



AIRE TIME



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DESERT AIRE NEWS

YARD SALE

Monday, December 6, 2021
9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
10:00 a.m. - Online



TOY DRIVE

December 1 - 9, 2021

Bring lots of toys to the auditorium. There will be tables set up. The toys will be picked up on December 10. Thank you!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Barry Rutz, President Desert Aire Board

First of all, the Board would like to welcome back all those people who arrived in November. Nice to see more Canadians in the park this year since the border opened. With more people in the park we need to be extra aware of walkers who are out enjoying the nice weather and visiting with friends who might have been away since early 2020. Also, please carry a flashlight when out walking in the evening.

The Board is busy working on a couple of contracts which will impact our residents. Our laundry contract, which was initially set up in 2008, is being rewritten to reflect the increased cost of water and electricity for washing drying our laundry. We are going to increase the wash cycles from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and a dry cycle from \$.25 to \$.50. These prices are in line with what other parks in our area are charging.

Now for the good news. Our Spectrum cable contract is in negotiations and it looks like we

will not be hit with any significant price increase but will be receiving more channels like the golf and tennis broadcasts. Along with this Spectrum is going to provide all units with a DVR. (Digital Video Recorder) This will allow watchers to record their favorite programs. The small DTAs that Time Warner put in will be phased out. More information will be made available once the contract is finalized.

The ponds that we treated last year are looking good and Dave Haines and his people will be doing more cleaning and treating in the next few months. The floating aeration in the ponds is helping to keep the algae in check as well.

On the ongoing Covid-19 front, we have had two cases so far and are urging our residents to keep up with the protocols as set out by Riverside County. We will closely watch their recommendations and adjust the protocols in Desert Aire. In the mean time, enjoy the sunshine and stay safe.

MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

I hope that all of you that will be staying in Desert Aire for the Holidays will have a Happy Holiday season. With the COVID restrictions the Desert Aire Christmas Dinner and the Toy Luncheon have been cancelled. We are still going to have a Toy Drive from December 1, 2021 to December 9, 2021 to benefit the children in the Coachella Valley. Please drop off your unwrapped new toys in the auditorium during the week of December 1st to the 9th.

I would like to wish you many blessings and encouragement during this difficult time. I pray you will all keep safe and healthy.

We will be e-mailing and mailing the budget packet out within the next few days. When you receive the budget you will see that I have

included the Age Verification Form. If you have already provided this form to the office there is no need for you to do this again, I already have it on file. Thank you so much!!

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!!

God Bless.

MINUTES DESERT AIRE OPEN BOARD MEETING - By June Cavendish, Secretary DA Board

Highlights of the Open Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 AT 10:00 AM

INTRODUCTIONS –

Introduction of Board Members was made by President Barry Rutz. Members present were Barry Rutz, June Cavendish, Steve Harvey, Barb Eggiman, Ken Bailey, Dave Haines. Cheryl Boyer was out of town. Meeting was held via teleconference.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT -

Barry welcomed everyone back. He read a list of 25 new home owners this past year. He reminded everyone that the speed limit in the park is 15 mph. That applies to electric bikes, golf carts and cars. The big summer project this year was resurfacing the decks of all the pools. They look great. As per the memo this fall all outside activities are going to take place. Masks are not mandatory outside. Please feel free to wear one if you choose. The large indoor activities are still not taking place this year. Small inside activities like line dancing, yoga, billiards, quilting, the gym, cards and games can still be held.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – June Cavendish

June made a motion for approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2021 Open Board Meeting.

Editor..... Karen Such, Lot 182

Motion was seconded by Dave Haines. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT – Barb Eggiman

Barb thanked the Finance Committee for their invaluable time, effort and considerable skills in managing the finances of the park. Financial report: Operating Fund – expenses exceeded the budget by \$18,000. The cost of grass seed has doubled and gas and water rates have increased over last year and the park has not been reimbursed yet for the individual lots that had tree trimming. Payroll expenses are favorable by \$4,000. This savings is due to not needing a part time housekeeper last year. We are hiring a part time person effective Nov. 1, 2021. Barb made a motion that the September financial reports be accepted. Motion was seconded by June. Motion passed.

Reserve Fund – The balance in this fund is \$607,890 which is an increase of \$51,000. Expenses paid out this summer were \$67,000. The largest expenses were finishing the club house roofing (\$14,000), pool decking project (\$35,000), pond cleaning (\$6,000). The other ER’s are listed under the report for Building and Grounds.

