



# Sun City Mesquite *Times*

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**April 2022**

## Country Western Hoedown!

**Back Ain't It Funny How Time Slips Away?**

**It's been two long years! But now, finally! It's time for another Sun City Dinner Dance!**

**Thursday evening, April 21, from 5 p.m. till whenever. It's the Country Western Hoedown, featuring our own Black Mountain Band. There'll be BBQ aplenty! All for just \$23 per person.**

**Time to eat, drink, sing and swing! Time for Honky-Tonky Blues!**

**Time for all our Achy Breaky Hearts to make themselves Crazy for Cryin' and Crazy for Tryin'.**

**Yes – Twenty-four months later, we need a big slug of Somebody-Did-Somebody-Wrong songs. Here's your chance!**

**The last dinner dance at the Pioneer Center was the Sweethearts Dance in February, 2020. And then in March, the Ribbon of Darkness came down: COVID-19. The Day the Music Died.**

**Talk about Desperado!**

**Now the Black Mountain Band will bring back the songs. Terry Bart and Roger Bird, both SCM residents. Along with John Blandi, Dan Erickson and Gene Gipsen. Laissez Rouler les Bons Temps!**

**So stop Countin' Flowers on the Wall! Go get some Red Roses for your Blue Lady!**

**Put on a White Sports Coat and a Pink Carnation. Go out Walkin' After Midnight, if you like.**

**You know that all this time, it's been Gentle on Your Mind, waiting to come back.**

**And when you hear lyrics like Could I Have This Dance for the Rest of My Life ... say Yes.**



## Upcoming Events

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

**April 6  
Medicare 101  
John Belnap**

**April 8  
Springs Preserve  
Las Vegas**

**April 15  
Piano Guys  
Tuacahn**

**April 15  
Monthly Meeting with  
Larry Colson**

**April 18  
Jan and Mac  
An hour of Americana  
Music**

**April 21  
Country and Western Party**

**April 23  
Larry the Cable Guy  
Tuacahn**

**April 25  
Bingo**

**April 27  
Corn Dog Day**

**April 29  
Ice Cream Social  
Sponsored By Karen Fielding  
ERA Brokers Consolidated**

**May 2  
Mystere by Cirque Du Soleil  
Treasure Island**

**Blue Man Group  
The Luxor**

**\*\*\*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: The Happy Bats of SCM

Sign up for Medicare 101. Jon Belnap with Medicare and Healthcare of Mesquite will be here on Wednesday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. to put Medicare into perspective and to get your questions answered. Be sure to write your questions down in advance and bring them with you.

We are taking a trip to Springs Preserve, Nevada Museum and Trader Joes on Friday, April 8. We leave Sun City at 8:30 a.m. We will spend three hours of leisure time at Springs Preserve and Nevada Museum. You'll have time to get lunch at Divine Café, their café with made from scratch, fresh food. We will depart the Springs Preserve at 1 p.m. and the last stop will be Trader Joes. Be sure to bring a small cooler if you want to purchase refrigerated or frozen food.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for HOA Board of Directors meeting on April 19 at 1:30 p.m. It will be held in the Veterans Memorial Hall at the Pioneer Center.

We have reserved Corndog Company Truck of Mesquite on Wednesday, April 27. This will be done on a pre-order basis. Please sign up and pre-pay at the front desk or by calling 702-346-6006. You will have a choice of a regular or large corndog. Price includes corndog, Oreo on a stick, baby bell cheese on a stick and choice of beverage. We will enroll 14 people every 15 minutes. You can choose your time.

Ice Cream Social for April will be on Friday, April 29 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Enjoy a strawberry or chocolate sundae.

Sign up today for a Cirque Du Soliel show on May 2. choose between Mystere or Blue Man Group. We are taking 1 bus for 2 shows. Mystere at Treasure Island is an exhilarating, vibrant show with colorful costumes. Blue Man Group is a creative use of music and art. You will be wowed with this phenomenal show at the Luxor.

The new “Batman” movie is out. As you might expect, it's all darkness, brooding and sinister threat. But why? What did bats ever do to deserve such a bad rap?

In real life, they cleanse the air of insects, including disease-bearing bugs. In fact, they consume half their weight every night in the bugs they eat. They mind their own business, sleeping during the day and hibernating for half the year. They take good care of their young, with moms suckling their “pups” for about a month before they learn to fly. What's not to like?

They're the only mammal that took to the air in flight. They swoop and swirl, with hairpin turns to make the Barron Red with envy. Their dexterous flight is made possible by their amazing wings, which are made of a fine and flexible membrane stretched between elongated fingers at the ends of their arms. In flight, they veer up, down and sideways with the suddenness of a high soprano aria. Why don't we think of joy?

