



# Sun City Mesquite *Times*

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**January 2024**

## Are You a Chef or a Taster?

The annual Chili Cook Off is on Wednesday, January 31 at noon. Sign up now to be the Chef or a Taster at the front desk or call 702 346-6006. The deadline for the Chefs is Wednesday, January 24 and as a chef you and yours get a free lunch too. Guests may be added on Wednesday, January 17 with their usual pass fees plus the \$7 charge for lunch.

All Chefs must have their Chili at the Pioneer Center by 11:30 a.m. Spoons, cups, tables and more will be available for the Tasters. The \$7 lunch will include hot dogs with all the fixings, cole slaw, dessert and a beverage.

The origins of Chili are still debated, and the correct answer is unclear. It is thought it was brought to the US via the Canary Islands emigrants from Spain in the 17th century to what is now known as San Antonio. They called it the spicy 'Spanish' stew. Any type of locally found meat and chilies have been used over time.

Texas claims to be the center of Chili including the first Chili Cook Off Championship at the Texas State Fair in 1952. The first can of Chili was made in 1921 in Corsicana, Texas by Lyman T. Davis and was named after his dog, Wolf. The Wolf Brand Chili label still has a picture of a wolf to this day. Of course, the biggest decision is beans or no beans!



## Upcoming Events

\*\*\*January 4 and 18\*\*\*  
ARC Meeting Dates

January 1  
Pioneer Center Open

January 3  
Quality Aging through  
Fitness by Dave Z

January 10  
Quality Aging through  
Nutrition by Dave Z

January 14  
Frankie Valli  
Westgate in Las Vegas

January 16  
Board of Directors Meeting

January 17  
Lunch and Learn  
St George Eye Center

January 19  
Charter Club Night

January 24  
"O" Cirkque du Soleil  
Bellagio in Las Vegas

January 25  
Mayor Forum

January 25  
Adam Tucker  
Vegas Jukebox

January 27  
Early Voting  
Pioneer Center

January 29  
Bingo

January 31  
Chili Cook Off

\*\*\*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

## Something for Everybody -Mesquite Trails RV Resort

Happy New Year Sun City Mesquite. Can you believe it's 2024? This past year was incredibly busy with fun filled trips and events. Thank you all for your participation and involvement.

Our next Homeowners Association Board of Directors meeting is on Tuesday, January 16 at 5 p.m. Agenda's will be available before the meeting at the front table in front of the Veterans Memorial Hall.

Wednesday, January 17, at noon, St. George Eye Care Center will be here to talk about eye health and common problems such as droopy eye lids, cataracts, glaucoma to name a few. A complimentary light lunch will be provided.

On Friday, January 19 we invite all of you to attend our Chartered Club Night so you get familiar with clubs you may want to participate in. We will have light appetizers and a cash bar.

We will have early voting at the Pioneer Center for the Presidential Preference Primary on Saturday, January 27. Tuesday, February 6 will be voting for the Presidential Preference Primary. This will be a convenience for Sun City residents.

We have already had inquiries about our next community garage sale. It will be on Saturday, March 16.

From the songbook of Johnny Cash comes Ring of Fire on July 23 at Tuacahn's Hafen indoor theater. A unique musical about love and faith, struggle, and success. This musical is one not to be missed. Sign up early to reserve your seat. \$93 per person includes round trip transportation and a ticket to the show.

Jersey Boys is an international musical phenomenon. A Tony Award musical that will leave you singing these iconic songs in your sleep; Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Can't Take my Eyes Off You, My Eye's Adored You, Dawn, and many more. The show will include great characters and excellent story telling along with the struggles of fame, family, and money. \$102 per person includes round trip bus transportation and ticket to the show.

For more information, call the front desk 702-346-6006 or refer to your community website or weekly Pioneer Press.

