



# DESERT SHORES SHORE TALK

## *the* SAVE DATES

**Monday, February 1**  
CRC Meeting

**Monday, February 15**  
President's Day - Office Closed

**Wednesday, February 24**  
Board Meeting

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**1-28**  
FEBRUARY

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schedule your  
appointment visit  
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\*this event is off site\*

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Vitalant is collecting plasma from people who have recovered from COVID-19. Called "convalescent plasma," it contains antibodies to the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which can be given to patients currently fighting COVID-19. Together, we can save lives.

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**BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Feb 24 & Mar 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:

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- ◆ 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).

**Sub Association  
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Your DSCA Membership card can be  
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# Community Relations

## Know the Rules

**Section 9.03 of the CC&R's, Review of Plans and Specifications.** *Subject to Article XI of this Master Declaration, no construction, alteration, grading, addition, excavation, modification, decoration, redecoration or reconstruction of an Improvement in the Properties or other activity within the jurisdiction of the Architectural Committee pursuant to this Master Declaration (collectively "Construction Activities") shall be commenced or maintained by any Owner, until the plans and specifications therefor showing the nature, kind, shape, height, width, color, materials and location of the same shall have been submitted to the Architectural Committee and approved in writing by the Architectural Committee.*

Visit [www.desertshores.org](http://www.desertshores.org) for the current design guidelines, architectural applications and paint palette information

## Desert Shores is Sprucing Up!

The Community Relations Committee has reviewed the following items in January :

- Painting - 2 applications
- Landscape - 4 applications
- Architectural - 7 applications

It is always good news when you or your neighbors are fixing up the exterior of their homes. When we take good care of our property, it helps the whole community!

**Any and all modifications to the exterior (front or back) require the submittal of an application for review and approval. Call the office for more information.**

## CITY OF LAS VEGAS IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Abandoned Cars.....	702-229-6431
Animal Control.....	702-229-6444
Code Enforcement.....	702-229-6615
Councilman Anthony's Office .....	702-229-2524
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)...	702-383-2888
Health Hazard Reporting .....	702-229-6615
Illegal Dumping .....	702-759-0600
LV Building Permits.....	702-229-6251
Neighborhood Response.....	702-226-6615
Neighborhood Watch Program.....	702-828-4305
Northwest Area Command .....	702-828-3426
Parking Enforcement.....	702-229-6431
Republic Services .....	702-735-5151
Traffic Engineering/Maintenance .....	702-229-6331
Water District.....	702-870-2011
Water Waste.....	702-258-SAVE

## Community Relations Meeting Information

The Community Relations Committee "CRC" meets the 1st Monday of each month to review ARC Applications submitted by a homeowner 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 check (\$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.**

## CRC Meeting is February 1st

Deadline to submit for March meeting is Feb 24th

March meeting is on the 1st

# 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

**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)



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## Electrical Inspection Checklist For Dock Owners

### 1. CHECK BOXES & BREAKERS

Boxes, fittings & covers should be in good shape. If they're broken, they can expose wires to the elements and possibly result in electrical problems. Every month, check every GFCI breaker by using the test button as well as a plug-in GFCI tester. If you don't have GFCI breakers leading to your dock, it's time to call an electrician.

### 2. CHECK YOUR CONDUIT

Visually inspect the conduit coming from the house to the shoreline. It should be intact, and joints should be tight. On the dock, visually inspect conduit running overhead and/or under the decking. If there's any separation in conduit joints, conduit damage, or visible wear and tear, you might have a problem. If wiring on your dock has not been run in conduit, it's time to call an electrician.

### 3. ON THE SHORELINE

Your grounding jumpers—from the dock to the shoreline—should have good connections and be secure. Make sure that when the shoreline breakers are off, all power to the dock is off. If the breakers are off but you've still got power on the dock, you've got a problem. Visually inspect cords leading to pumps or lifts, and make sure they're in good shape.

