

# THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS

## JANUARY 2026



Lodge Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday: 8am-7:30 pm

Friday: 8am-10pm

Saturday: 8am-6pm

Sunday: 12pm - 6pm

Outdoor Amenities & Gym:

Monday-Sunday:

5am-10pm

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## Animal Control

Phone (661) 326-3436

## City Solid Waste

Phone (661) 326-3114

## Fire Department

Phone (661) 326-3911

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The community newsletter is prepared by Management with contributions submitted by residents.

Newsletter committee: Kitty DeArmond, Sherry Davis, and Sherry Core. Final typographical review by Janice Scanlan.

# Welcome the New Year with These Updates and Reminders!

We hope you're enjoying the season! As we head into 2026, here are a couple of friendly reminders to keep you in the loop.

## Assessment Update

Starting January 1, 2026, monthly Assessments will increase from \$416 to \$445 per unit. Be sure to check your statements each month—if anything looks off, let Management know right away. A heads-up: late fees or interest won't be waived if issues aren't reported within 30 days, so keeping an eye on your account is the best way to avoid surprises.

## Guest Pass Wristbands

Beginning January 2, 2026, guests will need wristband passes when using community amenities. This rule, adopted in August 2024, is being enforced now to help keep our facilities safe and fun for everyone.

Thanks for helping us keep our community running smoothly! Questions? Just reach out to Management—we're always happy to help.

## Speed Limits

Please remember that this is a residential community where families, children, pets, and neighbors are present every day. Speeding through the area puts others at risk and disrupts the safety and peace of the neighborhood. Slow down, follow the posted speed limits, and help keep our community safe for everyone who lives here.

## ID Badges

We would like to remind homeowners that ID badges are used to check in at the lodge and to access the lodge gates and pedestrian gates. Beginning January 1, 2026, homeowners will be responsible for maintaining and safeguarding their ID badges at all times.

If a badge is lost, a replacement fee of \$10 will be required to issue a new one. For residents who may occasionally forget to bring their badge, a sign-up sheet will be available to allow for proper check-in and verification. This process helps ensure accurate records are maintained while supporting the safety, organization, and security of the community.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Financial Report - November 30, 2025

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 40,488.65	\$ 4,507.27
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 1,727,496.22	\$ 1,721,987.73
Total Accounts Receivable (AR)	\$ 47,356.18	\$ 61,793.05
CPA Allowance for doubtful Accounts	\$ (32,360.00)	\$ (32,360.00)
Other Receivables	\$ 442.11	\$ 442.11
Unfunded Reserves	\$ 70,892.00	\$ 35,446.00
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 57,853.34	\$ 57,853.34
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,912,168.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,849,669.50</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Pre Paid Dues	\$ 55,993.64	\$ 68,932.08
Owner refunds	\$ 762.99	\$ 762.99
Move Out Refundable	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Accrued Expense	\$ 8,431.18	\$ 6,348.59
Unfunded Reserves	\$ 70,892.00	\$ 35,446.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 137,079.81</b>	<b>\$ 112,489.66</b>
Reserve Equity	\$ 1,727,496.22	\$ 1,721,987.73
Other Equity	\$ 47,592.47	\$ 15,192.11
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,912,168.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,849,669.50</b>
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b><u>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$208,905.47</b>	<b>\$2,242,295.23</b>
<b><u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>\$176,505.11</b>	<b>\$2,180,573.07</b>
<b>ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$32,400.36</b>	<b>\$61,722.16</b>
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
<b><u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u></b>		
Account Balance	\$ 1,727,496.22	\$ 1,721,987.73
Reserve Study @ 100%	\$ 3,771,698.00	\$ 3,771,698.00
Current Percent Funded	<b>45.8%</b>	<b>45.7%</b>
<b><u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u></b>		
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	\$ (32,360.00)	per 2024 Audit
Delinquencies - As of 11-30-25	\$ 47,356.18	
Two accounts at attorney	\$ 21,612.74	
Three accounts with lien	\$ 13,173.36	
One account for the Board to auth lien	\$ 1,358.83	
Two accounts in payment plan	\$ 2,345.12	
One account with pre-lien notice sent	\$ 1,574.01	
Five accounts sent courtesy notices	\$ 1,542.63	
Twenty-eight accounts being monitored	\$ 5,749.49	

## Protect Your Home: Water Heater Awareness

Residents, a recent incident in our community serves as an important reminder about the potential risks of neglected water heaters.

