



**May 2022**

**Upcoming Events**

## Pizza Party and Dance

When the moon hits your eyes like a big pizza pie, that's amore (love in Italian).

When you dance down the street with a cloud at your feet, you're in love.

Love pizza? Love dancing? Come enjoy a pizza and dance party in the Veterans Memorial Hall at the Pioneer Center on Thursday, May 12. The party begins at 5 p.m. where pizza, salad and dessert will be served all for \$11.

The 1880 will be hosting a cash bar.

Music by Off the Rails; featuring John Maystadt, Al Vysinka and Jim Blanco. They will perform from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Call the Pioneer Center to sign up at 702-346-6006.



## FlyOver Las Vegas

Is it time for you to fly?

FlyOver Las Vegas is the newest attraction to takeoff, literally.

Adventure to Iceland, the land of fire and ice and experience the real Wild West without leaving the Las Vegas strip. Buckle into your seat as you soar over volcanos, glaciers, and iconic locations like the depths of the Grand Canyon and sparkling blue Lake Tahoe.

Feel the wind and mist and smell the scents of nature all on a 52.5 foot wraparound screen. The full motion seats are engineered to give the full meaning of flight.

The "flyover" experience comprises of two movies and a drink at the Lost Cactus Bar for an incredible price of \$86. You will have time for lunch on your own. The bus leaves the Pioneer Center at 8:30 a.m.

Come feel the magic of flight with immersive technology that simulates the full meaning of what it is like to fly.

Call the front desk to sign up for this "flying" experience, at 702-346-6006.



\*\*\*May 5 and 19\*\*\*  
ARC Meeting Dates

May 2  
Mystere by Cirque Du Soleil  
Treasure Island

Blue Man Group  
The Luxor

May 4  
Viking River Cruise by  
Murdock Columbus

May 8  
Mother's Day Reception

May 12  
Pizza Party and Dance

May 18  
Rod Stewart  
Caesar's Las Vegas

May 20  
Ice Cream Social

May 20  
Colson Connects  
Larry Colson BOD

May 23  
Bingo

May 24  
Fly Over Las Vegas  
Virtual Trip to Iceland and  
Wild West

May 26  
Understanding Medicare  
Physicians Mutual

May 28 Early Voting  
Pioneer Center

May 30  
Memorial Day

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

A message from your  
Lifestyle Director  
Deborah Demos

## Critter Corner: Help the Animal Shelter Help You

What an incredible month April was. It was complete with our Country and Western Hoedown with our very own Sun City residents playing their hearts out for us. Huge appreciation to The Black Mountain Band.

May 2 we will be taking one bus for two Cirque du Soleil shows. Mystere and Blue Man group. The choice is yours. We have a minimum to meet for passengers on the bus. This is one concept that helps us ascertain the number of minimum people.

May is for moms. Come up to the Pioneer Center on Mother's Day for a reception between 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. We appreciate all our Sun City mothers and grandmothers. If you are an aunt to a niece or anyone else, come and enjoy delicious refreshments. No need to sign up.

"Do Ya Think I'm Sexy", "You're in My Heart", "The First Cut Is the Deepest". Do these 70's song titles sound familiar? Rod Stewart is an iconic British singer and songwriter who is known for his raspy voice. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime concert. Talk to your friends and get a group of your gal pals together on May 18. It will sure be a concert to be remembered.

Todd Walker will be here on Thursday, May 26 at 9:30 a.m. to present "Understanding Medicare." Everything you need to know about new changes. There will be a Q and A afterwards.

We will offer early voting for the Primaries at the Pioneer Center on Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Beat the crowd and cast your vote early.

Take me out to the ball game on Wednesday, June 1 when the Las Vegas Aviators take on the Sacramento River Cats. Tickets will be \$60 which includes round trip bus transportation and ticket to the game.

For additional information on any of these activities and events please refer to your Thursday Pioneer Press or call the front desk at 702-346-6006.

The Mesquite city Animal Shelter is a place that both serves the community and is served by the community. Its four animal control officers work to find and rescue stray dogs and cats. They help residents with the occasional snake, or sometimes a bat that flies into a house thinking it's a cave.

