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Sam Riddle "The Las Vegas King of Country" to perform at DragonRidge Country Club's Fireworks Spectacular, Thursday, July 4th.

Credit: Sam Riddle

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## FROM THE DEVELOPER

*Richard C. MacDonald*



As of late May, our inventory has dropped below 18 lots. It's not inconceivable that we will be sold out by year's end, which creates a whole new dimension in our community. No more developer sales, so prices from individuals will increase and we will begin the process of building out the community as houses get constructed on the sold-out lots! For those of you lucky enough to have purchased our tremendous view lots, congratulations on a smart purchase. While it is possible to find more expensive homes in at least one local luxury community, you will not find better value than those in MacDonald Highlands.

On another note, our clubhouse remodel is almost complete. I think we are now waiting for carpet and furniture for the ballroom. It has been a long process to have that and the golf course remodel behind us. Now we can just relax and enjoy it. Will anyone give me odds on that happening?

MacDonald Highlands is poised for incredible things in the near future. The Four Seasons residences are within several million away from having enough presales for their construction loan to kick in, although they will start construction before that. The Four Seasons development will elevate the

status of our entire community and continue to increase property values.

I have also, recently, had a chance to view the new Blue Heron display home that will blow your socks off. Seriously, this house is absolutely amazing. After seeing it I was ready to forget about moving into the tower and having one built for Claire and me, but since it is only the two of us, we probably won't change our plans, but it is tempting. If you get the chance, you must visit the new home when it is completed. It is beyond cutting edge.

We are nearing the time of year when many of our residents leave for the summer (how could they stand to miss our 115-degree days?) or wives and kids leave for southern California beach areas, leaving the husbands to work Monday through Thursdays. Don't worry ladies, the club can feed your husbands and they can watch sports events in the Onyx or grille, before joining the family on the weekend.

I want to wish all of you a great summer. Have fun and we will see you at the clubhouse.



# DRAGONRIDGE WSNGA TEAM PLAY WIN THE GROSS DIVISION

*Brenden Cobb, First Assistant Golf Professional*

In their first year of competing in the season-long WSNGA Team Play event, the DragonRidge Ladies' Team triumphed in the Gross division, defeating the Chimera Silver team 9-3 to clinch the title. Congratulations to the stellar team of Debbie Love, Sherry Jackson, Cindy Kang, Sandy Barletta, Nancy Dunn, Laura Guida, Sandy Jenkins, and Peggy Gore.

Congratulations to the other eight members who contributed to this victory: Stephanie Raper, Kathy Manni, Colleen Haight, Marjorie Garard, Wendi Hawk, Tina Kunzer-Murphy, Jeanine Evenden, and Kristi Johnson. It took all 16 women to achieve this success in just one year.

This season was also highlighted by a 24-0 win over Los Prados, which has never occurred in WSNGA Team Play history.

Congratulations again to the DragonRidge Ladies' on this incredible achievement.



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# HOA LETTER SPEEDING

*Drive carefully and keep us alive by driving slowly and safely!*

Dori Sampson

A driver can have an unconscious tendency to want to continue driving the same way they have driven on surrounding roads once they have entered the community. The fact remains, that when operating cars, trucks and golf carts on our community streets, we must do so smartly and courteously.

In an effort to reduce speeding, radar signs have been installed in various locations around the community to provide drivers with a visual notification of their current speed. By helping drivers become more aware, we believe that these signs have improved speeding within the community.

Residential streets warrant our undistracted and careful attention driving slowly and safely on them. We urge you to use extreme caution around the parks where children are playing and in areas that are under construction.

Remember that we are all required to fully stop at our community intersection stop signs, follow the speed limit while in the community and yield to pedestrians. This also includes residents who utilize golf carts in the community. Just a reminder that the speed limit in the community is 20 mph unless otherwise posted.

These expectations and requirements are not meant to frustrate us...they are meant to protect us.

## Home Owners Association

The community association is led by a five person Board of Directors which protects and enhances MacDonald Highlands. Its duties include many responsibilities, such as maintenance of community assets and the operation of the community itself, creation of annual budgets and design review implementation and construction oversight.

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## ***DRAGONRIDGE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT***

### *MEET THE ZUIKER'S*

*Meghann Trager, Assistant General Manager*

Anthony and Michelle Zuiker grew up in Greater Las Vegas for most of their lives. After spending over a decade in California due to Anthony's work in the television industry, the couple decided it was time to return to their roots. They wanted a secure, upscale community close to their family and friends. Knowing people who already lived in MacDonald Highlands made the decision to relocate easy. Michelle, who taught at Vanderburg Elementary just down the street, had always dreamed of living in the community. Anthony recalls, "It was her dream to live in this community, so I made sure that happened for us."

The Zuikers were drawn to DragonRidge Country Club for its warm and welcoming atmosphere. Their first night dining at the club as new homeowners, they met Rich MacDonald and his wife, Claire. They were also warmly greeted by Simon Millington, a club member, which made Anthony and Michelle feel right at home. "Michelle and I weren't used to that kind of warm reception living in Southern California. We knew right away, 'we're home,'" Anthony shares.

