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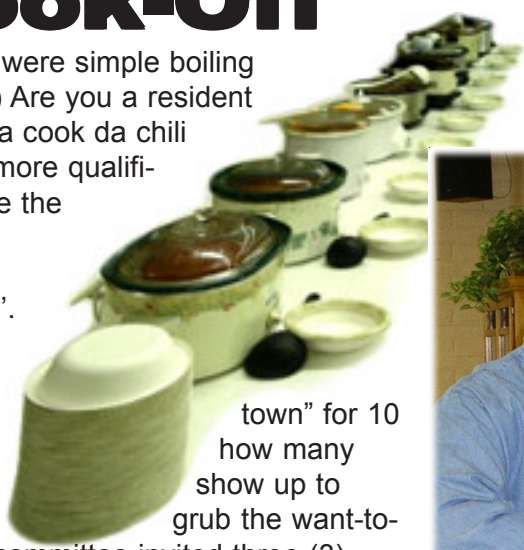
Apache Junction, Arizona

The 2nd Annual Desert Harbor

Chili Cook-Off

On January 23rd, the rules were simple boiling down to two main questions: 1) Are you a resident of Desert Harbor? and 2) Did ya cook da chili yoself? Of course there were more qualifications than this but these were the most important ones.

We were happy that there were nine entries for the judgin'. Instructions were that the contestants prepare enough of their version of "the best chili in town" for 10 servings. We had no idea just how many brave people were going to compete and also to eat up the grub the want-to-be cooks would concoct. The committee invited three (3) independent nonresident judges to taste all the chilis. A sample bowl was extracted from each respective vessel and brought to the judges who had retired to the private confines of the craft room to begin the tasting process. Bowls were identified only by number to conceal the cook's identity. A surprising degree of professionalism was followed with regard to the judging for "Presentation" (looks good), "Flavor" (tasted good), "Consistency" (thickness or lack thereof), and "Meets Criteria" (was it actually Hot, Medium, or Mild by the cook's own description). After considerable deliberation and multiple taste tests, the voting was very close among the judges (two men and a woman). The winners were:



Chuck McCall (R) receiving 1st Place congratulations from Joe Schnier, President (L)

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| 1 st Place | Chuck McCall | Lot 114 | \$25 prize |
| 2 nd Place | Mike Kereluk | Lot 82 | \$15 prize |
| 3 rd Place | Judy Quetschenback | Lot 141 | \$10 prize |

There were more than 60 people who attended this event and everyone was pretty much convinced it was a fun, appetite satisfying way to raise funds for the Activities Organization. At \$5 per ticket, most went forwards that purpose including half of the 50/50 raffle...Deanna Fisher won \$26. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all the contestants as well as to everyone who came to this event. Start planning now to submit your secret chili fixins in next year's cook-off.

Other contestants submitting their chili were:

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| Connie Riter | Lot 81 | Jim Stephens | Lot 156 |
| Betty Cuevas | Lot 113 | Toni Ague | Lot 126 |
| Sylvia Goodrich | Lot 60 | Karen Anderson | Lot 39 |



Judy Quetschenback placed 3rd and Mike Kereluk's chili was judged 2nd best.

Activities and the coordinators . . .

Clubhouse

Billiards

...no coordinator

Line Dancing

- mary pat summers
#189.....983-4227

Shuffle Board

- dick smith
#117.....361-4759

Tai Chi

- dick smith
#117.....361-4759

Water Exercises

- jackie watts
#117.....361-4759

Yoga

- dick smith
74.....983-5819

Cultural

Genealogy

- esther lough
#126.....288-8579

Positive Thinking

- elaine kereluk
82.....987-8587

Crafts

Applique

- reni dieball
85.....983-0578

Closet Quilters

- reni dieball
85.....983-0578

Stitch, Craft & Chat

- reni dieball
85.....983-0578

Games

Bunco

- paula cooper
#198.....671-3147

Card Bingo

- celine leonard
74.....983-5819

Card Games

- fred dieball
85.....983-0578

Cribbage

- bob mueller
#108.....983-1119

Mah-jongg

- celine leonard
74.....983-5819

Pinochle

-no coordinator

Poker

- fred dieball
85.....983-0578

Out of Park

Casino Trips

- celine leonard
#106.....982-1618

Golf

- don walker
#206.....288-5686

Ladies Luncheon

- agnes miller
#152.....982-6063

Travel Club

- connie riter
81.....641-7753

President's Message

It's February so Happy Valentines Day to all.

