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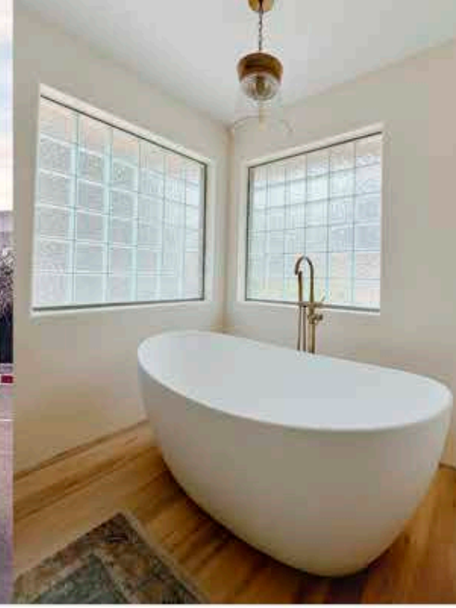

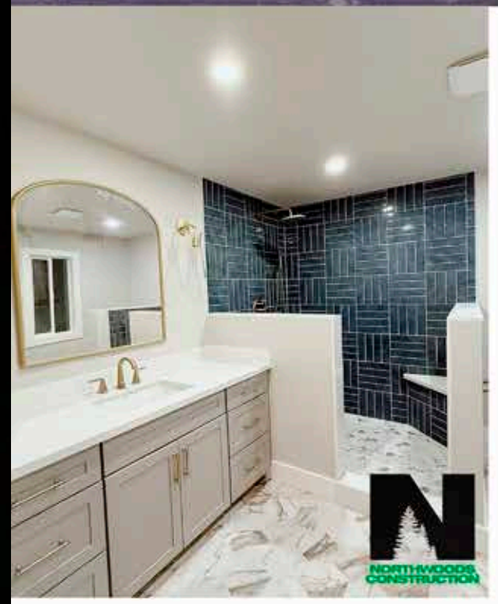

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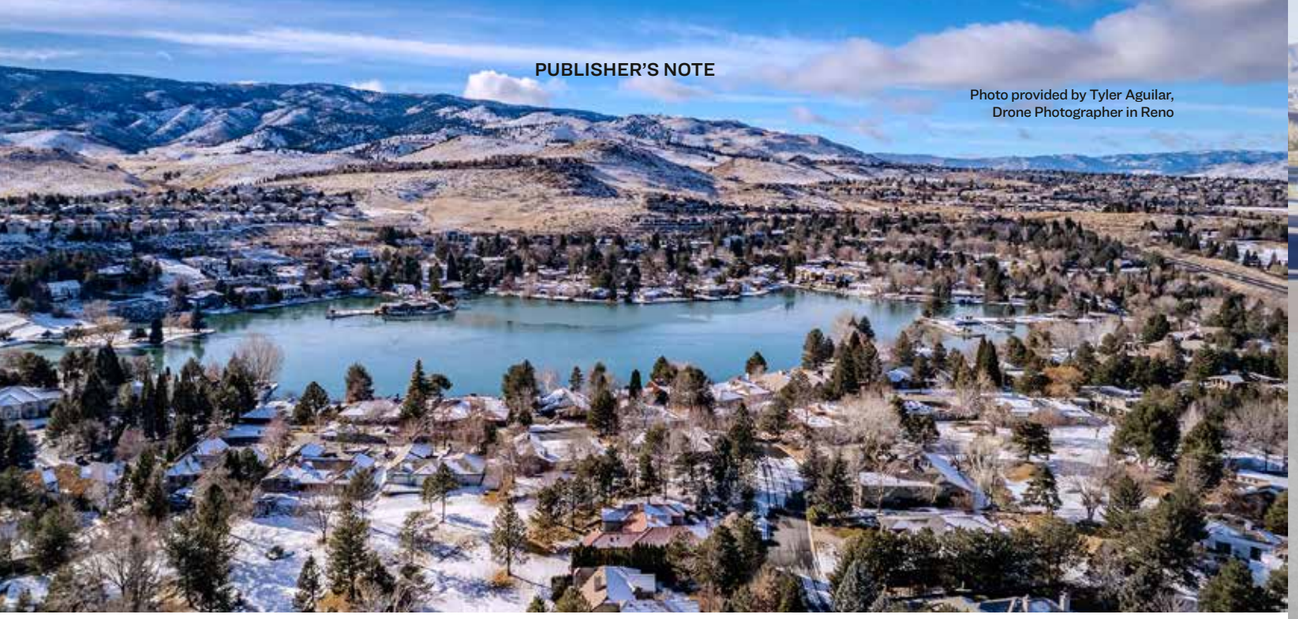

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"Blue Sapphire & Diamonds 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY" A Stroll Down Memory Lane...

