

Desert Cove Homeowners Association

President's Report General Meeting April 30th, 2024

It has been my pleasure to serve the membership as president over the past two ½ years.

As always, time seems to go quickly, and we have accomplished quite a bit in the last six months.

I continue to be impressed with my fellow board members; at their hard work, dedication and focus on doing what they can to make Desert Cove a great place for all of us.

We have some new faces on our board since our last meeting in September.

Kathy Burwell was elected in September to the **Social Director** role and hardly missed a beat. Kathy is keeping our social calendar full and doing a wonderful job juggling all the parts that come with the Job.

Its wonderful to see so many folks coming out to enjoy themselves at all the events that have been going on. And it is especially nice to see new folks as well.

Jack Schultz stepped down from the **Vice President** role in January and **Rhonda Van Lent** graciously agreed to step in for him. Rhonda will serve in the Vice President role until elections, and hopefully she will find the board a good fit and will agree to continue.

Laurie French, who many of you know, also volunteered to step into the role of **Recreation Director**. He's been on the board before so knows his way around. We have already put his carpentry skill to work and have created a 'to do' list.

We currently have:

- **446 Occupied Homes**
- **812 Residents**
- **678 Active DCHA Members**
- **66 Non-Active Members**
- **83% of Residents are Active DCHA Members**

Board accomplishments of note:

- Flu Clinic October 11th; Thanks to our partnership with Sobeys Pharmacy in Vernon, and board members who worked the Flu clinic, it once again ran very smoothly. **179** people received their shots. Next year we will schedule visits a bit closer together to allow for more folks to attend.
- Remembrance Day was a very personalized and lovey service and was attended by approximately 105 people.
- Our presentation to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital in November was a proud moment for Desert Cove, our donation amount keeps growing thanks to all of you.
- In December was our annual Christmas Dinner. **180** folks attended Christmas Dinner over two nights. Organizing such a large event was not easy, but as usual, our board members were up to the task. The caterer worked very hard bringing us a great meal and the Cove carolers provided us with festive entertainment.
- In March, the board conducted the DCHAs biannual inventory. This involves cleaning out our storage areas, counting all our assets, disposing of old items, purchasing of new items if required, and updating our asset values.

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- April 13th, we ran our first FireSmart presentation, thanks to Maurice from OKIB and Dan from FireSmart BC. **60** people attended and I believe we all learned something new that we can do to protect our homes and community. Prior to the presentation, Dan and Maurice took a look around the cove for risks. There are certainly areas where we can improve, however, the good news is that we are in what is considered a green zone (low risk area) and they were impressed that many of our homes already have or are well on their way to FireSmart practices and Xeriscaping.

We would, at the very least like fellow Covians to take a look at their “immediate risk zone” and see if there are improvements to be made. We will be sending out some additional information in the near future. We will also be reaching out on behalf of the OKIB to ask for volunteers for the Emergency Support Services Centre (ESS).

- April 20th the board hosted a thank you for our volunteers. We decided on breakfast this year and treated volunteers to a great breakfast and Brian and Shelly sang a couple of songs written just for them. Desert Cove would not be the active community that we are so well known for if it wasn't for our volunteers.

The Director reports will provide more specific details on the board's achievements over the last six months and what is planned for the near future. We are looking forward to another full and active year ahead.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Richardson

DCHA President