

AUGUST 2023

SOLERA STAR

Celebrating 20 Years



A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF SOLERA AT ANTHEM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.



WSKY

BAR + GRILL

GAMING | DINING | 70+ WHISKEYS



3-HOUR HAPPY HOUR **FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS** **4-7PM DAILY**

3231 BICENTENNIAL PKWY
HENDERSON, NV 89044

WSKYBARANDGRILL.COM
f i t WSKYBARANDGRILL

JOHNNY

★ ON THE SPOT ★

A/C - HEATING - PLUMBING

702-472-8241

Hablamos Español

www.Johnnys.vegas

Save time, book online!

- Lifetime Repair Guarantees
- Seasonal Maintenance Programs
- Servicing all Makes and Models
- Free New System Estimates
- Indoor Air Quality Specialists
- Authorized Trane Dealer
- Installation and Repair



It's Hard To Stop A Trane.®



Up to 72 Months No Interest Financing Available

O.A.C

UP TO \$3,000

IN INSTANT REBATES
AVAILABLE ON A NEW A/C SYSTEM

~~\$79~~ \$39

A/C PRECISION TUNE-UP
PER SYSTEM

FREE

SERVICE CALL WITH ANY REPAIR
\$49 SERVICE CALL FEE DUE IF NO REPAIR IS COMPLETED

AS LOW AS \$149

WHOLE HOUSE AIR DUCT CLEANING
PER SYSTEM

\$119

DRYER VENT CLEANING
AND SAFETY INSPECTION

\$29

WHOLE HOUSE
PLUMBING
INSPECTION
OR WATER
HEATER FLUSH

SENIOR AND MILITARY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE



PARTICIPATING
CONTRACTOR



REBATES
AVAILABLE

NSCB Lic# 76827
NSCB Lic# 90372
MHD Lic #0462
Bid Limit \$245,000

BEST of LAS VEGAS

SILVER WINNER
LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL 2021
BESTOFASVEGAS.COM

BEST of LAS VEGAS

BRONZE WINNER
LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL 2022
BESTOFASVEGAS.COM

TERRIBLE'S GAMING

Now available at the
 **Albertsons®** or **VONS®**
near you!



New members
earn up to

\$100

in Free Play!



Sign up at a
location near you!

TERRIBLESGAMING.COM

AUGUST 2023

SOLERA STAR

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF SOLERA AT ANTHEM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.



20

ON THE COVER CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

August marks the 20th anniversary of the first home sales in Solera at Anthem. The birthday cake on the cover was baked by Soleran Evie Schild Hart.



7 FROM THE BOARD



20 DEL WEBB THE MAN



36 OCEAN DEPTHS

ASSOCIATION

- Community Contacts & Information 6
- From the Board 7
- Anthem Community Council 9
- Solera Committees 10
- Community Standards Committee 10

COMMUNITY

- Upcoming Events | August 11
- Upcoming Events | September 13
- Community Calendar 15
- Weekly Activities 16
- Hot Dogs Article 18
- The Veterans and First Responders 19
- The Foundation Assisting Seniors 19
- Anthem's Resident Celebrity 20
- Anthem's 25th Anniversary 22
- Del Webb the Man 24
- Don Wright and Solera 28
- Blankenship Home 30
- Meet Your Neighbors 31

LIFESTYLE

- Recipe Exchange 33
- Ocean Depths 36

Email: solera@ternionsage.com
Phone: 702.982.6681
www.ternionsage.com



Reproduction in whole or in part of any text, photographs or illustrations without written permission from the publisher is prohibited. Trademarks, logos and content provided by advertisers, sponsors and partners are owned by the respective companies and all rights are reserved by them. The views, statements and claims of advertisers or other *Solera Star* contributors do not necessarily represent those of the Ternion Sage™, Solera at Anthem Community Association, FirstService or their employees. Printed in the USA ©2023 Solera Star. All rights reserved. Please Recycle. ♻️

ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

FirstService Residential (702) 215-8165
Solera at Anthem Community Association
2401 Somersworth Drive
Henderson, Nevada 89044

Administration Office
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
After hours Emergency Number (702) 215-8165

Community Center (702) 207-1407
Fax (702) 405-6211
Monday – Saturday 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pool Hours
Sunday 6:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Monday 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Saturday 6:00 a.m. – 7:45 p.m.

For questions about your balance or for general information, call (702) 215-8165.

Reporting Leaks in Solera and Anthem Parkway
Solera Community - Contact Paul Reeves at preeves@soleraatanthem.us or main line at (702) 207-1407
Anthem Parkway - Contact Anthem Council Community Manager, Ivy Cullen at (702) 737-8580 (Press “0” to speak to the operator to report the leak)

SOLERA STAFF



Jacob Kay (702) 207-1414
Community Manager
jkay@soleraatanthem.us



Florine Radulovic-Kay (702) 207-1402
Assistant Manager
florine@soleraatanthem.us



Sandi Anderson (702) 207-1424
Lifestyle Director, Solera Star Editor
sanderson@soleraatanthem.us



Dominique Jordan (702) 201-1430
Assistant Lifestyle Director
djordan@soleraatanthem.us



Paul Reeves (702) 207-1406
Facilities Manager
preeves@soleraatanthem.us



Paul Mayen (702) 207-1411
Facilities Supervisor
pmayen@soleraatanthem.us

BOARD MEMBERS

Joe Lightowler, President | jlighowler921@gmail.com

Ken Sawyer, Vice-President | solerakens@gmail.com

David DeOto, Secretary | soleradavid@outlook.com

Mike Goff, Treasurer | mikesolera1@gmail.com

Ray Carvajal, Director | carvajal5@centurylink.net

Susan Zinna, Director | susanzinna@hotmail.com

Frank Nobel, Director | fnobel@cox.net

When emailing the above Board Members, please put “Solera” in the subject line.

Please send all violation reports and/or complaints to the Management Office in writing.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND INFORMATION

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.

Board of Directors Executive Session

August 2 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

August 9 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Anthem Council Meeting

August 16 | 3 p.m. | *Sun City Anthem (Arlington Room)*

Board of Directors Executive Session

September 6 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

September 13 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

DISCLAIMER: Solera Star is a monthly publication of Solera at Anthem Community Association designed to provide information and news to the members of Solera at Anthem (SAA). Advertising does not influence editorial decisions or content. We reserve the right to refuse to advertise for any reason or cause. Information, services, products, and materials contained in Solera Star magazine are provided on an “as is” basis with no warranty. SAA disclaims all representations and warranties, express or implied, with respect to such information, services, products, and materials including, but not limited to, warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, title, non-infringement, and implied warranties arising from course of dealing or course of performance. In no event shall SAA be liable for any damages whatsoever whether in an action, arising out of or in connection with the use, inability to use, or performance of the information, services, products and materials available from this publication.

Solera Residents:



Assessments are due quarterly on the 1st
January 1 - April 1 - July 1 - October 1
Nevada.fsrconnect.com/soleraatanthem.us

Solera Website: www.soleranews.com

You can access the FirstService website by logging onto soleraatanthem.connectresident.com

DEL WEBB Customer Relations
1-800-664-3089 or 1-800-589-7900

Following is the address for Assessment Payments:

Solera at Anthem c/o FirstService Residential
P.O. Box 30422, Tampa, FL 33630-3422

Anthem Council | www.anthemcommunitycouncil.com

WHAT'S THE ANTHEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL?

SOLERA IS ONE OF SIX MEMBERS



BY JOE LIGHTOWLER
President, Solera Board of Directors

Editor's note: In this issue of the Solera Star, we publish the first in a quarterly series of reports from the Anthem Community Council (see page 9). For context, Solera's representative to that organization provides some background in this article.



Anthem Country Club



Anthem Highlands



Coventry Homes



Solera at Anthem



Sun City Anthem



Terra Bella

The Anthem Community Council was founded nearly 25 years ago by homebuilder Pulte/Del Webb to maintain the 8 1/2-mile stretch of Anthem Parkway, which starts at Eastern Avenue and the waterfalls, comes up and loops around, and connects back to Eastern near the Anthem Annex.

The Council is a Nevada corporation, not an home owners association, but comprises the six HOAs in Anthem — Solera, Sun City Anthem, Coventry Homes, Anthem Country Club, Anthem Highlands and Terra Bella. Each has a representative on the Council board of directors, with a seventh director elected at large from all the communities. I've been Solera's representative since 2018.

While the City of Henderson is responsible for the Anthem Parkway road itself, the property on both sides was deeded to the Council. To save money for any future repairs, we recently turned the bridge near the waterfalls over to the city, but we're responsible for the plants and irrigation all along Anthem Parkway. We're working with the city in regard to the parkway medians and their future appearance.

The drought has brought many problems and an urgency to fixing an aging parkway irrigation system that is more than a quarter-century old. We've had to hire a full-time person just to repair irrigation leaks. Also, there are places where the irrigation is too close to walls and has caused them to start to tip and those repairs can be expensive.

Also expensive has been the removal of grass and trees to meet new water conservation requirements. Did you know that a pine tree, which is not native to our desert, needs 250 gallons of water each week. We recently had 60 of them removed, but at a cost of around \$35,000.

The Council sets an annual budget with each home within Anthem accessed the same amount, which is paid through our HOA fees.

But it's not just maintenance of public areas that's on the Council's agenda. We recently met with the City of Henderson and among other issues brought up the fact that Solera is the only Anthem community that does not have a "controlled" access to the Parkway (controlled meaning a stoplight). We really need one at the Somersworth intersection.

The Council's next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 16 at 3 p.m. at Sun City Anthem. I encourage Solera residents to attend. ✨

NVH

Air Conditioning & Electrical



HAVE A BEDROOM YOU JUST CAN'T SEEM TO COOL, OR A GARAGE THAT IS TOO HOT?

– HERE'S THE SOLUTION –

Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pump

Keeping You Cool in Summer & Warm in Winter



Here are just some of the benefits:

- Extremely efficient to run
- Save on the life of car tires and battery's
- Work or workout in your garage year round

FREE ESTIMATES CALL NOW! 702.741.5219

Lic, Bonded & Insured

AC Lic# 88950 • Electrical Lic # 88951

UNLIMIT YOUR IDEAS!



ADVERTISE TODAY!

PUBLISHING | MARKETING
ADVERTISING | PRINT

702-982-6681 | TERNIONSAGE.COM

BROKEN SPRINGS REPLACED

\$15 OFF
with mention of
this ad*

- All Brands • New Installations • All Work Guaranteed
- On-Time, Professional Service • Senior & Military Discounts
- Lifelong Las Vegas Resident • Honest, Affordable Pricing

All Access

*Not valid with any other coupon or offer.

See our reviews on
Angie's list

GARAGE DOOR CO. LLC

www.vegasgarageco.com NCL #0066752A Bonded & Insured

702-882-1320

Servicing Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City

FREE Estimates



ANTHEM NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

BY LARRY ORLOV
At Large Director, Anthem Community Council

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of quarterly reports from the Anthem Community Council.



We are very excited to join the *Solera Star* and provide residents with quarterly updates. We would like to introduce the Anthem Community Council Board of Directors.

Larry Orlov
President
At Large Director

Shirley Iodice
Secretary
Coventry Director

Jay Winter
Anthem Highlands Director

Arthur Schuetz
Treasurer
Sun City Anthem Director

Dawn Anderson
Anthem Country Club Director

Joe Lightowler
Solera Director

Karen Parness
Terra Bella Director

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Anthem is a master planned community made up of six separate communities. They are Sun City Anthem, Anthem Country Club, Coventry, Solara, Anthem Highlands, and Terra Bella. Anthem Community Council (ACC) is an entity established by the developer, Del Webb, and is responsible for the management of the common areas of Anthem. ACC's mission is to ensure that the look, feel and upkeep of the common areas of the greater Anthem Community are kept at the highest standard."

With that being said, we hope you all have noticed some changes in our community. If you haven't, we are here to remind you. Back in 2020 we started a very special project of turf renovations around the Anthem loop to remove nonfunctional turf to meet the state mandate to conserve water consumption. This project has had a huge impact on our community. So far, we have removed 3.6 acres of grass and have saved 8.5 million gallons of water.

