

# HARBOR LIGHTS newsletter

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March 2008

Desert Harbor, a 55+ community

Apache Junction, Arizona

## Desert Harbor Goes Hollywood

On Sunday morning, February 17<sup>th</sup>, our illustrious editor got a call from an interested homeowner who saw what appeared to be filmmakers down by our golf area. It looked like a story and suggested I check it out. Sure enough a full featured film was in the making...well at least one or two scenes anyway. After closer investigation, this editor learned that a small production group was filming and working on a feature length comedy farce named "**AT BEST DERIVATIVE**". Actual shooting of the film has been ongoing in a number of Phoenix area locations from

September 2007 and has continued through February 2008. One reason the group found Desert Harbor is that



Writer/Producer Jeremy Clayton (with tie in back center) and Director/Producer Ryan Pierson (in hat with back to us) coach actors in a scene with *At Best Derivative*.

the films writer/producer, Jeremy K. Clayton, parents Gary and Connie Clayton live in the community. Long time friend Ryan Pierson and co-producer is also the director.

To watch progress of this film, check out the **AT BEST DERIVATIVE** Myspace web site at: [myspace.com/atbestderivative](http://myspace.com/atbestderivative)

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## We're In The News!!!

Recently two articles appeared in local newspapers, the East Valley Tribune<sup>1</sup> and Arizona Republic, The Mesa<sup>2</sup> concerning alleged problems affecting many homeowners in our Desert Harbor Community. Some residents feel their manufactured homes were set in place on unstable ground. They further claim that ground around and beneath their homes was not properly leveled and compacted before many recent homes were moved in. There is evidence of soil erosion, sinkholes, interior cracking, shifting concrete and other related problems.



Leon Henager, left, and Clyde Preston stand near one of the sinkhole problems.

After months of working independently with little apparent success, Clyde Preston a Desert Harbor resident and homeowner and others have begun a coordinated effort to achieve satisfaction with American Land Lease. Preston's group has involved the City of Apache Junction and other resources to resolve their collective issues.

This situation continues to develop and only time will determine the outcome. Readers may read each article in it's entirety by copying the web address below into the internet address box on your computer.

Multiple Articles include the following:

- 1 - "Drainage problems plague manufactured homes" article printed February 19, 2008 - <http://license.icopyright.net/user/viewFreeUse.act?fuid=Nzc4MDI2>
- 2 - "Residents of sinking community seeking answers" article printed February 21, 2008 - <http://www.azcentral.com/community/mesa/articles/0221mrsinkground0221.html>

## 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

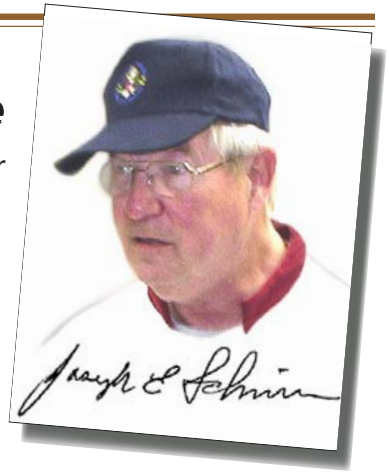
- Bunco  
- paula cooper  
#198.....671-3147  
Card Bingo  
- celine leonard  
# 74.....983-5819  
Card Games  
- fred dieball  
# 85.....983-0578  
Cribbage  
- bob mueller  
#108.....983-1119  
Mah-jongg  
- celine leonard  
# 74.....983-5819  
Pinochle  
- ....no coordinator  
Poker  
- fred dieball  
# 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

by Joe Schnier



As the winds of March blow in we start a very busy month. I think winter is over and spring is just around the corner. We start off with the residents meeting on March 1. There is a very important meeting of the Arts and Craft committee on March the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the evening — check bulletin board for information. Midge Drouin is working very hard on this event coming up in October. March 8<sup>th</sup> is the second breakfast of the year. We will be serving Ham Steak with eggs and pancakes, \$4.00 for the Breakfast 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM. Sign-up sheet at clubhouse. March 15<sup>th</sup> Celebrate ST PATS DAY with Corn Beef and Cabbage furnished by the club. This will take the place of the POT LUCK this month. This is a free Dinner. Easter is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tom Hennessy is cochair for 50's Party in April — date to be announced.

