

# Fountain of the Sun **SUN TIMES**

COMMUNITY NEWS • JANUARY 2026

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CLUB PAGES TO  
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## FRUIT PICKING BY CARING NEIGHBORS

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK ALONGSIDE THEIR COMMUNITY AND HELP OUR FELLOW NEIGHBORS WHO ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

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**IF YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE UNABLE TO PICK THEIR FRUIT DUE TO DISABILITIES, OR IF YOUR NEIGHBORS DID NOT COME TO FOS THIS YEAR, PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING THE COMMUNITY STAY RODENT-FREE BY PICKING THEIR FRUIT TOO.**



# TRIVIA NIGHT

Teams of 2- 8  
 3 rounds of 15 questions.  
 A cash prize for each round.

**THURSDAY**  
**JANUARY 15TH**  
**AT 6:00 PM**  
**ACTIVITY CENTER**

**\$5.00 TICKETS**

**COME ON DOWN!**



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# Bocce Ball Updates

## Bocce Ball Winter League Kick-Off Meeting Sat., Jan. 03 • 6PM • Activity Center (AC)

The wait is over and our Winter League is almost here! Join your fellow Bocce Ball Club members for our Winter League Kick-Off Meeting on **Saturday, January 3rd at 6 PM in the Activity Center.**

This is the can't miss event of the season! All team members are encouraged to attend as we *roll out* everything you need to know to start the Winter League strong. We'll be sharing team schedules, Court Grand Opening RSVPs, Celebration Dinner details, Bocce Block Party invites, and more!

You can also stock up on Bocce Ball SWAG, grab your **Pancake Breakfast tickets**, and connect with teammates and friends as we celebrate the start of another fun-filled season.

**Captain's Meetings are scheduled for Mon., Jan. 05 at 5PM and Tues., Jan. 06 at 1PM**, so mark your calendars! Winter League play begins Mon., Jan. 12 and we can't wait to see everyone back on the courts!

Let's kick off 2026 with fun, friendship, and a little friendly competition. See you there!



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

FIRST Saturday of the Month  
Activity Center 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
**JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**\$8**

Pancakes, Sausage,  
Scrambled Eggs, Hot Apples,  
Orange Juice and Coffee Bar  
\*\*Biscuits/Gravy until gone\*\*

**GET TICKETS**

In the Activities Office  
or \$9 at the door on  
JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>

Sponsored by our  
**FOS BOCCÉ BALL CLUB**

**NEW YEAR COFFEE BAR!**  
**50/50 RAFFLE**

## BOCCÉ COURTSIDE DEDICATION DAY! Friday, January 9th • 2:00 PM • West Maxi Park

Fountain of the Sun, get ready - our beautiful West Maxi Park is about to shine brighter than ever! Join us on Fri., Jan. 09 at 2PM as we officially cut the ribbon on our **FOUR** brand-new Bocce Ball courts - The Red, Green, Blue, and (yes!) Chartreuse Courts!

We will also be dedicating some very special benches lovingly donated by members of our amazing community.

After the ribbon cutting and bench dedications, we'll keep the celebration rolling with a full Taco Bar, delicious desserts, and plenty of community cheer! Bring your appetite, your friends, and your Bocce spirit! This is a BYOB and BYO Chair celebration, so grab your favorite beverage and settle in for a joyful afternoon in the park.

To help us plan food quantities, please try to RSVP to [fosbocceball@gmail.com](mailto:fosbocceball@gmail.com).

On behalf of the FOS Bocce Ball Club Board, and our 424 members, we invite the entire community to come celebrate with us. These courts are a gift to all of Fountain of the Sun. A gathering place, a social hub, and an amenity we hope everyone will enjoy for years to come.

We can't wait to thank you in person for supporting this project and for continuing to foster true neighborly spirit here at FOS. See you Courtside!



# BOCCE BALL CLUB FALL LEAGUE: A SEASON OF FUN, COMMUNITY & CHAMPIONS!

FOS just wrapped up it's Bocce Ball Club Fall League, and what an unforgettable season it was! With 60 enthusiastic teams and a three-day (turned to four-day) double-elimination playoff, our courts were packed with excitement, cheers, and incredible community spirit.

## Rolling Through Rain & Rising to the Occasion

Even a weekend rainstorm couldn't slow us down! Thanks to our Court Maintenance Team and the FOS Operations crew, over 150 gallons of water were cleared from the courts to keep the tournament rolling. Their hard work kept the plaza spotless and the courts sparkling all weekend long.

## Volunteers: The Heart of Our Tournament

From early-morning facilitators to our powerhouse Tournament Team (led by the amazing Linda!), volunteers kept the games moving and the players fueled with cinnamon rolls, hot dogs, and a fantastic BBQ Celebration after the championship match. Meanwhile, our "Bocce Elves" decorated two beautiful Bocce Trees in the Activity Center with handmade ornaments!

## Champions Crowned!

After a weekend of great matches and loud cheers, we congratulate our Fall League playoff winners:

**Champions:** Barb Bisson & Rob Schulties

**2nd Place:** Steve Phillips & Cindy Von Barga

**3rd Place:** Pete Gillis & Jo Paterson

A special nod to Glenn Finck, who tossed the ceremonial pallino to start the final match.  
The Real Victory? Our Community.

