

THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS



OCTOBER 2023

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

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5am-10pm

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How Safe and Prepared are You at Four Seasons?

Jann Lemucchi - NBHD Watch

Safety First at Four Seasons club began as a spin-off of the Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee. The Emergency Ad Hoc Committee reviewed and updated the current Lodge emergency procedures, emergency action plans and community emergency procedures during power outages, earthquakes, fire, flood, and active shooter emergencies. Safety First at Four Seasons club will provide emergency preparedness resources and information for the Four Seasons HOA website, as well as schedule, twice per year, Neighborhood Watch and American Red Cross presentations.

Do you, neighbors or areas within Four Seasons now watch out for one another? If you get together regularly as a small group, please join the Safety First at Four Seasons club. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Ballroom to discuss how we can be as best prepared for any emergency at Four Seasons.

The Neighborhood Watch program is a most effective crime prevention program bringing neighbors together, with law enforcement, to deter crime and make communities safer. It is getting to know each other and becoming familiar with neighborhood habits and vehicles so you will know when something is suspicious or out of the ordinary. Residents should not confront suspects or take any personal risks, nor does the program make you a nosy neighbor - it makes you a good neighbor in the old-fashioned sense of the word.

Benefits of Having a Neighborhood Watch:

- Improved Home Security
- Improved Livability
- Information about Available Resources, Services, and Emergency Preparedness
- Knowing Your Neighbors and Looking Out for One Another
- A Partnership with the Police Department
- A Team Concept of Neighbors Working Together
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Emergency Preparedness program knows that an emergency can happen at any time. Be self-prepared for any emergency with a safety preparedness plan, basic supplies, and advance planning. Whether a storm, an earthquake, a wildfire, or a flood comes our way, preparedness will help everyone cope better and stay safer.

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Benefits of Emergency Preparedness:

- Four Seasons Community Emergency Preparedness Disaster Survival Handbook
- Sign up for Emergency Alerts (ReadyKern)
- Sign up for Smart 911
- Create a Plan for Your Household
- Create an Emergency Survival Kit for Your Household
- Flood Preparation
- Wildfire Preparation
- FEMA Website

Everyone's participation with the Safety First at Four Seasons club will make our community as safe as possible.

Contact Jan Lemucchi at janlemucchi@yahoo.com or call 661.754.2957 to recommend future crime prevention and/or emergency preparedness suggestions.

**What's happening at our HOA Board meetings?
Check out meeting agendas, minutes, treasurer reports and budgets at our new Four Seasons website.**

FSBHOA.com

If you are a first time user of this site, be sure to login in order to see all the features of the website.

BOD September Recap

Leanna Cutler - General Manager

On Wednesday, September 27, 2023, the Board of Directors held a General Session Meeting. The following items were considered.

- Approval of Secretary's report including Executive Sessions Report from September 14, 2023, and September 27, 2023; and the General Session Minutes from August 30, 2023.
- August 31, 2023, Financial Statements and Treasurers report were reviewed. The Board authorized three liens to be filed on delinquency accounts.
- Committee Reports and Approved Recommendations

Finance: a. The Budget Sub-Committee and the Finance Committee goal for this year was to get the Association reserves to a 70% funding level. At 70%, funding an association is then considered low risk for special assessments. The plan presented to the Board had an 8.85% increase for Fiscal Year ("FY"), 8% increase for FY25, 7.5% increase for FY26-28, and then 3% increase for FY 29 and continuing. With the proposed plan the Association's reserves are expected to be funded at 61% by the end of 2024, and 71% by 2027.

The Board approved the 2023 draft On-site Reserve Study Report for Fiscal Year 2024 prepared by California Builder Services, with Monthly funding to Reserves of \$35,446.00 plus interest as presented.

b. The Board approved the 2024 Pro Forma Budget with an assessment increase of \$17.00 per unit, raising assessment to \$390.00 per unit per month. This is a 4.56% increase. The Annual Budget Statement and Annual Policy Statement will be mailed out no later than November 30, 2023.

Landscape: a. The Board authorized the replacement of plants in the Paseo, at a cost of \$8,437.50. This is a reserve expense.

b. The Board authorized the replacement of plants in the Botanical Garden, at a cost \$6,325.00. This is a reserve expense.

Facilities: a. The Board approved the purchase new magnetic rower for the gym. It is the Matrix Rower X; total cost is \$2,461.32. This is a reserve expense.

Rules & Regulations: a. The Board authorized the allowance of two new Fobs to be issued to new owners when they purchase a re-sale home.

BOD September Recap

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b. The Board clarified that in the Rules and Regulations Pool and Spa under Toys, that see-through rafts are not allowed because they are still rafts. The rules are clear that frisbees, large floating devices, such as surf boards, rafts or any other device that obstructs the view of the water are not allowed. The Board will investigate other items such as the noodle chairs that were mentioned in the meeting.

Old Business: the following items were approved:

- Club Approval for: Tripoli Game Day & Poker/Dealers Choice. Both clubs were approved since in Associations Club Guidelines it states that clubs must comply with all federal, state, and local statues including gambling, donations, 50/50 raffles, and all other forms of wagering, just as other committees that do door raffles, donations, etc. Tripoli Game Day will meet on every Friday 1pm-4pm in the Game Room, Club Lead is Jeannie Willmon, email: jstrangel888@yahoo.com.