The vandalism at the pool and club house is inexcusable. Throwing chairs in the indoor pool is uncalled for. This just shows how childish some people can be. It is time to grow up. Behavior like this just hurts the community as a whole. I hope whoever is doing such childish things will grow up and act their age.

Take care this month and enjoy the good weather.

## Snowbirds Stay in Touch

From Ontario, Canada...

We arrived back in the frozen north February 20, after 3 long days on the road, but fortunately with very good driving conditions. We have tons of snow in Ontario and today was minus 20 celsius (- 4° Fahrenheit) when we woke up!

We're missing Arizona (already) and particularly our home in Desert Harbor. Our little American "adoptee" (dog), AJ, has settled in well and fortunately enjoys the snow, though the icy mornings are not his favourite.

Thanks to all of the Desert Harbor residents who went out of their way to make us welcome during our too brief sojourn this winter. We look forward to next year, renewing friendships, and enjoying all that Apache Junction has to offer.

Jerry & Susan Reynolds, #68

# 2008 Activities Organization

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Nearly 100 Desert Harbor residents joined in this Mardi Gras Dinner celebration and did indeed "let the good times roll."

Some came in costume while others

did not but it was generally agreed, everyone had a good time...and the food was truly a New Orleans fare. Chef Tomas (aka Tom Hennessy, #70) headed up a group that cooked everything for this event. This occasion is certainly one the Activities Board will continue and do again next year.



Dick Smith lifts his top for beads with help from Margaret Poshka!



Chef Tomas is assisted in the kitchen by Cookie Pein and Karen Stephens.

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# LADIES LUNCHEON

Agnes Miller, coordinator

Ladies Luncheon will be **Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** at..

## #1 Eastern Super Buffet Chinese/Japanese Buffet



There is a new buffet restaurant near the Imax Theater and 24hr Fitness centers on Signal Butte just south of the 60 Frwy. Our ladies always like to try new places and there is no better time than March for the #1 Eastern Super Buffet. I've heard many good comments about this place and thought we'd check it out. It's a Chinese-Japanese "all you can eat buffet" with large assortments to pick from. The parking lot is often full with cars which is an indication of good food and service inside.

February's Ladies Luncheon was at **Anzio Landing** in Mesa. This Italian Restaurant is always a dependable and satisfying place to go and this time was no exception. Our ladies thoroughly enjoyed the Italian ambiance.

Our Ladies Luncheon always takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month as the ladies of Desert Harbor meet at the clubhouse around 11:00 a.m. We carpool to the restaurant so there's always a way even if you don't drive. All ladies are invited to sign-up in the clubhouse if you want to come along and be part of this day out on the town.

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Occurring on February 5th, 2008

## Ladies Get Acquainted Soup & Salad Luncheon

by Joann Hankison, #178



At the December *Ladies Luncheon* held at Charleston's a suggestion was made to have a "Ladies Get Acquainted Soup and Salad Luncheon" at the Desert Harbor Clubhouse. This "Get Acquainted" luncheon is in addition to (not a replacement for) the regular monthly *Ladies Luncheon* on the third Tuesday of the month.

Marj Lepic, along with Joann Hankison and Carol Rysavy, took the responsibility of organizing the first "Get Acquainted Luncheon" held Tuesday February 5, 2008.

Those attending deemed it a success and made their wishes known that it continue on a monthly basis on the first Tuesday of the month.

The second "Ladies Get Acquainted Luncheon" will be held at the Desert Harbor Clubhouse on March 4, 2008 at 12 noon. If you wish to attend you are asked to bring soup if you have an even Lot Number and a salad if you have an odd Lot Number.