This season showcased the best of FOS - teamwork, laughter, volunteering, and cheering each other on. The true winners are ALL of us, and we can't wait to keep the fun rolling into Winter League! See you on the courts, FOS!





# Citizens Service Club

## CSC Community Birthday Celebration for Our 90+ Neighbors!

The Citizens Service Club is delighted to announce one of the most heartwarming traditions in Fountain of the Sun—our **annual Birthday Party honoring all residents aged 90 and above!** This year's celebration will be held on **Sun., Feb. 01, from 2–4 PM in the Activity Center**, and we cannot wait to shower our remarkable neighbors with love, laughter, and plenty of birthday cheer.

**Invitations will be hand-delivered the first week of January.**

If you, or someone you know, are 90+ and do not receive an invitation, please let us know right away so we can get one to you. We especially encourage neighbors to keep an eye out for friends who may be new to the community or who may not be on our list yet. Your help ensures that every honored guest receives a warm and personal invitation.

This year's celebration will once again be a beautiful display of community spirit, as our FOS Clubs and Groups come together to sponsor and decorate tables by birthday month.

Guests will be welcomed with festive décor, joyful greetings, entertainment, and of course, special cakes created just for them.

It is always a magical afternoon filled with smiles, stories, and heartfelt moments. We hope you will help us spread the word so that no one is missed.

The CSC is honored to host this celebration of longevity, friendship, and the incredible residents who make Fountain of the Sun such a special place to call home.

See you on February 01 as we celebrate our extraordinary 90+ community members!

**Questions or additions please let us know by emailing:** [fosCSCcares@gmail.com](mailto:fosCSCcares@gmail.com)



FOUNTAIN OF THE SUN

## Senior Resource Fair

Sponsored by :  
Citizen Service Club

February 9, 2026  
2:00-4:00pm

- Connect with in home care such as haircutting services for men and woman & dog and cat nail services
- Rd Mountain Community Center
- Law firm that specializes in scams and protecting yourself from them
- Medical Supply Store representative
- And more!

For more information or to present services please email

Liz at [elizabethmead54@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmead54@gmail.com)





## Women's Billiards

By MyRene Magdsick

### Women's Billiards Round Robin – Saturdays at 1PM

Looking for a fun way to spend your Saturday afternoon? Join us for the Women's Billiards Round Robin, held **every Saturday at 1PM in the Billiards Room.**

This weekly event is open to all skill levels. Whether you're picking up a cue for the first time or you've been playing for years, you'll find a welcoming and supportive environment. The round robin format ensures that everyone gets plenty of playtime and the chance to meet new friends.

## Ladies Golf

By Gill Brinton

If you're looking for a fun ladies golf group, then please come and join us on Tuesday mornings as we always welcome new members. **Sign up is on Monday mornings 8-9AM in the classroom of the Activity Center.**

We have had a great start to our season this year, with a large group of ladies golfing each week.

On December 11, we celebrated the Christmas season with brunch at Birdies. As is our tradition we made donations to Hope House to brighten the holidays for others. Our league is open to new and experienced players. We hope to see you join us.

## Horseshoe Club

By Bobbie Hagar

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026! January sure came quickly. Probably because there is so much going on in our community. We have been very busy with League play in the Mesa region. We play on our pits as well as going to other teams in the area. By the time you read this we will have played almost HALF our season.

### Mark your calendars for our Valentine Ice Cream Social. Feb. 12 • Activity Center (AC) • 1 to 4 PM.

Since February is SWEETHEART month this may be a great date for you and your sweetie!

We play league every Tuesday till the end of February. Then comes Tournaments of Singles and Doubles. I have made a FB page for our Apache Trail Horseshoe League. Private group, Team members and their families.

We do have Friday FUN DAY at the Pits. Beginners are welcome to come out and play. Our start time is 9AM. We will play doubles against each other. **EVERY SUNDAY we have practice from 2PM to 4PM.** These fun matches in our community should be a lot of fun if you played horseshoes in the past OR not.

We are going to be putting together "Bags" to some...and others its "Cornhole". We plan on incorporating it with the horseshoe pit area.

By the time you read this we will have a new shed in our area. **One of our team players, Clay Johnson, has donated the funds for the building, electricity as well as water. A BIG Thank you to Clay!** See you all at the pits or the Ice Cream Social. **Call Bobbie: (719) 337-0604 for info.**

## Studio 55

### Paint, Create, Carry: Studio 55 Kicks Off the New Year with a Creative Tote Bag Paint Party!

**Sun., Jan 18 • 2PM • Activity Center (AC) • \$25  
All Supplies Included**

Start 2026 with color, creativity, and a whole lot of fun! Studio 55 invites you to our January Creative Workshop on **Sun., Jan. 18 at 2PM in the Activity Center**, where we'll be hosting a Tote Bag Paint Party. It's the perfect blend of art, personalization, and community joy.

**For just \$25, you'll receive everything you need to create your very own custom tote bag.**

You'll get to choose your design ahead of time, and it will be preprinted on your bag when you arrive. From there, the fun begins! Paint it, decorate it, embellish it, make it as bold, bright, elegant, or whimsical as you'd like. Your bag, your style!

**Tickets are available now!** Pick yours up in the office. Be sure to grab one early to ensure you get your preferred design, as spots tend to fill quickly.

