



AIRE TIME



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DESERT AIRE ACTIVITIES

OPEN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
10:00 a.m. - Online

PUTTING
Saturday, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021
Desert Aire Putting Green
9:00 a.m.

DESERT AIRE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By June Cavendish, President Desert Aire Board

It's hard to believe that February is here already and March is just around the corner. I've been in the park about 6 weeks and I want to give a big thanks to everyone that's here for pitching in and helping where ever it's needed. It might be weed pulling, trimming your neighbors bushes, picking fruit or helping on the Buildings and Grounds committee. The Board appreciates all the help. The park looks great.

I also want to give a huge, huge thank you to Dave Haines for all the work he has been doing. He can really multitask. He has been working on pond issues, electrical problems and swimming pool issues while trying to get his new park model set up. Thank you to his wife Sherrie for being so understanding.

You will be receiving your ballots shortly for the annual election of officers that occur at our March annual meeting. A quorum is determined by the number of ballots returned to the office by March 1, 2020. The postal service is not as fast as it used to be so please mail your ballots back early so they will be received in time.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Valentine's

day. We sure are going to miss that wonderful prime rib prepared by Bill Galbraith and his crew. Everyone stay safe – wear your mask, wash your hands often and keep your distance. We will get through this and get back to normal eventually.

MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

DROP THOSE BALLOTS BY

Hello Everyone... the Annual Election Packets have gone out to all Desert Aire Homeowners. When you receive your packet please fill out your ballot and mail it back as soon as possible. Please remember to sign the ballot. Those of you who are in the park please drop your ballot in the slot at the office. We will need the ballots back as soon as possible to ensure we have a quorum and can go forward with the election. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

I hope all of you have a very Happy Valentines Day. Remember you can only kiss with your face mask on and give virtual hugs. Have fun with that!!

Take Care

MINUTES DESERT AIRE OPEN BOARD MEETING - By Steve Harvey, Secretary DA Board

Highlights of the Open Board Meeting January 5, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

June Cavendish, President; Barry Rutz, Vice President; Marilyn Kopernick, Treasurer;

Steve Harvey, Secretary; Directors: Brian Dolsen, Dave Haines, Cheryl Boyer; Manager Desert Aire, Carolyn Quintana



COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Call to order in the telephone/internet meeting mode.

Santa’s visit to the park made us all feel like kids again!

Occupancy in the park amounts to 122 of the 324 units, or about 1/3rd of capacity. 15 units of that amount are rentals.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Steve Harvey

Approval of the minutes of the December 1st Open Board meeting was proposed, seconded by June, and passed

TREASURER’S REPORT – Marilyn Kopernick

Financial results nine months fiscal year to date continue better than budget, by \$41,000 through December. The major savings have been in the maintenance supervisory position as well as with two injured employees. Administration has been above budget because of insurance cost increases and the hiring of one contract guard for a month in the summer. Utilities were below forecast as a result of lower attendance in the park, while repair and maintenance costs were higher.

MOTION 1

I move that the board accept the March to November 2020 Financial Statements received from DRM and approved by the Financial Review Subcommittee. Second Barry and passed.

MOTION 2

There are \$3K in delinquent accounts- only two small old accounts are uncollectable so should be written off. Carolyn made one last effort but

they are two years old and there is no contact information for the prior owners.

I move that we write off two accounts receivables that in spite of efforts are uncollectible: Account 00104-2313 \$315 and Account 00104-0140 \$273. Second Steve and passed.

MOTION 3

We also have an accounts receivable for \$210 in account 1525 for RV Space Rental that is very old and in spite of efforts is uncollectible.

I move that we write off the accounts receivable amount in account 1525 for RV Space Rental \$210. Second Dave and passed.

MOTION 4

Fund Transfer Requirements: Resolution to Pre-Approve recurring expenses and transfer of Reserve Fund HOA component

As you may remember from last year, California Civil Code requires that the board approve all larger transfers from the reserve or operating accounts. To avoid having to approve each expenditure each month, we are permitted to approve monthly recurring obligations that may sometimes exceed the limit. The written resolution lists the ongoing utility and insurance payments from the operating account that may exceed the limit but it is too lengthy to read out so:

I move that the board approve the resolution (detail attached below) to authorize the Transfer of funds from the Association's Operating account to pay for monthly recurring obligations including transfers to the reserve fund. Second Steve and passed

MANAGEMENT REPORT – Carolyn Quintana

Election materials for the Board nominees will be mailed out early, as return mail to Canada can take more than two weeks.

