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ABOUT PORA

Since its inception in 1979, PORA, a quasi-municipality, has helped residents save money on taxes, developed and defended deed restrictions in court, helped protect water rights for every property owner and successfully reduced water and sewer rates. To assure continuity of lifestyle, PORA led a drive in 1983 to obtain Senior Overlay Zoning for the community, expanding its benefits, circulating petitions and lobbying county officials. The county approved the zoning in 1984.

PORA's goal is to keep Sun City West a great place to live. To achieve that goal, PORA has worked with the County Board of Supervisors to prohibit or modify development of several subdivisions within or near Sun City West. It has also worked with the county and state to lower property assessments for Sun City West residents.

PORA has been instrumental in the formation of several organizations that now operate independently: Sun City West Foundation, Helping Hands, PRIDES. Today, it remains committed to making Sun City West a preferred place to live and continues to work together with area agencies to bring a solid voice of advocacy the community.

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Membership Information

Join Today!

Be part of something better,
together we can keep Sun City West
a wonderful place to live.

Get informed
 Get involved
 Make a difference

Together
WE MAKE A STRONGER
SUN CITY WEST

PORA, Property Owners and Residents Association, is the primary liaison between SCW unincorporated community, Maricopa County, the City of Surprise (and other municipalities), the State of Arizona, and our federal government. PORA's membership of approximately 8,000, reaches the residents of Sun City West, Corte Bella and The Grand. Membership is essential in sustaining our present self-government status and for the continuation of PORA's beneficial programs. Members have access to vendor list services upon request and members. A one year membership to PORA is \$30 per household. Non-residents living anywhere outside of Sun City West, Corte Bella and The Grand may join PORA, for the same fees, as an Associate Member. Associate Members are attributed the same benefits as full members, but are not allowed to vote in any governing board elections or decisions. All can enroll in membership at the PORA office or by calling 623-584-4288.

PLOT PLANS

PORA provides its members with Plot Plans on existing homes in the community it serves.

OFFICE SERVICES

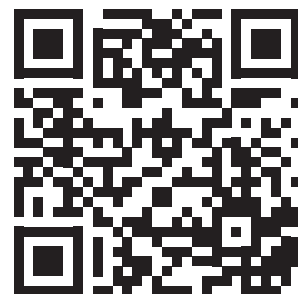
Members can make black and white copies (up to 10 single page, 5 double sided) 10¢ a copy thereafter. We also provide laminating, faxing, scan to email services and information on local issues and services.

DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Enjoy discount tickets for the local Wildlife World Zoo.

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for just \$30 per household! Thank you for your
continued support.



YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS VALUED IN SUSTAINING OUR PRESENT SELF-GOVERNING STATUS AND FOR THE
CONTINUATION OF PORA'S BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS.

Stronger Communities Brighter Tomorrows

PEOPLE • PARTNERSHIPS • PROGRESS

As the Property Owners and Residents Association (PORA), we are the primary
liaison between our unincorporated community, Maricopa County, the City of Surprise
and other municipalities, the State of Arizona, and our federal government.

**PORA is committed to fostering good relationships
with local, state, county and federal governments.**



Develop a consistent, working relationship with the
County Supervisor, Debbie Lesko.



Meet with SCHOA (Sun City Homeowners Association)
The Grand, Corte Bella Leadership about issues of
mutual concern.



Develop an ongoing conversation/relationship
with school districts.



Grow the relationship with legislators pre-session.



Create and implement a liaison relationship with
Fire and Medical Authority.



Maintain relationship with RUCO
(Resident Utility Consumer Office).



Intervene and participate in all utility rate proceedings
before the Arizona Corporations Commissions (ACC).



Participate in meetings with utility company leadership.



Continue to develop a relationship with
City of Surprise officials.



Create a liaison relationship with Congressional delegation.

Working Together for a Stronger Sun City West

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PORA BINGO!
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PORA TRIPS
Great Destinations. Great Friends. Great Memories.
Let's Go!
PORA. Here for You!

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A Trusted Resource
PORA has long been invested in providing vendor information to our members. When a vendor signs up to participate in the program, PORA will verify and evaluate reputation and business history with organizations including the Arizona Registrar of Contracts (ROC), the Arizona Attorney General's Office and the Better Business Bureau.
PORA does not recommend, endorse or warranty vendors.

Here's How It Works
One of the unique features of PORA is receiving unlimited listings from our Vendor Services database of 400+ vendors and contractors in more than 125 professional categories. Members can call, email or stop by the office for information about licensed and bonded plumbers, handymen, landscape professionals, painters, lawyers, and more.
Once the kind of work that is needed is determined, you will be asked if you want the vendor to be licensed. We will then check our database and provide you with names and phone numbers of qualified service people. All our vendors have provided at least three references which we have evaluated to ensure the vendor is qualified.

Does PORA Recommend Every One of These Companies?
The names we provide are not recommendations, as we cannot guarantee their work.
PORA neither endorses, guarantees nor warrants the services and products provided by the companies/vendors listed as Business and Professional Supporter Web Advertisers. Additionally, the companies and individuals listed are subject to change without notice and are not guaranteed to remain on the website.

Why Choose a PORA Vendor Referral Instead of Searching Online?
PORA Vendor Referrals feature local businesses that support the Sun City West community and meet our program requirements. Instead of sorting through hundreds of online listings, you can start with businesses that are familiar with our community and have chosen to partner with PORA.

Local Partners. Brighter Tomorrows.
PEOPLE • PARTNERSHIPS • A BETTER TOMORROW

SEMINARS | CLASSES | ROOM RENTALS

Learn. • Connect. • Gather. • Belong.