Thanks to the participants of the Chili Cook Off in January. All of the chilies were very good and the people I talked with, all said they had a very good time. The first month of this new year is behind us and now we move on to a very busy February. We start off with the Residents Meeting on Saturday and the election of a new Treasurer, then a Mardi Gras Dinner with Dixieland music marking celebration before Ash Wednesday. This Mardi Gras dinner is different from the standard fare. Tom Hennessy will cook a special menu and has worked very hard to make this an evening to remember...our hats off to Chef Tomas and his committee. Thank you TOM.

On February 9th we will start serving Breakfasts again once a month and continuing this through May. The first menu will include Pork Chops and eggs, pancakes, beverage and fruit with a cost of \$4.00 per person...the best deal in town! We hope to see many people sign-up for this monthly event.

Then on February 20th we will have a presentation on Medicare with explanations on all the different programs available you may qualify for. A FREE dessert will be served following the meeting.

Hope to see you all at these up-coming events. Don't forget we have one extra day in this month because it's leap year!

We have reorganized much of the organization's operation into five categories and named chairpersons for nearly all as follows: Special Events - Board President, Monthly Events - Vice President, Games - name TBD, Arts and Crafts - Midge Drouin, Environmental (dealing with clubhouse decorations, bulletin boards and monthly calendar) - Margaret Poshka. The hope here is that this will improve the organization by making all activities more visible with reports to the Board and to the membership as a whole. I want to wish all the new chairpersons good luck in their new duties and ask that everyone in the park help each in their efforts in making our community activities more enjoyable for all.

Desert Harbor Residents are the BEST!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to my aid and rescue on Friday morning, January 25th. That day I suffered a serious sprain to my left ankle and tore several ligaments in my foot. I made a call that brought Dick Smith who came without hesitation with crutches so I could stop crawling and get upright again. Pat Ballock took me to the ER which ended up taking 4 hours out of her day, Dot Smith made me breakfast that day and Leon Henager offered to get my mail until I am able to walk again and Pat Talaga opted to do my banking while I'm laid up.

Truly my experience has shown that Desert Harbor's best asset is the kindness and caring heart of its residents. Many thanks to all.

Sincerely, Laura Klahr, Lot 194



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Residents should be reminded that new Arizona laws prohibits smoking inside public areas and restricts smoking to areas no closer than 25 feet from an entrance to public gathering places. This applies to the Clubhouse facilities at Desert Harbor. Smokers are requested to be mindful of the many residents who have breathing concerns. Please find areas at least 25 feet from the facility's entrance before lighting up. Thank you.

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An Authentic
MARDI GRAS DINNER
Saturday, February 2, 2008
Everything begins at
6:00 P.M. in the Clubhouse

Chef Tomas (aka Tom Hennessy) and his band of accomplices have been working feverishly to stage this authentic Mardi Gras Dinner complete with Dixieland music and trinkets for our community. Mardi Gras, Desert Harbor style, is all about the food and the menu faire will include:

- Cajun Gumbo with a Salad Bar
- Chicken Etouffee on Red Beans
- Rice with Corn Bread
- King Cake with Surprises!!!

Additional Cajun Hot Sauce & Cayenne

will be placed on each table for those who may prefer a more truer taste of New Orleans
(Note: There are NO fish or shell fish products in any of these dishes)

Chef Tomas has informed us that everything is ready to begin final preparations on Saturday. The day will be busy for many beginning with our monthly Residents Meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. and immediately following begins the cooking process plus staging of the hall and setting tables all to be completed before 6:00 p.m....then "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" Let the good times roll!!!!

It's Mardi Gras time!!!!

Some tickets are still available but NOT MANY!...so if you want to party...
Contact Margaret Poshka, Lot 4 or call her (480) 982-6077 ... Tickets are \$10 each

LADIES LUNCHEON

Agnes Miller, coordinator

Ladies Luncheon will be on **Tuesday, February 19th** at..

Anzio Landing Italian Restaurant

Anzio Landing takes its name from the beautiful seaside resort of Anzio, Italy. Located only about 35 miles from Rome, Anzio has always been the seaside resort that the city dwellers escape to as they look to relax and enjoy themselves. Catering to this need, the town of Anzio has always been noted for its fine wines and for its relaxed and refined bistro dining. Mirroring this style provides our restaurant with its ambiance.

In a world dominated by fast food and the big corporate chains - It's nice to know that there's still a restaurant where what YOU want is what matters most. As an independent, family owned restaurant, they are driven by a simple philosophy, "It's all about you and the experience you have with us, each and every time you visit our restaurant." The owners say, "Join us and let us treat you special. That's what we do." This is how they've been thrilling guests for nearly twenty years. They are located at the intersection of Higley Road and Falcon Drive in Mesa, only two miles south of the Loop 202.