Editor. Karen Such, Lot 182

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – June Cavendish Teddy Wilson reported that the committee has a new email address, DAactivities55@gmail.com, and it is developing a trivial online game, wherein one reveals anonymously five things that are unknown about themselves and participants can then try to identify who they are. Contact Teddy for details.

Architecture – Steve Harvey

Barb Eggiman attended the meeting and indicated that the park is looking good when considering the number of members absent. The committee is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. It invites those interested in joining the committee to attend. Eleven work orders were approved in December.

Buildings and Grounds – Dave Haines

Dave presented two ER's; A contract of \$3550 for pond cleaning, and one to replace the main pool filter at a cost of \$611.66. Both second by Barry and approved. Pond cleaning has begun and will run throughout the week on both the A and B side.

Emergency Preparedness - Barry Rutz

Discussion has been initiated regarding acquiring a portable trailer for use in an emergency, timing deferred to the in the 2021-2022 season. Residents should think of having a stockpile of emergency supplies – TP, water, granola, canned goods. Look in the red book.

Landscaping and Design – Cheryl Boyer

ER for \$1920 presented for Kirkpatrick to replace plants in February, second by Marilyn, passed.

A message from Nancy Clarke thanking all homeowners, the in-house landscape crew, and Kirkpatrick for their work on ponds and irrigation. The boulevard project has been completed with

coordinated gravel, edging and stones and improves the appearance of the entrance.

Real Estate – Brian Dolsen

No report. Mark Monaco has one renter for Jan & Feb. He has done some showings.

Security – Barry Rutz

An ER for \$6175 was presented to install spikes on 112 feet on the north wall and improve the gate there, Dave second and passed. Consideration is being given to exit control on the main gate and to installing more security on the east wall. Improved positioning of sensor cameras has reduced the incidents of false alarms.

Nominating committee – Marilyn Kopernick

Nominees are Barb Eggiman and Ken Bailey, returning members Cheryl Boyer and Dave Haines. Gerry Page, speaking for Stan Miller, said that the recruiting process went more smoothly than in the recent past.

Marketing & Communications – Marilyn Kopernick

No report

Old Business – None

New Business - None

Open Mike

Matt Ligatich of Portland, lot 184, said bravo and thanks for the great job at the meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT: Next Open Board Meeting: February 2nd, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:00 AM

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By Teddy Wilson, Chair

There's not too much to report at this time. Here are many of the things people are doing to stay active...of course, while socially distancing and

wearing masks where necessary.

Enjoying the Sunshine
 Being Outdoors
 Pickle Ball
 Horse Shoes
 Putting
 Golfing
 Bocce Ball
 Quilting (limited to 4)
 Billiards
 Swimming
 Hot Tub
 And sunbathing!

The trivia game has come to an end. Even though no masks were required there were no submissions.

The Activity Committee will be meeting soon to talk about plans for next year.

ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

By Barb Eggiman, Chair

While preparing to write this article I was scanning through prior articles. Here is a sprinkling of what I found. Several articles addressed the annual November 15 inspections. Lots of kudos to the owners in the park who have always been ready for the inspections by having their lot looking clean and tidy. Many lots are so well maintained that the committee has never had to contact them for any reason. There were other articles that talked about the concerns we all had to address when California was in a severe drought. Discussion was centered around the need to have less grass and more desert landscape. Additionally, the Indio Water District was here checking to see that irrigation water was not over spraying onto hard surfaces. It was during that time we changed some landscape areas to desert scape especially if it abutted the street or sidewalk. Several times the articles served as a reminder to maintain your lot for the entire season. We reminded everyone

that hedges and trees need trimming more than once a season and that weed control is constant.

In today's article I'd like to extend a "Welcome" to all the new lot owners. During the 2018--2020 seasons (pre-Covid) several lots changed hands. Our committee was busy answering questions and giving approvals to the many wonderful upgrades you were all making to your new digs. It is a real bonus that you made these changes that show improvements for your benefit as well as the entire park community. Your hard work shows up every time someone walks by your lot.

The AC team would like to thank all the owners, both in the park and those who were not able to travel down this year, for keeping their properties neat and tidy. It is a big task to conform to the rules of the park which makes our park the envy of all others in the valley.

