



# AIRE TIME



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## **DESERT AIRE NEWS**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

By June Cavendish, President Desert Aire Board

Where has the summer gone? It's hard to believe that July is here already. I hope everyone is enjoying being home, staying safe and getting all those little "chores" finished that you had been putting off. Oklahoma was one of the first states to open up late May because we had a low count of cases. But that has changed this past week with over two hundred new cases a day being reported. They are talking about maybe closing up things again. No one knows when the virus will be over or what the "new normal" will look like. I've been trying to keep up with what Riverside County is doing so we will know what to do in the fall. So far things are going okay there.

I would like to thank Carolyn and the crew for keeping the park going. The Board left a long list of tasks for them to do this summer and I hear that they are moving right along on getting those done. It's not easy when it's 110 degrees in the shade.

I hope everyone has a good summer and a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Hopefully we will get to see everyone in the fall. Stay safe.

### **MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN**

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

Hello Everyone!

Well it has really been a different kind of year with the COVID regulations and everyone having to be careful with social distancing. We have been doing an awesome job with social distancing here because there are only 12 homeowners left in the park, so we can give each other lots of room. We are requiring that everyone wears a mask as they enter the office.

Christina has been very busy keeping high traffic areas disinfected.

The landscape maintenance crew has been busy working on the summer project list. They have just completed painting the interior of Laundry Room A and it looks nice and fresh. I have been hearing from Alfonso lately. He is having a hard time of adjustment not being able to work. His nature is to be such a busy worker and now his life has changed so drastically. Please keep him in prayer.

I am not sure how our next season will play out with our Canadian homeowners possibly not being able to come down due to medical coverage issues. We are hoping for the best it would really be a shame if you were not able to come to Desert Aire for the 2020-2021 season.

I hope all of you are doing well and staying safe and healthy! Take Care.

### **ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

By Jan Larson, Chair

Thank you so much to all of you who chaired or helped with the activities this year. You are the ones who make this park a wonderful place to spend the winter. I know we didn't want an ending like we had this year, but it happened. I was sad I didn't get my last announcement Saturday morning. Next year Teddy Wilson will do a great job. If you are in charge of an activity next year, please get a poster request form so your poster can be done and correct for next year. Hopefully, your liaison gave it to you before they departed the park.

There were going to be two picnics this summer if we were done with the virus. One at Bea and Maurice Fitzgerald's in Canada and one at Sandy and Louie's in Washington. However, both picnics have been cancelled.

**ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE**

By Jim Campbell, Coordinator

Because of the uncertainty surrounding the current Covid19 virus issue, I have decided to cancel, at least for the 2020-2021 season, the "Sound of Music (open mic) 2021" activity which I planned on starting in January 2021. Also, I have decided to cancel the tribute concert which I originally scheduled for the end of January 2021.

Furthermore, I am not convinced, at least at this time, that we will be able to stage any of our 2020-2021 entertainment events, which I booked last season, due to the social distancing and crowd number restrictions, along with border crossing restrictions, currently in place throughout the world.

Lastly, I want to remind you that this will be my last year as entertainment coordinator, so I am looking for 2 volunteers I can transition to take over for future seasons. I will keep all of you updated concerning this year's entertainment events as we get closer to the start of the 2020-2021 season. Take care Desert Aire Nation and stay safe.

**CRAFT CORNER**

By Peggy Miller, Coordinator

Carol Purcell and I are thinking of having a craft class in late November for a Christmas project. We may have 2 or 3 projects so if you have something you'd like to do, bring your supplies from home..May do cards, decorations, spider, etc. We will use the bulletin board to let you know what, where, and when....Share your ideas....

**ARCHITECT COMMITTEE**

By Barb Eggiman, Chair

"The Times They Are a-Changin'".....Bob Dylan Song, 1964.....the words are so appropriate for today.

We've all, by now, adjusted to a new way of

doing life. For some, the changes are greater than for others. The up-coming season at Desert Aire will most likely have some changes to adjust to. For the Architectural Committee, we do not anticipate any Rule Changes.

The current committee members will remain on the committee for the 2020-21 season. Our committee is made up of five members plus a representative from the board. The members are all homeowners in the park as required.

