

Four Seasons Messenger

AUGUST 2021

Lodge

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday
6am-7pm

Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday Closed

Outdoor Amenities:

Side gate access

Monday-Sunday
6am-10pm

Barbara Hennington

May 8, 1933 - July 3, 2021



Barbara Hennington spent 88 years making friends, raising a family and being a feisty-but-caring person. She touched many lives and made many friends during her past five years living at Four Seasons.

Sadly, Barbara recently passed away.

Barbara's family is inviting anyone who would like to attend a celebration of her life to join us on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m. at The Lodge. We would like to keep the mood light so casual wear is encouraged. Also encouraged is wearing purple, which was Barbara's favorite color.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the ASPCA.

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AUGUST SUDOKU ACTIVITY

Stimulate your brain
with this month's fun
sudoku puzzle.

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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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CITY SOLID WASTE

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SEABREEZE CUSTOMER ESCROW DEPARTMENT

Phone (800) 232-7517

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

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HOME SECURITY AND SAFETY TIPS

By: Seniorliving.com
Submitted by Management

As a community, we strive to look out for one another. Hopefully, the following helpful hints will heighten your awareness of ways to protect your homes. Although these tips aren't mandated, they can help keep your home more secure.

Basic Home Protection

Home invasions have severe consequences. There are certain precautions you can take that will help keep you safe:

- Make sure all doors are locked when you are home. Whether you live in an apartment or a house, have a peephole installed in your front door. If you hear a knock at the door, first identify the person and then decide whether you want to be home for them or not.
- Always choose solid wood or metal for any door with outside access. The frame of the door needs to be strong, so either have the current frame reinforced or have a metal one installed.
- In high crime areas, windows need protection too. Place Plexiglas or security film on the inside to increase safety and make it more difficult for the glass to be broken.
- When you hear a knock at the door, bring your phone with you in case you quickly need to call for help.
- If you live in a house with a gate, always keep your gate locked. Those who want to enter know your phone number and will call. If you live in an apartment complex, don't buzz in anyone you don't know.
- Never leave the door key under the mat. Instead, give copies of the key to family members and a trustworthy neighbor.

Extended Home Protection

- Have a security system installed. If you live in a house, security systems are the foundation of any home safety plan. They will not only help thwart thieves, but are valuable in medical emergencies and fires, too. If you plan on spending a period of your retirement traveling, then a security system is a must.
- Have motion sensor lighting installed. These lights are a great way to know when somebody is outside your door and they will help prevent vandalism, too. The lights can be installed on both a house and in a hallway in an apartment building. For the latter, check with your superintendent.
- Consider an alert system. Learn more about Senior Alert Systems [here](#).
- If possible, don't have regular monthly checks (such as social security) mailed to you. Thieves can figure out dates and time of their arrival. The best way to receive money is through direct transfer.
- Protect yourself from Internet scams and identity theft by following these tips:
 - Personal and bank information should not be included in emails
 - Password changes should be done frequently
 - Shop at reputable websites only
 - Don't click on any links from random companies. They usually steal your information through phony emails that appear to come from reputable businesses



KERNS OF LIBERTY BELL, PART 2

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)



The Night History Came To Town

Before the Bell left Philadelphia (July 5, 1915), city officials quelled concerns about its safety by replacing its clapper with a metal "spider" for added stability. Photo from Smithsonian Magazine.

From an article published in the June 30, 1975 edition of The Bakersfield Californian:

"For 22 minutes on a chilly November evening in 1915 history came to Bakersfield. The 'Independence Hall Special Train' carrying the Liberty Bell home to Philadelphia from a four month display at San Francisco's Panama Pacific Exposition passed through fourteen states on its journey home."

According to the November 12th 1915 edition of Bakersfield's The Morning Echo, "From San Francisco the train traveled south through the San Joaquin Valley to Los Angeles and San Diego, then east.

KERNS OF LIBERTY BELL, PART 2 CONTINUED...

Kern County residents were encouraged to be on hand to greet the Liberty Bell. . .for a scheduled fifteen minute visit at 10:15 pm. . .The train made several stops on its way down the San Joaquin Valley, including Porterville, before heading for the East Bakersfield Station."

Despite the late arrival, the Elks Club launched a project to have every child in the city, aged six to twelve, see the Liberty Bell and provided getting the children to the train and home again.