Recently, the couple transitioned to golf. They initially had a social membership while the course was under construction, but upgraded to a golf membership once it reopened. Now they are enjoying the game and the community it fosters. "My wife and I love golf, so becoming members was a no-brainer," says Anthony. "We are in love with playing golf regularly and invite our family and friends to join us. It's great!"

For the Zuikers, the most important aspect of being part of a community is the friendship and connection to other members. They appreciate how DragonRidge disseminates information about special events and amenities, making it easy to stay engaged. They enjoy the tradition of the bagpipes on Friday nights, dining at the Onyx bar, and the ability to bring up their non-member friends and family to share in the community's tranquility and class. Anthony notes, "The best-kept secret of DragonRidge is everything has been meticulously designed and built for 'us.' From the winding roads and tree lines to the Strip views, Mr. MacDonald's vision is stuff of legend and will be

***“The Zuikers are also passionate about community initiatives. Recently, Anthony proposed the “Lil’ Greenskeepers” initiative,***

regarded forever by all.”

Family is paramount to Anthony and Michelle. With Anthony’s father living in Anthem and Michelle’s niece and nephews in Henderson, DragonRidge offers a perfect and convenient setting for family time. “The most important value for us is being together and spending valuable time with one another,” says Anthony. “DragonRidge is the perfect backdrop to live our lives in the present and be excited about the future here.”

The Zuikers own a children’s publishing company called Zuiker Press, dedicated to reaching young people with trauma and telling their stories in graphic novel form. Their goal is to help kids struggling with issues like divorce, cyberbullying, racism, transgender identity, bullying, or suicide by sharing real experiences through their novels. “Our business model is ‘schools never pay for a book,’ so purchasing our books allows us to do that,” Anthony explains. To date, they have sent over \$1,500,000 worth of books to more than 250 schools across the country. They hope to find a donor to support outfitting Clark County Schools with their books.

To newcomers considering joining DragonRidge and MacDonald Highlands, Anthony’s advice is simple: make it your best decision. “You’re only as good as your last decision. Make MacDonald Highlands your ‘best decision.’ It was for us,” he advises. For the Zuikers, it’s the utopia of Nevada, offering an incredible quality of life unmatched by other affluent communities in the area. “In our opinion, it is the equivalent to Cal-Vada or Lake Tahoe in the seventies and eighties. It’s a real oasis for those who yearn for an incredible quality of life,” says Anthony.

The Zuikers are also passionate about community initiatives. Recently, Anthony proposed the “Lil’ Greenskeepers” initiative, where young people would ride in golf carts with adults to fix divots on the fairways and putting greens. In return, they would receive gift cards, and more importantly, learn golfing etiquette for future membership. “It’s a win-win for all involved,” Anthony remarks.

Looking ahead, Anthony and Michelle are focused on service. They continually seek ways to improve their community by connecting members and facilitating their needs. Whether it’s assisting the elderly with grocery shopping, helping with garbage cans, or finding a dog sitter, the Zuikers are committed to strengthening their community and

keeping morale high. “We are always looking for ways to serve our MacDonald Highlands community and doing all we can creatively to improve upon what’s already perfection,” Anthony says.

Beyond their involvement in the community and love for DragonRidge, Anthony and Michelle are known for their dedication to philanthropy and storytelling. They generously and selflessly give back through various charitable endeavors. Their work with Zuiker Press exemplifies their commitment to positively impacting young lives.

If you see the Zuikers around the club, don’t hesitate to introduce yourself. They are always eager to meet new people and share their passions. Whether you’re interested in discussing golf, the community, or just want to say hello, Anthony and Michelle would love to connect. Their blend of creative passion and community service makes Anthony and Michelle Zuiker an inspiring couple within the MacDonald Highlands community.

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# MACDONALD HIGHLANDS LUXURY REAL ESTATE

## Market Report Spring 2024

Kristen Routh-Silberman, MacDonald Highlands Master Listing Agent



### THE LUXURY LAS VEGAS REAL ESTATE MARKET IS STILL HOT!

As of May 2024, the luxury market in Las Vegas, Nevada has 690 luxury homes for sale, down from 727 in May 2023. This includes 601 single-family homes listed for \$1 million or more, and 89 condos and townhomes listed for the same price. 134 luxury homes have been sold, up from 114 in April 2023. The median sales price has remained at \$1,400,000, while the number of new listings has continued to outpace 2023, up 6.3% from the previous year.

As of the latest data available, there is no indication of a significant drop in home prices in the Las Vegas

housing market. While median sale prices and list prices fluctuate over time, the overall trend remains relatively stable. Factors such as market demand, inventory levels, and economic conditions can influence price movements, but there is currently no evidence to suggest a widespread decline in home prices in Las Vegas. Housing prices are remaining steady and stable and leveling off, not increasing. And no, as of now, there is no definitive evidence to support the likelihood of a housing market crash in Las Vegas of any sort, and certainly not in MacDonald Highlands.