A sign-up sheet is on the Desert Harbor Activity Organization bulletin board. Please indicate if you will be bringing a soup or salad. This information will be used to assist in determining the number of tables to be set up as well as the amount of coffee, hot tea and iced tea.

For those who might require assistance getting to the Clubhouse please contact Joann Hankison at 480.641.0975, Carol Rysavy at 480.983.3142 or Jane Boudreau at 480.671.0477 to arrange a ride. If you are willing to bring a neighbor who needs assistance your participation will be greatly appreciated by them as well as the committee.

We are inviting and encouraging all the ladies of Desert Harbor to join us.

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# Travel Club

Now that Spring is just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about — BASEBALL! We have a bus trip to **Diamond Back Opening Day festivities** on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets in Section 111 are \$54 per person including transportation. Section 111 is on the right field foul line. We leave Apache Junction at 5 pm, game starts at 6:40 pm, and we all return between 10 and 11 pm. There's a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse and if we can get 10 or more, they'll pick us up here in the Park.



We have a group going to the **Greek Orthodox Monastery** on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wants to go. We leave Apache Junction at the touring the grounds and the Chapel, we stop for lunch restaurant in Florence. The previously planned stop at removed from this adventure. It seems that earlier trav-it out. So if you really want to "go to jail", you'll have to trip which includes a \$2 donation to the monastery.)



There is still room for this trip if 99¢ Store at 9:30 a.m. After (for an additional cost) at a Greek the Prison Gift Shop has been elers strongly suggested leaving find your own way...(\$22 for this

Some of us went to Tubac and saw their Arts and Crafts Festival last month. This month there is another opportunity to see more **Arts and Crafts** with a trip to **Tucson** where there will be over 400 vendors including street actors and other fun entertainment. \$37 for transportation only and you'll need to purchase admission upon arrival. If you want to see one of the top 100 craft fairs in the country, this is a trip you don't want to miss....You have your choice of going either of two days, April 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.



If you haven't seen "**Menopause the Musical**" which is a delightful musical celebrating women as they age, it's well worth seeing. There will be a bus trip for this show on March 8<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday evening performance (\$66). Seeing this musical will give you an entirely new outlook with being a

woman over 50!

Do you enjoy ice shows? On Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, there is a trip to **Disney on Ice "Finding Nemo"** (\$35). There is a sign up sheet for this as well in the Clubhouse. Sign up and call Connie to make your reservations....



Now that the wildflowers are popping out in the desert around us, it's a good time to take a leisurely walk thru the **Boyce Arboretum** near Superior. Let me know if you want to visit this relaxing and beautiful arboretum. It's a perfect place to have a picnic lunch in their picnic area or by the stream. Pets are allowed as long as you keep them on a leash.

Please check the **Tour West America** ad in this newsletter for many other exciting trips available.

If you have any questions about any of these trips or shows, contact **Connie Ritter, Lot #81 or call her at (480) 641-7753**

## Casino Trips & more

**Wild Horse Casino & Resort** at Gila River...**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. There are lots of 1¢ and 2¢ machines plus many other new slots. Please sign up in the clubhouse if you want to come along on this day trip. Check in time is 7:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.



The Casino Del Sol is scheduled for April. For info about our **Casino Trips** just contact **Celine, Lot #106, (480) 982-1618**

### more stuff...

- Card Bingo is 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Just bring some dimes and a couple of quarters
- We're still collecting cards and hotel samples

# How Do We Make a Good Thing Better?

We have a group in the park called “Helping Hands” but does this group provide help to those who really need assistance in our park? The group provides help when individuals call to let someone know that assistance is wanted. Some examples I heard of include watching after someone’s house when people go on vacation, provide a ride for a doctor’s appointment, or any number of similar issues.

