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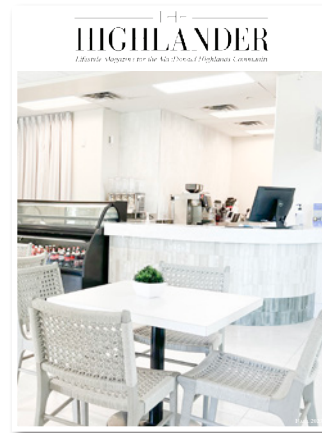
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## FROM THE DEVELOPER

*Richard C. MacDonald*

I want to thank so many of you who have expressed your well wishes to me as I've begun the slow recovery process from surgery. Good news is we caught it in time – no active cancer!

As most of you can see, the majority of our renovation plans are complete except for the Dragon Grille. The plan for this is to move the family dining to either the fitness café or The Palm Court, while we begin construction. We're moving ahead to purchase all that we need for this job now so we can move through this project as quickly as possible.

The golf course is also moving along quickly. Our contractors have completed their work and our staff has started the overseed process at which they excel. Many new improvements have been added to the course. I won't go into those descriptions here, but for all the golf enthusiast you will be pleasantly surprised.

The last vestiges of supplemental power are now being done, then the roads will be completed and cleaned up. Paving is starting in phase 5 (of the mountain) and phase 3 utilities are ready to begin. I'm pushing to get all the lots completed and get the handful of remaining lots sold.

The last major project is the Four Seasons, which is also moving along. Documents are being processed and construction is scheduled for the end of the year or beginning of 2024.

See you at the club!



# HOA LETTER

Dori Sampson

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT:



With the holidays quickly approaching, we know many residents will be hosting parties and get-togethers within the community. We would like to help make entry for your guests as quick and easy as possible! The Association has a state-of-the-art guest management software system at the main entry gates, called QuickPass, which all residents can and should utilize whenever possible. Residents have the ability to log-in to this system and add guests for their upcoming events and parties. Entering these lists early ensures that your guests will have minimal interruption when entering the community. In the past, we have had residents turn in handwritten guest lists right before a gathering, and this leads to confusion as gate attendants try to cross reference the list, and at times they are unable to make out the names of the guests. Using the QuickPass system to enter your guest list eliminates this tedious process and allows the gate attendants to more easily confirm your guests and allow them to pass.

To access your QuickPass account, visit [www.quickpass.us](http://www.quickpass.us). Once on the website, enter your username and password. If you do not know your username or password, please contact the management office via email or phone, and we can provide this information to you. Once in the system, you can either go to "Visitors" or "My Events" and enter your

information. This system can be used for planned parties and gatherings, or your day to day visitors. You would enter day to day visitors (guests and vendors) under the "Visitors" tab, and persons attending a party or gathering under the "My Events" tab. You can enter guests as either temporary visitors, duration visitors or permanent visitors, and you pick the length of time temporary and duration visitors will be granted access. Permanent visitors will remain on your guest list until you remove them, and they will be granted access without needing to be approved each time they arrive. As well, you can also remove guests and vendors from your account through the system at any time. If you need assistance navigating the system, or have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself, or my assistant Julie Murray, and we will gladly assist you.

If you have a smart phone, you can also download the QuickPass app and add your guests remotely wherever you are, without having to contact the gate house or management office, and the information immediately transmits to the gate houses. We would also like to inform you that if you do not have a smart phone or computer access, or simply are not comfortable with using the QuickPass system, you can still provide a guest list (typed preferred, or legibly written) to either of the guard shacks



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gate house staff, or additional roving services due to the size/number of people planned to attend, we will advise you of such and inform you at that time that the additional cost for the extra staff will be passed on to you.

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- Visitors and guests must have a pass displayed and visible in the vehicle window at all times.
- All vehicles parked within the community must have current registration and insurance.

I hope this information is useful and informative to you and we wish you a very happy holiday season! If you have any questions regarding the above referenced information, or any other Association related matter, please do not hesitate to contact the management office at 702-933-7764, or via email at dsampson@rpmginc.com. Real Properties Management Group, Inc. 3077 East Warm Springs Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89120.

