



# DESERT SHORES SHORE TALK

## the SAVE DATES

**Monday, August 5**  
Community Relations Meeting

**Tuesday, August 6**  
National Night Out

**Wednesday, August 28**  
Board of Directors Meeting

**Wednesday, Sept 4**  
ARC Application Deadline

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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2019**

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**BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Aug 28 & Sep 25 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.
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# Emergency Preparedness Kit

Emergency planning helps you take the appropriate actions each month to create a disaster supply kit to have on hand before the next emergency happens.

Store your kits in an easily accessible location and put contents in waterproof containers that you can move easily. Remember to rotate perishable items and water every 6 months.

### Basic electronics

Pack an extra phone charger in case you're fortunate enough to have electricity, and a portable battery pack in case you're not. Stash a long-lasting LED flashlight and a battery-operated AM/FM radio (with extra batteries).

### Personal needs

While getting ready for a typical day, list every toiletry you use, then buy a travel-size version of each. Pack backup eyeglasses, as well as a first-aid kit, baby wipes and a multipurpose tool with a knife and can opener.



### Clothing

Pack a few days' worth. Include layers you can add or remove, plus lightweight rain gear and waterproof boots.

### Medication

Pack at least 3 days' worth of each of your prescriptions.

### Paperwork

Fill a zip-top waterproof bag with photocopies of your birth certificate; driver's license; Social Security and Insurance cards. Also include information about your credit and ATM cards.

### Food and drink

Bottled water is essential. Granola or energy bars are great because they are small and filling, and they come in a variety of flavors.

### Cash

In addition to enough money for a few days, include small bills and a roll of quarters. If you need to buy something out of a vending machine, you don't want to start asking equally desperate strangers for change.

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### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergencies (Police, Fire, Ambulance, etc).....	911
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
Code Enforcement.....	702-229-6615
Fire Department (Non-Emergency).....	702-383-2888
Graffiti Hotline.....	702-455-4509
Health Hazard Reporting .....	702-229-6615
Illegal Dumping .....	702-759-0600
LV Building Permits.....	702-229-6251
Neighborhood Justice Center.....	702-455-3898
Neighborhood Response.....	702-226-6615
Neighborhood Watch Program.....	702-828-4305
NV Energy Graffiti Hotline.....	702-402-2021
Parking Enforcement.....	702-229-6431
Pot Holes.....	702-229-6227
Rainbow Library .....	702-507-3710
Republic Services - Trash/Recycling.....	702-735-5151
Street Light Service.....	702-229-6331
Street Signs.....	702-229-6331
Traffic Engineering and Maintenance .....	702-229-6331
Ward 4 Councilman Anthony's Office ....	702-229-2524
Water District.....	702-870-2011
Water Waste.....	702-258-SAVE

## Looking to Volunteer in Desert Shores?

The Lakes Committee is looking for new members!

The purpose of the Lakes committee is to serve as a community forum for issues involving the 4 lakes in Desert Shores Community Association (Lake Jacqueline, Lake Sarah, Lake Maddison and Lake Lindsey).

The Committee meets on a quarterly basis to collect relevant information and assess feasible alternatives, and as a group they make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

To submit your name for consideration please contact Cary Brackett, the General Manager, at [generalmanager@desertshores.org](mailto:generalmanager@desertshores.org)

# 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 questions 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.

**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 a 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 have received the ballot package along with a summary letter in the mail detailing what changes are proposed and how to complete the ballot.*

*Please check [www.desertshores.org](http://www.desertshores.org) for up to date Restate Information.*

- ◆ It 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.
- ◆ It 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.
- ◆ It 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.



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## Assessment Payment Reminders

The new fiscal year has begun as of June 1, 2019 and runs through 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) through Desert Shores you did not receive a 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:

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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 bill pay set up from your bank account you will need to adjust the amount that is being paid to the new rate as it will not adjust with the new assessment rates.

## Lagoon & Playground Use

In order to use the facilities you are required to have a Desert Shores ID Card.

Hurry in to get yours soon. Cards can be obtained in the management office.

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# Social Clubs

Do you have an idea for a club but are not sure where to begin? Do you want to participate in a club but need suggestions? Contact Karen McClain at the office to discuss club ideas. We have several ideas but need volunteers to manage the clubs.

The deadline for social clubs to submit articles for the September newsletter is August 5th. If you have any questions, contact Karen McClain, Assistant Manager, at 702-254-1020 or [am@desertshores.org](mailto:am@desertshores.org)

## **Bocce Ball Club**

Bocce, also known as Italian lawn bowling, is one of the most widely played games in the world and is one of the oldest lawn or yard games. The game is simple, can be played by people of all ages and skill levels, and you can use just about anything as a bocce court. Join your fellow Desert Shores neighbors at the Wayne Bunker Family Park on the 2nd Saturday of the month for a friendly but competitive game.