Phase 4 is just about completed between Scott's Valley and Thunder Bay on Sun City Drive. Phase 5 will begin shortly after to end the turf renovation by the end of 2023. We are also working closely with Par3, our landscaping company, to utilize proprietary mapping software that will identify our irrigation system throughout Anthem and will assist in identifying leaks within the existing irrigation as we continue to replace the over 20-year old irrigation system. This will include our water meters as well. Additionally, this will have included a complete mapping of all trees within Anthem.

All residents are welcome to visit our revamped association website. anthemcommunitycouncil.godaddysites.com

On the website, residents can submit any complaints or concerns, and it will go directly to the management team.

Report all irrigation leaks within the Anthem Loop by calling the Customer Care Center at (702)737-8580. The ACC is only responsible for leaks on Anthem Parkway, Sun City Anthem Drive, and Reunion.

For any vehicle accidents, please contact the Customer Care Center as they will relay the message to management in a timely manner.

You can also find association documents like our budgets, financials, minutes, and meeting agendas. In addition, there are direct links to your association's websites and how to contact the Anthem Community Council management team and upcoming meeting dates. You will also find a link for an in-depth interview on the background of Anthem Council, and current and future projects.

To see your ACC Board in action, you're invited to attend our next meeting, on August 16, from 3 to 5 p.m., to be held at the Sun City Anthem Anthem Community Center. ✨

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

Robert Brightwell
 David Chavez
 Henry "Hank" DeVisser
 Terry Hazelbaker
 Terry Phelps
 Ingrid Serina
 Gregg Shiffbauer
 Vida Carr – *Alternate*
 Florence Hayashi – *Alternate*
 Shelley Payne-Pittman – *Alternate*
 Liaison: Joe Lightowler

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Craig Hardy
 Carol Hendrickson
 Stephanie Mahlig
 Mary Schramski
 Tom Sweetko
 Frank Tuozzo
 Liaison: Joe Lightowler

COMMUNICATIONS

Laura Addi
 Betty Boyd
 Larry Edsall
 Tom Gorman
 Nadyne Sweetko
 Liaison: Frank Nobel

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Joseph Doll
 Linda Freitas
 Lowell Gervais
 Linda Loane
 Diane Meireis
 Kathy Tatasciore
 Liaison: Ray Carvajal

FINANCE

Mike Goff
 Steve Gordon
 Thomas Mach
 Bob Waskowitz
 Charlene Whitener
 Kathie Zeier
 Liaison: David DeOto

LIFESTYLE

Pam D'Assis
 John Miller
 Lea Mills
 Susan Newman
 Debbie Waskowitz
 Gloria Zimny
 Rosann Costantino – *Alternate*
 Liaison: Susan Zinna

PLEASE NOTE

The following committee needs volunteers:
 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 listed on page 14.

OUTDOORS OR IN, THERE'S LOTS TO DO

BY THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE



Mt. Charleston



Red Rock Conservation Area



Valley of Fire



Fitness Center



Indoor Pool



Outdoor Spa

It is August and probably still too hot for the outdoors, but if you are eager to get out and enjoy some hiking you have some great local options.

There is Mount Charleston if you would like to get up into the cooler mountains. If you prefer staying in our desert environment there are plenty of great trails in Red Rock National Conservation Area and even Valley of Fire. But be sure to get going very early to beat the heat, and wear sunscreen and carry plenty of water.

Maybe you just want to stay closer to home but want to get some exercise, check out the Solera Community Center. There is so much available. To name just a few, we have a well equipped work out room which includes cardio machines, strength training equipment, as well as equipment for improving range of motion and flexibility.

So you aren't really into machines. How about a yoga class, or table tennis? Still not interested? Head to the pool where you can take an aqua-exercise class, play water volleyball or simply do laps while you enjoy the refreshing feeling of the water. ✨

NEW RESOLUTIONS – Effective September 1, 2023

Resolution Adopting Guidelines Related to the Use of Common Facilities

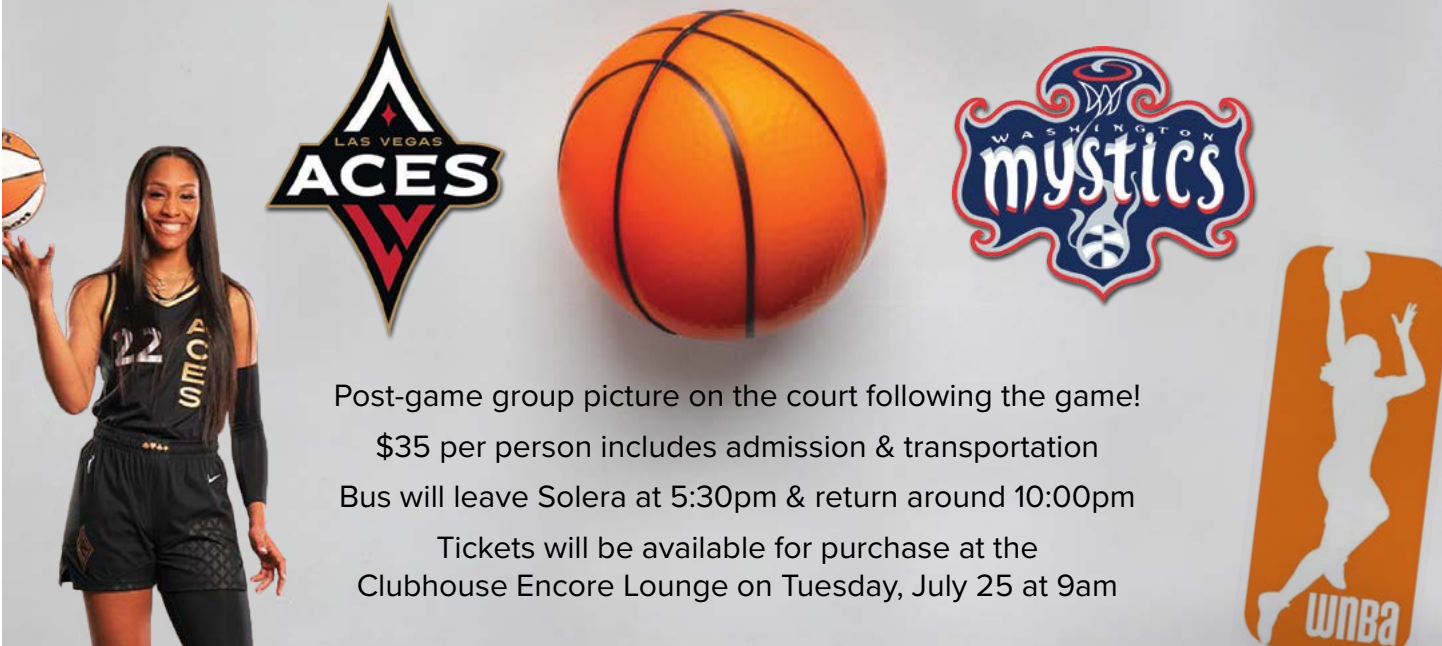
Additional language to include: 1. Management may accommodate the Facilities as a Government Election Voting Site with Board approval.

Enforcement of Rules Pertaining to Occupant/ Owner Responsibility Regarding Pets

Additional language to include: 3. Leash controlled area is to include all the Common Areas of Solera.

LAS VEGAS ACES GAME

FRIDAY, AUG. 11 | 7PM
MANDALAY BAY - MICHELOB ULTRA ARENA



Post-game group picture on the court following the game!
\$35 per person includes admission & transportation
Bus will leave Solera at 5:30pm & return around 10:00pm
Tickets will be available for purchase at the
Clubhouse Encore Lounge on Tuesday, July 25 at 9am

SOLERA'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY LUAU PARTY

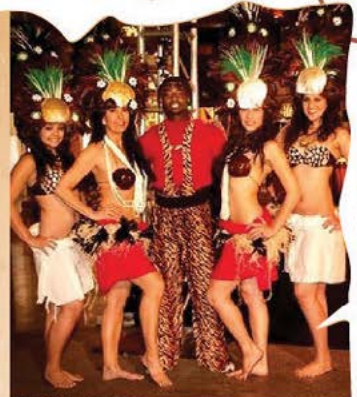
SATURDAY, AUG. 26 | 6-9PM
STARDUST ROOM

(\$20 residents only)

This is a BYOB event

A Hawaiian buffet will be served along with Dole Pineapple Whip for dessert, and tropical punch to make Mai Tai's. You must bring your own rum. Entertainment will be provided by Neal Acito and Hot Lava Polynesian dancers

Tickets will be available for purchase at the Clubhouse Lady Luck Room on Tuesday, August 8 at 9am





You have the power to Outsmart the Scammers

Incidents of fraud are on the rise, and scammers' tactics are becoming more complex. While no one is immune, there are steps you can take to Outsmart the Scammers.

Join us for this presentation and learn about the following strategies:

- How to spot certain red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter
- Resources you can turn to in the event you or a loved one is targeted
- Steps you can take now to help protect yourself and your loved ones

We hope you will join us. Feel free to bring friends and family.

Hristo Sotirov, CIMA®

Financial Advisor

12211 S Eastern Ave Suite 170

Henderson, NV 89052

702-434-4747

Outsmart the Scammers Lunch & Learn Presentation

Tuesday, August 29

Noon-1 p.m.

Stardust Ballroom

Please sign-up at the Clubhouse front desk if you're interested in attending

*Source: The Federal Reserve and Edward Jones estimates. The contents of this presentation are for informational purposes only. Edward Jones doesn't offer health insurance; however, we believe discussing the impact of health care costs within your retirement strategy is important, especially considering that rising health care costs may affect many investors approaching retirement. While the information is believed to be accurate, its accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed and are subject to change without notice. You should rely on Medicare for complete program details. For more information on Medicare, visit www.medicare.gov.

MKD-9634D-A-FL EXP 31 JAN 2024 © 2023 EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. 18201177

Concert Under the Stars
WITH MARK O'TOOLE



FRIDAY, SEPT. 8 | 6-8PM
COURTYARD

This is a FREE event. Seating is limited.

Mark is giving a complimentary performance to show his gratitude to all at Solera. Snacks, water, and soda will be provided. This is a BYOB event. Please sign-up at the Clubhouse front desk if you're interested in attending.



**Senior Information
Lunch & Learn**



TUESDAY, SEPT. 26 | 11:30AM
STARDUST ROOM

Come join us for an informational presentation with resources to help you with the following:

- A Tried & True Method for Sustainable Income in Retirement
- Learn about Probate & Avoidance tip for Homeowners
- Is the economy cutting into your budget, do you have enough money to live the retirement that you imagined?
- Has your credit card debt gotten out of hand due to the economy, do you have home repairs you can't afford?

Please sign-up at the Clubhouse Front Desk if you're interested in attending.



FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 | 7PM
SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH

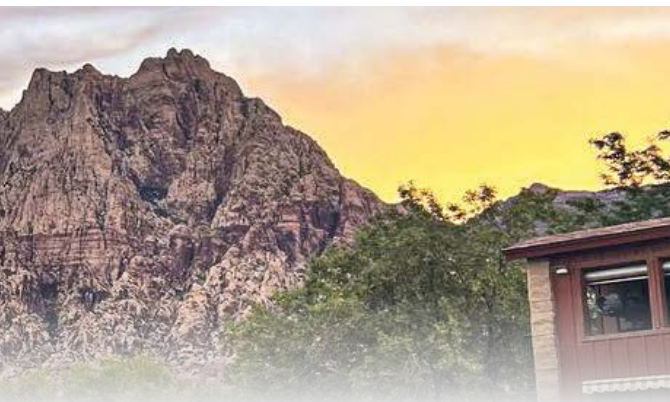
Performed at The Boman Outdoor Pavilion



**SUPER SUMMER
THEATRE SHOWING OF**



Charlie Price has reluctantly inherited his father's shoe factory, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. Trying to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola, a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. As they work to turn the factory around, this unlikely pair find that they have more in common than they realized... and discover that you can change the world if you change your mind.



Tickets will be available to purchase at the Clubhouse Lady Luck Room on Tuesday, August 29 at 9am

Tickets are \$40 (includes admission, park entrance, chair rental, & transportation)

Bus will leave from the Clubhouse at 5:15pm, Meadow opens at 6pm, Show starts at 7pm



"Serving Southern Nevada Seniors for 20 years"



Cassady

LAW OFFICES P.C.

