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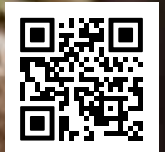


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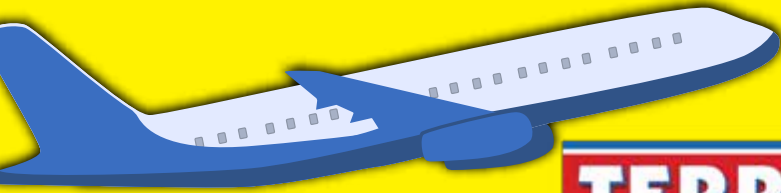
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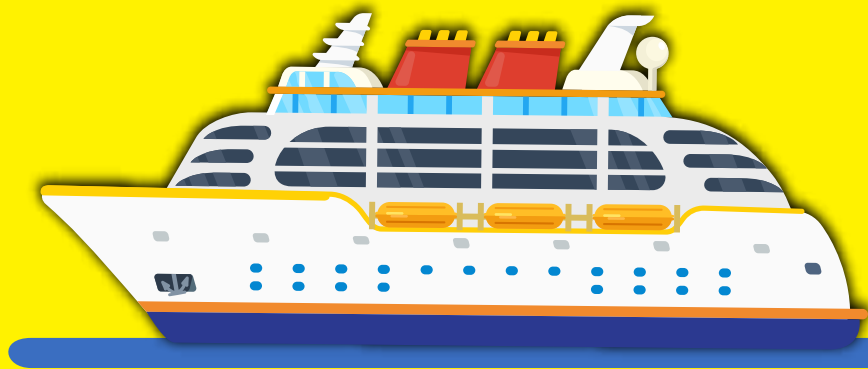




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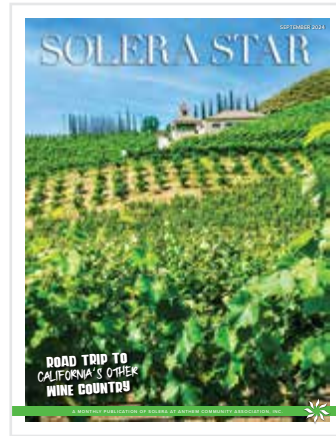
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Meetings are held in the Stardust Ballroom of the Clubhouse, located at 2401 Somersworth Dr., Henderson, NV 89044

Agendas are available the week before the meeting, and are emailed to all residents with an email address on file. 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

September 4 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

September 13 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Executive Session

October 2 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

October 9 | 6:30 p.m. | *Stardust*

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GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER



Dear Solera Residents,

My name is Dan Penescu and I'm grateful to have been given the opportunity to offer my services and experience to this wonderful community as your new Assistant General Manager. My gratitude extends to FirstService Residential and in particular to Simone Mrdjen and Florine Radulovic-Kay, who made my new journey possible. Additionally, I feel fortunate to have been introduced to a wonderful management team which have given me a very warm welcome.

Although I'm new to this association, my involvement in the real estate industry and providing professional services to homeowners in the Las Vegas Valley started more than two decades ago when I became a Residential Licensed Appraiser.

In 2022 my professional career took an exciting turn when I obtained my Community Association Manager license and became a portfolio manager.

Switching to an onsite position two years later was one of the best decisions I ever made due to having the opportunity to work for a very special group of homeowners and residents here at the Solera at Anthem community.

In case you haven't met me in person yet, please stop by my office and share a brief moment together.

I look forward to embarking on this new adventure with all of you and rest assured that I will be fully dedicated to serving Solera At Anthem and my team.

DAN PENESCU,
Assistant General Manager, CAM – Solera At Anthem ✨

ARC WORKS WITHIN ITS MISSION STATEMENT

BY THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Solera at Anthem ARC members periodically replenish our working knowledge of the Architectural Design Guideline through reorientation meetings. These meetings help ARC members rediscover areas in the guidelines which are seldom visited. They also provide a concentrated review of our mission statement:

“To process applications from the homeowner for modifications to their property and provide inspection of the completed modifications confirming adherence to the Architectural Design Guidelines.”

These ARC inspections noted in the mission statement take place on the first Tuesday of the month after our regular monthly committee meeting. Notice that our mission statement does not read “check Solera resident's property and if you see anything on a property that is outside the Architectural Design Guidelines, report it.”

Our mission statement does not allow ARC members to be “Solera Police.” When ARC members go onto a property to inspect the modification covered in the homeowner's application, we are only there to inspect the modification that was covered in the homeowner's application and, of course, to answer any questions the owner may have.

If we do see something in the community that is not within the guidelines while on inspection, we cannot report it because we are working within our mission statement. ✨

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The following committee needs volunteers:
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Residents are welcome to attend any committee meetings that are of interest, except Covenants and ARC. Meeting dates are listed on page 21.

THE CAPITALIZATION FEE

HOW HOME SALES BENEFIT THE SOLERA TREASURY PASSES?

BY THE SOLERA AT ANTHEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Editor's note: In the June edition of the Solera Star, we began a series of articles from the Board of Directors, beginning with an explanation of an Energy Audit, undertaken with a goal of reducing the use of water, electricity, and natural gas in the clubhouse commons, and of saving on expenses for such utilities in the long term. In this issue, the Board explains the Capitalization Fee and its goals.

On or about August 8, 2003, Dell Web Communities, Inc., recorded a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC & R's) for the new Solera at Anthem Community. In this declaration, the Capitalization Fee was created, and the Association was enabled with the power to levy a Capitalization Fee, due upon transfer of each lot (home) within the Solera at Anthem Community.

A detailed explanation of the Capitalization Fee can be found in the CC & Rs for the Solera At Anthem Community on pages 45 and 46.

FEE LIMIT:

In summary, the Capitalization Fee is an additional funding source for the community (in addition to the direct annual homeowner assessments). The Capitalization Fee is equal to 1/3 of 1 percent of the gross selling price of each lot/home in Solera, with all improvements, upgrades and premiums included, and shall be due upon the closing of the sale. The gross selling price shall be the total cost to the purchaser of the lot, excluding transfer taxes and title fees imposed by Clark County, if any.

EXEMPTIONS:

There are several exemptions. Here are the ones pertinent to homeowners:

No Capitalization Fee shall be levied upon transfer of title to property for the following:

- i. by a co-owner to any person who was a co-owner immediately prior to such transfer;
- ii. to the owner's estate, surviving spouse, or heirs at law upon the death of the Owner;
- iii. to an entity wholly owned by the grantor or to a family trust created by the grantor for the direct benefit of the grantor and his or her spouse and/or heirs at law; provided, upon any subsequent transfer of an ownership interest in such entity.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CAPITALIZATION FEE?

