

THE LODGE AT FOUR SEASONS



MESSENGER
MARCH 2023

Lodge Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday 6am-10pm
Saturday-Sunday 9am-5pm

Outdoor Amenities:
Monday-Sunday
6am-10pm

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A Few Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson

This month I would like to talk about one of my favorite financial subjects, our HOA Reserves.

We now have identified all the reserve costs for 2022, including those that were reimbursed because they were originally charged to Operations. That may need to be explained, so here goes.

We pay reserve items immediately from the general fund. We do this so that we don't get charged a late fee, and later when finally approved by the board, we transfer those funds from reserves into the general fund. This is done, following the board's approval, by an act called a GL (General Ledger) reclassification.

So, what were the 2022 reserve allocations? It was less than expected. The 2022 analysis projected it to be \$358,200, it was in fact \$270,426 (a difference of \$87,774). But why was the projection off more than 30%? This is a question we always ask so that we, as I said last month, are able to look back to see where we financially did well or what went wrong.

The projected slurry seal for \$90,000 cost only \$30,633 due to the partitioning of the areas into four phases and the landscape refurbishment that was projected to be \$200,000 in fact cost \$147,279. In addition, we deleted several items which were planned. Some examples are that we delayed the painting of the exterior wood surfaces of the gate house and lodge exterior (\$18,259) as well as the lodge exterior stucco (\$16,759). There was also the cost of repainting the wood fences of the patinas (\$13,950). It all adds up.

I received an email from a member asking why we don't have solar panels at the lodge. I responded:

In October of 2017 a special ad hoc committee investigated the subject of solar bids. They spent several days visiting churches and schools. HOAs were not visited as we had no knowledge of any that had solar.

In October of that year, we received two proposals from A-C Electric and Certainteed Solar. A-C's was for a 168 kW electric carport system that would produce 80% of our expected electric consumption. C-S's was for a 230 kW system that would provide over 100% of our expected consumption. Their total costs were \$471,118 and \$767,988 respectively.

A Few Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson

In each case their payment plans were similar. Each proposed either a cash purchase, a power purchase agreement (PPA) or a PPA + year 6 buyout and lease.

A cash purchase would have to either come from our reserves or funded by a special assessment of all members. Neither is practical.

A PPA would require a multi-year contract but our CC&Rs restrict us, with a few exceptions, from entering into any contract for a period longer than two years.

With all this information, and the fact that we couldn't find a local HOA with such a system (probably for the same reasons) the committee voted to not pursue the endeavor.

Once again, thanks for reading my “few words” and please send me any of your thoughts and questions. I will answer them candidly and as accurately as I can either personally or in next months “Words”.

Send your responses and questions to: billfergus@aol.com. Again, I intend to offer more financial thoughts next month.

-Bill



COMMUNITY
YARD
SALE

MARCH 11TH, 2023
7AM-12PM

INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS ONLY

**THERE WILL BE A PICK
UP AT THE LODGE
FOR YOUR UNSOLD
ITEMS YOU WOULD
LIKE TO DONATE**

MORE INFO TO COME



SIGN-UP AT THE FRONT DESK



FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sheet Summary Report K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons

As of January 31, 2023

	Balance Jan 31, 2023	Balance Dec 31, 2022	Change
Total Operating Funds	80,363.82	65,221.96	15,141.86
Total Reserve Funds	1,866,698.49	1,848,887.32	17,811.17
Total Account Receivables	18,570.58	14,185.77	4,384.81
Total Prepaid Expenses	14,295.62	15,189.62	(894.00)
Total Fixed Asset	87,604.34	87,604.34	0.00
Total Assets	2,067,532.85	2,031,089.01	36,443.84
Total Current Liabilities	50,586.87	59,193.78	(8,606.91)
Total Accounts Payable	72,803.22	70,949.65	1,853.57
Total Liabilities	123,390.09	130,143.43	(6,753.34)
Total Reserves Fund	1,866,698.49	1,848,887.32	17,811.17
Total Prior Years Equity	52,058.26	52,058.26	0.00
Total Owners' Equity	1,918,756.75	1,900,945.58	17,811.17
Net Income / (Loss)	25,386.01	0.00	25,386.01
Total Liabilities and Equity	2,067,532.85	2,031,089.01	36,443.84

News from the Nominating Committee

By Sandy Moffett (Committee Chair)

It seems like we just had an election, but here we go again. There are two spots opening on the board; those currently held by Rod Layman and Betty Romm. We thank them for the time and support they have given to the board this past year.

If you were at the Board of Directors meeting, you received our election timeline. But for those unable to attend, please review these important dates.