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# DRAGONRIDGE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



*The Matesic Family won first place with their 1952 Chevy Bel Air at the DragonRidge Car Show.*

## INTRODUCING THE MATESIC FAMILY: A PERFECT FIT FOR MACDONALD HIGHLANDS

*Meghann Trager*

The Matesic Family has become an integral part of the MacDonald Highlands Community, bringing with them a wealth of talent and a deep appreciation for family-centric experiences. Grant and Corinne, hailing from Illinois, have been inseparable since they met in high school, and share a passion for personalized construction and creating memorable family moments.

After relocating to Nevada in 2007 for Corinne's career as a speech language pathologist at Sunrise Childrens Hospital, the Matesic family quickly immersed themselves in the vibrant local community of Las Vegas. Meanwhile, Grant found success in the construction world by establishing Primaris Construction in 2008. This exceptional company, known for its unwavering integrity and commitment to excellence, has become a prominent name in luxury home building and renovation. With a state-of-the-art office that warmly invites clients, Primaris Construction is the go-to general contractor for anyone seeking to turn their dream home into a reality.

Beyond their professional accomplishments, the Matesic family is actively involved in their children's lives and the community at large. Cheering on their son Lincoln at baseball games and supporting their daughter Kat in her cheerleading and hip hop dancing events are just a few examples of their commitment to family and sports. Not to mention, their profound love for the Vegas Golden Knights hockey team, which has garnered numerous exciting memories including enjoying watching them win the Stanley Cup last year.

Embracing the spirit of community, the Matesics eagerly participate in many of the club's family friendly activities and events. Their enthusiasm for gathering and enjoying life's precious moments shines through as they join in holiday brunches and engaging activities such as Trunk or Treating. Their incredible passion for cars even earned them first place at the esteemed biannual Dragonridge Car Show. As hosts of Lincoln's 5th birthday party at the Dragonridge Community Pool, they demonstrate their appreciation for the top-notch facilities and amenities that MacDonald Highlands offers.

Despite their bustling schedules, the Matesic family prioritizes giving back to the community whenever possible. Volunteering their time and talents in family-centered events, they actively contribute to the overall enjoyment and warmth of the MacDonald Highlands community. For example, Corinne actively volunteers with Salome Comfort Dog through Faith Community Lutheran Church.

As they continue to flourish and make a positive impact, the Matesic family exemplifies the best of MacDonald Highlands living. Embodying the essence of a welcoming community. Their infectious energy, unwavering dedication to family values, and genuine kindness serve as a cornerstone of what makes MacDonald Highlands an extraordinary place to call home.



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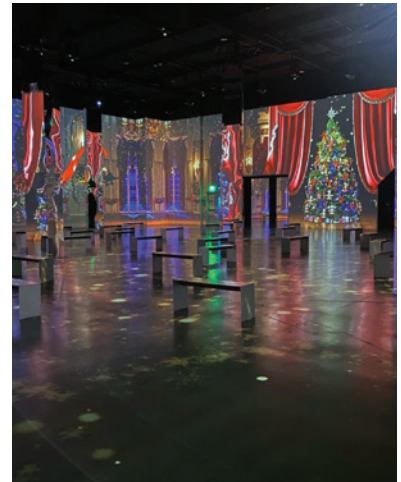
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# HOLIDAY GUIDE

*fun for the whole family*

Atiya Clemente-Perez



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## GILCREASE ORCHARD FALL HARVEST

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## ENCHANT (LV BALLPARK)

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## SUMMERLIN FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Summerlin Festival of Arts is celebrating its 27th year in 2023 at The Lawn at Downtown Summerlin, a walkable open-air shopping, dining and entertainment destination located in the heart of the Summerlin master planned community. The three-day event will take place October 13 – 15, 2023, and features the works of more than 100 celebrated fine artists thoughtfully selected by a panel of art experts. The festival includes children's activities and entertainment making it one of the most beloved annual events in Southern Nevada. Events hours are 9:00am until 4:00pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.





## HAUNTED HARVEST AT THE SPRINGS PRESERVE

The Springs Preserve Annual Haunted Harvest will be from October 19th-22nd 5pm-9pm. Bring your little goblins dressed up in their spookiest costume, enjoy themed trick-or-treat stations and live entertainment. And test your bravery at Boo! Town, where ghostly characters are lurking about. Tickets are required and must be purchased online. Price for Springs Preserve members is \$8, non-members of the organization are \$12, donor members receive free admission. Members also get 1-hour early access at 4pm. Children ages 2 and under are free. Parking is also free, with overflow parking available at Meadows Mall.



