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John MacDonnell 00:10

Hello Sun City Shadow Hills, Big John here. Well, we just got through Halloween. So another holiday down and we're getting ready for Thanksgiving and the holidays for December Christmas and New Years and Hanukkah and whatever else. I don't know what else is out there all kinds of things happening in in December.

John MacDonnell 00:33

So just a couple things update. The Halloween parade was wonderful yesterday had a lot of people out there along the route. Thanks for coming out and supporting your own community. It was great all the people that decked up their carts and, and spent the time got a chance to drive them down the boulevard. And security was out there to make sure that we were nice and safe. So everything was great, loved it very, very much.

John MacDonnell 00:59

Over the last weekend, we had a rather unusual situation. Down on Avenue 40, we had a palm tree farm that somehow mysteriously caught fire at 12 midnight or 12:30 in the morning. And it obviously went up the telephone poles and burned the crossmembers. And the wires fell some of the wires fell and we had we had a short out. So a lot of us were with them without power. Some people had power in the community because they were on a different grid. Other people had no power. The HOA did not have power, the Gates says, you know we're off. And so it was rather difficult. We learned some things with that little mini disaster, as we call it a little mini disaster. And it was an education for us here at the HOA and Sun City Shadow Hills. One of the things that I think that I'm going to ask our chairman of the safety committee, Jeff Kirkpatrick will be returning into town here shortly. And we're going to ask Jeff, if we can do a couple of videos of things that you should do around your house if there's a disaster to do with the gas to do with the garage door opener to do with your electronic door locks and things that you have if you have those. So be looking for that coming up in the near future that we're going to have the Safety Advisory Committee, take a look at doing those and we'll get Gus with his camera out there and see what we can do about putting that all together

John MacDonnell 02:38

A couple other things that we have don't forget we have the Toys for Tots Toys for Tots is got a lot of little drop boxes all over this community and I'm told there at the HOA office there the clubhouses there at this I guess where else are that Vanessa? Vanessa is with us by the way today and so it's Tyler.

Tyler want to sit in and tell us about some information to today so he'll be with us in just a minute. So then so we got the Montecito you got the Santa Rosa and what else

Vanessa Ayon 03:11

Shadows restaurant golf pro shops, and both club houses and here at the HOA office as well.

John MacDonnell 03:18

Okay, so what are we looking for, for toys? Unwrapped? Unwrapped toys if I remember correctly and in the box?

Vanessa Ayon 03:26

I think I think plushies would be okay. Okay. unwrapped, boxed toys.

John MacDonnell 03:31

Okay, good.

Vanessa Ayon 03:32

New obviously.

John MacDonnell 03:33

So again, don't wrap them because I think that helps them with their gender distribute distribution and where they're going to go. So that might help that. So Vanessa will be right back with us in a minute. We're going to switch over to Tyler real quick, cuz he's got some good things to tell us about what we had going on with the budget. So here we go.

Tyler Ingle 03:54

Sure. So last week on October 25, the board approved the 2022 budget. The budget represents a monthly assessment of \$309 per month. This is an increase of \$3 or just a little bit under 1%. Good news is if you participate in the automatic payments to the HOA office, you don't need to do anything that will automatically be updated. If you write a check or use electronic banking, you will want to update that amount to \$309 and that is effective for the January assessment.

John MacDonnell 04:26

So, Tyler, I know I was very excited about it when we voted on the budget. And this is a this is a very moderate increase to the HOA dues. Over the years it's been more. We had a lot of things pressing us this year on what we had to do was with the wage increase and the electricity and insurances, we we really had a lot of things that were really pushing us to push this budget up or push this HOA dues up but we were able to keep them down.

Tyler Ingle 05:01

Sure we went back, we sharpen our pencils, looked at everything. Even with the minimum wage increase, we were able to keep our increase at a moderate level, again, \$3 per month or less than 1%.

John MacDonnell 05:13

Wow, that is that is awesome. I know that. That the Finance Advisory Committee, I know that Moira worked really hard with everybody. And the board got together as a whole to to make sure. In even the community, the community had some input, there was some input from different members of the community that were suggested that we look at and things worked out really well. So very happy. Tyler, thank you very much for all the work you did in preparing that for the board and, and presenting it to the board so that we could go through every line item that we did. So fantastic job

Tyler Ingle 05:49

Thank you.

John MacDonnell 05:50

Yes. Okay. Couple more things. We have what I am looking at here called Hilda's Yard. It's from the Sun City Shadow Hills Performing Arts Club. And I believe this is the play from last year, that got canceled and they are getting ready to do it. So there is limited seating, so you really want to go out and get your tickets as soon as possible. The great thing is there are three shows. It looks like they have a show on Thursday night and Friday night, November 18 and 19 at 7pm. And then Saturday, November 20. They're doing a 1pm special matinee time. Oh, there's another one here too. I'm sorry. There's a Sunday. Sunday, November 21. There is a 2pm time and all of those are at the Montecito Clubhouse. They have social distancing available seating. Masks are optional, they say, and ticket sales are on sale now through November 21. So tickets look to be \$15. And I would not want to miss this. So I hope everybody's gonna get on the on the golf cart and get in the car and drive over and get your tickets. Those tickets are on sale again, October 25 through November 21. And it looks like they'll be there Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 1pm. And then tickets will also be available 30 minutes prior to the show. The contact on that if you look in your view, this month, you'll get a chance to see the flyer. It's the very first page in The View, Mary Moses has her phone numbers on there, and you can contact her so make sure you grab the view out of the portholes of the mailboxes, and get your information or call the lifestyles desk. And they'll have information for you on Hilda's Yard. Hilda's Yard, I look forward to that.

