# SHORE TALK

3rd ANNUAL

# Water Jantern Festival

Saturday, February 5th
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Between Lake Sarah & Lake Maddison



SAVE the DATES

**Tuesday, February 1 & 15**Bulk Trash Pickup

Wednesday, February 2
ARC Submittal Deadline

Monday, February 7
Community Relations Meeting

Monday, February 21
President's Day

President's Day
DSCA Office Closed

Wednesday, February 23
DSCA BOD Meeting

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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(Serves a two year term)
Gail Qualey, President (2022)
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# **Sub Association** Management Info

Desert Shores Racquet Club
Level Community Management702-433-0149
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Terra West Management702-362-6262
Harbor Cove
Level Community Management702-433-0149
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Associa Nevada South702-795-3344
Pelican Point
Prime Management702-869-0937
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Terra West Management702-362-6262
Spinnaker Cove
CMG702-942-2500

# theBOARDROOM

# Upcoming Board of Director's Meetings February 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM

In the event that any Board meeting will be conducted virtually (by Zoom) we will communicate this prior to the date on our website and registration info will be available to attend. 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:**

- December 2021 Financials
- Landscape Proposals
- January Minutes

# CITY OF Important LAS VEGAS Numbers

LVMPD NON EMERGENCY 311 or 702-828-3111
Abandoned Cars702-229-6431
Animal Control 702-229-6444
City Council Office 702-229-2524
Code Enforcement702-229-6615
Neighborhood Response 702-226-6615
Neighborhood Watch Program702-828-4305
Northwest Area Command 702-828-3426
Parking Enforcement702-229-6431
Republic Services702-735-5151
Street Maintenance702-229-6227
Water District702-870-2011
Water Waste 702-258-SAVE

# BOARD NEWS YOU CAN USE



The Board of Directors voted, unanimously, to approve an Anti-Bullying Resolution at their January 26, 2022 meeting. The Anti-Bullying Resolution serves as a means to further protect the Desert Shores Community as well as its Residents, Guests, and Staff.

This resolution mirrors Section 1 of Assembly Bill 395 known as the "Anti-Bullying Bill", which passed the NV State Assembly on April 13, 2021.

The Desert Shores Anti-Bullying Resolution is available for download, as well as all of the Desert Shores Governing Documents, on our website: www.mydesertshores.com, under Board of Directors / Governing Documents / Resolutions.

#### Excerpt of the Anti-Bullying Resolution

An officer or director of the Association, Owner, tenant, or guest of an Owner or tenant shall not willfully and without legal authority threaten, harass or otherwise engage in a course of conduct against any other person who is the community manager or an agent or employee of that community manager, an officer, director, employee or agent of the Association, another Owner, tenant or a guest of an Owner or tenant which: (a) causes harm or serious emotional distress, or the reasonable apprehension thereof, to that person; or (b) creates a hostile environment for that person. Each Owner shall be accountable to the Association and other Owners and residents for the conduct and behavior of children and other family members or persons residing in his/her Lot/Unit, and shall also be accountable for the conduct of his/her quests or quests of his/her tenant in accordance with NRS 116.31031(2)

Don't miss out on important updates about your Desert Shores Community! Whether it is news from the Board of Directors, Upcoming Events, or Administrative Process Updates, you don't want to miss a thing!

Updating your contact information with the DSCA office is a snap! Email amenities@mydesertshores.com your updates or stop by the office and complete a Homeowner Contact Form. We are open M-F 8am to 5pm and are located at 2500 Regatta Drive right in between the Lakeside Village and Lagoon Beach Park.

For more information, please give us a call! Unfortunately, we can not make updates to over the phone, updates must be made in writing. Thank you for your help and stay tuned!





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# COMMUNITY RELATIONS

# Community Relations Committee

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 3:00pm.* 

NOTE: If you live in a gated community you <u>MUST</u> receive approval from your Sub Association first in order to submit your application to the CRC.

Ready to make some changes?

Scan the code to get the forms and information you need!





