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DESERT SHORES

# Kindness Month

KINDNESS...

IT'S A SHORE THING!

# Creating the **KIND** of Community to Call Home

Desert Shores Kindness Month has arrived! While we are celebrating and promoting Kindness throughout the month of August, it is our hope that the relationships and connections made through the events of the month will carry on for months and years to come.

Some may ask, why focus on kindness and promoting community involvement? It is our belief that when neighbors know each other, rather than if they remain anonymous, divided by walls, they are more likely to treat their neighbors with respect.

## GOALS OF DS KINDNESS MONTH

1. Cultivate neighbor to neighbor kindness.
2. Remind residents that they live in a community and have a responsibility to be a good neighbor.
3. Provide positive opportunities for neighbors to meet and interact with other neighbors.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The focus and purpose of Desert Shores Kindness Month is to foster a deeper sense of community amongst residents by not only promoting kindness and being good neighbors, but by holding activities designed to build relationships with fellow residents.



## WHAT DOES KINDNESS MEAN?

According to Merriam-Webster, Kindness is the quality or state of being kind, treating people with kindness and respect. As an adjective, Kind is defined as being of a sympathetic or helpful nature.

The example given to help illustrate the definition of being kind is, "Was helped by a kind neighbor." Even at a basic definition level, kindness and neighbors go hand in hand!

## BENEFITS OF KINDNESS MONTH

- **Community and neighborly camaraderie.** Studies show only about half of Americans know at least some of their neighbors and have face-to-face conversations with them on a regular basis.
- **A neighborhood that values community is a happy place to live.** Imagine pulling into your driveway, as your neighbor next door happily waves. Later you make plans to check out the new restaurant at the Lakeside Center... Or imagine quickly pulling into your garage before the neighbor sees you because he's still mad that,

one time, three years ago, you parked in front of his home.

- **Social connections have been scientifically proven to boost mental health and improve quality of life.** Having a social connection with your neighbors helps alleviate pain points. When issues arise you will feel comfortable talking to your neighbor face-to-face, once a relationship exists.
- **Community can help increase home values.** When there's a beautifully crafted neighborhood of homes filled with happy and fun people, word travels fast and creates a desirable market.
- **Build community by being a good neighbor and leading others to do the same.** You can't control how other people live, but the first step to building community in your neighborhood is to lead the charge yourself.
- **Human beings are inherently social creatures.** Feeling socially connected, especially in an increasingly isolated world, is more important than ever.

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**June - August**

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Desert Shores Community Association relies on the active participation of homeowners to carry out Association business in an effective and efficient manner. We thank all of the volunteers, both currently and previously serving, who give of their time and efforts so selflessly.

**Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is a requirement for a homeowners association to function properly. These elected, volunteer officials are charged with guiding the association over short and long term projects, ensuring that the community governing documents are followed and enforced, and implementing policies as the community develops and evolves.

The Board is elected from and by the homeowners of the communi-

ty at the annual meeting and serve a two year term on the Board.

**Our DSCA Board Members:**

- President**  
Gail Qualey (2022)
- Vice President**  
Donna Toussaint (2023)
- Treasurer**  
Mike Christian (2023)
- Secretary**  
Sharon Rennie (2023)
- Director at Large**  
Jim Davenport (2022)

**Community Relations Committee**

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) is comprised of homeowner volunteers, appointed by the Board of Directors, to review all architectural applications and conduct hearing for violations of the governing documents.

The Community Relations Committee's mission is to promote and encourage a mutually satisfactory resolution of non-compliance issues with home-

owners within the community, with the intent of maintaining and protecting the value of the property and to promote community, harmony, spirit, and pride.

- Chairperson:** Gwen Christian  
Reed Bailey  
Jay Denen  
Fred Newburgh  
Lynn Rosenberg  
Mike Tolliver  
Ronnie Wagner
- Board Liaison:** Jim Davenport

**Lakes Committee**

The Lakes Committee serves as a community forum for issues regarding the four lakes in Desert Shores: Lake Jacqueline, Lake Sarah, Lake Maddison and Lake Lindsey.

