, moist, shallow seas and near ancient, long-gone seashores in western North America.

The South Rim is open 24 Hours a day, for 365 days a year. We visited historic Grand Canyon Village. It features many structures designed by Mary Jane Colter, a renowned architect and designer for the Fred Harvey Company and the Santa Fe Railroad.

We walked along the rim, where our group leader discussed the different geological aspects of the canyon. As previously mentioned, there had been a deficit of snow in January and February. I arrived in March and encountered a great deal of snow, which led me to leave early and return to Sedona a day early. Initially, our group was scheduled to go to the bottom of the canyon, but the weather made it too dangerous to traverse.

Overall, the beauty of the Grand Canyon is breathtaking. Although I only saw a small section of the canyon, it was truly spectacular. I even saw a rainbow!

For more information on the Road Scholar programs, visit www.roadscholar.org or call at (800) 454-5768. ✨



SOLERANS' STRANGE SOUVENIRS, DELIGHTFUL DETOURS, AND **BEST, WORST** AND **MOST UNUSUAL PLACES VISITED**

Editor's note: : We asked Solera residents to share the best, worst and most unusual places they've visited, as well as delightful detours experienced while traveling, and strange souvenirs they've brought home. Here are what they shared:

BEST, WORST AND MOST UNUSUAL FLIGHT DELAYS AND THE \$480.65 TAXI RIDE

BY CAROL STRATFORD

I just returned home from a two-week cruise on Princess Cruise Line to Britain, Ireland, Scotland, and France. Anxious and excited to begin my travels on Monday, July 7, I headed to Harry Reid Airport where I met my friend and our journey began, flying from Las Vegas to connecting flight in Denver and then on to London. Upon arrival in London, a Princess Cruise employee was to meet us at the airport and drive us to the cruise ship, which was docked in Southampton England, an hour and half drive from the airport. However, things did not go as planned.

Our flight leaving Las Vegas was delayed and left two hours late, making us miss our connecting flight in Denver. Taking a later flight in Denver to London was also delayed two hours.

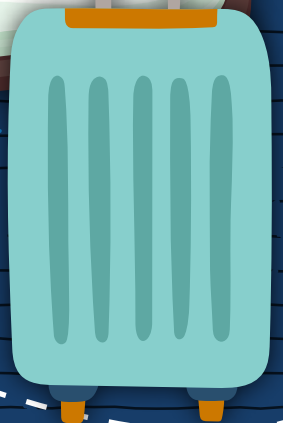
After being on airplanes for 15 hours, we finally arrived in London four hours later than originally scheduled. The Princess people who were to meet us at the airport in London and transport us to the cruise ship had left the airport because we did not arrive on time. It was now Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

Tired and exhausted, we had to be at the ship by 3:00 p.m. or they would not let us on. So, leaving us no choice, we took a taxi from the airport to the ship, arriving at 2:55 p.m. We got on the ship. That hour and a half taxi ride cost 351.20 British pounds (\$480.65 U.S.) — and we thought taxis and Ubers were expensive here in the U.S.

Finally relaxing on the cruise and enjoying the amenities, the cruise was good. We stopped at many ports and saw many beautiful places in each port. My favorites being Cork, Ireland (home of the Blarney Castle/Blarney Stone); Liverpool, England (home of The Beatles); and Paris, France (the Eiffel Tower, of course).

Then the long, tiring journey home began July 20. Again, every flight home was delayed and, again, missing connecting flights home to Las Vegas. Eventually I made it home safely; however, my luggage did not. It was still in London, somewhere in the airport. It arrived three days later.

Sometimes, as seniors, traveling can be difficult and it can be scary when things go wrong; especially when traveling alone as I did on part of the way home. Safe travels everyone. God Bless America.