Barb Eggiman and the Architectural Committee Members:

Bob Adams, Elaine Babcock, Randy Miles, Dan Spino, and Steve Harvey the BOD liaison

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Don Hammond, Chair

Happy New Year to all. January activity by Building and Grounds has continued to be a busy time.

The new tractor has been wonderful. We are most grateful to have the reliability that our old one lacked.

The first week of January, Bio Clear Solutions worked on our ponds and canals. The majority of their work was on the pond adjacent to Lot 82. After draining, a huge amount of muck and mud was removed over two plus days - who realized it was that deep? While they had the pond drained, they unclogged the discharge pipe from the pump to the upper two ponds on the A side. In addition, they removed aquatic weeds growing in some of the canals and cleaned the bottom

and screen around the pond pump on the Eastern pond on B side. They have also provided a lot of good advice and information regarding the flow and aeration of the pond water to help abate the growth of algae and aquatic weeds.

The pool heater for the A side pool was beyond repair and was replaced by the B & G folks who were ably led by Matt Felix and Don Hammond. Don has wasted no time inserting himself into projects since his arrival.

The buried cable between the pedestals of site 127 and 128 failed. Our crew hand dug the trench between the two pedestals for the new cable and the electrical connections were made by D & L Electrical Co. Now is a good time for each owner to check their pedestal. Make sure that the pedestal does not have any dirt around the bottom. Also, try to wiggle the pedestal from the top. If it wiggles at all, it needs to be repaired or replaced. Each of us own the pedestal and any wiring to and including our units. Desert Aire is responsible for the wiring and electricity up to the connection at the pedestal.

We have also been working on obtaining bids for the refinishing of the clubhouse doors. Most of us have grown accustomed to closing our eyes and looking the other way as we walk down the passage way hoping that ignoring the problem will make it go away. B & G has made the decision to seek professional help on this project because the cumulative do it yourself approach has seriously eroded the appearance we expect for our clubhouse.

We also have been seeking bids for the refurbishing and general maintenance of the decking and coping areas of the three pools. The main pool project was deferred last year because of Covid. Waiting a year has further eroded the condition and appearance of all three pools.

You will notice a change in LOT 4 at the dumpster. We have made it so when you take your green waste to Lot 4, you can walk up the stairs adjacent to the dumpster and toss it into our dump trailer. Please snip and cut your waste into very small pieces as that will make the filling of the trailer more efficient. The same goes for any green waste you leave at the curb for Tuesday pickup, make sure it is snipped into very small pieces.

The two smaller dumpsters are for recycling only. You can see lists of what is acceptable on page 36 of our park directory. Please keep those lists in mind when placing your recycling at the curb each week. Please do not place garbage in your recycling container. When you are recycling cardboard boxes, please break the box down or crush. It makes it easier for our crew to transport to Lot 4 and doesn't fill the dumpsters with lots of vacant space created by a fully assembled box.

Happy Valentine's Day!

LANDSCAPE & DESIGN COMMITTEE

By Nancy Clarke, Chair

Many of us have been absent this season and wish we could join our many friends, enjoying the splendid weather & all that our Park and valley has to offer. However, staying safe & keeping healthy is a priority, for the time being.

L&D will focus on one small project this season. That being the small garden area, just outside the office sliding doors, to the east. Annuals never seem to flourish there and Nutgrass is an ongoing problem there, as well. We are waiting for a quote from Kirkpatrick, to change that specific garden into "desert scape", with succulents and enhanced by the similar rocks & stones that are in other "desert scaped" gardens, in our Park.

We are delighted to hear that the gardens, overall, are looking lovely. Thanks goes to our "in

house” crew and the Kirkpatrick Landscaping crew for their ongoing maintenance of our grounds & gardens. Should you wish to clip a rose from the Park’s gardens, there is a proper way of trimming. The correct way to cut a Rose is to go down from the bloom to the first outfacing five leaf branch and cut at an angle, just above that branch. Kirkpatrick Landscaping maintains our Rose gardens and would appreciate it if you would follow this procedure, when clipping a rose for personal reasons. Thank you.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Stan Miller, Chair

As if you didn’t know, this is an unusual year. You will soon be receiving ballots for Board candidates and IRS fiduciary requirement. These need your earliest attention.