One of our neighbors experienced significant damage when her water heater developed a hidden leak. The leak, located at the top and back of the unit, did not spill onto the garage floor, so it went unnoticed for some time. Instead, water seeped into the surrounding plaster walls, causing extensive—and expensive—damage. To make matters worse, mold developed behind the water heater and inside the walls, creating an additional health and repair concern.

What makes this situation particularly concerning is that there were no obvious warning signs. The resident never noticed a shortage of hot water or any other indications that something was wrong.

What you can do:

- Have your water heater inspected at least once a year by a licensed plumber.
- Check for any unusual sounds, leaks, or moisture around the unit.
- Make sure your water heater is easily accessible so hidden leaks can be detected quickly.
- Consider replacing older units proactively—water heaters over 10–12 years old are more likely to fail.

Taking these preventative steps can help you avoid costly repairs and hidden damage, keeping your home safe and your water running smoothly.



## Social Committee

### Sherry Davis, Chairperson

How many people does it take to open a small mountain of Christmas gifts—1, 2, or 3? If you guessed 55, you'd be absolutely right!

On December 6th, a group of residents gathered in the ballroom for the annual holiday gift exchange.

We enjoyed a light lunch before getting down to business. Keith Clark and Bill Ferguson joined us as guest performers, delighting everyone with their a cappella renditions of several Christmas carols. Keith also continued his beloved “Lefty-Righty” stories, cleverly mixing up the gifts and leaving us with plenty of laughs—along with a thoughtful gift from a fellow resident.

Although this event has always been open to both men and women, participation had previously been limited to women—until this year. We were all delighted to see Marvin Denny's name on the guest list and hope we made him feel warmly welcomed.

With Christmas in the rearview mirror, we were all ready for a break and some fun of our own. On December 27th, 68 friends and residents attended the second Casino Night. The event was a great success, featuring plenty of food and gaming tables, including poker, craps, blackjack, and roulette. Although no money was exchanged, you wouldn't have known it from the excitement and energy of the crowd.

DJ Raully provided an invigorating playlist and assisted with the presentation of approximately 80 raffle prizes. The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who donated, contributing hundreds of dollars in prizes and helping make this event a tremendous success.

Happy New Year from your Social Committee—Sherry, Pam, Sue, Ginny, and Brenda.

## Holiday Gift Exchange





## Casino Night



Living our best Life!





A few Lucky Winners!



# Kern County Trivia

Submitted by Kitty DeArmond, Resident



Originally produced as "Touch of Trivia" by a Junior Achievement Company.

Donated by Helen Jackson & compiled by Kitty DeArmond, Four Seasons Residents.

## Directions

Match each question below with the correct answer from the Answer Bank. Write the letter of the correct answer next to each question.

## Trivia Questions

1. \_\_\_ What was the nickname given the Butterfield Overland Stage?
2. \_\_\_ What Kern County community was named Moran?
3. \_\_\_ What was the name of the 18,000-acre Spanish land grant near Maricopa?
4. \_\_\_ What were the original occupations of Henry Miller & Charles Lux?
5. \_\_\_ What Bakersfield Street was originally old Highway 99?
6. \_\_\_ Proctor Lake in Tehachapi was mined for what mineral?
7. \_\_\_ In 1888, what pulled Bakersfield's first street cars?
8. \_\_\_ What Native American nation inhabited the Kern County desert region
9. \_\_\_ Rafer Johnson won a gold medal in the 1960 Olympics in what event?
10. \_\_\_ Rosedale was first settled by pioneers from what country?
11. \_\_\_ In 1913, when it first opened, how many students were enrolled in Bakersfield College?
12. \_\_\_ 100 years ago, what was Kern County's most abundant game bird?
13. \_\_\_ Highest mountain summit entirely in Kern County?
14. \_\_\_ Who were Edna Ledbetter & Pat Cosby?
15. \_\_\_ What race was won by Rick Mears?
16. \_\_\_ Where was the first jet plane tested?
17. \_\_\_ What was the name of Kern County's first oil refinery?

