

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

# FOUR SEASONS MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2022

FOUR SEASONS LODGE AT BAKERSFIELD



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Bakersfield, CA 93306  
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[www.FSBHOA.com](http://www.FSBHOA.com)

Lodge  
Hours of Operation

**MONDAY-FRIDAY  
6AM-10PM**  
**SATURDAY + SUNDAY  
9AM-5PM**

Upcoming  
Holiday Hours

**NOVEMBER 23: 6AM - NOON**  
**NOVEMBER 24 ; CLOSED**  
**DECEMBER 24/25- CLOSED**

Outdoor Amenities:  
Side gate access

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

# Important contacts

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## Landscape Concerns

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## 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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<u>2022-2023 Board of Directors</u>	
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# CLUBS & CLASSES

## Veteran's Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

The month of November holds great meaning for many veterans, for veterans of the Marine Corps, you'll be celebrating your 247th birthday on November 10th; HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES! On Friday, November 11th, Veterans Day, fellow veterans and communities across our great country will be celebrating, paying respect, and reflecting upon the heroism of those who served their country honorably, both living and deceased. To all veterans of all branches, Thank You for your sacrifice, your bravery, and the example you set for all of us. In short, thank you for your service; America must never forget!

In keeping with celebrating and paying respect to our fellow veterans, our combined veteran group has organized a private tour of the Portrait of a Warrior's Gallery located at 1925 Eye Street; on Wednesday, November 9th @ 11:30 am. The gallery was established to enhance our community by creating portraits of Kern County's Post 9/11 Fallen Service Members. The Gallery works directly with Gold Star families to keep the memories of our Fallen Heroes alive through art, education and providing services available to our local Veterans, their families, and our community.

After the tour, we'll enjoy breakfast/lunch across the street at Tina Marie's. We're looking at carpooling, so let me know if you can be a driver or you would be more comfortable riding with someone and we'll work on coordinating our transportation needs. If you would like to learn more about the Portrait of a Warrior Gallery, check out their website at <https://kern-warrior.org/>; it's an amazing place and it honors our Kern County's fallen service members. God Bless them all!

If you have any questions about upcoming veteran's gatherings, 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.

Penny Martinez  
 President & Secretary, Veteran's Group  
 Email: figment5802@gmail.com  
 (661) 873-7615

Clark Machamer  
 Chaplain, Veteran's Group  
 (661) 469-2701



Four Season Veteran's  
 Join us for a private tour of  
 Portrait of a Warrior Gallery  
 1925 Eye St, Bakersfield, CA 93301  
 Wednesday, November 9th @ 11:30 am

*Portrait of a WARRIOR*  
 -Kern County-

**Tina Marie's**  
 DOWNTOWN CAFE

After tour we'll enjoy breakfast/lunch at  
 Tina Marie's Downtown Cafe  
 1534 19th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301  
 (Attendees to purchase own meal)

RSVP by Tuesday, November 1st  
 Penny Martinez - figment5802@gmail.com



# CLUBS & CLASSES

## Veteran's Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

In October, our combined veteran's group enjoyed a fantastic BBQ at Four Seasons Lodge. We were joined by our fellow Solera at Kern Canyon veterans, along with past guest speakers from a variety of Kern County Veteran organizations. Our management company, Seabreeze Management, pulled out all the stops for our group and guests to have a good time and we thank them for their hospitality. We're planning to make this October BBQ and annual event and next year we'll hold it at Solera.



Places a Wreath on a Veteran's gravesite for the Christmas Holiday Season

Make your \$15 Donation to:

[www.waabakersfield.org](http://www.waabakersfield.org)

OR

Mail a check or money order to:

**Wreaths Across America**

c/o Civil AirPatrol

1975 Airport Drive

Bakersfield, CA 93308

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If you have any questions, Civil AirPatrol can be reached at:  
(661)360-1899 info@waabakersfield.org FaceBook - @waabakersfield



NOTE: If you want to be 100% sure your loved one's site has a wreath placed for Christmas, make that known by indicating site specific information when you donate.



