

## Another Season Underway

The season has only just begun but the Destin Snowbirds are already hard-at-work and hard-at-play!

On Monday, November 5, the new board of directors met at the Destin Community Center for two hours of planning and problem solving. One area of concern that needed to be addressed was the new parking regulations. The city has recently implemented parking fees for many of the area's parking lots including the lot at the Destin Community Center – our Roost. President Jackie Roberson met with Community Center manager Lisa Firth about the issue. Lisa assured Jackie that parking for the Monday, November 26, Ribbon-Cutting ceremony, for all Tuesday snowbird meetings and for the big registration on Thursday, January 3, 2019, will not incur any fees. We may park for these events just as we always have in the past. However, for snowbird activities that will regularly take place in the Community Center, such as quilting and pinochle, participants will need to get a temporary free-parking pass from the front desk and display it in their car's front windshield.



Dates for many of the upcoming events were also confirmed at the board meeting. The annual Christmas Street Parade will take place on Saturday, December 8, beginning at 10 a.m. The annual Christmas Lighted Boat Parade will be held on Sunday, December 9, at Crab Island Cantina from 4:30 to 7 p.m. And three Monday dates have been set for the Harbor Party cruises: January 28, February 4, and February 11. More details about parking for those events will be shared at the weekly meetings as well as on the website and in the news.

Our prize coordinator, Roxanne Boverhuis, is organizing the collection of donations for our weekly drawings. She and her team have already been in touch many of the 130-plus vendors who support us. A listing of these vendors can be found on our website at [www.destinsnowbird.org](http://www.destinsnowbird.org), in the blue banner at the top of the page. Our Webmaster, Jack Krasky, has organized the list into nine categories that include: Accommodations and Real Estate Agents, Beauty and Barber Shops, Community Groups, Entertainment and Activities, Golf Courses, Health and Wellness, Retail Stores, Restaurants and Sports Bars, Pizza and Fast Food. We encourage snowbirds to patronize these generous vendors. In some instances, just checking out their websites can be beneficial. For example, under Accommodations and Real Estate Agents, not only will these vendors offer property to consider, but several also offer information on things to do in Destin and the surrounding areas. The list is continuously changing and growing so you may want to check it often.

The Destin Snowbird secretary, Cindy Varnell, has often been heard asking, “Who has more fun than snowbirds?” The answer is always a resounding, “No one!” The proof is at Pepitos Mexican Restaurant (another vendor) where “Margarita-Monday” is becoming a snowbird tradition for many board members and their golden and silver friends. .



Another fun-loving flock is the Sandpiper Cove nesters. They have been holding their own tournaments in a number of activities that include golf and bocce ball for many years. What both groups illustrate, is that there is so much more to being a Destin Snowbird than just attending Tuesday morning meetings. New friendships, enjoyable activities and opportunities to put your skills to good use as a volunteer are just some of the treasures available. When you register, consider filling out the back side of the registration card. You will find out that it’s true: no one has more fun!

Happy Thanksgiving!