The Lakes Committee collects relevant information and assess feasible alternatives to make recommendations to the Board of Directors. Committee members also oversee the annual fish restocking, volunteer for the Kids

Fishing Derby and work with the NDOW and Staff to ensure the fish population is healthy and thriving in our lakes.

- Chairperson:** Don Parker  
Danny Amster  
Cheryl DuRoff  
Sheila Klein  
Mike Osias  
Odman Leyva  
Greg Toussaint
- Board Liaison:** Sharon Rennie



# Who Lives in a Community Association?

Founded in 1988, the Desert Shores Community Association and amenity rich, resort lifestyle continues to attract all kinds of residents; varying in age, income, career, and family status:

**Empty nesters:** People without children or whose children have grown up and moved out are attracted by the low-maintenance, amenities and security of community association living.

**Working couples:** Double-income couples can afford traditional homes, but many prefer community association living because they don't have to spend as much time on maintenance.

**Singles:** Community associations offer affordable homeownership for those with a single income.

**Retirees:** Low-maintenance, security, lifestyle and amenities are all aspects of community association living that appeal to senior Americans.

**First-time buyers:** Many first-time buyers find it easier to enter the real-estate market with the relatively lower cost of co-op, condominium and planned community units.

**Investors:** Community associations appeal to investors because they often compensate for shortages in the local rental markets.

Overall, community associations offer a broad spectrum of lifestyle choices for many people in today's society and Desert Shores Community Association is no exception!

## Attention Renters: Welcome to the Neighborhood

If you rent a home in our community, you're part of Desert Shores and we welcome you! We'd like to meet you at our community events, meetings, and social gatherings.

Sometimes we can't reach you to announce an event or meeting, especially if you're leasing from an out-of-state owner or a corporation. Did you know you can access all our upcoming events and information on our website? [Mydesertshores.com](http://Mydesertshores.com) is your source for all things Desert Shores, including event calendar and latest issues of the Shore Talk Newsletter.

In case your landlord hasn't passed along this information, here are a few tips to make living in our community enjoyable and stress free:

- All residents – owners and renters – must comply with association rules and regulations. These rules protect property values, preserve the nature of our community, and make life more enjoyable for everyone. If you need a copy of our rules, please contact the DSCA Admin office or your landlord for a copy. The association has the legal authority to enforce all rules, which we do – equitably and consistently. We don't like to take action against those who may not have received this important information, but it's our obligation to do so.
- Membership privileges are assigned to renters at the discretion of the homeowner. Homeowner's can either retain the privileges or assign them to their tenant. Once we have the assignment in place, renters will be issued Membership ID cards which will give you access to all the amenities and events of the Desert Shores Community.
- You don't have to own your home to be interested in your community. If you'd like to volunteer for a committee or other type of service to the association, we can't wait to meet you. Responsible, service-minded residents are the backbone of our association regardless of their ownership status.
- If your lease is about up, and you're moving away, we're sorry to see you go; but, please notify the DSCA Office so we can update the property's records.

Again, welcome to the Desert Shores Community! We want you to enjoy your experience here – perhaps enough to become an owner some day!



**Good neighbors are hard to find! Even harder still is to be a good neighbor!** But, with effort and purposeful intentions, we can all do our part to ease the burden of our fellow residents or bring a ray of joy into their lives. Don't believe us? Check out these stories we have received from Desert Shores residents, just like you, that take time to make a difference in their neighborhood and community.

**Lynn Rosenberg** has been bringing meals to a neighbor who is going through difficult times. Thank you Lynn for all you do!

**Cheryl Raleigh-DuRoff** of Harbor Cove nominated a neighbor in Harbor Cove who enjoys cooking Mexican dinners and sharing with seniors in their neighborhood. Her children proudly carry the plates of food to the neighbor's houses and say that they are proud to be helping others.

Cheryl is also in the loop of receiving dinners, which inspires her husband to cook a dish in return to give to her neighbors. In a final turn of gratitude, the senior neighbors cook soup to give to all of us. It truly is a circle of kindness.

**Loretta** nominated her neighbors: **Eloy F. and Karen & Jerry J.** for always being there for her. From changing my furnace filter on the ceiling to watching my dog when I go on vacation. We do the old fashioned neighborly thing! We split food, take turns taking each other to the airport, and switched around doing grocery shopping during the pandemic. The main thing is that they helped a neighbor in need and they are someone you can count on!