#### TOP 10 HOME SALES HIGHEST SALES

January 1, 2024 – May 20, 2024	SF	BD/BA/CA	YEAR	SP/SF	SOLD PRICE
4 Chisel Crest	7,000	7/7/4	2023	\$1386/SF	\$9,286,000
4797 Meridian Pass	4,061	4/5/3	UC	\$2388/SF	\$9,700,000
597 St. Croix	10,000	3/6/5	2007	\$1000/SF	\$10,000,000
21 Sky Arc Ct	7,722	5/6/4	2023	\$1317/SF	\$10,175,000
64 Crested Cloud	8,575	5/7/6	2020	\$1259/SF	\$10,800,000
5 Sunset Strip	8,780	5/7/4	2024	\$1252/SF	\$11,000,000
37 Painted Feather	10,346	5/8/6	2009	\$1208/SF	\$12,500,000
10861 Stardust Dr	7,908	4/5	2020	\$2402/SF	\$19,000,000
11051 Witchcraft Ct	9,827	9/9/6	2021	\$2004/SF	\$19,700,000
10 Summit Club Dr	11,427	4/7/6	2017	\$3062/SF	\$35,000,000

#### NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD

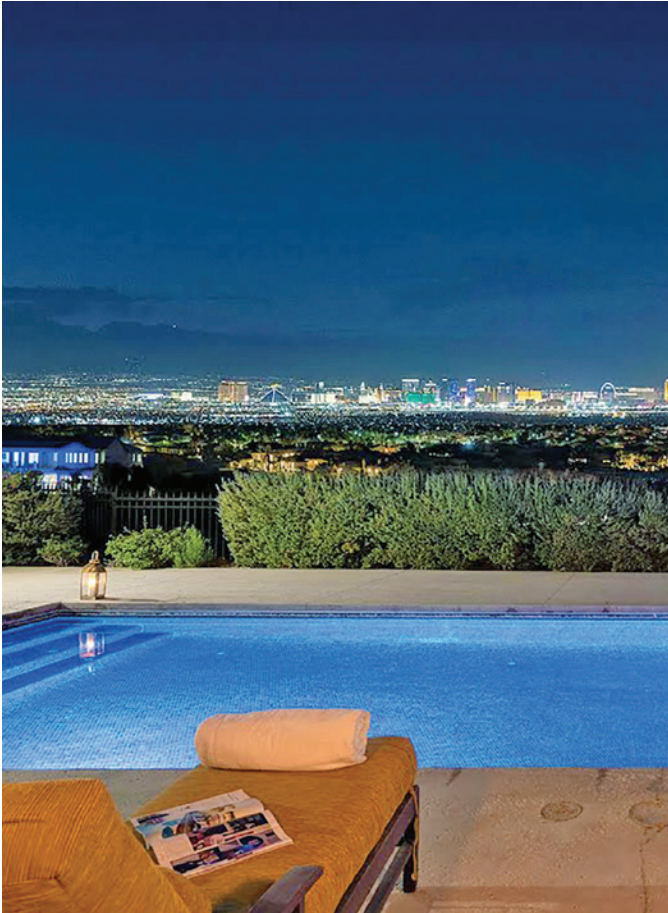
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COMMUNITY	#	SOLD PRICE
MacDonald Highlands	20	\$10,000,000
Anthem Country Club	45	\$4,900,000
Ascaya	3	\$11,000,000
Red Rock Country Club	15	\$3,675,000
Southern Highlands CC	16	\$10,000,000
The Ridges	32	\$12,500,000
The Summit Club	4	\$35,000,000

#### LAND & LOTS SOLD

January 1, 2024 – May 20, 2024

COMMUNITY	ACRES	#	HIGHEST SALE
MacDonald Highlands	1.34	4	\$4,450,000
Anthem Country Club		SOLD-OUT	N/A
Ascaya	1.37	9	\$2,900,000
Red Rock Country Club		SOLD-OUT	N/A
Southern Highlands CC		0	N/A
The Ridges	0.59	1	\$3,300,000
The Summit Club	1.29	3	\$14,000,000



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We have released ALL remaining developer lots For Sale.

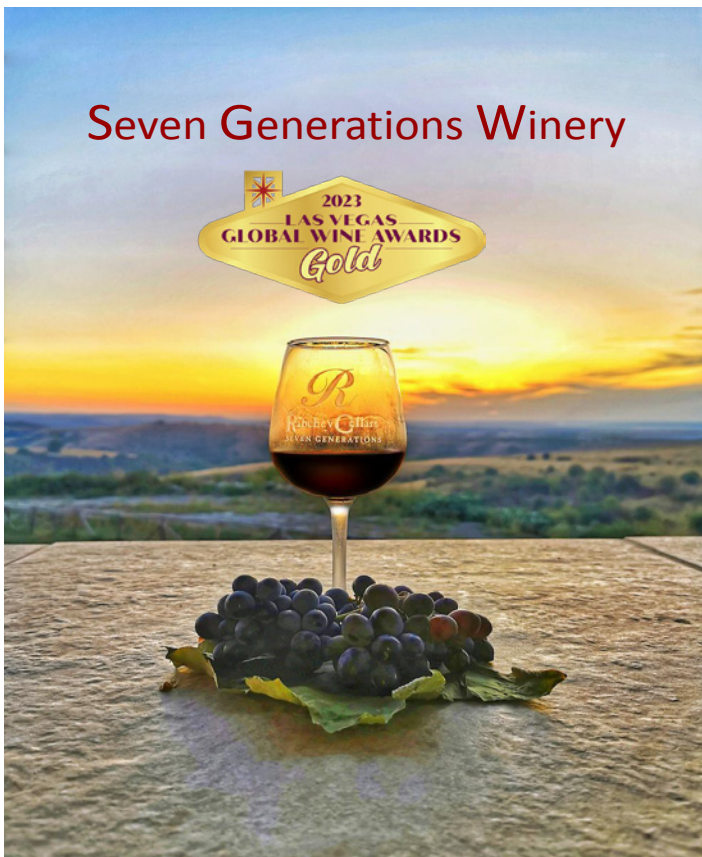
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The MacDonald Highlands sales team would love to show you the Finest LOTS and VIEWS in Las Vegas! The real estate sales office is located inside DragonRidge Country Club's Clubhouse, next to the Pro-Shop and is open Tues-Sun 10am-5pm. No Need for an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