3/17/2023 – Notice of Delivery Date for Nomination Procedures and Deadline

4/18/2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Nomination Deadline

5/8/2023 – Pre-Ballot Notice date 6/2/2023 – Vote List and Candidate Registration List Correction Deadline

6/7/2023 – Meet the Candidates Night

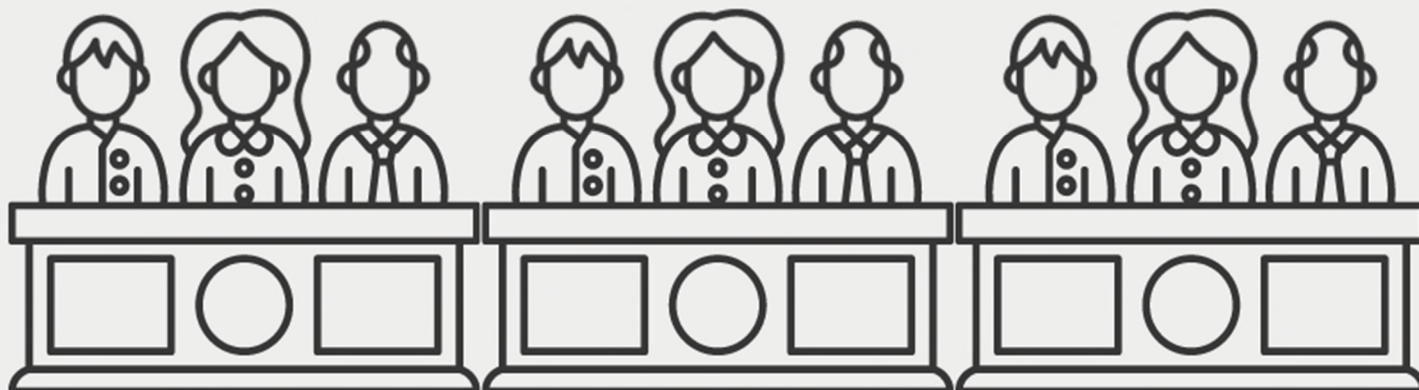
7/12/2023 at 6:00 p.m. – Election

7/27/2023 – Election Results Deadline

As a member in good standing of our community, you have the right to be a part of this important process. Please consider running for a position on the board.

Thank you.

Sandy Moffett, Committee Chair



News from your ARC Neighbors

By Sandy Moffett (Committee Member)

You may have heard of the recent break-ins in our community. We can't stress enough how important it is to protect your home, and here are some of the easiest ways.

- **Lights** – Make sure your outside lights are working, and turn them on in the evening and off in the morning. There are dawn/dusk lightbulbs that will go on and off themselves.
- **Timers** – Especially if you are a traveler, consider a timer that will turn inside lights on and off for you.
- **Cameras** – While they won't catch everything – they will catch the eye of the “bad guy or gal” looking for unprotected houses.
- **Locks** – Secure your gates and windows. I know it's a pain, but replacing or never being able to replace your valuables is even more painful.
- **Newspapers and mail** – If you are going on vacation, consider stopping the paper and the mail. It's a simple process and quite painless. If your travel plans are short, ask your neighbors to pick up these items for you. You would do the same for them.
- If you have to leave your vehicle in the driveway, clear it of valuables, and don't leave your garage door opener in sight.

When you get ready to do any upgrades/changes to the front or common areas of your house or “major” changes to the back, please remember the following:

- Changes to the front require an application to the ARC, and they may be picked up at the front desk. Applications must be filled out completely and have accompanying pictures and or diagrams to show that they fall within the ARC guidelines or they will be denied for lack of information.
- Check the “due by” date as your request must arrive in time to be added to the agenda for the next meeting's consideration.
- Some work, i.e., rock, landscaping, building or remodeling require materials that may NOT be left in your driveway or block any neighbor's access to sidewalks or streets.
- There may be a security deposit due for major jobs.
- This information and other helpful “need to know” items will be compiled into a takeaway document that you can pick up at the front desk along with your application.

Rule Reminder

PETS

Damage:

Each Resident shall be responsible for any damage to a person or to property caused by any animal kept as a pet within their Residence or brought into their Residence by guests or other individuals.

Animal Waste:

- Pet urine kills grass and plants.
- Do not allow your pet to relieve itself within any portion of another Resident's yard, or any common grounds area.

Out of respect for other Residents, each Resident or guest must immediately clean up waste from his/her pet deposited within any portion of the Community, including residents front, side and rear yards. (There are doggy pot station throughout the community.)