[Check the bottom of Page 23 for the answers!](#)

## Kern County Trivia, cont.

18. \_\_\_ What is a puma?
19. \_\_\_ Where did Jimi Hendrix and The Doors perform in 1968?
20. \_\_\_ One of the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic athletes' cottages is now a \_\_\_ home in what Kern County community?
21. \_\_\_ Who was the first person to build a home in Bakersfield?
22. \_\_\_ What community was begun by Adam Hamilton?
23. \_\_\_ Free Blacks first arrived in Kern County to do what?
24. \_\_\_ How many stations did Butterfield Stage Lines have in Kern \_\_\_ County?
25. \_\_\_ Where is old Kernville located?
26. \_\_\_ Who was Peter Lebec, and where did he come from?

## Answer Bank

- a. McFarland
- b. Mountain Lion
- c. Salt
- d. Indianapolis 500
- e. Mt. Pinos
- f. Quail
- g. Jackass Mail
- h. Under Lake Isabella
- i. Butchers
- j. Edwards Air Force Base
- k. Shoshoneans
- l. Civic Auditorium
- m. Gold Mining
- n. Buena Vista
- o. Decathlon
- p. England
- q. Union Avenue
- r. Six
- s. Sheep Herder from France
- t. Twenty
- u. Mules
- v. Taft
- w. Christian Bohna
- x. Whiskey Flats
- y. Rancho San Emigdio
- z. Only fatalities of the 1952 earthquake

[Check the bottom of Page 23 for the answers!](#)

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## Canasta Club

### Ruthie Haworth (Club Leader)

The Canasta Club meets every Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Lodge Library. Everyone is welcome, especially those who enjoy having fun and socializing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Ruthie Haworth

661-972-3144

## Crafter's Club

### Nancy McKenry (Club Leaders)

If you knit, crochet, cross stitch, or enjoy any portable craft, please consider joining us at the Crafters Club! We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room. Bring your current project and enjoy creative time and friendly conversation.

Nancy McKenry (559) 960-5558

Another beautiful sweater nearly completed by Teresa Tokuno-Franks.



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## Chair Yoga Club

### Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

Happy 2026! The New Year can be a great time to start taking care of you! Chair Yoga is an easy way to improve flexibility, strength, balance and range of movement. Many people have said they really notice improvement.

Chair Yoga meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 am in the Lodge ballroom. The video instruction we use is easy to follow. No special equipment needed. For those who work during the week, or would like an extra day, Chair Yoga also meets most Saturday mornings. Check the calendar in the Messenger.

On Mondays only, a more vigorous chair exercise routine is offered. Also video instruction; and adaptable to your ability.

Any questions? Text or call Melanie Yates: 661.703.0740.



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## Mah Jongg Club

### Charlene Kwek (Club Leader)

The Four Seasons Mah Jongg Club enjoys playing American Mah Jongg and adheres to the National Mah Jongg League rules. Our regular games take place in the Lodge Game Room on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00. We also hold informal games on Sundays at the same time and location. Please contact me if you'd like more information.

Charlene Kwek  
(661) 809-2316



# Four Season's Pottery Class

with Juliet Barnett

Tuesday,  
Jan. 13th



5:30-  
7:30pm

Pencil, pen, brush holder  
or  
hot cocoa mug

For this class, you will be creating a bear holder from a slab of clay with step-by-step instructions, then painting it with underglazes. It will be fired twice in an off-site kiln and brought back to you completed. You may sign up for this class at the front desk with your cash or check payment to secure your spot. Space is limited, so sign up today! You will have so much fun!

<u>When</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Tues., Jan. 13th	5:30-7:30pm	Arts/Crafts Room	\$40 cash or check is accepted

K. HOVNIANIAN'S FOUR SEASONS HAS PARTNERED  
WITH PERCUSSIVE COFFEE TO BRING YOU



## TACO TUESDAY

**PURCHASE \$3.75  
MODELOS  
DIRECTLY FROM  
PERCUSSIVE  
COFFEE!  
OFFER ONLY VALID FOR  
EVENT GOERS**

TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M., DINNER AT 5:30 PM  
\$15 PER PERSON CASH OR CHECKS ACCEPTED

### ENTREES

- ASADA TACOS
- CHICKEN TACOS

### SIDES

- RICE
- BEANS

### TOPPINGS

- CILANTRO
- ONIONS
- SALSA

IT'S  
BUFFET STYLE!

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES!  
TEA AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED

LAST DATE TO SIGN UP: JAN 15  
LAST DATE FOR REFUNDS: JAN 12

SEE YOU THERE!



