

Desert Cove Homeowners Association

Social Report

Annual General Meeting September 27th, 2022

Good evening, everyone. My name is Denise Harper and I am your Social Director. The role requires I liaise with DC Admin on outside hall rentals, bookings, manage Rec Centre bookings for all events, in consultation with program coordinators set up and maintain the social calendar and just look for ways to help make this a fun and active community.

During the past year, we enjoyed Christmas events including the revival of Ladies lunches which returned in December, a Christmas Craft Fair and performances compliments of O'Keefe Ranch which really sparked the season.

Regular activities in the Rec Centre were restarted with many residents filling their days with swimming, exercising, card games and pool. Crafters and quilters returned and the library once again became a busy centre for residents. Karaoke was restarted then shelved for the summer.

We had a fun St Patrick's Day event and over the Easter Weekend and continuing until April 22nd we dealt with a bunny invasion that required residents to spot the five bunnies hiding in people's front yards and report in to Linda Hill aka the Easter Bunny, with the location of said bunnies. There were some very busy bunny hunters over the weekend.

Requests for hall bookings kept me very busy throughout the year but also allowed me to meet many residents I had not yet met.

We enjoyed a few music nights this past spring and we hope they will resume in the fall.

On May 14th we were treated to the final performance by MACE which was organized by the dynamic duo of Howard and Donna Emslie. The dance was a huge success and we are grateful for people like the Emslies who take on this type of project.

The Garage Sale in May had many residents working hard. Under the skillful direction of Mary Matus, it was an enormous success. Rising costs required we charge a \$5 fee to each household involved in the Garage Sale. That money will be put to good use updating signs and promotional materials.

The Second Annual Pup Strut was a great success. The Top Dogs of Desert Cove calendar is currently at the printers and will be on sale in the next few weeks. Watch for the announcement and make sure you get yours early as the sell out fast.

On July 13th and again on August 9th we were treated to the Shabbang Food Truck and, on the August 9th date an ice cream truck as well. All who attended enjoyed the night out.

On July 23rd we were treated to another kick your heels up dance to the music of Brock and Sherry Quast. Thanks goes out to John Dennison for organizing that night.

Our annual Show and Shine on August 10th brought out nearly 20 fabulous cars from inside Desert Cove. Many thanks to Bill and Rhonda VanLent for organizing this event. Attendees also enjoyed the CinCity Mini Donuts and a hot dog and corn roast organized by Doug MacGregor and his team of volunteers

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Since September 1st we have continued to be busy with events and planning.

We have had the Bocce wrap up and the Great Chili Cook-off. These will be reported on in my GM report next spring.

Events to look forward to this fall are:

Fall dance – October 1st to the music of Rule 857

DC Harmonies Singalong – October 15th

Spooky Wine and Cheese night plus the Wicked Waffle Food Truck – October 28th

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale – November 20th

Christmas Dinner (a catered affair) – December 10 & 11

Christmas Caroling – December 18 and finally

Rock in 2023 to the fabulous band Top Hat on December 31st.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Social Director.

Denise Harper
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