

# THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS

## FEBRUARY 2025



Winter Lodge Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday: 6am-7:30pm

Friday: 6am-10pm

Saturday-Sunday: 8am-5pm

Outdoor Amenities:

Monday-Sunday:

5am-10pm

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Secretary

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Director

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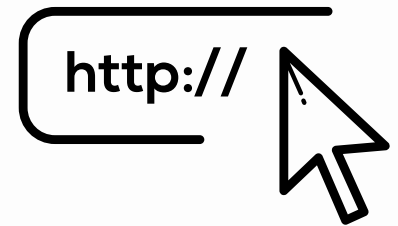
To advertise your business in the messenger, reach out to us via email at [fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com](mailto:fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com) or visit The Lodge to collect an advertising application.

## Have you explored the Association's Website?

The Website features the HOA's live calendar. Additionally, you can access Association documents such as Board meeting agendas, Board meeting minutes, the governing documents, annual budget report and annual policy statement, annual financial audits, treasurer's reports, community and business directory, architectural improvement application, residential information update forms and more. You can also get information of the clubs with meeting times, locations and contact information.

Log in at: [www.FSBHOA.com](http://www.FSBHOA.com)

If you have never registered for the Website, contact the Lodge Front Desk to get signed up.



## BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The Board of Directors General Session meeting was held on January 29, 2025. The following are items that were discussed or actions taken.

- Mike Callagy reported on the Executive Session that was held on January 28, 2025, and the Special Executive Session held on December 30, 2024. The following items were disclosed to the Members. There were 15 rule violations and 10 ARC violations; 1 of the violations resulted in a hearing. The Board authorized a collection attorney to move forward with a Notice of Default on a seriously delinquent account. A contract was executed with C&M Landscape Inc. for landscape and tree maintenance, and they executed a contract with Newman, Certified Public Accountants, PC to complete the 2024 taxes and audit.
- The Board approved the October 2024, November 2024, and December 2024 financials as presented, subject to audit by the CPA. (Please see the Treasurer's report in this issue for more detail).
- The Board approved opening two new reserve account certificates of deposit through Morgan Stanley, one for \$250,000.00 and one for \$100,000.00, at the best rates they have available for no longer than a one-year term.
- Grant Clack from C&M Landscape Inc. gave his monthly report. He covered areas where main lines were broken and the areas where we had master valve issues, which have all been fixed. He stated the irrigation has been off due to the rain, but they will be turning it back on the first week in February. All roses have been trimmed back, and they will be fertilizing the roses and all turf in February, and adding pre-emergent to the fertigation tanks. The mulching of all the flowerbeds and tree wells will occur starting the first week of February. Lastly, they will begin thinning out plant material in preparation for the growth in the spring.
- Committee Reports were received from the Social Committee, the Facilities Committee, the final report from the Block Wall Ad-Hoc Committee, the Newsletter Committee, and the IT/Website Committee.

## Board Meeting Update Continued...

- The Board authorized the purchase of four new license plate reading cameras for the vehicle gates, which is expected to cost \$2,550.00.
- The Board discussed replacing HVAC#11, which is recommended due to the age of the unit, but due to an industry change with refrigerants, they determined to hold off and do the repair for \$744.00.
- The Board appointed Lorenzo Alvarez to the Board of Directors to fill the vacant position, which will continue through June 2026.
- The Financial Committee Charter was approved, and Judy West, Kathy Clark, Mary Sullivan, and Phyllis Baer were appointed to the Committee, with Bill Ferguson, Treasurer, as the Chairman.
- The Board appointed Michael Callagy as Chairman of the ARC/Landscape Committee. There was an appointment made for the vacant member position, but the owner withdrew after the appointment.
- The Café and Block Wall Ad-Hoc Committees were disbanded as their jobs were completed. Each member was thanked for their time.
- The updated changes to the Election Policy were adopted.
- There were three Club Special Event Reservations approved:
  - 2/8/25 – Pickleball Club tournament
  - 3/29/25 – Pickleball Club tournament
  - 5/16 & 17/25 – Neighbor-to-Neighbor Club Dream Center raffle
- The Board adopted Lodge Winter Hours beginning on February 1st and will continue yearly thereafter from November 1st to April 1st as follows (with the exception being an event scheduled or approved by the Board):

Monday – Thursday 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The next Board of Directors General Session Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 6 p.m.

## FROM THE TREASURER

**Bill Ferguson**

**Happy (belated) New Year!** As I tried to explain at the December 2024 Board meeting, the financials for the last quarter were delayed due to the transition from Seabreeze to PMP, which is something we were aware of as it's a common practice when transitioning management companies. I am pleased to report that we received the October, November, and December financials all in December. I have included our December financials in this edition to get us back on track, which has been long awaited.

I am optimistic to start meeting with the Financial Committee, which will occur on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.

Last month our operating cash and investment funds totaled \$97,274.86, an increase of \$41,103. The reserves cash and investment funds decreased by \$10,985, lowering the percent funded by 4.8% from 53.1% to 48.3%.

