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Bob Firing 00:09

Good afternoon Shadow Hills. Well, it is my pleasure to bring back an old friend, a person we haven't gotten together with in quite a while. We're so lucky here at Shadow Hills, we actually have a director of fun, someone whose job it is to make sure that we're living our best lives around here. That person is Connie King. Connie, welcome to the podcast.

Connie King 00:32

Well, thank you very much, Bob. And I think you coined that phrase when we did our very first podcast, and I've tried to live up...

Bob Firing 00:40

Six years ago...

Connie King 00:42

Wow, yes, it'll be six years. November 7, it'll be six years. So hopefully, I've lived up to that named

Bob Firing 00:51

Indeed, indeed. Well, what do you have in store for us?

Connie King 00:56

Well, Bob, we just wanted to clarify a couple of things. We have put out some activities and events, and I wanted to make sure that the community was clear on the direction that we were going. For instance, we have added a "Concert Under the Stars." That particular event is a free event. It's entertainment, and there may be a couple of few surprises with snacks. We will have Shadows bar there. It's going to be on the patio area where the Montecito is, and you are more than welcome to bring your lawn chairs, because we will be using some of that patio area for a dance area. So we hope to see you there. The question and the clarification is, we will alternate between the Montecito Clubhouse and the Santa Rosa Clubhouse. Santa Rosa Clubhouse, we will keep that as our "Music to My Ears," since most of our residents are accustomed with the Music to My Ears. It's still the same or similar format, it's just that it's going to be in two different locations. And we just wanted to make a distinction in terms of the location. Both of those are starting at 7pm in the evening. So we're hoping that it will cool down a bit. But if you're interested, we did not have you to sign up. It is one of those events that you just show up and we hope that you do enjoy the festivities.

Bob Firing 02:40

Okay. And May 26. Is this Thursday night?

Connie King 02:43

Yes, it's this Thursday night.

Bob Firing 02:45

Okay.

Connie King 02:47

And Bob in June, we have quite a few activities that's going to be taking place in June. First and foremost, we will be honoring and saying thank you to the fathers or the father figures in our community. We have our Shred-It Day, we have Music to My Ears, as I indicated. And we're really excited because one of the "Age Well Drive Smart" is one of our new programs that we have interjected into our educational program. So the Indio Highway Patrol will be putting on that particular class and that will be taking place on June 28. In the Montecito, all this information is either on Eventbrite, or you can stop by the Santa Rosa Clubhouse at the Montecito Clubhouse, and pick up a flyer, or you can call us and inquire about it. The one thing with the Age Well Drive Smart, we encourage you to check with your insurance companies, because some of the insurance companies will give you a discount up to 25%. The caveat with that is that it has to be whoever's on the policy, attending the class. So if there's a husband and wife, or if there's a spouse or a partner, and both of you guys on the same policy, both of you will have to attend the class in order to take advantage of that discount. Most insurance companies but not also, we urge you prior to attending and signing up for the class to make sure that your particular insurance company, you know, takes advantage of the certificate program that's offered by the Highway Patrol.

Bob Firing 04:39

And I know the Fourth of July is coming up and we usually have something special planned.

Connie King 04:45

Yeah, and this year, we're going to do it a little bit different. We're combining a couple of things to make it a family fun day. So we do have a schedule of activities. We know that last year the golf cart parade was very popular that was organized by John, our president. And I know so many of the homeowners really enjoyed that. So we're doing the same thing where from 10 to 11, we're going to have the golf cart parade, everyone would end up back here at the Montecito. Now, it's important for you to know, we will have a bar. So Shadows will be here at 11 o'clock from 11 to 4 with the bar. This year, what we would like to do is have you to invite your family and your friends. We have a couple of our clubs, like the Paper Crafters who have volunteered their time to work on different projects for the kids. We also the Board approved yesterday of that we can change the swim hours to accommodate children. So we want to make it a family event. And we had talked about even afterwards. I know that some of the homeowners like the fireworks, so they may be heading over to Fantasy Springs. But again, we do have a menu, the catering, this year will be done by Thomas Catering, they are an outside caterer. And they will be on hand we've used them before. And we hope that to everyone's delight, that they will also

enjoy the festivities. So when you sign up, and you have to sign up to make sure that you can participate in the luncheon part of it. There is a button for children under five. If children under five can eat free, please check that button. Any other children five and older, they will have to pay the fee. And we're looking at \$12 right now for the luncheon.

