

# The Fairways Flier

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### Happy Holidays!

The holidays at the Fairways are always so fun! Residents get into the spirit with decorations, bright lights and festive gatherings all around. Whether you are here in Palm Springs or off on a new adventure with family and friends, we wish you the happiest of holidays and a joyous New Year all around!

### Meet the 2024 Fairways HOA Board of Directors...

The Annual Homeowners Meeting was held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, November 18th. A large turnout of residents were present. Normally at this meeting, homeowners would cast their ballots for those running to replace retiring members of the Fairways HOA Board of Directors. However, this year only (3) candidates stepped forward to fill the (3) open board positions. Hence, the Board voted to 'seat by acclamation without balloting' the qualified candidates (pursuant to California Civil Code §5103). The (3) new Board members will start a two year term beginning in January 2024.



#### Please welcome the new 2024 Fairways HOA Board of Directors:

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| <b>Don Chute - President</b>           | <b>Gary Holt* - Treasurer</b>     |
| <b>Steve Hannegan - Vice President</b> | <b>Noah Weinreb - Director</b>    |
| <b>Jay Center* - Secretary</b>         | <b>Jim Richardson* - Director</b> |
| <b>Fran Nocella - Director</b>         |                                   |

\* Seated by Acclamation on 11/18/23 at the Annual Homeowners' Meeting \*\* Committee Chairpersons and liasons are still to be decided.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WED, December 13th 9:00am

### POTLUCK-AT THE CLUBHOUSE ALL ARE WELCOME!

FRI, December 15th 6:00pm  
(Happy Hour starts at 5:30pm)

**DECEMBER 8**  
HANUKKAH

**DECEMBER 25**  
CHRISTMAS DAY

**DECEMBER 26**  
BOXING DAY/KWANZAA

**JANUARY 1**  
NEW YEAR'S DAY

**JANUARY 15**  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

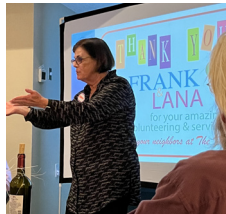
## SOCIAL SCENE ~ Darlene Backlund/Michael Canning



### POTLUCK AT THE CLUBHOUSE!

Last month we had a fantastic potluck with approximately 60 people in attendance. There was a great variety of Fall flavored dishes and deserts. We also honored retiring Fairways HOA Board Members, Frank Perra and Lana Nikonetz for their many years of service to the Fairways community. Many of their friends and fellow board members shared fond memories and funny stories of working with Frank & Lana over their tenure. Also a slide show of pictures showing

Frank, Lana and all of the volunteers who helped in the remodel of the Clubhouse kitchen, bathrooms and ping pong room played throughout the evening - big thanks to Carl Sullivan who formatted and set up the slideshow. We thank Frank & Lana for their many years of wonderful service to our community!



December's potluck is scheduled for Friday, December 15th with happy hour at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. All are welcome! Come celebrate the holidays with your neighbors!

## New Year's Day Social at the Clubhouse

**Monday, January 1, 2024 ~ 11am - 1pm**

Start your New Year off with a celebration and mid morning social with fellow Fairways neighbors and friends! Coffee and light refreshments will be served at the Clubhouse on Monday, January 1st from 11am - 1pm for a New Year's Day social gathering! All are welcome!



## You're Invited to a Holiday Gathering!

Fairways LGBTQ+ residents, family & friends are all invited to a no host holiday mixer at LaPerita Mexican Bar & Restaurant at 901 Crossley Road on December 12th at 4 pm.

Please text a RSVP to Bill Cook at 760-567-7831



## Free Movie Night Will Return in January 2024!

Due to the holiday season upon us and a small turnout for the last movie night, we will not have a movie night in December but will sometime in January!

### **LANDSCAPING ~ Jay Center/Don Chute**

The grass has really taken off and is looking more lush and dense than it has in a long time! Watering will continue as scheduled and as needed. Again, thank you all for your continued vigilance in reporting any issues related to irrigation leakage, broken sprinkler heads, burst pipes and any deficiencies. If you see any of these issues you can identify the area with flags available at any of the trash receptacles. Also, please be sure to email Rhianna at Desert Management so she can inform Conserve Landcare, and initiate a work order or repair.



