

**K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons Lodge at Bakersfield
Community Association**

FOUR SEASONS MESSENGER

AUGUST 2022

FOUR SEASONS LODGE AT BAKERSFIELD



10500 Toscana Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93306
Phone (661) 873-0580 Fax (661) 873-0579

www.FSBHOA.com

Lodge
Hours of Operation

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
6AM-9PM
SATURDAY 9AM-5PM
SUNDAY CLOSED**

Upcoming
Holiday Hours

Outdoor Amenities:
Side gate access

**MONDAY-SUNDAY
6AM-10PM**

Important contacts

Four Seasons Lodge

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 www.fsbhoa.com

The Beauty Bar

Phone (661) 873-0581

Landscape Concerns

Email: help@cmlandscapeinc.com

K. Hovnanian's Customer Service

Phone (800) 767-1676
 www.khov.com/homeowner-services

Seabreeze Customer Escrow Department

Phone (800) 232-7517

California Water Service

Phone (661) 873-7260

Animal Control

Phone (661) 326-3436

City Solid Waste

Phone (661) 326-3114

Fire Department

Phone (661) 326-3911

Police Department (non emergency)

Phone (661) 327-7111

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CLUBS & CLASSES

Veteran's Club - Don Bearden (Club Leader)

If you ever witnessed a fallen veteran's funeral, you will notice that every move is made with robotic precision. This is created by the discipline the military has taught every soldier from their first day of service; this is not forgotten, even if you're a volunteer honor guard member. Nonetheless, if you've had the honor to either witness or participate in a fallen veteran's funeral you can see and feel the humanity and the strong emotions that are tied to that task. The faces of those volunteer honor guard members are expressionless, but their hearts are closely connected to each veteran that has passed away. Every day countless veterans leave us, and every person that has served in uniform mourns their loss. This group is currently in need of volunteers and donations and if you have in your heart a willingness to give back to your fellow veterans and to help ensure that this valuable service continues, take a moment to visit their webpage at: <https://www.kerncounty.com/government/veterans-service/partners>, click on the Non-Profit and Other Agencies link.

If you have any questions about the honor guard, upcoming veterans gathering, or need a ride to Huckleberry's, just give Penny Martinez a call or send her an email using the information noted below. Looking forward to a blessed year, with the opportunity of meeting fellow brothers and sisters in arms and hearing from guest speakers.

Don Bearden
 President, Veteran's Group
 (661) 703-5314

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**FOUR SEASONS AND SOLERA VETERAN'S LUNCHEON
@ HUCKLEBERRY'S**

Are you a Veteran of the Armed Services? If so, we've formed a veteran's group between our Four Seasons community and those veterans living in our sister 55+ community Solera and we'd love to have you join us. Our combined group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Huckleberry's restaurant, located at 2673 Mt Vernon Ave. At our August 10th gathering we will be discussing our upcoming guest speakers for the remainder of 2022, and putting the finishing touches on our upcoming October BBQ at Four Seasons; we'll be inviting past speakers and remember veterans, your wives are welcome to all gatherings and events.

At our July gathering, our guest speakers were members of the Associated, Veterans Kern County Honor Guard, Mr. Ben Palmer, Mr. Fidel Valencia, and Mr. Mark Carter. The Associated Veterans of Kern County Honor Guard are a group of volunteers made up of veterans from the Air Force, the Navy, the Army, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard, who give their time and resources to ensure that every United States military veteran, who served honorably, is given final military rites at no cost to the veteran's family; it's a FREE service. They may not be slim and trim anymore, but they know their duties and understand the power and importance of these military honors for the families of their veteran brothers and sisters.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT- 03-04

A message from Board President, Kathy Clark.

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Check out how much fun we had at our 2022 Independence Parade.

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Keep track of all the upcoming events and meetings.

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Take a trip back in time to our 2021 Independence Parade.

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Stay in the know as to when clubs are meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President Kathy Clark

Here we are in August and our upcoming election. Remember to cast one vote per open position, pick your top three, and put one vote for each. Best to all the candidates.

We have had a lot of things going on this year and I am so thankful to our community for their wonderful support.

If you are interested in serving on a committee which is where all the work is done and serve as an advisor to the board please consider putting in an application. The committees will be formed at the August 31st General Meeting to begin their work on September 1st.