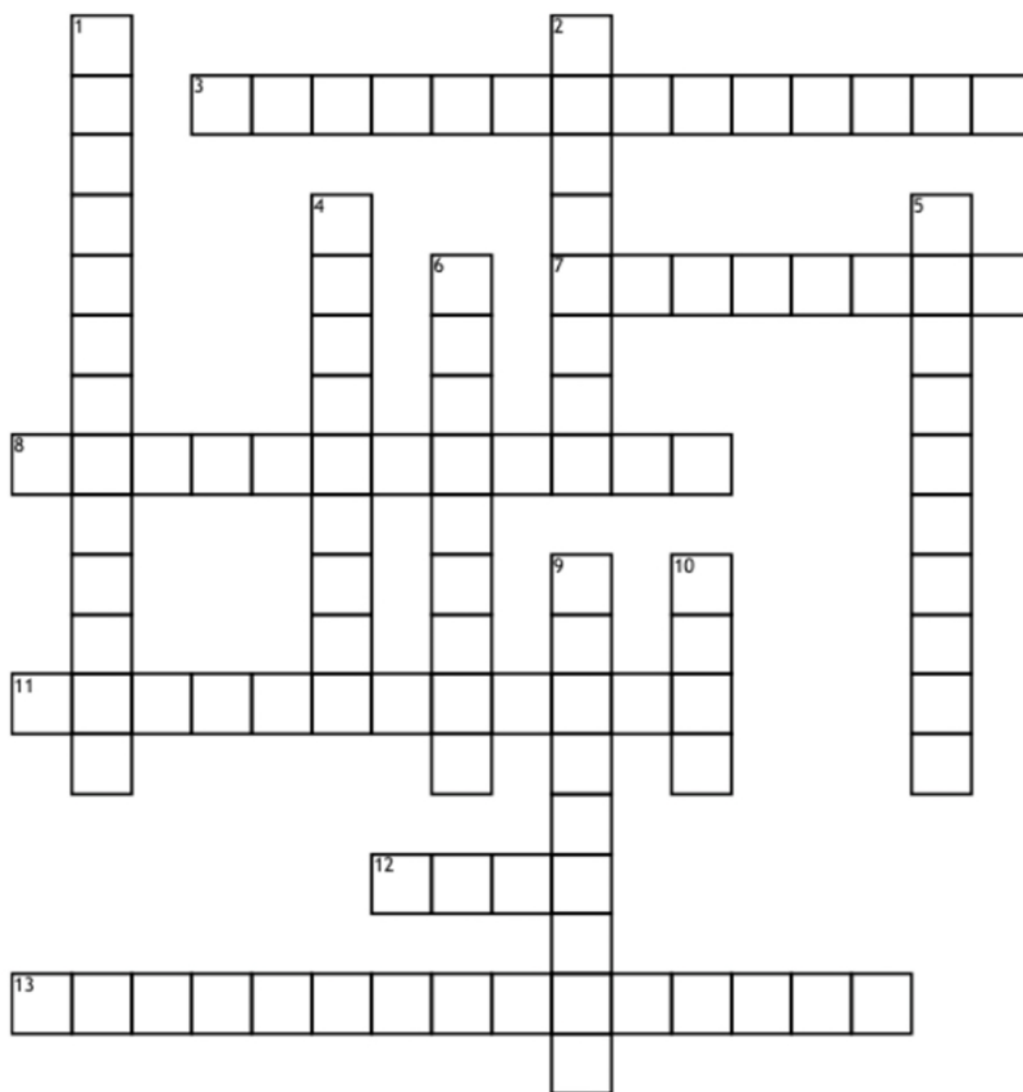
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

We are asking that all Residents provide an emergency contact information in case of an emergency.

You can call the Lodge at (661) 873-0580 or walk into the Lodge and let the Front Desk know the Name, Relation, and Phone Number of your emergency contact.



POPULAR SITCOMS OF THE 70'S



Across

3. This show's main characters were Edith and Archie Bunker
 7. "Would you believe..."
 This show features characters like Agent Maxwell Smart and Agent 99
 8. This series was set in a New York City Police Department police station in Greenwich Village
 11. This sitcom was set in a German POW camp during World War II.

12. focuses on the everyday lives of a handful of New York City taxi drivers and their abusive dispatcher.

13. This show starred Barbara Eden and Larry Hagman

Down

1. This show starred the late Redd Foxx as a 65-year-old Los Angeles junk dealer
 2. THIS FUNNY SITCOM STARRED MARLO THOMAS
 4. this sitcom features "the Fonz"

5. sitcom starring Eddie Albert and Eva Gabor as a couple who move from New York City to a country farm
 6. This show is about a witch that married a mortal

9. This show featured a character named J.J. Walker
 10. This war-comedy drama was one of the highest-rated shows in U.S. television history

Edward Davis Townsend, Part 1

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)

"The Local Leg of a Long Journey"

Excerpts from the Diary of Captain Edward Davis Townsend, 1851-1856, edited by Malcolm Edwards

Edward Davis Townsend was a 1837 graduate of West Point. In 1851 he was assigned to the U.S. Army's Division of the Pacific and began a four year tour of duty on the western edge of an expanding nation. He sailed from New York to California via Panama. His diary is a chronicle his travels.