Capitalization Fees shall be used for purposes which the Association Board deems beneficial to meet the general operating needs of the Association. By way of example and not limitation, Capitalization Fees may be used to

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assist the Association or one or more tax-exempt entities in funding operating and maintenance costs for recreational facilities, common areas, open space preservation, and all other funding needs for operating the Association.

WHAT HAS THE ASSOCIATION USED THIS MONEY FOR?

- The Association has transferred money from the Capitalization fund into Reserves. Here are some recent examples:
- \$200,000 to Solera Reserves (approved by Board of Directors, December 14, 2022);
- Approximately \$10,900 for Abraxas Energy Audit (approved November 11, 2023, by the Board of Directors).
- Approximately \$17,967 for upgraded variable-speed

pumps in the swimming pool area as recommended by the Abraxas Energy Audit (approved by Board of Directors, May 8, 2024).

WHAT IS THE CAPITALIZATION FUND BALANCE?

As of May 31, 2024 — \$500,716

As noted in the Capitalization Fee purpose above, the fee also has been used to supplement Reserve Projects where an enhancement to the community was identified and/or recreational or other enhancements to the community identified. As far as we know, at least in recent years, the association has not used the Capitalization Fee to fund general operations. Although, the Association has wide discretion to use these funds for any association purpose.

Capitalization Account



Solera At Anthem is very fortunate to have this fund as another source of revenue. Not every homeowners association in the Las Vegas Valley has such a fee and the resulting funds. This is one reason why your Board of Directors and the Finance Committee is so very interested in the monthly number of sales in the Community. It's because your association gets 1/3 of 1 percent of gross selling price of the lot (each time it is sold).

Keeping Solera at Anthem the premier community that it is enables homeowners to see their residences increase significantly in value. With that increase in significant value, the corresponding fee to the association goes up as well upon sale of the home. ✨

Disclaimer: If you have already submitted an application approved by the ARC Committee for Solar Screens you are grandfathered into the approval process. PLEASE NOTE: The Villas Repaint Maintenance project will begin before the end of the year. If you have installed a Solar Shade in the patio area you will need to remove the shade at your expense so that the Painters can complete the work. If your Solar Shade has received an approval in the past from the ARC Committee, you may reinstall the shade at your expense. No other Solar Shades may be installed without an approved ARC Application which adheres to the Villas- Townhomes ARC Design Guidelines as set forth below.

V. DESIGN GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO SOLERA TOWNHOMES

A. General: The Townhomes have been designed as integrated housing units to remain uniform in size, shape and exterior appearance. All landscaping on Townhome Lots will be maintained by the Association. No additions, expansions or alterations to the Townhomes exteriors or the Townhome Lot landscaping will be considered by the ARC except as provided below.

B. Improvements to Private Yard Area; Fence - subject to approval by the ARC, an

The private rear area for the Townhomes is the area bounded by side property lines and five feet (5') behind the rear wall of the Townhome. Owner may install wrought iron fencing to enclose an area in the private rear yard only of a Townhomes that extends up to five feet (5') behind the rear wall of the Townhome and not to exceed the width of the rear of the Townhome unit exterior as shown in Figure 10 of these Design Guidelines.

The following rules will be applicable to such private yard area.

1. Fencing Materials and Color: Any fencing and gate constructed to enclose the private rear yard area shall be constructed of wrought iron forty-two inches (42") tall as measured from the highest adjacent lot and a gate with a maximum height of forty-two inches (42") constructed of the same material. Both the fencing and the gate shall be painted in accordance with Section III.E. The style of the wrought iron must match the existing style installed throughout Solera at Anthem. Metal mesh may be installed on the interior of the fence up to twenty-four (24") in height and painted the same color as the wrought iron fence.

2. Improvements within Private Rear Yard Area: The private rear yard areas were initially to be improved by the Developer with decomposed granite. Owners may install within the private rear yard area,

- a. **Pavers** to match the color of the granite,
- b. **Grey** broom-finished concrete,
- c. Synthetic turf that is equal or greater quality as shown in Figure 9-A of these Design Guidelines. Synthetic turf manufacturer's literature and samples must be submitted with application for approval. No indoor / outdoor carpet allowed. No putting greens are allowed. Any synthetic turf installed must be lead free and the application to install synthetic turf must include certification documentation showing the synthetic turf is lead free. See Figure 9-B for typical certification. Synthetic turf shall not be placed on top of existing ground cover.

No synthetic turf is allowed in the side or front yards of the Townhomes.

- d. Or any combination of the original decomposed granite and the foregoing items.

No plant materials will be approved by the ARC within the private rear yard area except for plants in pots or plants irrigated through a separate irrigation system operated by the Owner. The common irrigation system used by the Association to irrigate all other plant materials on Lots may not be used by Owners for irrigation of any plant material installed by an Owner in the private rear yard area. Outdoor patio furniture can be placed within the private rear yard area, but dog houses or other structures are prohibited.

3. Townhome Shading –Rear, Side and Front Yard Area: Three types of exterior shading may be installed on the Townhomes. The three types are Roll-up Shades, Curtains and Solar Screens. All three types of shading require ARC approval. Awnings are not allowed. See V.B.3.d) in these guidelines for exterior wall mounting restrictions.

- a. **Roll-up Shades** - Manually or motorized operated roll-up shades may be installed on the rear patio only. Roll-up shades must be attached to the inside patio column only and be anchored at the base. Vertical tracks are permitted. Roll-up shade material must be a solid color. The colors shall be the same color as the building, beige or tan. No patterns are allowed. A drawing of the roll-up shade proposed location, mounting brackets / rail location and if motorized, the electrical connection must be part of the application.
- b. **Patio Curtains** – Patio Curtains may be installed on the rear patio only. Patio curtains must be attached to the inside patio column only. Patio curtains material shall be marine canvas fabric. Patio curtains material shall be a solid color. The colors shall be the same color as the building, beige or tan. No patterns are allowed. When not in use, the curtains shall be tied back. A drawing of the patio curtain proposed location and mounting brackets locations must be part of the application.
- c. **Window Solera Screens** – Solar screen may be installed on all Townhome windows. Each window must have the same type / color / material and style solar screen. The color shall be the same color as the building, beige or tan. A color photo of the solar screen to be installed must be part of the application.
- d. **Other Attachments to the Exterior of the Townhomes** – Other items permitted to be attached to the exterior of the Townhomes are safety or health related items. Also, a satellite dish antenna is allowed per Section III.I.2.b) and c) of these guidelines. All of these items require ARC approval. No other penetration of the exterior walls is permitted.

The Townhome owner shall sign a waiver releasing the Association from having to incur costs for repairs or replacing of any aforementioned items or any damage to the Townhome unit.