**Candy Talyor** nominated **Charity Mitchell**. Described as an "excellent neighbor", Charity Mitchell, "Is always there for the whole community of Villa Finestra, to help in any way. She [Charity] always goes beyond the call of duty." Charity Mitchell has been taking care of her three neighbors including hosting an annual Friendsgiving for those who are far away from their family.

**Carol Pagone** nominated **Paula Rios**, noting that Paula is a fantastic neighbor. Paula has brought many neighbors together by creating and supporting social events for the Racquet Club for the past several years. She has never wanted to be recognized but all her efforts deserve a shout out!

**What would this world be without the kindness of our neighbors?!** We hear so many stories of neighbors helping neighbors and what an honor it is to share these stories.

Let's keep these nominations going! Not only for the month of August but going forward, we will be sharing your stories of kindness being shared on our shores. So give your Good Neighbor a shout out!

Look for signs in the community placed at nominated Good Neighbors... you could be next!





# Resident Spotlight

## Eileen & Russ Baranik

When Desert Shores reached out to me about Kindness Month it brought back loving thoughts of Mom who always instilled kindness and the love of holidays in me and my five siblings, at a very young age.

I've always enjoyed decorating the house for the holidays. But when covid hit, I wanted to do something special for the neighbors during these crazy times. So, for Easter 2020, I put out Easter eggs filled with toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles & hula hoops for the kiddos. It was a big hit and everyone loved it! It brought such joy to everyone, I decided to keep it going.

On patriotic holidays you'll find American flags, lapel pins & poppies. Valentines Day there are conversation hearts, Valentines cards & inspirational note cards. St. Patrick's Day you'll find lucky gold coins, 4 leaf clovers and Irish sayings. (

### KINDNESS IS ALWAYS BEING RETURNED...

One little girl left a beautiful picture she drew of a rainbow with a pot of gold. Neighbors have left notes of thanks with sidewalk chalk. We've gotten beautiful rock art as thanks. An anonymous kind neighbor left Lindor chocolates in the Christmas stockings hanging out front.

ALL are welcome here to enjoy, whether you celebrate the holiday or not, both the young and the young at heart, both neighbors or those just here for a visit.

I've met so many wonderful people and never realized how many really enjoyed and appreciated all the decorations over the years. In fact, I was a little late on decorations for one of the holidays and one of the kids asked my husband, "What's up with the decorations?" Lol!

Here are just some of the nice comments on Nextdoor from our neighbors:

*"My daughter and I love the decorations you leave out. Glad to see we aren't the only ones who appreciate your holiday spirit."*

*"I always love seeing your decorations for all the holidays! Thank you"*

*"You are amazing. My daughter has not stopped talking about the pink egg she picked out and is currently napping with the toy car that was in it. Thank you so much."*



*"We walk most mornings, and are always delighted to see the decoration and fun you put out each holiday! Also your prickly pear is one of the nicest I've seen"*

*"I moved down the street about 1 year ago and absolutely enjoy the spirit you have for each holiday. I look forward to each one to see what you do next. Thank you for brightening our day and our neighborhood!!"*

*"I enjoy my walks in Desert Shores, I have lived here for 25 years, but your beautiful decorations brighten the walk even more. Happy Easter."*

### HAPPY DESERT SHORES KINDNESS MONTH EVERYONE!

By Desert Shores Residents, Eileen & Russ Baranik



*Ready for Trick or Treaters, Eileen Baranik is pictured here, decked out for Halloween.*



# DESERT SHORES

## *A Community like no Other*

*32 Years Later  
We are Still Here!*

Born and raised in Las Vegas, when my husband, Robert, and I decided to purchase our first home in the new Desert Shores Community in 1990 our family and friends thought we were nuts to move to the middle of nowhere! In those days, there was nothing out here, no Summerlin, no grocery store, no gas station, just Desert Shores and Beano's on Lake Mead (now PT'S PUB) and a lot of empty dirt!

Over the years we have thought about moving to a "new" area, with more modern homes with all the bells and whistles. Each time, we realized that what we have in Desert Shores was far more valuable to us and here we stayed. The quaint neighborhoods, our wonderful neighbors, the four sparkling lakes, ducks, turtles, bunnies, lagoon beach, park, beauti-

ful streetscapes, and walking paths cannot be beat.