When we held up funding to our reserves from October through December, its funding level slipped to that 48.3%. This was unavoidable as we needed to increase our operating cash on hand. The 2025 budget holds the 2024 funding at \$425,352, bringing the funding level at the end of the year to 51%.

Also, we had more income than the budget projected, by 3.4%, and the expenses were under by 16.1%. That gave us a net income for the month of \$36,530, which in turn resulted in a year-to-date actual income of \$22,400. That put us on the plus side of the ledger.

But how did we do compared to the 2025 budget (estimate of end of year (EOY) 2024 which was created in September)? The 2024 year-to-date actual income was good, but the expenses (less reserves) were over by \$16,583. Of that, total administration was over by \$24,582 and lodge expenses by \$20,747. Also increased were gate maintenance over by \$1,823, utilities by \$52,399, insurance by \$32,584, and taxes by \$30,555.

## **FROM THE TREASURER - cont.**

Fortunately, several of these were offset by many that were underspent. There were multiple reasons for each of these, but the lesson learned is that we must be more diligent in the art of forecasting.

If you are wondering why, as some have asked, we had budgeted \$10,000 for attorney's fees this year, here is an example of "unexpected costs." Any communication with the Association's Attorney, even for a seemingly rather mundane subject needing a legal opinion, is charged an average of \$454 an hour.

Once again, thank you for reading my "words." My intention is to respond to all of your thoughts and questions as candidly and accurately as I can, either personally via email or in next month's "Words," so send your responses and questions to: [billfergus@aol.com](mailto:billfergus@aol.com).

Bill

### **Social Committee**

#### **Sherry Davis (Committee Chair)**

Greetings, friends and neighbors. I hope you're ready for another busy, fun-filled year because we have a complete list.

Our annual Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd. We are looking for 10 ambitious cooks to bring on your best recipe. Rules/Guidelines can be obtained by contacting the Lodge. For those who would rather taste than cook, we welcome you. Tickets are on sale now.

For those who like adventure, "Save the Date-April 26th". More information to follow as details are finalized.

In closing, let us include our neighbors to the south, in our thoughts and prayers.

## K.Hovnanian's Four Seasons Bakersfield Financial Report - December 31, 2024

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 97,274.86	\$ 56,171.96
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 1,820,897.06	\$ 1,831,882.07
Total Accounts Receivable (AR)	\$ 59,921.21	\$ 65,853.49
Total Prepaid Expenses (Insurance)	\$ -	\$ 2,004.97
Other Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	55,136.04
Clearing Account	\$ -	\$ -
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,055,780.47</b>	<b>\$ 2,088,735.87</b>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Pre Paid Dues plus Owner refunds	\$ 52,887.19	\$ 55,899.03
Move Out Refundable	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Accounts Payable		
PG&E Note	\$ 77,687.34	\$ 77,687.34
Accrued Expenses	\$ 57,100.00	\$ -
Unfunded Reserves	\$ 32,165.99	\$ 32,165.99
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 220,840.52</b>	<b>\$ 165,752.36</b>
 <b><u>PRIOR YEAR'S EQUITY</u></b>	 <b>\$ 63,688.66</b>	 <b>\$ 63,688.66</b>
 <b><u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u></b>		
Account Balance	\$ 1,820,897.06	\$ 1,831,882.07
Reserve Study @ 100%	\$ 3,771,698.00	\$ 3,460,406.00
Current Percent Funded	<b>48.3%</b>	<b>52.9%</b>
	 <b><u>Current Month</u></b>	 <b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$191,272.00</b>	<b>\$2,287,289.09</b>
<b><u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>\$205,218.00</b>	<b>\$2,320,329.93</b>
 <b>ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	 <b>(\$13,946.00)</b>	 <b>(\$33,040.84)</b>
 <b><u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u></b>		
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(5,976.33)	
Delinquencies - As of 12-31	59,921.21	
Seventeen reminder notices sent	5,924.32	
Twelve notices of intent to lien	15,510.34	
Lien/Payment plan requested.	3,959.55	
One authorized for attorney	4,738.34	
Two at attorney	21,952.47	
One account in Payment Plan	1,000.00	
Twenty-nine Accounts being monitored	6,836.19	

It's going to be a  
grubbin good time  
in  
February!

yummy!



K. Hovanian's Four Seasons at Bakersfield  
Community Association, inc.

Presented by the Social  
Committee

# Chili COOK OFF

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 22ND, 2025

1:00PM IN THE LODGE  
BALLROOM

\$7 per person  
(\$3 for an extra hot dog)  
hot dogs & Frito chips  
provided!  
Water and Tea are  
provided but feel free to  
bring your own drink.



Limited to 10  
contestants  
1st, 2nd & 3rd  
Place!