January's Ladies Luncheon was at **Serranos Restaurant** and they proved again that this place is always a dependable restaurant. We've been to Serranos several times and they never disappoint with prompt service and the best Mexican dishes around.

As a reminder...Just for those who may not have ever joined us ladies with our monthly luncheons, we always gather at the clubhouse around 11:00 a.m., then car pool to the chosen restaurant. Sign-up in the clubhouse if you want to be part of this day without the guys hanging on our every word.



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Special People & Days

BIRTHDAYS in February	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
	Barbara Atkinson	3	110
	Fay Brandt	5	109
	Judy Fischer	6	96
	Bette Roy	10	130
	Barb Schnier	11	146
	Marcy Desiderio	11	152
	Jean Hansen	14	151
	Alana Zimmer	18	41
	John Smartt	20	20
Al Atkinson	22	110	
Bill Morrison	24	195	
Susan Reynolds	19	68	

ANNIVERSARIES in January

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
Gene & Eileen Lervold	7	90
John & Anne Eubank	14	169
Ron Ruetz & Helen Rietow	19	73
Mike & Elaine Kereluk	28	82

These people wouldn't mind if you wrote a little note and put it in their cubbie slots. It's a fun and nice way to say "Hello" and recognize their special day!

New to the Neighborhood...Welcome

Name Arrived Lot
Jerry **January** **#68**
& Susan Reynolds

The residents of Desert Harbor will be happy to meet and greet you both and extend an invitation to participate in our various activities. Hopefully you will find Desert Harbor a pleasant and friendly place to meet new friends and neighbors.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

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Travel Club

Have you seen a big brown bus with a huge white horse on the side? This is the trademark of a new tour company operating in the East valley. The name is **Tour West America** and they have some exciting day trips, national park trips, show tickets, sports events and a willingness to plan new ones as desired. They have a website, an advertisement in our newsletter, and flyers in the clubhouse travel book. If you're interested in any of their tours, please contact **Connie Riter (Lot 81) at 641-7753**. If we can get 10 people together in our Park, the bus will pick us up at the Clubhouse, otherwise it will be at the 99 Cent Store in Apache Junction on the Trail. Some of our friends went on one of their buses to the Phoenix Quilt & Crafters Show last month and we all really enjoyed NOT having to be concerned about the rush hour traffic on I-10!



This month they have evening performances of **"Menopause the Musical"** (a delightful musical comedy about women as they age), **"Nunsensations,"** (Nuns in Vegas?), and **"Stars on Ice"** There's a hockey game, tours of the Super Bowl Stadium, trips to the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Zion National Park, and many trips to Rocky Point, Mexico for shopping and casino trips to Laughlin — Would you like to see the Smothers Brothers? With World Span, the **Avi** trip has been reduced to \$29 per person double occupancy in February — transportation, overnight room, and a buffet is included!

We still have room for anyone who would like to see the **Festival of the Arts** in the little southern Arizona community of **Tubac** on Friday, Feb. 8th — If you can't make this date, there are other trips on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday during the same week. The cost is \$49 pp for our Feb 8th trip but only \$42 pp for any one of the other three days.

Next month on March 5th, we have a large group going to the Greek Orthodox Monastery in Florence and we've allowed time for lunch in Florence (on our own), and a stop in at the Prison Gift Shop.... doesn't this sound like fun? We still have room for this trip if you'd like to join us! \$22 per person.

Someone suggested we visit the Wrigley Mansion (we have that scheduled) and another person wanted to tour the Morenci Copper Mine (we're working on that!) and the Boyce Arboretum in the Spring is wonderful! Let me know if you have a place you would like to visit. Here in Arizona, we have so many great places to see and things to do!!

Casino Trips & more

Apache Gold Casino & Resort in Globe...**Thursday, February 21st**. This casino is home to the most penny games in Arizona. They also feature nickel, quarter, dollar and five-dollar slots as well as Bingo daily. Their **FREE** bus will take us right to the Casino's front door and everyone will get \$10 each on arrival. How good is that? Add your name to the Sign-up Sheet in the Clubhouse if you want to join us for this trip to the Apache Gold Casino. Check in time is 7:45 a.m. at the Clubhouse on Thursday, February 21st.



Barleens Group Reservations...Our February and March bookings were cancelled due to the lack of enough interest. Individuals still wanting to see one of Barleens shows should call the dinner/theater direct. The number is (480) 982-7991.

Card Bingo...Saturday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. in our clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. Bring some dimes and a couple of quarters and join us. For more information about **Casino Trips and more**, contact **Celine, Lot #106...(480) 982-1618**
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ABC's of Medicare

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We have invited knowledgeable representatives of several national insurance companies to explain in simple terms all that's new and available with various insurance options. Information will be provided about what may be the best insurance program option for you. You can ask questions and get answers to your Medicare concerns.