Wreaths will be placed December 17, 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT: DON WOLFE

A 2023 Budget must be approved by the Board and mailed to the membership by November 30th. Failure to meet that date has severe financial consequences. Therefore, we began the development process back in July. First, we requested and received a rough draft Budget from Seabreeze, giving us a starting point. We also asked for and received an updated 2023 Reserve Study from Association Reserves.

To get the process underway, a small working committee was appointed by the Board President to do the first draft of the 2023 Budget. The appointees were me, Kathy Clark, and Judy West. Emerald Newquist and Leanna Cutler provided staff support throughout the project. When they finished their review, the drafts were submitted to the Finance Committee where a tedious monthlong process of collecting the latest facts and data and applying them to the Budget was undertaken. The Finance Committee did their final review on October 20th and submitted their recommendation to approve both documents at the October 27 Board Meeting.

The Board approved the 2023 Reserve Study unanimously. However, after a lengthy discussion among the Board members and input from members in attendance, the Board did not approve the draft Budget. Instead, the Board decided to take a close look as a group at an open meeting and to provide information to the membership on the process before proceeding.

The Board has scheduled two events to move the process forward. First, they scheduled a Financial Forum by our Treasurer, Bill Ferguson, for November 2nd at 6 pm. Bill will pause for questions during the Forum. I urge your attendance. The Forum will be very informative.

Second, the Board scheduled a Special Board Meeting for November 9th at 6 pm to consider any proposed modifications to the draft Budget that have been submitted. It is hoped that the Board can reach a consensus at that meeting and approve the Budget with any agreed-upon revisions.

I want to thank everyone who contributed so far to the development of the 2023 Budget and Reserve Study for their hard work, long hours, and expertise. Your continuing efforts are appreciated. Now we need to pull together and finish the job!! I am optimistic that this will be a positive exercise for the community resulting in a better Budget and helping build trust.

- Don Wolfe  
President

Art Club - Norma Niel (Club Leader)

The Art Club is continuing to bring art-related opportunities and creative events to the FSB community.

On the watercolor lesson side, the students are progressing through color mixing studies which are then applied to paintings where the color skills are brought to creative life. The class members also chose to join in the October daily sketchbook challenge offered through Art for Healing via Zoom where Norma Neil is the volunteer teacher. This is our local version of the international "Inktober" sketching challenge. "The best way to become better at drawing is consistent practice" and "along the way we learn more about ourselves.", states teacher Norma Neil.

On Oct. 6th guest instructor, naturalist Barbara Mattick taught a one-day class on butterflies. Students have all reported how satisfied they were with the quality of the instruction and how much they learned. Future classes will be offered on other nature topics such as our local birdlife.

The Oct. 15th Craft Fair brought out the Art Club with a table of information about club activities and examples of students' paintings plus individual displays by Kathy Zimmerman and Norma Neil. Debby Cline and Jan Lemucchi helped tell the Art Club story with an enthusiasm that couldn't be missed.

Two upcoming weekend events

Jan Lemucchi is scheduling another art-themed movie matinee followed by discussion and perhaps wine and cheese. Look for the E-Blast.

In November Art Club will host a holiday card-making day with free demos and the chance to make your own for only a small materials fee.

Art Club in the New Year

New Watercolor class for real beginners

Continuing Watercolor class

Drawing and painting our local birds with guest instructor Barbara Mattick

Possible Acrylic painting class

If you are a qualified acrylic artist /teacher and interested in sharing your artistic passion, let Art Club know.

You are encouraged to join the Art Club so you'll receive information on all the activities.

