



AIRE TIME



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DESERT AIRE ACTIVITIES

OPEN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
10:00 a.m. - Auditorium

DESERT AIRE CHORISTERS

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
3:00 p.m. - Auditorium Stage
First rehearsal for the Christmas show

STREET CLEAN UP

Friday, November 9, 2018
9:00 a.m.

This is a time to clean up the streets in front of your property. If you finish quickly, you might want to be a nice neighbor and help others.

DONUTS

Saturday, November 10, 24, 2018
7:30 a.m. - Auditorium

Please bring your own coffee cup and "small" change, as there is no change for big bills.

HAMBURGER LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 15, 2018
11:45 a.m. - Clubhouse Patio/Auditorium
\$3.50 each

Please sign-up on the Bulletin Board for hamburger or chicken patty & don't forget to show up.

WELCOME BACK PARTY

Friday, November 16, 2018
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Clubhouse Patio
Hosted by Activities Committee
Drinks provided
Please bring snacks to share with everyone.



PANCAKES

Saturday, November 17, 2018
7:30 a.m. - Auditorium
\$3.50 each

Please sign up on the bulletin board, and then please show up!

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Saturday, November 17, 2018
7:00 p.m. - Auditorium
Karaoke Night

JACK & JILL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, November 18, 2017
See Bulletin Board for sign up and details.

"LET'S FLAMINGLE"

GIRLS NIGHT ON THE PATIO

Tuesday November 27, 2018
5:30 p.m. - Clubhouse Patio
Bring an Appy to share and BYOB
All Girls welcome to come "Flamingle" with friends and enjoy music and food!

DESERT AIRE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Hope Hilliard, President Desert Aire Board

As our winter season begins, your Board of Directors is planning to begin the season at a "Running Pace". Your new board members and the current ones have been talking about the infrastructure of Desert Aire and have wanted to be sure our park is maintained to a level that will ensure our collective investment, in a park that is approx. 30 years old, remains strong.

To this end, we are in the process of conducting a review of our ponds, pumps, sewer system, electrical system, water quality, air conditioners and our perimeter wall. Once we receive all reports, we will be reviewing future maintenance

suggestions and ensuring our Reserve Funds reflect our needs over the next 5 – 10 years. The findings will be reflected in our Reserve Study document and we look forward to sharing this with all homeowners.

Over the summer our Comfort Animal Policy was tested with the Federal Housing and Urban Development department and our policy was found to be discriminatory. A complaint was launched and the Federal HUD has provided guidance in developing a non-discriminatory policy. Their suggestions will be discussed by the board once we begin our meetings in November and the approved policy will be posted and communicated to all homeowners.

This time of year we are busy with the Treasurer and the Finance Committee, as we prepare the budget for next year. The budget and the Reserve Fund documents should be ready to be distributed to all homeowners by the end of November.

In the spring, we held “Hot Topic Discussion” groups, invited written comments and email comments regarding: Short Term Rentals, 270 Day Residency Rule and Service/Comfort Animals. The board has gathered everyone’s input and comments and we will be ready to develop Desert Aire Policies. We will work on this in the Fall and wish to thank the many that took the time to participate in the feed back process. The involvement shows how much our residents care about Desert Aire and it makes the job of representing homeowners on the Board of Directors so much easier. It sure is appreciated.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall, and wish safe travels to those on route to Desert Aire.

Editor..... Karen Such, Lot 182

MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

Welcome back everyone!! I hope you all had a wonderful Summer and lots of fun! As always, we were very busy here at Desert Aire. There was quite a bit of remodeling going on. The large cardroom is now divided in half making room for a larger gym area. The smaller room that the gym was previously in has been converted to another small card room. The library has been re-organized to give it a cozy feel with a leather sofa, loveseat and chair. The bookcases have been moved away from the windows to allow more light to come in. All of the rooms have been given a fresh coat of paint, new carpet and window coverings. The gym will have rubber mat flooring. Hope you all enjoy the new updated changes.

Hoping 2018-2019 will be a great year!!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By Jan Larson, Chair

Welcome back to another year at Desert Aire. We plan many fun filled events each year and always rely on the help of all of the generous people in the park. As, at the end of last year, we are still looking for people to chair two important events. THE CHRISTMAS DANCE and THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY are still waiting for chairmen. They will not be held if we cannot get people to chair the events. Please, if you possibly can help, contact Jan Larson or June Cavendish to let us know you are willing to take on this task. It shouldn't be too difficult because there is files that give you direction and how things were done before. It's a place to start and then be creative.