The concern is with many volunteer names on the Helping Hands list posted in the clubhouse, few have ever been called on to help anyone. I am aware that many in our community need help and other individuals not on the list, provide all sorts of assistance to a select few in need. We have residents who live alone or have reached an age where doing the simplest things are difficult if not impossible. There are couples who have unique limitations and could use a helping hand. Many would just like to have a friendly face visit from time to time.

We are special people and have lived through an era where we’ve learned to manage for ourselves. The thought of asking others for help is embarrassing and something many would never do unless in cases of absolute necessity or emergency and perhaps not even then. Why can’t we form a group to frequently look in on our nearby friends and neighbors. It would NOT be fair to assign only ONE person to have that responsibility, least it be impossible to keep track of everyone in the park. So what is the solution?

I have a suggestion: Form small groups throughout the park and assign each with a few homes. There are many benefits for forming such groups and they could include but certainly would not be limited to the following.....

1. Offer a great way to get acquainted with people who may or may not be involved in our park
2. Establish a group of friends everyone can count on to organize help as needed
3. Determine who may need or is likely to require assistance and those who currently don’t
4. Provides a system to recognize the sick, injured and those who undergo medical procedures
5. Network neighbors with neighbors for social awareness and events
6. Create a safer and more secure community with involved friends and neighbors

These are just a few possible things that could come out of organizing our community.

**If you agree that this idea may have merit, drop a note in the Newsletter Comment Box in the clubhouse...share your thoughts and include your name, address, and phone number. If there is enough interest, we can get together to discuss what we should do and where we can go next. This is an perfect opportunity to get involved...**



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# Residents' Meeting

**Call to Order:** Meeting started at 9:02 a.m. by Joe Schnier.

**Treasurer's Report:** Due to the vacancy in the Treasurer's position, Joe Schnier reported that the recent Chili Cook-Off event made a profit of \$127.60 after prize awards.

**Standing Committees:** New committees were announced in 5 categories...

- Special Events** – Activities President will chair
- Monthly Events** – Activities Vice President will chair
- Games** – A chairperson has not been named for this category
- Arts & Crafts** – Midge Drouin, chairperson
- Environment** – Margaret Poshka, chairperson

- **By-Laws** – Bob Mayo's committee met several times and he expects to have a meeting with the residents by mid-February to review the committee's work.
- **Arts & Crafts** – Midge Drouin announced a Craft Show planning meeting is set for March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the clubhouse to discuss the October Craft Show. Anyone interested is invited to attend.
- **Soup & Salad Luncheon** – Joann Hankison announced that the first S&S Luncheon will take place on February 5<sup>th</sup> at noon and continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month thereafter. This schedule is intended not to conflict with the regular Ladies Luncheon which occurs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

## Coming Events:

- **Monthly Breakfast** – This regular event will resume beginning on February 9<sup>th</sup> and this month the breakfast will include pork chops, eggs, pancakes and fruit cup for only \$4.00
- **Medicare Presentation** – a representative will conduct a discussion on the ABC's of Medicare which include a number of options for securing insurance coverage.

## New Business:

- **North Gate** – Due to the road construction on Ironwood, the north gate will be opened during the work week from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. to allow easier access onto Ironwood from 36<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Smoking Rules** – In order to comply with new Arizona laws concerning smoking in public places, signs will be posted at our clubhouse restricting those who smoke to no closer than 20 feet from any entrance.
- **Bulletin Boards** – For Sale notices can remain for 30 days. Residents are reminded not to remove notices for their personal convenience as such action prevents others from seeing the advertised item(s).
- **Cubbie Slots** – Our mail slots in the Craft Room are for informational purposes and personal correspondence between residents. Residents are reminded not to remove items from slots that are not your own.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

## Special Days for People

### BIRTHDAYS in March

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
Doyce Carmon	6	75
Gerrilynn Champion	8	37
John Greenwood	10	174
Joe Patricca	14	136
Joyce Morrison	15	195
Ron Fisher	19	78
Ann Marker	19	69
Hank Hilliard	22	101
Cyndi Smith	24	74
Celine Leonard	26	106
Dave Johnson	30	55

