

LA SOLANA TOWN CRIER

All the good news that's fit to print

She's Back!

From the President's Desk:

I'm wishing you all were here to view the amazing transformation of the Clubhouse. Below find just a few pictures of the hard work going on. The upholstery team of Teri Ward, Bill Ward, Cheryl Emert, Moreen Murphy, and Becky Panko worked for 3 long days to reupholster 24 Clubhouse chair seats. My contribution was learning how to use the serger to keep the fabric from fraying. (See the results below). We had so much fun and really enjoyed working together.

Sue Dunn stayed in the community to oversee the work being done in the Clubhouse. I fondly refer to her as our Project Manager.

The demolition has been completed and now the Clubhouse is ready for the painting to begin. Then the new tile goes down, quartz. Followed by sinks and new toilets. A new chandelier will be installed followed by new carpet, new furniture and new artwork.

There is still much to do but we are slightly ahead of schedule.

We are so lucky to be working with Itami Design and Construction.

I once again must recognize the team that worked so hard to make the decisions that had to be made to get the process started: Sue Dunn, Karen Gablesen, Moreen Murphy, Martha Scott, Judy Climan and, Deannie Price. I served as the team leader

La Solana Beautiful Inside & Out

Green Goddess has installed the new fountain between Buildings 6 and 7. It looks beautiful both day and night.

Landscaping improvements will be installed by CareScape as soon as plans are finalized.

Jack Mumford



President Jan Smith's message con't...

Which mostly consisted of refereeing many strong opinions. The good news is we all still like each other. This team continues to be involved every day and is making sure all aspects of the transformation are taken care of.

I also need to thank Mike, Patti, and Carla who worked so hard to clear out the Clubhouse and are now working in dust, noise, and constant interruptions.

We are so excited for you all to see the end result and look forward to having a Grand Opening.

Jan Smith

La Solana Board, President

An Insider's View





Below are some of our Amazing In-House, Unpaid Volunteers who are transforming our Clubhouse for the continued enjoyment of all of us. Be sure to say Thank You whenever you see them.



News From The Grand—In Brief

- The Grand operating budget is in the black by \$888,000. Kudos to our Board and General Manager.
- Angela’s remodel has been delayed for another year due to even more requirements from the City of Surprise.
- The Sonoran Ballroom and other meeting rooms are undergoing major AV remodels and will be closed due to construction throughout the summer.
- The LifeStyles magazine is 100% produced on-site listing oodles of events happening every month. You don’t have to go into hibernation because the La Solana clubhouse is closed for remodeling. Check out what is happening in the rest of The Grand.
- PORA art gallery welcomes artists from The Grand to show/sell their wares. The Gallery, on El Camino del Sol, is a fabulous, moderately priced venue for all of those artistic gifts you are needing. Check it out.
- Surprise Services continue to expand. Become aware of all of the Senior Services, art venues, programs at the library, and more. [Https://surpriseaz.gov](https://surpriseaz.gov)

The Grand: Board of Directors & ByLaws Update

The results are in. We have successfully voted in three new, and one continuing, members of the Board of Directors, but we were unable to secure enough votes to make some very important updates to our ByLaws. The vast majority of those who voted, voted to change the current ByLaws which would have rendered our governing board much more effective. Nevertheless the ByLaws weren’t approved because changes require a 51% vote of the entire membership, not just of those who voted. Sadly, not enough owners at The Grand took the time to vote at all. Only 45% of The Grand owners took the time to cast a vote.

Only 35% of La Solana Owners took the time to cast this important vote. WE can do better than that. Renters are strongly encouraged to inform the owners of their units to vote in our 2027 elections and to even suggest who they might/should vote for. And for our resident owners—we definitely can do better than 35%. We had the fourth lowest turnouts of all 49 Grand neighborhoods.

La Solana is our home, and our home is in The Grand. Be Informed. Be heard.

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The Editor

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