



# DESERT SHORES SHORE TALK

## the **SAVE DATES**

**Friday, January 1**

*Office Closed*

**Wednesday, January 6**

*Lakes Committee Meeting*

**Monday, January 27**

*Board Meeting*

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THERE IS ONE OPENING ON THE BOARD AND WE ARE  
LOOKING FOR INTERESTED CANDIDATES TO SERVE

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PLEASE EMAIL THE GENERAL MANAGER TO PLACE YOUR NAME ON  
THE LIST FOR CONSIDERATION. APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD MAY  
OCCUR AT THE JANUARY MEETING.

CARY BRACKETT  
GENERALMANAGER@DESERTSHORES.ORG

## Desert Shores Community Association

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## BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 27 & February 24 at 5:30 pm**

***In the event that any Board meeting will be conducted virtually (by Zoom Meetings), 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).

## Message from the General Manager - Cary Brackett

***"New Year – a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours."***

**Alex Morritt**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

2021 is here and I am looking forward to getting amenities and events back on track as state guidelines are relaxed and we safely navigate with the vaccine availability. It has certainly been an unusual year for the community with so many firsts:

1. The first time we ever held an open board meeting or annual member meeting online via Zoom,
2. The first time that a budget was not ratified, and the prior year budget carried over,
3. The first time cancelling annual events such as the Memorial Day Pool Opening Party,
4. The first time reservations were taken to use the Lagoon Pool and many many others.

All I can say is THANK YOU, to every homeowner, board member, committee member, volunteer, vendor partner and every member of the office team for making all those firsts possible. Desert Shores is so amazing, and it is all because of the remarkable members...YOU!

Here is a list of the areas/items that remain closed at least through the end of February as the board will review each month for changes in closures:

- ◆ The Lagoon Park and pool remain closed for the winter.
- ◆ Clubhouse remains closed for party reservations but can be used for small committee or board meetings, provided everyone wears masks and can socially distance.
- ◆ Boat rentals remain closed.
- ◆ All social events and clubs have been discontinued.
- ◆ The office is open with regularly posted hours, but we ask, that if possible, you call or email to conduct business or get answers. If you must come into the office, masks are required, and we ask that only one person occupy the reception areas at a time.

If there are any changes, we will communicate through our website, email blasts or Facebook. If you want to know the latest, please follow us on Facebook, visit our website at [www.desertshores.org](http://www.desertshores.org) and register on the website to get email or text messages.

### Online Newsletter

To provide more current information about what is happening in your community we are providing an online newsletter on alternating months that the printed newsletter goes out. If we have your email address you will be given a notice when the non-printed Shore Talk is posted on the website. Please help spread the word and provide us with your email address to get important updates and event notices.

See **GENERAL MANAGER** continued on page 4

# Community Relations

## Community Safety

In any situation, it is always best to take precautions to try to prevent negative events from happening to you. The following are just a few of the options available:

- Keep outside lights on when it is dark. Darkness is the perfect camouflage for thieves.
- Participate in a Neighborhood Watch Program. Contact Metro's Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Specialist at 702-828-4305 for info.
- If you see something suspicious, call the police immediately. Metro is trained to handle these emergencies. Desert Shores' staff are not trained or equipped to handle emergencies.

## If you see Graffiti in Progress

If you see a tagger vandalizing property, call 911 immediately.

- Be ready to describe the suspect's clothing, appearance, and location.
- Turn-In-A-Tagger – Call Crime Stoppers of Nevada 702-385-5555. Rewards of up to \$500 offered for information leading to the arrest of a graffiti vandal.
- Callers can remain anonymous.
- Lock Up Your Spray Paint – Call the Southern Nevada Graffiti Coalition 455-4509
- Call to report retailers that have not secured their spray paint from the public.

## Respect Your Neighbors

Recently we have seen an increase of dogs being allowed to wander off leash or on other homeowners property to take care of their business. It is important to know that you are trespassing if you or your animal are on someone's property without their express consent.