But there was an unexpected setback to Bakersfield's plans to greet the Liberty Bell. Because of the immense demonstrations at more northerly San Joaquin Valley towns, the Liberty Bell train arrived three hours later that anticipated. Many who had hoped to see the bell didn't because of the late arrival. Children in attendance had been taken to their parents after the Elks Club had to abandon its project at 10:00 pm.



From Smithsonian Magazine: A quarter of the U.S. population (including a girl in Moline, Illinois) turned out for the Liberty Bell

KERNS OF LIBERTY BELL, PART 2 CONTINUED...

Again from The Morning Echo: “Nonetheless, when it reached East Bakersfield at 1:16 a.m. November 12, 1915, an estimated 5,000 people were on hand to see the historic emblem. It was mounted on a brilliantly lighted platform, surrounded by flags and bunting. Guardians of the bell handed out miniature Liberty Bell watch fobs and flowers. In turn, they were presented a floral emblem of purple and white chrysanthemums.

“Immediately on the arrival of the train in Bakersfield the car carrying the Liberty Bell stopped on the Baker Street crossing and the big crowd promptly began to file onto the car and pass by the bell.

“Custodians of the bell had everything arranged for making fast time and every person who went to the depot got a good close view of the bell. None was disappointed.

“The Southern Pacific depot and yards were decorated with bunting and flags. The officials had arranged a flat car at the Baker Street crossing and built a platform so that the spectators could pass rapidly in front of the bell.

“The yards were lighted with engine headlights and there was nothing lacking to make the celebration as colorful as could be expected on a cool fall night.”

After a 22 minute stop, seven minutes more than planned, the train departed for Los Angeles. But Bakersfield was well represented the night history came to town!

(Photos are from an article by Stephen Fried titled “How the Liberty Bell Won the Great War” published in the April 2017 issue of Smithsonian Magazine)

MONTHLY RULE REMINDER

By Management

Please refer to your Rules & Regulations; Association Membership Information, pg 5

We, the residents of K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Bakersfield Community Association (Homeowners Association or "HOA"), have as our mutual goal a pleasant lifestyle in a well-kept, harmonious environment. Since we are all in this together, the Rules and Regulations ("R&R") Committee at the direction of the Board of Directors ("the Board") has attempted to include in this document all of those rules needed to carry out our lifestyle and to conduct our daily activities. In a perfect world, we would not need rules; however, if we want our lifestyle to be respected by others, we need to respect theirs as well. Rules are a way of helping us all to understand those expectations.

D. Conduct Code

Homeowners, residents, guests, occupants, invitees, management, its agents, its employees, or vendors ("Users") are presumed to conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner with consideration for each other as well as Association employees and vendors and their respective employees hereinafter collectively referred as ("Association"). The use of obscenities, verbal and/or physical threats or attacks directed toward any User or to Association Staff will not be tolerated. Action by any person within the Community, including, but not limited to all Common Areas, which may be dangerous or create a health or safety concern, a hostile environment, turmoil, disruption or disturbance among Residents or others is not permitted. Homeowners are responsible for any damage to the Common Area and/or violations of the Governing Documents caused by or resulting from their own actions and the actions of family members, tenants, guests, service vendors, contractors, and other invitees, consistent with the above paragraph.

Quiet hours will be observed in accordance to the City of Bakersfield Municipal Code (Ex. 10 pm to 7 am Monday-Sunday) (Reference CC&R's Section 5.8)

Association Staff is to be treated in a courteous and considerate manner at all times.

Association Staff shall not be harassed in any way by any User. All complaints regarding service rendered by any Association Staff member must be made in writing to the Association's General Manager for appropriate handling.

The Association considers a violation of the Conduct Code as serious and will subject the responsible Resident to disciplinary action up to and including loss of privileges and/or monetary penalties.



4TH OF JULY!

GOLF CART PARADE

Thank you to everyone who dressed up and participated in this year's Golf Cart Parade. Congratulations to the winners for Best Decorated, Tom Linder, Sue Hollingsworth, John & Beth Husted, Jim & Patty Barton and Ellen Linder