October 4, 1855: At 6 ½ A.M. we arrived at San Pedro, the port of Los Angeles. This town consists of two adobe houses, the head quarters of rival stage companies. . .the stage driver was ready. . .He kept his horses on a full run the whole way, changing once, and drove us to Los Angeles, thirty miles, in less than three hours. Our road lay mostly over wide spreading plains which looked barren enough to starve any number of cattle, and yet large herds of horses and cows roam over them. . .We arrived at Los Angeles at about 12 o'clock and found a respectable hotel. . .Towards evening our baggage came safely and meantime, we had only to divest ourselves of the dust with which we were pretty well covered, and to while away the time by eating grapes.

October 5, 1855: Indian labor is chiefly used in gathering the grapes for market and for the wine press. Great profit is derived from sending the grapes in boxes, packed in paper or saw dust, to San Francisco. They bring \$3.50 per box of about forty pounds. The grapes are peculiarly sweet and juicy, and are in enormous clusters, sometimes weighing six or eight pounds. They are all blue colored, but other varieties are about being brought into use. The manufacture of wine and brandy has not yet been extensively undertaken, and none that can usually be obtained, is at all palatable. It is thought that kind of grape is not suitable, but the soil and climate are so favorable that doubtless in time, Los Angeles country will be famous for its wines and brandies. . . Besides grapes, the gardens abound in delicious peaches, figs, English walnuts, pomegranates, pears and apples.

October 8, 1855: . . At 10 o'clock. . .we prepared to start for Fort Tejon, expecting to reach the Mission of San Fernando, 25 miles on the way, by 3 o'clock P.M. which would give us ample time to inspect this interesting place and its gardens. . .After an uninteresting ride we arrived at San Fernando Mission after dark.

October 9, 1855: . . We did not start until 7 o'clock. The sun was then well up and we had a hard road before us. . . A few miles from San Fernando, we entered the San Francisco Cañon. Parts of this Cañon are very hilly and rough and it is a wonder how any vehicle can go over such a road without being broken to pieces.

Edward Davis Townsend, Part 1 CONT.

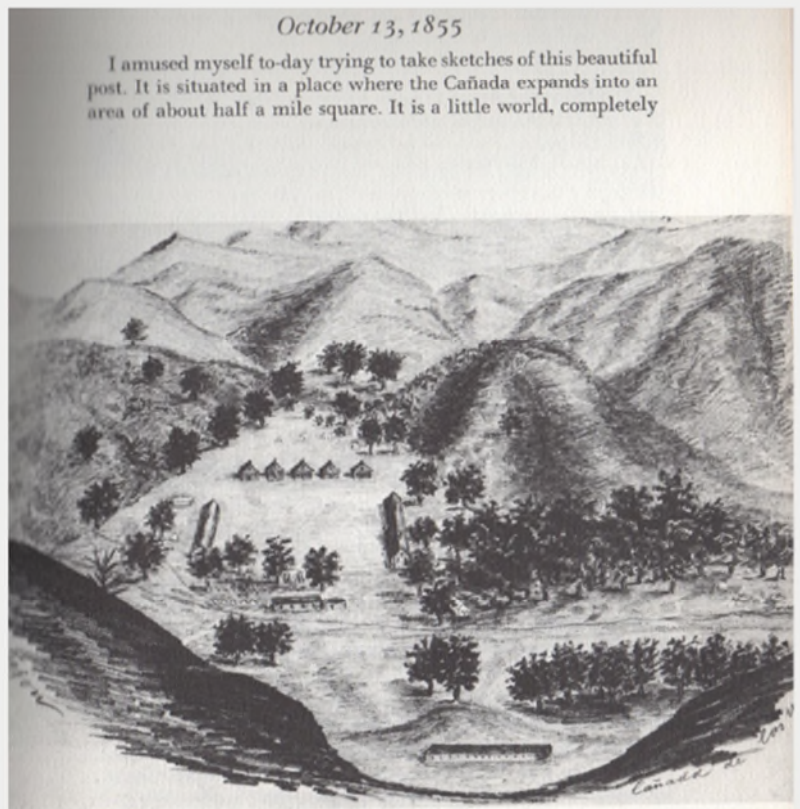
Our intention was to have gone through the cañon and to stop at Lake Elizabeth, forty miles from San Fernando, but our mules are too tired and at dark we stopped in the cañon, six miles from the Lake. This is our first night in the woods.

