

DOWNTOWN SUMMERLIN VO
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00 INTRO - OUTRO

00a Intro Stuff

Dale VO:

What makes a trip to Summerlin, Nevada worth your time? What has put this suburb west of the Strip in the list of top ten best-selling master-planned communities - for decades?

Downtown Summerlin is one reason - and we're going there today!

[stuff in **00x Cold Open**]

Paula Live:

It's a gorgeous day for a walk, so come on along with me! And yes, of course, we'll stop for lunch - at Grape Street!

Dale Live:

So get ready...

00b Outro Stuff

[The master-planned community of Summerlin in Las Vegas was named after [Jean Amelia Summerlin](#), the paternal grandmother of Howard Hughes. While Hughes purchased the 30,000 acres in the early 1950s for roughly \$3 an acre (initially called "Husite"), the Summa Corporation officially announced the development as Summerlin in 1988.]

01 TRAVEL-ARRIVAL

01a Exit 215-Sahara

Let me start out by saying a big thank you for the great reaction to last week's video, the tour of Southern Highlands. So many of you said, do more off-Strip content, so here you go: today we're in Summerlin, heading north on the 215. It is simply too beautiful a day - with record-breaking warm temps - to be indoors! [\[IMG_0162\]](#)

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We have exited at Sahara Avenue. Our topic for today's video is right there - Downtown Summerlin. [\[IMG_0163\]](#)

01b Enter DTS at Sahara

So what is it? It's described as a "walkable urban center in the heart of the community" - the community being the famous Summerlin, on the west side of the Las Vegas valley. Downtown Summerlin is one of those outdoor shopping-dining-entertainment complexes that this town does so well. And it's big - covering 106 acres! Let's park and go explore.

[IMG_0164; 2 maps from web]

01cd South End Dining/Retail

Starting here at the south end - closest to Sahara - there's a row of restaurants, with convenient parking right out front. Thumbs up from me!

[DJI_0853 or IMG_0166; individual pics]

Over to our left, a row of retail stores: beauty products...home products... discount clothes and footwear. [DJI_0854; individual pics]

02 SOUTHWEST ROW

01a Trader Joes

Last year, when we visited the new BLVD on the Strip, we popped into the stores and told you a bit of history about each one. Following that same approach...this is Trader Joe's. This popular grocery chain was founded in 1967, in Pasadena, California, and has grown to 631 locations across the country. The name and branding were inspired by the tiki culture craze of the 1960s.

[DJI_0855]

01b Michaels

Everybody knows Michaels - America's largest provider of arts and crafts, framing and floral decor for do-it-yourselfers. They have a presence in almost all the states - 1200 or more stores.

[DJI_0856]

01b PGA Store

This was a revelation. We have never gone into the PGA Tour Superstore before today - I quit golfing a long time ago, too frustrating! We discovered that this is the world's leading retailer for golf, tennis, and pickleball equipment and apparel. There are locations across half of the country - the first and the biggest off-course golf retailer.

[pic PIMG_0180; DJI_0858, 0859; IMG_0181]

The selection is mind-boggling...plus they are staffed with PGA-certified club fitters and golf instructors, and hold clinics as well. [DJI_0861, 0860]

01c Boot Barn

Boot Barn is another brand that got its start in California - in Huntington Beach of all places, back in 1978. Today it is the largest western and workwear retailer in the USA, with more than 500 stores. [DJI_0863]

They like to say that their customers feed America, build America, and protect America. Their vision is to offer a piece of the American spirit. You probably guessed: if I'm ever talked into going shopping...this is my choice. [DJI_0866, 0864, 0865, 0867]

03 DILLARDS TO MACYS

03a Sage Park Dr

All right, we moved the car, and parked a little closer to the heart of the place. Something to note: Downtown Summerlin has 6400 parking spaces, both surface parking and garage...so you won't have to troll for a spot, ever. [DJI_0868]

We've just arrived at the main thoroughfare, called Festival Plaza Drive. To our right is a lovely garden space, with a soaring metal sculpture...lush palms...and a domed water feature. [DJI_0870; IMG_0189 & 0190 are sculpture & fountain if needed]

And here's where you would access one of the two anchor department stores, Dillard's. [IMG_0192]

[Caption:

Dillard's was founded in 1938. There are 272 stores across 30 states.]

03b Sports Town

Also along the perimeter of this plaza is Sports Town - a very well-stocked retail outlet for licensed hats and jerseys...and more hats and jerseys, from your favorite teams. [DJI_0871, 0872]

03c Festival Plaza Dr

In total, the businesses in this shopping center occupy 1.6 million square feet - that's a lot of retail therapy! Note that the environment is beautiful, with tree-lined streets and walkways. Fun fact: there are 400 palm trees planted here. [IMG_0198; DJI_0873]

Downtown Summerlin prides itself on a world-class mix of brands, all in this one location. [DJI_0874]

03d Macys Area

[Paula VO]

In this little bump-out on the west side of the main avenue is a plaza with familiar names - all of which I love; I'll just shop here!