Here is a list of the members and the number of years they have been a part of the committee:

Bob Adams – 3 years

Elaine Babcock – 2 years as secretary

Barb Eggiman – 5 years as committee chair

Randy Miles – 2 years

Dan Spino – 2 years

We welcome Steve Harvey to the committee as the Board Liaison.

We appreciate Judy Bailey who served as our Liaison the past four years. THANK-YOU, JUDY!

The challenges the committee has tackled and the successes we've had include: meeting the annual inspection deadline; reviewing work orders weekly; answering questions regarding changes on owner's lots. These successes keep this cohesive team busy with a willingness for more. With this group of hard workers, we strive to constantly put our best efforts forward and hope that those efforts will be evident to all homeowners.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Don Hammond, Chair

The following article was submitted for the April 2020 newsletter, which was subsequently cancelled.

Once again, we find the Desert Aire Season

coming to an end all too soon. The year has been very productive for the B & G Team. I am so grateful for the spirit of volunteerism that pervades this community. I find it very inspiring to see septuagenarians and octogenarians manning shovels or whatever tool in contributing to the effort of completing a project. For a season, it is difficult to itemize all the projects, large and small - some are less visible fix-its - that are accomplished by numerous volunteers that are important to the maintenance and functioning of our facilities. I ask each of you to take a moment to appreciate how truly fortunate we are to have among us, skilled and experienced individuals choosing to apply their expertise to various projects that insures we have professional results. The B & G Team is truly appreciative and thankful for all who participate and are pleased to call them neighbors and friends.

### LANDSCAPE & DESIGN COMMITTEE

By Nancy Clarke, Chair

Adhering to the "summer to-do list" that was compiled by **Buildings & Grounds** and **Landscape & Design**", the "in house" crew and Kirkpatrick Landscaping have been working on these tasks. Tony & his crew have been tackling maintenance in the community buildings, painting the interiors, spiffing up the paint on our individual properties, where indicated, weeding & cleaning around the Lagoon areas, removing trees where designated, pruning bushes & hedges where requested, and giving Lot Fore a greatly needed enhancement in some of the garden landscaping.

Kirkpatrick has done an aggressive pruning of the Bougainvillea, along Avenue 49, which was long overdue. This should provide strong growth and extend the life of these bushes.

The "bender boards" on the boulevards, that were improperly placed, have been installed and will make the irrigation more efficient.

Kirkpatrick Landscaping will enhance some of the boulevard areas with more stones & rocks, add more DG where needed and add plantings that were requested, to replace ones that had died due to poor irrigation.

The annual flowers have been ordered and will be planted in the flower beds, as indicated, by Kirkpatrick Landscaping in mid-October. The Rose beds will be enhanced with new bender boards to replace the existing, deteriorated edging. All of these beds will be topped up with more soil & mulch in early October.

The two Pepper trees that were dying, across from the "Putting Green" have been cut down and their stumps will be ground by our "in house" crew. Kirkpatrick has been given permission to order 3 large Pepper trees and oversee the planting, on the boulevard, across from the Putting Green. We rely on their expertise.

Irrigation and the monitoring of this, throughout our Park is a must. Far too many plants & trees have been lost because our irrigation was faulty & not monitored. Kirkpatrick Landscaping, who has a certified & professional Irrigation crew member, is gradually replacing our faulty irrigation. The 3 round & raised flower beds, in our patio area will all be refurbished with new irrigation, this summer when the stumps are ground.

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

Quote: "All gardening is landscape painting".

### REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

By Donna Irvine, Chair

The following article was submitted for the April 2020 newsletter, which was subsequently cancelled.

Here we are at the end of another season at Desert Aire! The winter has flown by and it is time for all of us to go to our summer homes.

The Real Estate Committee has been at work to make the rentals at Desert Aire the best they can be so that our renters not only enjoy the activities, but also the places that they live.