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: 2/14/25  
DEADLINE FOR REFUNDS: 2/14/25

For more information:

PLEASE CALL THE FRONT DESK  
AT (661) 873-0580



# TACO TUESDAY

**FEBRUARY 25, 2025**  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM  
DINNER SERVED AT 6:00 PM

**B.Y.O.B** **B.Y.O.B**

CHICKEN	CARNE ASADA	PORK
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**\$16 - 4 TACOS, RICE, BEANS**  
**COMPLIMENTARY CHIPS & SALSA**

**SIGN UP & PAY AT THE LODGE FRONT  
DESK CASH & CHECKS ACCEPTED**

**BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE**  
**DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UPS &  
REFUNDS:  
2/21/25**

# tasty

# Four Seasons Rules and Regulations Community Handbook

## Reminder's

### Section 6.02 Streets, Vehicles and Parking

#### **Streets:**

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

#### **Parking:**

- No parking of a vehicle (except a resident's recreational vehicle that has Board approval) on community streets between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am daily. The exception is the week of Thanksgiving and the last two weeks of December. If an extenuating circumstance arises, Management is authorized to give a parking permit for five (5) days. Any circumstance beyond the five (5) days needs Board approval.
- All vehicles parking on the street, must park parallel to the curb within 36".
- Conversion vans/camper vans are allowed to be parked on a resident's driveway, provided it does not extend into the sidewalk and is kept in operational visual appearance.
- A recreational vehicle (RV), which is defined as any vehicle used primarily for recreational purposes (including, but not limited to, any off-road jeep or other multi-wheeled vehicle, camper, trailer, vessel, et cetera) may be parked on a resident's driveway so long as it does not extend into the sidewalk or on the street in front of the resident's lot, so long as it does not obstruct the flow of traffic or present a safety hazard, for up to twenty-four (24) hours in a calendar month.
- If charging an RV from home to the street using a power cable or using a generator, be sure to cover the power cable with tape to avoid tripping of pedestrians.

# Fun Facts in February

- February is the most misspelled word
- February is the only month that can go without a full moon
  - This month the full moon is on the 12th
- Chances of being born on February 29th is 1 in 1461
- 0.07% of the population has February 29th as a birthday

## Special Days

**2/1 - National Baked Alaska Day**

**2/2 - National Tater Tot Day**

**2/7 - National Wear Red Day**

**2/15 - National Gum Drop Day**

**2/25 - National Clam Chowder Day**

## February Dates In History

**1848 - US and Mexico war ended. US paid Mexico \$15 million for California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Texas**

### **States that joined the Union in February**

**1788 - Massachusetts - #6**

**1820 - Maine - #23**

**1859 - Oregon # 33**

**1907 - Oklahoma - #46**

**1912 - Arizona - #48**

# A CORNFIELD, A CROP DUSTER AND CARY GRANT

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident



*SETTING THE SCENE: A clear afternoon in an agricultural area.*

*An overhead glimpse of a vacant field, with a cornfield located across a dirt road. A bus stops at a bus stop. Roger Thornhill, [aka Cary Grant] disembarks. The bus then continues on its way.*

*Thornhill is standing on the road side, near a sign indicating Highway 41, and appears to be searching for something. A car approaches from the opposite direction, drops off a male passenger and continues on. Thornhill crosses the road. The two men have a short conversation.*

*The stranger says to Thornhill, "That's funny." Thornhill questions, "What's funny?" The man replies, "That plane is dusting crops where there are no crops."*

*From the opposite direction, another bus arrives. The stranger boards the bus and departs.*

*Thornhill becomes suspicious of the plane and begins sprinting towards the corn field. The crop duster [a N3N biplane built in Philadelphia by the Naval Aircraft Factory] approaches him from behind and sprays him with bullets.*

*Thornhill runs for his life and dives to the ground, hiding among the dried cornstalks. The crop duster begins spraying the corn with pesticides. Thornhill realizes he is not safe and must escape. He notices another vehicle approaching and attempts to flag it down. It is a Magnum Oil Co. tanker truck but is not able to quickly stop.*

## A Cornfield, a Crop Duster and Cary Grant - cont.

*Meanwhile, the crop duster has continued to pursue Thornhill at a lower altitude. To avoid being hit, Thornhill ends up on the ground, sliding under the tanker. The crop duster crashes into the tanker, causing an explosion. Thornhill and the truck driver escape the ensuing inferno.*

This iconic scene has thrilled many a movie aficionado. It is from Alfred Hitchcock's 1959 classic movie, *North by Northwest*. Other stars in this spy thriller included Eva Marie Saint, James Mason, Martin Landau, and Leo G. Carroll.

According to life-long Wasco resident Ronnie Snow, who supplied the following information which he accessed from the "Reel Street" website, the plane "was flown by crop duster pilot Bob Coe of Wasco and. . .That inconspicuous dirt road was later expanded as an access lane to the now present Kern Wildlife Reserve. . . Reportedly, this prelude is to one of the most famous sequences in Cinema History"

In an article written by Philip Potempa and published in the February 10, 2021 edition of the *Chicago Tribune*, ". . .this scene is supposed to be set in Indiana. . .Even the rows of dried cornstalks were prop designs, with all the close-up shots of Grant in a ditch, and cowering among the cornrows, were shot inside on a studio soundstage at MGM in Los Angeles."