October 10, 1855: This morning we turned out at a little before daylight, and started as soon as it was light enough to see the road, without waiting for breakfast. We passed Lake Elizabeth, the water of which is now dry, and its bed is a sheet of saleratus, white as snow. It is about a mile in area. . . We saw antelope today for the first time. They seem to be numerous. . . Towards evening we saw seven coyotes, sneaking cowardly. . . We were fortunate enough to reach our house of entertainment before dark this evening, and it certainly is one of the most interesting of places. It is widely know as "Irish John's." John is an Irishman by parentage, but a Vermonter by birth. He has worked in the mines and made money there. Now, he is located on a claim which includes the only water within twelve miles of him. He gave us a very good supper for travelers on the desert, and we enjoyed a little ablution also.

October 11, 1855: Irish John roused himself very early this morning a gave us a nice breakfast, so that we could start soon after daylight. . . As it is, the ride has been very pleasant. We soon came to the entrance of Tejon Pass. . . which is almost a valley, at about four miles from where we enter it.

We arrived at Fort Tejon at noon today, Thursday. The last two miles we were surrounded with dust and could hardly breathe for it, but a warm welcome awaited us from the officers of the post.

October 12, 1855: Today was passed in inspecting the troops and post.



Edward Davis Townsend, Part 1 CONT.

October 13, 1855: I amused myself today trying to take sketches of this beautiful post. It is situated in a place where the Cañada expands into an area of about half mile square. It is a little world, completely isolated by steep impassable mountains, the only access to it being through the Cañada, which is said to be the "Tejon Pass," proper. Tejon means "a badger." Splendid oak trees, covered with acorns, and full of squirrels and wood-peckers, grow all over the site of the fort, the barracks being built under their shade. Three springs of clear, cold water gush.

Sunday, October 14, 1855: . . . six of us start tomorrow for home via the Tulare Valley and Stockton.

October 15, 1855: We started at about 10 o'clock this morning, for the Sebastian Indian Reserve. . . Just as we came to the opening of the Cañada, we had a view of the Tulare Valley, and Kern Lake, which is really very pretty. The Indian Reserve is 15 miles from Fort Tejon. We arrived at about 1 o'clock. There happens to be a dog feast going on here, and about 1000 Indians are collected together. . . we then rode to the Agent's house where we are stopping for the night. After dinner I took a horse and examined the part of the Reserve near Tejon Pass. . . We saw an Indian burial ground as we rode along. . . found the Indians amusing themselves in groups. Some of the women are playing a game with sticks. . . Their shelter is made of a brush roof supported on poles. . . tasted the pinoche, a paste made of sugar and a kind of grass seed, put up in cakes. . . and ate some pinholes, or pine-nuts. These nuts are palatable and wholesome. . . These Indians seem to be kind to their children and friendly to each other. About 200 live on this Reserve, the rest have come from Kings River and other points, on invitation, to celebrate this grand annual fiesta.

October 16, 1855: We had a long, hot and sandy ride of 34 miles. . . to reach Kern River. It has been a tradition, and is recorded in an old book written by the Jesuits on this Coast, that the part of California in which we now are, was formerly an Island, and that this Valley was the bed of a large sheet of water, probably, part of the Ocean.

Next Month: "Edward Davis Townsend, Part 2 - A Mournful Journey"

BOD February Recap

Leanna Cutler - General Manager

On Wednesday, February 22, 2023, the Board of Directors held a General Session Meeting. The following was approved or discussed:

·Approval of Secretary's report including Executive Sessions Report from February 8, 2023, and February 23, 2023; and General Minutes from January 25, 2023.

·January 2023 Financial Report was approved.

·Consent Calendar included 2 Ballroom Reservations.

·Committee Reports and Approved Recommendations:

Nominating: a. The timeline for the 2023 Election was approved by the Board.

- Candidate Solicitations will go out on March 17th
- Nomination Deadline is on April 18th at 5 p.m.
- Pre-Ballot Notices will be sent on May 8th
- The last day to verify if your address is correct on file is June 2nd.
- Meet the Candidates Night is June 7th
- July 12th at 6 p.m. is the Election
- July 27th is the Election Results Deadline

IT.:

a. The IT Committee was able to boost the strength of Wifi signal in the Lobby area without costing the Association any money.

Adhoc RFP: a. the RFPs were sent out to 9 companies. A tour of the Community was given on February 21st, there were 4 companies that attended. The next step is the deadline for submission of proposals in March.

·Under Old Business the following items were approved:

1. The Pro Tec Annual Inspection Report was approved to be sent to the Landscape and Facilities committee to start addressing the items from the report and either working with vendors when applicable or obtaining bids to present to the Board to repair items.


