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DESERT SHADOWS

# The Desert Sun

## Activities Office

I hope the magic of Christmas fills every corner of your heart and home with joy, now and always! Please notice that there is a box on the left side of the fireplace for Toys for Tots donations. They need to be unwrapped please and thank you! On the right side of the fireplace is the box for non-perishable food donations. Again, please and thank you! We have such a loving and charitable community it's a wonderful thing when we share it with others. December proves to be even busier. FYI: I don't have room for all of the regular scheduled weekly activities to be listed on the calendar. Please check out the updated Weekly Activities Schedule that is included in this newsletter and add the ones you want to attend to your monthly calendar. As always check the white board in the lobby and the posters for updates.

As you read this I will be heading home with family and friends and upon our return will have lots of stories of our adventure. Miss you and See you All soon! Thank you to everyone that has filled in while I'm gone! Donna

### CHRISTMAS SHOW:

This year's Christmas Party and show is on Wednesday, December 10th at 5:30pm (social hour), please bring your own refreshments and an appetizer or Christmas treat to share at your table, there will be tables set up in the back auditorium if you want to share with everyone. Our show this year is "Flugelhorn Phil's Christmas Show" which starts at 6:30pm. I have been asked by a few people "what is a Flugelhorn?" Google states it is a German brass instrument with a mellow tone, similar to a hybrid of a trumpet and cornet. It's known for its warm, expressive sound. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

### CHRISTMAS LOT DECORATING CONTEST:

Many of our residents, permanent and temporary love to decorate their lots for Christmas. We definitely appreciate it! Please vote for your 3 favorite lots! I will have voting slips and container to put them into in the lobby near the Christmas tree and in the Activities Office. Voting will begin December 9th and go thru December 18th I think, I don't remember what I put on the poster, and I will announce the winners at the Dance on December 20th! Need not be present to win, but I would love you to come anyways.

#### ACTIVITIES OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY- FRIDAY  
9:00 - 12:00 ; 1:00 - 3:00

SATURDAY: 9:00- 12:00

#### ACTIVITY OFFICE PHONE

623-869-9224

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#### FRONT OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

WEEKENDS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Closed for Lunch 12pm -- 1 pm

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## Activities

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### **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC:**

December 6th – STILL CRUISING BAND(50's SOCK HOP)

December 13th – 3 SPEED BAND (UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER/ TSHIRT)

December 20TH – SIGNATURE BLEND BAND (DRESS IN YOUR CHRISTMAS BEST ATTIRE)

December 27th – NO DANCE TONIGHT

The Live Music is from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Tickets for Saturday Night Live Music events are \$8.00 each for residents and \$10.00 each for non-residents unless otherwise stated. You are considered a resident as long as you've paid rent, so if you've paid for one night or 365 nights you are a resident. Prices will be the same if you purchase your ticket at the door the night of the dance. Please bring your own snacks and refreshments. Tickets are available for purchase for the entire season in the Activities Office.

**NEW YEARS EVE BASH** - Wednesday, December 31st from 6:15pm to 10:15pm : COPA COUNTY BAND

Cost of the dance is \$15.00 for each resident and \$20.00 for each non-resident guest. The theme for tonight is NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

### **BOWLING LEAGUE:**

This season the Bowling League will still be on Sundays at 1:00pm. Please contact Barb Stepper at 406-491-3335 to sign up or ask for more details. Need to contact her each week to let her know if you are attending so she may reserve enough lanes. She was able to get a good price with the bowling alley. Each game is \$3.00 and you bowl two games, shoe rentals not included in that price. Bowling will be at the Bowlero located at 17210 N 59th Ave., Glendale. If you're not able to bowl, cheerleaders are welcome to come watch.

### **POKER WALK:**

The POKER WALK this month is on Wednesday, December 3rd from 10am – noon. All Poker Walks start and end at the Activities Office. You may walk, wheel, bike, drive your golf cart to the designated stops. There will be a prize for the person with the best Poker Hand and a prize for the worst poker hand.

### **DECORATORS NEEDED:**

Please help on Tuesday, December 2nd at 1:00pm decorating the Christmas Tree in the lobby and the auditorium. The more the merrier. Many hands make it easier to complete, plus you all do a great job and make it look and feel festive.

