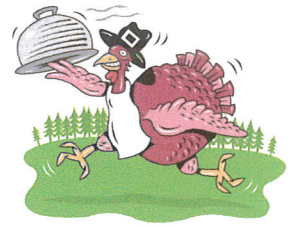




AIRE TIME



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NOVEMBER 2021

DESERT AIR ACTIVITIES

OPEN BOARD MEETING

November 2, 2021
Online meeting at 10:00 a.m.

STREET CLEAN-UP

Friday, November 12, 2021
Come out and clean up the streets so we can
be a beautiful park to enjoy!

DESERT AIRE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Barry Rutz, President Desert Aire Board

Where has the Summer gone? For us in Alberta, we had our first snowfall yesterday so, it is officially no longer Summer! Although our summer was warm and dry, Desert Aire is always something to look forward to each fall. I have been chatting with a few Canadians and they are bound and determined to head down for the warm weather, one way or another. Two years of winter living appears to be enough for Canadian Snowbirds. I hope we have more people in the park this year.

We have completed the pool decks this summer along with the very long list of jobs our crew completed through the summer heat. Just a reminder that the new California rules regarding HOA Boards and associated elections state we have to complete our elections in January. If you are interested in running for our Board, make yourself known to our Nominating Committee soon. We are filling three positions.

However you make your way to the sunny south this season, travel safe.

MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

Welcome Back!!

Hello and Welcome Back Desert Aire Homeowners!! I am looking forward to seeing all your bright shining faces! Great news that our Canadian homeowners will be coming down this year as the border will open November 8th. Hopefully this year will be a little more normal than last year and we can enjoy the friendly spirit that has always been a part of Desert Aire.

We have a few new staff members on our Landscape and Maintenance team, Carlos Lopez and Cristian Reyna-Garcia. We will also have an additional part time person join our housekeeping staff on November 1st Dani Delgado Lopez.

Let's all work together to make 2021-2022 a safe and happy year!!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By Teddy Wilson, Chair

BREAKING NEWS! The borders are open! The borders are open! I know that we are all looking forward to having our Canadian Friends back in the park this season. It will be great to have all of our friends together again at Desert Aire for the season.

Greetings! I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and fun filled Summer and Fall!

In September 2021, the Board made the following decisions which are in compliance with the Riverside County and the State of California Department of Public Health guidelines.

We will not be holding any indoor large functions this season.

Small, non-essential, indoor functions will be allowed. However; we **STRONGLY** recommend

face masks be worn. This may include, but limited to; the billiard room, sewing room, card rooms, shuffleboard, lapidary room, yoga, line dancing and the Gym.

Essential indoor services such as the office, laundry rooms, mail room and public washrooms will require masks be worn at all times.

Outdoor activities will not require masks but individuals, concerned with Covid transmission, may wear masks at their discretion.

Should the State of California change the current protocols, The Board will evaluate and alter the Desert Aire restrictions as necessary.

Just a reminder: Please bring your record of vaccination as currently Palm Springs is requiring proof of vaccination for entry to restaurants, stores etc.

As we all work together through this Worldwide Pandemic, we need to remember that changes are inevitable.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2022 Arts & Craft Fair

We do have two volunteer opportunities available. Sadly, Sue Tasca, has informed me that she is stepping down from running the Arts & Craft Fair scheduled for February 2022. If you are willing to volunteer for this event, please let me know. Sue told me that there is a flash drive with all of the information needed for the Arts & Craft Fair. I am also pretty sure that Sue would be able to answer any questions you might have.

Entertainment Coordinator

We are also looking for someone to volunteer for the Entertainment Coordinator. This position is a member of the Activities Committee. Jim Campbell will be stepping down for the 2022-2023 Season. If you have any questions about this position or would like to volunteer, I am sure that Jim would be able to fill you in on

what is needed for this volunteer position.

That's all for now. Please stay safe and healthy! We look forward to seeing everyone back in the park this season.

ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

By Elaine Babcock , Secretary

The annual inspection of all lots will take place November 15, 2021. A description of the home owner's responsibilities can be found in the DA Directory under Architectural Rule 11. The committee members will be out with clipboards and a check list of items that need to be completed. Owners will receive notification of non-compliant issues within three days after the inspections by a written letter in your DA mailbox or postal mail or email for absent owners. We thank everyone with your help in keeping the park looking great.

Welcome to new homeowners! Make sure you have received the directory from the office so you can become familiar with the Architectural Rules located there. A reminder to all that work requests (forms are located in the mail room) need to be submitted to the Architectural Committee for any landscape improvements/changes on your lot; shed, deck, awning and railing changes and painting of sheds and park models. Please be specific with dimensions, color samples and the type of plants. Submit your Signed work orders to the office. We meet regularly and you will receive notification of approval.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the committee - Dan Spino, Elaine Babcock, Randy Miles, Suzie Terry and Jim Greeley.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Don Hammond, Chair

Building and Grounds is just now getting organized for the new season, so we dedicate this section to information to know about the

park and your specific unit.

