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SUN CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Open Session – Homeowners only. No meeting in December. Our next meeting is Tues., Jan 28 at 6 pm, Webb Hall. Agenda information may be found at www.suncitycivic.com.

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: Currently Seeking Members

Finance Committee: 3rd Tues., Monthly, 9:30 - 10:30 am, East Room

Pool Advisory Committee: 1st Mon., Monthly, 10 am – 12 pm, East Room

Welcoming Committee: Currently Seeking Members

Help make the Sun City Core Courier better!

To make the *Sun City Core Courier* magazine great, we need your help! We’re looking for the following:

Cover photos - We need photos of vistas inside the community! Seasonal photos are highly prized!

Club photos - We want to see your club doing the fun things your club does! Find someone who has a newer cell phone and ask them to take shots of your members having fun. We will print up to three photos per group.

Travel photos - Please take a copy of the *Core Courier* magazine and take a picture of you holding it while you’re somewhere amazing!

Send club/group submissions to manager@suncitycivic.com or activities@suncitycivic.com.

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Payment Plans for 2025 Assessments

For those who would like to have a payment plan for the upcoming assessment billing, the Board of Directors has approved the following for 2025:

- Payment plan arrangements will be accepted through April 30, 2025 for up to a period of six months.
- Any payment plans after April 30, 2025 will need to go before the Board of Directors for review.
- No payment plans will go into 2026.
- Payment plans are limited to one per homeowner.
- There will be no waiver for late charges or interest if no payment plan is in place unless the Board of Directors reviews and approves it.

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Message from the President

By Brian Holley, President of Sun City Civic Association

As I've said before, my deadline to submit articles for the magazine is the 20th of the month for two months ahead. As of this writing, it is Oct. 18, and I'm writing this article for the December magazine, which makes it awkward. I know some in the Association will agree that I don't know what I'm doing when it comes to looking this far ahead, and I admit that I don't.

Here it goes: Merry Christmas, everybody! We have a lot to be thankful for — the Association is doing very well. I talked to people that come from very high-end HOAs, from Laguna to Temecula and beyond, and they are astounded as to what we have here, and I think you all are, too.

All the clubs are doing very well. Horseshoes is open once again. I had some ladies call me to ask that I remind all the ladies in the Association that the billiard hall, with nine professional tables, is open to just ladies on Wednesdays, from 10 am to 12 pm. Although they can go in at any time, this is just a dedicated time for ladies.

All the other clubs want more and more participants too, so look in the magazine to find out when they meet and come to explore. There is a lot going on here, such as woodshop classes, lapidary, art rooms, ceramics and, of course, horseshoes etc. And, you can't forget the pools, which are open year-round as is the spa and gym, so have a good time.

Our association is doing very well thanks to our management team. Norma, our General Manager, is leading us in all the future laws and applications. Thank goodness that we can do what we can do.

Reminder to everybody: we again have 250 dinners to give out at Christmas. If you are going to sign up, make sure that you are someone who cannot go out and get a meal, as this year we can only do 250 dinners. Also, if you sign up for dinner delivery, you cannot sign up for the sit-down dinner. I know I mentioned it in the previous article, and we are adhering to this. The sit-down dinner and dance are on Dec. 7 and is limited to 150 people.

For the Christmas Decorating Contest, we need four volunteers to help vote. We need four so that we all fit snugly in an SUV to drive around. If you are interested in signing up for the contest, check out the article in this *Courier*.

Last, but not least, I did not mention it in my last article, and it is forever on my mind. There is absolutely no news from or about the golf course. They will soon be having to cut everything as soon as it rains and grows, which is their business, not ours. Everything is in the works as far as lawyers go. We are just waiting for them to contact us as to where/when they want to have the special election to change the CC&Rs and deed restrictions. Again, no news is good news.

I hope everybody has a great Christmas and is looking forward to the New Year!



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HALLOWEEN ROUNDUP

Wow! This year, the notch went up to another level at the annual Halloween event. While the event is long over, we wanted to share some of the highlights from this fun, festive fall event.

