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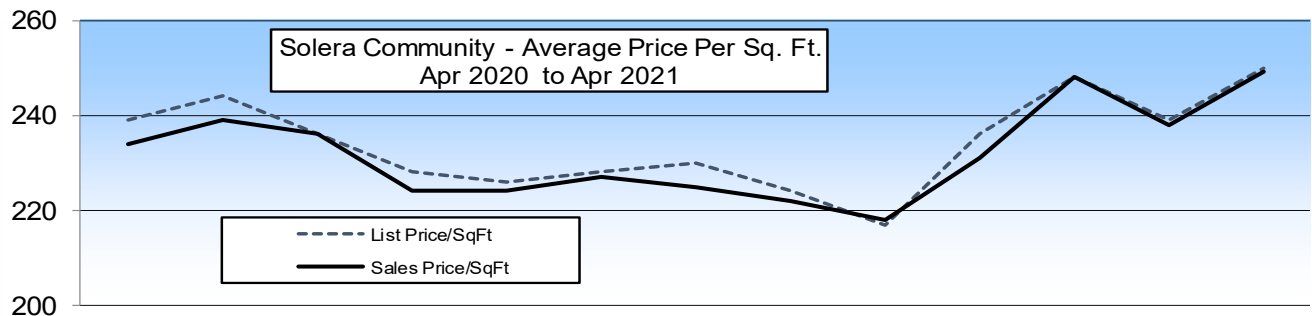
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Solera Market Update as of May 6, 2021

CLOSINGS: There were 12 closings in April. Median days on the market was 11.

INVENTORY: Inventory is still very low with only 1 available home listed for sale in Solera, and 16 homes under contract. We hope to see more inventory coming on the market soon. Everyone has unique circumstances when it comes to buying and selling. Please give us a call for up-to-date market information.

PRICE: The average sales price per square foot in Solera for April was \$249, an increase compared to the \$238 in March.



	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
List price/SF	239	244	236	228	226	228	230	224	217	236	248	239	250
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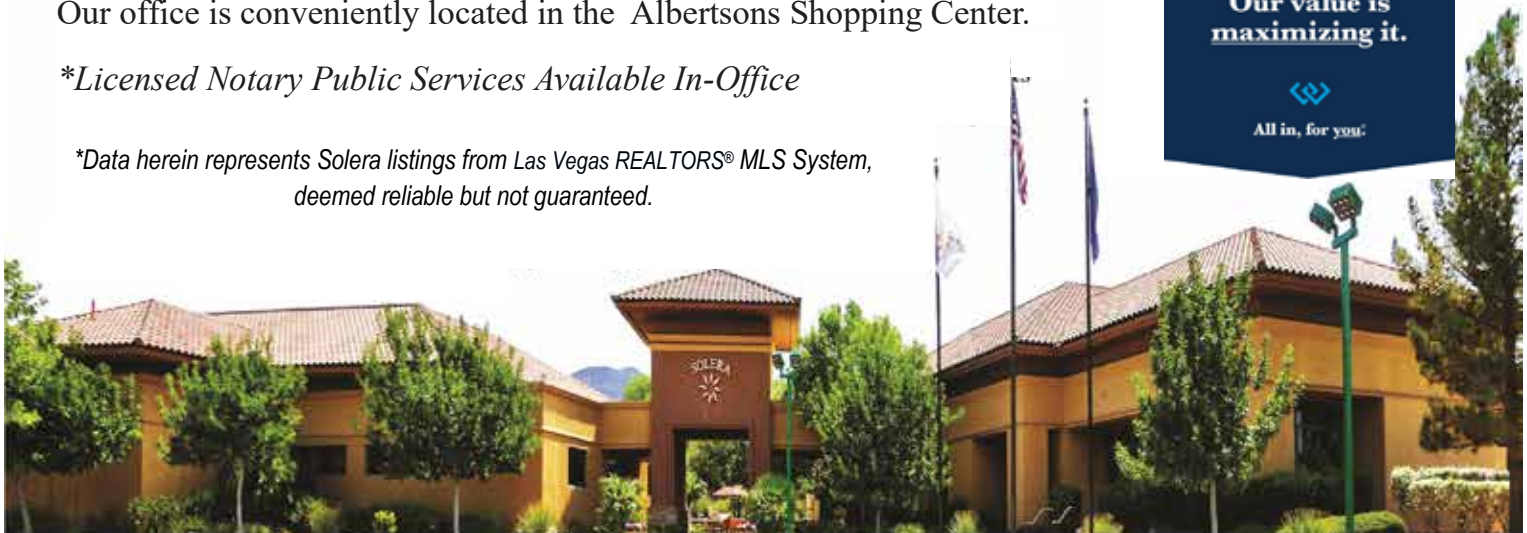
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ON THE COVER