1) Check the electrical pedestal at your site. You should be able to see concrete as all pedestals were originally mounted on concrete. Some in the park were installed below grade and have become surrounded by soil – often damp. This creates an environment where the base of the pedestal corrodes and eventually rots leaving the pedestal unsupported. Remove all soil around the pedestal down to the concrete. If you push on the upper part of the pedestal and it rocks, you need to take corrective action. Contact a member of Building and Grounds to help make an assessment as to the necessary corrective action.

2) When you leave the park for an extended period of time (more than a day), be sure to turn off the water to your unit at the pedestal. If you are unsure where and how to turn off the water, contact a member of Building and Grounds for help.

3) We have had a number of units where the water supply to the unit has been turned on by parties unknown for reasons unknown while the owners are absent for prolonged periods of time. Building and grounds is currently working to find a source of a “lockable” valves to replace your existing valve. We have located a source for a lockable device you can use on your existing ball valve. We will get that information out very soon. If you are not currently in the park and won't be for some time, have someone check your unit to be sure the water is off.

4) Check your sprinklers and the pattern of water they present. If they are putting water in the street or on any of your hardscape, please adjust them so that we don't waste scarce and expensive water.

5) Be sure to leave copies of the keys to your unit with the office. If for some reason you are not in park and reasons exist to enter your unit or storage shed, the spares will facilitate doing so.

6) At least once per year, change the batteries in the thermostat of your unit. Batteries preserve the programs you enter to the thermostat. If the batteries are dead and you lose power for any reason wiping out the programing, the default setting will run the furnace or AC which will quickly exceed the cost of new batteries.

7) We highly recommend changing your furnace/AC filters in the spring and fall. Particularly do so if you leave your AC on all summer. We recommend buying your replacement filters at Ferguson's on Fleming Way. They have all kinds of filters and cater to not only large jobs but small purchases too. They take cash, Visa and Master Card. Two non-pleated filters will cost you about \$5.00 with the pleated and others a bit more – way less than the big box stores. Desert Aire buys our filters at Ferguson's and spend less than \$100 for all filters to do a complete change.

8) When you purchase large appliances such as refrigerators, hot water heaters, and ranges, you can not dispose of them in Lot 4. You need to arrange with the vendor to remove the old if it is inoperable. If it is in good working order, you can arrange with one of the local charities to pick it up.

9) All smaller items disposed of at Lot 4 are gleaned and displayed on a “sharing table”. If the items are not claimed after so many days, they are disposed of. If you wish more information on this program, contact Ross and Suzy at Lot 114.

10) When recycling whether at the curb or directly at Lot 4, flatten all cardboard boxes to minimize the space taken in the recycling bins.

11) When disposing of garbage or yard debris directly at Lot 4, when you walk up the stairs beside the dumpster, garbage goes in the dumpster on the left and yard debris on the right.

12) If you hire an outside vendor to do work for you (remodeling or yard), they must remove the

debris generated by the project.

13) If you want to communicate with the Building and Grounds Committee, you can do so by sending an email to: dabldgandgrds@gmail.com. Use this to alert us to something that needs attention such as lights not working or just a general question or suggestion.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Mark Wilson, Chair

As we all make our way back to our winter homes and stock up on all our supplies, I once again have a few reminders for you. My message is much the same over and over again but please take a minute to look it over.

Here are my reminders for this time of year.

1. Replace the batteries in your smoke detector and your Carbon Monoxide detector.
2. Check the gage on your fire extinguisher to make sure it has pressure.
3. Stock up on supplies to last at least 72 hours.

The most important items to have on hand would be these:

Water

Non-perishable food

A supply of medication

Some cash

Flashlights & batteries

Please see your Red Emergency Binder for a complete list.

Having supplies on hand this year is especially important. As we saw before, our supply chain can be interrupted if Covid-19 spikes.

As always, in case of a disaster, I am asking everyone to check on their neighbors to make sure everyone is safe and accounted for.

If anybody needs help with checking their

detectors, replacing, batteries, checking your fire extinguisher or have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Teddy and I will be in the park by early November.

Be safe & stay healthy!

LANDSCAPE & DESIGN COMMITTEE

By Nancy Clarke, Chair

As you enter the park, this season, you will see slight improvements that have taken place, these past few months. Bearing in mind that temperatures have been extremely hot, we did lose some plantings that will be replaced. Our landscaping crew (Kirkpatrick Landscaping), will begin planting the annuals in our flower beds, the last week of October. Our "in house crew" is scheduled to prune the Bougainvillea along Avenue 49. Bursting with the fuchsia color is what makes entering our park so inviting.