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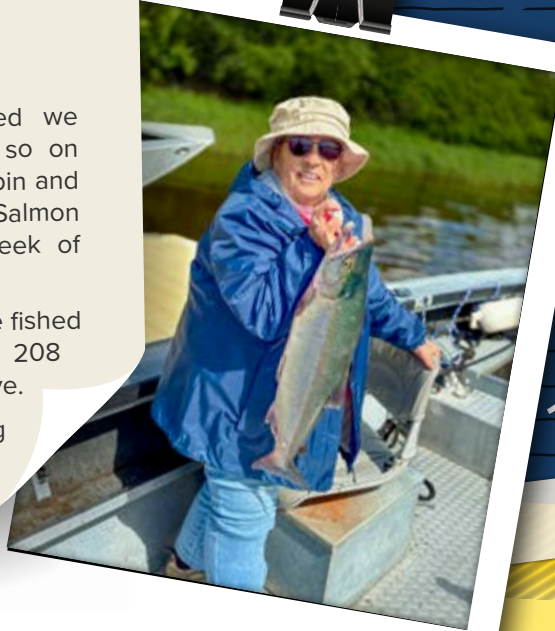
SIBLINGS AND SALMON

BY SALLY HUGHES

My younger sister Robin decided we should plan a brother-sister trip, so on July 6 my brother Bobby, sister Robin and I arrived at Bear Trail Lodge in King Salmon Alaska (population 300) for a week of salmon fishing.

What an incredible week it was! We fished every day and brought home 208 pounds of King Salmon and Sockeye.

The best adventure ever, fishing and spending time with Bobby and Robin.



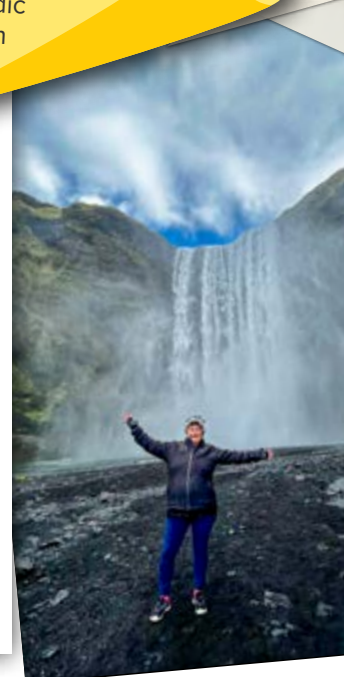
A UNIQUE MUSEUM IN ICELAND

BY COLLIENNE BECKER

Best Place: Iceland is a must see. So beautiful.

Worst Place: The Caribbean is not fun in a hurricane on a cruise ship. The ship captain did race away from it towards Venezuela but the hurricane made it so we couldn't get to our port cities to visit but worst was no provisions could be loaded thus very little food available for the last two days of the cruise. We made the best of it. Always bring your own snacks, they just might be all you can eat. LOL

Most unusual: Icelandic Phallogical Museum



CONTRASTING DESTINATIONS

BY JOE UNICE

I have two unusual stories, one good and one strange.

Good: My wife and I vacationed in Tahiti for 10 days on two islands. Best vacation we ever had. Unusual because you realize you're so far from the USA in the South Pacific on some of the most beautiful islands in the world.

Strange: Saudi Arabia, where I worked there for one year. The people and customs are really strange. It's extremely hot in the summer. You don't commit any crime there or violating their customs means serious trouble.

UNUSUAL SOUVENIRS

BY SHELLEY PAYNE-PITTMAN

Taking the bull by...

My best souvenir ever wasn't anything personal. It was a gift that I got for my uncle while I was in Mexico.

I was vacationing in Acapulco when I spotted a pair of bull's horns that were authentic and measured almost 5 feet across. The merchant wrapped and boxed them so I could carry them on the plane back to Los Angeles and then ship them to my Uncle Felton in Ohio.

Felton was from the South and hunted almost everything he ate. He married my mom's younger sister Mildred, so she learned to cook wild game like a pro. Our whole family ate (or at least tried) deer, possum, raccoon, boar, and rabbit.

When the bull horns were delivered, my Aunt Mildred called me and said Felton was so excited he dropped everything, got his toolbox, and mounted the horns in the living room above the doorway to the den.