So here we are 32 years later, renovating our property to continue to enjoy this hidden gem in our valley! We are grateful to have had the opportunity to raise our three wonderful children here. Thankful for the neighbors we call friends but that are more like family. The water and lakes attracted me here and have kept my favor all these years. I tell people all the time "it is the closest to the beach you can get in Vegas." We love our community and the amazing, KIND residents that also call this home! I hope that you enjoy our first "Kindness Month". I believe it will have many happy returns! Our community is one of a kind! Pun intended!

By Desert Shores Residents, Gail & Robert Qualey



# Teamwork in Action

The dictionary defines KINDNESS as the quality or state of being kind and treating people with respect.

When our residents go into our office, they have a question or an issue that needs to be dealt with. Our staff greets everyone who walks into the office with a smile and goes above and beyond the call to help answer their questions and address their needs.

Making our residents know they are important defines kindness. Our staff sets a tone that is amazing. It all starts with respect which carries throughout our Desert Shores Community.

By Desert Shores Resident, Donna Toussaint

# The Real Deal

When you feel the same emotion about something over a 23 year period, you know it's the REAL DEAL!

That is how I feel about living in Desert Shores since 1999, when we moved here from Long Island. My husband Ron and I decided we had enough of New York winters and traffic, and planned on moving somewhere in the Sun Belt. My son attended the University of Arizona and we visited Tucson often, thinking we could live there, and we vacationed in Phoenix many times during the 1990s as well.

My dad moved to Las Vegas in 1993 and I was appalled - "Who lives in Las Vegas?" I emoted. "Come visit and you'll see it's not what you think," he replied with great confidence at the time. So we took him up on his offer to visit over about five years and realized it was more than met the eye.

He would cheerfully talk about all the new hotels, gambling, and the glitz. I was NOT sold... until 1999 when I was offered a job as an assistant principal at the Hebrew Academy, and Ron was told that he could continue his work in collections from any remote location. We were on our way- but where would we live?

I was sure I wanted a new home with all my own specifications. However, we started to look around and discovered that new homes did not include many necessities such as: window treatments, landscaping, and kitchen upgrades were all extra. Enter- Desert Shores! Ron found Lakeside Suites and was planning on taking office space there, and kind of fell into the beauty of Desert Shores at that time. We returned the next day with a realtor, and after looking at a few homes in the community knew

we had found "gold" when we walked into 3020 Salerno. Here we were moving to a desert, and the one thing we never expected to find was water. We were smitten with how beautiful Desert Shores was: the views, lagoon, clubhouse, greenbelts, lakes, and of course the ducks!

We love our court which consists of 4 other retired couples from all over the country: Tennessee, Missouri, Seattle, California, and New York: a veritable melting pot. Our neighbors have become our friends, and we help each other out often and just have a feeling of family here.

Many years ago, I wanted to get involved in our community, so I joined the Landscape Committee. At that point, the conversion to xeriscape was on the agenda and we worked very hard learning about materials, companies, options, regulations, and of course, maintaining beauty. I enjoyed being part of a group of residents who cared about Desert Shores and wanted the best for our people.

Presently, I am on the CRC, the Community Relations Committee, and like to solve problems that arise from our residents doing landscapes, painting, and architectural improvements. We all try to reach decisions, compromises, and solutions for all exterior work.

So, there you have it: beauty, lakes, lagoon, ducks, boats, great activities and maintenance, and lovely people all comprise our great community. Please get involved in any aspect which interests you and I assure you that the rewards will outweigh the time and effort you expend.

By Desert Shores Resident,  
Lynn & Ron Rosenberg

# DESERT SHORES Kindness MONTH

*Brought to you by the  
NPF Grant & Generous  
Community Sponsors*



It costs nothing to be Kind... But putting on events and activities does require some funding! Thankfully the City of Las Vegas has a Neighborhood Partners Fund grant program that provides neighborhoods and homeowners associations, in the city of Las Vegas, the opportunity to get a share of the \$80,000 available for neighborhood grants every year.