\$99 WillsSM

\$99 Wills

(Includes Living Will & Power of Attorney)

Revocable Living Trusts

Tax & Retirement Planning

Financial Planning

& Complimentary Reviews

Low Cost Probate Services



Jasen E. Cassady, Esq.

Advance Law Degree in Taxation

Certified Financial Planner®

Brandi K. Cassady, Esq.

702-650-4480

Las Vegas

10799 West Twain Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89135

Henderson

2425 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway
Henderson, Nevada 89052

cassadylawoffices.com

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 Veterans & First Responders 6:30pm Bulk Trash Day	2 Executive Board 9:30am	3 Communications 9:30am	4	5
6	7	8 ARC 9am Tickets go on sale for Solera 20th Anniversary Party 9am	9 Board of Directors 9:30am	10	11 Las Vegas Aces game (Bus leaves at 5:30pm)	12 Fitness Center Orientation 10am
13	14 Covenants 10am	15 Lifestyle 11:15am Bulk Trash Day	16 Buildings & Grounds 9:30am Anthem Council 3pm	17 Bingo 6:30pm	18	19
20	21	22	23 Finance 9:30am Community Standards 4pm	24	25	26 Solera's 20th Anniversary Party 6pm
27	28	29 Tickets go on sale for Kinky Boots 9am Outsmart the Scammers Lunch & Learn by Edward Jones Financial 12pm Bulk Trash Day	30	31	SEPT 1	2
3	4	5 Veterans & First Responders 6:30pm	6 Executive Board 9:30am	7 Communications 9:30am	8 Concert Under the Stars w/ Mark O'Toole 6pm	9 Fitness Center Orientation 10am

CHARTERED CLUBS

American Mah Jongg Club | Tuesday | 1 p.m.
Rosalie Feit | (702) 897-4965

Asian Mah Jongg Club | Wednesday & Friday | Noon
Vickie | (702) 489-7922

Bridge Club | Tuesday & Friday | 12:30 p.m.
Sharon Deter | sharondtd@gmail.com

Bunco Club | Second Tuesday | 5 p.m.
Karen Schanhals | (725) 605-5155;
Sue Levine | (631) 871-8459

Euchre Club | Monday | 1 p.m.
Gregg Schiffbauer | (702) 379-1399 | magregg@aol.com

Fine Arts Club

Watercolor | Thursday | 10 a.m.
Judy Blankenship | (702) 457-0550

Colored Pencil | Tuesday | 1 p.m.
Judy Blankenship | (702) 457-0550

Handcrafted Creations Club

Bead Weaving | Thursday | 1 p.m.
Carol Runyan | (702) 558-7623

Quilts & More | Friday | 10 a.m.
Maryann Bianco
(702) 453-2884 | maryann.bianco@yahoo.com

Stained Glass | Wednesdays | 12:30-5 p.m.
Bob Stahurski | (702) 994-3919

Paper Works / Greeting Cards Club | Monday | 1 p.m.
Linda Freitas | dfreitas89044@cox.net

Party Bridge Club | Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 p.m.
David Hon | (801) 791-6229 | hondi@msn.com

Pickleball Club | Monday - Friday | 7-10 a.m.
Steve Gordon | (442) 333-5877

Poker Club

Monday | Noon; Wednesday | 5 p.m.; Thursday | 5 p.m.
Donna Tipps | (775) 846-3616 | dtipps4@cox.net

Romeo's Solera Mens Club

Third Friday | 8:30 a.m. | Southpoint
Allen Blonder | (702) 395-6878

Solera Ladies Club | Monthly Activities
Sue Boylan | (702) 373-6055 | srb702@gmail.com

Solera Singles Club | Monthly Activities
Georgie D'Alessandro | (702) 914-0630 | georgied248@gmail.com

Table Tennis Club

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday | 8 a.m.-Noon; Sunday | 1:30-5 p.m.
Steve Reed | (309) 696-5311

Veterans & First Responders Club | First Tuesday | 6:30 p.m.
Robert Propp | (509) 220-6304 | robert.propp1@gmail.com

Water Volleyball Club

Wednesday | 5:30-7 p.m.; Saturday | 1-2:30 p.m.
Susan Newman | (951) 850-2595 | sjntchr@aol.com

GROUPS

Billiards | Tuesday | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Ken Moser | (702) 401-7823 | chefmoser1@icloud.com

Bocce Ball Group | Monday & Wednesday | 9 a.m.
Danny Mosher | (702) 524-8058 | dsmosher66@gmail.com

Book Group | Second Saturday | Noon
Monica McAdams | (702) 371-6575 | monica0921@hotmail.com

Crafts and Stitches | Tuesday | 9 a.m. | Please drop by

Double Deck Pinocle Group
Wednesday | 5-8 p.m.; Sunday | 4-7 p.m.
Mike Sinclair | (360) 567-7664 | grizle@comcast.net

Genealogy Group | Every Other Thursday | 9-10:30 a.m.
Celeste Guillory | soleragsig@gmail.com

Rummikub | Sunday | 1-4 p.m.
Richard Kroeger | rkroeger22@yahoo.com

Tennis Group | Saturday | 7 a.m.
Sam Misraji | (818) 207-1947

Trivia Group | Last Tuesday | 6-8 p.m.
Rosemary Massey
(907) 230-7945 | rosemarymassey2@gmail.com

HEALTH & FITNESS

Aquasize | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 10 a.m.
Diane Fimiano | Aquadiane1@aol.com

Party Time Dance | Tuesday | Noon-1 p.m.
Carol Page | (702) 205-0164 | carolpage11@yahoo.com

Power Walkers | Daily | 7:30 a.m.
Cheryl Beaudry | (702) 823-5441

Solera Starz Cardio Class | Tuesday | 8:30 a.m.
Candee Wolfe | (419) 230-9407; Ardena Golder | (702) 263-9770;
Lorie Frigillana | (702) 487-5725

Solera Starz Dance Aerobics
Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:30 a.m.
Arda Reitter | (702) 462-6167; Carol Page | (702) 205-0164

Solera Starz Line Dancing | Monday | 4:30-6 p.m.
Arda Reitter | (702) 462-6167; Carol Page | (702) 205-0164

Tai Chi Clinic | Monday & Thursday | 11:15 a.m.
Ken Pavese | (702) 407-8111

Yoga Friends | Tuesday & Thursday | 9 a.m.
Merrilee Gaines | mgaines823@hotmail.com

ZUMBA | Thursday | 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Mary Richard | (702) 521-2583

PERSONAL TRAINING SERVICES

Jan Griscom | (775) 291-9379
Wesley Allen | (702) 289-5417

ESCAPE THE HEAT!

3.5 HOURS FROM LAS VEGAS



THE VILLAGE

Shops, dining, and nightlife. Explore locally brewed beer at Big Bear Lake Brewing Co. or sample local wines at Barrel 33.



STAY WITH US!



BEAR MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSE

Unique nine-hole experience at 7,000 feet

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY. ENJOY & CREATE MEMORIES.
STAY A FEW DAYS OR STAY A MONTH. AFFORDABLE PACKAGES TO FIT YOUR BUDGET.

WE LOVE BIG BEAR™



SCAN FOR UP TO
50% OFF
LONGER STAYS!

SPEAK WITH A BIG BEAR SPECIALIST NOW!

(877)-417-6504

BigBearVacations.com

FOUNDED IN 1907, WE HAVE SERVED OVER 1.3 MILLION GUEST NIGHTS OVER THE LAST 113+ YEARS!

HOW HOT IS TOO HOT FOR FIDO'S FEET?

This is proving to be a sizzling-hot summer. Among those around us who should be particularly concerned about hot weather are dog walkers, not just for yourselves but for your best buddies.

You don't walk barefoot, do you? Then you should not walk your dog barefoot! Sidewalks and roads – concrete and asphalt alike -- get hotter than the air temperature as they bake under the sun. But don't think a green lawn is a safe zone. Grass, artificial turf and sand get dangerously hot as well during the summer.

"Pavement, like asphalt or artificial grass, can become incredibly hot and cause discomfort, blisters, and burn a dog's paw pads," said Jerry Klein, an expert on veterinary emergency and critical care and chief veterinary officer for the American Kennel Club.

According to data reported by the Journal of the American Medical Association, when the air temperature is 86 degrees, the asphalt temperature registers 135 degrees.

"To find out if the ground is too hot for your dog to walk on, place your hand comfortably on the pavement for ten seconds. If it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your dog's paws," Dr. Klein explained.

In addition to damaged paws, hot pavement can increase a dog's body temperature and lead to heat stroke, he warns.

A dog's normal resting temperature ranges from 99 to 102.5 degrees. Any temperature over 104 signals heat stress. Over 105 registers as heat exhaustion, and more than 106 is heatstroke, requiring emergency veterinary care, the AKC warns. Stress signs include excessive panting, vomiting, excess saliva, lethargy and listlessness.

But don't let summer heat ruin your outdoor walks. Simple solution: buy your beloved dog canine booties that can protect paws from blistering, cracking and otherwise suffering from being fried when walking on overheated surfaces. These booties can be found at pet stores as well as at Amazon.com.

On behalf of your dog, bark! bark! (thank you!). ✨



CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

ADVERTISE TODAY!

PUBLISHING
MARKETING
ADVERTISING
PRINT

TERNIONSAGE.COM

702-982-6681



Painting By Robert Edge Pine

AUGUST 2ND IMPORTANT DATE IN AMERICA

BY THE VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS CLUB

August 2, 1776 remains one of the most important but least celebrated days in American history. It was on that date that 50 members of the Second Continental Congress started signing the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.

There are 56 signatures on the Declaration of Independence. The other six signed over the course of the next year and a half. As the president of the Second Continental Congress, John Hancock signed first. He wrote his name very large. Some of the men abbreviated their first names, like Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. All of the signers risked their lives when they signed the Declaration of Independence.

The Solera Veterans and First Responders Club not only supports our veterans and first responders within our Solera community but in our surrounding communities of Henderson and Southern Nevada as well. All donations go to local veteran and first responder outreach organizations. We have donated over \$2,000 to local organizations so far this year.

Our latest donations went to Southern Nevada Honor Flight and the Southern Nevada Veterans Home. We can only do this with the help from our generous Solera community. Thank you!

We get our funding through our annual ice cream social, chili cook off, 50/50 raffle, Solera parking lot sale, and flag sales.

Our members comprise not only veterans and first responders, but others who support our mission and we are open to all Solera residents. Our monthly meetings feature speakers on such subjects as veteran assistance, home security, and service animals.

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 6p.m. in the Stardust room.

PS: Flags and poles are available for prices ranging from free to \$25. Call Ray at (702) 558-8459 for details. ✨



FAS HOSTS SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

BY THE FOUNDATION ASSISTING SENIORS

On Monday, August 21, in celebration of National Senior Citizens Day, the Foundation Assisting Seniors will host its annual Nevada Senior Citizen of the Year luncheon. The site will be the Willows Restaurant at 2020 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy.



The luncheon aims to honor exceptional seniors who have made significant contributions to their communities and to the lives of senior citizens and veterans in Nevada. As part of the program, two esteemed guest speakers will provide valuable insights into the state of seniors in Nevada, including any new legislation or laws impacting their lives.

Individual tickets are \$40, or \$300 for a table for eight.

We also invite you to nominate deserving seniors for the Nevada Senior Citizen of the Year Award. Nominees must be Nevada residents for at least five years and be age 65 or older as of December 31, 2022.

Join us to celebrate the achievements of exceptional seniors and to gain valuable insights into the issues facing our aging population. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our beloved senior citizens.

Nominations can be submitted online by August 7 at www.foundationassistingseiors.org/senior-citizen-of-the-year.

For more information and ticket purchases, visit www.foundationassistingseiors.org/events or contact Patty Duffey at (725) 244-4200 or administrator@foundationassistingseiors.org. ✨

ANTHEM'S RESIDENT CELEBRITY

HOW TONY CURTIS LANE GOT ITS NAME



Curtis in 1958



Curtis in 2004

The *Anthem View*, a weekly publication, added that the street was the first to be named for the actor who had become a painter and who displayed his artwork in his Anthem home.

