

LA SOLANA TOWN CRIER

All the good news that's fit to print

From the President's Desk:

Volunteers are on my mind this month. I'm so impressed by the people in our community who love La Solana and take the opportunity to work with their fellow residents to make La Solana an amazing place to live.

I'm going to talk a minute about how I started my volunteer experience at La Solana and why I continue.

My husband, puppy, and I had just moved to La Solana from The Grand and we knew no one. Shortly thereafter I got a call from a fellow pet owner and this person said you need to come to a meeting that is happening now! This meeting was a committee about dogs at La Solana and it apparently was not in favor of them. I was hesitant, but I went to the meeting.

Long story short. It was a great decision. We worked hard and came up with a policy that made both non-dog and dog
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Welcome to our Newly Remodeled Clubhouse
Same great company and social activities, but a grand new look. Our own: Betty Lewis and Karen Hissong, bubbles included, welcomed everyone to enjoy the festivities. This is your clubhouse, use it and enjoy it.

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owners happy.

Jean McBrien was the Chairperson of that Committee. She became a great friend and talked me into becoming a Board Member. I have continued as a Board member for almost 9 years. Some say I'm crazy and I sometimes say I need therapy. The Bottom Line is I have been part of an amazing team: Board members, City Property Management, Resident Committees, Individual Resident Volunteers, as well as the La Solana Staff. Together we have been able to accomplish many important projects to keep our community a diamond in The Grand.

I love being proud of that and I will continue volunteering to keep it that way.

Please consider volunteering so you too can contribute to keeping our community amazing.

Jan Smith, President



The Owls Are Back

Thanks to Ingrid Rice for capturing on film our feathery friends. We've had nesting owls at La Solana as long as I've lived there.

Watch out during the early evenings when they might be flying low hunting for their favorite morsels—mice, small rabbits, snakes, some tidbit you may have left on your patio.

La Solana Social Committee is headed by Becky Panko, with Jan Smith as the Board liaison. The committee is seeking more volunteers to assist with planning and events. If you want to have fun, leave your name and contact info in the office.

The **Town Crier** is only as good and as interesting as the news and photos **you** contribute. Without your news reporting, and photos with names, there isn't much of a Town Crier. Thank you to all who contributed to this edition. Keep those photos and articles coming. La Solana is the premier residence at The Grand. Proud to be part of the journey. adriennekirschner314@gmail.com/623-466-9068

The La Solana Clubhouse reopening was Grand.



The “New Clubhouse” is welcoming, fresh, bright, beautiful, and modernized. The “New Clubhouse” will continue to provide the same opportunities for informal socializing and organized activities. The “New Clubhouse”, though thoughtful planning and renovation, assures that la Solana will support and improve the values of our condos over time.



Thanks to the La Solana Board and Kathleen Decoite for their support and vision to make La Solana the diamond in The Grand. We also want to thank Arlette Itami of Itami Construction for working hard for us to accomplish our vision.



Please extend a huge thank you to the volunteers: Jan Smith, Sue Dunn, Moreen Murphy, Dallas Reynolds, Karen Gabelson, Judy clubman, Martha Scott, Terri Ward, Bill Ward, Becky Panko, Cheryl Emert, Dan Halsey, Elaine Weber, Betty Lewis, and Karen Hissong.

Special thanks to Patti, Mike, Carla, and Scott who endured change, lots of dust, constantly moving things, cleaning, many frustrations, and seeing Jan and Sue every day, all day!

Be sure to go to the Club House to see the beautiful sofa table made by Scott and Noreen. They took one of our existing tables and reimagined it. It is now a one of a kind creation.

Text: Jan Smith

Photos: Susan Zarada

The goal of the renovation committee was to align the physical space with a modern aesthetic update supporting daily social activity. Let's thank the volunteers and support staff who have spent the past eight months working nonstop on this project. The Board approved a Committee in January to begin work. The actual renovation began, after months of preparation, on May 22, 2026, and concluded with the open house August 28, 2026.

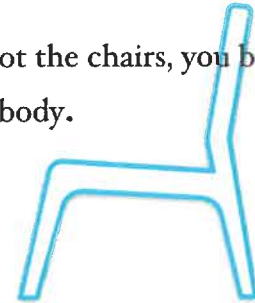


Chair Yoga at La Solana

Perhaps you didn't know that Chair Yoga—a great exercise format for everyone—is offered, free of charge, to all residents—owners and renters and their guests—3 days a week in our clubhouse. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday — 9 AM. Hey guys, chair yoga is not just for the ladies. Roger wants company.



We got the chairs, you bring your body.



Movies Monday, Wed, and Friday at 1 PM.

Check the social calendar in the new social activities room located in the Club House. Don't miss out on the fun.

And Now for the Rest of the Story—What's happening in Grand

- Grand is also having major remodeling all over the campus. Painting continues. The new Audio-Visual equipment is up and running for the benefit of all of the clubs, Grand Learning, live entertainment. Done on time, and within budget.
- The Grand Living Magazine is now created completely in house at a savings of thousands of dollars, featuring Grand residents not stock photos. A 1/4 page ad highlights La Solana in every issue—free to La Solana—as we are a jewel in the Grand plan.
- Our general manager, Jeff Hochman, was against featured in the national Golf magazine. In his interview he highlights all of the amenities we have at Grand—should result in even more interest and sales. The goal is always to keep our community relevant, even as new communities strive to compete.
- Long Range Planning wants to hear from you. Go to LiveGrandAz.com, scroll to LRP, review the plan and leave your comments. You matter. What you want at Grand, matters.
- Grand is in excellent financial shape. All of our renovations and improvements are paid for within our general budget, reserve account, and Care funds. No assessments coming!
- City of Surprise Resource Center is now open—all 30,000 square feet. You can find senior resources, job information—even part time jobs for seniors—health care info, social activities, victims support services, and so much more. 12641 W. Santa Fe Dr., Surprise surprise.gov. Go to Resource Center Calendar for activities.