K. HOVNANIAN'S FOUR SEASONS LODGE AT BAKERSFIELD
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS

CAR SHOW

LODGE PARKING LOT



1ST PLACE
2ND PLACE
3RD PLACE

DONUTS
COFFEE
MUSIC

BEST IN SHOW
MOST UNIQUE
BEST CLASSIC

AUGUST 14, 2021
8AM TO 10AM

SIGN UP FOR FREE AT THE FRONT DESK
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS AUGUST 7TH

2020-2021 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CFO/ Treasurer

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President Kathy Clark

Here we are mid-year which is hard to believe, time flies. There have been a lot of good things that have taken place. One of the many is fully opening the lodge to our homeowners. It is great to see the card groups back playing and enjoying one another. The pool players are playing, bingo is back and we are now starting to have some events. The Fourth of July breakfast and parade was great and people had a great time. I can't believe how creative some people are because I do not have a creative bone in my body so I admire those that do. Thank you to Nancy Gurnsey and Sherry Davis and the Social Committee for their work on this. Of course, all of this would not happen without Melissa Sharer who works so hard on behalf of the Social Committee. In addition, a big thank you to the Social Committee for the planning and oversight of Tuscany Nights and the Wine Dinner in Tehachapi which were great successes. And, oh yes, the trips. Thank you to Donna Tillmann for taking all of the pictures.

The fences are being painted around the lodge, pool and north and south gates. There is a change in the color of the fencing which is brown and now matches the patio covers. Thank you to Michael Van Houten, Chair of Facilities, and the committee for all of their work on our facilities.

The landscaping, which is currently our biggest project, is progressing and the yards are looking very nice. We thank Jann Klein, Chair of Landscaping, for her hours of work and project management, even from her recliner after hip replacement. Jann is a trooper.

After many attempts, the Bylaws are now passed by the membership but won't take effect until the annual membership meeting, which is October 13th. The restatement was a lot of work for the Rules and Regulations Committee, which we thank Susan Good, Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee, and her committee for the hours of work they put into it.

The Finance Committee keeps our association in good financial health. Thank you to Phyllis Baer, Chair of Finance, and the committee for all of their hard work.

The ARC Committee led by Jann Klein, Chair, worked very hard on the revised Architectural Standards. Thank you to all of you for all of your many hours spent on the document.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for your willingness to serve.

Of course, last but not least, what in the world would we ever do without David Keeney, Chair of the IT Committee? David spends many hours making sure our IT systems at the lodge are in good working order. No amount of thank-yous would be enough for this man.

As we close our committee year this month, we look forward to the new committee year beginning on August 1st. Without all of our homeowners who have stepped up and given their time in volunteering for the committees we would not be able to run our association so efficiently.

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. Author Unknown

As unknown as our future is with COVID again looming, it's wonderful to be living in such a supportive and beautiful community made up of homeowners who truly care for each other.

Gather around the fire pit at 5PM on August 5th to talk with your neighbors, board and committee members. Bring food and wine if you like.

JULY BOARD MEETING RECAP

By Daniela Rosales

On Wednesday, July 28, 2021, the Board of Directors held a General Session Meeting. The following was approved or discussed:

- Secretary's Report: General Session Minutes of June 23, 2021, and Delinquencies Report as of June 30, 2021, were approved.**
- June 2021 Financial Report was approved.**
- Committee Reports: IT Recommendation to replace Door King interface controllers and to not exceed \$4,000.00 was approved.**
- New Business:**
 - A. Wren Kelly's CPA's Engagement Letter for Board Election 2021: Approved**
 - B. Owens, Moskowitz and Associates audit and tax proposal: Finance Committee to review**
 - C. Rules and Regulations Governing Document: Tabled until CC&R's are complete.**
 - D. Doorking System: Included in the IT Committee Recommendation**
 - E. Installation of a new drinking fountain leach pit: Tabled, more information is needed.**
 - F. 2021-2022 Committees and BOD Liaisons: Approved**
 - G. 2021-2022 Lodge Holiday Hours: Approved**
 - H. West Side Gate: Approved to be locked during Lodge Business Hours.**
 - I. Security Committee: Approved**



JULY TREASURER'S REPORT

Monetary Assets	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Additions Due From</u>	<u>Interest Incl Accrued</u>	<u>Total Additions</u>	<u>Less: Expenditures</u>	<u>Less: Due To</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 263,872.36	161,071.25	-	0.54	263,872.90	104,303.01	-	\$ 320,641.14
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	1,776,667.74	21,494.48		2,039.95	23,534.43	124,967.14	-	1,675,235.03
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 2,040,540.10							\$ 1,995,876.17

	CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
Revenue Budget	\$ 155,053.00		\$ 937,918.00	
Revenue Actual	148,316.19		891,605.37	
Net Diff. to Budget	\$ 6,736.81	Under / (Over) Budget 4.3%	\$ 46,312.63	Under / (Over) Budget 4.9%
Expense Budget	\$ 150,357.00		\$ 918,583.00	
Expense Actual	158,493.43		805,948.73	
Net Diff. to Budget	\$ (8,136.43)	Under / (Over) Budget -5.4%	\$ 112,634.27	Under / (Over) Budget 12.3%
Actual Net Income (Loss)	\$ (10,177.24)		\$ 85,656.64	

MAJOR VARIANCES FAVORABLE

	<u>MTH BUDGET</u>	<u>MTH ACTUAL</u>	<u>MTH VARIANCE</u>	<u>YTD VARIANCE</u>
Office Supplies	300.00	195.71	104.29	2.12
Master Association Share cost	3,787.00	2,515.67	1,271.33	6,807.88
Community events	300.00	187.98	112.02	1,483.43
Access Gate Maintenance	995.00	1,363.69	(368.69)	66.25
Electricity	1,900.00	2,506.99	(606.99)	1,674.49
Insurance	3,236.00	2,002.30	1,233.70	2,284.06
Federal Income Tax	-	1,200.00	-1,200.00	5,300.00
State Income Tax	-	1,600.00	-1,600.00	700.00
Lodge - Staffing	34,422.00	28,708.04	5,713.96	46,983.79
Lodge - Electricity	6,337.00	4,740.50	1,596.50	10,819.00
Lodge - Gas	2,988.00	344.77	2,643.23	5,030.16
Lodge - Pool & Spa Maintenance	2,750.00	3,900.00	(1,150.00)	5,100.00
Lodge - General Maintenance	1,000.00	466.93	533.07	3,068.46
Lodge - Janitorial Service	4,000.00	2,611.86	1,388.14	9,892.54

UNFAVORABLE






Postage & Printing	2,000.00	1,409.99	590.01	(551.04)
License & Fee	-	128.82	(128.82)	(259.44)
Legal Fee	1,375.00	1,961.00	(586.00)	(89.00)
Landscape contract	36,276.00	44,290.13	(8,014.13)	(26,682.26)
Irrigation Repair	300.00	778.51	(478.51)	(2,861.28)
General Repair	258.00	111.99	146.01	(336.33)
Backflow Testing/Repair	-	910.00	(910.00)	(910.00)
Pest Control	325.00	585.00	(260.00)	(285.00)
Water	10,247.00	25,050.07	(14,803.07)	(37,028.48)
Lodge - Water	956.00	2,711.21	(1,755.21)	(4,113.40)
Lodge - Cable	100.00	288.90	(188.90)	(1,133.40)
Lodge - Café Maintenance	100.00	369.00	(269.00)	(138.00)
Lodge - Janitorial Supplies	100.00	196.85	(96.85)	(815.99)
Lodge - Fire Sprinkler Monitoring	-	98.00	(98.00)	(97.70)



AUGUST 2022

LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 6:00am - 10:00pm

OUTDOOR AMENITIES: MONDAY-FRIDAY 6:00am - 10:00pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 Water Volleyball 4pm	2 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Water Aerobics 10am Bunco Babes 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm 	3 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Bocce Ball 8am Water Aerobics 9am Crafters Club 1pm Social Committee 1pm	4 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 9am Canasta 10am Rules & Fines 10:30am Water Volleyball 4pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm
8 Water Volleyball 4pm	9 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Water Aerobics 10am Facilities 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm 	10 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Bocce Ball 8am Water Aerobics 9am Neighbor2Neighbor 1pm	11 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 9am Veterans Club 10am Canasta 10:30am Committee Meeting 11am Water Volleyball 4pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm
15 Water Volleyball 4pm	16 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Water Aerobics 10am Finance 2pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm 	17 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Bocce Ball 8am Water Aerobics 9am Crafters Club 1pm	18 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 9am Canasta 10am Water Volleyball 4pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm
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29 Water Volleyball 4pm	30 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Water Aerobics 10am Dance Fitness 5:45pm 	31 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Bocce Ball 8am Water Aerobics 9am	Committee Meeting 11am Check with