Solerans spent the spring enjoying a variety of activities from drive-bys to outdoor sports courts to newly opened amenities. As we move into June almost all of our clubs, groups and fitness activities are open and ready for business. Bingo returned in April, Spas returned in May, and events are beginning to fill up on the calendars. Welcome back, Solera!!

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 January 1 - April 1 - July 1 - October 1
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June 2..... 9:30 a.m.BOD Executive Session..... Stardust

June 9..... 9:30 a.m.Board of Directors Meeting..... Stardust

July 7..... 9:30 a.m.BOD Executive Session..... Stardust

July 14..... 6:30 p.m.Board of Directors Meeting..... Stardust

Aug 4..... 9:30 a.m.BOD Executive Session..... Stardust

Aug 11..... 9:30 a.m.Board of Directors Meeting..... Stardust

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Hello Solera Homeowners!

I am so pleased to be able to continue to give you good news about the real estate market and the values in Solera at Anthem. Inventory continues to be low, which is keeping our values and sales prices strong. There were 12 properties that closed escrow in April, and by May 5th there were 16 pending sales (and only 2 new listings, only hours in the MLS...). Solera at Anthem is definitely in demand!

In times like this, it's more important than ever to have the right Real Estate Broker to guide you through the complexities of this fast paced market to protect your interests. It's also important to work with someone that you are comfortable with and can trust. If you are thinking of selling, please call me for a confidential consultation. I will review the process and your options with you thoroughly, and will answer all of your questions. Surprises may be nice on your birthday, but you certainly don't want any surprises when you are selling your home!

Homes listed for sale as of 05/01/2021:

Address	List Price	Approx Liv Area	Model
2644 Solar Corona Ln	\$380,000	1,520	Jefferson
2348 Celestial Moon St	\$325,000	1,142	Lewis
2627 Solera Moon Dr	\$369,900	1,596	Whitney
2390 Amana Dr	\$379,900	1,596	Whitney
2500 Nashira St	\$379,999	1,596	Whitney
2415 Santeria Star Dr	\$425,000	1,768	Franklin
2456 Ashen Light Dr	\$292,000	1,142	Lewis
2427 Andromeda Ave	\$300,000	1,142	Lewis
2540 Serene Moon Dr	\$304,900	1,142	Lewis
2357 Celestial Moon St	\$310,000	1,142	Lewis
2513 Jade Sky St	\$315,000	1,142	Lewis
2575 Red Planet St	\$319,000	1,248	Clark
2528 Binary Stars St	\$329,900	1,425	Fremont
2504 Nashira St	\$334,900	1,248	Clark
2472 Penumbra Dr	\$369,900	1,596	Whitney
2505 Cosmic Dust St	\$369,900	1,596	Whitney
2613 Darda Sr	\$430,000	1,768	Franklin
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PLEASE NOTE

The following Committees need volunteers:

ARC (Architectural Review Committee)
Communications Committee
Community Standards
Finance

For more information or to apply please contact management at smdjen@soleraatthem.us

Residents are welcome to attend any committee meetings that are of interest, except Covenants and ARC. Meeting dates are on the Calendar page.

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Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

The ARC is in need of volunteers to be a part of this vital committee for the community. Please! If you are interested in joining the ARC you may inquire at the Clubhouse, or you

can contact Jacob Kay at 702-207-1402. Thank You from the ARC. Wishing you all Great Health and Happiness!



