



# Sun City Mesquite*Times*

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**August 2024**

## Join Us in Celebrating the 12th annual Resident Craft Fair

On Wednesday, October 23 at the Pioneer Center, the 12th annual Resident Craft Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ever since the first one in 2012, this is one of the most popular events for our Sun City residents so be aware that parking may be tight. If possible, walk, bike or car/golf cart pool up for the Fair.

The Fair features 50 tables which are only available to resident vendors of different and unique arts and crafts. Come check out these talented local artists and perhaps pick up an early holiday gift or two. As a homeowner just contact the front desk at the Pioneer Center or call 702-346-6006 to reserve your table.

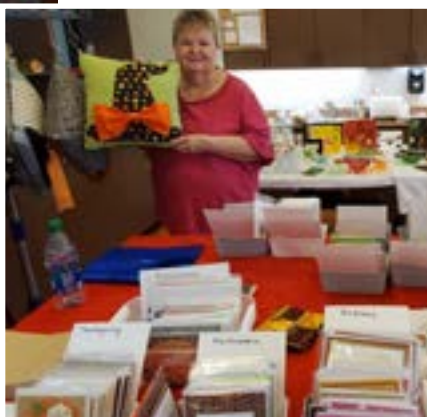
In the past, Sun City Clubs have used this event to raise funds for local charities such as 'We



**Care for Animals.' This is another way our homeowners support our city of Mesquite at large plus promote individual Clubs to attract new members.**



During your time at the Fair, there will be a complimentary light lunch and drinks available. Thank you to our wonderful Lifestyle team for this treat. There will be a limited amount of food so plan to come early and stay for lunch.



## Upcoming Events

\*\*\*August 1 and 15\*\*  
ARC Meeting Dates

August 2  
Silver Rider Presentation

August 5  
Virgin Valley Water District  
Presentation

August 6  
Root Beer Float Day

August 7  
Bridgerland Financial  
Lunch and Learn

August 9  
HOA Updates with George  
Young and Robin Arndt

August 12  
Vitalant Blood Drive

August 14  
Medical Air Services  
Lunch and Learn

August 16  
Woodstock Party

August 21  
Audiologist Lance Greer  
Lunch and Learn

August 22  
National Eat a Peach Day  
Luncheon

August 24  
Cornfest in Enterprise, UT

August 26  
Bingo

August 28  
Scams, Schemes and  
Swindles - Mesquite PD

August 31  
Comedian Howie Mandel  
at the Westgate

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



A message from your  
Lifestyle Director  
Deborah Demos

## In The Spotlight: Jennifer Poteet and Jim Isbell

We'd like to congratulate Carmen and David Oakes along with their pup Pete for winning the 4th of July Golf Cart Parade. It was a difficult choice as they were all well dressed in red, white and blue décor. Thank you all for your participation and for doing an outstanding job designing and decorating your carts. We appreciate you!

Silver Rider is coming to Sun City. Enroll for their presentation on August 2 at 10 a.m. They will discuss routes, free rides, set times and days. Light refreshments will be served.

Kevin Brown, General Manager of Virgin Valley Water District and Natalie Anderson, Water Conservation Specialist will be here on Monday, August 5 at 9 a.m. to discuss an overview of the master water plan, water usage and water sources. Please calculate how many gallons you use in a year. Light refreshments will be served.

Residents of Sun City never disappoint when it comes to donating items for those in need. Thank you all for donating back packs and school supplies this summer. We will be collecting school supplies in the lobby of the Pioneer Center until August 8. Please refer to the Pioneer Press for a list of supplies needed or see the front desk.

David Packer with Bridgerland Financial will be here on August 7 at noon. David will be talking on the Art of Financial Security. He will be providing lunch. Sign up at the front desk.

Be a hero and donate blood at the Pioneer Center on Monday, August 12 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. You can enroll for your time slot at [www.donors.vitalant.org](http://www.donors.vitalant.org)

August is the month for Peaches. National eat a peach day is on August 22. Ms. Senior Nevada, Bronzie Dabney, will be here playing the piano while you enjoy a nice salad with peaches, rolls and butter. \$5 per person.

We have a few tickets available to see Howie Mandel on August 31 at Westgate Casino and Hotel. For more information on any of these events, please visit your weekly Pioneer Press that is emailed to you every Thursday. or call the front desk at 702-346-6006.

