

# DESERTSHORES SHORE TALK



Monday, June 3
Community Relations
Meeting

**Friday, June 21**Movie in the Park

Wednesday, June 26
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 29
ARC Application Deadline

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### **BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

**Board of Directors Meeting** 

June 26th & July 24th at 5:30 PM

A unit owner has the right to:

Have a copy 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 at the beginning and the end of each meeting.

## **NEW OFFICE HOURS**

We heard you Desert Shores!

The Board of Directors is excited to announce that as of June 1st the management office will NOT be closing for lunch. We know it is important for homeowners to be able to conduct business with the Association therefore we are excited to announce the new hours are *Monday to Friday 8:00 to 5:00* 

#### But wait there is more!

During June, July, and August the office will be open with limited staff on Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

## **LAGOON & PARK HOURS**

ALL AREAS OF THE POOL & PARK ARE OPEN DAILY 10 AM TO SUNSET

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Metro Police Non-Emergency	311
Abandoned Cars	702-229-6431
Animal Control	702-229-6444
C.A.T. Bus (Citizen's Area Transit)	702-228-7433
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Graffiti Hotline	
Health Hazard Reporting	702-229-6615
Illegal Dumping	
LV Building Permits	
Neighborhood Justice Center	702-455-3898
Neighborhood Response	
Neighborhood Watch Program	
NV Energy Graffiti Hotline	
Parking Enforcement	
Pot Holes	
Rainbow Library	
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Street Light Service	
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# The Real (Estate) Facts

### By Shirley Kelly-Harold

Selling a home is an emotional process for many sellers. First-time sellers and those who have lived in their homes for a long time don't always know what to expect. With the market always changing, even experienced sellers may encounter uncertainty. People sell for many reasons; whatever yours is, a few tips that follow may help you with the process:

#### If you are selling:

- Prepare your home. Make any necessary repairs and get your home move-in ready.
- Prepare your mind.
- Make your home available to show during the day. Improving the accessibility of your home to buyers and their agents may help you sell it faster.

#### If you are buying:

• Get pre-approved for a mortgage on your next home.

Plan ahead to save time and money.
If you sell your home before you
find another, rather than rushing to
purchase another think about
leasing a short-term rental before
you close.

#### If you're upsizing:

- Buy or sell first? Options exist to ensure you make the best decision for your family.
- Price it right. Setting an accurate asking price will speed up the selling process so you can move on to the next chapter of your life, while still getting the most money.

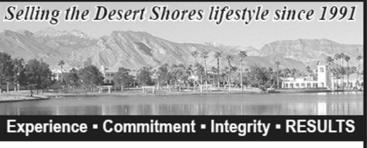
#### If you're downsizing:

 Clear the clutter. Since you'll be moving into a smaller space, you'll want to sift through your belongings and sell, donate, or toss anything you can live without.

- Update the interiors. Depending on the age of your home, you may not have to undertake an expensive renovation.
- Make repairs and never underestimate the revitalizing power of a coat of paint.

#### **Final Thoughts:**

- Don't write off a fixer upper.
   Depending on how much you net, you may have the money available to hire a good contractor to improve the look and functionality of a bargain home.
- Instead of using all the home profits to pay for your new home outright, allocate a large amount for the down payment and take out a small mortgage for the remainder giving you cash as you get settled in your new home.
- Try before you buy, especially if you're moving out of town or downsizing considerably. Renting a much smaller space in your desired location will help you determine the ideal size and exact place to buy your new home, before making a large investment.



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## **LOCAL HOUSING MARKET UPDATE**

Las Vegas' main housing association has reversed course and predicted a rosier upcoming selling season after a huge jump in transactions last month. The Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors recently reported 2,621 single-family homes sold in March, up 33.3 percent from February but down 16.8 percent from March 2018. Resales are still well below 2018 levels.

In March of this year homes sold for a median price of \$300,000, up 1.3 percent from February and 7.1 percent from March 2018.