4. Townhome Front Landscape Accessories - The front landscape of the Townhomes is divided into five areas.

- #1 Area between the Driveways.
- #2 Area between the driveway and sidewalk going to the front door.
- #3 Area of the front yard.
- #4 Bump-out Shelf under the front bedroom window.
- #5 Porch.

The areas where landscape accessories are permissible are the front of the Townhomes (Area #3), Porch (#5) and private rear yard. See Figure 11-A for a graphical representation of these areas.

- a. **Area #3 (Front Yard) Landscape Accessories** - Landscape accessories in the front yard shall not be larger in size than three feet (3') in height, two feet (2') in width and two feet (2') in depth. A maximum of two accessories are permitted in the front yard of the Townhome.
- b. **Area #5 (Porch) Landscape Accessories** - Landscape accessories on the front Porch shall not be larger in size than three feet (3') in height, sixteen inches (16") in width and sixteen inches (16") in depth. A total of one landscape accessory feature is permissible on the front porch and should be placed on either side of the front door.

The landscape accessory should be of a desert tone color, but other colors will be considered by ARC when the color photo of the proposed accessory is reviewed with the application. The landscape accessory shall be static in display only. No animation accessories are allowed. Landscape accessory features using water are not permitted. Ground penetration is not permitted. Landscape lighting is not permitted. Artificial flowers or plants are not allowed anywhere in the front of the Townhomes.

No item is allowed to be placed on the front window bump-out ledge (Area #4).

No landscape accessory feature shall be located nearer than three feet (3') from the property line. All landscape accessory features shall be compatible with the overall architectural theme of Solera at Anthem.

5. Townhome Side and Private Rear Yard Landscape Accessories

- a. **Side Yard** - No Landscape accessories are permitted in the Townhome side yards.
- b. **Private Rear Yard** - Landscape accessory features are permitted in the private rear yard. The private rear yard landscape accessory feature shall meet the same requirements as those of the front yard.

ARC approval is required to install landscape accessories in any approved area of the Townhome Landscape. A color photo of the accessory must be part of the specification.

No other landscape accessory or amendment shall be added to the Townhomes common area.

6. Maintenance: The Owner is responsible for maintaining approved wrought iron fence, gate and all other improvements installed by the Owner within the private rear yard area, except if

an Owner obtains the approval of an adjacent Owner to construct a fence on a common property line as set forth in paragraph V.B.7 below. Such fence shall be deemed a "party structure," as such term is defined in the Declaration, and shall be maintained in accordance with Section XII of the Declaration.

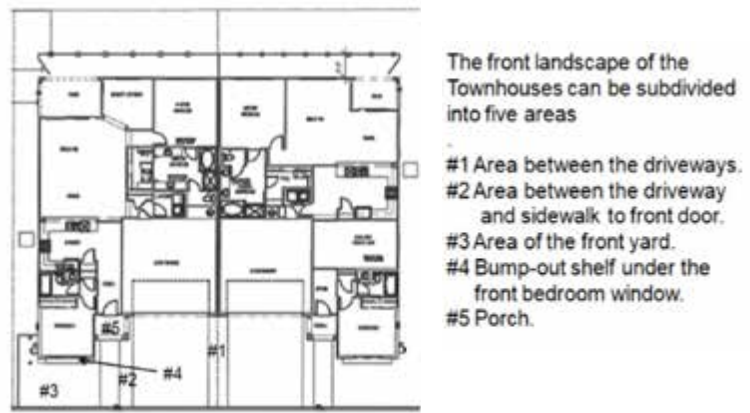
7. Approvals: In addition to the approval of the ARC for any improvements constructed or installed pursuant to this Section V, an Owner also is subject to obtaining the approval of any neighboring Owner if a fence is proposed to be constructed on a property line shared by an adjacent Owner. An approval form is found in Figure 11-B.

C. Front Entryway Door and Security/Screen Door: The following criteria applies to all Townhomes.

Front Entryway Door: ARC approval is required to replace the front entryway door. The color is to conform to that approved for the Solera at Anthem Townhomes front doors.

- 1. **Security/Screen Door:** A security/screen door may be added to Townhomes provided they comply with Section III.Q, of these Design Guidelines.
- 2. **Replacement Windows:** The addition of windows is prohibited in the Townhomes. ARC approval is required to replace a window in a Townhome. The replacement window must strictly conform to the original design of windows installed by the Developer with respect to style, detailing and materials, e.g., white vinyl, dual-pane, horizontal sliders."

FIGURE 11-A TOWNHOME - FRONT LANDSCAPE AREA



**NEIGHBOR PERMISSION FORM FOR FENCE
(Townhomes)**

I grant permission for my neighbor at _____ to install _____

Wrought iron fence on property line not to exceed 42" in height from highest lot as set forth in Section V B of the Architectural Design Guidelines.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

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FIGURE 11-B. TOWNHOME NEIGHBOR FENCE APPROVAL FORM

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FOUNDATION ASSISTING SENIORS: 22 YEARS OF SERVICE

SENIORS, VETERANS BENEFIT FROM FOUNDATION'S HELP

BY BETTY BOYD

The Foundation Assisting Seniors and Veterans was created by Favi West and Chuck Davis in 2002. Each founder saw that his parents were getting older and thus they came up with the idea of temporarily providing seniors with durable medical equipment on a temporary basis so it would not be a cost burden.

They started with one pair of crutches. From that beginning, FAS has grown into a 501(c)(3) non-profit serving all of Clark County. It serves those at least 50 years or age, and veterans of all ages.

Carol Chapman joined the FAS management team in 2015 and was appointed president in 2023. Her background has been very valuable to her work at FAS. While living in Southern California, she raised funds for City of Hope and volunteered as a tutor and mentor to children in the Los Angeles School District. She also worked as a consultant and in human resources for several major corporations.

FAS has a core of 20 volunteers, though depending on various events throughout the year as many as 100 people can be involved in FAS activities. The core volunteers run the office (located at 2518 Anthem Village Drive), deliver durable medical equipment, and clean and disinfect the equipment.

Volunteers also do such things as senior's home visits to install or replace batteries in smoke detectors, to change air filters, etc.

FAS has a warehouse with a variety of durable medical equipment, but the office has a small sampling of equipment that is available for immediate pick up. Larger items are in the warehouse and can be delivered for a \$20 delivery fee and a loan for up to 90 days, and longer if needed.



Some of the most needed items include hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, transport chairs, transfer benches for the shower and — the most popular loan — shower chairs. The need for medical equipment is constant and varies from day to day. FAS acts as a stop-gap measure until equipment ordered by a doctor is available.

A touching FAS story concerns about a woman who lost her husband and who left her a large car that she could not drive. She lived on Boulder Highway and was unable to get to the bus stop, so FAS delivered her a small scooter. The woman called FAS "The Foundation of Angels."

