

# The Fairways Flier

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### A Message from the President ~ Don Chute



Happy New Year! As we post a new calendar, it's natural to think about the year that has passed and the new year that is to come. As the new HOA President, I am reflecting on the many accomplishments of our 2023 HOA team and now look forward with eagerness and anticipation to achieving the many goals set with our new 2024 team. We have a great team assembled and I know we are going to have a great year here at the Fairways.

However, as many of you know we had unexpected 2023 operating costs that caused a cash flow shortfall which then triggered a special assessment of \$273.00 per homeowner to cover approximately half of the 2023 deficit. Just a heads up as we may need to look at additional assessments of a similar amount early in 2024.

As we continue to make improvements to our community both in safety, infrastructure and aesthetics we will do so with fiscal discipline. I am honored to be elected your new HOA President and will do my very best to represent our community with honesty, fairness, and transparency!

Please join us and share your ideas and thoughts at monthly board meetings, potlucks and other community events, and please encourage your neighbors, if they are not already, to become active community members as well and volunteer.

Each and every resident makes its mark on our community and plays a significant role in making The Fairways a healthy, peaceful, and beautiful place to live. Wishing you all a great 2024! Don

### Volunteer Your Skills on a Committee!

If you'd like to volunteer your skills on one of many Fairways Committees, please fill out the questionnaire and information sheet on the last page of this newsletter and drop it off to Rhianna in the on-site HOA offices, located just to left of the main Clubhouse doors!

### Finance~ Gary Holt

Please meet your new HOA Finance Committee for 2024! We're working diligently to be good stewards of your operating assessment and reserve funds, and encourage you to reach out to any of us whenever you have questions about Fairways finances.

**GARY HOLT (Fairways HOA Treasurer)** has been a Fairways owner since 2005. Gary is a practicing attorney licensed in California and Michigan, and he is also a Certified Public Accountant. His 40-year career includes Chief Financial Officer and general counsel experience in both the corporate and nonprofit sectors. Gary began his career as a tax specialist with Ernst & Young and he is currently an estate planning and trust administration attorney with Desert Law Group in Indian Wells.

**JIM RICHARDSON (Fairways HOA Board Member)** has been a Fairways owner since 2014. Jim's studies in Business and Accounting at Bellevue College and Washington State University led to a 30-year career in restaurant accounting. He was the Chief Financial Officer and Minority Partner in two restaurant companies, while also serving as Treasurer and Board Member of the parent corporation and its various subsidiaries. In addition to Jim's corporate board duties, he also served on a non-profit Board for 10 years culminating as its President.

**JEFFREY GRIFFIN (Finance Committee Member)** and his husband are also Fairways owners on Sunnydale Plaza. Jeff has more than 35 years of progressive accounting experience and is currently Chief Financial Officer of Bi-Rite Family of Businesses in San Francisco. He has served as a board member and treasurer for six condominium and cooperative homeowners associations. Jeff is a Certified Public Accountant with a degree in Business Administration from Loyola University in New Orleans.

**We would love to hear from you!** If you'd like to suggest or contribute 'articles of interest' or highlight a community volunteer, local business or exceptional vendor to the newsletter, just let us know by sending an email to Linda at [lindacarl@sullivan@yahoo.com](mailto:lindacarl@sullivan@yahoo.com)!



### IMPORTANT DATES

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
WED, January 17th 9:00am

**POTLUCK-AT THE CLUBHOUSE**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
FRI, January 19th 6:00pm  
(Happy Hour starts at 5:30pm)

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

**FEBRUARY 14**  
VALENTINE'S DAY

**FEBRUARY 19**  
PRESIDENT'S DAY



### IN MEMORIAM

The Fairways Community wishes to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of these individuals who recently passed:

### Isaiah Hernandez Conserve Landcare

Conserve is collecting donations to help the family. If you'd like to drop off a sympathy card or monetary donation, please drop them off in an envelope to Rhianna Beverly during business hours in the on-site HOA offices, located just to left of the main Clubhouse doors!