#### **Upcoming CRC Meeting Schedule**

CRC Meeting Date	Deadline to Submit Application			
March 7th	March 2nd			
April 4th	March 30th			
May 2nd	April 27th			

# 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.

# **Extinguishing the Flames**

Bringing fire safety home

Most in-home fires are caused by ordinary things like a stove burner, candle,

space heater or extension cord. Mental lapses, poor judgment, and carelessness make these things dangerous. Thankfully, by exercising good safety habits and taking simple prevention steps, you can cut down on deadly and damaging fire risks.

First, always be sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them monthly and replace those that are more than 10 years old.

**Cooktops** - Never leave the kitchen while something is cooking on the stove. Keep combustibles, such as curtains and wall hangings, at least three feet from the stove.

**Space Heaters** - Keep them at least three feet away from drapes and bedding, and plug them directly into outlets, not extension cords. Don't use space heaters while sleeping.

**Wood Stoves and Fireplaces** - Empty ashes in a metal container and store them outside away from combustibles for at least a week before disposing of them in the trash. Be sure

your chimney is inspected and cleaned annually. Keep any combustibles at least five feet away from the stove or fireplace.

**Electrical Equipment** - Replace undersized or frayed extension cords. Never run an extension cord under a rug. Call an electrician if circuit breakers regularly trip or if your electrical box has a warm cover. Don't use light bulbs that exceed a fixture's recommended maximum wattage.

**Appliances** - Ensure combustion chamber covers are in place on water heaters. Clean all lint from a dryer's back service panel and from the vent line. Replace vinyl vent lines with smooth, metal ducts.

**Smoking** - Don't smoke in bed. Use large ashtrays on tables. Soak ashtrays under the faucet before throwing cigarette butts in the trash.

**Candles** - Use tip-proof containers. Burn candles only while you're awake and in the same room. Keep candles at least three feet away from combustibles.

Matches and Lighters - Store out of the reach of children.



February 2022

# DON'T MOVE A MUSSELI



Help keep our Lakes Clean! As you know, all private boats are required to be registered and provide proof of insurance to the DSCA Office, prior to entering the water. Before you prepare to set sail on our waters, make sure to check for hitchhiking aquatic invasive species like the Quagga Mussel.

Quagga Mussels were discovered in Lake Mead in 2007. They are small clam like creatures that deplete nutrients in lakes, destroy ecosystems and pollute the food chain. They have hitched a ride on ocean ships to the United States. They can jump over 1000 miles to infect new areas.

One single female Quagga Mussel can produce over one million eggs per year! The babies can only be seen under a microscope so one can unknowingly transport them. They attach to hard and soft surfaces.

"Quagga mussels feed by filtering small microscopic plants and animals from the water." (a) As they filter feed, they destroy food for fish and birds passing toxic pollutants up the food chain and destroy shorelines. Quagga Mussels can survive out of water for 5 days or longer in wet areas. This allows them to be transported on boats and fishing equipment from one lake to another.

# To prevent transporting:

**1.** Drain the water from your boat

motor, live well, and bilge on land before leaving the immediate area of the water you are on.

YOUR BOAT

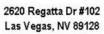
- **2.** Remove all visible mussels and check for rough or gritty spots. These may be young mussels that are hard to see.
- **3.** Flush the boat hull, motor, bilges and other equipment with hot soapy water.
- **4.** Clean all boat, fishing, and skiing equipment with a 5% bleach solution or water hotter than 104 degrees.
- **5.** Air-Dry your boat, personal watercraft, and other equipment for at least five days before moving to a new body of water.
- **6.** Do not re-use bait in a new body of water.

Please help keep our Desert Shores Lakes safe and uncontaminated.

**Courtesy of the Lakes Committee** References: (a) http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ruby\_Lake/alert.html











## "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.



# MARKETPLACE

**HANDYMAN**: Desert Shores resident with 30 years' experience in all areas. Specialty is tile work. Dependable, reliable, and reasonable rates. Call Dave at 702-232-2510.

**NOTARY SERVICES:** Traveling notary serving Desert Shores, Sun City and surrounding areas. Available for all notary needs. Call Valerie 702 847-8929 ext. 1. Travel fee applies.