Mildred laughed: "I have never seen Felton smile so much. He called his brothers and his friends to come by and see his bull horns."



FREEZING THE DUCK DECOY

LARRY EDSALL

My wife had gone to a Caribbean Island with a church group to build a new building at an orphanage. She brought me back a hand-carved wooden duck decoy, but with instructions to place it in our freezer for 30 or 60 days before putting it on display.

Why freeze it, I asked.

The answer: To make sure any invasive insects that might have bored into the wood would be extinguished by their first exposure to freezing temperatures.



DELIGHTFUL DETOURS

LARRY EDSALL

GPS to the Twilight Zone

My granddaughter and I were on our way from Nevada to Michigan by way of McPherson, Kansas, where I was dropping off a U-Haul trailer full of books I was donating to a small college's library.

I'd apparently set the GPS for "shortest route," and somewhere around Amarillo, Texas, it took us off the interstate onto a state highway and later onto an even less-traveled local road. After maybe a mile the road that seemed to divide two sides of an old factory complex, pipes and tubes and buildings now fenced off and for whatever reason painted all black. It was eerie, like driving through a Hollywood horror movie set, or perhaps a CIA black ops station.

The road continued, made a hard right turn at a bluff overlooking a river valley, and then descended through a town and eventually we reached our destination — McPherson College.

Back home after the trip, I searched various maps trying to figure out where we'd been. I hoped to find out more about that mysterious black factory. But it was as if it had disappeared. I couldn't even find it on Google Earth. ✨

POSTCARDS

BY LARRY EDSALL

My 11-year-old grandson and I just returned from a 24-day, 13-state, 5073-mile road trip. The trip was timed to include my last high school class reunion.

You read that correctly: The last reunion! Seems we're all getting older, there are only a few still living close enough to the school to organize such events, and — the kicker! — the place where the reunions are held every few years is scheduled to close later this year so the cemetery next door can be expanded.

On this trip back to the Midwest, I decided that rather than sending selfies and text messages, I'd send postcards, just like we did back in the day. At least, that was my plan, and it assumed I could still find postcards to purchase and send.

Motivation for such an effort came with the memory of the time when we were helping my late mother (she made it to age 101) clean out her home after she decided it was time to move to an assisted living facility. At some point in the process, she handed me a shoebox.

Inside were every postcard I'd sent my parents from my travels as a journalist, postcards from various places across North America as well from Australia, China, Japan, South Korea, South America, and from repeated visits to various countries in Europe. Plus a few from a trip to Kenya where a group of us volunteered to help a scientist for a week for her on-going study of elephants.

I was surprised that Mom had kept these tokens of travel. But one day I mentioned them to a friend, who told me she also had kept all the postcards I'd sent her through the years.

People seem not only to like receiving postcards, but to save them. On this most recent trip, we spent a couple of weeks at my other daughter's home in Michigan, where my 23-year-old grandson showed me his collection of the cards I'd sent him as I traveled.

The sending of postcards while traveling became popular with the opening of the Eiffel Tower in 1889. I remember my Mom sending family and friends picture postcards from the various places we visited on our annual family road trip vacations. But I wondered, even doubted, if I'd find them available to purchase along the route of our recent road trip.

Much to my surprise, postcards are still available, and I sent them from places along old Route 66 and from several museums we visited,

I even found one showing an aerial view of the maximum-security prison where my father ran the pharmacy.

Yes, it may take some work to find postcards, and then to write them, add a stamp and find a mailbox. But maybe that only enhances their value, both to those who send and receive them. ✱



GRANDMA SPARKED **BETH'S** INTEREST IN **POTTERY**

SOLERAN ADDS TO FAMILY'S LEGACY IN CLAY

BY MARCIA ADAMS



According to Wikipedia, "Pottery is the process and the products of forming vessels and other objects with clay and other raw materials, which are fired at high temperatures to give them a hard and durable form." It is "one of the oldest human inventions, originating before the Neolithic period, with ceramic objects such as the Gravettian culture Venus of Dolní Věstonice figurine discovered in the Czech Republic dating back to 29,000–25,000 BC."