MANY TYPES OF CLASSES AND SEMINARS ARE AVAILABLE

PORA offers FREE Seminars to those residents interested in learning and engaging in discussions for a variety of subjects. Seminars allow the opportunity to network with like-minded individuals with similar interests. PORA will continue to add to our calendar of classes and seminars. Check our calendar on our website for the most up to date information.

ROOM RENTALS AND MEETING SPACES AVAILABLE

PORA has a variety of meeting spaces available for half-day rental at a super friendly cost. Our largest conference room will accommodate up to 45, including tables and 50-60 without tables, while our smallest meeting room will provide for a comfy 20-25. Need Hi speed Wi-Fi, presentation technology, or just a place to schedule a quick meeting room? -- PORA has your answer. Need a space to meet with your club? No room in your house? Don't want to cool the whole house to host a small event? -- PORA has your answer.

Large conference room - \$100 (per 1/2 day) - Small class and meeting rooms - \$75 (per 1/2 day)

Please contact us at PORA by calling 623-584-4288

**To find out more about the dates
of these seminars and classes and room rentals, or to register,
call our office at 623-584-4288 or email at marketing@porascw.org.**

Also If you have something you think would be interesting, or you have expertise in a subject that you think would be of interest and would like to give a class, please reach out to with your suggestions.



VISITORS CENTER

OFFERING INFORMATION ABOUT SCW & ARIZONA



Sun City West is a self-governed 55+ community with recreation, shopping, places of worship, and a nationally ranked medical care. The purpose of the Sun City West Visitors Center, opened in 1997, is to attract new residents by providing information that highlights the many unique amenities offered throughout the community. Residents are quick to point to the idea that the community has "everything under the sun" which means a better way of life.

We invite you to come to the Sun City West Visitors Center when you come to Arizona. The Visitors Center greets more than 9,000 people every year. Make it your first stop on your visit to Sun City West!

The Visitor's Center is a division of the Property Owners and Residents Association (PORA) and is located in the PORA building. The Center is funded by diverse sources throughout the community. Most new visitors to Sun City West first encounter the Visitors Center as new residents. It is operated by staff and volunteers who distribute information about the community, show informational films and provide tourism information for Arizona and surrounding areas.

We offer guided tours of the community and provide activity and event information about the State of Arizona and surrounding states. To schedule a free tour, simply call the Visitors Center. We look forward to answering any questions you may have. The Visitors Center offers a Realtor Room which is staffed from October through May, during normal operating hours by local realtors who can answer questions and provide details about the area.

For our current residents, the Sun City West Room of the Visitors Center offers information about over 100 clubs and organizations ranging from A to Z. You can never be bored living here and taking advantage of some of the many activities that are offered. What about golf? Sun City West is home to nine great golf courses, providing something for every level of golf skill. We are truly the premier golf destination for the west valley of Phoenix.

**Sun City West Visitors Center
13815 Camino del Sol
Sun City West, AZ 85375
623-584-4288
Diane Rice, Coordinator, x-401**

The Sun City West Visitors Center is open!
Hours: Mon – Fri 9am – 1pm.





MORE THAN A GALLERY, A CREATIVE COMMUNITY



Since opening in February 2022, del Sol Gallery has quickly become one of the West Valley's most vibrant destinations for fine art and handcrafted treasures. Home to more than 400 active consigning artists, the gallery showcases exceptional work from creators who have exhibited and earned recognition on both national and international stages. Visitors can explore an incredible variety of artistic mediums, from original paintings and metal wall hangings to stunning bronze sculptures and contemporary metal masterpieces. The gallery also features elegant Oh La La silver and turquoise

jewelry, unique beaded creations, functional clay pottery, handcrafted wooden pieces, stained glass art, and countless other works that reflect the talent and creativity of its artists.

Beyond its impressive collection of artwork, del Sol Gallery has become a gathering place where artists and the community connect. During the busy winter season, the gallery hosts its highly anticipated Friday Night Galas, featuring a different artist each month, live music, and delicious tidbits



DEL SOL GALLERY

MORE THAN A GALLERY, A CREATIVE COMMUNITY



served on the patio. These popular events give guests an opportunity to meet artists, learn about their creative journeys, and enjoy an evening filled with art, entertainment, and fellowship. The gallery also presents Demo Daze, offering visitors a front-row seat to watch artists at work and gain a deeper appreciation for the skill, technique, and inspiration behind a wide variety of arts and crafts.