MANAGEMENT REPORT – Carolyn Quintana

Carolyn reported that two new people have been added to the crew – Carlos and Chris and Dani has been hired to start Nov 1 to help Christina part time

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Activities – June Cavendish

Teddy Wilson was not present but the committee will be meeting next week to discuss the activities for this year. June thanked Michael #267 for adding some fun to a Halloween gathering on the patio.

Buildings & Grounds – Dave Haines

Dave read a list of 9 expense reports and ask for a motion to approve them. Ken Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Hedge trimmers & weed eater - \$1,696.67
 Electrical issues at shop- \$1,000.00
 Golf cart batteries and new tires - \$1,482.64
 Additional work on decks - \$2,150.00
 Back flow replacement B side - \$4,990.00
 Tiller & roller for tractor - \$2,679.98
 Summer tree removal project - \$5,950.00
 Irrigation flower beds main pool - \$4,378.72
 Chemicals for pond algae - \$1,065.00

Don Hammond thanked the people that helped fix the out gate problem. Bill Wilson spoke about the water issues this summer that damaged 3 units. He discussed some various ways to protect your property and will have examples at the club house for the homeowners to look at.

Architectural – Steve Harvey

Elaine Babcock spoke on behalf of the committee and reminded everyone to read the rules in the directory for making improvements to their lots. Lot inspections will be Nov. 15th, so get things cleaned up. The committee will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays this year. Work orders are located in the mailroom. Turn them into the office so they can be passed on to the committee. January 11th the committee will hold a meeting for all new homeowners to discuss the process of work orders.

Landscape & Design – Cheryl Boyer

Cheryl was not present. June called upon Nancy Clarke for her report. Two homeowners, Barb Sloan and Carole Hiltman have volunteered to take over the memorial garden. Need someone to water the plants until they return in Dec.

Emergency Preparedness – Cheryl Boyer

Barry Rutz reported for Mark Wilson. The committee is currently looking into purchasing a trailer and supplies for disasters.

Security – Barry Rutz

Gordy Klein reported that very few problems occurred this summer. The security system has a few issues right now and new parts should be arriving this week. Hopefully the system will be operating completely by next week.

Marketing & Communications – June Cavendish

No report at this time.

Nominating Committee – Ken Bailey

The committee will be visiting everyone this month to see who might be interested in running for the 3 positions that are open on the board this year. Election will be held in March.

Real Estate – Ken Bailey

No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS - Nothing carried over from last year.

NEW BUSINESS- No new business.

HOME OWNERS OPEN FORUM

Ron Eggiman - #233 wanted to know what the status was on the car wash. Barry explained the problem with not having a water meter all these years. IWA and the park are working together to get this installed as soon as possible. Hopefully it will be fixed in a few weeks. In the mean time you can rinse your car off at your lot but if you choose to wash it please don't use much soap.

Dan Spino - #149 His question was can we have donuts and hamburgers on the patio this year? The activities committee will be meeting next week and will be looking at all the options that we can have on the patio. He also asked about having carports on our sites. The architectural rules state that you can have a temporary one in the summer months but it must be removed for the season (Nov-April). This item will be added to the hot topic list to be held

later this season.

Tom Stewart - #71 asked if anything had been done about the out gate after last year's thefts. The security committee is looking into this.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW HOME OWNERS

Introduced at beginning of meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS Next general meeting will be Dec. 7th @10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By Teddy Wilson, Chair

Welcome back to all of our Canadian friends who are back in the park. Also, welcome back to everyone who is back in the park! We've missed many of you who were not in the park last season.

Small, non-essential, indoor functions will be allowed this year. However, it is strongly recommended that face masks be worn. This may include, but are not limited to; the billiard room, sewing room, card rooms, shuffleboard, lapidary room, yoga, line dancing and the Gym.

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

The Activities Committee is planning a Welcome Back Party in January. Please stay tuned for more information!

Danny Cavendish is planning to have Hamburgers in January. All food serving and eating will be held outdoors on the patio. After we see how this works, plans may be made for February and March.

Donna & Graham Laughton will be planning The Saturday Night Alive events. They will be working on how they plan to handle these fun

evenings and set any necessary guidelines for this indoor event.

Don't forget to bring your record of vaccination as Palm Springs is currently requiring proof of vaccination and photo ID for entry to restaurants, stores etc and you also need to wear a mask.

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

Volunteer Opportunity – 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. He is in Lot 254.

That's all for now. Happy Holidays & safe travels!

ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

By Elaine Babcock, Secretary Architect Committee

A big thank you to the lot owners who had your properties ready for the November 15 inspection. It is always with great satisfaction when we see the park looking so nice. There have been questions regarding desert landscape in setback areas. Rule 11,b,iii states that "shrubs, plants, etc. must be included in the proposed area, spaced a maximum of 48 inches apart and with an adequate water supply."

A big change for the committee is that we will be meeting twice a month, the second and fourth Tuesdays. For you, the owners, this involves your need to plan your projects ahead of time for the committee to be able to process your work orders. Any changes made to the outside of your park model and/or lot needs prior approval: landscape changes, structural changes, patio or

deck additions or changes, adding cement, building a new shed. Once approved, a copy of the approved work order will be placed in the owner's mail box. The Desert Aire Directory lists all the architectural rules.

On January 11, 2022, 9:30am, on the patio, the committee will hold an informational meeting for questions and general information on the architectural rules. New owners are encouraged to attend and all are welcome.

The email address was incorrectly listed on the eblast. DAarchitectural15@gmail.com

Merry Christmas to all.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Don Hammond, Chair

1) When you leave the park for an extended period of time (more than a few days), 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.

2) 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 – sometimes creating expensive repairs. Building and grounds has placed a board with a display of a lockable ball valve and two different devices to lock existing ball valves in the breeze way near the office. All items are available on line. If your unit doesn't have a ball valve type shut off, there are specific lockable devices available for most other valves and are available on line.

3) When you place yard debris in the street for pickup by our guys, place small debris like weeds and leaves on a tarp so that the whole pile can be picked up easily. If you have a pile of bougainvillea or other thorny material, please just place in a neat pile by the curb so the guys can pick it up by using a pitch fork – much quicker and easier.

4) 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.

5) We have a wonderful 10 mile down and back bike lane on Madison street going south. Bike lane in both direction. The bike lanes are wide and we have always felt safe using them.

LANDSCAPE & DESIGN COMMITTEE

By Nancy Clarke, Chair

Our committee has yet to meet and plan for the current season. Unfortunately, over the summer, the Park experienced considerable plant loss including roses, due to record high temperatures and irrigation issues. L&D is working with Kirkpatrick Landscaping to identify and develop a list of plant replacements that will fill this void. The flowers and pots have been planted, bringing the beauty and color to our Park that we look forward to, every season

We are reaching out to all HO's for input as to how we could enhance the wall that borders the east parking area, by the entrance to the pool & patio area. We are open to creative suggestions that would make this wall more appealing to the eye. We envision a cement facade covering and a creative design that would improve the look of this wall. If you have any suggestions, please contact Nancy Clarke #79 or Glenda Klein #272.

If ever you are in need of answers to gardening questions & issues, Master Gardeners are a source of reference. Volunteers can be reached by email: anrmgindio@ucanr.edu or by telephone hotline: 760-342-2511. An Indio office is located at: **81077 Indio Blvd., Ste. H, Indio CA 92201.**

Best wishes to all, as we approach the festive season. In these uncertain times and necessary

restrictions, we wish you a very Merry Christmas. Stay healthy & keep safe.

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

By Sally Wilson, Team Member

Real estate sales and rentals have been booming, lots of new owners and renters. We will be adding instructions on the website for those of you who want to list your unit For Sale/For Rent by Owner on the website so you won't need to call the office anymore for the information. We could use your help; If you are interested in joining the committee, contact one of the members listed in the DA directory.

REALTOR

By Mark Monaco, DA Realtor

Hello Everyone,

What a year this has been and so happy the US/Canadian border has finally opened!!

Greetings to everyone that has arrived or will be arriving soon. What a contrast from last season when the park was basically in shutdown mode and very few people enjoying the park and beautiful weather.

We have been blessed with the beautiful weather we all expect and have fewer COVID related restrictions. A few of the desert communities remain very strict relating to COVID. Many of the Palm Springs businesses and restaurants require masks and proof of vaccination before entering or being seated. Just something we must endure at this time.

With regards to real estate, of course it is booming everywhere throughout the U.S. and California is no exception. With the restrictions we have in the park and not being a place for full time residency, we still enjoyed a great summer season for renting and sales for people looking for this type of resort. Owners are enjoying great success on their rentals with demand being higher than I have seen in the short time I have been associated with Desert Aire.