NIGHT AT THE RACES



THE SOLERA DERBY

Ladies, dust off those fancy hats, gents break out the seersucker suits – and let's get ready for the races!

Saturday, June 12th at 4pm

Tickets on sale in the Club House

May 27th at 9am

\$ 20 per person

(Maximum 4 tickets per residence)

FAS continues to offer services to the residents of Solera


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Hi to all Solera as we now continue to get to a new normal! Look for our monthly Dine Out information. You eat in or take out of the specific restaurant listed and 15 to 20 % of your bill supports the Foundation Assisting Seniors.

Our Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Memorial Day was a great success! We hope you came and played. Look for updates on our Second Annual Gala at the M Resort Casino at www.foundationassistingseniors.org Call our office for tickets.

Durable equipment loans are available to help Solera seniors and veterans remain comfortably in their own homes. Delivery and pick-up of equipment is done by our team of volunteers



and includes canes, walkers, oxygen concentrators, scooters, hospital beds, and more. A comprehensive description of the program can be found at www.foundationassistingseniors.org. To reserve equipment, call 725-244-4200 between 9 am and 12 noon weekdays. All equipment is maintained, cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized using MicroShield 360. 

The Veterans And First Responders Club

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“Old Glory”

Each year on June 14th, we celebrate the birthday of the Stars and Stripes. At that time, the second Continental Congress authorized a new flag to symbolize the new nation, the United States of America.


2003 - 2009 The developer Del Webb gave each new Solera homeowner a flag to display on their home.

2015 - A Club member proposed that the club make available flags to Solera to help promote patriotism in the community.

2019 - The club presented 30+ flag kits to our Association for display on all the parking lot lamp posts, on a select number of national holidays. It also made a commitment to supply any replacement flags when needed.

To date, the club has supplied over 300 flags to our Solera community members, for a donation of just \$25 or more for the flag kits and just \$5 or more for a donation for the replacement flags.

Not only have the flags helped to promote patriotism, much of the donated funds have gone to assist both veteran and first responder organizations here in Clark County.

If you are in need of a flag, call: 702 558-8459. The club also picks up distressed flags for proper disposal. 





‘Ace is the place...’

By Pamela Wilson

My father and I would visit our local hardware store every single week because there was always some nut or screw that he needed for the numerous, ongoing home projects.

Recently, I visited the Ace Hardware Store on Horizon Ridge, which brought back wonderful childhood memories of hardware shopping. I remember exploring the never-ending aisles of nuts, bolts, and everything in between.

It has been decades since I have visited an authentic hardware store with an inventory that you couldn't possibly imagine displayed in a clean, well-organized store.

The staff was accommodating, friendly, and went the extra mile twice — what a joy to visit a store that stands out with exceptional pride of ownership. I am lost in the colossal geography of big

box hardware stores and have difficulty finding any employees that can offer help or assistance.

Ace Hardware began as a small chain of stores in 1924 and has grown to include more than 4,600 stores in 50 states and more than 70 countries. The store on Horizon Ridge is owned by Matt and Renee Hoffman.

The Hoffman's neighborhood Ace is tailored to meet the needs of our local Henderson community. The staff is committed to being “the Helpful Place” by offering their customers knowledgeable advice, helpful service, and quality products. As the helpful hardware folks in your community, Matt and Renee promise, “helping you is the most important thing we have to do today.”

And they do not disappoint.

Here are some of the services they offer:

- Auto Key Programming & Cutting
- Gift Card
- Key Cutting
- Paint Color Matching
- Propane
- Rental - Carpet Cleaning Equip
- Screen Repair

The store is located at 1450 W Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89012. The phone number is (702) 750-0111 and you can email the store at HorizonRidgeAce@gmail.com. The store is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday.



What's your favorite thing to do in the summer?



Jeff Stokes, Evening Twilight

Play golf in the morning. As long as it's under 100, it's not bad. And I like to play in my daughter's pool with the grandchildren.



Bill Lutz, Solera Moon

Play golf and ride my bike. I try to play and ride early.



Bill Forbes, The Villas

I enjoy coming up to the clubhouse to work out. This year, I'm going to Maine. It's no comparison weather-wise! In Maine, I visit family and friends, and fish and go boating. My daughter and son-in-law have a nice place on a lake.