### **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER:**

Join us on Thursday, December 25th at 1:00pm in the Front Auditorium for our Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner. Ham will be provided by the resort. Dig out all those delicious family recipes to share with your Desert Shadows friends and family. Please be sure to sign up, one name per line on the sign-up sheet so I can get an accurate count so we have enough Ham. If you know of any NEW RESIDENTS in the resort, please invite them to sign up and join you at your table and introduce them to others. Sign-up sheet will be on the white board in the Lobby. Please remember besides your dish to share you also need to bring your beverage and your table setting (plates and silverware). If you have any questions please ask in the Activities Office we will be happy to help you.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING AROUND THE RESORT:**

On Friday, December 19th the choir and whomever would like to join in and sing will be going around the resort at 3pm singing Christmas carols. They are going to stop at designated spots at certain times and there will be a map so you know when and where. Afterwards there will be Hot Apple Cider and Hot Cocoa and Christmas treats to enjoy and continue with the fellowship.

### **CHRISTMAS PARADE:**

Our most popular parade of the season is our Christmas parade. It will be on Saturday, December 20th at 5:30pm. I think it should be dark enough to see all the wonderful lights. Please line up with your decorated carts and bikes outside my office and it will begin at 5:30, they try and go down every section of the resort.

## Activities Continued

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### COOKIE EXCHANGE:

The cookie exchange was a success last year so we're doing it again folks. Please come sign-up in my office by Wednesday, December 10th if you are interested in participating. Depending on how many of us are interested will decide how many dozens of cookies we make. If we have a lot I can have more than one group so we don't have to make 30 dozen cookies. I will keep the group sizes to know more than 8. Cookies will be exchanged on Wednesday, December 17th at 11:00am in the Front Auditorium. Cookies may be made from scratch or purchased from the grocery store. Mmmm Cookies!!!

### CRAFT & VENDORS MARKET:

Friday, December 12th is our Craft and Vendor Market! Vendors are in the Front and Back Auditoriums from 10am – 1pm. I try to have some NEW VENDORS at each of our events so please come check it out! Donuts go on sale by 9am in the back auditorium and our HOT DOGS AND NACHOS will also be available by 10:30am. Our resident Knife and Scissor Sharpener will be located outside my office!

If you are interested in becoming one of our vendors or volunteering at our concession area in the back auditorium, please stop by the Activities Office for details.

### BINGO:

Thursday Evenings we enjoy BINGO in the Front Auditorium. We start selling Game sheets by 6PM and stop selling at 6:45pm. Bingo starts after the money is counted and divided between the games which is usually by 7PM. We play 10 regular games and 2 Jackpot Coverall's. Currently it costs a minimum of \$5.00 to play one single 3 on 1 game sheet for each 12 games. However, you may purchase as many game sheets as you would like to play. Must be 18 years of age or older to attend. So grab your bingo daubers (we sell them too) and try your luck, you may be a WINNER! There will be NO BINGO on Thursday, December 25th in celebration of Christmas.

### CARD MAKING CLASS:

Penne and Herb have back this season! Penne has two card making classes scheduled. First one is on Friday, December 5th at 1:00pm in the craft room, and second one is Monday, December 8th at 1:00pm in the same room. Cost is \$5.00 each and please sign up in the activities office as space is limited. Both cards are Christmas cards and examples of them are on the poster.

### TRIVIA NIGHT:

Test your knowledge at Trivia Night on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7PM in the Front Auditorium. This is a team event and prizes will be given out to the team with the highest score after 5 rounds. Questions range from all levels of knowledge, but I do try and keep them fairly easy. Just come and have some fun with your fellow residents.

### KARAOKE:

Join Gloria and myself from 6:30pm – 9:00pm on Friday December 5th and 19th for KARAOKE! Feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages. Singing isn't a requirement to attend but it sure is a lot of fun. Come and socialize with your neighbors, make some new friends, dance.

On December 19th's Karaoke there will be hot chocolate and hot apple cider available, so please bring some Christmas treats or appetizers to share with your friends.

### SATURDAY MORNING SOCIALS:

JOIN US at 7:30am on every Saturday this month for DONUTS and COFFEE in the Front Auditorium. If we have any leftover donuts they will be for sale in the Activities Office 9 - noon. Donuts are \$1.50 each and coffee is complimentary. It's a great time to catch up on all the latest news with your fellow residents. Please

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join us and see how large of a half circle we can make!

### **FOOD TRUCK:**

Rick from "TOP HAT" BBQ will be returning to our resort on Saturday, December 6th from 4-7pm. If you are interested in pre-ordering something for that evening his number is 623-224-4914. He's happy to grill up some ribs for you! This last time it was short notice for him to come to our resort as the other food truck had an emergency and had to cancel.