Elements of Trespass include:

*Unauthorized entry* -- stepping onto land without permission, regardless of whether or not it knew that it wasn't allowed, is an unauthorized entry.

*Actual Damages* -- If a dog causes any damage to the land while trespassing, the owner could be liable for the cost of repairs.

## Friendly Reminder



***All holiday decorations must be removed 15 days after your observed holiday***

## CRC Meeting Information

The Community Relations Committee "CRC" meets the 1st Monday of each month to review ARC Applications submitted by homeowners along with conducting CC&R 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 via check or money order (\$10.50 when paid by debit/credit card) by the **Wednesday prior to the CRC meeting by noon.**

**Note: If you live in a gated community, you *MUST* receive approval from your Sub Association first in order to submit your application to the CRC.**

**FEBRUARY meeting is on the 1st**

**Deadline to submit for February will be January 27th**

**Keeping up with communication?**

Don't forget we have a whole lot of information posted to the Desert Shores website, such as upcoming events, notices, all of our documents, event calendar, account information in real time, and a lot of general information about Desert Shores. If you have not already registered on the new website, what are you waiting for?



All we need to get you set up is your email address and you will receive a welcome letter allowing you to get registered. If you do receive a Robocall, Desert Shores is not trying to sell you something, but letting you know about an upcoming event or possible emergency.

Remember, you can change your preferences on the website and choose either email or text (available in multiple languages) and not receive a Robocall.

Please register on the website or call the office to provide your email address so that we can notify you of important information and events.

*www.desertshores.org*

Do you have something to say? Want to recognize an accomplishment? Share a book review or a special recipe? Please send us your thoughts and ideas for the next Shore Talk to [am@desertshores.org](mailto:am@desertshores.org).

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# Did You Know?

## January is National Soup Month

What better way to celebrate than with a wonderful soup recipe provided by none other than Cary Brackett, General Manager

### Taco Soup

- ◆ 1 pound ground beef
- ◆ 1 large onion, diced
- ◆ 15 oz can of tomato sauce
- ◆ 15 oz can of diced tomatoes
- ◆ 15 oz can of red kidney beans, drained
- ◆ 15 oz can of kernel corn, drained
- ◆ 1 small can of green chilies
- ◆ 1 packet of taco seasoning (mild or hot)
- ◆ 1 packet of ranch seasoning mix
- ◆ 1 1/2 cup of water (or stock)

1. Brown meat and onions in skillet and drain when done.
2. Combine all ingredients in a crock pot on low for 4 hours.
3. Serve with optional chopped green onions, sour cream and shredded cheese.

Double the recipe to freeze for up 3 months

## Update your Information!

*Do you have a tenant in your home? Do you have an alternate address? Have you been missing out on the community updates?*

*This is the time we ask that you contact the management office to make sure we have your current mailing address, phone number, and email address.*



*50 States 50 Stories... I Never Thought I'd Live Here*

by Lynn S. Rosenberg  
(a Desert Shores resident)

ISBN: 978-1-64990-109-5

Publication Date:

Available now on Amazon

In *50 States 50 Stories*, Rosenberg has compiled true stories collected over a five year period from people from all 50 U.S. states (and beyond) and from all walks of life who chose to make Las Vegas their home. Rosenberg aims to broaden the way people so often view "Sin City." "For many people, Las Vegas is a place to visit as an adult playground but not a place to call home," she says. "The stories from my book will hopefully change that perception."