Meanwhile 7,091 single-family homes were on the market without offers at the end of March, down 0.6 percent from February but up 84.9 percent year-over-year, the GLVAR stated. The tally of unsold listings remains much higher than it was a year ago.

The trade group reports data from its listing service, which largely comprises previously owned homes. Single-family homes make up the bulk of the market.

# Governing Document Restate

# **VOTE YES**

## **Keep Desert Shores a Premier Las Vegas Community!**

Over the past few months we have been spreading the word that the Desert Shores Governing Documents are in the process of being amended. We have held two Town Hall sessions and the turn out for these events was great. The Board of Directors, the Restate Committee and the Associations Attorney received valuable feedback on the proposed documents. Below are some answers to frequently asked guestions on the process.

**Q:** Why do the Governing Docs need to be changed?

**A:** Our documents are 30 years old and changes are being proposed to be compliant with State statutes, improve how the community is managed for the next 30 years, and will benefit everyone. To learn more about the process and specific changes, please plan on attending either Town Hall meeting or both if you choose.

Q: How will this process work?

**A:** As you can imagine it's a difficult process at best and will require an affirmative vote from 67% of the all homeowners. The ballot will be made up of 3 parts: 1) administrative changes including: grammatical, punctuation and removal of obsolete language, 2) all updates necessary to be compliant with Federal, State and Local Statutes and 3) individual changes that will benefit the long term management of the community.

Q: What are some of the important changes being proposed?

A: Other than the administrative and statute changes, here are few important individual revisions being proposed: Community Relations Committee (review, approval and enforcement procedures), Pet Policy, Garage Occupancy, Noise & Odor Restrictions, Lake View Protection, Leasing/Rental Rules & Guidelines, Owner Voting Procedures, Capital Improvements Expenditure Limits and Reserve Contributions from New Owners.

**Q:** When can I review the proposed draft changes? **A:** The draft documents are now posted on the website to view, they are available to be emailed, or they are available at the office if you require a hard copy.

The Board of Directors has approved the proposed amendments to the CC&R's and Bylaws along with the Ballot. Homeowners will be receiving the ballot package along with a summary letter in the mail towards the end of June or beginning of July. There will be announcements on the website as this occurs. Please check www.desertshores.org for up to date Restate Information.

- Will improve the Board and Management abilities to work effectively and in a timely manner by ensuring documents are up to date and the verbiage is accurate and grammatically correct.
- Will allow the Board to add new Improvements to the Community if the cost is less than 5% of the budgeted gross expenses. This will allow improvements to be made in the Community in a timely manner, keeping DSCA a competitive housing market. Contributing to the goal that Desert Shores remains a beautiful, detailed, clean place to live with amenities that meet the residents needs and likes.
- Will allow a Capital Contribution fee to future home sales, paid by the buyer at closing. This will increase the funding of the reserves account, without an increase in assessments. These funds are used for the Common Area elements to ensure the property is maintained and enhanced to remain a top community to live in and to protect property values.
- While most of the items on the ballot are considered housekeeping; outdated information, incorrect verbiage or grammar, the above items will have a significant impact on the HOA's ability to not only maintain the property but enhance it as well.



## Assessment Payment Reminders

The new fiscal year has begun as of June 1, 2019 and runs through to May 31, 2020. The assessment rates are as follows:

Single Family \$83.50 per month Condo \$41.75 per month

If you are already set up on ACH (Auto Pay) you will not received a new coupon book and the new rate will automatically be drafted from your account.

If you received a coupon book you must send your payment in (along with the coupon) to:

Desert Shores Community Association PO Box 63485 Phoenix, AZ 85082-3485

If you would like to set up auto pay please stop by the DSCA office with a voided check to complete the authorization form. Your account must be current in order to set up auto pay.

If you have not received your coupon books and you normally do, please contact the office as we have several coupon books that have been returned by USPS as undeliverable.