PROVIDED BY LAURIE-JO PETTYJOHN, PUBLISHER

We hope you will enjoy this special **"Blue Sapphire & Diamonds 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY"** issue as it recaps many of our wonderful moments in time with YOU, our loyal readers, cover families and contributors. It all started with a referral from one of my daughters who played softball with a girl who lived in Lakeridge Shores. Her family, the Selfs, became our very first cover and from there we had more referrals and more cover stories to share.

We were graciously excepted and overtime earned the trust and respect we have today. Looking through all the past issues was a real treat and did not happen in an hour. It took days of reminiscing and reflection. Most residents are still residing in the neighborhoods we serve, while others have either moved away or passed on. Rob and I are fond of all of them, many having shared personal stories about their families, businesses, kids, pets, cars, recipes, travels, and so much more.

A HUGE thank you to our regular contributors over the years and presently **Lynn Short**, Belsera, writing for **The Green Thumb**, sharing her passion for everything that grows!

Francesca Granieri, Villagio, for her impressive "stick-to-it commitment" sharing about many topics over the 4 years since she began writing while at **Reno High School -** and now about to graduate from **Notre Dame! Hope Crumley, Lakeridge Shores** too has been a little powerhouse writer since she graduated from Reno High and now at **UNR** active in her **Tri Delta** activities.

Welcome new Preferred Partners: **Juniper Ridge Construction** who will be painting the exterior of our home! Look for our Publisher's Testimonial in the next issue.

We invite any of our readers to participate through front covers and what interests you, hobbies, clubs or organizations you are in, recipes, photos, etc...

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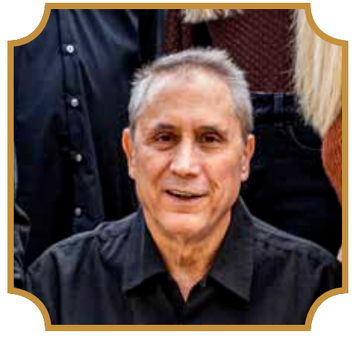

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Breakfast is always the first Wednesday of the month. The **January 6th** breakfast will be at **Jack's Coffee** at 605 Wells Avenue in Reno. Learn more about at **TwentiethCenturyClub.org.**

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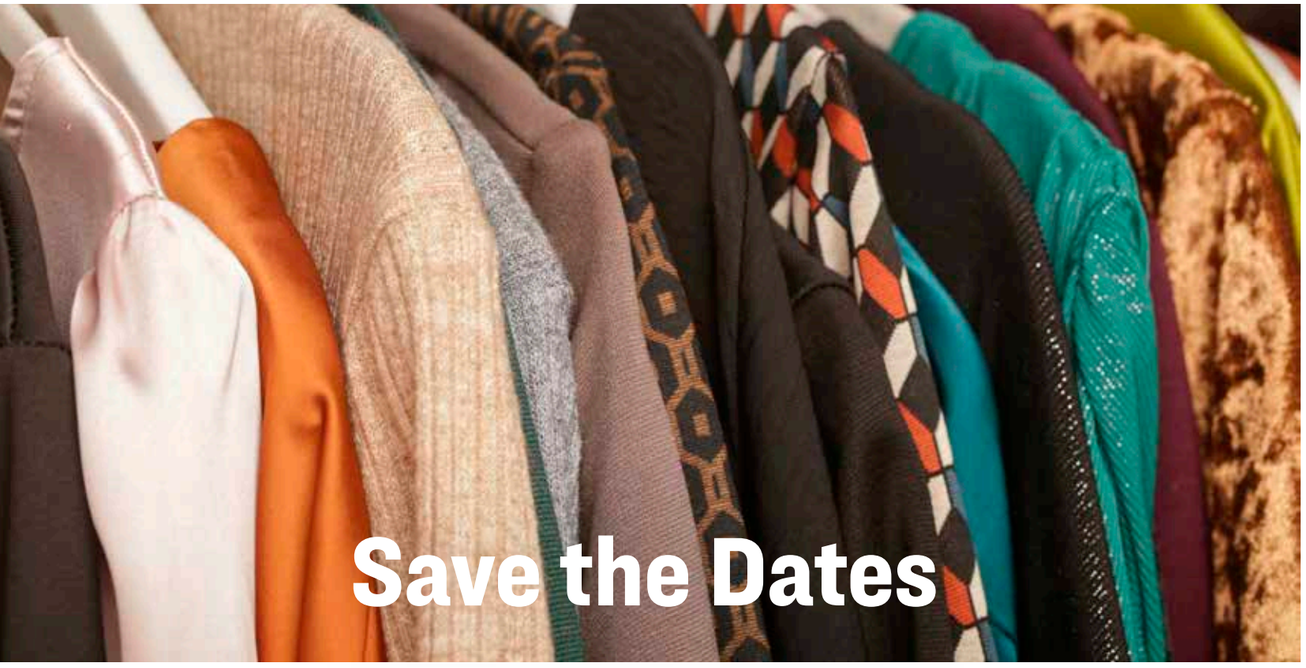