But the shelter is also much more. It's the go-to source for pet adoption in Mesquite. Last year, the shelter found new homes for 161 dogs, 89 cats, seven guinea pigs, eight rabbits, five chickens, a ferret and a bird. And that work couldn't be done without community support.

The biggest element of support is in the form of some 40 community volunteers, including Sun City residents, who work assigned shifts to keep the dogs and cats clean and happy while they wait for adoption. In addition, community residents have been crucial in supporting the shelter financially. Much of the infrastructure at the shelter has been made possible by individual donations.

Jeanne Migliozi, a 16-year volunteer, says some Sun City residents make regular periodic donations to the shelter, seeing it as a primary charity recipient in their giving plans. On a recent day, Jeanne and fellow volunteers Carol McNeil and Elaine Rebele (a Sun City resident) were playing with the cats, talking with the dogs, cleaning inside and out facilities, and being available to help with adoptions.

The shelter's adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and 1p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. Animals available for adoption can be seen on the city website (search for "Mesquite NV Animal Shelter"). And the cost of adoption is \$60 for dogs, \$40 for cats. See more information on the website. Or call: 702-346-5268. To donate, send your check to Friends of Mesquite Animal Shelter, 695 Mayan Circle, Mesquite, NV, 89027.

The dogs say "Thank You." The cats say what they please.



## In the Spotlight: Sue and Mac McPherson

Sue and Mac were raised in the small Ohio Valley Appalachian foothills towns of Bellaire and Bridgeport, famous for coal mining and steel mills.

In high school, Mac accepted Sue's invitation to a Sadie Hawkins day dance. After high school, Mac joined the U.S. Air Force. They met again three years later at a nightspot. After Sue graduated, they decided to marry. Mac had requested a transfer overseas prior to their decision and his request unexpectedly came through. They had no chance to prepare for a big wedding so they had a family wedding a few days before the transfer. Sue studied at the Ohio General Hospital School of Radiology specializing in Mammography and Quality Management. Mac studied accounting at Wheeling Jesuit College, then attended Central Michigan University for his Masters.

Sue worked at the American College of Radiology helping mammography facilities achieve accreditation. She has also worked for Kaiser Permanente as Mammography Manager.

Mac worked as a Procurement Analyst for the Department of Defense. In the Air Force he was a Canine Handler for the base perimeter patrol.

They are parents of three girls and a boy. They have fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. They will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 2024.

They chose Mesquite because there are no state taxes, no snow and it's a small town.

Mac enjoys playing guitar, long distance bike riding, and hiking. He has been to Coeur d'Alene and the Hiawatha Trail in Idaho and the Katy Trail in Missouri. He plays Americana music with his group, "Jan and Mac," at the Pioneer Center.

Sue is active in the Mesquite Fine Art Gallery Photographic Society and will be part of a photo exhibit there in May. She does Clogging and Tap dancing with the "Mesquite Lifelong Dancers."

She decided to take photography classes after taking disappointing pictures in Italy. She's visited Iceland on a photo trip and will be going to Canada in September.

Sue and Mac have a favorite vacation: a guided van tour of Yellowstone National Park



## Butterfinger Extasy Cake!



### INGREDIENTS

1 box yellow cake mix (eggs, oil water)  
 1 crushed king size Butterfinger bar  
 1 small 14oz can sweetened condensed milk  
 1-12.25 jar caramel syrup  
 16 oz heavy whipping cream  
 1/3 cup powdered sugar

### Instructions

Prepare your cake mix as directed on box.

Once your cake is cooked, poke several holes in the top of the cake with the end of a spoon.

Let your cake cool for 30 minutes.

Mix together sweetened condensed milk and caramel sauce and pour over cake and into your holes.

Now using a hand mixer, beat heavy whipping cream in a mixing bowl for several minutes until it starts to thicken.

Once heaving whipping cream thickens, add in powdered sugar and beat for another several minutes.

Spread your whipped cream over cake with a spatula.

Top off with your crushed Butterfinger, slice and enjoy!