## SOCIAL SCENE



### HOLIDAY POTLUCK AT THE CLUBHOUSE!

In December we had a festive holiday potluck with approximately 40 people in attendance. The clubhouse was decorated with Christmas trees, holiday lights and poinsettias all around. There was a fantastic variety of yummy dishes and holiday themed deserts, plus candy canes galore! The atmosphere was lively with many folks meeting new neighbors or returning friends, sharing holiday stories and travel plans!



We also shared a rousing round of applause to retiring Social Committee Chair, **Darlene Backlund** for her years of service, along with co-chair, **Michael Canning** who could not attend that night. Both Darlene and Mike have volunteered their time, efforts and ideas to make social events and activities at The Fairways fun and inclusive! Their enthusiasm for all things social and welcoming attitude toward all residents is contagious and we thank Darlene and Mike for their spirited service to our community!



### NEW YEAR'S DAY SOCIAL AT THE CLUBHOUSE!

We began the New Year in style with a New Year's Day social, hosted by **Donna Chute, Colleen Grant and Linda Holt!** With approximately 50 people in attendance, neighbors had a great time chatting with each other about past holiday travels and plans for the new year ahead while enjoying an over abundance of delicious pastries, fresh fruit and charcuterie. It was a fabulous way to start off 2024!



### NEXT POTLUCK SCHEDULED:

January's potluck is scheduled for Friday, January 19th with happy hour at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. All are welcome! Get to know your neighbors!

### DESERT MANAGEMENT ~ Rhianna Beverly

**2023 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** Please be advised that the Fairways Board of Directors has voted for a special assessment to partially cover a cost deficit for 2023. The special assessment payment is due before February 1, 2024. All Fairways homeowners were emailed and have been mailed information regarding this special assessment. If you have not received this notice or need additional information regarding this assessment, please contact me (Rhianna) at via email at [RBeverly@DesertManagement.com](mailto:RBeverly@DesertManagement.com) or at (760) 459-3054.



### 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.

## The Palm Springs SURF CLUB



The Palm Springs Surf Club opened on January 1, 2024.

Located just around the corner at 1500 S Gene Autry Trail Palm Springs, the property has a massive wave pool, a lazy river, water slides, and two restaurants and a bar. And best of all you don't need to surf or book a surf reservation to dine at one of the restaurants or the bar!

The surf club offers private or group surf lessons such as learning Beginner Waikiki, Intermediate & Advanced A-Frames, and Lefts & Rights. Entry is \$25 a person, that does not include access to the surf pool.

The water park was formerly a Wet n' Wild, and has been under construction and renovations for over 3 years.

To make surf or dining reservations go to <https://palmsspringsurfclub.com>

## COWABUNGA!

### SECURITY~ Noah Weinreb

All reports from Securitas in December have noted that evening patrols have continued to report that our community has been safe with no unusual activity reported at pools or on our streets.



However it is always good to lock all cars especially if parked in the carport and keep garages, front and sliding glass doors locked at ALL times (even when you are home). Additionally, wooden poles should be placed in the tracks of the sliders for added security. Again, if you see something suspicious, be sure to say something!

## **FACILITIES ~ Kirk Gardner**

**CLUBHOUSE:** December was a busy month at the Clubhouse with decorations at the entryway and in the Clubhouse a priority. **Geoff Cross and Rich Herbert** put together the exterior light display and various poinsettias were placed inside along with a beautiful Christmas tree that was donated by **Donna and Don Chute**...thank you so much!

The men's bathroom experienced a plumbing leak that was quickly addressed by our onsite manager, **Rhianna Beverly**, via a plumber. Minor wall damage resulted that was repaired by the committee.

Five private events (*Gardeners' Christmas luncheon was one*) and two Social Committee gatherings were held at the Clubhouse with all users leaving the facilities in better condition than they found them - this is greatly appreciated. The yearly deep cleaning was completed by **Eva**, our very thorough cleaning person, over a two day period the last week of December.

