



Sun City Mesquite *Times*

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January 2022

Upcoming Events

Charter Club Happy Hour Wednesday, January 19 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

You won't want to miss this fun-filled event at the Pioneer Center on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Whether your cup of tea is something more relaxing like a game of cards, or working with your hands, OR you like the excitement of more physical activities such as tennis or pickle ball, Sun City Mesquite has an activity to fit the bill.

In addition to happy hour, delicious appetizers, and door prizes, you will have the opportunity to meet and greet members of our clubs. Come and find out about our other outdoor activities such as the RV, hiking and fun filled off-road clubs.

We will be showcasing all of Sun City's club on this evening, come see what you could be missing and join of our friendly clubs. See you there! Call the Front Desk for reservations 702-346-6006.



January 6 and 20
ARC Meeting Dates

January 1
New Year's Day Brunch

January 12
Lunch and Learn by
Virgin Valley Mortuary

January 14
Larry Colson
Colson Connects

January 18
Board of Directors Meeting
5:00

January 19
Club Night Happy Hour

January 24
Bingo

January 26
Lunch and Learn by
Neptune Society
Enrollement coming soon

January 27
Flat Top Junction Band
Bluegrass Concert

February 2
DJ Van Dyke presents
Patsy and Friends
Concert

February 14
Valentine's Day Lunch
Enrollment Coming soon

February 16
Lunch and Learn by
Parker Advisory
Enrollment coming soon

February 22-25
Laughlin Trip

***Submittals for ARC
must be received by 4 p.m.
on the Friday prior to the
date.

Critter Corner: Meet the Desert Tortoise

A message from your
Lifestyle Director
Deborah Demos

Happy New Year Sun City Mesquite! I hope everyone had a safe and memorable Holiday Season.

Please mark your calendars for the following 2022 Board of Directors meetings:

Tuesday, January 18	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 19	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 18	5:00 p.m.

Gary Elgort will resume Tai Chi on Monday January 3 at 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi will be on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Movement Studio at the Pioneer Center.

Virgin Valley Mortuary will be here on Wednesday, January 12 to talk about the services they provide plus the benefits of planning ahead. A complimentary lunch will be given to all those who attend.

Chad Parker will be here on Wednesday, February 16 at noon to talk about the strategies of retirement. Includes a complimentary individually wrapped lunch.

Oh, what a blast Laughlin will be on the ol' mighty Colorado River. This will be a 4-day, 3-night trip with lodging at the Aquarius Hotel which is located on the river. Golfers are welcome to play at the Laughlin Ranch Golf Club. There are several excursions you can take including a dinner cruise on the Colorado, boat ride to Lake Havasu to see London Bridge, take in a concert and see the Oakridge Boys, gaming, and walking the River Walk. \$208 per person based on double occupancy. \$289 single occupancy.

Shen Yun is an extraordinary performance with pure precision. Dance and music come together in a Chinese culture that will leave you breathless with their amazing talent. Sign up today and see why millions of people love this show. It's a new show so if you have seen it before, you haven't seen this one. Only \$145 per person which includes the show, round trip bus transportation. We will stop at Cheesecake Factory for brunch or an early lunch prior to the show. Tickets are going fast, so sign up today and don't miss out.



In Aesop's Fable "The Tortoise and the Hare", a slow and steady tortoise wins the race over the fast and lazy hare. Even though that fable is make-believe, it is true that tortoises are very slow.

How slow? A desert tortoise will walk about 2/10's mile per hour. They may be slow but the tortoise spends the majority of the time hiding in the shade of shrubs and rocks. In the winter, they hibernate in burrows. Consider it lucky to see one. Luck was had with a recent sighting on the Conestoga Golf Course.

The desert tortoise has been a desert dweller for more than 10,000 years. Art carved into rocks (petroglyphs) includes drawings of tortoises. These petroglyphs, along with tools and rattles made from tortoise shells and bones, show that the tortoise has changed very little in all that time. Thus, they can realistically be called durable.

Desert tortoises can live for more than 100 years in the Mojave Desert. However they are threatened by predators like ravens, drought, fire and human activities such as collisions with cars, off-road vehicles, and overgrazing. Habitat loss is their biggest threat as they are herbivores eating cacti and other desert flowers. And yet it is humans who cause the most deaths.

