



AIRE TIME



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DESERT AIRE ACTIVITIES

SUMMERTIME

April 1 through October 1, 2017

Family & Home Time with Friends!

24/7 - No Tickets Available!

Be sure to enjoy your summer, stay safe, stay healthy & keep in touch with Desert Aire Friends! Please don't forget to return to Desert Aire in the Fall!

DESERT AIRE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Hope Hilliard, President Desert Aire Board

As I start my term as the president of the Board of Directors, I have to think of how fortunate we are to be able to enjoy our time in Southern California in the Coachella Valley.

As this is the first newsletter article I am writing as the president of the Board of Directors, I thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone of our Mission Statement adopted some time ago. I have referred to it often over the last two years as I consider the many decisions we have had to make.

Mission Statement: Desert Aire is a 55 plus, nine-month, residential community designed to protect and enhance the individual and common investments of its residents, while maintaining a caring, affordable and diverse quality of life.

In addition to honoring our Mission Statement, I would like to ask myself before making a decision three questions. 1) Does this decision result in cost savings, energy savings or increase efficiency. 2) Does the decision support a long term strategy rather than a short term fix? And 3) Does this decision help keep our park current and improve our marketability?

I am very excited about the great team of volunteer board members I have the privilege of working with, and together we will commit to making decisions with a long term view. We will look for ways to advance the use of canal water, we will investigate ways to update the clubhouse space, we will work to develop a rule to help protect our park from short term rentals and we will try to ensure our infrastructure priorities are set. My goal is to ensure Desert Aire will continue to be a great place to call home during the winter months and I look forward to hearing from each and every homeowner.

MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

I know many of you are getting ready to head back to your primary home. I pray you will travel safely and have a wonderful summer. You will be missed here at Desert Aire. Please set up your mail to be forwarded two weeks prior to your departure this helps Cec where she doesn't have to forward so much mail. Also make sure you have given us a key to keep in the safe just in case we need to access your unit over the summer.

ELECTION RESULTS

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

As you know, the Association held its annual meeting and election of directors on Saturday, March 11, 2017. At that meeting, four positions were vacant and need to be filled. After tabulation of the ballots cast, the following persons were elected to the Board of Directors: **Brian Dolsen, Hope Hilliard, Anne King and Kurt Neumann.**

The 2017/2018 Board of Directors is as follows: Hope Hilliard, President; John Sullivan, Vice President; Judy Bailey, Secretary; Anne King,

Treasurer; Pam Laird, Director; Kurt Neumann, Director; Brian Dolsen, Director.

The Outstanding Service Awards were presented to **Gary Inloes, Dick Bergen** and **Bill Galbraith**. These three gentlemen have contributed a great deal to Desert Aire during their years of residency in the park. Thank you to all three of you for your service to the park!

MINUTES DESERT AIRE OPEN BOARD MEETING - By Linda Healey, Secretary DA Board

Highlights of the Open Board Meeting Held Tuesday, March 07, 2017

- Prior to the Open Board Meeting, an Executive Meeting of the Board was held to deal with a non-compliant home owner.
- Bob informed home owners that there is a due process to follow when rules are violated. The Board is limited in what it can say regarding these matters, due to confidentiality.
- All homeowners should ensure they comply with the Indio Water restrictions - no water on the hard scapes by November 15, 2017.
- Spectrum contract will be effective April 01, 2017. We will hear more from Carolyn.
- The Board is looking at creating rules to deal with short term rentals and advertising for the Coachella Music Festivals.
- John Sullivan reported our finances are in good shape with no delinquencies.
- John Sullivan presented an E.R. (expenditure request) for \$2,650. for 10 garbage cans (the ones in the ground).

