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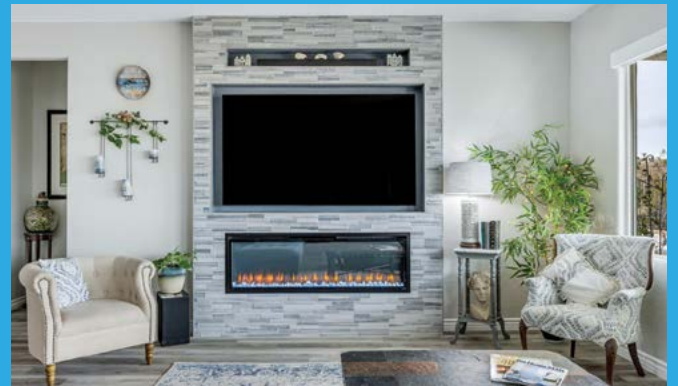
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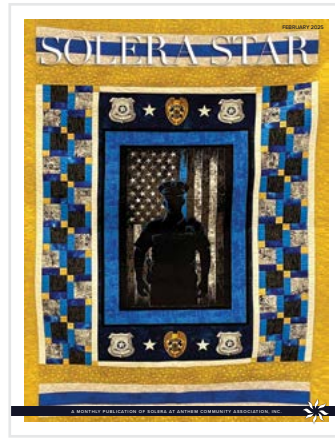
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Agendas are available five calendar days before the meeting, and are emailed to all residents with an email address on file. Agendas are also available at the front desk. To request a copy of the agenda, you may also reach out to Management directly. If you missed the live stream, the video is available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ja9gLO1-Fh4 ----->



Board of Directors Executive Session:

March 5 | 9:30 a.m. | Stardust

Board of Directors Open Session:

March 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Stardust

Board of Directors Executive Session:

April 5 | 9:30 a.m. | Stardust

Board of Directors Meeting:

April 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Stardust

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GOING SOLAR

FEDERAL GUIDE WILL HELP YOU MAKE YOUR DECISIONS

BY THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

One of the most requested home improvement projects by Solera residents is the installation of solar panels. There is an excellent resource on the internet from the US Department of Energy called “The Homeowner’s Guide to Going Solar.”

www.energy.gov/eere/solar/homeowners-guide-going-solar

In this guide you will find some resources to help you decide what’s best for your needs as there is not a universal solar energy solution.

- Is Solar for Me?
- Getting Started
- Paying for Solar
- Real Estate
- The Basics
- Learn More About How to Go Solar



Once you decide to install solar panels, an application will need to be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for review.

Unfortunately some of the ARC inspections for solar panel installation don’t pass this requirement on the first attempt. Please make sure the solar panel company complies with this requirement for a smoother approval.

Lastly, the Architectural Review Committee also highly recommends the installation of bird guards around the base of the panels. These bird guards help to prevent birds from nesting under the panels and thus might help avoid problems with your system not operating efficiently. ✨

NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS **APPROVED & ADOPTED** BY THE **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** ON 1.8.25

ARC Committee Resolution:

The Board further defines the Architectural Committee’s position for Trainee, Alternate, and Full Voting Members and the progression of member designated positions.

Updated change:

ARC Committee members will start as Trainees and shall be appointed to the committee as needed in anticipation of filling open Alternate seats.

No other Board member can serve on the Committee as a permanent member.

The following additional verbiage was added to the Committee Resolutions below:

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Resolution
- Communications Committee Resolution
- Community Standards Committee Resolution
- Covenants Committee Resolution
- Finance Committee Resolution
- Lifestyle Committee Resolution

Updated change:

No other Board member can serve on the Committee as a permanent member.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors may appoint Committee members upon conducting an interview of the Committee Candidate applicants in accordance with the Solera at Anthem CC&R’s section 7.6 and the Solera at Anthem Bylaws Article V Committees, with NRS116 and all Governing Documents. ✨

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Residents are welcome to attend any Committee Meetings that are of interest, except Covenants, and limited attendance to ARC. Meeting dates are listed on page 19.

VETERANS HONOR SOLERA'S QUILTERS CLUB

GROUP CREATES AND PRESENTS QUILTS OF VALOR
BY THE SOLERA VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS CLUB

The Solera Veterans and First Responders Club recently honored the Solera Quilters Club for their friendship and kind presentation of handmade quilts to many local Veterans and First Responders. Here is an interview with Gail Berkesch of the Quilters Club.

Q. Tell us about the mission and work of the Solera Quilters Club.

A. The Solera Quilters Club is comprised of a group of women (sometimes men) who gather every Friday to sew. Our group makes quilts and other items for gifts and donations to other charitable organizations, as well as home decorative items for ourselves. We support one another. In the past we have also made chemo cover bags, children's quilts and baby caps for Sunrise Children's Hospital.

We became involved in Quilts of Valor about three years ago and are now a recognized group with the National Quilt of Valor Foundation. From there we became hooked.

A Quilt of Valor is a quality, handmade quilt that is longarm machine-quilted or hand-quilted (not tied). It is awarded to a current service member or veteran who has been touched by war. The quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation." The quilt must be awarded (it is not a gift) and it must be recorded with the National Quilts of Valor Foundation. To date over 401,000 quilts have been awarded over the 26 years the group has been in existence.

Q. Please describe the process of making a quilt?

A. A quilt begins with an idea of a design or a pre-printed panel to which we add borders and 'blocks.' A block can be as small as 3-4 inches or as large as 18 inches. The blocks are then sewn together to create a quilt top of a specific size. Then the quilt top becomes a quilt 'sandwich' with a backing fabric as a base, the quilt batting in the middle, and the quilt top on top. It is basted to hold the layers together so it can be machine quilted. It may take up to 40-man hours of custom quilting!

Quilting is an expensive hobby. The batting alone costs about \$18; the backing costs about \$35 and the cotton to make the quilt top costs \$12.99 per yard and it takes about 5 yards of cotton to complete the top. We are blessed to have a long-armed in our group, Gloria Street, who does beautiful custom quilting for our quilts of valor at no charge.





ASSOCIATION
MOVIES! MOVIES! MOVIES!



The Veterans and First Responders Club introduced a new entertainment activity for Solerians and their guests in January 2025. Every third Monday of each month the Club sponsors a \$5.00 Night at the Movies. Participants not only enjoy sharing a movie experience with family and friends, but they assist in the fundraising efforts of the Veterans Club. All the funds raised each movie night from tickets, concessions, 50/50, and the basket raffle, are donated to local Veterans and First Responders organizations in our immediate area.

Each month a movie is chosen from one of eight genres: Comedy, Historical, Musicals, Mysteries, Romance, Suspense, Travel, and War. The movie shown on January 20th was *The Fall Guy* starring Ryan Gosling, and the February 17th film was *Ordinary Angels* starring Hilary Swank. The March 17th selection will be:

The Long Game starring Dennis Quaid. This film tells the story of a group of Mexican American teenage golfers in South Texas. It features the themes of overcoming discrimination and adversity and the best ways to achieve one's goals.

The Veterans and First Responders Club hopes that you will join them in not only enjoying great evenings but assist them in supporting the local Veterans and First Responders of Clark County.