Solera resident Beth Phillips obviously is not that old, but she has been making pottery for most of her life. Her interest in the art form was piqued by her grandmother.

"My maternal Grandmother had a pottery studio in her backyard. Grandpa built it," she said. "All ten of her grandchildren got to play with the clay."

Beth's grandmother not only had molds but was noted for sculpting. One piece, called *Hobo Sitting on a Log*, fashioned using a piece of wood she found behind her home – won Grandma a blue ribbon at the county fair.

Inspired by this childhood spark, Beth pursued her interest, taking classes throughout the years. In a class in Kansas City, she threw (a term used when you form a piece on a pottery wheel) a small bowl. Since her instructor had recently returned from Mount St. Helens in Washington, she was able to glaze the bowl with ashes from the volcano, producing beautiful colors.

Unfortunately, the bowl has been lost during her moves.

Beth arrived in Las Vegas in 2004 and purchased her home in Solera in 2006. In February 2020, she signed up for an 8-week membership at Clay Arts Las Vegas, a local pottery studio. As a result of COVID, the studio was forced to close four weeks later, leaving a very disappointed Beth.

After two months of not working with clay, Beth decided to purchase her own equipment – a kiln, a wheel, and a slab roller.

"We had recently sold our second car, and one half of the garage was empty, so I claimed it as my studio," she shared. "I still needed some instructions, so I searched YouTube for anything pertaining to pottery. I called it YouTube University. And I discovered Pinterest."

All of Beth's pieces are hand-thrown, many constructed from several pieces and then assembled, glazed, and fired. In some cases, she adds needed accessories, such as handles.

As an example, in one of the included photos there is a snowman head ornament Beth is making for the upcoming holiday season. This piece is actually constructed in two parts, using a tennis ball to form each half of the round shape. The eyes, mouth, and carrot-shaped nose are added once the two pieces are joined.



After visiting Beth's studio, there is a new appreciation of the time and effort it takes for her to create one of her stunning works.

When you attend Solera Days this fall, look for Beth. She also occasionally attends the Sun City craft show and other community craft events. ✨

PAPER WORKS AND GREETING CARDS CLUB

A RECENT PROJECT BENEFITED CHILDREN IN FOSTER HOMES

BY SHELLEY PAYNE-PITTMAN

The Paper Works and Greeting Cards Club is one of several Solera arts and crafts clubs. Its members enjoy making greeting cards, gift boxes, bows, and CD and gift card books.

The club was originally part of the Arts and Crafts club when the Solera clubhouse was built in 2002. The club then became part of the Stained-Glass Club before branching out on its own. No one is sure how many original members were in the club or the identity of its original officers.

Currently, there are 12 members in the Greeting Card Club, down from 15 last year (3 members moved or became ill). The current officers are:

- Linda Freitas, *President* | (702) 614-4103 | lindafreitas89044@gmail.com
- Debbie Brazeau, *Vice President* | (702) 688-3262 | nsndebbie@cox.net
- Bette Rempp, *Secretary* | (702) 308-3206 | rbrempp@cox.net

The Greeting Card Club meets every Monday from 1-4 p.m. in the Paris Room to work on a choice of three greeting cards. Members also have access to various professional equipment including a die-cutting machine, paper trimmer, embossing gun and powder, stencils, mats, ink, stamps, and glue guns.

For the last two years, the club worked with the Henderson Police Department to make over 100 greeting cards for children in foster care. All materials were donated and the children loved the cards.

Anyone who is interested in joining the club can get three guest visits, making greeting cards and then filling out the membership application.

Linda makes kits with materials and envelopes for each member and asks \$2 toward the cost of materials.

"Anybody can do this class," she said. "Some students are more advanced, some do simpler cards, basically just color inside the lines."

Every year, the Greeting Cards Club has an annual holiday party at a local restaurant. However, the club does not travel or have events with other outside clubs.

"It's easier than it looks!" Betty added. "When I came to my first class, I was a bit intimidated because I am not very 'crafty' but I was soon made to feel very comfortable."