Here are the definitions of our committees.

A. Standing Committee:

- Standing Committee is established by the CC&R's as a permanent Committee.
- The Association's one Standing Committee is the Architectural Review Committee.
- A Nominating Committee is established as needed.

B. Annual Committees:

Are created by the Board for the duration of one (1) year but may be re-authorized annually. These committees are established by the Board to discuss and research issues and make recommendations to the Board.

CLUBS & CLASSES

Computer Club – Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 13, 2022, 9:00am

Location: Zoom



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.

Art Club – Norma Niel (Club Leader)

The new Art Club held its first meeting for art lovers on July 20th in the old Cafe. The short meeting involved a discussion of possible future activities for the club of interest to any artist or art lover might pursue. The club already has weekly watercolor classes underway and will start another drawing class based on drawing our local birds. this Fall.

The general meeting was followed by a painting session with Brusho combined with inks presented by club leader Norma Neil. The vivid, explosive colors lend themselves to a more intuitive and contemporary approach and though often unpredictable, the results can be awesome.

The club is hoping to attract more members, for the sponsored classes to expand the art-centered activities.

Pictured L to R, Linda Burns, Vicki Tasoff, Stacy Achen, and Jan Lemmuchi



For information contact:

Club Leader Norma Neil at 661-204-4653 or via email at norm_neil@icloud.com

Crafters Club– Nancy McKenry (Club Leader)

Do you love crafting and getting together with friends? If you do, consider joining the Crafters Club meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday. We meet in the Arts & Crafts room from 1 pm–4 pm and have a lot of fun!

–Nancy McKenry
njmckenry@gmail.com



CLUBS & CLASSES

Chair Yoga Class – Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

Chair Yoga is a great way to improve your flexibility and strength. You don't need any prior experience or equipment to join us. Follow along with the instructional video at your own level and see what it can do for you!

We meet at 9:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you have any questions, please text or call Melanie Yates, 661.703.0740.



A Plant Slant Vegan Book Discussion – Patsy Ouellette (Club Leader)

We had our first meeting in July. I hope everyone was inspired as much as I was. We learned some history about the author, Michael Greger, MD, of the book, "How Not To Die." In the Introduction, he gave us a hint of the impact that a whole food, plant-based diet can have on our health. He whetted our appetite to learn more, and the information we are learning is motivating us to take on the challenges of eating healthier.

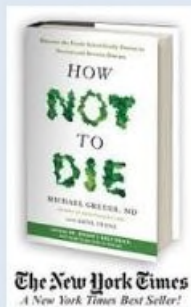
This month, on Monday, August 22, we will begin Chap.1. "How Not To Die of Heart Disease."

Though much of our economy profits from fast food, processed food, pharmaceuticals, and hospitalizations, there is one corporate sector that benefits from keeping people healthy – namely the insurance industry, Kaiser Permanente, which published a nutritional update for physicians in their official medical journal, "that eating healthy may be best achieved with a plant-based diet, and that physicians should consider recommending a plant-based diet to all their patients, especially those with high blood pressure, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, or obesity."

The purpose of this group is to learn, get encouragement, and support each other in our quest for better health and vibrant life.

The next meeting is Monday, August 22. Please prepare by reading Chapter 1, and bring a notebook and pencil. I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Patsy Ouellette
Club Leader
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President Kathy Clark

C. Annual Committee Charters:

- Direct the Committee to carry out a specific purpose or activity
- Specify the length of time granted to the Committee to accomplish its purpose or activity
- Specify the minimum and/or maximum number of members for the Committee

D. Ad Hoc Committees:

May be established by the Board for a specific purpose and for a limited period

E. Subcommittees:

May be appointed by a committee or committee chair, for a specific purpose or task and for a limited time. Notice of the formation of such a committee shall be given to the Board.

The annual committees are Facilities, Finance, Information Technology, Landscape, Rules and Regulations, and Social.

I would also like to congratulate Emerald Newquist on the interim General Manager position. Seabreeze Management will oversee her training and will be responsible to find her Administrative Assistant replacement. This community benefits tremendously as she has demonstrated her willingness to learn and her leadership skills are wonderful. Stop by the office and get to know her.

Stay cool and enjoy our great amenities!