**STREET LIGHTING:** We are very much on track to finish the painting of the lampposts by the end of January thanks in large part to volunteers **Kat and Penney Schoen, Cam and Colleen Grant, Peter Brenner and Geoff Cross**. Most of our lighting issues - 4 light strings shorted out due to Tropical Storm Hilary - have now been repaired by Conserve Landscaping for a very minimal cost.

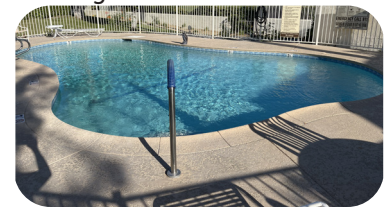
Approximately 15 landscape light fixtures were repaired or replaced with new and 20 plus light bulbs changed out. A number of problem fixtures were identified by **Kat and Penney** as they painted lampposts. This was in conjunction with Conserve's efforts so please thank our volunteers for their time and effort. If you find a light that is out and needs repair please mark it with a yellow flag, located at most dumpster enclosures, and then also notify **Rhianna Beverly**, our on site manager, at [RBeverly@DesertManagement.com](mailto:RBeverly@DesertManagement.com) to effect repair.

**POOLS:** **Bill Albert**, our pool liaison, has been working with our current vendor, KAPS Pool Service, to improve the expected service standards. **Rhianna and Bill** have initiated a per visit check sheet the pool person will use to record the visit via the pool chemistry reading. A spreadsheet that tracks each pool as to equipment in service status, repairs and general conditions is being worked up.

Additionally, **Bill, Geoff Cross, Rich Herbert and Board President Don Chute** have been meeting with specialist pool vendors to address some specific issues such as excessive calcium deposits that have imbedded dirty looking material that makes some pools look unsightly. Bill has also been addressing an issue with Pool 2 that has a suspected leak causing the pool to be closed down with caution tape. A leak detection vendor will be addressing the issue ASAP.

**NEW POOL HEATED:** Pool 4 has been a focus of attention due to it being one of two heated pools with the main Clubhouse pool #1 being the other heated pool. The heater, unfortunately, began making loud rumbling noises due to calcium build up in the heat exchanger. **This necessitated closing Pool 4 and heating Pool 7 as an alternative until Pool 4 is repaired.** Bill is conducting a thorough review of the pool equipment and enclosures to avoid possible future issues that may impact pool operations. Committee findings and recommendations will be submitted to the Board for consideration and possible action.

Until further notice though, heated pools are now Pool #1 & Pool #7.



## **LANDSCAPING ~ Jay Center**

**IRRIGATION:** Thank you all for your continued vigilance in reporting any issues related to irrigation leakage, broken sprinkler heads, burst pipes and any deficiencies. As always if you see any of these issues you can identify the area with a blue flag available at any of the trash receptacles. Please be sure to also email **Rhianna** at Desert Management so she can inform Conserve Landcare, and initiate a work order or repair.

**FRUIT TREES:** On another note, although the fruit on the trees is plentiful this season, please be courteous of fellow neighbors and try not to strip the tree(s) of all its fruit on one go around. Please leave some for others. And if you are renting your condo, please pass this along to your tenants. Thank you!



## **KEEP ALERT! Coyotes Have Been Sighted Recently in Our Neighborhood:**

People with small children and pets need to be very careful of Coyotes. Coyotes can be active any time of day or night.

### ***What to do if a coyote is approaching you and your child or dog?***

1) First and foremost, stop and stand still- remain calm. 2) Keep eye contact. 3) If you have a small child or small dog, pick it up. 4) Make yourself big - be loud and assertive! 5) Slowly back away and **NEVER** turn your back and run while leaving the area, as you may trigger its predatory response and give it a reason to chase you. If you have any personal alarm devices, such as a whistle, bell, or phone alarm, use them to scare the coyote. You can also purchase a small pocket airhorn or pepper spray from Walmart or other shops.