Jennifer and Jim met in Las Vegas in 2002 after finding each other on the internet. They came to Sun City two years ago when they searched the internet for the best place to live and came



up with Mesquite. They were tired of living in a big city, and we have no snow, lots of sun and no state taxes. They love Sun City because it is a great community with a lot of things to do. She is a member of the Pottery Club and volunteers for many Sun City events. She enjoys crafts and is skilled at watercolor painting. Reading books and visiting the library is a primary source of enjoyment. She enjoys building and has made a doghouse, living room furniture and a cabinet.

They both enjoy the pool. They love the friends they have made in the area they live in, Crescent Moon. She especially loves her view out the back of her home.

Jim is an outdoorsman and enjoys, among other things, outdoor camping, hiking, four wheeling and bicycling.

Jim is from Arizona and attended Northern Arizona University where he obtained a master's degree in computer science. Currently he is a computer consultant and travels a lot as part of his job.

Jennifer is from Wyoming and moved from place to place as her father was in the service. She has had many jobs including school hearing screener, domestic violence victim aide, court-appointed special advocate and Washington State school district Human Resources. She lived in Scotland when she was ten years old and still has a friend there that she stays connected with.

They love to travel and explore places that are off the beaten "tourist" trail. They have been to all the Hawaiian Islands and have found hidden gems on each of them.



## Gardening: That's Just Peachy

## Peach Caprese Salad



National Peach Month is celebrated every August. This fuzzy, stone fruit provides a bounty of sweet deliciousness all summer long. It is really hard to imagine June, July, or August without eating a tree-ripe peach.

Peaches date

back to Ancient China and were domesticated by the Chinese. They became a luxury food and were highly traded on the Silk Road. Peaches spread to the Persian Empire with the Romans calling it a Persian Apple. Much thanks goes to Alexander the Great for Europe's first taste of a peach. By the 1500's, the Spanish Explorers introduced it to America and Georgia planted its first peach tree in the 1600's.

The peach industry booms in the 1900's with hundreds of varieties of peaches, including nectarines in the United States and 2,000 varieties worldwide. The nectarine is a variant of a peach and not a cross between a peach and a plum. The only difference between a peach and a nectarine is their skin texture. The fruit is a drupe. It will have a "hard stone" in the center thus dividing peaches into two types: clingstone or freestone. A clingstone peach will have its flesh cling to the stone while a freestone's flesh will freely come away.

Georgia is known as the peach state, but it is California that leads the nation in peach production. South Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Washington have grown a lot of peaches as well. It will take a peach tree two to four years to begin to bear fruit. The best fruit is the one that is allowed to ripen on the tree. Your taste buds will thank you.

Be a real peach and share one with a friend.



### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon flaked salt, divided
- 2 large heirloom tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 2 ripe peaches - halved, pitted, and sliced into half moons
- 1 (8 ounce) ball fresh mozzarella, thinly sliced
- 6 leaves fresh basil

### Directions

Whisk together olive oil, balsamic vinegar, and 1 pinch flaked salt in a small bowl until dressing is smooth.

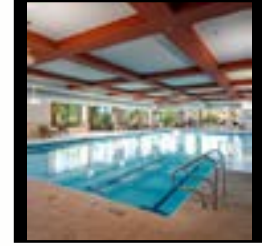
Alternate tomato slices, peach slices, mozzarella slices, and basil leaves in layers on a serving platter. Drizzle dressing over salad and sprinkle remaining flaked salt on top.



## Messages from Your Resident Board Members

### George Young - Sun City Mesquite Board Member

Indoor swimming pool participants..... thank you for sharing the space....  
There are 5 swim lanes. Center of each lane is **on the lines** in the pool.



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

Reminder to all residents - water rates are increasing 5% for July 1st 2024;  
4% - July 1st 2025; and 4% - July 1st 2026. Rate increases will appear on your August 2024 bill; your August 2025 bill; and your August 2026 bill.

You will be seeing a decrease in the Debt Service Surcharge in April 2026.

Please go to the Virgin Valley Water District website - [www.vvwdnv.com](http://www.vvwdnv.com) should you have further questions or concerns.

## Friendly Neighborhood Competition...



## Golf Cart Parade - July 4







## Sun City Clubs: Hearts and Spades



### Fun out of the Sun

Temperatures might be high outside, but members of the Sun City Mesquite (SCM) Hearts Club and the Spades Club are staying cool while meeting to play at the Pioneer Center. “And, we are having fun, fun, fun,” says Steve Hermie, who presides as President for both Clubs.

