



# Desert Crest Community Association

A Senior Community



## *President's Message*

*By Lance McArthur*

It's been a long, dry, hot summer without a lot going on, so it's with pleasure I welcome back everyone and encourage them to get involved in the many activities we have here.

Although we had a massive one-day rain-storm that spread mud everywhere, it all dried up quickly and left the whole valley with cleanup issues. Water should be on our minds more than normal this season. The water department will probably raise rates in an attempt to get people to use less. Our aquifer is receding due to excess pumping. Less water is being replenished to the aquifer from the Colorado River and other sources. The drought continues. It's probably not much on an individual basis, but if collectively we can cut our use a little, it will have a positive effect. As the water department suggests, we can plant drought-resistant plants, utilize "desert landscaping", install new low-flow toilets, take our cars to a car-wash facility, use low-flow shower and sink heads and more.

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### Board Meeting:

November 6, 2014 2pm  
December 4, 2014 2pm  
Clubhouse

November/December  
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## Activities Schedule

### Men's Golf-Every Friday

Starting Nov. 7th -  
7:30am coffee, 8am start  
on the Golf Course

### Meeting in Library-

Nov. 11th - 9:00-11:00am

### Ladies Golf-Every Tuesday

Starting Nov. 4th -  
7:30-7:45am meet, 8am start

### Mixed Doubles- Every Wednesday

Starting Nov. 5th -  
7:30-7:45am meet, 8am start

### Jack and Jill- Last Sunday of the month

November - April  
12:30-12:45 meet, 1:00pm

### Shuffle Board-

Starting Nov. 4th -  
Fun Nights - Every Tuesday  
Evening at 6:30pm  
Starting Nov. 10th -  
Monday morning competition  
9:45am meet, 10am start

### Fun Club Meetings-

November 10th  
December 1st  
9:00am Coffee & Donuts

I sent through our Association lawyer a letter to the Club owner earlier this year (see posted on bulletin boards next to Club entrance and pool) berating her for indifference to needed projects on the Club property. To update some of the concerns: Pool-green water was determined by Riverside County Health Dept. to be ok. Color due to stain from chemicals. Acid wash will be performed next summer. Pool lounges-unresolved. \$100 badge fee-unresolved. Oleanders on Dillon Rd.-cleaned up and water fixed. Clubhouse kitchen-bids requested-unresolved. Air Conditioners-Clubhouse unit fixed. Staff supervision--unresolved. Bathrooms--more checking and upgrades being installed. The Board will continue its efforts to get Club owner compliance with its requests.

There are many conceptions and misconceptions within our membership as to what and what not should be the responsibilities of the Board. The Board receives its directive from Section 1.94 of the ByLaws. Summarized, we protect the senior status of our community; We build a relationship with the Club owners; We maintain a working office; We work at improving and maintaining our neighborhood's appearance and enforce our CC&Rs.

Some of the things that the Board is NOT responsible for:

1) Complaints about tenants, guests or other residents of a Lot. Section 1.06, ByLaws: "Member is responsible for the conduct of their guests, tenants, employees, or other persons that might reside on their Lot." Received complaints are directed to lot owners or complainants are urged to call police.

2) Persons residing on a Lot. "Each Member is responsible to

ensure that all occupants of their Lot for more than sixty days' duration per year, meet current requirements of senior development laws, arrange for a meeting with the Association Membership Committee to review their rights, duties, privileges and obligations of residing in Desert Crest." When identified as non-compliant, owners will be notified and fined.

3) Cleaning your Lot. Section 4.01, Rules and Regulations: "Each owner(s) shall at all times keep and maintain at his/her sole cost and expense the exposed area of their lots(s) and county easement (parkway) appurtenant to the Lot in good appearance and condition, including, but not limited to removing debris, dead trees and plants, weeds and other offensive materials." In cases of non-compliance, the Board through its Grounds Committee will issue a letter to the owner requesting cleanup within 30 days. Fines, cleanup by hired workers and liens for non-payment will follow. There is a Helping Hands volunteer group in the park who will help owners unable to comply.

Enough "blah blah blah": enjoy your return. We will be doing two neighborhood get-togethers, another baked potato and hot dog freebie, and a neighborhood cleanup/trash removal. Keep an eye on newsletters, emails and the monthly calendar at the Clubhouse for details. And again, welcome back.

