

OCTOBER
2021

Four Seasons Messenger



Lodge Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday
6am-7pm

Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday Closed

Upcoming Holiday Hours

Nov. 24th 6am-12pm
Nov. 25th CLOSED
Dec. 24th 6am-12pm
Dec. 25th CLOSED
Dec. 31st 6am-12pm
Jan. 1st CLOSED

Outdoor Amenities: Side gate access

Monday-Sunday
6am-10pm

WORDSEARCH

80's Movies

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Dead Poets Society

Beverly Hills Cop

Fame

Nine to Five

Rain Man

The Boogeyman

The Watcher in the Woods

Airplane

Bon Voyage, Charlie Brown

Friday the 13th

Popeye

Return of the Jedi

The Empire Strikes Back

Top Gun

Back to the Future

Caddyshack

Ghostbusters

Prom Night

Smokey and the Bandit

The First Deadly Sin

Who Framed Roger Rabbit

Batman

Don't Go in the Woods

Mother's Day

Raiders of the Lost Ark

The Blues Brothers

The Shining

Spa Reminder

Please use the spa timer. DO NOT use the emergency shut off switch. If you turn off the emergency shut off switch, it will turn off the spa heater and the temperature will drop. The vendor will need to be called to turn it back on. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Oct. 16th, 2021
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2020-2021 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CFO/ Treasurer

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President Kathy Clark

I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by. My darling husband reminded me of how many days it is until Christmas, funny guy. Looks like the weather is beginning to cool down as we head into Fall. Melissa and staff have planned the wonderful Craft Fair which will be on Saturday, October 16. Plan on coming down to the Lodge to look at all the wonderful items vendors will have available.

The Social Committee has planned a Halloween Party for Saturday, October 30, 2021. This committee works very hard to bring parties and trips to our homeowners, come and meet new homeowners. Thank you to Sherry Davis and her committee which consists of twelve of our homeowners.

Join the Landscape Committee on a Paseo walk thru for all homeowners who would like a voice in helping the committee decide on the best approach for upgrading these areas. 10/2/2021 @ 10:00 am meeting at the gazebo on Barcelona.

Our Interim General Manager shared an article with me that he wrote several years ago regarding self-management and was published in the Community Associations Institute's magazine. (CAI provides education and resources to the volunteer homeowners who govern community associations, and provides petitions for legislative and regulatory beneficence for its members). I thought it was a worthy read.

Spreading the Joy!

By David May, CMCA®, AMS®, PCAM®

Living in a Homeowners Association should be a joy. A well maintained neighborhood should be a pleasure to come home to. You get to know your neighbors, and perhaps attend some neighborhood parties during the summer or winter holidays. You may get together with some friends down at the pool, or play a couple of sets of tennis at the community's tennis courts. Walking around the neighborhood, perhaps on the walking trail that goes through the community, is a great way to get exercise, meet other neighbors, and stay in touch with what is happening in the area.

It takes a lot of work for the neighborhood to remain a great place to live, to have property values rise, and for the homeowners to be generally happy with their community. There are numerous unseen efforts and expenses that go into making a terrific community, and they are what make the difference between a community in disarray and one that is not; one whose property values are falling or on the rise; and one whose homeowners are happy about living there or they are moving out in droves. Quite simply, it takes time, money and effort to make and maintain a great community. So how can a community go about achieving this?

In this era of Self Help DIY's (Do It Yourselfers) there is the temptation to, well, do it yourself. After all, this country was built on rugged individualism – that's the American Way! We can do anything if we just set our minds to it; we were taught that in school and by our parents. Just go into any Home Depot or Lowe's and you can see that the true spirit of that rugged individualist is alive and well. If we need to sell our house, we put up a sign saying For Sale by Owner. We pay our own bills, pump our own gas, mow our own yards, wash our own cars, plant our own shrubs, clean our own houses and pools, and the list goes on. So why not manage our own community? After all, if we are doing all of these sorts of duties listed here, how hard could it be to take care of the community where we live?!

SPREADING THE JOY CONTINUED...

Generally speaking, these sorts of personal DIY projects only affect the individuals doing the project. If a project goes bad, and they occasionally do, then the only one that pays the price is the one who did it. If we forget to pay a bill, overflow the gas, scalp the lawn, forget to wash the wheels, or put the wrong chemicals in the pool, then it only affects a very limited number of people, and those are usually only family members.