SERVE ON A Committee

Sunshine Club - Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

SUNSHINE CLUB: Compassion.....Care..... Concern

The Sunshine Club is here to help our neighbors and our community. In addition to providing cards and small gifts for those who are ill or hospitalized, the Sunshine Club maintains the plants in the Lodge. Not only are the plants getting proper care, but we also save the community over \$3,000 annually!

A couple of our gals have offered to walk a sick neighbor's dog and occasionally we have supplied meals to neighbors when an unexpected illness or hospitalization has occurred. We have offered rides to the Beauty Bar and special events at the Lodge. Recently we committed to delivering the Newsletter to those who are homebound. Last, but not least our club assists with memorial services in our Ballroom providing linen for the tables and coffee set up. As always, we need the help of the community to identify neighbors in need!

Please contact Linda Hofer (Club Leader), via phone, text, or email, with information or requests.

Home: 661-368-1995 Cell:510-374-8366 Email: hofer1951@gmail.com

Dinner Club - Eileen & Mike Callagy (Club leaders)

We had a great turnout of 70 people for our June get together. The barbequed chicken and tri tip by Fernando Verde was enjoyed by all!

Mark your calendars: We are planning on having our last dinner of the year on Saturday, November 12th.

We are in the process of checking out more possibilities for caterers and will keep all our friends and neighbors informed as the process evolves.

Thanks to all of you who support the dinner club.



Four Seasons Members,

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the community, helping your neighbors, and making new friends? Consider volunteering on a Four Seasons Committee! Each year members have the opportunity to make a difference in their neighborhood by signing up to serve on a committee. We need a variety of personalities and skills to make Four Seasons a fun, financially sound, beautiful, orderly, up-to-date, and safe place to live.

There are many options to choose from:

- **Social Committee:** Promotes community fellowship through planning and hosting an annual calendar of events and activities.
- **Finance Committee:** Reviews the Association's monthly financial statements and reserves funds for fiscal soundness and presents a preliminary budget to the Board of Directors for the following year.
- **Landscape Committee:** Works to provide an attractive and healthy community landscape.
- **Architectural Review Committee:** Completes a fair and consistent review of exterior improvements or modifications to homes to ensure that all changes adhere to the established architectural guidelines.
- **Rules and Regulations Committee:** Ensures that rules are consistently and fairly applied, reviews proposed changes to rules, and provides recommendations to the Board of Directors for review.
- **Nominating Committee:** Promotes awareness and interest within the community to encourage candidate applicants for the Board of Directors election and schedules a "Candidates Night" to allow members to hear the candidates speak before voting.
- **IT Committee:** Addresses hardware maintenance, reviews website design, determines storage requirements for web page, and provides recommendations when computer and software upgrades are required.
- **Facilities Committee:** Assures that the Association is properly maintained and in good order and repair by developing preventative maintenance programs, investigating the need for repairs, performing studies as directed by the Board, and making recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the need for purchases or repairs to common areas and common area facilities.

If you would like to volunteer for one or more committees for the upcoming 2022-2023 year, pick up an application in the Lodge office. The deadline to turn in applications is August 22, 2022. Some committees may be first-come first-served, so don't wait!

CLUBS & CLASSES

Ladies Luncheon – Annette Harder (Club Leader)

The Crest Bar & Grill Drive-In Movie Theater opened its gates in 1963. Starting with one screen, it became so popular that they decided to add a second screen, enabling the theater to accommodate up to 1000 vehicles. The Crest was able to keep the gates open for 35 years before having to close them forever in 1998. In 2003 the Crest was dismantled and the Bakersfield RV Resort was able to bring back a part of the amazing Crest Bar & Grill a full-service restaurant for the community and RV guests.

We were in for another great meal at one of our favorite places to visit. 24 ladies attended and made our waitress feel very special on her 21st birthday with a song and hefty tips! We will stay close to home this month, at least in the same zip code. On Saturday, August 20 at 11:30 am we will be returning to the Olive and Orange Bistro, 15701 Hwy 178, 93306. Sign up sheet is at the front desk. If you can give or need a ride meet at the flagpole between 11/11:15 am.