## Marketplace

**SUPPORT:** Local writer, Joseph Bonelli, a Desert Shores resident for 21 years has a book near completion. "The Corona Diary of Sigurd Bergman, MD will be available on Amazon. Check out other titles on Amazon or [www.sunstonepress.com](http://www.sunstonepress.com)

**Advertise your items for sale for only \$10 per printed edition.**



## Desert Shores ID Cards

Your DSCA Membership card can be obtained at the office Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

702-254-1020

# The Real (Estate) Facts

## DSCA Home Sales Comparison

COMMUNITY	2020 AVG. Price	2019 AVG. Price	2018 AVG. Price	Variance % 20/19	Variance % 20/18
<b>Beachport</b>	\$308,900	\$291,417	\$296,400	106%	104%
<b>Biscayne Bay</b>	\$327,000	\$344,833	\$328,125	95%	99%
Lake Front	\$587,500	\$403,000	\$405,000	146%	145%
<b>Crosspointe</b>	\$287,816	\$294,800	\$282,500	98%	102%
<b>Diamond Bay</b>	\$975,000	\$674,000	\$525,000	145%	54%
Lake Front	\$900,000	\$1,275,000	0	71%	N/A
<b>Discovery Bay</b>	\$417,778	\$431,725	\$438,055	97%	95%
<b>Gulls Landing</b>	\$355,611	\$351,250	\$366,380	99%	97%
<b>Harbor Cove</b>	\$474,375	\$474,333	\$454,000	100%	104%
Lake Front	\$723,125	0	\$685,000	N/A	106%
<b>Harbor Point</b>	\$382,500	\$380,571	\$382,400	101%	100%
<b>La Jolla Classic</b>	\$402,933	\$335,926	\$356,778	120%	112%
Lake Front	0	\$640,000	\$512,500	N/A	N/A
<b>Lake Shore</b>	\$420,000	\$472,222	\$350,000	89%	120%
Lake Front	\$745,667	\$675,000	\$657,498	111%	113%
<b>Moonlight Bay</b>	\$359,187	\$347,000	\$320,556	103%	112%
<b>Newcastle Est.</b>	\$390,000	\$375,646	\$356,200	104%	109%
<b>Pelican Point</b>	\$558,167	\$525,000	\$611,633	106%	91%
Lake Front	0	\$640,000	0	N/A	N/A
<b>Racquet Club</b>	\$324,045	\$300,291	\$288,746	108%	112%
Lake Front	\$483,750	\$506,000	\$500,000	96%	97%
<b>Reflections</b>	\$367,500	\$350,380	\$321,700	105%	114%
<b>Ritz Cove</b>	\$660,875	\$535,000	\$754,000	124%	88%
Lake Front	0	0	\$750,000	N/A	N/A
<b>Sage Point</b>	\$316,167	\$304,143	\$304,413	104%	104%
<b>Shoreline Estates</b>	\$341,562	\$322,250	\$319,450	106%	107%
Lake Front	\$545,000	\$455,000	0	120%	N/A
<b>Spinnaker Cove</b>	\$552,938	\$559,629	\$466,600	99%	118%
Lake Front	\$750,000	0	\$655,000	N/A	115%
<b>Tradewinds</b>	\$297,280	\$288,500	\$287,643	103%	103%
<b>Villa Colanade, Villa Finestra, Coral Bay &amp;/La Jolla II</b>	\$420,000	\$368,700	\$362,917	114%	116%
<b>Desert Shores Villas</b>	\$124,927	\$106,136	\$121,959	118%	102%
<b>Mar-a-Lago</b>	\$144,573	\$135,900	\$121,720	106%	119%
<b>All Average Sales</b>					

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## LOCAL HOUSING UPDATE

A report by Las Vegas Realtors shows local home prices setting a record for the sixth straight month while sales keep increasing and the housing supply keeps shrinking. LVR reported the median price of existing single-family homes sold in Southern Nevada, through its Multiple Listing Service, during November was \$345,000. That is up 12.4 percent from \$307,000, during the same month last year. Local condominiums and town homes sold for a median price of \$199,700 in November. This is an increase of 14.1 percent from \$175,000 in November of 2019.

LVR reported a total of 3,761 existing local homes, condos and town homes were sold during November. Compared to the same time last year, November sales were up 26.1 percent for homes and up 34.7 percent for condos and town homes.

Like other places around the country, we're seeing multiple offers on properties listed for sale," said 2020 LVR President Tom Blanchard. "The supply of available homes is exceptionally low, and demand is high. We can easily absorb three or four times the current available inventory without tilting the scales of meeting our current demand."