John MacDonnell 07:56

It looks like comedy night went on sale today. Looks like they went on sale this morning. And I am told that they are sold out. They're sold out already. So this is one of those clubs that you just can't wait to go get your tickets. You got to get in line early. I'm not sure if people are spending the night there waiting in line. I don't know how they sold out so fast. That's amazing. Okay, so comedy night for November 17. Wednesday, November 17 has now sold out. So to everybody that got tickets. I can't wait. You guys are gonna enjoy it. I'm sure so good. Good job there.

John MacDonnell 08:38

Now we have another special guest with us. We have our assistant general manager, Vanessa Ayon was with us to give us some more information on a couple of the events that are coming up very, very quickly.

Vanessa Ayon 08:51

Yes, thank you, John. Thanks for having me again. So as you all know, our golf walk is scheduled for this Friday at 8am. We're going to be meeting and starting the walk behind the shadows restaurant and behind the pro shop there, you'll see a big banner. We will start the walk at 8am but we do want to ask that if you are participating in the walk please plan to be there by 7:30 because we do want to get a picture of everyone with their T shirts and we want to get some big poppers, confetti poppers, and we want to capture those poppers being set off with everyone as a group picture so that'd be fun. So if you can get there 30 minutes before the walk that would be great so that we can get a good nice group picture.

John MacDonnell 09:44

Cool. Now what what's going on now with the health fair, we got the health fair coming up as well, right?

Vanessa Ayon 09:50

Yes, so the very next day we've got the Health and Lifestyle Expo that's going to be at the Montecito clubhouse and that's at 10am We have about 24 vendors signed up right now. And those are a variety of different vendors, health and lifestyle related. So that'll be very fun too. That'll be Saturday, November 6 at 10am. So please join us. This is all a free event. No signup required. Just show up.

John MacDonnell 10:18

So let me ask you, I'm looking at the page here in The View, it says COVID and flu shot clinic is are those free as well?

Vanessa Ayon 10:26

Yes, we will have a COVID and flu shot clinic available for whoever's interested in that.

John MacDonnell 10:33

Nice. Well, that's really cool. And everybody in the community is welcome. Is that correct?

Vanessa Ayon 10:38

Yes.

John MacDonnell 10:39

Nice. Well, that's very cool. I like that. Anything else going on with fitness?

Vanessa Ayon 10:45

Yes, we also have our fifth annual Planks-giving event that is scheduled for November 12. And that's also at 10am at the Montecito group exercise room. So if you're interested in joining the fifth annual Planks-giving event and this is conducted by Marlena, our fitness instructor, please make sure you contact the fitness department and make sure that you register to be there. I don't think they're actually taking signups. But you may want to just call the fitness centers just to make sure that they've got room for you. But this will be a fun event. And I hear that they do crown the king and queen of the planks-giving event. So that sounds like a lot of fun.

John MacDonnell 11:24

Wow, that's really cool. So I understand around the HOA that there's been a lot of talk about what are we doing with fitness classes? What are we doing with the restaurant? What are we doing with different aspects of our community? And one of the biggest challenges that we've had lately. And Tyler, you might want to comment about this too, is that having employees getting employees has been really hard on us. You've been looking for a couple of employees outside we've had it posted what what's going on with that?

Tyler Ingle 12:00

Sure, we have several key positions that are available. We've been advertising these, DRM advertises them for us. I know Troon manages their own and advertises their own positions. But like every other company out there, there's just not a lot of people interested in the position. So we continue to look, we do pay competitive wages. But unfortunately, we haven't found the right people for these positions yet. And that's another important part that we want everyone to be aware of. While we might have some applicants for positions, we're not desperate, we want to make sure we have the best employees that that we can offer for the community. And not someone just to fill a spot, just to, a warm body, we want to we want to make sure we have the best people for these positions.

John MacDonnell 12:49

So lately, I guess for about the last year, you have been helping us with the controller's position. And we're still actively looking for an accountant controller for us here. And also, Vanessa, if you can believe this or not, amongst all the work that she does, she has been the acting fitness director to get all of the wonderful things that we have coming up put together. So she's really doing her duty. Tyler's doing his duty. So I want to say hats off to these two, because they are really keeping us going in great position here in this community and not letting any of us down. I don't think anybody should be thinking that they've been let down on anything that's going around this community because there's a lot of things happening. And I'm excited. I I'm just can't tell you, we're working on things left and right. We've had some great things, Taco Tuesday.

John MacDonnell 13:52

Taco Tuesday, is an event that we're going to try and hold once a month. I know we have a lot of things going on with the holiday coming up all the different holidays that we have. But we are going to seriously try to do Taco Tuesday. And I would like to see more than 200 people out there for Taco Tuesday. I mean, they ran out of food at the end of the night, some of the things they ran out, and they had a lot of food. And it's just everybody was buying a lot of tacos and buying a lot of alcohol and sitting around and enjoying themselves and we're working on some lights out there so we can have some lighting, better lighting, and the great things are happening around the community, so.

John MacDonnell 14:31

I want to thank all of you for having patience with us for enjoying what we can put out to you. And I look forward to seeing you out in the community. Thanks to everybody. I appreciate it. Have a great day. Bye.