**Mesquite Trails RV Resort, our community's newest RV park, welcomed its first guest on July 18. Since then, both overnight and extended stay visitors from across the country have taken advantage of the beautiful campground facilities and its proximity to all the great activities Mesquite and surrounding areas offer.**

**The park is a perfect place to suggest to friends or family members who may be traveling to Mesquite by RV. It is just under three miles from the Sun City Mesquite Pioneer Center and is located at 1225 W. Hafen Lane, right off the north-bound US 15, Exit 120. The facility has 193 full hookup sites and offers current amenities such as a community room, free WI-FI, laundry facilities, showers, and both a dog park and dog wash area.**

**In 2024, the park will add pickleball courts, a swimming pool, and an event center that will be open to RVers and their guests. Various reasonable pricing structures are available for day, group, tournament, and 30-day visitors. Additional discounts are available through various partner organizations such as Good Sam and for military, veterans, first responders and K-12 educators. Several spots are also available for off-season storage.**

**Managers Missy and Dave Schlotfeldt want to make all their guests feel welcome by "building a sense of community while they are with us." They hosted a Thanksgiving potluck dinner and found that their greatest joy "is when we see people out and having fun." The Schlotfeldt's are excited for the grand opening of the park's new event center when Renegade RV hosts a 3-day Boot Camp there from March 11-15, 2024. The event is already sold out.**

**To learn more about the park, check out their website: [www.mesquitetrailsrvresort.com](http://www.mesquitetrailsrvresort.com)**



# In the Spotlight: Ayelet Danino & Barry Resnick

## Taco Soup

Ayelet (pronounced “I Yell It”) was born in Israel and came to the U.S. as a teenager. She is a professionally trained chef who graduated from Kendall Culinary College in Chicago and started working as a chef for The Ritz-Carlton and The Montage in Deer Valley, UT. She professes her strength is in pastry but has done savory as well. She started a catering business, but COVID put a kibosh on furthering that path. If you would like to be on her calendar for cooking classes, she requests that you text her at 847-366-4657 (please no emails!).



Barry was born and raised in Chicago, IL with a background in transportation planning, finance, and railroad operations.

The two met Christmas Eve, 2010, at a singles night club where over 2,000 people attended so I suppose fate dealt the hand that these two were destined to meet. Ironically, Christmas Eve is also their anniversary.

Ayelet and Barry settled in Mesquite after living in the ski lover’s paradise of Park City, UT for the previous four years. They immediately found the people to be warm and inviting. They found their final home in Mesquite after considering other options in Reno and Henderson.

Initially, in 2021, they rented in Mesquite. They eventually purchased a home in Sun City and moved into their gorgeous Preserve model in Crimson Ridge in June 2022.

Ayelet loves to read and naturally loves baking. Barry is somewhat of a “gym-rat,” a long-distance runner, loves to snow ski, is a former soccer player and has an interest in finance.

Ayelet has three sons, with one presently in the military stationed in Gaza. Barry has one boy, one girl and two granddaughters, ages three and five.

They love Scandinavia and plan on spending some of the summer in southern Spain and the winter in Polynesia.



### The Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- ½ red bell pepper, diced
- ½ green bell pepper, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp Taco Seasoning, or 1 packet of store-bought taco seasoning
- 16 oz can beans, drained (kidney or pinto)
- 1 cup corn, canned, fresh or frozen
- 1 1/2 cups tomatoes, diced, from about 1 lb fresh tomatoes
- 2 cups beef broth

### Instructions

In a Dutch oven, heat oil. Once hot, add the ground beef, onion, and bell peppers and sauté until the beef is browned, breaking it up with a spatula as you cook. Spoon out any excess fat.

Add garlic and 1 packet of Taco Seasoning, and stir for another minute.

Add beans, corn, tomatoes and broth. Bring to a boil then reduce the heat to low, cover, and keep at a simmer for 15 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper to taste, or add more taco seasoning.

Serve soup hot with your desired toppings.





## Sun City Residents who Rock! John Maystadt is our Rockstar

**John was born in Northwest Chicago, where he got to grow up with bands that developed in his area after the “British Invasion,” such as “The Ides of March,” “The American Breed,” and “The Buckingham.”**

**He began playing piano when he was six years old, but he stopped at 12. He was, however, musically inclined and followed “The Beatles” and “The Stones.” His tastes changed a bit and were influenced by “The Moody Blues,” “ELO,” “ELP,” “Pink Floyd,” “Yes” and “Genesis.”**