These clubs are just two of several card clubs offered to SCM residents. The Spades Club is the older of the two, having started in 2019. The game itself originated in the late 1930s and its popularity quickly spread as soldiers deployed during WWII played the game across the globe. Spades is a partner game, with each partner bidding on the number of tricks the team will pick up in each round. The closer the team is to accurately bidding

the number of tricks, the better the score for the team. For example, if the team’s total bid was six and they picked up six tricks, each trick is worth 10 points. Underestimation of the number of total tricks allows for only one point per extra trick. For example, if the team bid six but picked up seven tricks, their score would be 60 for the first six tricks plus one point for the extra for a total score of 61 for the round. The game is generally played to 250 points.

While the SCM Hearts Club is only six weeks old, the game itself emerged in America in the 1880s. It is an individual game with the aim of holding no hearts or the Queen of Spades in a player’s hand at the end of a round. Players will receive one point for each heart they do hold and 13 points if they hold the Queen of Spades. At the end of the game, the player with the lowest number of points is the winner. Membership in both clubs is growing and Hermie is looking forward to getting more people involved as snowbirds return this fall. “It is a great way to get to know neighbors and have fun in a non-competitive way.” New players can receive coaching to learn how to play and are always welcome.

Both Clubs meet at 1:30 p.m. but on different days. The Spades Club meets on Thursdays in the Loft and the Hearts Club meets on Mondays in the Veteran’s Memorial Hall.



Contact for the Clubs: Steve Hermie [steve13435@gmail.com](mailto:steve13435@gmail.com)

## Welcome New Sun City Residents

Ken Alleavitch  
David & Ligaya Barajas  
Randy & Sandi Baugh  
Rich & Lisa Burmeister  
Kurt & Nancy Clayton  
Lloyd Clement  
Jerrilee de Geus  
William & Ilean Despain  
James & Barbara Fellini  
Scott & Lauri Ferraro  
Ed & Nellie Flamand  
Preston & Jeanette Franklin

Park City, UT  
Folsom, CA  
Torrington, WY  
Pottsville, PA  
Logan, UT  
Logan, UT  
Trent Woods, NC  
Kanab, UT  
Graveland, CA  
Cody, WY  
Yuma, AZ  
Las Vegas, NV

Daniel & Laura Groat  
Greg & Kelly Grover  
Art & Jacquelyn Hernandez  
Jim & Lisa Johnson  
George & Kim Mould  
Mark & Linda Pruter  
Jim & Anne Rice  
Greg & Tammie Starks  
John Kennedy & Lynette Warren  
Gary & Pam Wilson  
Ron & Margaret Zakoor  
Mark Ziegler

Folsom, CA  
Henderson, NV & Ogden, UT  
Chula Vista, CA  
Peoria, IL  
Pace, FL  
Las Vegas, NV  
Mesquite, NV  
St. George, UT  
Wellington, NV  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Denton, TX  
Missoula, MT

## Business Corner: Donkey Dreams Sanctuary



Luna and her baby boy, Moon

Donkey Dreams Sanctuary (“DDS”) is a non-profit established in 2022 by Amber Raleigh and her husband, Edj Fish. They used to work with wild Mustangs and saw a need to rescue donkeys and give them quality of life with a forever home.

DDS is not to be confused with the Donkey Museum, which is the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue. That organization rescues donkeys from Death Valley and rehomes their donkeys, whereas DDS takes in rescues where they live out their lives at DDS.

The donkey is part of the equine family (horses and zebras) with large ears. The mule, however, is a cross between a male donkey and a female horse. A donkey in the wild is a burro. DDS has wild and domesticated donkeys. A male donkey is called a Jack and a female donkey called a Jenny.

Their 10-acre spread in Scenic, AZ is home to over 50 donkeys, part of five donkey families and includes seniors, and some with special needs. DDS has rescued donkeys as far east as Texas and as far west as Death Valley National Park. Recently, they rescued 16 moms and babies that were destined for a Mexican slaughterhouse. Two of the moms were pregnant and recently gave birth in late May and late June (see pics).

When donkeys are brought to the DDS, they can live out the rest of their life as they were accustomed. Their donkeys range in age from a couple of days old to 36 years of age. Donkeys can live up to 50 years.

Because of local zoning laws, DDS cannot give personal tours, but instead you can follow the donkey joy and/or donate via their various social media platforms:

Facebook: @DonkeyDreamsSanctuary

Instagram: @Donkey\_Dreams\_Sanctuary

YouTube: @DonkeyDreamsSanctuary

Website: <https://www.donkeydreams.org>



Sun City Mesquite makes up about 75 percent of their local sponsor base. How can you help? If you feel the need to add value to the world, visit them at any one of the platforms above. Donations will help cover costs associated with feed, vet bills, farriers and the like.