Whether you're a seasoned artist or someone who just loves trying something new, this workshop promises a relaxing, joy-filled afternoon of creativity with friends and neighbors. These totes make fantastic gifts too...or keep it for yourself and show it off around FOS!

Studio 55 - Where creativity blooms and community shines!

## Lions Club

We have some very exciting news! You asked for it and we have answered. **You can now submit payment for your Fly the Flag subscription by credit or debit card!** If you are interested in setting up payment for the Fly the Flag subscription by credit or debit, please contact Sue Marques at [suemarkes125@gmail.com](mailto:suemarkes125@gmail.com) or call her at 401-714-3518. Invoices were sent via email or mail so be sure to look out for those notices. Also, if you have not done so and would like to start a subscription, please contact Judy Coghill at [\(970\) 314-4222](tel:9703144222).

**This month's Lion's Club will be hosting a food drive to collect for the East Mesa Food Bank.** A truck will be in the parking lot of the Activity Center on **Saturday, January 10** to collect donations. Lions will collect food, personal hygiene items, and cash or check donations.

At the Fountain of the Sun Lions Club meeting on November 11, 2025, Lion Georgette Baggett, Membership Chair, inducted new member Grace Noteboom. We want to give a big welcome to Grace!

**If you have an interest in what the FOS Lions Club does or want to join,** be sure to attend a meeting. **We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4PM** in the Poolside Room.

LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

# SING ALONG



PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MESA FOOD BANK

*featuring*  
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Entrance is free, but a donation for the Food Bank will of course be welcomed. (only money, no food items) BYOB and your voice. We will sing easy songs to sing along with of course. Songs from the Everly Brothers, Neil Diamond, The Beatles, Dean Martin, Ann Murray and others.

**31 JANUARY**  
3:00 P.M.

**ACTIVITY CENTER**

## FOOD DRIVE

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... ACTIVITY CENTER PARKING LOT ...

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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# HANDS-ON CLASSES TO MAKE EVERYDAY TECHNOLOGY EASIER AND ENJOYABLE

## Multimedia Club Update

**Classes are free with a club membership of \$20 per individual or \$30 per couple.** If class registration does not fill up, the class is open to FOS residents at \$5 per session. **Register your membership and classes at an open lab on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 10AM to 12PM. Classes are held in the Multimedia Lab.**

**The Photography Class with instructor Hank Nelson is on Tuesdays, from January 06 through March 31 from 10AM to 12PM.** Whether you own a smartphone, a digital camera, or a simple point-and-shoot, this class welcomes all photography enthusiasts. No special equipment is required, just bring the camera you have and a willingness to learn.

### You'll learn:

- 1) how to take a good photo: lighting, angles, and composition,
- 2) editing techniques to enhance your images and
- 3) staging tips to make your photos stand out.

Field trips are included so students will have the chance to put their skills into practice, capturing real-world scenes and experimenting with different styles of photography. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in improving their photography skills, exploring creativity, and learning how to make everyday moments picture-perfect.

**The iPhone/iPad Class with instructor Kathy Rath will be held on Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 1PM to 3PM.** Each week will focus on a different set of topics. The first session will focus on settings. Week two will work on texts and emails. Organize your Contacts, Calendars, and Control Center in the third session. The last class will explore how to organize your many photos, so they are easier to find. There will also be instruction about some of the fun things you can do with your photos. Participants will receive a printed guide at each session, and every class will

include time for Q&A, ensuring that attendees can get personalized help with their devices. **Class size is limited to 24 people, so early registration is encouraged.** This program is perfect for anyone who wants to feel more comfortable with their Apple devices, whether you're a beginner or simply looking to explore new features.

**FREE OPEN TO ALL FOS RESIDENTS: Free Open Labs are every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10AM to 12PM.** Whether you're surfing the internet, need help with your device, or just starting to explore the tech world, these sessions offer a welcoming space to learn and experiment. **Free presentations by Bits N' Bytes, presenter T. J. Watson in the Poolside Room: AI & Windows 11: Practical Tools You Can Use Today on Tuesday, January 20th from 9 to 10AM.** This is a friendly, easy-to-understand walk through of how artificial intelligence is already built into Windows 11 and how you can use it to save time, stay organized, and boost productivity. We'll cover tools like Copilot, AI-powered photo editing, smart search, accessibility enhancements, and real-world examples seniors find especially helpful.. No technical background required.

### How to Choose the Right Computer & Get the Best Value on Tuesday, February 17th from 9 to 10AM.

This is a simple, no-nonsense guide to buying the right computer without overspending. We'll compare Windows vs. Mac, laptops vs. desktops, what specs actually matter, how to avoid common sales traps, and how to get the most value for your money. This is perfect for anyone considering an upgrade or wanting to better understand the technology they already have. Whether you're looking to learn something new or just want a welcoming space to explore technology, the Multimedia Club has something for everyone.

## Sunshine Shuffleboard Club

**The Shuffleboard Club is seeking new members!**

**We gather to play Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturdays at 9AM.**

The reason why shuffleboard is so popular is that anyone can play - it is a game of patience, tactics and sleight of hand.

The game does not require a lot of running around. Also, There's no to a fixed commitment as we match up games for the players who come out to the courts on each play day. Come out to a **"Learn about Shuffleboard and Try It" Session.** These sessions will be at **9AM on the 3rd Saturday for Jan, 17, Feb. 21 and March 21.** Coffee and donuts will be served.



