



# AIRE TIME



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## **DESERT AIRE NEWS**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

By Hope Hilliard, President Desert Aire Board

Summer has finally arrived for us in the north and it was a long time coming. It is hard to imagine the warm temperatures being experienced by those living in our beautiful Coachella Valley.

The big news for Desert Aire Homeowners has been the terrible accident Alfonso was involved in. As everyone registered for E News knows, his car was struck from behind by a speeding SUV. After multiple injuries and hospitalization we are so relieved that he is home now continuing with his long recovery. We all wish Alfonso well.

Alfonso's crew has been working hard to keep up with the Summer list of tasks under the leadership of Tony. They have also been doing their best to keep on track with the Landscape Project. We appreciate their commitment to Desert Aire.

For up-to-date news, we will try to keep everyone informed with Desert Aire E News. If you do not receive these electronic updates, simply register on our web site, desertairearesort.com. Any page will have a sign up form.

We trust everyone is enjoying their summer time and we look forward to seeing you next season.

### **MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN**

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

### **ALFONSO**

As most of you know our Maintenance Supervisor Alfonso was in a horrible car accident on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was rear ended by a large SUV going 70 miles per hour while he was stopped at a stop light. Alfonso is very lucky to be alive. He

did receive several injuries, eight cracked ribs, injured right scapula, a cracked sternum and upper back disc injuries. He was in the hospital for nine days four of those in ICU. He is currently at home recovering. He did come into the office last Friday to visit for a short time, walking very slowly.

I have had many homeowners ask me if the person who hit Alfonso had insurance. It is my understanding that the young man in his early twenties was driving his Fathers vehicle a Yukon SUV. The vehicle was insured.

Please keep Alfonso in your prayers as he has a long road to recovery. At this time I do not know when Alfonso will be returning to work. When he does return it will be very light duty.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer!

### **ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

By June Cavendish, Chair

As I'm writing this article the weather channel is showing the high will be 110 degrees in Palm Springs today. I hope all of you are keeping cool at your summer homes. Before we know it, November will be here and all of our activities will start. Our first event will be the Halloween Party at 6 pm on the patio. So bring your own drink and a snack to share and enjoy seeing all your friends. There will be a prize for the best costume and maybe a few other surprises. While you are working on your Halloween costume you might also want to think about the theme dinner in January which will be the "Roaring 20's". The Welcome Back Party will be November 17th on the patio from 3 – 4:30 pm.

More information on the future activities will be coming in the November newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone soon. Have a good summer.

## DA CHORISTERS

By Carolyn Stastny, Choir Director

If you love to sing, please think about joining us for our first rehearsal on November 7, 3:00 p.m., on the auditorium stage. You don't have to read music (many of the singers don't). We will begin working on learning the music for the Christmas show which is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.. Questions? Give Carolyn Stastny a call (971-237-2387) or an email - cngstastny@onlinenw.com.

And planning WAY ahead - we will be doing a Canadian/American patriotic show for the spring concert, Sunday, March 11, 2018.

## CRAFT CORNER

By Carole Purcell, Coordinator

Hope your summer is going great. We are looking forward to more fun sessions of crafting during our 2017-18 season. We have tentatively planned the following Craft Classes:

- Nov. 20 - Popcorn Xmas gift card holder
- Nov. 27 - Xmas Card gift card holder
- Dec. 4 - Xmas Spider
- Dec. 11 - Flower/Snowflake made from Toilet Paper Roll
- Jan. 8 - Desk Calendar
- Jan. 22 - Bracelet
- Feb 12 - Button Butterfly
- Feb. 26 - Cards
- March 5 - Planning session
- March 19 - ?? (Scarves or etching)

As always, bring any beads you might have. If interested in making the Button Butterfly (to be hung outside), bring any buttons you have (without shanks), old jewelry we can take apart to add to the buttons or anything else that might be added. The wooden butterfly will be provided at a small charge.

As always, these classes could be adjusted depending on new ideas and participation.

## ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

By Barb Eggiman, Chair

The AC Team will be meeting the last week of October to begin to prepare for the November 15 Inspections. Our desire would be that ALL properties are compliant by that date. A description of the home owner's responsibilities can be found in the DA Directory. (Page 38) The AC Team inspects every lot in the park for compliance to these HOA Rules. **Please do your part.....to make our part simple.**

Hope all of you are enjoying your summer days at your home away from Desert Aire.

Barb Eggiman and the Architectural Committee Members:

Kathy Cummings, Barry Rutz, Dave O'Loughlin, Bob Adams, and Judy Bailey the BOD liaison

## LANDSCAPE & DESIGN COMMITTEE

By Nancy Clarke, Chair

California is experiencing record wet conditions following five consecutive years of drought. Although this year may be wet, dry conditions could return again next year. 2017 may be only a wet outlier in an otherwise dry extended period. We, as homeowners, must face the harsh reality that conservation is an absolute must. We must always be mindful of the need to conserve water. For an update to the water situation in S. California, you might want to read this report:

**[illumin.usc.edu/printer/167/california39s-water-crisis](http://illumin.usc.edu/printer/167/california39s-water-crisis)**

We will have a list of drought-tolerant plants for you to refer to, when you are purchasing flowers for your gardens, this coming season. The employees at Bob Williams Nursery are very approachable & helpful, if you need some assistance in planning your gardens, with water consumption in mind.

All the flower beds will be mulched, the end of

September, in preparation for the annuals to be planted. Currently the island flower bed outside the gate and the two pots inside the gate are in full bloom with flowers that can adapt to the extreme hot weather over the summer months. This feature, for security reasons, does not make our park look abandoned.

We are excited about the future improvements to the grounds in our Park. The transition to water tolerant plants and landscape in certain areas of our park will be an exciting and necessary feature as we adhere to the water restrictions.

The Landscape & Design committee members wish Alfonso all the best as he recovers from the vehicle accident.

Until we reunite in the fall, enjoy the summer months, wherever you are and keep healthy.

### **SECURITY COMMITTEE**

By Gordon Klein, Chair

The music festival brought a few challenges to the security team. Thanks to Steve Such who was still in the Park and addressed the issues as they occurred. We are currently working with Golden Voice to resolve security for next season.

Currently there has been no reported negative activity in the Park. We are hopeful that this will continue for the remainder of the summer.

Stay safe and have a great summer.

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR REALTOR**

By Mark Monaco, DA Realtor

Greetings Everyone, well as you can imagine, it is hot, hot, hot here at Desert Aire. I have had only two property showings so far and both couples were a bit turned off about the condition of the park and the way it shows when the water has been turned off and the grounds maintenance has been discontinued for the summer. I assured them the park will go through a major transformation and will look like paradise in the fall and winter season.

I am receiving inquiries for winter rentals as renters are trying to secure a property for the winter season and finalize their travel plans.

If you are interested in renting your property through the Real Estate office, please contact me. The Brokers fee to rent your property is 25% of the rental fee. As you all know, the Board of Directors sent out the required standards of all rental properties in the park. If you want to rent your property through the Real Estate office, you will need to sign a new leasing contract and make sure your property meets the required standards before it can be listed on the Desert Aire website. If you are unsure if it meets the required standards, we will be happy to help you assess your property by contacting the real estate office.

Real Estate in general is moving in the desert for single family homes. I would anticipate there will be more interest in the Desert Aire properties later in the year and as we get closer to the winter season and peoples thoughts turn to vacationing.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I will be glad to help in any way I can.

In the mean time, I hope you are all enjoying your summer and it is cooler where you are!!  
Kindest Regards!



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