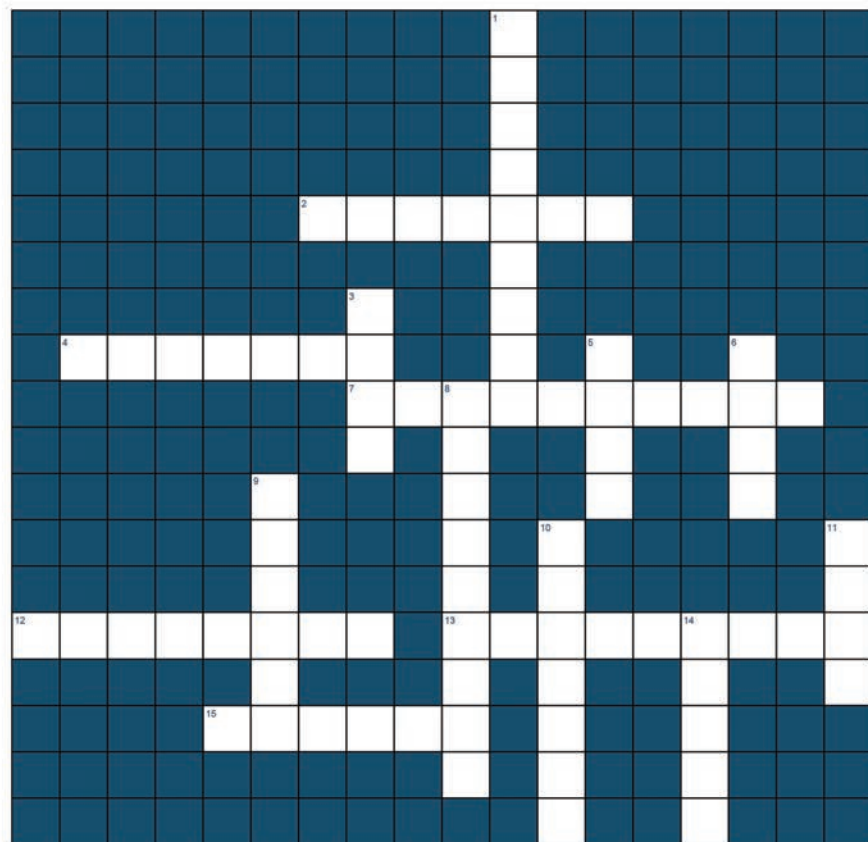


The gallery's commitment to promoting artists extends beyond its own walls through the del Sol Spotlight Series, which places artwork in local businesses throughout the area, bringing art into everyday spaces while increasing visibility for participating artists. Continuing its mission of fostering creativity and community, del Sol Gallery recently expanded its artist family to welcome talented creators from neighboring adult communities, including The Grand and Corte Bella. This expansion has strengthened the gallery's role as a regional arts destination, creating even more opportunities



for artists to share their work and for visitors to discover something extraordinary. Whether you are an avid collector, a first-time visitor, or simply someone who appreciates beauty and craftsmanship, there is always something at del Sol Gallery that will capture your imagination. The ever-evolving gallery changes constantly with new merchandise added daily. We invite you to stop by and be amazed at the creativity of your neighbors.





ACROSS

2. People whose company we enjoy
4. Iconic tall cactus of the Sonoran Desert
7. Activities enjoyed for fun and leisure
12. Arizona has plenty of this bright weather
13. People living nearby who help make a community
15. Sun City West landscape and climate

DOWN

1. Person who freely gives time to help others
3. Local property owners and residents association, for short
5. Tree often seen in sunny Arizona landscapes
6. Popular activity played with clubs
8. A group connected by the place they live
9. Busy, energetic, and involved
10. The Grand Canyon State
11. The final word in Sun City ____
14. Game called with letter-number combinations

Answers to the game can be found on page 50.



Did You KNOW?

Interesting Facts About Sun City West



Not on the Map... Until 1982!

In 1982, **Sun City West wasn't even on the Arizona state highway map!** PORA stepped in and worked with the Arizona Department of Transportation to get Sun City West officially included on the state map. Today, it's hard to imagine Sun City West not being on the map!



Helping Our Community Grow

PORA helped incubate organizations that became community mainstays, including the **Sun City West Foundation**, **Helping Hands**, and the **PRIDES** volunteer organization.



The Boulevard of Flags

The **Sun City West Boulevard of Flags** along R.H. Johnson Blvd. began in 1987 to honor our veterans. Many of the flags are the **burial flags of veterans who lived in Sun City West**, proudly displayed on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.



Before Fry's: The Sundome!

Built in 1980, the 7,000-seat Sundome brought major entertainment to Sun City West for more than 30 years. Today, Fry's stands where thousands once gathered to see concerts and shows. The first performer on the Sundome stage was **Lawrence Welk**, who opened the 7,169-seat theater on **September 13, 1980**.



A Much Bigger Original Vision

Sun City West was originally planned to have **more than 70,000 residents!** Del Webb's original plans envisioned a community stretching on **both sides of Grand Avenue**. Economic changes forced the plans to be scaled back, ultimately creating the Sun City West we know today.



Sun City West Once Had a Free Grape Harvest

For 17 years, Sun City and Sun City West residents could pick **free grapes** from the J.G. Boswell vineyards near Cotton Lane and Peoria Avenue. Del Webb provided maps showing where different grape varieties were growing and provided lemonade for the pickers - making the whole thing, as one resident put it, like a "grown-up Easter egg hunt."



PORA & the Future Corte Bella

In 1998, a developer proposed high-density, low-income housing on the property that would eventually become Corte Bella. PORA and the Sun City West Coalition opposed the proposal, and the coalition collected **12,000 petition signatures**. The original proposal did not move forward, and the property ultimately became the **Corte Bella community** we know today.

