



AIRE TIME



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DESERT AIRE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Kurt Neumann, President Desert Aire Board

Hello Friends and Neighbors. Hard to believe it's already July and most of us have seen more rain than sunshine this spring/summer. The exception of course is California which would love all that rain the rest of us are enjoying. California is in its third year of an acute drought which scientists say is the worst in 1200 years. Water restrictions are already in place for grass and we expect more water restrictions ahead. So please stay tuned.

Thankfully the park and most of the homeowners already made substantial landscape changes a few years ago to reduce the amount of grass in the park

Water restrictions will be one of the challenges facing the park for the 2022/23 season. Inflation, currently the highest it's been in forty years, will have a very significant impact on our budget and will likely be our biggest challenge. Everything from utilities, water, insurance, wages and consumable products needed for the park all cost considerably more. Our finance committee is currently looking at how we can best respond to these unexpected increases. I expect we'll have more details to share with you at our November open Board meeting

We have a number of staff changes to report. Armando, Chris and Juan have sought employment elsewhere and we wish them well in their new endeavors. Through Mario's contacts, we were able to hire two new qualified landscapers. Both have 30 years of experience working for large landscaping companies in the desert area. They are mature, hardworking and have the skills the park needs. I'm told they love working at DA and are working hard to make the park as beautiful as possible. Chuy (pronounced

Chewy) started work at DA on May the 2nd and German (pronounced Herman) started May 9th. And as I write this report, we have just hired one more crew member, Rafael, who starts working at DA on June 20th.

Sadly, I have to report that Jesse, our landscape crew member, had a heart attack on April 10th and has been off work since then. He is scheduled for an EKG at the end of June which will determine whether or not he is ready to return to work. Certainly, we hope that will be the case.

I wish each and every one of you a safe and sunny summer and look forward to seeing you at our November Open Board meeting.

MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN

By Carolyn Quintana, Community Association Manager

Desert Aire Summer 2022

It has been quite busy here at Desert Aire keeping up with the clean up after the windstorms, we had quite a severe storm a few weeks ago. Mario and his new crew are working keeping the pools clean and working on the summer project list. Each day the list gets a little shorter with all their hard work.

Rose Ann Stackhouse and Jeanette Trussell are inspecting irrigation on the homeowner's property to make sure that the plants are getting water. They inform me of any repairs that need to be done on the irrigation and I contact the homeowners to get their permission for YA Landscaping to go in and do the repairs. It has been quite a time-consuming project!

I hope you are all having a wonderful Summer and lots of fun!! Looking forward to seeing you in the Fall.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

By Teddy Wilson, Chair

Greetings! I hope everyone is enjoying a safe and fun filled Summer! I don't know about where you live, but it has been raining here in Oregon a lot!!! Just yesterday we had sunshine and blue sky! YAY!!! Hopefully our summer weather is here to stay. I'm getting tired of bundling up to stay warm and dry for our granddaughter's softball games, for goodness sake!

We are planning to have all of our activities up and running for our 2022-2023 season. Of course, all of this is once again dependent upon the CDC and the State of California in the event Corona virus restrictions are once again announced, etc. So, for now, please stay tuned and keep a flexible and open mind as we try to give Corona virus a final "Western Boot" and say "Good bye & Good riddance once and for all!"

2023 January Theme Dance

Hope Hilliard and Kate Leeson have generously volunteered to host our January theme dance. They will be hosting a Western Theme Dinner & Dance on Monday, January 16, 2023.

So . . . start looking for your Best Western Outfit (no . . . not the hotel chain!) So pack your favorite western outfit to wear to the dinner/dance. Remember to bring your hat and boots, too!

Thank you, Hope and Kate!

2022-2023 Volunteer Opportunities

We still need volunteers to be the Coordinator for the following activities:

Christmas Dinner

Sports Day

If you would like to volunteer, please let me know.

EDITOR..... Karen Such, Lot 182

ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

By Elaine Babcock, Secretary

The Committee hopes you are all enjoying your summer. Those of us in the Pacific Northwest are trying to adjust to a very wet spring and start to summer.

The Committee will resume reviewing work orders November 1, 2022. You can submit them through email (DArchitectural15@gmail.com) or to the office when you are at Desert Aire. For new owners, please review the Desert Aire Directory for all the items that require approval from the Committee. If you have questions, please contact the committee by email.

The AC Team will be ready to inspect all properties on November 15, 2022. Our goal is to have ALL properties compliant by that date. A description of the home owner's responsibilities can be found in the DA directory, Architectural Rule number 11. The team inspects every lot in the park with a check list of these items. **Please do your part....that helps make our part easier.**

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Bill Sinclair, Chair

I hope your summer is going great.

As many of you know Don "retired" as Chair of Buildings and Grounds during this past season. I was asked and accepted the challenging, but exciting opportunity, to be the new Chair. Don will continue to be an active member of B&G and be involved in lots of our projects. And until he kicks me off of his deck I will be regularly bouncing idea's and getting his guidance.

Quick run down on B&G news...

Open B&G meetings were a great success with many more volunteers and our increasing skills inventory documentation. These will continue in the next season.

Doors: Clubhouse doors is taking a pause during the summer. Pending board approval, the second

phase of the door project will be this fall with new fiberglass doors for the poker room and men's and women's dressing rooms, painting the kitchen door, sound store room door (next to the double auditorium doors) and the new doors to match the rest room doors by the office.

Garbage Cans: For garbage cans that have rusted out the bottom a solution is being prototyped at a few units. Early results look good and cheap!

Pool Cleaning: Big thanks to all those who came out and scrubbed the three pools. The results look impressive.

