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John MacDonnell 00:09

Hello Sun City Shadow Hills, Big John here. I got some great information for you this morning. And I have two of our hardest working ladies in the community. Though some may say they as hard working as they are, I've got Miss Connie King, and I got Vanessa Ayon with me today. And we're going to give you some information about a few things. And then at the end, I'm going to give you some more information that I have for you as well. We're going to start off with Miss Connie King, you're up.

Connie King 00:40

Well thank you very much, John, I appreciate the opportunity to again share information with our community. And this is in regards to the parking lot sale tomorrow, we just want to make sure that part of the conversation I'm going to have is pertaining to the vendors and some, the other half is going to be pertaining to all the wonderful attendees that we're going to see tomorrow at our parking lot sale for the vendors, we just want to let you remind you let you know that you can begin loading in at 6:15. Final load in is at 7:30. And we will have some wonderful refreshments and doughnuts and coffee for just the vendors who's going to be participating we want to make sure we will have Southwest church that will be picking up the items between 11:45 and 12:00 that have not sold however, it is important for me to stress the items that they will not pick up that you would be responsible for either taking back or in discarding. So things that will not be picked up will be household chemicals, armoires mattresses, broken or damaged furniture, tires, dishwashers, old CRTs or TVs, printers, and fax machines. So if you have any of those items and they do not say all the new would be responsible for taking those back with you or we will be helping you to discard some of them. So what we want to say for our attendees, you would be there and from eight to 12 and you will have some amazing, amazing sites we have over 80 vendors that's going to be participating so bring you change in your in your nice smiles and we will see you there. Thank you if you have any other questions, please contact the Lifestyle desk at 760-345-4349 extension 2120 and hope to see everyone there thank you.

John MacDonnell 02:51

So Connie, let me let me ask you that and so's suggestion. Should we have people go to the ATM and get lots of money so they can buy all this?

Connie King 03:00

Definitely

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John MacDonnell 03:01

The more stuff that the vendors sell the less they have to get rid of.

Connie King 03:04

Exactly, exactly, and that's the whole goal of this parking lot sale.

John MacDonnell 03:08

Okay, so let me ask you a question. You mentioned Electronics is a lot of things that people will not be able to donate to the church are we going to have some way of people discarding the electronics or do we can we find somebody in the community that it takes out or is that something we have to do with this they have to check with the city on that?

Connie King 03:26

Yes, we have to set check with the city and I know that the city of Indio at least twice a year has a donation or place where you can drop off old electronics and we can go ahead and get that information hopefully if we haven't by tomorrow we can give you the dates in terms of when they were going to be sponsoring that electronic...

John MacDonnell 03:46

Or next week you know just so people don't throw all those electronics in the trash because we don't want electronics in the trash the they need to be recycled and tires and batteries those things need to be recycled so we don't want to have a lot of that stuff laying around and everybody is responsible for making sure at the end of the day that their spot is cleared out definitely definitely okay. So we want to make sure that whatever you don't sell you got to make sure that you're doing something with it. Okay, well that sounds great. I know the community has been dying to have this back. They've been wanting it wanting it and you've been flooded with phone calls about having this Parking sale right?

Connie King 04:22

Definitely definitely.

John MacDonnell 04:24

Just an idea we're going to do another one in the beginning of next year?

Connie King 04:27

We do it twice a year. We usually do it in March and we usually do it in October.

John MacDonnell 04:34

Beautiful, so, if you don't sell all your stuff and you think it's valuable, valuable valuable. Take it put it back in the garage, put it back in the house display it for another six months and Connie I'll have another sale for you to have another chance at selling it then.

Connie King 04:49

Definitely, definitely.

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Vanessa Ayon 04:50

Remember to register very early on because the spots do sell out very fast.

Connie King 04:55

Extremely fast.

John MacDonnell 04:56

That's right. That's our that's our Assistant General Manager reminding you that things do go fast here when Miss Connie King puts something out they sell out quickly. Miss Connie, I want to ask you real quick. How's the signup for the spooktacular going is that going good.

Connie King 05:13

That's going good. We do not have any entries though, for the golf cart. So if you are interested in decorating your golf card for a mini parade, then we can go ahead and sign you up please contact the lifestyle desk at the number that I have provided earlier. We do have about 120 people signed up for the event, but no entries in terms of the golf cart parade we do have signups for the holiday golf cart parade, we're starting to get those in but for the holiday Halloween spooktacular we don't have any entries or at this particular time.