Poker/Dealers Choice will meet every Wednesday 1pm-4pm in the Game Room, Club lead is Jeannie Willmon, email: Jstrangel888@yahoo.com

New Business: the following items were approved:

- Club Approval: Golden Karaoke Voices. This club was approved. They will meet once a month in the Ballroom from 6pm-10pm. Club lead is Laurie Dean, email is izebra311@yahoo.com.
- The Board approved a bid from BSW Roofing in the amount of \$4,650.00 to repair the roofs in the pool pump room, theater, gym, kitchen/ballroom, guard house. This is a reserve expense.
- The Board authorized formation of a Café Ad hoc Committee to be chaired by Rodger Barnes. Rodger's goal is to explore the options out there that will provide owners what they want at no cost to the Association. He will be bringing more information back to the next board meeting and is seeking about 3 people to help him.
- The Board is requesting that all Clubs renew their club applications and rosters by November 15, 2023. Any non-response or email explaining the delay will result in the club being disbanded. The Clubs that were approved at the July 26, 2023, August 30, 2023, and this Board Meeting do not need to renew their applications.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Four Seasons Ballroom, 10500 Toscana Dr. Bakersfield CA 93306.

Some Words From Your Treasurer

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

We are now three quarters of the way through the year. This last month we finalized the 2024 budget and gained approval from the board. The result was an increase of dues by 3.75% to \$390.00. Just over eight percent of this increase was dictated by the new Reserve Analysis.

By law, the Annual Budget Report and Policy Statement are required to be finalized and published thirty days prior to the end of our fiscal year (In my last “words”, in error I said sixty). We are on schedule to comply with this requirement. At the last board meeting, with the finance committees’ recommendation, the board considered two proposals to complete both the audit and taxes for fiscal year 2023. The two accounting firms were Newman HOA CPA and Owens, Moskowitz and Associates. The board approved the engagement of Newman which was the same firm that provided us the 2002 audit.

Last month I told you that we had contracted with a new vendor to provide us with the reserve study for 2024. By law, every three years a full, on site, diligent visual inspection of major components must be made resulting in an updated reserve study. The modifications to the preliminary reserve analysis, requested by the budget subcommittee last month, were received by California Builder Services and that allowed us to move ahead with the budget. I’m hoping that many of you will attend my financial forum on the third of this month, as I will go into “exhausting” details on both the reserves and the creation of our budget. Probably more than most of you want to know, but I will present the facts for those that do. I’m looking forward to getting your responses and my trying to answer the questions.

Again, last month I had several comments on my “Words,” and I thank you. One was in response to my mention of the City In The Hills agreement. Following my reply and then their return email, I think we finally came to an understanding. Another email concerned my “gate arm” discussion. The question was, “are not people who break the arms responsible for the cost of their replacement?”

Some Words From Your Treasurer, CONT.

Bill Ferguson - BOD Treasurer

The answer is yes, however the catch 22 is that we have to identify them before we can get the reimbursement. If it is one of our residents, that's pretty simple, as the gate cameras identify the vehicle. If it is caused by someone outside, it can be difficult and often impossible to collect reimbursement. Once again, thanks for reading my "words." I really enjoy your feedback so keep it coming because in creating responses to you helps to keep me on my toes. As usual, I intend to respond to all of your thoughts and questions as candidly and accurately as I can either personally via email or in next months "Words."

So, send your responses and questions to: billfergus@aol.com. As always, I intend to offer more financial thoughts next month.

Bill

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Conversation with the Rules & Regulations Committee

Evie Freeman - Committee Member

The new Rules and Regulations committee has begun reviewing current documents that need possible revisions, along with the very important job of completing the Rules and Regulations document during the next few months. It is easy to forget that these rules and regulations are a valuable tool when issues arise that require answers. I have to confess, until I joined the committee, my binder containing the governing documents lay hidden in a drawer, only opened once or twice to flip through looking for a particular form or rule. Sound familiar?

The optimum would be that when we buy into Four Seasons we read this document first to last page, remember and follow the guidelines. In my dreams, right? How does one get excited about rules and regulations? I have not figured that out yet, but I do know, all homeowners will have the opportunity to review the draft document and give input before it is approved by the board.

The Rules and Regulations Committee understands that having community review and input will help to make each and every one of us feel we are a part of the community in a cohesive, democratic and well-run community.

A little remembrance from the t.v. series Neighbors

Neighbors, Everybody needs good neighbors
With a little understanding
You can find the perfect blend
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That's when good neighbors become good friends
Ooh Neighbors, should be there for one another
That's when good neighbors become good friends.