## PARADE OF MISCHIEF

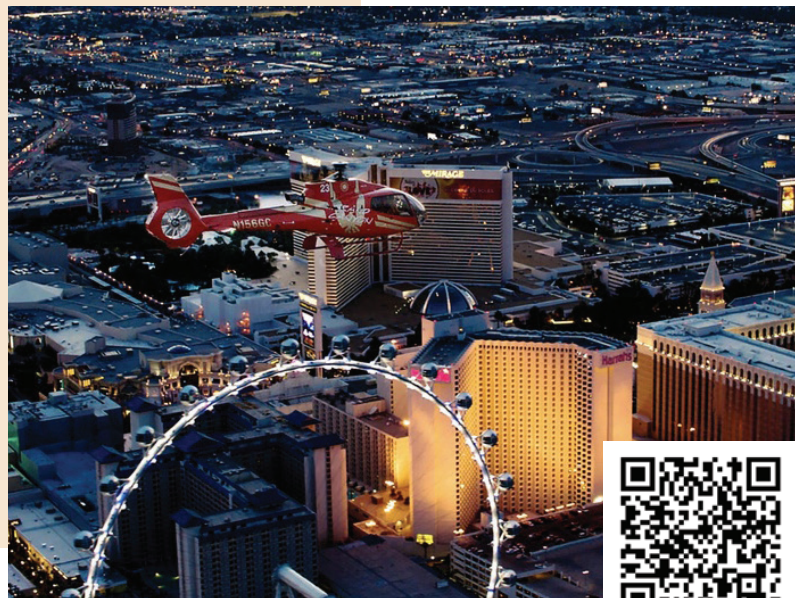
Get into the spirit of Halloween with Downtown Summerlin's Parade of Mischief, presented by Momentum Solar. A frightfully festive family-friendly parade will fill the streets of Downtown Summerlin with Mischievous mayhem featuring a brand-new alien pod, Día de los Muertos float, an Addams Family float, and more. Gather every Friday and Saturday at 6pm, during the month of October, for an eerily awesome and spooky time.



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## RISE FESTIVAL

For the 9th year in a row, The RISE Festival will be held in the Mojave Desert just 25 miles south of Las Vegas. On October 6th & 7th you will immerse yourself in a naturally inspiring setting with live entertainment, gourmet food, art, and the culmination of the world's largest sky lantern release. The RISE Festival is a proud partner of Resort World Las Vegas. And now you can ignite the desert sky with a buy one General Admission ticket, get a second General Admission ticket for free. Simply use promo code `RWFRIENDS2023` at checkout. RISE Ticket holders also receive 20% off Resort World Las Vegas room rates for the weekend, shuttle rides, and other surprise moments.

## CHAMPAGNE SUNRISE HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE

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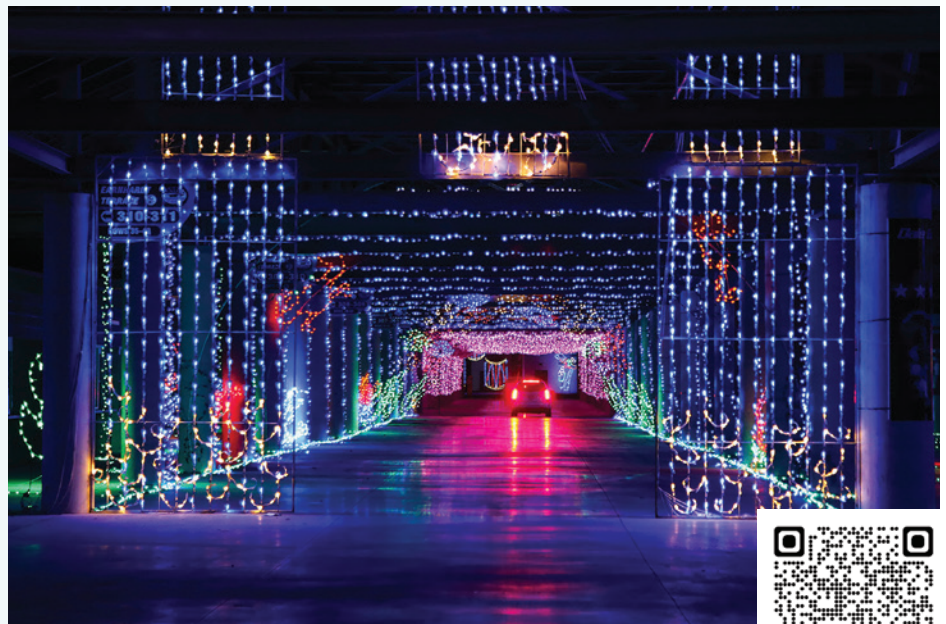