Art Club Contact  
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## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Plant Slant, a Vegan Book Discussion Group Patsy Ouellette - Club Leader

Plant Slant, a Vegan Book Discussion Group  
4th Monday of the month, 10:00-Noon, Lodge Library  
Patsy Ouellette - Club Leader(661)205-7324, paouell@earthlink.net

Hello Four Seasons' Friends. We in the Plant Slant Book Group have finished reading Chapter One, "How Not to Die of Heart Disease." We learned that heart disease is the number one killer in the United States and around the world. We also learned that this is a preventable disease driven by lifestyle choices such as diet, exercise, and smoking. We know this because studies have shown that some areas of the world barely have this disease, mostly rural, indigenous communities who still eat a traditional diet like rice, beans, vegetables, and fruit. And, when these same people migrate and change their diet, they too begin to experience what some refer to as western diseases, or "Diseases of Affluence."

We are learning the impact of diet on our health, and we are relying on one another for encouragement and ideas for how to achieve this goal of eating healthier.

See you next time. Tuesday, November 28



## OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT

### Balance Sheet Summary Report K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons As of September 30, 2022

	<u>Balance Sep 30, 2022</u>	<u>Balance Aug 31, 2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Total Operating Funds	159,061.32	164,083.12	(5,021.80)
Total Reserve Funds	1,770,776.79	1,764,024.41	6,752.38
Total Account Receivables	13,433.51	11,384.91	2,048.60
Total Prepaid Expenses	3,431.74	6,364.73	(2,932.99)
Total Fixed Asset	87,604.34	87,604.34	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>2,034,307.70</u></b>	<b><u>2,033,461.51</u></b>	<b><u>846.19</u></b>
Total Current Liabilities	59,884.18	47,241.18	12,643.00
Total Accounts Payable	111,556.78	122,481.96	(10,925.18)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>171,440.96</u></b>	<b><u>169,723.14</u></b>	<b><u>1,717.82</u></b>
Total Reserves Fund	1,770,776.79	1,764,024.41	6,752.38
Total Lodge Reserves Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Prior Years Equity	125,929.14	125,929.14	0.00
<b>Total Owners' Equity</b>	<b><u>1,896,705.93</u></b>	<b><u>1,889,953.55</u></b>	<b><u>6,752.38</u></b>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>	<b><u>(33,839.19)</u></b>	<b><u>(26,215.18)</u></b>	<b><u>(7,624.01)</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b><u>2,034,307.70</u></b>	<b><u>2,033,461.51</u></b>	<b><u>846.19</u></b>

## October BOD Meeting Recap

On Wednesday, October 26, 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

September 28, 2022.

September 2022 Financial Report was approved.

Committee Reports and Approved Recommendations:

Social:

- a. Halloween Party on October 29th.
- b. Holiday Gift Exchange on December 3rd.
- c. New Year's Eve party on December 31st. Live DJ will be playing.

Facilities:

- a. C&M Landscape proposal to trim plants off fencing \$1,400.00
- b. Open & Shut proposal to replace fob readers at North & South pedestrian gates \$6,500

IT Committee:

- a. Bluetooth Adaptor for Portable Speakers estimated cost \$30-\$40
- b. Authorization to Recycle HOA e-waste

Under Old Business the following items were approved:

1. Lodge Hours – The Lodge will continue to remain open on Sunday and until 10:00pm M-F
2. Annual Inspection – Pro Tec Building Services \$4,575.00

Under New Business the following items were approved:

1. Subcommittee Formation - Pool
2. Policy for Recording Board Meetings: "Open meetings are video recorded by the Management Team for the sole purpose of ensuring accuracy in reporting minutes. The recording shall be deleted after Board approval of written meeting minutes."
3. Ballroom Reservation for Benefit Concert on 11/05/2022
4. Ballroom Reservation for Wedding Rehearsal on 11/18/2022
5. Ballroom Reservation for Business Chapter – NAWBO on 11/29/2022
6. 2022-2023 Reserve Study
7. 2023 Board of Directors meeting dates: January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, Annual Meeting July 12th, July 26, August 30, September 27, October 25, December 6. All meetings shall be held at 6:00pm in the Lodge Ballroom unless otherwise noted on the posted agenda.
8. Finance Forum scheduled for November 2, 2023 at 6:00pm
9. Special Board of Directors Meeting to discuss 2023 Budget on 11/09/22 at 6:00pm

## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Dinner Club - Eileen & Mike Callagy (Club leaders)

Hi friends and neighbors.

