



# SUNSET WHITNEY

• RECREATION AREA •

# SITE HISTORY

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SUNSET WHITNEY GOLF COURSE

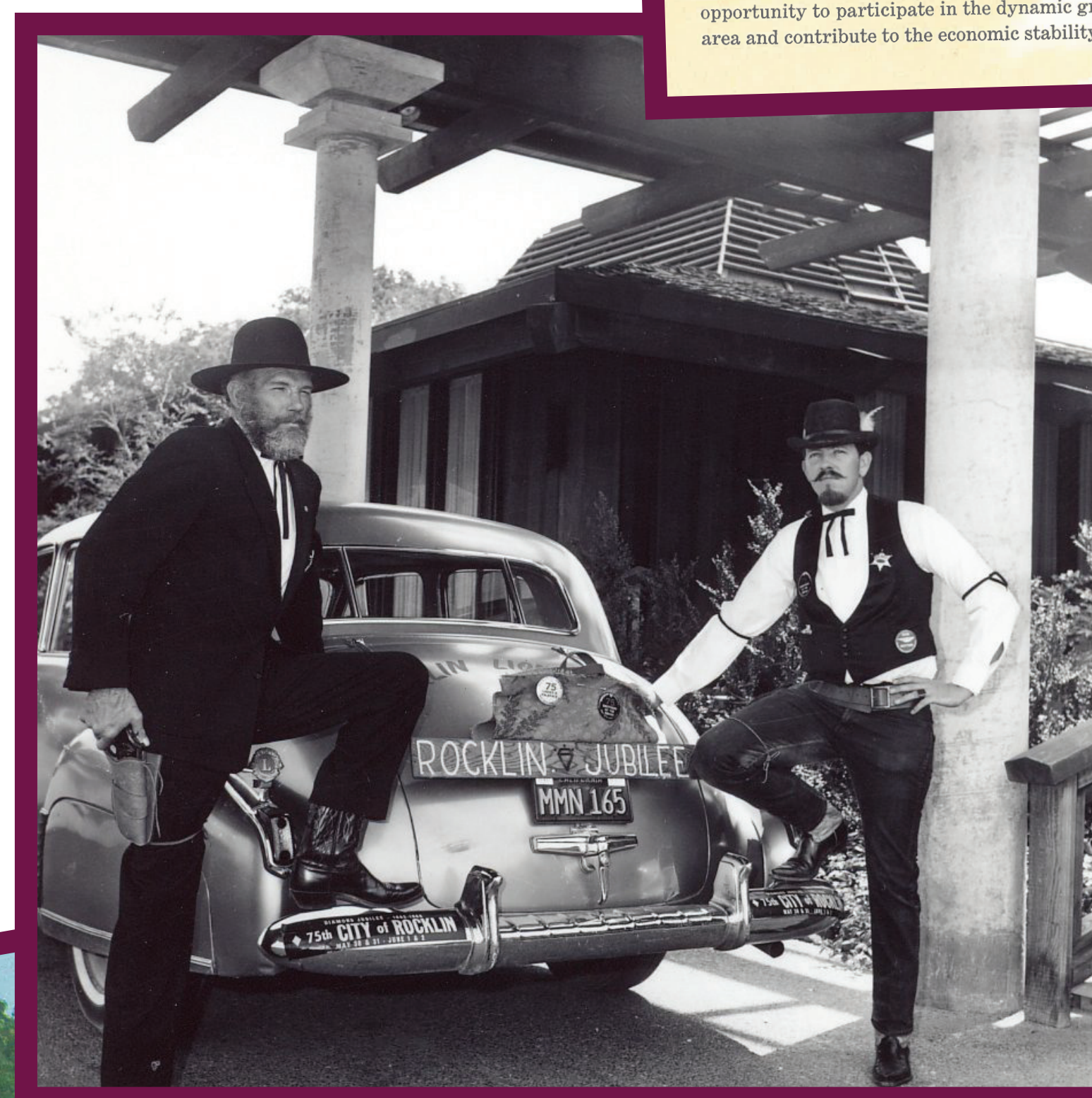
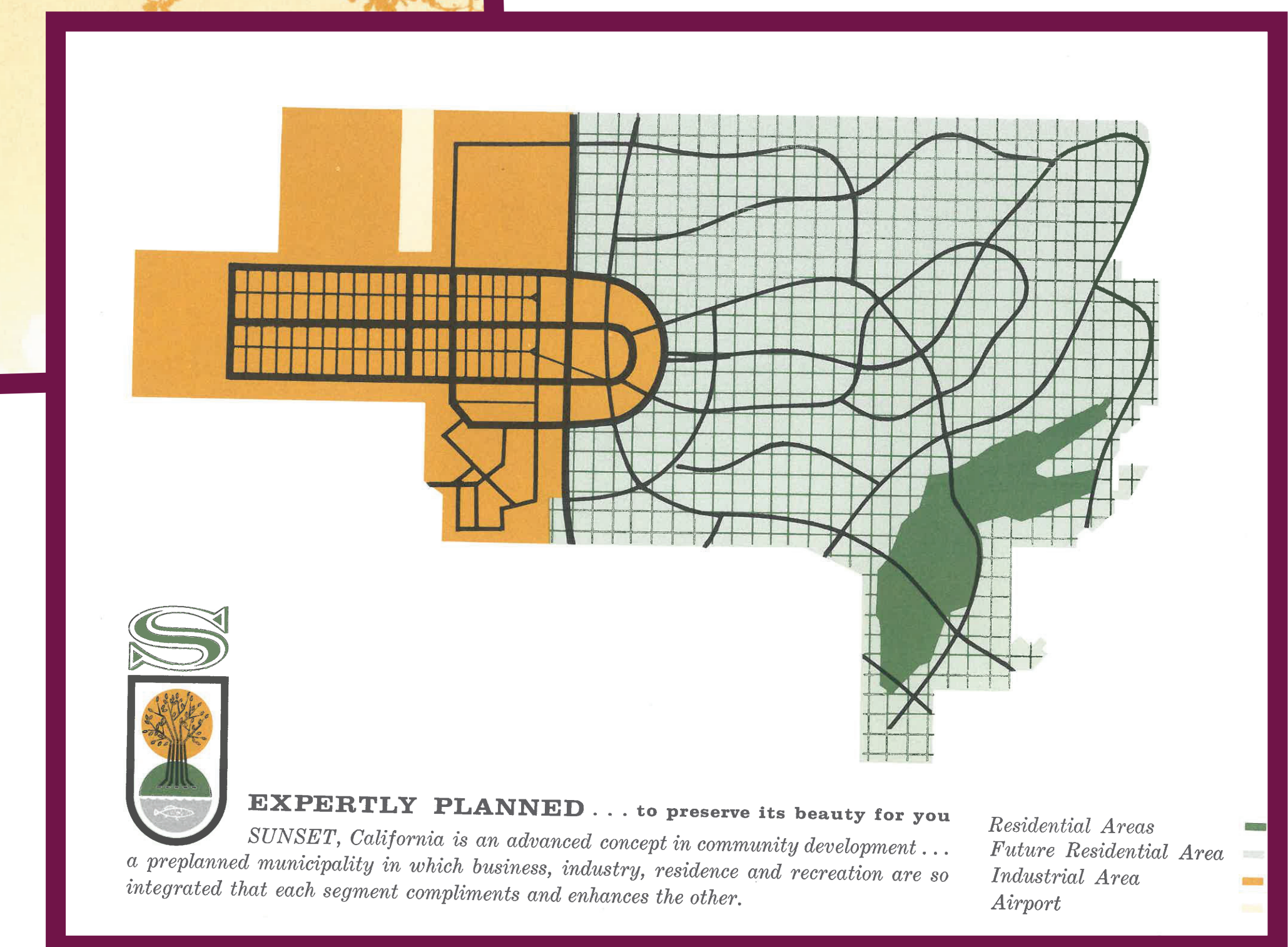
- Early 1960s** Sunset International Petroleum Corporation begins building a development on 12,000 acres known as Sunset City and intended to be home to 100,000 residents. According to a sales brochure, Sunset was intended to be a "self-contained, private-for-you community of fine homes, schools, parks and recreation facilities, convenient shopping, and highly selective industrial installations." This included the 18-hole Sunset Oaks Country Club.
- June 1963** The Sunset Oaks golf course, built to PGA competition standards, opens for play.
- October 1964** California touring golf pro Bob McAllister won the first (and only) Sunset Camellia Open.
- 1965** Due to slow home sales, Sunset International Petroleum begins selling off property to other developers.
- 1966** National Golf Courses Corporation buys Sunset Oaks Golf Course and changes the name to Sunset Whitney Ranch and later the Sunset Whitney Country Club.
- 1978-2005** Sunset Whitney Country Club is owned and operated by Gary Kaveney.
- 1987** The area known as Sunset Whitney including the golf course is annexed into the City of Rocklin from Placer County.
- 2005** Golf course sold to Thomas Holdings LLC.
- January 2009** Golf course owner Thomas Holdings LLC files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization.
- August 2009** Golf course up for auction, but no bids.
- 2009** Golf course closes.
- June 2011** The bank-owned golf course is purchased for \$2.5 million and converted from a private to public course and later renamed the Rocklin Golf Club.
- August 2015** Golf course closes permanently.
- December 2017** City of Rocklin purchases former golf course.
- 2018 and beyond** Help us write the future for the former golf course, now the Sunset Whitney Recreation Area!