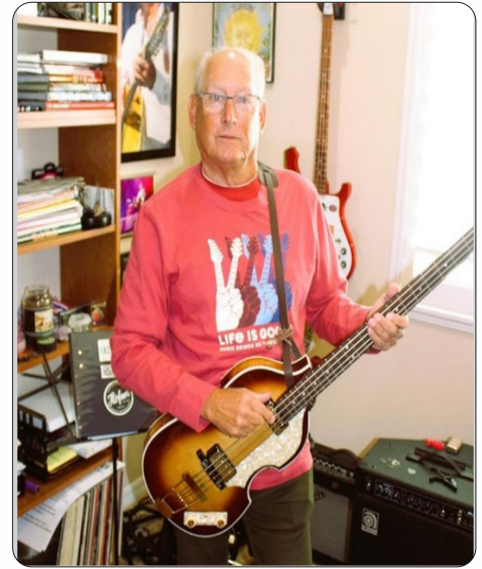
**When he first came to Sun City, he met fellow musicians Al Vysinka and Jim Blanco, who were also from Chicago. They began playing in the “Musicians Showcase” doing McCartney and Lennon.**

**Their group “Off the Rails” name came about because their conversations during practices always went back to their times in Chicago.**

**Every November, they perform a charity show featuring 60s and 70s songs at the Virgin Valley Theater because they want to give back to the community. Their most recent concert this November allowed them to donate more than \$1,000 to the food bank.**

**John has a “go to” bass guitar he got in 1975 for \$1! His Hofner Bass and Rickenbacker Bass are great guitars, and they are both McCartney style. He also has a black David Gilmour model Fender Stratocaster with a black pickguard.**

**John has a yen for golfing and photography. He did some volunteer photography for our Homeowners Association at the opening of our new pickleball courts. He was president of The Bocce Club and was a member of the hiking and bowling clubs. Being a perfectionist, he knows when he makes a mistake at concerts and feels bad until the audience members tell him how they were positively affected by his playing.**



## Message from Your Resident Board Member George Young

Did you know?

At least one outdoor hot tub will be open during the winter months.

Pool tables have been recovered in December 2023.

Club information is posted on the bulletin board adjacent to the fitness area. Information can also be found on the Sun City Mesquite website.

Lifestyle activities are very popular, be sure to sign up early. Contact the front desk for details or see the newsletter.

There is cardboard recycling in the parking lot. Be sure to flatten your boxes to maximize space in the container. Do not discard cardboard outside the container.

New pickleball courts off Falcon Ridge Parkway and Conestoga are open and walking paths are available.

If you need to contact George Young: [buzzard\\_84057@yahoo.com](mailto:buzzard_84057@yahoo.com)



## Sun City Club: Tattered Covered Book Club

**The Sun City Mesquite Tattered Covered Book Club was founded in 2008. The current reigning President is Paula Everist-Terry.**

**The meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 3 p.m. at the Pioneer Center. There are no dues, and anyone is welcome to join, whether a full-time or part-time resident. The Book Club has a calendar wherein you can sign up to be a monthly host, choose a book you would like to discuss and host at your home or the Pioneer Center. Some members download a book and read it that way ... whichever works for you!**

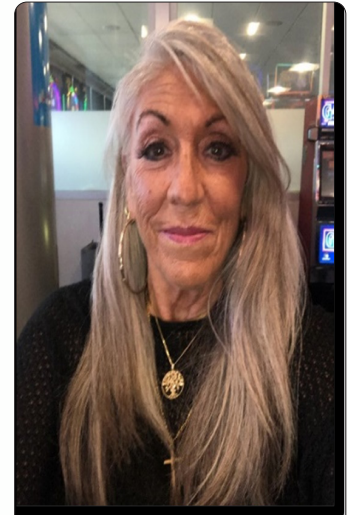
**The goal/purpose of the Book Club is to read as many books and authors as possible, focusing on a plethora of genres that can lead to good discussions.**

**The Sun City Mesquite Library is open to all residents on a pick-n-pull basis with no required check-in or return date. There are +/- 1,500 hard-bound books and 1,500 +/- paperback books. The library is run by Sharon Koos and called The Lovely Ladies of the Library. Sharon has garnered about nine volunteers who put all the books away twice a week from our Book Drop. All books coming in are cataloged by the author, then by title. The library has a system of weeding out obsolete books and donating them to local thrift stores.**

**Paula maintains a current rolling Book Club reading list. A master list of all books read is available to all members.**

**Sometimes, if a movie comes out that The Club believes would be interesting and enjoyable to members, Paula will organize a lunch and a movie outing for the group. For example, the movie Boys In The Boat is coming to Mesquite, and they will have a special social gathering when it arrives.**

