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Wednesday, January 17  
*DSCA BOD Meeting*

Tuesday, January 9  
*Lakes Committee Meeting*

Tuesday January  
2, 16 & 30  
*Bulk Trash Pick Up*



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<b>Pelican Point</b> Prime Management	702-869-0937
<b>Ritz Cove</b> Terra West Management	702-362-6262
<b>Spinnaker Cove</b> Community Management Group	702-942-2500



## Things Change... Help us keep up!

Have a new cell number or forwarding address? Do you have new tenants in your home? Keep us in the loop! Please update the DSCA office, in writing, of any new contact information. Stop by the office or email [amenities@mydesertshores.com](mailto:amenities@mydesertshores.com). It is very important that we have the correct information so you can be properly notified of Association news and events.

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### "The Sisters from Texas"

*Barbara and Olive moved to Las Vegas in 1990 from Texas. They have worked in Real Estate for many years and in 2003 they formed a partnership and opened their own Real Estate firm located inside the Desert Shores Community in the Lakeside Center. They have lived in the Desert Shores area for over 20 years and they specialize in listing and selling residential homes and handle property management.*

*Please contact them to schedule an appointment.*

# Happy New Year to our Desert Shores Community!

As we leave 2023 and enter 2024, the community is teeming with activity! The sign monuments at the main entrance at Buffalo and Regatta are very close to being completed. It is exciting to see the new and distinct design and appearance take shape. Once the sign monuments are complete, the artificial turf will be laid. We are excited for the whole project to come together.



The mandatory turf conversion is well underway. Regatta Drive between Buffalo and Mariner, Lake Sarah sides and south end are done. Soaring Gulls between Cheyenne and Coral Shores is in progress. Sealed bids for Lake Jacqueline sides are being opened at the January 17, 2024, board meeting. Designs for future projects will be reviewed at that meeting, as well. The current plan is to have everything completed by January 2025. The board made this decision in order to maximize the rebates being provided by SNWA. It is an ambitious goal, but we think it can be done!



To date, the board has received a rebate of \$93,417.00 for Phase 1 and has been

approved to receive \$51,094.50 for Phase 2.

While the board and management understand that the Special Reserve Assessment (SRA) was difficult for many owners, and that no one wanted to remove most of the grass - including the board and management, the law did not allow a choice. The Desert Shores owners have stepped up and at this time, 97% of the owners have either signed up for a payment plan or paid the SRA in full.

In this newsletter, you will find an article on fish being dumped into the lakes. Please note that this is NOT allowed and can be detrimental to the health of our beautiful lakes. Someone has dumped koi fish into Lake Jacqueline and there are now over 10,000 koi in the lake. The Lakes Committee has consulted with Nevada Department of Wildlife and is diligently working to resolve this issue.



Dumping of fish, ducks, rabbits or other animals is NOT allowed in our common areas or lakes. Please report any sightings immediately to the Desert Shores office at 702-254-1020. If it is after hours, press 0 and ask the operator to send the Patrol to your location.

Thank you as we all work together to maintain our beautiful community!

*I wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous 2024!*

## SPECIAL RESERVE ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS UPDATE

	Number of Owners on a payment plan	Amount paid by Owners on a payment plan
Condos	286	\$141,789
SFU	904	\$869,838
<b>Total</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>\$1,153,416</b>

A total of 3,252 owners have responded.

	Number of Owners who paid in full	Amount paid by Owners who paid in full
Condos	543	\$434,400
SFU	1519	\$2,430,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>2062</b>	<b>\$2,864,800</b>

A total of \$4,018,216 has been received.

## UPCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING: January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 & February 28<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

The board meeting will be conducted in person at the DSCA Clubhouse located at 2500 Regatta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89128 and virtually, via Zoom. We will communicate registration instructions, to homeowners, prior to the date of the meeting via email and our website.