21 CALENDAR



AM-7PM **SATURDAY:** 9AM-5PM
 NDAY-SUNDAY 6AM-10PM

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>Pickle Ball 7am Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Landscape 1pm Fire Pit Gathering 5pm Bingo 5:30pm</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 10am Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pickle Ball 7am</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>Pickle Ball 7am Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Architectural Review 3pm Bingo 5:30pm</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 10am Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Pickle Ball 7am Car Show 8am</p>  <p>Computer Club 9am</p>	
<p>19</p> <p>Pickle Ball 7am Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 9am Book Club 10am Pageant of the Masters 10:30am Bridge 1pm Bingo 5:30pm</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 10am Ladies Luncheon 11:30am Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pickle Ball 7am</p>	
<p>26</p> <p>Pickle Ball 7am Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Bingo 5:30pm Directors Meeting 6pm</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 10am Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pickle Ball 7am Computer Club 9am Dinner Club 5:30pm</p>	
<p>Committee Meetings & Club Times are Subject to Change</p> <p>Lodge for most current information</p>			<p>POOL CLOSED</p> <p>MONDAYS & FRIDAYS</p> <p>6AM-10AM</p>

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR TREASURER

By Board Treasurer Bill Ferguson

Another sad day for the community. We put out the call for applicants to run for the BOD and out of an excess of 500 eligible members we got ONE applicant. Disappointing!

Well, here I am again and budget discussions between myself, two board members and the GM are in heated debate. Well, not really heated as we are very civil, but they are being debated.

A look at the results of the 2021 budget and comparing that to the actuals through July gives us a picture of what we had gotten right and what went wrong. It was a tough year to predict with the uncertainty of the Café future and then this year Covid hit, but the result to date is that we have increased our Operating Fund and along with it our “buffer” for emergencies. Let me expand on this.

According to Clark Simpson Miller, a leader in HOA financial management, operating funds do not have a required minimum amount. Ideally, the account should be able to cover at least 3 to 6 months of operating expenses.

At the end of 2020 our operating fund less our liabilities was equal to 1.2 months operating expenses. As of the end of June our buffer has increased to 1.75 months or 7.62 weeks. Although we remain below the recommended 3 months, it is a welcomed improvement.

I'm going back over this to illustrate why, as some have asked, must the assessments be increased if we continue to have an excess of operating funds? We have had a good year when compared to our budget needs, but we continue to remain below what would be described as good fiscal policy.

Taking all this into account, we are now ready to provide our 'first cut' to the Finance Committee.

In the effort to contain our expenses we are looking at two different proposed budgets. First, we are looking at what we have called a "Full" budget. This includes all that would be required if we were to fully open the lodge and restore all activities seven days a week just like before Covid. The second, is a "Light" version which would reflect some limitations to both the facility and activity operations.

It is our intention to present both options to several "focus groups" of perhaps twenty members each. In each of these we would give homeowners an opportunity to hear and discuss line items of the budget as well as the details of each. With this understanding we would then ask their opinion of how we might add or reduce items that will affect the assessments.

At this time, each of these versions are predicting an increase in our annual assessments. We are working, and will continue to work on the budget with your help, to keep this increase as low as possible.

As I mentioned last month, one of the driving factors with our budget is the commitment to the reserves. Up to this point in time I have been including into our budget numbers my estimates based upon actual and proposed future reserve expenditures. Next month we will receive our 2022 Reserve Study from Association Reserves and will be able to incorporate their numbers into the budget.

All of that should be resolved by my next posting.

Thanks again for reading this and if you have any comments or questions, please e-mail me at billfergus@aol.com. I intend to offer more financial thoughts next month.

MOSAIC TERRA-COTTA POT WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP GIVEN BY: SUSIE YSLAS (FOUR SEASONS RESIDENT)

16 Ladies coming together to create a beautiful piece of artwork. Check out these mosaic Terra-cotta pots. So different, so unique, and had so much fun. The laughter, sharing and fellowship was priceless. Good job ladies and looking forward to the next workshop. For those of you that missed out and were not able to attend there will be another one coming soon.

Till then, Susie Yslas



August Trivia

SUBMITTED BY: SANDY MOFFETT (FOUR SEASONS RESIDENT)

Rack your brains, but no Google allowed. Please write your answers on the trivia sheet and turn it in at the Lodge Desk no later than Saturday, August 14th. A gift card will be awarded to the person with the most right answers. Have Fun!