These statistics include activity through the end of November 2020, based on data collected through the MLS, system which does not always include newly constructed homes by local builders or homes for sale by owners.

## Nevada Real ID Cards

### **The deadline has been extended to October 1, 2021!**

What does it mean? The Real ID in Nevada is a state issued driver's license with a gold star on the front of the card, upper right-hand corner. Nevada has been issuing Real IDs since 2014. All licenses and ID cards have either a gold star or are marked "NOT FOR FEDERAL OFFICIAL USE."

The gold star indicates that the card holder has presented the proper identification to authorities at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and has been cleared to board domestic flights and enter federal facilities.

It is not just for US travel. If you have a jury summons, or conduct business at the courthouse, you won't get in without a Real ID. After October 1, 2021, people without the Real ID can be denied access to flights and entrance to federally secured facilities.

Are there other identification options? Absolutely, your passport or passport card, a permanent resident registration card, a Department of Defense ID, and federally recognized tribal ID cards."

The DMV does recommend that all residents obtain a Real ID when their licenses or identification cards need to be renewed. There is no additional fee.

For complete details about getting a Real ID, go to [www.dmvnv.com/realid.htm](http://www.dmvnv.com/realid.htm)



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# Holiday Cheer Comes to the Community



*HELP of Southern Nevada hosted the 22nd Annual 98.5 KLUC Chet Buchanan Show Toy Drive presented by The Venetian Resort and Sands Cares. This event was from December 3-14.*

*This year the staff decided to pool their money and purchase a bike for the 98.5 KLUC Toy Drive.*

*Although we were not able to get out of the vehicle we were spotted in the crowd and Desert Shores was mentioned on the radio.*

*It only takes one item to make a difference. This year we started with one bike ... Lets see what we can do next year!*



*Our very own Desert Shores Lake Manager, Roy Godfrey and his brother Craig have created a children's book called "Leo the Duck".*

*With amazing artwork of Leo Anderson, they have created a simple and fun way to teach children not to feed the ducks.*

*The story is centered on Desert Shores and uses the same Leo character as seen on signs around the lakes.*

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*Written by Craig Godfrey and Roy Godfrey*

*Illustrations by Leo Anderson*



# Coyotes in Desert Shores

As Las Vegas has grown, coyotes have become a frequent visitor to some communities, especially those with master plans involving water and golf courses. One of the primary reasons coyotes visit human communities is because someone is feeding them. This can be done purposely or unintentionally, but it usually is the driving issue when it comes to the presence of coyotes. Another primary reason coyotes visit residential areas is the artificial habitat developers have created.

Communities centered on golf courses, with the vegetation and water used in the design, attract the prey species that then attract the predatory species like coyotes and foxes. This is especially true of communities located on the outskirts of town, where the neighborhoods and amenities is closer to the open desert. Desert Shores will always attract coyotes, foxes and other predators.

In short, the very things that make life enjoyable for you also make life enjoyable for them, but there are some things area residents can do to minimize the chance of an unpleasant interaction with coyotes.

## 1) First and foremost, don't feed them. Encourage your neighbors to do the same.

A person shall not intentionally keep, harbor or in any way care for, maintain, lodge or feed on private property, a bat, skunk, raccoon, fox or coyote - NAC 441A.445

Clean up pet food after feeding domestic animals

Cover garbage cans with a well-fitting lid

Discard food waste in the garbage and not on the ground or in the desert

Keep in mind that if you are feeding other wildlife—ducks, birds, rabbits, etc.—you are feeding coyotes.





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## 2) Coyotes will eat cats and small dogs

Follow leash laws, but don't use an extending leash. Keep them close.

Don't let pet cats wander the neighborhood. That is tantamount to ringing the dinner bell.

Don't let small dogs out at dawn and dusk, and always stay close at hand.

## 3) Make them uncomfortable

Haze them but don't corner them, a garden hose works wonders.