Linda Hulewat, Moonlight Valley

Swim. I come from having my own pool, so the transition to an inside pool is hard. It's an experience to be outside swimming, like communing with nature. We've lived here three years and it's still hard to get used to. And I like bingo, too.



Carol Runyan, Apparition

We're hoping that our daughter and granddaughter will come and visit. They don't care about the weather; they haven't been able to see us because of COVID. We're hoping everything will be okay this summer!





Wellness Tips—Mental and Physical

“If we are creating ourselves all the time, then it is never too late to begin creating the bodies we want instead of the ones we mistakenly assume we are stuck with.”

– Deepak Chopra

Looking after our overall health is more important than ever. If you don't know where and how to get started, consider some of the following steps:

1. **Exercise:** Taking a short walk or climbing a flight of stairs can reduce stress and increase alertness. A regular exercise routine can boost one's mood, increase concentration and even help alleviate symptoms of anxiety.
2. **Eat healthy:** Vegetables and fruits? Absolutely! Healthy eating also means having a healthy attitude toward food. Enjoy meals with friends, try new foods and try not to obsess over food.
3. **Put the screens to sleep before you go to bed:** Studies have shown that looking at screens before bedtime can affect how quickly you fall asleep and the quality of that sleep. Blue light from your smartphone affects the production of melatonin, the hormone that regulates your sleep/wake cycle.
4. **Breathe deeply:** Just try it. Take in a nice slow breath. Start from your belly; expand through your ribs, chest and lungs. Breathe out just as slowly. Counting can help (“1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ...”). Repeat.
5. **Connect with others:** Friends, family and pets can boost positive feelings, help ward off depression and anxiety, and make you feel that you are connected to others. Focus on the quality of your friendships and relationships, not the quantity.
6. **Write down ways to relax:** Relaxing is one of those things that's easy to say and harder to do. Unwinding and staying calm can take practice. Write down a list of ideas for positive ways that you can de-stress. Try them out, one step at a time. When something works, try it again. Just remember: Wellness is your goal.
7. **Take small steps:** If you try to do everything at once, you will probably get nowhere. Set goals, and then draw that dotted line from point A to B to C. Stop and rest along the way. You will thank yourself for it.



The Taste of Home

By Frank Nobel

The title of this article suggests that it may be a recipe for Aunt Gwen's famous corn bread muffins. While Aunt Gwen's recipe may be wonderful to share, this article is a retrospect on food that is all but universal to a city or region of the country. In short, food that reminds you of home no matter where you are living. A "feel good" food, pizza is an appropriate example.

Let's look at the East Coast/New York, the former residents from there love their thin, no-crust cheesy pie. A slice of that New York-style pizza is a taste of home, feel-good food. So when not in New York the quest for that taste of home is often a priority. Many of your Las Vegas friends have told you about their favorite New York-style pizza and sometimes a warm discussion will take place regarding what is the best New York-style pizza in Las Vegas.

That being said, the folks from the Chicago area will simply laugh at that New York pizza that they point out is so thin even the East Coasters have to fold the slice in half just to

get a taste. If you're from Chicago your taste of home has corners and is thick and rich, almost gooey. That is their feel good food and, like New Yorkers, they will scour Las Vegas in search of their deep dish pie, with similar debate with fellow Chicagoans where the best in Las Vegas is.

Recently you may have seen a national pizza chain advertise Detroit pizza. As a Detroit-area resident for over half a century, the alleged Detroit pizza — it is not.

Detroit pizza is Buddy's on the corner of Conner and Mt. Elliot just outside downtown Detroit. Buddy's is thicker than a New York pie, it has corners like the Chicago style, but is not as thick and as Goldi-locks would say, "it's just right."

There you have it, three different styles of pizza and all are feel-good food.

Which one would be your favorite taste of home?