"Linda does most of the design work for us, and there are always plenty of supplies available until you begin to get your own. Also, the other class members are always more than willing to assist."

"It's a very friendly group, and we do make some beautiful cards!"



THE FULL VERSION OF THE ELECTION MANUAL IS AVAILABLE ON THE RESIDENTS' PORTAL

1.4 (page) Any and all changes, edits, deletions and/or additions to the Election Manual must be approved by the Board of Directors in an open Board meeting.

1.5 (page) The forms attached to this document (Forms E1 – E12) will be used throughout the election process. They may be modified as deemed appropriate by the Election Process Supervisor. Note, edits made to the forms may not require the manual to be revised and redistributed.

2.1 (page) The Election Schedule of Events (Form E1) will identify the key milestone events that occur during the Election Process. It will be the first document created each election year and will determine the election timeline. The Election Schedule of Events shall be created by the Election Process Supervisor and must be approved by the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting. Form E1 will contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- The target date the Candidates Disclosure and Information Form (Form E2) will be mailed to all homeowners
- The authorized campaign period
- The deadline to file a valid Candidates Nomination Statement
- The date for the drawing of the Candidate's names which will determine the order the Candidates appear on the election ballot
- The date the Candidates Disclosure and Information Statement / Bio will be mailed to all homeowners
- The date and time of the Meet the Candidates Events, open to all homeowners
- The date of the election ballots will be mailed to all homeowners
- The date and time for the Annual Homeowner's Meeting, the start of the ballot counting, the approximate time the ballot counts will be read to the community
- The date that all election and candidate campaign posters and signs are to be removed from the community.

4.2 (page) Submission of the Candidate Nomination Form:

- a. The Candidate Nomination Form (Form E2) and if the candidate if so chooses, the Candidate Information Statement must be completed and returned to the Election Process Supervisor or the community General Manager by the established deadline as defined on the Election Schedule of Events (Form E1).
- b. Upon acceptance of the Candidate Nomination Form, the Election Process Supervisor shall ensure that all Candidates are provided with a written copy of the current and approved Election Procedures Manual.
- c. With the exception of an electronic photograph, the Election Process Supervisor or anyone from Management shall not assist the Candidate in the preparation or editing of the Candidate Nomination Form or the Candidate Disclosure and Information Statement.
- d. Candidates may revise their statements, if turned in prior to the closing date, as stated on Form E-2, to the Election Process Supervisor. Candidates will not be allowed to revise their statements after the closing date on E-2.

4.4 (page) As a Candidate, each person must make a good faith effort to disclose any: (a) financial, business, professional or personal relationship or interest that would result or appear to a reasonable person to resolve in a potential conflict of interest if the Candidate were to be elected to serve as a member of the Executive Board, (b) disclose whether the Candidate is a member in good standing.

5.0 (page) Campaigning:

- a. A Candidate may use electronic forms of communications for campaign activities but only if written permission is given by the homeowner. A Candidate may not use other specific Email lists such as clubs, groups, standing committees, etc.
- b. A Candidate may campaign by making phone calls to homeowners. Homeowner phone numbers will not be provided by the Association or by Management without written homeowner consent.
- c. A Candidate may not be a nuisance to other homeowners, by participating in such activities as the unsolicited invasion of a resident's privacy, including but not limited to the placing of telephone calls to homeowners before 9:00 am PST or after 7:00 pm PST.
- d. All messaging on bulletin boards located in any Association common areas may not be used for posting campaign literature, posters and/or signage.
- e. Management or the Election Process Supervisor is responsible for the development and placement of appropriate election articles in each issue of the Solera Star during and throughout the election process, to ensure that homeowners are kept informed.
- f. No Candidate, person or group shall distribute literature of any kind inside any of the common facilities or on any common area of the Association, unless otherwise authorized by the Election Process Supervisor. The Association will post Candidate Disclosure and Information Statements in the Clubhouse.