### 4. IN THE WATER

Have a certified mechanic thoroughly check the boat's electrical system. Faulty boat electrical grounds can be as dangerous as a poorly grounded dock. Use a current-detecting device to test the water around the dock before you go for a swim. Breakers are not rated for water contact, so if you know any flooding has submerged your electrical connections, you should call an electrician to have them checked immediately.

### LOCAL HOUSING UPDATE

A report by Las Vegas Realtors shows a reported a total of 3,761 existing local homes, condos and town homes were sold during November 2020. 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 across the country, we see 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."

# Coyotes in the Community

Coyotes have become a frequent visitor to Desert Shores and we have been seeing more and more of them around the community as they are looking for food, water, and possibly shelter. One of the primary reasons coyotes visit is because someone is feeding them. This is usually done unintentionally, but it is the driving issue when it comes to the presence of coyotes. The supply of wildlife here in the community gives coyotes a buffet of choices.

There are some things area residents can do to minimize the chance of an unpleasant interaction with coyotes.

## **Do Not Feed**

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 and 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.



*Coyote pictured here was taken during the day inside the community*

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.

## **Coyotes Will Go After Small Animals**

Follow leash laws set by the City of Las Vegas. It is recommended that you keep your dogs close to you while walking and don't use an extending leash. Don't let small dogs out at dawn and dusk, and always stay close at hand.

## **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.

## **Trim Vegetation**

Eliminating hiding places for prey species will also eliminate hiding places for coyotes, foxes and other predators. Simply seeing

# Is Your Fireplace Gas or Wood?

If you just bought a house and are not familiar with your fireplace, you may be trying to decide if you should use it, repair it, or replace it? How do you go about establishing the nature of your fireplace?

The first step would be to inspect the fireplace. The difference between a gas and wood burning fireplace can be derived from their design. Gas fireplaces generally are fitted with a gas supply, have smaller vents, chimneys, and dampers as opposed to their wooden counterparts. On a closer inspection if you notice a gas supply or any of the feature listed above, then your fireplace is gas.

Wood fireplaces tend to be bigger, have a metal grate to allow the ash to fall through and have a bigger elaborate chimney to vent the smoke efficiently. You won't see any gas assembly pipes whatsoever unless it is a gas started wood fireplace. This is why you can't burn wood in a gas fireplace.

You could also check the manual. Sometimes, new homeowners are furnished with a manual of how to use their fireplace especially gas (considering the likelihood of catastrophe if wrongly used). A quick glance at your manual will give you an idea of the type of fireplace.

If these do not provide you with the information you need then you may have to consult a fireplace expert. A fireplace expert could come to your home and confirm the type you have. Given their level of expertise, they should be able to inspect and give you a conclusive answer to your question.

However, classification of fireplaces is much broader than this; some allow for use of pellets, gas, and wood. In such a case, you need to have a keen eye. Direct vent fireplace, for instance, are classified based on their ability to bring cold air through the chimney.

Gas fireplaces generally produce less amount of heat and are designed with smaller ventilation. Wood fireplaces, on the other hand, are considerate of the high heat generated and need to rid the house of poisonous

gases. By design, they are heavily built and have huge vents, dampers, and chimney.

Burning wood in a gas fireplace is risky. It could lead to carbon monoxide poisoning, too much smoke in the house or an explosion if the gas valve and line are compromised in the process.



Before taking your wooden pieces to the fireplace, carry out an inspection of your fireplace. You can do this with the aid of an expert. The expert will aid in examining your chimney, gas connection and materials used on your fireplace.

## 5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain

Most suicidal individuals give warning signs or signals of their intentions. Major warning signs for suicide include talking about killing or harming oneself, talking or writing a lot about death or dying, and seeking out things that could be used in a suicide attempt, such as weapons and drugs. These signals are even more dangerous if the person has a mood disorder such as depression or bipolar disorder, suffers from alcohol dependence, has previously attempted suicide, or has a family history of suicide.

Here are 5 steps you can take to #BeTheTo help someone in emotional pain:



### 1. ASK:

"Are you thinking about killing yourself?" It's not an easy question but studies show that asking at-risk individuals if they are suicidal does not increase suicides or suicidal thoughts.