Desert Shores Community Association has been the recipient of the NPF Grant in years past that has been used to fund events for the residents. Most notable and memorable was the 30th Anniversary Block Party held in 2018.

An association may apply for up to \$5,000, which must be matched by the neighborhood. At least 25 percent of the match must come from volunteer labor, valued at \$28.54 per hour. As much as 75 percent of the neighborhood's match can be from cash and/or donated supplies, equipment, or professional services.

Among other requirements and application procedures, grants of up to \$5,000 are available for projects that address a meaningful neighborhood need that transforms the community, occur within the city of Las Vegas, and will be completed within a seven-month period.

On July 20th, the City of Las Vegas approved our proposal for Desert Shores Kindness Month and we are now full steam ahead! We are very thankful the NPF Board saw the merit of Kindness Month and it's far reaching implications on not only our community but to the city as well! Special thanks to our rockstar Desert Shores resident's Donna Toussaint and Lynn Rosenberg who made their way to city hall and presented our Kindness Month proposal to the grant board. We appreciate the time and effort spent in preparation and delivering the message!

## Button, Button, Who's got the Button?



**We do! And so can you!** What is an event without swag and merch?! Hot off the presses and available now are the official Desert Shores Kindness buttons (with pin back) and stickers. Both buttons and stickers are available in the office and will be disturbed during events held throughout the month of August.

While the different ways we can show kindness is not limited, our supply of buttons and stickers is! So make sure you stop by the office today to grab your Kindness reminders for the resident on the Go!



# Kindness Month

## Event Schedule

Creating the *KIND* of Community to Call Home

**It is not too late to volunteer!**  
 If you would like to help your fellow residents during the events and assist with setup/cleanup, let us know! It would be very **KIND** of you!

**SUN, JUL 31ST**



Join us for a **Sweet Treat** to kick off Kindness Month!  
 @ The DSCA Clubhouse  
 Sunday, July 31, 2022  
 4 to 6 PM

**WED, AUG 3RD**

Have a Rockin' Kindversation!  
 Join us for **Rock Painting**  
 Keep them or pass them on for inspiration & motivation!  
 11am to 7pm - DSCA Clubhouse



**SUN, AUG 7TH**

Enjoy a **GROOVY** day of **TIE DYE in the PARK!**  
 10am to 5pm  
**LAGOON BEACH PARK**  
 We'll provide the Ties & Dye, you provide the Item!



**FRI, AUG 19TH**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
 5pm to 8pm  
 DSCA Clubhouse  
 18+ ONLY EVENT



**WED, AUG 23RD**

**KARAOKE NIGHT**  
 21+ ONLY EVENT  
 7pm to 9pm  
**CASH BAR!**  
 LAKESIDE CENTER - THE GRAND



**SUN, AUG 28TH**

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**  
 4pm - 9pm  
**CLUBHOUSE**



**WED, AUG 31ST**

**KEEP THE KINDNESS GOING**  
**SURPRISE EVENT**  
 10am to 6pm  
**LAGOON BEACH PARK & CLUBHOUSE**



**The Weather is heating up and so is the fun!** We can't wait to see all the residents out, spending time with one another during the fun activities and events planned for Kindness Month. A volunteer group of about 20 of your fellow residents spent time planning and will be assisting during these upcoming events. Now that's **KINDNESS** in action!

The goal during these events is for residents to get to know each other and build relationships with one another. It's been said that best ships are relationships and like a ship's crew we are all in the same ship called Desert Shores Community. Let's keep this ship sailing on, together!



# Desert Shores Fun

By Ana Portillo Latin

Delightful and Fun,  
the reason of laughter has begun.  
The summer is calling,  
and Desert Shores is fluttering about,  
to the Lagoon we go,  
watching children indulging,  
in the cool water of the pool.  
Classes of Music and Art  
give the patrons an expression of joy  
and ever more to become  
friends, compadres, and buddies.  
You haven't heard of Desert shores?!  
Well! Well! Well, let's go and  
Delight ever more of the Season of Fun.

## Random Acts of Kindness

Looking to make an impact on your community but not sure where to begin? Here are some ideas for you to try!