FAS has an excellent free service called "How Are You?" The system places a telephone call to a person at a certain time each day. The person pressed a key on a phone, indicating they are okay. Should there not be such a response, two additional calls are placed. If still no response, a contact person is called, and a wellness check can follow. To date, the program is credited with saving more than a dozen lives.

One of FAS's newest services is a Temporary Foster Pet Program. Should someone be going to the hospital or for other such medical care, FAS can be contacted and foster care for a pet can be arranged.

Both the foster volunteer and the pet (dog or cat) are vetted. The pet's owner provides medical information about the animal, but also, what they like to do, what they like to eat, where their vet is located, etc.

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9/11 TERRORISTS SPENT TIME IN LAS VEGAS

MAJOR INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT SEEKS DETAILS INTO THEIR ACTIVITIES

BY THE SOLERA VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS CLUB

September 11 will be the 23rd anniversary of one of the most horrific days in American history: 2977 people died that day including 343 firefighters and 72 police officers. This does not include the terrorists; they do not count!

At 9:00 a.m. on September 11th, in the Stardust Room, the Solera Veterans And First Responders Club will be honoring those who laid down their lives to save others on that day, our firefighters and police officers. Henderson Mayor Michelle Romaro, Assistant Police Chief Eric Buck, and Henderson Fire Chief Shawn White are scheduled to be in attendance along with the Henderson FD Honor Guard. This is the only 9/11 ceremony in Henderson, and you are all invited to attend.

Did you know there was a Las Vegas connection to that fateful day?

It is believed that the al-Qaida terrorists came to Las Vegas to scout potential targets, including Hoover Dam.

The terrorists took flight training in Florida and Arizona and spent time together in New Jersey and Southern California.

Las Vegas, with its large transient population and steady base of international tourists, was simply a place where the hijackers could blend in and feel comfortable, investigators reported.

In May 2001, Mohamed Atta, and the other pilots — Hani Hanjour, Marwan al-Shehhi, and Ziad Samir Jarrah — began making cross-country test flights. Each time they flew they rode first class so they could observe up close the cockpit and the activities of the flight attendants. They booked flights on Boeing 757s and 767s, which they ended up commandeering in the attacks.

Unlike most people who visit Vegas hotel/casinos that replicate the Pyramids, Europe or the New York City Skyline, the leaders and their logistics men stayed at the not-so-glamorous end of the Las Vegas Strip, at cheap motels guaranteed not to have surveillance cameras. They stayed briefly, only as long as it took to exchange important information. (In 2002, Spanish authorities seized videotapes from al-Qaida associates that included footage of Las Vegas casinos with other landmarks around the country.)

Al-Shehhi, who had flown first class to San Francisco from New York in what is believed to be the terrorists' first cross-county test flight, took a room as a "walk-in" at the Travelodge near Sahara Avenue and Interstate 15, the investigators reported. Once there, he called eight other hotels and motels before checking out and moving the next day to the St. Louis Manor, which was not on his list of calls.

The report said al-Shehhi, who would later crash United Airlines Flight 175 from Boston into the South Tower of the World Trade Center, may have changed motels for "operational reasons."

The St. Louis Manor was one block away from the Stratosphere Tower.

On May 25, before leaving Las Vegas for San Francisco and then New York, al-Shehhi mysteriously changed rental cars, leaving the commission investigators with the impression he was trying to "frustrate physical surveillance." He rented a new car at another agency and drove it for about three hours before returning the first rental. He returned the second car as he left Las Vegas later in the day.



Jarrah's presence in Las Vegas from June 7-10, 2001, was described in the commission report as the "most perplexing." Jarrah, who would go on to take control of United Flight 93 from Newark, New Jersey, before it crashed 80 miles outside Pittsburgh, flew first class on United Airlines from Baltimore to Los Angeles before taking a connecting flight to Las Vegas.

Witnesses saw Jarrah with an unidentified June 7 at McCarran International Airport.

The investigators were not able to track the miles on the car because Jarrah had a contract for unlimited miles. They initially had trouble finding where Jarrah stayed in Las Vegas. Eventually, through a record of phone calls, they learned Jarrah had stayed at the now-closed Maxim hotel-casino just off the Strip on Flamingo Road.

On June 28, Atta flew first class from Boston to San Francisco on a United flight and then connected to a flight to Las Vegas. One of the first things Atta did after leaving McCarran late in the



afternoon was to open an internet account at the Cyber Zone, an internet cafe. He got there at 6:40 p.m. and stayed until a little after 8 p.m. Investigators do not know what Atta did from the time he left the Cyber Zone until his 1 p.m. check-in the next day at the Econo Lodge, a low-budget motel on the Strip near Charleston Boulevard. Like the St. Louis Manor, the Econo Lodge is in the shadow of the Stratosphere. On June 30, the report said, Atta spent most of the afternoon and evening at the Cyber Zone and left Las Vegas at 6 a.m. the next day on connecting flights to Denver, Boston, and New York.

On the morning of August 13, Atta returned to Las Vegas first class on an America West flight from Washington, roughly 48 minutes after Hani Hanjour and another hijacker, Nawaf al-Hazmi, had arrived. Hanjour, the pilot of American Airlines Flight 77 from Washington that would crash into the Pentagon, and al-Hazmi, who was one of the

hijackers on that flight, had flown first class from Washington to Los Angeles and then took a flight to Las Vegas.

The investigators reported they did not discover what Hanjour and al-Hazmi did in Las Vegas before they flew coach back to Baltimore on Northwest Airlines the next morning. They did learn that Atta checked into a room at the Econo Lodge at 2:55 p.m. on August 13 and returned to the Cyber Zone at 11:29 p.m., logging in on to a computer for about 29 minutes. He went back to the Econo Lodge at 12:46 a.m. The next morning, the investigators wrote, Atta checked out of the motel, returned his rented car, and boarded a Continental Airlines flight to Houston, where he connected to a flight to Fort Lauderdale.

The effort to learn what the hijackers were doing in Nevada is considered the largest and broadest investigation ever undertaken in Las Vegas.



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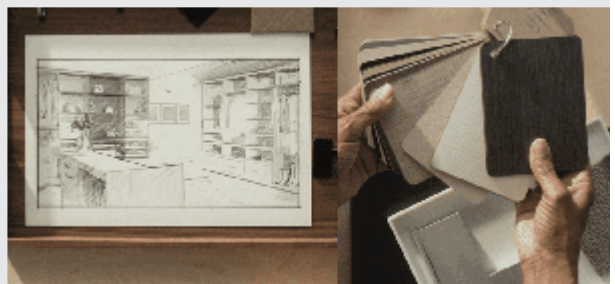
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CLUB EVENT



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SUNDAY, OCT. 13 | 1-4PM
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LIFESTYLE EVENT



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LIFESTYLE EVENT

SOLERA HALLOWEEN PARTY

FRIDAY, OCT. 25 | 6-8PM
RESIDENTS \$22 | GUESTS \$24

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers and dessert will be served. This is also a BYOB event.