WHAT: Monday Movie Night,
Sponsored by Solera Veterans And First Responders Club

WHEN: Third Monday of Each Month
Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Stardust Room, *Solera At Anthem Center*

COST: \$5.00 at the door for the Movie
All Regular Concessions: Candy, Popcorn, Sodas, And Water – \$1.25/Ticket *

Q. What's the best part of the quilting group?

A. The best part of the quilt group is the camaraderie we share among each other. We represent a variety of backgrounds, countries, and ethnicities. We learn from each other – not just about quilting but living life to its fullest and offering our sewing skills to others in the community.

Q. Tell us about how it feels to present a quilt to a deserving veteran.

A. To date we have awarded 32 quilts of Valor – many to our own Solera Veterans and First Responders Club. Every story is different. Every story touches our heart. By the time the ceremony is finished, most of us have tears in our eyes. You see, most of our makers are products of the Vietnam War era – the unspoken war, the war of protests, the war of skepticism, the horrors of war in pictures on TV and news documentaries. Our parents were part of the 'Greatest Generation' of World War II soldiers. The Vietnam veterans didn't return with parades or fanfare. The most poignant response from a recipient of a quilt of Valor was, "I am humbled. This is the first time anyone has recognized my service as something of value."

Q. How many members are in the quilting group? And how would someone join?

A. We have 13 members in our group. To join the Quilter's Club, just come any Friday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to the Paris room. There are no dues. We do not teach sewing skills. If you can sew a straight line, use an iron, and have a sewing machine, you can quilt! We bring our lunch and usually, we work on our individual projects. Not all of us make Quilts of Valor.

Want to learn more about the Quilter's Club? Contact Mary Ann Bianco at (860) 961-9883 or if you have questions about Quilts of Valor specifically, contact Gail Berkesch at (702) 239-1175. *

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When you stay socially engaged it helps you maintain and even improve your cognitive functions. A strong social network provides an invaluable emotional support system. Friends and family can offer encouragement, empathy and advice during difficult times.

In addition, social interactions can boost the senior's self-esteem by providing opportunities for positive feedback and recognition.

There are several ways to encourage socialization among the senior population:

- Joining Clubs or Groups
- Volunteering
- Participating in Family Activities
- Taking Classes
- Attending Community Events
- Overcoming Mobility Issues



In conclusion, regular socialization offers many benefits for older adults, including improved mental, physical and emotional health, as well as a greater sense of belonging and purpose.

The Spaghetti Dinner, scheduled for March 22, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Stardust Room of the Solera clubhouse, offers a great chance to have a tasty dinner and meet with your friends and make new friends while having a good time. The cost is \$15 per person, and you can buy your tickets at the Solera monitor's desk, or at the Foundation Assisting Seniors and Veterans office at 2518 Anthem Village Drive, Henderson, NV 89052. This event is proudly sponsored by the Romeos Club and the proceeds will be donated to the Foundation Assisting Seniors and Veterans. ✨

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Talk

DATE: 03/28/2025

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PLACE: 2401 Somersworth Dr Henderson NV 89004

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SOLERA LIFESTYLE PRESENTS:
APRIL 12, 2025

Nostalgia

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RANDY RIGGLE

NOSTALGIA COMEDY SHOW

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\$10 Entry Ticket: Concessions Available

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MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 First Night of Ramadan
2	3 Covenants 9am Solera Days Craft Sign Up 9am	4 Fat Tuesday Social ARC 9am Vets & First Responders 6:30pm	5 Executive Board 9:30am Ash Wednesday	6 Communications 9:30am	7	8 Fitness Center Orientation 10am
9 Daylight Saving Time	10	11 Coffee & Conversations with Archwell Health Bulk Trash Day	12 Open Session Board of Directors 9:30am	13	14	15 St. Patrick's Day Dance 6pm
16	17 Vets & First Responders Movie Night 5:30pm St Patrick's Day	18 Lifestyle 9:45am	19 Buildings & Grounds 9:30am	20 Community Standards 9:30am Bingo 6:30pm (Doors open: 5:30pm)	21	22
23	24	25 Lunch & Learn with Karri Brower 11am Bulk Trash Day	26 Finance Meeting 9:30am	27	28 Lunch & Learn with Carnegie Heights 11am	29 Solera Community Shredding Event 10am
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Bunco Club | Second Tuesday | 5 p.m.
Pam D'Assis | pitstop612@aol.com

Canasta Club | Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Karen James | (248) 719-9912

Euchre Club | Monday | 1 p.m.
Gregg Schiffbauer | (702) 379-1399 | magregg@aol.com

Fine Arts Club

Watercolor | Thursday | 10 a.m.

Colored Pencil | Tuesday | 1 p.m.
Joan Roeschke | (818) 590-7193
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Marcia Adams | (518) 356-2551

Handcrafted Creations Club

Bead Weaving | Thursday | 1 p.m.
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Quilts & More | Friday | 10 a.m.
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Poker Club

Monday | Noon; Wednesday | 5 p.m.; Thursday | 5 p.m.
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Romeo's Solera Mens Club

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SOLERA'S WATER-CONSERVATION PROGRESS

VILLAS WERE PROVING GROUNDS FOR CLUBHOUSE-AREA ENHANCEMENTS

BY FRANK NOBEL

Solera at Anthem is an age-restricted community developed by Del Webb. Solera is in the City of Henderson along the Anthem Parkway loop and is among the several communities, the most notable is Sun City Anthem,

Like the others, Solera is a Homeowner Association community, ours specifically with 1822 “doors” (homes), some stand-alone and some in the condo-style and gated Villas.

There are seven elected Solera at Anthem HOA Board of Directors members, each volunteering their time and efforts on behalf of the community. In addition, the community is supported by seven standing committees, each with seven voting resident members, as well as non-voting participants. As with the Board of Directors, committee members are volunteers.

Additionally, Solera has 22 chartered clubs, ranging from American Mah Jongg to Water Volleyball, with most every special interest and activity in between.

Further, Solera at Anthem is managed on a day-by-day basis by FirstService Residential under the direction of the HOA board.

Solera maintains a two-building clubhouse complex with several meeting rooms, an indoor swimming pool, and a well-equipped gym inside. Outside, there are tennis courts, and the latest craze, pickleball courts and bocce ball.

Solera is a vibrant community with amenities for most every interest. However, Solera also is more than 20 years old and signs of aging are beginning to show.

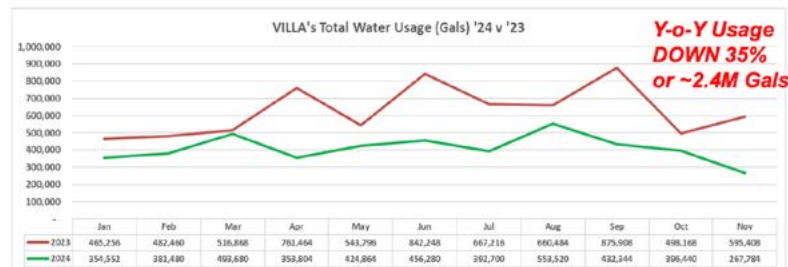
Take, for instance, the irrigation systems that serve the common areas within the Villas and around the clubhouse. Each system needed a series of what might be considered band-aid fixes to repair leaks and other issues. At the same time, there was a need to conserve precious water resources throughout Southern Nevada.

Solera’s Board of Directors, the Building and Grounds Committee, and our facilities management team knew it was time for a more formative approach, and just as the contract was about to expire with the landscaping contractor.