**Club Organizer:** Vee Trevino at [v4mozart@gmail.com](mailto:v4mozart@gmail.com) for additional information.

## **Garden Club**

If you share an interest in gardens, gardening, plants, herbs and flowers then you need to be involved in the Desert Shores Garden Club. The purpose of this club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of all things garden based.

**Club Organizers:** Julie Dow at [juliedow@cox.net](mailto:juliedow@cox.net) or Cheryl Duroff at [cduro@aol.com](mailto:cduro@aol.com)

## **Knitting Club**

Despite the name this club is not limited to just knitting. Participants in the club can either have a knack for knitting or crochet or both. Our knitters meet weekly at the Desert Shores clubhouse to get inspiration on new projects or learn a new stitch.

**Club Organizer:** Willy Whittinghill at [willy13w@gmail.com](mailto:willy13w@gmail.com)



## ***Bocce Ball Club***

*Photos by Vee Trevino*



## **Desert Shores "BLC" Club**

The name is unique but the concept is simple. Breakfast, Lunch or Cocktails, the BLC Club meets at various establishments monthly to enjoy food and drink. Events are typically held on the 10th of each month, however, contact the club organizer for more information and details on the next outing.

**Club Organizer:** Maria Hain at [buyer789@hotmail.com](mailto:buyer789@hotmail.com)

## **Line Dancing Club**

Residents meet at the Clubhouse on a weekly basis for some good ol' fashioned dancing fun. No matter what level of dancer you are, come and enjoy the fun for all. One of the requirements of this club is you must enjoy great music and like to move and have fun.

**Club Organizer:** Tita Virata at [titavirata@yahoo.com](mailto:titavirata@yahoo.com)

## **Wine Tasting Club**

The Desert Shores wine tasting club meets monthly to taste, judge, and discuss various types of wine. Each month a theme is chosen and participants will bring a wine of their choice to sample with the group.

**Club Organizer:** George Michael at [dswineclub@gmail.com](mailto:dswineclub@gmail.com)

## **Desert Shores Dining Club**

The Desert Shores Dining Club has been discontinued until further notice. If someone would like to take it over and organize dinner outings please contact Charlene at 702-901-4214 to review the clubs purpose and members list.

To all the club members thank you for your patronage. We had some great times!

**Club Organizer:** open

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# Sound of Music at the Tuacahn Center of the Arts

The Desert Shores BLC Club and Travel Club are joining forces by coordinating a day trip to Utah

**Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

**Departure Time: 2:30 pm from the DSCA Clubhouse**

**Cost: \$91.00 per person (based on a 40 people)**

**Dinner: Chuck-a-Rama (not included in ticket)**

This event is limited to the first 40 people that respond and pay. If you are interested, please let the coordinators know by the middle of August.

Contact: Maria Hain at [buyer789@hotmail.com](mailto:buyer789@hotmail.com) or El Nord at [elnord@juno.com](mailto:elnord@juno.com)



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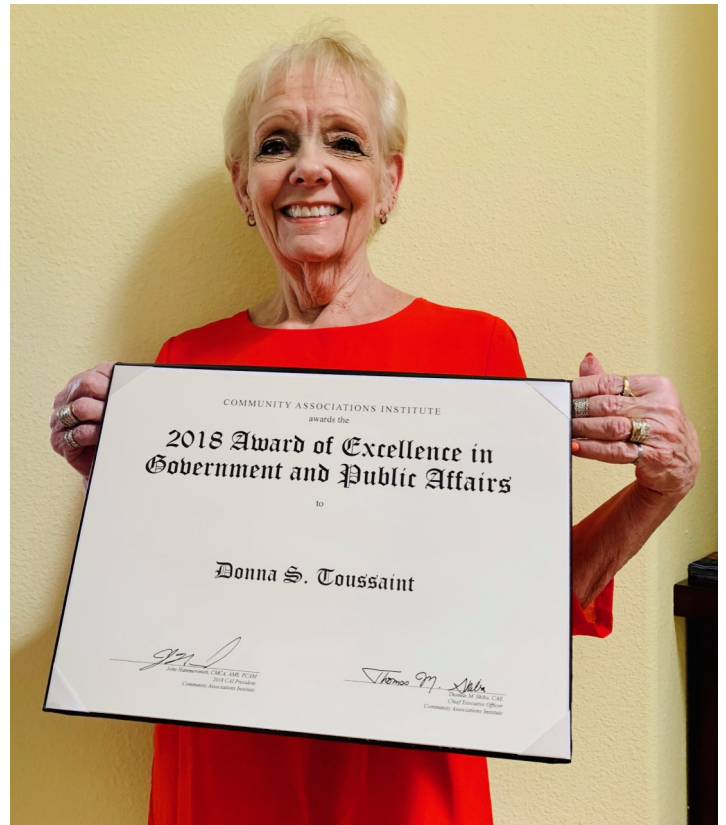


Congratulations to Gabriela Sullivan for coming closest in her guess on how many gallons all four of our lakes hold in water. Gabriela won a \$20.00 Visa gift card sponsored by our very own Chadwick Insurance Agency (Allstate).