## Business of the Month: The Movies Come Back to Mesquite

The flicks are back, and Mesquite's Megaplex Theatre wants to welcome you! It's all here: six big-screen theaters, six film choices always offering variety, the popcorn you love, the recliner seats, and that ice-cold blast in summer. Not to mention the Tuesday special!

Covid-19 was tough on the movies. At one point, the Mesquite theater fell all the way back to just serving popcorn and sodas on the street: no movie, just the accoutrements and your imagination. But now Mesquite's theaters are open again, without reserve and without masks.

"It's a different experience from your home screen monitor," says Tammy Price, Megaplex events manager. "You don't have to worry that you're not washing the dishes. It takes you away from the world for a couple of hours."

On most days, matinee films start at 11 a.m. with a ticket price of \$8.45. After 6 p.m. the price is \$10.95.

But never on Tuesday! On "Five Dollar Tuesdays," all day and night, the price is just ... you guessed it: \$5.55! (Still a bargain after taxes and inflation.)

To see what's playing and even to buy your reserved seat, you can go online to [megaplextheatres.com](http://megaplextheatres.com) and hit the "Mesquite" button. (It's under "Change Location" – Mesquite is the southern-most facility in a Utah-based chain.)

Or you can just show up at 749 W. Mesquite Blvd. Don't be confused that the sign on the building still says "Stadium 6" from a previous owner. Questions? Call the theater at (702) 346-8552.

There are also group rates, plus the theaters can be specially rented for special events like family reunions and anniversaries. There can even be the option of getting the movie of your choice for special events.

Sun City Mesquite is looking into putting together special group movie nights, so watch for announcements. "Casablanca," anyone?

## 2022 Springs Preserve And Country and Western Hoe Down



## History of Mesquite: The Naming of Mesquite

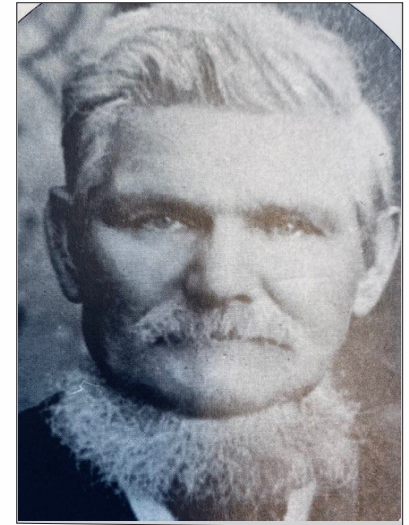
As you drive the streets of Mesquite, the names of the early settlers are evident.

Who were these people?

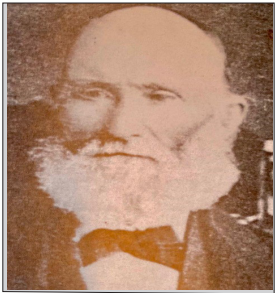
The Pulsiphers came to Mesquite in the 1890s, and the street by the Oasis carries their name. Then it was a dirt track leading to their adobe home. The Pulsiphers grew cotton, sugar cane, and wheat. To supplement their income, they would lure wild horses into a side-canyon (or pocket) in the narrows.

Leavitt Lane, intersects Pulsipher Street and was named after the large Leavitt family who were dairymen. Hafen Street, an extension of Sandhill, honors a mining family. The Hardy's were known for their musical ability.

Bunkerville was coined by Brigham Young. Young commissioned Edward Bunker Sr. to start a settlement near Mesquit Flats. Bertha Howe, the first nurse in the area, was on call 24/7 for 30 years caring and curing the ailments of the people in town. She helped stock the first hospital.



The only source of water, the Virgin River, was not named by the Spaniards to honor Virgin Mary. Jedediah Smith, the explorer and trader, dubbed it the Adams River after the President in the 1820s. In the 1840s, John Fremont renamed it the Rio Virgenes, after a member of the Smith Party who was injured on the river. Whatever the case, the river and the mountains are now called The Virgins.



Mesquit Flats, the original moniker of our town, derived from the tree. When the post office came, they decided that Mesquite was better. It was a common practice to rename a town, if "they" considered the name was too long, not euphonious, or was spelled strangely.

