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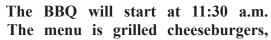
**FORCES DAY** 

Honoring All Who Serve

#### **May 2024**

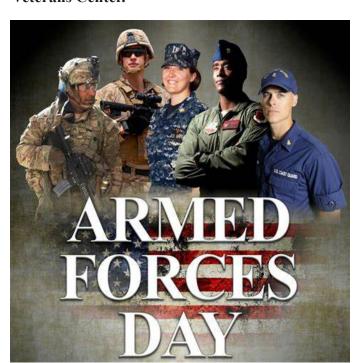
### Come Celebrate Armed Forces Day!

Come enjoy and celebrate not only our veterans but honor our current serving military members on May 18 at the Pioneer Center. Sign up at the front desk. The day will start with a putting tournament beginning at 9:00 a.m. run by the Sun City Putting Club. Paul Kinahan will be the tournament director. The cost for both the putting tournament and the lunch is \$20. We have great prizes, including rounds of golf from Wolf Creek, Conestoga and Casablanca.



baked beans, chips, soft drinks and a sweet treat. The cost for the lunch only is \$12. A cash bar will be provided by 1880 Grille. Music and dancing will be provided by our well known SCM resident, Mike Rye starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Veterans Memorial Hall.

A 50/50 raffle will be available to support our local Mesquite Veterans Center. The proceeds of this event and the raffle will help sponsor the ongoing programs at the Veterans Center.



Many have forgotten how the Armed Forces Day was established. So a brief review is that after the end of World War II, President Harry S. Truman decided to have a day to recognize our combined armed forces. On August 31, 1949, he signed the beginning of the Armed Forces Day and the first celebration occurred in Washington DC. The celebration had over 10,000 troops, bands and veterans parading past the President's box on May 30, 1950. It was President John F. Kennedy who established that the day would occur on the third Saturday of May.

#### **Upcoming Events**

\*\*\*May 2 and 23\*\*
ARC Meeting Dates

May 1 Spring Fling Dinner and Dance

May 7 Arte Museum & Trader Joe's

May 8 Financial Concepts Lunch and Learn

May 12 Mother's Day Celebration

May 14 Arte Museum & Trader Joe's

May 15 Aviat ors vs Chihuahas at Las Vegas Ballpark

May 18 Armed Forces Day BBQ and Putting Music with Mike Rye

May 20 Bingo

May 29 Ice Cream Social

May 31 Big Shots & Harmon's

\*\*\*Submittals for ARC must be received by Noon on the Monday prior to the date.



#### A message from your Lifestyle Director Deborah Demos

Congratulations to Sun City Resident Bronzie Dabney. She was crowned Ms. Senior Mesquite on Saturday, April 22. Bronzie is a great leader and will represent Mesquite very well. What an awesome achievement. If you happen to see Bronzie out and about, please congratulate her on being crowned.

We have a few more seats left for the Las Vegas Aviators baseball game on Wednesday, May 15. Enjoy a nice evening at the state-of-the-art Las Vegas Ball Park in downtown Summerlin. Only \$63 includes game ticket and roundtrip bus transportation.

Financial Concepts will be hosting a free Lunch and Learn on May 8 at noon. They will be talking about how to maximize and understand Medicare and Social Security.

We want to wish every Sun City Mom a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12. Come to the Pioneer Center to celebrate with cake and punch served in the lobby.

Want to go on a river cruise? Sign up for this free presentation on May 22 by Morris Columbus. AMA Waterways will be here taking you to many highly desirable destinations. Too relaxing to be missed.

Bus trip to Big Shots in St. George on Friday, May 31. It's not just for golfers. Many games for everyone. We had one resident who said it's the most fun she has had in a very long time. Price includes an all you can eat taco bar, round trip bus transportation, driving range, with 2 hours of play time, and a stop at Harmon's Grocery to pick up your favorite produce or deli items. All this for only \$84 per person. Make sure you bring a small cooler for your perishables.

Bring on Summer Party and Dance on Thursday, June 20. Dealt a Straight Band will be here to play your favorite songs. Heavy appetizers will be served. \$8 per person.