## THE NEON MUSEUM

The Brilliant! Experience, at The Neon Museum, is a 25-minute show that redefines the way we explore the history of Las Vegas. This magical experience, created by noted artist Craig Winslow, transports visitors into the history of Las Vegas through sight and sound. Brilliant! takes place in the North Gallery, at night, using light projection to illuminate unrestored signs and incorporates music and archival footage to transport guests into Las Vegas' history. Note, Brilliant! incorporates flashing and/or strobe lights. Tickets are sold online, starting at \$25 per person.



## GLITTERING LIGHTS LAS VEGAS

Nevada's premier drive-thru light show, a holiday tradition, hosts different initiatives to support local charities, churches, and schools. When you drive through millions of twinkling lights at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Starting on November 9th through January 7th, a can't miss experience fun for the whole family. Glittering Lights is a 2.5-mile-long course, the largest drive thru light show in Nevada. They offer special packages, such as a seasonal pass, The Santa Tram, Date Night VIP, Wedding/Proposal Package, and a Gender Reveal Experience. Tickets are available now for purchase online.



# THE BOULDER CITY EXPRESS

Your spooky journey begins with a 40-minute train ride to our railyard where you will disembark for a Monster Mash dance party. While there, enjoy refreshment, games, and of course a costume contest. After the one-hour dance party concludes, you will re-board the train for the short 5-minute trip back to the station. This event is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Nevada Southern Railway who support the museum in its preservation and education missions. Prices vary depending on the package, ranging from \$35-\$50 for adults and \$25-\$45 for children.

Bundle up and embark on a memorable journey with the Boulder City Santa Express. This enchanting holiday experience caters to families and train enthusiasts alike. Beginning with a 45-minute train ride through a winter wonderland, where you can savor cookies and hot cocoa while you cozy up listening to a heartwarming Santa story. Upon reaching Santa's Railyard, you will have the opportunity to disembark and create cherished memories with Santa himself. Don't forget your camera to capture those precious moments!

To ensure you secure your spot with this popular event we strongly suggest purchasing tickets in advance. Please note ticket purchases will not be available the day of at the ticket booth.

The Nevada State Railroad Museum in Boulder City is a part of the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs. It is nestled at 601 Yucca Street, Boulder City, NV 89005. Contact Us for questions, map, and additional information.

It is worth noting that this event serves as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Nevada Southern Railway who support the museum in its preservation and education missions. Prices vary depending on the package, Santa Express tickets will go on sale beginning October 16th. Evening weekend train rides will start November 24 and run through December 20th.



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# MacDonald Highlands LUXURY REAL ESTATE MARKET REPORT

*Kristen Routh-Silberman,  
MacDonald Highlands Master Listing Agent*

## **Luxury Market in The Beginning of Summer**

June 2023 recorded 114 homes sold for \$1 million and above, marking a decrease of 18 homes from May's 132. This shift suggests a potential shift in high-end buyer preferences. The median sales price for the luxury market experienced a \$20,000 decrease, dropping from \$1,515,000 in May to \$1,495,000 in June.

## **Luxury Market by The End of Summer**

Overall, there were 152 sales of \$1 million and higher in August 2023, overtaking the previous 2023 high of 137 in July. The 152 sales tops the 118 in August 2022 and is the most since 156 closings in June 2022. The previous Las Vegas record for August closings was 122 in 2021. The average closing price in August was \$2.02 million, a slight increase over the \$1.93 million in July. It was \$1.7 million in August 2022 as luxury closings slowed with the rest of the housing market as mortgage rates started to rise.