Summer and her baby girl, Solstice

## Conestoga Golf Club and 1880 Grille

### 1880 Grille

The Dog Days of August have arrived. The Grille is now offering Chubby's Italian Ice and Modelo on draft. Come in and cool down with something cold and refreshing.

The current hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m with breakfast served until noon.

Don't forget to mention your Sun City discount when you dine-in or take-out.



The Grille will be having a Sunday Supper on August 25 at 5 p.m. Call for reservations at 702-346-4292.

For more information, visit [conestogagolf.com](http://conestogagolf.com) for any early closures or special events.

### Conestoga Golf Course

August is National Golf Month. So hit the greens or learn the game. Conestoga offers five tee boxes for you to share the experience of golf with others who enjoy this sport.

The pro shop is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. The driving range is open on Mondays until 11 a.m. and Tuesday through Sunday, until 1 p.m. Don't forget about the back range area to work on your chipping and wedge game.



## Critter Corner: Pygmy Rabbit (*Brachylagus idahoensis*)

Pygmy rabbits are the only rabbits in Nevada that dig their burrows. Occasionally, they use dens made by other animals. These tiny rabbits are usually found in areas with tall, dense sagebrush and typically dig their burrows in deep soil near a water source.

Pygmy rabbits have short ears, small hind legs and dusky gray bodies. As herbivores, they depend on sagebrush for food and to provide protection from predators. They live from three to five years and weigh only one pound.

Pygmy rabbits are social animals and do not hibernate. They may be active at any time of day but are most active at dusk and dawn. They typically move by scampering close to the ground and rarely leap or hop like other rabbits. Their field of vision encompasses nearly 360 degrees, and they have just a small blind spot at the bridge of their nose due to the unique positioning of their eyes in their skulls.

These rabbits, facing numerous challenges, are incredibly careful and never venture more than 60 feet from their burrows. Their main threats are habitat loss, severe weather, road mortality and predators. They stay even closer to their burrows during the winter for safety. Their best defense is to quickly evade any predators.

Pygmy rabbits are a species found in north-central Nevada on the JD Ranch. Conservation easements held by Nevada Land Trust protect them. According to the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada has worked with Washington state to help reestablish and preserve their endangered populations of pygmy rabbits. Nevada has also provided rabbits for relocation to increase the overall population of pygmy rabbits in the Washington Columbia Basin.



## Festivals and Events

### Festivals and Events in August

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| August 2 - 11  | Reno Hot August Nights              |
| August 3 - 9   | Bonneville Speed Week               |
| August 3 - 10  | Kane County Fair                    |
| August 3 & 31  | Orderville Ranch Rodeo, Parowan, UT |
| August 9 - 10  | CASAPOOLOOZA                        |
| August 16 - 25 | Carson City Jazz & Beyond Festival  |
| August 22 - 24 | Western Legends & Music Festival    |
| August 24      | Cornfest in Enterprise, UT          |
| August 29 - 31 | Hurricane City Peach Days           |
| August 30      | Numaga Indian Days Powwow           |

Eureka's Summer Saturday Series - [click here for details](#)





## Community Manager's Corner



We are now addressing Part 5 of this six-part series:

- PART 1 Definitions, Roles and Responsibilities (see April Sun City Mesquite Times Newsletter)  
<https://suncitymesquite.org/my-account/scmcommunity/>  
 (Log in, click on Community tab, then click on Newsletter, pg. 8 of 11)
- 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 FAQ's

Water is the most critical resource for Sun City and Mesquite. Both rely on deep wells drilled into the aquifer below. Fortunately, the area does not depend on Colorado River Water. The state of Nevada has allocated 12,271 AFY (acre-feet/year), or nearly four billion gallons per year to be used in our area. Currently, 6,900 of the 12,271 AFY are being pumped and used. The groundwater below us is mainly replenished by the precipitation received in the mountains to the north, east, and south of Mesquite. So, the question might be: When will the water usage in the area reach the 12,271 AFY and then what?

The Virgin Valley Water District (VVWD) updates its Water Master Plan (Plan) every three years. The last update occurred in August 2023 and can be found on their web site at: [vwwdny.com](http://vwwdny.com) under "Our Water" and drop down to "Reports and Studies." In the VVWD's 2020 plan, it was estimated the 12,271 AFY would be reached in 2034. In the latest plan, the 12,271 AFY is expected to be reached in 2040, six years longer, which is excellent news!