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For example, **Jessica Stack,** Executive Director for Dress for Success Reno, Lakeridge Shores shared:

RETAIL THRIFT COMMUNITY SHOPPING Sales will resume in Feb. 2027 and are open to the public. Proceeds support DFS workforce development programs, offered free to women ages 18 and older across the northern Nevada region.

Also, mark your calendars for **Women Who Inspire 2027 – Thursday, Feb. 25** (ticketed network reception) and **Recycle the Runway 2027 – Friday, August 20** (gala dinner and fashion show). Details to follow.

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Thanks to all who celebrated with us!

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TO OUR LOYAL READERS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR BEING A PART OF OUR 10 YEARS!

FROM THE COVER:

We are so proud of what YOUR community lifestyle magazine has grown to become in the past 10 years!
From the day we made a final decision to open a magazine, taking leap of faith to no longer be employed by a business, but rather manage our own business, attending training in Chicago in June of 2016, to meeting with a couple hundred local businesses for their advertising partnerships, to our inaugural front cover featuring a family of Lakeridge Shores when the magazine was called *Lakeridge Lifestyles* - fast forward 10 years later with an adorable new family from Belsera on the cover of what has been rebranded to *Stroll Lakeridge* back in July 2022.

We have met sooo many friendly, interesting, cool, smart, funny and yes, even a few far-out people over this time and it has been a blast.

Present at **Gambi's** for the celebration were residents from each of the neighborhoods we serve; **Christine Lazzerini, Jim Whiteley, Olivia & Kurt Tomoyz, all from Lakeridge Shores, Cari Kelley, The Crest, Karen & Terry Claffey, Sandy & Larriy Horning, Glen Chandler, all from Carriage House, and Chuck Moore, Villagio!** Others were friends and fellow Chamber members for the ribbon cutting. It meant a lot to us for everyone who supported us that evening, especially since we have never had a formalized ribbon cutting before.

We're also proud that our Francise, **The N2 Company,** was featured on **Entrepreneur's Best of the Best** list, earning recognition across multiple categories, including #1 in Advertising Services, the Franchise 500, Fastest-Growing Franchises, and #20 among Franchises Under $50,000. These rankings reflect the impact *Stroll* continues to make nationwide in over 800 neighborhoods.


Party Girl Balloon artist, Siena, was a winner of good spirits, donated by the Chandlers of Carriage House!


Me with a daughter, Chelsea and her new husband, Colby Blueberg!


Larry Horning, Carriage House, wins the Nevada shaped cutting board!


Lakeridge Shores very own Jim Whiteley won a bottle of Tequilla - thanks to the Chandlers!


Reno Biondi at the baby grand!


Residents from each neighborhood, family and friends...



Winner of men's grooming supplies Advent Calendar, Glen Chandler, Carriage House, me and Lynn Short, Belsera



A visitor from the east coast and guest of Cindy Weise, Carriage House, me and Karen Claffey, Carriage House



Lynn Short, Belsera, me and popcorn maker and supplies winner, Olivia Tomoyz, Lakeridge Shores. Olivia,...that's a lot of popcorn to enjoy!