·Under New Business the following items were approved:

1. Fireside Happy Hour Club was Approved.
2. Mosaic Pot Workshop Club was Approved.
3. A Draft revision to the Board of Director's Guidelines for Committees was approved to be sent out to owners for a 28-day comment review period.
4. Committee Charter Appointments were made:
Facilities Committees: Jefferey Metzger and Wayne Cox were added as members.
Landscape Committee: Lorenzo Alvarez was added as a Board liaison.
Nominating Committee: Nancy Gurnsey was added as a member.

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

MARCH 20

LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY
OUTDOOR AMENITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			<p>1</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Canasta 1pm Fireside Happy Hour SPECIAL BOD MEETING</p>
5	<p>6</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Pinochle 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>	7	8
		<p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1PM Bocce Ball 6pm</p>	<p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Veterans Club 11am Canasta 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>
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	<p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Ladies Luncheon 11:30am Pinochle 1pm NOMINATING COMMITTEE 3PM Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>	<p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Bridge 1pm Crafters Club 1pm Bocce Ball 6pm Taco Tuesday 6pm</p>	<p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am LANDSCAPE 10AM Canasta 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm</p>
			
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23 CALENDAR

POOL CLOSED

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

6AM-10PM

Y 6AM-10PM SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 9AM-5PM

ES: MONDAY-SUNDAY 6AM-10PM

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>all 8am</p> <p>ur 4pm TING 6pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am Art Club 9:30am Bridge 1pm Bingo 5:45pm</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball 8am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Website Committee 9am Game Night 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm</p> <p>ARC APPLICATIONS DUE—2PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 8am</p>
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Chili

COOK OFF



CONGRATS TO OUR RUNNER-UPS:
2ND PLACE - CASSIE WITHERSPOON
3RD PLACE - LES CALDWELL





WINNER



CONGRATS TO OUR 2023 CHILI
CONTESTANT WINNER: TY MORRIS

From your friends at The Landscape Committee

Mike Callagy - Committee Chair

It is really quite interesting to watch our landscaping go through the seasons. Can't say, until I got involved in our communities landscaping, that I paid very much attention to how grass grows, plants change and trees go dormant. At least they sure look dormant. Even with no leaves, trees have a stately nature to them. They bend and bow in the wind, and the cold actually kills bugs that would endanger them. Not actually much different than humans.

Bear mountain, carpeted in green, capped with snow in the shafts of sun rays this morning looked, well, very stately. The eastern valley, as seen from the morning drive overpass, if you did not know better, gave the impression of a rural, serene and peaceful community.

Flowers, petals and buds are beginning to appear announcing spring and the rebirth of a very diverse biological habitat. I drove by a tree this morning that had the most amazing white and lavender or violet-colored leaves on its branches. Oh, and those trees that have the snow-white petals on them, in spite of the mess they create, are just plain beautiful.



Also, from the vantage point of the morning drive overpass looking east, we can see the evidence of the rain we have received (as little as we got). You cannot actually see the air we breathe, but you can, quite easily see the trees on the mountain tops. Amazing how little rain it takes to clear up our air, makes things visible and start things growing. So, whether you think all this evolved or was simply spoken into existence, doesn't really matter. But it does demonstrate the

creativity, complexity and love for beauty of the God who did all this, however He did it. My point: take some time to appreciate the diversity of vegetation; colors, shapes, types and sizes now beginning to appear. None of this just happened. People are giving some very serious thought as to what's in our neighborhood, and how its maintained, protected and managed. The people who do all this are providing for us a very beautiful environment in which to live. Some vocal "thanks" and encouragement will go a long way.

In the coming months our landscape maintenance people will be planting, transplanting, bug and weed killing, fertilizing and getting ready for spring. It's fixin' to get even more beautiful shortly.

The landscape committee continues to focus upon the parkway renovation project bringing consistency to our neighborhood. Our goal is to have a proposal for Board action by March 29, 2023.

Dinner Club - Eileen & Mike Callagy (Club leaders)

A huge thanks to all of you who came to the February dinner. We received many compliments on the food provided by Mossmans. As usual, it was a great time to get to know some new neighbors and visit with friends in our wonderful community.

A huge thanks to Linda Hofer who does our centerpieces and also to Ruthie for the beautiful piano music we got to enjoy before dinner.

Mark your calendars:our next dinner will be on JUNE 17TH. The menu will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Future dates are August 5th and November 4th.

Please remember to invite your neighbors, family and any other guests to join us.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support this club!