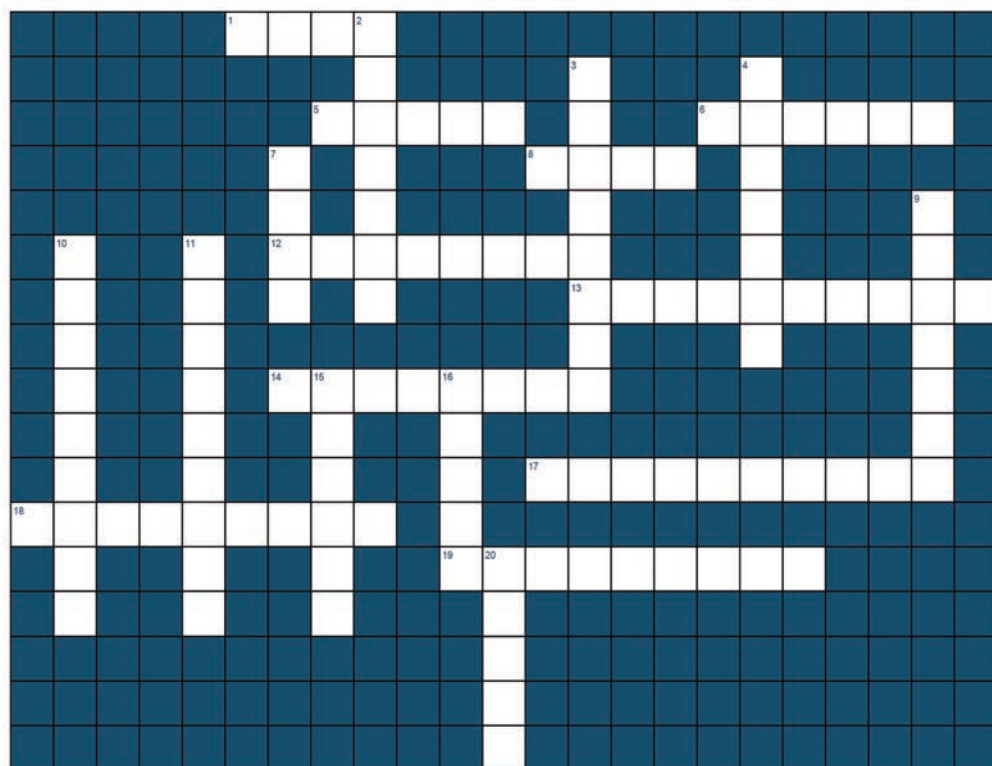


PORA 2.0 - Writing the Next Chapter!

PORA isn't just a part of Sun City West's history - **PORA 2.0 is helping write its next chapter!** From advocating for residents and protecting our community to bringing new programs, events, resources and opportunities to Sun City West, PORA 2.0 is focused on one thing: **Making Sun City West an even better place to call home!**



Our Past. Our Present. A Brighter Tomorrow.
SUN CITY WEST • A SPECIAL PLACE TO CALL HOME



ACROSS

1. Sun City West association initialism
5. Game whose winning cry repeats its name
6. A xerophyte with spines instead of leaves
8. Links pursuit governed by a handicap
12. What Phoebus supplies in abundance here
13. Career coda that can begin a very active chapter
14. Public support for a policy, interest, or cause
17. Leisure pursuit, in municipal planning language
18. One whose labor is donated rather than invoiced
19. A social whole united by place or interest

DOWN

2. State admitted to the Union on Valentine's Day, 1912
3. Realty, in a deed
4. Carnegiea gigantea, familiarly
7. Sunset's compass point
9. Desert designation shared with northwestern Mexico
10. Those on the other side of the property line
11. Constituents by domicile rather than office
15. Biome where evapotranspiration can exceed precipitation
16. Relating to citizens and their municipality
20. Desert refuge sustained by water

Answers to the game can be found on page 50.

REC CENTERS OF SUN CITY WEST

Sun City West offers four recreation centers with amazing amenities for our residents. Whether you are looking for Bowling, Tennis, Pickleball, or anything else, Sun City West has what you are looking for in an active adult retirement community.



Photo courtesy of RCSCW

Beardsley Recreation Center
12755 Beardsley Rd. Sun City West, AZ. 85375
(623) 544-6524

Hours of Operations: 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Children Swim Hours: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

- Health & Wellness
- Olympic-Size Indoor Pool
- Fitness Center
- Mini-golf Course
- Greenhouse
- Children's Playground
- G-scale Model Railroad Track
- Park with shady ramadas
- Clubrooms
- Horseshoes
- Outdoor Shuffleboard Court



Photo courtesy of RCSCW

Kuentz Recreation Center
14401 RH Johnson Blvd. Sun City West, AZ. 85375
(623) 544-6561

Hours of Operations: 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

- Outdoor Pool
- Exercise Room
- Tennis Courts
- Softball Field
- Stardust Theatre
- Clubrooms
- Walking Track
- Woodworking Shop



Photo courtesy of RCSCW

Palm Ridge Recreation Center
13800 Deer Valley Drive, Sun City West, AZ. 85375
(623) 544-6580

Hours of Operations: 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Children Swim Hours: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

- Indoor Pool
- Large Fitness Center
- Indoor Walking Track
- Clubrooms
- Outdoor Pool
- Pickleball Courts
- Ballroom



Photo courtesy of RCSCW

R.H. Johnson Recreation Center
19803 N. R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West, AZ.
(623) 544-6107

Hours of Operations: 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Children Swim Hours: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- Outdoor Pool
- Bocce Ball
- Pickleball
- Table Tennis
- Two Doggie Parks
- Billards
- Library
- Arts & Crafts Clubs
- Lawn Bowling
- Racquetball
- Outdoor Walking Track
- Tennis Courts
- Sports Pavilion
- State of the art Fitness Center

www.suncitywest.com/recreationcenters

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS	911
MCSO Sheriff NON-Emergency	602-876-1011
Fire & Medical	623-544-5400
SCW Sheriff POSSE	623-584-5808
Banner Poison Control	602-253-3334
Sun City POSSE	623-972-2555

HOSPITAL

Banner Del Webb	623-524-4000
Banner Boswell	623-832-4000
Community Fund	623-546-1122
Foundation	623-584-6851
Helping Hands	623-975-5499
RH Johnson Rec Center	623-544-6100
RH Johnson Library	623-544-6130
OHOA Org of Home Owners	623-214-6006
Post Office	623-546-3990
PRIDES	623-584-2878
C C & R	623-544-6661

HELP / RESOURCES

Attorney Gen./Consumer Complaint	602-542-5763
Attorney Gen. / Senior Abuse	602-542-2124
Attorney Gen. / Identity Theft	602-542-2123
St. Mary's Food Bank	602-242-3663
Meals on Wheels SCW	623-455-7680
Medicare	800-633-4227
AZ State Tax Information	602-255-3381
Senior Evals for Property Taxes	602-506-3591
Social Security Glendale	800-772-1213
Social Security Admin	888-886-7213
IRS Glendale Office	623-643-0399
Veterans Affairs	602-277-5551
Voter Registration	602-506-1511

UTILITIES

APS Electric	602-371-7171
Blue Stake to find Utility Lines	811
EPCOR water	623-974-2521
EPCOR water	800-383-0834
Parks & Sons Trash / Recycle	623-974-4791
Southwest Gas	800-873-2440
SW Gas Emergency	602-271-4277