### **SECURITY~ Noah Weinreb**



We continue to be secure here at The Fairways. Our newly installed entrance and exit gates have been functioning properly. During daytime hours our community has been continuously safe with no incidents reported. Evening security as reported by Securitas indicates that we have again been secure at our Clubhouse, streets, and all pools without incident.

**STOP!** Please adhere to the STOP SIGN at the entrance of the Clubhouse roundabout for the safety of our pedestrians, pets and be sure to yield to vehicles in the roundabout before entering! **Also please be sure to observe the speed limit in our community - 15 mph!**



**WALKING IN THE EVENINGS:** As evenings draw in earlier these days, if you are walking at night, please do so with caution and wear light colored clothing, or neon safety strips, or a reflective vest and carry a flashlight. If you are walking with your fur baby, please consider outfitting him or her with a reflective vest and/or lit collar. Here's to a merry and safe December to us all!

### **FACILITIES ~ Kirk Gardner**

**LIGHTING:** We are still experiencing issues with the St Andrews Plaza light string that our electrician has been working on to resolve. The Pool 5 light is also still not operational. Hopefully, both issues can be resolved within the next few weeks.

**LAMP POSTS:** Numerous lampposts have now been repainted or repaired thanks to two teams of volunteers made up of Ursula Serpico/Peter Brenner and Kat Schon/Penny Stephenson. Our goal is to repaint all 102 lampposts by the end of January. If you see a nonoperational lamppost please put a yellow flag next to it found at most of our dumpster enclosures. And please be sure to say thanks to our team members as you come upon them for all their good work.

**FIRE HYDRANTS:** Committee member Geoff Cross has singlehandedly cleaned and weeded all 9 of our fire hydrant areas. In conjunction with his efforts, Desert Water Agency was contacted and in short order they came onsite and painted each hydrant as well as field tested them for proper operational status.

**GUTTER AREAS:** Geoff has also been systematically cleaning the gutter areas of built up dirt in the joints that grass has been growing in since the reseeding. It not only improves the street aesthetic but reduces the water build up as the areas serve to dam up the water run off.

**STRIP & CURB PAINTING:** The annual parking lot stripping and red curb painting projects are completed thanks to the efforts of Ursula Serpico, Peter Brenner, Bill Albert and Geoff Cross. In conjunction with these projects it was observed that the stop sign at the Main Exit at Lawrence Crossley Road was obliterated. A call to the Palm Springs City Maintenance Department resulted in the city replacing the stop sign with a new one.



### **PICKLEBALL ~ JoEllen Pfundheller**

We have replaced the frayed Pickleball Net with a newer used net. We have assembled and cleaned the two portable Pickleball Nets & they are available for use on the adjacent court.

For those players that choose to use those nets, please put them where they were prior to use. The courts are being cleaned well on a weekly basis. Happy playing!



### **DESERT MANAGMENT ~ Rhianna Beverly**

**NEW HOA ACCOUNT NUMBERS:** All Fairways homeowners were mailed new HOA account numbers at the end of November and updated instructions for payment providers. Please begin to use your new HOA account number this month. If you are paying through Enumerate and wish to remove the 3rd party processing fee, please email Leslie Braverman at [lbraverman@desertmanagement.com](mailto:lbraverman@desertmanagement.com).



**INCREASE TO MONTHLY HOA ASSESSMENT:** Also, please know that effective January 1, 2024 the monthly HOA assesment has increased - all Fairways homeowners should have received this notice in their annual budget package last month. The increased HOA monthly assessment fee is effective January 01, 2024.

If you did not receive the above correspondence or need assistance, please contact me (Rhianna) at via email at [RBeverly@DesertManagement.com](mailto:RBeverly@DesertManagement.com) or at (760) 459-3054.





## **Community Member Spotlight:** **Frank Perra & Lana Nikonetz**

Two members of our Fairways HOA Board of Directors are retiring this year - HOA Board President- Frank Perra & HOA Treasurer- Lana Nikonetz! Both have selflessly served and volunteered their time and energies in bettering our Fairways Community for many, many years!



With Frank as President and Lana as Treasurer, the Fairways has overcome many challenges and obstacles. When Frank and Lana assumed their positions, the Fairways community and HOA had been neglected, was financially troubled with little or no monetary reserves to its name and needed bold leadership.



Under Frank's tenure, and with the assistance of other like-minded board members, committee chairs and community volunteers, an HOA in decline was set on a path of financial & stable order.