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## SAM ★ RIDDLE

### *THE LAS VEGAS KING OF COUNTRY*

Meghann Trager

**M**eeting Sam Riddle for lunch at the Dragon Grille, one wouldn't immediately guess he's a rising star in the country music scene. He walks in with an easy confidence, his cowboy hat a nod to his Montana roots. As he takes off the hat, revealing a mop of red curls, his mischievous smile hints at a personality that is both good-hearted and genuinely passionate about his craft.

Sam's journey to country music is as eclectic as it is inspiring. Born in Montana and moved to New York and then back to Montana during middle school, Sam experienced a culture shock that shaped his future. "Moving from New York to Montana in middle school was rough," he recalls. "But my parents were country at heart, so it wasn't too bad. It was just like being around more of what I knew." Growing up in Montana, Sam was surrounded by the rugged beauty of the landscape and the hardworking, down-to-earth values of the people. These influences seeped into his character and, eventually, his music.

Life in Montana was a stark contrast to New York. In New York, the diversity and hustle were

constants, but in Montana, life was slower and more grounded. "Montana summers were the best," Sam reminisces. "We'd spend days fishing, hiking, and just being outdoors. There's a simplicity and a beauty to life there that stays with you." His parents, who embodied the quintessential country lifestyle, instilled in him a love for music and nature. "My parents are country through and through," he says with a fond smile. "They taught me the value of hard work and staying true to your roots."

His childhood love for sports, especially basketball, initially overshadowed his musical inclinations. "Sports took over, and basketball became the main thing," he explains. However, fate had other plans. An impromptu piano performance while he was admittedly a bit tipsy led to a series of events that would shift his focus entirely. "I ended up getting hired to play piano and then got brought to Vegas," he says, still amazed by the turn of events.

Sam's father always told him that playing piano was the easiest money he could make. "He always saw it as a contained unit








– you didn't need anyone else. Just a piano," Sam shares with a laugh. His father's belief in his piano skills proved prophetic. Despite a promising basketball career that included an invite to the Sonics camp in Seattle, Sam chose music. "There's a shelf life on sports. But music, you can do forever."

Vegas became the backdrop of Sam's musical evolution. "I started playing seven nights a week, for four years straight," he reminisces. His talent for both playing and singing quickly shone through, leading to residencies and performances across the city's fantastic venues.

Transitioning to country music allowed Sam to blend all his influences into one unique sound. "I knew I could mesh all my influences in and it would still be country because it was me," he explains. His music reflects a diverse array of inspirations, from James Brown and Prince to Kenny Chesney, Billy Joel, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. "Country music lets me be myself. It's where I can tell stories through my songs."

Sam's storytelling is at the heart of his music. His songs are deeply personal yet universally relatable, touching on themes of heartache, struggle, and triumph. "The songs I wrote are like stories. They're very real and honest," he says. Performing these songs is a cathartic experience for him, and the authenticity resonates with his audiences.

Sam Riddle's career is on an upward trajectory. With an upcoming signing to Epiphonic, a record label based out of Nashville, TN, Sam is poised for even greater success. This new partnership promises more consistent touring, getting singles on the charts, and a stronger promotional push, allowing his unique style of country to reach a broader audience. "The new songs I wrote last fall have been a catalyst for everything that's about to blow up," he shares with excitement. These songs, he believes, capture the essence of who he is as an artist more than ever before.



“Sam’s stage presence is all about blending **RAW ENERGY** and his passion for his craft.”

Beyond the stage, Sam’s personal life is as vibrant as his performances. Growing up surrounded by music, with his father a founding member of Montana’s well-known Mission Mountain Wood Band and his uncle a world-class Broadway composer, Sam was destined for a life in music. His early exposure to Broadway and his family’s musical heritage have greatly influenced his style, blending traditional country with a flair for showmanship. Sam’s favorite aspect of performing is the connection he feels with his audience, striving to give them an experience they will never forget. As he continues to rise in the country music scene, Sam remains dedicated to his roots, his craft, and his fans, making him a truly unique and compelling artist.

As we enjoy our lunch, Sam’s humility and passion are evident. Despite his growing fame, he remains grounded and focused on his art. He’s excited about his upcoming performance at DragonRidge Country Club for the annual 4th of July celebration. “It’s going to be the best show in town. I can’t wait to see everyone there,” he says with a genuine smile.

