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Let's get together for patriotic fun in July.

YOUR GUIDE TO JULY HAPPENINGS

Thursday, July 2 –

- Prepare for Heroes Parade
- Decorate our Float
- Backyard Potluck

Friday, July 3 –

- Ride on and walk with our Float along parade route
- Go to Community Fair on the Village Green
- Market Place booth participation, membership and boutique

Saturday, July 4 –

- Veteran's Pancake Breakfast (8 am to 12 pm)
- Rumored Fire Works can be seen from beach

Thursday, July 25 –

- Second Annual Garage Sale (8 am to 4 pm)
- Cretia Eyster's home 568 Putter Court

See Membership Corner on page 3 of newsletter for lots more information and details!





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*President's July Message!
Hello from a Norwegian fjord . . .*

The primary election has ended and the dust is now settled. Not all races ended the way I wanted them to, but do they ever? Now the real work of the election begins. Many thanks to Celine Nugent, our Campaign Volunteer Manager, who kept us coordinated, on track and present at the polling places in Incline Village. No shenanigans here, thank you! To all the club members who stepped up to register voters and poll watch, thank you. This is the essence of an informed and engaged electorate who help us preserve our republic as our founders intended.



In honor of our republic, we celebrate 250 years of the American experiment in self-governance, debated and planned by our founding

fathers and enlightened by the best thinkers of their time – Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Candide Voltaire, Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Charles Baron de Montesquieu. Some truths are truly self-evident and timeless.

In celebration of that, please plan on joining other club members in participating in our July activities. On July 2 we are gathering at Kathi Congistre's home for our float decoration. Decorating begins around 4:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share for the after-party, and if you're inclined, a bottle of wine to share.

The next day we need all hands on deck as the club participates in the annual Local Heroes parade and the Community Fair. Volunteers are needed to walk or ride the float in the parade. Volunteers are needed also for the Community Fair booth on the Village Green. Dress in your patriotic attire. Let's rock that Red, White and Blue! For more

information on walking in the parade contact Shirley Appel: (818) 266-4402 or email her at mrsradar@aol.com. For more information or manning the booth on the Village Green contact Cretia Eyster: (415) 515-1883 or send email to cretiaeyster@earthlink.net.

Finally, do not forget our Second **Annual Garage Sale** to raise monies for our philanthropies. Cretia asks that you begin collecting items for the Garage Sale, which will be held **Saturday, July 25**. She will be accepting donations beginning **Monday, July 20th**. For more information or to arrange delivery of items, contact Cretia. I look forward to seeing some new faces participating this year.

Your Lady in Red,

Suzi Cornell 775-813-0622

suzannemcornell@cs.com

**IVCBRW CLUB
SECOND ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, July 25, 2026

8 am to 4 pm

Where? 568 Putter Court

(off Driver Way between Village Boulevard and Country Club Drive)

**Let's make this
SECOND GARAGE SALE
another WINNER!**



Time to clean out your garage again! Donations from members, friends, family and neighbors are WELCOME! Check your closets, kitchens, and rooms for the items that you no longer need.

Date for donations starts **Monday, July 20th**.

Please leave items on the **RIGHT** side of driveway.

Please leave all clothing on hangers!!! Thank you.

If you have questions, or will need help picking up your donations, let Cretia know.

cretiaeyster@earthlink.net or call 415-515-1883.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Here it is, the beginning of the summer season with many great activities coming up that we all need to be aware of and hopefully participate in. Let me begin by saying to those of you who have now returned to Incline, welcome home! If you have not yet renewed your membership I urge you to do so. Thank you!

Let's begin the month of July with the many activities that will be happening . . .

July 2nd will kick off the preparations for the Hero's Parade here in Incline. We will be meeting at Kathi Congistre's house around 4:00 p.m. to decorate our trailer, donated by the Del Carlo's. This is always a fun event getting together to decorate the float. After the decorating, we get together in Kathi's backyard with a potluck and get re-acquainted with friends. A great time is always had by all! If you would like to join us and have not already signed up, let me know by next week. Contact me at mrsradar@aol.com or call me at 818-266-4402.

July 3rd – We will meet at the parade starting point. I believe this is at the intersection of Southwood Boulevard and Tanager. I will verify this location. We will be riding in the float and singing while on the parade route and also walking in front of the float with our banner. Again, please let me know if you wish to participate. We have room for 10 people in the float and an unlimited number walking. After the parade, which ends at the Recreation Center, we will be going to the Community Fair on the Village Green. We will have a booth there with our "Market Place" (boutique) as well as Membership sign-up and lots of fun things to do. The Fair will be from

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be food and drinks in Aspen Grove and many other things to see and do there. If you would like to help in any way, please let Cretia or I know.