MARICOPA COUNTY

Permits	602-506-8573
Tax Assessor	602-506-5044
MCDOT Roadway Hazard	602-506-6063
MCDOT Street Lights	602-371-6140

MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIZATIONS

AAA Auto Club	602-230-3101
AARP Phoenix	602-841-0403
AARP Nationwide	888-687-2277
Animal Care & Control	602-506-7387
Animal Rescue	623-872-7941
AZ Dog License	602-506-7387
Better Business Bureau	602-264-1721
Death / Birth Certificates	602-506-6805
DMV Driver's License	602-255-0072
Fallen Feathers	623-533-2348

SCW FACILITIES

Beardsley	623-544-6524
Kuentz	623-544-6561
Palm Ridge	623-544-6580
RH Johnson	623-544-6120
Bowling Alley	623-544-6140
Box Office	623-544-6093
Tours & Scheduling	623-544-6129

TRANSPORTATION

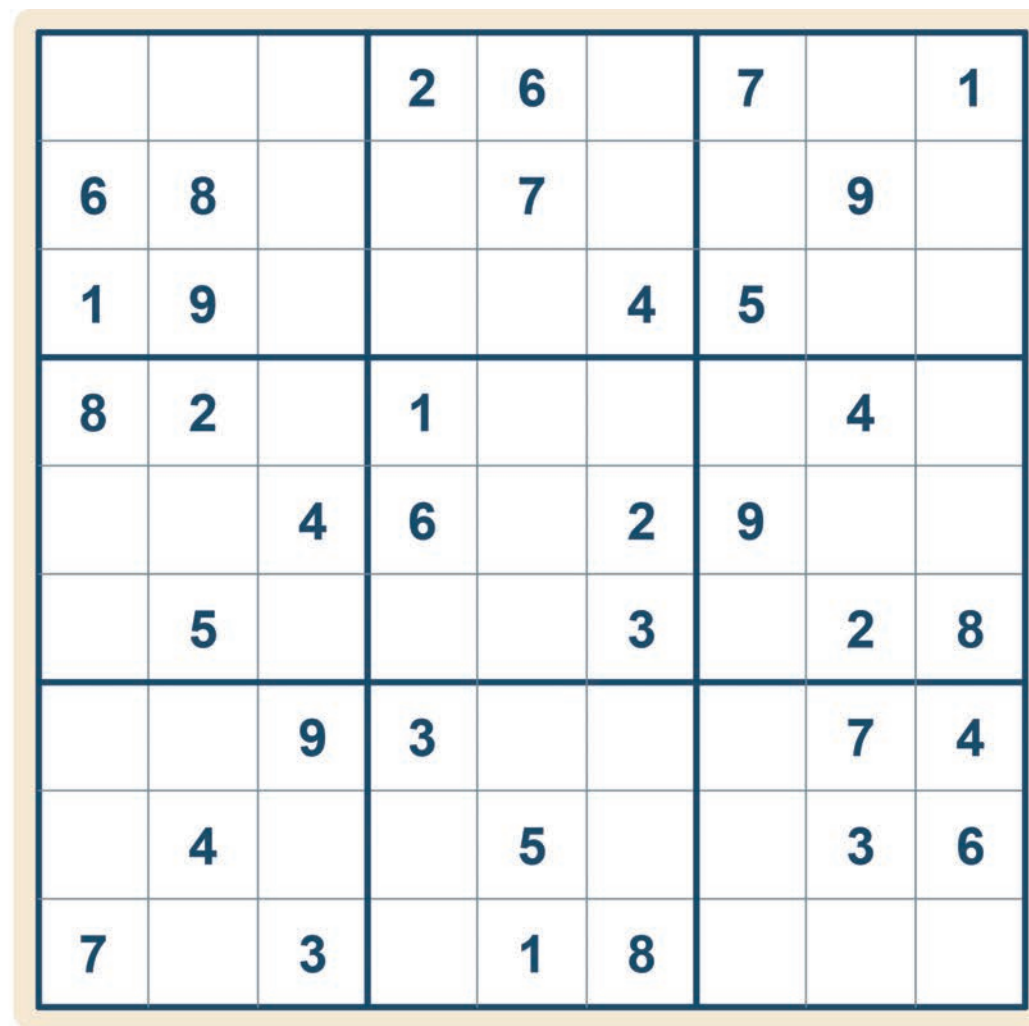
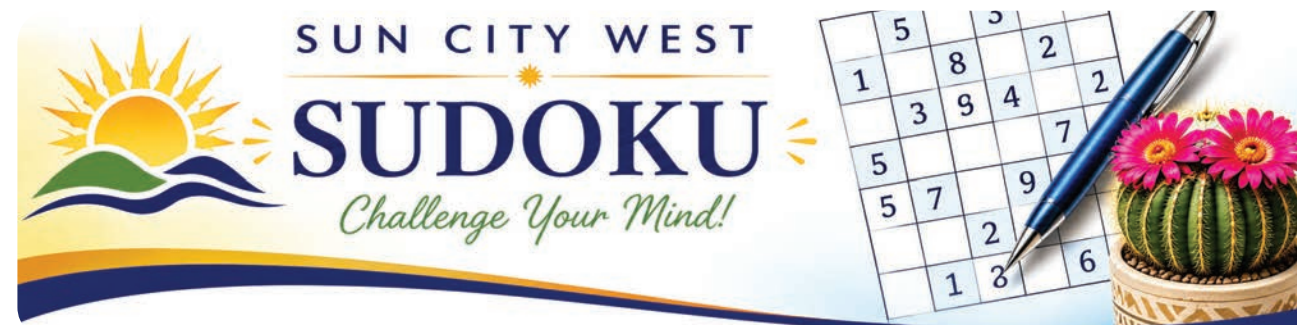
Grande West Shuttle	623-583-3117
North West Valley Connect	623-282-9300
Sun City Express	623-933-9300
To My Surprise	623-218-6035
Valley Metro Bus	602-253-5000
Find Your Ride	602-662-4260

NEWSPAPERS

AZ Republic	602-444-8000
Independent	623-972-6101

OTHER

Snake Removal	602-550-1090
Bee Removal	623-687-7567
Large Mailbox	623-584-0150
ADOT Traffic	511



HOW TO PLAY

Fill every row, column, and 3 x 3 box with the numbers 1 through 9.
Each number may appear only once in each row, column, and box.