Thank you to The Ray Miller Band for the great music and Gracie's Lunchbox for a wonderful meal! This is one of the many great events during the year, with 150 residents/guests in attendance. I hear that many of you are already planning your costumes for next year!

We had so many great costumes that it was hard to choose, but here are the winning results:

- Renee Brown: Butterfly
- Joanne Garcia: Egyptian
- Roberta Sollars: Frankenstein's Bride
- James & Paula Mann: Fortune/Tarot Readers

The winners received a \$25 gift card to celebrate. Congratulations to all!



Upcoming Events... Open To All!



You are invited to our
Sun City Civic

Christmas Dinner

Sat., Dec. 7 - 4 - 7 pm
Web Hall

Dinner will be served by Gracie's Lunchbox with live music by The Ray Miller Band. Limited to four registered residents per home plus one guest. Cost is \$10 per person. Limited to 150 persons total. RSVP to activities@suncitycivic.com or call (951) 679-2311 (press zero). If you sign up for this dinner, you may not sign up for the dinner delivery at the end of December.

Celebrate with us!



Holiday Decorating Contest

In keeping with the annual tradition, "Santa Lights" aims to get as many people as possible involved in the holiday festivities. Let's see your decorations, Sun Citians! Residents should decorate their homes at the beginning of December (or earlier).

To enter the contest, call the office at 951-679-2311 (press zero) or send an email to activities@suncitycivic.com. Provide your name, address, and phone number by Dec. 16. We will then add you to the list for judging.

Judging will be done by volunteers of Sun City Civic by Thurs., Dec. 18. If you are interested in being one of the four volunteer judges, please contact the office.

First, second, and third places will be awarded. First place will win \$200; second place will win \$100; and third place will win \$75. The winning homes will also receive a "winner" yard sign for all to see. Also, photos of the winners will be in the *Core Courier*.

FREE HOLIDAY DINNER

We are thankful to have our annual FREE "Ham & Fixins" dinner event, catered by Gracie's Lunchbox.

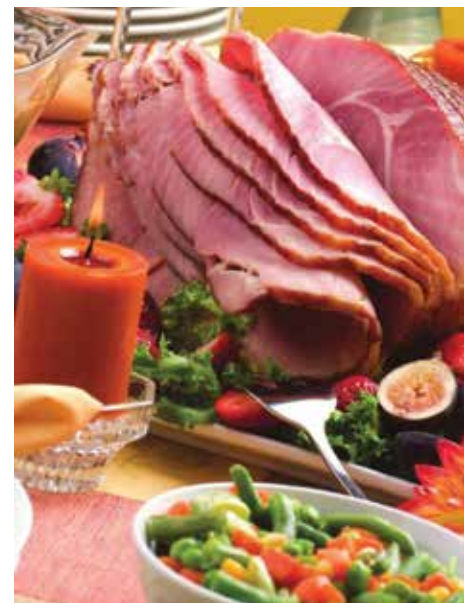
There are only 250 meals available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please hurry! It is limited to four dinners per household. However, there must be the same amount of residents in the home on file. For example, if you live alone and we only have you on record as residing in the home, then you will only receive one dinner, not four.

We are also seeking volunteers to assist with the dinner deliveries. Picking up the meals and taking them to their happy recipients will take about an hour or two, with "contactless" delivery on the morning of Dec. 16. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 951-679-2311 (press zero) or by email at activities@suncitycivic.com.

To sign up for the dinner, email your name, address, and the number of meals to activities@suncitycivic.com. Or, if you have no access to email, call 951-679-2311 (press zero).

If you signed up for the in-person holiday dinner, then you may not sign up for this dinner.

Keep in mind that dinners will be delivered on Dec. 16 beginning at 10 am so please ensure you are home or answer the door.



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., 8 – 10 am, Museum Room.

