

THE LODGE AT FOUR SEASONS



MESSENGER
JULY 2023

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

Outdoor Amenities:
Monday-Sunday
6am-10pm

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Some Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

I would like to revisit the Landscape expenditures from a couple of years ago. This seems to remain a subject of conversations and rumors. Let me try to clear that all up, not from the “what happened to your yards” since that isn’t in my wheelhouse, but what were the financial impacts to our association.

First, let me remind you that we pay for our landscaping from one of two sources, they are either our operational accounts or our reserves. The general landscaping, that is our monthly contract currently with C&M, is paid from our operational accounts. In addition to our monthly contract, they bill us for additional work that needs to be done such as sprinkler head replacements, tree trimming, the lodge seasonal flower refreshment and other relatively low-cost upkeep. The bigger ticket items, such as the front yard retrofit and enhancement project in 2020 and 2021, with both committee and board approval, were paid from our reserves.

At the September 2020 board meeting the board approved four areas of work orders for the retrofit conversion from Stay Green. The conversion was to replace the tubing and emitters for our underground irrigation system as it was deemed to be unsatisfactory for our use. In lieu of the Netafim tubing, which had an expected life of 10 to 15 years, we put in a system that should last 50 years. Since that effort required that the planting areas be dug up, the enhancement portion then followed to replace and add plants appropriately.

OK, let’s get to the costs. Starting from the east, which is the lodge zone, we scheduled four areas ending at our west end with area four. On 9/23/20 the board approved a not to exceed (NTE) \$285,000 for the drip system conversion to spray heads.

Some Words From Your Treasurer, CONT.

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

On February 24, 2021 an additional NTE \$100,000 was approved for the sod and plant enhancements of areas one and two. On 3/24/21 Phase 3 was approved by the board for a NTE \$100,000 and Phase 4 for NTE \$15,000 bringing the total project approval to \$500,000.

Along with numerous delays with Stay Green's work and the Association's dissatisfaction with their workmanship and performance, on April 2, 2021 the parties agreed to a Performance Contract which would impose a penalty of \$4,000 a day for their 84 days of noncompliance totaling \$336,000.

Contrary to rumors, we did not get a check from them for that amount but instead we entered into negotiations for a zero balance from Stay Green where there were credits applied for their service, products and labor during this period. Of the aforementioned \$500,000 that had been approved for the project, at its completion in September of 2021 the final cost to us was \$342,400.

This, in part, resulted in our 2021 reserve balance decreasing to a 50.4% funding level ending at \$1,782,326. Although 50% is a moderate level of funding, we continue to strive for 70%. This predicted outcome was reported in my October 2021 Finance Forum.

Once again, thanks for reading my "some 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. As always, I intend to offer more financial thoughts next month.

-Bill

Rules & Regulations

Kathy Clark - Committee Chair

Why do we have Rules and Regulations?

Every Homeowners Associations has Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations work in concert with our community to help the community to work in harmony. Rules and Regulations provide specific guides for day to day living and without them and the means for enforcement, our community living experience could become chaotic.

When you purchase a home that is part of a community association, you automatically become a member of the association and become responsible for following all its rules and regulations.

The primary purpose of having community rules and regulations is to protect your investment and provide a common framework for neighbors. For HOA homeowners the rules are designed to not only safeguard home values, but to avoid potential conflicts and issues, and to comply with safety standards.

While it's true that part of association membership requires abiding by community guidelines, HOA life is about far more than following a long list of rules. Community guidelines and rules can help lay the foundation for a successful neighborhood.

Rules & Regulations

Kathy Clark - Committee Chair

Benefits of HOA Rules

At first glance, having rules for a neighborhood or community may seem restrictive. However, there are many benefits to having a robust set of guidelines, including:

- Preserving the aesthetics of an area
- Protecting and enhancing home values
- Enforcing the community's Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) & Bylaws
- Maintaining the property of the association and its owners

If you are interested in joining the Rules and Regulations committee, please complete a committee member application and turn the application into the office before July 12, 2023.





JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 107,851.85	\$ 108,051.16
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	1,845,024.43	1,829,816.54
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 1,952,876.28	\$ 1,937,867.70
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 14,040.86	\$ 18,952.17
Total Prepaid Expenses (Insurance)	\$ 15,678.66	\$ 17,818.85
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
Total Assets	\$ 2,060,283.14	\$ 2,052,326.06
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 48,190.19	\$ 44,635.49
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 70,177.72	\$ 73,288.25
Total Liabilities	\$ 118,367.91	\$ 117,923.74
<u>PRIOR YEAR'S EQUITY</u>	\$ 18,778.41	\$ 18,778.41
TOTAL OWNER'S EQUITY	\$ 1,863,802.84	\$ 1,848,594.95
<u>NET INCOME / LOSS</u>	\$ 78,112.39	\$ 85,807.37
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 2,060,283.14	\$ 2,052,326.06
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Revenue Budget	\$ 178,967.00	\$ 894,835.00
Revenue Actual	179,645.38	897,910.72
Net Difference from Budget	\$ 678.38	\$ 3,075.72
	Over Budget 0.379%	Over Budget 0.344%
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Expense Budget	\$ 178,973.00	\$ 894,849.00
Expense Actual	187,340.36	819,798.33
Net Difference from Budget	\$ 8,367.36	\$ (75,050.67)
	Over Budget 4.7%	Under Budget -8.4%
ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (7,694.98)	\$ 78,112.39
<u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Account Balance	\$ 1,845,024.43	\$ 1,829,816.54
Reserve Study @ 100%	4,283,163.00	4,283,163.00
Current Percent Funded	43.1%	42.7%
<u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	
Reserve Expenses		
Final bill - Wrough Iron Painting		14,400.00
Accounts Receivable		14,040.86
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts		(5,969.28)
Past Dues - As of 5/31		20,010.14
One At attorney	7,218.68	
Two liens recorded	6,043.89	

RULE REMINDER

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

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



TRAFFIC LAWS

- Please remember to follow all traffic laws while driving your golf cart. Be sure to stop at stop signs, follow the speed limit, drive on the right side of the road, and be cautious of other drivers. Safety violations will result in an immediate call to hearing in front of the Board that may include a fine or suspension of privileges. You are valuable – drive safe!

FRONT YARD ALTERATIONS

- Please remember that there are no front yard alterations, and that front yard service requests are for landscape maintenance items only (a broken sprinkler, dead plant, weeds in lawn, etc.).

Friends of the Four Seasons Messenger

Our new committee is excited to hear from you about what you would like to see in our newsletter. In this issue, you will see an article from one of our committee members, Mary Sullivan. She will let you know what we are looking for and how you can help. We want this newsletter to be something that you will all enjoy, and we are striving to lessen the cost by seeking paid advertising that will be pertinent to our community. We look forward to your comments.

Sandy Moffett – Newsletter Chair

In an attempt to make the monthly 4 Seasons Messenger more user friendly a Messenger Committee was created. The objective of the committee is to include input from community residents in various areas of interest. The success of our objective depends on you, the reader. Listed below are the various areas that we would like to include in future issues. If you would like to contribute, please include your name and address (which may or may not be part of the printed submission, pending your permission) and clearly print your contribution and drop it in the box provided at the front desk by the 15th of the month. We hope that this will make the Messenger more fun, informative and useful to our community. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Areas of Interest

Announcements:

Birthdays Anniversary Births Condolence Special Occasion

Recommendations:

Restaurants Businesses Day Trips Coming Events

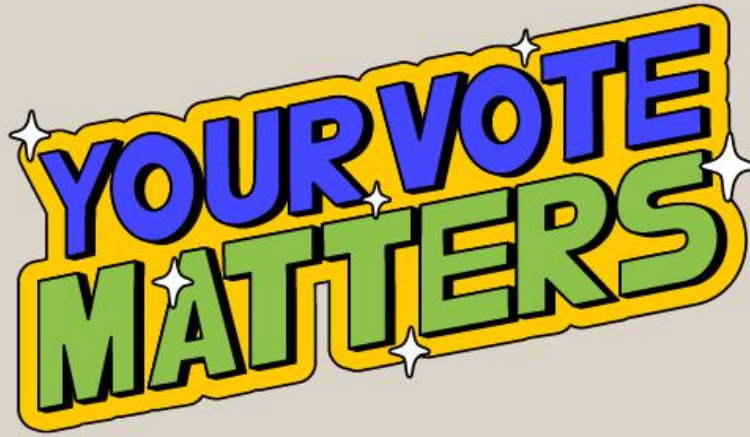
Services:

Handyman House/Pet Sitting

Misc:

Recipies Teaching Skills to Share Items for Sale

These are just few ideas. If you have suggestion for other areas of interest, please let us know. Thank You



News From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, June 7th at 1:00 for a lunch and strategy meeting in preparation for the Meet the Candidates Night. At the request of one of the candidates, and after consideration of the reason for the request, we decided to have all of the candidates at a common table rather than coming in one by one.

A huge thank you to all of those who participated in our “Meet the Candidates” night. The ballroom was full, and we had six candidates at the table after one resignation.

I am especially thankful to our committee for their guidance and support and to the students from Bakersfield College and Professor, Ed Borgens for assisting with the process of handing out the ballots.

The next step is the best step. You as resident owners have the opportunity to make a very important choice. I know that there were good candidates all around, but who will be the best choice to fill the open spots on the board? Your vote matters! I look forward to seeing the new board come together as a solid team and make the future of our community the best that it can be.

Sandy Moffett – Nominating Chair

Bakersfield's Southern Hotel, Built Twice!

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)

In the 1870s, when Bakersfield was yet a frontier town, the French Hotel was built on the northwest corner of 19th Street and Chester Avenue. A modest wooden structure, it was later destroyed by fire, a common catastrophe of those earlier times.

The local newspaper, the Kern County Californian, wrote in September, 1887, "Our hotel accommodations have long been insufficient and unavoidably not of a nature to be attractive to the better class of guests." As a result, a group of Bakersfield businessmen established the Southern Hotel Association. It began with a capital of \$100,000. Celsus Brower was the groups secretary.

According to a 1975 article, published by the Kern County Historical Society:
"Architectural drawings for the new hotel were prepared by Benjamin G. McDougall and Son of San Francisco and San Diego. The first story was designed for businesses, and the upper two stories, containing eighty-four rooms, all supplied with hot and cold water, were to be used for hotel purposes. As the building was being completed, it was stated that 'from the foundation-stone to the tip of the golden dragon's spear' the structure was 'substantial and durable, a mold of fashion and graceful form.'
"The bay window at the corner was 'the largest of its kind in the state,' and it added 'beauty to the structure.'"



Bakersfield's Southern Hotel, Built Twice! CONT

By Kitty DeArmond (Four Seasons Resident)

Contractor William J. Doherty had completed the hotel, which was described as 'a lasting monument to the sturdy courage of certain...citizens' who had earned 'the right to be called men of public spirit.' The Southern Hotel Association formally accepted the building in March, 1889."

The Historical Society article continued: "Bakersfield businessmen sensed that their town was about to enter an era of great material progress, but then a disastrous fire in July, 1889, destroyed the business section of the town in a matter of hours, including the newly completed Southern Hotel.

"In spite of the staggering financial losses, the businessmen, including the proprietors of the Southern Hotel, set out to rebuild and develop bigger and better downtown Bakersfield."