This project was not an overnight undertaking. A decision was made by the Board to use the Villas as test bed for improvements that also would need to be made around the clubhouse grounds. An ad-hoc committee including Villas



Landscaping & Irrigation’s Impact on Water Usage & Expense



Area between Starlight Hill and the Tennis Courts



residents was created to help the Board and FirstService management to establish goals, including changing from water-thirsty plants to those more suited to our dry, desert environment, thus saving not only water but to reduce the size of future water bills.

Three landscaping companies bid for the project. Each was interviewed by the Board. Cost was an obvious issue, but the board also was looking for a company that shared the long-term vision for water conservation while providing an attractive landscape.

The decision was unanimous: The contract was awarded to Tony Cuglietta and his High Desert company, and Tony was on-site in Villas throughout (as he has been with the effort moving to the clubhouse area).

ANTHEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING GET
ATTENTION ALONG THE 'LOOP'

BY DAVID DE OTO

Editor's note: *Solera at Anthem Board of Directors member David De Oto also serves as our community's representative to the Anthem Community Council, where he not only is a Board of Directors member, but the treasurer as well. Both positions are held on a volunteer, non-paying basis, even though the work takes between 5 and 20 hours of his time each week. The Solera Communications Committee asked David to share an update with our residents about the Anthem Community Council and its recent activities.*

The Anthem Community Council is a non-profit entity similar to a master association for the master planned community comprised of representatives of six separate Henderson communities: Sun City Anthem, Anthem Country Club, Coventry Homes, Solera at Anthem, Anthem Highlands and Terra Bella, as well as 24 commercial properties. The Anthem Community Council was established by the builder, Del Webb, and is responsible for the management and upkeep of the common areas of Anthem.

ACC's mission is to ensure that the look, feel and upkeep of the common areas of the greater Anthem community are kept at the highest standard.

Funding for the Council comes from assessments to residents of the member communities and the commercial properties. Residents contribute 98 percent of the Council funding, at a rate of \$15 per month per home (that amount forwarded from each homeowner's quarterly HOA fees).

As a Not-for-Profit corporation established under Nevada state law, the board of directors of each Association named above shall appoint one director. One additional director (the "At Large Director") shall be appointed by a vote of the other directors. Directors shall serve a two year term.

The Board meets quarterly — in February, May, August, and November — with workshop sessions in the other months. The quarterly meetings are open to the public, i.e., to residents of any of the associations that are members of the Council.

A good start, but it was time to double down on the dramatic change to the Villas. Communication with the Villas owners included showing sample landscape renderings and sharing them in a town-hall style meeting.

As with most any project of this size, there were some bumps in the road. One Villa resident was outraged that the pine tree that shaded the back of his condo was going to be removed. However, pine trees are not native to the desert, but with their needle "leaves" they can survive when given enough water. In short, a healthy pine tree takes in water like a sponge. A mature pine tree requires 250 gallons of water each week. There was no question: pine trees in the Villas were going.

There also were many other plants that were failing because of the old irrigation system. They also would be removed, and if replaced, it would be with a desert-friendly plant variety.

The work in the Villas completed, already water usage is down 35 percent, a savings of 2.4 million gallons of water, which has meant a savings of more than \$7,200 in water expenses for the Solera HOA.

The Villas equipped with new and more modern irrigation equipment and new less-thirsty plants; the clubhouse area (including the parking lot) was approached with the same diligence. Again, there was an ad-hoc committee, request for bids, a vote by the Board and High Desert hired as the contractor.

Goals and objectives were set and were shared at another town-hall meeting:

- To replace the system's aging components
- Enhance the overall aesthetics of our clubhouse's entrance and grounds
- Use plants and trees better suited to our environment and region
- To significantly reduce our in-ground water usage and on-going landscape maintenance costs
- Reduce the number and types of plants in the design to utilize, to the greatest extent possible, plants that are designated by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) as drought tolerant, low maintenance, and evergreen
- Reduce plant count by 50 - 75 percent
- Maintain a plant canopy density, based on the size of a mature tree, plant, or shrub of between 10 - 25 percent
- Increase seating capacity around the patio to accommodate future outdoor social events
- Enhance aesthetics around the buildings with the use of additional hardscape/landscape accessories

Work began late in 2024 and is scheduled to be completed as soon as the end of April 2025.

Not only will these projects reduce Solera's water bill but will demonstrate positive steps as our community assists in the Southern Nevada Water Authority's water conservation efforts. ✨



The Council maintains a website at anthemcommunitycouncil.com

The Council is primarily responsible for providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of Council property, primarily the fountain at the entrance to Anthem and landscaping in the median and along the sides of Anthem Parkway and Sun City Anthem Drive, commonly referred to as “the loop.” (With some exceptions, each community is responsible for its own “monument” landscaping, such as the grass area and pond in front of Anthem Country Club or Solera’s corners along Anthem Parkway.

LANDSCAPING

In 2022, the Council developed a master irrigation/landscaping plan to replace the aging infrastructure originally installed some 25 years ago by Anthem developer/builder Del Webb company. The 2020 plan envisioned a 10-year, \$10 million dollar project along the 8-mile loop.

With new members on the council last year, the Council revisited that

master plan and opted for a plan that significantly reduces that time frame and cost. The new plan will include only drought-tolerant plants which will require less extensive irrigation.

Similar to Solera’s current landscape and irrigation renovation, the Anthem plan calls for a lower density of plants and use of plants that require less trimming and maintenance. Not only will this reduce water usage and costs, but there will be an expected decrease in the cost of the landscaping maintenance contract.

Currently, Council’s intention is to develop a small section along Anthem Parkway and Reunion Drive as a template. This will provide Council an opportunity to see a living plan and make adjustments before moving forward with a blueprint for the remainder of the loop.

LIGHTING

In 1999, Del Webb entered into an agreement with the City of Henderson to install distinctive and unique streetlights. To do so, Del

Webb agreed to provide, maintain, and replenish the inventory of these streetlights in perpetuity. That agreement remains in effect today.

On average, there has been an auto accident that knocks down a streetlight every 1-2 months. At a cost of many thousands of dollars per light, Council has been replacing this inventory. A goal of Council in 2025 is to terminate this agreement and negotiate with the city to have it assume maintenance of all the streetlights along the loop.

CONCLUDING COMMENT

My perspective is that the Council will do what we need to do for our funding source (residents), and my objective is to reduce those assessments. I’ll also note that a lot of negotiation goes on within the Council, which is comprised of communities that have different opinions about what the Council should be doing. It is a thankless job, but necessary to keep the look and feel of Anthem up to the highest standard to enhance our property values and style of living. ✨

PICKLEBALL

PICKLEBALL COURTS RENOVATION & EXPANSION

MORE SPACE FOR THE FASTEST-GROWING SPORT

BY SHELLEY PAYNE-PITTMAN

In 2002, the Del Web Company opened a sale showroom for the Solera at Anthem community it was developing. Three years later, an adjacent clubhouse opened for Solera residents, who could enjoy the indoor amenities including a swimming pool, gym, billiards tables, game rooms, library, and ballroom. The facilities also included four outdoor tennis courts.

When pickleball started gaining popularity, a group of residents organized the Solera Pickleball Club. Since there were no pickleball courts, the club members painted pickleball lines on tennis court No. 4 and used it to play games and for training.

