



From: Desert Shadows RV Resort Owners Association  
Date: March 28, 2021  
Subject: Security Update #2

Dear Residents

This is the second of what will become an ongoing series of communications from your Board meant to provide you with the most current information on security violations within the resort and the actions that are being taken. As identified in our Resort's 2021-2026 Strategic Plan, we are determined through informed decisions and cost-effective investments to make tangible improvements to Resort Security.

Since you last heard from us on March 16<sup>th</sup> security violations have continued to occur. In terms of crimes against property there has been forced entry into two adjacent park models and one report of a stolen bicycle. While not yet reported to the Office, we believe two additional bikes were stolen. There have been no reports of crime against persons. In each successive update we will continue to provide the most current statistics. Please help us by continuing to ensure that the office is being notified of security violations so that we may accurately track the pattern and nature of violations over time. Our Resort Manager has been in contact with the Cathedral City Police Department and with other resorts in the area who report similar patterns of increased thefts.

Our Safety and Security Task Force was launched immediately after the January presentation of the Strategic Plan to Owners and has been actively engaged in a systematic review and consideration of potential options to improve resident safety and security. As options are identified discussions with vendors are beginning that allow us to determine the costs and potential benefits of each alternative. In successive updates you will hear back from us on various areas of specific focus. Three under active investigation are:

- **Hardening the Perimeter** (making it more difficult and improving detection of entry over exterior walls)
- **Control of Gate Entry and Egress**
- **Owner Diligence** (how might we help enable Owners to better protect their property).

The notion of enabling Owners is premised on the reality that achieving success will take all of us working together. How can the Resort help? For example, we are currently researching motion sensing light bulbs that can be installed directly into existing exterior light fixtures. By researching and recommending affordable and effective deterrents like lights, locks, cameras, alarms, and other security systems, we can help make every small step add up to a difference in how criminals see the vulnerability of our Resort. With today's technology these options are much more affordable than many people realize. Discussions are just underway with potential suppliers who may be prepared to give group discounts to Owners within our Resort.

Your Board understands that much of the work underway may not yield results in a timely enough way to address the current spike in break-ins and thefts, which frustrates all of

us. We actively considered options such as a contract for security guards to temporarily address concerns. The reality is that security staff are a minimally effective solution in isolation from other long term security enhancements. Important to understand is that the funds required to undertake a short-term contract would quickly deplete the financial capacity of our Resort to implement long-term solutions. We continue to monitor the situation and are prepared to quickly reconsider options as warranted.

Security concerns are not new. They have risen periodically in our Resort for many years, and we are determined to take action that will make a permanent tangible difference.

Thank you,  
Desert Shadows RV Resort HOA Board of Directors

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