We are having our last dinner club of the year on Saturday, November 12th.

It will be catered by COCONUT JOES! The menu is:

Mesquite Chicken  
Tri Tip  
Garden Salad  
Pinto Beans  
Roll and Butter  
Carrot Cake



The price is \$ 25.00 per person.

Tea and water will be provided. Please bring your own adult beverage.

The doors will open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support this club. Please encourage your neighbors to join us as we will need a minimum of 50 people to make this happen. The last day for sign ups is Wednesday, November 9th.

Mike and Eileen Callagy

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### Book Club - Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

In June 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother is long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the working farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction--to the city of New York.

This is The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles our November Book Club selection.

The Book Club will meet on November 17 at 10:a.m. In the Library.

- Kathleen Reisig Book Club Leader



## CLUBS & CLASSES

### Ladies Luncheon - Annette Harder (Club leaders)

The retro KC Steakhouse has been serving classics since opening in 1939. This cozy but comfortable restaurant fully decked out for Halloween was the setting for the Lodge Ladies Luncheon on Thursday October 20. Our special menu included Tuna Stuffed Tomato Salad-a generous tuna salad on a whole tomato with a choice of dressing, the KC Club-a turkey and bacon stacked high sandwich with a choice of bread, and another large sandwich-Hot Pastrami served on a French roll with pickles and mustard and a choice of French fries or salad. Included in the set-price meal were drinks of water, iced tea, sodas, and lemonade as well as a dessert choice of cheesecake or a deliciously gooey caramel and chocolate brownie. Our four waitresses-Liz, Judy, Melinda, and Missy-worked with speed and friendliness to take our drink orders and meal choices. Our servings arrived in a record 20 minutes. All 24 ladies agreed it was one of the most pleasant, delicious, and speediest lunches we've ever had. With a set price and cash only policy (they did kindly accommodate a few credit cards), payment was quick and easy too.

Two thumbs up for KC Steakhouse!



As you can tell I was out of town for this luncheon. The style of writing gave it away. Thank you Vickie for watching out for us.

Sunday, November 20, 2023 at 11:30am we will be going to Tina Marie's Downtown Cafe, 1533 19th Street, Bakersfield 93301. The sign up sheet is at the front desk. Meet at the flagpole between 11/11:15am if you can give a ride or can give one.

Annette Harder//Club Leader

### Sunshine Club - Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

#### 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

## Rule Reminder

### Holiday Decorations

Decorating for the Holidays really gets us in the spirit, but is there a "right time" to put up decorations? Actually there is.

- 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.
- **Holiday lighting and decorations shall be installed no earlier than Thanksgiving and shall be removed no later than January 15th.**
- Use of exploding devices of any kind is prohibited in the community

## GUESTS

**Guests: A guest residing with a Qualifying Resident for more than forty-five (45) days in a calendar year must request a Qualified Permanent Residence status.**

If a guest under fifty-five (55) takes up residency with the Qualifying Resident and/ or Qualified Permanent Resident as a result of a family tragedy (e.g. grandchildren who become orphaned) then their permitted occupancy period may be extended to six (6) months with Board approval.

Neighbor2Neighbor Club -Margaret DeArmond/Donna Holtzclaw (Club Leaders)



The winner of the Gift Card Raffle was Roxy Briganti.

A very big thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets and made donations. All proceeds support the emancipated foster youth at the Dream Center.

From your friends at The Rules & Regs Committee  
Kathleen Zuckerman - Committee Member

At the Rules and Regulations October meeting, the committee discussed the parking of RV's, Golf Carts and Trucks. Because there have been quite a few cars parked overnight, the committee would like to remind the community of the rule that states parking on the streets is only between the hours of 11PM to 6AM.