### 2. KEEP THEM SAFE:

Reducing a suicidal person's access to highly lethal items or places is an important part of suicide prevention. While this is not always easy, asking if the at-risk person has a plan and removing or disabling the lethal means can make a difference.



### 3. BE THERE:

Listen carefully and learn what the individual is thinking and feeling. Research suggests acknowledging and talking about suicide may in fact reduce rather than increase suicidal thoughts.



### 4. HELP THEM CONNECT:

Save the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number (1-800-273-TALK) and the Crisis Text Line (741741) in your phone so they're there if you need them. You can also help make a connection with a trusted individual like a family member, friend, spiritual advisor, or mental health professional.



### 5. STAY CONNECTED:

Staying in touch after a crisis or after being discharged from care can make a difference. Studies have shown the number of suicide deaths goes down when someone follows up with the at-risk person.

For more information on suicide prevention:  
[www.nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention)  
[www.bethetto.com](http://www.bethetto.com)



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*(Pictured: All Spice Sour Cocktail, Truffled Duck Confit Salad, Steak Au Poivre, Pumpkin Cheesecake)*

## "Virtual" Blood Drive

The need for blood is especially high right now as the health crisis continues to impact patients. I am personally inviting you to join me as I partner with Vitalant to ensure a sufficient blood supply by hosting a virtual blood drive now through Feb 28th participating in the Desert Shores Community Drive is easy.

For Vitalant to track all donations at my virtual blood drive, please follow these steps:

**Step 1.** Visit [www.desertshores.org](http://www.desertshores.org) for the Vitalant link

**Step 2.** Fill out the Pledge Card

**Step 3.** When you receive your email; simply open and click "Schedule Now" to book your appointment at any of the convenient blood donation locations listed.

**Step 4.** Prepare for your donation by eating a healthy meal and drinking plenty of water. Remember to bring a photo ID with you.

All successful blood donations will be tested for COVID antibodies to help Vitalant identify members of the community who may be eligible to give plasma to help patients with COVID-19.

## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday, all you February babies! You're so lucky to be sharing the shortest month of the year with one of the sweetest holidays of all—Valentine's Day!

As either a witty, intelligent, and strong-willed Aquarius (Feb 1-18) or a compassionate, insightful, and creative Pisces (Feb 19-29), you've got some of the best qualities around.

There are a few dozen national monthly observances during February, including Black History Month, Bird Feeding Month, Embroidery Month, Grapefruit Month, Haiku Writing Month, and Umbrella Month.

A person born on February 29 during a leap year (which occurs only every four years) is called a "leapling" and will usually celebrate their birthday on either February 28 or March 1 in all non-leap years.

An impressive roster of famous people were born in February! These iconic household names include: Jennifer Aniston (2/11), Drew Barrymore (2/22), Sheryl Crow (2/11), James Dean (2/8), Charles Dickens (2/7), Michael Bolton (2/26), Thomas Edison (2/11), Michael Jordan (2/17), Norman Rockwell (2/3), Babe Ruth (2/6), John Steinbeck (2/27), and John Travolta (2/18).



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## Keep Up with Communication

We have a lot of information posted to the Desert Shores website, such as upcoming events, notices, all of our documents, reservation calendar, and a lot of general information about Desert Shores.

## New Owner Portal

We now have a new and improved owner portal through our Accounting software TOPSOne. We will be sending out registration emails if we already have your email on file. Look for emails that come from Desert Shores Community noreply@topsoft.com. Our amazing portal provides you with the following information:

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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 Valentine's Day

## FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 CRC Meeting 5:30pm <b>Virtual Blood Drive Begins</b>	2 Bulk Trash Day Pelican Point Meeting	3	4	5	6
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14 <b>Valentines Day</b>	15 <b>Presidents Day Office Closed</b>	16 Bulk Trash Day	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 DSCA Board Meeting 5:30pm	25	26	27
28 <b>Virtual Blood Drive Ends</b>						