**PET SITTER & MORE:** Hi! I am Laurie and I am reopening my professional pet care, dog walking (small/medium), babysitting, and house sitting services! 10+ years of experience, certified teacher, exotics ok, Pooper Scooper, Litter box cleaning, Walks, Sittings, Home care/cleaning. References available. Call Laurie at 702-423-3615.

# AROUND THE SHORES

The Desert Shores Agaves Need Your Help! Attention Walkers, Joggers, Bikers, and anyone else that moves through our community! Our mature, agave plants are being targeted and we need your help identifying and stopping the culprits.

If you see anyone other than Par3 and Par3 employees trimming our agave plants, please notify the DSCA Office or Courtesy Patrol (if after hours) immediately. Try to capture as much information from what you witnessed, as possible, including:

- Day and time of the trimming
- Description of those trimming the Agave plant

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

Below are some photos of our Agave plants both before and after unauthorized trimming. Include below, are also samples of Par3's logo and work trucks you will often see on DSCA common areas.

We thank you in advance for your keen eyes!









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# 3rd ANNUAL Water Jantern Festival Saturday, February 5th 5pm - 7pm

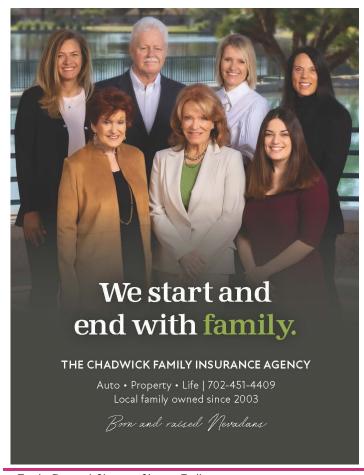
**No Tickets Needed for Entry!** If you would like to participate in the Water Lantern Launch for the event, you can purchase your Water Lantern and LED Candle, in advance at the DSCA office (Check or CC only) or on the day of the event (Cash only). Proceeds of the event fund restocking and maintenance of our Four Lakes.

DJ Dave will be out for the event to musically carry us through the evening. Chef Manny, of Buena Vista Kitchen inside Lakeside Village, will be providing Hot Cocoa and Cookies for the first 200 residents. Yum! Misty Chadwick of Chadwick Allstate (inside Lakeside Village, also!) and her team will also be joining us with some fun surprises to help light up your night!

Here's to our 2022 Event Season, let's start it off with a bang! See you all there!

# Watch for Courtesy Patrol and Lakes Committee Volunteers directing traffic for the event. They will







# REAL (ESTATE) FACTS

Presently with such low interest rates some homeowners are considering refinancing to take advantage of these low rates and others are considering home equity loans. A home equity loan is a loan made against the equity in a home and is like a second mortgage. Interest rates are usually better for this type of loan than others.

Homeowners get home equity loans for many reasons, to make home improvements, large purchases such as car or furniture, schooling, medical expenses, and probably most frequently to consolidate debts.

Money borrowed for these expenses as they come up would mean a separate loan for each expense with separate loan charges and separate payments. Another way to borrow money for these expenses would be to borrow a considerable sum up front and pay as expenses arise. This would mean that the borrower would be

making interest payments on the entire amount, regardless of the funds are tapped into or not.

When considering a home equity loan do your homework carefully and look for the one that provides the needed cash and offers the best terms possible. Rates vary from lender to lender, as do closing costs. Another important consideration besides the interest rate is the length of time for the loan. Be especially careful if considering a home equity loan to pay credit card debt. A borrower that has trouble making credit cards payments may have the same trouble making a home equity payment. Do not become financially overextended.

Home equity loans provide advantages over other loans but borrow wisely, remember your home is at risk!

Written by Industry Expert, Shirley Harold of Signature Real Estate Group.



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#### LOCAL HOUSING MARKET UPDATE

It has been almost two years since March 2020, when Las Vegas shut down over fears of the coronavirus outbreak. The housing market faced a dangerous road ahead. Job losses skyrocketed, businesses closed, and the Strip turned into a ghost town. The last thing people had on their minds was buying a home.

