



Message from the President

By Brian Holley, President of Sun City Civic Association

Happy New Year, everyone!

Once again, as I mentioned in the December message, thank you all for a wonderful year. We enjoyed many successful events, concerts, dinners, and activities, and overall everything went very well.

Well—almost everything. We did experience a major water leak in the Olympic Pool men's showers. The leak was severe enough that water was coming up through the floor, which required us to replace all of the tile in the men's shower area. Once that work is completed, the contractors will move on to the Crystal Pool men's and women's showers, which are in dire need of remodeling, as they date back to the early 1960s. We appreciate your patience as this important construction continues.

In addition, on December 17th, work began on installing an awning on the west side of Webb Hall. By the time you read this article, it should be completed. This awning will be a great improvement, helping to keep rain away from that side of the hall—a long-standing issue—and it will also help cool the room during warmer months.

I would also like to remind everyone about HOA fees. If you are unable to pay the full amount by the February 15th due date, contact Avalon Management as soon as possible to arrange a payment plan. You can call 951-746-5410 or email suncity@avalonweb.com. The sooner arrangements are made, the better. Once February 15th passes, the first late notice must be sent in accordance with governing documents and the law, which carries a \$25 fee charged to the owner. We (the Association) must pay this fee in advance, which is costly. We usually recover this cost. However, there are times we do not, so please reach out to Avalon promptly. There is absolutely no shame in requesting a payment plan.

Another important item to share: within the first two weeks of January, you will receive an age-verification mailer from us through Avalon Management. Even if you completed this in 2025 or as recently as December, Federal HOPA regulations require this verification every two years. If the form is not submitted by mid-March, then it will be considered late and a violation

If you are a renter, please coordinate with the property owner to complete the paperwork. These forms are available online at www.suncitycivic.com under the Forms tab, or you may visit the office to complete them in-person. Please note that it is the owner's responsibility to ensure the forms are completed, not the renter's. Our goal is to complete this process by spring or early summer so the Board and management can focus on other priorities like maybe relaxing (just kidding!).

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. If you missed the Christmas party, don't worry! We will be hosting a springtime BBQ. Keep an eye on the Core Courier for details. It likely will be before March, but you never know—we like to keep things interesting.

Once again, Happy New Year to everyone!



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City of Menifee Update

A Message from Councilman Bob Karwin, Menifee District 1,
bkarwin@cityofmenifee.us

Greetings, Sun City.

We have heard your feedback about the increase in rodent activity on the former golf course properties. Thanks to your comments and engagement, the property owners, Ambient Communities, will be installing 10 Barn Owl Nesting Boxes throughout the Cherry Hills property.

Why owl boxes? California law now forbids the use of rodent poison on commercial properties. Since owls prey on rodents, this method has been shown to be very effective in Wine Country. If you have small pets, please take extra precautions when taking them outside. Be sure to always accompany them and be aware of your surroundings. For more information on Barn Owl Nesting Boxes, please visit www.thecherryhillsproject.com/rodent-control/.

In other news, the City purchased the former Bank of America building in the Cherry Hills Plaza for use as a full-service police substation. The station will have a public counter for filing reports and other police services. This is a far cry from our current substation, which has mainly been used for officer computer access and report writing without any public services.

We recently completed the removal of a significant amount of asbestos from the building and are ready to move on to the final stage of renovation. The project will go out to bid in January. We expect construction to start in April with completion by September. That means we should have a fully operational police substation right in the heart of Sun City by the end of 2026.

City Council meetings are held at City Hall the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. and are open to the public. You can also watch on-line on our YouTube channel. If you have questions, comments, or concerns about the City, please email me at bkarwin@cityofmenifee.us.

SUN CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Open Session—Homeowners only. Our next meeting is Tues., January 27, 2026 at 6 pm, Webb Hall. Agenda information: www.suncitycivic.com.

CLUB SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We respectfully request that all clubs and groups submit their article no later than 5 pm on the 20th of each month. Please limit articles to 350 words. Email Word Doc files to manager@suncitycivic.com or activities@suncitycivic.com. Please include committee, club or group name, writer's contact information, and organization's contact information. Within the article, include upcoming event details and general contact information. Photographs (maximum two) must be clear, in focus and submitted as high-resolution jpegs. Photos and articles will be edited and printed at the discretion of the Sun City Civic Association and staff.