Agendas are available 24 hours prior to the meeting and are posted on the website or in the management office. Unit owners have the right to:

- Have copies of the audio recording, the Minutes or a summary of the Minutes of the meeting distributed upon request and upon payment to the Association for the cost of making the distribution.

- Speak to the Board of Directors at the beginning of the meeting (on agenda items only) and the end of each meeting (on any item concerning the community).

### Upcoming Agenda Items:

- ◆ November 13, BOD Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Update on Turf Conversion
- ◆ SRA Payments Update
- ◆ Update on Main Entry Sign Monument Project

# Thank You, Donna Toussaint & Michael Christian

It is with immense gratitude and warm appreciation that we extend our heartfelt thanks to two incredible individuals who have dedicated time and effort for the betterment of our community - Donna Toussaint and Mike Christian.

Both Donna and Mike have served as invaluable members of the Board, shouldering the fiduciary responsibility of making decisions that benefit the entire community. Their hard work, commitment, and tireless efforts have left a lasting impact on the Desert Shores Community.

Donna Toussaint, a proud resident since 2012, has not only fulfilled her role as a Board Member but has gone above and beyond as an events and committee volunteer. Throughout her years on the Board, Donna has consistently demonstrated a deep care for our community, always keeping the whole community's best interests in mind. Her attentiveness to being an educated Board Member, as well as both current and future community needs has made her an invaluable asset.



Similarly, Mike Christian, also a resident since 2014, has been a driving force behind the

community's well-being. In addition to his service on the Board as Treasurer, Mike has actively contributed to the Lakes Committee, demonstrating his passion for maintaining the overall health of our lakes. As an avid fisherman, Mike's understanding of our lakes has been instrumental in their upkeep.



The Desert Shores Community owes a debt of gratitude to Donna and Mike for their selfless contributions. Their leadership, dedication, and guidance have played a pivotal role in shaping the community we cherish today.

The good news is both Donna and Mike are still active in the community. When you see them around, please take a moment to thank them for their hard work, and the positive impact they've made on our community.

Thank you, Donna and Mike, for your years of service, leadership, and for leaving an indelible mark on the Desert Shores Community!



# SOUTHERN NEVADA TOASTS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

As we ring in the New Year, let's raise a glass and toast the community's continued commitment to conserve water in 2024.

Since water is an extremely limited resource in our desert community, conservation is a top priority for us all and even the smallest actions can result in significant savings. The Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) is currently working to achieve its goal of 86 gallons per capita per day (GPCD) by the year 2035; in 2022, Southern Nevada's GPCD was 104 and 2023 will be even lower. This new goal addresses changing conditions in the Colorado River Basin and recognizes that additional progress is needed to improve water efficiency and maximize the community's available water supply.

Although a wet winter combined with lower water demands increased Lake Mead water levels in 2023, it's important to know that one good year of favorable hydrology will not reverse the decades-long drought along the Colorado River, as Lake Mead levels are still down more than 140 feet.

By conserving water at home, you can help the community save our limited water supply.

Let's make water conservation part of everyone's New Year's resolutions. Here are some ways you can save:

## Change Your Watering Clock Each Season:

It's one of the simplest yet best ways to conserve water in Southern Nevada and it can help you save money, improve the health of your landscape, and avoid water waste fines. Mandatory winter watering restrictions in effect now through Feb. 29, which limit watering to one assigned day per week. Watering is never allowed on Sundays.

## Upgrade to a Water Smart Landscape:

Convert your thirsty-grass to water-efficient plants and trees through the SNWA's Water Smart Landscapes Rebate Program (WSL) and get a cash incentive of up to \$3 per square foot. Plus, earn a bonus of \$100 for every qualified tree installed.

## Find and Fix Leaks:

Household leaks can be silent and costly. Find out how you can detect, locate, and repair leaks in your home at [snwa.com](http://snwa.com).

## Report and Prevent Water Waste:

From irrigation overspray to leaking lines, water waste drains our community's limited water supply. Your local water provider offers on-line tools including apps for your mobile device to help report water waste anonymously; also, take time to inspect your property's irrigation system for leaks to help save water and money on your monthly bills.