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL CLUB “SUN CITY SLAMMERS:” President, Nadine Sanderson, nadinesanderson@msn.com; 951-445-2788; VP, Nancy Moniger, Mcgee4109@gmail.com. Tues., Wed., & Thurs., 8:30 am – 12 pm; Fridays - 5:30 – 9 pm. North Town Hall.

HORSESHOE CLUB: President, Art Mora, tudymora54@gmail.com, 909-630-2702; VP, Bruce Flowers, bruceflowers21@gmail.com, 219-730-3143. Mon., Wed., Fri., 7 am - 7 pm.

LAWN BOWLS CLUB: President, David Rahm, Rahmdavid55@gmail.com, 951-434-8086; VP, Floyd Pautsch, wudnuts@gmail.com, 702-372-2791. Mon., Tues., Fri., 5:15 – 8 pm; Sat., 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

LINE DANCE CLUB: President, Mickey Diehl, Mickeys51@gmail.com, 951-672-2212; VP, Ellen Merendino, Merendinoe@aol.com. Tues., 4:30 – 6:30 pm, North Town Hall.

PICKLEBALL CLUB: President, Paul Bailey, c59828@yahoo.com; VP, Will Howard, fitwillhoward@yahoo.com. Please contact leadership for club play schedule

SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB: President, David Ruch, Hcurad47@gmail.com, 951-961-6989; VP, Steve Beatty, Stevebeatty5@gmail.com. Mon., 1 - 3 pm; Wed. & Sat., 5:30 – 8 pm, 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., 6 – 9 pm; 2nd Sunday Dance, 1:30 – 5 pm, Civic Hall.

SUN CITY PING PONG CLUB: President, Patrick Nugent, 951-473-3143, ngntptrck@yahoo.com; VP, Perry VanDerHout. Mon. & Thurs., 4:30 – 8 pm; Sat., 10:30 am – 2 pm, North Town Hall.

TAI CHI CLUB: President, Cleo Brown, dcbron@dslextreme.com; VP, Paul Dallas, pauldallasbass@gmail.com. Tues., Wed. & Thurs., 9 – 10 am. Civic Hall.

T.O.P.S. CLUB: President, Carolyn L. Scott, Carolynscott1216@yahoo.com, 858-525-5133; Co-Leader, Barbara Marlow, 951-652-3505; Co-Leader, Dory Castle. Fri., weigh in 8 – 10:30 am, Civic Hall.

WATERCISE: Led by Instructor Sue Lacoste. Tues. & Thurs., 11 am – 12 pm, Crystal Pool.

WATER VOLLEYBALL: Led by Volunteer Art Mora, tudymora54@gmail.com, 909-630-2702. Tues., Wed., Thurs., 10 - 11 am. Crystal Pool.

YOGA: Led by Instructor from Progressive Health & Performance. Fri., 9 - 10 am, North Hall.



ARTS & CRAFTS

ART GUILD: President, Kathleen Crain, Kathy_crain@verizon.net, 951-303-4757; VP, Sheryl Stradling, sstrad@gmail.com, 206-734-9433. Wed., 1 - 4 pm; Thurs., 9 am - 4 pm; 4th & 5th Fri., 12:30 - 3:15 pm, Art Room.

CERAMICS CLUB: President, Debi Wilson, dickdebiwilson@att.net, 714-264-1984; VP, Evelyn Netkin, Evelyn.netkin@gmail.com, 518-859-6442. Mon. – Sat., 8 am – 5 pm, Ceramics Room.

QUILTING CLUB: President, Rose Rhoads, roserhoads@verizon.net, 951-533-7520; VP, Jo Ann Bender, jodiblond@verizon.net. Mon., 10:30 am – 4 pm, North Town Hall.

SENIOR KNITTERS & CROCHET OF MENIFEE: President, Lorna McGee, lornamcgee8@gmail.com, 909-648-0474; VP, Kim Hatcher, 909-215-7270. Tues., 11 am – 3 pm, Civic Hall.

