



Sun City, AZ Visitors Center

Promoting A Vibrant Community

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ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SUN CITY

What is Sun City?

With a population of 40,000+ Sun City is the country's first adult community designed specifically for active retirees. Sun City is one of the cleanest cities in the country and has one of the lowest crime rates.

Where is Sun City?

Sun City is conveniently located a half-hour's drive northwest of downtown Phoenix, Arizona. It is in the Valley of the Sun that has 312 days of sunshine each year.

Who may be a resident of Sun City?

To live here, one household member must be at least 55 years old. Other residents must be at least 19 years old. There is no age restriction on ownership.

What about children?

Children are among Sun City's most welcome visitors. Many special programs and activities are planned for them during vacation times. Children can enjoy swimming, bowling, table tennis, racquetball, tennis and visiting the local library. Children, younger than 19, can visit in Sun City for up to 3-months each year.

What does Sun City offer to active residents?

Sun City has civic, service, church, charitable, cultural, and recreational groups, offering a wide range of activities. There are swimming pools, exercise tracks, weight rooms, bowling alleys, lawn bowling, tennis, racquetball, and 11 golf courses. Square dancing and ballroom dancing are popular. Fishing on a private lake is popular with visiting children.

Where do all of these activities take place?

Except for golf, these activities all take place at seven recreational centers conveniently located throughout Sun City. The centers offer space for more than 120 clubs, such as computer, ceramics, needle arts, and calligraphy. Shops are available for woodworking, metalworking, lapidary, silver craft, stained glass, even model railroading. Our library, with two branches, provides excellent resources for reading and research.

What is the Annual Property Assessment fee?

The Annual Property Assessment fee is \$432 per lot and allows the resident owner full use of all recreation facilities. There is an additional charge for those who participate in golf and bowling. Out-of-town guests of residents may also use the recreational facilities at a nominal cost. In addition, there are three private country clubs in Sun City. *Yearly fees are subject to change.*

What is the price range of homes?

Condominiums can be found starting at about \$85,000. Single-family homes range from \$150,000 for a small home to \$500,000 for a spacious home on a lake or golf course. There is a home in Sun City to meet every need and lifestyle.

What are the property taxes?

Compared to most areas of the country, property taxes in Sun City are extremely low. The tax on a \$200,000 home is less than \$800 per year.

What type of transportation is most used?

Second to the automobile in popularity in Sun City is the golf cart. Many people use their golf cart as a second vehicle for running errands. Bicycles, both two and three wheeled, are common sights. And nearly everybody walks.

What shopping facilities are available?

In Sun City, seven major strip shopping centers plus several smaller plazas offer a wide choice of goods and services. One of the largest shopping centers in the Phoenix area is less than 20 minutes away.

What financial and professional services are available?

There are numerous banks, as well as brokerage and financial planning offices, located throughout the community. In addition, many professionals provide accounting, legal and insurance services to local residents.

What about health care services?

Banner Boswell Hospital, one of the state's finest and one of the most cost-efficient in the country, is located in the heart of Sun City. Banner Del E. Webb Hospital is 15 minutes away in Sun City West. The Mayo Clinic is about 30 minutes east of Sun City. Doctors and dentists, many specializing in care of senior citizens, are readily available in or near Sun City. The Sun City area also has more than 20 care facilities, with services ranging from independent living to complete skilled care.

What other special services are provided?

Sun City has everything needed by someone temporarily or permanently handicapped. Sun City Area Transit provides door-to-door service anywhere within Sun City. There is Meals on Wheels for those who cannot prepare their own meals. Sunshine Service carries a large supply of sickroom equipment and supplies for residents. Rollaway beds, strollers and other equipment for visitors, young and old, are also available.

What cultural, religious and sports activities are in or near Sun City?

Sun City has 30 churches and 1 synagogue. Arizona State University West and Rio Salado Community College offer a wide range of courses for continuing education. Cultural activities include highly acclaimed Northwest Valley symphony and chamber music organizations, Arizona's largest community theatre, and an art museum. Within an easy drive of Sun City, in season, there is professional baseball (MLB - Diamondbacks), football (NFL - Cardinals), basketball (NBA – Suns and WNBA - Mercury), and hockey (NHL - Coyotes). The spring training Cactus League has 6 teams playing within 15-minutes of Sun City. College sports are also available at Arizona State University and Grand Canyon University.

What's missing from Sun City?

For those of us who live here, we can't think of anything except – **you!**