We will be having breakfast and a golf cart parade on the 4th of July. It will be out for enrollment mid-May. Look for it in your weekly Pioneer Press on Thursday mornings.

For more information on any of these great events and more reach out to Joni or Gaye at 702-346-6428

#### In The Spotlight: With Marilyn Weiss

#### Marilyn Weiss—Quilting and So Much More

Meet Marilyn Weiss, active at SCM, her church and Mesquite. At SCM she is president of the quilting and sewing club. Since becoming president of the group two years ago, membership has increased 5-fold and now includes folks who quilt, sew, knit and crochet. The club meets every other Tuesday from 12:30 to 3:00 in the Pioneer Center. Every meeting has



an agenda and a goal. There's always a speaker, or members sharing what they are doing, or there's a new project to help Mesquite. Because Marilyn works with the Police Department, Salvation Army and her Church, there are projects for the club members to work on. The goal of the club is to do something for the community while having a good time with each other.

Along with camaraderie, the club reaches out into the community. They make "hygiene boxes" throughout the year filled with toiletries, toys and food items. This year, they gave the Salvation Army over 400 Christmas stockings and over 100 Easter Baskets filled with goodies. Marilyn believes that helping others is an important goal for the group.

Recently, the club sponsored a Quilt Show in the Veteran's Hall at the Pioneer Center. They displayed over 200 quilts, both old and new for SCM residents to look at and enjoy. Over 200 folks attended the afternoon event. The Veteran's Hall was filled with quilts of all shapes, colors and designs crafted or collected by



our Sun City residents. The quilts showcased the skill and creativity of the group. They also held a raffle, which allowed the club to donate \$125 to each of the organizations they support.

If you would like to join the Quilt and Sewing Club, contact Marilyn Weiss at paul.weiss@rocketmail.com.

#### **Gardening: Salsa Gardening**



## SALSA GARDEN



## Gardening ~ Grow an Amazing Salsa Garden

Forget jarred salsas. A container salsa garden is a wonderful way to use a small space to grow the ingredients for fresh homemade salsa. Only five "veggies" are needed to make salsa, and all are easy to grow. The ingredients are warm season vegetables, so they will grow well in the sunny days of May. Be sure to set your containers in a location that has at least six hours of sun each day. Multiple pots work best. Avoid terra cotta pots as they dry out too quickly.

Tomatoes are the most important ingredient in salsa. There are

many varieties that work well for a salsa garden but try the classic Roma first. Cherry or yellow pear tomatoes are well suited for container gardens too. Fresh home-grown tomatoes add flavor to your salsa.

Peppers add a kick of spice to salsa. Chili peppers or jalapeños make for a milder salsa. For a hotter salsa, plant habaneros or ghost peppers. The seeds and ribs from any pepper will increase the heat of the salsa.

Cilantro is a classic flavor for salsa. Parsley is a good substitute.

Onions and garlic are packed with flavor and add a splash of color to any salsa, but they are not well-suited for containers. Purchase both when

you're ready to make salsa.

Growing a salsa garden on your patio is a great way to have the ingredients needed to make an amazing homemade salsa. Once you harvest your salsa garden, make a fresh salsa, let it chill, grab some tortilla chips, and dig in!



#### Awesome Pasta Salad



#### Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package fusilli (spiral) pasta
- 3 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ pound provolone cheese, cubed
- ½ pound salami, cubed
- ¼ pound sliced pepperoni, cut in half
- 1 large green bell pepper, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 (10 ounce) can black olives, drained
- 1 (4 ounce) jar pimentos, drained
- 1 (8 ounce) bottle Italian salad dressing

#### **Directions**

- 1. Gather all ingredients.
- 2. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook fusilli pasta in the boiling water, stirring occasionally, until tender yet firm to the bite, about 12 minutes. Drain.
- 3. Combine pasta with tomatoes, cheese, salami, pepperoni, green pepper, olives, and pimentos in a large bowl. Pour in salad dressing; toss to coat.
- 4. Enjoy!