### ANNIVERSARIES in March

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
Harry & Barbie Davis	5	94
Bill & Gail Dunham	7	100
Jim & Lois Wagner	28	33

*Write a little note and put it in these peoples cubbie slots. It is a nice way to say "Hello" and recognize their special day!*

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# *I Need Your Help* by Don Walker, Harbor Lights editor

Many times I have attempted to seek your help with the content of this newsletter and each time at no avail. This is YOUR newsletter, NOT MINE! I prepare these pages for your information, education, and hopefully your enjoyment. The news should be coming from you and about you, the residents of Desert Harbor. So far most of the content in your newsletter has been material I've assembled and it is becoming harder to pick stories out of the air. Recently I placed a **Comment Box**, complete with note paper, in the clubhouse near the front door next to the bulletin board for our **Harbor Lights**. The idea was to make it easier to collect your comments for the newsletter. So far I've only gotten one and that was an anonymous comment complaining that the paper should be ready on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Comments like this are helpful and exactly what I'm looking for...**NOT!**

People have said they cannot write very well and because of that, they can't and don't do anything. I've tried to figure out ways to make this process easy. I've created a comment sheet below and ask that you note some of your feelings regarding the newsletter. Hopefully your comments will provide some insight toward making our paper better, perhaps the best in the area. After you've read this issue, complete the following questionnaire and place your thoughts in the **Newsletter Comment Box** located in the Clubhouse.

*Thank you, the Harbor Lights editor/publisher*

I liked  did not like  the following article \_\_\_\_\_

because: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Special events summaries               | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty articles                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research on the internet               | <input type="checkbox"/> Talk and concerns in the Park                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                                    |

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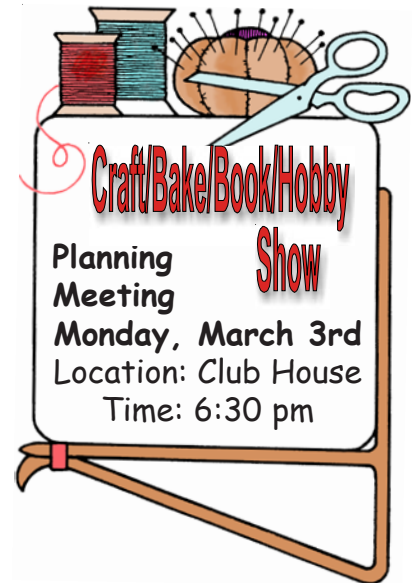
# KRAFT KORNER

...contributed by Midge Druion, #203

As chairperson for Arts & Crafts at Desert Harbor, I (Midge Druion) would like to give you some insight into what my job as contact person consists of. Anyone who'd like to instruct or receive instruction in a craft class should contact me for direction as to which person or persons who could provide it. There are many talented people in all sorts of crafts living here in our Desert Harbor Community and we would like to exploit their talents.

In that effort, each month I would like to give recognition to a crafter for their unique talent(s) be it jewelry making, woodworking, needlepoint, cross stitch, knitting, crocheting, scrap booking, stamping, quilting, embroidery, sewing or whatever talent you could share with others. For March, I want to recognize Reni Dieball, lot #85 for her skill and talent at quilt making (see her article below on "Quilting in Our Park").

According to the clubhouse calendar, the days that are available for such meetings are Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. Please contact me to let me know which days are most accommodating for you. There are several ways to contact me ie: a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse, by e-mail address (midavie@q.com) and by phone at (480) 982-9425. Each month I will be reporting to the Board at the Residence Meeting with what is going on in the "crafts world".



## Quilting in Our Park

Reni Dieball #85.....I learned how to sew, knit, crochet and embroidery at an early age. Later on, I even got interested in pottery. Back then I had my own kiln and potter's wheel and enjoyed making things out of clay.