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Word List

BOO	MASK	SHIVER
CARVE	MONSTER	SKULL
CREATURE	OWL	WITCH
CRYPT	PUMPKIN	ZOMBIE

AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 106,885.44	\$ 139,767.07
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	1,813,072.98	1,819,411.90
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 1,919,958.42	\$ 1,959,178.97
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 26,549.25	\$ 15,788.95
Total Prepaid Expenses (Insurance)	\$ 7,444.95	\$ 9,585.14
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
Total Assets	\$ 2,031,639.96	\$ 2,062,240.40
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 51,036.11	\$ 43,620.31
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 100,956.77	\$ 112,228.03
Total Liabilities	\$ 151,992.88	\$ 155,848.34
<u>PRIOR YEAR'S EQUITY</u>	\$ 18,778.41	\$ 18,778.41
<u>NET INCOME / LOSS</u>	\$ 47,795.69	\$ 68,201.75
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenue Budget	\$ 178,967.00	\$ 1,431,736.00
Revenue Actual	182,631.84	1,440,575.72
Net Difference from Budget	\$ 3,664.84	\$ 8,839.72
	Over Budget 2.048%	Over Budget 0.617%
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Expense Budget	\$ 178,966.99	\$ 1,431,735.92
Expense Actual	203,037.90	1,392,780.03
Net Difference from Budget	\$ 24,070.91	\$ (38,955.89)
	Over Budget 13.4%	Under Budget -2.7%
ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (20,406.06)	\$ 47,795.69
<u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Account Balance	\$ 1,813,072.98	\$ 1,819,411.90
Reserve Study @ 100%	4,283,163.00	4,283,163.00
Current Percent Funded	42.3%	42.5%
<u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u>		
Accounts Receivable	\$ 26,549.25	
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(5,976.33)	
Delinquencies - As of 8/31	32,525.58	
One at attorney	8,579.63	
Two liens recorded	4,746.91	
Three pre-lien notices sent	4,965.46	
10 Additional Delinquencies	14,233.58	

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 Day and shall be removed no later than January 15th.
- Use of exploding devices of any kind is prohibited in the community.



YARD, GARAGE AND ESTATE SALES

- Residents may host no more than two (2) yard/garage/estate sales per year with each sale lasting for no longer than two (2) days each.
- Prior to conducting a yard/garage/estate sale, a Resident must submit a request in writing and obtain permission from the Management Company.
- All sale items may be displayed no earlier than 6:00 am and must be removed no later than 6:00 pm.
- The sale may be conducted from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm only.
- A Resident must notify the Management Company of the start time of the sale in order to insure potential buyers can gain entrance into the Community.

When Radio Was Magic by Barbara Fields Warner.

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident

Before there was television, the internet and twitter, there was the radio! This modern miracle blossomed during the 30's and matured in the 40's. Wires stretching like spider webs around the Globe made this magic possible. It opened the world to news, music, drama, sports and earth shaking events. The teeming cities connected with rural towns, helping to unite the diversity of lives and backgrounds. Radios came in all sizes, from polished standing consoles to lowly bakelite table models. Battery operated radios served homes without electricity. Big or small, the result was the same, as working families became a part of the changing world. From A to Z it made the manufacturers rich and famous; from Atwater Kent to Zenith. These golden radio years were a wonderful part of my childhood, for my parents always encouraged new learning experiences and the radio was certainly just that. It opened up a new world of discovery and change.

I fondly remember Walter Winchel with his rat-a-tat delivery announcing, "Good Evening, Mr. and Mrs. America, and all the ships at sea!" As a nightly visitor, he quietly and calmly delivered his newscast and Gabriel Teeter always reassured us that "There is good news tonight!" Cardinal Baseball broadcasts made my family lifelong fans. "The Babe" and Joe Louis became our sports heroes. In the political world, President Roosevelt, with his fireside chats, was our calm protector and Adolf Hitler became our frenzied foe. Housewives daily were invited to become "Queen for a Day." Ma Perkins was the friendly neighbor while solving family issues, courtesy of soap products, accented by soulful organ music. Major Bowes introduced talent show contestants, hopeful of show business careers. What a treat! Bob Hope and Jack Benny tickled our funny bones, while Lum and Abner taught us the virtue of being good neighbors at the "Jot-Em-Down General Store." Fibber McGee's exploding closet was a sound effects delight. Yes indeed, radio painted mind pictures, as we imagined the unseen actions.

Radio voices were deep, dramatic and expressive. You never saw the faces, but you felt you knew them. It didn't matter, nor fully known, that the Amos and Andy comedy stars with black characters were voiced by white men, the actors were that good. We all remained secure in the safety of our homes in spite of hearing the ominous squeaking door of the "Inner Sanctum." There was also the chilling voice announcing that "Only the Shadow knows what evil lurks." Followed by a sinister laugh that gave us the chills. However, there was no need to worry for we knew the good guys would always triumph over evil.

For we young ones, afternoons were a time of adventure and action, all wrapped up in moral values. Sound effects were in full force, making us feel we were present ourselves. We could hear the swoosh that launched Buck Rogers into space, together with our dreams of sharing this seemingly impossible happening.

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Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident

We all wanted to be “Jack Armstrong, the All American Boy,” complete with magic decoders found in cereal boxes. Hoof beats echoed in our imaginations as the Lone Ranger, and his faithful sidekick Tonto, rode into the sunset with mask and identity intact, calling, “Hi Ho Silver and Away we go!” His silver bullets could be heard as he just “winged” the bad guys. Justice was encouraged, while violence was not glorified.

A personal memory for me was December 7, 1941, with the shocking radio announcement of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. We were at war! It was very frightening and certainly world changing. Suddenly we were hearing of the far away islands in the Pacific, casualties and sinking ships. It was scary and world changing. It united families and nations. My family fixed fearful eyes on my two oldest brothers who would soon be reaching draft age. Our fears were realized as my oldest brother, Billy, became an Army Air Corps draftee, followed by my brother Wallace, who donned a United States Navy uniform. The nightly news became even more important as we followed the news from Europe and the Pacific.