REGULAR SCCA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Please consider joining a committee. If you would like to apply to be on a committee, the application is on www.suncitycivic.com, under the "Forms" tab. Fill it out and submit it to the SCCA office. Below are the current locations and times of the meetings.

- **Building and Grounds Committee**
 - On Hiatus
- **Finance Committee**
 - 3rd Tuesday – Odd Months – 9:30-10:30 am – East Room
- **Pool Advisory Committee**
 - 1st Monday – Monthly – 10-12 pm – East Room
- **Welcoming Committee**
 - 1st Thursday – Monthly – 11-12 pm – Webb Hall

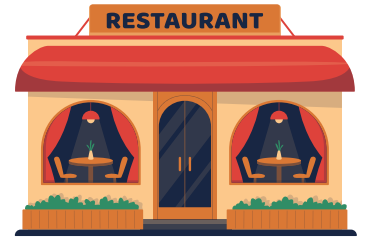


Happy New Year! Please check out the latest information from the City of Menifee:

**Please note that City of Menifee facilities will be closed on Thursday, January 1st, and Monday, January 19th, in observance of New Years Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.*

RESTAURANT Week

Get your appetite ready for Menifee's annual Restaurant Week, happening from January 26th to January 30th. In California, January is known as "Restaurant Month," and this week is all about celebrating our local restaurants and showing off their best dishes. We invite you to partake in this week by enjoying Menifee's delicious homegrown flavors and exploring new eateries while supporting our local favorites. Let's make this week a tasty one! For more information, visit MenifeeRestaurantWeek.com.



2026 VENDOR AND SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

Honor a local hero with a military banner! The City of Menifee proudly recognizes our brave active-duty service members and veterans who reside in Menifee and honors the loved ones of Menifee residents. Celebrate your hero with a personalized street banner displayed on our city streets in their honor. Applications are due by Sunday, February 15th for the Memorial Day Installation. Visit www.cityofmenifee.us/militarybanners or email banners@cityofmenifee.us for cost and program details



NEW! CLASS AND PROGRAM REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Get ready for a faster, easier way to sign up for your favorite classes, programs, and community events all in one place! Create your account today at rec.us/Menifee and explore our new mobile recreation hub.



HOLIDAY TREE PICK-UP

Give your real tree a second life! Remove all decorations and place your tree curbside next to trash carts for pickup by Friday, January 9th. Please put wrapping paper, ribbons, and plastic bags into the trash, not the recycling bin.

WINTER TEEN AWARDS

Recognize an outstanding teen in our community by submitting your nomination for the Menifee Teen Awards! Nominees must be high school students who live and/or attend school in Menifee and be nominated by a teacher, coach, or community member (not a family member). Nominations are available online at www.cityofmenifee.us/ylm and due by Monday, February 2nd. For more information, contact our Community Services Department at 951-679-8092.



STAY CONNECTED WITH US ALL YEAR LONG

Get news delivered to your cell phone, email, and more! Sign up at www.cityofmenifee.us/connect. Don't forget to follow the City of Menifee, Menifee Police Department, City of Menifee Community Services, and Explore Menifee on social media for daily updates on programs, projects, special events, city news, and more!



MENIFEES BULKY-ITEM DROP OFF EVENT

Saturday, February 21st | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (or until bins are full) Mt. San Jacinto College – Menifee Campus (28237 La Piedra Road)

Save the Date!

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The Great Game of Shuffleboard

The great game of Shuffleboard is an excellent way to be mobile, get exercise, improve your physical and mental awareness, and, most of all, have fun.

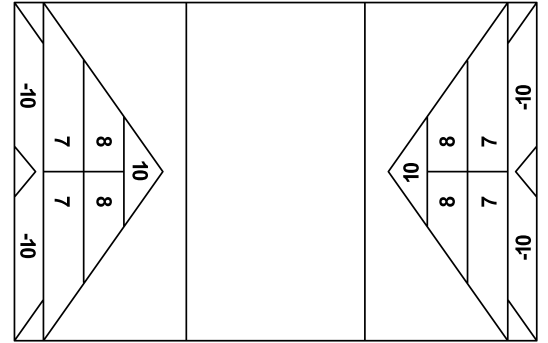
The game involves strategy, which keeps your brain engaged and constantly learning. Eye-hand coordination and balance are skills that can be developed, improved, or preserved for as long as possible.

When you join the Shuffleboard Club you are eligible to play in District 7, California Shuffleboard Association, USA and International tournaments. Competing as a team creates good competition.