## **Is the Luxury Market Still Hot?**

Much like our desert climate and booming tourism industry, the Las Vegas real estate market has been one of the hottest in the country. The U.S. Census Bureau ranked the Las Vegas metro area as the 97th fastest-growing. In the past decade, Las Vegas' population has exploded, increasing by nearly 20% to about 2.8 million people today. 2023 is averaging a 2.11% growth rate. However, that is down from 2.42% growth in 2022 and 2.70% growth in 2021.

This market's seller-friendly housing trend has become more of a buyer's market in 2023, with home sales showing signs of weakening. I also think it is because the luxury home prices have kept increasing. There's no doubt that the Las Vegas real estate market is rebalancing. This also means buyers and seller both need to re-balance.

Simultaneously, the city is one of the 10 most popular migration destinations. While selling a house in our market is becoming more challenging, people remain interested in moving to Las Vegas, especially from California as we see in MacDonald Highlands often.



## Where are the Luxury Buyers and Sellers?

Unfortunately for buyers, there's not enough luxury inventory of luxury homes in our market. Luxury homeowners who purchased before the pandemic are likely to have low interest rates which seems to be outweighing their home equity and decision to sell. Unfortunately for sellers, there's not as many luxury buyers in our market as well. Like most local real estate markets, Las Vegas is shifting from a seller's market to a neutral environment that possibly has the potential please buyers and sellers if both sides can be reasonable rather than aspirational.

## Luxury Build a Home vs. Buy a Home

If you can believe it, MacDonald Highlands now has only 27 developer lots remaining and left to sell.

The cost to build is decreasing, build material is available and we are not seeing supply chain issues.

One of our preferred lenders has just announced new Construction Lending products to Loan off of Appraised value versus lending off Cost-to-Build. This is Phoenominal! I haven't seen this before so it presents a real opportunity for you to build.

This will greatly reduce the cost of out-of-pocket expense to build. Less than 10% out-of-pocket in many cases. Ironically, construction loan interest rates haven't gone up like mortgage interest rates. Construction Loan rates

have remained and are still in the 6's. Mortgages to buy home requires 20-30% Out-of-Pocket for conventional 80/20 or 70/30 Loan to Value Mortgages.

Net Net building is very attractive and should be considered in Fall 2023!

The MacDonald Highlands sales team would love to show you the FINAL 27 Finest Lots and VIEWS in Las Vegas! The real estate sales office is located in the Country Club, next to the Pro-Shop and is open Tues-Sun 10am-5pm. No Need for an appointment. Drop in anytime.

See you at the MacDonald Highlands Real Estate Sales Office!

Kristen Routh-Silberman, MBA

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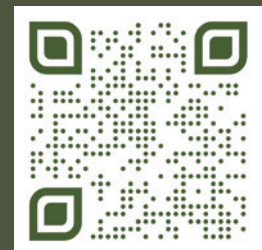
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## CHRISTMAS MARKETS

*Claire MacDonald*

It is hard to believe that it is almost Christmas again. Where did the year go?

One of the things I have wanted to do for several years is go to the Christmas markets in Europe. Well, this is finally the year! Rich and I, and our daughters Nicole and Paige, are going for an Avalon Waterways River cruise. This trip will take us from Vienna to Budapest, and we will be traveling to various Christmas markets along the river.

We will start with a few days in Vienna. We have been to Vienna before but only on our way to another destination. This year, we want to see the city. As with other towns in Europe, the Christmas decorations are beautiful. In addition to the Christmas market, we want to see the iconic Vienna Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral, as well as the Schonbrunn Imperial Palace complex (the winter residence of the Imperial Family).

Stephansdom Platz (commonly called St Stephans) is open to the public and you can stroll on in. Walk up Kohlmarkt, and just down the road you will reach the Spanish Riding School with the Lipizzanner horses. The Hofburg Palace is an absolute MUST just to behold the facade!

Schonbrunn Palace takes about half a day to see. Tickets can be pre-purchased with your travel agent or bought there. Get the 'classic tour' ticket as it covers the Gloriette and the maze in the gardens, along with extra rooms in the palace you wouldn't get with a standard ticket.

If you double back toward the Hofburg again and keep going, you'll reach the Opera House. If you have a free night, go to a performance by the Hofburg Orchestra... tickets can be bought 1 day in advance, within the archway to the Spanish Riding School.