6.2 (page) Ballot Preparation Conditions:

As defined in NRS 116.310(34.5), if the number of Candidates is equal to or less than the number of open Board of Director positions, no election process is required, and those Candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected to the Board of Directors at the scheduled Association Annual Owner's Meeting. The Association will not be required to prepare nor mail any ballots to homeowners. However, Candidates' statements will still be posted as scheduled in the Election Schedule of Events (Form E1).

6.3 (page) Ballot Preparation:

The names of all Candidates will appear on the ballot in the order as drawn during the Open meeting as stated in the Election Schedule of Events (Form E1). The ballot will be formatted as noted on the Ballot (Form E3). If at all possible, the names of all Candidates should appear on the same line reading from left to right in chronological order as determined by the drawing of names.

6.4 (page) Mailing of the Ballot to Homeowners:

Ballots and related documents will be mailed to all homeowners on the date indicated on the Election Schedule of Events (Form E1). The mailing will consist of:

- a. The Ballot (Form E3) and Ballot Instructions (Form E4)
- b. Envelope Instruction Sheet (Form E5)
- c. Returned Envelope Form (Form E6) - Size 10 security envelope (pre-addressed to the Association; homeowner's name and Solera address shall be preprinted in the return address section)

6.5 (page) Homeowners, who may be traveling or who will be out of town during the election process, can request to have their ballot mailed to them at a secondary location by notifying the Election Process Supervisor, in writing, prior to the official ballot mailing date.

6.7 (page) Ballot submissions are limited to only one (1) ballot per household.

6.9 (page) Ballot Processing:

At the end of each normal workday (Mon-Fri), the Election Process Supervisor, along with at least one (1) member from the Management team, will process all returned ballots as follows:

- a. Together, the Election Process Supervisor and the representative from the Management team, (referred to herein as the Ballot Process Team), will open the Ballot Drop Box to remove the returned ballots.
- b. Together, the Ballot Process Team will proceed to validate all aspects of the returned ballot.
- c. The Ballot Process Team will confirm that the homeowner is a current member in good standing.
- d. The Ballot Process Team will number each of the returned envelopes with a unique identifying number. A corresponding entry will be placed on the valid List of Homeowners used by the Election Process Supervisor to account for each returned election ballots.
- e. The Ballot Process Team will then begin to bundle the returned envelopes into stacks of no more than twenty-five (25) ballots. Note: different bundles and subsequent bundle numbers will be used for both valid and invalid envelopes.
- f. The Ballot Process Team will then transport the returned ballots from the Ballot Drop Box location to the Ballot Storage Box, located in the community General Manager's Office.

7.0 (page) Several Meet the Candidate Events will be planned and moderated by the Election Process Supervisor or a designee approved by the Board of Directors. The guidelines for the Meet the Candidates events are outlined in Form E7 (Meet the Candidates) and will be adhered to at all times.

8.3 (page) Counting the Ballots:

The Ballot Counting process shall be performed as outlined on Form E8 (Count Night Guidelines). Vote tally sheets and Form E9 (Count Team Tally Sheet) shall be completed by the ballot counters.

8.7 (page) Board Election ends in a tie for the final seat:

- a. A runoff election will occur between the candidates with the same number of ballots, unless one of the candidates relinquishes their candidacy.
- b. The community will be notified, via e-blast, on the start and end date of the runoff election.
- c. Runoff election ballots will be mailed to the homeowners.
- d. Homeowners must return the ballot to management by the stated runoff election date. Ballots may be hand delivered to Management per NRS.116.31034.15(b) "Each unit's owner must be provided with at least 15 days after the date of the runoff election ballot is mailed to the unit owners to return the runoff election ballot to the Association". The ballots will be counted immediately following the close of the runoff election date as stated.
- e. Ballot Accountability sections 6.0 – 6.9, and Ballot Count Night Procedures sections 8.0 – 8.6 will apply.
- f. The final results of the runoff election will be communicated to the homeowners, via eblast, immediately following the runoff election by Management.