Gambi's bar bites were delicious!



So adorable - Olivia kicking back with her winnings...



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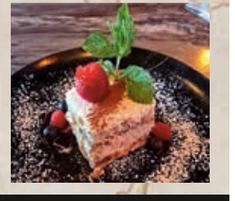

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As small business advocates, we have supported fellow Chamber member's restaurants the first year and have now opened that up to any applicable venue. We typically have about 35-50 in attendance and are promoting them online platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, EventBrite and LinkedIn. The more, the merrier - come network with us!


Cook'd has a nice rustic vibe and outside patio, very nice!


Our group enjoyed complimentary pizza and happy hour priced drinks...

Hoodies were given away! The "Biz-Board" with cards on it...

BUSINESS FIRST WEDNESDAYS networking group celebrates one-year anniversary!

Open to the public and free, these events are where you can meet other business professionals and grow your connections and referrals for your business. Wear your brand, donate a door prize for a **"Minute on the Mic"** and place your card on the **"Biz Board"** that Rob created. Mix and mingle and make some great connections...even if you don't have a business and just want to meet people!

The More, the Merrier! **Follow us at** facebook.com/BusinessFirstWednesdays.

We are seeking venues for 2027, in case you have any recommendations, (775)544-3551.


Nachos, chicken wings and things were very tasty!


Networking away...


Shana Sawyer (her dad is Tony in the Shores) and I head this group up!

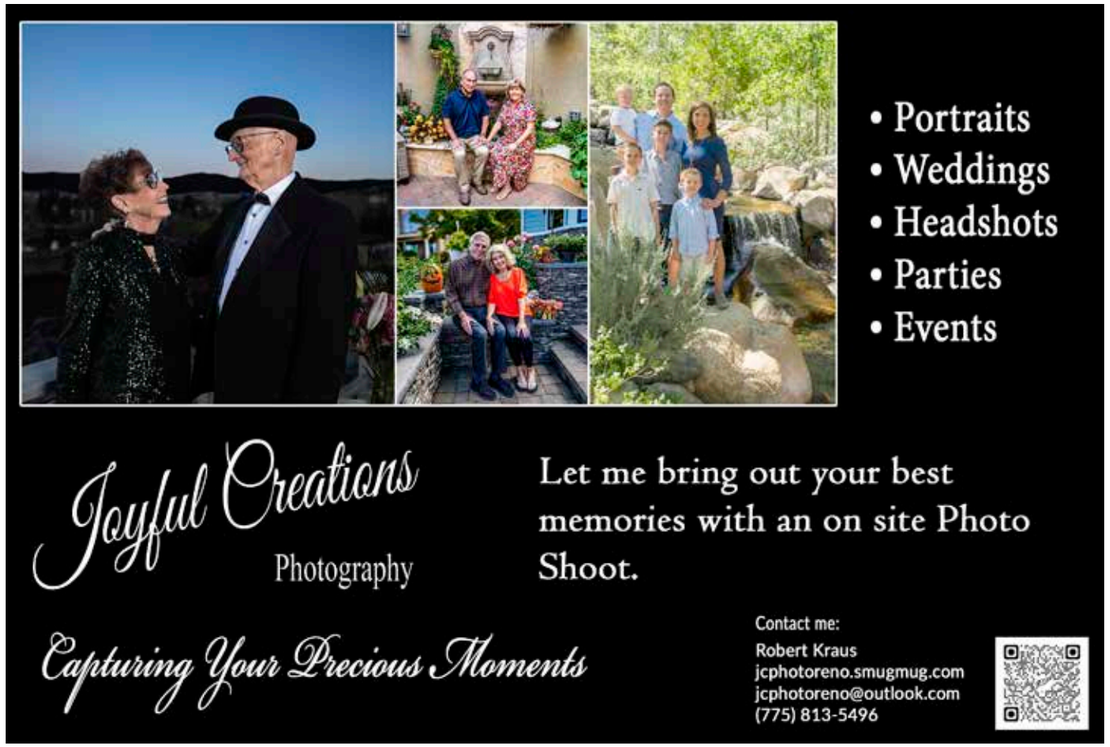
NICE CROWD!

First year down, another begins! Celebrating at **Fifty Fifty Brewing** inside the **Reno Public Market** with cake and bar bites!