Almost two years later, the pandemic is still raging, and the valley's economy, while having vastly improved, hasn't fully recovered. But Las Vegas' housing market is hot, hot, hot! Southern Nevada had the most resales on record in 2021. Prices have been hitting all-time highs and homes have been selling rapidly. Homebuilders also are seeing sharp increases in closed transactions and recording record-high prices.

There is no telling where the market will go in 2022, or how, or when, the buying boom will end. The main fuel for this frenzy, rock-bottom mortgage rates, hasn't gone away, and there are no signs that demand for homes will disappear anytime soon.

The trade association, Las Vegas Realtors, reported the median sales price of previously owned single-family homes was a record \$425,000 in December 2021 up 23.2 percent from December 2020 when the median price was \$345,000.

The median price of local condominiums and town homes sold in December 2021 was \$242,000 up 30.1 percent from December 2020.

Sales for residential properties including condominiums and townhomes for the year 2021 was up 21.5 percent from 2020. Last year's numbers topped the previous all-time high, set in 2011, by close to 2,000 sales.

During December, LVR reported that 27.9 percent of all local property sales were purchased with cash, up 20.2 percent one year ago. Distressed sales remain near historically low levels. Short sales and foreclosures combined for just 0.4 percent of all existing local property sales in December.

Homebuilders aren't closing as many sales in Southern Nevada as they did during the mid-2000s bubble. But over the past year or so, they have put buyers on waiting lists, regularly raised prices and in some cases drawn names to determine who gets to buy a home amid exceedingly high demand, skyrocketing materials costs and supply delays. Written by Industry Expert, Shirley Harold of Signature Real Estate Group.



The 2022 Lagoon Beach Park Season is almost upon us! Before you know it will be fun in the sun time again... ahhhh! Meanwhile, we have to get through the temperamental weather of our Spring months. Here's the Lagoon Beach Pool & Park reopening schedule:

- Weather Permitting: The Lagoon Park and Pedal Boats will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00am to 4:00pm for February, March, and April.
- Lagoon Pool will remain closed for swimming until May, starting on the weekends.
- June through August: The Lagoon Pool & Park will be open 7 days a week from 10am - Dusk.



New for the 2022 Lagoon Beach Park season is a new fleet of Pedal Boats for our Residents to enjoy! Eight new Pedal Boats were delivered the last week of January in Blue, Red, White and Yellow. We can't wait to see these beauties out in Lake Jacqueline. You can use these Pedal Boats anytime the Lagoon Park is open. Check in with a Lifeguard who will get you signed in and off and pedaling in now time. See you there!



# Water Authority Updated Water Conservation Goals



Spurred by the recent Colorado River water shortage declaration, which reduces the amount of water the community can draw from Lake Mead, the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) Board of Directors recently approved new water-conservation policies to help protect the community's water supply.

To help reach a new water consumption goal of 86 gallons per capita per day (gpcd)—down from the current goal of 105 gpcd—the SNWA Board approved a resolution to prohibit the installation of grass in future development, with the exception of parks, schools, and cemeteries. The new rules will not apply to existing singlefamily residential properties but do include new homes.

Landscape irrigation consumes more than half of Southern Nevada's Colorado River allocation and represents our largest consumptive water use, which unlike indoor water can't be recycled and reused. Spray irrigation of turfgrass consumes on average 55 gallons more water per square foot per year than drip-irrigated, waterefficient landscaping.

Prohibiting grass in front and backyards of new residential developments significantly reduces the impact of growth on our community's water supply

The SNWA Board also approved a resolution supporting a moratorium on the installation and use of evaporative cooling systems in new commercial developments and establishments. Evaporative cooling is highly waterintensive and consumes nearly 10 percent of the community's Colorado River allocation annually. Alternative cooling technologies are available that are less waterintensive.