#### Messages from Your Resident Board Members

#### George Young - Sun City Mesquite Board Member

- 1. Pioneer center is now open until 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday
- 2. Outdoor pool is now heated. The pool deck has recently been repainted.
- 3. There are 30 Street signs which will be replaced due to the sun exposure.
- 4. Six bar stools have been ordered for the restroom area by the 18 hole putting green. There are plug ins available for your convenience.
- 5. The parking lot will be restriped and four areas will be created for golf cart parking.
- 6. YES. This will finally happen. Curbs and fire hydrants throughout the community will be painted.
- 7. The new pickleball facility off of Conestoga Parkway has a picnic area available for anyone who wants to barbecue or have a pot luck. Plug ins and a grill are available. Schedule at the front desk of the Pioneer Center.
- 8. Cornhole is being considered as another viable activity for residents at the Conestoga pickleball court area. A storage area for supplies is already in place.

#### Robbin Arndt - Anthem Mesquite Master (AMM) Board Member

What do your association dues cover?

- 1. Common Areas Entry Monuments, Arch, sidewalk repairs, gazebo and benches.
- 2. Pulsipher Wash walkway upper/lower asphalt sealing & overlay.
- 3. Tree pruning landscape/irrigation/rock (33%).
- 4. Lighting street light fixtures, walkway pole light fixtures, landscape lighting, waterfall lighting fixtures, Pulsipher walkway lighting, battery packs and walkway pole lights.
- 5. Main Water Fall water features at Hole #9/10 and Hole #11- maintenance and maintaining all features pump motor; cleaning; filters etc.

CC & R's and By-Laws - a simple explanation to define each of the governing documents.

CC& R's determine how the association is governed.

By-Laws determine how the association is run by the Board.

#### Sun City Sounds Mo-Town Concert



#### Sun City Club: Scrabble

#### N(1) E(1) W(4) C(3) L(1) U(1) B(3)

If you are a Scrabble<sup>TM</sup> afficionado, you probably instantly recognized the points value for the two words in this article's title: NEW provides a base of six points, while CLUB provides a base of eight points. Place these letter tiles in strategic locations on the game's board and the values could double – even triple - the individual letter value or that of the entire word.

Now, SCM Scrabble afficionados and novices alike will find lots of opportunities for fun and challenge by joining our new Scrabble Club.

Thirteen members attended the inaugural meeting on April 5. Three game boards were set up allowing players the chance to play two games over the three-hour play session. The club will continue to meet on the first and third Friday of each month, including summer months, at the Pioneer Center in the Loft which is located on the second level. Play runs from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. during each session.

What makes the club special are the extra elements of "fun" Club President Tess Boudreau has baked into the games. "Some people have the impression that Scrabble is daunting and rigid," Boudreau says. "I want this club to be open to players of all abilities to have a chance to play and have a great time. We'll have games

for novices, recreational players, and those more experienced who'd like more of a tournament-style format."

Boudreau developed some unique aids to help newer players. She developed a cheat sheet players can use during a game that includes two and three letter words, words that start with "q" but don't require a following "u". etc. Players are allowed to look up words in dictionaries during the game. If you want to play with a partner sharing a tray of letters? No problem!

If you want to know more about the Club, email Boudreau: tesscain@gmail.com



#### **Welcome New Sun City Residents**

Diana Armbrust & Michael Chase Ilwaco, Washington

Brenda Armbrust & Michael Brenda Atchison
Doug & Val Blackburn
Jerry & Linda Freeman
Goody & Lisa Good
Scott Greenberg
Usha & Ziggy Haldar
Gary & Karen Hodges
Tracie & Ken Hurley
John & Bette Keffer
Ryan Lew
Jeffrey Liss
Maddy Maniar
Mark & Barbara McLean
Karla & Scott Michalov
Tina & Brian Miller

Mark & Anne Monte

James & Jamie Morgan

Pam Moon

Edie Nardini

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Stephanie & Dave Ripley Valerie Robinson Barbara Sawyer Earl & Janice Setser Jill & Darryl Smith Nikki Sterner Ron Vandevanter Greenville, SC Longview, WA San Diego, CA South Jordan, UT Idaho Falls, ID Garden City, UT Columbia Falls,MT



#### **IKA Greens - What are Micro Greens?**



Kirsten and Alex Pope started their farm Ika Greens (pronounced eek-a) in Moapa in 2021 where they grow microgreens and other green leafy vegetables for market. They opened their first brick-and-mortar store here in Mesquite in December 2023, located at 570 W. Pioneer Blvd., #101

You have probably experienced eating microgreens when dining out at a high-end restaurant. Chefs have been using them for years to elevate their dishes with small, but light and flavorful bites that complement all kinds of dishes. Microgreens are vegetable plants that are harvested between the "sprout" and the "baby green" stage of development. Their vitamin and antioxidant levels have been found to be up to 40x higher than their full-grown counterparts.