The ears of the country turned anxiously to Washington for encouragement; always hoping for the best. We united with our allies in faith and hope that our armed forces, together with allied forces, would prevail.



The voice of Edward R. Murrow brought us the London Blitz live, among falling bombs, with the woeful tolling of Big Ben in the background. Our hopes and wishes for their safety was our daily prayer. Yes, this was our dose of reality, no matter ones age. The newsmen were respected as believable and honest. They were our trusted lifeline to the news.

We young ones joined in a common purpose, as we were enlisted to help the war effort by buying war bond stamps, finding scrap iron and collecting tin foil for the war effort. We were encouraged by radio news that no matter our age, we could be a part of conserving needed materials and supplies, such as taking care of our rationed shoes, planting victory gardens and other positive causes.

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The daily news introduced us to the world of the rationing of gasoline, sugar, tires and other items that we had always taken for granted. We were urged through the broadcasts to write letters and to bake and send cookies to our servicemen as morale boosters. Such was the power of the radio. This was a frequent happening for my family as we faithfully wrote letters to our brothers and other relatives. We felt grown up and useful, thanks to the power of radio. When it was announced that young people were needed locally to roll bandages for the Red Cross, my sister, Wilmalee, and I happily volunteered. We were not yet teenagers, but felt very mature. Time and events passed. Then, once again the radio was our tie to the breaking good news. The war was over! First V-E Day and then V-J Day victories were announced. The world let out a collective sigh of thanksgiving. The radio again united the world in heartfelt response. The joyful sound of bells echoed over the wires from all corners of the world. What a thankful family we became, as my brothers returned home, safe and sound, once more united around the familiar family radio. While the world had changed, family love remained strong and comforting.

Today we remember with fondness the radio voices that transported us from wild west adventures, to sports and concert arenas; all the way to the beaches of Normandy. The Postwar era ushered in a time of entertainment change attuned to "ratings." Our country was flirting with a new medium called television, the winds of change became a hurricane of force! Where we were once a family of listeners, we became orphans of demographics! Were our radio days perfect? Certainly not, but nostalgia has a way of erasing faults. Radio was a friend to families with an all age inclusion. Today this makes us yearn for a return to quieter and gentler time where positive imagination was encouraged and welcomed, together with easy listening music.

Now we complain that talk radio batters our ears; Rap music rattles our windows, and questionable language assaults our sensibilities. So, where did you go, our golden radio times? There are no easy answers, but perhaps Jimmy Durante said it best, when he closed his programs, saying simply, "Goodnight Mrs. Kalabash, wherever you are!"

Born in a Missouri log cabin built by her father, Barbara Fields was the fifth of six children. She came to Bakersfield with her family when she was two years old. Employed for 25 years by the Kern High School District, she worked in the Social Studies research centers at North and Centennial High Schools. After her husband Jim's passing, Barbara began a second career managing his title research business. She recently turned 90 years of age and decided it was time to retire! She is a founding member of the China and Glass Collectors which was established in 1970. Their Collector's Showcase, which Barbara organizes, is held each year in March at Hodels. Never one to be unoccupied, or express a negative thought, Barbara currently enjoys her memoir writing class, as is evidenced by the previous article.

A Word From Landscape Committee

By Mike Callagy (Landscape Chair)

This is the time of year when the board revisits our budget and negotiates with suppliers and contractors for their services. The two largest budget items are landscaping and management services. Each year a lot of discussion and comments regarding the cost for providing landscape services is voiced hoping that our association dues will not rise. I get that. No one wants to pay more than is necessary to provide any contracted service.



I would like to give all of us a snapshot of what our landscape contractor, no matter who it is, faces.

- Lawn: we have two types of lawns in our community, bermuda, and fescue. Each requires a different mower, mowing schedule, overseeding schedule and type of overseeding. There is over 12 acres of lawn in our community.
- Trees. There are over 1000 trees in several varieties requiring varying trimming, fertilization, and maintenance.
- Bushes and shrubs, way too many to count.
- Flowering plant color changes, 4 per year all requiring weeding and upkeep.
- Irrigation system operation and maintenance. Our irrigation systems, PCV and Netafim date, in part, to 2007, 16 years ago. The Netafim pipe and accessories had a 7-year lifetime at the date of installation. There is north of 2 miles of supply pipeline and perhaps 3 miles of distribution line. Additionally, there are probably 20,000 plus spray heads all requiring daily monitoring and maintenance or replacement when required. Each nozzle has a small filter which must be cleaned on an unpredictable basis. If you were to replace them once per year and my 20,000-spray head estimate is correct, the contractor needs to check and replace 77 or so, per work day.
- There are also 12 turnouts for landscape irrigation from Cal Water and 12 booster motor/pump units at each turnout all requiring maintenance. On top of that there 22 controllers for the irrigation system to monitor and maintain.
- All of this is done by 8 people; 8 very talented and conscientious people every week.

Our management team has, all the above services to oversee and manage; in addition to that, 479 of us to satisfy along with our boards and committee requests. My point: every one of us should be very grateful for these people and their efforts to keep our community in top shape. You do not have to look very far to see that the community we live in is a country club without a golf course. No other 55+ community in Bakersfield comes close to what we have.