Costing \$110,000 the new hotel was rebuilt in an ornate Victorian style. It also contained three stories and 84 rooms and was intended to be on a par with the most glamorous hotels in San Francisco. It drew visitors from all over California.



The second Southern Hotel closed in 1947. The building was demolished and the current modern style building was constructed. That building features ribbon windows and a streamlined façade with a rounded corner. For many years it was the home of the J.C. Penney department store.



A Word From Landscape Committee

By Mike Callagy (Landscape Chair)

Greetings from the Landscape team. If the weather of June transfers to July we will have it made. The cooler weather has given our new parkway turf along all the other new plants a great help. Everything is doing well.

At the June meeting, mosquito vector control got a lot of attention, as well it should. I have assigned a committee member along with Board member Alvarez to research a community wide wipe-um-out plan to rid ourselves of these nasty bugs. It really is a community problem, not simply a front or rear yard problem.

These insects live only two weeks or so. Therefore, if we get a community action plan together for a month long kill the larva (eggs) campaign, while the problem wont end, it will give us a start where simple preventative maintenance should take care of the problem. Part of our difficulty is that mosquitos have not been sufficiently trained to respect or recognize fence or property lines. Aristotle got it right, "Nature abhors a vacuum," and these nasty pests are willing to prove him correct.

I am very hopeful that our team will come up with an emergency plan to get us started and approved by our Board. That said, there is lots we can do. Do not have any standing water anywhere (swimming pools excepted). Dry up plant drip pans by putting a small hole in the edge so it will drain. No overwatering, its wasteful and the soaked sod provides lots of places for larva to grow. Additionally, you can purchase, "Mosquito dunks," at Lowes, Home Depot, and other landscape product suppliers. Add them monthly to the two front yard drains as recommended by the Vector control district and as prescribed on the mosquito dunk label. On a lighter note:

I suggested, at our committee meeting, that we might want to consider aerial spraying DDT over the entire community. Probably "overkill" and not so hot an idea.

I now have a new proposal. Since mosquitos are part, if not a large part, of the healthy-frog-food-plan, why not get several hundred thousand frogs for our community? Its environmentally safe, no crop dusters flying over and, okay I will pass on the leg thing for dinner. I do not want any of you to think we are not considering everything.

This month the Landscapers will weed spraying, mulching, and getting ready for summer. They will also be working with the committee on a plan to decrease if not end the irrigation difficulties we have had and you can help. Please report any irrigation problems you observe directly to staff. They will pass it along.

That's it for June. Mike Callagy



POOL TOURNAMENT







WINNERS

- 1st place: Jim Foss
- 2nd place: Wayne Cox
- 3rd place: Frank Blakely

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

JULY 2022

LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY
OUTDOOR AMENITIES



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
<p>2</p> <p>Water Volleyball 4pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am & 5:45pm Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Pinochle 1pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am</p> <p>LODGE CLOSED @ NOON</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Beginners Art Club Canasta 1pm SOCIAL COMMITTEE POOL SUB-COMMITTEE Fireside Happy Hour Water Volleyball 5pm</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Water Volleyball 4pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am & 5:45pm Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am IT/WEBSITE 9AM Water Aerobics 10am RULES & REGS 10AM Pinochle 1pm FACILITIES 1PM Beginning Sign Language 3pm COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS DUE—5PM</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Bridge 1pm Neighbor2Neighbor 1pm Dance Fitness 5:45pm Bocce Ball 7pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Advanced Pickle Ball Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Beginners Art Club LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE Veterans Club 11:30am Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 5pm ANNUAL MEETING</p>
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23 CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 6AM-10PM SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 9AM-5PM
MEMBERS: MONDAY-SUNDAY 6AM-10PM