An informal presentation will begin on:

Wednesday
February 20th - 7:00 p.m.
in the Clubhouse

*See Flyer in clubhouse for more information.
Refreshments served after the meeting.*

Free Notary Service

Penny Newby is a certified Notary Public. She lives in Desert Harbor at #185 and is offering her service **FREE** to anyone in the Park.

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Craft/Bake/Book/Hobby Show

Planning Meeting
Monday March 3, 2008

Location: Club House

Time: 6:30 pm

Agenda:

- A) Setting the date for the show.
- B) Time.
- C) Discussion.
 - 1. Ideas to better the sale.
 - 2. Pricing of table rentals.

Questions? Call Midge Drouin #203
(480) 982-9425

Attention All Sea Food Lovers

...This suggestion submitted by Bob McCann, Lot 42

For a delicious meal, the Seafood Market and Restaurant is my suggestion for the place to go. I recently visited this restaurant in Mesa and found they had a complete menu for fresh sea food prepared any way you like. They offer a large variety of fish, shell fish, sandwiches and a variety of side orders and all I thought were reasonably priced. Service was cheerful and prompt. There was a complete bar serving any drink selection you could think of. All things considered, this place is a good choice for a casual evening out. The Seafood Market is located near the intersection of Baseline and Val Vista and is convenient to the 60 Freeway in Mesa. Their address is 3406 E. Baseline Road, Mesa, AZ (480) 633-1580



“Anything Goes” at the Broadway Palms Dinner Theater

...This suggestion submitted by Bob McCann, Lot 42

I have season tickets and am a little bias about this fine 500 seat theater in Mesa.



The current production of “Anything Goes” with music and lyrics by Cole Porter has everything, “anything”, you would want in a theatre production. The singing and dancing is excellent and the show is packed with lots of laughs. Most people especially in our age group will recognize many songs in this show such as “I Get a Kick Out of You”, “Easy to Love”, “Friendships”, “It’s De-Lovely”, and the title song, “Anything Goes.”

The “Anything Goes” production is near its current run and will close with the February 9th show. Tickets for show and meal are still available for both the lunch and dinner shows. You can call the theatre at (480) 325-6700 to secure reservations. You will not be disappointed.

The next show is “Hello Dolly” and this production begins on February 14th and runs through April 5th. I have enjoyed all their shows and predict you will too. The Broadway Palms Theatre is located at 5247 E. Brown Rd. in Mesa which is only 3½ miles north on Higley from the 60 Frwy.

Residents' Meeting

Call to Order: Joe Schnier, meeting started at 9:02 a.m.

Treasurers Report: Dick Smith reported that \$339.07 was received as income and \$980.28 was spent on expenses and other needed supplies leaving a balance of \$201.96 in the bank and in cash on hand for the Organization.

Standing Committees: Janet Ginsberg reported the New Year's Eve Party was fun for all with 55 sharing the end of the old year and the beginning of the new year. Celine Leonard informed all that she had cancelled our group reservations for February and March due to slow interest and lack of sign-ups. Agnes Miller reported the Christmas Ladies Luncheon at Charleston Restaurant had 33 ladies and was one of the largest luncheons to date. Some ladies suggested adding a Soup/Salad Luncheon at the clubhouse to our event schedule if there's enough interest. Marj Lepic offered to coordinate this event and setup a date and time that would not conflict with current Ladies Luncheon day.

Coming Events: Our monthly Pot Luck Dinners will begin again and this month on January 19th. There will be a Chili Cook-Off with rules, judges and prizes for the winners during the evening of Wednesday, January 23rd. All chili's will be served and charged at \$5 per person. A Mardi Gras is set for February 2nd and will be our first ever. Tom Hennessy has volunteered to do the cooking. Tickets will be available for \$10 each to a maximum of 100. Valentine's Dinner, there was no interest in having this dinner in February as no one volunteered to host this event.

New Business:

Special Election - Dick Smith submitted his resignation as Treasurer of our Activities Organization due to the recent changes of the By-Laws where individuals can not be an elected officer of the Board and an employee of A.L.L. To fill this vacancy a special election will be conducted before the next Residents Meeting and results will be announced. Art Roberts - Lot 81 and Jean Hansen - Lot 151 were nominated as candidates. Ballots will be circulated during the last week in January.

By-Laws - Bob Mayo, Lot 124, met with the Board in executive session and suggested that the Activities' By-Laws recently voted had discrepancies and should be corrected. The Board agreed and appointed Bob to review the document. During this January 12 resident's meeting Agnes Miller, Larry Lepic, Carol Rysavy and Connie Riter volunteered to assist Bob in this effort. When the committee's review is complete in about 4 to 8 weeks, a special meeting will be scheduled for residents to inspect the changes. A majority vote by the residents will decide to accept the document as a whole and go into effect immediately or reject all changes leaving the current By-Laws as is.