Indeed, sound is key to bats. They maneuver the dusk and find their prey using frequency modulation. They emit as many as 200 calls per second, between 20 and 200 kHz (humans stop hearing above 20 kHz). Then the returning sound, called echolocation, tells them all they need to know about an insect's location, size, speed and direction. And we're afraid they're going to hit us?

The bats we see here in Sun City Mesquite are most likely little brown bats, *Myotis Lucifugis*. They dart about, silent to our ears. But with their superior hearing, maybe we should wonder if they're actually singing to themselves. Maybe a Roger Miller tune, like: “You can't roller-skate in a buffalo herd, but you can be happy if you want to!”





## In the Spotlight: Phoebe Miller and John Fassio

John Fassio and Phoebe Miller love living in Sun City Mesquite. They have met the nicest people here and participate in as many fun events as possible. They feel so lucky that they moved to the Oxen Ridge neighborhood and have the greatest neighbors.

John was born and raised in Salt Lake City, part of a large Italian family. He lived in the same house for the first 29 years of his life. Phoebe was born in upstate New York and has lived in many places across the United States, as her father relocated for his job, and eventually ended up in Salt Lake City. She attended at least 20 schools growing up.

In 1980, John and Phoebe were introduced by a mutual friend and dated on and off for the next 20 years. They were both busy with their careers—John a union mechanical insulator and Phoebe a Senior Client Manager for Fidelity Investments. Neither had been married but decided to take the plunge when John was 50 and Phoebe 47. They married in May of 2000 and retired in October of 2000. They had purchased a building lot in Mesquite years earlier, planning to build their forever home. After 16 years in the “forever” home, they discovered it was too big and the one-acre yard was really too big. So after much thought and discussion they decided to downsize and move to Sun City, not only for a smaller home but for the lifestyle.

They moved into their beautiful new home in Oxen Ridge in the “party zone.” From the very first day their neighbors have included them in many fun activities and are always there to help others. (Yay BPL!) Both Phoebe and John love to travel (especially cruises), walking, bingo and other activities at the Pioneer Center. John’s interests include fishing from his boat, riding his e-bike, puttering in the garage, and working out at the fitness center. Phoebe’s interests include reading, video poker, shopping and animal welfare. They are the proud parents of a beautiful black cat, Raven (LoveBug). She started life as a stray but is now a Sun City kitty.



## Springtime Spinach Salad



### INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggs
- 4 slices bacon
- 5 cups fresh spinach, rinsed and torn into bite-size pieces
- ½ cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- ½ cup thinly sliced onion
- 1 kiwi, sliced
- ½ mandarin orange, peeled and segmented
- ¼ cup ketchup
- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- ½ teaspoon spicy brown mustard
- 1 dash garlic powder
- salt and pepper to taste

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Step 1** Place the eggs in a saucepan with enough cold water to cover. Bring to a boil and immediately remove from heat. Cover, and let eggs stand in hot water for 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from hot water and cool. Peel, chop, and set aside.

**Step 2** Cook the bacon in a skillet over medium high heat until crisp and evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside.

**Step 3** In a large bowl, toss together the eggs, bacon, spinach, mushrooms, strawberries, onion, kiwi, and orange.

**Step 4** In a separate bowl, mix the ketchup, water, olive oil, brown sugar, cider vinegar, and brown mustard. Season with garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Pour over the salad mixture, and top the salad with croutons.



## Business of the Month: Juniper Outpost



Entering Juniper Outpost, a brand-new store tucked away in suite 114 in Mesquite Plaza, is a treat for the senses. This gift shop, boutique and “gallery,” with its muted lighting and fun displays, promises a unique shopping experience. Be surprised by the stuff of dreams --“common stuff” is nowhere to be found.

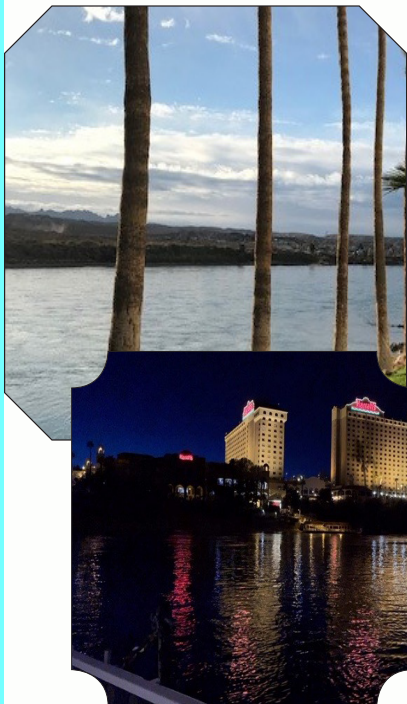
Founder Charlotte Sirianni and manager Caity Miller describe their store as a shopping experience where folks can find “that something special.” Electricity seemingly pops through their minds as they describe their vision of the store and the opportunities it offers Mesquite shoppers. Both view Juniper Outpost as a gathering place where everyone can locate extraordinary articles. Best of all, the owners are focusing on merchandise that is locally created, or from women-owned businesses in the US.