You can play Monday (12:00-2:00 p.m.) or Wednesday and Saturday (5:30-8:00 p.m.). The Shuffleboard Club's membership is only \$20 a year.

Are you ready to get out to meet new friends, have fun, and exercise your mind and body?

Contact Crystal (951-672-1359) or Steve (951-591-0576) for more information.



Travel Club January Update

by Debbie Gabel

"We Travel Not to Escape Life, But So That Life Does Not Escape Us!"- Anonymous



The Travel Club's December Christmas Party was a great success with approximately 145 Members and Guests who enjoyed the fun. President Suzie Hunt ran a short meeting before Members voted in the 2026 Board Officers, and Jerry Guffey performed their "installation."

Then it was party time! Mary Jane Williams (1st Vice President) was our Party Chair who organized the party and kept it moving with games, lunch, and lots of free Door Prize giveaways! Thank you to all our MANY (60+!) volunteers who helped decorate the room and brought delicious desserts for all to share.

We will celebrate the New Year at our next Mtg on **Wednesday, January 7th. Come join us!** Doors open 12:15 p.m., and the meeting starts at 12:45 p.m. Trip sign-ups and payments are taken after the meeting. **ALL SCCA Seniors are invited** to our Meetings and on our Trips. You are invited to bring your own non-alcoholic drinks to the meetings.

For those who are new to our Club, we give out free Door Prize tickets during sign-ins, 12:15-12:45 p.m. After that, you are still welcome to attend the meeting, but the door prize ticket table is closed.

The 2026 Membership Drive started in December and continues for a few more months. The **FIRST 120 MEMBERS** receive a Hat with the Club's Logo on it. Dues are \$20/year (January-December) and include at least two free parties. Join at a meeting or call Catherine (562-612-5220) for more information.

Current Day Trips & Multiday Tours are listed on our "YELLOW" **TRIP SHEET (TS)**. The TS is free and includes all the trips' details (dates, descriptions, amounts, and contacts). It is distributed first at our Club Meeting and then copies are placed in the HOA Office and Webb Hall. For TS info, call Diane (847-830-0201). IF you see a trip that you would like to go on, please call the Trip's Escort or Contact noted on the trip/tour!

Our Travel Club Members are very friendly and love having fun! **Come see what we are all about! We think 2026 is going to be a great year!**



Bunco Fun Bunch – We’re Back!

Happy New Year, everyone! Our holiday-hiatus is over, and the Bunco Fun Bunch is back! Mary Jane Williams and Nancy Doss invite you to come play Bunco with our group every fourth Wednesday, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., in Civic Hall (26601 Cherry Hills Boulevard). This month our game is on Wednesday, January 28th.

Bunco is fast-paced and easy-to-learn! If you can roll dice and move from chair to chair, then you can play! Below are our Player Requirements and Game Day FYIs:



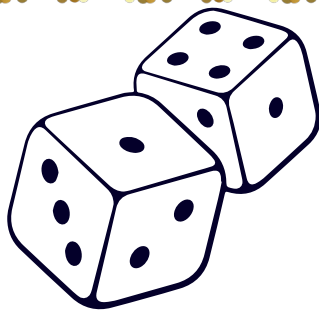
Player Requirements:

1. Players must RSVP before Game Day.
2. SCCA Residents MUST show their current SCCA White Activities Photo ID Card at the Sign-In Table.
3. Residents and their Guests must sign-in together.
4. “No Gambling” on campus, so every Player brings a \$10 Gift Card (GC) for the “Prize Pot.” GCs may be for restaurants, retail stores, etc. The Player’s name must be printed on the GC receipt and the receipt taped to the card (This information will be recorded in case there is a problem with the GC.).
5. Players must bring their own Drink AND a Snack to share with others (snacks are a requirement) - store-bought items are ok (no alcohol). *Leftovers go home with you!

- Doors open at 12:30 p.m. for sign-ins and Close at 1:00 p.m.
- We play on long tables with lots of space for “snacks and cups” and rolling the dice.
- After signing in, you will set up your snack on the counter, put on a name tag, and find a seat to start the game.

If you want to play, please RSVP by calling Mary Jane (760-310-5956) or Nancy (714-895-5001) or emailing Debbie at buncodebg@aol.com. Provide your name, phone number, SCCA number, and Guests’ names and numbers.

We usually have 32-40 players, lots of snacks, and many winners. Come meet others in our area and enjoy an afternoon of fun, laughter, & Bunco!