SUN CITY WOODWORKS: President, Lynn Gaughen, Lynn.gaughen55@gmail.com, 619-884-5393; VP, Richard Vasquez, Trickrick4@gmail.com. Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am – 2 pm; Sat., 8:30 am - 12 pm. 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, 951-973-4645, Pembertonltd8@verizon.net. 2nd Thurs., 6 - 9 pm, Trophy Room.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB: President, Judy Lacy, iamjudylacy@gmail.com, 224-612-0973; VP, James Wong, 630-938-1154. Mon., Thurs. & 3rd Sat., 12 - 4:15 pm, Civic Hall.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: President, Glen McCue, glen@mcqz.com; VP, Marie Silver, Buffysilver013@gmail.com. 1st Fri., 5 - 8 pm, Civic Hall

FUN BUNCH CLUB: President, Mary Jane Williams, Grandmomuwho@gmail.com, 760-310-5956; VP, Nancy Doss, Ndossmk@aol.com, 714-895-5001. 4th Wed., 12:30 - 4:30 pm, Civic Hall. DARK UNTIL JAN.

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., 9:30 am - 12 pm, Webb Hall.

KARAOKE CLUB: President, Boyd Barrett, Bkb.trippin42@gmail.com, 951-232-3814; VP Stephen Caruso, sukkaful@yahoo.com. Thurs., 6 - 8 pm, Civic Hall.

LAPIDARY SOCIETY CLUB: President, Dick Wilson, dickdebiwilson@att.net, 714-345-6699; VP, James Garry, 951-805-8121, Jgarry288@gmail.com. Mon. - Fri., 9 am - 12 pm, Lapidary Room.

MENIFEE VALLEY LIONS CLUB (PSO): President, Joel Hoffman, 702-544-1771; lionsclubtreasurer@outlook.com; VP, Steve Beatty, Stevebeatty5@gmail.com. 1st Thurs., 7 - 8 pm, East Room

MERRY MAKERS CLUB: President, Sue Sampson, Suepadilla66@gmail.com 951-490-9330; VP: Irene Marquez, 951-723-7488. Practice 1st & 2nd Mon.; Entertain - 4th Mon. 12:30 - 3 pm, Museum Room.

TRAVEL CLUB: President, Crystal Jones, Trvlclubcjones@att.net, 951-672-1359; VP, Marie Banker, Mbanker58@icloud.com. 1st Wed., 12:15 - 3 pm, North Town Hall

VFW AUXILIARY POST 1956 (PSO): President, Janice Lovendahl, vfwaux1956@gmail.com, 951-541-1503; VP: Margie Thomas. 2nd Sat., 8:30 am - 2 pm, Trophy Room.

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Shopping local is a great way to support our Menifee community. By visiting small businesses, you can make a big difference in our local economy, which helps fund important services and programs. This holiday season, we would love for you to shop local when you can. Don't forget to join the fun "Shop Local Bingo," now through Dec. 16, to win some awesome prizes! For more information, please visit menifeebusiness.com/shop-local.

JOIN OUR MENIFEE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR COOKIE WITH A COP

Menifee Police Department is thrilled to partner with Crumbl Cookies for their annual Cookies with a Cop event. Meet Menifee PD officers and enjoy FREE cookies on Thurs., Dec. 5 from 5 to 7:30 pm at Crumbl Cookies (30076 Haun Road, Suite 210).

GIVING BACK

The Menifee Police Department will also be collaborating with Santa's Workshop and the Menifee Valley Community Cupboard to collect unwrapped toys or canned goods. All donated items will directly benefit families in our area during the holidays. In exchange for your donation, you will receive a free wristband for the snow zone and train ride. Learn more about this and other special events at www.cityofmenifee.us/specialevents.

MENIFEE TV AVAILABLE ON MEDIACOM

We are excited to share that Menifee TV is now available on Mediacom channel 595. Menifee TV is registered as a P.E.G. (public, educational, and government) access cable TV channel and is dedicated to delivering quality local programming, public meetings, and service announcements. In addition to Mediacom, Menifee TV can be viewed on Spectrum Channel 1301 and Frontier Channel 25 as well as streamed live at www.cityofmenifee.us/menifeetv.