So does the desert tortoise have a future? Yes, say many. People and government are creating refuges that give the tortoise a safe place to live and breed. Locally, the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve north of St. George, UT is 60,000 acres of protected land for the tortoise and other sensitive species.

Although humans have been the tortoises' worst enemy, they may also be the tortoises' hope for the future.

Take special care when in the desert environments. The gentle desert tortoise is harmless. They will just mosey along at a slow and steady pace



History of Mesquite -Cassidy and the Sundance

Everyone knows the movie “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” but did you know that many of the scenes were filmed on location in Zion National Park?

In addition, the ghost town of Grafton, Utah, just south of Zion National Park, might be best recognized today from its appearance in the film. The pioneer town was first established in 1859, along the Virgin River, about a mile downstream from its current location. A flash flood in 1862 destroyed the original town and forced its residents to relocate.

By 1906, almost all of Grafton’s townsfolk had moved downstream to Hurricane. The last resident left in 1945.

Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2010, Grafton remains well-preserved thanks to the Grafton Heritage Partnership Project.

Located near the banks of the Virgin River, the town site has some of the best views of the western part of Zion. You will also find fruit orchards, meadows, historic buildings and a cemetery.

To get there take I-15 North to exit 16. Take UT-9 E to Rockville. Make a right on Bridge Rd then a right on Grafton Rd (250 S) and follow it to the Grafton Ghost Town.

Another Butch Cassidy hideout is on the route to Bryce Canyon National Park. It’s called the Cassidy Trail. Take I-15 North to exit 95 route 20. Follow route 20E to US 89 south through Panguich. Follow US 89 until you make a left on UT 12 E. You’ll eventually come to Red Canyon Arch and just past it on the left is a plaque showing you to the Red Canyon Trailhead Road. Here you’ll find a sign saying this is where the Cassidy trail begins. You’ll need a 4WD or better vehicle if you want to follow the trail.



Baked Oatmeal with blueberries and bananas



INGREDIENTS

2 medium ripe bananas, (the riper the better) sliced into 1/2” pieces
 1 1/2 cup blueberries
 1/4 cup honey, or maple syrup
 1 cup uncooked quick or old fashion oats
 1/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
 1/2 tsp baking powder
 3/4 tsp cinnamon
 pinch of salt
 1 cup fat free milk, or any milk you desire
 1 large egg
 1 tsp vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 375F. Lightly spray a 8 x 8” or 9 x 9” ceramic baking dish with cooking spray; set aside.

Arrange the banana slices in a single layer on the bottom of the ceramic dish. Sprinkle half of the blueberries over the bananas, 1/4 tsp of the cinnamon, 1 tbs of the honey and cover with foil.

Bake 15 minutes, until the bananas get soft.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine the oats, half of nuts, baking powder, remaining cinnamon, and salt; stir together. In a separate bowl, whisk together the remaining honey, milk, egg, and vanilla extract.

Remove the bananas from the oven, then pour the oat mixture over the bananas and blueberries.

Pour the milk mixture over the oats, making sure to distribute the mixture as evenly as possible over the oats. Sprinkle the remaining blueberries and walnuts over the the top.

Bake the oatmeal for about 30 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and the oatmeal has set. Serve warm from the oven. Cut in 6 pieces.

Thanks for the Luau Memories 2021



Thanks for the MPD Barbeque Memories 2021



In the Spotlight: Ev and Tus Tusler

Evelyn “Ev” and Harold “Tus” Tusler, both grew up in Montana. Evelyn in Ronan and Harold in Terry.

They met when a few of their rogue friends set them up for a date to a Sadie Hawkins dance. The couple clicked and have made their way through some fifty-two years of experiences together.

Both Ev and Tus attended the University of Montana Western and pursued degrees in teaching. Ev wanted to teach elementary students and taught at a Columbia Falls elementary school. Tus wanted to teach and coach high school students and followed Ev to Columbia Falls and taught high school language arts and coached basketball, track and interscholastic speech and debate.



While still working, the couple purchased a half-dead cherry orchard on the banks of Flathead Lake in 1980. In their spare time, they rehabilitated the place and grew cherries which they harvested and distributed.