In 2016, tennis court No. 3 was converted into four pickleball courts. However, within a few years, the Pickleball Club grew from 15 members to 69, way too many players for just one pickleball court.

In August 2024, construction got underway to convert tennis court No. 4 into four more pickleball courts, and to upgrade the existing pickleball courts. The renovations were expected to complete by December 2024.

However, as with all projects, there were a few issues:

- During construction, the crew accidentally broke a water line, which closed the clubhouse for half a day
- The upgraded pickleball courts

needed center fence alignment, and the gate and fence need to be painted; these final tasks are expected to complete by March 3, 2025.

During the delay, anxious Pickleball Club members got to give the new No. 4 courts a test drive and are very pleased with them.

Facilities Manager Rob Randall has been overseeing the pickleball court renovation project since he joined Solera a few months ago.

“One of the most important parts of this project was the concrete foundation and tension rod system,” he explained. “Our concrete was poured amazingly and passed all inspections the first time. They did an excellent job on our concrete.”

When the upgraded pickleball courts are finished, a grand opening is planned and will be open to the entire community. The grand opening details will be sent in an eBlast and residents will be asked to RSVP.

“I can’t wait to open the new pickleball courts to the community!” Rob reports. “It’s an exciting opportunity for everyone to come together, get active, and have fun. I can’t wait to see all of you enjoying the game and making the most of these new facilities.

“I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Pickleball Club for all their assistance and knowledge throughout this project.” ✨

COMMUNITY

PICKLEBALL FUN FACTS

BY SHELLEY PAYNE-PITTMAN

- With 13 million players, pickleball has become the fastest growing sport in America (more than doubling in participation since the 2020 pandemic).
- It was invented in Washington state in 1965 as a children's backyard game.
- In 2022, Pickleball was recognized as the official state sport of Washington.
- There are conflicting stories about how the sport got such a goofy name; the easiest story to swallow is the inventor's dog was named Pickle.
- In Hawaii, pickleball is called “pukaball” (“puka” means hole in Hawaiian, referring to the many holes in the ball).
- Pickleball has three would-be international governing bodies; if they merge into one, pickleball could be added as an Olympic sport as early as the 2028 games. ✨





SOLERA'S PICKLEBALL CLUB

A FUN SPORT WITH A GOOFY NAME

BY SHELLEY PAYNE-PITTMAN



In 2016, 15 Solera residents gathered enough signatures to start the Pickleball Club. They elected Burt Weinerman as their first president.

Phyllis and Lanny Grubb are two of the original club members. Lanny was the third president; Phyllis recently was elected to serve as the club's new president.

The club holds meetings twice a year to plan activities, including tournaments and trips. To become a member, players just show up; there are no dues to pay, and members play Monday through Friday on the Solera courts.

According to Phyllis, the Pickleball Club started as a social club, but developed over the years into more of a sports club. Still, every year, it stages a holiday party as well as a "spring fling."

They also have taken group trips, including Caribbean and Alaskan cruises.

Members participate in club-organized tournaments including the "Super Pickle Bowl." Some members also participate in open tournaments organized at Sunset Park and in the Nevada Senior Games in Mesquite, Lake Las Vegas and in Bullhead, Arizona.

"The exchange of club play worked very well until Covid hit," Phyllis said. "We just haven't been able to get that going again. It's my hope to be able to play with other groups from other senior communities soon."

Kathryn Romano is the recently elected secretary and treasurer. She has been a member since 2022 and noted that the club has grown to 69 members. New members must sign a disclaimer since there have been some injuries.

Kathryn warned: "It can be a vigorous sport so use your best judgment about whether to play or not."

Kathryn enjoys the club because it was "built on a good framework that was already in place."

During the pickleball courts renovations, members have been playing at Sunset Park and at Inspirada's Montagna Park. All members are eagerly awaiting the grand opening of Solera's newly updated and reconstructed courts.

Pickleball has become so popular because it's fun, easy to learn and doesn't cost a lot to get started. If you're curious about the game, loaner paddles are available at the Solera clubhouse front desk. Solera pickleball courts are not set up for wheelchair play, so there are some restrictions.

Solera's Pickleball Club members have different skill levels, so all are welcome. ✨

INTRODUCING AN EXPANDED FOOD SECTION



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5. Prepare your recipe
6. Be interviewed and have photos taken at your home or clubhouse

For the past two years, a mainstay of the *Solera Star* has been the Recipe Exchange.

It was former Communications Committee member Nadyne Sweetko came up with the idea. The feature launched in the March 2022 issue with *Solera* resident Evie Schild Hart on the cover, and inside that issue were details for duplication of her Dark Chocolate Mocha Cream Cake.

Since then, *Solera* residents including Karen Schanhals, John Miller, David Distefano, Glori Spriggs, Harriet Gallu, Bob Propp, Joanne Nobel, Laura Addi, Arda Reitter, Larry Edsall, Marcia Adams, David Stefanik, Shelley Payne-Pittman, Vicki Ennen, Monica McAdams, and Irene Goff, have shared recipes for French Macarons, Auntie Doris' No-Knead Bread, Tuscan Soup, Loaded Potato Pinwheels, Chocolate Drizzle Cherry Thumbprints, Chili, Grandmama Nobel's Apple Bread, Goopy Brie Candy Cane, Ceviche, Valentine Sweet Hearts, Rosellen's Beans, Flourless Chocolate Cake, a Red, White & Blue Dessert, 5 Favorite Salads, Lemon Roll Cake, Spicy Creamy Corn Salsa, Crabmeat Dip, Tuscany Ravioli, Jello Pudding and Cool Whip Chocolate Brownie Trifle, Peanut Brittle, Oatmeal Cran-Raisin Bars, and in the February issue, Tomato Aspic.

Except for Tomato Aspic, the recipes have been for dishes that have been delightfully yummy, and the committee is eager to share more recipes from *Solera* residents.

Meanwhile, while we don't know if Frank Nobel can cook, we do know that he likes to eat and has written for the *Star* about his visits to various restaurants on Water Street, as well as the PKWY Tavern, Distill, Sorry Not Sorry, Cottonwood Station, local football-themed taverns, Giuseppe's Italian Grille, Jasmine Rice, and WSKY Bar & Grille.

All of which brings us to this: Beginning this month, we're launching Good Eats, the *Star's* new food section that not only will include recipes and restaurant reviews, but visits to farmers' markets, to new grocery and specialty-food stores, as well as include stories on food alternatives for those with allergies, interviews with chefs, and more, including surveys of *Solera* residents asking questions such as "pineapple on pizza?" "Ketchup on hot dogs?" "Steak tartare or well done?" "Sushi or cooked fish?" ❄️



A VISIT TO CHICKEN N PICKLE!

DESPITE THE NAME, PICKLEBALL IS JUST ONE REASON TO VISIT THIS NEW LOCAL ESTABLISHMENT

BY MARCIA ADAMS



The old saying “never judge a book by its cover (or name)” could not be truer when it comes to Chicken N Pickle. After talking to General Manager Jerry Dale, I learned that Chicken N Pickle is not just pickleball courts, but also a full-service eatertainment restaurant with delicious food and tasty drinks.