Cars may be parked in an owner's driveway so long as it does not extend onto the sidewalk, or on the street in front of the owner's lot. They also cannot be parked on the street between the hours of 11PM and 6AM. For more specifics refer to Rules and Regulations page 13. The Rules and Regulations on Vehicles and Parking are stated below.

Vehicles & Parking

General

- All streets within the Community are private, yet subject to applicable laws, ordinances and regulations of all governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the Community.
- The City's speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour (25 MPH) must be observed by all vehicles, including golf carts.
- Nothing can be placed on the Association Property that obstructs the flow of traffic or presents a safety hazard.
- Inoperable vehicles are not permitted on the Association Property or on a driveway to a Residence.

Parking

- There is no parking of a vehicle (except a recreational vehicle) on community streets between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am daily.
- A recreational vehicle, which is defined as any vehicle used primarily for recreational purposes(including, but not limited to, any off-road jeep or other multi-wheeled vehicles, camper, trailer, et cetera) may be parked on in an owners driveway so long as it does not extend into the sidewalk or on the street in front of the owners lot so long as it does not obstruct the flow of traffic or present a safety hazard, for up to twenty-four (24) hours in a calendar month.
- Any motorized vehicles or trailers parked in a driveway cannot be extended into the sidewalk.

THE FOUR SEASONS HOLIDAY HOME TOUR  
December 10, 2022

5 Decorated Homes ~ Refreshments/Social  
Only \$10.00, Cash Only  
Tickets can be purchased in advance from club members or on December 10th in the Lodge Lobby  
1:00 - 1:30 pm Lodge Lobby to receive home tour map  
1:00 - 3:00 pm Visit decorated homes  
2:30 - 4:30 pm Refreshments & Social in the Lodge Lobby

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, November 8 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

### Computer Club - Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 12, 2022, 9:00 am  
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.

### 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



### Chair Yoga Class - Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

Chair Yoga is a great way to gain flexibility and strength, even if you have a limited range of motion. You're encouraged to go at your own pace and ability. No previous experience is required! No special equipment is needed. Just wear comfortable clothing and join us on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 9:00 am.

Any questions text or call Melanie Yates, at 661.703.0740.



From your friends at The Rules & Regs Committee  
Kathleen Zuckerman - Committee Member

- An RV owner may petition the Board Annually to designate the street parking space immediately in front of the owner's lot for extended parking privileges and to be reserved for the owner's exclusive use for up to 96 total hours (4 days) per month. In using these hours, the RV owner may not park for longer than 48 continuous hours at a time. (A copy of the petition is included in the appendix.)
- Homeowners may use the Lodge Parking Lot for overnight or after-hours parking of a vehicle by obtaining a Temporary Lodge Parking Permit from the Management Company. Temporary Lodge Parking Lot Permits may be issued for a period of up to seven (7) consecutive days per calendar month and must be displayed prominently on the vehicle dash. The Board has designated 5 Auto and 2 RV parking spaces to be used by Owners, which are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis only.
- During periods of construction affecting a Residence, temporary permits to park construction vehicles or accessories in front of a Residence must be obtained from the Management Company.
- Dumpsters, storage pods or moving trucks may be parked in the driveway of the Residence for up to one week to facilitate construction or moving, a permit for additional time must be obtained from the Management Company.

Another big concern is driving over 25 mph. My back alley is a perfect example. A car driving too fast came around the corner and almost hit a man stepping off the curb. It could have been tragic. You can't stop fast enough when someone or a grandchild steps out into the street with no warning.

So, let's keep in mind what a beautiful place we live in, be considerate of others and keep our community safe.



## SENIOR SAFETY

Seniors are often targeted by criminals. Though many criminals target seniors from afar via telephone or internet scams, criminals seek to enter seniors' homes. The Bureau of Justice Statistics offers that, between 2003 and 2013, the ratio of property crime to violent crime was higher for the elderly and persons between the ages of 50 and 64 than it was for younger persons between the ages of 25 and 49. Home security is important for people of all ages, but especially so for seniors and aging individuals living alone. **By following certain safety tips and developing a home security plan, seniors can feel safer at home.**

- **Lock windows and doors.** It may seem like common sense, but failure to repeatedly lock windows and doors can, and often does, give burglars easy entry into the home. Have you given keys out to friends or family or other persons? Are you sure they weren't copied after being given out?