The Spanish Riding School is home to the Lipizzanner horses. There are tours of the stables and also a show. There are mixed reviews, but horse lovers really enjoy it.

Vienna is known for their Sachertorte chocolate cake. The classic Sachertorte is a chocolate cake, denser than your usual sponge cake, with one or more layers of jam (usually apricot) and covered with chocolate glazing. The result can be described quite simply as delicious.

After two or three days in Vienna, you would sail to Krems, a small valley town seemingly untouched by the modern world. During lunch, you would sail through the



picturesque Wachau Valley to Melk. In Melk, in addition to the Christmas Market, you will take a tour of the Benedictine Abbey with its frescoed ceilings, ornate pipe organ and library.

Overnight you will sail to Bratislava, Slovakia, where you will enjoy the Gothic halls of St. Martin's cathedral church, and spend time browsing the stalls of the Christmas Market. Later that day you will set sail for Budapest.

Budapest is a beautiful city. It is known for its cafes and pubs, as well as their unique Christmas market. The most beautiful, oldest and internationally acclaimed Budapest Christmas fair is the Christmas Market on Vorosmarty Square in the heart of the city (since 1998). They also have the Santa Claus Train which runs in early December. Santa Claus has a special day, Dec 6 (St Nikolaus's day), while the Christmas presents in Hungary are brought by the Baby Jesus (or the Little Angel).

In the United States, I love Roger's Gardens in Corona Del Mar, CA. It is a beautiful place to visit anytime you are in the area. From November 10th to December 23rd, they are a great source for Halloween and Christmas items. It is an entertaining place to just walk around, even if you are not buying anything.

Locally, I always go to Ralph Jones Display on Charleston Avenue when I want to get into the Christmas mood. Ralph Jones Display maintains one of the largest year-round inventories of Christmas stock, specializing in oversized Christmas trees and wreaths as well as animated characters. Their beautifully decorated trees range from 2 to 25 feet in height and a variety of styles. They also carry a complete assortment of decorator colors and styles in bows, ribbons, garlands, ornaments and other trimmings. They can design, fabricate, install, and take down their seasonal exhibits for you. They have been decorating hotels and casinos for years.



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*A look at the 8th Green and Bunker.*

# The Future of DragonRidgePart III CLUBHOUSE RENOVATIONS & MEMBER PORTAL UNVEILED

*Ashley Powell*

Exciting times are upon us at DragonRidge, as we embark on the next phase of our journey towards a revamped and modernized club experience. In this third installment of "The Future of DragonRidge," we will address the latest developments, dispel rumors, and introduce you to some exciting changes taking place at our esteemed country club.

## **Golf Course Renovations**

We are thrilled to announce that the extensive golf course renovations have reached their final stages. The course has been overseeded, and after just one week, the lush green fairways are already beginning to take shape. As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming golf season, we are on track to reopen the course on December 1st, ready to welcome back our members.

## **Clubhouse Transformation**

While we transition out of golf course renovations, we have embarked on the final phases of the clubhouse transformation. The Dragon Grille is currently undergoing the demo phase, starting with the patio area. During the Dragon Grille construction we welcome you to enjoy our other dining option.

## **Dining Options**

While Dragon Grille undergoes its makeover, you can enjoy dining at our other restaurants. The Onyx Bar, open Tuesday to Sunday from 8 am to 8 pm, offers a full breakfast, lunch, and dinner menu. For late mornings and early afternoons, the Center Court Café is the perfect spot, open Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm, serving a variety of healthier options and specials.



*The Center Court Café.*



The Red Dragon Sushi Bar awaits sushi enthusiasts with a full menu and a sake list, offering dining specials from Wednesday to Friday, 4pm to 8pm. The Montrose Steakhouse will be open regular hours Wednesday - Friday 4pm - 8pm for dinner service. The Palm Court is another venue that opens on select days with its unique menu and outdoor ambiance. Be sure to keep an eye out for club updates on member events and game day action at these fantastic dining spots.

### Introducing the Member Portal

In line with our commitment to enhancing your DragonRidge experience, we are proud to introduce the new member portal accessible to members only at [member.dragonridge.com](http://member.dragonridge.com). If you haven't already, you should have received an email with login information and prompts to update your details. This innovative portal serves as your go-to source for club information, event updates, tee time and court reservations, statement checks, and connecting with fellow DragonRidge Members.