For Sam, this performance is more than just a gig; it’s a chance to connect with fans on a special day. “Fourth of July is my favorite holiday. There’s nothing cooler than fireworks in the summertime,” he beams.

Sam’s stage presence is all about blending raw energy and his passion for his craft. Known for his engaging performances, Sam often pushes the boundaries, sometimes getting himself into playful “trouble” with his onstage antics. Whether he’s jumping off the stage to interact with the crowd, climbing onto bars, or incorporating spontaneous elements into his show, Sam’s approach to performing keeps fans on their toes and thoroughly entertained. His athletic background gives him the agility and confidence to pull off stunts that others might shy away from, making his shows a true experience.

“Yeah, I might get into a bit of trouble,” Sam laughs, “but it’s all in good fun! I just want everyone to have the best time possible.” Despite occasional raised eyebrows from venue management concerned about safety, Sam’s antics are always in good spirit. His performances are driven by a desire to create unforgettable moments, making each show unique and exhilarating. With his boundless energy and spontaneous charm, Sam’s upcoming performance at DragonRidge Country Club promises to be an absolute blast. The excitement is palpable as the community eagerly anticipates a show filled with music, fun, and perhaps a few surprises. “It’s going to be an unforgettable night,” Sam promises. “I can’t wait to see everyone there and make this Fourth of July the best one yet!”





Sam is set to deliver a fantastic performance that will be a major highlight of DragonRidge Country Club's 4th of July celebration. The annual event is eagerly anticipated by both members and the broader community. "It's going to be a great time," Sam promises. "I'll be playing a mix of well-known hits and my original songs, for a set that has both familiar and fresh." With food trucks, family-friendly activities, and a breathtaking fireworks display, the celebration is sure to deliver an exceptional experience.

"We want our members and their guests to have the best Fourth of July experience possible," says Larry Wright, GM at DragonRidge. "Having Sam perform is a huge part of that. His energy and talent will bring a fun new atmosphere to our event." Sam's performance will include his signature dynamic stage presence, engaging the audience with both his music and his enthusiasm. "I plan to give everything I have on stage," he says. "I want everyone to leave with great memories and a smile on their face."

As we wrap up our interview, it's clear that Sam Riddle is a star on the rise, but more importantly, he's a man who loves what he does and values the journey as much as the destination. His story is a testament to following one's passion and the magic that happens when you find your true calling. DragonRidge Country Club is in for a treat this Fourth of July, with Sam Riddle lighting up the stage and creating memories that will last long after the fireworks have faded.





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# A PATH TO SUCCESS

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF TENNIS STARS

Ashley Powell

*What sets tennis apart is its universal appeal. It's a sport that combines physical agility with strategic thinking, making it perfect for players of all ages and skill levels.*



How does a childhood passion for tennis evolve into a lifelong journey of success and inspiration? For Adolph, it all began during a P.E. class at the age of ten, where he first discovered his love for tennis. This initial spark led him to compete in his first novice tournament, placing fourth and igniting a desire to pursue the sport further. With unwavering support from his parents and exceptional coaching, Adolph's tennis career flourished, taking him

from a young enthusiast to a collegiate player at UCLA, and eventually to a revered coach at DragonRidge Country Club. Adolph's dedication, achievements, and the legacy continues to build in the world of tennis.

His first coach was Glen Grisillo from Johannesburg, South Africa, who was featured twice in the mixed doubles main draw at Wimbledon. Glen was a collegiate tennis player for Mississippi State University

on a scholarship before transferring to the University of Nevada. Once he began lessons with his new coach, Adolph quickly realized his growth. Adolph, who was also a talented baseball player, soon found tennis to be his favorite sport. He became a highly skilled, top-rated junior and was eventually recruited for college tennis.

Adolph attended UCLA as a walk-on tennis player. He earned his way onto the practice team and eventually onto the UCLA Tennis Team. Some of Adolph's biggest accomplishments include playing collegiate tennis and competing with some of the top tennis professionals in the U.S.

Adolph joined DragonRidge Country Club shortly after the club's construction began in the early 2000s. He was the Director of Tennis and Head Pro at Anthem Country Club before moving to DragonRidge in 2008. He was referred to DragonRidge by members Liz Salomone and Pat Yoseloff who believed Adolph would be a great fit for the community and club as the Director of Tennis and Head Pro. Adolph seamlessly transitioned from Anthem Country Club.

Adolph's success does not end there. It is just the beginning of several more accomplishments that he is proud of. Since he began coaching at DragonRidge, his classes have grown and become full. He has had at least two student-athletes move on to become professional USA tennis players, with more than a dozen students receiving numerous college scholarships. These students have played at the collegiate level at colleges such as the University of Virginia, Vanderbilt, Harvard, University of Massachusetts, Notre Dame, BYU, Boise State, Texas A&M, Dartmouth, Yale, and Princeton, to name a few.