Every drop saved is a resolution kept! For more information about SNWA rebates, coupons and programs that can help you save water and money, visit [snwa.com](http://snwa.com).



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 & March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Community Relations Committee

**Mission Statement:** To promote and encourage a mutually satisfactory resolution of non-compliance issues within the community with the intent of maintaining and protecting the value of the property and to promote community, harmony, spirit, and pride. To review Architectural Review Committee (ARC) submittals as necessary.

The Community Relations Committee "CRC" meets the 1st Monday of each month to review ARC Applications and conduct compliance hearings. In order to have your application on the agenda, you must submit **all completed paperwork** to the DSCA office along with the \$10 application fee by the **Wednesday prior to the CRC meeting by 12:00pm.**





**NOTE:** If you reside in **Harbor Cove, Spinnaker Cove, Diamond Bay, La Jolla Classic, Ritz Cove, Desert Shores Racquet Club or Pelican Point**, you are required to obtain approval from your Sub-Association **PRIOR** to submitting your application to Desert Shores. Please keep this in mind when planning your changes to your home. The approval letter is part of the application checklist.

### UPCOMING CRC SCHEDULE

CRC Meeting Date	Deadline to Submit Application
January	No Meeting Held
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 31 <sup>ST</sup>
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Feb 28 <sup>TH</sup>

## Desert Shores is Sprucing Up!

The Community Relations Committee has reviewed the following items during the month of December:

			
PAINTING	LANDSCAPING	ARCHITECTURAL	SOLAR
3	10	6	2

Whether it's your home or your neighbor's home, giving the exterior a nice spruce is always exciting news! Caring for your property means caring for the community!

Any modifications to your property's exterior (front or back) require the submittal of an ARC Application for review & approval. For further details or expert guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out to Terry Brobeck. Your journey to enhancing your living space starts here!

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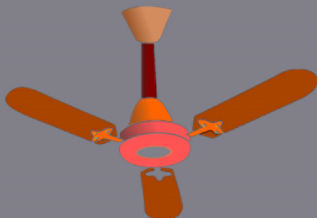
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# Good Bye Paul, HAPPY RETIREMENT!

As we embark on a new chapter, we bid a heartfelt farewell to a cherished member of our community, Paul Farley, who has dedicated an incredible 32 years of service to Desert Shores.

Since June 24, 1991, Paul has been a steadfast presence, caring for our common areas and enriching the lives of residents. Amidst the ever-changing landscape of Desert Shores over the past three decades, Paul has been a shining constant, ensuring the upkeep of our beloved community.

Originally hailing from New Jersey, near Asbury Park, Paul began his journey serving our country in the U.S. Navy before venturing into diverse career paths. From working for NCR in New York City to attending photography school and collaborating with department stores on Broadway, Paul's experiences reflect a rich tapestry of skills and dedication. His journey led him to California, where he met his wife Michael, an artist. Paul worked for her family's drapery business, installing commercial drapes in hotels, taking him on a journey up and down the West Coast, including notable projects in Las Vegas, such as the Imperial Palace and other iconic hotels.

In 1990, The Farley's made Las Vegas their home, and in 1991, Paul joined the Desert Shores team. As they say, the rest is history! Paul considers Desert Shores a happy place to work and has genuinely relished his 32 years here.

Now, as Paul embarks on a well-deserved retirement and bids farewell to Desert Shores, we express our deepest gratitude. Paul will be sorely missed.

Thank you, Paul, for your unwavering commitment, hard work, and the positive impact you've made on Desert Shores over the past 32 years. May your retirement be filled with joy, relaxation, and new adventures.