As a retired law enforcement officer, these kinds of actions can and do take place. It has happened in our Four Seasons community. A number of burglaries or other types of theft have come from within the family I.E., friends of grandchildren, other family members or "their friends", plus your hired help ETC. Make sure you **trust the receiver of your home keys and YOUR GATE CODE.**

- Don't leave your car keys in the vehicles while parked in the garage. **LOCK** the garage opener while you are away. It is just a push of a button.
- Think about a smart doorbell. Technology now enables doorbells to provide a video feed to a person's smartphone or tablet over WiFi. This allows residents to see who is at the door and speak to this person without having to open the door. Some products like Ring® or other doorbell WiFi products will even register motion activity and record short videos from outside of the house. These doorbells have solved several incidents around our neighborhood.



## CLUBS & CLASSES

From your friends at The Social Committee  
Donna Tillman - Committee Member

Hello Friends,

We want to thank you as always for participating in the events we have here at our beautiful Community, without you all we wouldn't have the Social standing that we do!

We had over 60 sign ups for our Halloween Party that turned out great! Our next events will be on December 3rd for our Holiday Gift Exchange and December 31st for our New Year's Eve Party. Our New Year's Eve event will be catered by Pork Chop & Bubbas BBQ, which we had for our Pool Party and was a huge hit. Sign ups will be announced soon so keep an eye out for that. Hope to see you all there!

With the holidays approaching you never know what someone else is going through, so when you're out and about please remember to be kind and respectful. We appreciate you as well as our vivacious Community.

Happy Holidays!



## CLUBS & CLASSES

From your friends at The Landscape Committee  
Mike Callagy - Committee Chair

### Greetings from your Landscape Committee

Well, the heat finally left us and our landscaping went “whew”, right along with our landscapers. We had a great meeting in October and started planning improvements for the 2022-2023 year. Our schedule is to present our plans and schedules to our Board in November. Many of the concerns voiced by the committee and community are the condition of the parkways and Paseo. Those concerns are being addressed in our planning. Seeding, over-seeding, and sod replacement have begun along with aggressive weed control and prevention. Our community is beginning to look much healthier and greener, oh, and weed free'er. Good riddance.

In the last week of October, a long section of the Paseo landscaping will be cleaned up, unnecessary and overgrown shrubbery removed, sprinkler adjustments made and trees pruned. Things along the Paseo will begin to look cleaner and brighter, way overdue.



Our landscape contractor, C & M Landscaping, continues to adjust and replace sprinklers to minimize water use and properly irrigate lawn and vegetation. They have also, now that it has cooled off a bit, begun a more scheduled weed abatement plan. Bermuda lawns going into their dormant period have afforded time to address other concerns.

I believe that our landscape personnel has a good grasp of the condition of our community, and our concerns and is working well with management to ensure that needs and problems are addressed promptly. Oh, the race car topiary, thought that might be a nice addition for our NASCAR neighbors.

Okay, that's it for now:  
Mike Callagy, Landscape Committee

## November Safety Tip by Rodger Barnes (Four Seasons Resident)

- Don't share or leave keys. Avoid leaving keys under a mat or in a flower pot. **Others may be watching your actions and gain access to your home while you are away.** Trust your Neighbor with a key and your travel plans or contact information.



- Ask for ID. When service people or other individuals come to the door, verify their credentials by asking to see some identification. Several years ago, a young man came to my door and described himself as a relative of my neighbor and was selling “magazines”. I knew my neighbor and knew it was not true. I closed the door abruptly when he started to come in hitting his foot that was in the doorway. He quickly limped away. The office was notified as were the police.