Ika greens grows a fresh batch of microgreens each week and regularly has the following varieties available: salad mix, broccoli, pea shoots, radish and sunflower. Hydroponic farms are inside the store with herbs and greens like basil, dill, lettuce, and kale being grown and harvested weekly.

Their store features vegetables and meat from other local and regional farms when available and they bring in specialty produce seasonally from neighboring states—i.e., like corn, stone fruit, melons, and tomatoes from utah, peaches from colorado, and cherries from northern california. Their range of products features batch-made food as well as body care items made by small producers who use high quality ingredients.

Coming soon is a kitchen, where they plan to make items like salads, soups, sandwiches, and ready-made meals that they will stock in refrigerators/freezers as take away options. The kitchen will also be a shared rentable space where licensed food entrepreneurs can rent kitchen time to create their own products.

Ika Greens is open Tuesday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Conestoga Golf Club and 1880 Grille

#### The 1880 Grille

The 1880 Grille gets its name from the pioneers who settled the area in 1880. That Pioneer Spirit is kept alive with the restaurant's decor as well as the signature 1880 Burger and 1880 Lager.

The hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Breakfast is available until noon. The kitchen closes at 8 p.m. but the bar is available until closing at 9 p.m. Go to http://conestogagolf.com or Facebook at 1880 Grille to view the menu. Don't forget to mention the Sun City resident discount.

Please note the Grille will be having a Mother's Day Brunch on May 12, a Theme Night dinner on May 14, and a Sunday Supper on May 26. Reservations are required. Call 702-346-4292 for more information.

#### The Conestoga

The Conestoga Golf Course has been voted Best Golf Course in Mesquite by the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce. Residents can "Tee it Up" with tee times staring approximately one hour after sunrise. Tee times can be made online at conestogagolf.com or call the Pro Shop at 702-346-4292. The Pro Shop hours are 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The driving range closes at 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. On Mondays, the driving range will close at 3 p.m.

New to the Conestoga website is the residents only tab. By clicking on the tab, more information is available about 2024 course fees, cart policy, golf leagues and more.

#### Critter Corner: Catfish

Channel Catfish, Ictalurus punctatus

The channel catfish is North America's most abundant catfish species. In Nevada, they are found in warm water streams in north-western and southern regions of the state.

"Channel cats," as they are informally referred to, are the most fished catfish species. Their popularity and great taste have contributed to the rapid growth of aquaculture of this species in the United States. This industry averages over \$420 million annual sales.

Channel catfish are bottom-dwelling omnivores with an excellent sense of smell and taste, which they use to locate food in murky waters. They have food-sensing receptors all over their body, but most are found on the four pairs of barbels (whiskers) surrounding their mouths.



Channel cats feed on small fish, insects, algae and crustaceans. Since they have no cutting teeth, they eat with suction instead of biting or shredding their food.

They live for up to 15 years ranging in size between two and five pounds. A 58-pounder was caught in South Carolina in 1964.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife stocks fishing ponds each month from late spring until fall. These catfish range in size from about one pound to over five pounds.

Lake Mead channel catfish grow to bigger sizes due to little fishing pressure. Ponds have a three-fish limit for anglers, but Lake Mead has no catch restrictions. Lake Mead channel catfish are believed to taste better too.

Channel catfish have no scales and a deeply forked tail with pointed lobes. They are grayish blue on their sides, with a black back and white underbelly.

Be careful when touching a channel cat. Catfish skin toxins and venom from their dorsal and pectoral spines can cause a nasty sting. In severe cases, tissue necrosis may occur. Hands are the most common site of a catfish sting.