Now, consider our intrepid, rugged individualist, DIY, Self Help Homeowners that live in the DIY Homeowners Association, Inc. It has just been turned over from the Developer to the Homeowners, and they have elected to not use a Management Company. So, now it's time for the new Board to organize...the Finance Committee, Newsletter Committee, Web Page Committee, Pool Committee, ALTA Tennis Committee, Architectural Control Committee, Social Committee, Landscape Committee, and the Covenant Enforcement Committee. A few volunteers come forward to help out, although not all of the committees are staffed. But the new Board is not concerned. After all, they are the DIY HOA and they can make it happen!

January rolls around and the Finance Committee is eagerly anticipating the early returns to the annual dues invoices that they mailed out in December. The chore of printing invoices, making the deposits, and crediting the accounts is daunting, and by the end of January, less than half of the homeowners have paid. So the Committee dutifully sends out some "Friendly Reminders" to the delinquent homeowners. In March two of the three Committee Members quit due to conflicting work and personal schedules, so the remaining member (the Board Treasurer) moves ahead with calling and contacting those homeowners that are still past due. She manages to whittle the past due accounts down to about 40% of the homes.

The Treasurer, whose sole experience of handling other people's money has been when she was Treasurer for her girls' soccer team, starts to get a little nervous about all of the past due accounts.

SPREADING THE JOY CONTINUED...

She has also had a number of homeowners tell her that they sent in their payments, so why haven't they been credited to their account? And now she is getting notices from the utility and landscape company stating that they are past due. She would write a check to pay the landscape company, but because of the high bill due to the recent pine straw application, the Association does not have enough money in the account.

Meanwhile the President has noticed a number of homes that have built fences, storage sheds, and even an extra garage – all without ACC approval. She would ask the ACC Committee about it, but both of them quit recently. She asks the Vice President to help and find out what is going on with all of this building without ACC approval. She has also noticed a number of other Covenant violations, and they seem to be multiplying. Now it seems that over half of the subdivision leaves their trash cans out, multiple homes need to at least mow the weeds that have sprouted up in their lawns, and there are several boats and travel trailers that seem to have taken up permanent residence in the subdivision.

The Vice President decides to make some "Friendly Visits" to the homeowners that are on the increasingly long list of Covenant violations. After visiting several homes on several Saturdays, he finds out that not everyone takes well to being told what to do and how and when to do it, especially when it comes to their homes. And especially when a neighbor is telling them what to do! This scenario continues on for a few years, and at the most recent Board meeting the members discuss among themselves how much work it really is to take care of their Association. They talk about how most of the volunteers have left, and how all of the work seems to be on the shoulders of the Board members. The following are some of the Board's comments:

- 1.Many of their evenings and weekends are taken up with Association business.
- 2.The Board members have become resentful, and they feel very unappreciated by the rest of the Association.
- 3.No one wants to run for the Board because they know how much time the present Board puts in to running the Association.
- 4.Many homeowners feel that the Board has become very standoffish.
- 5.The past due accounts continue to be a problem, and yet the Board is unwilling to raise the dues for fear of making the past due situation even worse.

SPREADING THE JOY CONTINUED...

6. Some vendors have quit due to slow pay from the Association.
7. There are angry homeowners that don't understand the Covenants and they don't like to be told what they can and cannot do on their own property.
8. Covenant violations are at an all-time high.
9. The prices of homes in neighboring communities continue to rise whereas the homes in the DIY HOA have flattened, and they take longer to sell.
10. Half of the Board would like to quit, but who would help run the Association?
11. All of the Board members feel like they are burned out.

While the DIY HOA is fictitious, these are not uncommon scenarios, in part or in whole. Having taken over management of HOA's that have been self-managed, I have seen and heard all of the situations above played out.

In all fairness, I will acknowledge that some Associations can be and have been properly self-managed. It is not an easy task, and it takes dedication and hard work to make it work. However, the results of what can happen when Associations are not properly managed can take some time to correct, and it usually takes professional management to bring it back to order.

What typically winds up happening is that just a few people stay involved in running the Association. All of the responsibility is on their shoulders, while everyone else goes about their merry way, expecting the Board and perhaps a few other volunteers to do all of the work of the Association. Perhaps the Association members are appreciative, perhaps not. Meanwhile the Board and other volunteers can get thoroughly burned out.

SPREADING THE JOY CONTINUED...

