

# **Desert Cove Homeowners Association**

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## **Recreation Center Director Report General Meeting April 28, 2026**

My role is responsible for ensuring the assets of the DCHA are maintained and replaced as required and overseeing the Refundables Team.

- We are pleased to have Art Olfert join our dedicated group of volunteers as Kitchen Coordinator, and thank Elaine Horsford for her many years of service in that role.
- One of the responsibilities I took on was overseeing the Refundable Recycling Program. This includes developing a coverage schedule for the team and distributing the monthly honorarium. A new process for receiving refundable funds has been put in place by Return-it Express, which makes the task of sorting, counting and receiving money significantly easier and less time consuming for our team (which they are very, very happy about). Team members include: Mary Mate, Bob Bouma, Cheri Gibbons, Bill Versluis, Chris Meisner, Bob Cox, Gordon French, Doug MacGregor, Duff Joly, Anita Jarmolicz.
- I scheduled the presentation of our “big cheque” to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital Foundation. Kate McBrearty, Executive Director of the VJHF was on hand to accept the cheque and say a few words of appreciation to our community for our support over the years. Thank you all for generosity in donating your refundables for a very worthy cause.
- Along with my fellow board members, I was involved in the preparation of the Remembrance Day Ceremony as well as delivered a talk during the Ceremony.
- I arranged for a speaker to conduct a session on Estate Planning and End of Life preparation. This was a popular event that resulted in a lot of people setting up further discussions to plan for their final arrangements. We have scheduled another session in the fall of this year.
- I have arranged the Fire Extinguisher demonstration for May 3rd this year. And just a reminder that our regulations state that every home in Desert Cove is required to have a current, working fire extinguisher. This is a good opportunity for all Residents to update your fire extinguishers and learn the proper way to use them.
- Administration, Marilyn and myself met with the OKIB Emergency Operations Center Coordinator and I presented the coordinator with a thank you letter to pass on to the OKIB Fire Chief, thanking him for their team’s quick response to emergencies in here in the Cove. I also proposed (with managements approval) if the OKIB Fire Department would like to conduct a drill/fire practice in Desert Cove. They expressed an interest in doing so.
- Anita and I were also assigned to work with a committee of residents to gather questions and concerns from the community, which Anita will report to in more detail.
- In addition to the above, I have provided support for many of the special events sponsored by the DCHA.

Respectfully Submitted,

**John Bishop**

**DCHA Recreation Centre & Director at Large**