Bob Firing 06:54

Okay. And I know there's a lot of new residents here, and I define new as people who were not here before the COVID lockdown. And I mean, I'm last year, there was an event but there were problems with it. Well this is we're back to full scale, and this really is a lot of fun and if you're thinking about it at all, you jump in, this is one of the highlights of the year.

Connie King 07:21

And you can definitely sign up through Eventbrite online. If you have any challenges or any issues with it, please contact the front desk, and we can walk you through it. Or you can come and visit us and we can take care of it, take care of you right there at the front desk.

Bob Firing 07:38

Okay. And then...

Connie King 07:41

...and then we continue on. We do have a New Homeowners Orientation that is scheduled for July the 14th. Matter of fact, I think we had some information that went out to set it was the 8th, but it's actually the 14th. Bob, like what we did last year, and it was so successful, we invited the committees and the clubs and the groups to attend this particular event. So we had an expo after the New Homeowner Orientation. And what it did it gave the new homeowners have an opportunity to meet all these wonderful clubs that they may not have had a chance to, we still have quite a few of our population, our residents that are still working in some of them have not had the opportunity to either meet or attend. So we're trying to do something in which we can expose those wonderful clubs.

Bob Firing 08:42

That's really nice event. I attended that as a member of the View Committee last time, and we got a lot of good feedback and it was nice that the residents could put some faces with the names.

Connie King 08:57

Right. And I know that a couple of the clubs had even contacted us and said they had quite a few new signups as a result of that. So that's the goal is to match our residents with our clubs and our committees. And I know some of the committees are looking for some of the members.

Bob Firing 09:16

So if you're looking to get involved, here's a way that you can discuss what actually these committees do before you commit.

Connie King 09:26

Exactly. Then we have our Film Festival and that's going to be a two day event. That's July 16 and July 17. And believe it or not, our July 19 Laguna Beach trip is almost sold out. As I'm speaking, it may have been sold out right about now. So I know we had a few spots left, so if you're interested a day at the beach

Bob Firing 09:55

And Pageant of the Masters is wonderful.

Connie King 09:57

Yeah, well you know what, we didn't do the Pageant of the Masters this time, what we're doing is just a beach trip. And then if people want to sign up and participate for the Sawdust Festival, they can do that on their own. But our residents just enjoy packing up their baskets and laying out their blankets and enjoying the beach.

Bob Firing 10:21

Got it. Got it.

Connie King 10:23

August 4, we will be heading to the races. So we're going to Del Mar on August the fourth. And we discussed some other things in our meeting this morning. And it's not until we actually get commitments, get contract signed, those kinds of things that we announced those other things. So I'm going to hold off on advertising some of the other information that we're going to have in the month of August. But the month of August is going to be quite exciting is well.

Bob Firing 10:56

Good. Well, we need activities on the hot months, it's easy to just wilt away indoors.

Connie King 11:05

One of the things that we're really excited about, the Board just approved yesterday, we will be going to Laughlin for three days and two nights as September the 20th, the 21st, and the 22nd. And more details to follow. We should have that up on Eventbrite tomorrow. So we will have the flyer and the capability for you to sign up for that event. Also, a lot of our homeowners enjoy the day trips. So our day trips have been very successful in terms of our participation. But those are our travelers. And now they're saying okay, now that we've opened up some things, you know, can we do a couple of things away from the community. So this will be our first one out of the gate since what, 2019 I think it was? So we're very excited about that as well.

Bob Firing 12:05

Okay. So is there a more?

Connie King 12:09

Oh, of course there's more Bob. As I indicated October the 14th will be our New Homeowners Orientation. We are having our Parking Lot Sale on October the 22nd. Now here's a new fun twist, we

have our outdoor concert. And the band that we'll be playing is "Strange Days." Normally we do a Halloween, or a spooktacular, or a monster mash dance on Halloween. But this year, we're going to combine the two: Strange Days and costumes. So you will be more than welcome to wear your favorite costume, or your new costume, or your costume just in general. And we will combine those two and hopefully, we'll have some spooky kind of drinks there that Shadows can provide for us. And just sit back and enjoy the concert.

Bob Firing 13:12

Great, great.

Connie King 13:13

I have one more thing that I want to add. We have just finalized our Concert Series for 2023. And oh my goodness, we have a lineup for you. And again, we are working on the "save the date" flyer now. So please, if you have not signed up for the e-blasts, please sign up for the e-blasts if you haven't signed up. Or register for Eventbrite, please do so. Because this line up for 2023 is just amazing.

Bob Firing 13:47

Okay, well, thank you so much for coming in and telling us about what's going to happen. And for the audience, until next time, bye bye.

Connie King 13:57

Thank you very much, Bob, appreciate it!