When you see these street and place names, you have an idea of who came before us and how they lived at the turn of the last century.

## Welcome New Residents

Terry and Annie Merritt  
Ken Muir  
Peter and Wendy Jensen  
Lori and Phil Miller  
Bruce and Cynthia Eskenazi  
Leesa Schultz  
Ray and Shelly Ward  
Sterling and Christine Drage  
Alan and Terri Packham  
Charles and Karen Roberson  
Helen Hom  
Mike and Lori Patalano  
Frank and Ginnean Ferraro  
Margaret Hale  
Barb Warren  
Mark and Channon Taylor  
Ron and Sue Bailey

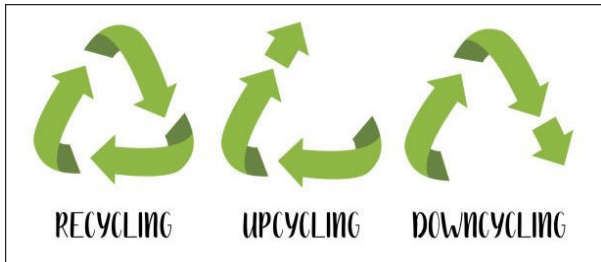
Philipsburg, MT  
Las Vegas, NV  
Idaho Falls, ID  
Brighton, CO  
Lake Forest, CA  
Las Vegas, NV  
Battle Ground, USA  
UT  
Ogden, UT  
Lincoln, CA  
Alameda, CA  
Lakewood, CA  
Salida, CO  
Desert Hot Springs, CA  
CO  
Herriman, UT  
Ivins, UT

Henry and Kathy Beeson  
Kathy Bangerter  
Sandi Roberts  
Tracy and Debbie Findlay  
Marcia and Kriss Sweat  
Rob and Kris Holeman  
Jerry and Karen Apple  
Kay Kiser  
Rick and Patricia Prescott  
Spencer and Sominee Apple  
Bill and Marene Westfall  
Jim and Dolores Pryor  
John and Debby Wasky  
Lee and Lynda Foreman  
Debi Squires and Dee Sneegas  
Andy and Dorothy Engdahl

The Dalles, OR  
West Jordan, UT  
Fallbrook, CA  
WA  
Wallsburg, UT  
Sedona, AZ  
Herring, CO  
CO  
Oceanside, CA  
Las Vegas, NV  
Mesquite, NV  
Blacksburg, VA  
Juneau, AK  
CA  
Redding, CA



## Gardening - Upcycling, Recycling, Downcycling - What is the Difference?



Not all “recycling” is created equal. There are actually three types of recycling that are effective at renewing the value and quality of the material.

Generally defined; upcycling raises the quality, recycling keeps it on the same level and downcycling lowers the quality.

The common term is cycling, keeping things in a circle. However, these cycling methods work in a spiral, either upwards or downwards. Let's explain:

Upcycling changes the material into something of a greater value. For example, plastic pouches from laundry detergent, dish soap or other plastic type pouches are made into tote bags and shopping bags. Although these plastic pouches can be recycled, they tend to end up in a landfill or if recycled they become a lower-grade plastic.

Recycling converts material into something of the same value. The process of recycling reduces the product down to a composting type of material in order to make something new out of the material. Metals, aluminum and glass recycle well and can be recycled many times.

Downcycling actually recycles material into a lower quality material which is used to create a lower-grade product. Examples of downcycling are high quality paper made into cardboard boxes then those same cardboard boxes made into toilet paper. Paper and plastics do not recycle well which really means they are downcycled instead.

What is to be learned? All types of recycling will help prolong the life of the material in various forms, which results in reducing the use of raw materials and potentially keeping them out of the landfill.

A wise old owl once said, give a hoot and don't pollute. So, renew, reuse and recycle today.  
Next month, Recycling in Mesquite: what and where.