Costume contest (prizes awarded to winners)

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Entertainment will be provided by Neal Acito



LIFESTYLE EVENT



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STARDUST BALLROOM

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8	9 Covenants 10am	10 Bulk Trash Day	11 Patriot Day	12	13 Board of Directors 9:30am	14 Fitness Center Orientation 10am
15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month	16	17 Lifestyle 11:15am	18 Buildings & Grounds 9:30am	19 Community Standards 9:30am Bingo 6:30pm (Doors open: 5:30pm)	20 Fifties Sock Hop 6pm (Doors open: 5pm)	21
22	23	24 California Closets Lunch & Learn 11:30am Bulk Trash Day	25 Finance Meeting 9:30am	26	27	28 Chili Cook-Off 5:30pm
29	30	OCT 1 ARC 9am Tickets on sale for Halloween Party 9am Veterans & First Responders 6:30pm	2 Executive Board 9:30am	3 Communications 9:30am Rosh Hashanah	4	5 Solera Community Health Fair 9am-12pm
6	7	8 Bulk Trash Day	9 Board of Directors 6:30pm	10	11	12 Yom Kippur

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REVIVAL

HENDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT VISITS SOLERA TO REIGNITE COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM

BY LARRY EDSALL



“Community safety is everyone’s responsibility,” Henderson Police Department Officer Alejandro “Alex” Alcantara told an audience of some two dozen Solera residents in late June. He and fellow officer Carlos Chorens were in Solera to help reignite our Neighborhood Watch program, and not only here but in other Henderson communities where they are either launching Neighborhood Watch programs or encouraging a reboot in the aftermath of Covid-caused decline.

Solera’s Neighborhood Watch program was founded by resident (and now Board of Directors president) Ken Sawyer. He has been succeeded in leading both the Neighborhood Watch and Community Patrol efforts by resident David Gaskill.

“When Ken asked me to fill his shoes, it was humbling to know he had the confidence in me to carry on what he started,” David said.

“In working with Officer Alcantara of the Henderson Police Department, it was discovered that our community’s Neighborhood Watch Program had become inactive. This was probably because of Covid and the downstream effects it had on our community. Officer Alcantara explained what we have to do is resurrect the program over the next few months. This is what I am trying to do.

“Ours is a 55+ community members and we all need to watch out for each other. There was a time in the past where our community had safety issues. We started the Neighborhood Watch Program and the Community Patrol, and those issues decreased substantially. This is why it is so important for us to get our program active again, so these issues never come back.”

Neighborhood Watch was founded in 1973 by the National Sheriffs’ Association to help address burglaries and other crimes taking place in suburban and rural areas of the country.

“We need to work hand in hand,” Officer Alcantara said of police and public cooperation.

Neighborhood Watch’s goal is for 40 to 50 percent of homes to participate in a program that basically keeps alert to what’s happening in a resident’s immediate neighborhood.

It is not a vigilante program, Officer Alcantara stressed. “It is observe and report.”

The Neighborhood Watch structure is based on having a captain and co-captain for each of some 30 districts within Solera, with an overall liaison (in our case David Gaskill) who coordinates with the local police department (HPD).

Officer Alcantara outlined the benefits of such a program:

- Increased sense of security
- Reduced risk of being a crime victim
- Training neighbors to detect illegal activities
- Increased sense of community with neighbors looking out for one another
- Teamwork between the police and community
- Increase in community networking
- Rumor/Damage control

He stressed the importance of knowing your immediate neighbors, recognizing their vehicles, having their contact information, and keeping an eye on their homes should they be on vacation or other extended periods of time.

He and Officer Chorens also noted the importance of residents with Ring doorbells to sign up for HPD’s CAPTURE program; should a crime or suspect be recorded by your video equipment; CAPTURE allows officers or detectives to contact you about those images. They also discussed HPD’s Home Security Inspection program that allows you to invite a police officer to your home to make recommendations about home security. Information on CAPTURE and the Home Security Inspections is available on the HPD website: www.cityofhenderson.com/government/departments/police



Before concluding the meeting, Officer Alcantara shared recent Solera statistics regarding calls from residents to HPD in 2023 and to date in 2024. While noting, for example, that this year there already have been 23 calls regarding suspicious activities compared to 19 in all of 2023, he said such figures are encouraging because they likely indicate increased resident awareness and a willingness to call.

“The key is people making reports,” he said, noting that there are two telephone numbers available — 311 for non-emergency calls and 911 for emergencies and to report a crime in progress.

Regarding the reboot of Solera’s Neighborhood Watch program, David Gaskill said residents need to complete the HPD’s Neighborhood Watch Program participation forms.

“We already have the infrastructure in place,” he added. “We just need to bring it back to life.”

David’s hope is to have those forms available at the clubhouse welcome desk. In the meantime, he can be contacted at dgaskill557@gmail.com or via the Nextdoor app. ✨



CHARLIE JONES



Editor's note: *The Communications Committee has introduced a new format for the MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS feature in the Solera Star monthly magazine. Regardless of how long you've lived in Solera, we encourage you to introduce yourself to your neighbors by answering the following questions. After doing so, you'll be contacted about submitting photos or scheduling a visit from our photographer.*



Q. If a couple, when and where did you meet (include anything interesting or unusual about the courtship — long distance, married 3 days after we met, went to high school together but reunited at 25-year reunion, etc.)?

A. I met my wife while working part time after school on weekdays and on Saturdays at a small printing company. We were both 12 years old at the time. She worked in the bindery department, and I worked in the shipping department. Nine years later, after a long courtship, we married. She passed away after 55 years of marriage and a long illness. I still miss her today.

Q. If you have children and/or grandchildren, how many and anything else you might want to share about them (such as, our daughter is first chair violins with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, or my son is a Doctor Without Borders)?

A. We have three children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. One great-granddaughter is an FBI analyst working in the terrorist division in Washington, D.C., and another is a registered nurse in Illinois. And my other grandchildren are doing well in their chosen field.

Q. When did you move to Solera, and why did you move here?

A. I moved to Solera in October of 2021 because I could no longer take care of my wooded one-acre property and was tired of fighting Illinois' harsh winter and shoveling snow.

Q. Where you were born and lived before Solera and what you were doing — schools, occupations, military service (include any career highlights you'd like to share, such as military medals, Academy Awards, Grammys, Super Bowl championships, bowling league championships, county fair blue ribbons, whatever)?