Location: 10500 Toscana Dr. - Ballroom  
661-873-0580 | FSBHOA@gmail.com

# January

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

**Lodge Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday:**

**8am-7:30pm**

**Friday: 8am-10pm**

**Saturday: 8am-6pm**





**Sunday: 12pm - 6pm**

**Outdoor Amenities:**

**Monday- Sunday 5am - 10pm**

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

**Pool Closed for Maintenance MON, WED, FR**

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# January 2026

## Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<p><b>Maintenance</b> 1, 6am-9am</p>	<p><b>LODGE CLOSED</b> 1</p> <p><i>Happy New Year!</i></p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Hearts Go On 11am Pickleball 6pm</p> <p><b>ARC APPLICATIONS DUE BY 5PM</b></p> <p>Percussive Coffee Open 8:30am-11:30am &amp; 4:30pm-6:00pm </p>	<p>Pickleball 8am Chair Yoga 9am</p> <p>Percussive Coffee Open 8:30am-11:30am &amp; 4:30pm-6:00pm</p>
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# CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday **BRING THE HEAT!** 1PM - 4PM  
2.21.2026 Lodge Ballroom

Get ready to spice up your life at the Annual Chili Cook-Off! Bring your A-game recipe and compete to be crowned the chili champ! Whether you go for beans or no beans, it's up to you, and don't worry if your taste buds need a break, hot dogs will also be in attendance with all the fixings!



Each spectator is required to purchase a ticket for admission. Participants are free and permitted to bring one guest. Water and tea will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own beverages to enjoy!

Limited to 10 Contestants  
Special prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners!  
Deadline for refund: 2.6.26  
Deadline for sign up: 2.13.26



# CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday **BRING THE HEAT!** 1PM - 4PM  
2.21.2026 Lodge Ballroom

### Contestant Rules

1. Chili is required to be in a large crockpot, at least 6 quarts
2. Chili must be homemade
3. Chili needs to be in The Lodge Arts & Crafts Room by 12:30pm
4. Judges will be taste testing the chili at 1:15PM
5. Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners
6. The 1st place winner's name will be engraved on the Chili Cook Off plaque
7. Winners will have their photo taken for the March Messenger



## Sunshine Club

### Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

The Sunshine Club brings warmth and support to our neighbors by sending cards and small gifts to those who are ill, caring for The Lodge's live plants (saving the community over \$3,000 each year), offering rides and meal deliveries, walking pets for neighbors who are recovering, delivering newsletters to homebound residents, and assisting families with memorial services in the Ballroom.

Know someone who could use a little sunshine—or interested in helping?

Contact Linda Hofer:

Home: 661-368-1995

Cell: 510-374-8366

Email: hofer1951@gmail.com

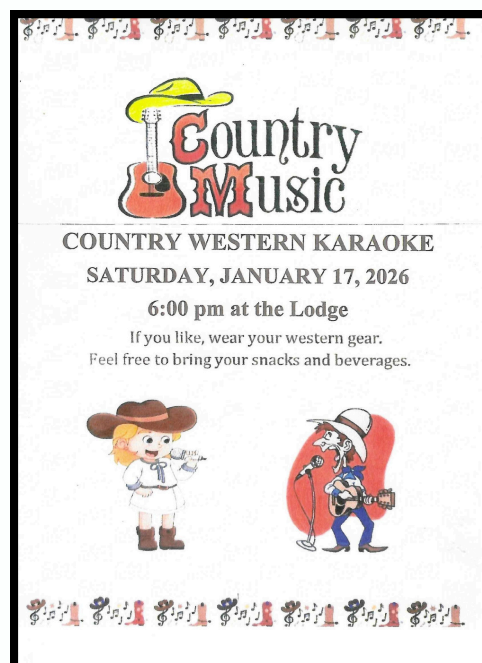


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## Golden Karaoke Club

### Laurie Dean (Club Leader)

Happy New Year to all. It's time to kick off the new year with a Boot Stomping Country Western karaoke. Grab your cowboy hat, put on your boots, dig in your spurs and mark your calendars for January 17, 2026.



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## Book Club

### Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

*The Bear* by Andrew Krivak is a post-apocalyptic fable about the last two humans on Earth—a father and his young daughter—living in quiet harmony with the natural world after civilization has ended.

The father teaches his daughter how to survive through skill, story, and deep respect for the land. After his death, a bear appears and guides the girl through the wilderness, leading her toward a deeper understanding of life, loss, and humanity's place within nature.