XTREAM LIGHT FIGHT HOME DECORATING COMPETITION

Spread the holiday cheer as we end the year. Menifee's Annual Xstream Light Fight Holiday Home Decorating Contest is back for another luminous holiday season with five decorating categories: Best Theme, North Pole Neighbor, Inflatable Fun, Clark Griswold, and Community Favorite. Applications open Fri., Nov. 29 and close on Mon., Dec. 9. Visit <http://www.cityofmenifee.us/specialevents> for more details.

CHRISTMAS TREE HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND BAZAAR

Join us for an evening full of holiday magic and family fun on Sat., Dec. 7, from 4 to 8 pm at Mt. San Jacinto College (28237 La Piedra Road). Take photos with Santa, help countdown the lighting of the tree, play in the snow, and enjoy so much more. Wander through the lights to do your holiday shopping with local craft and business vendors as well as sample tasty treats from a variety of food vendors.



CHECK YOUR MAILBOX FOR OUR NEW EDITION OF MENIFEE MATTERS

Learn all about upcoming City events, programs, classes, and more happening this winter in our new edition of Menifee Matters. Check your mailboxes for a printed copy or read our digital magazine at www.cityofmenifee.us/menifeematters.



Thank you, Sun City!

By Menifee Mayor Bill Zimmerman

My final days serving as your Mayor have arrived, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving and representing you. I'm grateful for the warm welcome that the Civic Association has

always extended to me and the many friendships I've gained over the years. Sun City will always hold a special place in my heart.

Looking back, some of us have sung karaoke together as well as enjoyed classic car shows and parades, square dance events, synchronized swimming shows by the Aquarians, theater performances, and numerous social activities by all the interesting clubs. We have also joined together when needed to have our voices heard collectively to protect our neighborhood. An event in Sun City that's very special to me has been hosted each year by the Quilts of Valor to drape handmade quilts over our military veterans and surround them with love and show our appreciation.

As I remember these special times, I'm reminded that what makes a community thrive is the people that live there. We are blessed to have so many friendly volunteers that really care about Sun City. I see them organizing events, setting up the room, welcoming guests, and ensuring everything goes smoothly. These are the hometown heroes that make this place shine. One of my favorite quotes is by Ronald Reagan. He said, "There is no limit to what a person can accomplish, if they don't mind who gets the credit." So, let's remember to thank those that we see rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to improve the lives of others. I believe this social dynamic is what Del Webb had hoped for in his vision for Sun City's lifestyle.

Every day I'm asked, "what are you gonna do now?" I will have more

time to offer toward the things that kept my wife and me busy prior to being Mayor, such as volunteering with our Historical Association and Museum, the Arts Council, Boys & Girls Club, Antelope-Menifee Rural Center, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce to name a few.

For me, I'm comforted by the fact that our city's financial position is solid today. Over the last six years, we have been fiscally conservative and prudent in building a 40 percent reserve fund and a policy to 'pay in full' our pension liabilities each year. Your City Council has demonstrated fiduciary responsibility, and I hope that future elected officials will continue in this direction. I'm also pleased that we're taking steps to create Sun City's first public park (green space) for seniors to enjoy together.

I mentioned Menifee's history museum. We hope you'll stop by to visit some Sunday afternoon.

Let's go way back in time to consider who inhabited this place prior to the 1800s.

One of the earliest documented records we have is Luther Menifee Wilson's mine claim in 1880. Prior to his arrival were indigenous peoples — Native Americans who hunted and foraged to exist here for centuries. They found water flowing in our creeks, and the hills were teeming with dove, quail, and rabbit. They gathered chia seeds that grew naturally here. There are documented ceremonial sites, petroglyphs and pictographs, flakes, slicks, and bedrock mortars in this area. These sacred sites are to be respected and preserved. Today, we're fortunate to have majestic coast live oak trees (*Quercus agrifolia*) still standing tall in Menifee that are hundreds of years old — some that existed right here around the time of the early Spanish explorers and the establishment of the Missions along California's coast.