1. Which of Christopher Columbus' Famous Ships Caught Fire on Christmas Day in 1492?
2. Which Assassinated American President Had a Dog That Was Also Killed?
3. What Country Used to Execute Anyone Caught Drinking Coffee?
4. Which Rock Star Thought He Was Being Stalked by a Giant Pink Rabbit?
5. Who Manufactured the First Fords?
6. What Movie Paid Its Star Animal \$125 Per Week During Filming?
 - a. Bonus Question: Which actor/actress from this same film once had their own traveling burlesque show?
7. Who Sang in The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad?
8. In What Country Were the First Bells Made?
9. What Show Featured the First Toilet Ever Seen on Television?
10. Who Was the Only First Lady to Carry a Loaded Revolver?

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club – Community Service Project

We have developed a list of community members who own medical equipment and would be willing to short-term loan the equipment to other community members in need.

Please help us update this equipment list.

Do you own any of the following items that you would be willing to loan?

- Wheel Chair
- Walker
- Cane
- Crutches
- Shower or Tub Chair
- Raised toilet seat
- Knee Walker
- Baby Monitor
- Blood Pressure Cuff
- Or Other Medical Equipment

If you are willing to add items to our list, please contact the club leaders.

Margaret DeArmond: 661-304-0093 mdearmond@mac.com

Donna Holtzclaw: 661-303-6649 donnaholtzclaw@yahoo.com

If you wish to borrow equipment, please directly contact community members on this list.

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club members do not store the medical equipment.

If you borrow equipment, please remember to return the item to the lender.

Name	Equipment	Phone	Comment
Borbon, Sharon	Crutches, Cane Bedside Commode	661-873-4350	
Breiden, Janet	Portable Potty	661-742-1212	
Castro, Shirley	Small Wheelchair Walker	661-322-7665	
Corralejo, Florence	Crutches (2) Blood Pressure Monitor	661-873-7424	Will give away this equipment
DeArmond, Margaret	Walker Wheelchair	661-304-0093	
Fox, Gerry	Walker Cane	661-873-2993	
Linder, Ellen	Wheelchair Walker	661-599-2741	
Neil, Norma	80 Adult Diapers	661-204-4653	Medium size, side snap
Romero, Cecilia	Wheel Chair	818-970-8258	
Townsend, Sherry	Wheel Chair (light) Walker	661-747-8733	
Vignaroli, Eileen	Walker Shower Chair Baby Monitor Protective Shower Cover	661-203-2795	Shower cover for an arm or leg after surgery

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMITTEES

By Jann Klein (Landscape Chair)

Without reservation, it is time to say thank you to all of the Committee Members who work so hard to achieve the goals and meet requirements of this community. Michael Van Houten, Eileen Callagy, Mary Sullivan, Margaret Pascal, and Steve West; you have taken on the tasks of the nearly impossible and at the same time planned for the future of our community and its growth. I cannot thank all of you enough for everything you have done this last season and most of all showing your unwavering commitment to seeing projects started and projects completed. You have been at every meeting (sometimes twice a week and even during the COVID 19 crisis) and continued to work diligently to do the hard work put before you. I would be remiss if I did not thank our General Manager, Jeff, the Board Liaisons, Bob Bonacorsi and Kathy Clark, who have assisted this committee with your direction and support. What a team, what an effort and mostly what a wonderful group of homeowners and neighbors! I have been blessed with all of you in my life and in this committee. Now on to what challenges we can address as we move forward in the 2021-2022 season.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Laughter Along Our Path

By Manya Carney (Four Seasons Resident)



One resident of Four Seasons was a Parole Officer and interviewed every person one by one as they entered prison. He asked a routine question to each inmate: "Do you have any religious affiliation?"

One young male inmate answered, "Yes, I'm a Prostitute."

The exhausted Officer started to smile, looked up quite surprised, and said, "Now think carefully about what you just said and answer the question again."

The confused inmate paused a moment and put his head between his hands to think. He answered in a most convincing voice. "Well, I know I'm not a Catholic, so I'm pretty sure I'm a Prostitute!"

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Social Committee - Donna Tillmann (Committee Member)

Another month is gone, but that heat just doesn't seem to want to leave us. I, for one, sure am grateful that we have our beautiful pool to cool off in and that we can visit the lodge to get out of the heat, while enjoying the fun of gathering for cards, playing billiards, exercising in the gym, or just enjoying a good movie in the lodge theater. Whatever you find to do for your enjoyment, make sure to stay hydrated and safe during this extremely hot weather.