**Shuffleboard club meetings will be on the first Wednesday of each month starting in December at 4:30PM in the Lakeside Room.** Annual dues of \$10 are due in January.

# Pickleball News

By Jerry Reese, FOSPC President

Happy New Year, fellow picklers!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. If one of your resolutions for this year is to play more pickleball, then game on! On behalf of the Club, I would like to back all those members who don't join us until the first of the year. I would like to remind everyone the **dues have increased to \$50 for the 2026 fiscal year** and to please get your payment into the box by Court #1 as soon as possible.

**The organized play highlight of the season, the FOSPC Skill-Level Round Robins, will begin the week of Jan. 05.** You must be a paid member of the Club to participate in the Round Robins. If you are a returning member, you have been assigned to a skill level and can only sign up for those play periods. If you feel you have progressed in your game and want to move up a level, please contact Mark Welshinger, Doug Moser or me. On the flip side, also contact us if you want to move down.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE THIS FEBRUARY

Hopefully everyone has February 15th marked on their calendars as this will be the date of our annual Dinner/Dance.

## GET YOUR TICKETS

This year's theme will be Western Night. We will have one more sale day for Club members only.

This will be Friday, January 9th from 8:30 to 10AM at the Pickleball Shed. On Monday the 12th the tickets will be made available to the general public.

## FREE LESSONS AND BEGINNER PLAY

If you are interested in getting started in this great game, the Club offers **free lessons on Sundays from 11AM to 1PM** on Court #1. Bill McCluskey and Bill Chamberlin are there to get you started.

If you don't have a paddle, no worries, we have loaner equipment. The lessons are followed with an hour and a half of Beginner Play. For those seeking more information about the Club, please visit [FOSPC.com](http://FOSPC.com). Embrace Fun! Join the Club!

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## Club Pages and Updates on Website

**Great news for Fountain of the Sun clubs. Each club now has its own dedicated page on the FOS website, making it easier than ever to share announcements, events, photos, and important updates with residents, friends, and family both inside and outside the community.**

These pages help showcase the energy, involvement, and variety of clubs that make our community special.

Club pages are updated using the official Club Update Form and may be submitted by authorized club leaders. Keeping your page current helps residents stay informed, encourages participation, and makes it easier for new members to discover your club.

If you would like to learn more about how club pages work, including tips for photos, flyers, and common updates, visit Residents > Support Articles on the Fountain of the Sun website. Step-by-step guidance and helpful examples are available there.

## Ready to make an update now?

The Club Update Form is available at the bottom of the Clubs & Groups page on the website.

We look forward to helping your club stay connected, visible, and engaged throughout the community.



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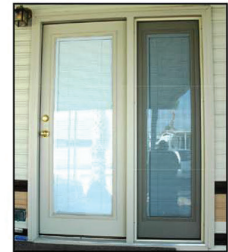
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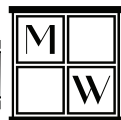
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## Senior Slo-Pitch Softball

by Deb Trombly

### NEW YEAR – NEW LEAGUES STARTING!

If you didn't get to any of the fall Co-ed and Lightening games, even more FOS teams and players will be gearing up for January and February!

**Watch Eblasts for game schedules for:** the Lightening (men's A), Rumble, Sparks, Storm (70+), Flames (75+), and the women's Sparkler teams.

**Interested players (residents and non-residents)** contact Commissioner David Landin Cooper at [\(651\) 233-0047](tel:6512330047).

## Meet the Players: Allen Ostrowski

Allen grew up on a farm in Galloway, a predominantly Polish rural town in central Wisconsin. He and his four siblings helped work the largest dairy farm in the area with 32 cows! This hard work translated into strong athleticism. Allen describes his older brother, Eddie, as a "tremendous ballplayer." His sister's two daughters won the first state championship in softball. Allen's son, Christopher, pitched for his high school's state championship baseball game. He also played on the young (15-16 yr olds) Minnesota Golden Gophers team that won the world championship in Guam!



Allen started playing ball at a young age. In high school he excelled in football, wrestling, and running track – qualifying for state high hurdles where he placed 8th! After graduating he returned to softball, playing 4 to 5 days a week with adult "beer leagues."

Allen married his high school sweetheart, DeAnna, a year after graduation. They just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary! The couple moved to Milwaukee and worked for Briggs & Stratton, the world's largest small engine producer. Not wanting to raise a family in the big city, they returned to Galloway where Allen started driving truck. He enjoyed this so much that he still does it to this day. Allen and DeAnna started spending winters in FOS in 2008, leaving behind another favorite pastime...snowmobiling. After enjoying 40 years of riding the snowy trails and one harrowing incident of going through the ice with his brother Patrick, Allen was ready to take up softball again. Allen has spent quite a bit of time playing for and managing various teams for FOS because "Out on the diamond is where all the magic happens!"

## Burger Lunch

Sponsored by FOS  
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Clubs

**\$10**

**Includes:**  
**Beans**  
**Beverage**  
**Coleslaw**  
**Toppings**  
**Burger/Cheeseburger**

Tickets available from FOS Office or Softball Players

**\$10 Advance Sales - \$12 at Door**

<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>January 14</b>
<b>11 am - 1 pm</b>	<b>February 11</b>
<b>Activities Center</b>	<b>March 11</b>

### DON MCCLEARY'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Join us at 2PM on Sun., Jan. 25 in the Activities Center to remember a very special person.