COMMUNITY CALENDAR • JUNE 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ARC 9am	2 BOD Executive Session 9:30am	3	4 Communications Committee 9:30am	5
6	7	8 Veterans & First Responders 5:30pm Bulk Trash Day 	9 BOD Open Board Meeting 9:30am Stardust	10	11	12 SOLERA DERBY NIGHT 4pm
13	14 National Flag Day Covenants 10am	15 Lifestyle 10am	16 Buildings & Grounds 9:30am	17 Bingo 5pm	18	19
20 Fathers Day	21	22 Bulk Trash Day 	23 Finance 9:30am Community Standards 4pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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Asian Mah Jongg Club..... Wednesday & Friday 12 p.m.
Vickie 702-489-7922

Bridge Club..... Tuesday & Friday 12:30 p.m.
Sue Linnever 203-232-5345

Bunco Club.....2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Gerri Van Der Meer 973-479-9690 Sue Levine 702-837-3496

Euchre ClubMonday 1 p.m.
Gregg Schiffbauer at 702-379-1399 magregg@aol.com

Fine Arts Club

Watercolor.....Thursday 10 a.m.
Judy Blankenship 702-457-0550

Colored PencilTuesday 1 p.m.
Faye Caracci 702 - 260-0558.

Handcrafted Creations Club

Bead WeavingThursday 1 p.m.
Carol Runyan 702-558-7623

NeedleworkFriday 9 a.m.
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Stained GlassWednesdays 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Paper Works ClubMonday 1 p.m.
Linda Freitas Dfreitas89044@cox.net

Party Bridge ClubTuesday & Thursday 12:30 p.m.
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Pickleball Club.....Monday through Friday 7 a.m.
Linda Spacil 702-375-2336

Poker Club.....Monday 12 p.m./Wednesday 6 p.m./Thursday 6 p.m.
Donna Tipps 702-430-9039

Romeo's Solera Mens Club.....1st Saturday Buffet 8:45a.m.
Allen Blonder 702-395-6878 Green Valley Ranch Resort

Solera Ladies Club.....Monthly Activities
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Solera Singles Club.....Monthly Activities
Barbara Freeman 702-436-2987 vegasgal96@AOL.com

Table Tennis Club..... Monday & Wednesday...8 a.m. - Noon
Steve Reed 309-696-5311

Veterans & First Responders Club.....1st Tuesday 7p.m.
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Groups

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Book Group.....2nd Saturday 12 p.m.
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Crafts and Stitches..... Tuesday 9 a.m.
Please Drop By

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RummikubSundays 1-4 p.m.
Richard rkroegr22@yahoo.com

Scrabble Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Juanita 702- 897-6257

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Sindi Keene 760-504-5880

Power WalkersDaily 7:00 a.m.
Cheryl Beaudry 702-823-5441

Solera Starz Cardio Class Wednesday 8 a.m.
Ardena 702-263-9770, Lorie 702-487-5725

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Arta Reitter 702-462-6167, Carol Page 702-205-0164

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Arda Reitter 702-462-6167

Tai Chi Clinic..... Monday & Thursday 11:15 a.m.
Ken Pavese 702- 407-8111

ZUMBAThursday 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Mary Richard 702-521-2583



Star gazing and more in Tonopah

Story and Photo By Diane Măkar Murphy

Stars are so plentiful above Tonopah, USA Today named it among “the top places to star gaze.” But that’s just one reason to visit the historic town midway between Las Vegas and Reno. With a mining museum and historic hotels, plus a strange cemetery and the International Car Forest, a funky yet innovative outdoor art display, en route, you’ll find plenty to see and do on a weekend excursion.

Just 232 miles up US 95, the former silver mining town, where silver has once again been discovered, is an eye opener, for many reasons.

The day my friends and I traveled north, an unlikely squall warning (yes, squall) beeped our phones. With 40 mph winds taking the “feels like” temperature into the teens, and sleet bombarding our car, we still visited the Car Forest in Goldfield, just shy of Tonopah. We froze amidst the jaw-dropping current batch of art gracing half-buried jalopies and buses.

Before leaving Goldfield, we braved the wind in the most unusual cemetery I’ve ever seen. First, it has a great back story: Originally mid-town, it interfered with the coming railroad. So one night, the railroad company sent men to move it to the outskirts of Goldfield. They became known as the “Ghouls of the Night.”