According to Dale, the mission statement of Chicken N Pickle is to “cultivate a vibrant, inclusive community, where families, friends and colleagues can create memories and connect through playful experiences, delicious food, and shared celebrations in a playful backyard setting that fosters human connection and support for our neighbors.”

Through the Our Hearts Are Local program, which focuses on creating philanthropic partnerships, the company aims to strengthen its neighborhoods and beyond. Chicken N Pickle sites host dozens of charitable events annually and donate proceeds back to each of the communities they serve.

And serve they do! Each year, the company closes the entire property for a day so its staff can go out into the community for a day of service.

The goal of management and staff is to fulfill founder Dave Johnson’s vision to create an environment where everyone in the family unit can put their phones down, have fun, and enjoy made-from-scratch food in an interactive environment. The restaurant group was founded in 2016 in North Kansas City and has 10 locations with six more in the works.

There really is something for everyone at Chicken N Pickle. Guests will find it easy to order food and beverages from anywhere on the 3.5-acre property, thanks to a tab system that follows them throughout their visit. Whether you are playing pickleball, ordering food, or drinking a refreshing cocktail, it is all handled seamlessly.

Let’s cover the obvious activity first — pickleball courts – 14 to be exact. Outside are 8 covered courts with misters and fans to keep you cool when the weather gets hot. In front of each outdoor court is a “gathering” area with a picnic table and corn hole set included with your court rental. The cost to rent an outdoor court is \$20 per hour, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. From 5 p.m. until close, the price changes to \$40 an hour.

Inside are 6 courts with plenty of amenities – restrooms, paddle rental desk, instructors, as well as a bar and kitchen for food service. Rates for indoor courts are \$40 an hour daily.

Perhaps the most amazing amenity is the adaptive sport wheelchairs, provided to all locations courtesy of the Chicken N Pickle Foundation. Sideline by an injury? These wheelchairs may help you still participate.





GOOD EATS

LIFESTYLE

“When we say we want to include everyone on our pickleball courts, we mean it!” says Dale.

First responders, if you’re planning a visit, make sure to check out Chicken N Pickle’s Free Open Play, currently every morning from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (hours may change due to other property happenings, so follow them on social media to check before heading over.)

Don’t play pickleball? Not to worry, there is plenty here to entertain you. Countless board and card games, beer pong, checkers, shuffleboard, Foosball are all available for guest use. There are over 90 televisions on-site, tuned into various forms of entertainment!

In the center of the expansive property is a unique area called “The Gameyard” that contains games and seating, perfect for those warm Vegas days and nights. Here, you’ll find multiple set-ups for corn hole, an oversized connect-four games, an oversized battleship game, plenty of seating, and an outdoor bar.

Looking for a quieter atmosphere? The upstairs rooftop, over-21-only, area is for you! The rooftop, which features an elevator large enough to fit a motorized scooter, offers a full-service bar, games for guests to play, and a beautiful view of both the Strip and the Henderson Airport.

In addition to all the above, there are two dog parks – one for large dogs and another for small breeds. There is even an obstacle course for active pups. For the dogs’ companions, there is a service window so their human companions can get refreshments while in the dog park.



Only service dogs are allowed inside the physical restaurant building but your furry friend can definitely enjoy him/herself in the park.

Another unique feature of the property is that a large portion of the indoor space is constructed with garage doors that can be lifted when weather permits to allow easier flow and access to all areas.

But Chicken N Pickle is not just about profits and one of the ways they achieve this is by having a full-time, on-site community impact coordinator who assists non-profit groups interested in hosting fundraising events at the facility. With no cost for space rental, these organizations can keep more of the money they raise at the event to go towards their mission. If you know of a nonprofit group interested in working with Chicken N Pickle, reach out online at chickennpickle.com.

Now, let’s chat a bit about the chicken part of the Chicken N Pickle name: the food. As you enter, the tantalizing smell of rotisserie chicken wafts through the air. Chicken N Pickle aims to serve food that is fresh and nutritious at a price point affordable to guests.

Every Sunday, there is a brunch buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the offerings



going more “lunch-like” at noon. Adults can enjoy this all-you-can-eat buffet for \$23.99 and children (ages 2-10) for \$10.99 (the facility is cashless so bring your credit or debit card). The food is delicious and the selection wide enough to satisfy anyone, but not too many options to be overwhelming. Also included with brunch is bingo, which is free to play with prizes awarded every round!

One of the strongest assets of Chicken N Pickle is the staff. Everyone we met throughout our time there was smiling and asking if they could be of assistance. Our food order was taken by one staffer and served by another. Currently the facility employs 153 people.

Chicken N Pickle is located at 3381 St. Rose Parkway (southeast corner of St. Rose and S. Maryland).

chickennpickle.com/location/henderson

Social media: @chickennpicklehdnv ✨



PIZZA AND THE PANDEMIC

HOME DELIVERY WAS (AND REMAINS) A ROUTE TO AN INEXPENSIVE MEAL WITHOUT RISKING PERSONAL CONTACT

BY FRANK NOBEL

Pizza and Covid-19, the two are intertwined for a number of reasons.

Restaurants were closed, locked down, because of the fear of spreading the pandemic. Remember the six-foot diagrams on the floor of establishments to keep a safe distance? Most have been removed, but there are telltale signs that you see every now and again.

Shopping for groceries was another issue, hence food pickup outside the store (and that continues today).

Pizza, whatever the brand, was unique. There was no personal contact. Your order was placed over the phone or online. And the pizza that you ordered was delivered right to your door, in most cases hot and fresh.

The cost of this convenience was inexpensive. An order of pizza could feed the entire family. There was ample quantity, and the quality was there because it just tasted good.

Pizza, because of its being relatively inexpensive, high quantity, exceptional quality and delivery to your door, became what many would call the “go to” food during Covid-19. And the increase of pizza sales during this period supports that supposition. In fact, while many restaurants were closing during the pandemic, new pizzeria businesses opened.

And the United States was not alone in the growth of the pizza delivery. Pizza was always a delivered product here, but with the worldwide spread of the pandemic, food delivery became all but a necessity.

There is a clear European example of this development. The birthplace of pizza is attributed to be Naples, Italy. However, there was no home delivery service. Many people in Naples, during the pandemic, made pizza in their own home, but without actual pizzeria equipment, and their results were lacking.