Upon retirement from Montana, the couple made their way to southern Nevada and built a home in the Moapa Valley to be close to Ev’s father. Their retirement was interrupted by an offer to join the staff of the Clark County School District teaching in the schools in Overton and Logandale, which they did. They retired again after 13 years.

In 2015 they sold their home in Moapa Valley and bought a place in Sun City, closer to the action for old folks. They landed in a place where people know how to have fun and include the whole neighborhood. Tus and Ev enjoy golfing, street cornhole, parties or the happenings in the cities of Mesquite, Las Vegas, or St. George.

Their motto is “If they ain’t havin’ fun, there ain’t no fun to be had!” They are in a good place to have it with people they enjoy



Welcome New Residents

Shelly and Dave Wulf - Anchorage, AK
 Margie Blake - Grand Pass, OR
 Alan and Jeanette Kivela - Watton, MI
 Dennis and Donna Manna - Dartmouth, MA
 Jan and Dan Burnos - Parkville, MO
 Melanie Reed-Wulf and Jerry Wulf - Yorba Linda, CA
 Charlie and Paula David - Park City, UT
 Greg and Lorena Fehlman - Fayetteville, NC
 Tom Gordy - Slinger, WI
 Tom Duff and Deni Franken-Duff - Apple Valley, CA
 Amber and Michael Earl- Clearfield, UT
 Dwain and Yoli Gibson - North Las Vegas, NV
 Sue Fedro - North Las Vegas, NV
 Patti Vissat and Juanice Belcastro - Sacramento, CA
 Jan Boutelle - Sandy, UT
 Philip and Joanne Timothy - Vernal, UT

Diane Peterson - Orem, UT
 Bill and Debbie Paine - CA
 Chris and Sara Ferrara - OR
 Emory and Annette Anderson - Danville, CA
 Scott and Jill Mills - Buffalo, WY
 Jeff and Carol Petry - Baker City, OR
 Greg and Jo Ellen Haack - Dixon, IL
 Larry and Brenda Ward - Sun City Mesquite
 Kevin and Patricia Rohane - Park City, UT
 Terry and Sue Sloan - Francis, UT

Gardening - What is wrong with My Agave?



There are more than 200 species of agave grown in the United States. The most popular is the *Agave americana* also known as Century Plant. Agaves are grown for their dramatic foliage, not their flowers. They grow best in well-drained soil and ample sunlight. Agaves thrive on neglect, but they are susceptible to several diseases, including crown and root rot, snout weevil, and anthracnose fungus.

Agave Crown and root rot occurs when the plant receives too much moisture or humidity. The most common cause comes from soil-borne pathogens in the form of a virus or bacteria (bacterium *Erwinia* and fungus *Fusarium*). To avoid fungus on agaves, plant with excellent drainage, infrequent irrigation, and full sun. Always avoid watering overhead. The fungus will appear as black lesions on the leaves. Best early treatment, cut back the infested leaves.

Agave Snout Weevil feeds on the leaves and crown. This pest will inject bacteria into the plant and chew on its leaves. It will lay its eggs between the leaf spikes. The eggs hatch into grubs/larvae which then feed on the agave. The snout weevil will kill the plant. Be sure to inspect the agave plants for signs of chewing or rot. Selective pruning and use of fungicides can help save the plant. In extreme cases, the plant will need to be dug up and discarded.

Anthracnose Fungus creates small lesions on the leaves and within the crown. The fungus is unsightly, but the agave is treatable. The anthracnose fungus treatment is to remove leaves with reddish-brown spores. Treat the plant with a broad-spectrum fungicide. Spraying neem oil every few weeks is a good preventive measure.

Agaves are incredible succulents. With care, they make stunning additions to xeriscape projects.

Conestoga Golf Club and 1880 Grille



From the 1880 Grille and Conestoga Golf Club

Just a reminder that all tee times for January 2022 will be 10 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Once again, thank you for your support while we are making great things happen at the Conestoga to make it the best course in Mesquite and in Nevada overall!

Sun City Clubs: Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is a new club. It started as an idea for a group of women in the Bridge Landing area as a means for these new neighbors to get to know each other. Now they want to share their friendship with all of Sun City and have opened up as a group that is available to any of the homeowners in Sun City.