Sun City Beautification

By Mayor Pro Tem Bob Karwin

I am pleased to report a major beautification project coming to Sun City. On Oct. 15, we opened bids for the landscaping and improvements of the Cherry Hills median that runs in front of the SCCA campus. Weather permitting, we are expecting work to begin before the end of the year, with the project fully complete by the end of February.

Since 2021, we have spent approximately \$4.5 million on infrastructure improvements in Sun City. These include the installation of ADA compliant crosswalks and curb ramps along Cherry Hills Boulevard from Bradley to Norwood, a traffic signal at Murrieta and Sun City Boulevard, and resurfacing of Murrieta Road from McCall to Salt Creek, and there is more to come.

On Oct. 11, we celebrated the expansion and grand reopening of our dog park at E.L. Petersen Park on Murrieta Road, on the south



side of Salt Creek. The park is fenced in for off-leash recreation, and there are separated areas for small and large dogs. This facility has benches, dog fountains, waste bag stations, and shade trees. The proposed new park on Portsmouth behind Faith Lutheran Church is still in the design phase, so this is the closest dog park to Sun City for the time-being.

Finally, there has been a lot of speculation as to the future use of the former golf course properties. I can confirm to you that, as of this update, the property owners, Ambient Communities, have not submitted any requests for rezoning or development plans to the City.

City Council meetings are held at City Hall on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6 pm and are open to the public. You can also watch online on our YouTube channel. Feel free to email me at bkarwin@cityofmenifee.us.



SCAMS TO WATCH OUT FOR

By Norma Zermeno, General Manager

It seems that scams ramp up as we approach the holidays. Below are some scams targeting at-risk populations, including older adults, people with disabilities, and those facing financial hardships, which often rely on emotional manipulation, urgency, and the impersonation of authority figures.

Medicare and Health Insurance Scams

Scammers pretend to be Medicare representatives to get personal information or demand payment for non-existent services. They promise “free” equipment or discounted prescriptions to gather insurance and identity details.

Imposter Scams

Scammers pretend to be a distressed grandchild in need of emergency funds. They may call you and put someone on the line demanding some sort of payment for an emergency. Criminals pose

as IRS agents, Social Security representatives, or other authorities to claim the victim owes money, threatening legal action if you don't pay immediately.

Home Repair and Contractor Scams

Scammers show up at victims' homes, offering repair services for a low price. After receiving an advance payment, they perform shoddy work or disappear entirely.

Reverse Mortgage and Real Estate Scams

Scammers offer phony reverse mortgage schemes or home equity theft, tricking victims into signing away homeownership and/or take money for deposits.

These scams exploit trust, fear, or urgency. We hope that you recognize the red flags, verify identities, and never share personal information unless you are sure of who you're talking to. Doing so can go a long way to preventing victimization.

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Travel Club

The Sun City Travel Club held their annual luncheon on Oct. 18 at the Black Bear Diner. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and caught up with their friends. Many also signed up to volunteer for various positions in the New Year.

Several door prizes were given to those in attendance, and we would like to shout out a big THANK YOU to those community members

who participated by offering coupons and discounts at their place of business. Your community spirit is so appreciated!

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 12:30 pm at North Hall. You are welcome to join us as a guest so you can hear all about our upcoming trips and possibly win a gift!



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Woodshop Group

WOODSHOP CLASSES BEGIN IN THE NEW YEAR: The Woodshop is starting to schedule classes for 2025. All the classes we do are appropriate for anyone who has little to no woodworking experience. You will always finish any of our classes with a beautiful project that you will be very proud of. There is a charge for classes, which covers the cost of wood, supplies, and instruction.

Some of the classes we will be scheduling include Cutting Board, Lathe, Scroll Saw, and Sign Making. Stop by the Woodshop to add your name to a sign-up sheet for a class or classes that you might be interested in taking.