Uncoupled Individuals Group - Carol Ann Salareio suggested that an unattached/uncoupled group be organized for those people in the park. Anyone interested should contact her.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Coyote Up Date

It appears the same coyote mentioned in the last two issues of the Harbor Lights newsletter is no longer a problem. Last Sunday morning, January 27th, the animal was spotted behind homes near lots 53 and 54. When a homeowner and pet comes face to face with one you too would be scared if not outright frightened. Once the resident retreated to safety and recovered with blood flowing again, the police were called. They asked for an address to dispatch an officer but by the time the words "3700 S. Ironwood Drive" came out, the caller was informed a coyote had just been caught and was being removed from a nearby location...problem solved.



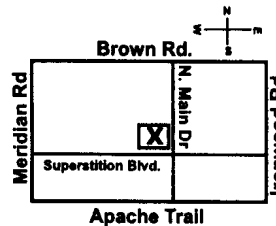
photo taken by Hank Hilliard, #101

This particular coyote had been injured and was in a great deal of pain as a trap was still attached to the animal's leg. It should be pointed out that setting unregulated animal traps within the community is a violation. The police were very interested in learning who had set this trap. Obviously the best way to rid wild animals from neighborhoods is to inform the police to take whatever action they feel needed to protect the public. As for this coyote, perhaps he/she is now in a safer place and not bothering the residents and pets of Desert Harbor any more.

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Cars have always been a big part of Leroy's life and the passion began during his early teenage years growing up in Iowa. It was fun working on cars and he got pretty darned good at it. He would tinker with just about anything on 4 wheels always making each project better than the last. LeRoy fell in love again and this time married his wife Toni in 1970. The marriage was a perfect match from-the-get-go as she too loved cars. The young couple found time to enjoy the outdoors and it only made sense for LeRoy to build a vehicle to go places where most others couldn't. He picked up an old '56 4-wheel drive Jeep which needed a lot of work and set out to rebuild and customize it for hill climbing and off-roading. They named the project "HARD TIMES" because the couple didn't have much at the time and had a hard time finding extra money to continue. It took a while but finally "Hard Times" was finished. The new family and friends, too, began exploring Iowa's extensive back country. For years Toni and LeRoy drove everywhere in that jeep with their two young sons.

After a while, they had had enough of off-roading and in 1983 switched to sports cars when they found a good deal on a 1965 Corvette Sting Ray coupe. The boys were still small at the time which made it possible for the family to fit in together when going places. That was important. The Ray was a fun car back then and with LeRoy's garage mechanic abilities, the car remains in the family and still runs good today.

A few more years pass and once again LeRoy's thoughts took the family down another road which led to street rods. He came home one day with a truck load of old car parts and told everyone the pile was a 1931 Ford Model-A Coupe. Over the next several days and weeks, it started to take shape. When Toni began to see it more clearly, she realized there was something wrong saying, "This isn't going to work". It only had 2 seats and they were four.

Obviously it was time to hit the road and make it to the big swap meet in Omaha to correct the problem. After walking endlessly, the family spotted a 1936 Ford Tudor slant-back sedan. It had no windows, no interior, a large hole in the top covered over with chicken wire for a roof and there were wooden slats resting on a pop crate serving as the seat. A toggle switch was mounted outside by the front window and used to start the engine. Still, LeRoy and Toni and the boys all fell in love with it like it was a new born baby and quickly took it home. Like a baby it took 9 months working nights and weekends to fix it up and soon it was taken out on the road for its maiden trip.

LeRoy had rebuilt everything from the frame up including installing a 350 cubic inch Chevy engine, a 700R4 Raptor automatic transmission, Mustang II style front end, a 9 inch Ford Rear End, and disc brakes. He even painted it and installed a new home sewn interior. Of course as with all Northern Street Rod enthusiasts, the car is driven all summer and then disassembled during winter for upgrading and to add new parts and equipment. The '36 is now painted in hot hues of Blackberry Plum with graphics and matching interior. It has shaved door handles, remote door openers and a solid top insert. It is a beautiful car and a convertible too!



Although LeRoy and Toni's permanent home is in Iowa, they remain close to their love of classic cars while in Arizona by towing one with them while traveling and this year it's that 1936 Ford Tudor slant-back sedan convertible. Hey! What's better to drive around AJ with all the sun and pleasant weather we enjoy here?