9.0 (page) BALLOT RECOUNT PROCESS

9.1 Requesting a Ballot Recount:

- a. A Ballot Recount may only be requested by a Candidate (Requestor) who did not receive the required votes to be elected to the Board of Directors at the previous election.
- b. The request must be submitted to the community General Manager within three (3) days after the Board of Director's election.
- c. The request must be made in writing.
- d. Once received, the community General Manager will have three (3) days to respond to the request. The response must be in writing and must contain "it has been received and accepted" or similar language.
- e. The confirmation notification from the General Manager or Election Process Supervisor will, at a minimum, contain the following:
 1. The start date, time and location of the recount process.
 2. The option for the Requestor is to have one (1) person attend the recount process, as their assistant. This individual must be a unit owner (homeowner), or a legal representative of a trust, partnership, corporation, or estate and a member in good standing.
 3. All fees are due from the Requestor to the Association as a result of conducting the Ballot Recount process. Note: as per NRS 116, unit owners (Requestor and their Assistant) will each be charged \$20/hour or any part thereof for the recount process, the maximum permitted by NRS code.
 4. The fees will be added to the Requestor's account balance and noted as a Document Fee Review of Election Ballots.

9.2 Recount Timeline and Administration:

- a. The Ballot Recount process shall begin within seven (7) days after receipt of the Ballot Recount request.
- b. Once it has started the Ballot Recount process shall be completed within one (1) day.
- c. The Ballot Recount process will be video recorded for Association documentation purposes.
- d. The Ballot Recount Process is open to all homeowners for observation.

9.3 Ballot Recount Process Procedures:

- a. The Ballot Storage Box containing all the election ballots will be placed in the Recount room location.
- b. The Ballot Storage Box will remain locked until all participants are ready to begin the recount process.
- c. The Ballot Storage Box will be opened by the General Manager or designated representative in front of all recount participants.
- d. One bundle of ballots will be removed and each ballot in the bundle will be video recorded, for verification and before any recounting begins.
- e. Upon completion of the video verification of the ballots, the ballots will then be provided to the Requestor to start their recount.
- f. The counts for each bundle will be recorded on the Recount Tally Sheet Form (Form E9A).
- g. This process (steps d – f above) will be repeated for each bundle until all ballot bundles have been video recorded and recounted. Only one (1) bundle will be handled at a time. If the recount determines a different result, Management will verify the Requestor's count before moving on to the next bundle.
- h. Once the recount process is over, all ballots will be placed back in the Ballot Storage Box, sealed, and stored in a safe place.
- i. The final tally sheet for the recount process will be reviewed and confirmed by both the community General Manager and the Requestor at the conclusion of the recount process.

9.3 Recount Outcomes:

- a. If requestor has not received enough votes to overtake one of the elected Board Member's seat:
- b. No action required. The original election vote stands. The election process is considered closed.
- c. Requestor has received enough votes to overtake one or more of the elected Board Members seats:
 1. The impacted Board member(s) may contest the recount results or accept the recount and relinquish their seat(s) on the Board.
 2. In the event the impacted Board member(s) challenges the recount the Election Process Supervisor will obtain a third-party entity (e.g. CPA firm, etc.) to conduct a Final Ballot Recount process.
 3. The Final Ballot Recount process must be completed by the third party within 14 days from the completion of the first recount.
 4. The Final Ballot Recount results will be considered final and undisputable by any candidate.

9.5 Contesting the Initial Recount Process:

- a. If after the Ballot Recount Process is completed, the requestor still disputes the recount he/she must immediately and verbally inform the Election Process Supervisor at the conclusion of the Recount Process.
- b. The community General Manager will begin the process of obtaining a Third-Party entity e.g. CPA firm etc., to conduct a Final Ballot Recount process at the Requestor's expense.
- c. The Final Recount process must be completed by the third party within fourteen (14) days from the completion of the first recount.
- d. The Final Ballot Recount results will be considered final and undisputable by any candidate.