#### **Festivals and Events**

#### City of Mesquite, St. George and Las Vegas

May 3 - 8 pm Mesquite Days Blues Blast

May 4 - 2:00 pm Mesquite Community Theatre - Patsy presented by DJ Van Dyke

May 12 - 3:00 pm Mesquite Library Presents Bronzie Classical/Jazz Pianist

Mesquite Fine Arts May Exhibitions:

Blessings of Nature MFA Photographic Society

#### St. George Utah

May 4 Southern Utah Sports & Outdoor Expo - Big Shots Golf, 1108 W. Black Mountain Dr.

#### Las Vegas

May 19 Craft Festival 10am Tivoli Village - 400 S. Rampart Blvd.

#### Community Manager's Corner

We are now addressing Part 2 of this six-part series:

PART 1 Definitions, Roles and Responsibilities (see April

1 Sun City Mesquite

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PART 2 The Del Webb Sun City Mesquite Decision-

**Making Process** 

PART 3 Your Real Estate Investment

PART 4 How are your dues being spent?

PART 5 Water Issues

PART 6 FAO's



Philip Crapo

#### PART 2: THE DEL WEBB SUN CITY MESQUITE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- Pulte/Del Webb ("PDW") is the "Declarant", who establishes all Policies & 1. Guidelines in this Community & all Communities where they are Declarant.
- PDW occupies 2 of the 3 seats of the HOA Board of Directors, the governing 2. decision-making entity of the HOA.
- 3. One (1) SCM Homeowner occupies the other Board seat (since 15% Build-Out). All Board seats will be available to Homeowners when the Community is 90% B/O.
- The HOA Board Responsibilities: 4.
- Sets the Annual Budget for the Community w/Staff, Finance Committee & a. Homeowner Inputs.
- Adopts & amends CC&R's & Bylaws requires 2/3 Homeowner Approval. h.
- Implementing Rules, Regulations & Board Resolutions requires majority Board c. Approval.
- 5. The Community Manager is responsible for:
- Enforcing the Policies set by PDW that are approved by the HOA Board.
- Implementing the Annual Budgetutilizing a daily "checkbook" approach to b. spending control.

#### RISK FACTORS IN THE DECISION PROCESS FACING DECISION MAKERS

- 1. Litigation Risk PDW & BOD
- BOD Members are fiduciaries, operate with a duty of care & exercise reasonable business judgment. NRS 116.3103
- Impact on SCM HOA Risk of Legal Fees, Damages & Project Delays.
- Impact on BOD Individually D&O Insurance Req'd & Personal Umbrella Policies recommended.
- Intimate knowledge of NRS 116, Ombudsman Procedures, Detailed Business d. Knowledge & Reasonability.
- PDW Corporate has the Depth of Experience & Precedence across 870+ Nat'l e. Communities.
- f When SCM is 100% Owner-Controlled, those elected do not have the PDW Corp Protection.
- 2. Financial Risk PDW & BOD
- Cost impact(s) of your decisions & costs of reversal, if req'd.
- 3. Health Risk PDW & BOD
- Covid-19 Tested outer boundaries of Risk, esp Loss of Life.
- PDW was Ultra Conservative in all CV-19 Decisions to protect their Highb. Risk Communities Nationally.
- Many Decisions were unpopular but were implemented across PDW Declarant-Controlled Communities.
- 4. Project/Market Risk PDW
- Unanticipated Risk Factors arise or the housing market demand declines, leading to Project timeline delay.
- Any Project Timeline must remain Proprietary until Finalized.

Note - Any modifications to Policies and/or the Budget must be approved by the Board of Directors.

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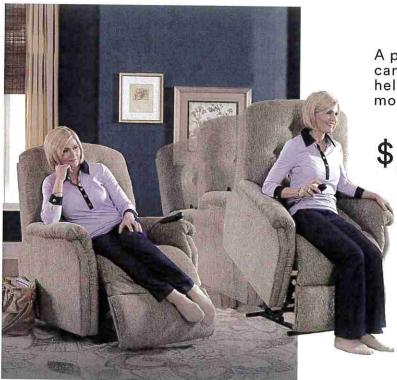


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