The love of cars has rubbed off on their sons as they both have street rods of their own. Jeremy, the oldest, has a 1923 Ford T Bucket loaded with a Big Block 427 cubic inch Chevy engine and 33 inch rear tires. His two kids love to ride around with Daddy...do we have another generation of "Roddors" in the making?

Joshua, the youngest son, not to be out done, sports around in his 1924 Ford T Bucket with a 4 cylinder engine.

Now you'd think LeRoy, as a retired Pipe Fitter, would want to lay back and enjoy his hard earned retirement...NOT! When he and Toni return home to Iowa in a couple of months, he will continue building their son Joshua a 1933 five window coupe. It's Joshua's dream car. Jeremy is also looking for a new ride for his family of four and guess who will help with that?



As a sideline, LeRoy is interested in restoring old gas station pumps. He already has three of the old glass cylinder-top types back home waiting for his attention when he finds some spare time. "Spare Time"...boy if that isn't a joke.

All in all it's been a great adventure for LeRoy and Toni who chose Arizona for their retirement home in the winter where they still drive around and enjoy the outdoors without having to first plow through snow drifts. They say it is all wonderful and they have fun sharing their enjoyment of classic cars with so many new friends in their adopted state of Arizona.



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PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN OFFICE VISIT	\$0 per visit
SPECIALIST OFFICE VISIT	\$0 per visit
INPATIENT HOSPITAL	\$0 per admission
SKILLED NURSING FACILITY <i>(covered for 100 days per benefit period) ¹</i>	\$0 per day, days 1-20 \$50 per day, days 21-100
OUTPATIENT SURGERY AND OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES	\$0 per admission
AMBULANCE	\$25 per one-way trip
EMERGENCY CARE <i>(Worldwide Coverage)</i>	\$50 per visit
URGENT CARE	\$25 per visit
ROUTINE ANNUAL PHYSICAL	\$0 per visit
LAB SERVICES	\$0 per visit
X-RAYS	\$0 - \$100 per visit
DIABETES MONITORING SUPPLIES	\$0
DIABETES SELF-MONITORING TRAINING	\$0 per visit
MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY	\$0 per visit
DIABETIC RETINAL EXAM	\$0 per visit
TRANSPORTATION <i>(20 one-way trips to plan-approved locations)</i>	\$0 per trip
PREVENTIVE DENTAL	Covered up to \$1,500 per year
ROUTINE VISION	\$10 eye exam; \$0 eyewear
HEALTH CLUB MEMBERSHIP	\$0 at contracted facilities
DECISION POWER SM – HEALTH COACHES	\$0

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This plan is an HMO with network provider limitations, and certain services may require a referral/authorization. If you obtain routine care from out-of-plan providers, neither Medicare nor Health Net will be responsible for the costs.

¹ A benefit period begins the day you go to a hospital or skilled nursing facility. The benefit period ends when you have not received hospital or skilled nursing care for 60 days in a row. If you go into the hospital or skilled nursing facility after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins. There is no limit to the number of benefit periods you can have.

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Annual Part D Deductible	\$0	\$0
Generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) – Retail	\$0 for a one-month (30-day) supply	\$0 for a one-month (30-day) supply
All other drugs – Retail	\$3.10 for a one-month (30-day) supply	\$5.60 for a one-month (30-day) supply
Generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) – Mail Order	\$0 for a three-month (90-day) supply	\$0 for a three-month (90-day) supply
All other drugs – Mail Order	\$3.10 for a three-month (90-day) supply	\$5.60 for a three-month (90-day) supply
After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,050	\$0	\$0

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, CALL A HEALTH NET SALES REPRESENTATIVE:

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² Health Net uses a formulary, which is subject to change. If you are already enrolled in an MA-PD plan, you must receive your Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit through that plan and you may not enroll in a stand-alone Prescription Drug Plan. You may be able to get extra help to pay for your prescription drug premiums and costs. To see if you qualify for getting extra help, call: 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY/TDD users should call 1-877-486-2048), 24 hours a day/7 days a week; or the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday (TTY/TDD users should call 1-800-325-0778); or your state Medicaid Office.

³ These are the 2007 amounts and may change in 2008.

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NEW FACES Are In The NEIGHBORHOOD



We have some new faces in the neighborhood. The Shell Station and Mini-Mart at Ironwood and Baseline has recently been sold to J.D. (Jagdeep) Saran and T.J. (Tejinder) Grewal as of December 21, 2007. The transaction marked the end of Alex White and his family's holdings in the area which once included the communities of Desert Harbor and La Casa Blanca as well as the self storage facility on Baseline.