POOL CLOSED
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
6AM-10AM

POOL CLOSED
WEDNESDAY
6AM-9AM

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Golf Cart Parade 9am 
2 Pickle Ball 7am & 5:45pm Water Aerobics 9am Art Club 10am Bridge 1pm FINANCE COMMITTEE 1PM Website Townhall 4PM Bunco 4pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm	6 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Water Aerobics 9am Art Club 10am Bridge 1pm Bingo 5:45pm 	7 Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 10am Game Night 1pm Advanced Pickle Ball 5:30pm Website Townhall 6pm ARC APPLICATIONS DUE - 2PM 	8 Beginners Pickle Ball 7am Computer Club 9am
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BOD April Recap

Leanna Cutler - General Manager

On Wednesday, June 28, 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 June 28, 2023; and General Minutes from May 31, 2023.
- May 31, 2023, Financial Report was approved.
- The Board is going to schedule a demonstration by Flock Safety. (Flock Safety is a camera system that helps HOA's, Neighborhood Associations, and law enforcement work together to capture objective evidence.)
- Consent Calendar included 1 Ballroom Reservation.
- Committee Reports and Approved Recommendations:

Social: a. The next event after the 4th of July is the Pool Party which is scheduled for September 23rd. Information will be sent out closer to the date.

Finance: a. The Board approved the 2022 Financial Audit presented by the Finance Committee. The audit was prepared by Newman Certified Public Accountant, PC and will be mailed out to the members by individual delivery pursuant to Civil Code 4040.

Landscape: a. The Board approved the Landscape Committee's requested to approve Estimate #194 in the amount of \$7,425.00 from C&M Landscape. The request was a result of additional work required during the Phase I Parkway Project due to extremely irregular placement of lateral lines by the builder. This problem was not known when the initial proposal was received. This expense was also reviewed and supported by the Finance Committee as a reserve expense.

b. The Board approved the purchase of a replacement 5hp irrigation pump on Vale Royale near Summit Pass in the amount of \$4,250.00. When the replacement comes in C&M Landscape will provide a bid to rebuild the broken one so there is a backup on hand.

Nominating: a. The Nominating Committee was released of their duties for the year.

IT: a. The Board approved the purchase of a 64 Channel 8MP with 30 TB HDD NVR (Network Video Recorder) to replace the outdated NVR. The cost is \$2,813.42. This is a reserve expense.

b. The Board approved the purchase of two 4K monitors/TV's not to exceed \$1,000.00 so staff can clearly view all cameras simultaneously. One monitor/TV is new so half the expense will be reserves and the other half is an operating expense.

c. The Board approved the purchase of a new laptop for the Association to replace the outdated one that is currently having issues. The new computer is a Dell G15 5520 and will be purchased with an external DVD player. The estimated cost is \$1,823.00. This will be a reserve expense.

Ad Hoc Website: a. The Board approved the new HOA Website go live on Thursday, June 29, 2023. A special thanks goes to Dave Kenney, Rick Johnson, Janice Scanlan and Margaret DeArmond for the work they did all year to bring this beautiful, updated addition to the community.

BOD April Recap CONT.

Leanna Cutler - General Manager

b. The Board approved a checking account be opened so that preparations can be made to allow residents to purchase event tickets on the website through PayPal. There are final policies that need to be developed before PayPal is able to be added as an enhancement to the Website.

c. The Board approved the Ad Hoc Website committee to dissolve, and their duty has been completed. The IT committee is now going to be the IT/Website Committee and will be responsible for the maintenance of the Website with the assistance of Management.

d. Two Townhall meetings have been scheduled to show the residents the new website. They will be held on Friday July 7th at 6 pm and Thursday July 27th at 10:30 a.m.
Newsletter: a. The Newsletter Committee wants to let residents know that the goal of the committee to make the Messenger more of what the residents want to see and to provide more information about the community and surrounding area. There is an article in the paper for July and the committee is asking for input from residents.