9.6 Recount Notification to Board and Homeowners:

- a. Upon completion of the recount process including a third-party recount, if necessary, the community General Manager will immediately notify all current Board Members, via email with the recount results.
- b. The community General Manager, within two (2) days after the recount is final, sends notification to all homeowners, via email or eblast, announcing the results of the recount process and any applicable changes to the Board of Directors.
- c. The Recount results and any applicable Board Member changes will also be noted in the next publishing of the Solera Star (community magazine).

9.7 As per NRS 116, Association records (ballots) must be made available to the unit owner/requestor within twenty-one (21) days of the request date, however for Ballot Recounts the Association requires a notice of ballot review no more than three (3) days from the Election result announcement.

Committee Resolution Changes for ARC and Covenants Committees

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Hello Solera Homeowners!

We are heading into the Fall (even though it is still so HOT outside) and I have noticed that this is the time of year that the 'bad actors' seem to be the busiest, trying to scam anyone and everyone! So keep a watchful eye out for anything that doesn't seem right, such as someone who claims to be a relative in distress on the phone (but doesn't want you to tell other family members), charity scams, lottery or sweepstakes scams, and impersonation scams (such as pretending to be with the IRS or with a utility company, neither of which would ever call you). Always verify the information, avoid pressure tactics, and be skeptical of unsolicited offers. If the caller is scaring you, or if they seem to be telling you something that is too good to be true, it's probably a scam. If you or someone you know encounters a scam, report it to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov or 1-877-FTC-HELP.

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Address	List Price	SQFT	Model	Address	List Price	SQFT	Model
2425 Gamma Ray Pl	\$399,000	1,142	Lewis	2467 Moonlight Valley Ave	\$448,900	1,596	Whitney
2341 Celestial Moon St	\$399,500	1,142	Lewis	2343 Galilean Moon St	\$450,000	1,596	Whitney
2508 Chasma Dt	\$399,900	1,142	Lewis	2409 Hamonah Dr	\$455,000	1,596	Whitney
2573 Palentina St	\$410,000	1,142	Lewis	2345 Minolta Ct	\$459,000	1,596	Whitney
2348 Celestial Moon St	\$410,000	1,142	Lewis	2590 Anani Rd	\$459,900	1,596	Whitney
2616 Red Planet St	\$419,900	1,142	Lewis	2398 Jada Dr	\$525,000	1,596	Whitney
2545 Divine Sky Dr	\$425,000	1,142	Lewis	2623 Red Planet St	\$539,900	1,596	Whitney
2537 Nashira St	\$395,000	1,248	Clark	2560 Crater Rock St	\$400,000	1,768	Franklin
2522 Darda St	\$415,000	1,248	Clark	2473 Luminous Stars St	\$469,000	1,768	Franklin
2558 Divine Sky Dr	\$417,000	1,248	Clark	2413 Hamonah Dr	\$475,000	1,768	Franklin
2369 Peaceful Moon St	\$450,000	1,248	Clark	2601 Centaurus St	\$484,900	1,768	Franklin
2352 Neutron Star St	\$440,000	1,425	Fremont	2563 Sargon St	\$498,000	1,768	Franklin
2429 Sun Grazer St	\$460,000	1,520	Jefferson	2503 Stardust Valley Dr	\$499,900	1,768	Franklin
2425 Sky Watcher St	\$445,000	1,584	Monroe	2424 Hydrus Ave	\$500,000	1,768	Franklin
2453 Vivid Sky Pl	\$459,900	1,584	Monroe	2486 Divine Sky Dr	\$515,000	1,768	Franklin
2571 Jada Dr	\$454,200	1,596	Whitney	2740 Solar Flare Ln	\$530,000	1,768	Franklin

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2316 Peaceful Moon St	\$1,900	1,248	Clark	2338 Peaceful Sky Dr	\$1,850	1,425	Fremont
2512 Celestial Light Dr	\$1,995	1,248	Clark	2576 Chasma Dr	\$2,500	1,596	Whitney
2558 Divine Sky Dr	\$2,300	1,248	Clark	2535 Jada Dr	\$2,000	1,768	Franklin

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