Grisillo's influence on Adolph at such a young age has inspired Adolph to be that same kind of coach. Notable students include Janae Preston, one of the top five players in the country at just twelve years old. Preston is currently ranked number one in Nevada, number two in the Southwest region, and tenth overall nationally. Jordyn Hazelitt, another promising player, is currently ranked number two in Nevada, five in the Southwest region, and sixteen nationally. Sedona Gallagher, an accounting major at Arizona State University, has the highest winning percentage in doubles at the university and received a full-ride scholarship at the age of sixteen. She is ranked as high as number 95 in singles by the ITA and received an Honorable Mention to the Pac-12 All-Conference Team. Blythe Buntrock is one of the top-rated players at the University of Oklahoma, winning seventy matches in three seasons and ranking number one in the country.

Adolph takes great pride in seeing his students grow and develop as players. He coaches them at all age levels, enjoys seeing them have fun, and become successful in all walks of life. Many of his students have gone on to become not only tennis professionals but also doctors, accountants, orthopedic surgeons, and financial advisors. He believes his students are not only great tennis players but great people too.

If you would like to join Adolph for tennis lessons, you may book via email at [ahuddleston@dragonridgecc.com](mailto:ahuddleston@dragonridgecc.com) or by phone at 702-407-0045. He offers a variety of tennis lessons, drills, and clinics for all levels through his DragonRidge Tennis Academy, 2.5 Beginner Drills, to Advanced Drills 4.0 and above.



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## A DESTINATION TRAVEL

Paige MacDonald

I love the warm weather, but when it gets a little too hot in Las Vegas, I like to escape to the beach or a cruise. I like a little humidity, a lot of relaxation, and some adventure sprinkled in to make it a vacation full of great memories. Are you looking for a luxury resort on a tropical beach, cruising with white glove butler service, exotic itineraries, or must-see destinations. Here are a few suggestions to help you decide.

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### JANUARY 6, 2025

19-Night Grand Australia and New Zealand Tauck Tour Home/airport roundtrip transfers

### APRIL 18, 2025

14-Night Southeast Asia and Hong Kong Viking on the Orion \$100 per person shipboard credit

### MAY 24, 2025

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# PRODUCT REVIEW

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## DESCRIPTION

Reflecting the elegance of the sport, our Convertible Stripe Tennis Tote updates a timeless carryall with a removable racquet pocket. Designed to offer versatility and ease, the spacious canvas tote features interior and exterior pockets, including an interior full zip pocket to store clothes or shoes. The bag is finished with a detachable and adjustable strap, as well as a removable front pocket that fits up to two standard-sized tennis racquets. The perfect accessory to elevate your tennis wardrobe.

## DETAILS

Removable front pocket fits up to two standard-sized tennis racquets with an expandable gusset

Exterior front and back pockets on each side

Interior back zip hanging pocket with woven logo label and single card slot

Interior wall-to-wall mesh pocket with zipper closure

Separate zipper compartment for shoes and clothes

Detachable webbing strap with adjustable length

Matte powder coated hardware

Fully lined

Holds clothes, cosmetic case, water bottle, phone, headphones, wallet and shoes

Top handle drop: 8 3/4" (22 cm); height: 15" (38 cm); length: 15" (38 cm); depth: 6" (15 cm)

Body: coated canvas

Trim: faux leather, cotton webbing

Lining: nylon

Wipe clean

Large

Tote Bags

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Whether you have a wider-than-average foot or your priority is to feel comfortable in your shoes, the Babolat SFX 3 is THE tennis shoe you need. It's the benchmark for comfort in the Babolat range.

The Babolat SFX 3 features a wide toe-box, if you are between sizes, we recommend going with the smaller size.

## COMFORT AND SHOCK ABSORPTION

Because comfort and performance are the priority in this model, you can spend hours on the court with its supple and breathable upper. With its thicker sock and an advanced cushioning system named Kompessor, your movements will be protected from shocks throughout matches and training sessions.

## FIT

A model designed with more space at the forefoot for all tennis players and especially those with wider feet.

## SOLE DURABILITY

By combining our expertise with Michelin's, we offer players a dedicated sole for each court with an adapted rubber formulation.

## SINGLE LAYER MESH

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## RUBBER FOREFOOT PROTECTION

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## WHITEOUT 305

The WHITEOUT is designed to offer players with faster swing speeds a precise, control and feel-oriented racquet. It features a thinner, constant beam width design with greater flexibility and Foam Tech Core technology to reduce vibration and enhance the feel of the racquet.

Headsize : 98 in<sup>2</sup>

String Pattern : 16 X 19

Weight : 305 g

Balance : 320 mm

Length : 27 in

Beam Width : 21.7 mm

Recommended Tension : 45 lbs – 50 lbs

Stringing Instructions (16 x 19):

Mains – Skip: 7T, 9T, 7B, 9B / Tie off: 8B

Cross – Starting Knot: 5T / Tie Off: 6B



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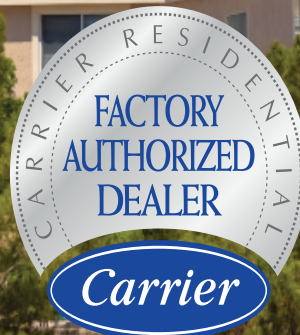
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The Eminence Organics Charcoal & Black Seed Clarifying Oil and Charcoal & Black Seed Clay Masque offer a dynamic duo for achieving clearer, more balanced skin.