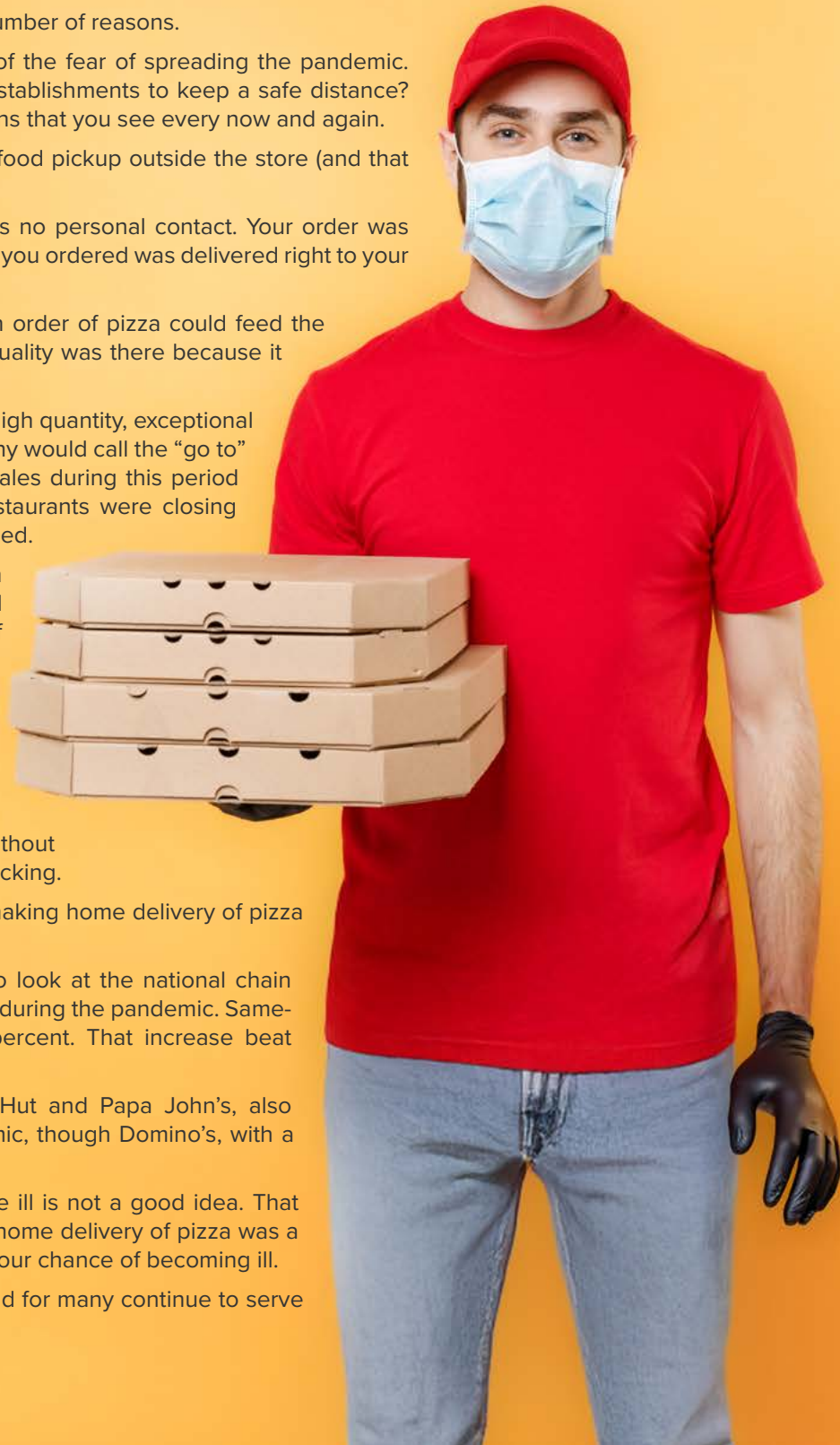
So, in April of 2020, a law was passed in Naples making home delivery of pizza legal. This helped many businesses to succeed.

In support of this pizza growth, take a moment to look at the national chain Domino's, its sales surged based on pizza demand during the pandemic. Same-store analysis showed a sales increase of 16.1 percent. That increase beat expected revenue by nearly 6 percent.

Other national chains, like Little Caesars, Pizza Hut and Papa John's, also experienced increased volume during the pandemic, though Domino's, with a greater number of outlets, fared the best.

Many dietitians say that eating pizza while you are ill is not a good idea. That didn't seem to matter during the pandemic, when home delivery of pizza was a way to avoid personal contact and thus to lessen your chance of becoming ill.

Regardless, it appears that pizza is here to stay, and for many continue to serve as the comfort food of choice. ✨



PIZZA WARS

NATIONAL, LOCAL COMPANIES
BATTLE FOR A PIECE OF THE PIE

BY FRANK NOBEL



The battleground is not filled with tanks, planes and infantry, but rather with waves of advertising and marketing. The national contestants are Domino's, Little Caesars, Pizza Hut and Papa Johns. In addition, there are many regional pizza brands like Marcos, Jets and California Pizza Kitchen. Further, there are several local pizzerias in and around Henderson such as Carmine's Pizza Kitchen, Joey's NY Pizza and Rebellion Pizza, to name just a few.

The breadth of all these pizza companies speaks volumes to the popularity of pizza.

Did you know that pizza accounts for more than 10 percent of total food sales in the US. It is estimated that each person in America eats 46 slices of pizza a year and many individuals brag about eating an entire pizza by themselves.

There are 3 billion pizzas sold in a year in the US, worldwide pizza sales are 5 billion. Any wonder companies want a piece of that pie (pun intended)?

Speaking of that pie, food historians tell us the term "pizza" traces to the year 997 in the southern Italian town of Gaeta, though pizza-style food dates to six centuries BC when Persian soldiers used their battle shields to bake flatbread covered with cheese and dates (and you thought pineapple was a strange thing to put on pizza). The style of pizza now popular, with dough topped by tomato, cheese and perhaps other ingredients, was developed in Naples, Italy, in the late 18th or early 19th century.

Domino's is the world's largest pizza chain in both sales and number of stores. During Covid-19, pizza sales increased across the board (see related article [Pizza and the Pandemic](#)).

Home delivery of food became popular during and since the pandemic but has been a popular option within the pizza wars for much longer, at least since the 1960s.

Pizza sales have dropped with the end of the pandemic. Domino's has remained positive in sales after Covid-19 but other brands have not done as well. Because pizza sales are slowing, the competition between the national chains is that much greater, and advertising is the weapon of choice.

"Better toppings means better pizza." Doesn't Papa John's jump into your head? That's successful advertising. What about "pizza pizza." Does Little Caesars come to mind?

Each television commercial has 30 to 60 seconds to sell a product to the viewer. Some proclaim innovations, such as cheese stuffed pizza and flavored crusts. The visualization of the product on your TV screen is designed to make your mouth water, and to motivate you to place your order.

Meanwhile, local pizza companies tend to use print advertising, often offering a special price reduction or a coupon, like Carmine's offering a large cheese pizza at a special price but limited to only one location. ✨



SURVEY SAYS!

SOLERA'S FAVORITE PIZZA PLACE *Rebellion*

Solera residents are divided on their go-to place for pizza, but they overwhelmingly agree that wherever they get their pizza, they prefer New York style, and it will not come with pineapple on the pie.

As part of the expansion of the *Solera Star's* food section, the Communications Committee sent out via the eBlast a survey of Solerans asking three questions:

1. Where is your local "go to" place for pizza?
2. Would you ever put pineapple on a pizza?
3. Given the option, would you pick New York, Chicago or Detroit-style pizza?

Nearly 200 residents responded, and they offered up 46 pizza-serving establishments as their favorites. The top three were:

1. **Rebellion Pizza** (located in the Anthem Village/Von's shopping center) with 28 votes.
2. **Marco's Pizza** (located on Via Inspirada) with 26 votes.
3. **Carmine's Pizza Kitchen** (with locations on Raiders Way and on W. Horizon Ridge) with 21 votes.

Other popular pizza places were Grimaldi's Pizzeria (15), Metro Pizza (14), Pizza Rock (11), Rosati's Pizza (8), Amore Taste of Chicago (7), and Joey's NY Pizza (5).