It is true that parts of this iconic scene was filmed locally. The actual location was on Corcoran Road, north of Highway 46, south of the Kern Wildlife Refuge. The corn stalks were reportedly not grown at that location. Some sources believe they are the product of the Wasco High School Agriculture students. Supposedly they "pulled up the corn they had grown, 'transplanted' them to the Corcoran Road location by sticking a bunch of the corn stalks in the dirt!"

## A Cornfield, a Crop Duster and Cary Grant - cont.

This information, however, could not be verified by David Abernathy, the current Ag Career Prep Coordinator at Wasco High. Nor could several long time local residents of that community verify that information.

Again from *Reel Street*: “So Thornhill hides in the nearby corn field “planted” by Wasco High when he notices an approaching gasoline tanker and tries desperately to force the truck to stop. Despite emergency breaking, Roger is knocked over by the M.O. Truck, whereupon the low-flying bi-plane uncontrollably collides with the trailer and goes up in flames. The terrific crash was apparently made on the MGM sound stage by using scale models.”

A well-researched post, the AlfredHitch Blog published on WordPress, explained the cornfield scene is “a sequence that is 9 minutes and 45 seconds long, and contains 133 editorial cuts. This means the average shot length is only 4.4 seconds, as was planned by Hitchcock and film editor George Tomasini.” Regardless, the vacant field on Corcoran Road has earned a place in Kern County history!

Addendum: According to the movie’s plot line, the cornfield’s location is described as at the intersection of U.S. 41 near the Indiana and Illinois state line. Though that location wasn’t used as the on-location landscape for filming Hitchcock’s *North by Northwest* famous scene, it continues to have its own infamous notoriety.

Located near the tiny town of Enos in Newton County, in June 1986 this same cornfield location was where a farmer stumbled upon the buried remains of two notorious Chicago mobsters.

Buried five-feet below ground, the farmer thought the fresh ground was where a killed deer had likely been buried. Instead, Newton County Coroner, David Dennis, was called out to assist with exhuming the remains of the badly beaten bodies of the Spilotros brothers: Anthony, 48, and Michael, 41. The coroner reported the brothers had been dead since June 16, about the same time they were last seen driving away in a Cadillac from their Oak Park home in Chicago.



## A Cornfield, a Crop Duster and Cary Grant - cont.

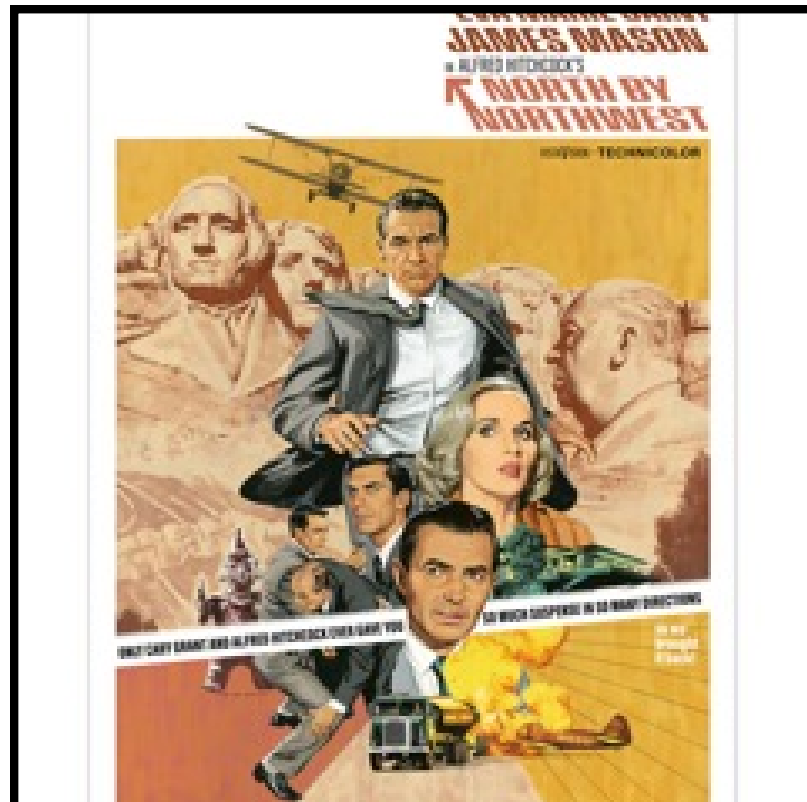
Anthony was suspected in, and connected to, at least 25 murders. The brothers were part of the organized operation of \$1.5 million that was handed out by loan sharks in Las Vegas. It was the duo's own brother, Dr. Patrick Spilotro, a dentist, who was called out to identify the disfigured bodies by using their dental charts which he supplied.

As for the reason the farmer opted to dig up the fresh dirt mound, it had disrupted the edge of his freshly planted cornfield, where the stalk sprouts were already "about 4-inches high," according to the story in the June 25, 1986 front page of *The Chicago Tribune*.

Also arousing the farmer's suspicion? By the time the Spilotros Brothers' bodies were found in 1986, six previous buried bodies had already been found buried in cornfields around farms in Newton County since the summer of 1980.