Not so fast with the excitement – First of all, why did the Plan get better in three years, and what do we do for more water when our 12,271 AFY in Basin 222 runs out? Come to Pioneer Center on Monday, Aug 5 for the presentation by the VVWD GM and Conservation Specialist at 9 a.m. for the answers to these and other questions.

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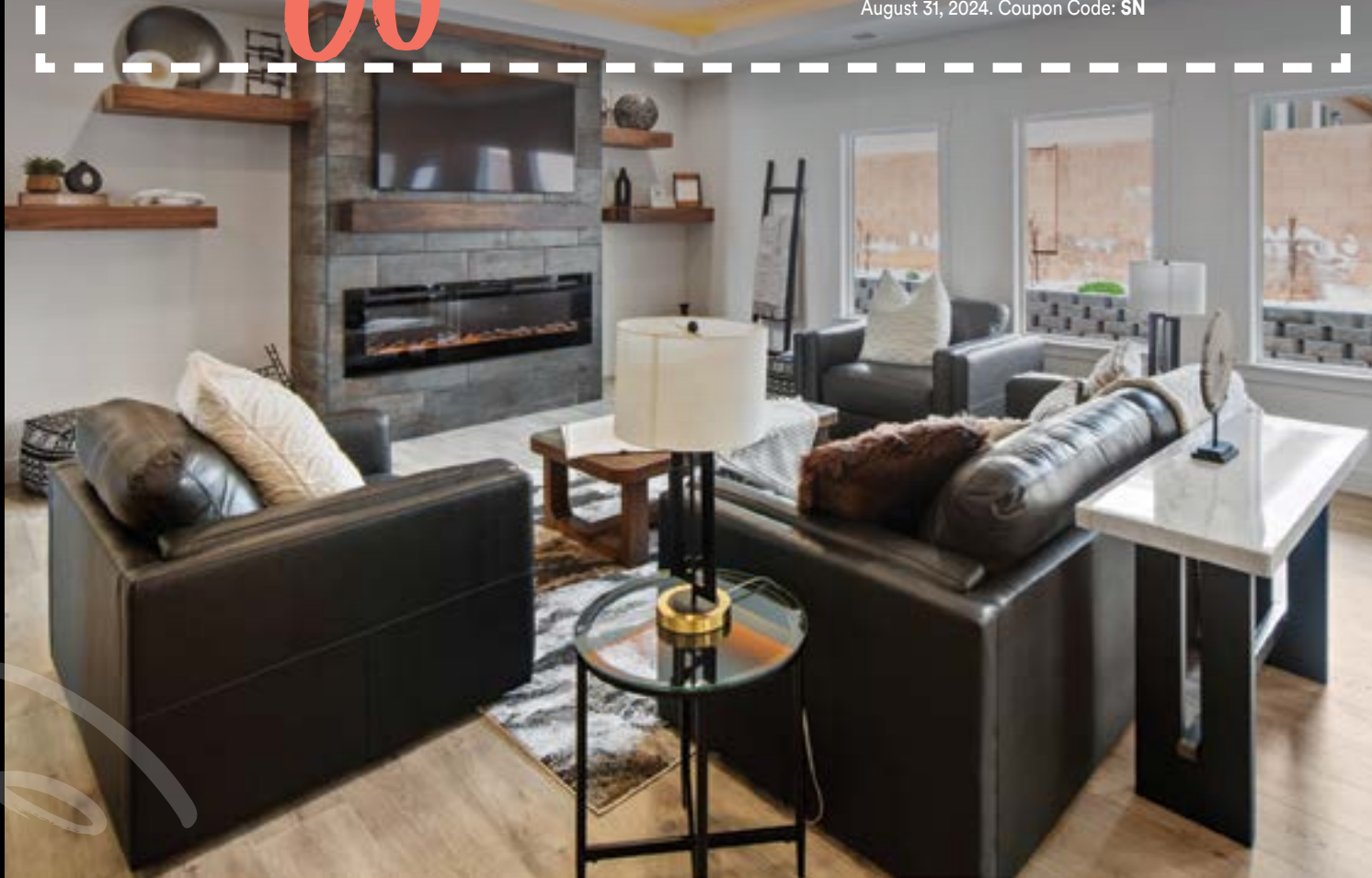
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