

# Desert Aire



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*Late spring 2018*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT – Larry Couch

The annual meeting of the Desert Aire Owner's Association is coming up on June 23rd at 9:00AM. It will be held at the Sagebrush Senior Center. The annual ballot was mailed to members on Friday, May 18th. This should give all members 4 weeks to return their ballot to the DAOA office. If you have questions pertaining to ballot items, you are welcome to attend a meeting we are having on June 9th at 4:00PM, downstairs in the Desert Aire Room at the Clubhouse.

As usual, our yearly budget will be included in your annual packet. The following are some notes on the 2018/2019 budget:

- Dues and Assessments will remain the same as they were in 2017 unless Ballot Item 16 (Additional Security Assessment) receives a majority vote. If that happens, then they will increase by \$40.00 per lot.
- Effective January 1, 2019, Golf Annual Memberships, Cart Permits and Cart Storage will be increased as shown on the Revenue Forecast included with your packet.

You will also be electing new members to the Board. We have three open positions for three-year terms for the normal rotation this year. We have three candidates who have applied for the open positions. The applicants' letters are included in the packet for your review and selection.

We realize that with each issue coming to the Board, those issues can include diverse opinions. Please feel confident that your Board tries to do what we think is best for Desert Aire. We do realize that each decision can't please everyone and frequently can't satisfy the majority.

Thank you for your support this past year. I hope everyone enjoys their summer.

**RECYCLING**-Across the street from the Desert Aire office, next to the shop, you may recycle your **broken down** cardboard. Lately, many aren't breaking them down, creating much wasted space; then we have cardboard flying everywhere when people throw it on top or beside the containers. Please....if they are full, wait until after they are emptied Thursday morning.

## From the Superintendent's Desk - James Curdy

Annual Spring Cleanup went great with 22 Jr. High kids coming out along with our volunteer members.

The following is what we took in over 3 days: 180 CY of Garbage, 90 CY of scrap metal, 12 refrigerators, 212 tires, 8 batteries, 51 gals of paint, 13 gals of antifreeze, 42 gals of used motor oil and 221 loads of yard waste.

Yard Waste dump days for 2018

**5/19 (12-4), 6/16 (12-4), 7/21 (9-1), 8/18 (9-1), 9/15 (12-4), 10/20 (9-1)**

**Member Survey**-We will be doing an online survey soon to get your input on some potential projects. A link will be emailed on Friday 5/25 and the survey will be open through Friday 6/22 at noon. Results will be shared at the annual Membership meeting.

Garbage Service is available through Waste Management of Ellensburg at (800) 572-4559. For non full-time residents they even offer a roll out service with a nominal fee. \*Please remember to store your can securely out of sight on non dump days.

**BUSINESS OFFICE**-We are now OPEN Saturdays 9-1 through Labor Day weekend.

**AutoPay** is now available! We just need an email to send statements on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and a voided check to auto draft from on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

<https://www.daoa.org/hoa/forms>

Tired of carrying cash when you go out?  
**MEMBER CHARGING** is NOW an option for those on AUTOPAY!  
If your account has been current AND you sign up for autopay ...you can charge at both the Pool and Golf Shop with your *Member Card*.

Over the past month, 13 properties have sold and 10 more are pending for a total of 58 YTD.

Stray dogs and cats continue to be a problem in our community and since we are an Animal Control area they must be contained to your property. We have started assisting the Sheriff's Animal Control officer by trapping some for him but apparently someone did NOT APPRECIATE our efforts as they took our Havahart trap

out in the street and ran it over. We are looking for anyone who may have information on this incident.

#### LOST KEYS?

If you **forget your mail key** in your box, generally the mail carrier will bring them to our office. Also, if you **find a key** please note the location and stand number AND bring it to our office for your neighbor.

#### PARKS & GREENBELTS

June 23<sup>rd</sup> will be our 1<sup>st</sup> "Movie in the Park" event, with the Disney animated feature **Moana** starting about 9pm. (Free Popcorn will be provided)



#### POOL & EXERCISE FACILITY

The fitness facility use is already dropping off this year so access is very convenient. We have more new equipment including treadmill, spin bikes and yoga mats. Satellite TV was added last year and has been very popular. The carpet has just been cleaned and sanitized so it smells fresh too. We've just completed 4 equipment training sessions for newbies, but attendance was very light so we probably won't do these again anytime soon.