WE ALWAYS GIVE AWAY DOOR PRIZES!

Fifty Fifty Brewing Manager donated a couple of his swag...

We should patent the "Biz Board" - a magnetic board where guests place their business card using small magnets. This allows everyone to take a photo before they leave, so they can contact those they didn't get to speak with at the event! Smart!







Tax and Estate Planning Considerations

As the year draws to a close, December provides an important opportunity to review your financial, tax, retirement, charitable, investment, and estate-planning strategies. Some decisions must be completed by December 31; others can position you for a stronger start to the new year.

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A coordinated review can identify tax-saving opportunities, manage investment risk, optimize retirement strategies, and help ensure your estate plan continues to reflect your current goals and wishes.

Review Your Tax and Retirement Position

Begin with a broad review of your income, deductions, withholdings, investment gains and losses, and any significant financial transactions. A bonus, business income, real estate sale, or large investment gain can materially affect your tax liability.

Key year-end considerations include:

- Tax-loss harvesting: Realized losses in taxable accounts may offset capital gains and, subject to applicable limits, reduce taxable income. Evaluate these opportunities in the context of your overall objectives and long-term investment strategy.
- Retirement contributions: Review your contributions and determine whether additional funding is appropriate and within applicable limits.
- Required minimum distributions: If you are subject to RMDs, confirm that you have satisfied the applicable deadlines. Missed distributions can result in significant tax penalties.
- Qualified charitable distributions: Eligible IRA owners may transfer funds directly to qualified charities, subject to applicable rules and limits. A properly structured QCD can count toward an RMD while generally being excluded from federal taxable income.

Because processing can take time, complete QCDs and other time-sensitive retirement transactions well before year-end.

Coordinate Charitable and Family Giving

Charitable giving can extend well beyond cash donations. Consider the following approaches:

- Appreciated securities: Donating appreciated assets may allow you to support favored organizations while avoiding capital gains tax on the appreciation, subject to applicable rules.
- Donor-advised funds: A donor-advised fund may provide flexibility by allowing a charitable contribution in one tax year with charitable grants from the DAF occurring over time.
- Advanced charitable strategies: For those with more substantial or longer-term philanthropic goals, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, or private foundations may be worth exploring with your professional advisers.

Year-end is also a useful time to review gifting opportunities to family members. Creating irrevocable trusts for next generations, gifting business interest before future sale, and annual exclusion gifts can be used to support a multiyear wealth-transfer strategy. For larger gifts, consider gift-tax implications, the income-tax basis of transferred assets, and how each gift fits within your broader estate plan.

Reassess Your Investment Portfolio

Market movements may have shifted your investment portfolio away from its target allocation. For instance, in 2026, higher interest rates caused many bonds and bond funds to experience price declines while some individual stocks and broad equity markets have rallied, creating a potential unintended risk profile of higher equity and lower fixed income allocations. Review your mix of stocks, bonds, cash, and other investments to determine whether rebalancing by buying, selling or gifting is appropriate.

Pay particular attention to concentrated positions, including substantial holdings in a single company, employer stock or individual industry. Reducing a concentrated position may help manage portfolio risk but should be evaluated alongside its tax consequences and your broader financial objectives.

Review Your Estate Plan

Estate plans should be reviewed every few years to ensure the plan is aligned with your current goals and objectives. Changes in your family circumstances, finances, or priorities may warrant an estate-plan review. Beneficiary designations can determine who receives certain assets, so they should be coordinated with the rest of your estate plan.

Confirm that the following remain current and aligned:

- Your will and trusts
- Powers of attorney and health care directives
- Beneficiary designations on retirement accounts and life insurance policies.

For those with charitable intentions, consider whether charitable beneficiaries should be incorporated into retirement accounts, life insurance policies, trusts, or other estate-planning strategies.

Protect What you Have Built

Review your insurance and risk-management strategies to ensure they reflect your current circumstances. Changes in income, net worth, family responsibilities, or business ownership may warrant adjustments to:

- Life and disability insurance
- Long-term care coverage
- Property and casualty insurance
- Liability coverage



Business owners should also revisit succession plans, buy-sell agreements, ownership structures, and the potential tax consequences of selling or transferring business interests.