Secondly, it appeared to have wordless white crosses marking the graves. After a closer look, we found hand-inscribed stones (like you might lay on a patio) in front of the crosses. Even graves with tombstones had been hand-scribed,

not engraved. We also found epitaphs, like one for an 18-year-old woman – “A child weary of her ways” and another that reads, “Unknown man died eating library paste.” Note to self.

The continued weather and COVID closures in Tonopah limited what we could do next, but we still found ample entertainment in the “Queen of the Silver Camps.” The least likely adventure was a soul-provoking drive through Tonopah’s ghetto of abandoned homes, trash and tires, sprinkled with well-kept vinyl-sided bungalows. (To include a moment reflecting on how lucky we are to live in Solera.)

Our residence for the single night, to the contrary, was once tagged “The Jewel of the Desert.” The Mizpah Hotel, mostly restored to its former grandeur, opened in 1907 as a luxury hotel in the midst of a booming mining town. It was restored in 1980 and again in 2011. We enjoyed a drink in the grand lobby beneath massive chandeliers, breakfast in the brightly lit restaurant, and tight quarters and comfortable bed in our circa 1900s room. We also enjoyed a tiny museum packed with interesting memorabilia as well as a few ghost



stories (though we didn’t bump into the oft-sighted ghosts).

On warm weather trips, we’ve seen the Tonopah Mining Park, taken its walking tour, and enjoyed stepping back in history. (For more information about the park, go to tonopah-miningpark.com). Another thing we skipped due to cold winds was star gazing! Unbelievably, not one of us was willing to brave the cold even with multiple layers and blankets (the 6027 foot elevation didn’t help). It’s especially surprising since on my last trip to Tonopah, I saw seven shooting stars!

If you’re lucky enough to have a clear night, go to Tonopah’s Clair Blackburn Memorial Stargazing Park at the end of Ray Tennant Drive. You can sit at a picnic table and set up your telescope on a cement pad. But don’t worry; there’s plenty to see without one.

Our last two adventures were afterthoughts. First, car dealer Jim Marsh is an avid collector of signs and historical oddities. Many grace the lobby and restaurant in his Tonopah Station Hotel Casino.

Second, as we drove home, we stopped for lunch at the Sourdough Saloon in Beatty. Don’t look for any Michelin stars, but it was a fun place with good food and friendly service. Before we left we stapled our signed dollar to the wall. Be sure to hunt for it among the hundreds already there!

To plan your trip, go to tonopahnevada.com.



Hollywood history and 'Pot Town USA'

Story and photos by Larry Edsall

If you are ruthless enough, you might escape from jail or, if you are clever enough to solve the clues, you might open the exit door to flee an escape room, a popular pre-pandemic social activity.

But there's another kind of escape, an escape to, and two very different sort of such places are located near each other and only about 40 miles south of Solera.

Head toward Boulder City through Railroad Pass and take US 95 south to Searchlight. There, in addition to paying very close attention to the speed limit, turn right on Nevada 164 and take the arrow-straight 2-lane pavement west through the Joshua Tree forest to the turn off for Walking Box Ranch.

Walking Box Ranch was established in 1931 as a retirement home and an escape from the bright lights by married Hollywood stars Clara Bow and Rex Bell. They hosted the likes of Clark Gable, Carole Lombard, Errol Flynn, John Wayne and a young actor named Clint Eastwood at the ranch's buildings. The "walking box" was the working ranch's cattle brand, a box camera on a tripod.

The ranch is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is owned by the Bureau of Land Management and co-managed with UNLV. According to the BLM website, tours of the facility are available once a month. They have not been offered in recent months. However, a communication from the BLM indicates that the tours may be resuming after the hot summer months.

Returning to Nevada 164 and continuing west 15 miles you pass into California as you descend into the Ivanpah Valley and arrive at another place of escape, the community of Nipton.

Founded as Nippeno Camp at the crossroads of two wagon trails, the town of Nipton — with a trading post and hotel — emerged to serve area cattle ranches and mining operations after the arrival of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad in the first decade of the 20th century.