The swimming pool opened for the season May 19<sup>th</sup>. REMINDER that the pool is **closed during the week** until school is out Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The pool will be open every day beginning June 13<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, replacement member cards are \$25 each.



#### GOLF COURSE

The course is looking great for the season with a number of busy weekends lately and more to come. Online booking is available as well as some event forms.

REMEMBER, you can also follow us on [Facebook](#) for information and upcoming events at: Desert Aire Owners Association and/or Desert Aire Golf and Country Club.

We have many good things happening and I'm looking forward to a great summer meeting all our new members. Best wishes for the season ahead. If you have any questions, thoughts, ideas or just want to talk, stop by or send me an email [curdy@desertaire.org](mailto:curdy@desertaire.org)

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## From the Sheriff

To all Golf Cart Owners:

All golf cart registrations are processed by mail. Below is a link to the form for both renewal and new cart licenses.

**First Time Licenses:** The Grant County Sheriff's Office no longer conducts golf cart inspections. Owners are responsible for installing required equipment to operate a golf cart on a roadway. Equipment requirements are listed on the form linked below.

Once approved, the registration decal will be sent to you.

**You are responsible to visibly display the decal on the rear of your cart.**

**Please read these instructions first, then download the license form below.**

- 1) Complete the licensing form with the current and correct information. Please be sure the current registration number (example 16GC001) is on the form along with current registered owner's name which is on the last year's registration.
- 2) Mail the completed form along with \$35 to ATTN: Charity Sainsbury at the address listed on the licensing form.
- 3) If the information you provide does not match the current cart registration and we are unable to verify the renewal, your form and money will be returned to you for correction.
- 4) Once approved, the registration decal will be sent to you.
- 5) **You are responsible to visibly display the decal on the rear of your cart.**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sgt. Sainsbury at 509-750-7306, or Specialist Charity Sainsbury, 509-754-2011 ext. 2016

<http://www.grantcountywa.gov/SHERIFF/Records/Golf-Carts.htm>

## Did You Know?

The most common violations that come to the Architectural Committee may need your review. The following fits in that category of Care and Appearance.

- 2.11 Care and Appearance, Refer to this section in the Architectural Regulations. This section states ...each lot owner shall maintain the landscaping in a neat, clean, and attractive condition. This includes keeping the grass and weeds cut, the shrubbery pruned, the removal of dead trees, tumble weeds, shrubbery and plants, and the controlling and eradication of noxious weeds. Each owner shall also maintain the exterior of all structures and other improvements in a good state of repair and condition, including windows, doors, siding, roofs, decks, fences, driveways and walkways.

- a) The following will not be allowed to remain on any lot or structure: abandoned or inoperable vehicles, graffiti, debris, rubbish or sacked trash outside of approved containers (i.e., covered garbage cans).
- b) Weed control, including tumble weeds, must be practiced on all lots.
- c) Effective dust control measures and practices must be utilized at all times. Keep dirt watered during clearing and construction and following construction until landscaping is finished.

- 2.13 All houses should have visible address numbers located on the street side of the home. It is suggested that each home be further identified by a reflective house number

The remedy for these infractions is quite self-evident.

- 2.03 Plans required. Refer to this section 2.03, for more specific information, such as the information in this Section. It may save some time in having to reapply to the Architectural Committee and potentially slow the work on your project.

All of our property owners are encouraged to read and familiarize themselves with the restated Architectural Regulations as well as the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions in our Desert Aire Owner Association documents. It could save a significant amount of time and energy when a project is waiting to be started but regulations have not been met. The forms are available in the Desert Aire office (and the website) for more specific information.

## The Skogerson Team: 19 sales and listings in 2018 so far ...



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## Update from the Bar & Grill Committee

Thank you to everyone that attended the May 12<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting. Our committee appreciated the opportunity to share with you our efforts but more importantly, being able to respond to your questions. We are planning many more Town Hall forums as we move forward to share our updates but to also gain your feedback which is so important. As we move forward, we will continue to focus on what is best for Desert Aire and the entire community.