The photo at left shows Woodshop member Katherine Gomez who took the Scroll Saw class and made a beautiful cross. She is a new member to the Woodshop and had no woodworking experience until she signed up and took the Scroll Saw class. Great job, Katherine! Keep up the great work.

Hope to see many of you stop by the Woodshop. We are open Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 2 pm, and Saturdays, 8:30 am to 12 pm.

Woodshop's 2nd Annual Toy Drive: Everyone is invited to participate in the Woodshop's 2nd Annual Toy Drive for the 2024 Christmas season. The picture above is from last year's first toy drive that got a late start but was still a success. We are hoping to make Christmas brighter for even more children this year, so we are inviting anyone that might be able to participate and help to make this a huge success. You do not have to be a Woodshop member to participate.

There will be a large box, wrapped in Christmas paper and located inside the Woodshop, where toys can be donated for a child. The Woodshop is asking for new unwrapped toys that are for a child, between the ages of newborn to 17-years-old. This toy drive started in November and will run through Dec. 13.

Last year, the Woodshop delivered all toys to the Menifee Police Department to help with their toy drive. At the time this article had to be submitted to the *Core Courier*, a decision had not been made as to which charity Santa's elves would be delivering all the donated toys

to. The name of the chosen charity organization will be posted on the box inside the Woodshop, so you will know where your generous donation will be going.

The goal of the Woodshop is to bring a smile to the face of many children on Christmas morning. We thank you all in advance for any donations made. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all.





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Sun City Twirlers

Remembering Andy Abeles

The Twirlers Square Dance Club has lost an amazing member. Our dear friend and Core resident, Andy Abeles, passed away on Sunday morning, Oct. 6, at the age of 76. Andy was instrumental in many ways for our club and for the Southern California Square Dancing community. He had been square dancing since 1984.

In addition to being a Mensa member, he was a professional photographer, ran a successful videography business, and was a realtor in our area.

Andy and his lovely wife, Lorie Abeles, met in 1988; married on Aug. 18, 1990; and moved to Sun City in December 2011. They have a lovely grown daughter, Ellie (also goes by Betty). Within the Core, Andy had many friends. He had such a great sense of humor and genuinely liked people. Andy referenced Abraham Lincoln's words of "I don't like that man. I must get to know him better." And get to know them he did!

Andy, you and the laughter you spread will most definitely be missed by not just your fellow Twirlers, but by all your friends in the Core!



Yoga

Yoga is currently every Friday, from 9 to 10 am in North Town Hall. Yesi, the instructor, does a fabulous job with all levels of Yoga expertise. Yesi brings nine years of yoga experience and two years of teaching. Yesi's focus is on Hatha yoga, a gentle and nurturing style of practice. For those that are new to Yoga or have any flexibility issues,

a chair can be used in addition to a mat. There is plenty of room for more to enjoy the wonders of Yoga for flexibility, mental fitness or just getting out of your home to meet others. Mats are available if you don't have your own! Come join us and feel great again!

Art & Craft Guild

At our November meeting, artists and craftspeople designed door hangers of their choice. It was fun to see the unique creations by our members!

Looking ahead, on Dec. 18, members will have a potluck to celebrate the holiday season!

We have meetings from September through May on the third Wednesday of each month. The Art Room is open every Wednesday

from 1 to 4 pm for our creators to work on their projects. On Thursdays, Kathy Pickett teaches Watercolor classes: Intermediate and Advanced, 9 am to 12 pm; beginners, 1 to 4 pm.

Our Art Room is open for Art Gatherings on the third Friday of each month. Almost all art projects are welcome, but please, no solvents.



Senior Knitters & Crocheters of Menifee

Knitters & Crocheters

The Senior Knitters & Crocheters of Menifee have been busy these past few months. We have made 200 afghans, lapgans, and small blankets to donate to the SCCA.

For those in need or shut-in (home bound) who would like one, please let the SCCA know before

they deliver Thanksgiving dinners so they may include it. Please enjoy.