All 4 lakes combined hold a total of 115,990,800 gallons of water



*Congratulations to our very own DSCA Board Vice President Donna Toussaint for being awarded the CAI's Award of Excellence . Each year, the Community Association Institute honors individuals who have made significant contributions to CAI and the community association way of life.*



## How to Drain Your Pool

When certain levels within the water chemistry get too high, it might be time to drain your pool or spa. The main reasons are high TDS (Total dissolved solids). High calcium hardness or high cyanuric acid levels. Another reason is that your water may have become unresponsive to the chemicals that you're putting into the pool, this is known as "Dropped out"

Below is a guide that you should use when draining the water.

- 1) Turn off the power to the pump and any other filtration system as you don't want this coming on while the pool is empty or draining. The most full proof way is to turn off the electrical breaker for the equipment.
- 2) Turn off the autofill if there is one so that the pool doesn't fill back up when you're trying to drain it.
- 3) Locate the clean out port that connects to the sewer line for the property. This connects to the underground pipes that take away all waste water. This is normally located in the front yard or at the side of the house. It's normally a PVC pipe about 3 to 4 inches wide with a rubber cap or threaded cap on it. It can be hard to find if it's covered by landscaping. Sometimes there's a "W" marked in the side walk indicating where the sewer line is.

Walk in a straight line towards the house looking for the clean out port. It's an offense to drain the water straight into the street. (Caution: Using a clean-out port in the wall creates greater potential for water to back up into the house.)



- 4) Connect the drainage hose from the clean out port and connect it to the submersible pump. Lower the pump into the deepest part of the pool near the main drain. Monitor the drain process to ensure that it doesn't back up. Any hose inserted into the clean out pipe can become contaminated. Once empty there maybe a few feet of water in the bottom of the pool. This can be wet and dry vacuumed out.

Remember! Do not drain your pool out on to the street or in to the gutters. It is against Las Vegas Municipal Code and you could be fined by Code Enforcement

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# Community Reminders

## Responding to a Compliance Letter

At some point most properties will receive some form of courtesy or compliance notice. It doesn't mean you're a bad neighbor. It just means there's an issue that needs attention.

What many residents don't know is that it's not up to the city code officer or the HOA compliance officer to come back to the property and make sure the problem they cited has been resolved. **It's up to the owner or tenant to follow up and get the issue closed.**

The following steps will help you close the compliance loop with the first letter, which is really what the association wants:

### Refer to the original letter to determine if a response is required.

- A courtesy notice making you aware of the community rules generally doesn't require a response if you resolve the violation. It's a reminder.
- A warning or hearing notice will generally require an answer.

### Be certain you're doing all the steps necessary to close the issue.

- Do you need to send an email with an image?
- Are you supposed to call or fill out an online form?

**Avoid lengthy emails or voicemails about non-related issues.** If there are other problems occurring in the neighborhood, use the appropriate channels to get them addressed.

Remember, compliance concerns fall under the 'right of privacy.' Meaning it's not something that can be publicly discussed. And demanding to know if the next-door neighbor was also cited will not fix your situation.

### Most importantly, communicate before the requested deadline.

Reach out as soon as you get the letter to let the HOA manager know you're addressing the problem. Give them an estimate of when it should be fixed. Some problems take longer to solve than others. Come to an understanding of the timeline required and ask for an extension if necessary.

The worst thing you can do is ignore the communication!

From Nevada Chapter Community Associations Institute magazine,  
*Community Interests*



## 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 **MUST** receive approval from your Sub Association first in order to submit your application to the CRC

**CRC Meeting is Aug 5th**

**Deadline to submit for Sept meeting is Sept 4th**

**Next CRC Meeting is Sept 9th**

## Desert Shores is Sprucing Up!

The Community Relations Committee reviewed the following items in July:

- Painting —2 applications
- Landscape —15 reviewed
- Architectural —11 reviewed

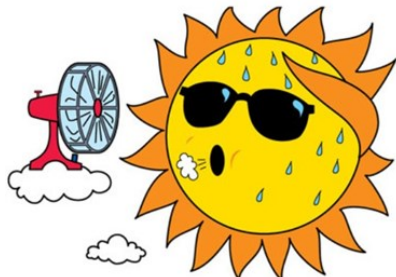
It is always good news when you or your neighbors are fixing up the exterior of their homes. When we take good care of our property, it helps the whole community! All exterior projects, whether in the front yard or backyard, require the submittal of an application for review.