Speaking of hot...we had a pretty "hot" 4th of July Celebration Parade on July 3rd. We had some amazing decorated golf carts, cars, bikes, and even a wheelchair. Folks went all out for this event. We gave prizes for best decorated Car (John & Beth Husted), Golf Cart (Jim & Patty Barton), Bike...we had a tie...(Sue Hollingsworth and Ellen Linder) and Honorary Mention for his decorated wheelchair (Tom Linder). Congratulations to all of our winners! So many folks sure did go all out and we had great community participation. A big shoutout to homeowner, Olga Zamora's brother, Fernando, who made some yummy burritos for anyone that signed up to get one before the parade started. We also provided coffee, tea and orange juice for folks that joined us in the ballroom before the parade. One final shoutout to our own community vocalist, Keith Clark. He just came for the festivities and kinda got roped into leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as being asked to sing a few "patriotic songs" to honor America. Thank you so much, Keith, for always having a willing heart ♥ ... and an amazing voice!!!

The parade was a huge success, as we paraded around the Four Season's Community, as homeowners greeted us on the street corners with love and patriotic flag waving. I think I can speak for everyone when I say, it was VERY successful! We look forward to an even bigger and better "Celebration of our Country" next year! Thanks EVERYONE!!!



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Social Committee Continued...

I want to remind everyone and put in a big plug for our next event, which is The Pageant of The Masters. This bus trip will take place on Thursday, August 19th. We still have several seats available for this breathtaking event, so hurry to the lodge and sign up. We can now invite friends and family to join us on our bus trips. You will never experience an event of this kind. Folks that have attended this show in the past have said that it is truly an experience of a life time.

Remember to mark your calendars for our Annual Pool Party on September 25th. We will have food from KC Steakhouse, as well as some great music for your entertainment. You can sign up at the lodge for this fun event.

In closing, I want to welcome any new folks that have moved to our community recently, and let you know that we are glad you are here. I have been here over 9 years and can't think of a better place to call home. Feel free to let the Social Committee know if you have any ideas for future, fun, events. We will be planning next year's calendar next month, so we would love your ideas right away. You can turn them in to the front desk or get in touch with any of the members on the Committee.

Until next month, stay safe and we shall see you around the Neighborhood!

Computer Club - Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday August 13, 2021, 9:00am

Location: Lodge Theater



Any questions about computers or technology will be discussed. These meetings are intended for non-techies so if you have a question, would like to learn how to do something on your computer or are just curious about something technical, please come join our meetings.

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Ladies luncheon -Annette Harder (Club Leader)

The Petroleum Club was established in 1954 by working people in the oil industry. The club is an integral part of the heritage and history of Kern County. It is a member owned local facility with status as a non profit organization and you do not have to be in the oil business to become a member. The Sundale Country Club proudly presents the Petroleum Club as its Food and Beverage Partner with a long history of fine dining and excellent service in Bakersfield.

Did we have a fabulous time, ladies? We were in for a real treat. We dressed up, rode the elevator to the second floor with a spectacular view of the golf course. The food was wonderful and the service excellent. They were ready for a group of 30 and we felt very welcomed.



August 20th is a Friday and day after the scheduled Pageant of the Masters. I know I will be wanting to just sleep in by the time we get home but ready for lunch anyway. Friday the 20th at 11:30am we will be going to Sorellas Italian Restaurant, 7900 McNair Ln, Bakersfield 93313.

Annette Harder, 661-599-5676

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Book Club - Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

The Pearl that Broke its Shell by Nadia Hashimi is our selection for August. In Kabul in 2007 with a drug-addicted father and no brothers, Rahima and her sisters can only sporadically attend school, and can rarely leave the house. Their only hope lies in the ancient custom of bacha posh, which allows young Rahima to dress and be treated as a boy until she is of marriageable age. As a son, she can attend school, go to the market, and chaperone her older sisters. But Rahima is not the first in her family to adopt this unusual custom. A century earlier, her great-grandmother, Shebika, left orphaned by an epidemic, saved herself and built a new life the same way. Crisscrossing in time, The Pearl that Broke its Shell interweaves the tales of these two remarkable women separated by a century who share similar destinies. But what will happen once Rahima is of marriageable age? Will Shekiba always live as a man? And if Rahima cannot adapt to life as a bride, how will she survive? With a moving story line and complex, realistic characters this novel is a searing tale of powerlessness and the freedom to control one's fate.

The Book Club will meet on August 19th in the Library at 10:00a.m.

Scavenger Hunt Committee- Stacy Davis (Club leader)

The Four Seasons Scavenger Hunt Committee is looking for new members who would like to help plan the next scavenger hunt. It will be Halloween themed. We meet as needed and are willing to work around your schedule. Our next meeting will be in September.

