

Loving Sun City Anthem

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We selected Sun City Anthem as our home because it perfectly fit our dreams for a wonderful retirement life. We sought warm weather without high humidity, a readily accessible airport and un-crowded neighborhoods.

Del Webb's one-story homes; with its generous room dimensions, affordable entertainment options in the local and state areas, and the style of luxurious community amenities designed for seniors was a perfect fit. Anthem offered so much more than the quality homes, golf courses and club houses of many retirement communities.

Sun City Anthem also offered the unique benefits of being high up on Black Mountain where the views of the Strip are spectacular, the air is vastly superior to Las Vegas, the temperature is usually a few degrees cooler than the valley, and the din of "Sin City" is far enough away to be ignored. We literally live in a "cruise ship on the desert."

This is a truly unique and wonderful place to spend the rest of our lives.

Yes, the resort-style engineering, design, infrastructure and location are remarkable components of our special lifestyle in Sun City Anthem - but there is far more than that to make us so proud to live here. We are part of a huge community that is exceptionally well-designed to be operated at low cost over its lifetime.

With 7,144 homeowners paying assessments, the costs of living in Anthem should always be significantly lower than the typical upscale, age-restricted development in Nevada. What a bonus!

In addition, our two (with one more coming next year) recreation centers are vastly better designed than those found in other senior communities. We know that is true because we looked at so many others facilities before selecting SCA.

Our setup allows for an amazing number of clubs and special interest groups (SIGs) to be operating simultaneously. We can participate in our hobbies, attend our fitness center facilities specializing in senior programs, and readily socialize in our neighborhoods - as well as our vast community center facilities.

If you don't find your hobbies served by the current clubs or SIGs, you can start your own. The community is large enough that groups and speakers are interested in coming to club and association programs.

Even more importantly, our SCA members are selfless in their attitudes towards others. Our many SCA clubs and groups are community leaders as they reach out to Henderson and Las Vegas by volunteering and donating time, talent and fundraising expertise.

Although most SCA members moved here from other states and other nations, we have not forgotten we are of the American generation that always volunteered for scout troops, food banks, schools, churches and charities, and we continue to volunteer.

Our community has proved it is unselfish and compassionate with regards to others.

However, we did not expect perfection in Sun City, or anywhere in this world. Some of us have recently discovered that a few of our past volunteers and CAM staff members may have been negligent, untrained or naive when it came to community management and governance actions.

Fellow SCA homeowners should be respectful when the ***ANTHEM VOICE***, the *SCA-View Journal*, *Anthem Today*, and others SCA groups work to help the board and our community. Our developers have created a truly unique infrastructure for the future; but it is up to our members to build the lifestyle and community spirit.

There are independent volunteers and SCA groups that have been working hard to improve our financial condition. They deserve our respect and appreciation. Discard the unpleasant reactions by those on standing committees, the CAM staff, and the board who feel embarrassed or threatened by the discovery of financial errors.

Once the problems have been corrected, we will have the best of all worlds. We will have the unequalled combination of superior physical and community governance environments that greatly enhances our individual property values.

SCA will then become widely known for being exceptionally well-managed and not susceptible to the typical "group think" cover ups and mismanagement found in so many other homeowner associations.