The candidates on the ballot will be Dave Haines, Cheryl Boyer, Barbara Eggiman and Ken Bailey. Their bios were in the January Aire Times. This IRS requirement needs your approval in order so that Desert Aire money can be transferred into the next fiscal year without being subject to IRS taxes.

Ballots have been mailed to each Desert Aire Lot owner. As soon as you receive your packet, read its contents, cast your vote for each of the candidates and give your approval to the IRS requirement. Follow the instructions included with the packet and return your signed ballot envelope to Desert Aire ASAP. Canadian owners need to return their ballot at the earliest due the fact that delays between Canadian mail delivery and US mail delivery can be extraordinarily slow. We need 163 ballots returned to validate the election, thus your prompt attention will be appreciated.

Dick Bergen is the inspector of elections, assisted by the Nominating Committee. There will be no opportunity to hand in ballots at the Annual Meeting as it will be virtual. Counting of

the ballots will be conducted on March 6 during the virtual Annual Meeting and the results will be reported accordingly.

REALTOR

By Mark Monaco, DA Realtor

Hello Everyone,

As I sit in my home office looking out the window and watching the deer munch on the few remaining acorns in the oak trees, I am thinking how different this new year has started out. Normally I would have had many new visitors checking into the park on January 1st and making sure each park model was ready for their arrival. This year I was at home watching college football...not that I’m complaining, I like college football.

This season, you see very few people in the park and while the weather continues to be fantastic, there are very few activities taking place. There are a few folks playing horseshoes and some polishing up their putting skills, but nothing like past seasons. We won’t be seeing everyone kicking up their heels at the Valentine Day dance this year, so it will have to be really good next year.

Heck, with the office closed to everyone, I can’t even give Carolyn and Cec a hard time. Well sometimes I yell at them through the walls when I’m in the mail room checking my non-existent mail.

Park model and RV lot rentals continue to be non-existent. I have one park model rented for month of February. They want to try out the park before purchasing. Showings have been good considering what is going on and I have two buyers waiting for the right park model to come on the market at the right price.

Stay safe and do not lose your peace and your joy. Nothing can steal that from us!!

Wishing everyone a Happy February.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

By Gordon Klein, Chair

As many of you know from the recent Security EBlast we have not started 2021 as hoped. There has been increased activity with the theft of five bicycles in a short period of time. As indicated in the EBlast we would like to reinforce that you consider keeping your bikes in locked sheds overnight. Cables and locks are no longer an effective means to secure your bikes as cables are being cut. Also, a reminder to please keep a night light on.

We all need to be aware of "visitors" in the Park that may not belong here. If you notice suspicious individuals that you do not recognize please contact a security team member immediately and we will do our best to check them out. We realize that we do not all know everyone in the Park but when in doubt it is in the best interests for the Park to have Security check it out.

There have been reports of excessive speed in the Park lately. A gentle reminder to slow down, take it easy, and enjoy the day. Stay safe everyone.

PARK TIDBITS

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DESERT AIRE BLOOD DRIVE!!

By Sally Wilson, Lot 203, Coordinator

Thanks to all of you who signed up to donate blood. We were allotted 15 appointment slots with a goal of collecting 12 units. As is the custom of Desert Aire residents, we exceeded LifeStream's expectations and collected 13 units. Thanks also to those of you who came to donate but didn't have an appointment; you can always make an appointment with LifeStream in LaQuinta.

Because of this global pandemic, there are fewer people in the valley to donate blood but a greater need for blood. So, give yourselves a big pat on

the back. Next year's drive will be on January 7th in the auditorium and that will accommodate more donors with less waiting time.

SHUFFLEBOARD

By Terri Lawton, Coordinator

We will be starting the New Year without our organized shuffleboard days. This due to the fact that we are in an enclosed building and only 10 people can be present at a time. We invite you, however, to play on your own if you wish. Remembering to prepare the lanes ahead of time before you play. If you are uncertain as to how to do this you can contact myself (husband at # 259) and we can show you how.

Please remember to observe social distancing while in the building.

We are still collecting aluminum cans for recycle. You may continue to drop your cans off behind the door of the shuffle board building. They do not need to be crushed as we will do that. Remember we do not take plastic bottles. Thank you in advance.



If at first you don't succeed, shouldn't you try doing it like your wife told you to do it?

DESERT AIRE FAMILY

Pauline Wendling passed away on January 2, 2021. She and her partner Bill Fox owned Lot 173. Pauline always had a smile for everyone. Our sympathies to her family and friends