“This is the first time I’ve ever had anything named after me,” the newspaper quoted Curtis. “Any place my name is on is a good place.”

Curtis, who frequented the Las Vegas Strip with the famed Rat Pack and co-owned the Shiloh Ranch just west of Sandy Valley, moved to Anthem in 2000, a decade before his death in Henderson at age 85.

The imdb.com website lists more than 130 credits for Curtis’ acting career, including his roles in *Spartacus*, *Some Like It Hot*, *Trapeze*, and *Operation Petticoat*. He was nominated for an Oscar for his performance in *Separate Tables*. ✧



Bernard Schwartz didn’t have the curb appeal the movie industry wanted, so he became Tony Curtis and the rest, as they say, is Hollywood — and Las Vegas — history.

As you travel down the hill from Solera, you likely have noticed Tony Curtis Lane, which is the entrance road to Anthem’s Pinnacle Village neighborhood. The street was so named by the Del Webb company in the fall of 2003 to honor the Anthem’s resident celebrity, actor Tony Curtis.

“It is a privilege and a joy to live the beautiful life here at Sun City Anthem,” Curtis told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and *Sun*. “It is a neighborhood with wonderful neighbors and new friends.”



Big Jackpots!



Happy Hour

DAILY 2-6PM & 11PM-5AM

24HR Kitchen

FULL MENU INCLUDING BREAKFAST
MENU MADE FROM SCRATCH

32 HD TVs + 2 HD Projectors

FOR FOOTBALL SEASON



(702) 749-7001 | 9310 SEASTERN AVE | GAPLV.COM

ANTHEM: MUCH MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER SUN CITY

25 YEARS AGO, DEL WEBB
REWORKED ITS RECIPE

BY TOM GORMAN

A quarter century ago, this place where we live was but a hardscrabble, sloping mountainside familiar to wild burros, bighorn sheep, coyotes, fox, bobcats and the occasional mountain lion.

It was protected by the federal government's Bureau of Land Management, and coveted by a homebuilding company founded in 1928 by Del Webb, who had a passion to build, build and build.

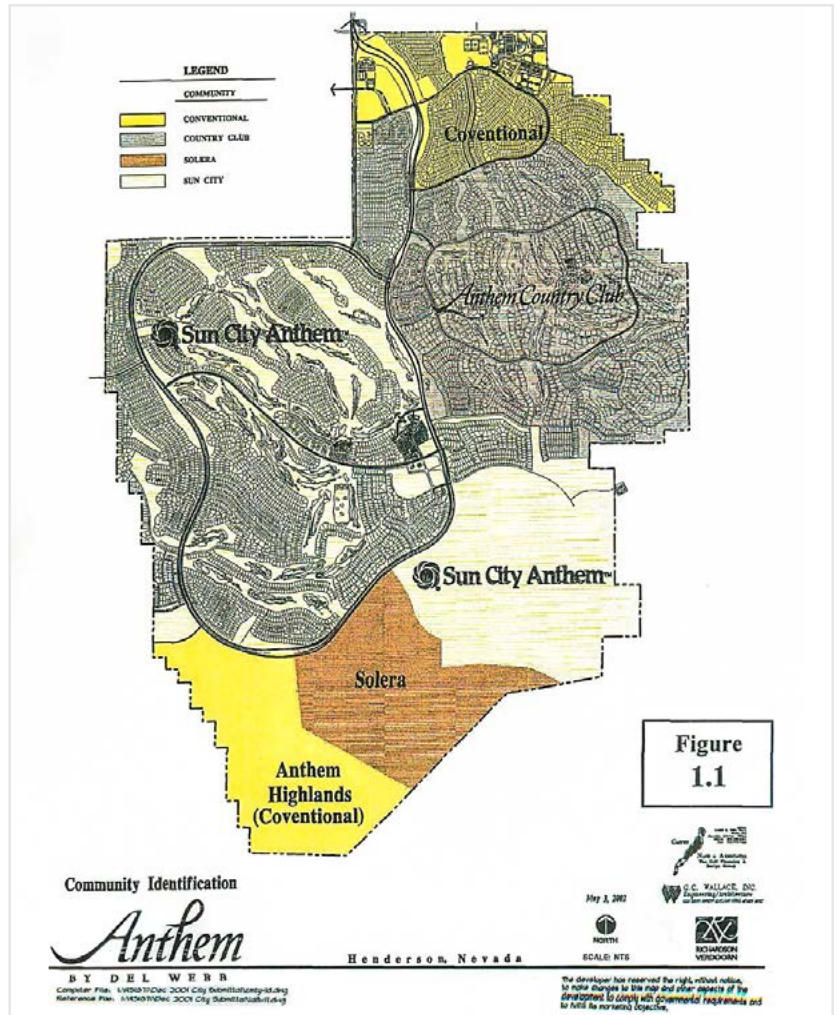
Indeed he did – banks, hospitals, factories, homes, Titan missile silos, you name it. He especially enjoyed building entire communities with all the amenities that would prove attractive to retirees wanting to remain active. Think golf, tennis, clubhouses with exercise equipment.

In time, the company that carried his name and was building communities embracing the upbeat name “Sun City” came to Henderson. The company had big plans: to build several communities, collectively named Anthem, atop this barren mountainside. The name resonated in a jubilant, upbeat, positive way. Distinctive neighborhoods would be mapped out and built, but they shared the same mountain and embraced a title which allows us residents up here to consider one another brethren.

The presence of the quality-consistent Del Webb company, with the growing reputation of its brand, thrilled real estate agents around the Las Vegas Valley, and it couldn't have come at a better time for Henderson. The city sought something classy.

“Due to Henderson's founding as a townsite for basic magnesium and chemical plants, it was the closest thing to an industrial community that southern Nevada had,” said UNLV history professor Michael Green. “It wasn't a town noted for its wealth and culture -- people called it ‘Hendertucky’. It took a long process of growth and change for Henderson to become what it is today, and Anthem -- and Sun City Anthem--played a role in that.”

“At the time, Del Webb was the king of retirement community developers,” said Dennis Smith, a real estate analyst who monitored trends in southern Nevada.



Dated May 2002, map shows location of Solera and other future projects within Anthem by Del Webb footprint

As for Del Webb's arrival? “They had successful retirement projects in Arizona, California, and opened Sun City Summerlin in 1989. Demand was great,” Smith said. (Indeed, all 7,800+ Del Webb homes briskly sold out.)

“People bought in Anthem for obvious reasons,” he continued. “A very reputable builder offered very nice homes in a setting that contained beautiful site amenities and was close to a unique city like Las Vegas.”

From Summerlin, the Webb company looked across the valley and bought a big piece of real estate from a family named MacDonald, and built homes – and a golf course -- in Henderson. But Webb executives really coveted the nearly 6,000 acres of BLM land above the south end



Frank Pankratz

of Eastern Avenue, where animals had roamed (and coyotes still do) for a larger, more aggressive project. It succeeded, trading to the federal government land in California and Nevada. “The 2,535-acre exchange will allow Del Webb to build 13,000 new homes for 30,000 new residents over the next 15 years,” company spokesman Scott Higginson explained at the time.



With a green flag from the feds and a good relationship with Henderson officials, the company rented an old blue school bus to take its construction bosses up the hill, following the unpaved extension of Eastern Avenue beyond the Taco Bell. It was time to unveil to them what was in store.

“There was nothing up there!” recalls former Del Webb president Frank Pankratz. “We wanted to show the (construction) managers what was up there – it was a dirt road and there was nothing, and we were going to build on this mountain!” It was, in other words, a blank slate that teased the creative minds at Del Webb’s drafting tables.

The ridge lines and canyons that defined the land were not a wrinkle in Del Webb’s vision. In fact, they proved an asset. Homes built atop ridges became prime properties, what with their spectacular views, and the canyons invited challenging golf links. Some of the wildlife that had huddled along the canyons adapted to the arrival of 5-irons and dimpled balls. “The wildlife — some of it is still there — is a consternation to some folk, a joy to others,” said BLM wildlife expert Doug Nielsen.

Construction began in 1998. “We saw what happened in Del Webb’s Sun City Summerlin, with its very contented homeowners,” said Jim Gibson, who was the Henderson mayor at the time.

“We’ve had other master-planned communities built in Henderson,” said Gibson, now chairman of the Clark County Board of Supervisors, “but nothing of the magnitude of Anthem. It was a full-on livable community. Everything was so well-oiled, so well-planned. They knew how to deliver

this project and we knew what we wanted it to look like and for the value of Henderson. We tweaked a few things but we could see the entirety of the project, and it was an enormous step forward for the city.”

Del Webb’s premier neighborhood -- with golf courses, an elaborate clubhouse, restaurants, gym and other amenities -- would claim the coveted name Sun City Anthem. “Sun City” was a well-known label for Webb’s active-senior developments scattered about the Southwest. The greater Anthem area also would include Coventry Homes, the Anthem Country Club, and later -- after the Del Webb company was purchased in 2001 by homebuilder Pulte — Solera (built on land originally earmarked for a golf course) and Anthem Highlands.

Part-and-parcel of the construction of Anthem was Henderson’s annexation of the new neighborhoods. It would provide police, fire and water services while Del Webb would build a middle school, fire station, an expansive sports park, diversified landscaping that exceeded the normal dry-climate template, and a broad, gently winding roadway — named Anthem Parkway -- to carry traffic.

The collection of hilltop Henderson homes by Del Webb was the first identified as Anthem. Company executives were so thrilled by the project’s name that they retained the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to provide music for promotional videos. “It was powerful,” said Pankratz. “It exuded enthusiasm.”

“We did a lot of market research and focus groups,” he said. “We didn’t assume that ‘if you build it, they will

come.’ We were trying to provide amenities that met or exceeded our customers’ wants and needs.”

Key to building confidence with home buyers was being present at job sites when some of the first homes were being sold and occupied. “I remember telling our superintendents: If someone is unloading groceries at their house, go help. If you see trash, pick it up. We care for our community.”

For all the pride that Pankratz and other Del Webb employees took in their product, perhaps nobody is more proud than the craftsmen building the homes. Meet, for instance, Juan Lopez, who moved here from El Paso, Texas, to join the homebuilding workforce, retiring in 2016 after an illness.

His expertise back in the day: kitchen surfaces and exterior stone and brick work. He treasures his time working in Anthem. Compared with other companies he worked for, Lopez says: “Anthem had more organization. The company communicated better with the labor force. You weren’t just a number. When you showed up in the morning, you got an ‘Oh, hi!’ or ‘Good morning!’ There was a good spirit. They took care of us. We weren’t running around like a chicken. We were very organized.”

Lopez said it took a month or two to finish the exterior stone or brick work and the indoor marble and granite work on any given house.

Is he proud of his craftsmanship? “I like to drive back there and look at the houses,” he said. “It makes me feel good. I’m proud of my work.” ✨

WHY IS DEL WEBB'S NAME ON A PLAQUE AT YOUR FRONT DOOR?

FATHER OF THE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY DIED DECADES BEFORE SOLERA STARTED

BY LARRY EDSALL

Embedded in the concrete walkway near the front door of your home in Solera is a 3x5-inch bronze-colored metal plaque bearing what appears to be the signature of Del Webb.

Similarly, the memorial plaques that welcome all to the community bear the words "Solera by Del Webb" or "The Villas at Solera by Del Webb."

Delbert Eugene Webb was born in 1899 and died on the Fourth of July, 1974, which means he'd been deceased for nearly 30 years before the first homes in Solera were occupied by their eager, new — albeit 55 years of age or older — owners.

Webb's is very much the American Dream story, even if he was born into what was considered a wealthy family in Fresno, California.



Del Webb 1961



A plaque with Del Webb's name was placed near the front door of Solera homes (later homes got plaques that included the Pulte brand)

Webb's grandparents had come from Germany. His paternal grandfather helped bring irrigation to Central California, and was a clergyman and state legislator. His maternal grandfather founded the San Joaquin Rock & Gravel Company. Webb's father farmed and ran the gravel company until it went broke in 1914, forcing young Del to leave high school after his freshman year to find employment. He did, as a carpenter and very promising semi-pro baseball player.

Webb showed his leadership and monetary skills early on; at age 16 he was managing an adult baseball team and began investing in the stock market. After his father's financial ills, Webb vowed to always have a 5-year plan because "I may loose everything but by God I'll know why."