Start the New Year with a Coordinated Plan

Year-end planning is about more than reducing taxes. It is an opportunity to align your finances, family governance, charitable intent, wealth transfer strategies, estate plan, and risk management with the goals that matter most to you.

Because tax and estate-planning rules are complex and individual circumstances vary, coordinating significant decisions with your financial adviser, CPA, and estate-planning attorney is a must.

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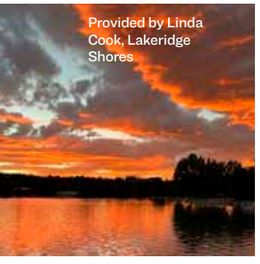
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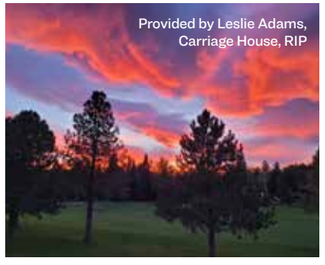
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HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS THAT MAKE THEM STAND OUT:

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- They are a family-owned business.
- They offer free estimates.
- They charge a flat fee instead of an hourly rate.
- They put up with (and even like!) my sometimes-difficult dog.
- My dog likes them, too!
- They appreciate my help-yourself candy jar policy (Butterfingers, please!).

Squeaky Clean Services is a thoughtfully growing company that relies primarily on word of mouth, so I appreciate the opportunity to sing their praises here.

One last note: **Dee**, the owner, pledges never to bring anyone into your home whom she wouldn't welcome into hers. As the company grows, she will conduct background checks and be super picky about the quality of work and the quality of the people. After all, her reputation is on the line—something she takes very seriously.

Please give Squeaky Clean Services a try. You'll be glad you did!

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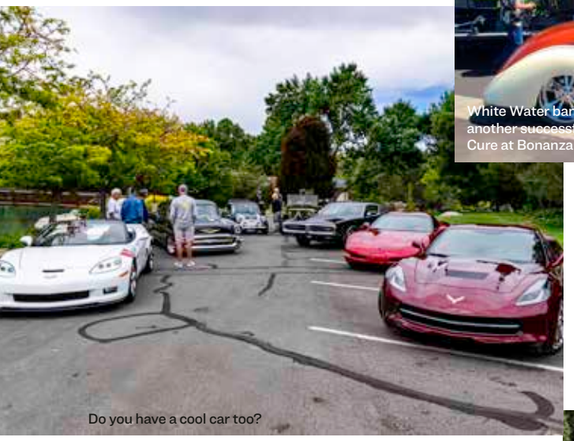
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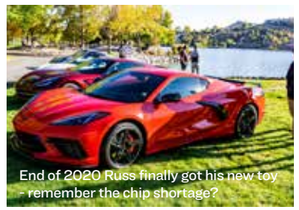
End of 2020 Russ finally got his new toy - remember the chip shortage?



Formed in June of 2019, “Wine & Wheels” are still spinning...

Much gratitude to Tony Sawyer, Lakeridge Shores for stepping up to the plate as Crew Chief and recruiting many members! See you in the spring!




Back in 2020 during the onset of Covid - we stayed safe outside!




This was fun! We need to do another one in 2027!

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We Hope to See Many More of You at Them in 2027!

Here is but a snippet of the events we have hosted over the years. I believe we have hosted well over 100 to date and look forward to many, many more! We welcome your ideas for any that you think would be fun to do. Groups, singles, kids, and family - the more, the merrier!



Reno Aces Suite - a fun treat for a select 18 guests each year!



Wine Tasting with a few wine enthusiasts - back in August 2017



We love the support from our loyal readers at all of our events - this one is our 7th Anniversary from 2023!



Karen & Terry Claffey, Carriage House are regular attendees at many of the events - a great couple indeed!



Annual Newcomers Party back in 2024...



Great Basin Brewing Co. has a great space and their staff rock!

Looking to place local event dates in your calendar?
Check out visitrenotahoe.com.



Fashion Shows were really quite fun - we hosted several of them. RIP hostess, Teri from Boutique Elegante.





We love a good, happy hour mixer - back in March 2017

Carriage House hosts two festive block parties each year! A Spring-Fling and a Fall Fest!

Precious Pets

We love for our readers to share their pets of all types, colors and sizes!