Annette Harder //Club Leader



Book Club – Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

Pulitzer Prize-winning, #1 New York Times bestseller, "Angela's Ashes" is Frank McCourt's masterful memoir about his family's struggles with extreme poverty and his father's alcoholism. It includes various anecdotes and stories of his childhood in Ireland. This is a memoir about childhood, resilience, and the triumphant power of storytelling.

The Book Club will meet on August 18 at 10:00 a.m. In the Library.

Kathleen Reisig Club Leader



JULY TREASURER'S REPORT

K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons

As of June 30, 2022

| | Balance Jun 30, 2022 | Balance May 31, 2022 | Change |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Total Operating Funds (Monthly Assessments) | 242,635.85 | 229,593.43 | 13,042.42 |
| 2. Total Reserve Funds | 1,785,775.09 | 1,803,232.26 | (17,457.17) |
| 3. Total Account Receivables | 10,381.74 | 21,653.31 | (11,271.57) |
| 4. Total Prepaid Expenses (Insurance) | 10,295.14 | 12,582.94 | (2,287.80) |
| 5. Total Fixed Asset (LED Lighting) | 97,521.34 | 97,521.34 | 0.00 |
| 6. Total Assets (Sum of 1-5) | <u>2,146,609.16</u> | <u>2,164,583.28</u> | <u>(17,974.12)</u> |
| 7. Total Current Liabilities (Prepaid Assessments) | 57,194.94 | 47,878.39 | 9,316.55 |
| 8. Total Accounts Payable (Payroll etc.) | 144,476.87 | 140,831.39 | 3,645.48 |
| 9. Total Liabilities (Sum of 7 & 8) | <u>201,671.81</u> | <u>188,709.78</u> | <u>12,962.03</u> |
| 10. Total Reserves Fund (Same as 2) | 1,785,775.09 | 1,803,232.26 | (17,457.17) |
| 11. Total Prior Years Equity | 141,550.14 | 141,550.14 | 0.00 |
| 12. Total Owner's Equity (Sum of 10 & 11) | <u>1,927,325.23</u> | <u>1,944,782.40</u> | <u>(17,457.17)</u> |
| 13. Net Income / (Loss) (6-9-12) | 17,612.12 | 31,091.10 | (13,478.98) |
| 14. Total Liabilities and Equity (9+12+13) | <u>2,146,609.16</u> | <u>2,164,583.28</u> | <u>(17,974.12)</u> |

JULY BOARD MEETING RECAP

By Emerald Newquist

On Wednesday, July 27, 2022 the Board of Directors held a General Session Meeting. The following was approved or discussed:

□Approval of Secretary's report including Executive Sessions Report and General Minutes from June 22, 2022.

□June 2022 Financial Report was approved.

□Committee Reports and Approved Recommendations:

Social: a. Pool Party on September 17th . Live DJ and catering from Porkchop & Bubbas.
b. Halloween Party on October 29th .
c. New Year's Eve party on December 31st . Live DJ will be playing.

Landscape: a. Replanting front entry & flagpole areas in the amount of \$2,600.00.

Facilities: a. Replace cabana water-heater in the amount of \$1,808.00.
b. Replace movie theater air-conditioning condenser in the amount of \$4,150.00.
c. Repair water misters in the amount of 670.00.

Finance: a. 2021 Financial Audit & Taxes approved

□Under New Business the following items were approved:

1. RV Parking Petition for 6121 Shelburne.
2. RV Parking Petition for 9800 Naples Place.
3. New Club Application: Neighborhood Watch.
4. Craft Bazaar on October 15, 2022.
5. Ballroom Reservation for a Birthday Party on 08/05/2022.
6. Ballroom Reservation for a Campaign Assembly on 08/13/2022.
7. Ballroom Reservation for a Baby Shower on 09/03/2022
8. Ballroom Reservation for a Kiwanis Installation meeting 09/30/2022.
9. Ballroom Reservation for a Memorial Service on 10/30/2022.
10. Association Reserve Study for 2023

After the recent Board meeting, I have been accused of using an ethnic slur. I was quoting verbatim a statement made by a violator at the pool and related to me by someone who observed the incident. It was not my words and does not reflect my beliefs or opinions. I was relaying what happened in order to address the issue and say that the behavior was unacceptable and a violation of our Code of Conduct. – Kathy Clark

CLUBS & CLASSES

Neighbor2Neighbor Club (contd.)