Praised for its lyrical prose and gentle, reflective tone, *The Bear* explores themes of love, grief, resilience, and the enduring beauty of the natural world.

The club will meet on Thursday January 15 at 10:00 in the Lodge Library.

## Ladies' Luncheon

### Annette Harder (Club Leader)

Our community has been blessed with Percussive Coffee making its home inside our lodge. Tyler and staff did an outstanding job for our Christmas luncheon party. We were entertained first with singing from Mixed Company to get us 40 ladies in the holiday spirit.

Lunch was served buffet style with our choice of pasta, chicken, vegetables medley, garlic bread and desserts. As usual, all was delicious. So glad we had our stretchy pants on. Thank you, Percussive Coffee!

We started this once-a-month lunch to get to know our neighbors as the houses went up and people from the north and south were new to Bakersfield. Now we are a complete community and not so many new faces. In 2016, I took over the responsibility of finding local restaurants and have decided it is time to pass it on to someone else. That said nothing is planned for 2026. I thank you for all the support.

Annette Harder; Retired Club Leader



Thank you Annette, for all you did for the ladies!  
Thank you Percussive Coffee for your hard work and delicious food!

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## Bring Your Own Art Club

### Darlene Foss (Club Leader)

Bring Your Own Art Club is an informal, fun art club that meets every Tuesday in the Craft Room, 10-12:30.

Club members work on individual projects at their own speed. There are no instructors, but members may share ideas and exchange tips on products and techniques. Some options that may be explored are acrylics, watercolors, or any other art technique you may choose.

For more information, contact Darlene Foss or Debby Cline or stop by during club hours to view members' projects.

## Hearts Go On

### Debbie Cline (Club Leader)

Hearts Go On grief group met twice in December. One of our meetings was a field trip to a holiday luncheon put on by Hoffman Hospice. It was a very nice event at their beautiful facility on Old River Rd. We were able to choose between 3 different meeting options to attend ranging from crafts to informational meetings. We all painted our loved ones name on a memorial rock and then added it to a beautiful memorial stream on the grounds of the facility.

After our morning sessions we were treated to a delicious lunch of tri tip with all of the sides served to us by Hoffman employees. There was a guest speaker who we all enjoyed and gave us some helpful tips on how to process our grief during the holidays, which is a difficult time for most of us grieving a loss.

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please join our group in the Arts and Crafts Room. We share ideas with each other that may help us navigate our difficult time and discuss our challenges we are experiencing due to our loss.

Our scheduled meeting dates for January are the 2nd, the 16th, and the 30th.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information call Debby Cline at (661)487-9122



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## Pinochle Club

### Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

For those looking to fill an afternoon with entertainment that stimulates the mind and connects you with fun people, this is the card game for you! Our group welcomes newcomers—whether you're new to the game or a seasoned player—and we're happy to have you join us. We meet every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Linda Hofer at 661-368-1995 or text 510-374-8366.

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## Bridge Club

### Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

The Bridge Club meets in the Lodge library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We play Goren bridge and welcome players of all skill levels, including those who have never played before. Our group is patient, friendly, and happy to teach beginners. Don't be intimidated by what you may have heard—come give it a try. If you enjoy cards and games, bridge is the ultimate challenge.

## Sunset Cruisers Club Meeting Sharon Gutierrez (Club Leader)

Come get info on new meeting dates and times on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 4:30 pm in the game room.

You do not have to own a golf cart. You can join and just socialize with us. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, if so desired, along with your beverage of choice.

I will be getting everyone's name, email and phone number.

If you cannot make it, text me and I will get your info from you. We most likely will not be cruising that night due to cold weather. Hope you can join us!

Sharon Gutierrez - (661) 809-2450



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## Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club

### Margaret DeArmond, Donna Holtzclaw and Sharon Gutierrez (Club Leaders)

The Holiday Home Tour on December 13th was a huge success giving our community residents a holiday celebration and social time. Thank you so very much to our home tour hosts. It was wonderful to see your beautiful decorations and we appreciate your generosity in opening your home to the Four Seasons community.

- Kat & Lorenzo Alvarez
- Donna Bender
- Eileen & Mike Callagy
- Cecelia & Chris Vigil

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club is planning on having this Holiday Home Tour and Social again next year. If you are interested in showing your home in December 2026, please contact the club leaders.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, January 13th at 1:00 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. All community members are always welcome to attend.