### **GAME NIGHT:**

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Card Room join us. We alternate playing Aggravation, Play Nine (GOLF), Tripoley (bring pennies about two dollars work), Card Bingo (bring \$4.00) and added to the rotation starting this month is FIVE CROWNS! Check the monthly calendar OR posters for what we're playing. Newcomers are welcome, and if you've never played our veteran resi-

## From the Office

- If you purchased a Park Model from Desert Shadows Sales and have not received your property tax bill, please come see June or Janette at the Front office.
- We have implemented registration stickers for ALL vehicles here at Desert Shadows. They are a static cling that will be required to be displayed on your windshield. Please make sure you have a sticker on your vehicles.
- Don't forget all parking around the building is restricted to the time painted on the curb. Some spaces are 24 hours, and some are 2 hours...cars must be moved before these times.
- Please remember to put your actual space number on all mail and packages being delivered to you. If your space number is not on them the post office or delivery company will likely return-to-sender.
- Speed limit at Desert Shadows is 15 mph.

## Church News



### **DESERT SHADOWS CHURCH**

**December 2025**

**Sunday services begin at 9:00 am in the Front Auditorium.**

Our church is open to everyone in Desert Shadows. We would love to have you join us for our worship services. The last Sunday of every month is Refreshments and Fellowship after the service.

The church committee meets every week on Wednesday at 1:00 in the back auditorium. We welcome you to the meetings and encourage your input. We are always looking for people to head or be a member of a committee.

Pastors and lay leaders for December:

- 7 Nova Forrest-Pastor, Dave Gensky- Lay Leader
  - 14 George Harvey-Pastor, Brian Lilyquist- Lay Leader
  - 21 Ed Jarvis- Pastor, Marge Jarvis- Lay Leader
  - 28 Nova Forrest- Pastor, Skot Beazley- Lay Leader
- (Subject to change)

Advent starts November 30th and continues Dec 7th, Dec. 14th, and Dec. 21st. We need people to sign up as readers and candle lighters. Sign up at Sunday Service or contact Frank Sheesley, 303-301-5470.

Bible Study lead by Diane Ross is Mondays at 1:00 in the back auditorium.

Choir Practice is held every Friday at 2 pm in the front auditorium. We need your voice so please come join us. We have a fantastic time, and the music will move your soul.

We will be Christmas Caroling around the resort on December 19th at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to participate. Meet at the Activities Office. Will need golf carts please. Refreshments after caroling in the FA.

If you would like to request a prayer or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Barbara Woodward by text, 505-980-8244, by email. thewoodwardsnm@gmail.com. ANYONE is welcome to request a prayer or be on the prayer chain. We encourage updates to your requests, so we know how things are going. Prayer is so very powerful!! Again, we welcome all of you to come and worship with us and get involved. There are lots of ways the church supports our community and you. God is good!!!

# Weekly Activities Schedule

## MONDAY

### AM

Water Aerobics w/Leader (POOL) 9:00

### PM

Pinochle \* (Card) .50 1:00

Baseball Darts (BA) 6:30

Mens Billiards (B) 1:00

## TUESDAY

### AM

Quilters (BA) 8:30

Cribbage \* .50 (CARD) 9:00

65 (CFT) 9:00

### PM

Bridge \* (CARD) 1:00

Bunco (BA) bring \$1.00 3:00

Game Night (CARD) 6:30

(Alternate between Aggravation,

Play Nine/Golf, Tripoly,  
Card bingo AND Five Crowns.

## WEDNESDAY

### AM

Water Aerobics w/Leader (POOL) 9:00

Beginners Line Dancing (FA) 9:00

### PM

Pinochle \* (Card) .50 1:00

Poker (CFT) 6:00

## THURSDAY

### AM

Cribbage \* .50 (CARD) 9:00

Diamond Dotz (BA) or Other Craft 9-Noon

### PM

Cribbage \* .50 (CARD) 1:00

Bingo (FA) 6:00

## FRIDAY

### AM

Water Aerobics w/Leader (POOL) 9:00

Advanced Line Dancing (FA) 9:00

\*Bridge (CARD) 8:30

### PM

Euchre (CARD) 12 NOON

Choir Practice (FA) 2:00

Mens Billiards (B) 1:00

## SATURDAY

### AM

Donuts (\$1.50 each) 7:30

\*AZ Rummy (CARD) 9:00

Cribbage (CARD) 9:00

### PM

**LIVE MUSIC (FA) 6:30PM to 9:30PM**

tickets available in Activities Office and at door

## SUNDAY

### AM

Church (FA) Inter-Denominational 9:00

### PM

Pinochle \* (Card) .50 1:00

## LEGEND

(FA) = FRONT AUDITORIUM

(BA) = BACK AUDITORIUM

(CARD) = CARD ROOM

(CFT) = CRAFT ROOM

(POOL) = SWIMMING POOL

(B) = BILLIARD ROOM

(BC) = BOCCE COURT

(SBC) = SHUFFLEBOARD COURT

\* = NEED TO SIGN UP IN (CARD)