1. Check in with a friend or family member you haven't heard from in a while to make sure they're doing well.
2. Write an encouraging note with sidewalk chalk outside to brighten the day of people who pass by.
3. Compliment a loved one in the morning to make their day bright as it starts.
4. Smile or give a friendly nod at a stranger you see while on a walk or doing errands.
5. Send a card in the mail to someone you miss.
6. Put a whiteboard or some poster board out in your home for family members to write nice messages for each other.
7. Leave some treats or a small gift on a neighbor's doorstep.
8. If you have old clothes or toys you can do without, donate them to charity.
9. Gather up any recyclable items like plastic or paper you have sitting around and take them to a recycling plant to treat the earth kindly.
10. If you can afford it and are comfortable doing so, tip a waiter or waitress more than you usually would while eating at a restaurant.
11. It's important to have compassion for yourself, too! Make time for one act of self-care each day, like going on a walk or eating a nutritious meal.
12. Help a loved one with something they've been struggling to complete, like homework or a big project.
13. Give a hug to someone who needs one.
14. Write a note to someone you care about with the top reasons you love them.
15. If you're in line at the grocery store and have some extra time, let someone else go in front of you.
16. Ask a loved one how their day went, and if they're struggling, find ways to help.
17. Place sticky notes with encouraging words in places for strangers or loved ones to find them.
18. While making dinner, double your recipe (if you can) and send a meal to someone in need.
19. Forgive someone who you've been struggling with for a while—if not to be kind to them, then to be kind to yourself.
20. Pick up trash around your neighborhood or a nearby park.

“HOW DO WE CHANGE  
THE WORLD? ONE  
RANDOM ACT OF  
KINDNESS AT A TIME.”

- MORGAN FREEMAN

# 15 Ways to Be a Good Neighbor



Whenever we move to a new neighborhood, or someone moves into ours, we always worry about getting "good" neighbors. But do we every really stop to think about all the ways that we can be better for our fellow community members? Here are 20 ways to make sure we are all doing our part.

**1. Take pride in your neighborhood:** One way to be a good neighbor is to simply take pride in your neighborhood. Embrace it for what it is, find out what you can do to make it better and tell others about how much you love your community.

**2. Help maintain shared spaces:** Good neighbors don't just take care of their home and yard. They also look out for the shared spaces, like easements, islands and neighborhood parks.

**3. Limit late or loud parties:** Outdoor summer parties are the best, but going late and being loud is a burden on your neighbors. You should definitely have fun in your own home, but consider your neighbors' needs, and limit the noise and activity during sleeping hours.

**4. Introduce yourself:** You don't have to become best friends with everyone in your neighborhood. You also don't have to drag around well-stocked welcome wagons. But introducing yourself and learning names is just a good neighbor thing.

**5. Be mindful of pet poop:** Pick up after your pets every time. Don't be the dump-and-run neighbor.

**6. Quiet your barking dog:** Bring barking dogs inside, especially if you're not going to be home. It's better for them, and you won't drive your neighbors crazy.

**7. Attend neighborhood meetings and events:** Get involved in your neighborhood. You don't have to make it your full-time side project (unless you want to), but know who in the city represents you, go to neighborhood meetings once in awhile and attend local events when you can. Bonus points for going with a neighbor!

**8. Don't be defensive:** If someone asks you to quiet down or lets you know your barking dog is making them crazy, don't get defensive. Listen, apologize, figure out a solution. If you think their accusations aren't your fault, mention it calmly and offer to help find out what is really going on.

**9. Say hello:** Saying hi is easy and can really make someone's day. It's also a way to connect with others without having to delve deeply into a relationship. Even if you prefer a bit of distance from the people you live around, say-

ing hello obligates you to no one—but it does help you earn some of the benefits of a close-knit neighborhood, such as safety and others looking out for you.

**10. Be trustworthy:** Show your neighbors you're trustworthy by signing for their packages when they're not home, bringing them mail that was delivered to you or mentioning that you haven't seen them in awhile and wanted to make sure they're OK.

**11. Offer to help lift or carry things:** On move-in day, offer to help with the heavy, awkward couch. Or if you see them bringing in a new water heater, ask if you can hold the door. Offer to help lift and carry if you're able, even if it's something small.

**12. Show you trust them:** Show your neighbor that you trust her by asking her to keep an extra set of your keys for emergencies. Of course, make sure you trust her first!