Use a sound making device like a referee's whistle or a horn-in-a-can product.

Holler at them while waving your arms and make yourself look big

Give them room to escape.

## 4) Modify the habitat by trimming or clearing vegetation

Eliminate hiding places for prey species.

Eliminate hiding places for coyotes, foxes and other predators.

Simply seeing coyotes is not cause for alarm, but should a coyote demonstrate aggressive behavior toward a human being, then a call may be warranted.

Coyote attacks on humans are very rare, and are usually the result of people feeding them.

## What Does Republic Services Take?

### Recycling

- Paperboard
- Wax Coated Cardboard
- Steel Cans
- Cardboard
- Magazines
- Household Plastics #1-7
- Aluminum Foil
- Cereal Boxes
- Mail
- Tissue Paper
- Paper
- Aerosol Spray Cans
- Phonebooks
- Aluminum Cans
- Glass Bottles

### Yard Waste

- Leaves
- Vegetables
- Branches
- Grass Clippings
- Garden Debris
- Shrubbery

### Appliances

- Vacuum Cleaners
- Humidifiers
- Microwaves
- BBQ Grills
- Dishwashers
- Washer/Dryer
- Water Softeners
- Box Fans
- Dehumidifiers
- Water Heaters

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The beginning of the New Year is an important time symbolically – people reflect on their values, their desires, and what they want to change. This year, fill your resolution list with easy, good-for-you goals.

Try a simple lifestyle tweaks each day, and you'll not only jumpstart a healthier body and mind — you'll *feel* fantastic and ready to make 2021 a much better year than ever before. Here are just a few things you can do as we begin a new year:

- ◆ Start small by changing one thing at a time. Use the SMART goal setting strategy.
- ◆ Ask for support/talk about it. Most importantly do not beat yourself up over setbacks.
- ◆ Write it down. Start your 21 for 21 list as I like to call it. Make a list of the 21 things you would like to accomplish during this year. Make them as simple as monthly goals or more complex that would take you the majority of the year to finish. Then at the end of the year reflect on how far you've come along.
- ◆ Join an online club or group. Facebook has many groups that connect you to people of similar interests.



## Sub Association Management Information

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# Quack Quack Corner

## “The 411 on What's Happening”

### Stop Feeding the Wildlife!

The foods humans provide to wildlife are not the foods they are adapted to eat. Corn, bread, and other grain-based foods are high in carbohydrates, which few natural foods are. Wildlife that eat these foods become unhealthy as a result of taking in too many carbohydrates in a short time. It will interfere with their ability to process the rest of their more natural diet. The feeds provided by humans to wildlife also generally amount to junk food, and can cause excessive weight gain.

Access to feeding sites also alters animal behavior. Ducks that are typically dispersed over a wide area in order to find food will instead congregate near the food source.

This increased population density makes disease transmission more likely. Higher densities of animals also equates to higher densities of those animals' parasites.



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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.*

# Landscape Talk

## Why We Don't Plant Certain Trees in Las Vegas

Have you ever wondered what makes a plant or a tree thrive in Las Vegas and why sometimes it dies? Here are some reasons we shouldn't plant certain trees or plants in Southern Nevada:

The Century Plant is the only type of Agave that seems to do well in the Las Vegas Valley. The Agave plants attract a beetle that will kill them within a year or two of planting.

The Purple Plum Tree is seen all over the valley, but what some don't know is that they do fine when there is grass around them, but if you remove the grass or put in rocks they will get bores.

You can try to prevent this by applying herbicides every 6 months, but some like to simply enjoy the backyard landscaping without spraying a bunch of herbicides. Some of the Las Vegas and Henderson landscapers don't really follow the diseases, therefore it is recommended that you call your local Arborist to be sure before planting.

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## JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 New Years Day Office Closed	2
3	4	5	6 Lakes Committee 5:30 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 Bulk Item Pick Up	13	14	15	16
17	18 MLK Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Bulk Item Pick Up	27 DSCA Board Meeting 5:30 pm	28	29	30
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