# EXTREME

## Heat and Your Health

During the summertime in Southern Nevada, the average heat can exceed 100. A heat wave is an extended period of extreme heat, and is often accompanied by high humidity.

These conditions can be dangerous for people who do not take the proper precautions.



### Stay Cool

- Keep body temps cool to avoid heat related illnesses
- Stay in air-conditioned buildings whenever possible
- Find shelter or shade
- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device
- Wear light colored clothes
- Take cool showers or baths
- Check on those most at risk twice a day

### Stay Hydrated

- Body fluids are lost through sweat and you may become dehydrated
- Drink more water than usual and don't wait until you feel thirsty to consume water, by then you are already dehydrated
- Avoid alcohol and liquids containing high amounts of sugar

# The Real (Estate) Facts

The Greater Las Vegas Association of REALTORS® (GLVAR) recently reported that local home prices are hovering at \$300,000, while the number of homes on the market continues to increase. That's up only 1.7 percent from May 2018.

The rate of appreciation has really been slowing down, and that has become especially apparent over the last few months. In fact, "this is the smallest year-over-year increase since May 2012" stated the President of the local Association, Janet Carpenter.

Meanwhile, the median price of local condominiums and townhomes sold in May was \$179,500. That was up 12.2 percent from this same time last year. At the current sales pace, Southern Nevada still has less than a three-month supply of homes available for sale. The housing supply is up from one year ago but still below what would be considered a balanced market. At the end of May, GLVAR reported 7,855 single family homes listed for sale without any sort of offer to purchase. That's up a whopping 90.7 percent from one year ago.

For condominiums and townhomes, the listed for sale properties without offers in May represented a 134.8 percent jump from one year ago.

*Written by Industry Expert,  
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# August Birthday's

Happy birthday to all of you Leos and Virgos! Between the dramatic and energetic Leo (July 23 – August 22) and the caring and gentle Virgo (August 23 – September 22), you have a lot of great qualities worth celebrating! But how up to speed are you on August Birthday Fun Facts?

## Things you might not know:

- ◆ Monthly observances that take place in August include National Family Fun Month, National Golf Month, National Romance Awareness Month, and National Peach Month.
- ◆ The birthstone for August is the peridot, a beautiful gem that is typically several shades of green and symbolizes a great year to come!
- ◆ August is named after Rome's first emperor, Augustus Caesar (heir to Julius Caesar, after whom July is named).
- ◆ August's flower is the gladiolus, also known as the sword lily, which represents integrity.

Famous birthdays in August include Barack Obama, Antonio Banderas, Chris Hemsworth, Hulk Hogan, Mila Kunis, Jennifer Lawrence, Ben Affleck, Madonna, Robert DeNiro and Cameron Diaz.

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## Catch-and-Release Fishing

Catch-and-release fishing is a practice many anglers have taken up in recent years. 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. Whatever a person's individual motivation for practicing catch-and-release might be, it's important that it be done in the proper way so a released fish has the best chance of survival.

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 Nevada Department of Wildlife.

"If a fish swallows the hook it's a good idea to simply cut the line than fight to remove the hook. It only takes a minute to tie on a new hook. The fish will either dislodge the hook or it will dissolve in a relatively short period of time."

It's also important to keep the fish in the water as long as possible or retrieve the hook without taking the fish out of its environment. This is easy to do with single barbless hooks. In those instances when the fish must be taken from the water, anglers should wet their hands before handling the fish and never use a rag or towel to hold the fish. Doing so 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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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Line Dancing 12:00 pm	2	3 DSCA Office Open 10-2
4	5 CRC Meeting 5:30 pm	6 <b>National Night Out 5:00 pm</b>	7	8 Pelican Point Meeting 10:00 am Line Dancing 12:00 pm Knitting Club 5:30 pm	9	10 DSCA Office Open 10-2
11	12 BACK TO SCHOOL	13 Knitting Club 5:30 pm	14	15 Line Dancing 12:00 pm	16	17 DSCA Office Open 10-2
18	19	20 Knitting Club 5:30 pm	21 Ritz Cove Meeting 5:00 pm	22 Line Dancing 12:00 pm	23	24 DSCA Office Open 10-2
25	26	27 Knitting Club 5:30 pm	28 Line Dancing 12:00 pm DSCA Board Meeting 5:30 pm	29	30	31 DSCA Office Open 10-2

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