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 | |

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| 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 |

Future N2N Club Project/Fundraiser: We would like to sponsor a Christmas home tour in early December. So, we are looking for community members who love to decorate for the holiday season and would be willing to have guests visit their home. If you are interested in participating, please contact the club leaders.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, August 9th, at 1:00 pm in the Lodge Craft 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

CLUBS & CLASSES

Neighbor2Neighbor Club

Margaret DeArmond/Donna Holtzclaw (Club Leaders)

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club has 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
- 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



GUESTS

- All guests must be accompanied by a Resident at all times when using the Lodge Facilities.
- Residents are responsible for the activity and/or behavior of their guests at all times.
- Residents are financially responsible for any loss or damage to the Association Property attributable to their guests.
- Eight (8) guests per day per household are permitted use of designated Lodge Facilities.
- All guests must register with the Lodge Staff when first entering the Lodge.
- Any guest not officially registered by a Resident will be requested to do so, if he or she refuses, then they will be expected to leave the Lodge Facilities upon request.

POOL/SPA AREAS

- Children under the age of five (5) years old are not allowed in the pool or spa area at anytime.
- Pool hours for children between five (5) years old and fourteen (14) years old are from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm daily.

Just Not Allowed

- Glass objects in or around pool and spa areas
- Intoxication at the pool/spa will not be tolerated due to safety and liability concerns. Violators will be asked to leave.

August safety tip

By Lorenzo Alvarez (Four Seasons Resident).

UNRULY AND ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR: Our community has seen an increase in unruly and illegal behavior by residents utilizing the facilities, specifically at the pool during the weekends. This behavior includes bringing glass products such as wine bottles and wine glasses into the pool area, playing very loud music, parties exceeding the maximum number of guests, allowing young children in the pool area, allowing children wearing diapers in the pool but more importantly, adults who are so drunk that they start yelling, cussing and want to fight with anyone who tries to ask them to calm down or leave. The hot summers combined with too much alcohol is a catalyst for trouble as was recently witnessed by many at the pool on Saturday, July 23 when the Bakersfield Police Department was called out.

NON-RESIDENTS: We are also seeing an increase in non-residents accessing our facilities who are not accompanied by actual residents. Please do not share your passcodes with outsiders who may access our community without you.

GATES: Please DO NOT prop any of the gates open so that others can access the facilities. Residents are issued fobs to access the facilities so there is no need to prop open any gate. Doing so only facilitates non-residents to gain entry.

We all have the right to peacefully enjoy the amenities of our beautiful resort-like community! Rules are put in place to make this happen so let's help by adhering to the rules.

THEFTS: Please continue to be diligent in protecting yourself from being the victim of a theft. Over the past few weeks, we have seen video evidence of thieves accessing our complex and stealing items from unlocked cars and from garage doors that were left open at night. Make it a habit to check and ensure that your cars and all house doors including your garage are locked before you retire for the night.

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER: IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!! Take a picture of suspicious vehicles and persons in case something is reported later. We are all in this together at Four Seasons. Don't depend on a few to do it all.

As always, Stay Alert, Stay Safe

Lorenzo Alvarez



From Your ARC Friends

Happy Summer!

Well, happy Summer if it weren't hot as you know where, but then, we did choose to live in Bakersfield.

Two quick notes:

First, be diligent about the safety of your home always, but especially during vacation time. I know we live in a secure community, but bad people don't care about that. And sometimes we just forget to do the simplest of things. We had some work done on our place and our garage door was open all day. The workmen finished - I thanked them, and didn't realize until hours later - well into the dark of night that our door was still open. Thankfully, nothing was taken, but I "left the door wide open" to the possibility.

Second, while front yard maintenance is handled by our wonderful grounds people, we need to keep an eye on the status of the paint on our homes. A good rule of thumb is to paint every ten years and touch up as necessary; keeping to your color pallet. I know we all want to keep up the beauty of our community. I've got another few more years to go before I hit that mark...how about you?

Have a safe summer. Stay hydrated and stay cool.