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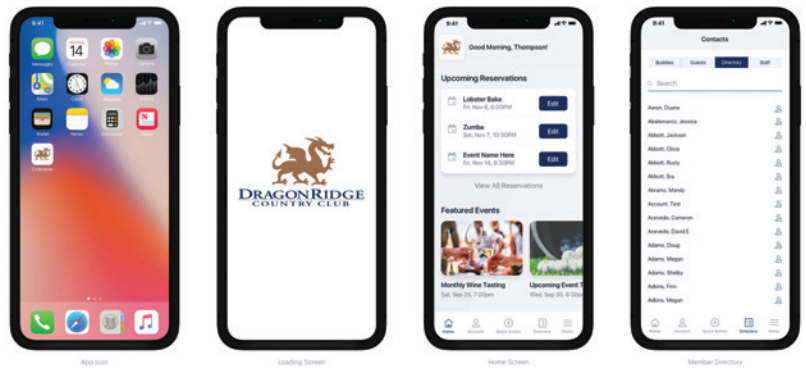
One standout feature of the member portal is the ability to subscribe to specific interest groups. If you're part of the Book Club and wish to receive emails and notifications related to it, you can subscribe, ensuring you stay informed about the activities that matter most to you.

Should you have any questions about these new updates or any other inquiries, our clubhouse staff is here to assist you. Feel free to reach out, and we'll be delighted to direct your call and provide answers to your queries.

As DragonRidge continues to evolve and embrace a more modern and member-centric approach, we invite you to explore and make the most of these exciting changes. From golf course transformations to dining enhancements and the introduction of the member portal, we are committed to delivering an exceptional club experience that exceeds your expectations. We hope you relish these new updates as much as we do and look forward to sharing many memorable moments at DragonRidge.



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# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## DR. ALI SHEHATA, DO: REVOLUTIONIZING FAMILY MEDICINE

I was born and raised in Maryland to immigrant parents from Egypt. My father dedicated his career to the Department of Defense, serving as an engineer with the Army and Navy, while my mother was a teacher. In 2020, I moved to Las Vegas to support my daughter's education at UNLV.

My parents instilled in me the value of service, pushing me toward a career in medicine. During my time as a medical student, I participated in a mission to aid Kosovar refugees in Albania during the Kosovo War. This experience opened my eyes to the profound impact of family medicine, allowing me to help hundreds of people and create personalized health plans based on strong patient-doctor relationships.

After various medical practice experiences, I decided to open my own clinic, prioritizing these relationships. In an era where corporate entities dominate healthcare, I believe the essence of medicine lies in the physician-patient bond. My clinic offers extended visits, direct access to me, and alternative medical approaches, providing patients with a sense of friendship and trust.

The heart of my career has been enriched by the connections I've formed with patients, offering them

not just medical care but also friendship. I cherish the opportunity to make home visits, nurturing stronger patient relationships and promoting healthier lives. Family medicine's ability to care for all generations is truly unique.

Outside of medicine, my family, faith, and love for sports bring me joy. I value religious devotion as it renews my commitment to serving humanity. I also have a special affinity for sports, particularly the Baltimore Orioles and the Golden Knights.

As I approach the later stages of my career, I intend to remain involved, especially in teaching medical students and inspiring a return to the roots of medicine. I take life one day at a time, recognizing the uncertainties we face.

My advice to aspiring entrepreneurs is to study and persevere. Starting a business can be daunting, and success often takes time. I maintain my clinic alongside my role as an Emergency Room physician. It's crucial to maintain passion and optimism during challenging times.

In the end, my goal is to make the world a bit better, one person, one experience at a time. This philosophy guides both my medical practice and my life's journey.



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# Bandon Dunes GOLF RESORT

Brian Sanders

On July 27th, a group of DragonRidge members and I headed to Bandon Dunes Golf Resort for a few days of golf and fun. For those of you who may be unfamiliar, Bandon Dunes is golfing mecca on the coast of central Oregon nestled between the towns of Bandon and Coos Bay. Developed by Mike Keiser and his company Dream Golf, the Bandon Dunes course, which was the first of the five courses, opened in 1999. The renowned Pacific Dunes opened in 2001, with Bandon Trails, Old MacDonald, and Sheep Ranch to follow. The property boasts four golf courses in the Golf Digest America's Greatest 100 courses and one in America's Second Greatest 100 courses.