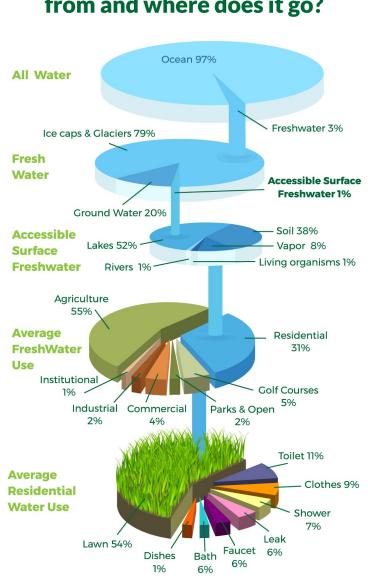
The SNWA expects local municipalities will adopt the new rules into regulatory codes, ordinances, and policies in early 2022.

Since 1996, the SNWA has maintained a 50-year Water Resource Plan that provides a comprehensive overview

of Southern Nevada's projected water demands and the water resources available, or expected to be available, to meet those demands over time.

For more information, visit snwa.com.

# Where does water come from and where does it go?



# CONSERVATION AT HOME

In July of 2017, DSCA entered into a long-term agreement with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) in conjunction with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&S) to bring two species of federally protected, critically endangered fish to our community for safe keeping.

Five years later, we are happy to report that the program is going so well in Lakes Sarah and Maddison that they have now expanded



into Lakes Lindsey and Jacqueline. As of January 2022, all four Desert Shores Lakes are now a safe home to these endangered species!

In November 2021, NDOW paid a visit to Lake Sarah and Lake Maddison to check up on the Razorbacks and Bonytail Chubs. The Razorback Suckerfish saw some amazing growth - some measuring up to 12" to 20" inches in length!

The Bonytail Chubs were not quite as successful in their growth so their population was supplemented at the restocking done in January 2022. Here is the breakdown of the fish delivered to our Lakes: 2,322 Bonytail Chubs and 375 Razorback Suckerfish.



How do we protect them? We really don't have to do much, because our lake ecosystems are already naturally beneficial to these fish. Our lakes are rich in the foods these fish require, and they are monitored and the lakes are treated to ensure a healthful environment which is a key reason that NDOW chose us for this program and continues to entrust us with these endan-

gered species.

What if I accidentally catch one of these fish? Do the same as you'd do with our other fish – just throw it back, but as quickly as possible. Please help us protect these fish by treating them gently.

The Importance of Catch-and-Release Fishing The idea behind catch-and-release fishing is to experience the thrill of catching a fish and then letting it go to fight again another day. Catch and release is required in DSCA, therefore you should be using a single barbless hook.

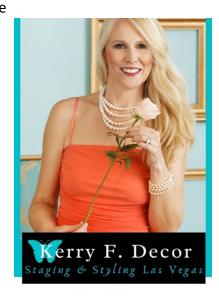
"A treble hook is much more difficult to remove, making



the release tough on the fish," said Abbey Czarnecki, an angler educator for the NDOW. "If a fish swallows the hook it's a good idea to simply cut the line than fight to

remove the hook. The fish will either dislodge the hook or it will dissolve in a relatively short period of time."

Make sure to wet hands before handling the fish and never use a rag or towel which may remove the slick coating on a fish's body. This coating helps the fish swim easily through the water and protects the fish from disease.



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#### **INGREDIENTS**

# FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat			
		1 Bulk Trash Pickup Line Dancing 1p-4p	2	Knitting Club 9a-11a Line Dancing 1p-4p	4	5 3rd Annual Water Lantern Festival 5pm - 7pm			
6	7 Line Dancing 1p-4p CRC Meeting	8 Line Dancing 1p-4p	9	10 Knitting Club 9a-11a Line Dancing 1p-4p	11	12			
BIG GAME	14 Happy Valentine's Day Line Dancing 1p-4p	15 Bulk Trash Pickup Line Dancing 1p-4p	16	17 Knitting Club 9a-11a Line Dancing 1p-4p	18	19			
20	DSCA Office Closed  Presidents 's  DAY	22	DSCA Board Meeting 5:30pm In Person & Via Zoom	Knitting Club 9a-11a Line Dancing 1p-4p	25	26			
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