An illness ended his baseball-playing career, and triggered his move from California to Arizona because of its hot, dry climate.

As the story goes, the young carpenter's paycheck in Phoenix bounced, but the man who had contracted for the building approached Webb, said he appeared to know what he was doing, and asked if Webb might take on the task of finishing the job. Thus, in 1928, the Del E. Webb Contractor sign was hung over the front door of a small workshop and the company was founded with an inventory of a concrete mixer, 10 wheelbarrows, 20 shovels, and 10 picks.

His company won a contract to build a string of grocery stores. Despite an economy languishing in the Depression, exceeding quality expectations and meeting work deadlines helped put Webb in a position five years later to head a \$3 million enterprise with headquarters in Phoenix and a branch office in Los Angeles.

DEL WEBB AND THE MOBSTER

Editor's note: The following is a reprint of the start of an article about Del Webb published in the Las Vegas Review-Journal in February 1999.

Del Webb had friends in high places and low, and was not yet sure where he should count Ben Siegel, his new client. Webb, a Phoenix construction man with a can-do reputation, had taken on an unfinished Nevada hotel as a favor to a banker friend with serious money at stake. Before he knew it, Webb found himself bound by contract to a man of doubtful repute.

And before very long, Siegel would remove all doubts. Siegel bragged that he had personally killed 12

people. Now another mob figure was getting under his skin. "I'm going to kill that S.O.B. too," Siegel added.

Webb's face must have reflected his shock, for Siegel then reassured him: "Del, don't worry. We only kill each other."

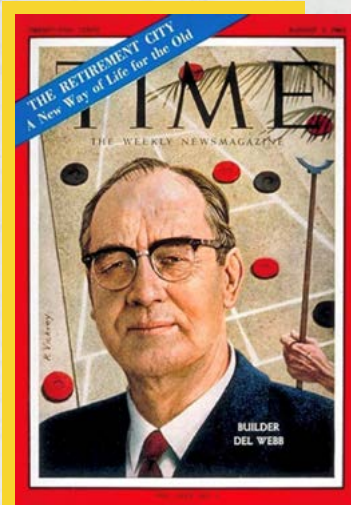
A footnote from *Del Webb: A Man. A Company*:

"Webb claimed that Siegel paid up faster than anyone he had ever built for — and in cash."

The author also notes that just a few weeks after the Flamingo's grand opening in December 1946, "its notorious owner was shot to death in Beverly Hills." ✨

"Most construction companies banged together job-site shacks of unfinished framing lumber, but Webb used portable offices — identical in color, furniture and what went on inside," the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reported. But Webb wrote a manual, the Blue Book, that outlined procedures, "down to where a given report would hang on the office wall."

"Webberization" became the nickname for a framework for efficiency, but did not stifle creativity, noted the author of *Del Webb: A Man. A Company*. That creative characteristic would come through with Webb's decision to build entire communities for older Americans.



Del Webb was featured on the cover of Time magazine

Such attention to detail, and to finishing projects on time, helped Webb's company score contracts to build new military bases and manufacturing facilities in the build-up to World War II. As the war ended, Webb was able to resume his baseball career, not as player but as co-owner of the New York Yankees.

The end of the war also marked the end of Webb's drinking. Suspected to be suffering from the flu, Webb revealed to a doctor

that he typically drank 10 to 20 shots of bourbon each day. The doctor suggested Webb reduce that number.

"But I told him I'd damn well quit. And I did," Webb was quoted in an interview in 1962. "Not another drop of whiskey has passed my lips since that day. All that time I spent drinking, I could now spend working."

And work he did. In 1960, the year Webb took his company public, *Sports Illustrated* magazine published a profile of the Yankees' co-owner. It began:

"When a man is half owner of the New York Yankees, hobnobs with the top people in both Washington and Hollywood, controls one of the nation's biggest construction companies, heads or sits on the board of 43 corporations, has a partnership or major interest in 31 companies, belongs to 14 clubs, and has so much money that he almost never has to touch the dreary stuff, it puts one's teeth slightly on edge to call him unknown. Yet it's an abashing fact that an overwhelming number of people still have never heard of Del E. Webb or, if they have, find his name only vaguely familiar and disembodied."

As it turns out, Webb's company wasn't the first to propose a separate housing community for those about to or recently retired. In the mid 1950s, 300 acres northwest of Phoenix were purchased with plans to build an age-restricted community for those 60 or older, though only 100 homes were built and sold.

Though the idea intrigued some within the Webb company, others pointed out that such a development restricts potential sales to perhaps 20 percent of the housing market. But Tom Breen, a junior executive at Webb, pushed the idea and suggested such a community could be built around three goals — activity, economy and individuality — and would include the necessary facilities that would be owned by the community's residents.

DEL WEBB MEETS WITH HOWARD HUGHES

Del Webb was on a first-name basis with every US president from Franklin Roosevelt until Webb's death in 1974. He also was co-owner of the New York Yankees baseball team for many years, and unexpectedly found himself a business partner with Bugsy Siegel. Webb regularly played golf with the likes of Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, but among the most unusual, if influential of his friends, was Howard Hughes.

As the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reported in 1999:

"After Hughes lapsed into eccentricity and reclusiveness, Webb was one of the few people Hughes would meet with face-to-face.

"Former Webb company president Robert Johnson told Webb's biographer how those meetings were arranged. 'He would call Mr. Webb, give him directions like 'Go 10 miles to a dirt road, then go five miles to the top of a sand dune, then blink your lights twice.' They'd get together and talk until maybe four in the morning'."

Johnson added that Webb's company did more than \$1 billion in business with Hughes' companies over the years.

It has been suggested that it was Webb's example that brought Hughes into the Las Vegas gaming and real estate industries. Hughes wanted to buy Webb's Sahara resort and casino but at the time Webb wasn't interested in selling. So, Hughes bought six other Las Vegas properties to get into the gaming game.

When Webb's company finally did sell off the last of its casinos (the High Sierra) in 1990, and had just launched Sun City Las Vegas, Nevada, Sen. Harry Reid reported in the Congressional Record that Webb had "established the pattern for what is now the Las Vegas Strip, which is famed... as the leading gaming center in the world."

Reid noted that Webb's Mint was the first skyscraper in Nevada and that Webb's company was "the first major public company to be involved in the ownership of Nevada casino-hotels." He added that Webb was the first to install overhead closed-circuit television cameras to monitor gambling "for the protection of the licensee and the public." ✨

COMMUNITY

Del Webb's original office in downtown Phoenix (UNLV Archives photo)



Breen convinced Joe Ashton, Webb's vice president for housing and development, to consider the project. Studies were commissioned, but doubted the potential for success. Rather than accept those opinions, Webb officers knew that Lou Silverstein, a Phoenix radio advertising salesman, was going to Florida to help his brother open a new station. They also knew a lot of people retired to Florida, so they commissioned Silverstein to do interviews to see what such people expected from their retirement homes and communities.

Webb had instilled in his team a belief in instinct over expert advice and soon after receiving Silverstein's report, Webb and L.C. Jacobson, who ran the company's operations, decided to use 10,000 acres of cotton fields the company had just purchased to launch the first Sun City development.

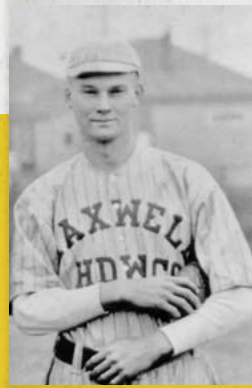
Sun City Arizona, was built around a golf course, shopping center and recreation center, all built before the first house was offered for sale. The first model homes opened for viewing on New Year's Day 1960, and Webb executive Owen Childress admitted he was worried. "How am I going to get a 30-year mortgage on a guy who is 65 years old?"

The Webb teams hoped for 10,000 visitors during the three-day grand opening; 100,000 turned out. Within a decade, Sun City was the 12th largest city in Arizona, with more than 10,000 homes, and construction had begun on Phase II.

Keys to the community's success included its recreation facilities (and a hospital) and an entertainment calendar that featured the likes of Lawrence Welk, Fred Waring, Roberta Peters and Pete Fountain.

In 1961, Webb developed a Sun City-styled senior community called Kern City at Bakersfield, California, and then did planned communities (some for seniors, some for all ages) in Texas, California, Florida, Illinois Virginia, as well as Sun City West and Sun City Grand in Arizona, and in Nevada, Sun City Summerlin, Sun City Mesquite, Sun City MacDonald Ranch, and in 1998, launched development of Sun City Anthem.

While he died in 1974, the company he founded carried on with his vision and commitment. ✨



Del Webb was a skilled baseball player (Photo courtesy Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.org)

BASEBALL'S LOSS WAS HOMEBUILDING'S GAIN

ILLNESS THREW A CURVEBALL AT DEL WEBB'S LIFE

When he wasn't farming or working at his sand and gravel business, Ernest Webb played and loved baseball, and passed that passion on to his son, Delbert, who at age 13 stood 6-foot-3 and was making \$2.50 a game playing first base for a local semi-pro team in Fresno, California.

At the time, young Webb weighed only 130 pounds, but later, at 6-4 and 200 pounds, he gained some fame for his pitching prowess, which was displayed throughout the western states.

In 1928 he was on a team playing against prisoners in San Quentin. One of those inmates shared a glass of water. As it turned out, that inmate had typhoid fever. Webb became infected, dropped to 99 pounds and more than once during the illness was believed to be on the threshold of death's door. He was hospitalized for 11 weeks. Afterward, his doctor suggested Webb and his wife move to a hot and dry climate. They went from the coast to Phoenix, where he started a construction company.

The rest, as they say, is history — homebuilding history.

But wait, there's more. Del Webb never lost his love of baseball. Since he no longer could play, he longed to become a team owner, and his business made that possible. He considered buying a minor league team, the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League, but instead joined with Larry MacPhail and Dan Topping to purchase the famed New York Yankees in 1945 for \$2.89 million.

Two years later, Webb and Topping bought out MacPhail's interest. They owned the team until the mid-1960s, when they sold the Yankees to CBS. During the 17 seasons Webb and Topping were in charge (with Webb pushing for the hiring as Casey Stengel to be the team's manager), the Yankees won 14 American League championships and won the World Series nine times, one of the most sustained dynasties in sports' history.

According to Webb's baseball biography written for the Society of American Baseball Research, Webb's involvement extended beyond his team ownership.

"Webb's force of personality and good business sense quickly made him one of baseball's most powerful owners," the biography's authors wrote. "Webb dominated the most important baseball issues of the 1950s and early 1960s, particularly the franchise shifts and expansion."

They went on to explain Webb's roles in ending Happy Chandler's term as baseball commissioner and in helping the sport expand westward.

You can read the full SABR biography at <https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/del-webb/> ✨

DEL WEBB AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

Del Webb Middle School was completed and opened in August 2005.

If you moved to Solera to be nearer to your children and their children, there's a pretty good chance that your grandchildren have been students at the Del Webb Middle School.

The school is located on Reunion Drive, adjacent to the Anthem Hills Park.

The school sits on 24 acres the Del Webb Corporation donated to the Clark County School District in the fall of 2000. (Later, Del Webb donated 55 adjacent acres and \$7.5 million for the construction of Anthem Hills Park, built in partnership with the City of Henderson).

It was not unusual for a developer to donate land for the construction of a school, but according to the Del Webb Middle School website, there was a difference with this donation.

"Unlike many other sites donated by valley developers to the Clark County School District," the website notes, "Del Webb Corporation also donated the necessary utilities stubbed to the site, the frontage improvements, and the road along the school's west boundary."

That road is the McCullough Hills Parkway, and also provides access to the Anthem Hills Park and its facilities.

Del Webb Middle School, home of the Wranglers, opened for the 2005-2006 school year.



DEL WEBB'S GENEROSITY

Going above and beyond with community projects was standard operating procedure for Del Webb's company. Here's an example from the book *Del Webb: A Man. A Company*:

Webb's company was contracted to build a Catholic-run hospital in Phoenix. "Staff connected with St. Joseph's hospital during construction remembered the enthusiasm and courtesy of the construction crews. The nuns supported them with a combination of prayer and homemade cupcakes."

