

# Desert Cove Homeowners Association

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## President's Report General Meeting April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president over the past 4 ½ years. As always, time seems to go quickly, and there always seems to be something on the go for the board.

I am honored to work with such a great team of fellow *volunteer* board members. I am always impressed by their hard work and dedication in doing what they can to make Desert Cove a great place for all of us. Although it may not be always visible, there is an enormous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes on an on-going basis. I would also like to recognize our 'significant others'. Little did they know that they would automatically become a part of the team as well!

We currently have:

- **801 Residents**
- **650 Active DCHA Members**
- **52 Non-active DCHA members (yearly dues not paid)**
- **81% of Residents are Active DCHA Members**

### Board accomplishments of note:

- Flu Clinic October 2025. **199** people received their shots; the process went quite smoothly with no wait lines this year. This fall we are looking at providing the COVID shot as well as the flu shot, so the hours of our clinic may be extended.
- Remembrance Day. Over **120** residents attended the personalized ceremony and the feedback was very positive. We are looking forward to another lovely ceremony this year.
- Our presentation to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital in November is always a proud moment for Desert Cove and our donation amount keeps growing thanks to all those who contribute, so keep those bottles coming.
- December was our annual Christmas Dinner, with approximately **175** attending over 2 nights. A great time of fellowship, entertainment and the most fun was the snowball fight at the end of the night!
- The weekend of April 18-19, the Board, spouses and **Art Olfert** (our kitchen coordinator) conducted the DCHA's every second year inventory. This is a huge job which includes counting our assets and cleaning all our storage areas. What in the past has taken about two days to complete, I'm proud to say, was done in one day. Our team knew exactly what they needed to do and worked like a well oiled machine.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> the board hosted a thank you pancake breakfast for our volunteers. Approximately **43** volunteers attended and thoroughly enjoyed their meal. Desert Cove would not be the active community that we are so well known for if it wasn't for the time and dedication of our volunteers. It was a pleasure to serve them.
- Tracy from administration, John and myself, met with the OKIB Emergency Operations Coordinator to begin collaboration in preparation for our wildfire season. Tracy and I also met with Interior Health to discuss the emergency procedures for Residents who may be under their care. We would like to schedule another Fire Smart presentation this year and have reached out to the OKIB Fire Smart Coordinator to see if we can make this happen.
- With a number of new board members joining the team in September, the learning curve is high and we have been busy with training and support of our new team members. Recruitment starts

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very soon for board members who will be leaving us this fall so if anyone is interested in joining us, please reach out.

The Director reports will provide more specific details on the board's achievements over the last 7 months.

Our intention is to keep you (our members) in the loop with items of importance to you and the business of the DCHA. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any concerns or questions.

We are looking forward to a full and active summer ahead!

Respectfully,

**Marilyn Richardson**

**DCHA President**