### **Board Officers**

President	Lance MacArthur
Vice President	Nancy Nunan
Secretary	Madeline Johnson
Treasurer	Lynn Waterman
Director	Bob Gleich
Director	Robin Johnson
Director	Terri Williams

## From the Newsletter Editor

By Cheryl McInnes

Welcome back to the park for another great season. Let me introduce myself – I am Cheryl McInnes your new editor. My background is in Graphics and Printing in Washington until about 7 years ago when I went back to school to be a Massage Therapist. I was in the field for over 20 years. Ian and I belong to a train club in Washington where I have been their editor for 13 years. So don't be surprised if you see me around with my camera taking pictures of Desert Crest activities.

More importantly, let me tell you about my background here in Desert Crest. My grandparents Dick and Mary Ann Hopper first brought my older sister and I here in 1964. At that time they rented a home. In 1969 they bought the property on the corner of Poolside and Vista Del Sol. And the home was put on the lot in 1970. My family spent many years here visiting my grandparents.

One of the cuter stories as a kid was - In the summer of 1974, my parents Dick and Shirley Hopper, my 3 sisters and a friend came out for a visit. During one of the nights, the wind kicked up and was blowing 90 miles an hour. (Headlines in the paper the next morning.) The 5 girls were sleeping in the living room on the floor in front of the open window (because Grandpa didn't believe in air conditioning). We had to shut it quickly because the wind was coming from the West. My grandfather got up and stepped on the vacuum turning it on. The funny thing was he couldn't turn it on during the day because he couldn't see the switch. And here he was doing it in the middle of the night. My sister asked why is grandpa vacuuming now? I don't remember what he said but it wasn't nice. The next day we went up to the morning swim with our bathing caps. When we got there the pools were black

from all the fine black sand that had blown in during the night. We found 3 of the chairs in the pool that day.

After my grandparents including my step grandmother passed, my parents came out every summer to enjoy the warmth and friendships of many people in the park.

So enough of me. I have a couple of things I would like to mention.

### Speed in the Park

Please let's all remember that the speed limit in the park is 25 miles an hour. That means all vehicles including cars and golf carts. We need to be careful of those walking around. It has been observed that vehicles are cutting corners, driving too fast and driving through stop signs. Caution should be taken when approaching cross streets, - you do not have the right away. Slow down and look or, better yet, stop and look. We don't want to have an accident.

### Walking your pets

We have a problem with picking up after our pets. This is mostly around the desert edge. I'm not saying everyone doesn't pick up after their animals, but we do have a problem. Owners have tried to put up signs asking to please clean up after the pets. This is a health hazzard. And when the wind blows, where do you think it's going? So please let's keep our park clean.

### Email vs USPS mail

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One more thing – I would like to thank Mary MacArthur for her years of doing the newsletter.

## Activities Schedule

### Fun Club Parties-

November 15th, Dec. 13th,  
New Years Party Dec. 31st.

### Coffee ☕-

Every Wednesday  
10:00am - Clubhouse

### Happy Hookers-

Every Thursday  
10:00am - Clubhouse

### Board Meeting-

November 6th  
December 4th  
2pm - Clubhouse

### Morning Exercise-

Monday-Saturday  
9:00am in the Pool

### Emergency Preparedness-

December 18th  
1:30pm - Clubhours

### Bunco-

Second Monday  
6:00pm Clubhouse

## Friday Morning Men's Golf- 2014/15

*By Ron Grant*

WELCOME BACK!!! ARE YOU READY FOR ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR? Well, I am.

Hope everyone had an enjoyable, safe and healthy summer.

Last year saw another season of pretty competitive golf including the Friday Morning Men's League and numerous in-house tournaments. The upcoming 2014/15 season promises more of the same. Deane Cooper, our tournament director, will be with us for the entire season and has accepted to take the reins again after a hiatus to care for his wife, Steph, during her convalescence. Great to hear Steph is doing well.



Welcome back both of you. And a huge thank you to John Nielsen for organizing the tournaments last year in Deane's absence.

After much discussion it was decided at our last meeting that the starting time for Friday morning golf will remain at 7:30am (coffee and doughnuts) with an 8:00am shotgun start. The cross country format will continue to take place on the last Friday of each month.

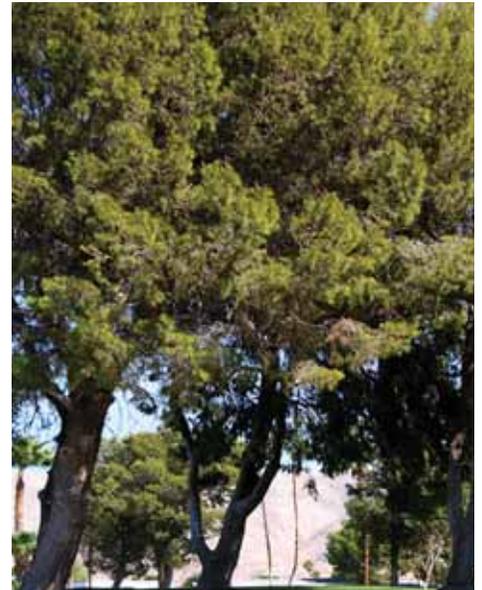
Annual dues will be \$50.00 or, when a member wishes, they may pay monthly at \$12.00 per month. A Friday daily rate will be \$3.00. Please remember that only paying members will be eligible for weekly prizes.