Alfred Hitchcock on the set of  
*North by Northwest*



Sunday

Monday

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Wednesday

Committee Meetings & Clubs:

Times are Subject to Change,  
Check with The Lodge for the  
most current information

Winter Lodge Hours:

Monday - Thursday 6am-7:30pm

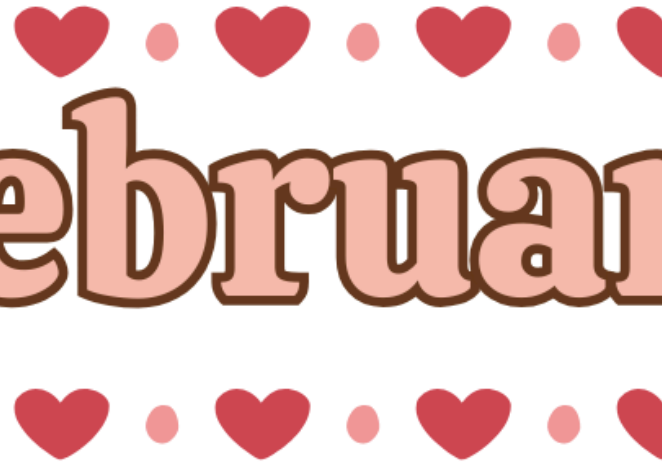
Friday: 6am-10pm








Saturday-Sunday: 8am-5pm

Outdoor Amenities:

Monday - Sunday 5am-10pm

# February



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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# February 2025

Pool Closed for Maintenance  
MON, WED, FRI, 6am-9am

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## Four Seasons Resident Spotlight

We are always on the lookout for captivating stories and fascinating individuals to interview for our Resident Spotlight. Your unique experiences and inspiring journey could be just what our community needs to hear! Please reach out to us at [fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com](mailto:fsbhoa.messenger@gmail.com) if you are interested in sharing your story. We would love to hear from you!

Annette Harder celebrated her 80th birthday with the Dance Fitness Club on January 10. She also received a free cup of coffee from Percussive Coffee.



## Sunshine Club

### Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

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, 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 requests.

Home: 661-368-1995 Cell: 510-374-8366 Email: [hofer1951@gmail.com](mailto:hofer1951@gmail.com)

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## Book Club

### Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

Janet Skeslien Charles 2021 historical fiction novel "*The Paris Library*" tells the story of the American Library in Paris during World War II and its librarians' bravery. The narrative unfolds through two characters: Odile Souchet, a book-obsessed librarian in 1939 Paris, and Lily, a lonely Montana teenager in 1983. As the two form a friendship, Odile reveals her wartime secrets, including acts of courage and betrayal, to Lily, who's present actions mirror Odile's past. The Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 10:00 in the Lodge Library.

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## Mah Jongg

### Charelene Kwek (Club Leader)

The New Year started off with many new players wanting to learn to play Mah Jongg! We are settling into our schedule of playing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2-4pm. If you are interested in learning to play, please feel free to come join us. It's a fun game that stimulates your mind, plus you'll meet a lot of new people!

Charlene Kwek, (661) 809-2316, [charlenekwek@gmail.com](mailto:charlenekwek@gmail.com)

## 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 that 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](mailto:Capshamrock@aol.com)

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## Chair Yoga

### Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

Show yourself some love! Come join us in Chair Yoga! In Chair Yoga we stretch and strengthen our bodies to improve our flexibility and balance. Follow along at your own pace and ability.

On *Mondays only* we do a more vigorous chair exercise routine. This is still video instruction and done while sitting in a chair. Again, you follow at your own pace. You will be surprised how much you can accomplish, even sitting in a chair.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and *now most Saturday mornings* at 9:00 am (be sure to check the calendar). It's free and no previous experience or special equipment required. Questions? Call or text Melanie Yates at 661.703.0740.

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## Pinocle 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.

## Pickleball Club

### Fred Walkover (Club Leader)

On Saturday, January 4th, thirty-one residents and their significant others celebrated the grand opening of our new courts with open play on all 6 pickleball courts. A delicious potluck lunch was held after morning play. Spirits and camaraderie were high throughout the fun day.

A casual group who enjoys practicing plays and beginner players meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:00AM. Anyone interested in finding people to play other times can post on the App Pickleplay. If you are not on the app and wish to join, contact Freddy Walkover or Bonnie Welchans to get an invitation to the link.

Our next fun event is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2025, when we will host a tournament between Four Seasons and Highgate Regents, another 55 and over community in the Southwest. There is a \$5.00 entry fee to cover cost of paper goods and decorations. If you haven't paid, please pay at the Lodge. Freddy Walkover will be developing a spreadsheet for tournament players based on a designated time period. Participants will play 4-5 games with different partners each time. Following the event, we will host a potluck lunch in the Ballroom. For this event we are asking our members to provide main dishes and Highgate members to provide sides and desserts. Rita Salcido and her social committee will be in charge of the potluck. All residents are welcome to come out and watch and learn more about pickleball. Thank you to all our members who make these pickleball events so much fun.