RELAX • THINK • ENJOY

Answers to the game can be found on page 40.

SUN CITY WEST

FROM LIZARD ACRES TO A 'NEW SUN RISING IN THE WEST'



Before there was Sun City West, there was Lizard Acres, a cattle ranch operated by the Circle One Livestock Company.

"Jumpin' Jehoshaphat, this land isn't fit for raising anything but lizards," exclaimed an early rancher when he first viewed the desert that would one day become Sun City West.

As it turned out, that parched landscape would soon be home to several successful ranching operations and today the site of Arizona's second largest active-adult retirement community.

When it first opened in 1978, Sun City West was the Del Webb Corporation's second active-adult retirement community to be built in Arizona.

The first, of course, was Sun City, which introduced the world to the concept of active-adult retirement living. Sun City officially opened its doors Jan. 1, 1960. A resounding success, the Webb company sold 237 homes valued at over \$2.5 million during the community's first three days.

By the end of that first year, the Webb company had sold over 1,700 homes in Sun City. The active-adult community concept prompted the company to build similar communities in Florida and California, but Sun City would continue to be Webb's shining star throughout the next two decades.

Company officials added to its Northwest Valley land holdings in the early 1970s by purchasing an

additional 13,000 acres of land just a few miles west of Sun City. Rather than expand Sun City westward, the company opted to complete Sun City and create an entirely new retirement community on the other side of the Agua Fria River.

A portion of that land was once the site of the Circle One Livestock Company, one of the southwest's largest cattle operations. Because of that unknown rancher's earlier declaration that the land wasn't fit for anything but lizards, the area where Sun City West now exists was informally known as "Lizard Acres."

In 1975 the Del Webb Development Company launched plans for a new – but totally separate -- retirement community. Its name: Sun City West.

John Meeker Jr., president of the Del E. Webb Development Company at the time, had a grand vision for this new community -- a "new sun rising in the west." Sun City was already known throughout the world for its first-class amenities and recreation, and Mr. Meeker intended Sun City West to be bigger, better -- and grander-- on every level.

The original size of the community itself was to dwarf Sun City.

Sun City West's 13,000 acres were to straddle Grand Avenue -- both north and south. Phase 1 would be north of Grand Avenue (Sun City West as it exists today), and Phase 2 would extend south of Grand all the way to Greenway Avenue and southwest to the Beardsley Canal.

Phase 2 would have included all of what is now Sun City Grand, Arizona Traditions and a big chunk of what we have come to know as Surprise. Had the Webb Corporation stuck to its original plans, Sun City West would have had a population of 70,000!

SUN CITY WEST

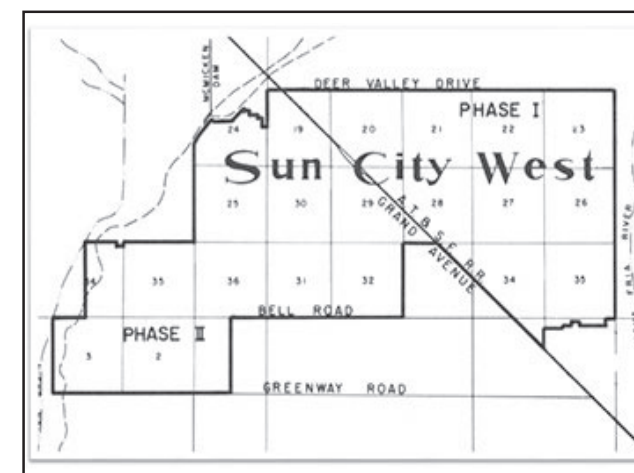
FROM LIZARD ACRES TO A 'NEW SUN RISING IN THE WEST'

Feb. 15, 1978, marked the groundbreaking for Sun City West and the first residents moved into their homes in October.

An interesting piece of trivia: There were no model homes built in Sun City West for the very first homes. Sun City West's first 19 model homes were located at 104th Avenue and Wheatridge Drive in Sun City. The base price ranged from \$36,990 to \$70,490. The first Sun City West model homes constructed in Sun City West were opened in December 1978.

A housing components plant built by the Webb company along Bell Road allowed the company to speed up the home-building process by prefabricating components and pre-assembling such items as walls, plumbing fixtures and roof trusses. This innovative process allowed the company to complete 21 homes each day in Sun City West!

By July 1979, the new community had over 1,600 homes.



Original plans for Sun City West called for a community of over 70,000 that existed on both sides of Grand Avenue. An economic downturn forced the Del Webb Corporation to sell the land south of Grand Avenue. The company would years later re-purchase some of the land to build Sun City Grand.