Starting with the Clarifying Oil, users find it to be a lightweight and non-greasy solution, perfect for addressing uneven skin tone and excess sebum production. The infusion of activated Charcoal and Black Seed Oil not only absorbs excess oil but also imparts a refreshing citrus scent. The oil's non-comedogenic formula makes it suitable for all skin types, especially those with oily or combination skin. Enriched with fatty acids and antioxidants, it leaves the skin feeling smoother and visibly clearer, a testament to its hydrating and softening properties.

Complementing the oil, the Charcoal & Black Seed Clay Masque offers a luxurious detoxifying experience. Its velvety texture effortlessly absorbs surplus oil while

minimizing the appearance of enlarged pores and dark spots. The blend of activated Charcoal, Illite Clay, Black Seed Oil, and Squalane works synergistically to restore balance to the skin and optimize hydration levels. Users across various skin types, including those prone to oiliness and combination, have found this masque to be an effective solution for achieving clearer and more radiant skin.

Together, these two products provide a comprehensive skincare regimen that addresses common concerns such as excess oil, uneven skin tone, and enlarged pores. Eminence Organics continues to impress with their commitment to natural ingredients and effective formulations, making these products a must-have for anyone seeking a clearer and more balanced complexion.

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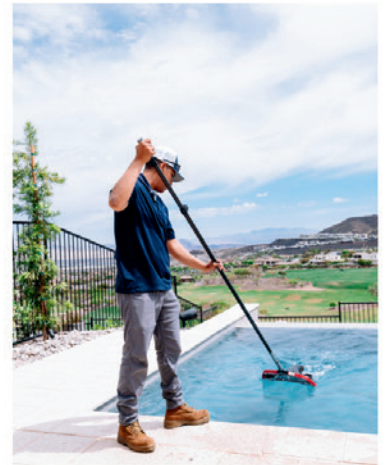
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# THE MANSION TAX

*Why Nevada Must Steer Clear of this Unfair Policy*

**Eric Bihr**

Chicago successfully rejected a controversial “mansion tax,” a real estate transfer tax targeting the sale of high-value properties. While this might seem like a distant concern, it’s critical—especially those who desire a thriving housing market and growing successful businesses—to understand the implications of such policies and why they would be detrimental if implemented in our state.

## WHAT IS THE MANSION TAX?

Chicago’s purposed “mansion tax” or real estate transfer tax would have imposed 1% tax on property sales over \$1 million, meaning if you sell a property for \$1.5 million, you owe \$15,000 in taxes. And despite what the name suggests, this tax was aimed at both private and commercial property sales. Proponents argue that this tax generates essential revenue for city services, but it raises significant issues that we cannot ignore.

## THE UNFAIR BURDEN ON PROPERTY OWNERS

Imagine you’ve worked tirelessly for years, building a successful business and investing in your dream home. Just as you’re about to enjoy the fruits of your labor, you’re handed an unexpected bill—a hefty tax that feels like an unfair penalty for your success.

This would have been the reality for property owners hit by the mansion tax. Those with higher-value homes are already contributing significantly through property taxes, and an additional transfer tax feels like an unnecessary burden. This type of tax also disproportionately affects those who have invested heavily in their properties, whether for personal use or as part of their business ventures.

## IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY AND REAL ESTATE MARKET

Our state’s appeal includes a favorable tax environment that attracts individuals and successful businesses. For Nevada, adopting a similar policy could have dire economic

consequences. Buyers aware of the additional costs may seek alternatives in more tax-friendly regions, reducing demand in the local market. Sellers might be discouraged from relocating due to the hefty tax burden on two transactions, leading to decreased

market activity and potentially lower property values.

## WHY THIS TAX IS UNFAIR

At its core, the mansion tax is fundamentally unfair. It singles out a specific demographic for additional taxation, often without clear justification beyond generating revenue. This approach overlooks the broader economic contributions of these individuals, from job creation to philanthropy, and risks undermining the very foundation of our state’s economic vitality.

Moreover, it sets a dangerous precedent. If we start imposing punitive taxes on high-value property sales, where does it end? The principle of fair taxation should be that everyone contributes equitably based on their ability to pay, not that specific groups are targeted for their success.

The introduction of a mansion tax, akin to what we see in Chicago, would be a step backward, undermining the very factors that make our state attractive. This is precisely why Nevada Policy exists—to keep bad policy out of our state and to ensure that Nevada remains a beacon for opportunity and success.

Supporting Nevada Policy is the best way to keep our state thriving and stop bad policy from ever seeing the light of day. By staying vigilant and proactive, we can protect our economic health and continue fostering growth and prosperity.

For further insights on how tax policies impact our state, visit Nevada Policy .