What's an Association to do? Spread the joy! The way to spread the joy is to spread the burden of running the Association among ALL of the Homeowners. And that is done through having all Homeowners pay to have it professionally managed. That way the job gets done right and no one is shouldered with the entire responsibility of running the Association. It also helps to prevent burnout by those that want to stay involved, but don't want the extra burden of attending to the day-to-day phone calls, sending out letters to Homeowners that may be in violation of the Covenants, paying bills, making collections, and all of the other "stuff" that goes on daily within any Association.

Few people enjoy confronting their neighbors regarding an uncomfortable matter. Things like Covenant violations or past due accounts can be very emotionally charged confrontations. Having a "disinterested 3rd party" (Management Company) handle these sorts of items takes the heat off of the Board member-to-neighbor conflicts that almost inevitably occur. Yes, there will always be some disagreements between the Board and Homeowners. But a professional Management Company can help smooth over some of these rough times. Investing in the services of a professional Management Company is a nominal investment that will pay huge dividends for all Homeowners.

So let the Board of Directors make the decisions, let the volunteers help out, and let all of the Homeowners pay equally to have the Management Company manage the daily affairs of the Association. After all, it is a Community, and as a Community everyone should share in the proper management of the Association by Spreading the Joy!

David May is a General Manager with Seabreeze Management Company

LARRY ITLIONG

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)



A bill signed by Governor Jerry Brown in 2015 authorized every October 25 to be observed as Larry Itliong Day. Who was he, and why was he deserving of such an honor?

According to the article “Larry Itliong Biography” on the biography.com website, (accessed in July 2021) Larry Dulay Itliong was born on October 25, 1913, in San Nicolas, Pangasinan, Philippines. By the time he had completed the sixth grade, Larry was fluent in English, able to speak several Filipino dialects, Spanish, Cantonese and Japanese. In 1929, when he was 15 years old, he left his birthplace and migrated to the United States. Immigrants from the Philippines were able to become U. S. nationals because in 1898, at the conclusion of the Spanish American War, the islands were ceded by Spain to the United States. However, it did not exclude them from racial prejudice and poverty. Although Itliong dreamed of studying law, circumstances required him to support himself as a migrant farm laborer and cannery worker. Conditions compelled him to join a strike with the Washington lettuce workers.

LARRY ITLIONG, CONTINUED...

In the 1930s he co-founded the Alaska Cannery Workers Union. It was there he lost three fingers in an accident, earning him the nickname "Seven Fingers." After serving as a mess-man on a U.S. Army transport ship during World War II, Larry settled in Stockton where he helped direct the 1948 asparagus strike. In 1956 he organized Stockton's Filipino Farm Labor Union. He began to emerge as a labor organizer who fought for better treatment and pay for farm workers. He was known in the Filipino American community as "Manong," a respectful term from the Ilocano dialect meaning "older brother." This term was used to refer to Filipino men who immigrated to the U.S. in the early 1900's. With other manongs, Itliong worked to establish the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee. This group became affiliated with Walter Ruether's powerful AFL-CIO.

Itliong was able to successfully organize a strike to elevate the pay of grape workers in Coachella Valley in May 1965. In September of the same year, he moved to Delano and 2,000 of the AWOC grape workers voted to go on strike. Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta convinced their National Farm Workers Association to join the action. The two unions merged to become the United Farm Workers. Chavez headed the group and Itliong was an assistant director handling worker support effort.

According to the Service Employees International Union Website: "It's been said that Cesar Chavez inspired the world, but that Larry Itliong inspired Cesar Chavez." The Delano Grape Strike and Boycott reached a successful conclusion in 1970. As the California Labor Federation observed, "While the Delano Grape Strike is often cited as one of the most prominent labor actions of the 20th century, we rarely hear the story of the Filipino activists and workers that played a critical part in sparking that historic worker action." In 1971, Itliong resigned from the UFW over policy differences with Chavez and Huerta. He became president of the Filipino American Political Association and was a 1972 delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He died in Delano in 1977 at the age of 63. The cause of his death was ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. On June 22, 2021, The Delano City Council unanimously approved a community request to name a proposed park adjacent to the Eleventh Avenue Community Center as Larry Itliong Unity Park.