Fast forward to 2017 and the 80 acres of Nipton were purchased by American Green, a company that saw the site just off I-15 as the location for "Pot Town, USA," a cannabis-based tourist attraction. That plan fell through; the



Large letters in the desert at Nipton.



The town of Nipton is at the bottom of hill, just over state line.



Nipton offers an array of public art..

site became privately owned and in 2020 was listed for sale – the asking price is nearly \$3 million.

Though “no trespassing” signs are everywhere, you can walk along the roadway and railroad track and see much of what remains (and sometimes, I’m told, one of the few local residents might offer a quick tour. The day I visited though, I saw no one other than a couple of tourists from San Diego who also were walking around and seeing what they could).

What there is to see are the old but closed-up hotel and restaurant and other buildings, several public works of art, including some from the annual Burning Man gathering, and apparently the local desert tortoises (we saw lettuce someone had left out as feed for the native reptiles).

And if you really like what you see in Nipton, for a few million, you can make it your personal escape.



A Nipton art car.



Nipton sculpture.



More Nipton public art.



Saloon wasn't open so we couldn't wet our whistle.



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Model	Address	SqFt	List
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Lewis	2514 Darda ST	1,142	\$339,999

Homes Under Contract

Model	Address	SqFt	List
Lewis	2456 Ashen Light DR	1,142	\$292,000
Lewis	2427 Andromeda AVE	1,142	\$300,000
Lewis	2357 Celestial Moon	1,142	\$310,000
Lewis	2513 Jade Sky ST	1,142	\$315,000
Clark	2505 Chasma DR	1,248	\$329,900
Clark	2575 Red Planet ST	1,248	\$319,000
Fremont	2528 BINARY STARS ST	1,425	\$329,900
Jefferson	2644 Solar Corona LN	1,520	\$380,000
Whitney	2732 Solar Flare LN	1,596	\$478,000
Whitney	2500 Nashira ST	1,596	\$379,999
Whitney	2278 Jada DR	1,596	\$415,000
Whitney	2472 Penumbra DR	1,596	\$369,900
Whitney	2505 Cosmic Dust ST	1,596	\$369,900
Franklin	2415 Santeria Star DR	1,768	\$425,000
Franklin	2613 Darda ST	1,768	\$430,000
Franklin	2470 Hamonah DR	1,768	\$440,000

Homes Sold in the Last 90 Days

Model	Address	SqFt	Sold
Lewis	2540 Serene Moon	1,142	\$320,000
Lewis	2526 Evening Twi-	1,142	\$292,000
Lewis	2553 Crater Rock ST	1,142	\$289,000
Lewis	2349 Celestial Moon	1,142	\$350,000
Lewis	2583 Evening Twi-	1,142	\$290,000
Clark	2583 Sargon ST	1,248	\$315,000
Clark	2599 Sargon ST	1,248	\$315,000
Clark	2504 Nashira ST	1,248	\$334,900
Clark	2579 Evening Twi-	1,248	\$335,000
Clark	2519 Chasma DR	1,248	\$324,900
Clark	2604 Centaurus ST	1,248	\$325,000
Clark	2530 Nashira ST	1,248	\$322,500
Clark	2580 Centaurus ST	1,248	\$319,000
Clark	2384 Rift Valley ST	1,248	\$320,000
Fremont	2600 Red Planet ST	1,425	\$385,000
Monroe	2408 Sky Watcher ST	1,584	\$348,000
Whitney	2285 Jada Drive DR	1,596	\$391,000
Whitney	2390 Amana DR	1,596	\$400,000
Whitney	2536 Penumbra DR	1,596	\$377,000
Whitney	2427 Hydrus AVE	1,596	\$385,000
Whitney	2463 Moonlight	1,596	\$371,900
Whitney	2453 Comet Cloud	1,596	\$440,000
Whitney	2552 Solera Sky DR	1,596	\$380,000
Whitney	2431 Moonlight	1,596	\$392,000
Whitney	2527 Stardust Valley	1,596	\$384,900
Whitney	2627 Solera Moon	1,596	\$395,000
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Franklin	2347 Bildad	1,768	\$347,500
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