A. I was born in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. I graduated grammar, high school and college and served five years in the U.S. Naval Reserve, two years on active-duty stations in Glenview, Illinois, as a fireman and three

years of inactive duty. I later took the Illinois Architectural exam and passed it. As a registered architect I worked in a small three-man firm as a designer and specification writer. While with this firm we designed and built two hospitals, a grammar schools, most of the Sears retail stores, one Cracker Jack factory addition, and multiple low-rent housing projects, all in Illinois. Later in life I joined an engineering firm working for cereal companies designing and installing cereal lines like Capt. Crunch, Crunch Berries, Natural Cereals, oatmeal, etc. We also did Gatorade and Snapple lines and Wolf-brand chili lines, to name a few.

Q. Any favorite memories you'd like to share, such as travel to Machu Picchu or seeing Northern Lights in Iceland or being lost in the desert for 4 days before being rescued)?

A. One memorable motorhome trip was to Calgary Canada, where we attended the Calgary rodeo and Stampede and met actor Robert Duvall. From Calgary our next stop was Banff, a small and picturesque Canadian town where moose roamed the streets, golf courses and surrounding areas. Then on to Lake Louise and the glacier ice fields where we walked on million-year-old ice.

Q. When company comes to town, where do you take them (Red Rock, Valley of Fire, The Strip, Boulder Dam, etc.)?

A. I never miss taking company to see 7 Magic Mountains and to the Pioneer Saloon in Goodsprings on weekends for country music and dancing. Oatman AZ to see the wandering mules is a must. Fremont Street for a little nightlife and of course Water Street for the arts. If company stays any longer, a trip to the Grand Canyon is a must.

Q. What are your favorite activities in Solera (and is there an activity you'd like to see added for residents)?

A. Activities I enjoy are card-making classes, billiards, and the library. Activities I would like to see added include darts, horseshoes, and chair yoga classes. ✨

TAKE A TOUR OF TEMECULA WINE COUNTRY

SCENIC SETTING AND
WONDERFUL RESTAURANTS

BY ALVARO MURCIA



For some time, Maria and I had been planning a trip to Temecula Wine Country in Southern California, and our wish finally has been fulfilled. Most of what we knew about the place had been by reference. Several friends shared their experiences with us, and we decided to celebrate our wedding anniversary a bit prematurely at a nice bed and breakfast.

I am sharing this experience with those friends and our Solera neighbors who may be interested on this type of experience. However, and unfortunately, we did not spend enough time to explore the vast number of interesting places to visit, mainly all the wineries and some of the best restaurants they offer.

Temecula is located about 300 miles south of Solera (between Riverside and San Diego). We explored the city for a short time. As I was photographing the city entrance arch, an older local gentleman hollered at us: "What is written on that arch is a lie." The city was not founded in 1859, as is advertised; it adopted the name in 1964, when it became a very prosperous wine producing area.



Prior to that year, the area was known as California Ranch. The city was named Temecula honoring a Native American named Temeeku.

We spent most of our daytime hours exploring and photographing a number of the wineries along the De Bartola Wine Trail, but we also researched the restaurants in the wineries and two of them caught our eye.

The Cave is a great place to eat and also to photograph if you like that sort of thing. We had a great lunch there. Tables are located between Soleras of wine barrels that extend a good 200 feet, and it includes two or three wine barrels populated with signatures of visitors over time. (Although the area is restricted, I managed to get permission to photograph the place.) The Cave café is located in the Oak Mountain Winery.

The other restaurant is in the Europa Village Wineries and is named Bolero and is a great place to have a celebration dinner. If you like Mediterranean Spanish seafood cuisine with a variety of tapas and other offerings, you will not be disappointed.





We stayed at The Vine House Bed and Breakfast owned by a young local family. It has very nice accommodations and the views from the rooms are breathtaking. I ordered a bottle of wine, which was placed on a small table with roses next to it. Maria loved it. Breakfast is brought to your door at about 9 a.m.

The owners have a very nice chicken coup a few yards from the building. The owner told us that the chickens provide the fresh eggs for breakfast. We decided to explore the chicken coup area and we noticed a good number of mostly hens, some of them very exotic that we had not seen before.

Something unusual occurred that was surprising. We were observing the chickens through the mesh fence, and actually playing with them, suddenly, they all moved to the opposite side of the cage and huddled for a couple of minutes, and they marched on one by one to their coup and disappeared. It was only about 3 p.m., too early for bed. ✨





SOMETHING'S MISSING FROM YOUR PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE?

BY LARRY EDSALL

As autumn and Thanksgiving approach, I got to wondering about the popularity of pumpkin spice latte, which reportedly contributes more than \$80 million to Starbucks' annual income.

Not to sneeze at \$80 million, but that's merely a drop in the coffee cup of the half-a-billion dollars generated annually by products made with and sold under the banner of pumpkin spice.

But here's the irony: There's no pumpkin in pumpkin spice.

Pumpkin spice is a blend of spices — ground cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, cloves and maybe a smidge of allspice. And get this: Pumpkin spice also is used to give pumpkin pies their flavor.

If you read that list of spices carefully, you noticed it does not include anything that comes from that Thanksgiving staple — the pumpkin. In fact, that blend of spices was created to give pumpkin pie what we've come to accept as the flavor of pumpkin.

Speaking of which, if you've ever carved a pumpkin, and used your hands to extract that mess of seeds and membranes, it's likely that the last thing you want to do is to scrape out the relatively thin layer of pulp and see how it tastes, raw or cooked.

And yet people love their "pumpkin" spice lattes, and all the other edibles sold under the pumpkin spice banner (among them Pumpkin Spice Spam — yes, Spam — as well as milk shakes, hot chocolate, Twinkies, Oreos, Pop Tarts, Tostitos, butter, cereal, pasta, cream cheese, cookies, and the list goes on).

Why, pumpkin spice has become so popular that there probably are people who have gone to their local auto mechanic to say they saw an advertisement for pumpkin spice motor oil and would like it in their vehicle's crankcase as colder weather arrives.

History shares that a pumpkin spice recipe — of mace, nutmeg and ginger — dates at least to the late 1700s. Maryland-based flavoring specialist McCormick & Company has produced pumpkin pie spice since 1934. An Indiana company, J. L. Hufford Coffee and Tea, said it began offering pumpkin spice latte in 2003 and Starbucks quickly offered its own version.

For the record, pumpkin is a particularly large and round-shaped species of squash that, like corn and the potato and tomatoes, is native to North America.

Pumpkin has become popular for decorating in the form of Halloween's Jack O'Lanterns.

The pulp you extract in creating your scary-faced decoration is edible, but apparently not very pleasing. Thus, when you bake a pumpkin pie, that single can of steamed pumpkin puree that you blend into the mix comes not from O'Laterns' innards (*Cucurbita pepo*) but from what are called Dickinson pumpkins, which technically are squash and more closely related to butternut squash (*Cucurbita mouschata*).

