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HENDERSON CITY COUNCILWOMAN WARD 2

## JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



I am extremely happy to write that ballot Question 1 has passed in the City of Henderson, keeping our tax dollars in the city to fund our local parks, recreation programs and community services. Thank you to everyone who voted “Yes” on this important measure to keep Henderson beautiful, and to preserve our quality of life.

Next month, join the festivities at Heritage Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> for an evening of fun, activities, food and fireworks in celebration of our nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

The Dog Days of Summer have arrived so stay safe out there.

Monica

## CHECK YOUR SEATS IN THE HEAT

This month, my colleagues and I celebrated the annual Check Your Seats in the Heat event, in partnership with the Henderson Professional Fire Fighters and the Henderson Police Officers Association. The initiative aims to spread awareness about the dangers of leaving children, vulnerable individuals and pets in the heat. Let's all work to make sure we have another year of zero fatalities from extreme temperatures in locked cars.



## ELECTION DAY

Election Day for the primary race took place on June 9, and I feel privileged to live in a country where individuals can let their voice be heard in the decisions that impact our families, communities and future generations. I would like to congratulate our mayor for an incredible lead over her opponent in the general election happening on November 3, and I encourage you to get out and vote.

## JUNETEENTH FLAG RAISING

In commemoration of June 19, 1865 when the last African Americans learned they were free, Juneteenth serves as a reminder that progress often comes through perseverance and courage in the face of adversity. We rose the Juneteenth flag in City Hall as a symbol of freedom, resilience and the ongoing pursuit of equality for all.



## VGK WATCH PARTY

I had such a fun time attending the Stanley Cup VGK Watch Party on Water Street Plaza with Mayor Michelle Romero. Although we didn't win the title, the sense of pride and community hockey has brought to our city is absolutely wonderful. Let's get them next year, Go Knights Go!



## DAY OF GRATITUDE RECEPTION AND EVENT

It was an honor to attend the Day of Gratitude Reception and Event celebrating the courage, sacrifice and dedication of our military veterans and the many champions who tirelessly support those who have served our nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to share my profound gratitude, admiration and love for the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.



## **NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY RIBBON CUTTING**

Nova Southeastern University opened the first accredited Anesthesiologist Assistant graduate program in the state of Nevada. It was an honor to attend the ribbon cutting and present a Certificate of Recognition for their commitment to educational excellence, workforce development and meeting critical healthcare needs in our state. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement.



## **CITY HALL PROCLAMATIONS**

The City of Henderson officially proclaimed June as “Check Your Seats in the Heat Month” with our firefighters and police, and recognized Juneteenth National Independence Day with Juneteenth Nevada President Deborah Evans. Thank you to everyone who works to protect and promote the safety, well-being and equality of our residents.



## **JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL**

The Juneteenth Festival on Water Street Plaza was an absolute success. It was incredible to hear from our speakers, support local vendors enjoy the entertainment and celebrate with our community on such a special day. By reflecting on the past and recognizing such a pivotal moment in our nation’s history, we are able to build a stronger, more inclusive future. Thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended the event.



# Upcoming Events



## FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country's independence with an evening of fun, entertainment, music and food for the Fourth of July! The celebration kicks off at 6 p.m. and will have exciting activities like water blaster tag, corn hole, face painting, putt putt mini golf, inflatable ax throwing, an obstacle course and a Foam Frenzie. Over 15 different food vendors will have offerings serving until 8:30 p.m., and the dazzling fireworks display will kick off at 9:00 p.m. to end the night. Join us at Heritage Park, 350 S. Racetrack Rd., for this Independence Day event that is sure to be the biggest and best yet.



## AMERICA FIRST CENTER FREE SKATE

The City of Henderson and America First Center at 222 S. Water St. are teaming up to offer a free public ice skating day on Saturday, July 11 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Stay out of the heat and enjoy free skate rentals for participants of all ages and skill levels. An all-participant skate is also being offered on July 1 and 25 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. with rentals being only \$3. There is a limit of one All-Participant Skate per person, per year, and registration at the City of Henderson website is required for all events.



## FLASHLIGHT SCAVENGER HUNT

The Whitney Ranch Recreation Center will be hosting a brand new flashlight scavenger hunt on Friday, July 24 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Located at 1575 Galleria Dr., the scavenger hunt will take place in the dark and be a fun activity for all ages. Registration is required, and with the \$20 registration fee dinner and refreshments will be provided.



## CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

The annual Henderson Cardboard Boat Regatta will be floating on Saturday, July 25 at the Henderson Multigenerational Activity Pool, 250 S. Green Valley Pkwy from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Join as a group, solo-floater, or come as a spectator for one of the most fun and creative events of the year! Then, the world-famous rubber duck race raffle will also be held after the boat races. "Crew members" attend for free with their \$5 boat registration; regular daily admission is required for all other attendees, and rubber duck entries cost \$1 each.

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