POOL PARTY



MONTHLY RULE REMINDER

By Management

Please refer to your Architectural Standards and Procedures; pg 11

M. Holiday Decorations

- Decorations creating traffic congestion or a nuisance to neighbors shall not be allowed.
- Decorations may be hung or set out fifteen (15) days prior to a holiday and must be removed fifteen (15) days after the holiday, without ARC Committee approval.
- Christmas Holiday lighting and decorations shall be installed no earlier than Thanksgiving Day and shall be removed no later than January 15th.
- Use of exploding devices of any kind is prohibited in the community.



SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING RECAP

By Melissa Sharer

The Board approved the Minutes from August 25th, 2021.

The Board approved the August Secretary's Report.

Consent calendar approved by general consent

The Board approved the August 2021 HOA Financials.

The Board approved Delgadillo Drywall proposal to repair the monument signs at the south entrance for \$6,880.00 to be paid for out of Reserves GL-9070.

The Board approved CSC Construction proposal to remove, clean, and reinstall the letters on the monument signs for \$3,296.48 to be paid for out of Reserves GL-9070.

The Board approved proposal from Gundlach's Plumbing for \$2,975.00 to be paid for out of Reserves GL-9113.

The Board approved the Private Event Special Request from AI Ferry.

The Board approved the New Club Application for "Yoga-Tai Chi-Pilates Class".



SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Monetary Assets</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Additions</u> <u>Due From</u>	<u>Interest Incl</u> <u>Accrued</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Additions</u>	<u>Less:</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Less:</u> <u>Due To</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 255,147.52	156,579.90	-	0.55	156,580.45	153,359.67	-	\$ 258,368.30
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	1,698,760.89	21,177.36		2,392.79	23,570.15	-	-	1,722,331.04
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 1,953,908.41							\$ 1,980,699.34

	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	
Revenue Budget	\$ 154,053.00		\$ 1,246,324.00	
Revenue Actual	147,759.30		1,188,369.70	
Net Diff. to Budget	\$ 6,293.70	Under / (Over) Budget 4.1%	\$ 57,954.30	Under / (Over) Budget 4.7%
Expense Budget	\$ 162,246.00		\$ 1,239,890.00	
Expense Actual	161,313.94		1,133,862.41	
Net Diff. to Budget	\$ 932.06	Under / (Over) Budget 0.6%	\$ 106,027.59	Under / (Over) Budget 8.6%

Actual Net Income (Loss) \$ (13,554.64) \$ 54,507.29

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	<u>MTH</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>MTH</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>MTH</u> <u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>VARIANCE</u>
Collection/Legal Fee	200.00	(65.00)	265.00	559.00
Legal Fee	1,375.00	2,036.50	(661.50)	624.00
Website Service	250.00	70.00	180.00	180.00
Miscellaneous Administration	100.00	332.60	(232.60)	450.40
Master Association Share cost	3,787.00	3,429.64	357.36	7,522.60
Activities Supplies	200.00	(36.00)	236.00	627.50
Community events	300.00	716.29	(416.29)	445.43
Access Gate Maintenance	995.00	1,485.18	(490.18)	475.07
Electricity	1,900.00	2,939.68	(1,039.68)	634.81
Insurance	3,236.00	2,002.30	1,233.70	5,985.16
Lodge - Staffing	34,924.00	17,447.88	17,476.12	76,846.56
Lodge - Electricity	7,837.00	6,042.61	1,794.39	14,311.15
Lodge - Gas	641.00	533.87	107.13	6,169.94
Lodge - Pool & Spa Maintenance	2,750.00	2,700.00	50.00	5,200.00
Lodge - General Maintenance	1,000.00	377.00	623.00	2,834.01
Lodge - Janitorial Service	4,000.00	2,805.84	1,194.16	12,575.30
Lodge - HVAC Maintenance	1,120.00	750.00	370.00	2,330.00

UNFAVORABLE

Office Supplies	300.00	362.47	(62.47)	(65.14)
Postage & Printing	2,000.00	1,498.06	501.94	(48.55)
License & Fee	-	22.95	(22.95)	(228.34)
Annual Meeting	-	1,925.00	(1,925.00)	(1,925.00)
Landscape contract	36,276.00	44,290.13	(8,014.13)	(42,710.52)
Irrigation Repair	300.00	1,565.36	(1,265.36)	(6,344.41)
General Repair	259.00	1,500.00	(1,241.00)	(1,319.33)
Pest Control	325.00	300.00	25.00	(235.00)
Access Gate Operation System Repair	150.00	195.81	(45.81)	(963.77)
Water	18,446.00	32,878.43	(14,432.43)	(72,540.27)
Lodge - Water	1,466.00	3,568.01	(2,102.01)	(8,195.18)
Lodge - Phone	150.00	302.11	(152.11)	(329.09)
Lodge - Cable	100.00	288.90	(188.90)	(1,511.20)
Lodge - Alarm System	125.00	644.25	(519.25)	(898.05)
Lodge - Café Maintenance	100.00	369.00	(269.00)	(307.00)
Lodge - Janitorial Supplies	100.00	273.98	(173.98)	(1,012.51)