Play More Bunco

Senior Knitters & Crochet of Menifee

Knitters & Crocheters on the Move!

What a wonderful and productive month it has been! Our group has created and donated more than 2,100 handmade items to our recipients so far this year. As our membership continues to grow, so does the list of organizations we are able to support.

Lorna and Kim delivered Christmas hats to My City Youth in Hemet, continuing our annual tradition. Lorna also delivered Christmas hats and several beautiful afghans—lovingly made by our members—to the C.A.R.D. Organization.

In addition, we are now supporting Santa's Workshop with donations throughout the entire year. This is a fantastic organization; keep an eye out for their drop boxes located in businesses throughout Menifee and Sun City for their annual Christmas event. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Debbi Manion at 951-206-2722.

We also celebrated our November birthdays on the 18th with delicious treats, music, games, and plenty of prizes. Fun and laughter filled the room!

Our group meets every Tuesday, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Civic Hall, located at 26601 Cherry Hills Boulevard. There are no dues to join, and we are happy to teach anyone who would like to learn how to knit or crochet. We also enjoy a variety of other crafts for those who wish to try something new.

Please stop by, visit, or join us for the wonderful fellowship and warm, caring environment we share.



2026 Clubs - Contact Contact club leadership for further information on meetings.

THE SCCA HOSTS A MEETING ON THE 2ND TUESDAY OF ODD MONTHS AT 9:30 AM WITH ALL CLUBS TO DISCUSS IDEAS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND OBTAIN FEEDBACK. YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Sports & Fitness

Bike Club

President: Alain Bianco
alb975@yahoo.com; 951-746-3258
VP: Bill Adams
mobilishome@yahoo.com

Tues. at 8-10am, Museum Room

Chair Volleyball Club "Sun City Slammers"

President: Nancy Moniger
mcgee4109@gmail.com
VP: David Burt
dmburt@aol.com

Tues-Thurs. at 8:30am-12pm & Fri. 5-8pm, North Town Hall

Horseshoe Club

President: Wade Gloston
Wagnag470@gmail.com
Horseshoe Pits Mon-Sun. at 7am-6pm

Lawn Bowl Club

President: David Rahm
Rahmdavid55@gmail.com; 951-434-8086
VP: Floyd Pautsch
wudnuts@gmail.com, 702-372-2791

Mon/Sat. at 9-11:30am & Tues/Fri. at 1-4pm

Line Dance Club

President: Mickey Diehl
Mickeysc51@gmail.com; 951-672-2212
VP: Ellen Merendino
Merendinoe@aol.com

Tues. at 4:30-6:30pm, North Town Hall



Art Guild

President: Kathleen Crain
Kathy_crain@verizon.net, 951-303-4757
VP: Sheryl Stradling
sstrad@gmail.com 206-734-9433

Wed. at 1-4pm, Thurs. at 9am-4pm, 3rd Fri. at 12:30-4pm, Art Room

Ceramics Club

Currently Closed for Renovations

Pickleball Club

President: Paul Bailey
c59828@yahoo.com
VP: Will Howard
fitwillhoward@yahoo.com

Please contact leadership for club play sched.

Shuffleboard Club

President: Crystal Jones
cjmember@hotmail.com; 951-672-1359
VP: Steve Beatty
Stevebeatty5@gmail.com

Mon. at 12-2pm, Wed/Sat. at 5:30-8pm, & Thurs. at 10am-2pm, Shuffleboard Room

Square Dance Club "Twirlers"

President: Randal Kvenbo
randalkvenbo@gmail.com; 951-425-9227
VP: Karyn Hardin
karynhardin2@gmail.com 951-852-0483

Tues. at 6-8pm, 2nd Sunday Dance at 1:30-5pm, Civic Hall

Sun City Ping Pong Club

President: Patrick Nugent
951-473-3143; ngntptrck@yahoo.com
VP: Perry VanDerHout
perryvander@outlook.com; 707-246-1668

Mon/Thurs. at 4:30-8pm & Sat. at 10:30am-3pm, North Town Hall

Tai Chi Club

President: Cleo Brown
dcbron@dslextreme.com
VP: Paul Dallas
pauldallasbass@gmail.com
Tues-Thurs. at 9-10am, Civic Hall