Your Club Officers remain the same for the coming year:

President	Ron Grant
Vice-President	John Nielsen
Secretary/Treasurer	Warren Minder

At this point in time we are unsure of the exact date for starting our league but please keep your eyes and ears open for the announcement.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the Course.



*Looking Good!*

## Tuesday Morning Ladies Golf- 2014/15

Welcome Back Ladies!

It's that time a year again. Are you ready to join us on the golf course?

Please meet on the course behind the cafe, on November 4th between 7:30 - 7:45am so the groups can be established. Our start time will be 8:00am. We will continue to meet on Tuesdays for the season.



*Looks like the course is almost ready for the 2014-1015 season*



## Shuffleboard 2014-15

*By Ron Grant, President*

Well, summer is over and it's time to get serious!

The Desert Crest Shuffleboard League is about to get started with our regular Monday morning "in-house" shuffleboard competition and Tuesday evening's "Fun Night".

The Monday morning competition begins at 10:00am and we ask that you arrive no later than 9:45am in order that we can organize the matches prior to the 10:00am start time. The Tuesday evening "fun night" begins at 6:30pm and we ask that you arrive no later than 6:15pm again, in order to organize the matches prior to the 6:30pm start time. Our annual dues are \$5.00 and are due and payable to our Treasurer, Carol Oakfield, by November 30, 2014.

Shuffleboard is open to all park residents and we encourage anyone who has even the slightest interest

in playing this fantastic game to join us for a fun-filled activity that breeds camaraderie and fellowship. We have instructors who would be most happy to teach anyone the fundamentals of the game so please come out and give it a try.

Also, starting soon is the Desert Shufflers League and the Hi-10 League. These are competitive leagues where players from all over the desert compete against each other weekly (mostly for bragging rights but also for year-end trophies).... I'm thinking that our Desert Crest Shuffleboard teams will, this year, improve over last year's record with a very strong chance of winning it all. Watch out "Royal Palms Happy Gang", we are out to get you.

See you all on the courts soon.

## Renter Interviews and Badges

*Those who rent out their home in Desert Crest should know that their renter must make an appointment at the Clubhouse for a short interview and application with us. They should bring their driver's license or passport for proof of age.*

*Also, the homeowner should provide two green guest badges for their renter's guests. The Clubhouse does not provide them.*

*Currently, if homeowner has orange tenant badges, these can be provided for the renter by the homeowner. If not, we will issue pink renter badges. The pink badges are the property of the Clubhouse and should be returned there as each tenant vacates. Please DO NOT keep pink renter badges to pass out to future renters! These are numbered and must be accounted for when (each) renter leaves.*

## Morning Exercise Monday - Saturday - 9am Come Join Us



*Do you have new or old photos of Desert Crest that you would like to share in the Newsletter?*

*I have the ability to scan old photographs and would return them to you.*

*Or if you have a digital image send them to [desertcrestnews@gmail.com](mailto:desertcrestnews@gmail.com) with your name so I can give you credit.*

## Mixed Doubles Golf

by Joanne Minder, Coordinator

*We welcome back all our winter mixed doubles players for the 2014/15 season. Hopefully you had a great summer and now are looking forward to a great "winter" here in Desert Crest Community.*

As you arrive you will see the winter rye has sprouted and is growing well on the golf course. The course was reseeded about September 23 so the new grass can get a good start before play commences on the course November 1.

Mixed double play will begin the first Wednesday (November 5) after course opening. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway of the building by hole number 1. I will try to have the sign-up sheet up by November 1. Each player pays \$1.25 for the game. The money will be used for small prizes which are given to winners in several different area of play. (Closest to the pin for both men and women, longest putt, lowest gross score for the foursome, etc.)

So, find a "buddy" to sign up with (foursomes are made up of 2 women and 2 men) and come have some fun! Remember, every Wednesday morning is for Mixed Doubles play. You need to sign up ahead of time and be sure to arrive by 7:30-7:45am so the groups can be established and a shot-gun start can commence by 8:00am.