**If you have any questions about The Book Club, please call Paula at 626-474-5719 or email her at [peveristterry49@gmail.com](mailto:peveristterry49@gmail.com).**



*Paula Everist-Terry, President*

## Welcome New Sun City Residents

John and Maggie Hammill

LeClaire, IA

Jim and Sherry Hulse

Park City, UT

Rob and Diana Norem

Bend, OR

Tim and Joan Snyder

Tehachapi, CA

George and Donna Fox

Billings, MO

Barbara Andersen

Mukilteo, WA

Doug Allington and Sandy Policichio

Auburn, WA

James and Paula Megenney

Palm Springs, CA

Troy and Nancy Brown

St George, UT



## Home Means Nevada

“Home Means Nevada” is not just a slogan, it is the state song. It was written in 1932 by Bertha Raffetto and adopted by the state legislature in 1933. Currently “Home Means Nevada” is found on Nevada license plates and used in art, business, and government.

Nevada is home to 3.144 million people according to the 2021 census, making it the nineteenth least populous state.

The state of Nevada is located in the western region of the United States. Nevada covers an area of approximately 110,567 square miles (the seventh largest state). The states of Idaho, Oregon, Utah, California, and Arizona share a border. Carson City is the state capital. The Colorado and Humboldt are important rivers. Lake Mead and Lake Tahoe are major recreation areas.

Nevada has three very distinct geographical regions; the Sierra Nevada mountain range, The Great Basin, and the Mojave Desert.

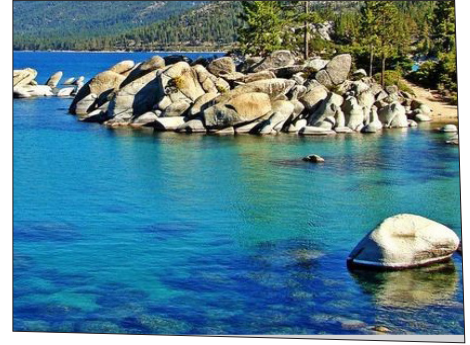
The Sierra Nevada has many rugged peaks and deep canyons formed from glaciers and erosion. Boundary Peak at 13,147 feet is the highest point in Nevada. The literal translation of Sierra Nevada is snowy mountains.

The Great Basin is comprised of high desert, rugged mountains and many basins and valleys. The most well know basin is Death Valley at 282 feet below sea level. Death Valley has recorded the hottest temperature of 134.1 degrees in July 1913.



The Mojave Desert’s topography can vary greatly from one location to another. There can be rocky cliffs, sandy dunes, and dry lake beds. It is also the home to Las Vegas, the largest city in Nevada and the 28th most populous city in the United States. Las Vegas is sometimes referred to as the ninth island because it is home to one of the largest populations of Native Hawaiians outside of Hawaii.

This is home, this is Nevada.



## Conestoga Golf Club and 1880 Grille

### 1880 Grille

The 1880 Grille’s operating hours for January 2024 are from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Call the Grille for reservations and for exceptional take-out service.

You won’t want to miss this, so be certain to make your reservations now for the January Sunday Supper. This delicious buffet on January 28, 2024 is only \$35 per person with a 6 p.m. seating. The buffet includes:

- Caesar salad with rolls and butter
- Twice baked potatoes
- Steamed vegetable medley
- Tuscan chicken
- Slow-roasted prime Rib with au jus and creamy horseradish
- Red velvet cake

### Conestoga Golf Club

The Conestoga Golf Course will have tee times available each day at 10 a.m. through January 2024, shotgun start only. Daily 10 a.m. shotgun starts will continue through mid-February 2024. Tee times can be made online at [conestogagolf.com](http://conestogagolf.com) or call the Golf Shop at 702-346-4292. During January, the Golf Shop hours will be from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.



## Critter Corner: Chuckwalla (genus *Sauromalus*)

The chuckwalla is one of the larger lizards making their home in Southern Nevada.

They can grow up to nine inches long and appear to be quite fat. However, chuckwallas have a lot of loose skin around their neck, shoulders and stomachs, which allow them to expand their body size when threatened.

They can slip into a rock crevice and inflate their lungs, making it extremely difficult for predators to grab hold and get them out. Known predators are coyotes, rattlesnakes and some raptors. Chuckwallas can also be adversely affected by parasites or mites.