T.O.P.S. Club

President: Carolyn L. Scott
Carolynscott1216@yahoo.com; 858-525-5133

Co-Leader: Barbara Marlow
951-204-6397

Co-Leader: Dory Castle

Fri.-weigh in at 8-10:30am, Civic Hall

Watercise

Led by Instructor Sue Lacoste
Tues/Thurs. at 11am-12pm, Crystal Pool

Water Volleyball Club

President: Art Mora
tudymora54@gmail.com; 909-630-2702
VP: Diane Draper
951-580-5402

Tues/Thurs. at 10-11am, Crystal Pool

Yoga

Led by Instructor from Progressive Health & Performance

Fri. at 9-10am, North Hall



Arts & Crafts

Quilting Club

President: Rose Rhoads
roserhoads@verizon.net; 951-533-7520
VP: Jo Ann Bender
jodiblond@verizon.net

Mon. at 9am-4pm, North Town Hall

Senior Knitters & Crochet of Menifee

President: Lorna McGee
lornamcgee8@gmail.com; 909-648-0474
VP: Kim Hatcher
kimkhatcher@verizon.net 909-215-7270

Tues. at 11am-3pm, Civic Hall

Sun City Woodworks

President: Lynn Gaughen
Lynn.gaughen55@gmail.com; 619-884-5393
VP: Richard Vasquez
Trickrick4@gmail.com

Mon-Fri. at 8:30am-2pm & Sat. at 8:30am-12pm Monitor must be available

Special Interest & Social Groups

Amateur Radio Club (HAM Radios)

President: Alan Cobb

Alancobb888@gmail.com; 951-990-8822

VP: Bret Pemberton

Pembertonltd8@verizon.net; 951-973-4645

2nd Thurs. at 6-8pm, Trophy Room

Duplicate Bridge Club

President: James Wong

630-938-1154

VP: Judy Lacy

iamjudylacy@gmail.com; 224-612-0973

Mon/Thurs. at 10:30am-6pm, Civic Hall

Friendship Club

President: Glen McCue

glen@mcqz.com

VP: Marie Silver

Buffysilver013@gmail.com

1st Fri. at 5-8pm, Civic Hall

Fun Bunch Club

President: Mary Jane Williams

wetravelsuncity@gmail.com; 760-310-5956

VP: Nancy Doss

Ndossmk@aol.com 714-895-5001

4th Wed. at 12:30-4:30pm, Civic Hall

Garden Club

President: Jennifer Lopez-Reis

jlopezreis@yahoo.com; 951-837-1860

VP: Valerie Gibson

Vgibson33@yahoo.com 951-966-4582

VP: Jill Hardy

jill@askhardy.com, 951-816-9053

3rd Tues. at 9:30am-12pm, Webb Hall

Karaoke Club

President: Boyd Barrett

Bkb.trippin42@gmail.com; 951-232-3814

VP: Stephen Caruso

sukkaful@yahoo.com

Thurs. at 5-8pm, Civic Hall

Lapidary Society Club

President: Art McCollum

951-415-8976

VP: Isidoro "Popo" Cardenas

951-426-3254

Thurs. at 5-8pm, Civic Hall

Merry Makers Club

President: Sue Sampson

Suepadilla66@gmail.com; 951-490-9330

VP: Irene Marquez

951-723-7488

Practice 1st & 2nd Monday, Entertain - 4th

Mondays 12:30-3pm Museum Room

Sun City Cruizers Car Club

President: Tom Anderson

951-316-0899;

andersontomgace@gmail.com

VP: Mike Richardi

951-587-1450; calrich5@aol.com

1st Tues. at 9-11am, Trophy Room

Travel Club

President: Suzie Hunt

dwayhunt@gmail.com; 951-301-5474

VP: Mary Jane Williams

wetravelsuncity@gmail.com; 760-310-5956

1st Wed. at 12:15-3pm, North Town Hall

VFW Auxiliary Post 1956 (PSO)

President: Janice Lovendahl

vfwaux1956@gmail.com; 951-541-1503

2nd Sat. at 8:30am-2pm, Trophy Room

Payment Plans for 2026 Assessment

For those who would like to have a payment plan for the upcoming assessment billing, the Board of Directors has approved the following for 2026:

- Payment plan arrangements will be accepted through April 30, 2026 for up to a period of six months.
- Any payment plans after April 30, 2026 will need to go before the Board of Directors for review.
- No payment plans will go into 2027.
- Payment plans are limited to one per homeowner.

Payment plans can be arranged starting in mid-December. Please reach out to Avalon Management to make payment plan arrangements. If you have questions about your account, they may be reached at 951-746-5410, or send an email to suncity@avalonweb.com



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New Year