The next meeting is scheduled Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 1:30PM. Following the meeting, there are many who play pickleball so bring your gear.

Tentative scheduling of a tournament with the Solera 55 and over community has been set for Saturday, March 29, for our rematch for the coveted paddle trophy which is at Four Seasons. Sign ups for this tournament will begin on Saturday, February 16 and we will be asking for a \$5.00 entry fee.

## New Pickleball Courts Grand Opening



## Ladies Luncheon

### Annette Harder (Club Leader)

Those of us that have lived here 25+ years know just how busy the intersection of the 99 and Pearce Rd, oops, Buck Owens Blvd can be. The Original Hacienda Grill is located on that corner.

Jose and Maria had a vision to open a restaurant providing traditional Mexican cuisine. They picked a great location. Of course, I had on my birthday crown and was seated by the front door. I was wished a Happy Birthday by all and even a song sung by a gentleman! What fun for this 80's Lady.



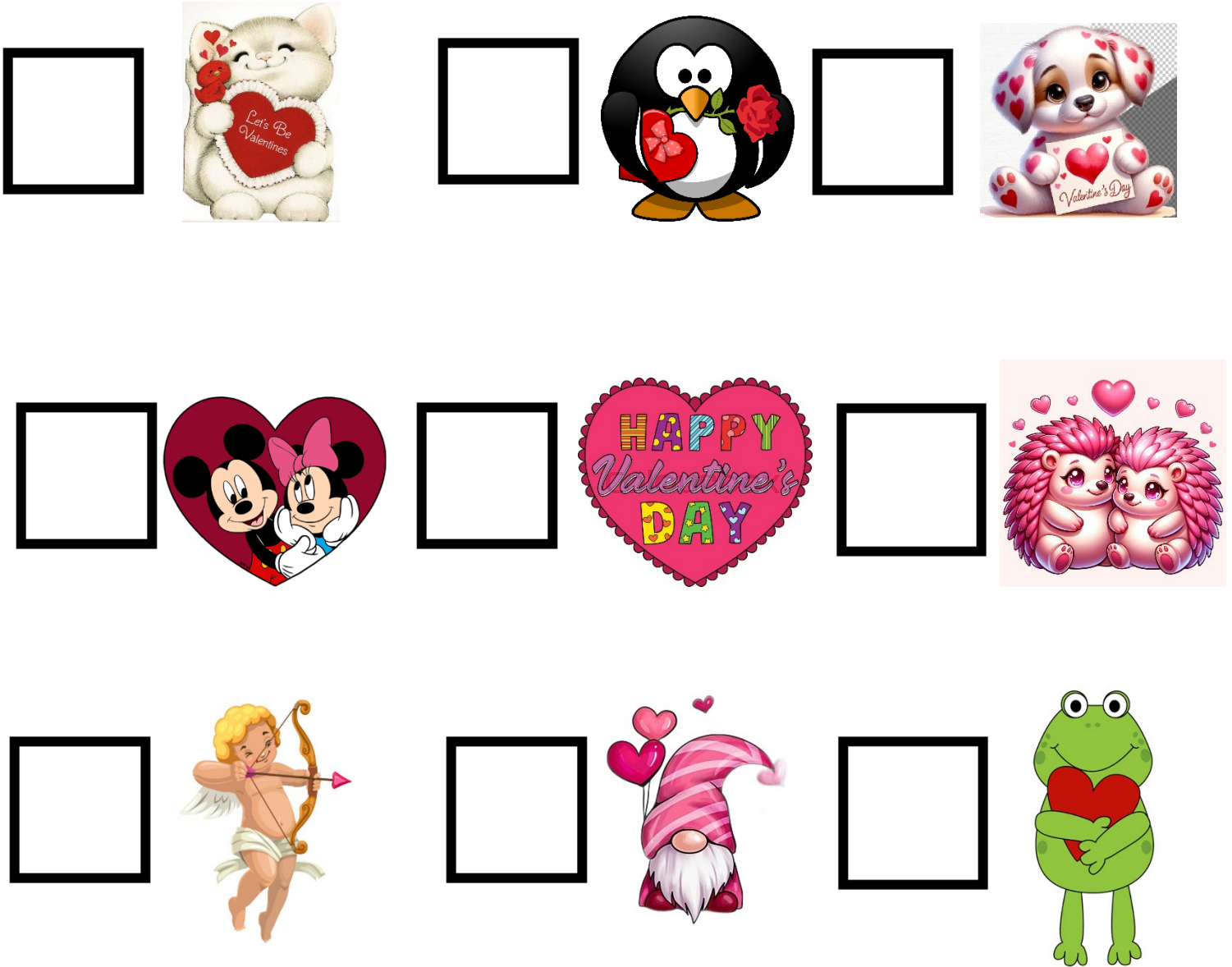
As a family-owned business, the goal is to provide everyone with a memorable experience. The menu is filled with quality and authenticity. They strive to provide a true essence of flavor. Again, we had the best host remembering every 'special' order. Job well done.