Things to remember in November are Street Clean Up on the 9th. Cleaning our park after the hot summer is very important. Also remember your neighbors who may not have arrived yet. Our first Saturday Donuts will be the 10th. You know your tummy has been missing those fresh

donuts. Hamburgers will be at 11:45 on the 15th. So it's a good idea to forget the diet.

Our WELCOME BACK PARTY is scheduled for November 16 at 3:00 p.m.. We are hoping that you will save that date and come to the patio to visit with old friends and new.

Marilyn Kopernick and Teddy Wilson have been busy planning a special time for the ladies in the park. It is called Girls Night Out. It will be held November 27. I'm sure you will be hearing more about this in the weeks to come, so save the date and keep your ears open for more information.

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE

By Graham & Donna Laughton, Coordinators

November 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium - Karaoke Night.

Saturday Night Alive is Desert Aire's Pub Night and we welcome everyone to the auditorium for an evening outside your 400 square feet. Please join us for fun, games, our world famous popcorn and lots of visiting. Bring your friends and neighbors and your beverage of choice. We try to provide a variety of themes for these evenings for your enjoyment. We also have a 50/50 draw. This month is Karaoke which is always a lot of fun. You have the opportunity to sing solo, in a group or as part of the "glee club". We have an excellent selection of songs to choose from. This evening would be a great time for newcomers to meet other residents. We will be having a Mexican Night in January, so bring any Mexican things you might have to Desert Aire, especially Mexican hats!!

DESERT AIRE CHORISTERS

Carolyn Stastny, Director

Calling all of you who love to sing - rehearsals begin Tuesday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m. on the auditorium stage. We will be working on putting together our annual Christmas show which is scheduled for Sunday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.

in the auditorium. A love of music and singing together is the only requirement to be involved in the choir. You don't even have to read music!! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give Carolyn a call - 971-237-2387. Come and join us for fun, fellowship and music!

SQUARE DANCING RETURNS TO DESERT AIRE

By John Sullivan, Coordinator

A beginning square dancing class we be held on Wednesday afternoon November 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Our caller and instructor Terry Sherer is an excellent caller who calls for various clubs in the Palm Springs area. If you have danced before or never danced you will be square dancing on day one. We will be dancing mainstream western square dancing. Our class will be open for new dancers for about three weeks. See you in a square!

ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

By Barb Eggiman, Chair

Autumn Greetings to all the DA residents!

The AC Team is gearing up for the annual November 15 Inspections. You will see us out in the park with clip boards and inspection forms as we visit every lot. Our expectation is that **ALL** properties will be compliant by the 15th. A description of the home owner's responsibilities can be found in the DA Directory under Architectural Rule 11. Within 3 days of the inspections; any owner of a non-compliant lot will be notified by written letter delivered to each mail box or by postal mail for absent owners. The letter will state that you have until November 30 to correct the non-compliant issues on your lot.

Many of you have been busy getting rid of weeds, planting grass, cleaning up flower beds, planting flowers, and smiling about how beautiful your lot is looking. We are smiling with you! Thank-you in advance to all of you home owners who are ready for the annual inspection.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Don Hammond, Chair

Welcome back to our little piece of paradise to those who are returning. Especially welcome to the first-time owners and renters who have chosen to spend a portion of their lives living with us and learning about the best kept secret ever. Welcome to all.

As you enter the park, you will become acquainted with an amazing amount of visual change that has happened to our paradise over the summer months. The first thing that you will see is that the streets have been seal coated with all the yellow curbs and safety markings repainted. The contrast is very noticeable. As you drive around, it quickly becomes apparent that Alfonso and his crew have planted the lawns and they are speedily sprouting and replacing brown ground with green. You will also see that many of the older dead and dying trees and shrubs have been removed while others have been properly pruned.

Walking about the clubhouse, you will see the results of the committee, led by Vicki Bussey, that was charged with finding more efficient ways to use the floor space of the building. The library has been repainted and the carpet was replaced with new. The old couch and chairs were replaced with the brown leather furniture that used to reside in the card and game room. With careful design, you can now see the wonderful view through the floor to ceiling windows on the west wall. The party room has been painted and the tile floor has been replaced with carpet which is easily cleanable. The results are very pleasing. The old card/game room space was divided with the end next to the party room remaining for cards and games. The remainder of the space was used to make a larger exercise room. It will accommodate multiple of the various exercise machines and should serve the needs of Desert Aire for the foreseeable future. Lastly, the old exercise room has been painted and

carpeted becoming another card/game room. In some instances, finishing touches are still being put on the individual spaces, but all will be completed and useable this season.