Speaking of Joey's, 47 percent of those responding to question No. 3 said they preferred New York style pizza. Chicago style collected 22 percent in the popularity poll, Detroit drew a mere 8 percent, while 22 percent said they preferred a style other than New York, Chicago or Detroit (to be totally accurate, Chicago did edge Other by one vote, 44-43).

Regardless of style, Solerans don't prefer pineapple on their pizza, and by a 66-34 percent margin.

We'll have another *Good Eats* survey for you next month, so look for questions about where you shop for groceries in an upcoming eBlast. If you don't already get the eBlast, go to the SoleraNews.com website and sign up. *



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A PLACE TO LAND BREAKFAST OR LUNCH

HENDERSON EXECUTIVE AIRPORT RESTAURANT OFFERS GOOD FOOD, GREAT ATMOSPHERE

BY LARRY EDSALL

Admission to the control tower at Henderson Executive Airport is strictly restricted. But the next-best thing is a meal at The Landings, the restaurant and bar on the second floor of the airport's terminal building.

Access is provided by stairs or elevator. Take either to the second floor, turn left and walk a few steps into a dining place that offers an amazing atmosphere inside and out.

Inside, there are aircraft models hanging from the ceiling, and the interior walls are lined with aero artwork. The two exterior walls are ceiling to floor windows that offer views of the runways and tarmac so you can watch the private aircraft load, taxi and take off or land, park and disgorge passengers and baggage.

Weather permitting, you can even dine on the outdoor patio.

In addition to meals for restaurant visitors, the Landings does cater for the aircraft, and the facility can be booked for private events. The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

A small group of Solera residents enjoyed breakfast at The Landings in January and immediately made plans to return sometime soon for lunch.

As we sat down, Lisa, our enthusiastic waitress, brought us coffee and menus and explained apologetically that dishes involving eggs would cost \$1 more than indicated, adding hopefully that this was a temporary situation.

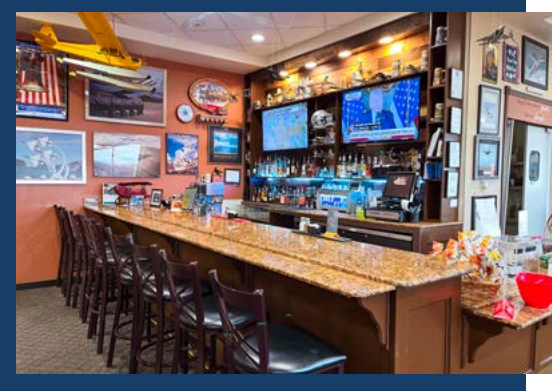
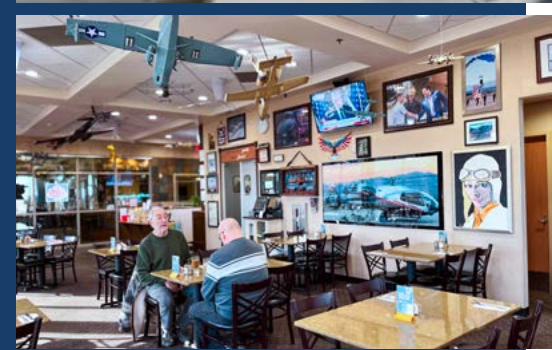
The breakfast menu is a delight to read since many of the meals have aero names. For example, The Black Bird (named for the SR-71) includes sausage patties and two eggs; the Lancer (named for the code name of the B-1 bomber) offers bacon and two eggs; the F-22 provides steak and two eggs; and the Perfect Landing includes two eggs, two slices of bacon, two sausage patties, your choice of hash browns or home fries, and toast, as well as coffee or hot tea.

Names for various omelets include F.O.D. (foreign objects on deck), The Glide Slope, and The Tower.

The breakfast menu also includes French toast and pancakes presented in stacks of various sizes.

For lunch, offerings include a Soup and Salad menu, a Finger Foods menu, assorted Hamburgers (each 1/3 of a pound, cooked to order and served with coleslaw, potato salad, French fries, fresh fruit, cottage cheese, onion rings, sweet potato fries, seasoned curly fries or a salad), a "South of the Border and Back Again!" menu, a "Health Conscious?" list, various Wraps, and a list of Sandwiches, including the B-17 (turkey, bacon, Swiss cheese and tomato on grilled sourdough bread). and The Bomber (otherwise known as a tune melt).

There's also a Kids Menu with various breakfast and lunch offerings, as well as a Dessert menu. ✨





HENDERSON EXECUTIVE AIRPORT

'RELIEVER' FACILITY CONTINUES TO GROW IN SERVICES

BY CHARLIE JONES

In 1967, Arby Alper purchased 912 acres of land from the city of Henderson as a site for his proposed airport. By 1969, Alper had opened a small operational airport. A year later, he named his airport Sky Harbor (even though that name already had been claimed, in 1929 for the airport serving Phoenix, Arizona).

Alper and his family had moved from Long Island, New York, to Las Vegas in 1957. He and his wife, Ruth, operated the Desert Isle and Bagdad Inn motels, and also invested in real estate.

Sky Harbor's location away from heavily populated areas but only 13 miles south of Las Vegas made it an attractive and active alternative airport throughout the 1970 and '80s. The airport began with a single 5,000-foot runway, hangars for maintenance, a terminal building with control tower and a handful of trailers.

But the facility grew. Alper added new hangers and offered new services. To help pay for these and other airport improvements, he sold 152 acres of his airport property.

Then, in 1996, the Clark County Department of Aviation purchased Sky Harbor and changed its name to Henderson Executive Airport, which serves as a reliever airport for Harry Reid International, helping to reduce congestion at the busier airport. HND is the airport's Federal Aviation Administration identifier.



As air traffic began to increase, Clark County's aviation department began improvements at the Henderson facility. Runway 17R/35L, 100 feet wide and 6,000 feet in length, opened in 2003. A year later, runway 17L/35R opened, 75 feet wide and 5,000 feet long. Two years after, a new control tower and terminal building were completed.

(Note: Pilots identify the runways not as 17R or 35L but as One Seven Right, Three Five Left, One Seven Left or Three Five Right. For a pilot's view of the airport and its challenges being close to Harry Reid, see the FAA video www.faa.gov/hnd)



The terminal has modern amenities like meeting rooms, a pilot lounge with showers and sleeping quarters, car rental facilities, high-speed internet, and a full-service bar and restaurant called the Landings. It also offers a range of services tailored for business aviation, including fueling, maintenance, and plane-side limousine services, as well as a flight school.

Major improvements required because of increased traffic from major events like the Super Bowl and Formula One race have been approved by the city of Henderson and work has already begun. Runway 17R/35L will be extended from to 7000 feet and runway 17L/35R will be extended to 6000 feet.

In 2024, the federal government approved an infrastructure bill to modernize airport-owned air traffic control towers; \$800,000 from that appropriation is funding repairs to the Henderson Executive Airport control tower, including its HVAC system and elevators.

For those interested in becoming a pilot, the flight school has

two planes, a Cessna 172 and a Cirrus SR20/22. The cost to obtain a private pilot license is between \$10,000 and \$15,000 and requires 60 to 70 hours of flight time, which usually can be completed within three months.

And if you're looking for an out-of-the-way and different dining experience, the Landings Restaurant is it. The restaurant is located on the second floor of the airport terminal and offers a friendly, relaxed atmosphere with stunning runway views providing a vantage to watch private jets and turboprops take off and land while you enjoy your meal.