We attempted to gather any unanswered questions at the recent Town Hall and respond in this newsletter. Surprisingly, we did not come up with any unanswered questions but instead we would like to highlight those that surfaced several times:

Q. Will homeowners be required to pay a monthly "use it or lose it" fee?

A. No. The proposal is not to open a private venue but one that will service the greater Mattawa/DA area. This will mitigate our risk and increase revenue opportunities.

Q. Will the venue be open to families or is it just for golfers?

A. Our goal is to provide a venue for all of our Desert Aire members, their families and friends, as well as external visitors regardless if they play golf, swim, stay at the RV park or just want to eat out.

Q. Why don't we try utilizing the Snack Shack?

A. Our committee has evaluated numerous options including what it would take to use the Snack Shack. In the end, we abandoned this option due to the costly upgrades that would be passed onto the homeowners. Instead, we are focusing on finding a way to utilize existing underutilized square footage and develop a long-term facility meeting the needs of our community.

Q. What are you doing to make this successful?

A. The committee is dedicated to doing our due diligence in every phase of this process. We understand a key to a successful Bar and Grill is the strength of our Operator. When we are at the stage of considering Operators we will only entertain people with restaurant operation experience in a like venue and a strong financial position.

If you have a question you would like addressed or want to hear what we are discussing, please attend one of our committee meetings or reach out to anyone on the committee. We meet on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Building. (A meeting notice will be posted on the front entrance doors, as well as mailbox stands.) Our next step will be determined by your response to the survey that Desert Aire is sending out in our annual packets. You will find a link to take the survey and we are depending on your inputs so please take a few minutes and complete it.

Thank you!

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#### MARKET UPDATE MARCH & APRIL 2018

2018	Homes Sold	Average Square Feet	Median Price	Avg Days On Market
Residences	7	2,423	\$225,000	74

  

2018	Land Sold	Average Lot Size	Median Price	Avg Days On Market
Parcels	9	.43 Acre	\$46,000	64



If you or someone you know is considering a move I would welcome the opportunity to represent you in **Desert Aire** as well as in the **greater Seattle area**. Call or email me today!

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## Desert Aire Airport News – Vince Hims!

Your airport pilots, property owners, friends and neighbors are excited to announce that the **23rd Annual Desert Aire Regional Airport Fly-In and Community Appreciation Breakfast** will be held **Saturday, June 16 from 8AM until noon at Gordie and Eileen Harang's hangar** located just west of the Sagebrush Center.



Kick off the Father's Day weekend with a hardy breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, hot coffee, cold juice, displays, raffles, music and of course, lots of airplanes. Raffles will include airplane rides and other great offerings from our community. All donations help the volunteer staff pay for the airport lighting, windsocks and repairs on the airport. Please contact (see below) Fly-In Breakfast Chair Joyce Trantina if you would like to volunteer to help out.

2018 Fly-In Breakfast Chair: Joyce Trantina 253-350-5370 (jctrantina@ifiber.tv)

**Your Desert Aire Regional Airport Commissioners:**

Vince Himsl, Chair 509-339-7174  
 Karl Gruber, 360-436-6277  
 Ken Broda 661-305-4734



**Watermaster Report – Chris Guillen**

Valley Asphalt has done the repairs to Desert Aire Drive and the end of Golf Court. These repairs are the end of the Golf Court main line project. The work to the street was changing a 2 inch main line to a 4 inch main line. This was done for better volume on that street. I have been talking to our well contractor on the air problem coming out of well #2 and we think we might have a solution. We will be testing this possible solution in the coming weeks. The hope is that this will solve the problem and we will not have to pull the well.

Walle and I have been working on the pool to have it ready for opening. All the black lines needed to be repainted and the blue areas. We put down almost a quarter mile of tape. Owners are reminded to bring your owners card with you for pool entry. If you are sending registered guests, they must have your card and their ID with them.

Just as a reminder, the water policy effective August 1<sup>st</sup> 2009, states members are not to access the meter boxes in any way or they will be subject to the enforcement mechanisms of the policy.