**Celebration of Life**  
**Don McCleary**  
**Sunday, January 25**  
**2 pm - FOS Activities Center**

**Please join us to remember a long-time resident and softball star.**

**Per Don's wishes, there must be lots of laughter, fun, and funny stories.**



# FOS SunCatchers

## Happy New Year our friends of FOS, 2026 here we are!

The SunCatchers had a great 2025 with classes being taught in the early part of 2025 and continuing on throughout the year with our resident instructor Jean Hall, what an asset you are to the FOS community, your willingness to share your time, energy, and teaching skills. THANK YOU, Jean!

### Community at the Heart of the Craft

What sets the stained-glass world apart is the community behind it. Whether seasoned artists or first-time makers, members share patterns, tools, troubleshooting tips, and a deep appreciation for the craft. Workshops, online forums, and group gatherings all fuel the continual growth of skills and inspiration.

### Why We Create

**Ask any stained-glass artist why they do what they do, and you'll hear the same themes:**

- The joy of watching light transform a piece throughout the day.
  - The satisfaction of creating something enduring and handcrafted.
  - The meditative rhythm of glass cutting, foiling, and soldering.
  - The thrill of setting a finished piece in the window and seeing it come alive.
- In a fast-paced world, stained glass reminds us to pause, just for a moment, and appreciate the way light and color can elevate even an ordinary day.

### Looking Ahead

As our stained-glass group continues to grow, so does our shared creative energy. Whether you are perfecting intricate designs or learning to cut your first piece of glass, your work contributes to a long and beautiful tradition. Together, we carry forward the luminous legacy of stained glass, one panel, one spark of inspiration, one beam of light at a time. **Stop by the craft room Thursday thru Saturday, 10-4 during the winter months** to see what is happening and chat. Do not forget "age is of no importance unless you are a cheese".



### Upcoming Classes

January 15, 16, 17 are the next scheduled beginner's class with the cost being \$40 per person, which includes everything but your glass. **For more information and registration contact Jean Hall at [\(605\) 310-5337](tel:6053105337).**

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# COMMUNITY UPDATES

## 9-2 Palm Oasis

**HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us at Palm Oasis to our Fountain of the Sun Community, our place to call home.**

Sue Ann Gustafson and Cindy Rogers have been busy collaborating on ways to bring our hood together. A survey was delivered door to door with specific activities that they thought all would enjoy, and a great response was well received. We are now moving forward to implement the most popular ideas with the hopes different peeps within our phase will spearhead events. Activities will be posted on our bulletin board by the mailboxes along with the FOS 9-2 Facebook page.

With the holiday season behind us some carry-on traditions from generation to generation. I was lucky enough to spend some time with Sue Ann Gustafson who is Norwegian and married Tom who is Swedish, and Joyce Mundahl who is Swedish and married Andy a Norwegian, either way making and sharing lefse is their tradition.



A Saturday morning in Joyce's kitchen the flour was a flying using the special pastry board, the dough being weighed after being prepared the day before, the griddle was hot, the special turning sticks were moving and I got to experience and taste the yumminess of this flatbread, and to think it is made from potatoes!

Thank you, ladies for sharing your traditions and friendship. This is what makes a community!

## Holiday Cookies

On December 14th, our community gathered for what we hope will become the first of an annual holiday tradition.

More than 1,200 homemade cookies were generously donated by our talented bakers, and Santa's elves assembled approximately 70 festive cookie boxes to share with neighbors during an afternoon filled with holiday spirit.



Residents came together to enjoy hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and samples of the delicious cookies, while sharing laughter, memories, and good cheer.

Additional cookie boxes were prepared for the Administration Office staff as a small token of appreciation for their hard work, and several lucky neighbors even received hand-delivered treats. One heartfelt comment shared was how the beautiful cookies brought back memories of Christmases past.



Along with the social gathering, a small holiday raffle added extra fun, giving the lucky winners the option to keep their prize or pass it along as a gift. In the true spirit of giving, attendees also donated nearly \$250 to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Mesa.

A heartfelt thank you to the bakers, organizers, and our



generous friends and neighbors who made this event so special. We look forward to celebrating together again next year and continuing this wonderful holiday tradition.





## Thanksgiving Feast

By Nancy Miller

Two hundred residents came together to kick off the holiday season with a beautiful Thanksgiving meal. The HOA provided the main course of sliced turkey, and everyone who attended brought a favorite dish to share, creating an incredible community feast.

The afternoon was filled with friendship, love, and laughter, reminding us once again what makes Fountain of the Sun such a special place. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this happen. Your time, energy, and heart are truly appreciated. Thank you to the HOA, Citizens Service Club, Mary Newton King, Realtor and the Bocce Club for your donations. Have a wonderful New Year!

