

Dr. Monica Larson

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dr. Larson publishes regular newsletters to keep Ward 2 residents informed about city council decisions, community events, and the issues that matter most to Henderson families.

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KEEPING UP WITH *Monica*

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Henderson City Council Ward 2



WITH *Gratitude*

I was honored to join Ralph Macnamara of the Veterans Action Foundation in recognizing Deniz Bayramoglu and Bay Law for making a meaningful difference in the lives of our veterans. Through their generous support, including donating tiny homes and providing gathering space, they are helping veterans feel supported, connected, and valued.



FROM THE *Heart* ❤️

I'm looking forward to collaborating with Vegas for Athletes to help protect the health and lives of our young athletes. Through education, awareness, and heart screenings, they work to detect potentially life-threatening heart irregularities early. Prevention [SEE MORE](#) can save lives, and I'm proud to support this important mission.



THANK *You!*

Welcome home to our HFD crew who safely returned after assisting with the Ward Fire near Ely! We are incredibly grateful to Captain Bolster, Engineer Adams, and FF/PMs Cahill and Davis for their courage, dedication, and commitment to helping communities across Nevada.



GRATITUDE

Grateful for The UPS Store at 2345 Via Inspirada, Suite 100, for being a wonderful business and community partner offering convenient shipping, printing, mailbox, packaging, Amazon return services, and more. Thank you to their incredible team for serving our residents and helping make our Henderson community stronger!

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Events

I was honored to join Mayor Michelle Romero in sending off our incredible Paseo Verde Little League All-Stars as they began their journey to the Little League World Series after capturing the Nevada State Championship. Congratulations to the players, coaches, and families whose hard work, teamwork, and determination have made Henderson and Nevada so incredibly proud!



Community

It was wonderful to see such an incredible turnout for National Night Out! I enjoyed connecting with residents and families alongside our Henderson Police Department, first responders, and community partners. Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating a safer, stronger, and more connected community!



Community *Outreach*

I was honored to attend Henderson's annual Purple Heart Day Ceremony at Purple Heart Plaza in historic downtown. We came together to recognize the extraordinary courage, sacrifice, and service of our Purple Heart recipients. It was a privilege to pay tribute to these American heroes and honor all they have given for our nation.



Faith

What a wonderful morning attending the Shepherd's Breakfast, enjoying meaningful fellowship with faith and community leaders committed to serving others. I'm grateful for the opportunity to come together in faith, purpose, and service to our community.

POLICE

RECOGNITION

It was an honor to attend the Henderson Police Department's 2026 Pins & Promotions Ceremony and recognize the dedicated men and women who serve our community. Congratulations to those receiving promotions and celebrating 15, 20, and 25 years of service. Thank you to our officers and their families for their commitment, sacrifice, and dedication to keeping Henderson safe.



COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT

What a wonderful evening attending the Asian American Group (AAG) Awards Ceremony and celebrating so many deserving honorees. Congratulations to everyone recognized for their leadership, service, and contributions to our community. Heartfelt thanks to Harry, Rita, the entire AAG organization, and a very special thank you to Ms. Pat Walker for making the evening so memorable.



COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT

What a beautiful evening at Vinyl FLO Cocktail Lab: A Music & Tasting Experience at Azzurra Wine Bar, filled with great music, signature cocktails, delicious charcuterie, and wonderful company. Supporting our local businesses means supporting our neighbors, local jobs, and the people who invest their hearts into making our community thrive. When we support local, we strengthen Henderson together.



DEVELOPMENT



Two exciting new destinations, Maxie's Henderson and Aroma Del Gusto (Aroma Café), have officially opened, bringing even more great dining options to our community. Maxie's features brunch, lunch, dinner, a full-service bar, and event space, while Aroma Café offers freshly brewed coffee, handcrafted specialty drinks, tea, made-from-scratch pastries, and flavorful bites in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

DEVELOPMENT

Meráki Greek Grill is officially open, serving authentic Greek cuisine alongside creative modern favorites like the Meráki Signature Bowl and Athenian Chicken Sandwich. Guests can enjoy delicious food in a warm, welcoming atmosphere featuring a beautiful hand-painted Zeus mural created with a local artist.



Development

I was thrilled to celebrate the ribbon cutting and officially welcome Shook Shakery to West Henderson! Offering shakes, refreshing drinks, sweet treats, and more, they're open daily from 11 AM to 10 PM at 3360 St. Rose Parkway. Congratulations to the entire Shook Shakery team, and welcome to our growing community!



Infrastructure



A new traffic signal is coming to the intersection of Volunteer Boulevard and Bermuda Road to improve safety for residents, pedestrians, and motorists. The project is currently in the design phase, with construction and installation expected to be completed within the next year.

A new traffic signal is being installed at Volunteer Boulevard and Chaparral/Via Centro near Pinecrest Sloan Canyon School to improve safety for students, families, school staff, and motorists. This important investment reflects our continued commitment to public safety and creating safer roads throughout Henderson.

Public Safety

Mayor and Council approved up to \$8 million in improvements to the Animal Protection Services facility, including new medical equipment and essential upgrades. These improvements will provide enhanced medical care, safer accommodations, and a healthier environment, because every animal entrusted to our care deserves our unwavering commitment to protect them, care for them with compassion, and give them the best possible chance at a loving forever home.

Public safety remains my highest priority, and I'm proud that the new 54,000-square-foot West Henderson Police Station at 2222 Via Inspirada is now fully operational and staffed to serve our growing community. The facility includes a police substation, 9-1-1 dispatch center, police training academy, and space for a future K-9 memorial, and I personally look forward to welcoming you and your families to an upcoming community open house to tour the facility, meet our officers, and learn more about the people and resources dedicated to keeping you and your loved ones safe.

Education

I was honored to celebrate the Grand Opening and first Back-to-School Night for Keshher Academy, Henderson's first city-sponsored charter school, alongside Mayor Michelle Romero and Council. Keshher Academy, located at 55 N. Valle Verde Dr., is currently enrolling Kindergarten through 2nd Grade students. For enrollment information, contact Principal Dr. Eve Breier at ebreier@keshheracademy.org or (702) 850-0585.



Happy Labor Day!

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome home, Paseo Verde Little League Champions! These incredible young athletes made history, finishing #1 in the United States and #2 in the WORLD, representing Henderson with heart, determination, teamwork, sportsmanship, and class. A heartfelt thank you to Commissioners Jim Gibson and Michael Naft, the Clark County Fire Department and Station 13, our airport partners, and members of the media for helping make their welcome home so incredibly special. Congratulations to the players, coaches, families, and everyone who supported this extraordinary journey and inspired our entire community. Henderson is beyond proud of our hometown heroes, and a citywide celebration is being planned so our entire community can come together and celebrate our CHAMPIONS!



CONGRATULATIONS, TEAM!