Items ranging from a “found-wood” box waiting to hide a treasure to a hand-painted hummingbird feeder to grace your backyard rest on kiosks and shelves. Colorful hand-beaded jewelry, painted denim skirts and tiny carved hedgehogs are just waiting to go home with you. The back racks are filled with cute onesies, sweatshirts with tattoo-type designs and custom jackets. Explore the displays and hidden corners to find hats, bags, cozy shawls, scented candles, quilts, pillows, hand towels, puzzles and more, all artfully designed for your pleasure.

Come in now to celebrate their month-long Grand Opening. Come back often to see their changing stock. Plan to attend the Chamber of Commerce, CasaBlanca Fashion Luncheon on April 16, where Juniper Outpost will be hosting and showcasing their brand of fashion. Excitement abounds at the Juniper Outpost.



## 2022 Laughlin, Shamrock Hunt, Pie Day and Bingo





## History of Mesquite: The Rock House—Sun City circa 1880

In the early 1880s, the Rock House, the first house in Mesquite Flats, was built. The unnamed pioneer who built it used local rocks, clay, sand and mesquite wood since the nearest supplies were 80 miles away in Pine Valley, Utah and were far too costly.

The rocks came from Linge Hill (now the site of Virgin Valley High School) and were laid like bricks, bound together with clay and sand. The roof was thatched, and it had a length of cloth underneath it that acted as a ceiling and caught falling debris. The fireplace was equipped with pot hooks and served as a cooker and heater. Twenty-inch-thick rock walls provided insulation for hot summer days and cold winter nights.

There is no record of who that builder was 140 years ago, but we know the Leavitt's lived there before 1900. Over the years, each family made changes. The Sprague's added a chicken coop and a corral for cows. The Hannig's installed a finished wood floor and protected it with straw and a braided rag rug. Other modifications included a lean-to, a larger corral, a kitchen garden, two bedrooms and electricity. A metal roof replaced the thatched roof. Fifty years ago, James Bowler finally added an indoor bathroom and a laundry room. He also replaced the wooden floors with concrete.



From 1884 to 2003, the Rock House survived the feet of many families who made a living in our desert town. The city of Mesquite now owns the Rock House and maintains it to showcase how rugged and clever the early pioneers were. You can find the Rock House at East First North Street and Willow Avenue in Mesquite.

## Welcome New Residents

Carl Kiepe Jr.  
Catherine Bland  
Ann and Frank  
Sara and Rod Omlid  
Julie and Pat Eilers  
Barbara Eabert and Edward Barr  
Kristine and Phil Bernal  
Traci Colwell  
Candy White and Terry Swain  
Sandra and Michael Bowdish  
Paul Crandall  
Jeannette and Mark Petersen  
Jana and Karl Levine  
Karla and Bill Lubinski  
Jan Holman

Mount Vernon, WA  
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Montrose, CO  
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Roger and Eileen Stoneking Casper, WY  
Ron and Karen Vandewiel IL  
Jimmy and Ellen Snyder Dixon, CA  
Bill and Jeri Borton - Vancouver, WA  
Lenore and Philip Smith - MI and OH  
Richard and Elizagbeth Vadnais Olympia, WA  
Gabriele and Gerald Stamler Oak Harbor, WA  
Tim and Miya Bowman Lancaster, CA  
Gorm and Lee Ann Heim Mueller Riverton, UT

## Gardening - Garden Tools: A Checklist for Container and Backyard



Did you move and leave the rake, spade and clippers behind? Wondering what is needed to do the simple landscaping chores, container gardening or growing a larger garden? There are 12 essential tools for every gardener; five for the everyday gardener and seven more for larger landscapes and gardens.

The hand trowel is the go to multi-tool for digging, removing weeds and planting. A sturdy trowel made of steel with an anti-slip rubber handle is the best choice.

Gloves protect against blisters, abrasion and thorns as well as keeping hands clean. Purchase a pair of all purpose gloves with nitrile coating and cuffs to cover your wrists.

Bypass pruners are best for cutting flowers and vegetables. There are models for left and right handed gardeners.

A sturdy watering can made of durable plastic or galvanized steel is necessary. The best choice has at least one gallon capacity and easy to carry when full.

Spray bottles come in handy for moistening seedlings and for plants that prefer humidity. Select one with an adjustable nozzle.

Anvil pruners and loppers are used to cut through thicker branches and dead twigs.