Many of the things that the real estate committee completed and the Board approved over the last 5 years are:

1. A Real Estate sign has been placed at the entrance to the park.
2. Participated in the hiring of our new realtor Mark Monaco.
3. Created and had printed our colored brochure for distribution to new homeowners and renters.
4. Designed a Desert Aire renter information packet which includes water restrictions, local information, security bulletin, TV lineup, "When is Clean-Clean Enough", and "Your Opinion Counts" which is feedback from the renters.
5. Developed "Standards for Rentals".
6. Created an email address for the Real Estate Committee.
7. Wrote an explanation for the uses of the administration fee.
8. Worked with the Board of Directors to develop a rule change for minimum 30 day rental period.
9. E-Blast sent to remind owner landlords that it is their responsibility to insure that their renters can both get into the park and/or the unit when they arrive at Desert Aire. The office is not responsible for letting renters into the park or the units they have rented.
10. Posts all For Sale/For Rent by owner listings on the Desert Aire website. The rentals that are listed on the website must meet the minimum requirements that have

been developed. Those requirements can also be found on the Desert Aire website.

11. Created "Attention all Renters" information posted on the bulletin boards in the mail room, laundry facilities, as well as the main bulletin board.

The committee is currently working on a form for all owners to complete with information for their renter/heir that will make moving into a unit much easier. It will include things that are common to all park models as well as things that are unique to each unit such as instructions for the television, where the hot water heater turns on and off, etc.

The Real Estate Committee has completed the expectations mandated from the Board of Directors. There has been some discussion about the future expectations for this committee. There will be some changes to the members and the tasks the committee has in the future. The focus of the committee will be to provide oversight and assure the work that has been completed will be updated as needed so that the renters experience is a pleasant one and they will want to return to our park as renters or owners.

Committee Members: Donna Irvine, Chair; Sally Wilson, Vice Chair; Cathy Cameron, Secretary; Carole Purcell, Niki Brown, Linda Healey, Members.

### **QUILTER'S CORNER**

By Roberta Christner, Quilter

Due to a very successful Spaghetti Dinner and Auction the quilters were planning to showcase the Linus quilts and present four \$1000.00 checks in March. But as you know everything was canceled due to the Corona Virus. The Project Linus representative suggested that she pick up the quilts this coming fall so that is our plan. We will hang the quilts sometime before

Thanksgiving allowing our DA friends to share with us what the quilters have produced.

The 4 checks of \$1000. have been sent to: 1) Coachella Valley Rescue Mission along with over 500 items of undergarments of the Tidy Whitey Challenge. 2) Police Cadet and After School Program. 3) Galilee Center for migrant workers/families near Thermal and 4) Mama's House. I found the following information about Mama's House in The Desert Sun.

"Mama's House opened its doors on July 27, 2013 to help mothers in crisis and their babies. Since that time the nonprofit has been offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these mothers to conquer fears, face challenges, and get back on track for success. To date Mama's House has served more than 230 women and babies."

## **PARK TIDBITS**

### **SUMMER PICNICS**

Unfortunately plans change quite a bit with this Covid 19 Virus. The great summer picnic in August at Louie and Sandy Herrin's home has been cancelled.

The picnic planned by Bea Fitzgerald in Canada has also been cancelled.

Hopefully we will be able to see each other again in the Fall or January.

### **DESERT AIRE CHORISTERS**

Carolyn Stastny, Director

Greetings to all as we are hunkered down in our homes! I sincerely hope that all of you have been able to escape being infected with Covid19 and are eagerly awaiting your return to Desert Aire in the Fall. The choir will begin rehearsals on November 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium, working on music for our Christmas program which is scheduled for Sunday, December 6. The theme will be "Choir Favorites." I received about 6 responses to my request for information

about your personal Christmas favorites (I sent around a list of the music we currently have on hand, a list carefully created by Carol Petrie - thanks so much, Carol!!). Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join us. I look forward to seeing all of you on November 3.

Stay safe!!

### **JACK & JILL TOURNAMENT**

By Karen Such, Coordinator

Covid 19 has done a number on most activities in this world. Lucky for most of us in the US, the golf courses are open and we can still golf. However, since we did not have an adequate size group signed up to plan the November Jack and Jill Tournament and are currently unsure of the size of group we can have together, we have decided to cancel the November Jack and Jill event.

Our plan is to continue Jack & Jill in January, February and March, assuming it is permissible to golf and have dinner together in the evening.

We can all hope and pray that life will be back to normal soon and that our Canadian neighbors will be able to come south and join us again.

We hope you are all having a good summer and are staying healthy!