## KOI-NUNDRUM IN LAKE JACQUELINE: REELING THE UNEXPECTED!

In a surprising turn of events, Lake Jacqueline in Desert Shores has become an unexpected haven for a thriving population of Koi fish. Initially thought to be the endangered Bonytail Chub, the schools of Koi were recently identified by the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). Recognizing the potential ecological impact of these ornamental fish, the Desert Shores Board and Lakes Committee has taken swift action to manage the situation. NDOW estimates that over 10,000 Koi fish

currently reside in Lake Jacqueline, and the concern is not just about their numbers but their reproductive potential. A single pair of Koi fish can produce over 30,000 eggs, posing a serious threat to the delicate balance of the lake's ecosystem.

Responding proactively to the situation, the Desert Shores Board and Lakes Committee have collaborated with NDOW to implement a strategy for the removal of the Koi fish. The decision has been made to set up nets in Lake Jacqueline to capture the fish, subsequently transferring them to a local fish farm.

Koi Found in  
Lake Jacqueline



Image of Bonytail Chub





# Coyotes in the Community

Recently, the Desert Shores community has witnessed a surge in coyote sightings, prompting a need for residents to adopt responsible practices to mitigate interactions with these wild visitors. Beyond refraining from intentional feeding, there are additional measures residents can take to foster a safe and harmonious environment. To minimize the likelihood of unpleasant interactions with coyotes, residents should adhere to responsible practices, regulations, and proactive measures:



## Avoid Feeding Wildlife:

According to NAC 441A.445, intentionally providing care or sustenance to wildlife, including coyotes, on private property is prohibited. Residents should be diligent about not leaving pet food accessible to wild animals and disposing of food waste properly in garbage bins and not on the ground. It's essential to recognize that feeding any wildlife, such as ducks, birds, or rabbits, indirectly contributes to the presence of coyotes.



**Comply with Leash Laws:** Residents are urged to adhere to the leash laws established by the City of Las Vegas. When walking pets, especially during dawn and dusk, it is recommended to keep them close and avoid using extending leashes. Small animals should not be left unattended during these hours, and owners are advised to stay vigilant and nearby.

**Make Them Uncomfortable:** In the event of a coyote encounter, residents can haze them safely without cornering. Tools like a garden hose, sound-making devices (such as a referee's whistle), or a horn can be effective. Waving arms, yelling, and making oneself appear larger can help encourage the coyote to retreat. Importantly, always allow them a clear escape route.



**Trim Vegetation:** Eliminating hiding places for prey species not only benefits the local ecosystem but also discourages coyotes and other predators from frequenting the area. While observing coyotes is not inherently alarming, if aggressive behavior is demonstrated, residents are encouraged to report it. Coyote attacks on humans are extremely rare and are often associated with human feeding.



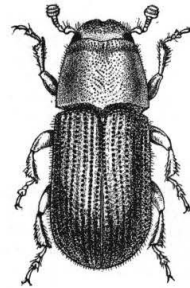
# NEWS around the SHORES

## Desert Shores Trees

During their October 25, 2023 meeting, the board moved to approve the Park West Arbor proposal - a comprehensive plan to address immediate



issues related to trees in the Desert Shores community. The focus is on the removal of trees causing damage, those in decline, and those that pose a hazard. Boring beetles pose a significant threat to our Desert Shores Trees.

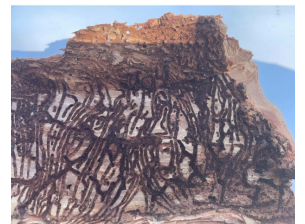


Boring beetles, also known as bark beetles, belong to various families such as Scolytidae and Cerambycidae. While they play a vital role in decomposing dead trees, these seemingly ordinary insects become a concern

when they attack weakened or stressed pine trees. Their burrowing into the bark disrupts the tree's defense mechanisms, compromising its health and vitality.



*Damage to Pine Bark caused by Boring Beetles.*



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# THE REAL (ESTATE) FACTS

by Shirley Kelly-Howard, Signature Real Estate Group

Thinking about buying a home or selling your current one? Whether you are considering a jump into the housing market or just curious about what's happening in YOUR neighborhood, here is a three-year review of the closed sales, by subdivision, for Desert Shores homes and condominiums.