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# Community Projects & Important Information from the General Manager

- Now that the park is open daily make sure you check out the newly shaded Tot Lot with artificial turf, so no more hot sand to burn the tootsies.
- Lagoon Restrooms have been completed. Aside from a few last minute fixes, the bathrooms are now finished. The next step is to replace the temporary sinks and counters with the ones on custom order.
- Long-term landscape renovation plan is moving forward and the next area under consideration is the 4 corners at Regatta & Mariner, including the micro-park at the end of South Lake Jacqueline. We are in the process of preparing the request for proposal for this project.
- Lake wall/fence project coming in 2019 is around North Lake Jacqueline. This project is currently out to bid with the hope to start in June or July. If you have a home on North Lake Jacqueline, you will be receiving multiple letters with an exact start date and information on how to be prepared for the removal of the existing wrought iron.
- Coffee with the Manager is on hold for the summer months.
   Check back in September for the next scheduled time.
- ◆ Town Hall Meetings: Hopefully you had a chance to attend the Town Hall meetings we held in April and May. This is a very big undertaking as it will require a 67% approval from the homeowners to be adopted and we want everyone to be heard. The proposed revised documents are available on the website or you can pick up a copy at the office.
- Movie in the Park is back in full swing this year with Aquaman on June 21<sup>st</sup> and How to train Your Dragon: The Hidden World on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.



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# Memorial Day at Desert Shores





Desert Shores celebrated Memorial Day with the annual event that officially kicks off the summer season.

The day began overcast and a few light showers but that didn't detour over 500 residents and their guests from the community from coming out to enjoy a day at the Lagoon. We had music, food, bounce houses, and boat races.

Pedal Boats took to the water to compete for prizes and there were over 25 teams competing in different categories.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this another successful event and thank you to the community for your participation in the events.



Lifeguards participating in the hula hoop contest





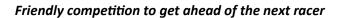
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Trying to get the boats around the pass to finish the race was hard work







Music provided by DJ Dave

# Social Clubs

ant to meet new friends, catch up with existing ones, and have fun? If you are interested in finding out more about an existing club, please contact the hosts listed on this page. If you have an idea for a new club, Karen McClain the Assistant Community Manager can help with organizing new clubs. Desert Shores Management is always looking for NEW club ideas and would appreciate hearing from you! You can contact her by email am@desertshores.org to answer your questions and hear your thoughts.

**Bocce Club** Vee Trevino v4mozart@gmail.com

**Desert Shores BLC Club** Maria Hain buyer789@hotmail.com 703-475-0698

**Dining Club** Charlene Newburgh dsdiningclub@gmail.com 702-901-4214 OR **Betty Hollister** bettyh2@cox.net 702-254-6133

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Zumba Gema Molina-Garcia gemamolinagarcia@gmail.com

## Notary Service

Desert Shores now has a notary in the office to perform notarial services.

There is no charge for residents of the community.

If you are not a resident, fees are in accordance with NRS 240.100

## Wine Tasting Club

The wine theme for the month will be Crisp White Wine (such as Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and Pinot Grigio)

June 20th 6:00 pm

In the Desert Shores Clubhouse

This is a Happy Hour type event for Desert Shores residents and friends. Contact George or Angie at: <a href="mailto:dswineclub@gmail.com">dswineclub@gmail.com</a>







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## **SNWA Updates**

On a hot summer day in Southern Nevada, nothing beats the heat like a dip in a sparkling cool pool. To keep you pool clean and in shape—and save water—pool owners can take advantage of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) pool cover instant rebate coupon program

Coupons for new pool covers can be redeemed for \$50 or 50 percent off the purchase price of a solar-type pool, or \$200 or 50 percent off the purchase of a permanent, mechanical pool cover at participating retail locations. Pool cover coupons and a list of participating retailers, along with program conditions, are available at snwa.com.