<u>Reserve Account</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Account Balance	\$ 1,698,760.89	\$ 1,722,331.04
*RESERVE STUDY 100%	3,194,889.37	3,218,459.52
*Percent Funded	53.2%	53.5%



OCTOBER 20

LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 6AM-7PM

OUTDOOR AMENITIES: M

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn
<p>Committee Meetings & Club Times are Subject to Change</p> <p>Check with Lodge for most current information</p>			<p>Health</p> <p>September</p> 
<p>3</p> <p>Water Volleyball 4pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Water Aerobics 10am Bunco Babes 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Rules & Regulations 10am Crafters Club 1pm Bridge 1pm Social Committee 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm Bocce Ball 6pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Advanced P Dance Fi Water Ae Canas Water Volle</p>
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21 CALENDAR

SATURDAY: 9AM-5PM SUNDAY: CLOSED
 NDAY-FRIDAY 6AM-10PM



Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Seminar 3th @ 12pm</p> 	<p>POOL CLOSED MONDAYS & FRIDAYS 6AM-10AM</p>	<p>1 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Water Aerobics 10am Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p>	<p>2 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am</p>
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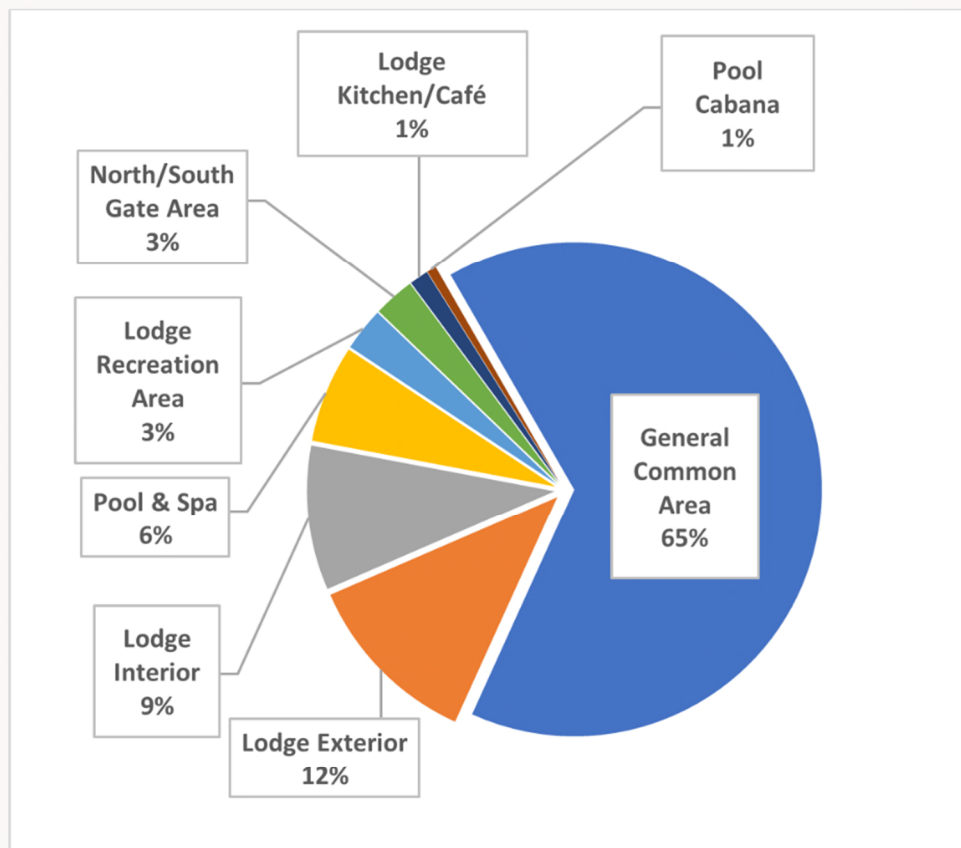
A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR TREASURER



By Board Treasurer Bill Ferguson

Since I decided not to run this year for the board again, these are my final words as your treasurer. I will now be serving as one of the members of the Finance Committee as I was prior to my election to the board. For the last eight months, my purpose in writing these words were to increase our membership's understanding of the HOA's financial processes. I hope this has been successful. As noted last month, our comments and corrections to the Reserve Analysis have been received, incorporated and received as the final – Revision-D.