**RESIDENTIAL**  
SUNSET'S most scenic land is reserved for residential areas, each with fine homes restricted to an individual price range. Large lots, gently winding streets, the deep shade of ancient oaks, all contribute to the quiet beauty of the residential neighborhoods.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES**  
Other nearby areas accommodate the facilities needed for modern, convenient family living — schools, churches, stores, shopping centers, commercial and professional buildings.

**RECREATION**  
Social and recreational activities in SUNSET center around the magnificent new SUNSET Oaks Country Club with its 18-hole Championship golf course and spacious clubhouse. Such club facilities as an Olympic-size swimming pool, tennis courts, and children's playground mean fun and enjoyment for the whole family. In addition, SUNSET offers riding stables, hiking trails and picnic spots galore... limitless opportunities for leisure-time recreation.

**INDUSTRIAL**  
A modern industrial park, entirely separate and distinct from the commercial and residential areas, offers selected industries an opportunity to participate in the dynamic growth of the Sacramento area and contribute to the economic stability of the community.



## NAMING THE SITE

On January 10, 2018, the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission agreed upon the name of "Sunset Whitney Recreation Area." The name Sunset Whitney has long been associated with the property by residents as the name of the golf course for most of its years of existence. The phrase "Recreation Area" differentiates this space from a traditional park and helps frame expectations about what type of area this will be. Recreation Area is used by many agencies including local, state and national entities and traditionally indicates an outdoor area offering activities utilizing the natural features of the land such as hiking, biking, camping, boating and with minimal developed amenities. These spaces in their natural state often also support local wildlife. Recreation area was also preferred in comparison to other terms such as "open space" "protected area" or "preserve" as these terms typically indicate that there are limitations on the accessibility and use of the land.



## SUNSET WHITNEY DEMOGRAPHICS



2017 STATS