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## DragonRidge *events*

### JULY

- 7/3 Ladies' Books & Bottles Book Club
- 7/4 Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular
- 7/6 Firecracker Open Golf Tournament
- 7/14 Wimbledon White Tennis Mixer
- 7/16 Wine Class Series with Carmelo Messina
- 7/19 Dive In Movie: Lilo & Stitch
- 7/23 Golf Seminar Series
- 7/25 Trivia Night

### AUGUST

- 8/7 Ladies' Books & Bottle Book Club
- 8/10 Summer Roast Golf Tournament
- 8/16 Dive In Movie: Yes Day
- 8/17 Family FUNday
- 8/20 Golf Seminar Series
- 8/22 Trivia Night
- 8/26 Vino Vinyasa

### SEPTEMBER

- 9/2 Labor Day Pool Party
- 9/3 Overseed Begins, Golf Course Closed
- 9/4 Ladies Books & Bottles Book Club
- 9/6 U.S. Open Tennis Mixer
- 9/10 Golf Seminar Series
- 9/16 Ladies' Fall Tennis League Begins
- 9/17 Wine Class Series with Carmelo Messina
- 9/19 Craft Night: Glass Etching
- 9/21 Adult Fall Tennis Leagues Begin
- 9/23 Overseed Ends
- 9/24 Golf Course Reopens
- 9/24 Farm to Table Workshop with JoJami
- 9/26 Wine Dinner

## SAVE THE DATES!

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**CLUBHOUSE HOURS**

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**Dragon Grille**

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Log onto the app to order takeout.

**Red Dragon Sushi Bar**

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Saturday & Sunday 12pm - 8pm

**Onyx Bar & Lounge**

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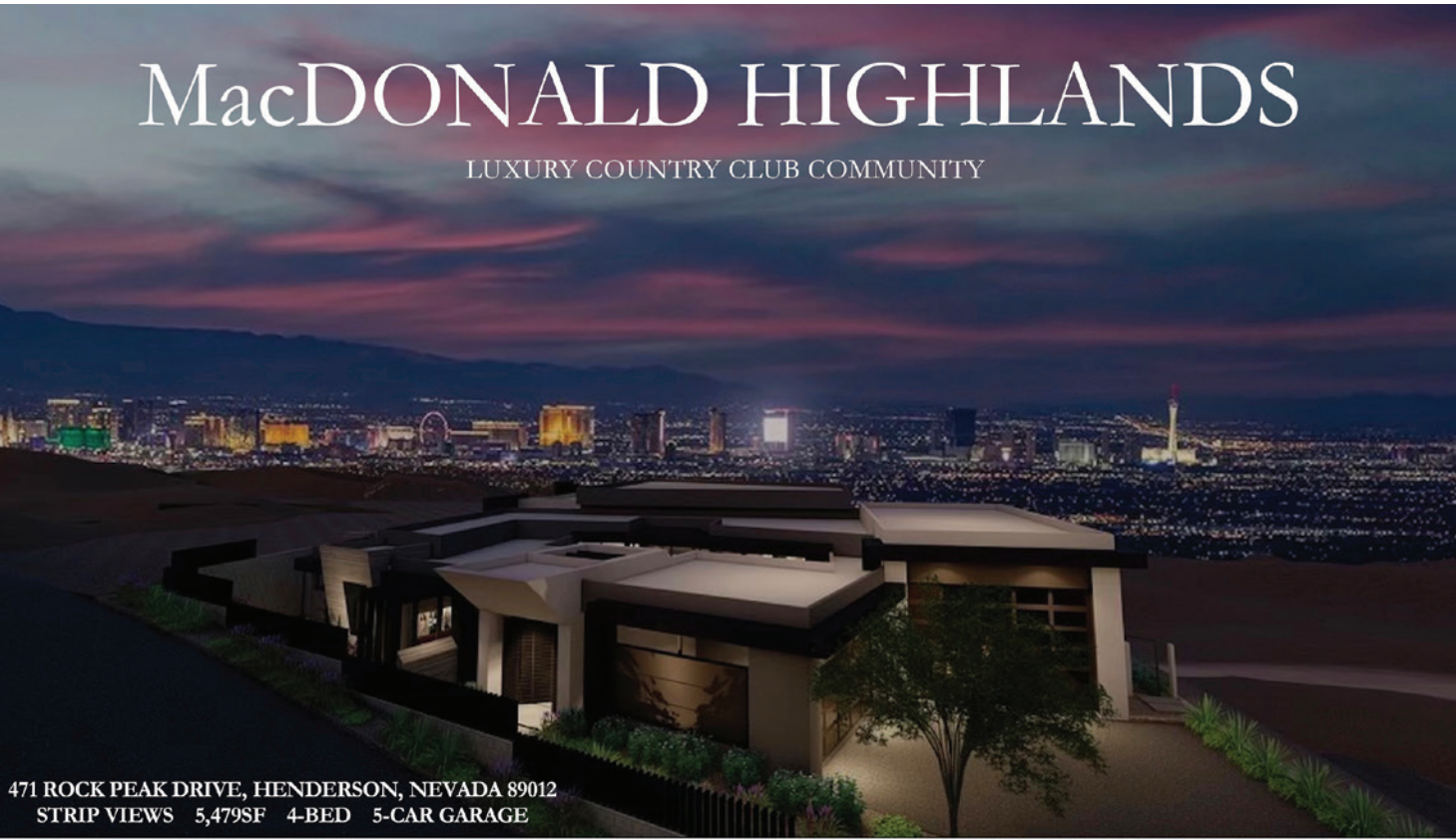
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