MEET THE MANAGER



**Thank you to everyone who came out to meet and greet
our NEW General Manager, Leanna Cutler!**

Thank You

CLUBS & CLASSES

Computer Club - Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 11th, 2023, 9:00 am
Location: The Lodge Theatre or 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)

Yes! You can do Chair Yoga! Chair Yoga is beginner-friendly and a great way to stretch and strengthen your body for greater flexibility and balance. Follow along at your own pace and ability. Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 am. No previous experience or special equipment required.

Questions? Call or text Melanie Yates at 661.703.0740.



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MOSAIC Pot Workshop

Back By Popular Demand



Workshop by: [Susie Yslas 661-802-1243](tel:661-802-1243)

When: April 18th & 19th

Where: Lodge Craft Room

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Your spot will be reserved upon receipt of \$45.00, Pay Susie on or before April 11th. Class is limited to Fifteen available spaces. I take Venmo, Zelle, or PayPal if it is convenient for you.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 11TH.

****Lets have some FUN and get CREATIVE****

Two-day class, all supplies will be furnished. We will be using broken plates, glass beads and tiles, for our decorative items that have been broken up for you. Everything you need to complete your project will be furnished. If you have a plate of your own that you would like to incorporate, please contact me prior to the class.

Wear comfortable clothing. We will get *messy*.

Feel free to bring a snack and what you would like to drink.

Hope you will join us.

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



A very big thank you to our Four Seasons HOA staff, Seabreeze Management and Open & Shut Enterprises for the philanthropic donation of hygiene supplies for the emancipated foster youth at the Dream Center. At the January 31st Seabreeze staff training meeting, the participants assembled more than 40 hygiene kits and many grocery bags of additional hygiene items. The Dream Center staff was overwhelmed by this generous donation. Members of the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club are so thankful for a HOA staff who cares about their club projects and participates in their efforts.



Our club shoppers have been busy spending the money we made at the Holiday Home Tour and also from a generous cash donation. Items recently purchased for the Dream Center include microwave ovens, vacuum cleaners, skillet sets, cooking utensils, sets of dishes and flatware, cups and tumblers, can openers, baking pan sets, various size pots, trash cans, requested underwear garments and more. We continue to check with the Dream Center staff each month to see if there are special needs that we can meet with our remaining savings. At our May fundraiser raffle, we hope to replenish our savings so we can continue to make these purchases. We so appreciate the many ongoing donations (kitchen basics, small appliances, and clothes) from our community members. Thank you for all the support!

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, March 14th at 1:00 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. All community members are always welcome to attend.

3rd Annual Dream Center Raffle Fundraiser

Sponsored by the **Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club**

Friday, May 19, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 20, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Raffle drawing takes place at 1:00 pm on Saturday

You do not need to be present to win!

The Four Seasons community has been so generous in supporting The Dream Center, we want to invite you to participate in this fundraising effort. Get together with your friends, your neighbors on your block or contact businesses to donate a fun-filled basket or tub or container.

Raffle ideas:

- Pool Party: beach towel, sunscreen, visors, insulated cups
- Backyard BBQ: fancy paper plates, napkins, plastic cups
- Bath: soap, bubble bath, lotions, foot cream, scrubber
- Grandkids: games, books, bouncy balls, snacks, juices
- Bakers: boxed goodies, kitchen towels, baking utensils
- Kitchen: utensils, towels, dishcloths, pasta
- Movie Night: popcorn, candy, movie tickets or video
- Wine: bottles of wine, plastic wine glasses, chocolates
- For the Gal: cologne, lotion, scarf
- For the Guy: soaps, cologne, socks, car wash supplies
- Garden: gloves, visor or hat, sunscreen, kneeler
- Plants: container of succulents or spring flowers
- So many more fun ideas!

For questions or more information please call or text:

Margaret DeArmond: 661-304-0093

Donna Holzclaw: 661-303-6649

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

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

Laughter Along Our Path

After I complimented a stylish homeowner on her fabulous hair, she related a funny story.

She prepared to go through the Los Angeles International Airport security screening process and found herself queuing up in order to arrive at the front of the check line. This seasoned traveler felt confident because there was no type of firearm or weapon in her possession. She smiled sweetly as a TSA officer (Transportation Security Administration) flagged her for inspection. Thinking she had overlooked some minor item; she calmly went into a private area and knew this search would be a breeze. She had nothing to hide.

The TSA officer commented, "You've got BIG hair!" He asked her to take down her piled up bun. She chuckled to herself wondering what the officer was looking for as he picked his way through her long, luscious locks.

After I gasped a little at her story in disbelief, she added with a smile,
"This has happened to me on four different occasions."