Dickinsons not only are larger typically than the Halloween version, but are oblong, have smoother white-to-light tan skins, and contain much more and sweeter (and thus tastier) pulp.

So put that in your latte and drink it. ✨



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LEMON ROLL CAKE

KAREN SCHANHALS SHARES A TREAT FOR DESSERT

BY MARCIA ADAMS

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Prep Time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Chill Time: 2 hours
Servings: 10 servings
Calories: 362kcal
Original author: Dorothy Kern
Nutrition:
 Serving: 1/10th cake roll
 Calories: 362kcal
 Carbohydrates: 60g
 Protein: 3g
 Fat: 12g
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 Fiber: 1g
 Sugar: 50g



Our recipe this month is compliments of Karen Schanhals.

Some Solera residents may know Karen from Bunco and the Solera Ladies Club. This year, she will oversee the Ladies Club Bake Sale, to be held on Solera Days. (Participants may sign upon the bulletin board outside the Paris Room to donate bake goods for that sale. While you are sifting through your recipes, please consider submitting one for inclusion in future editions of the Solera Star. See recipe card in this article.)

Karen decided to make Solera her home some seven years ago, relocating from Dayton, a small town outside of Reno. She has lived in Northern Nevada since 1992. Prior to retiring, she was the executive assistant at a Fortune 500 company.

In addition to her duties with the Ladies Club, Karen is President of Bunco, which is held the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. She assures me that it is a rather simple game with dice and welcomes everyone to attend.

Regarding her Lemon Roll cake, since he was not fond of regular cakes, Karen started searching for something other than a traditional cake to make for her grandson's birthday. She found the lemon recipe on Pinterest, and it has become a family favorite.

Karen points out that this cake is smaller than a traditional double-layer cake and keeps well in the refrigerator for up to four days if wrapped in plastic wrap.

Karen had prepared a cake prior to my arrival so I had an opportunity to sample it. The flavor is excellent, and I loved the texture. For me, it bought back childhood memories of when my mother used to make rolled cakes filled with jelly.

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LEMON CAKE ROLL

Lemon in every bite! Lemon cake and lemon whipped cream filling make this the perfect cake roll for any occasion.

INGREDIENTS

Cake:

- 3 large eggs (recipe suggests Egg-Land’s Best)
- 3/4 cup (150g) granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons (30ml) lemon juice (if using fresh-squeezed, use the juice from a medium-sized or 1/2 of a large lemon)
- Zest of one lemon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 cup (93g) all purpose flour
- Powdered sugar to aid in rolling

Filling:

- 1 cup (237ml) cold heavy whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons (21g) powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup lemon curd or pie filling

Frosting:

- Powdered sugar for dusting

Or

- 1 cup (237ml) cold heavy whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons (21g) powdered sugar



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a jelly roll (10x15”) pan with foil and spray with cooking spray. (Use the spray with flour or actually grease and flour the foil to avoid sticking.)
2. Beat eggs at high speed for 2 minutes, until frothy and dark yellow. Beat in sugar, lemon juice, and zest.
3. Whisk together salt, baking powder, and flour. Stir into wet ingredients just until blended.
4. Spread in prepared pan. Batter will be in a very thin layer and you will need to use a wooden spoon or spatula to spread it to all the corners of the pan. Bake for 9-11 minutes (mine took 10).
5. While the cake is baking, set a clean kitchen towel out on a large work surface. Sprinkle liberally with powdered sugar (about 1/4 cup). As soon as the cake comes out of the oven, turn it over on the kitchen towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Remove foil carefully.
6. Working at the short end, fold the edge of the towel over the cake. Roll tightly, rolling up the cake into the towel. Let cool completely while rolled, at least one hour.
7. While the cake is chilling, make the filling. Beat the heavy whipping cream and powdered sugar until stiff peaks form.
8. Gently fold in the lemon curd. Chill until ready to use.
9. When cake is cool, carefully unroll the towel. Spread the lemon whipped cream over the cake. Gently but tightly, re-roll the cake and wrap it in plastic wrap. Chill until it firms up a bit, at least one hour or overnight.

Dust with powdered sugar before serving or optional frosting: Beat the heavy whipping cream and powdered sugar until stiff peaks form. Frost with whipped cream. (You might have some whipped cream left over.)

Slice and serve. Cake will last covered in the refrigerator for up to 4 days. *



TAVERN PKWY

BY FRANK NOBEL

PKWY TAVERN VOLUNTEER

Many if not most Solerans know about the PKWY Tavern located in the District by Green Valley Ranch Casino. But are you aware of the closer PKWY Tavern by the M Casino?

This PKWY Tavern is closer to home. However, the trick is to find it.

It's on the corner of Volunteer and Las Vegas Boulevard adjacent to the Shell gas station and convenience store. However, you really have to be looking for the PKWY Tavern to see it there, just to the south of the filling station.

Recently, I had an informal conversation with Sarah Yakimow, the operational manager. I was able to learn a good deal about the newest PKWY Tavern, even though it's been there about three years. Among the things I learned are that there are seven PKWY Taverns around the Las Vegas Valley and they all have had their menus revamped.

The nearest PKWY Tavern's official address is 511 W. Dale Avenue.

Dale Ave.?

As I mentioned earlier, the PKWY Tavern is not an easy find. Sarah and the web site refer to the PKWY Tavern as being on Volunteer. (W. Dale Ave. is the extension of Volunteer on the west side of South Las Vegas Boulevard.)

If you visit the PKWY Tavern on Volunteer (or W. Dale as the US Postal Service would put it), you will be surprised by the amount of space. Of course, there is seating all around the spacious bar, with its gaming machines. There are booths available and many high-top tables and chairs.

Sarah mentioned that because of the abundant space, they have large birthday events, wedding groups, and often business functions that require a bigger meeting area.

Weather permitting, there is outdoor seating available.

If you would like something more intimate there is the Raiders Room off the main floor with seating for as many as 18 (there is no additional fee for the Raiders Room but reservations for its use are necessary).

The PKWY Tavern is open 24/7 because of the gaming. There are gaming promotions and Parkway Rewards are available at all PKWY Taverns.

And yes, there is a happy hour available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with food and drink specials at reduced prices.

One of the new items on the revised menu is Cheeseburger Sliders as an appetizer. I tried them and they were yummy.

There are various special events. A solo artist performs live every Saturday evening from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Once a month, usually near the end of the month, an Aloha Night is celebrated, with live entertainment and select tropical drinks, complete with umbrellas.

Hopefully, this close to home PKWY Tavern has tweaked your interest. If you do visit, don't forget to say hi to my wife, Joanne, and me should we be there at the same time.