In 1984, I enrolled in a quilting class while living in Denver and was hooked on quilting from the very first class. Everything else fell by the wayside except counted cross stitch and I still do some of that. I especially like to do appliqué quilting. I joined the Colorado Quilting Council (A Colorado Statewide Organization) and also belonged to two neighborhood groups. In 1992, I got the courage to enter my first quilt in a judged show. Later that year, I entered a quilt in the National Quilt Show in Paducah, Kentucky and won an Honorable Mention ribbon. Since those early showings, I've gotten better and have won numerous 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Honorable Mention ribbons at quilting. I've displayed quilts in Colorado at the Colorado State Capital and at several museums in both Colorado and Arizona. Many of my quilts have been appraised at more than

\$4,000.<sup>00</sup> each.

Since moving to Arizona, I have joined the Arizona Quilters Guild and Closet Quilters which is a local chapter of the AQG. With permission and encouragement from the Desert Harbor Management Team, both groups meet in our Clubhouse. The Closet Quilters meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays and also the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. We currently have 14 members during the winter months.

We have another group called the Stitch & Chat not affiliated with AQG and it meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30p.m.-8:00 p.m. This group is open to people who do various crafts: knit, crochet, embroidery, quilt and beadwork or any other craft that's fun. This group has not been utilized effectively as the last two months we only had two of us at each meeting. Please come and join us....we encourage you to visit or to learn, or perhaps teach a craft.

Closet Quilters will have a Trunk Show for all our block exchanges (there are 6 of us so far). Time of this event is yet To-Be-Announced. Check the bulletin board for date and time.....All are invited.

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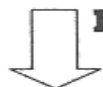
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# Words from Management

Yvonne Cavazos, Desert Harbor's Community Manager

Dear Desert Harbor Residents:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are all adults and regardless of issues or situations that arise, we are not alleviated of the responsibility to behave in a respectful mature manner towards our neighbors or community management. I am really disappointed in the negative and/or destructive behaviors that been occurring in the community of late.

Before going any further, I would like to say that the majority of residents do not fall in this category and I truly appreciate the manner in which you communicate with me. I am aware that only a small group of residents involve themselves in these behaviors and usually I do not comment but so many residents are now being impacted by this small group, I feel that it is time to address the issue.

When someone comes into my office to ask a question or to complain about something, I try my best to respond in a direct professional manner. If any resident needs an answer to something or would like to complain about something they know they can come speak to me. Most of you know this and feel comfortable communicating with me. There are a few, however, that continue to push nasty notes filled with profanity under my office door; usually concerning issues that I had nothing to do with such as why the Clubhouse door was locked on a weekend. Now if that person had really wanted an answer, they would have signed their note but it appears that it was more "fun" to leave it unsigned and add the profanity. Notes are stuck on the outside office door with nasty comments. If someone really has an issue and signs their note, I will respond to them. Otherwise, there will be no

response, so what is the real motivation behind unsigned notes?

Vandalism has greatly increased as of late. Several recent examples of this are that the pool furniture has been put in the pool during the night. A large rock was shoved up the water hose in the spa which is why the spa was not working several weeks ago. People are jumping the fence that surrounds the pool motors, etc., and changing the temperatures on the pools. How, actually, does this hurt anyone other than your neighbors? They are without an amenity and any professional repairs such as these just increases the costs at Desert Harbor. Over time, who do you think will ultimately pay for these costs?

One other thing that I would like to mention is that rumors are getting way out of hand. For example, someone here went to buy a couple of newspapers from the Shell station and rumor has it that I sent them to buy all the newspapers in stores around the community so residents could not read certain articles. That does not even make sense. Instead of listening to rumors, I would appreciate your coming to me and ask questions. After all, the only dumb questions are the ones that are not asked. So please make sure that you ask about anything that appears to be a rumor and/or do not listen to anything that sounds unlikely.