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## Jack and Jill Golf

by Joanne Minder, Coordinator

*"Jack and Jill" is played the last Sunday of each month, November through April.*

The same format as Mixed Doubles is followed except that you always play with the person with whom you sign up. It is always played on the last Sunday of the month and play starts at 1:00 PM. Just like on Wednesday you need to sign up ahead of time, pay \$1.25 and be sure to show up by 12:30-12:45pm so the teams can be assigned and a shot-gun start used.

All levels of play are welcome. Come on out and see old friends and get acquainted with new friends.

## Meet Your Neighbors

We had a successful "Meet your Neighbors" last year and are planning it again this year.

The board will sponsor a free lunch from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM on November 20th & 21st. Baked potatoes with all the trimmings will be served. Each table will be assigned by street name and participants will sit at their respective tables and visit with their neighbors.

***If you live in the park:***

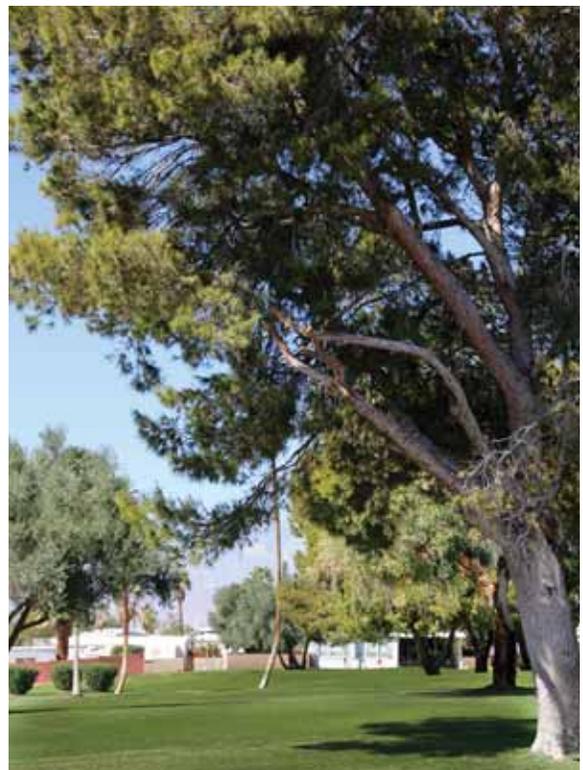
***Please come on***

***November 20<sup>th</sup> if you live east of Desert Crest Ave.***

***and***

***November 21<sup>st</sup> if you live west of Desert Crest Ave.***

We hope you will come and visit with us.





## **Desert Crest Red Hatters Fabulous Fashion Show**

On Thursday, November 13th at 2:00pm at the Clubhouse, the Desert Crest Red Hatters will host a Fabulous Fashion Show. Come and relax and enjoy a cup of coffee as admission, coffee and cookies are free. And... prizes will be raffled. Since Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years are fast approaching, this is a good time to find some unique gifts for yourself, family and friends, as well as saving you gas money by shopping in your own park. We will have a good selection of casual and dressy clothes, numerous accessories and some bathing suit cover-ups.

RV Casuals accepts cash, checks and credit cards.

***This will be a fun event for all.***

***We hope to see you there.***

Darline Clements, Queen Mother of Desert Crest Red Hatters  
760-251-5411



## **Fun Club Parties**

November 15, 2014

Catered - Beef Stroganoff

Band - Bill Ferguson

Cocktails 5:00

Dinner 6:00

December 13, 2014

Costco Chicken

Band - Matt Jenkins

Cocktails 5:00

Dinner 6:00

December 31, 2014

Catered - Prime Rib

Band - Larry Stevens

Cocktails 6:00

Dinner 7:00



## Recycle News

The Recycle Team, operated by Ray Kendrick, Earl McMillin, and Tracy Zaske will be removing some of the antiquated equipment from the gym and adding newer more modern equipment starting with a 4 Station Universal Gym, a treadmill and an elliptical machine. They are being assisted by Chris Fawcett who has already removed some equipment deemed unsafe.

Earl and Ray are still picking up recycle on Monday mornings. Please set aside all aluminum cans, beer & coke bottles and all CRV plastic in a garbage bag or box. Place it away from Burrtec trash and recycle. Proceeds go to the Recycle Committee which is administered by the Fun Club. As you know, except for the summer months, this team collects recycle items every Monday morning, turns them into cash and all monies spent to benefit the residents of Desert Crest. Other projects are being considered so please come forth with your ideas and suggestions.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

*By Lynn Waterman, EPC Co-Chairman*

The Emergency Preparedness Committee will be sponsoring a First Aid and CPR/AED class given by an American Red Cross trained instructor. We had 17 interested people sign up at the Board-sponsored Patio Party in April and if your name was not on that list and you are interested in taking this class also please call Lynn Waterman (760) 285-9645 or Nancy Nunan (760) 251-8718 to add your name to this list. We will contact you with the date and time after coordinating with the American Red Cross, possibly during the first week in December or January. And we will again have emergency preparedness information available at the Board sponsored "Meet Your Neighbor Party" on November 20th and 21st.

