



DIAMOND A REC CENTER NEWSLETTER

January – March, 2018

2018 EVENTS***DUES INCREASE*****CAPITAL FUNDING COMMITTEE**

Greetings from Your Rec Board!

This is the first of what we hope will be a quarterly newsletter, to keep you all apprised of our many social activities, fundraising endeavors and facility upgrades.

First, **we want to introduce a new member of our Board, Mark Hannon.** Former Board member Greg Pedersen left his term early, due to a change in his work schedule. We thank Greg for his many contributions to our efforts, and wish him luck going forward.

Our by-laws state that: “Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by action of the Board.” Mark was chosen by the Board to fill Greg’s position. Mark will remain in this position until the next annual election, at which time his name may be placed on the ballot for a regular term. Mark will be responsible for overseeing our facilities projects. We are delighted to be working with Mark, who brings his engineering background, experience working on HOA Boards, and his enthusiasm and love of the Diamond A Community to our Board.

As you know, at the annual meeting in November of 2017, a Capital Funding Committee was formed to provide guidance to the Board about how to create a “reserve fund” to cover items (e.g., pool repairs, restrooms, clubhouse, etc.) that will generate significant maintenance and/or replacement expense. Bob Kraynak is chairing the Capital Funding Committee, and the other members are Dave Duncan, Evie Duncan, Tia Pierce, Linda Felt, Mark Hannon, and Wayne Schake. An initial meeting was held in January. Thanks to Bob’s due diligence, we now have a clearer idea of the details surrounding the establishment and incorporation of the Rec. We have also identified some areas that need further clarification.

Various ideas for fund-raising were discussed, as well as the idea of commissioning a “reserve study” to assist in determining the timing and amount of reserve funding needed. All of these ideas, and others, will continue to be discussed and refined. **We encourage you to share any thoughts you may have with the named committee members.**

Because of the sizeable task ahead, a full report with recommendations will not be available from the committee for several months. Therefore, any significant changes will not take

place immediately. In the meantime, **we are recommending a small dues increase to take place effective June 1st, 2018, as follows:**

Senior membership (age 65+) households will be raised to \$390 per year.

Regular membership households will be raised to \$660 per year.

Any money from these increases which is over and above our normal operating expenses will be set aside into a reserve fund savings account.

Any increase in dues requires a by-law change, which needs approval from the membership. You will soon receive a ballot via e-mail. We will hold a special membership meeting on Sunday, April 15 for a final vote on the dues increase.

Bob Kraynak will be on hand to answer questions about the status of the Capital Funding Committee. Once that committee has its recommendations, we will hold another membership meeting.

Now for the fun stuff! Mark your calendars for these lively 2018 events:

Saturday, March 31	Spring Brunch/Egg Hunt
Saturday, May 5	Spring Work Day
Saturday, June 2	Pool Opening Party
Saturday, July 28	DANA/DARA Community Picnic
Sunday, October 7	Oktoberfest
Sunday, October 21	DARA Annual Meeting
Saturday, December 8	Holiday Party

We hope that many of you will volunteer to assist with these fun events – the more participation, the better!

Finally, please contact any of our Rec Board members if you have comments, suggestions, or questions:

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