DSCA Home Sales Comparison				
Community	2023 Average Sales Price*	2022 Average Sales Price**	2021 Average Sales Price***	Variance % 2021/2023
Beachport	\$434,750 (2)	\$445,850 (8)	\$368,750	118%
Biscayne Bay	\$456,980 (5)	\$467,500 (2)	\$403,667	113%
Lakefront	No Sales	No Sales	\$621,000	N/A
Crosspointe	\$354,333 (3)	\$352,500 (2)	\$352,450	101%
Diamond Bay	\$1,262,500 (2)	\$1,050,000 (1)	\$889,550	142%
Lakefront	\$1,550,000 (1)	\$1,605,000 (3)	No Sales	N/A
Discovery Bay	\$590,625 (8)	\$627,016 (4)	\$496,658	119%
Gulls Landing	\$489,900 (5)	\$474,166 (4)	\$379,929	129%
Harbor Cove	\$715,200 (5)	\$736,250 (6)	\$558,786	129%
Lakefront	No Sales	\$940,000 (1)	\$1,012,000	N/A
Harbor Point	\$442,667 (3)	\$503,383 (6)	\$429,750	103%
La Jolla Classic	\$555,000 (4)	\$555,820 (5)	\$449,733	123%
Lakefront	\$795,500 (1)	\$665,000 (1)	\$752,000	106%
Lakeshore	\$535,000 (1)	\$670,980 (5)	\$468,875	114%
Lakefront	\$886,667 (3)	\$1,004,166 (4)	\$818,800	108%
Moonlight Bay	\$487,207 (6)	\$528,600 (5)	\$407,446	120%
Newcastle Estates	\$446,250 (4)	\$559,222 (9)	\$518,238	86%
Pelican Point	No Sales	No Sales	\$734,333	N/A
Lakefront	No Sales	\$800,000 (1)	\$1,075,000	N/A
Racquet Club	\$388,714 (7)	\$400,296 (18)	\$402,500	97%
Lakefront	\$519,000 (2)	\$591,419 (4)	\$617,500	84%
Reflections	\$484,950 (2)	\$455,000 (2)	\$474,000	102%
Ritz Cove	\$1,180,000 (1)	\$1,130,000 (2)	\$913,750	129%
Lakefront	\$2,190,000 (1)	\$1,700,000 (1)	\$1,060,000	207%
Sage Pointe	\$486,583 (6)	\$431,433 (13)	\$399,857	122%
Shoreline Estates	\$415,000 (1)	\$554,810 (2)	\$455,250	91%
Lakefront	No Sales	\$741,900 (1)	\$690,000	N/A
Spinnaker Cove	\$704,500 (4)	\$660,666 (4)	\$581,408	121%
Lakefront	\$1,105,000 (1)	\$930,000 (4)	\$925,000	119%
Tradewinds	\$423,863 (8)	\$480,069 (8)	\$385,285	110%
Villa Colonade				
Villa Finestra	\$512,667 (3)	\$619,705 (11)	\$499,300	103%
Coral Bay/ La Jolla II				
Desert Shores Villas	\$250,313 (27)	\$209,592 (40)	\$155,265	161%
Mar-A-Lago	\$224,984 (31)	\$219,295 (42)	\$180,180	125%

\*Closed sales through MLS 1/1/2023-11/02/2023

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Leaves	BBQ Grills	Sofas
Vegetables	Dishwashers	Dressers
Branches	Washer/Dryer	Toys
Grass Clippings	Water Softeners	Ping Pong Tables
Garden Debris	Box Fans	Kitchen Tables
Shrubbery	Dehumidifiers	Swing Sets
	Water Heaters	Desks
<b>Appliances</b>	<b>Bulk Waste</b>	Entertainment Centers
Vacuum Cleaners	Picnic Tables	Household Furniture
Humidifiers	Book Cases	
	Couches	

