

**Dear neighbors,**

**Sorry this month's newsletter is so late! A lot has been happening, and there's a lot coming up too, not the least of which is our **Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 6th at 5:00pm at the Desert Hills Rec Center**. Only problem there is we need **at least 10 more people to sign up** or we'll have to cancel it!! We've guaranteed our caterer 50 people, so if we don't hit that by Friday, December 2nd (we've even extended the deadline!), we'll have to cancel the party, which would be such a shame, especially with all the work our**

team has put into planning it. So if you're one of those people who always leaves things to the last minute, **THIS IS THE LAST MINUTE!** Please print out your form from the website (or find the one the block captains brought to you) and take it and your check to the Bivins home at 796 W. Desert Hills Dr — it's too late to send it in the mail. Sure hope we get our numbers!! Remind your neighbors, too!

Another **call for volunteers** is going out to host one of our monthly Thirty Thursdays. We had a lovely gathering this month, but unfortunately no

**one has signed up yet to host in 2023. This would be a terrible loss to our community, so please consider offering up your home to host. It's not that much work, and provides a lot of fun for the neighborhood. Contact the Thirsty Thursday coordinator, Cindy Hubbard at (701) 205-7726 or [cgrayhubbard@gmail.com](mailto:cgrayhubbard@gmail.com) to volunteer.**

**At the November board meeting, the board set the amount of the 2023 annual dues, \$699 in total. That's an increase of 12% over last year due to the increase in some of our operating costs. The part**

**that goes into the reserve fund was only increased by 8%, which has been our policy for the last several years already, based on the reserve study's recommendations. You'll be getting your dues notice, along with the Fair Housing Act form, as part of an email later this week. On the FHA form, please include an emergency contact that we can provide to either the police or to the fire department in an emergency. This should be someone other than your spouse, since your spouse is frequently with you when there's an emergency.**

**The board also accepted the Nominating Committee's slate for new board members, namely Mike Cochran (to start his own term, following Fred Bivins), Dennis Lynch (to finish the last two years of Myron Joy's term) and John Morgan (also to start a new term). Clayton Messelt will be finishing the last year of his second term, so a total of six years on the board. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Clayton for all his work, especially this past summer covering for me, and steering our transition this past spring. The election will be held in January/February, in**

**preparation for our annual meeting on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023. Save that date!!**

**I recently attended a meeting of HOA presidents where we were encouraged to share with our homeowners that if you see suspicious activity, especially at night, like on the golf course, please call 911, and they will direct your call to the Border Patrol and any other agency that may be applicable. We were encouraged not to hesitate calling 911 in any emergency, including one like this.**

**Finally, we will likely be having a “Pull Buffel Grass Volunteer Day” in the near future, so please get ready to pitch in so we can clean our common areas of this troublesome weed.**

**Hope to see you at our Holiday Party Tuesday, December 6th!**

**Ruth Krawczyk, President  
Desert Ridge HOA**