Club Leaders:

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

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

Sharon Gutierrez, (661) 809-2450, lilmomcmg@gmail.com



Betty Marquez won the wreath door prize.

# Aunt Yvonne's Fur Babies

By Yvonne Alexander - Hernandez, Resident

A new year brings new beginnings for us, while for our fur babies, it's business as usual. They remain safe, secure, and loved thanks to people like you.

This month, we're excited to introduce two new furry residents, Niles and Smoku, along with their parents, Marta and Chris.

Niles was found lost and alone on Niles Street in Bakersfield just before Christmas. Though he was in rough shape, his loving nature shone through. Marta and Chris initially fostered him while looking for a permanent home, but a strong bond quickly formed. Now, Niles is settled in his forever home and spreads affection to both humans and fellow pets.

Smoku's story is quite different. Adopted from the West Los Angeles shelter in 2019, she arrived with past traumas and tends to be more reserved. Yet, in her safe home, she shows her big heart—staying close whenever a family member is unwell or in distress. Smoku is a world traveler, handling an 11-hour flight to Europe with ease. She may not love swimming, but she enjoys kayaking, beach outings, and her favorite sport—chasing squirrels.

Until next time—keep walking, wagging, and smiling for the camera! With love and a wag.



Smoku



Niles

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## Pet Etiquette in Our Neighborhood

We love seeing our furry friends around the community! To help keep our neighborhood safe and clean, please remember:

- Leash your dogs when outside your home.
- Respect neighbors' yards—no pet relief on private property.
- Always pick up after your pets—doggie stations with bags and trash bins are available throughout the community.

Thank you for helping keep our community happy, clean, and pet-friendly! 🐾

- Management Staff

## Veterans' Club

Steve West (Club Leader)

Submitted by Penny Martinez

Happy New Year! We've changed venues for our monthly veteran luncheon gatherings! We're still meeting on the second Wednesday of each month; however, our new location is Rio Bravo Country Club, 15200 Casa Club Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93306; festivities start at 11:30 am. Our January gathering will be on Wednesday, January 14th.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Sunday, January 11th by sending an email or calling/texting to Penny Martinez at 661-302-3471, figment5802@gmail.com.

May the New Year bring you joy, peace, and abundant blessings. Here's to looking back in gratitude for the past year and looking forward to new beginnings!



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## Pickleball Club

Fred Walkover (Club Leader)

Submitted by Sara Allen

December weather made playing last month cold and foggy, but we're looking forward to warmer days ahead.

With the end of Pickle Play, we need everyone to transition to the Swish app. Please see Freddy to get the group code and get signed up.

Upcoming Events:

- Solera – January 17 - Check-in at 8:30 a.m. | Play begins at 9:00 a.m. | Potluck to follow

- New Year Round Robin & Potluck – January 24 - Play at 8:00 a.m. | Potluck at 11 a.m.

- Valentine's Day Round Robin - February 14 - Play begins at 8:00 a.m.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and injury-free New Year—it's going to be a great one!

## **Bakersfield Community Events**

Jan 1 - Jan 3, 2026- Bakersfield Christmas Town (Kern County Fair Grounds) - Sun-Thurs 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Fri-Sat 5:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

Jan 1 - Jan 3, 2026 — “Holiday Lights” at CALM - Sunday - Thursday 5:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.; Friday & Saturday until 10:00 p.m.

Jan 2 - “Still Snowy Night” In-Studio Paint Party - 2623 F street Suite M - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jan 3 - “New Year Hike” at Tejon Ranch Hwy 223 - \$25 per person - 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Jan 5 - “Bingo & Beer” - 3200 Buck Owens Blvd Suite 200 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jan 9 - Bobby Lee - The Fox Theater 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jan 11 - Cottonwood Creek Hike at Tehachapi Randall Preserve - 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Jan 13 - Pub Trivia at Temblor Brewing Co. - 3200 Buck Owens Blvd Suite 200 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jan 16 - “The Offspring” Concert - 1001 Truxtun Ave - 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Jan 21 - The Alpha Beta Male Tour with Trevor Wallace (Comedy Show) - The Fox Theater - 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Jan 23 - Rob Schneider “Rescue Husband” - The Fox Theater - 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Jan 24 - Tribute Concert “COLDPLAY” featuring “Trouble” - Box Office 2231 R street Theatre 2230 Q street - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jan 25 - TINA - The Tina Turner Musical - 1001 Truxtun Ave. - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## **Bakersfield Condors Home Games**

Dignity Health Arena : 1001 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Jan 2, 2026 - San Jose Barracuda VS Bakersfield Condors @ Dignity Health Arena - 7p.m.