Download the 2024 Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule by scanning the code



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# Lost & Found

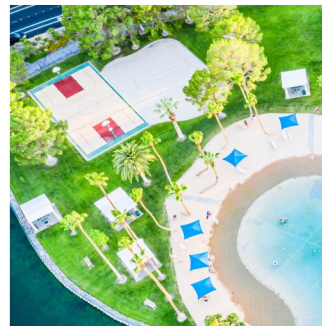
Out for your morning walk and your keys are no longer jingling in your pocket? We get it—lost items happen! If you've misplaced something during your adventures in Desert Shores, give us a call or swing by the office to explore our Lost & Found.



For larger items like boats, bicycles, or signs removed in violation of DSCA Sign Policies, rest assured, we've got a secured area to keep them safe until you're ready to retrieve them. Keep in mind that our DSCA staff won't be making home deliveries for lost items, so be sure to contact our office to arrange a convenient pick-up time.

**Just a heads up:** Found items will be patiently waiting for their owners for a maximum of 15 days before we bid them farewell. So, if you've misplaced something, let's reconnect before that window closes!

*Lost and found — because sometimes keys take unexpected detours.*




The New Year is upon us and the excitement of the Lagoon Park is growing!

Here's the schedule going forward -

**January:** Lagoon Pool remains closed. Lagoon Park area including basketball and volleyball courts, paddle boats and kayaks will be closed.

**February:** Lagoon Pool is closed for swimming. The Pedal Boats, Kayaks and Lagoon Park area (basketball and volleyball courts and Picnic tables) will be open for use on the weekends only (Sat and Sun) from 10 AM to 4 PM.



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**The Desert Shores Agaves Need Your Help!**


Attention Walkers, Joggers, Bikers, and anyone else that moves through our community! Our mature, agave plants tend to be targeted around this time of year and we need your help identifying and stopping the culprits.

If you see anyone other than Park West employees trimming our agave plants, please notify the DSCA Office or Courtesy Patrol (if after hours) immediately! The goal is to try to capture as much information from what you witnessed. Please note the following:

- ◆ Day and time of the trimming
- ◆ Description of those trimming the Agave plant
- ◆ Location - street, cross street or nearest address
- ◆ If seen exiting/entering vehicle, capture license plate number and description of vehicle or if a company logo/name was present
- ◆ A picture is worth a thousand words! If you can safely do so, capture photos/videos of the trimming

To the right are some photos of our Agave plants both before and after unauthorized trimming. To the top of the Agave plant photos are pictures of Park West's Logo, Work Truck and Employee Uniforms which will often be seen on DSCA common areas.

**We thank you in advance for your keen eyes!**

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Agaves- Before Trimming



Agaves - After Unauthorized Trimming



# Recycle Your Christmas Tree!



Join the Springs Preserve and the Christmas Tree Recycling Committee in giving our community a gift: Recycle your tree. Each year from December 26th to January 15th, you can take your cut, Christmas trees to one of more than 30 convenient drop sites throughout the valley, to be recycled free of charge.

Drop off your Christmas tree at one of more than 30 drop sites to be recycled and re-used at no charge. Recycling your tree helps ensure the sustainability of our community by saving valuable landfill space. When chipped into mulch, cut trees become valuable organic material used in landscaping projects that help conserve soil moisture and keep plants healthy.



Prepare Your Tree!

Before dropping off your tree, remove all non-organic objects such as lights, wire, tinsel, ornaments and nails. Foreign objects can contaminate the mulch and ruin the chipper. Flocked trees cannot be recycled.