- **Under New Business the following items were approved:**

1. **The Board approved three new clubs: Sunset Cruisers for the Golf Cart lovers; Welcome Wagon to provide a one-of-a-kind welcome to new residents to the community; and Unity K9 Express Rescue “Booster Club” to help raise money and volunteer if needed to the Unity K9 Express Rescue for dogs in need.**

Management wants to let owners know that when the Financial Audit from 2022 is mailed, that there is an annual disclosure being mailed to all members pursuant to Civil Code 4041. It gives you the option to provide a second address or delivery method in which you would like to receive notices from the Association. It also is where you would inform us if there is a separate legal representative for the property, if any, including any person with power of attorney or other person who can be contacted in the event of the Members extended absence from your residence here in Four Seasons. This is where you choose if you wish to opt out of sharing your name(s), property address, mailing address on the membership list. The form you will receive needs to be returned to either the front desk or scanned and emailed to customercare@seabreezemgmt.com. We will be sending a notice at this time to remind you that pursuant to Civil Code 4045(b) you have the right to request that all general notices be sent to you by individual delivery. This disclosure is sent annually with the Annual Policy Statement with the budget, but we want to be sure and provide all owners an opportunity again to choose this if they wish. If you would like to receive general notices by individual delivery, you must submit your request in writing. You can either email GM@fsbhoa.com or drop off your written request at the Lodge Front desk, this notice does not go to customer care.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2023, at 6:00pm at the Four Seasons Ballroom, 10500 Toscana Dr. Bakersfield CA 93306.

CLUBS & CLASSES

Mosaic Pottery Workshop **Susie Yslas (Four Seasons Resident)**

Next 2 Workshops: September 26th & 27th, and 29th & 30th, 2023
Location: Arts & Crafts Room

From the April Mosaic Pottery Workshop: What an amazing time we had and the fellowship was just over the top. Laughs, stories shared, prayers went out to those that were in need, snacked on red velvet cake, and they even got serenaded. The creativity of these women just blows my mind. Beautiful colors designs and I am just so proud of them. Thank you ladies for continuing to motivate and Inspire me. Good times♥ Susie Yslas

Beginning Sign Language Club **by Leola Grove (Club Leader)**

American Sign Language also known as ASL is commonly used as the main form of communication for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing, but sign languages also have a lot to offer for everyone!

If you are interested in learning and joining you can sign up at the Front Desk. All are welcome, and encouraged to join! Meetings will be held every Monday @ 3pm in the Arts & Crafts Room (if group is larger than capacity, class will be held in different location and Staff will let you know in advance).

Next Club Meeting: Monday, July 10th @ 3pm



CLUBS & CLASSES

Computer Club

by Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, July 8th, 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

by 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 Conference Room from 1 pm-4 pm and have a lot of fun!

-Nancy McKenry
njmckenry@gmail.com



Chair Yoga Class

by 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.



CLUBS & CLASSES

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

Statistics from the Dream Center:

- On average, 55 Kern County teens age out of the foster care system each month.
- In 2022, 709 foster youths used the Dream Center services.

Our Four Seasons community has played a valuable role in helping these emancipated foster youth get established in their first apartment and also in providing clothes and hygiene items. Since January 2019, our community has supported our Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club fundraisers and made cash donations totaling \$21,390. And our community members have also generously donated clothes, kitchen supplies, and all kinds of household items. The Dream Center staff appreciates and recognizes the efforts of the Four Seasons Community. Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club members are so thankful for all of your help.

Items we have purchased for the Dream Center with the \$21,390 from our community include:

microwaves, vacuums, sets of pots & pans, utensils, flatware, dishes, toasters, can openers, trash cans, tumblers, bowls, brooms, mops, cleaning supplies, shower curtains & rods, towels, sheets, pillows, fans, hampers, underwear, sweat pants & shirts, hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, etc), and Walmart gift cards (65) for the Dream Center holiday party. Our next club meeting is Tuesday, July 11th 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

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



CLUBS & CLASSES

Dinner Club - Eileen & Mike Callagy (Club leaders)

For our June Dinner Club we would like to thank all of you who signed up. We made our minimum plus some.