One of the results of this analysis was that our reserve funding has been increased from 2021 by 26%. This increase will be reflected in the 2022 Budget. These funds will be allocated as this chart illustrates.



With the budget still in work, as mentioned last month, we began our process with the thought of offering two options. They would be offered as a Full and Lite version to the membership.

The Full version would have allowed us to open all amenities as they were prior to Covid-19. The Lite would recognize considerable cost saving if we were to continue our Covid-19 protocols. In this version we would allow some modifications which had included more activities and increased the budget for an additional lodge attendant.

In short order we came to the unanimous conclusion that, at this time, this version would have required a larger assessment and was subsequently discarded. Even though the budget is still not quite complete, it looks as if we will be able to keep the 2022 increase below 10% and are continuing to work on reducing this as much as the data will allow. The final pro-forma budget was presented to the Finance Committee on Sept. 30 and will be on the agenda at the Oct. 27 board meeting. Once approved by the board it will be formatted and become a part of the November annual mailer. This mailer includes (per Civil Code, Section §4041) both the 2022 Budget Summary Report and the executive summary of the Reserve Analysis.

I am preparing a presentation for a financial forum in the next couple of weeks that I hope you will attend. When all of this has been accomplished, once again, the budgeting process for 2022 will be complete.

Thanks again for reading this and if you have any comments or questions, please e-mail me at billfergus@aol.com.

Bill



LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

By Jann Klein (Landscape Chair)

The Landscape Committee has prepared a RFP (request for bid) which was mailed to all perspective landscape companies on September 15th that qualify for a community of this size. The committee will have a job walk with each vendor on October 1st at 11:00am so a new company can familiarize themselves with this community and see firsthand all of the maintenance areas, ask questions and then return their proposals by October 15, 2021. After that, the Landscape Committee will review each proposal and prepare a list of questions specific to each vendor's bid. A meeting for individual interviews of each company will occur on October 22nd starting at 9am. All of this is a long but very necessary process in order to choose the best company or companies for this community and bring our suggested vendor(s) choice to the Board for their review and hopeful approval. This year we prepared two separate RFP's; one for the Lodge grounds, Common areas and Parkways and the other for Members' Front Yards. It may turn out that one company succeeds in providing an accurate proposal for each area, competitive price or it may be we will have more than one company providing our maintenance service. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, we will be having a Paseo areas walk through on October 1st at 10:00am; meeting at the Gazebo on Barcelona. I encourage all homeowners, who are interested in viewing this area or have ideas about how to move forward to improve the overall appearance and maintenance to please attend. There will be a meeting in the Ballroom after the walk through to discuss landscape suggestions and see if we can put together a preliminary redesigning plan for 2022. Please note: there have been no upgrades to this area within our community for over 10 years.

We are in the process of addressing all trees, trimming, removal and replacement, if needed. These services will be addressed this month and again in March 2022.

Thank you to all of the committee members who completed their tree report on each section of the community that they have taken a responsibility to oversee. The maintenance, including the tree concerns, is now being checked each month and any issue is being reported back to the committee for further action, if needed.

Believe me, this committee spends an overwhelming amount of time dedicated to this community with at least 7-8 meetings just this month alone, so please take a moment to show your gratitude to each member and thank them for all of their hard work: Michael Van Houten, Eileen Callagy, Mike Callagy, Margaret Paschal, Mary Sullivan, and Board Liaison Kathy Clark. Thank you, because without the year-after-year dedication you have shown we would not be the premier community we are now and strive to be moving forward. More eyes, more information, and each member is truly proactive! Next month we will be discussing the retro fit contract; where we are, what is the final cost for this upgrade and information about the Paseo walk through.



Laughter Along Our Path

By Manya Carney (Four Seasons Resident)



A male resident of Four Seasons proudly told this joke to everyone in our beautiful swimming pool.

A classroom teacher asked three children what they wanted to be when they grew up?