John MacDonnell 05:55

Okay, that might be a little bit of my fault because I have been telling people decorate your cards get ready for the Halloween spooktacular I didn't tell them that they needed to sign up for the spooktacular Parade. So that's a little bit of my fault because I know there's a lot of people that are don't decorate it I've seen some cards already decorated Halloween style. So I know you like to keep a track of that my fault my bad error on that. But if you are decorating your cart, and you can call Connie at the lifestyle desk or them then just let them know that you're going to be coming and attending the golf cart parade. If not, it's again it's my bad I just told everybody to decorate their carts and come on out and have some fun we're going to do the parade up like we did for Fourth of July. And then we're going to finish back at the clubhouse and be ready for this spooktacular.

Connie King 06:47

So I want to just to give the time line from four to five is going to be the golf cart parade, from five to six is going to be the refreshments and the appetizers, and from six to eight is going to be the DJ with the live live DJ night. So we do have it broken down but if you're there about 3:30 which are decorated golf cart parade, we can get you checked in and we can head down Sun City Boulevard.

John MacDonnell 07:14

There you go. Connie, you you always do a top notch event and this is going to be another one of those top notch events. All right now speaking of some special events, Holy moly, moly, moly. Our Assistant General Manager has been doing a dual role here. She has been our Assistant General Manager with all of her events and tasks that she has to do during her regular business day. But she's also been kind of filling in for the fitness center as a manager for the fitness center while we're in transition. So she has worked really really hard on this golf walk. And I think I'm pretty sure we're setting a record here.

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Vanessa Ayon 07:57

We are, we sure are. We have 323 members signed up for this walk. So we're very excited. We just want to remind everyone to have fun when we're out there this this walk is scheduled for November 5 We start at 8am. We will be meeting behind the pro shop that's next to the shadows restaurant, you'll see a very nice big banner it'll say Sun City Shadow Hills annual golf walk, we'll meet you there. It should be all 18 holes, you don't have to walk all 18 holes. But if you do that's 5.2 miles of cart path. So it's a real nice walk. We're gonna have we hope to have real nice weather. Just a reminder, stay on the cart path. We don't want to walk on the grass, no vehicles, no pets. We're gonna have to water stations out one by the hole number five and hole number 15. Don't forget to pick up your T shirts at the Montecito fitness center. They're making phone calls now. Having everyone come pick up their shirts. Don't forget to wear them the day of the event. And just have fun. It's going to be a fun walk. We're going to have some small snack bags at the end of the walk and some cups with green juice, smoothies.

John MacDonnell 09:23

Let me ask you Vanessa, there was another thing too. We have a health event coming up as well.

Vanessa Ayon 09:29

We do after the walk. We have a Health Fair Expo on November 6 at 10am and that's at the Montecito clubhouse. So we'll see you there after after the walk the very next day.

John MacDonnell 09:42

Now did anybody have to sign up for that? It's just first come, everybody's free to come.

Vanessa Ayon 09:46

Everybody's free to come. We're gonna have about 20 to 28 vendors there. So come on by.

John MacDonnell 09:54

Nice. This is something else you've been working on.

Vanessa Ayon 09:56

Yes.

John MacDonnell 09:57

Nice. So you see we've got a lot of people Working on special events that are happening here in the community. We have a lot of snowbirds coming back. We are trying to take full advantage of the weather. I think Vanessa has ordered up a really nice day for those two events. So if it rains and thunders and pours still come out, because it's still a special event don't miss out. Anyway. Anything else, Vanessa?

Vanessa Ayon 10:24

Yes, we are gearing up to start our Fall Into Fitness program that starts on Monday, the 25th. We're no longer taking signups. I understand we have about 38 members signed up. So that'll be a very fun

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program. And we'll have a nice little award ceremony in December after the program ends. So we're very excited for that. We have special fitness classes, specifically for the program.

John MacDonnell 10:47

I don't think there's any stopping you is there. My goodness...

Vanessa Ayon 10:51

You can try!

John MacDonnell 10:51

Holy mackerel, we got events, events, events coming up. Okay, so a couple things I have for you is one is, most of you are in fact, I hope everybody got their packets of the candidate forum information or candidate information for you to sign up if you want to become a board member. It's a very gratifying position takes very little work. No, I'm just kidding. It takes a lot of work. So you got to have some time to do it. So hopefully we can get some people signed up. You can get in touch with Bob Israel. Or you can get in touch with Vanessa Island here at the HOA office on that. Vanessa, do you have something on that? No?