CLUBS & CLASSES

Sunshine Cruisers

by Susie Yslas (Club Leader)



Welcome Golf Cart Owners and Community to the

FOUR SEASONS SUNSET CRUISERS

How about some Halloween Fun

October 10th 6:30pm meet outside the Lodge. When Sunset Cruisers are on their way, hear the horns and come out to play. If it's been a while since you last went trick or treating, you'll be delighted when we drive through your neighborhood handing out Halloween Treats to eat. When Cruisers go riding and black cats are seen the moon laughs and whispers tis near Halloween you can't miss us we will be dressed as, your neighbors, even grandpa and grandma.



We will be starting to cruise through the neighborhoods from 6:30 – 7:30 so listen for our horns and have your trick or treat bags ready. Invite your grandchildren to set outside with you and have their trick or treat bags ready as well.

If you have a golf cart and would like to join our Golf Cart Club, we meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Our next cruise will be October 10th at 6:30pm. Meet outside the Lodge in the parking lot for Reverse Trick or Treat fun. At that time, we will start our Cruise. Each Golf Cart will be supplied with a small bag of candy to hand out to homeowners and grandchildren waiting outside their homes to trick or treat. After our cruise we will meet up at the Lodge Café, so bring the beverage of your choice, as well as a snack to enjoy while chatting. This is a great opportunity for all of you golf cart owners to get acquainted with one another as well as getting familiar with our neighborhood. If you have an empty seat or two in your golf cart, you may want to invite a neighbor for a ride along. The more the merrier, they are certainly welcome.

Susie Yslas/Club Leader



Computer Club

by Dave Keeney (Club Leader)

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 7th, 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)

A new season is upon us. Why not start something good for you? Chair Yoga is 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.



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

OCTOBER 20

LODGE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 6AM-6PM
OUTDOOR AMENITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1	2 Dance Fitness 8am & 5:45pm Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Yoga 9am Pinochle 1pm	3 Pickleball 7am Crafters Club 1pm Bridge 1pm Bocce Ball 6pm Finance Forum 6pm	4 Pickleball 7am Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Canasta 1pm Poker/Dealers Choice Water Volleyball 5:30pm
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23 CALENDAR

POOL CLOSED

POOL CLOSED

MONDAYS & FRI

WEDNESDAY

6AM-10AM

6AM-9AM

PM FRIDAY: 6AM-10PM SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 9AM-5PM
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Craft BAZAAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2023

10AM TO 2PM

FOUR SEASONS LODGE
10500 TOSCANA DRIVE

MARY KAY - COLOR STREET - BOOKS - BAKED GOODS - JULIANA'S SWEET TREATS - FALL/CHRISTMAS DECOR - FABRIC GNOMES - PAPER CRAFTS - WELLNESS PACKAGES - COOKWARE - PLANTS & SUCCULENTS - HOME DECOR & SIGNS - CRYSTALS & MINERALS - WOOD ITEMS CLOTHING - YARD ART - DAMSEL IN DEFENSE - JEWELRY & HAND BAGS - EMBROIDERED & HAND SEWN ITEMS - CUSTOM CRAFTS, TOWELS & CANDLES

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

Take a Chance and Strike It Rich!

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club 50-50 Raffle Saturday, October 7th at the Holiday Craft Fair



Tickets: \$1.00 each or 25 tickets for \$20.00

The winner will receive 50% of the money collected.

The other 50% will be used by the N2N Club to purchase items needed by the emancipated foster youth at the Dream Center.

You do not need to be present to win.



Name & phone number needed!

Tickets can be purchased from club members.

Donna: (661) 303-6649 Margaret: (661)304-0093 Sharon: (661) 809-2450

It's for a worthy cause so why not Take a Chance and Strike It Rich!



CLUBS & CLASSES

Social Committee

Sherry Davis (Committee Chair)

The Social Committee has hit the ground running. The second event of the new fiscal year was the annual Pool Party and what a success it was. The water was a bit cool but all aspects of the evening were scorching hot. Our favorite caterers, Pork Chop & Bubba's, prepared an excellent feast and the Canyon River Band added just the energy needed to keep the evening jumping. Many thanks to all 118 of you for your support and for making the evening a huge success.

Get ready for another of your favorite evenings. Autumn Nights will return on October 14th. The cost is \$5 per person and you may purchase one seat or one table. For those who have not previously attended this event, it promises to be an evening of food, libation and exceptional music. If you are new to the community please advise the front desk when you sign up. We will make sure that you have a great seat with wonderful neighbors. Tickets are on sale now.

In closing, please begin preparation for the Halloween Party which will be on October 28th. You just might be the winner of the costume contest. More information to follow.

Thank you ALL for supporting what we do and please contact myself or Valerie if you would like something new added to the calendar of activities.

Ciao for now,

Sherry Davis, Committee Chair



ANNUAL POOL PARTY



Thank You to the Social Committee, to everyone who came and enjoyed the Pool Party, and to Kevin Kyle for jamming on the drums for us. We'll see you next year!

Take a Chance and Strike It Rich!

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club is sponsoring a 50-50 raffle at the Four Seasons Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, October 7th. Raffle tickets cost \$1.00 each or 25 tickets for \$20.00.