Chuckwallas prefer scrubby desert areas with rocky hiding places. They like to spend their days alternating between basking on rocks in the sun and resting in the shade to regulate their body temperature. They have been known to hibernate in crevices and underground burrows during winter.

Chuckwallas are primarily herbivores and eat leaves and fruits from various plants. They prefer flower-heads and moist leaves and get most of the water they need from their diet.

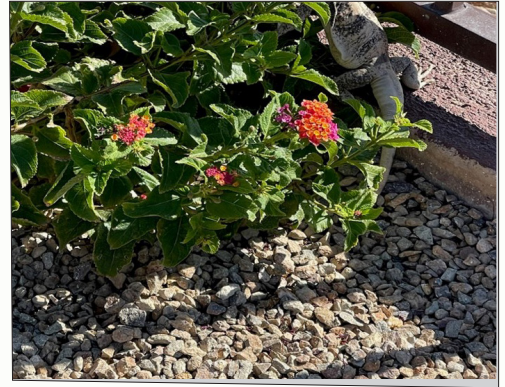
A chuckwalla's color depends on its location, mood, surroundings and temperature. Their tails are often a lighter shade than their body color.

Chuckwallas usually breed during the summer. The eggs are incubated in an underground nest until they hatch – around 35 days.

The hatchlings are immediately independent. The chuckwalla mother does not provide any type of care. Less than 40 percent of chuckwallas make it through their first year. After that risky first year, they are much more likely to survive.

In the wild, chuckwallas usually live to 15 years old but have been known to live 30 years. In captivity, they can live up to 65 years.

Nevada is the only state that allows breeding of chuckwallas, and some people keep them as pets.



## Mesquite Hot Air Balloon Festival

**You also don't want to miss January's next spectacular event in Mesquite, the Hot Air Balloon Festival. This annual event which began in 2012, will typically attract three dozen balloonists and thousands of viewers to see this spectacular display of balloons soaring into the Nevada skies.**

**The festival is scheduled to take place from January 26 - January 28, 2024. Weather permitting, the balloon launch will begin around 7:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. A crowd favorite takes place in the Casa Blanca parking area with a Night Glow Candlestick show on Friday and Saturday evenings. After the Night Glow, event goers may also enjoy live entertainment at the Skydome Lounge.**

**Both of these colorful and exciting events are free for viewing. See you there!!**





## Learn about Sun City Committees

The beauty of being retired is you can do what you want, when you want, where you want. While I don't advocate streaking down Falcon Ridge Parkway, perhaps you may want to go to some Sun City HOA committee meetings to see if you can! Or if you are so inclined maybe ask to join a committee to work on what our community will evolve into!

The Sun City HOA consists of a Board, and as homeowners we vote in one out of three members every other year. The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall direction of the community. It is empowered to designate committees to assist in managing the Association's business and affairs of the corporation. Sun City Mesquite currently has 6 designated committees for this purpose. Homeowners are encouraged to attend meetings and to serve on the Board of Directors and/or any of the following committees:

### Architectural

Representatives that serve as a control group to protect the aesthetic character of the residential areas in Sun City Mesquite. Meetings are not open to the public, however you can attend if your submitted item is up for discussion. This is to protect the privacy of our homeowners.

If you wish to join this committee, openings are posted in the weekly newsletter.

Meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Pioneer center.

Contact: [diane.ouellette@seabreezemgmt.com](mailto:diane.ouellette@seabreezemgmt.com)

### Communications

Committee members focus on awareness and communication. They produce the newsletter and various publications for the HOA.

Meet every 3rd Monday at 10 a.m. at the Pioneer Center.

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### Covenants

Committee members support the community standards in the CC&R's, Rules & Regulations, and Design Guidelines.

Meet quarterly, on the 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 10:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Center.

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### Finance

Committee members analyze and review the finances and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Meet every 2nd Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Pioneer Center.

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### Landscape

Committee members are committed to water conservation, preserving residents' property values, and landscape and environmental assets.

Meet every 2nd Monday at 8 a.m. at the Pioneer Center

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### Election

The Board of Directors consists of three members, two appointed by Pulte and one voted on by the Sun City Homeowners. The election takes place every other year in odd years. This committee is the organizer of this election. From when and where, to how and will introduce you to the candidates.

Meet every meet on the 3rd Monday at 1 p.m., during odd years.

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