Vanessa Ayon 11:30

No, if you need a nomination form, if you know happen to have last year call for candidates mailer, give us a call and we'll get you a nomination form. It's also posted on the website. So is the entire mailer.

John MacDonnell 11:44

Okay, good. So if you didn't get it, or at one to a different address, or if you're now this sign up to be a candidate is they have to be a resident by February . . .

John MacDonnell 11:57

. . . February 12. Okay, so if you're here already, great. If you're coming in the future, or you know, friends that are coming, or you're listening to the podcast, and you haven't quite moved in yet, you just have to be here by February 12. And you can be a member of the board of directors, or any committee here. So let me go into another thing here, I wanted to talk about the ponds. So as you saw, we've been doing a lot of work on the ponds around the golf course. I know people are saying that they're starting to see a little bit of the toolies come back in there. Don't worry, don't worry, we have plenty of ideas on what's going to happen here. The vendor of the contractor has actually given us some chemicals that are not harmful to the ducks, the animals, the fish, any of that stuff. So it only affects the toolies, which is good. And we're looking forward to having those lakes look real good. Next thing is and I find this to be a very important conversation. I received several phone calls from residents that walk early in the morning. Now what am I talking about early in the morning, I'm talking about 435 in the morning when it's still dark outside, and they walk sensitive Boulevard. Now they walk on the sidewalk, and they cross the streets in the crosswalks where they're supposed to. But we do have some residents that feel that because it's dark outside or maybe everybody's still sleeping, that they don't have to stop at stop signs. That is not the case, you still need to stop at the stop signs. It is not a free for all when it's dark. And I am worried because there's a couple of residents that said they came

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very close to being hit in the crosswalk. I suggest that when you're out walking, if it's dark, wear some reflectors wear what I've seen a couple people out there with the little red lights on their arm, that flash. I got out there early in the morning, a couple days in a row just to see what was going on for my own self. As I saw security out there, and I saw I saw people go right through stop signs without even stopping. So it's, it's scary to the residents who would like to walk in peace and know that they're going to be safe and not have to worry about anything. So that's about all the information I have for you today. We have done the budget and the budget has gone to the finance and finance is making their suggestions to the board. The board will be discussing it on Monday morning in Executive Session, and we will be voting on the budget on Monday afternoon. Don't forget if you want to come and talk about anything that goes on here at Sun City Shadow Hills. To come to the board meeting at two o'clock in the Montecito ballroom.

Vanessa Ayon 11:57

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Vanessa Ayon 14:54

Yeah, fill out a comment card to address the board on any of the concerns or questions you may have.

John MacDonnell 14:59

Now people were confused. And as you can you can enlighten me on this because I'm not quite sure the answer to this question too, some people have a one minute comment card and some people have a three minute comment card. What's the difference?

Vanessa Ayon 15:11

Yes, we do have, we have three open forums and one is three minutes. The other two are one minutes. So just make sure you check off the correct amount of time that you want to speak for and whether or not it's an agendized item or not.

John MacDonnell 15:30

Okay, so that's what it has to do with that pertains to the agendas items. So okay, Sun City Shadow Hills, I want to tell you also about the flowers. The flowers are in there being planted Vintage is out there planting, you've probably seen all the guys and gals in the, I guess yellow and green jerseys. They're out there planting the flowers and all three phases. Getting everything in great color. I just can't believe it. It's amazing how fast the color changes when they put the new flowers in. So get out smell the flowers, look at them. We've got, I had, our staff put two pots in front of the in front of the HOA office for Vanessa, because I wanted Vanessa to have some beautiful flowers every day she came in and the rest of the girls that work here in the office so they're enjoying the flowers. I want the community to see the flowers when they come to the HOA office. We used to have a cigarette, what was it, a cigarette pot or whatever was there and I couldn't figure out why, an ashtray. Why did we have an ashtray in front of this HOA office It was crazy. So we don't have that anymore. Now we have beautiful flowers. So the flowers are going all throughout the community so please enjoy them. I like to look outside the window and I see a beautiful weather out there and I see a lot of people enjoying themselves playing sports, pickleball, tennis, bocce ball, all the other events that are going on out there and it's great. I hear the bowling club is up and running. So good, hats off to them. And I appreciate everything that you do here



and I appreciate all of you here at Sun City Shadow Hills. I enjoy being your President, and I look forward to seeing you out there in the community. Have a great day. Bye.