Committee Reports were given: (Please see bulletin Board for details of each report)

Editor..... Karen Such, Lot 182

- Our Community Relations Committee chair Herm Mitzel has resigned and Anne King will take over. She will act on our behalf as a member of the P.D.A. (Polo District Alliance). This group meets at least one a year to deal with issues surrounding the festivals and concerts.
- Real Estate – Our new Realtor/Rental Agent Mark Monaco was introduced and welcomed by Donna Irvine, Chair of the committee.
- Architectural Committee – All home owners are asked to keep their lots in compliance to the end of the season. Have a look at the November 15th inspection sheet to ensure you are compliant.
- Landscape and Design want to know if you are attached to anything in the trophy case. If so, see Nancy Clarke.
- Buildings and Grounds have completed some major projects – new pickle ball court, security spikes, and shuffleboard repairs. Hope presented an E.R. in the amount of \$3,500. for a park maintenance cart.
- Ad-Hoc Landscape Committee – Have met with Alfonso and T.K.D. to review initial plans. Adjacent home owners have been contacted and were invited to see how the plans affect their lots. Feedback was given to the design consultant. The updated plans will be ready soon.
- Marketing & Communication – This committee will be targeting snowbirds in the northern states and provinces to promote our park. They have also been working with the Real Estate Committee in completing a package for renters.
- Security – Alarms are set to go on at 10:00 p.m. and off at 5:00 a.m. An E.R. in the amount of \$1,193/year for extra lighting in lot fore was presented.

- Emergency Preparedness –Cheryl Boyer has conducted 11 A.E.D. /C.P.R. classes and trained 123 people.
- 16 homeowners spoke at the open forum
- New Homeowners Jim and Carol Linke, Lot 19 introduced themselves.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By June Cavendish, Chair

Activities would like to wish everyone safe travels home. We have been finishing next season's activities and chairs of the various events. We are still in need of chairs for the Halloween Party, New Year's Eve Party and the Fashion Show. Remember we have lots of volunteers to help with these events but we need someone to coordinate them. If we can't find chairs the events will be canceled and we don't want to see that. Please give me a call or send me an email if you would be interested. Thanks.

ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

By Barb Eggiman, Chair

The end of the season is upon us. Our committee will continue to meet each Tuesday until the end of March. We will be reviewing all work orders that are submitted by **Tuesday, March 28**. If you have projects that will be started in the summer, please submit a work order now. If you have projects that will begin in the fall prior to November 2017, please submit your work order before you leave the park in March.

Some reminders for anyone who has not yet left the park:

- ***Pick all fruit.***
- ***Prune shrubs and trees.***
- ***Set your irrigation to water your trees, shrubbery, and perennial plants.***
- ***Kill your lawn.***

- ***Pull all annual plants.***

Have a sunny summer!

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Don Hammond, Chair

The season is over for us but work is ongoing for Alfonso and crew. We are putting together a summer program for him that is quite intensive with the updating of the 6 red zone areas to meet IWA requirements.

Quite a bit of discussion has been ongoing for Electrical pedestal replacement as one has actually failed. We have spoken to an electrical contractor and also done a walk around the park. The pedestals are set in cement and dirt has built up around some of them rusting them off. Replacement cost could be between \$500 and \$1000. The pedestals are the responsibility of the homeowner. We are recommending homeowners keep them clean and dry around the cement and they should last many more years.

On a positive note, the roof is nearing completion and should be done soon. Many thanks to the many volunteers, especially John Rumsey whose efforts kept the costs down. John did this in his spare time when he wasn't working on (playing on) the pickle ball court.

Working with the security committee the new fencing was also installed around the east end of lot 4. This involved over 10 people volunteering from cutting to welding to installing the metal spikes.

LANDSCAPE & DESIGN COMMITTEE

By Nancy Clarke, Co-Chair

The thought of pulling up annuals, especially for Canadians who are heading home to colder weather, is a sad thought. Mother Nature threw us a curve, this season, with the frosty weather, but overall, the gardens seemed to rebound and flourish when the warmer weather arrived.

Two benches have been purchased and will be placed just outside the Auditorium doors. One bench has been sponsored by the **Quilting** group and the other one, by **Building & Grounds**. We are appreciative to both of these committees for their generous donation. The existing, weathered benches will be moved alongside the Bocce Ball court and the Putting Green.