I am certain I have left unmentioned other projects that were completed over the summer that are important to the function of the facilities and enhance the enjoyment for all us. I am equally certain I have left unnamed the many folks that have expended untold numbers of hours enhance the enjoyment for all us. I am equally certain I have left unnamed the many folks that have expended untold numbers of hours to see these projects to completion. Thanks to all for your efforts to make this place called Desert Aire possible.

LANDSCAPE & DESIGN COMMITTEE

By Nancy Clarke, Chair

Your Landscape and Design Committee members are looking forward to returning to Desert Aire, as I am sure, all our Home Owners are. Our committee will continue to work closely with the Buildings & Grounds Committee, the Water Conservation Committee and the Activities Committee, to develop any design recommendations for existing areas in the park and we thank them for their ideas and comments.

There will be an enormous demand & need for native plants & succulents, as grassed areas make the transition to drought tolerant plants. Succulents have been one of the hottest trends in the past few years. They provide a rare beauty with low maintenance and low water usage. Succulents are “tough-as-nails” performers because they store moisture in their roots.

If you are acquainted with **Pinterest** , key in “*California Native Landscape*” for a plethora of ideas in landscaping. If you are looking for some ideal plants for your garden, the helpful & knowledgeable staff at Bob Williams Nursery, will be glad to assist you.

Alfonso and his crew have been working vigorously, to prepare all the flowerbeds for the annuals to be planted. The magnificent pots will be adorned with new plantings in the next few weeks, as well. These pots add so much beauty to our park and are a welcome feature to admire, as we come and go.

We are looking for new members to join our committee. If you are interested, please contact **Nancy Clarke** unit #79 (760-406-2440) or **Glenda Klein** unit # 272 (425-210-8963).

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

By Donna Irvine, Chair

Here we are again (thankfully) at Desert Aire, our beautiful winter home for the start of another great season. It's always a beehive of activity the first week of arrival for all of us trying to clean up our properties and getting settled in, all the while catching up with everyone on what is new in all our lives since we left in the spring. Last season was a very busy one for Desert Aire **property sales**, which started at the beginning of the season with some closings still completing this summer. Mark Monaco, our DA Realtor, had 9 sales from his existing listings and private sales numbered 21. Those 30 property sales mean 30 new owners (welcome) joining our DA Family and hopefully many more hands volunteering to help keep our numerous free activities running. These sales will benefit the park by having more properties occupied and looking well cared for.

The **rental activity in DA** must have set a new **record for requests to rent** in the park, with Mark having no more available and private units also booked solid. Many of these rentals were arranged for at the end of last season and calls continued all summer to the DA office, with those inquires referred to Mark.

Our committee's email address is DA.real.estate.committee@gmail.com should you have any questions, suggestions or comments. **This email address is also how**

you list your property for sale by owner or for rent by owner. To be listed on the DA site **your rental property must meet the standards set by DA and are listed on the site www.desertaireresort.com** Any pictures submitted need to be in landscape format.

Welcome back everyone, from Donna Irvine and the Real Estate Committee members Sally Wilson, Cathy Cameron, Carole Purcell, Peggy Miller, Gerri Rutz, & Nikki Brown.

REALTOR

By Mark Monaco, DA Realtor

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a great summer where it is you call home.

This long hot summer at Desert Aire has finally come to an end...yay!!

All the dead grass, weeds and overgrown shrubs are giving way to beautiful flowers, lush green landscaping and cooler weather. I am more than ready for the transition.

On October 17th the real estate office had the first sale of the new season. The rental activity over the summer months has been booming with many first time guests scheduled to visit the park this season. I am hoping some of these folks will want to purchase the many properties currently for sale.

If you are renting your property or have it for sale, I highly recommend all owners make their property ready for incoming guests and ready to be shown to potential buyers. Christina and Alfonso can assist you with interior and exterior clean up. Also, please make sure your cable, TV's, appliances, heating and air conditioning systems are operating correctly. Rental properties **MUST** be rent ready and meet the guidelines established by the Board of Directors. We want all of our guests to have a great experience and want to return to Desert Aire.