Sales have been steady and I believe are due to several reasons: (1) Some properties have been passed on to beneficiaries that have no interest in using or maintaining the property; (2) Owners that are unable to travel due to health restrictions and low inventory of available rental properties. Some are making the decision to purchase a property so they have the peace and comfort of knowing they have a place to stay each season and if for some reason they can't use it, they can ALWAYS rent it!!

As many of you know, Cindi and I purchased a park model again and are looking forward to spending some time in Desert Aire and getting to know everyone better.

Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and Blessings.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

By Gordon Klein, Chair

The Security Team would like to welcome everyone back for another great season. We have ninety percent of our security team back and ready to continue maintaining the security in the Park.

I am happy to report that security issues were at a minimum over the Summer.

We are currently getting some of the security beams repaired and doing some minor repairs on the Security cart. We continue to evaluate and research ideas to enhance the overall security of Desert Aire.

With the Park filling up more each day we see many of our friends walking and riding their bikes so please continue to be aware and drive slow. We continue to urge you to walk with a flashlight at night. Also, please light up your area and lock sheds and cars.

Thank you and we look forward to a safe and happy season.

QUILTER'S CORNER

By Roberta Christner, Quilter

I'm sitting in the quilt room waiting for inspiration to write this report!!!

As I look around the room I am inspired immediately when I look at all the finished quilts on the walls gals have finished this season. There are a number of machines busy with gals working--and talking! Some are piecing, some quilting and some adding borders. And in the cupboards ready to go to the Linus Project are at least 80 more quilts. Stop by for a visit to see these beautiful quilts on the walls or join us with your sewing machine.

Now for a commercial - "FABRIC OR \$ NEEDED". Each charity quilt needs 1½ to 3 yards of fabric for a backing. And our stash is almost depleted. Normally the annual quilters spaghetti dinner makes enough \$ for fabric, batting and several charities. But since that did not happen last year we are getting down to empty shelves.

Welcome back Canadian quilters!

PARK TIDBITS

JACK & JILL TOURNAMENTS

By Karen Such, Coordinator

COVID has certainly changed a lot of things in this world and also in Desert Aire. We cancelled the Jack & Jill Tournament in November for two reasons, (1) COVID didn't allow us to have our evening meal and awards inside the auditorium. (2) We had no volunteers to plan the event.

We would love to have the tournament in January and are waiting to see if rules and the Board approve an indoor meal time. We have other options for the meal and that would be to have it outside on the patio at the clubhouse. The evening will probably be pretty cool in January, but that is an option.

We would love to have three couples volunteer to plan the next event, assuming we can have one this season. To do that please contact Steve or Karen Such, Lot 182 and we will sign you up.

DESERT AIRE BLOOD DRIVE

By Sally Wilson, Coordinator

Welcome back, it's so good to see so many of you again this season. Just a reminder that we will be having our annual blood drive on January 7th, so mark your calendars. I don't yet know what they will be giving out to donors, but you can be sure that your good deed will save lives and that's a pretty rewarding incentive. Watch the bulletin board next month for the appointment sign-up sheet..

LIBRARY NEWS

By Kay Wilson, Coordinator

Our library is made up of all donated books from you in the park. Drop off books you have read by putting them in the basket with returned books, donated books and movies. Please don't put books on the shelves as we have a way of checking them in.

A few reminders that help us in the library:

1. Be sure donated books are clean and in good condition. Magazines should be taken to the A and B laundry buildings.
2. We don't accept VHS movies, cookbooks, books on health, or books on tape as we just don't have enough room.
3. Enjoy our beautiful, quiet room!



SHUFFLEBOARD

By Terri Lawton, Coordinator

Is everyone ready to play shuffleboard? We will begin our weekly play Wednesday December 1 and play every Wednesday and Friday thereafter.

Play begins at 9:00 a.m. and we finish around 11:30, after two games of play.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the shuffle building. You must sign up to play so we know how many lanes to prepare ahead of time. We encourage beginners to sign up and we will teach you how to play.

As always we will take your used aluminum cans for recycle. We don't take plastic bottles. Just drop your cans behind the door of the shuffle building. You can leave the crushing to us.

See you on the lanes.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The calendar listing all the Desert Aire activities weekly is included. A lot of these activities are happening, but I'm not sure all of them are. I will have a better take on these activities for the next newsletter.

DESERT AIRE FAMILY

Bill Schultz, formerly of Lot 150, passed away October 28. Bill and Mary were in the park at Desert Aire for many years. He was a friend to all and always had a smile on his face. Our sympathies to his wife Mary and family.



**A Merry Little
Christmas Wish
to You All**