During the summer months, when most of the Homeowners are not here, our Park looks somewhat abandoned, to anyone driving along Avenue 49. Therefore, we have arranged for the planting of very hardy flowers that can withstand the intense summer temperatures, in the garden area outside the entrance gates and in the two pots, just inside the gates. For security reasons, we thought this would be a positive feature. Arrangements are being made for flowering bushes to be planted inside the four curved areas along the east wall. This will add character & color to these areas that previously had rose bushes.

We look forward to next season when we will focus on the garden beds. Our committee continues to work with the Ad Hoc committee and with Building & Grounds. We are always mindful of low water usage and long term sustainability, in our planning.

On behalf of our committee, I wish you safe traveling as you head north and a healthy summer, to relax and enjoy.

Quote: *Spring is Nature's way of saying: "Let's party"*.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

By Cathy Routledge, Chair

As the season at DA begins to wind down, the Marketing and Communications Committee would like to encourage you all to become "walking advertisements" for our desert community.

I am always amazed by how many people have found their way to Desert Aire because they knew somebody who was already here. Stop by the office and take a few business cards or brochures to hand out, invite your Facebook friends to like our page and tell them all to check out our website at desertairearesort.com. You really are our park's best salesmen and saleswomen so by all means, tell your friends, family, golf partners, neighbors, in-laws, club members and cronies!

We will be working over the spring, summer and fall with some advertising targeting the Pacific Northwest, Northern California and North and Western Canada. Stay tuned, as there will be an opportunity for you to be involved, if you'd like.

A huge thanks to Susan Langin and Hope Hilliard; you're the Dream Team ladies, and to Teddy Wilson for helping to feed our endlessly hungry Facebook audience. Safe home to you all.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

By Gordon Klein, Chair

Greetings from your Security Team

As everyone gets ready to "wind" down for this season, Security would like to remind you to double lock all doors and lock windows as well as place rods in them and your sliders. Take time to look around your property and secure all outside items of value. Anything you can do to deter the "bad guys" will help. Security does run all year long but is not at full capacity in the summer.

Safe travels and our team looks forward to seeing you in the Fall.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

By Donna Irvine

It was announced at the last Open Board Meeting of the season that our new Sales and Rental Agent is Mark Monaco. We wish Mark

much success at Desert Aire going forward, as his success in the Park is also a win for our homeowners.

Our Committee was kept busy this season with a few setbacks, however we completed the majority of what we set out to do. Our biggest accomplishment was compiling information and printing the Guidelines for Park Rentals which has been approved by the BOD. A cover letter to DA Owners was prepared with input from both The Real Estate Committee and The Marketing & Communications Committee. The M&CC put together this package which includes the cover letter, rental guidelines and a letter from Mark Monaco. The BOD & the M&CC are looking to keep all correspondence going out from DA be consistent in appearance. This package will go out to ALL OWNERS shortly, allowing time to implement these guidelines before the start of next season. The guidelines will also be posted on our DA Web Site where the rentals are listed at www.desertaireresort.com if you have not done so please go to our DA site and read & see all the great information that has been posted about our park.

Our committee members for 2017-2018 are Sally Wilson, Cathy Cameron, Carole Purcell, Peggy Miller, Gerri Rutz, Nikki Brown & Donna Irvine, Chairman. Thanks to Simone Wurzer for her contribution to the committee last season.

Safe journey home everyone and have a great summer.

DESERT AIRE REALTOR

Mark Monaco, Realtor

Dear fellow property owners, first let me say how happy I am to be named the new Realtor representing Desert Aire Resort. I am excited about the opportunity to work with the many wonderful people that call this their winter home. With the many meetings I had with the Real Estate & Marketing committees, I have a strong understanding of the culture and lifestyle that is

the heartbeat of Desert Aire Resort and the importance of that not changing. I have visited with the many guests that rented here this season and they have told me how much they enjoyed everything about the park and the many new friends they have made here. Many of them already want to book next season.