A & B Pool Fence Repairs: Are complete except for painting. Painting will be scheduled in the fall. Volunteers?

Park Benches: Do they look wonderful? Great work to those involved.

Volunteer Landscapers: Many thanks to the residents who stepped up and with mowing lawns, pruning plants, picking up garbage, recycling, green waste etc. in March and April.

Solar Lights: Lights, poles and brackets have arrived. We will be putting out a plan and a call for volunteers in September/October.

Summer Projects: Mostly focused on catching up on maintenance. The below is a partial list:

1. Pruning Bougainvillea's, Tacoma Sans, and putting green hedge. Also pruning Lot Fore hedge down to 6 – 7 feet and reduce the width to allow sprinklers to get to 180 degrees.
2. Fix Bocce irrigation and build a "box" around court and play area to separate grass area and patron/participant area. Patron/participant area will be gravel.
3. Fix and prep brick wall along boulevard at main pool. The wall is buckling as a retaining wall. It was never designed to be a retaining wall. Once fixed, stucco in the

early winter and turn over to Landscape and Design to make it a "Wow" presentation.

4. Lot Fore Golf: Fix irrigation. Bring in some top soil and re-seed fairways. Reduce slopes onto greens on tee box sides.
5. Resume swap and calibrate electrical unit meters.
6. Paint curbs and handicap symbols.
7. Replace Lot Fore back wall missing/dead Bougainvillea's.
8. Install boards (could be bender boards) in front of Bougainvillea's and other hedges that are beat up by weed eaters.
9. Weed, repair, maintain memorial area
10. Paint club house unpainted roof drains

We have about 15 job jar items plus solar light installation to tackle in the Fall. We have lots of new residents with a variety of skills we would love to get involved. We are a volunteer community with residents who love our beautiful resort and low HOA fee's. If you can, get involved. Meet a neighbor, make a new friend and come on out.

LANDSCAPE & DESIGN COMMITTEE

By Nancy Clarke, Chair

It is a "happy thought" to focus on the upcoming season, in our Park. We will be working on some improvements to the entry to the clubhouse to make it more welcoming. The newly desert scaped garden, that surrounds our patio, was completed this past season & will be sprouting new growth. The annual flowers have been ordered and will be planted in the flower beds by Kirkpatrick Landscaping, in mid-October. We will keep you updated with any new projects that are initiated in the upcoming season. Until we reunite in the fall, enjoy the summer months, wherever you are and keep healthy.

Quote: *"All gardening is landscape painting"*

REALTOR

By Mark Monaco, DA Realtor

Greetings Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer from wherever you call home. As you can imagine, it is extremely hot in the desert. I am very fortunate to live in a much cooler area of southern California.

As of this writing, I have only one property left for sale and that is an RV lot. Everything has been sold or is in escrow. I currently have buyers looking for the right property, so if you are thinking about listing your property for sale, now is a great time. I would be happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

The demand for rental properties remains high again this year. Everything has been booked for the 2022 / 2023 season and I have a long waiting list of folks wanting to rent a park model or an RV lot.

Desert Aire continues to be a desirable place to spend the fall and winters.

I hope this brief article finds everyone healthy and doing well.

Blessings to All!

WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Paula Grant, Welcome Committee Chair

There are "New Owner Welcome Packets" available if you purchased October 2021 to present. If you haven't been contacted yet, please see Paula Grant at #136 or #121 or Suzie Terry #114. WE HAVE TIPS FOR YOU!!!!

Please join us for a Meet & Greet "WELCOME NEW OWNERS HAPPY HOUR" Thursday Nov 10th, 2022 @ 3:30 on the clubhouse patio. Refreshments, snacks, questions and feedback.

We Look forward to making your experience at Desert Aire Fulfilling.

CHOIR NEWS

By Carolyn Stastny, Director

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS and PIANISTS:

The Desert Aire Choristers are planning to gather this November to begin rehearsals for the Christmas program, scheduled for December 4, 2022. Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, November 1 and continue on Tuesdays, 3:00-4:30 p.m. on the auditorium stage. All are welcome to join us. Being a music reader is not a requirement. Betty Moscrip is our accompanist but sometimes has to miss rehearsals, so if anyone is a pianist and would like to act as a substitute, please let us know. Any questions? Please contact Carolyn Stastny, Director, (971) 237-2387 cngstastny@onlinenw.com.

PARK TIDBITS**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

This past season flew by at Desert Aire and one person in our beautiful park was always out there making it more beautiful! He has spent many hours of his time contributing to our park in so many ways. This year the Service Award went to a very deserving Dave Haines, Lot 33. Thank you Dave for all you do at Desert Aire and for being a friend to everyone! You are appreciated!

JACK & JILL TOURNAMENTS

By Karen Such, Coordinator

Jack & Jill will be taking on a new format in many ways this coming Fall. It will now be at Woodhaven Country Club with a meal in their restaurant after golf. It will be an 18 hole event and the play will be a scramble every time. The cost will be a total of \$57 per person. This will include, golf with a cart, lunch and prizes.

Our first tournament will be November 20 at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. The hosts for this event are John & Pam Barry, Dennis & Linda Percheson, and Duane & Marlene Boyer.

DESERT AIRE FAMILY

Ken Williams, Lot 268, passed away in May. He was at home in Eugene, Oregon with his wife Janet who was taking care of him. Janet, our love and sympathies to you! We look forward to seeing you back at Desert Aire.

Alfonso Pina, is in need of our prayers. He is not doing well, and is unable to communicate with anyone at this time. Please do not call as Ophelia is unable to communicate well in English and is busy with Alfonso's care.