But size alone wasn't enough to satisfy John Meeker's grand vision. He wanted everything bigger and better, and among the amenities intended for the new community:

*** Hillcrest Golf Course, with its 20-acre lake, opened in 1979. At the time, it was considered by many golf enthusiasts one of the three most challenging courses in Arizona. In the 1980s, it would host several LPGA and Senior PGA tournaments.**

*** The outdoor Sun Bowl had proven immensely popular in Sun City, and the new community would be home to the Sundome Center for Performing Arts -- a 7,000-seat indoor, air-conditioned auditorium. When it opened in 1980, it was billed as the largest, single-level amphitheater in the nation and considered by many to be an engineering marvel.**

*** Mr. Meeker was determined Sun City West would have the largest recreational complex of any retirement community in the southwest. That complex -- R.H. Johnson Recreation Center -- when completed in 1979 lived up to its billing. Spread out over 48 acres, the 118,000-square-foot facility would feature a bowling alley, shuffleboard courts, fitness center, social hall, lecture hall, ballroom dance hall and numerous arts and crafts rooms. And those were all indoors! Step outside and one would find tennis courts, an Olympic-size swimming pool, bocce, a walking track and more.**

*** The heart of Sun City West -- the commercial core -- would not only include a grocery store and banks, but it was also intended as the site of a community hospital, cemetery and indoor mall. That's right, an indoor mall! The Valley's largest mall at the time -- MetroCenter -- had just opened in Phoenix and Mr. Meeker had visions of building a similar facility in downtown Sun City West!**

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And then the bubble burst. Rising interest rates and an economic downturn in the early 1980s stifled interest and home sales slowed dramatically. To add to the challenge, the Webb company had expanded over the years and accumulated a large amount of debt.

To gain control over debt, the company was forced to sell a number of its assets – including land in what was to be Phase 2 -- the land south of Grand Avenue.

The air had gone out of the Sun City West balloon. Meeker's grand vision was in serious jeopardy of falling apart before it even had a chance to get off the ground.

The Sundome, Hillcrest Golf Course and the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center survived -- but plans for a downtown hospital, indoor shopping mall and cemetery were scrapped, destined to become footnotes to history. (The Sundome, too, eventually disappeared to make way for a grocery store.)

A smaller Sun City West would survive, and indeed rebound to full strength by the mid-1980s.

Ironically, when a similar recession hit in the 1990s, it was the Webb Company that took full advantage of the financial struggles then suffered by other landowners. In 1992 the company purchased 885 acres north of the community and used that land to expand Sun City West (and later to build Corte Bella).

And in a strange twist of fate, the company would re-purchase much of that land it sold during those tough days back in the 1980s -- land since incorporated into Surprise -- and use it to build Sun City Grand.

(Residents living in Sun City Grand, Arizona Traditions and most of Surprise may not realize that had it not been for a major recession and economic downturn in the early 1980s, they would today be living in Sun City West!)

The community has continued to grow and expand over the years, but has been able to retain the small-town, close-knit community feel that attracted those early pioneers to Sun City West.

In addition to the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, the community boasts the Fred Kuentz, Beardsley



When it opened in 1980, the Sundome Center for Performing Arts was billed as the largest single-level theater in North America. The facility seated 7,000 patrons in indoors, air-conditioned comfort.

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and Palm Ridge recreation centers, with each center providing myriad recreation activities, clubs and facilities for hobby enthusiasts.

As the community grew, so did the need for health care facilities and assisted-care facilities. The Del Webb Memorial Hospital opened in 1988 and today is a world-class health care facility serving the entire West Valley. Sun City West received its own post office in 1995.

Sun City West remains an unincorporated community whose governance and oversight is handled primarily by Maricopa County working closely with the Recreation Centers of Sun City West and PORA. A continuum of citizen-operated organizations – including the Posse, PRIDES and

more – contribute to the continued success of the community.

The community will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2028. Mr. Meeker may have envisaged Sun City West as a "new sun rising in the west," but it remains a strong, vibrant community where the sun continues to shine brightly on all those who call the community home.

This story was provided by the Sun Cities Area Historical Society, owners of the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum at 10801 W. Oakmont Drive, Sun City. More information on the history of Sun City West can be found in the book, "Sun City West: Silver Celebration," by Edson Allen and available at the museum, or by visiting www.delwebbsuncitiesmuseum.org. **All photos courtesy Del Webb Sun Cities Museum.**



The Del Webb Memorial Hospital opened its doors in 1988.



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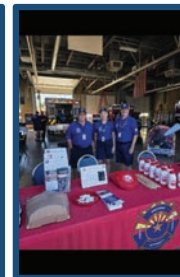
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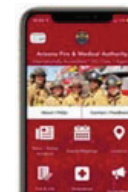
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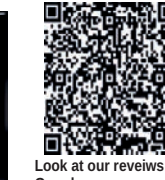
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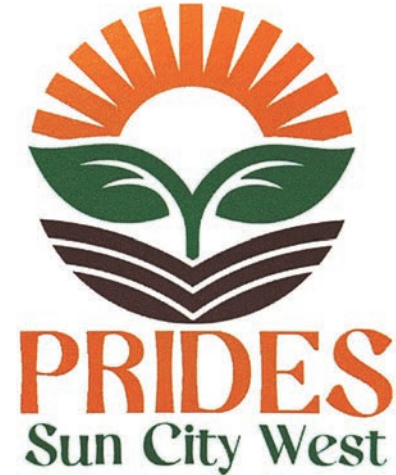
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PRIDES is run by a nine member Board of Directors. Officers are elected within the board. Under this leadership there are several committees including; Horticulture, Publicity, Membership, Nominating, Refreshment Sponsor, Audit and Safety. Board meetings are held monthly as well as General Membership meetings. Current number of Volunteers is 230.

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

As a 501(C)(3) PRIDES relies on donations from individuals, businesses, community, churches and civic organizations. The SCW Foundation provides the space for the PRIDES office and garage.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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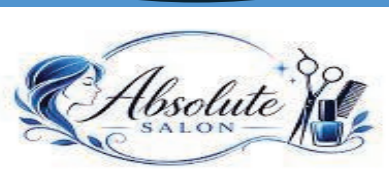
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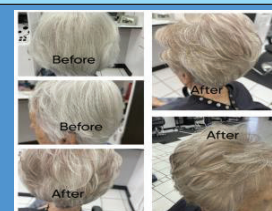
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The Fund started as a social and charitable club that raised money through dues, annual solicitations and fund raising events. One of the first things they bought was cardio-pulmonary resuscitation equipment for use by PORA. Over the next two decades the Fund contributed to the Handicapables Club of SCW, the SCW Foundation, Volunteers for Hospice in Sun City, Benevilla, and the Alzheimer's Association on the premise that these organizations benefited Sun City West residents.