The winner of this raffle drawing will receive 50% of the money collected. The other 50% will be used by the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club to purchase items needed by the emancipated foster youth at the Dream Center. You do not need to be present to win, but you will need to put your name and phone number on the tickets. Tickets can be purchased from club members or by contacting the club leaders. Please buy tickets early, have them filled out, and drop them in the Big Bowl at the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club table at the Bazaar. And please tell your family and friends to purchase tickets, too. It's for a worthy cause so why not Take a Chance and Strike It Rich!



Holiday Home Tour 2023

The Four Seasons Holiday Home Tour was a big success last year. Five residents opened their homes and shared their holiday décor. After the tour, a social in the Lodge Lobby was enjoyed by all. The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club plans to sponsor this event again this year on Saturday, December 9th. If you enjoy holiday decorating, please consider volunteering to show your home for the event this year. We would love to visit your home to see how you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or any other holiday of the season. Just contact the club leaders if you are interested.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, October 10th 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, dannaholtzclaw@yahoo.com

Why Doesn't the Board Answer all question in homeowner forum or suggestion box items?

From a legal stance California law prohibits the Board from acting on any item of business that is not on the agenda. Specifically, California Civil Code §4930 states:

“(a) Except as described in subdivisions (b) to (e), inclusive, the board may not discuss or take action on any item at a nonemergency meeting unless the item was placed on the agenda included in the notice that was distributed pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 4920. This subdivision does not prohibit a member or resident who is not a director from speaking on issues not on the agenda.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a director, a managing agent or other agent of the board, or a member of the staff of the board, may do any of the following:

(1) Briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by a person speaking at a meeting as described in subdivision (b) of Section 4925.

(2) Ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on the person's own activities, whether in response to questions posed by a member or based upon the person's own initiative.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the board or a director, subject to rules or procedures of the board, may do any of the following:

(1) Provide a reference to, or provide other resources for factual information to, its managing agent or other agents or staff.

(2) Request its managing agent or other agents or staff to report back to the board at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter or take action to direct its managing agent or other agents or staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

(3) Direct its managing agent or other agents or staff to perform administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out this section.”

In general, the Board of Directors Meetings are held to conduct business. Don't mistake a nonresponse as a negative. Sometimes there are items submitted that are just suggestions and no action needs to be taken.

Dinner Club - Mike & Eileen Callagy (Club Leaders)

HODELS CATERING IS COMING TO THE DINNER CLUB ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH IN THE BALLROOM

MENU: Hand carved Tri-tip with salsa

Chicken Breast with artichoke Chardonnay sauce

Rice Pilaf, Sautéed squash w/bacon, onion and mushrooms

Tossed green salad with ranch and honey mustard

Fruit platter

Broccoli raisin salad, Marinated bean salad, Pasta vegetable salad

Rolls & Butter

Desserts: Apple crisp, Boysenberry cobbler, Blueberry Apple bread and Pudding w/Jack Daniels sauce.

Water and coffee will be provided. Bring your own adult beverage.



\$ 35.00 per person.

Sign up now until October 27th. Hodel's requires a final count one week prior to the event. WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE!!!

This will be our last dinner for 2023. Please join us for a great evening!

Thanks for supporting the dinner club.

Mike & Eileen Callagy, leaders

Dinner CLUB

Catered by: Hodel's Country Dining

Hand carved Tri-tip with salsa
Chicken Breast with artichoke Chardonnay sauce
Rice Pilaf
Sautéed squash w/bacon, onion and mushrooms
Tossed green salad with ranch and honey mustard
Fruit platter
Broccoli raisin salad
Marinated bean salad
Pasta vegetable salad
Rolls & Butter

\$35PP

Desserts: Apple crisp, Boysenberry cobbler,
Blueberry Apple bread & Pudding w/Jack
Daniels sauce.

Saturday, November 4th at 5pm

Dinner is served at 6pm

Sign-Up Deadline: 10/27/23
WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 50 SIGN-UPS!

Newsletter Committee - Sandy Moffett (Committee Chair)

Who's Next?

We had a good response to our interview with Carole Casteen, and we would like to make this a regular feature. But we can't do it unless we have people who are interested in telling their stories. There are two ways to do the interviews, but the least intrusive – and I know some of you would rather not have a stranger in your home – is to work from a list of questions. You can complete them and email them back to me.

We look forward to having you step up, raise your hand, holler out or just leave a note at the lodge. My email is sm@sandymoffett.com and my phone is 661-205-1045. I look forward to your stories.

Sandy Moffett ~ Messenger Chairperson

You can find everything you need on our website including, applications, club details, event flyers and so much more!

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If you are a first time user of this site, be sure to login in order to see all the features of the website.

Plant Slant - Patsy Ouellette (Club Leader)

Plant Slant, A Vegan Book Discussion Group
4th Monday of the Month, 10AM-NOON, Lodge Library
Patsy Ouellette - Club Leader (661) 205-7324, paouell@earthlink.com

Hello Four Seasons friends,

This month we will be learning about a more general ailment impacting many people, infections, and how to boost our immune systems to make us less susceptible to things like influenza and pneumonia, which kills 57,000 Americans each year.

Our author, Dr. Michael Greger, begins the chapter, reminding us of when Oprah Winfrey was sued by a cattle rancher under a Texas food disparagement law. Oprah had been talking on her show to Howard Lyman, a former cattle rancher, who decried the cannibalistic feeding of cow parts to other cows, a risky practice blamed for the emergence and spread of mad cow disease. Repulsed by the thought, Oprah told her audience she would never eat a hamburger again. The next day, cattle futures tumbled. Dr. Greger was the science expert asked to testify to what the truth was, and that, indeed, Lyman's comments were based on reliable scientific data. In the end, Oprah won the case.