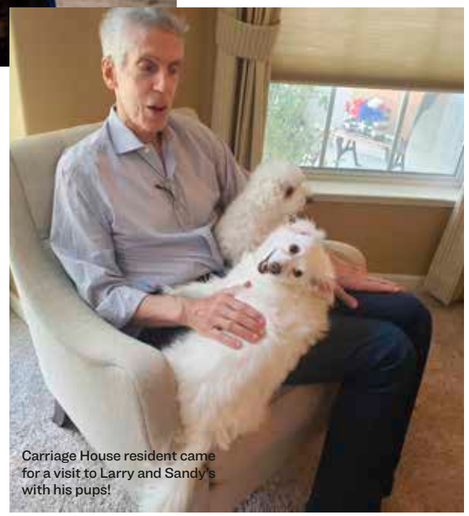
What Precious Pets do you have? Let us know and we can feature them too. Simply snap and text them to **(775)544-3551** or **email laurie-jo.pettyjohn@n2co.com**.

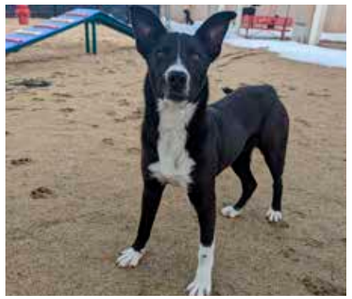

Irene Self and her beloved Spade...

WHAT PRECIOUS PETS DO YOU HAVE?

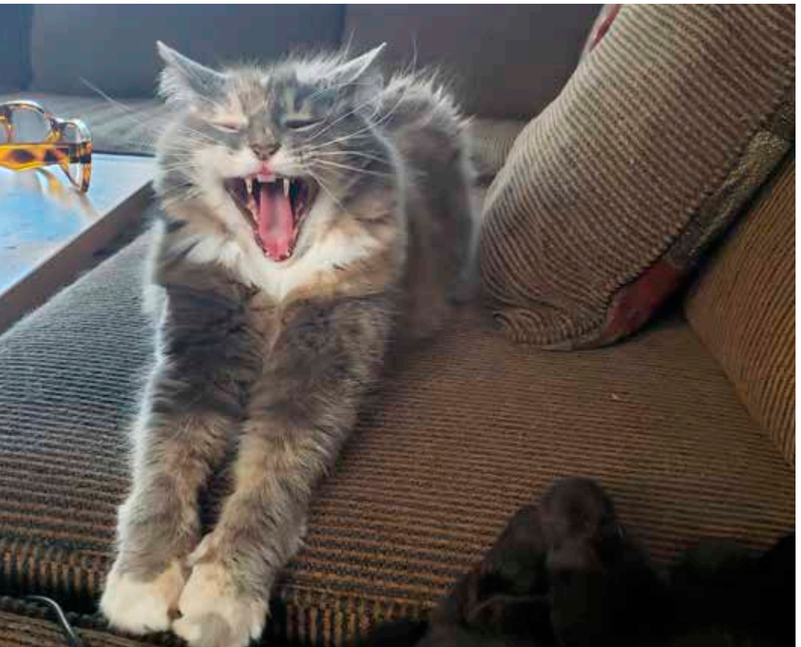

Our Lena and Bella say, "send in your pictures of your fur babies!"


Rob's tiny choice of kittens, Lexi, is now 4 years old and his demon!

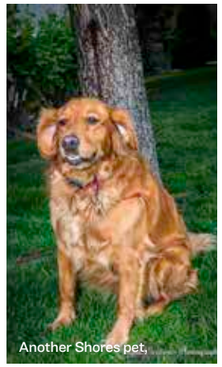

Carriage House resident came for a visit to Larry and Sandy's with his pups!










Another Shores pet.


Flash back 10 years to our first cover family, Irene, Steve and Rachel Self, Lakeridge Shores!




Tucker is a fur baby in The Crest, thanks for sharing, CeCe!


Most recent Precious Pets photo of Indie for Halloween! Thanks for sharing, Irene!





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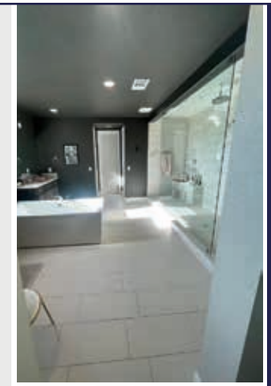



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