If you are interested in joining our Club, we meet every Tuesday in Civic Hall, 11 am to 3 pm. If you don't know how, we will be happy to teach and help!

Thank you and happy holidays!

Sun City Slammers Chair Volleyball

How Many Athletes has Sun City Civic Association Produced?

At the Oldlympic Awards banquet on Oct. 8, a familiar face in the form of the President of Sun City Chair Volleyball Club appeared on the medal podium, which made me feel extremely honored as a Sun City resident.

After three years of searching, my husband and I finally bought a house in Sun City last August. We became a member of SCCA, joined the Chair Volleyball Club, and spend every day in happiness.

It turns out that I thought our life after the age of 60 was just an ordinary and stable life. I didn't expect that Sun City would give my husband and me so many opportunities to show off our artistic talents, pursue our sports dreams, and cultivate our Olympic spirit. I'm very grateful to SCCA for creating

such a good environment for the residents here and attracting many surrounding sports-loving people to join us in various clubs in Sun City.

The athletes in this picture range from those born in the 1930s to those born in the 1960s. The most admirable is Micky. She

won two medals in the 5,000-meter walk and the 1,500-meter walk after walking nearly 17 laps of the 400-meter track in one morning. Thanks very much, Micky, for setting an example for me. Thanks very much, Sun City Civic Association, for all that you do for the clubs. ~ Annie Kong



Athletes names in the picture (L-R): Joe Zhou, Pat, Dena, Rose, Janet, Micky, Annie Kong, and Suzy.



Shuffleboard

The Sun City Shufflers started District 7 League games in October. League team games are played every Thursday.

The Shuffleboard Cub's membership is \$20.

Shuffleboard is open Monday at 1 pm, Wednesday and Saturdays at 5:30 pm for team practice and/or fun play. Call David at 951-961-6389 if you would like to join our club, be on the Sun City Shufflers team, or just to get information about what we do.

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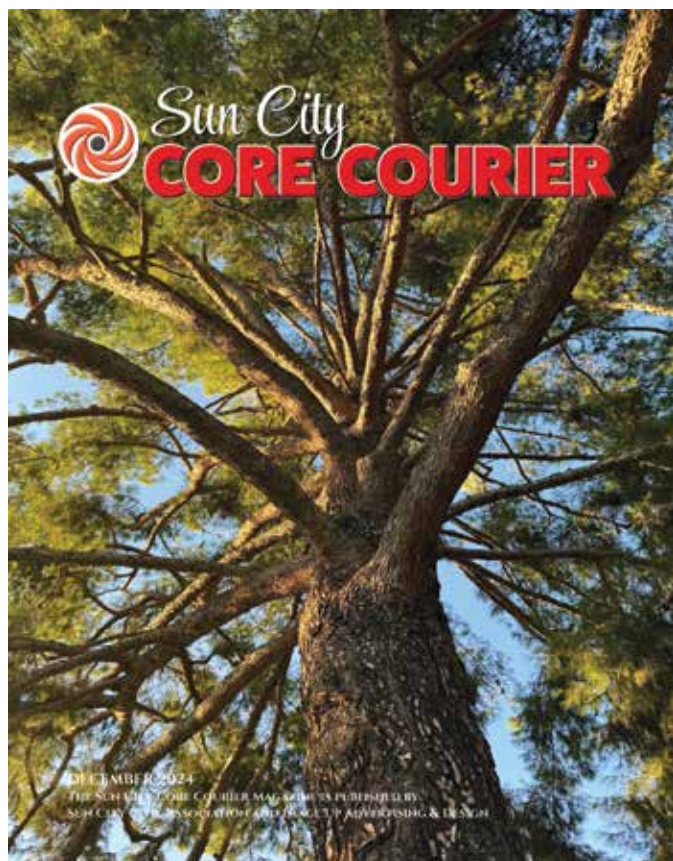
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Submission Guidelines

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City of Menifee Senior Resource Directory: Copies available at SCCA office; <https://tinyurl.com/sj26c56>

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