Water bills must be paid on or before their due dates. A water bill is considered late after 30 days. After 45 days the meter will be shut off for Non-Payment.

All samples taken have been good. We are currently at 1,181 connections to the water system. The total year to date gallons produced for the overall domestic water system is 51,729,025.

Conservation Tip:  
Apply water to your yard or garden only as fast as the soil can absorb it.

**MORE SUMMERTIME TRIVIA**

- The month of June is named after the Roman goddess Juno
- Roman general Marc Antony named the month of July after Julius Caesar.

**Tell Your Visiting friends and relatives!**  
 There is now Wi-Fi available for renters of the RV sites by the golf course!

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**Breakfast Sandwiches 8-11AM**  
 Deli Salads, Sub Sandwiches,  
 Pizza and Ice Cream Delights

**We now have Free Wi-Fi!!**

Just west of the roundabout  
 in the Port of Mattawa Building!!

mon-thurs 8-4;  
 fri 8-8 (Pizza Night);  
 sat 10-4



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## PRO SHOP NEWS – Don Tracy, PGA Professional

The weather has continued to be good for golf this spring. April Green Fees were \$21,331.00 compared to \$18,598.00 last April. Year to date through April our Green Fees are \$49,887.00 compared to \$40,822.00 last year.

We had one event hosted by Desert Aire in April. April 14<sup>th</sup> was our Desert Aire six-pack Tournament with 26 teams and 52 players. Our Desert Aire Crew aerified the greens on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. This closed the course completely on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. I was able to set up free golf with a cart for Desert Aire Owners at Horn Rapids Golf Course on those days.

We have had several outside groups the last month. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> we hosted the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Desert Fox Tournament with 56 players. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> we hosted three groups. Taren Glover had 16 players, Russ Vranna had 12 players and the Savisky/Knuckleheads had 60 players each day. The vast majority of these players paid Green Fees, rented carts, bought range balls, merchandise and food & beverage. **All the players raved about the condition of the course and the customer service.** These are the type of events that really help our revenue.

The next month or so is extremely busy with upcoming events. Our Jack Rabbit Couples was held May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Desert Aire Best-ball will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

June 11<sup>th</sup> we host the CWC PGA Pro-Am,

June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> is the Men's and Ladies Club 2-Day Scramble,

June 20<sup>th</sup> is the Mid-Columbia Senior Tour event,

June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the DA Country Club Horse Race and

July 4<sup>th</sup> is the Firecracker Scramble. Be sure and sign up for these events early.

We look forward to seeing every one this spring/summer. The Pro Shop is well-stocked with everything you need for your game. The latest demos are available for you to try for a round, including the PING 400 series, Callaway ROGUE, Taylor Made M3 and a large variety of wedges and putters.

Hope to see you soon at the course.



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The Rick Moore Team believes in Desert Aire and has a proven track record of success for buyers and sellers. Our latest waterfront view sale set a Desert Aire sales record - highest price per square foot to date.

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## RICK MOORE TEAM

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**IMPORTANT DATES: NOTE that all meetings are open to the public and owners are encouraged to attend. Committee meetings are held in the Multi-Purpose building unless stated otherwise.**

**Desert Aire Board of Directors** – Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of March, April, July, September, October, and December at 5:30 P.M., with no meeting scheduled in January.

**Town Hall meetings** - Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of February, May, August and November at 3:00 PM, followed by a Board Meeting at 5:00 PM

**Architectural Committee** - Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM. (Except in November and December, when the committee meets only on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday).

**Golf Committee** – Meets 2:00 PM the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month (except January).

**Parks and Greenbelt Committee** – Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month (except January) at 4:00 PM.

**Communications Committee** – Meets at 8:00 AM the Wednesday prior to the Board of Directors Meeting during even-numbered months.

**Desert Aire Airport Commissioners** - Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM.

#### **BUSINESS OFFICE**

James Curdy, Superintendent 509-932-4839

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#### **Bus Office HOURS OF OPERATION**

Summer\*: Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

open Saturdays 9-1 beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>

Winter: Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

\*Summer Hours are March thru October

#### **MAINTENANCE / GROUNDS**

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Summer Hours\*

(\*closed-opens again Saturday, May 19)

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