[DJI_0876; pics 0201, 0204, 0205, 0209, 0200]

It is also home to the second anchor store, Macy's. Macy's was founded in 1858 and has 450 locations - America's largest retailer in terms of sales.

[IMG_0207, pic 0184]

There is also an enchanting bubbling fountain...and a sculpture celebrating 2026.

[IMG_0203 pans from Macy's to it; IMG_0199 is sculpture]

03e Bath-Body Princesses

[Paula VO]

I cannot ever resist a Bath and Body Works, not gonna lie. It's a homegrown Ohio success story, founded in 1990 and now with more than 1900 stores across 6 continents! I love their Disney Princess Collection. The 2026 edition just launched in February, and features nearly 100 new items inspired by those legendary Disney princesses.

[DJI_0897; pics IMG_0284-0287]

04 THE PROMENADE

04a Promenade Walk

In the opposite direction from Macy's plaza is an area grandly called The Promenade. This place is for foodies! We love the unique shade structures...and the eclectic collection of dining options here.

[DJI_0877 walk; pic 0210 is foodies sign; IMG_0212 is canopy if needed]

Makers and Finders, a really popular coffee house...

[clip IMG_0218 or pic 0217]

The Earl of Sandwich, offering great hot sandwiches...

[clip IMG_0214 or pic 0215]

And Marafuku Ramen, a famed San Francisco ramen shop.

[clip IMG_0213 or pic 0216]

04bc Video-Photos-Grape Street

And, it looks like this one, Grape Street Cafe and Wine Bar, is the lunchtime winner today.
[IMG_0219]

[DJI_0882 Paula intro with audio]

Grape Street Cafe has called Summerlin home for 26 years, a true neighborhood favorite. The interior is meant to replicate a wine cellar, with those industrial finishes and rows of bottles...and the patio is nothing short of stunning, especially with the white linens and sidewalk views.

[DJI_0878; IMG_0222; DJI_0879]

04d Lunch Tasting

[No VO]

[DJI_0883, plus pics]

ORANGE CHICKEN
romaine
grilled chicken
red peppers
wontons, peanuts
cilantro, sesame
ginger dressing

\$17

04e Around the Corner

With lunch out of the way, let's continue our walk through Downtown Summerlin. We are headed back a block west, towards Festival Plaza Drive again. With more than 125 businesses in here, make sure you check out all the side avenues as well! [DJI_0884]

05 NEXT BLOCK-PAVILION

05a Walk to Apple

We're continuing to walk north again, this time on the other side of the street. I said earlier that Downtown Summerlin occupies 106 acres - but in truth there are a total of 400 acres to work with. And, it's meant to be a place to not only shop, dine, and play - but also live and work.

[DJI_0885 - stop at One Summerlin sign]

Right here is One Summerlin, a class A office building with a great location for those who work in it! [\[IMG_0244\]](#)

Since we are a couple with a LOT of Apple products in our household, we just had to stop into one of the many Apple stores in Las Vegas. It's noon on a Friday, and the place is doing a fine business. [\[IMG_0246, 0248\]](#)

05b Pavilion-Silver Post

[Paula VO]

The next block, as we continue north, is all under cover - it's called The Pavilion. Inside here, every Saturday, is Las Vegas's largest weekly farmers market, with fresh southwest-grown produce, artisan breads and cakes, and more. [\[first part of DJI_0886; web logo and pic\]](#)

And...here's one more store I cannot resist. Silver Post is a specialty shop selling crystals, minerals and fossils from all over the world. I have little bowls of these in my house. [\[rest of DJI_0886; IMG_0249, 0281 signage\]](#)

05c Pavilion-Raider Image

[Paula VO]

On the other side of The Pavilion is one of several official team stores for our hometown football team. The Raider Image is owned and operated by the Las Vegas Raiders, and features the best selection of official merchandise. [\[DJI_0887\]](#)

05d Play-Plants

[Paula VO]

You guys know me...I always have to give props to the landscape teams in these outdoor spaces. [\[IMG_0253\]](#)

The flower pots under here are beautiful - I am a particular fan of birds of paradise. [\[IMG_0250; pic 0252 or 0280\]](#)

There is only one children's play structure in the complex, called the Luckey Climber. The signage says up to 20 children at a time - yikes! [\[IMG_0256 and/or 0267\]](#)

06 DINING ARROYO

06ab Video-Photos-Dining Arroyo

This area may be our favorite, strictly in terms of the landscaping. On the official map, it's called the Dining Arroyo. There's an elegant paved walkway...majestic palm trees...and a lovely stream running through the middle of it. Which, currently has a colorful dragon swimming in it! [\[DJI_0888; IMG_0261\]](#)

Around the perimeter are a number of restaurants... True Food Kitchen, with its inviting open-air terrace...and Maggiano's, fronted by a cascading waterfall. [\[DJI_0889\]](#)

07 MISC-WRAPUP

07a The Lawn

Heading back to the far west side of Downtown Summerlin, we definitely don't want to miss The Lawn. This open area is always available to local residents to just enjoy the outdoors, and it hosts events as well.