However, "At one point the sisters rushed to inform the Webb crew that they were doing work not ordered; the hospital's budget had been too spartan to allow it. They were assured that 'Mr. Webb had okayed it,' in yet another example of his understated sense of civic duty," the book's author reported. ✨

WEBB'S FIRST PROJECT IN NEVADA WAS...

Finnerty, Margaret. Del Webb: A Man, a Company.

Image from cover of book.



"Del Webb's first job in Nevada was building a gas-station in Las Vegas in the early thirties," Margaret Finnerty reports in her biography *Del Webb: A Man. A Company*.

"Since Nevada was considered by many as an obstacle on the road to California, a service station was one of the few viable business structures possible at the time. To Webb it was probably just one of many far-flung jobs welcome during hard scrabble years.

"World War II brought increased activity to Nevada's mines, but not the kind of growth Arizona experienced. In the fifties the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission tested some atomic weapons in the deserts northwest for Las Vegas, which only underlined the lack of population in the area: it ranked last in population among the states.

"Nevada had liberalized its divorce laws in 1931. In that more conservative era, the six-weeks waiting period required by the state was extremely short, and attracted many people who wished to terminate unhappy marriages. Those sojourners could amuse themselves with a game of bingo or poker or even roulette, for the state had, that same year, also made gambling legal." ✨



Don Wright

SOLERA BUILT WITH THE WRIGHT STUFF

CONSTRUCTION HEAD LIKES SOLERA SO MUCH, HE STILL LIVES HERE

SOLERA: WHAT'S IN OUR NAME?

Have you ever wondered about our community's name and its meaning Solera?

The likely assumption is that it sounds like "solar" and may be the Spanish version of that word.

Except if you ask translate.com, it will inform you that the Spanish word for the English solar is... solar (albeit with the emphasis on the second syllable rather than the first).

And, indeed, the logo for Solera is what appears to be a sunburst.



However, go to dictionary.com and ask for a definition of "solera" and you learn it is the Spanish word for "a series of casks, graded according to age, in which sherries and brandies are stored while maturing."

There's a second definition as well: "a classification for the sherries or brandies having the greatest maturity in a solera."

It would seem that perhaps Solera as applied to our community relates not only to the sun — consider that most of our streets have celestial names — but also to housing and aging of mature wine — or in our case, mature people.

But wait, there's more!

Click over to the Cambridge Dictionary (dictionary.cambridge.org) from the famed British university, ask for a definition of "solera" and learn that, traditionally it is applied to such things as the phrase "un fesitval de solera," which the British scholars tell us, translates to "a festival with tradition."

It adds that the term can be applied to something of vintage, such as "a well-aged brandy."

Yet another online dictionary adds a footnote that the Spanish word solera derives from building using crossbeams and a stone base. In other words, a solid foundation, strong and durable, just like we prefer in a house — and a sturdily built community.

So, as Solera reaches its 20th anniversary, let every home stage a festival with tradition, raising a glass of well-aged brandy (or other beverage of your choice) in celebration of our community. ✨

Don Wright remembers the day in 1974 when work on the new county hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, halted as an airplane flew over. The flight carried the ashes of the late Del Webb, on their way to be spread over the grounds of Sun City Arizona, Webb's first and already famous housing development for senior citizens.

Wright was 17 and working construction part-time when Webb's ashes were flown over the site. Two years later, Wright would be working full time for the Del Webb company.

"I felt so lucky to work for such a company," Don says.

Solera residents are fortunate for Don's long career. In his final assignment for Del Webb, Wright supervised the transformation of a couple of hillsides and the in-between valley into the Solera community with its more than 1,800 homes for those aged 55 or older.

It speaks well of his work, and of the community itself, that he and his wife, Dawn, still live in the home they bought on Evening Twilight.

The Wrights moved from Phoenix to Las Vegas in 1999, only to discover there were no job openings with Webb here.

"I came here but couldn't get on with Del Webb (at first)," he said. "Everybody wanted to work there."

So Don went to work for another homebuilder, "but I stopped by the Del Webb office every night," reminding them of his history with the company and his eagerness to return. His persistence paid off, and Don was hired to oversee construction of the final sections of Sun City Summerlin, including the home where he and Dawn would live.

In Arizona and Nevada, Wright had managed special projects for Webb, which in addition to its turnkey models, allowed homeowners to create semi-custom homes. The program was known as Gold Key, and was offered when Webb launched its Sun City Anthem development in Henderson, with Don Wright again in charge of crafting such homes.

Don recalls the day various Webb managers climbed into an old, rented school bus and drove up Eastern Avenue.

“The Taco Bell was the last thing on Eastern,” he remembers.

He also remembers being informed that the Webb company was buying “this mountain” and would launch its next major development on the site. That development was to become known as Anthem.

With Sun City Anthem well underway in the late spring of 2001, the Webb company was purchased by the Pulte Group. Some time after that purchase, “They came to me and said ‘we don’t do special projects,’” Don recalled.

“I said, ‘I’m done.’”

But Pulte had a counteroffer. “We have a project,” Don was informed, “sort of a Sun City within Sun City, but with a little more affordable homes. We want you to run it.”

That project was Solera at Anthem, to be built on ground originally set aside for yet another golf course (joining the pair at Revere and the Anthem Country Club layouts). But a decline in the popularity of golf and a desire to maintain the company’s thousand-homes-a-year momentum would put Solera on the Anthem map.

In addition to working on getting the start of construction approved by the city, Don was hiring the team that would help him with construction. He recruited half a dozen recent college graduates from Utah.

“They didn’t know how to build a house, but they knew how to work computers and all the stuff I wasn’t good at,” says Don, who remembers having the freedom to hand-select

the various subcontractors, the various heads of those companies joining him on the “core team” that met onsite weekly.

“I got to pick the cream of the crop,” Don said. “That’s why Solera was so successful. Subcontractors wanted to work for Del Webb because they weren’t treated like subcontractors. They were our partners, one big happy family.”

One of the things Wright brought with him was his “Tidy Friday” program, which held back worker pay checks until all debris had been cleared from each under-construction home site each week.

He also notes features that made the Solera homes better, including the way they were insulated. Experimental at the time, Webb’s “cocoon system” put attic insulation up in the rafters rather than on the attic floor, thus keeping attic and home cooler.

“This was the first project where it was done,” he said, “It was experimental,” but successful.

Combined with careful installation of insulation in the exterior walls, Webb was able to advertise at the time that heating and cooling bills would not exceed \$25 per month.

Midway through Solera’s build out, Don had become frustrated with changes Pulte was making to the Webb way of doing things so he retired rather than compromising. Years later, he remains a Solera resident, proud of the community he and his team constructed. ✨



WHO NAMED SOLERA’S STREETS?

BY LARRY EDSALL

Celestial Moon, Neutron Star, Cosmic Dust, Red Planet, Sirius Star, Devine Sky, and the lists goes on... and on.

That list, as Solera residents will recognize, comprises the names of the streets on which we live.

Mine is Celestial Moon, and when I moved here in 2018 and learned my address, and those of neighboring Moonlight Valley and Evening Twilight, my first thought was, as George Carlin and his hippy dippy weatherman might have put it, “far out, man.”

But I also wondered what some street-naming hippie had been smoking while concocting our street names.

Solera resident and Solera construction superintendent Don Wright provides the answers.

First, as with other Del Webb developments, the community’s name was selected in a contest among Webb employees. In our case, Solera was the winner.

But what about our street names?

Don said he handed that assignment to his secretary, Stacie, who was in her mid-20s. She may have consulted others on the team but one day she produced a map with street names, in most cases with celestial identity, though a few with names from the Bible’s Old Testament. That map would have been approved by officials at Henderson City Hall to prevent any duplication with already existing street and avenue names. ✨

BUILDING THE BLANKENSHIP'S SOLERA HOME



Solera sales rep Angela Stelfen shows available lots to Jim Blankenship



Walls in place helped potential buyers image where their homes would be



Jim Blankenship checks out progress on their lot



Framing in place



By December 28, 2003, future Blankenship home had exterior walls and roof



Jim is a proud homeowner in the spring of 2004

Jim and Judy Blankenship had been living in Las Vegas, had looked a couple of years earlier at MacDonald Ranch, and liked homes they saw in Sun City Anthem, but realized that buying in the new Solera community would be more affordable.

They looked at the model homes on what would become Andromeda Avenue, on the hillside just behind the Solera sales building. They liked the openness of the Whitney floor plan. Lots were being offered in Phase One (the area south of Somersworth Drive and west of the sales office, though “streets” at the time were simply graded gravel carved into the hillside location).

The lots on the south side of Meteor Shower already had been claimed, Judy recalls, and those on the north side were in demand to the point that the Blankenships were given only an hour to decide which they wanted. And this, she noted, was at a time “when it (demand) hadn’t gotten really hot yet!”

“We drove away and talked,” Judy said, returning within the hour to pick their spot, on a corner and located where the back yard would be shaded in the afternoons. Judy recalls the excitement of picking out fixtures and of visiting to watch the progress on their home’s construction. They moved in on December 3, 2003. It was snowing that day.

Jim Blankenship who died in 2020 after a fall, worked in the print shop at the Central Telephone Company in Las Vegas. Judy’s father was in the Air Force and was stationed at Nellis when she was in high school.

“I got my first car,” she recalls of a 1951 Chrysler, “and we cruised Fremont Street.”

After high school, she went to work as a stenographer for the new FBI bureau in Las Vegas, left that job after marriage (Jim and Judy were set up on a blind date by their mothers) and after becoming a mother, but she continued to do typing and to take dictation for retired federal agents, college students and others who needed such services.

New homeowners found a large gift basket from the builder when they took residence. Judy said it included several plants, and noted that the plants in her yard today “are offshoots from those in that original basket.”

The couple quickly became active in Solera community activities, and Judy was among those starting a crafts program. She recruited teachers for what was listed in an early edition of the *Solera Star* as the “Painting/Crafting” group.

“Call Judy to enroll in a scheduled class or future class,” the *Star* reported, listing water color, oil painting, pastel, decoupage, etching on glass, mosaic, painting animals on rock, stepping stones, fixed glass pendant, stained glass, stamping, one-stroke painting and flower shadow box as options. She still participates in the Fine Arts Club.

“We really have enjoyed living up here,” Judy said. ✨

THEY WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO BUY IN SOLERA

BY LARRY EDSALL

Don and Dawn Wright may have been Solera's first homeowners, but it didn't take long for their neighbors to arrive. In fact, the new community open only to those ages 55 and older was so popular there was a lottery of sorts to determine who would live where.

In September 2003, the second month of sales, most of Phase 1 already had been claimed, recalled Sharon Edwards, who selected the Whitney floor plan for her home.

"I bought it for the floor plan, and I signed the contract," she said. But that was only the first step in securing a place in Solera.

"They were oversubscribed," she continued. "It was so popular there was a special contest, a lottery, to actually pick a lot. If they pulled your name, you got to pick a lot."

Her name was pulled, and she picked a lot on Moonlight Valley Avenue.

For Sharon, moving to Solera was a sort of homecoming. She'd lived in Las Vegas as a teenager. She would move to the Bay Area, and later to Florida, and have a career in corporate finance and information technology.

She was back in the Las Vegas Valley for a niece's wedding. Another niece suggested several communities she might consider for her move home. She needed a home office, and found just what she needed in the Whitney plan. She moved to Solera in the late spring of 2004 and notes, "I'm perfectly contented."

It also was in September of 2003 that John and Peg Fucci signed their contract for a home on Hydrus, in Solera's Phase II, though their search for a retirement home pre-dated Solera.

It was in January of 2002 that the Fuccis were visiting Las Vegas to attend their oldest son's wedding; he was marrying a local girl, Peg recalls. The Fuccis had been looking for a retirement home in a climate warmer and drier than

their native Connecticut. In fact, they'd done a three-week trip throughout the southeastern states, but had been uncomfortable with the high humidity.

At her dentist's office, Peg had seen an advertisement in a magazine for new Del Webb homes in Nevada. The Fuccis knew of Webb's reputation for quality, so as long as they were in Las Vegas for the wedding, they decided to look around. They liked what they saw, and later their son called to say a new Webb community, called Solera, was being built, and they flew out for a visit.

"There were a few lots (left) on our street, but no buildings yet," John Fucci remembers.