The patio area is in a state of transition. Covid restrictions have totally changed the way we gather. Adhering to the restrictions in place, we foresee patio/outdoor gatherings a safer way to socialize. We will focus our long-term planning on how to create shade for social gatherings, on the patio. Homeowners and various committee members will be asked for their input & resourceful knowledge in the future planning.

In place of the dying Pepper trees, across from the "putting green", three Sisso trees, were planted. Apparently these trees have doubled in size since last season. For the putting competitions on Saturday mornings, the shade will be most welcome.

Our committee is reaching out to all homeowners, looking for someone to volunteer maintaining the Memorial Garden. This would entail planting some flowers in a few pots, located in this small area and making certain that they are watered when need be. This can be a shared venture. All expenses are covered by the Memorial Fund that Grace Hartwig initiated. Our

dear L&D committee member, Grace Hartwig passed away earlier this year. Grace was a cherished friend to many in the Park, and in her memory we aspire to keep the Memorial Garden maintained. If you would be interested in this project, please contact Nancy Clarke Lot 79 by email nm_clarke@yahoo.com or Glenda Klein Lot 272. (You could also let Carolyn, in the office know of your interest in this venture and in turn, she will inform Glenda or myself).

If anyone is thinking of placing a memorial plaque, in memory of a loved one, in the Memorial Garden, there are forms in the office for you to start this process.

If you are acquainted with Pinterest, key in "California Native Landscape", on your computer, 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.

I assure you that communication is constant and on-going with our "in house crew" and Kirkpatrick Landscaping, endeavoring to maintain the landscaped areas in our Park.

As you to return to our Park, for the upcoming season, keep well & keep safe.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Stan Miller, Chair

While it may seem early to talk about nominations for next year's Board of Directors, for the nominating committee, it is not.

We are required by State law to have the nominations submitted to the Board by the end of the year. So, we have less than 30 days to complete our task.

Three Board member terms will expire at the next Annual Meeting in April. Thus, we need three of you to volunteer to place your name for the April election. Or, when asked by the Nominating Committee to agree to have your

name placed in nomination.

In the next few weeks the Nominating Committee of Gerry Page, Renee Randall, Bruce Olesen and Stan Miller may be appearing on your step.

Positions on the Board are an integral and important function of Desert Aire. Serving on the Board does take some time, but it is not a difficult task. And, as I've said many times at the open Board Meeting, it's one of the easiest volunteer positions at DA. Your participation is invited and encouraged. Leave your name with Carolyn at the office or contact one of the Nominating Committee members.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

By Sally Wilson, Team Member

The Desert Aire Real Estate Committee posts For Sale/For Rent by Owner listings on the Desert Aire website. Before listings can be posted, rentals must meet the Guidelines for Rentals that appears in the Real Estate section of the website. The process for rentals is:

1. Certify that you have read the Rental Guidelines and that your unit complies.
2. Take pictures (in landscape format) of the view from the street, the yard, interior, the shed, and the view if appropriate
3. Write a description including amenities
4. State the period of availability, price, and what's included, i.e., yard maintenance, electricity, WiFi, etc.
5. Give your contact information.
6. Email the information and pictures to da.real.estate.committee@gmail.com

If you would be interested in joining the Real Estate Committee team, email us or contact any of the members.

PARK TIDBITS

DESERT AIRE BLOOD DRIVE

By Sally Wilson, Coordinator

Desert Aire Annual Blood Drive is scheduled for January 7, 2022, and we will be using the clubhouse auditorium which will greatly speed things up. Another way to hurry the process along is to register online the day of your donation; details to be provided later. FYI, LifeStream is raising money to purchase 2 new bloodmobiles and is holding a raffle with some great prizes. Those of you who have donated blood with them in the past should have received an email with details but if not, go to their website at www.LStream.org/raffle to see the information – there are only 5000 tickets being sold thru November 30, 2021.

JACK & JILL TOURNAMENT

By Karen Such, Coordinator

Due to Covid restrictions, we are cancelling the November Jack & Jill Tournament. We are holding off cancelling the January tournament, until we hear what the Covid restrictions are at that time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these crazy times!

TOY LUNCHEON

The Toy Luncheon has been cancelled this season, but there will still be a Toy Drive. The week of December 6, please bring toys to the clubhouse auditorium as you did last season. While we will miss the baked potatoes and cake, it really is all about giving toys to kids who are underprivileged.

Thank you Cec Conway and Judy Akins for all of your hard work to keep this going. There are many happy children in the valley when they receive the gifts.

DESERT AIRE FAMILY

Dave Taylor, formerly of lot 262, passed away in early August. Dave was very active on the Desert Aire Security Committee and was a very devoted homeowner in Desert Aire. He was very loved and will be greatly missed. Our love and sympathy to his wife Wanda and family.

Bob Hurford, lot 99 passed away in October. Bob wintered in Desert Aire for many years. His smile and friendship will be missed by many here in Desert Aire. Our love and sympathy to his wife Dede and family.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