July 4th - Don't forget about the Veteran's Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a wonderful event to attend. The earlier you go, the shorter the line. Tickets can be purchased at the Recreation Center or at Aspen Grove on the day of the event. It is \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids. They will also be serving great Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's for \$5 each. Then walk across the street to the beach for the day. It is rumored there will be fireworks at night. It is being put on by a private resident on Lakeshore, but can be seen at the beach. More about that as we have more information.

We will not be having a General Meeting in July, with all that is happening, although there will be a Board Meeting on July 7th (location to be determined.)

July 25th will be our annual "Garage Sale" at Cretia's home - see the flyer in this newsletter for more details. Start cleaning out your house and garage and getting ready for the sale.

In August we will have our Garden Party in the back patio at Crosby's. It will be a casual get-together with candidates invited. There will be room for about 60-70 people, and I will update as we get closer to August. This will be an evening affair and good food will be prepared for us by Crosby's.

So - lots to do and plenty of events to enjoy in the next two months! Let's all come out and enjoy the fun!

As always,

Shirley Appel

Membership Chairman 2026

mrsradar@aol.com



Join the Carson City Republican Women (CCRW) for an unforgettable evening of patriotism, community, and celebration at the 2026 Annual Freedom Fest on **Tuesday, July 28, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the historic Governor's Mansion in Carson City.**

As America commemorates its 250th anniversary, Freedom Fest brings together friends, neighbors, and community leaders to honor our nation's rich history and enduring values. Guests will enjoy a delicious catered dinner by Carson City Barbecue, live entertainment, and an inspiring presentation by special guest speaker Malachi Southerland of Turning Point USA Reno.

Malachi Southerland is a passionate grassroots activist dedicated to engaging younger generations in the political process and strengthening conservative values throughout Nevada. His insights and experiences promise to make this a memorable and thought-provoking evening.

Whether you're a longtime supporter or new to the community, Freedom Fest offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate America, connect with fellow patriots, and support the mission of Carson City Republican Women. Event Details:

Date: July 28, 2026 | Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Location: Governor's Mansion, 606 Mountain Street, Carson City, NV | Tickets: \$40 per person

Seating is limited. Purchase tickets via Zelle at payments@ccrwclub.com or call/text Lori Bagwell at 775-220-3646 for additional information.

AMERICA 250
1776 – 2026
250 Years of History

CARSON CITY REPUBLICAN WOMEN ANNUAL FREEDOM FEST

LIMITED SEATING
\$40 PER PERSON

JULY 28, 2026
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Governor's Mansion
606 Mountain St, Carson City, NV 89703

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SPEAKER
TURNING POINT USA RENO
MALACHI SOUTHERLAND

Malachi Southerland has been involved with local grassroots activism and campaigns aimed at "flipping Nevada red" Malchi is passionate about transferring Republican politics to younger generations.

FASCINATING RAFFLE PRIZES

PURCHASE TICKETS
PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE THROUGH ZELLE
PAYMENTS@CCRWCLUB.COM or
Call or Text: Lori Bagwell 775-220-3646

ENTERTAINING MUSIC

Carson City Republican Women's Club CCRW PO BOX 1181, Carson City, NV 89702-1181



2026 Nevada Primary – A Summary

by Nancy Carlson

This primary election was a wild ride – with 450,000 votes cast statewide during the primary election. Many of us worked at voting sites as election workers, putting in countless hours during the two weeks of Early Voting and on Election Day (when the polls were open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

Overall, including both Early Voting and Election Day Nevada there were 189,727 votes cast by Democrats, 190,705 votes cast by Republicans, and 69,571 votes cast by Non-Partisan Voters.

Early Voting Results - Ballots Cast

EARLY VOTING - IN PERSON

	Democrat	Republican	Other	Total
Washoe County	6,543	10,550	1,609	18,702
State of Nevada	35,669	50,280	8,201	94,150

ELECTION DAY - IN PERSON

	Democrat	Republican	Other	Total
Washoe County	5,936	9,100	2,080	17,116
State of Nevada	31,171	42,738	9,275	83,184

MAIL-IN BALLOTS - 2,054,775 MAILED

	Democrat	Republican	Other	Total
Washoe County	26,955	23,466	12,527	62,948
State of Nevada	122,887	97,687	52,095	272,669

TOTAL VOTES CAST

	Democrat	Republican	Other	Total
Washoe County	39,434	43,116	16,216	98,766
State of Nevada	189,727	190,705	69,571	450,003

New equipment was utilized during this election including a ballot scanner and an ADA cart. In prior elections ballots were cast electronically with a hard-to-read summary which was not provided to the voter. In this election one piece of equipment was used to “mark” ballots which were then printed and scanned – giving voters the ability to check their ballots for accuracy prior to scanning and casting their ballots.