The officers of the club are President-Roxy Mai, Vice President-Marcine Peralta and Secretary-Kathy Crane.

They are a social club that has ambitions to encourage friendship, togetherness and a strong neighborhood. To keep the club as friendly as possible, politics and religion are topics that are off-limits. Even though they are a new club, they are well on their way to fulfilling these goals.

They already have plans, within Covid restrictions, to help charities, assist elderly, have luncheons and share talents. At meetings anyone can bring up a topic where they wish to share a skill, learn something new, go on a trip or suggest a gathering at the 1880 Grill or one of the area restaurants. Once they begin that topic, the presenter “owns” it. It will be up to that person to see how it can be accomplished by determining costs, meeting areas, participants etc. The Circle of Friends currently has about thirty-five members. They will meet every third Friday of the month at 1 p.m. starting in January in the Veterans Memorial Hall at the Pioneer Center.

Anyone wishing to join can come to their meeting and give their information to the Secretary. The group has no monthly fee or cost to join. They may also text the Secretary Kathy Crane at kat.crane@me.com

Festivals and Events

January 2	1 p.m. Movie Matinee for Adults, Las Vegas Clark County Library, Mesquite
January 5	5:30-6:30 p.m., Virgin Valley History Series, Mesquite Clark County Library
January 14-16	Mesquite Motor Mania, Mesquite Gaming, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd.
January 22	1 p.m. Movie Matinee for Adults, Mesquite Clark County Library
January 28-30	Hot Air Balloon Festival, Mesquite Gaming, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd.
January 29	Mesquite Buzzards Grand Prix, 5 a.m. Mesquite Motocross Park

Colson's Corner

I want to thank everyone who attended my meeting held in December. I hope to have a meeting each month. Watch for my announcement of when it will be held in January. I am also checking to see if you can call in.

At our first meeting there were a lot of questions. I am working on answering ALL of them. Some will be easier than others, some will take longer.

I will answer a couple of the issues brought up:

Holding Estate Sales:

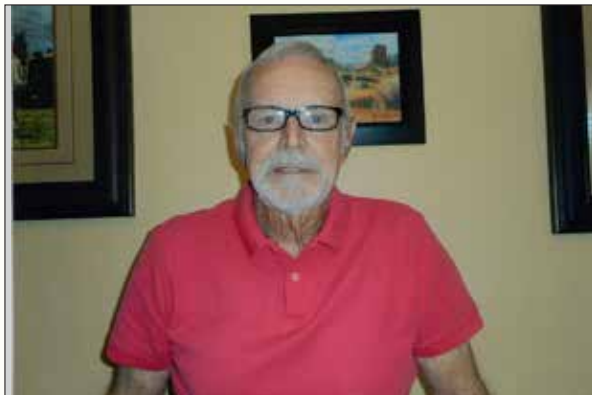
In the Homeowners' Association Rules as approved 9/9/2021, on page 16, Estate Sales have been allowed since 1/17/2017. You can see the guidelines on page 16. Since I do not have enough space to go into any details you will have to read them yourselves. It says that the owners will need to complete an Estate Sale Request Form. Exhibit 4 is not this form, so you will need to get a form at the front desk.

Parking RVs in front of home:

In the CC&Rs, page 32, Article 4.19, Trucks, Trailers, Campers and Boats, it states that the temporary parking of a certain vehicles on the concrete driveway of a Unit or on a street cannot be for more than 24 hours. To change something in the CC&Rs involves more work. Since the CC&Rs are from 2007, more time than 24 hours could be needed 14 years later. I will be contacting the Sun City Mesquite RV Club to discuss this to find out what the club's thoughts are and see if they would be willing to work on this if a change to the CC&Rs is needed.

I have more to tell you, but since my space is limited, please make sure to attend my next meeting in January.