An exposed pool loses an average of 50 or more inches of water per year to evaporation. A properly installed pool cover can reduce water evaporation by 12,000 gallons a year. Pool covers also help keep debris out of the water, which in turn keeps pools cleaner for a longer period of time and reduces stress on pumps and pool cleaners. By using a cover, pool owners can save thousands of gallons of water a year and can help the community save millions.

To apply for a pool cover rebate coupon, and for a list of participating retailers, visit www.snwa.com







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# Community Reminders

## Desert Shores is Sprucing Up!

The Community Relations Committee reviewed the following items in May:

- Painting —7 applications
- Landscape —14 reviewed
- Architectural —17 reviewed

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! All exterior projects, whether in the front yard or backyard, require the submittal of an application for review.

## Picnic Table Rentals

Desert Shores park has 6 picnic tables (with bbq grills) located in the park. 4 of the tables are able to be reserved and the other 2 are on a first come first serve basis. 3 of the tables you can reserve hold 15 guests and 1 table you can reserve holds up to 25 guests. The non reservable tables only hold 10 guests. The cost to reserve the picnic tables is

\$10 for the 15 person table and \$25 for the 25 person table. Limit 1 reservation per day per house. For more info visit:

www.desertshores.org





## 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 violation hearings.

In order to have your application on the agenda you must submit all completed paperwork to the DSCA office along with the \$10 fee by the *Wednesday prior to the CRC meeting by noon.* 

Note: that 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

CRC Meeting is June 3rd

Deadline to submit for July meeting is June 26th

Next CRC Meeting is July 1st





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# Landscape Talk

This vibrant cobalt flower blooms from May

Gardening in the southwest is nothing like you see in home and garden magazines. In fact, cities like Austin are amongst the top cities that really dig gardening. So, living in a drier climate, you likely don't have a verdant backyard with miles of green grass and lush foliage. To the contrary, you need to create a landscape that complements and accommodates for the desert landscape.

You don't need to resort to succulent-only planting and rock garden arrangements quite yet. Container gardens are a great way to incorporate some greenery into your backyard without acquiring a sky-high water bill. You can arrange containers in any formation and bring indoors on exceptionally warm, dry, or cold days or nights. Here are some suggestions for the best native plants for container gardening in the southwest.

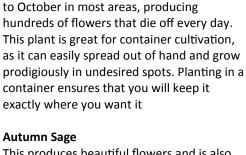
### **Desert Agave**

This is a pretty succulent that can be grown easily in a container. These beautiful evergreen plants form fleshy rosettes with ample spines. They tolerate most soils, requiring minimal fertilizer and water. Furthermore, agave plants hold up to crowded conditions quite well and don't

mind sharing space with other plants or residing in small containers.

### Blue Flax

A wildflower native to the region and grows indigenously in many areas still today.



This produces beautiful flowers and is also left alone by most pests. It can tolerate shade or full sun and attracts both butterflies and hummingbirds. Best yet, it is drought tolerant, only needing water about once a week. Make sure you plant it in a well-draining container so it doesn't become too waterlogged.

#### **Texas Lantana**

A delightfully sweet fragrance that attracts pollinators like bees and butterflies. There are multiple varieties of lantana, in all sorts of colors and sizes. It can easily be grown in containers, although anything besides dwarf varieties will need to be planted in larger pots. Avoid crowding it with other plants in a single container but it makes a striking statement on its own.

#### **Desert Savior**

Also known as Echeveria, is some of the least fussy plants and can easily be grown in a pot or even a large glass. These are best grown in containers because they are vulnerable to scorching sunlight and winter rain. If they receive too much moisture, they will experience foliage rot, as they have shallow roots. Planting them in a container makes it easy to bring them inside during especially hot or rainy conditions.