The Association Board has voted to join Emergency Preparedness, Neighborhood Watch and Park Patrol into one standing committee to better serve the park by providing security in all possible ways. The Emergency Preparedness with CERT-trained teams will respond in an emergency and Neighborhood Watch and Park Patrol will function on a day-by-day basis. To that end, the Neighborhood Watch is designing a multi-colored magnetic decal for placement in the back window of your vehicle identifying you as a Desert Crest resident. The Park Patrol will distribute revolving lights for placement on the roof of your golf cart or vehicle if you have an interest in this project. Turn your lights on whenever you are driving around in the park signaling to the bad guys that we ARE watching. It has also been suggested that we start a telephone tree where one person learning of some dangerous occurrence in the park telephones or texts five others and they, in turn, telephone or text five more and so forth. We will consider this. We are counting on your co-operation in this effort to keep our park safer.



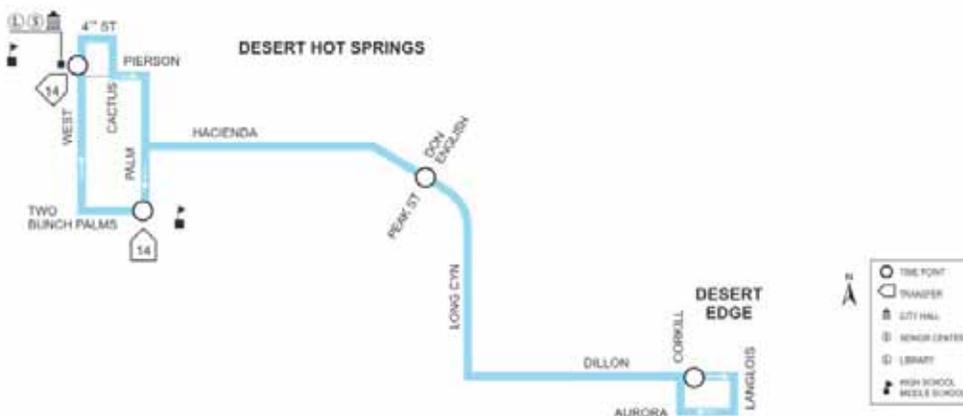
Clean out your closet and cupboards and make some money! It's time for the fall community yard sale Friday, November 7, and Saturday, November 8, from 8 A.M. until 2 P.M. both days.

There is no fee to join the fun. Our Board is going to underwrite the expenses. *There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse.* This list will be used to pass out balloons to make sure you are visible from the street and to create a map with all participating houses highlighted so our visitors can find your location.

Sign-ups will be accepted until 11 A.M., Wednesday, November 5. If you have any questions, call Linda Nielsen at (925) 754-7758.

## New Bus Schedule

Bus #15 runs hourly from Corkill to Pierson. It stops right in front of Desert Crest. The bus service started September 7th and we would like to encourage people to ride it so it will continue.



## Lives Remembered

Jim Bakke 1940 - 2014

Jim Bakke, a resident of Parkside Dr. passed away April 19<sup>th</sup>. Jim lived here with his wife, Helen who passed away in 2011.

Rosalie Coles 1928 – 2015

Rosalie Coles passed away April 6<sup>th</sup>. She and her husband, Don lived on Parkside and were married for 67 ½ years.

Marilyn Chavez 1929 - 2014

Marilyn Chavez, formerly a resident of Morningside Dr., passed away on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn leaves behind her son Craig.

Ed Thomas 1940 - 2014

Ed Thomas, husband of Daisy Boyer, passed away on Sept 29. Ed and Daisy had been together for 35 years. Ed and Daisy resided on Valley View since 2002.

Molly Gillette 1944 – 2014

Molly Gillette was a resident of Golden West since 2002. She leaves behind two sons.

Christine Marciniak 1946 – 2014

Christine Marciniak, passed away August 1, and was a resident of Lakeside Ct. since 2005.

Paul Horner 1921 – 2014

Paul moved to Desert Crest in 1977. He and his wife, Mae were very active in the Fun Club. He was also a frequent MC at Coffee &. In addition to his wife Mae, he leaves behind a daughter, Paulette.

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## *Coffee ☺*

*Every Wednesday 10:00am  
Come Join Us for Breakfast*



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