Peg liked the Whitney floor plan, "but I wanted my kitchen to the right" as she entered the front door, so Webb's team said they'd simply flip the plan for the Fuccis' new home. The couple took residence in mid-June 2004.

By then, their daughter also had moved to the Vegas area from the East Coast, and before long their youngest son had rejoined the family from his home in California.

Diane Leavitt might have ended up in Sun City Anthem had that community offered a home the size of Solera's Lewis floor plan. A native of the Chicago suburbs, she had spent her adult life in the Westwood neighborhood of Los Angeles, where she worked as a legal assistant and had her own jewelry and vintage clothing design business.

A nephew who lived in Henderson had been trying to get her to move to the Vegas Valley, but she wasn't sure she was ready for a 55+ community. Nevertheless, she was visiting her nephew in November 2003 and agreed to



This is a property peg, one of many used to mark lot lines and the location of walls within Solera

see what was available.

"I was looking in Sun City Anthem, but there were no small houses," she said. If she was moving, she wanted to downsize.

When she mentioned her disappointment at not finding a smaller house in Sun City Anthem, "they said there was a new development up the hill."

That development was Solera, and Diane liked the Lewis floor plan, of which there were only three available in that early phase of sales.

"If you blinked, the house was gone," she said of Solera's early popularity.

She didn't blink, contracted for her spot on Garnet Star that weekend, and her home was ready for her to move in by early April 2004.

Diane notes that of the three Lewis homes available at the time, two already had their color schemes locked in, but one was open to the homeowner's choices.

"Being a woman, I wanted to choose," she admits.

And she got it her way. ✨

Original Solera homeowners got special keys and key chains



Proud Supporter of



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Aliante

CASINO + HOTEL + SPA

CRAFTABULOUS GIFT SHOW

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

10AM-5PM

7300 N ALIANTE PKWY



LABOR DAY

FOOD & ARTISAN FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10AM-8PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10AM-4PM

2755 KYLE CANYON RD



**A SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER
WITH FABULOUS FALL FINDS**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10AM-4PM

SILVERTON CASINO
3333 BLUE DIAMOND RD



**FALL CRAFT SPECTACULAR &
HOME IMPROVEMENT
& BACKYARD EXPO**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 8 & 9**

10AM-5PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10AM-4PM

WORLD MARKET CENTER
435 S GRAND CENTRAL PKWY
Enter from attached parking
garage off of Symphony Park Ave



CRAFT FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10AM-4PM

NIGHT MARKET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5PM-10PM

400 S RAMPART BLVD

SILVERTON

Casino • Hotel • Las Vegas

NIGHT MARKET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

4PM-9PM

3333 BLUE DIAMOND RD



@LASVEGASCRAFTSHOWS



@LVCRAFTSHOWS

702.339.6689

INFO@LVCRAFTSHOWS.COM

LVCRAFTSHOWS.COM

CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE CHERRY THUMBPRINTS

BY NADYNE SWEETKO



Jump To Recipe On Page 34 & 35 >

These Chocolate Drizzle Cherry Thumbprint cookies are inviting to look at and are a whole dessert as Harriet Gallu said when we met to discuss this recipe: “It’s a cookie, it’s a candy and it has a cherry on top! It’s a whole dessert.”

Harriet and her husband, Mike, moved into Solera in July 2021. They originally are from Clarkston, Michigan, but also lived in Florida and Georgia. Moving west brought them closer to family living in Arizona. Their move has been beneficial because more family and friends have visited. As we all know the Las Vegas area is a large draw for company just because of it being known as a destination vacation city, but when you have family or friends living here it’s a bonus.

This recipe was first made by Harriet’s sister, Cheryl. She is the baker in the family and when Harriet and Mike tasted and loved these cookies Cheryl shared the recipe. Harriet has been making these Chocolate Drizzle Cherry Thumbprints for five years and it’s the only cookie she makes.

I met Harriet when she joined the Solera Ladies Club. Harriet volunteered to donate homemade cookies last year for the Solera Ladies Club bake sale at the Solera Days event. All the Chocolate Drizzle Cherry Thumbprints were sold and someone who purchased them went on Nextdoor to try to track down the recipe. Hopefully we will see these homemade cookies again at our Solera Ladies Club bake sale on November 4 at our community Solera Days event.

Besides being involved with the Solera Ladies Club, Harriet is a volunteer at the City of Henderson Animal Shelter. She was interacting with the animals at the shelter but now is assisting with the adoption process and arranging for the animals to go to their new forever homes. She also has volunteered at the Lion Habitat in Henderson and, while living in Georgia, worked for Project Chimps as the donation coordinator.

She has recently taken lessons at the Solera clubhouse on how to play Mah Jongg and plays in the Solera club.

Note from Nadyne: *These Chocolate Drizzle Cherry Thumbprint cookies are yummy! This is not an overly sweet cookie. You can taste the oats and the flavor of the cocoa. The oats give the cookie body. The melted chocolate drizzle gives your taste buds a sweet surprise. As with an ice cream sundae, the cherry on top makes it a special treat!*



RECIPE Solera Star Recipe Exchange

FROM Your Name Here

COOKING TIME as long as it takes

SERVES All of Solera

PREHEAT/OVEN TO Delicious

1. Find your favorite recipe

2. Send your recipe and contact information to:

3. Nadyne Sweetko email: Renons@aol.com

4. Schedule month to appear in the *Solera Star*

5. Prepare your recipe

6. Be interviewed and have photos taken at your home or clubhouse



CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE CHERRY THUMBPRINTS

(MODIFIED FROM THE NESTLE TOLLHOUSE
"CHOCOLATE-CHERRY THUMBPRINT" RECIPE)

Prep: 15 minutes

Refrigerate dough: 1 hour

Cook time: 10-12 minutes

Total time: 1 hour 25-27 minutes

Servings: 50 larger or 60 smaller cookies

INGREDIENTS

1 ½ cups of all-purpose flour

¾ cup of sugar (or smaller equivalent, if using Stevia or other sweetener)

⅔ cup of butter/margarine (easier to work with if left out to soften a bit, or microwave to melt first)

2 large eggs (or 3 eggs if smaller in size)

1 teaspoon of vanilla

1 teaspoon of baking powder

¼ cup of cocoa (the type used for baking)

1 ¾ cups of uncooked, dry oats (can be quick oats or regular oats)

2 cups (or about 12 oz.) of chocolate chips (you'll be using in two ways) – you can use store brand semi-sweet chips. I usually buy one large bag or two small bags of chocolate chips. (You'll have about a cup of chips leftover for sweet snacking later!)

About 2 cups (or two 10 oz jars) of maraschino cherries (you'll be removing the liquid and patting them dry). You'll have about ½ of a jar left over (1 jar is not enough and 2 jars are more than needed).

***Hint:** I recommend pulling out all ingredients and putting on the counter before starting to make the batter. This will make it quick to combine ingredients.*

MAKE THE BATTER:

In a microwave-safe bowl, microwave about 1 cup of chocolate chips until melted (after 1 minute, stir, and if more time is needed to make it smooth, microwave in 10-second increments and stir).

In separate medium bowl, combine these ingredients: oats, flour, cocoa, and baking powder.

In separate larger bowl, combine sugar, melted butter, eggs, and vanilla. Beat with electric mixer until smooth, then beat in the melted chocolate until even chocolate color. Fold the dry oats mixture into this larger bowl so all ingredients are together. I usually use a spatula and stir everything together from the sides of the bowl.

Cover the bowl with plastic wrap or foil and refrigerate this dough for 1 hour.

While the batter is chilling:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees
2. Prep the cherries: To pat dry, count out the cherries you'll need (50 or 60), put them on paper towel on a plate to absorb the juice, and place another paper towel on top to pat dry on top. You can then leave them out to use when you get to that step.

FORM THE COOKIES:

Form the dough into balls (smaller than an inch, but not too small). Place 1-2 inches apart on a lightly greased baking sheet. They will not spread much while baking.

Hint: I like to form all the dough balls first just in case I need to split some of them to get more cookies out of the batter.

Press your thumb down into the center of each dough ball to make room for the cherry. After thumbprints are in all dough balls on the cooking sheet for the batch, place one cherry into the center of each cookie.

You are now ready to bake this batch!

BAKE THE COOKIES:

Bake 10-12 minutes for each batch. Cool a few minutes to harden a bit, and then transfer baked cookies to a cooling rack.

Repeat the process (balls, thumbprint, add cherry) to bake additional batches to desired number of cookies (50 larger or 60 smaller).

Hint: I cool the cookies on a cooling rack until they harden enough. I then put them all in one layer on a flat pizza pan which makes it easier to add the drizzle later. Otherwise, you can lay them out, close to each other on any dishes or platter you may have so you'll be able to drizzle them across all of the cookies at the same time.

**DRIZZLE CHOCOLATE ON TOP FOR THE FINISHING TOUCH:**

Make sure cookies are fully cooled, and then melt the remaining chocolate chips.

You can drizzle the chocolate in one of two ways:

1. Use a spoon and drizzle over the cookies (which are side by side to easily go from one cookie to the next with the same drizzle),

OR

2. Spoon some chocolate into a baggie, cut the corner of the baggie – a small cut to keep the drizzle narrow, and squeeze as you move the bag over the cookies to drizzle.

Hint: I tend to use more chocolate chips for the drizzle so I have enough even when some drizzle is wider than the others (No one will complain about too much chocolate!)

Refrigerate, uncovered to harden the chocolate drizzle.

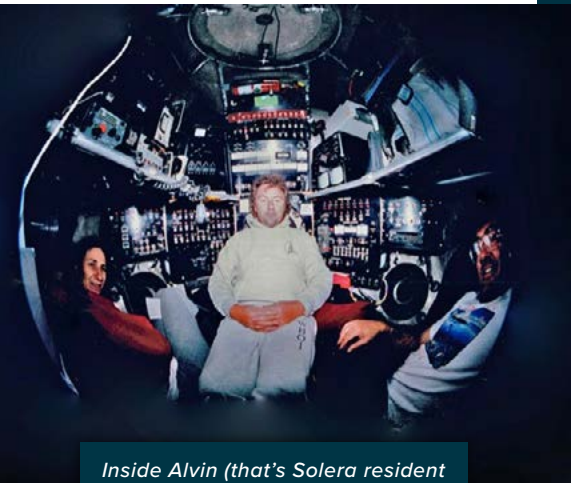
Store the completed cookies in a container (or larger baggies), keeping them in a single layer so they look and stay beautiful and delicious. Enjoy! ✨

SOLERAN RECALLS RIDE TO OCEAN DEPTHS

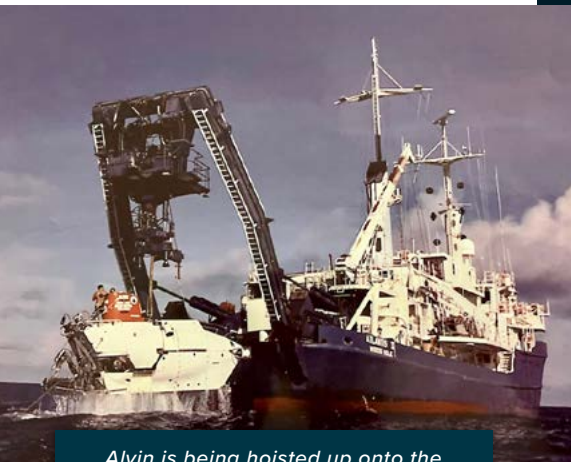
THIS SUBMERSIBLE STORY HAS A HAPPY ENDING

BY TOM GORMAN

Editor's note: Given recent news about the deep-sea submersible that imploded while in the North Atlantic to look at the remains of the *Titanic*, we invited Solera resident and retired journalist Tom Gorman to share his own story about visiting the bottom of the ocean.



Inside Alvin (that's Solera resident Tom Gorman on the right)



Alvin is being hoisted up onto the back deck of the ship

I was a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times* when my editor called. “Hey Gorman. Are you claustrophobic?”

“No,” I said without hesitation.

“You OK in elevators? Small elevators?”

“Yeah, no problem.”