Mossman's did a delicious and wonderful dinner for our lovely Residents along with their friends and family. We love seeing everyone ecstatic to show up and eat.

The last dinner club for 2023 will be November 4th. We hope to have this dinner outside, weather permitting. The menu will be announced when that date gets closer. Mark your calendars.

A special thanks to Manya & John Carney who always volunteer to help set up. Also, thanks to Linda Hofer for decorating our tables.

We would love to see more people take part in these fun evenings. We live in a beautiful resort with many great events and activities! Please consider giving the dinner club a try.



SIGN-UP FOR A CLUB

The summer heat is coming in HOT! Finding ways to stay inside but also staying active can be difficult. If that's the case think about joining a club, we have plenty to choose from. All Residents are welcome to any and all Clubs.



Stay cool inside, meet new and old friends, and enjoy the summer the right way!

Laughter Along Our Path

Brought to you by Manya Carney (Four Seasons Resident)

A Grandma from Four Seasons relayed a cute story. She said, "After a long flight from Los Angeles to Billing, Montana, my daughter & 3 little granddaughters picked me up at the airport. We were all so happy to be reunited. The next day the neighbors were invited over and we had a nice visit around the dining room table. My oldest granddaughter, about five at the time, kept staring at me with her wide blue eyes. After a while, she finally spoke her mind, "Grandma, where's your broom?"

I laughed a little as I made eye contact with each person in the room. "Broom?" I said uncomfortably, "I don't have a broom!"

The room had become suddenly quiet. As I looked around the table my eyes locked on my son-in-law's ashen face, as he began to stammer, "All I, uh, said was, uh, jokingly of course, I don't see why you have to pick up your mom up from the airport! She can park that broom anywhere!"

Ladies Luncheon - Annette Harder (Club leaders)

Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner!

A fried chicken dinner at Mom's house was our last venue. The original restaurant was opened on Ming Avenue in 2006. Then the chef/owner was killed in 2017. Good news', the restaurant is back with a new name but original owners and crew now located in the Northwest. If you miss the old chicken, waffles and fried catfish you can come back for a fix of good ol' Southern food. The staff was exceedingly friendly and efficient.

Twenty-three ladies were seated in the party room with two waitresses, in attendance. Menus were passed out and then we had to decide what we wanted to try. Lots of to-go boxes because the food kept coming. Darn, no one ordered dessert! Just what is Sock It To Me Cake?

Thursday, July 20th at 11:30am we will be returning to Wool Growers Restaurant, 620 E 19th St., Bakersfield CA 93305. Sign-up sheet at the Front Desk. Meet at the Flagpole between 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.

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NEW TEMPORARY GATE CODE

Effective July 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)

Four siblings experience the drama, intrigue, and upheaval of the summer when everything changed, that is *The Summer of '69*. Written by Elin Hilderbrand this breezy yet gritty novel of a family of long-time Nantucket vacationers who weather some tough times and ultimately find redemption, solace, even a measure of happiness. Using the turbulent backdrop of the Vietnam War and the civil rights movements, Hilderbrand depicts how personalities change during a family stay on the islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. Chappaquiddick, the moon landing and Woodstock all have cameos in this novel. Rock'n'roll serves as a thematic touchstone, with chapter heads and titles drawn from songs.



The Book Club will meet on June 20th at 10:00 am 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,

Please note that our club will be taking a summer break. We wish you all a healthy summer, and we hope to see you at the pool.

See you in September.

Fireside Happy Hour - Mary Sullivan - Club Leader



Come One...Come all. Get to know your fellow Four Seasoners. Weather permitting, we can meet inside or out. We may attempt an evening of Trivia if there is any interest. We are open to suggestions for activities to make the gathering more fun. Please join us on the first and third Wednesday from 4pm to 7pm (or later). We look forward to seeing you by the lodge fireplace or on the patio.