The restaurant has an outdoor patio and is a great spot for anyone looking for a peaceful meal with a unique backdrop.

The menu has a variety of American breakfast and lunch options, including, eggs Benedict, country-fried steak, biscuits and gravy, burritos and classic dishes like scrambled and steak and eggs. Restaurant hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends. ✨



NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PLANNED FOR JEAN

LANDLOCKED REID NEARING CAPACITY

BY LARRY EDSALL

There's only so much traffic that Harry Reid International Airport can handle. Las Vegas' commercial airport already is the sixth busiest in the US and by 2030 is expected to reach full capacity — 63 million passengers and the flights by which they land and depart. While expanding terminals is in the works, the landlocked facility can only handle so many airplanes at a time.

Last summer, the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reported on the “surging” international travel to Las Vegas and noted new service in 2024 to and from London Gatwick, Manchester (UK), Dublin, Seoul, various cities in Canada, and Tijuana, Mexico, with daily service to South Korea and the Netherlands. All that on top of 17 new domestic airline destinations.

The apparent solution to overcrowding and traffic capacity at Harry Reid is the proposed Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport, to be built near the town of Jean, some 25 miles south of The Strip and just east of the I-15 highway and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks. (Yes, Jean already has an airport, the Jean Sport Aviation Center, used primarily for general aviation, glider flights and sky diving operations.)

The new SNSA airport (or whatever it's actual name might become; it was called the Ivanpah Valley Airport in early proposals) would cover some 6,000 acres, would be encompassed by a 17,000-acre buffer zone, and is being designed as an international airport.

Construction is expected to begin in 2029 and to be completed by 2035. It will be the largest public works project in Nevada history, costing as much as \$14 billion. Plans call for 153 passenger boarding gates and two runways, one 15,000 feet in length and the other 12,000 feet long.


I-15 also will be expanded from six to 14 lanes between Sloan and Primm. The Brightline West high-speed Los Angeles to Las Vegas rail right-of-way parallels the interstate highway and there are possibilities of light rail and/or Boring Company tunnels to provide access to the new international airport facility. ✨



TO INFINITY AND BEYOND?

SPACEPORT PROPOSED FOR SOUTHERN NEVADA

BY LARRY EDSALL



It is anticipated that folks will be able to fly from Southern Nevada to destinations around the world by using a new international airport proposed for construction near Jean. But Rob Lauer has even more distant destinations in mind.

In 2023, Lauer, a commercial real estate developer, started raising money to build the Las Vegas Spaceport on 240 acres he owns between the Vegas Valley and Pahrump. However, he told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, “this is not something that’s going to happen overnight.”

Lauer’s plans include a launch pad, spaceplane runway, control tower, flight school and 200-room casino resort designed for what is known as space tourism.

Last year, Clark County approved construction permits for the airstrip, which initially would be the site of an executive airport and airplane races like those traditionally staged at Reno. The lasvegasspaceport.org website says the inaugural races are scheduled for April 11-13, 2025.

The Federal Aviation Administration also approved aircraft operations for the site.

Meanwhile, plans were announced in 2024 for a Las Vegas Space STEM University on the site and offering two-year programs in aerospace engineering.

For more on the Spaceport projects, visit lasvegasspaceport.org. ✨

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BE PREPARED

CALIFORNIA FIRES A REMINDER TO HAVE A 'GO BAG' PACKED

BY LARRY EDSALL

Back when many of us were Boy Scouts, we were reminded that our motto was to “Be Prepared.” The idea was that we should be prepared, physically and mentally, to do our duty, to do the right thing, at any time.

But the recent wildfires that swept the Los Angeles area provided another sort of “Be Prepared” reminder, to be ready to evacuate our homes at a moment’s notice.

Do you have a “go bag” ready to grab should you be told it’s time to evacuate? I don’t, but since the fires in California, I’ve been doing some research. Here’s what I’ve found:

There are at least two ways to create your personal “go bag.” One is Amazon.com, where you can pick and click ready-to-go bags for prices ranging from \$40 to \$400.

Or, you can create your own, more personalized bag.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s **ready.gov** website www.ready.gov/kit notes: “After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water, and other supplies to last for several days. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.”



www.ready.gov/kit

The website has a click-to-print lists, one of basic things to include and one of additional items to consider. Among the basics are a gallon water per day per person, several days of non-perishable food, a manual can opener, a batter-powered or hand-crank radio, flashlight, extra batteries, dust mask, plastic sheeting, scissors and duct tape, moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties, a wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities), local map, cell phone and chargers.

Also consider taking soap, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, prescription medicines, contact lens solution, cash, important documents, sleeping bag or blanket for each person, change of clothing, matches, paper cups and plates, paper and pencil, books and games, and if applicable, infant and pet foods and supplies.

FEMA suggests you assemble three such kits, one to keep at home, one in your vehicle, and one at your workplace (should you have to shelter in place). It also suggests you update your kits on an annual basis.

Further, its website has a “Make A Plan” page with information about establishing a meeting place for family that might get separated in an emergency situation, how to safeguard critical documents and valuables, and more, including a page for pet owners.

The US State Department also shares the list of items it suggests foreign service personnel include for personal preservation in emergency evacuations, including money (ATM and credit cards, checkbook and cash), medical items (immunization records, glasses and contacts, prescription medications, and a small first-aid kit), personal belongings (clothing, cell phone and charger, small toiletry kit), food (snacks and water), documentation (passport, driver’s license, household effects inventory, etc.)

The State Department says to include items for your pet should you be traveling with one.





It also offers a list of things to include in what it calls a “stay bag,” including change of clothes, sensible shoes, towel, sleeping bag, pillow, microwave meal, soup, tuna packets or cans, LED flashlight, multi-purpose tool, whistle, and also suggests that in certain environments you include work gloves, dust mask, rain gear, insect repellent and a tarp.

Harvard University also has a go-bag checklist that includes over-the-counter pain and inflammation medicine and anti-diarrhea medicine; a light, warm rain jacket, bandana or scarf, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and refillable water bottle.

One other site you might want to check is <https://theprepared.com/bug-out-bags/guides/bug-out-bag-list/> which reports: “There’s no such thing as The Ultimate Bug Out Bag. There are just too many variables to allow for a universal answer that is perfect for all people in all situations. So the good news is you don’t have to stress over being perfect.



“Yet there are still clear, life-altering differences between a good kit and a bad one. Many people pack bags that are too heavy to be useful, for example, because they (wrongly) assume they’ll definitely have access to a working vehicle.”

The website offers suggestions for what to include for various events, including an evacuation bag, a survival bag, an “I’m Never Coming Home Again” bag, and a couple of others.

Bottom line: Let’s hope none of us here in Solera will need any of the bags mentioned above, but let’s also be like the Boy Scouts and “Be Prepared,” just in case. ✧

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WHEN IS AN IRISH POTATO NOT AN IRISH POTATO?

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Editor’s note: Thanks to Solera resident Ingrid Serina for sharing this quiz. ✧

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2448 Gamma Ray Pl	\$1,795	1,248	Clark	2515 Starlight Valley St	\$1,950	1,425	Fremont
2510 Evening Twilight Ave	\$1,800	1,248	Clark	2385 Amana Dr	\$1,950	1,596	Whitney

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