## Pinochle Winners

**11/13/25:** Myron Wilcox, Marie Kleven, Linda Vannurden

**11/20/25:** Andy Klein, Bernie Shoemaker, Maria Stotts

**12/04/25:** Rollin Johnson, Myron Wilcox, Conrad Bueng

**12/11/25:** Jim Bahm, Janice Korszak, Dale Kleven

**Pinochle starts at 6:30PM on Thursdays in the Card Room.** \$1 to play and .25/set. Money returned in prizes. No Pinochle on JAN 01. **Next Pinochle JAN 08.**

## South Dakota Meet and Greet

A Meet and Greet for all Friends of South Dakota will be held **Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 3PM in the Poolside Room.** Plans are now being finalized for this celebration of friends.

Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres, snack or appetizer to share. We also encourage you to bring your own favorite beverage if it isn't water.

Paper products will be provided. If you are interested in adding your ideas to the celebration, please **contact Diane Duin at (605) 677-9810.**

We look forward to seeing all South Dakotans!

## 500 Club Card Game Winners

**10/28/25:** Andy Klein, Harold Moline, Jean Neisen

**11/04/25:** Andy Klein, Conrad Bueng, Harold Moline

**11/11/25:** Myron Wilcox, Conrad Bueng, Harold Moline

**11/18/25:** Harold Moline, Marie Kleven, Bud Moser

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## Dan Christensen

929 S 79th Place Mesa, AZ 85208 | [\(480\) 452-8138](tel:(480)452-8138) | [cew6464@gmail.com](mailto:cew6464@gmail.com)

**Candidate Statement:** My wife Carol and I are year-round residents of Fountain of the Sun for the last 15 years. I am a licensed practicing architect here in Arizona. I have had my own architecture business for the last 15 years, have been a lead architect for large corporations and am familiar with contracts for architecture and construction. I have been a member of the IMPOC committee and advised FOS on projects and land use.

**Reason for seeking this position:** I am seeking a board position to be able to advise the community with my expertise in architecture and construction. Also to advise the community in cost saving measures and optimum use of limited space.

**Primary Objective to accomplish if elected:** I would like to help FOS move forward with future sustainable progress having all residents in mind. Maintaining our amenities and infrastructure for future residents, to keep our costs effective with high moral and ethical value for all residents.

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## Jerry Favero (incumbent)

1045 S 81st Place Mesa, AZ 85208 | [\(480\) 510-4495](tel:(480)510-4495) | [gerald.favro@gmail.com](mailto:gerald.favro@gmail.com)

**Candidate Statement:**

My wife Sue and I are long time residents of Fountain of the Sun. I am a retired Deputy Sheriff and volunteer fire fighter/EMT for Sand Creek, Wisconsin. I have served the community of Fountain of the Sun for 4 ½ years on the Board of Directors for FOSCA and as the Board President for FOSA for 3 ½ years. I recently volunteered to fill a vacated seat on the FOSA Board of Directors for the remaining 1 year of a seated term.

**Reason for seeking this position:**

I am seeking a 3-year Board term to help maintain a strong leadership team to ensure growth in Community living, to be fiscally responsible within budget and to continue to build towards a “One Community” concept. I am goal oriented within the framework of governing documents.

**Primary Objective to accomplish if elected:**

My primary objective to accomplish as a member of the Board of Directors for FOS is to continue to work toward a final solution for the Activity Center and help with identifying expansion projects to meet needs of our community.

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## Dennis Kroft (incumbent)

516 S Saguaro Way Mesa, AZ 85208 | [\(201\) 602-8354](tel:(201)602-8354) | [dkroft@live.com](mailto:dkroft@live.com)

**Candidate Statement:** I have been a resident of Fountain of the Sun for the last 6 years. I have a background in financial management and have held senior executive-level positions in marketing, communications, real estate and real estate development. I have served on the Fountain of the Sun Board of Directors for the last 3 years and on the Parcel 9 Phase 1 Board of Directors since 2020. I currently am the Board liaison to the IMPOC committee.

**Reason for seeking this position:** I am seeking another 3-year Board term to continue the great work the FOSA board has accomplished over the past 3 years. The current board accomplished the building of our reserves; exploring the development of a new community center; good fiscal responsibility; maintaining our facilities and infrastructure; and providing our community with new amenities such as new bocce courts and horseshoe pits. I would like to continue to protect and enhance the value of each and every homeowner's property, so they may safely enjoy living in the Fountain of the Sun.

**Primary Objective to accomplish if elected:** My primary objective to accomplish is to complete the process of developing a full and comprehensive budget for a new proposed Community Center by having construction drawing completed and taking the project to bid to no less than 5 independent general contractors.

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# DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

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## Lori Nagel

8259 E Emelita Ave Mesa, AZ 85208 | [\(602\) 618-7312](tel:6026187312) | [4mygpt@gmail.com](mailto:4mygpt@gmail.com)

**Candidate Statement:** I grew up in Arizona. I love to talk to people about anything, especially people in FOS. Sometimes their points of view are very enlightening and I realize my mind needed to be changed. Another trait I have is being a great problem solver. I don't always have the answer, but I can work with others to find a suitable solution. I graduated from Arizona State University with highest honors receiving both a bachelor's and a master's degree. I worked as a multi-unit restaurant manager for almost twenty years. I was responsible for budgets, financial statements, profit and loss, vendors, and personnel (hiring, firing, and training). I never lost an unemployment case. My restaurants received numerous awards for performance. I am also a retired teacher.