Fireside Happy Hour meets every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month

Pinochle Club - Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

For those of you looking to fill an afternoon with entertainment that not only stimulates the mind, but connects you to fun people, this is the card game for you!

Our group welcomes newcomers, seasoned or new to the game. We will be happy to teach you! We meet every Monday from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Please call Linda Hofer at 661-368-1995 or text 510-374- 8366.



A decorative border of various craft supplies surrounds the text. At the top left is a paint palette with yellow, red, and blue. Next to it is a tube of green paint with a brush. To the right is a green clothespin. On the right side, there's a blue pencil, a blue marker, and a blue paintbrush. At the bottom right is an easel with a white canvas. At the bottom center is a watercolor palette with purple, blue, green, yellow, and red. At the bottom left is a notebook with a pen. On the left side, there's a bottle of orange glue, a pair of orange scissors, and a bottle of yellow glue. At the top center is a tube of brown paint with a brush.

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023
from 10am-2pm
Four Seasons Lodge at
Bakersfield
10500 Toscana Drive

Crafts • Jewelries • Clothing • Housewares • Plush
Items • Sweet Treats • Aprons • Cosmetic Bags
Face Masks • Embroidery • Headbands & MORE

FOR VENDOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
VALERIE RUIZ/661-873-0580/VALERIE.RUIZ@SEABREEZEMGMT

Art Club - Norma Niel (Club Leader)

Art Club is for anyone interested in the visual arts, as an artist, art student, or just interested in including art within our Four Seasons community.

Norma Neil instructs the fee-based watercolor classes currently which have a Wed. morning session for beginning skills and a Thurs. morning class of continuing students. Both groups are kept small to give individual attention, however, the beginners' class will only run through the end of July.

We are taking sign-ups for an acrylics class which should start this Fall. Norma is excited to see this additional class to be led by an experienced professional art teacher and hopes to be one of the students.

Art Club will host a meeting on July 5th at 1 pm for residents wishing to give input on how the club can meet their interests and needs. A free art activity will follow.

Some of the suggestions being considered include a paint party with a "watermelon and wine" theme, another art themed-movie matinee, a Fall Morro Bay art retreat, an art gallery hop, and a plein air outing.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, call club leader, Norma Neil at 661-204-4653.

This waterfall painting by Norma Neil shows rocky cliffs and white water techniques being taught this summer.



Veteran's Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

HAPPY 247TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA! We live in an amazing country filled with an abundance of opportunities, that we should strive to never take for granted; **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.** This summer, and over the 4th of July holiday, take an opportunity to visit the Portrait of a Warrior Gallery at 1925 Eye Street, <https://kern-warrior.org/>, or Historic Union Cemetery, they're currently working on updating the website, so check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HistoricUnionCemetery/>; Union Cemetery is located at 730 E. Potomac Avenue, Bakersfield National Cemetery, located at 30338 East Bear Mountain Road. Arvin, CA, or visit and pay your respects at the World War II, Korean, Vietnam, and Kern Veteran memorials along Truxtun Avenue.

In June, a group of veterans and spouses toured the Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veterans Resource Center, spoke with staff and fellow veterans, and enjoyed lunch at The Commons on campus. To learn more about Bakersfield College's commitment to our Kern County Veterans and their dependents, check out their webpage at <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/veterans>; they're always looking for volunteers to help with their events.

Great News!!! The Honor Flight of Kern County is now accepting applications from ANY U.S. VETERANS who are 75 years and older! Yes, Cold War Veterans, this means YOU! You can download a Veteran Application from the website; here is the link www.honorflightkerncounty.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 July 12th luncheon, please RSVP by Sunday July 9th 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.

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



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★ **December 16, 2023** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

**Help Bakersfield Republican Women, Federated
honor local heroes!**

**Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's
grave this December at Bakersfield National
Cemetery.**

**Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit
www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/CA0797**



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