Dan said, "When I grow up I want to be a man because I can. I'll build a great big dam because I'll be a man."

Katie said, "When I grow up I want to be a lady because I can. I'll have a baby, because I'll be a lady."

Billy said, "When I grow up I want to be a man because I can. I won't build a dam like Dan. I think I'll help Katie with her plan!"

Breast Reconstruction

Breast Reconstruction after Cancer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Women who have surgery as part of their breast cancer treatment may choose breast reconstruction surgery to rebuild the shape and look of the breast. There are different types of breast reconstruction.

Join plastic surgeon, Dr. Vipul Dev to learn about all your options and what to expect before and after your surgery.

In practice for more than 17 years, Dr. Dev became a reconstructive and cosmetic surgeon out of a deep desire to make positive changes in people's lives. Dr. Dev develops an individualized care plan for each patient. He is current with the newest advances in surgical technology and procedures.

Dr. Dev will provide expertise on the following:



- Overview of Breast Reconstruction Procedures
- Advances and New Technologies
- Ideal Candidates and Outcome Expectations
- Open Q & A Session

FREE VIRTUAL SEMINAR

Wednesday

October 13, 2021

12PM – 1PM, via Zoom

Please RSVP at: www.dignityhealthcentralcal.eventbrite.com to obtain the virtual ZOOM link.

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Neighbor 2 Neighbor - Margaret DeArmond & Donna Holtzclaw

The Four Seasons Annual Craft Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th. The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club will have a booth in order to raise money for more purchases for the foster youth at the Dream Center. If any community members would like to donate items (hand-made or purchased) for our club booth, please contact the club leaders.

The Dream Center is currently in need of new brushes & combs, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioners. Please contact the club leaders if you would like to make any donations or you can leave items in the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club basket in the Arts & Crafts Room.

Be sure to mark your calendar for:

October 16, 2021: Craft Bazaar

January 22, 2022: Hobby, Craft, and Collectors Show

May 12 & 13, 2022: Fundraiser Raffle

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, October 12th at 1:00 pm in the Lodge Arts & Crafts Room.

All community members are always welcome to attend.

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

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



The Dream Center is the one-stop resource center for emancipated foster youth.

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Social Committee - Donna Tillmann (Committee Member)

Happy Fall everyone. I just can't wait for the cooler weather and being able to wear cozy sweaters and boots again! Not sure it's gonna happen anytime soon but one can always hope!

As I write this, we are preparing for the Pool Party! Looks like we have a lot of folks planning on coming! Can't wait to update you on this event in next month's newsletter!

Hope you are all ready to have a "ghostly" time at the upcoming Halloween Party on Saturday, October 30th, at the Four Seasons Lodge! Start working on those amazing costumes for this event! We will have prizes for best costumes, both male and female. We are also looking for volunteers to decorate a table or two. We will have a prize for best table decorating as well! For food, we will be providing Pizza and Salad. Feel free to bring your own beverage and any goodies you may want to share with folks at your table! Come ready to have a fun-filled night! The cost of this event is only \$5.00 and sign-ups are at the front desk!

That's about it for now! We have a few more events coming up before the end of the year so stay tuned for information regarding them.

In closing, I want to welcome any new homeowners to this beautiful community we all call home! I feel so blessed to live in Four Seasons! Until next time...see ya around the neighborhood ♥!

Donna Tillmann
Volunteer, Social Committee



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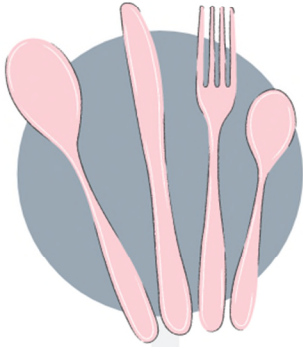
Computer Club - Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday October 9th, 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)

Jo Jo's Restaurant, opened in 2020, is a breakfast, lunch and dinner place that serves breakfast all day long. The interior has been tastefully done in a homey style with art on the walls, not TV's everywhere. The family owned restaurant wants everyone to feel welcome, walking out happier than walking in.

The 23 ladies that attended enjoyed great conversation and wow, did you see the dessert display? Yum. We might have to go back just for that.

On Wednesday, October 20 at 11:30am we will go to the new location for Tina Marie's located at 1534 19th St, Bakersfield 93301. Tina even called me back to say, Welcome!