During the Fund's first two decades they were able to give grants to local organizations in excess of \$1,100,000. Meanwhile the population of Sun City West increased with the completion of the expansion area. By 2002 the Fund had disbursed

\$90,000 to individuals. Over the ensuing years this was to increase gradually eclipsing the grants as a percentage of the annual budget. By 2008 the number helped reached 44 clients annually.

The Fund continued to give grants to worthy organization but increasingly concentrated on individuals in financial difficulty. This two-fold mission came to an end in 2015 when the Fund was recognized as an Arizona Qualifying Charitable Organization (AQCO). This recognition allowed all contributors to deduct up to \$400 per person off of their Arizona Income Tax. This advantage did, however, come with a stipulation that 50% of the Funds annual expenditure had to go to individuals whose annual income was less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. This restriction completely eliminated grants to organizations and required identifying those clients that were under the 150% limit.

As the Community Fund completes its forty-fourth year, we appreciate the support from individual donors, groups, and commercial enterprises. We continue to distribute funds to SCW low-income individuals in need of financial assistance, and we fully expect to continue our mission in the future.

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program for seniors in El Mirage provides perishable items every Thursday. The El Mirage location also has Emergency food boxes, a shared maintenance program where clients can purchase food at greatly reduced prices, and a Farmer's Market on Saturdays.

VVCFB is unique in that food boxes are made to meet clients' health needs, family size, and food preferences. VVCFB does not income or Zip Code verify, making services available to all who request them.

In 2022, emergency food boxes were given to 393,481 individual clients. Over all, VVCFB provided 1,541,766 food boxes valued at approximately \$300 apiece to needy clients. More than 161,000,000 pounds of food were distributed. VVCFB provided extra holiday food boxes at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Families were also helped with school supplies and Christmas gifts.

VVCFB operates thrift stores in Sun City, Sun City West, and El Mirage to assist our clients, repurpose household items, clothes and furniture, and generate income to support the pantries. The SCW Thrift and Gift store is located at 13576 W. Camino del Sol and is open M-S 9:00-3:00. To request a pickup of donations, call or text 455-2911.

VVCFB is also supported by volunteers who work in the pantry and the thrift shops, or who organize food drives and special events. To volunteer, contact vvfoodassistance@yahoo.com.

VVCFB is supported by generous donations from the community individuals, businesses, service clubs, churches and foundations. To make a donation or for more information, visit our website www.FeedingAZ.org or contact us via mail to 10771 West Peoria Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85351.

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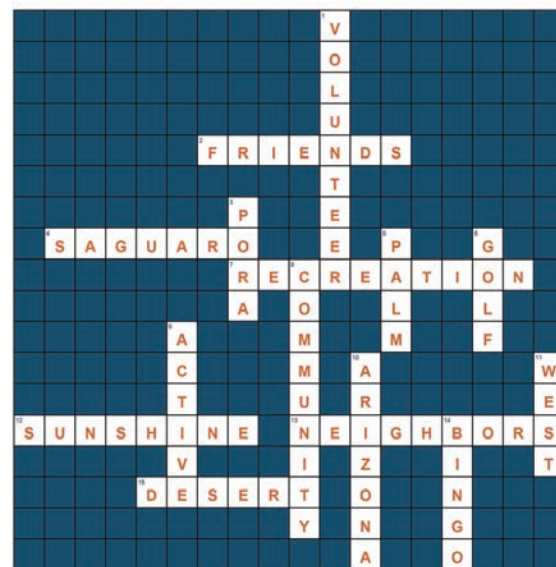
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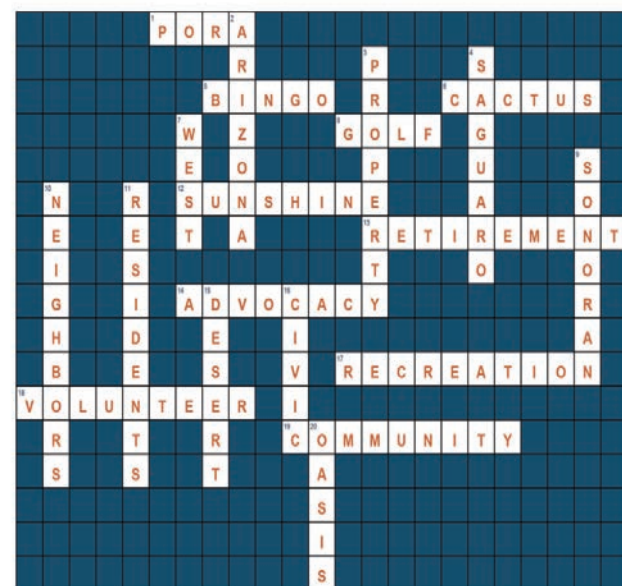
ACROSS ANSWERS

2. Friends
4. Saguro
7. Recreation
12. Sunshine
13. Neighbors
15. Desert

DOWN ANSWERS

1. Volunteer
3. Pora
5. Palm
6. Golf
8. Community
9. Active
10. Arizona
11. West
14. Bingo

Puzzle on page 14



ACROSS ANSWERS

1. Pora
5. Bingo
6. Cactus
8. Golf
12. Sunshine
13. Retirement
14. Advocacy
17. Recreation
18. Volunteer
19. Community

DOWN ANSWERS

2. Arizona
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