

Desert Ridge HOA

News and Updates – January, 2020

Greetings Neighbors! Happy New Year and a new decade! It's almost the end of January and I would be curious to know how many of you are still writing 2019 on your checks and documents. If you're like me, it takes an embarrassingly long time to stop writing the old year on your checks, but maybe it's just me.

Speaking of checks, if you haven't submitted your **HOA dues** yet, there's only about 9 days left before the end of January, at which time a late fee will apply. Also, don't ignore the **Fair Housing Statement** that accompanied the dues statement. HOA's are required by Federal law and the State of Arizona to update these every two year and we need to get those completed and back from you. Please drop these off at the **Bond residence at 1096 West Desert Hills Dr.** or you can mail them to: **Desert Ridge Inc., 2980 S Camino del Sol, #111, Green Valley AZ 85622.**

Along those same lines, **the ballots are out for the 2020 HOA Board elections.** Vote now and get them mailed or dropped them off at my house in the "Ballot Box". There are two people standing in for election on the ballot OR you may write-in a candidate if you so choose in the space provided. **Read the instruction sheet and follow carefully.** It's early but we want to be sure everyone has an opportunity to vote.

Board news: Over the past few months, I have been telling you about and updating you on a legal situation between us, Desert Ridge, Inc. and Desert Ridge, Scottsdale, Arizona. They (Desert Ridge, Scottsdale) are a large development company consisting of both residential and retail entities that have trademarked the name, "Desert Ridge" in the mid 90's. They sent communications out to us in October (and likely others) to cease and desist using the name Desert Ridge or it would be a violation of their trademark. Our HOA attorney has researched this issue on our behalf and through communication with their principals and a very detailed poignant letter sent by our attorney to them stating our position; he feels that this issue is likely behind us. The date of our Incorporation (1982) versus their trademark date in the mid 1990's and the fact that we are not in close proximity to them geographically are the biggest factors quenching this issue in our attorney's opinion.

Other Board news, the EOY, 2019 financials were accepted at the January Board meeting. We will now conduct our 2019 audit and have our compilation report done by an outside accounting firm. I would like to remind everyone that our financials are

posted on our Desert Ridge web-site after they are accepted by the Board and are always available for anyone to see. We always want transparency within our HOA for not only financials, but other things that come up (like the Desert Ridge name issue).

Another Board topic this month and also this January newsletters, Rules and Regulations tidbit of the month, is flags and flag Poles within the HOA. The topic revolved around flagpoles being put up without consulting the Architectural Committee or your neighbors. Patriotic or "Team" flags are great but please think about your neighbor when installing a new flagpole in the yard. Does it obstruct his or her view or is it in any way objectionable to your neighbor? **The CC&R's state in 7.13** – Flags and Flag Poles are permitted but must be approved by the Architectural Committee in accordance with Architectural guidelines and according to Arizona statutes. **On page 7 of the Rules and Regulations**, it states that two flags may be flown at one time, a patriotic, and/or a team, seasonal or decorative flag. You may have one flag pole and one building mounted flag holder. Page 7 further outlines the size and height of flag placement. You can go to our website, **desertridgehoagv.org** to check this out and other Rules and Regulations that you may wonder about. Be Patriotic and fly the flag but as with other outside changes that affect appearance, please check with the Architectural Committee before doing so.

Now, before I wrap up, there are three events I want to remind you of:

- **Thirsty Thursday** – Be sure to attend and meet a new neighbor. It's a great way to know your HOA and you might meet someone with the same interests as you! **Thirsty Thursday is "host less" for June, July and August, 2020. If you can host one of these months call Michael Robben (316).708.7360 or Patrick Onorato (316).305.2057**
- The **Annual Meeting** is coming up on **February 25th at 9:00am**. The meeting is held in the **Saguaro Room at the Canoa Hills Social Center**. We need a quorum for the meeting.
- The Social Committee is currently planning the **Spring Social**. This event will again be held at the Desert Hills Social Center **on Tuesday, March 3rd**. Mark your calendars and take in this event. Watch for more details later.

That's all for now and if you find yourself complaining about our "cold" winter mornings here, there was a blizzard in Fargo, ND last weekend with white-out conditions and -20 something below on Saturday night!!!! – **Enjoy our weather!**

Mike Hubbard