



Sun Valley General Improvement District News

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THANK YOU FORMER CHAIRPERSON, SANDRA AINSWORTH



Sandra Ainsworth has dedicated the past 12 years to the residents and community of Sun Valley. She never imagined going into politics until residents of Sun Valley continually approached her to run after her husband Jim, also a former Chairperson of the District, termed out. During her tenure, Sandra ran three times and was honored to be the community's popular vote each time. She spent her first year on the Board as a Trustee, and the last 11 years as Chairperson. Her proudest accomplishment during her time with the District was providing safe quality drinking water and advocating to keep rates as low as possible. Sandra is excited to enjoy her home, family, yard and gardens in her retirement.

We wish Sandra well, and know that she will continue to be an amazing supporter of Sun Valley.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



First Place: Anna Kutulas



Second Place: Alta Ellis



Third Place: Kaylin Aytes

On behalf of the District, thank you to all of the photo contest participants.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

The District recognized Hobey's Casino for their continued community partnership allowing Sun Valley residents the use of Hobey's banquet room for the Sun Valley Community Advisory Board meetings at no cost to Washoe County.

The District also recognized Laura Petersen, former Principal of Desert Skies Middle School, for her dedication and work to better the Sun Valley Community and its students. Ms. Petersen has spent a total of 18 years shepherding many Sun Valley students as Dean, and eventually Principal, of Lois Allen Elementary School and becoming the Principal of the educational jewel of Sun Valley, Desert Skies Middle School. Ms. Petersen's vision for the new school was to begin a culture of caring and servitude, which continues today.



The Sun Valley General Improvement District is an equal opportunity provider and employer

2023 SUN VALLEY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Susan Severt
Chairperson



Michael Rider
Vice Chairperson



Joseph Barstow
Secretary



Mark Neumann
Treasurer



Carmen Ortiz
Trustee

VETERANS CELEBRATION

On November 5, 2022, the District held its Annual Veterans Appreciation Celebration in partnership with Washoe County Human Services. Giveaway bags included information and resources from the District, Reno Veterans Center, Adopt-A-Vet Dental Program, Veterans Guest House, Veterans Upward Bound and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. A special thank you to Washoe County Human Services for providing the pancake breakfast and to Girl Scout Troop 272 for helping serve breakfast to veterans and community members in attendance.

DID YOU KNOW???

During winter months, driving can become hazardous with ice and snow. The District has no jurisdiction over roads or snow removal. Washoe County Roads is responsible for clearing residential streets and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is responsible for clearing Sun Valley Boulevard. For more information on these services, dial 311 for Washoe County Roads and 775-888-7000 for NDOT. Thank you to both of these agencies for clearing the roads and making them safe for drivers and pedestrians.

RADON TESTING KITS

The District proclaims January as Radon Detection Month. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas released in the ground from the natural decay of uranium. It is the primary cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. Customers can pick up a FREE radon detection kit at the District's office during the months of January and February. For more information on radon please contact University of Nevada, Reno Extension at 775-336-0252 or visit radonnv.com

\$250,000 ARPA GRANT AWARDED

On September 13, 2022, through funding by ARPA, Washoe County awarded the Sun Valley General Improvement District with a \$250,000 grant for the rehabilitation and implementation of efficiencies within the Sun Valley Recreation Department to assist in continuing to provide healthy and safe recreation facilities.

The project includes the following:

- Acquiring a professional irrigation consultant to evaluate existing irrigation systems and turf areas for all Sun Valley Parks to improve water efficiencies while preserving water resources;
- Rehabilitation of all park and building exterior lighting to LED, which will improve the safety of park users, and deter vandalism to recreation facilities;
- Rehabilitation of the Sun Valley Community Park existing basketball court and walking path;
- Creation of a part-time Park Maintenance position to perform maintenance at the Sun Valley recreation facilities to ensure they are safe from any potential hazards and provide a clean and healthy environment for the general public.

IMPORTANT DATES

- January 7th SVCAB Mtg – Hobey's Casino
 - January 16th Martin Luther King Jr Day - District Office Closed
 - February 4th SVCAB Mtg – Hobey's Casino
 - February 20th President's Day - District Office Closed
 - March 4th SVCAB Mtg – Hobey's Casino
- District Board Meetings**
- January 12th
 - February 9th
 - March 9th