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**\*PLEASE CHECK WHITE BOARD IN LOBBY FOR WEEKLY ACTIVITY UPDATES!!!\***

unday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> BIBLE STUDY 1:00PM (BA)  <b>DARTS</b> <b>6:30PM(BA)</b>	<b>2</b> DECORATE FOR CHRIST- MAS 1:00PM  <b>TRIPOLY</b> <b>6:30PM (CD)</b>	<b>3</b> <i>POKER WALK</i> <i>10AM - NOON</i>  TRIVIA 7PM (FA)	<b>4</b> <b>BINGO</b> <b>6PM (FA)</b>	<b>5</b> <b>CARD</b> <b>MAKING</b> <b>CLASS 1:00PM</b> <b>SIGN UP IN</b> <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>OFFICE</b>  <b>KARAOKE</b> <b>6:30-9PM(FA)</b>	<b>6</b> SATURDAY SOCIAL 7:30AM – 9:00AM (FA)  <b>LIVE MUSIC</b> <b>6:30-9:30pm</b> STILL CRUISING BAND (50'S SOCK HOP) BBQ FOOD TRUCK 4-7PM
<b>7</b> CHURCH 9AM (FA)  PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	<b>8</b> <b>CARD MAKING</b> <b>CLASS 1:00PM</b> <b>SIGN UP IN AC-</b> <b>TIVITIES OFFICE</b> BIBLE STUDY 1:00PM (BA) <b>DARTS</b> <b>6:30PM(BA)</b>	<b>9</b> <i>CHRISTMAS</i> <i>LOT DECO-</i> <i>RATING CON-</i> <i>TEST VOTING</i> <i>BEGINS!</i>  <b>BUNCO</b> <b>3PM(BA)</b>  FIVE CROWNS 6:30PM (CD)	<b>10</b> CHRISTMAS PARTY AND FLUGELHORN PHIL SHOW 5:30PM	<b>11</b> <b>BINGO</b> <b>6PM (FA)</b>	<b>12</b> <b>CRAFT &amp;</b> <b>VENDOR</b> <b>MARKET</b> <b>10AM – 1PM</b>	<b>13</b> SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL 7:30AM – 9:00AM (FA)  <b>LIVE MUSIC</b> <b>6:30-9:30pm</b> 3-SPEED BAND (UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEAER/TSHIRT
<b>14</b> CHURCH 9AM (FA)  PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	<b>15</b> <b>DARTS</b> <b>6:30PM(BA)</b>	<b>16</b> CARD BINGO 6:30PM (CD)	<b>17</b> COOKIE EXCHANGE 11AM (FA) Sign-up required	<b>18</b> <b>BINGO</b> <b>6PM (FA)</b>	<b>19</b> <b>CAROLING</b> <b>AROUND THE</b> <b>PARK 3PM</b> <b>(TREATS IN</b> <b>AUDITORIUM</b> <b>AFTERWARDS)</b>  <b>KARAOKE</b> <b>6:30-9PM(FA)</b>	<b>20</b> SATURDAY SOCIAL 7:30AM – 9:00AM (FA)  CHRISTMAS PA- RADE 5:30PM <b>LIVE MUSIC</b> <b>6:30-9:30pm</b> SIGNATURE BLEND (DRESS IN YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS ATTIRE)
<b>21</b> CHURCH 9AM (FA)  PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	<b>22</b> BIBLE STUDY 1:00PM (BA)  <b>DARTS</b> <b>6:30PM(BA)</b>	<b>23</b> <b>AGGRAVATION</b> <b>6:30PM (CD)</b>	<b>24</b>   <b>CHRISTMAS EVE!</b>	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DINNER 1:00 PM (SIGN-UP RE- QUIRED) MERRY CHRIST- MAS!	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL 7:30AM – 9:00AM (FA)  NO DANCE TO- NIGHT
<b>28</b> CHURCH 9AM (FA)  PINOCHLE 1:00PM (CD)	<b>29</b> BIBLE STUDY 1:00PM (BA)  <b>DARTS</b> <b>6:30PM(BA)</b>	<b>30</b> <b>TRIPOLY</b> <b>6:30PM (CD)</b>	<b>31</b> <b>NEW YORK,</b> <b>NEW YORK</b> <b>NEW YEARS</b> <b>EVE BASH!</b> 6:15PM – 10:15PM COPA COUNTY BAND			<b>**LEGEND**</b> FA = FRONT AU- DITORIUM BA = BACK AU- DITORIUM CD = CARD ROOM CF= CRAFT ROOM