### **GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS.**

- Get a home security system. The best protection against burglars is a home security alarm, states [HomeSecurityResource.org](https://www.homesecurityresource.org). Such an alarm often deters burglars from breaking in.
- Have your neighbor get your mail. I personally would not tell the Post Office that I will be gone on certain dates and to hold my mail. Use home automation. Home automation, or a “smart home,” can be utilized to turn on lights, set the thermostat, lock doors, and much more.
- Adopt a dog. Dogs can be an asset to seniors. Dogs provide companionship and can bark or alert seniors if someone is around or inside the home. Home security is a serious business for seniors who are vulnerable to criminals.

## A bit of history: Colonel Thomas Baker

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)

In this time of drought, it's difficult to believe that the area in which our city began was inundated by so much water that it was originally known as Kern Island. In order to recover this swamp land, in 1857 the state passed what was known as the Montgomery Act. This legislation gave M. F. Montgomery, and his associates, the right to "reclaim all the swamp land belonging to the state. . . and also the swamp and overflowed lands bordering on Tulare, Buena Vista, and Kern Lakes, and between said lakes," according to Wallace Morgan in his 1914 book, *The History of Kern County With Biographical Sketches*.

Montgomery and his associates were given the "right and privilege to construct and put in operation a canal . . . [and] to have all the odd sections in the tracts reclaimed. Work on the canal must begin within one year and the whole must be completed within three years from the passage of the act in order to comply with the provisions of the grant." In 1862 the act was amended to extend the time limits as to when the canal work could be completed. Unable to raise the needed capital to begin the enterprise, Montgomery "deeded to Thomas Baker and his partner Harvey S. Brown all his rights, title and interest in the lands in question" for the sum of \$10,000.

Mother Nature gave the Colonel some help with draining the swamps by creating the Christmas flood of 1861-62. Water rushing through the river channel found the beginnings of a previously started ditch. The roaring current, swollen by mountain storms, dug a new channel which in turn changed the course of the "Old River." After the deluge was over, Col. Baker hired Native Americans to construct a new head gate on the Old River and they began digging the "town ditch." This action diverted water toward Buena Vista Lake and enabled Baker to reclaim considerable acres.

In 1864 Mother Nature again smiled on Baker when drought struck the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley. The drought took care of what Baker would probably not have been able to do. Engineers from Sacramento came to inspect the "reclaimed land and observed that it was dry as a bone." On November 11, 1867 California Governor Frederick F. Low signed the patent granting 87,120 acres to Col. Baker. Who was this man honored by having our town named for him?



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Col. Baker possessed many skills. He was a farmer, soldier, lawyer, surveyor, politician and land developer. Thomas Baker was born in Zanesville, Ohio on November 5, 1810. He was the second son of Nathan and Mary Baker and raised with four siblings. Living on the frontier made obtaining a formal education difficult. Thomas borrowed reading materials from neighbors to pursue his education. In addition to the usual subject matters, Thomas also studied land grants, law and surveying.

In 1838, Thomas and his wife, the former Sarah Featherstone, migrated first to Illinois, and soon after, continued on to Iowa Territory. Moving with them were children William, Nathan David, James and Eliza. Thomas was twice elected to the territorial legislature and was the first U.S. Attorney for the territory. In 1846, when Iowa gained statehood, Thomas was elected to the first state legislature and served as president of the Iowa Senate.

Autumn  
Nights



The Autumn Nights event was a huge SUCCESS! Let's give a big shout out to your Activities Director Valerie Ruiz, Committee Chair Sherry Davis, and The Social Committee for all the planning they did to bring this to you and thank you to all the residents who attended and those who stayed to help with the clean up you guys are awesome!

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Baker family heritage boasted of ancestors who had a history of defending the United States during times of conflict. According to Chris Brewer in his book *Col. Baker's Field*, the 1906 Executive Journal of Iowa, 1838-41, edited by Benjamin F. Shambaugh, states: "Governor Lewis, Executive Department Iowa Territory. . .on January 13th, 1841 nominated. . .for the respective Military offices, to wit: 4th Regiment the appointment of Thomas Baker to Colonel in the Iowa Territorial Militia. . ." Sadly, in 1844, Sarah died. By necessity, Thomas' grief was short. Shortly thereafter, he married a childless widow, Louisa King.