**Reason for seeking this position:** When I retired, we looked specifically for a 55+ community and felt very lucky to find a home in FOS. At the time, there were very few properties for sale in our community. That was nearly seven years ago. Now, there are way too many properties for sale or rent. Many people are not happy with the direction our community is heading. I love my community and I want the people who live here to be happy too.

**Primary Objective to accomplish if elected:** My first goal is to have a financially responsible HOA. We need to consider not only the current costs of projects, but the long-term costs of maintaining these projects. We also need to prioritize projects by needs vs wants. Raising HOA fees 10% a year is not a sustainable model. If we keep going in our current direction that is what it will take to maintain our community. My second goal is to fix our communications problems. Many people feel they are not being heard. Not everyone has a computer or likes checking emails, yet our community keeps going more and more digital. Another segment of our community is still working, yet our office is only open 7 to 3. They can't attend committee meetings because they are usually held during the day. The meeting recordings are only made available for ten days. These recordings are hard to understand as no video is provided and people talk over each other. The audio is very difficult to comprehend, especially if you have hearing issues. There are ways to improve this technology.

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## Debra Sundve

7822 E Mariposa Way Mesa, AZ 85208 | [\(480\) 688-4900](tel:4806884900) | [debsundve@gmail.com](mailto:debsundve@gmail.com)



**Candidate Statement:** I have been a resident of Fountain of the Sun for 8 years. My background has been 22 years as a Mortgage Broker/Loan Officer for Mesa Mortgage. I currently hold an Arizona license as a Real Estate Broker/Realtor, for the past 27 years. Presently, I stepped up and am serving as President of Village Green Condos. Monday Mah Jong has been great for teaching and keeping my skill sharp. As part of the FOS Bocce Ball Club many new friends have been made. The Citizens Service Club has allowed me to help those that need transportation.

**Primary Objective to accomplish if elected:** My reason for wanting to be on the Board of Directors is to assist in the promotion of FOS to current buyers looking for an active 55+ community and to keep our activities current with the needs of the younger residents moving in.

## Voting Information

The five candidates presented in this article are running for election to the Fountain of the Sun Board of Directors. Each has expressed an interest in serving the community and representing the interests of homeowners if elected.

Voting will open on 1/8/26 and close on 2/10/26 at 3PM. Homeowners may vote by mail, in person, or online. Instructions for each voting method are provided with the election materials. For questions about the election process, contact Vickie Osborne at [vic48169@yahoo.com](mailto:vic48169@yahoo.com).



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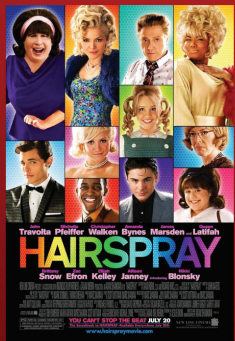
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## "The Greatest Showman"

RATED : PG

1hr45min.