This election also saw the introduction of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) “Carts” or mobile voting stations which were implemented to address ADA compliance requirements. The carts were used for disabled voters, they were accompanied by a member of each major party to the allotted disabled

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parking station and were a backup for several sites that encountered power outages on Election Day.

This curbside voting program was developed in response to ADA compliance challenges identified in Washoe County by the Department of Justice. Throughout much of 2025, the Registrar of Voters conducted an extensive search for fully ADA-compliant voting locations. Unfortunately, all facilities evaluated – including Washoe County facilities, City of Reno facilities, City of Sparks facilities, and various public and private venues – failed to meet all ADA requirements. Most facilities constructed prior to 2010 are unable to satisfy the current standards due to the rigor of the compliance requirements.

As a result of these findings, Washoe County entered into a settlement agreement with the DOJ and allocated \$400,000 to address ADA-related improvements. Because voting operations had to continue while longer-term facility improvements were being evaluated, some of those funds were dedicated to the purchase of ADA-accessible voting carts to comply with Title II of the ADA. The total cost of the ADA voting carts and shipping was \$86,125. By comparison, bringing all voting locations into full compliance through physical site modifications would likely cost several million dollars.

In addition to the equipment purchases, the County was required to implement new ADA training for more than 400 poll workers and retain the services of an ADA compliance expert, as required by the DOJ. Consequently, a substantial portion of the \$400,000 allocation was utilized for the training program, ADA consulting services, and the ADA voting carts.


The curbside voting program provided the most practical, timely, and cost-effective solution for ensuring continued voter access while the County works toward broader ADA compliance improvements.

In a post-mortem regarding the primary election, a number of the candidates we unofficially supported won their primaries. 450,000 Nevada voters either turned out in person or mailed in a ballot to have their voices heard. Because of the involvement of many hard-working local Republicans slightly more Republican voters turned out than Democrats. **Let's keep it going for the General Election in November!**

It is part of our human nature to want to be liked. It is part of our human nature to worry about what others think of us. It is an attribute of greatness and of American exceptionalism to not surrender to our nature, but to be guided by an inner calling to persevere and to prevail, no matter the personal cost. — Charlie Kirk


Nevada Federation of Republican Women

Don't Miss the Boat!



President Jennifer Tuggle
Encourages all Nevada Republican Women's Clubs to submit stories and photos for the upcoming State Newsletter. Please let us know what your group has been doing to participate in this important election year.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR INPUT TO:
anitakornoff3@gmail.com
no later than July 15, 2026
To Make Sure Your Club is Included





HOW TO COMMUNICATE FOR INFLUENCE

by Kathryn E Kelly

Recent AMAC webinar training on Communicating for Influence emphasized how ordinary constituents can have extraordinary impact when contacting elected officials. As the presentation notes, “A clear, well timed message from an organized constituent carries more weight than a thousand form letters.”

AMAC members learned the five fundamentals of effective outreach: (1) lead with a clear ask, (2) make it local, (3) keep it brief, (4) stay firm but respectful, and (5) be relentless.

The training also highlighted when to apply pressure – especially during committee hearings and the 48–72 hour “whip count” window before a vote, when “your call is now loudest.”

The webinar also covered the proven 5-part message structure (Identify, Ask, Why, Stakes, Close) and the importance of targeting persuadable officials rather than guaranteed yes/no votes. Finally, the session underscored the power of coordinated action: organizing neighbors, concentrating calls on a single day, and escalating from calls to letters, in-person engagement, and

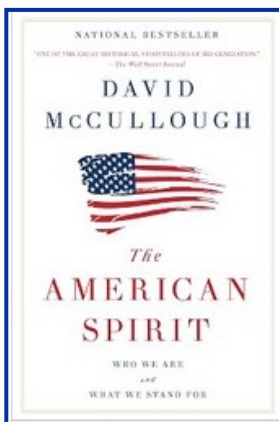
public visibility.