Shovels and rakes are needed for larger gardening projects. Those with fiberglass handles are more durable than wooden handles.

Cultivators are essential for loosening soil and removing weeds. The hula hoe makes weeding an effortless task.

Garden hoses with watering wands can reach and spray every area. Store hoses coiled up and out of direct sunlight.

A wheelbarrow is for the big jobs. Sturdily built with large tires holds up to heavy use.

Using the right gardening tool will enhance any gardening experience. Having a green thumb makes it even more enjoyable.

## Conestoga Golf Club and 1880 Grille

### 1880 Grille

**No special events for April 2022. Don't forget we are open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. We invite you to try our new Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner offerings, and our weekly Mexican special.**

**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

**You can start your tee times beginning at 7 a.m. 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. 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.**

## Sun City Clubs: Paper N Pixels

This club was started in 2010 by Priscilla Steelman and Kathy Legan. It currently has approximately 40 members and has an attendance of 10-15 members at each meeting.

The monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday and last from two to two and one-half hours. New members are welcome but should contact the club prior to coming in order to get the materials necessary to complete the current project. Anyone who wishes to become a member should contact the club's secretary, Marilyn Weiss, through her email [mrlnweiss@gmail.com](mailto:mrlnweiss@gmail.com) or by phone at 303-589-4891. There is no payment needed to join the club.

Every meeting starts with members sharing news about any crafts they may be working on, including items not directly related to Papers n Pixels. They then distribute the materials needed start to working on the project that was pictured in the monthly newsletter. Even though everyone will be working on the same individual project, they all are allowed to arrive at the final product using their own creativity or personal style.

The members are encouraged to share items they are no longer using with other members who might need them.

The club creates cards for various charities. For "Operation Write Home" they created cards for soldiers on overseas duty. They have also created cards for seniors at local care centers such as Mesa Valley Estates and Beehive Homes.

Among the other interests of club members there is Mixed Media Art, Photoshop and almost any artistic endeavor.

Club President Clareene Forbes and Vice President Priss Steelman are welcoming to anyone who wishes to join and are very proud of their club and their achievements. If you wish to see some of their works in person, they have a display in one of the windows outside the craft room across from the Veterans Memorial Hall.



## Festivals and Events for April

April 1, 2, & 3	8 a.m. – 1 p.m. all three days, Wild West Breakfast Horseback Ride, Moapa Valley
April 2	1-4 p.m. Movie Matinee for Adults, Las Vegas-Clark County Library, Mesquite
April 5	10-11 a.m. Mesquite Book Club, Las Vegas-Clark County Library, Mesquite
April 6	5:30-6:30 p.m. Virgin Valley History Series, Las Vegas-Clark County Library, Mesquite
April 14	11 a.m. – Noon Mesquite Mystery Book Club, Las Vegas-Clark County Library, Mesquite
April 29	10 a.m. Blood Drive, City of Mesquite Recreation Center

## Colson's Corner

I want to thank everyone who came to my meeting in March and listened in on the call. In March, the Finance Committee approved the following:

1. New landscaping for Hickory Wind Entry in the amount of \$7,620 to Kokopelli Landscaping. The money will come out of the Reserve Account.
2. Repair the lower side of the walking path in Pulsifer Wash in the amount of \$2,958.40 to Kokopelli Landscaping. There was some discussion on who should pay for this project, the Declarant or the HOA. The HOA board will work that out later – it needs to be repaired now.
3. Replace the Walking Track Lighting at the Pioneer Center at a cost of \$2,204.49 to Heritage Electric. They will replace 14 units with new LED lighting. The money will come out of the Reserve Account. This is part of ongoing lighting replacement and improvement in the Center.
4. Seal Coating Sun City Mesquite at cost of \$231,763 to Holbrook Asphalt Company. This money will come out of the Reserve Account.
5. Seal Coating for Branding Iron at a cost of \$21,460 to Holbrook Asphalt Company. The money will come out of the Reserve Account.
6. HVAC annual inspections at cost of \$3,420 to Silverado Mechanical.

Bill Burt, the President of the Table Tennis Club, sent an email that the club needed to replace a broken table and asking what was the best way to do that? I referred the question to Phil Crapo, our General Manager. The new table should arrive by March 19th, at cost a of \$525.

I have been getting questions about water running down our streets. This could be from over-watering or a broken pipe or sprinkler. Take a picture of the problem and send an email to John Davis at john.davis@seabreezemgmt.com and cc Phil Crapo at philip.crapo@seabreezemgmt.com. Give the location, date and time of the problem.



## 2022 Board of Directors Meetings

Tuesday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m.  
 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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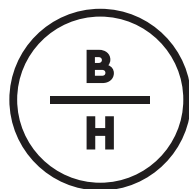
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