Many of last seasons Listing Agreements have expired over the summer. If you would like to re-list your property with the real estate office or if you are considering listing your property, please contact the real estate office as soon as possible. I plan to have a professional photographer come in and take pictures of the properties for sale. I also plan to have them take an aerial video of the park once the park is presentable.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the coming months and wish everyone safe travels back to the park.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

By Gordon Klein, Chair

Welcome back Desert Aire friends and neighbors.

The Security Team is happy to report we had a pretty good summer with only a couple of break-ins. These occurred in an area that is not protected by beams. We are currently working on a solution for that area.

We are very grateful to Cec Conway for her constant willingness to check areas after receiving calls from our alarm company. In all cases the alarms were set off by wind, over hanging foliage or perhaps an animal breaking the beam.

As you arrive and get settled into your "winter homes" we would like to remind you to keep your sheds and cars locked at night.

The Security Team will hold their first meeting in early November and will be discussing solutions for several areas to enhance security in the Park.



QUILTER'S CORNER

By Kaye Salley, Quilter

Hello from the quilt group.

This was my July Newsletter that did not get sent through cyber space, since we were on the Oregon Coast and internet is limited.

Hope everyone enjoyed the summer. Lovely fall colors through out the northwest.

Thanks to all who are always sewing on donation quilts, even through the summer.

Please remember if you are sorting fabric and have room to bring the fabric when you come in the fall, our donation room will appreciate it!!

Also remember if there is a household item that can be used for the Spaghetti auction, set it aside and bring it with you in the fall.

The Coachella Mission appreciates your saving the motel free samples of personal items you might collect on your travels this summer. Remember to bring those also.

If you are shopping and purchase some patterns, be sure to bring them along. We are always looking for new ideas.

Here is one I found. Called Asagail by Running Doe Quilts for Villa Rosa designs. You can look up the color photo <http://www.villarosadesigns.com/shop/ROSECARDS/Running-Doe/ASAGAIL/48x48-16568002.htm>.

Fat quarter friendly!!!! 9 fat quarters, 1 yard neutral.

There is a new director for the Project Linus in the Coachella Valley. I have been in contact with her through the Facebook page and may get some free fabric from her and a couple of quilt tops that someone else in the valley has pieced but does not want to quilt.

Safe travels to everyone. See you at Desert Aire.

THIS 'N THAT

By Susan Langin, Coordinator

No doubt there will be lots of interesting things to see and do in the Coachella Valley this season. Information on various activities and destinations you can explore will be posted on the This 'n That section of the bulletin board. This 'n That will organize two or three events each month for you to participate with your Desert Aire friends, so check the bulletin board for details and sign-up sheets. If you have any suggestions for a special event or excursion, or if you would like to join the This 'n That committee, please contact Susan Langin (#46).

TRIPS & TRAVEL

By Carol Peterson, Coordinator

March trip to the Kellogg Mansion will cost \$60.00 each and you can pay starting November 1. There will be a buffet lunch along the Horse Show. There is room for 56 people so it will be on a first come first served basis. Cash or checks (as long as checks are on a U.S. bank) and made out to Desert Aire RV Park. If there are any changes to this information I will announce them on Saturday and on the travel board.

PARK TIDBITS**EVENT POSTERS**

By Dorothy Jones and Carolyn Stastny

Due to family health issues, Dorothy Jones, our wonderful "poster lady", will not be in residence at Desert Aire this season. She has graciously agreed to continue doing her magical creations at home and sending the completed files to Carolyn to be printed and then posted. If any of you have any poster needs, Dorothy will need as much lead time as possible to do the work and then send it electronically to Carolyn. The days of needing a poster done "TODAY!" are over for this season at least. If you know what your needs are, you can contact Dorothy by email at domojones@telus.net or by phone

(604)522-8505.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MISSION

By Wayne Wolf, Coordinator

Thanksgiving is coming and we always pass the bucket for donations to send on to the Mission. Please keep that in mind when you come for donuts on Saturday mornings. They sincerely appreciate all the help we give them.

DESERT AIRE FAMILY**JOHN PENNER, Lot 275**

On the morning of July 29, 2018 John Penner husband of Willie Penner Lot 275 passed away suddenly. He had been ill with an infection which damaged his kidneys and liver. He was put on life support for two days but could no longer fight the good fight. Please keep Willie in your thoughts and prayers. Your friends at Desert Aire send our sincere sympathy.

KARIN MICK, Lot 274

Karin Mick formerly of Lot 274, passed away recently. She would have been 96 this coming November. We at Desert Aire send our sympathy and prayers to the family.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!