Sign up at the front desk at the lodge. If you need or can give a ride meet under the flagpole between 11:00/11:15am.
Annette Harder 661.599.5676

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Book Club - Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)



News of the World is a stunning novel by Paulette Jiles that draws the reader into a world of cowboys, Indians and one old war hero, Captain Kidd who has been given an arduous task. He must deliver one young girl to her relatives in San Antonio, Texas. But there is just one problem. The young girl might look like her German relatives, but she believes she is an Indian. After her family is killed by Kiowa raiders and she is taken hostage, she dresses like one, acts like one, and even fights like one. Now that she is to be returned to her relatives, Captain Kidd must find a way to integrate the young girl, who had lived with the Indians for four years, back into Western culture while fighting to keep her safe from danger. News of the World proposes questions we must all face: questions of identity, racism and the importance of culture.

The Book Club will meet on October 21 at 10:00 in the Library.

Kathleen Reisig Club Leader

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.

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

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Veterans Club- John Sullivan (Club Secretary)

On September 8, the Four Seasons Veterans Club had their monthly meeting at Tony's Firehouse Grill. The Veterans from Four Seasons and Solera meet every second Wednesday each month. Sometimes we have a guest speaker and sometimes it is just a bunch of Vets swapping stories.

We welcome all veterans to our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. We try to stay current on veterans affairs. Please join us if you are a veteran.

Found Keys

To whomever found our car keys and left them on our doorstep, (which was a miracle) we are eternally grateful! We searched for 6 days and had lost hope, so as we were heading out the front door to go replace everything, there were the keys by our doormat! What a feeling!

They were meaningful because we lost our grandson 2 years ago and his thumbprint was on that keychain.

Irreplaceable! So thank you beyond words!

-Steve Roberts (10012 Francois Lane)

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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. The 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!

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Dinner Club - Eileen & Mike Callagy (Club leaders)

Wow friends and neighbors the August dinner had another great turnout! Thanks to all of you came & for the support you have given this new club.

Our next dinner will be on Saturday, October 23rd. Again, the doors will open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Please note: The price will be \$ 22.00 per person.

We are pleased to announce that vegetarian plates will be available. When you sign up you **MUST** specify that you want one.

Our menu for October will be:

Winter Salad (assorted greens, mandarin orange pomegranate seeds, feta cheese, candied spiced almonds & strawberry vinaigrette)

Stuffed Chicken (spinach, sundried tomatoes, feta cheese & pine nuts served with supreme sauce)

Red mashed potatoes

Roasted asparagus

Cherry Cobbler

Rolls & butter

As usual, iced tea and water will be provided with glasses. Bring your own adult beverage & glass.

Please don't wait until the last minute to sign up. Wednesday, October 20th is the deadline.

NOTE: The last dinner event of the year will be Saturday, November 20th. We are hoping for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings!

A NOTE FROM YOUR ARC COMMITTEE

Sandy Moffett – Member/Resident

Happy October! As the cooler weather finally knocks on our doors, we get the urge to spend more time outside. We want to decorate, play in the gardens and do some refreshing.

We would like to remind everyone that there was a recent revision of the Architectural Standards. It was the goal of the committee to bring things back to the standards that we all fell in love with when we moved here. To that end, the committee worked long and hard, going over the original documents for any updates that needed to be made. Those changes were presented to the community via US mail on two occasions, and everyone had an opportunity to voice their questions or concerns during that process. Then came the time to vote. The changes were passed, and now comes the part that no one likes – making sure that the changes are supported by the community.

Your HOA has the job of letting the community know if something in their common area falls outside of the ARC standards. If the HOA sees an issue, or if a homeowner files a complaint with the HOA, a letter is sent to let the resident know that a correction needs to be made. No one is being singled out – being picked on. It's just part of the process to keep our community beautiful for everyone. As one wise person said, "Not everyone loves pink flamingos."

If you would like to see a copy of the current standards, please contact the HOA office. We are here to answer any questions. We appreciate your help and understanding.

Blessings



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9AM TO 2PM

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10500 TOSCANA DRIVE

K. HOVNANIAN'S FOUR SEASONS LODGE AT BAKERSFIELD

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CONTEST!**

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TRICKS AND TREATS HALLOWEEN PARTY

**TABLE
DECORATING
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ADULT BEVERAGE**

OCT 30

5PM

\$5

PIZZA & SALAD

**SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 25TH TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT!
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