If you are interested, please contact Stacy Davis 661-319-4069.



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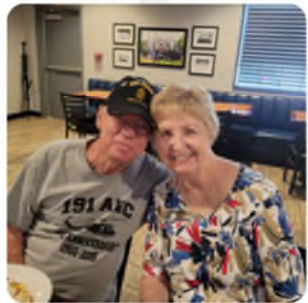


Veterans Club- John Sullivan (Club Secretary)

We held our July meeting at Tony's this month on July 14. We always meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30. We had 12 vets and some brought their wives. We had two guests, Keith and Kathy Clark. Kathy spoke to the group as the President of the Four Season's Board of Directors. She brought the attendees up to date on what is happening at Four Seasons. She explained that a search is underway for a new General Manager. She explained that it might take until September because the search has gone beyond Bakersfield to find a qualified candidate. She also explained that the big landscape project is finally winding down. That has been some project. She reminded everyone that the project will enhance the value of our properties. Speaking of which, have you noticed how home sale prices in Four Seasons have gone up dramatically in the last two years?

The rest of the meeting was occupied by the fellowship between the sailors, soldiers and airmen in attendance. The wives got to hear some good stories about their husband's or neighbor's time in the service. There is no end to the stories. The fun part is how the stories keep getting bigger and better each time we hear them, especially when Charlie Wilson is telling them. This month we have included some photos of our July meeting. Thanks to Keith Clark for taking the photos.

We would like to invite all veterans to join us each second Wednesday at 9:30AM at Tony's.



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Sunshine Club - Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

The Sunshine Club is here to help our neighbors. If you are in need of assistance in any way please do not hesitate to contact Linda Hofer via phone, email or text. Her contact information is listed in the directory. Help the Four Seasons Community in identifying neighbors in need due to illness, hospitalization or death in the family.

Bakersfield has a volunteer Senior Outreach Program which provides services for persons 60 years and older who are: homebound or isolated; in a fragile physical state and/or grief; suicidal or depressed; having issues controlling alcohol and/or substance use; or would benefit from mental health screening or socialization with peers. Th Bakersfield coordinator is Martha Juarez and she may be contacted at (661) 868-5022.



Crafters Club- Nancy McKenry (Club Leader)

Crafters Club is meeting again on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Arts and Crafts Room from 1:00pm-4:00pm. We are inviting all community friends who have a portable craft and enjoy social interaction with other crafters to join us.

We hope you can come!

Thank You!

I would like to thank each and every one who so lovingly gave so freely of their time, support, love and prayers for my family and myself during the time of Mike's illness and death. There are truly no words to express my love and appreciation for all that you did and continue to do. You are all very special to me and will forever hold a special place in my heart, so once again, all I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you. God bless you all.

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Dinner Club - Eileen & Mike Callagy (Club leaders)

As I write this we have not yet had our first dinner club night so, we'll have to wait until next month's Four Seasons Messenger to let you know what a fun night it was. I do know that we have over 100 people signed up!!

Our purpose in forming this once a month club is to get together with our neighbors and enjoy a great catered dinner while taking an opportunity to meet some new friends.

If you weren't able to go to the July event, below are the dates for upcoming dinner nights. We hope you will join us in the future with food, fun and friendship.

Our August dinner will be pepper steak over rice, roasted pear salad, roasted mixed vegetables, bread pudding with whiskey sauce, rolls & butter. Water, tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring your own adult beverage & glass.

Future Dates: Mark your calendars

- August 28th - LAST DAY TO SIGN UP IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH BY 4:00PM
- September 18th
- October 23rd
- November 20th
- December: None (Due to other events during this month)



Farewell — PARTY —



Over the past few years I have met so many lovely people and made new friendships, I can not thank you all enough for showing me so much love and support through out my time here. A big thank you to Linda Hofer for putting this farewell party together for me. I am going to miss you all!

Be sure to keep in touch.

Love, Alyssa Sepulveda



Congratulations to Alina Canales and Helen Jackson for finding all of the flags in the July "Four Seasons Messenger." There were large flags, small flags and even an abstract flag, but they found them all. I hope that you enjoy these additions to the newsletter, and if you have a suggestion, please feel free to submit it to me or to the Lodge Desk for possible inclusion in a future edition.

-Sandy Moffett

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POOL TOURNAMENT

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 2021

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1:00PM-3:00PM

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