### **Here are but a few of the many goals accomplished:**

- Built the HOA reserve from less than a \$100,000 to the current 1.1 million;
- Created a 5 year operational/business plan for the HOA where before there had been none;
- Secured a management company representative (ie.: Rhianna from Desert Management) on site to serve our community;
- Started a Reserve Study , i.e. Maintenance Plan , to project HOA needs and costs in the future;
- Created a Governance Committee which has reviewed CC&Rs (approved by ownership in 2021) ; Rules and Regs (approved in 2022) and Architectural Guidelines;
- Opened the dialogue with the Indian families about the Fairways land lease extension (expiring in 2037), and continues to this day those land lease negotiations. Final proposals were presented to the Indian families in July 2022 - current status now resides with the Bureau of Indian Affairs who is reviewing the draft leases. Frank will continue leading this effort;
- Created a comprehensive roof repair and replacement plan whereby all roofs will be repaired by 2024. (Prior to this effort, each owner had paid a \$5k assessment plus the HOA secured a \$300k loan but very few roofs were actually repaired);
- Began the process of changing the annual plants to desertscape in medians and circles and started the plan to expand hardscape throughout the property taking advantage of the Desert Water Agency Grass Rebate program and also to provide significant water savings;
- Created and nurtured a volunteer force of HOA residents to remodel the clubhouse facilities; annually paint the emergency curbs; clean the light fixtures; paint the maintenance shed etc...and other such tasks - resulting in significant savings to the community.

Under Frank's leadership, Lana's financial skillfulness and with the efforts of many others in our community, the combination of money invested in the Fairways in addition to the volunteer work investment totals close to \$2 million. As we welcome a new Board in 2024, Frank and Lana's legacy will be remembered for their efforts of creating sound business plans to follow and rebuilding a strong financial base for the Fairways Community to step forward into the future!



We all owe them our sincere thanks and a standing ovation for a job well done. Thank you, thank you! Frank and Lana for your many years of service to the Fairways community and best wishes!



### **Red Imported Fire Ant Treatment - Scheduled January 9th**

Know that control products are water soluble and will render ineffective when in contact with water, and are made at a very low dosage: enough to kill an ant but will not harm pets.

## **Upcoming Safety & Bicycle Events with the Palm Springs Police Department**

**Mark your calendars!** The Palm Springs Police Department will join us at the Fairways Clubhouse to present some valuable community information and also register bicycles!



**January 13, 2024 - from 9:00am to 1:00pm**  
**at the Clubhouse**

**9-10am: Animal Control Presentation - How to Live with Wildlife**  
(Coyotes, Snakes, Big Horn Sheep)

presented by Jean-Marie Keough, Stephanie Anderson, Jeanette Guzman

**10-11am: Crime Prevention**

With Community Service Officer Destiny Arce

**11a-1pm: Bicycle Registration**

with Property and Evidence Officers Tim Thomas and Rachelle Campbell

Please RSVP to **Donna Chute at 760-835-5774** if you are planning on attending any of these events!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN**

- **VillageFest Downtown Palm Springs**  
Every Thursday: Winter Hours 7:00pm-10:00pm
- **Free Thursdays at the Palm Springs Art Museum**  
Every Thursday: 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- **Palm Springs Certified Farmer's Market - Palm Springs Pavillion**  
Every Saturday: 8:00am - 1:00pm
- **Palm Springs Festival of Lights Christmas Parade**  
Saturday, December 2 - 5:45pm  
Palm Canyon Boulevard, Downtown Palm Springs

More events can be found at the <https://thepalmspringspost.com>

**Homeowners:** If you are renting out your unit(s) at this time, please consider forwarding a copy of this newsletter to your tenant(s) so they can stay informed of The Fairways Community events and activities as well!

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

The Fairways Community Website <https://fairwaysps.com>

Rhianna Beverly-Association Manager (760) 459-3054

Desert Management - 24-Hour Message (760) 862-1202

**Securitas Property Security**

After Hours: (858)289-7016

**Palm Springs Police Department**

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency (760) 327-1441

Watch Commander (760) 323-8115

Shopping Cart Removal Hotline (800) 252-4613

Graffiti Removal Hotline (760) 778-8469

Animal Control (760) 327-1441 or (760) 323-8151

Community Resource Officer (760) 416-5743