## Conestoga Golf Club and 1880 Grille

### 1880 Grille

**No special events currently planned for May 2022. Remember: We are open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Don't forget to try our daily Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner offerings, and our weekly Mexican specials. Due to the high cost of beef, we are not currently offering the monthly Prime Rib Buffet.**

**Remember to mention that you are a Sun City resident to get a discount on your food items.**

**Reservations can be made at the 1880 Grille or by phone at 702- 346-4461.**

### Conestoga Golf Club

**Remember to make your SCM resident rate tee time online at [conestogagolf.com](http://conestogagolf.com) or call the golf shop at 702-346-4292. You can start your tee times beginning at 7 a.m. The fairways are in excellent condition, and the weather is just perfect to come and enjoy some great fun with family and friends.**

**Thank you for your continued support while we are making great things happen at the Conestoga.**

## Kokopelli seasonal irrigation schedule for turfgrass areas

Based on typical, average monthly temperatures and rain events. ET, or Evapotranspiration is the loss of water from a vegetative surface through the combined process of plant transpiration (the process of water loss in the form of water vapors into the atmosphere from the leaf surface and stems) and soil evaporation. Both environmental and biological factors affect ET, including solar radiation, temperature, atmospheric dryness, wind, and soil moisture. Calsense receives ET data and the system waters accordingly. However The ET data does not know or take into account the current moisture levels in the turfgrass areas which results in over-watering. The clay soils in Mesquite retain water like a sponge and rooting depth is shallow.

- September-October: Over-seeding of Bermuda with cool season Ryegrass will require multiple watering cycles for seed germination, and grow-in. ET set at 100%. In order to keep Ryegrass seed moist Turfgrass must be watered multiple times throughout the day resulting in wet, saturated turf.
- November-December-January-February-March: After over-seeded Ryegrass establishment, ET can be adjusted to 50% with irrigation start times set for dusk, with no watering during the day, except as needed for fertilizer applications. Watering should be done three-four times only during the seven day week, and only one run time except during unseasonably warm and windy periods where a second run time may be required just before dawn.
- April-May: Bermuda transition requires ET set at 100% with water running two times during the day to encourage Bermuda growth.
- June-July-August: with a 100% stand of Bermuda ET set at 100% watering seven days a week with all run times starting at dusk and a second run time starting at around 4:00 a.m.

- Landscape Committee

## Festivals and Events for May

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| April 29-May 1 | Virgin River Back to Mesquite Classic Car Show  |
| 6-7            | ACO (American Cornhole Organization) – Rising Star 9 a.m. on Friday, May 6 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 |
| 7              | Mesquite Days Parade  |
| 21             | Mesquite Open – Wolf Creek Golf Club  |
| 27             | Senior Expo – Virgin River Hotel and Casino, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.   |
| May 30-June 3  | Mesquite Amateur Championship, CasaBlanca Golf Club   |

Colson's Corner

I want to thank everyone who attended my meeting. The Finance Committee approved the request to replace lighting for the main waterfall landscape at a cost of \$ 5,115. 19 spotlights and 17 can lights will be replaced with new LED lighting. Heritage Electric of Mesquite will be doing the work. A request for additional Christmas Lighting along Falcon Ridge Parkway at a cost of \$3,685.00 was not approved.

Last month's newsletter I talked about the bid for seal coating our streets: Sun City \$231,763 now \$269,345.55 increase \$37,583  
Branding Iron \$21,460 now \$24,940.43 increase \$3,480.06  
These increases are due to the cost of petroleum based products.

For a number of years we have had issues with people speeding in the community. The speed limit on our streets is 25 MPH.

We have a cardboard recycle bin in our parking lot near the bocce ball courts. Please flatten all cardboard before putting in the bin, do not put anything on the ground around the bin. It will be emptied on Saturdays. If you find the bin full, notify John Davis at 702-346-6006 and he will have it emptied.

The board voted to approve a revision of Sun City Mesquite Homeowners Association Rules 6.6 Estate Sales. I want to thank homeowner Dana Lake-man for his work on this revision.



**2022 Board of Directors Meetings**

Tuesday, July 19 at 1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 18 at 5 p.m.

Annual Homeowner Meeting  
Wednesday, November 16 1:30 p.m.

\*Dates are subject to change

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