“OK. I’ve got an assignment for you. It’s a science story.” He explained that I’d be going to the bottom of the ocean. I’d fly to Mexico and meet scientists going to sea aboard a mother ship – and then I’d be going to the bottom of the ocean in a deep-sea submersible called Alvin. We’d be looking for the remnants of deep-sea volcanoes, and what kind of lava formations they left.

Sounded boring. Besides, we had two reporters on the science staff. But one was on a distant assignment, watching the behavior of penguins, and the other was claustrophobic.

The lead scientist on this mission expected to be able to analyze the different sorts of lava covering parts of the ocean floor and to make sense of what that might mean. Maybe they’d provide clues about the creation of Earth. This science cruise might not be very exciting, but it could be instructive in helping us understand the earth’s formation.

I wasn’t sure I really wanted to go. But when I told my wife, Jeanne, about the assignment, she burst with excitement. “Of course you will! You’ll be in Alvin, the submersible that carried Bob Ballard, the deep-sea scientist, to find the *Titanic*!”

Indeed, Ballard, a leading oceanographer, became best known for his discovery of the *Titanic* at the bottom of the North Atlantic after its fateful collision with an iceberg. Ballard was aboard the Alvin and looked out one of its three small portholes – about the size of a salad plate – to examine the ship’s remains.

Our trip took two weeks, with scientists descending each of nine day. The evening before my dive, the Alvin pilot asked me and a scientist to climb into the vessel with him. He wanted to explain all the gear on board, the technology involved, and where we’d sit. DSV (Deep Submergence Vehicle) Alvin was a 6 1/2-foot titanium sphere; the interior walls, floor and walls were curved. At our porthole, there was a slight flat spot where I would try to sit or lean while looking out the thick glass as my legs tangled with those of the scientist laying-sitting opposite me. The pilot sat in his own tiny chair. He looked pretty cramped, too.

There were all sorts of electronic whirs and whistles and other sounds, dim lights, and no comforts. We were advised to bring a jacket, and not drink any liquids that night or the next morning; if we had to urinate, our target would be a bottle.

The next morning we climbed back in and felt ourselves being hoisted off the deck and lowered into the Pacific. We slowly began our slow free-fall to the bottom of the ocean, 6,000 feet away.

There wasn’t much to see out the window. We heard mechanical noises and occasional squawking on the radio. There was a CD player, our pilot seemed to like the band Oingo Boingo. Whatever. This was his room and I wasn’t about to argue. It did help cover the sound of whirrs and squeals.

We were free-falling – slowly – through the water, being pulled down by weights attached to the bottom of our sphere. It was getting darker on the other side of our portholes until we passed a layer of sea life that was noticeable for its luminescence.

I asked the pilot his greatest fear was – what could go wrong, or what situation could get us in trouble. He said we might hear creaks as we got lower,

If you want to read Tom’s original article, see or scan the QR Code:



www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1995-12-14-mn-13950-story.html

ON THE WEB

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



To demonstrate the pressure on the ocean floor, Tom Gorman was invited to decorate what was a full-size wig stand, which was attached to the outside of Alvin during the dive, and which was compressed by the extreme pressure at 6,000 feet below the surface.

with the immense pressure pushing the windows inward. Don't let that freak you out, he cautioned. The only way we could get in trouble, he said, was if currents carried us beneath a rocky ledge that could maybe trap us and prohibit our ability to float back up. Otherwise, he said, get as comfortable as you can, laying as you are on the rounded floor, look out the window, take notes by hand or speak into your tape recorder.

It took us an hour to reach the ocean floor, more than a mile below the surface. As we neared the bottom the pilot turned on the floodlights. I was braced to see just about anything weird. The ocean floor was mostly peaceful – sandy, a few plants, some slugs, and the occasional translucent seahorse. The sea life was unusual looking, but not stunningly weird. We were approaching lava beds and I got out my notepad. When we'd come upon some lava, we'd note the location, some 450 miles south of Manzanillo, and describe lava from a 4,950-foot undersea volcano in scientific terms that we had learned before boarding the ship.

"Looks like broken parking-lot asphalt." I noted, forgetting to use science speak. "Looks like monster-scale Grape Nuts." "Looks like dog poop." The boss of this science trip told me later that he knew exactly what the lava was that I was describing. Whew.

The scene outside the porthole wasn't as exotic as I had hoped, but heck, there I was, far below the surface of the Pacific, sitting where Bob Ballard sat when he first set eyes on the *Titanic*. It was time to go back up to the surface. Our pilot released the weights and we began our upward float. He turned the lights off, and we again were in pitch darkness. We chatted, we looked out our windows waiting for the first signs of blue light, and eventually the water turned bright and we popped up onto the surface.

Yes, there was a strong emotion of relief. Alvin got straight A's. The folks from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution done good. I didn't get sea sick or have to use the comfort bottle. And what little anxiety I had was replaced by excitement. I'd have a story to tell to my readers – and especially to Jeanne. ✱



Fremont Street Experience



Jazz Night in the Courtyard



4th of July BBQ



Scan the QR Code to take you to the galleries

COMMUNITY SERVICE GUIDE

AC/HEATING SERVICES

Eli's Air Conditioning | 702-327-7850

A/C, heating, repair/maintenance, new units, bonded/insured. Lic. #72945

Lic.#s: 50937, 55184, 58126, 77657, 80965



HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, Drains & Sewers, & Expert Handyman Services

Your One-Stop-Home-Services-Shop!
FREE ESTIMATE. SENIOR DISCOUNT.
 callchampionservices.com **702-896-0000**

Senior & Military Discounts.



SIMPLY
 COOLING · HEATING · PLUMBING
 office@simplyac.net **702-745-3130**
LICENSE # 85487, 86058

ELECTRICAL

NVH
 Air Conditioning & Electrical
702-741-5219
AC Lic# 88950 • Electrical Lic # 88951



ELECTRICAL & AIR CONDITIONING
FREE ESTIMATES
 Call Steve (Local Resident)
Lic, Bonded & Insured



702.277.5031
Licensed and Reliable
 Commercial / Residential Electricians
FREE ESTIMATES
 Lic#NV C-2 0070592-A
 tbmelectriclasvegas.com

HOME SERVICES

Anthem Home Watchers | (702) 706-3301

Home watch services for absentee homeowners.
 anthemhomewatchers.com Licensed & Insured.

NV Lic # 62148

McMILLAN & McMILLAN
CUSTOM PAINTING Exterior & Interior
 Family Owned & Operated John McMillan & David McMillan
702-416-2387 FREE ESTIMATES
 McMillanPaintingContractors.com

GARAGE DOORS REPAIR

All Access Garage Door Company | (702) 882-1320

Honest pricing. No Gimmicks. Broken springs replaced.
 Full Service on doors & motors. vegasgarageco.com
 #0066752. See ad pg. 8

Swift GARAGE DOOR REPAIR

FREE SERVICE CALL
 SENIOR & MILITARY DISCOUNTS
 OPEN 7 DAY A WEEK
 SERVICE, REPAIR, SALES
\$29 TUNE UP SPECIAL

702-888-0085



Insured, Bonded NV Lic #892445

NWGD PRODUCTS™ NATIONWIDE GARAGE DOORS

- FREE SERVICE CALL
- AFFORDABLE PRICES
- SENIOR AND VETERAN DISCOUNTS
- GARAGE DOOR SERVICE, REPAIR, INSTALLATION & SALES
- FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED

702 888 0523

*Local Dealer - Swift Garage Door Repair Of Las Vegas NV Lic#892445

PEST CONTROL

Amazon Pest Control | (702) 558-3730

No start-up fee. Monthly starting at \$30.
 Three month minimum. Licensed #5259 & Insured

PCI FREE INITIAL TREATMENT some restrictions apply

CALL PCI PEST CONTROL 702-228-4394
 SOLERA'S PRIMARY PEST CONTROL PROVIDER pestcontrolinc.net



T E R N I O N
 S A G E

CONTACT US TO PLACE YOUR AD
 IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE GUIDE

TERNIONSAGE.COM | 702-982-6681

CAN A REVERSE MORTGAGE BENEFIT YOU?



COMMUNITY ACCESS LENDING AND I WILL ENSURE YOU HAVE ALL THE GUIDANCE YOU NEED.

We want to help you take advantage of the benefits many other homeowners have received if you decide that a reverse mortgage is right for you.

MISCONCEPTIONS OF REVERSE MORTGAGES

- The borrower must give up the home to the lender.
- The heirs of a reverse mortgage borrower may be burdened with debt.
- A home must be totally paid for in order to secure a reverse mortgage.

CALL TODAY! 702.785.2505

communityaccesslending.com

HONESTY | INTEGRITY | EXPERIENCE

871 Coronado Center Dr. #210 Henderson, NV 89052
License #4970. NMLS#1854273



COMMUNITY ACCESS LENDING
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE



Shavonne Schofield
Loan Officer

shavonne@communityaccesslending.com

NMLS #2042229



Hello Solera Homeowners!

I hope you are all staying cool in this HOT weather! We were having such a mild summer and then all of a sudden the heat got turned way up...

The real estate market is continuing to heat up as well. As of mid July, there were 16 homes listed for sale (ranging in price from \$375,000 to \$578,000), and 8 of those already had accepted offers on them (great news if you are thinking of selling your home). 9 homes closed escrow in Solera in the month of June 2023, ranging in price from \$345,000 to \$455,000. There were also 9 homes listed for rent in Solera at Anthem (two of which already had pending applications) ranging in price from \$1699 to 2100 per month, and 6 homes were leased in June 2023 ranging in price from \$1795 to \$1975 per month.

If you are interested in up-to-date information on what is available TODAY in Solera at Anthem, or if you are thinking of selling and would like an estimate of what your home could sell for in this GOOD market, please call me today. I will make sure that you receive the information you need to make wise, informed decisions!



Broker/Owner

B.0026537.LLC/ PM.0164922.BKR
 Accredited Buyer Representative® (ABR)
 At Home With Diversity (AHDW)
 Broker Price Opinion Resource (BPO)
 Certified Distressed Property Expert® (CDPE)
 Certified Residential Specialist (CRS)
 Distinguished Real Estate Broker® (DRB)
 Graduate, REALTOR® Institute (GRI)
 Pricing Strategy Advisor® (PSA)
 Resort & Second-Home Property Specialist (RSPS)
 Seniors Real Estate Specialist® (SRES)
 Equator Platform Platinum Certification
 Equator Short Sale Agent Certification
 Advanced Evaluations Certification
 NVS Institute BPO Certification
 Five Star BPO Designation
 NAWRB Certified Delegate Spokeswoman

REALTY EXECUTIVES

SOUTHERN NEVADA PROPERTIES



2269 JADA DR.



2597 SOLERA SKY DR.

RECENTLY SOLD BY LAURA HARBISON... WILL YOURS BE NEXT?



2504 CRATER ROCK ST.



2473 JADA DR.

HOMES LISTED FOR SALE*

Address	List Price	Approx Liv Area	Model	Address	List Price	Approx Liv Area	Model
2536 Serene Moon Dr	\$375,000	1,142	Lewis	2517 Jade Sky St	\$418,900	1,425	Fremont
2509 Jade Sky St	\$362,000	1,142	Lewis	2571 Eclipsing Stars Dr	\$398,500	1,425	Fremont
2514 Evening Twilight Ave	\$365,000	1,142	Lewis	2445 Erastus Dr	\$400,000	1,425	Fremont
2356 Celestial Moon St	\$374,900	1,143	Lewis	2340 Galilean Moon St	\$420,000	1,596	Whitney
2351 Tranquil Moon	\$369,999	1,248	Clark	2568 Palentina St	\$450,000	1,768	Franklin
2571 Red Planet St	\$385,000	1,248	Clark	2465 Erastus Dr	\$524,900	1,768	Franklin
2586 Stardust Valley Dr	\$389,000	1,425	Fremont	2520 Solera Sky Dr	\$525,000	1,768	Franklin
2416 Ashen Light Dr	\$415,000	1,425	Fremont	2432 Hamonah DR	\$440,000	1768	Franklin

*per GLVAR MLS as of 7/11/2023 - Information is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

FEATURED RENTAL OF THE MONTH

2539 BINARY STARS ST 1248 SQFT CLARK



FOR RENT

CALL LAURA TODAY!

702-777-1234

Find us on Facebook



Laura@HarbisonRealEstate.com | LauraHarbisonRealEstate.com