Ladies Luncheon - Annette Harder (Club leaders)

The Bakersfield Country Club is a most exclusive golf club. It is in the hills of northeast Bakersfield with a commanding view of the Tehachapi mountains and the San Joaquin Valley. This vista becomes spectacular as the sun sets and gives way to the glow of the city at night. If this all sounds familiar it is! We returned to one of our favorite lunch spots. The 40 ladies were seated in the fireplace room with love songs played on the piano by Ruthie. Our birthday gals even brought cake! We are so spoiled with BCC.

Time to move on. On Monday, March 20 at 11:30am we will be going to Rancho Grande, 5303 Olive Dr., Bakersfield 93308. Sign up at the front desk. Meet at the flagpole at 11/11:15am if you need 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

NEW TEMPORARY GATE CODE

Effective March 1st, 2023

ASK THE FRONT DESK

We will put out an e-blast as usual. Please remember to never give your personal gate code out. The temporary code can be given to delivery drivers, repairmen, etc. However, if you are not comfortable with that you can always have them call you from the call box to let them in with the push of 9 on your phone.

We change our Temporary Gate Codes monthly for your security!

CLUBS & CLASSES

Book Club - Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

The long and eventful life of Eleanor Roosevelt was full of rich experiences and courageous actions. The niece of Theodore Roosevelt, she married a Columbia University law student named Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who gradually ascended in the world of New York politics to reach the presidency in 1932. Throughout his three terms, Eleanor Roosevelt was not only intimately involved in FDR's personal and political life but also led women's organizations and youth movements, and fought for consumer welfare, civil rights and better housing standards. During World II she traveled with her husband to meet leaders of many powerful nations; after his death in 1945 she worked as a UN delegate, chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, newspaper columnist, Democratic Party activist, and diplomat, and was a world traveler. By the end of her life, Eleanor Roosevelt was recognized around the world for her fortitude and commitment to the ideals of liberty and human rights. Her autobiography constitutes a self-portrait no biography can match for its candor and liveliness, wisdom, tolerance, and breath of view--a self-portrait of one of the greatest American humanitarians of our time. The Book Club will meet on March 16 at 10:00am. in the Library.

- Kathleen Reisig Book Club Leader



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.

In February, the Plant Slant group learned about Strokes. Now we are ready to learn about one of the scariest diseases of all, Alzheimer's Disease.

Despite the billions of dollars spent on research, there is still neither a cure nor an effective treatment for the disease. The good news, as stated in a headline article from the Center for Alzheimer's Research, is that " Alzheimer's Disease is Incurable but Preventable." Diet and lifestyle changes could potentially prevent millions of cases a year. How? "There is an emerging consensus that what is good for our hearts is also good for our heads."

The question at hand is, how do we take our health seriously? So seriously, that we are willing to invest in our health through diet and lifestyle changes? That's the answer that we in the Plant Slant group are searching for, through group support and a committed intention to take charge of our health.

Art Club - Norma Niel (Club Leader)



Artwork provided by the Art Club

CLUBS & CLASSES

ART CLUB presents

“Garden Flowers” and “Wildflowers in the Landscape”

NEW Sat. Art classes

DRAWING and PAINTING NATURE
Guest instructor Barbara Mattick



Thurs Mar. 16 and 23
Repeated
Sat. Mar. 18 and 25

Class fee \$20 ea.
\$5 for materials if needed
\$35 for 2 pre-paid

Contact Barbara for more
information & registration

bmattick@hotmail.com
Text (661) 619-5900

Veteran's Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

This month, our guest speakers will be representatives from the Kern River Blue Star Mother organization. This is a national organization, founded in 1942, and became a chartered organization by Congress in June of 1960. Their Mission Statement states “We are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children who are veterans. We support each other and our children while promoting patriotism. Our organization focuses on our mission every single day and will never, ever, forsake our troops, our veterans, or the families of our Fallen Heroes”. To learn more about the local chapter here in Kern County, visit their website at <https://www.kernriverbluestarmoms.org/>. We are looking forward to hearing them share about their organization and learning about ways that we can support their efforts. Here is the website link to the National Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. <https://www.bluestarmothers.org/>.

Our monthly luncheon gatherings are on the second Wednesday of each month at Huckleberry’s Restaurant, located at 2673 Mt Vernon Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93306; festivities start at 11:30 am. If you plan on attending March 8th luncheon, please RSVP by Sunday, March 5th by either calling or emailing Penny Martinez using the contact information noted below.

If you have any questions about upcoming veterans gathering, just give Penny Martinez a call or send her an email using the information noted below. Looking forward to a blessed New Year, with the opportunity of meeting fellow veterans 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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Docents are needed at the Portraits of a Warrior Gallery. There are part-time and/or part day time slots available and if you’re interested or like more information, please call Sandi Jantz @ 931-200-7216.



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