In short: Target smart, time it right, keep the message tight, and organize the wave. To access the recording of the one-hour seminar and/or a pdf of the presentation slides of the Webinar: Communicating for Influence - Writing and Speaking Effectively to Elected Officials by AMAC.

Notable: AMAC (Association of Mature American Citizens) is a conservative alternative to AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), which is often viewed as more liberal. Both organizations offer similar benefits, such as discounts and insurance options, but they differ significantly in their political advocacy and membership focus. Here is a guide to the differences.

www.seniordiscountclub.com/guides/amac-vs-aarp/

A Book Review: The American Spirit – Who We Are and What We Stand For



A timely collection of speeches by David McCullough, one of America’s most honored historians – winner of two Pulitzer Prizes, two National Book Awards, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom – that reminds us of the enduring principles at the heart of the American experience.

“Insightful and inspirational, *The American Spirit* summons a vexed and divided nation to remember – and cherish – our unifying ideas and ideals” (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*). Over the

course of his distinguished career, McCullough has addressed Congress, the White House, universities, and historical institutions across the country. Now, in an era of self-reflection following a divisive political season, he brings together these stirring speeches in a powerful volume celebrating civic duty, American character, and historical perspective.

“The American Spirit is as inspirational as it is brilliant, as simple as it is sophisticated” (*Buffalo News*). McCullough reminds us of the values that unite us as Americans – regardless of region, political affiliation, or background. This is a book of history, hope, and reflection that speaks directly to readers seeking wisdom, unity, and a deeper connection to the ideals that define the United States.





AMERICANISM

Vice President JD Vance has installed a custom chicken coop at his official residence, the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington D.C.



The coop, built without taxpayer money, is designed to match the Victorian-style

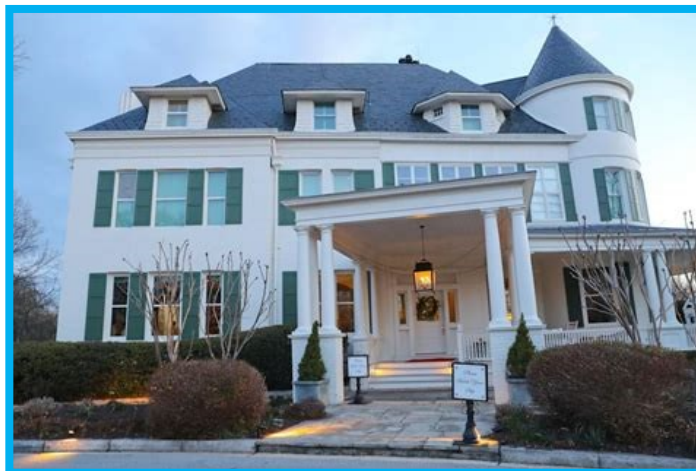
architecture of the vice presidential home.

The coop was constructed and built by Carolina Coops, a North Carolina company known for premium chicken coops. A family-operated small business, founders Matt and Gnon DuBoice started the company in 2008 as a personal quest for fresh eggs that “quickly grew into a passion for building coops that are as functional as they are beautiful,” according to the company website.

Vice President JD Vance and his family chose to keep chickens, reflecting a trend in American households towards self-sufficiency and urban farming. The coop is part of a broader initiative to engage with local communities, as seen in events where children learn about caring for chickens. This chicken coop not only serves a practical purpose for the Vance family but also symbolizes a connection to contemporary trends in food sourcing and sustainability.

The rise in popularity of backyard chickens is notable, with a 2025 survey indicating that approximately 11 million U.S. households keep chickens.

Historical Precedent: Previous vice presidents have also made personal additions to the residence, such as gardens and beehives, showcasing a tradition of personalizing the official home.



Number One Observatory Circle is the official residence of the vice president of the United States. Located on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C., it is sometimes informally referred to simply as “the Naval



Observatory.” The house was built in 1893 for the observatory’s superintendent. The U.S. Navy's chief of naval operations (CNO) liked the house so much that in 1923 he took over the house from the superintendent for himself. It remained the residence of the CNO until 1974, when Congress determined that it would be easier and less expensive to provide security in a government-provided residence, and authorized its transformation to the first official residence for the vice president, though a temporary one. It is still the “official temporary residence of the vice president of the United States” by law. The 1974 congressional authorization covered the cost of refurbishment and furnishing the house.



THE GOOD 'OLE AMERICAN GARAGE SALE — WITH HUMOR!



masterminds prove that laughter really is the best marketing strategy.