Blessings,
Sandy Moffett - ARC Member

Laughter Along Our Path

BY MANYA CARNEY (FOUR SEASONS RESIDENT)



Grandparents from Four Seasons were out of town babysitting their grandchildren. One day their 7-year-old grandson came home from school with a suspicious note. Since his parents were out of town, Grandpa had to sign it. The anxious child watched Grandpa's eyes move all over the criminally induced paper from the principal. "Why did you get kicked off the bus?" Grandpa bellowed in a stern voice. "Well Grandpa, this kid and I got into a fight and the driver saw us!", "Tell me what happened?" Grandpa asked with a big sigh, waiting for the story to spill forth from this little guy's lips. "It's pretty simple" Timmy explained. "I just lightly touched this kid's nose."
"Wow!" Grandpa said in total amazement. "Show me!" Timmy stroked Grandpa's nose so faintly he could barely feel it. "Yeah," he went on to say. "I barely touched his nose and it started to bleed all over the place! There was blood everywhere!"



REMINDER: We have our Annual Meeting as well as our Election on **Monday, August 22nd, 2022 at 6PM.** You should have recieved your ballots in the mail if you have not or if you have filled out your sheet incorrectly please call the Front Desk for options on what to do moving forward.



“GOOD-BYE TO THE BEALE MEMORIAL CLOCK TOWER”

70 Years Ago: It lived Well, But Died Hard

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident

“Good-bye to the Beale Memorial Clock Tower”

(Previously published in the 1952 Fall Issue of Historic Kern)

“ With this issue of Historic Kern, we bid goodbye to the Beale Memorial Clock Tower. Materially the Tower is no longer with us, though it can scarcely die in the hearts and memories of those who have lived in Bakersfield and Kern County. Even the people who have only passed by will recall the Tower. It was something that made Bakersfield distinctive. Other cities have statues, arches, parkways, and tall buildings, but who remembers them? Everyone remembers the Clock Tower.

“Our Tower is gone. Where it stood for almost half a century there is only a hastily poured rectangle of asphalt – an unmarked grave. Automobiles now rush through the intersection where once they slowed down as if in respect for the proud lady who stood there. She was proud as she stood watching the growth of a city around her, in much the manner of a mother who watches her family grow to take its place in the world.

“It is always difficult to break with the past. The end of the Tower was such a break. She served her town well. And because she did, let us hope that in the not too distant future we will see the rise of a worthy successor destined to play the role in the history of Bakersfield.

Postcard dated 5 August 1949

West view - 17th Street at Chester Avenue
Bakersfield, Kern County, California



CLUBS & CLASSES

From your friends at The Social Committee

Donna Tillman - Committee Chair

Praying this finds everyone healthy and staying cool during this heat wave we are experiencing! The pool is a great place to go when you want to cool off and enjoy yourself.

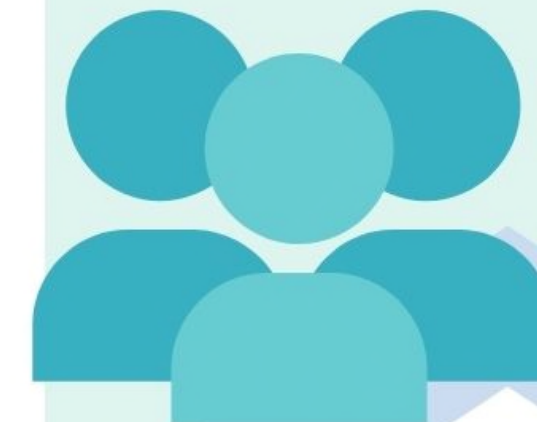
Speaking of that...we are looking forward to seeing you all at our Annual Pool Party on Saturday, September 17th. We will have food catered by Pork Chops & Bubba's BBQ and a DJ to help us keep the party going! This event always proves to be a fun-filled event for the folks here at Four Seasons. Please remember that no glass is permitted in the pool area. Stay tuned for more information regarding this event.

In October we will be having our Autumn Nights Party out on the patio! This event will be much like our Tuscany Night. Good wine, good food, and good neighbors, always amount to lots of fun! Keep your eyes open for details on this event!

Can you believe we are so far into this year already? Time sure passes a lot faster in our golden year I tell ya! But...we live in a great community with great people to enjoy this time in our lives with one another! Let's get out there and have some fun, everyone! Life is too short so let's make the best of it. I look forward to more Four Seasons FUN!