**Other ways of protecting you and your child or dog:** 1) Never leave your child or dog outside unattended. 2) Walk in groups (2 or more people). 3) Always keep your pet leashed and close to you while walking. 4) Bring your pets (and their pet food) indoors at night. 5) Pick up ripening fruit from surrounding trees as fruit is a staple of coyote diets. 6) Cover all garbage cans.





**Fairway Residents Generously Contribute to the Palm Springs Police Pickleball Holiday Fundraiser 'Shop with a Cop'**

In early December, the Palm Springs Police Department along with many city residents made a positive impact on the lives of local children this holiday season. A deserving group of children had the opportunity to "Shop with a Cop" for holiday gifts of their choosing, in large part because of the many generous donations received when Chief of Police, Andrew Mills went face to face with residents who donated \$25 or more to play a round of pickleball with him.



Many children participating are members of the local Boys and Girls Club or have been selected by Palm Springs Unified School District as an outstanding student. The community's donation makes 'Shop with a Cop' possible by pairing a deserving child with an officer to help out with their holiday shopping.

And of course Fairways residents here answered the call and generously contributed to the cause.



Organized by resident, Kirk Gardner, over \$400 was raised within our community and resident, Peter Brenner presented the check on behalf of Fairways residents to Police Chief Mills during his round of the Pickleball challenge!



Well done and because of your generosity, children in our community had a brighter Christmas!



Unfortunately, the Safety & Bicycle Event with the Palm Springs Police Department scheduled for January 13th has been cancelled! People can register their bikes by downloading the PSPD App here: <https://www.palmspringsca.gov/government/departments/police/pspd-app>

**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!

*The Fairways Flier newsletter is not intended to be used as a replacement in delivering official HOA meeting notices, email blasts or Board Meeting Minutes from the Fairways Board, Committees or Desert Property Management. It is intended to be a helpful tool to keep homeowners aware of the general news of the day and other activities in and around the neighborhood.*

**Community Referrals for Outside Services/Persons**



The below individuals, contractors or services have been recommended by residents who live here at the Fairways. Due diligence should be exercised before contracting with any outside person or service.

**Caregivers -**

David Gonzalez 760-844-9047

Phil Ward 813-334-5034

If you'd like to share your referrals with other members of the community, please feel free to send us an email with their name and phone numbers at [lindacarl@sullivan@yahoo.com](mailto:lindacarl@sullivan@yahoo.com)

**Please Note:** The above information is provided as a courtesy to the community and the The Fairways Board of Directors, Fairway Committee Chairs and the Fairways Flier Newsletter do not make any personal or professional recommendations of the above persons or services to the community.

**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 Vintage Market - Palm Springs Pavillion  
Sunday, January 7th 7:00am - 2:00pm
  - Palm Springs International Film Festival - various locales  
January 5th - January 13th Various Locales/Times  
For more info: <https://www.psfilmfest.org>
  - Modernism Week  
February 15th - February 25th - Various Locales/Times  
For more info: <https://modernismweek.com>
- More events can be found at the <https://thepalmspringspost.com>

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

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

# The Fairways HOA Committee Interest Questionnaire

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I am at \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
Fairways. *(name)* *(address)*

Phone and/or Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in being on the:

- Architectural Committee
- Landscape Committee
- Finance Committee
- Social Committee
- Clubhouse Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Tennis/Pickle Ball Court
- Pools/Spas
- Safety/Security
- Governing Documents
- Ad Hoc - Special Projects

I believe I am a good fit for this committee because:

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*Please return the completed form to Rhianna Beverly/Desert Management. You may drop it off to her office at The Fairways just left of the Clubhouse Main Entrance or email it to her at [RBeverly@DesertManagement.com](mailto:RBeverly@DesertManagement.com).*