I would also like to take this opportunity to clear up some of the rumors that are being circulated. My wife and I currently own **two** park models in the park. We are trying to sell one of them and will continue to market it until sold. We currently have one listed on an internet website to rent. This is our only source of advertising, as we do not advertise our properties for rent on the DA website. "Our" website advertisement does not advertise for any of the desert festivals or short term rentals.

I would hope that if you have a concern or a question, you would talk with me, or the Real Estate committee about it.

I am currently reaching out to all of the owners that have listed their property for sale and introducing myself to them.

I am also reaching out to the owners that rented their properties through me this season. I would like to take pictures of their properties while the grass is green, the water is blue, the flowers are blooming and the birds are singing.

Thank you again for this opportunity and I look forward the working with you.

PARK TIDBITS

SPORTS DAY

By Steve Harvey, Coordinator

Pick a lovely day, add in visits to most of the athletic activities in our park, provide coaching and friendly competition, have prizes for fortunate participants, invite volunteers to show off their favorite games, top it off with the putting

finals, the horse race wagers and the hot dogs, well that becomes a pretty good morning.

A big thank you to all the one hundred plus wonderful volunteers. How about same time next year, February 24!

A related issue: the Pitch and Putt park champions were Ed Claggett and Sue Del Casino. The annual putting champions were Bob Langin and Sue Del Casino. Hal Hopper presented the awards at sports day.

ANNUAL SNOWBIRD CAN/AM GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Marilyn Kopernick, Coordinator

The 4th Annual Snowbird Can- Am golf match was held Feb 26. The day was a great success with 64 golfers and lots of spectators . Team Canada won the famous Road Runner Trophy by a narrow margin.

The top Combined USA/Canada team was Sherrie Haines, Mike Madsen, Herm Mitzel and Mike Burrell. Herm and Mike also tied for top USA team with Jackie Burrell and Howard Healey . The top Canadian teams were Dave Lockhart, Annette Cosens, Karen Persson, Ed Claggett, Don Van Impe & Judy Bailey.

Thanks to the Canadian Snowbird Association (CSA) who donated shirts for all the golfers. We had lots of prizes donated by the CSA, Hal Hopper, Dorothy Claggett and many of the organizing team. Thanks to Pam Laird who donated a very special prize of a PGA Pebble Beach visor autographed by 5 pro golfers and 2 celebrity golfers (purchased by her Mom at auction).

As usual, all attendees produced a fabulous meal and the enthusiastic singing of the two national anthems was top quality!

2017 ANNUAL GOLF DINNER

By Len Kellar, Coordinator

Our annual Monday/Wednesday golf dinner was held March 8th at Palm Desert Country Club. The forty-four Desert Aire golfers and spouses who attended were served a choice of Chicken Marsala, French Dip Sandwiches or Cactus Club Chopped salads.

As a thanks from the three golf courses we played this year we were able to give out several free rounds of golf and luncheons for two. Drawing winners included:

Golf at Palm Desert CC. Simone Wurzer
 Golf at Palm Desert CC. Bill Erickson
 Golf at Terra Lago. Kathy Cummings
 Golf at Terra Lago. Barbra Eggiman
 Golf at Palm Desert Resort.. Graham Laughton
 Golf at Palm Desert Resort.. Paul Brown
 Golf at Palm Desert Resort.. Howie Burke
 Lunch at Palm Desert CC.. Gary King
 Lunch at Palm Desert CC.. Bob Langin

Bill Erickson and I would like to thank all of Desert Aire golfers who participated in our Monday/Wednesday golf program this season. Your participation allows us to deal with the courses for better rates and tee times.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LOT FORE GOLF

By Richard Tarabochia, Tuesday Coordinator
 & Sally Wilson, Thursday Coordinator

As there are only a few more weeks of organized team play, we want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participate in Desert Aire's Tuesday and Thursday tournaments. The Tuesday Hole-in-One pot had grown to over \$80 and was finally won by Diana Davis with her Ace on hole number 8; and the meager \$22 Thursday pot was won by Al Harniman with an Ace on hole number 13. Congratulations to you both. We hope you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing you next season.