One sign that's been making the rounds online reads, **"Massive Yard Sale: One Man's Trash is Another Man's Trash."** The refreshing honesty had neighbors laughing – and lining up to dig through boxes anyway.

Another homeowner got creative with expectations, posting: **"Garage Sale: Come for the Deals, Stay Because You Can't Find Your Car."** The self-aware joke about cluttered driveways resonated with anyone who's ever navigated a packed sale.

Some signs lean into pure absurdity. **"Yard Sale: Everything Must Go Because My Wife Said So"** captures a universal truth that had passersby chuckling before they even stepped onto the lawn.

Then there's the sign that simply stated: **"Stuff for Sale. Good Stuff. Maybe."** The delightful uncertainty and casual approach made it impossible not to stop and investigate.

One particularly clever seller advertised: **"Giant Yard Sale: We Have Things You Didn't Know You Needed Until Right Now."**

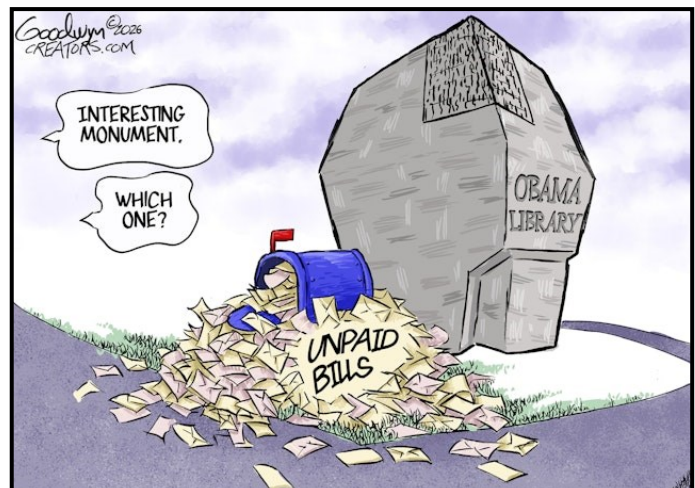
The trend proves that a little creativity transforms the mundane into memorable moments. Neighbors report that funny signs not only draw bigger crowds but also create a friendlier, more relaxed atmosphere

Creative homeowners turn ordinary yard sales into comedy and laugh-out-loud signs and humor to sell. From brutally honest descriptions of their junk to puns that'll make you groan and giggle, these yard sale

where strangers bond over shared laughter. One delighted customer said, "I drove three blocks out of my way just to see what the sign was advertising. I ended up buying a lamp I absolutely didn't need, but I left smiling. That's a win in my book."

In a world that often feels too serious, these creative homeowners prove that a clever sign and a good laugh can turn an ordinary Saturday errand into a wholesome, smile-inducing adventure.

Source: <https://www.sunnyskyz.com/blog/4140/I-039-d-Visit-These-Yard-Sales-for-the-Signs-Along>





Membership Application

New Member Renewing Membership

If you receive this application/renewal form via email, please print a copy and mail with your check to the address below.

NAME as it appears on VOTER REGISTRATION: _____

NAME as it appears on your NAMETAG: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS(es): _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

Home Phone with Area Code: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ Birthday (Month, Day) _____

Email address (for roster and newsletter):

Please print

MEMBERSHIP STATUS , PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- Active \$50, any woman registered as a Republican
- Associate \$20, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,
- _____ OR any man registered as a Republican
Primary Club Membership

CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art or Graphic Art Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter at Meetings |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK to the following address:

Membership Chairman
IV/CB Republican Women
P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

Always more information for you at our website: ivcbrw.org



Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: To support individual freedom and responsibility under the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence by making Nevada a Red state again and keeping it that way.

Mission: To promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican Party at the local, state, and federal levels by taking action to:

- Support the election of conservative Republican candidates.
- Educate club members and local voters.
- Communicate with local, state and federal legislative bodies to enact constitutional, conservative legislation.
- Collaborate with Nevada Republican Women's clubs to leverage best practices to improve club effectiveness.
- Promote Republican and conservative values through social media, print media, and community participation.
- Effect change in our schools to support conservative and constitutional values.
- Protect the integrity of local, state, and federal elections.



JULY Member Birthdays

Kathy Mirkovich	3-July
Maureen Dudley	5-July
Tania Modic	5-July
Deborah Smith Castello	7-July
Donna Kwachak	7-July
Carol Stenderup	29-July

Legislative Corner – Your Federal Representatives

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