Birthday pick from Nancy G, on Thursday February 20 at 11:30am we return to Bakersfield Country Club, 4200 County Club Drive, Bakersfield 93306. Sign-up sheet is at the front desk for 30. If you need or can give a ride meet at the flagpole at 11:00am.

## Valentine Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all nine Valentine pictures? They are hidden around the community for you to discover. The game will start on the evening of Tuesday, February 11th and end on Tuesday, February 18th. All forms need to be turned in by the close of lodge on February 18th, and the winner will be drawn on the afternoon of February 19th. There is a number on the back of each picture. 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. Winners will be notified on Wednesday, February 19th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_





Hello, Four Seasons residents!

First of all, WOW...what an incredible month it has been! My family and I wanted to take a few moments to let you all know how appreciative we have been for the warm welcome as we opened our doors for business this month. When we opened on January 2nd, we had no idea how this would all go. From the start, the Percussive Coffee brand has been a leap of faith; one rooted in a passion for quality and consistency, and the desire to share in something delicious with others in our community. So far, we have been absolutely amazed at the huge turnout every weekend and all the genuine kindness shown to us.

We realized early on that day-to-day, we were barely thinking about the “business” side of things. More so, we noticed the new relationships forming among residents, the laughter and conversation, and the fact that we (hopefully) get to help make your day that much better every time we open our doors. It is one of the best feelings, and we are so fortunate to be here.

From serving fresh, quality specialty coffee, to offering my mother’s incredible baked goods, to working alongside my amazing supportive family, to hearing all of you laugh and converse with one another over a great cup of coffee and a stack of fresh buttermilk pancakes... It has all been so overwhelmingly heartwarming to witness and be a part of. Our opening month has been so fulfilling and just a ton of fun for us.

As we roll into February, we want to extend a huge THANK YOU to this wonderful community of people. We sincerely thank you for your business, your thoughts and ideas, and your amazing support of our little coffee shop right here at Four Seasons. We look forward to creating and sharing many more experiences with you all! Stay tuned, as we have much more to come!

All the best,  
Tyler Thoms and the Barellas  
Percussive Coffee



## Safety First at Four Seasons

### Jan Lemucchi (Club Leader)

Safety First @ Four Seasons meets 3x/year on the 2nd Tuesday of the months of January, May, and September. The group discusses and plans presentations throughout the year to help with the safety of fellow residents. If you have any suggestions or requests for a specific presentation, please contact Jan Lemucchi at 661.754.2957 or janlemucchi@yahoo.com

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the FS Ballroom.

Things to remember for Safety Sake:

### Natural Disaster Emergency Preparedness

- Create a family disaster plan, communication plan, evacuation routes, and special needs considerations. Regularly review and update your plan. Practice emergency drills, stay informed, and communicate with your neighbors.

- Request a "Vial of Life" at the FS front desk. This vial holds your personal contact information, medications, etc.

### *Emergency Supply Kit (backpack or storage tub to hold supplies)*

- Bottled water (1 gal / person / day, enough for 3 days total)
- Non-perishable food
- Medications
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Battery-powered radio
- Important Documents
- Cash and change
- Personal hygiene items
- Pet needs (food, bowls, leash,

### *Home Safety Checks*

- Know your utility shut-off locations (learn how to turn off water, gas and electricity's main source)
- Keep a wrench or water/gas shutoff tool near utility meters, find the gas meter, locate the shutoff valve, which is usually on the inlet pipe next to the meter, use a wrench to turn the valve a quarter turn clockwise or counterclockwise until it's perpendicular to the pipe, leave the gas off and don't try to turn it back on yourself.

## Safety First at Four Seasons-cont.

- Smoke detectors (test and maintain especially near bedrooms)
- Fire extinguisher(s)
- Secure items (anchor heavy furniture, appliances to prevent damage during an earthquake)

### *Disaster Specific Preparations*

- Flood
- Earthquake
- Wildfire

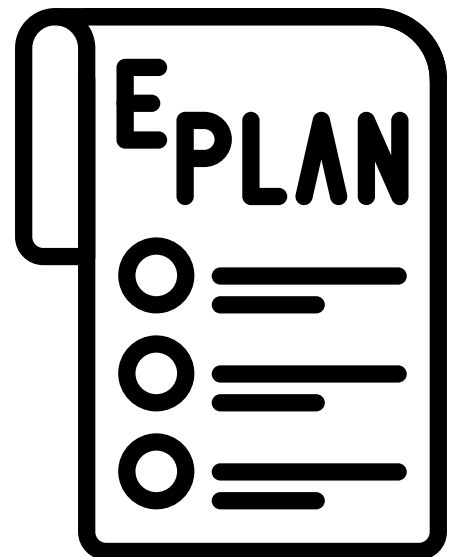
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The following is a website link that has additional information for emergency preparedness.