[\[DJI_0891 or IMG_0270; XIMG_6720\]](#)

It's far more impressive from the upper level though - let's go take a look. ...From up here, you can see not only the lawn...but the 215 Beltway, and all the way out to Red Rock Canyon.

[\[DJI_0892; 0893 or IMG_0272 if needed\]](#)

And of course, we can't fail to mention how the lawn is transformed into the Rock Rink at Christmastime. It's spectacular day or night!

[\[XIMG_6703, 2712\]](#)

07b Red Rock Views

While we're upstairs, we might as well finish it off by showing you the far north end of the shopping and dining area...and how it lands perfectly at the jewel of Summerlin, the beautiful Red Rock Resort. [\[DJI_0894\]](#)

And folks, we mean it's close - a few steps away in fact! Check this out - come out the back door of the resort, cross the street, you're there.

[\[XIMG_2748\]](#)

We have featured Red Rock on our channel many times - we'll put a link to the most recent visit in the description box. [\[XIMG_2622, 2574\]](#)

07c Furniture-Bridal

Also note: at this intersection are the stores devoted to furnishing your home...Crate and Barrel...West End... [\[DJI_0895\]](#)

...and under the canopy, Bassett. [DJI_0896]

Plus, there's a classic bridal shop with the intriguing name of "Grace Loves Lace". [IMG_0278 or 0279]

07d Ethel M

[DJI_0898 with audio]

[Paula VO]

I did - 4 of them in fact, and one free sample! Who can resist Ethel M? Why would you try? [5 photos]

08 PAVILION CENTER DR

08a Circle Around

Back in the car...and back out onto Sahara. Downtown Summerlin in fact encompasses more than just the retail district we just visited. There are two other significant venues here, and we want to swing by those before we head out. They're both on Pavilion Center Drive. ...It's worth a mention that you can also live right here. These buildings to our right are housing. [IMG_0293, 0294]

08b Las Vegas Ballpark

The Las Vegas Ballpark was a super addition to our community, opening here seven years ago, in April 2019. It is the home field for the Las Vegas Aviators baseball team of the Pacific Coast League - affiliated with the Athletics. It was built for Triple-A baseball, but designed to be used for major league games on occasion. We are hearing that the A's will play a few regular season games here this June.

[IMG_0295 drives by it;

XIMG_8097, 8102 are exterior;

XDJI_0307, XIMG_8103, 8121 are inside;

XIMG_8104, 8116 are us]

08c City National Arena

Just beyond the ballpark, we'll turn right for our last stop - the practice facility and team headquarters for our NHL hockey team, the Vegas Golden Knights. This local treasure opened in September of 2017.

[IMG_0296; DJI_0901]

We've popped in here before on our channel. Inside you'll find The Arsenal, a well-stocked team store for all your VGK licensed merchandise... [XDJI_0991, 0960 - footage from 2019]

And you can come watch the Golden Knights practice on the ice, for free, anytime they're at home!

[XDJI_0968, 0974 - footage from 2019]

09 LONG WAY HOME

09a Entering Red Rock Canyon

We've just spent several hours in a big expensive urban development...just for contrast, let's take the long way home. We're currently on Charleston Boulevard, driving through the west end of Summerlin. [IMG_0297]

In a blink, Charleston becomes State Route 159, and takes us into Red Rock Canyon. You may have heard, the sandstone sign that used to sit next to the road here was moved, last fall, for safety reasons.

[IMG_0298; pic of it being lifted and moved]

Photo Credit: [Las Vegas Locally Facebook page](#); photo by Jess Magdefrau

09b Driving Through

This road is designated as a Nevada Scenic Byway. It cuts through the Cottonwood Valley, which was a side trail on the Old Spanish Trail, taking settlers west back in the 19th century. Red Rock Canyon is a beloved and well-used outdoor recreation area, with more than 3 million visitors a year. Not a bad cut-through from Downtown Summerlin to home in the southwest valley!

[IMG_0299 through 0304]

[Scenic Byway sign, 2 Old Spanish Trail maps from web]