See you on Monday, September 25.

Ladies Luncheon - Annette Harder (Club leaders)

Jo Jo's Restaurant, a family owned business, was created in 2020. Serving breakfast all day, lunch and dinner. It is the kind of friendly place that knows success in the business is built on turning customers into regulars. The interior has been tastefully done in a homey style with art on the walls not just TV's everywhere.

The conversation friendly back room welcomed the 16 ladies in attendance. Then to decide just what we wanted to order knowing each would be taking half home in to go boxes. As we were leaving the chef came out thanking us for the business.

October, wow how did that happen, 20th is a Friday. We will try Donna Kaye's Cafe, 212 Oak St., Bakersfield at 11:30am. We will be seated in the patio area in case you need a sweater. Sign up at the front desk. Meet at the flagpole between 11/11:15am if you need or can give a ride.

Annette Harder//Club Leader



CLUBS & CLASSES

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 October 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!

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Book Club - Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce is our October selection. It is 1950. London is still reeling from World War II, and Margery Benson, a school teacher and spinster, is trying to get through life, surviving on scraps. One day, she reaches her breaking point, abandoning her job and small existence to set out on an expedition to the other side of the world in search of her childhood obsession: an insect that may or may not exist-the golden beetle of New Caledonia. When she advertises for an assistant to accompany her, the woman she ends up with is the last person she had in mind. Fun-loving Enid Pretty, in her tight-fitting pink suit and pom-pom sandals, seems to attract trouble wherever she goes. But together these two British women find themselves drawn into a cross-ocean adventure that exceeds all expectations and delivers something neither of them expected to find: the transformation power of friendship.



The Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 19th at 10:00 am in the Library.

- Kathleen Reisig Book Club Leader

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.

Bridge Club - Catherine Patrick (Club Leader)

The Bridge Club meets in the library at the Lodge on Tuesday and Thursdays from 1-4 pm. We play Goren. We welcome all levels of players including those whom have never played. We are patient and willing to teach. Don't be intimidated by stories you've heard. Come and try it. If you like cards/games, bridge is the ultimate.

Contact: Catherine Patrick
Capshamrock@aol.com

Scavenger Hunt - Stacy Davis (Club Leader)

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Can you find the 10 Halloween decorations? There will be 10 pictures including colored pumpkins, ghosts, a bat, and a cat placed on the Toscana, Shelburne, Vale Royale, Citrus Hill loop and the pocket park on Lyons. The game will start at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, October 27th and end at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3rd. There is a number on each of the pictures. Please write the number of the picture next to the picture on your form. Turn your form in at the box in the lodge office for a chance to win a prize. The drawing will be held at 3:00 p.m. on November 3rd at the lodge and the winners will be notified.

We have added a special children's prize for someone who does the scavenger hunt with their grandkid(s)

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

____ I did the scavenger hunt with my grandkid(s) Their first name(s) is/are: _____



CLUBS & CLASSES

Art Club - Norma Neil (Club Leader)

Art Club's major event was the plein air painting day in Stallion Springs in late September. A Holiday card making event will be given in November. The watercolor classes are continuing and with Fall subject themes. Earlier lessons with rocks, trees, and water continue to be used with a shift to the Autumnal colors. The Kern County Fair is another hallmark of Fall and we were represented in the Fine Arts with two paintings by Jan Lemucchi . Last year Jan set a goal to be able to enter the Fair. Jan started in the first watercolor classes last year and keeps getting stronger.

The next series of classes for October will use the Fall harvest with direct drawing and painting of the fruits and vegetables. These lessons will also help develop color mixing of the greens, oranges, and purples. November and December will have more winter holiday projects, most of which can be completed in one class period and are suitable for beginners.

For more information regarding either the formal watercolor classes for beginning to intermediate level, or the open Art Club sessions, please contact club leader, Norma Neil.

Ph.661-204-4653 or email to nneil2@att.net.



Kern County Fair entries in Watercolors by Jan Lemucchi

CLUBS & CLASSES

Laughter Along Our Path Brought to you by Manya Carney (Four Seasons Resident)

A resident at Four Seasons told me about her 18-year-old smart aleck nephew who got arrested recently. As the huge impatient police officer was going through the booking process of the new young delinquent, she asked him about his tattoos.

He showed his attitude as he described the various tattoos covering his body. When he finished, she added, "Are there any more?" He then boldly stated, "I've got your name written on my ass!"

She stared at him in disbelief for about a nanosecond, thinking about not using excessive force, before she decked him for being so insubordinate and disrespectful.

When he hit the floor hard, two guards rushed into the room to hold the young man down. They pulled back his britches and sure enough, as plain as day, there on his behind tattooed in perfect 2-inch script was:

"Your Name."

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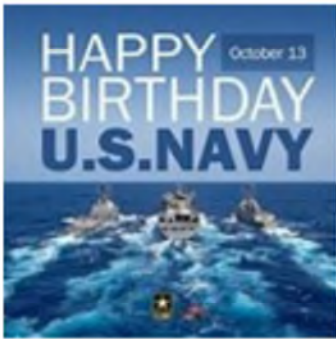
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Veteran's Club - Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

A good time was had by all who attended our September veteran gathering. Dick's volunteer work around Kern County is notable, in that, he's fostered strong relationships with a diverse group of organizations and corporations, and friendships that will last a lifetime. Thank you again, Dick for your volunteerism and for helping make Bakersfield, and Kern County a better place to live.