[https://aging.ca.gov/Emergency\\_Preparedness\\_Guide/](https://aging.ca.gov/Emergency_Preparedness_Guide/)

The Association has additional resources available on our website, [www.FSBHOA.com](http://www.FSBHOA.com), located under the *Resource* tab at the top and then *Emergency Preparedness*. There you will find the following resources:

- How to sign up for Ready Kern
- How to sign up for Smart 911
- The Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Checklist
- Flood Preparation
- Wildfire Preparation
- FEMA Website
- How to protect yourself from Scams



## Themed Wine Club

Kathy Clark (Club Leader)

We look forward to 2025 with new and exciting events sharing special wines and fun times!

Please check your emails and the Messenger for more information.

The following are the tentative dates:

Friday, March 21st

Friday, June 13th

Friday, September 12th

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

CHEERS!

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## Art Club

Norma Neil (Club Leader)

Throughout the year, The Art Club offers free art-related activities for our Four Seasons community.

If you are interested in the Art Club activities, contact Norma Neil at 661-204-4653. Past Art Club activities have included plein air painting, origami, art-related movies, an artist retreat on the Coast, and fun paint-along “classes.”

We are seeking art lovers to broaden the range of activities available.

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[nneil2@att.net](mailto:nneil2@att.net)

Ph. 661-204-4653

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## Neighbor to Neighbor Club

### Margaret DeArmond and Donna Holzclaw (Club Leaders)

Your Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club greatly appreciates the support of the Four Seasons community in our efforts to raise money for the Dream Center. The recent Holiday Home Tour and other community donations have allowed us to provide many of the items needed by these emancipated foster youth as they obtain their first apartment. We have recently purchased sets of pots & pans, dishes, flatware, mixing bowls, towels, sheets, comforters, pillows, laundry baskets, vacuums, and cleaning supplies. Each month we provide hygiene items that are always in demand at the Dream Center. In addition to these items, we were able to purchase 100 \$25.00 gift cards for all the emancipated youth attending the Dream Center holiday celebration. These young adults greatly appreciated this gift so they could purchase something for themselves or a family member. The Dream Center staff and clients continually express their thanks to our club for these donations. We always remind them that the generosity comes from the Four Seasons community. We appreciate and thank everyone in the Four Seasons community for supporting our efforts.

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club is planning on having the Holiday Home Tour and Social again next year. If you are interested in showing your home in December 2025, please contact the club leaders.

\*\*\*Be sure to see our flyer in the advertisement section of this newsletter.\*\*\*

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, February 11th at 1:00 pm in the Arts & Crafts 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

# Sunset Cruisers

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Tuesday of the  
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feel free to invite  
Friends or  
Neighbors to  
ride along.



## Veterans Club

### Penny Martinez (Club Leader)

Several members of our veteran group, family members, and friends headed out to the Bakersfield National Cemetery to help clean up the wreaths on January 11th, Wreath Clean Up Day. I have the honor of being one of two Co-Location Coordinators for Wreaths Across America event held at the Bakersfield National Cemetery every year in December. I want to give a huge 'THANK YOU' to those who sponsored wreaths for this year's event. We had enough wreaths to adorn all 7,425 grave markers; it was a beautiful sight. Thank you to those who came out on December 14th to lay the wreaths as well; your support is greatly appreciated.

We had a great crowd at our January veteran gathering at Huckleberry's. We caught up on everyone's holiday adventures, upcoming veteran events around Kern County, our February guest and March docent tour of Kern County Museum – Pioneer Village.

Our next veteran gathering is on Wednesday, February 12th, 11:30 am, Huckleberry's located at 2673 Mt Vernon Ave. Our guest will be Mr. Derrick Ybarra, Director, Bakersfield National Cemetery. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Sunday, February 9th by either calling or texting Penny at the phone number noted below.

I saw a really cool t-shirt quote the other day, it said "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". God Bless

Penny Martinez  
Four Seasons & Solera Veteran Group Coordinator  
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(661) 302-3471 – Cell#

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**Save the Date: Upcoming Events**

- Feb. 8th - Karaoke
- Feb. 22nd - Chili Cookoff
- Feb. 25 - Taco Tuesday
- Feb. 26 - Board Meeting
- Mar. 4 - Homeowner Orientation
- March. 7 - Pool Tournament
- Mar. 15 - Karaoke
- Mar. 19& 20 - Mosaic Workshop
- Mar. 21 - Wine Club Event
- Mar. 26 - Board Meeting
- Apr. 4 - Shred Day
- Apr. 5 - Community Yard Sale
- Apr. 12 - Tuscany Nights
- Apr. 22 - Blood Drive
- Apr. 26 - Karaoke

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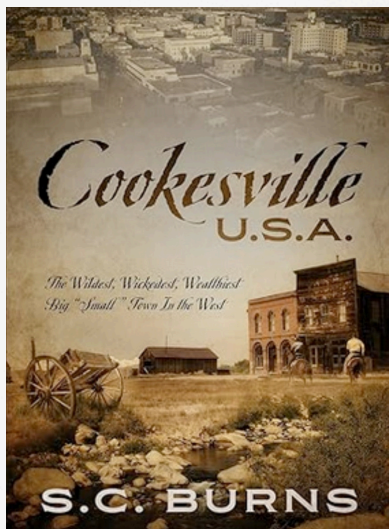
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