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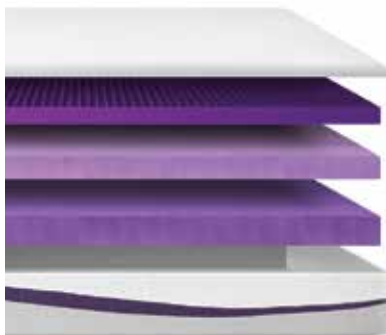
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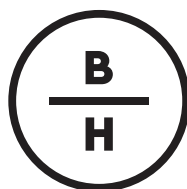
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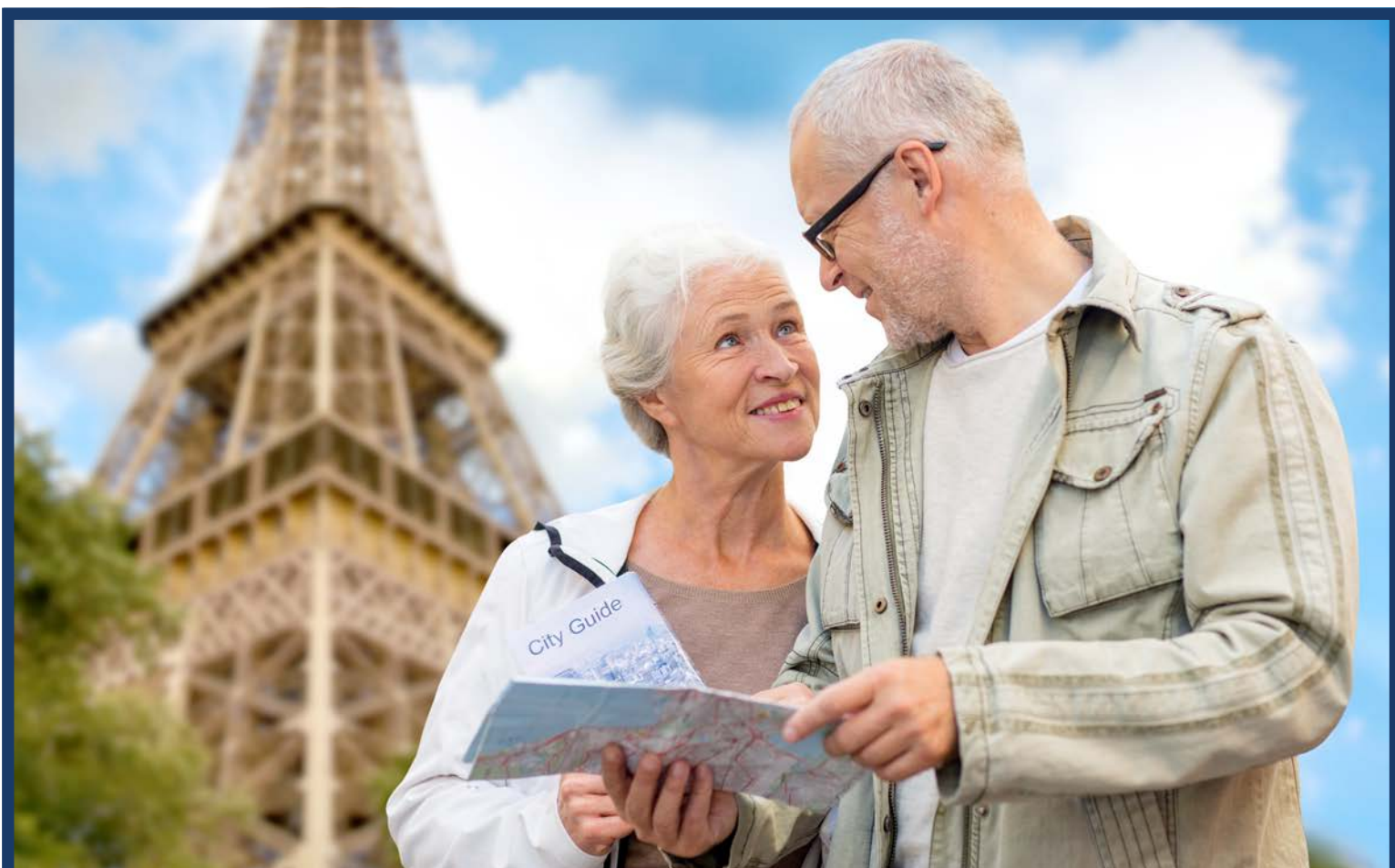
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