The US Navy was founded on October 13th, 1775. Then it was known as the Continental Navy and consisted of a small fleet of ships patrolling to intercept ships sent to resupply British Army troops at or near the colonies. Today, it describes itself as the "largest, most advanced, and most lethal fighting force the world has ever known."

Congratulations and thank you for your service! God Bless the United States of America.

This month is our 2nd Annual Potluck BBQ, held at Four Seasons Lodge, on Wednesday, October 18th at 6 pm. We have a sponsor that has graciously donated the main entrée, Tri-Tip, Chicken, green salad, rolls, butter, water and ice tea provided; alcoholic beverages BYOB. We'll have live entertainment, raffle prize gives aways and 8 veteran organizations will be in attendance to answer questions and supply you with information. We're asking veteran attendees to signup to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert item, enough for 12. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 11th by contacting Penny Martinez at (661) 302-3471 or via email to figment5802@gmail.com. Remember, your spouses or other +1's are invited to attend this event.

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 November 8th luncheon, please RSVP by Sunday November 5th by either calling or emailing Penny Martinez using the contact information noted below. Our guest speaker for November will be Mr. Jose Lopez, Director, Kern County Veteran Services Department.

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.





**Four Seasons & Solera
Veterans Potluck BBQ
Wednesday, October 18th
Four Seasons Lodge @ 6pm
10500 Toscana Drive - 93306**

Tri-Tip, chicken, green salad, rolls, butter,
water and ice tea provided.

Alcohol BYOB

RAFFLE PRIZES GIVE AWAY

'Mixed Company' Barbershop Quartet

RSVP by Wednesday, October 11th



Contact Penny Martinez at
(661) 302-3471 or email her at
figment5802@gmail.com to sign up to
bring a side dish, salad or dessert item




OCTOBER FUN FACTS

October means *Turn of the Season*

Anglo-Saxons called it Wintirfyllith

Gem Stone - Opal and Tourmaline  

Flower - Calendula 

Horoscope- Libra (September 23rd-October 22nd) calm and collected
Scorpio (October 23rd-November 22nd) passionate

SPECIAL OCTOBER DAYS

October 4th - Golf Lovers and Taco Day

October 7th - World Smile Day

October 8th - Kick Butt Day

October 15th - National Grouch Day

October 31st - Halloween

OCTOBER IN HISTORY

1492 - Columbus lands in the Americas

1701 - Yale University was established

1775 - US Navy was established

1871 - Great Chicago Fire

1886 - France gifts the Statue of Liberty to the United States

1903 - The first World Series

1908 - Henry Ford's Model T went on sale

1927 - The first "talkie" movie, *The Jazz Singer* with Al Jolson debuts

1941 - Mt Rushmore completed after 14 years of work

*Written by Mary Sullivan (Four Seasons Resident & Newsletter
Committee Member)*



MUMMY HALLOWEEN STRAWBERRIES

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 OZ WHITE CHOCOLATE CHIPS OR CANDY MELTS ABOUT 1 CUP
- 20 STRAWBERRIES WASHED AND DRIED FULLY
- SHORTENING OPTIONAL
- CANDY EYES

INSTRUCTIONS:

- LINE A WORKSTATION WITH PARCHMENT TO HELP PREP FOR YOUR STRAWBERRY MUMMIES.
- PLACE THE CHOCOLATE IN A MICROWAVE SAFE CONTAINER. HEAT ON THE DEFROST SETTING FOR 1 MINUTE. STIR WELL. IF ANY ADDITIONAL PIECES OF CHOCOLATE REMAIN, HEAT AN ADDITIONAL 15 TO 30 SECONDS, BEING CAREFUL NOT TO OVERHEAT. ADD A TEASPOON OR TWO OF SHORTENING, IF NEEDED, TO SLIGHTLY THIN THE CHOCOLATE IF YOU FIND IT TO BE TOO THICK.
- HOLDING THE BERRY BY THE TOP OR STEM, DIP INTO THE MELTED CHOCOLATE. LIFT AND TWIST SLIGHTLY TO ALLOW THE EXCESS CHOCOLATE TO FALL BACK INTO THE CUP OR BOWL.
- SET ONTO THE PREPARED PARCHMENT PAPER AND IMMEDIATELY ADD TWO CANDY EYES.
- REPEAT WITH THE REMAINING FRUIT.
- ADD 1/2 CUP WHITE CHOCOLATE AND 1 TEASPOON SHORTENING TO A SMALL ZIP TOP BAG. HEAT IN THE MICROWAVE FOR 30 SECONDS ON THE DEFROST SETTING, ADDING ADDITIONAL TIME IF NEEDED TO FULLY MELT THE CANDY.
- SNIP THE CORNER OF THE BAG WITH CLEAN SCISSORS.
- DRIZZLE THE MELTED WHITE CHOCOLATE BACK AND FORTH OVER EACH BERRY TO CREATE THE MUMMY WRAP.
- LET THE BERRIES SET FOR 5 MINUTES AND ENJOY.

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



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