This is not just a resident to management issue. Some residents are treating each other in the same kind manner. I think we all need to sit back, take a deep breath and try to figure out exactly what we are doing to ourselves and others.

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# March Calendar of Events

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



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1

8:00a Coffee & Donuts  
9:00a Residents Meeting

2

1:00p Texas Hold'Em Poker

3

9:00a Tai Chi  
1:00p Mahjongg  
6:30p Billiards  
6:30p Arts & Craft Planning Mtg.

4

6:30p NDQ Poker  
7:00p Cards/Games  
12:00p Soup & Salad Luncheon

5

9:00a Line Dancing  
1:00p Mahjongg  
1:00p Quilting  
6:30p Stitch & Chat

6

9:00a Tai Chi  
11:00a Golf  
1:00p Positive Thinking  
1:00p Shuffleboard  
6:30p Billiards

7

1:00p Genealogy  
4:00p Happy Hour  
7:00p Cards/Games

8

7:30a-9:00a Breakfast in Clubhouse  
7:00p Card Bingo

Water Aerobics Monday thru Friday - 8:30 a.m. Outside Pool

9

2:00p Pinochle (Single Deck)

10

9:00a Tai Chi  
1:00p Mahjongg  
6:30p Billiards

11

10:00a Bunco  
1:00p Cribbage  
6:30p NDQ Poker  
7:00p Cards/Games

12

7:30a Wild Horse Casino Trip  
9:00a Line Dancing  
1:00p Mahjongg  
1:00p Men's Poker  
6:30p Stitch & Chat

13

9:00a Tai Chi  
11:00a Golf  
1:00p Positive Thinking  
1:00p Quilting  
1:00p Shuffleboard  
6:30p Billiards

14

1:00p Genealogy  
4:00p Happy Hour  
7:00p Cards/Games

15

8:00a Coffee & Donuts  
5:30p Happy Hour  
6:00p St. Patricks Day Pot Luck Dinner

Water Aerobics Monday thru Friday - 8:30 a.m. Outside Pool

16

1:00p Texas Hold'Em Poker

17  
St. Patricks Day

9:00a Tai Chi  
1:00p Mahjongg  
6:30p Billiards

18

11:00a Ladies Luncheon  
1:00p Cribbage  
6:30p NDQ Poker  
7:00p Cards/Games

19

9:00a Line Dancing  
1:00p Mahjongg  
1:00p Quilting  
6:30p Stitch & Chat

20

9:00a Tai Chi  
11:00a Golf  
1:00p Positive Thinking  
1:00p Quilting  
1:00p Shuffleboard  
6:30p Billiards

21

1:00p Genealogy  
4:00p Happy Hour  
7:00p Cards/Games

22

8:00a Coffee & Donuts

Water Aerobics Monday thru Friday - 8:30 a.m. Outside Pool

23  
Easter Sunday

2:00p Pinochle (Single Deck)

24

9:00a Tai Chi  
1:00p Mahjongg  
6:30p Billiards

25

10:00a Bunco  
1:00p Cribbage  
6:30p NDQ Poker  
7:00p Cards/Games

26

9:00a Line Dancing  
1:00p Mahjongg  
1:00p Men's Poker  
6:30p Stitch & Chat  
7:00p Board Meeting

27

9:00a Tai Chi  
11:00a Golf  
1:00p Positive Thinking  
1:00p Shuffleboard  
6:30p Billiards

28

1:00p Genealogy  
4:00p Happy Hour  
7:00p Cards/Games

29

8:00a Coffee & Donuts

Water Aerobics Monday thru Friday - 8:30 a.m. Outside Pool

30

1:00p Texas Hold'Em Poker

31

9:00a Tai Chi  
1:00p Mahjongg  
5:00p Private Party  
6:30p Billiards

Paula Cooper would like to remind everyone about playing **Bunco**. It is fun! Those who play on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month thoroughly enjoy it. We do need more players, so come on down and join in.  
**... Everyone is Welcome!!!**