Willing to try his luck in the California gold rush, the Baker family arrived in Benicia in 1850. The Colonel tried mining, but without much success. The family moved south to settle in the San Joaquin Valley. With Nathaniel Vise, Thomas helped to establish the town of Visalia. There, he was elected to the California Assembly and appointed by President James Buchanan as Receiver of Visalia's U.S. Land Office. In that position he was in charge of all the services related to federal property management.

During this period Thomas was confronted with two calamities. His wife Louisa and son Nathan David died within days of each other. Also, he was accused of disloyalty to Union principles and arrested. After swearing his devotion to the United States those charges were later dropped.

Thomas met and married a young widow, the former Ellen Alverson, in 1858. Ellen had a young daughter, May, who Thomas raised as his own. Together the couple had three children who lived to reach their majority: Ellen, Thomas Alverson and Charlotte Esther. The family moved further south, to Kern Island, known as a growing market place and supply center. The Baker family purchased property from Christian Bohna and moved into the Tule house Bohna had constructed. Of the property he bought from Bohna, Baker kept 80 acres and deeded the remainder to the new town which was developing.

In 1866, the county of Kern was formed and Thomas was named county surveyor. He encourage travelers to rest from their journeys and allowed their livestock to graze in the field behind his home, located on today's Nineteenth Street. Col. E.F. Beale gave him a set of mill burrs to start a grist mill, located at what is today Truxton Avenue and R Street. Farmers who brought their wheat and corn to the mill were not charged for use of the mill. Baker's reputation of generosity and hospitality was well known and he was highly respected. Col. Baker built a toll road from town to Havilah, then the county seat. The route's direction was east to the mouth of Caliente Creek, then climbed to Walker's Basin and on higher to Havilah.

One hundred and fifty years ago this month, on November 24, 1872, Col. Thomas Baker died. He had contracted pneumonia, the result of typhoid fever. He was buried at Union Cemetery, where he once exclaimed "It is here where I will bury my bones!" He was 62 years old. Col. Thomas Baker did not live to know that the town was named in his honor and later became the seat of county government.



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# NOVEMBER 2022 CALENDAR

**LODGE HOURS:** MONDAY-FRIDAY 6AM-10PM SATURDAY: 9AM-5PM  
SUNDAY:9AM-5PM

POOL CLOSED  
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS  
6AM-10AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am <b>SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1pm</b> Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm Bocce Ball 7pm	2 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Canasta 1pm <b>FINANCE FORUM 6PM</b>	3 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Art Club 9:30am Bridge 1pm Bingo 6pm 	4 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Game Night 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm <b>ARC APPLICATIONS DUE By 3pm</b>	5 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am
6 Water Volleyball 4pm	7 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Pinochle 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm 	8 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Neighbor2Neighbor 1pm Bridge 1pm Bocce Ball 7pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm	9 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am <b>Veterans Club 11:30am</b> Canasta 1pm <b>SPECIAL BOD MEETING 6PM</b>	10 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Art Club 9:30am Bridge 1pm <b>ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW 3PM</b> Bingo 6pm 	11 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Game Night 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm 	12 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Computer Club 9am <b>COMMUNITY YARD SALE 7AM- 12PM</b> <b>DINNER CLUB — 5PM</b>
13 Water Volleyball 4pm	14 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am <b>I.T. COMMITTEE 9AM</b> Chair Yoga 9am <b>RULES &amp; REGS 10AM</b> Pinochle 1pm <b>FACILITIES 1PM</b> Dance Fitness 5:45pm 	15 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm Bocce Ball 7pm	16 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am <b>LANDSCAPE 10AM</b> Canasta 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm	17 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Art Club 9:30am Bridge 1pm <b>FINANCE 1PM</b> Bingo 6pm 	18 Advanced Pickle Ball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Bunco 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm	19 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am
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