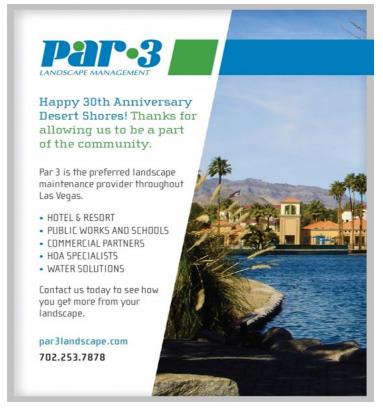
#### **Wild Mint**

There are many varieties of mint, but wild mint, or field mint, is native to the central and southern United States. It produces a strong fragrance and can be used, just like cultivated mint, for beverages and flavorings. Although it is a nutrient-hungry plant, it does well in containers. Wild mint is one of the most invasive plants that can be planted in a garden and can overwhelm entire acres within just a few years.

https://blog.beazer.com/2018/04/native-plants -container-gardening-south-west/







# Marketplace

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# June Birthday's

## Happy birthday to all the June babies out there!

With summer kicking off this month, we hope the warmer weather brings you a sunny birthday! For those who love to know all about their birth month, here are some awesome June birthday fun facts you might not know:

- June birthdays actually claim two birthstones: pearl and alexandrite, both which are particularly beautiful gemstones that represent loyalty and friendship.
- The flower of June is the rose, which is widely recognized as a symbol of love and/or sympathy.
- June is also National Candy Month, National Dairy Month, and National Iced Tea Month.
- The famous English tennis tournament, Wimbledon, is played in June.
- The zodiac signs for June are the quick-witted and clever Gemini (May 21-June 20) and the intuitive and sentimental Cancer (June 21-July 22).

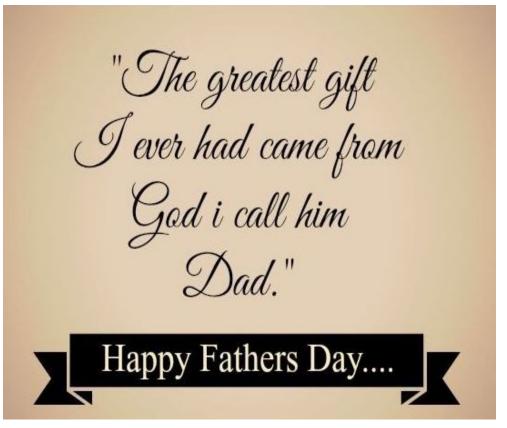
Celebrity birthdays during June include Morgan Freeman, Wayne Brady, Angelina Jolie, Mark Wahlberg, Liam Neeson, Natalie Portman, Blake Shelton, Meryl Streep, and Ariana Grande to name a few.

We hope this next year is full of happiness and excitement, and that your birthday is a blast!



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## Father's Day Fun Facts

- The Nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972. A whopping 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official.
- ◆ Did you know? There are more than 72 million fathers in the United States.
- Neckties are the most popular gift for Father's Day.
- ◆ Experts believe the word "dad" dates back to the 16 century.
- In Australia, the first Sunday of September is observed as Father's Day, while Finnish people celebrate the holiday on the second Sunday of November. In Thailand, Father's Day is observed on Dec. 5.

## **JUNE 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Park & Pool Open daily 10-sunset Office Open 10-2
2	3 CRC Meeting 5:30 pm	4 Knitting/Crochet 6:30 pm	5	6 Line Dancing 12 pm	7	8 Office Open 10-2
9	10	11	12	13 Line Dancing 12 pm Knitting/Crochet 6:30 pm	14	Office Open 10-2
16 FATHER'S DAY	17	18 Knitting/Crochet 6:30 pm	19	20 Line Dancing 12 pm Wine Tasting 6:00 pm	21 Movie in the Park (Aquaman) 7:00 pm	Office Open 10-2
23	24	25 Knitting/Crochet 6:30 pm	26 DSCA Board Meeting 5:30 pm	27 Line Dancing 12 pm	28	Office Open 10-2

<sup>\*</sup> dates may change after publication, check the website www.desertshores.org to ensure accuracy of event dates