J.D. and T.J. are the new owners/managers and are in the process of making many changes that will improve convenience and service to the many customers who frequent AJ's Mini-Mart and Gas Station. In addition to gasoline and convenience food and beverages, there's an eatery inside where a selection of pizzas, sub sandwiches, burritos, and tacos are available as well as a brand new automated, touch free carwash. You can see J.D. working hard for about 13 long hours everyday, supervising the store with all the new changes going on.

The story of J.D. and his family becoming naturalized citizens is amazing. Coming from the small village of Pandori in the Punjab state of India, the story is proof positive that the American dream is still alive and well. Migration started with his uncle arriving in San Francisco in 1959. When he arrived back then, he was all alone with little money and limited English skills. He rented a small broom size closet space only big enough to keep his stuff and he slept on the porch nearby. With perseverance and determination he managed to get a good education and he also joined the United States Military, he is a veteran from the Vietnam War. Now he is working as an area manager for Cal-OSHA after many years gradually advancing in positions of authority.

After proving his success, he began encouraging other members of the family to migrate to America. In 1986 the Saran family entered the United States through the Golden Gate and settled in San Jose, CA. J.D. arrived soon after in 1988 and found work working in restaurants and then at various gas stations. The whole family worked hard and soon relocated to Washington State. Pooling their earnings, they collectively invested in a gas station in 1996. Their experiences helped the family learn about the American way of life and by blending with the locals, they made many friends in their community. The business was successful for the most part but was more seasonal than they anticipated. With good advice from a local business advisor and friend, the family sold their assets and moved everything to Arizona in 2004. They soon acquired two Chevron stations in Chandler and each is managed by their younger sisters. J.D., not wanting to be left out, heard about a similar business in Apache Junction that might be available. He checked it out and we know what happened next.

J.D. wants to be a good neighbor and asks if anyone has any questions or concerns to contact him. He wants to do whatever he can to minimize any possible nuisance his business may be having on nearby neighbors.

As a way to meet the neighbors, he is offering their signature carwash **FREE** with the coupon below. Just present it to the clerk at the store and receive the Ultimate Car Wash complete with wax – *regularly an \$8.00 value.*

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Words from Management

Yvonne Cavazos, Desert Harbor's Community Manager

There is a major concern within the community concerning what is happening with the road construction in front of Desert Harbor on Ironwood Drive. Originally, we were informed that the construction project would involve putting a median strip between the north and south lanes which would mean that we would not be able to make left turns (going north) when leaving the park.

I spoke to Geoff Gaudoin, Project Manager in Pinal County for this highway project and he assured me the current plan would not include a median and we would still be able to turn left (north) when leaving the community through the main gate. He said they were just repaving, widening and improving the overall roadway surface at this time. This project includes placing a stop light at 36th Street. The whole project would be finished by February's end.

You can learn more about this project with updates by visiting the website at www.IronwoodProject.com

I have also been asked about whether Desert Harbor will be opening the back gate onto 36th Street. A proposal has been submitted to A.L.L. for approval and funding to install a new gate that works on a remote system. The proposed date for this installation is slated by the end of the 1st fiscal quarter of 2008.

Special Election

At last December's Annual Residents Meeting, changes to the Activities By-Laws were voted on and passed. As a direct result of these changes, **Dick Smith** submitted his resignation as Treasurer of our Organization. The changes made now state that individuals can not serve as an officer on the Board while at the same time work as an employee of A.L.L. at Desert Harbor. Dick's resignation created a vacancy on the Board and therefore nominations were called for at January's Residents Meeting and a special election will be conducted with results being announced at our next meeting in February. **Art Roberts** - Lot 81 and **Jean Hansen** - Lot 151 were nominated. Election ballots were circulated to residents during the last week in January.

The community wishes to thank Dick Smith for all his good work and services in the community as Treasurer over the last few years...**Thank You Dick.**

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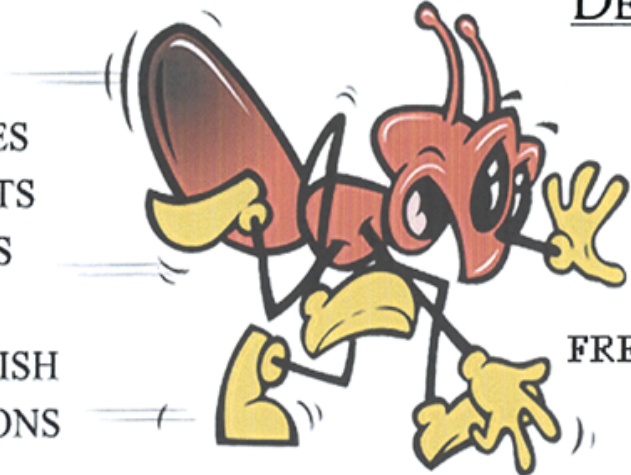