To see the full PKWY Tavern menu, reserve the Raiders Room, etc., visit the company's website:

www.pkwytaavern.com ✨



MINIATURE GOLF TO THE MAXIMUM

TIGER WOODS' NEWEST PLAYGROUND IS AT TOWN SQUARE

BY LARRY EDSALL

If you are of a certain age, you may have gone on a high school date to an Arnold Palmer miniature golf and driving range. (I just did an internet search, and it appears a few of them still are in operation.)

Back in the 1960s and '70s, the professional golfer from Latrobe, Pennsylvania was so popular that he had a legion of golf fans known as "Arnie's Army." He was one of the first post-war sports superstars; to this day, his beverage of choice, a glass of half-iced tea, half-lemonade, remains known as "the Arnold Palmer."

It wasn't until decades later and the emergence of Tiger Woods that golf produced another such a cultural icon. Like Palmer, Woods has gotten into the miniature golf course business, though in Woods' case, they operate not under his name but as the PopStroke brand. The newest of them opened in late April and is located at the southwest corner of the Town Square shopping center on the southern end of The Stripe.

As the popstroke.com website puts it (or should that be putts it?):

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The website traces the concept to a former Wall Street executive, Greg Bartoli, and an investment firm he founded to deal in leisure, hospitality, technology, and real estate. In 2013 Bartoli opened Lighthouse Cove, a child-friendly mini-golf and sports-themed restaurant in Jupiter, Florida.

The first PopStroke layout opened early in 2019 in Port St. Lucie, Florida, and the brand blossomed soon after when Woods became

an investor and brought in TaylorMade, his golf equipment partner. To date, there are PopStroke playgrounds in Florida, Texas, Alabama, Arizona and now Nevada; more than a dozen additional locations are under construction, including in Tennessee and South Carolina.

My grandsons (ages 10 and 19) and I have played the PopStroke courses in Scottsdale, Arizona, and at Town Square. They are similar, but each has its own touches; for example, the Town Square setup includes a shaded children's playground area and, like so many Vegas attractions, offers a discount to area residents.

While each PopStroke features a pair of 18-hole putt-putt courses, the hole layouts vary at each locale. There are neither clown mouths nor windmill fans, but there are sand traps, albeit with a white fabric rather than real sand.

The Town Square facility also features misting fans, free use of chilled towels, and a free ice water station. If you're a fan of getting close to landing aircraft, hope that the wind is out of the northeast on the day your play.

Like the other PopStroke locations, Town Square features a restaurant and bars — and if you get the PopStroke app on your Smartphone, you can order drinks and have them delivered to you as you play. Once you pay for access, you can stay and play all day (from 9 a.m. until midnight (or 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays)). For our visit to Town Center, we played 36 holes in the morning, enjoyed lunch in the open-air restaurant (there's also an ice cream parlor and free use of ping pong tables, corn hole games, etc.), and then played 36 more in the afternoon. ✨



PS: If you wonder about the name "PopStroke," popstroke.com says it not only traces to golf slang for a short putting backstroke with a quick follow through, but to what Bartoli's three sons called their grandfather, himself a scratch golfer.

FIRST-TIME CRUISER

AN ALASKAN ADVENTURE

BY LARRY EDSALL



A decade ago, my grandsons and I started talking about an Alaskan adventure. The preliminary plan was that as soon as both of them were old enough to have driver's licenses, we'd pack up my pickup truck, drive to Bellingham, Washington, catch the Alaska State Ferry (aka Alaska Marine Highway System), sail up into the Last Frontier and then drive back home through western Canada.

Those grandsons are now 19 and 22 years of age and we are recently back from Alaska. However, my truck remained as it got only as far as Seattle, where we boarded a luxurious cruise ship. And it wasn't just the three of us but their parents and siblings as well. In all, 10 family members occupied five staterooms on Royal Caribbean's *Odyssey of the Seas* for the week-long cruise.

With the exception of three days on a US Navy aircraft carrier, the

USS America, this was my first such cruise. Needless to say, a week on a modern luxury cruise ship is a very different experience than a few days on a warship. But that also was a family event; my son was a Navy seaman, one of a couple hundred who got to invite a relative along for what the Navy calls a "Tiger cruise." We arrived during the annual New York Fleet Week, after which we sailed out into the Atlantic and on to the ship's home port of Norfolk, Virginia.

My two cruises were very different. On the *America*, I slept in the bowels of the ship atop of a stack of three-deep bunks, bathed in showers that were either too hot or too cold, and at least twice a day I had to ask my seaman son what I was eating. But we got to be out on the flight deck when the fighter jets catapulted off, and while we were out there one of them came back for a sonic-booming flyby.

On the *Odyssey*, I shared a nice stateroom — and a balcony — with my youngest grandson, age 10. Not that I saw that much of him while we were at sea. The ship was outfitted with swimming pools, a recreation area with bumper cars, a rock-climbing wall, an arcade, an ice cream cone bar, and other attractions that kept him and his cousins busy when we weren't eating or going to one of the live shows, the disco, playing bingo or participating in trivia contests, listening to a lecture about native culture, or just relaxing on deck chairs while watching for whales or seeing seals float by atop chunks of ice that had calved away from glaciers.



Speaking of eating, while we had dinner most evenings at a reserved table in one of the ship's fancy dining rooms, we had no complaints about breakfast and lunch in the huge buffet restaurant, where the service was excellent and so was the food, which was offered in surprising varieties of as much as you could eat.

The ship docked at three Alaskan communities — Sitka, Skagway, and Juneau — and on the way back to

Seattle at Victoria, British Columbia. Excursions were offered at each port and members of our family took part in things as quiet as walking through a forest dotted with historic totem poles to rafting up to touch glacial ice.

It may be trite, but it also is true: Everyone had a great time, to the point that there have been discussions about where we want to go on our next cruise.

If you are considering your first cruise, here are some things we found helpful, or in some cases surprising:

- We had planned to sail a year ago, only to discover that ships book up a year in advance.
- Months before boarding, we joined a couple of helpful Facebook groups, one for the specific ship and one for first-time cruisers. Also helpful in planning was a copy of Fordor's *The Complete Guide to Alaska Cruises* guide book; I used it to help research what I wanted to see at the various port communities.
- We booked our excursions through the cruise line, but you don't have to. There are local companies in each port that offer excursions and often they are less expensive than booking through the cruise line. (Just be sure you're back aboard in time for departure.)
- In addition to ice cream cones, there were places on the ship where you could get other free snacks — chicken strips, french fries, pizza, desserts, and coffee.
- I was pleasantly surprised by the efficiency of the boarding and departure processes in Seattle. I saved money by using an off-site parking facility that was closeby and provided shuttle service back and forth.
- While the live entertainment on the ship is included with your ticket, alcoholic beverages are not, though there is a beverage plan you can purchase in advance.
- As a first timer, I also was surprised/confused by the expectation/mandate for tipping room and restaurant staff. ✨



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