1:00 PM

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JAN. 19TH

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1hr43mins

PG

1:00 PM

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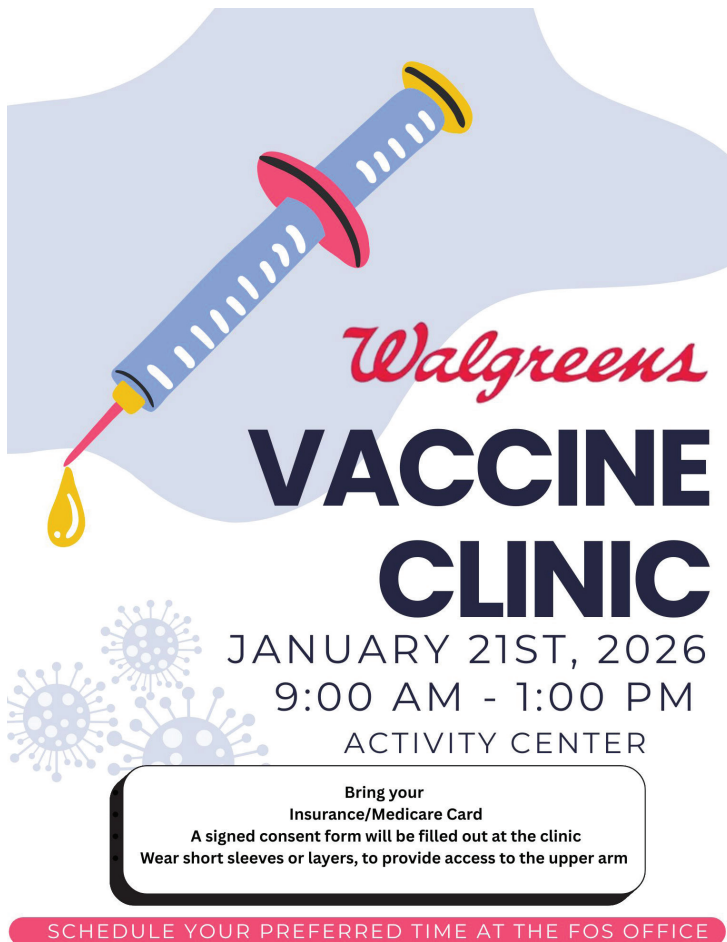
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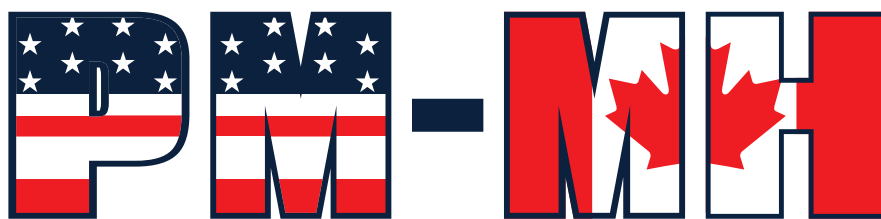
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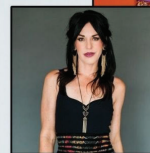
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<b>AM</b> 10:00 Friendship Church (PR)  <b>PM</b> 2:00 Hand, Foot, Toe (CR) 5:00 FOS Dudes (GR) 6:00 Bunco (CR)	<b>AM</b> 7:00 Poker (GR) 8:00 Slimnastics (AC) 8:00 Zumba (PR) 9:00 Mah Jongg (CR) 9:00 Art For Arts Sake (CRF) 9:00 Ping Pong (AC) 10:00 Open Lab (MR) 10:30 Grief Support (CLS)	<b>AM</b> 7:00 Poker (GR) 8:00 Slimnastics (AC) 8:00 Quilt and Sew (CRF) 10:00 Photography (MR) 10:30 Chair Yoga (AC)	<b>AM</b> 8:00 Hooks and Needles (CRF) 8:00 Slimnastics (AC) 9:00 Ping Pong (AC) 9:00 Yoga 9:00 (AC) 10:00 Open Lab (MR)	<b>AM</b> 7:00 Poker (GR) 8:00 Slimnastics (AC) 9:30 Line Dancing (AC) 10:00 Stained Glass (CRF) 10:00 Open Lab (MR)	<b>AM</b> 7:00 Poker (GR) 8:00 Slimnastics (AC) 9:00 Euchre (CR) 9:00 Ping Pong (AC) 9:00 Yoga 9:00 (AC) 10:00 Stained Glass (CRF)	<b>AM</b> 8:00 Zumba (PR) 9:15 Zumba Gold (PR) 10:00 Stained Glass (CRF)	(AC) Activity Center (AD) Admin Building (BR) Billiards Room (MR) Multimedia Room (CR) Card Room (CER) Ceramics Room (CLS) Classroom (CRF) Craft Room (ER) Exercise Room (LV) Lakeview Room (GR) Game Room (HP) Horseshoe Pits (LIB) Library (MP) Main Pool (PR) Poolside Room (SC) Shuffleboard Court
<b>PM</b> 12:00 Bridge (CR) 1:00 Matinee Movie (PR) 1:00 Quilting 101 (CRF) 5:00 Table #2 (BR) 6:00 Coloring Group (CRF) 6:00 Ladies Poker (CLS) 6:00 Monday Poker Group (GR)	<b>PM</b> 12:30 Ceramics (CER) 1:00 Billiards Tournament (BR) 1:00 500 Club (CR) 6:30 Bingo (AC) 6:00 Canasta (CR)	<b>PM</b> 1:00 Mexican Train (CLS) (CR) 1:30 Joy of Writing (MR) 6:00 Poker (GR) 6:00 Wednesday Card Group (CLS) 6:00 Cribbage (CR)	<b>PM</b> 1:00 Quilt and Sew (CRF) 12:00 Bridge (GR) 12:30 Ceramics (CRF) 1:00 Apple (MR) 1:00 Billiards Tournaments (BR) 5:30 Thursday Poker (GR) 6:30 Pinochle (CR)	<b>PM</b> 12:00 Bridge (CR) 12:30 Marbles (CLS) 6:00 Game Night (CR)	<b>PM</b> 1:00 Womens Billiards (BR) 1:00 Canasta (CR) 4:00 Church of Grace (PR)		

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				01	02	03
SUN	MONDAY MOVIE 1:00 PM PR	ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MTG. 9:00 AM LV	SAFETY SECURITY 1:00 PM LV	THU ARCHITECTURAL MEETING 9:00 AM LV	FRI MANHATTAN DOLLS 7:00 PM AC	SAT
04	CANDIDATES FORUM 2:00 PM AC	BINGO 6:30 PM AC	CANDIDATES FORUM 6:00 PM AC	08	09	10
SUN	VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE 8:00 AM	TUE BINGO 6:30 PM AC	WED LRP MEETING 10:30 AM PR	THU IMROC MEETING 9:00 AM PR	FRI MATTER OF BALANCE 1:00 PM LV	SAT VETERANS BRKFT. 8:30 AM AC
STUDIO 55 2:00 PM CRF	11	12	14	15	16	17
SUN	MONDAY MOVIE 1:00 PM PR	TUE FINANCE MEETING 1:00 PR	WED VACCINATION CLINIC 9:00 AM AC	THU	FRI MATTER OF BALANCE 1:00 PM LV	SAT MARKET 9:00 AM AC
18	PRESIDENT COUNCIL'S MTG 9:30 AM PR	19	21	22	23	24
SUN	MONDAY MOVIE 1:00 PM PR	TUE BINGO 6:30 PM AC	BOARD MEETING 9:00 AM PR FRIENDLY FEUD 6:00 PM AC	THU	FRI MATTER OF BALANCE 1:00 PM LV BACKDOOR FUNK 7:00 PM AC	SAT SING A LONG W/ OKKE & RIA 3:00 PM AC
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