**13. Invite neighbors to parties:** When you have big parties that aren't tied to a specific celebration, invite your neighbors. Not only will you build your bonds with them and show them your generosity, but you'll also buy a little extra late-night time and forgiveness for your loud best friend.

**14. Resolve disputes in person:** Resolve disputes with neighbors first by meeting face to face. Going after someone in the online Facebook group is always a recipe for disaster. If face-to-face doesn't work, then try email and posted letters. Your city might also have an office with mediators who can help you resolve disputes that may require a neutral party.

**15. Be generous with compliments:** Let your neighbors know what you like about them: their kindness, their Christmas decorations, their kids. Good neighbors notice and say something.

*Excerpt from 20 Ways to Be a Good Neighbor by Madeline Holler.*



# Can't We All Just Get Along?

We all *can* just get along. The key? Communication. It's often the best way to prevent and resolve conflict before it reaches the legal system. You don't have to be friends or spend time together to achieve a peaceful coexistence, but you should try to be a good neighbor and follow these tips:

**Say hello.** At the mailbox, while walking the dog or when you see a moving van arrive, introduce yourself. Learn your neighbors' names and regularly offer a friendly greeting.

**Provide a heads up.** If you're planning a construction project, altering your landscaping or hosting a big party, contact your neighbors beforehand.

**Do unto others.** Treat neighbors as you would like to be treated. Be considerate about noise from vehicles, stereos, pets, etc.

**Know your differences.** Make an effort to understand each other. Differences in age, ethnic background and years in the neighborhood can lead to different expectations or misunderstandings.

**Consider the view.** Keep areas of your property that others can see presentable.

**Appreciate them.** If the neighbors do something you like, let them know. They'll be pleased you noticed, and it'll be easier to talk later if they do something you don't like.

**Stay positive.** Most people don't try to create problems. If a neighbor does something that irritates you, don't assume it was deliberate.

**Talk honestly.** Tolerance is important, but don't let a real irritation go because it seems unimportant or hard to discuss. Let your neighbors know if something they do annoys.

**Be respectful.** Talk directly to your neighbors if there's a problem. Gossiping with others can damage relationships and create trouble.

**Remain calm.** If a neighbor mentions a problem they have with you, thank them for the input. You don't have to agree or justify any behavior. Wait for any anger to subside before responding.

**Listen carefully.** When discussing a problem, try to understand your neighbor's position and why he or she feels that way.

**Take your time.** Take a break to think about what you and your neighbor have discussed. Arrange to finish the conversation at another time.



# Lakeside on Your Side!



## Lakeside Village Supports Desert Shores Kindness Month

In honor of Desert Shores Kindness Month, the Lakeside Village Businesses will be offering All Desert Shores residents the following special discounts through the month of August! Just show you Desert Shores membership ID cards to receive these special discounts.

### **BUENA VISTA KITCHEN**

- Buy one order of fajitas, get the second order half off
- Buy one smoothie, get the second one half off

### **THE DAILY BREAD**

- Buy one pizza, get the second one half off

### **LAKESIDE BUSINESS SUITES**

- Get free 1 month rent when you sign a lease of 6 months or more

### **VINO LAS VEGAS WINE & YACHT CLUB**

- Get a free glass of wine at our August 25<sup>th</sup> clubhouse event.

### **THE SALON AT LAKESIDE**

- Women's Haircut Special \$30.
- Men's Haircut Special \$20.

### **LAS VEGAS BROW STUDIO**

- A one-time treatment of micro-needling or dermaplaning at \$175. Normal price is \$300.

### **REJUVENATE ME LV MED SPA**

- 50 units of Botox or lip filler is \$1000.
- Two syringes of dermal filler for \$1300.
- Buy 5 IV drips get the 6<sup>th</sup> one free.

### **THE SPA AT LAKESIDE 2.0**

- Get a 50 min message combined with a 50 min. classic facial for \$140.

### **LAKESIDE FLOWERS**

- 10% discount on all flower orders

### **ALLSTATE INSURANCE**

- Come by the Allstate office to enter to win a Be Kind Basket worth over \$200.

Thank you Lakeside Village for your generosity and support for Kindness Month!



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