Find the drop-off location nearest you by visiting [www.springspreserve.org](http://www.springspreserve.org) or by scanning here:



**'Twas the Season!**  
*Per the governing documents, all holiday decorations and lights must be removed by January 15!*

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5th ANNUAL

# Lantern Festival

February 3, 2024 | 5 PM - 7 PM Between Lake Sarah & Lake Maddison

The enchanting glow of lanterns, the serenity of lakeside views, and the joy of creating cherished memories with loved ones—welcome to the 5th Annual Lantern Festival! Set against the picturesque backdrop between Lake Sarah and Lake Maddison, this year's festival promises an unforgettable evening for friends, family, and neighbors alike. Join us on Saturday, February 3rd, from 5 PM to 7 PM for an experience that will light up your night.

To participate in this celebration, lanterns are available for purchase at the Desert Shores Community Association (DSCA) office for \$10 each. Payments can be made with a check or credit card (with a 5% processing fee). Lanterns will also be available for purchase at the event for \$10, (cash only)

Kick off the festivities from 5 PM to 6 PM by personalizing your lanterns with stickers and markers. Express your hopes and dreams for the year ahead, turning each lantern into a meaningful masterpiece. This creative session sets the stage for an evening filled with personalized lanterns, each carrying the dreams and aspirations of its creator.

At 6 PM, as the sun begins to set, we will gather to release our lanterns into the waters of lake Maddison. The shimmering reflections on the lakes will mirror the collective hopes and wishes of our community, creating a breathtaking scene beneath the night sky. It's

a beautiful way to symbolize the release of positive energy and dreams into the universe.

The atmosphere will be further enhanced with light refreshments and music provided by Desert Shores and our generous local sponsors. For those who want to contribute more to this magical event, volunteering opportunities are available. If you have any questions or would like to offer your support, please call (702) 254-1020 or email [ecc@mydesertshores.com](mailto:ecc@mydesertshores.com). Your involvement will ensure the success of this community-driven celebration. We hope to see you there!

## Street Parking along Breakwater Drive Harbor Island.

Watch for Courtesy Patrol and Lakes Committee. Volunteers will be directing traffic for the event. They will be in Safety Vests and with Flashing Lights.





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- Property taxes
- New home purchase
- Foreclosure avoidance
- Wealth management

### What are the eligibility requirements?

Qualification is easy because your credit score is not considered. Nearly any homeowner 62 or older is eligible.

### How much money can I receive?

The amount that can be borrowed is determined by a Federal Housing Administration formula that considers age, the current interest rate, the appraised value of your home and government lending limits. Typically, the more valuable the home, the higher the loan amount will be.

### Is it true I will no longer have mortgage payments?

With a reverse mortgage loan, your existing mortgage will be paid in full. Borrowers are responsible for paying property taxes, homeowner's insurance, and for home maintenance. The loan does not need to be paid back until you choose to move or sell your home, or when your estate is settled. At that time, no other assets are affected. For example, second homes, cars, investments and other valuable possessions cannot be taken from the estate to pay off the remaining loan balance.

**Discover for yourself how a reverse mortgage could make your life more comfortable.**



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# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	 <b>DSCA Office Closed</b>	<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM   <b>Bulk Trash Pick Up</b>		<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM <b>Knitting Club</b> 9AM - 11 AM <b>Pelican Point BOD Mtg</b> 5:00 PM		
7	<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM	<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM <b>Lakes Committee Mtg</b> 5:30 PM		<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM <b>Knitting Club</b> 9AM - 11 AM		
14	<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM	<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM   <b>Bulk Trash Pick Up</b>	<b>DSCA BOD Meeting</b> 6:00 PM	<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM <b>Knitting Club</b> 9AM - 11 AM <b>Ritz Cove BOD Mtg</b> 5:00 PM		
21	<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM	<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM <b>Spinnaker Cove BOD Mtg</b> 5:00 PM		<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM <b>Knitting Club</b> 9AM - 11 AM		
28	<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM	<b>Line Dancing</b> 1 PM - 4 PM   <b>Bulk Trash Pick Up</b>	<b>ARC Submittal Deadline</b>	Scan to visit our online Event Calendar! You will find upcoming events, association meetings, and clubhouse and picnic table reservation availability. Check it out!		