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February Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/Games	2 8:00a Coffee & Donuts 9:00a Residents Meeting 6:00p MARDI GRAS DINNER
3 1:00p Texas Hold'Em Poker	4 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	5 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/Games 12:00p Soup & Salad Luncheon	6 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 1:00p Men's Poker 6:30p Stitch & Chat	7 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Positive Thinking Class 1:00p Shuffleboard 6:30p Billiards	8 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/Games	9 7:30a Breakfast 7:00p Card Bingo
10 2:00p Pinochle (Single Deck)	11 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	12 10:00a Bunco 1:00p Cribbage 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/Games	13 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 1:00p Men's Poker 6:30p Stitch & Chat	14 Happy Valentines Day 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Positive Thinking Class 1:00p Shuffleboard 6:30p Billiards 6:30p Private Party	15 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/Games	16 8:00a Coffee & Donuts 5:30p Happy Hour 6:00p Pot Luck Dinner
17 1:00p Texas Hold'Em Poker	18 9:00a Tai Chi 1:00p Mahjongg 6:30p Billiards	19 11:00a Ladies Luncheon 6:30p NDQ Poker 7:00p Cards/Games	20 9:00a Line Dancing 1:00p Mahjongg 1:00p Men's Poker 6:30p Stitch & Chat 7:00p ABC's of Medicare	21 9:00a Tai Chi 11:00a Golf 1:00p Positive Thinking Class 1:00p Shuffleboard 6:30p Billiards	22 1:00p Genealogy 4:00p Happy Hour 7:00p Cards/Games	23 8:00a Coffee & Donuts
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Ladies Soup & Salad Luncheon

A monthly Ladies Soup/Salad lunch will begin at **Noon on February 5th**. This will be an informal lunch in the Clubhouse where ladies can eat together and visit. This do-it-yourself Soup & Salad event is scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month so as not to interfere with the regular Ladies Luncheon on the 3rd Tuesday. Hopefully we will have a good turn out and perhaps the general consensus will be to continue this event with other fresh ideas.

We want all ladies to participate and if anyone is unable bring something, we still want you to come and join us. **Sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse.**

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~ Day Trips ~

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Menopause the Musical ~ Hilarious comedy for and about women! Feb. 15, 23 Mar. 8 \$66

Kartchner Caverns ~ A thrilling discovery of the Rotunda/Throne room awaits you underground. Feb. 5 Tue. \$79

Algodones, Mexico ~ Shop for 5 hours. Lots of treasures! Feb. 5, 18 Mar. 4, 18, 26 Apr. 9, 24 \$39

Verde Canyon Railroad - Arizona's longest running nature show. Feb. 6 Mar. 19 Apr. 16 \$95 Coach class

49th Festival of the Arts in Tubac ~ Feb. 6 Wed. Feb. 7 Thu. Feb. 9 Sat. \$42

Tucson Your Way ~ Choose: Sonoran Desert Museum, Pima Air Museum or Old Tucson Studios. Feb. 4 Mon. Mar. 4 Tue. Mar. 25 Tue.

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Grand Canyon Day ~ Wonder of the world. Stop at Cameron Trading P. Feb. 18, Mar. 11 & 23 \$79

Hockey ~ Coyotes VS Calgary Flames Feb. 19 Coyotes VS Canucks Mar. 13 and Edmonton Mar. 15 Free Hat! \$59 Glendale

Cardinal Stadium Tour ~ Host of 2008 superbowl. Feb. 19 & 23 \$33

Sedona for a day OR Sedona & Jerome ~ Many departures \$44 either trip.

Nunsensations! ~ The Sisters take their act on the road to Las Vegas. Hilarious sequin studied fan dancing show. Feb. 24 \$61 inc. dinner



~ Overnight Trips ~

Laughlin, NV ~ Edgewater Casino & Hotel & 1-buffet. \$42 Feb. 12-13, 14-15 Valentines Feb. 19-20, 24-25, 27-28 Mar. 4-5, 6-7, 10-11, 19-20, 30-31

Primm, NV ~ Whiskey Pete's, 2-buffets, funbook & a day in Las Vegas! Feb. 11-13, 20-22, 24-26 Mar. 5-7 \$79

Riverside Resort Entertainers ~ Room & show at the Riverside. Feb. 17-18 Smothers Brothers Feb. 19-20 Oak Ridge Boys \$99

Laughlin, NV and Oatman on Route 66 ~ Feb. 21-22 & Mar. 24-25 \$49 Inc. 1 buffet.

Zion... ~ Utah's oldest national park, Valley of Fire Kanab, Mt. Carmel Junction. Staying in Laughlin and Mesquite. Feb. 26-29 Tue.-Fri. \$289

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