Until next time... see you around the neighborhood ♥

Donna Tillmann



From your friends at The Landscape Committee

Jann Klien – Committee Chair

One of the most frequent questions from homeowners is "how efficient is the new watering system for the front yards, Lodge grounds, and common areas"? How much is the water costing us? I have great news that the first six months' water expenses have gone down based on the latest water bill received (June). Yes, water still runs downhill, therefore, water on our front lawns will roll across many sidewalks but the C&M Landscape irrigator is still adjusting some heads, changing out sprinkler heads, where needed, and creating as much efficiency as possible while accommodating the watering cycle the County requires. C&M Landscape is currently watering three days a week, twice a day for 10 minutes for each cycle or in some instances three times a day at 7 minutes a cycle. This allows for better water flow and eases the pump wear and tear (thus, saving us money in the long run as pumps are very expensive). Watering is set to come on after 8:00 pm and off by 11:30 am.

The committee is doing all it can to maintain our community, increase home values and still provide a feeling of pleasure when returning to our homes or having family and friends visit us. This takes a lot of work and vision, but the Landscape Committee has always been up to the challenge. As the new committees are formed, leadership in some instances will change, and new ideas and suggestions come forward, it is, as it always is, a new beginning. But the challenges remain the same; it takes dedication and hard work to make it work.



“GOOD-BYE TO THE BEALE MEMORIAL CLOCK TOWER”

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)

“It would not be fair to say that the Beale Tower will rise again. That would indicate a lack of respect for what has gone, conveys the feeling, the color, the story of that which it replaces. This does not imply that we should look lightly upon a new tower for the tower would be in keeping with the tradition of our community. Rather it means that in a sense we are passing from one era into another and that the herald of that past period has given way to the herald of the new.

“We do not forget the past, but revere it more for its having been. We hold it higher by honoring its existence in kind. Let us then honor well the old Tower by working well for a new one. “Thus we say farewell to the “Clock Tower.” It lived well. It served well. It died hard.”

The tower was a gift to the city from Truxtun Beale, who donated it in memory of his mother Mary Edwards Beale. It was dedicated on April 2, 1904, and stood in the middle of the 17th St. and Chester Ave. intersection.

A series of earthquakes during July and August of 1952 caused extensive damage and the tower was demolished. All that was saved were the original clockworks, bell, iron stairway, balcony railings, and arch grillwork.





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July 2022

Hot American Pride!!!
















Committee Meetings & Club Times are Subject to
Change, Check with Lodge for most current information

AUGUST 2022 CALENDAR

LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 6AM-9PM SATURDAY: 9AM-5PM
SUNDAY:CLOSED

POOL CLOSED
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
6AM-10AM

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | 1 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Pinochle 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm | 2 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Social Committee 1pm Crafters Club 1pm Bridge 1pm Bocce Ball 7am | 3 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm | 4 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Art Club 9:30am Water Aerobics 10am Bridge 1pm Bible Study Club 2pm Bingo 6pm  | 5 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Game Night 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm | 6 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am |
| 7 Water Volleyball 4pm | 8 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Committee Appreciation 12:30pm Pinochle 1pm New Homeowner Orientation 1:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm  | 9 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Neighbor to Neighbor 1pm Bridge 1pm Bocce Ball 7am | 10 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Veterans Club 11:30pm Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm | 11 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Art Club 9:30am Bridge 1pm Architectural Review 3pm Bingo 6pm   | 12 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Game Night 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm  | 13 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Computer Club 9am |
| 14 Water Volleyball 4pm | 15 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Pinochle 1pm FACILITIES 1PM Dance Fitness 5:45pm  | 16 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Crafters Club 1pm Bridge 1pm Bocce Ball 7am | 17 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Landscape 10:00am Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm | 18 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Art Club 9:30am Book Club 10am Finance 10am Bridge 1pm Bingo 6pm  | 19 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Game Night 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm | 20 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Ladies Luncheon 11:30am |
| 21 Water Volleyball 4pm | 22 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Plant Slant 10am Water Aerobics 10am Pinochle 1pm Annual Meeting 6pm  | 23 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Bocce Ball 7am Taco Tuesday 6pm | 24 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 5:30pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm | 25 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Art Club 9:30am Bridge 1pm Bingo 6pm   | 26 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Game Night 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm | 27 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Computer Club 9am |
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