Travel to the resort can be done by flying into Coos Bay (a 30-minute drive to the resort) via SFO or by flying into Eugene (a 2.5-hour drive to the resort). The resort offers its own lodging and dining options. Due to the exceptionally high demand for visits to the property, it is anticipated that scheduling a trip to Bandon Dunes will not be possible until well into 2025. Our group stayed at the Bandon Manor, a property located a half mile away from the resort. The Bandon Manor offers four master bedrooms, a large great

room with individual soft seating for eight, a large dining table, a pool table, a ping pong table, and a hot tub in the backyard. A Golden Knights flag proudly flew off the house as we arrived at the property.

Bandon Dunes is undoubtedly known for epic golf and stunning views, but the unpredictable weather has also made a name for itself. The golf gods were looking down on us that week when we caught what our local caddies described as "Ban-Diego" weather. Our trip ended with a fun two-person scramble contest on the 13-hole Preserve short course. I highly recommend carving out some time to play the Preserve one afternoon or morning.

We returned to Las Vegas after five days with great memories and an appreciation for the vision that Mike Keiser and his team had for the property. If you love golf and have not been to Bandon Dunes, this trip is an absolute must.

\*For more information on Bandon Dunes, the Bandon Manor, or interest in a trip to Bandon Dunes, contact Brian Sanders at [bsanders@dragonridgecc.com](mailto:bsanders@dragonridgecc.com)



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DragonRidge Country Club Event Highlights



Frank Family Wine Tasting: June 29th



Fourth of July Pool Party BBQ: July 4th



Claire's Back to the 80's Birthday Party: July 8th





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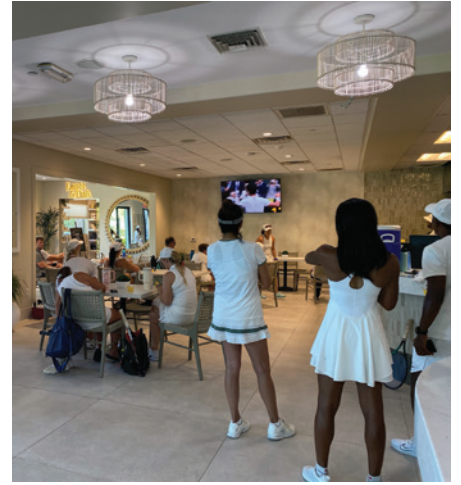


Formula 1 Happy Hour: July 14th



Wimbledon White Tennis Mixer: July 16th





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Mermaid Swim Class: July 29th



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- 10/7 Junior League Banquet
- 10/12 Rombauer Wine Tasting
- 10/19 Mind Candy: Dr. Adam Lousignant
- 10/20 Halloween Tennis Mixer
- 10/24 Halloween Yappy Hour
- 10/26 Lux Bioesthetics Launch Party
- 10/27 Halloween Happy Hour
- 10/28 Trunk or Treat
- 10/29 DragonRidge Classic Car Show

### NOVEMBER

- 11/1 Ladies' Book Club
- 11/5 Fall Festival
- 11/14 Sunset Yappy Hour
- 11/14 Investment Club Dinner with Brett Sanner
- 11/18 Italian Wine Night
- 11/23 Annual Turkey Trot
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/30 Tennis Calcutta Draw Party

### DECEMBER

- 12/2 Santa Shootout
- 12/3 Tennis Calcutta Tournament
- 12/6 Member Book Club
- 12/10 Breakfast with Santa
- 12/14 Tease & Martinis Fitness Dance Class
- 12/16 Pahlmeyer Wine Dinner
- 12/17 Ugly Holiday Sweater Tennis Mixer
- 12/19 Holiday Sweater Sunset Yappy Hour
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- 12/31 New Year's Eve Party

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- 17-kWh waterproof lithium-ion battery pack
- Paired with 2.0L I4 Turbo PHEV engine
- Manufacturer estimated range of 49 miles all electric / 370 total driving\* (\*based on full battery charge and full tank of gas. Actual mileage may vary.)

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