Jan 3, 2026 - San Jose Barracuda VS Bakersfield Condors @ Dignity Health Arena - 7p.m.

Jan 11, 2026 - Ontario Reign VS Bakersfield Condors @ Dignity Health Arena - 7p.m.

Jan 21, 2026 - Colorado Eagles VS Bakersfield Condors @ Dignity Health Arena - 7p.m.

Jan 23, 2026 - Colorado Eagles VS Bakersfield Condors @ Dignity Health Arena - 7p.m.

Jan 30, 2026 - Abbotsford Canucks VS Bakersfield Condors @ Dignity Health Arena - 7p.m.

Jan 31, 2026 - Abbotsford Canucks VS Bakersfield Condors @ Dignity Health Arena - 7p.m.

## **Farmers Markets**

F Street Farmers Market - Saturdays 7:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. -2819 F St. (Behind in Your Wildest Dreams, World Records and Village Grill)

Riverlakes Farmers Market - Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - 8601 Hageman Rd. 93312

Haggin Oaks Farmers Market - Sundays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 8800 Ming Ave. 93311

Rio Bravo Farmers Market - last Sunday of every month - 9am - 1pm - 15200 Casa Club Dr. 93306

## **KERN COUNTY TRIVIA ANSWERS**

1: g	5: q	9: o	13: e	17: n	21: w	
2: a	6: c	10: p	14: z	18: b	22: x	25: h
3: y	7: u	11: t	15: d	19: l	23: m	26: s
4: i	8: k	12: f	16: j	20: v	24: r	

# JANUARY FUN FACTS

By: Audrey Dunn, Resident Service Associate

## Horoscope

Capricorn 12/22 to 1/19 & Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18

## Flower

Carnation: Symbolizing love, fascination, and distinction

Snowdrop: representing hope, purity, and new beginnings

## Gemstone

Garnet: known for its fiery red hues (it comes in other colors as well)  
and

Rose Quartz: associated with love and healing, offering a beautiful contrast



Photo:  
Carnation



Photo:  
Snowdrop

## Silly Dates in January

Jan 2- National Buffet Day 🍴

Jan 5 - National Whipped Cream Day 🍷

Jan 8 - National Bubble Bath Day 🛁

Jan 11 - National Milk Day 🥛

Jan 12- National Marzipan Day 🍪

Jan 13 - National Rubber Ducky Day 🛶

Jan 14- National Dress Up Your Pet Day 🐶🐱

Jan 15 - National Bagel Day 🥯

Jan 19 - National Popcorn Day 🍿

Jan 24 - National Peanut Butter Day 🥜

Jan 27 - National Chocolate Cake Day 🍰

Jan 29 - National Puzzle Day 🧩



Photo: Garnet



Photo:  
Rose Quartz

## January Dates in History

Jan 15, 1559: Elizabeth I is crowned Queen of England.

Jan 7, 1610: Galileo Galilei first observes four moons orbiting Jupiter.

Jan 1, 1863: Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation takes effect, freeing enslaved people in Confederate states.

Jan 10, 1863: The world's first underground railway opens in London.

Jan 27, 1926: John Logie Baird demonstrates the first public television machine.

Jan 9, 2007: Steve Jobs unveils the first iPhone, revolutionizing mobile technology.

Jan 20, 2009: Barack Obama is sworn in as the first African-American U.S. President.

## Join Us for our 2026 events

February 21, 2026 - Chili Cook Off

March 21, 2026 - Solvang Bus Trip

March 28, 2026 - Spring Community Yard Sale

April 11, 2026 - Tuscany Nights

April 25, 2026 - Santa Anita Racetrack

May 2, 2026 - Spring Vendor Fair

May 30, 2026 - Dorner Family Vineyard, Tehachapi

July 4, 2026 - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Breakfast and Parade

September 12, 2026 - Annual Pool & Swim Party

October 3, 2026 - Autumn Community Yard Sale

October 10, 2026 - Autumn Nights

October 24, 2026 - Halloween Party

November 7, 2026 - Holiday Craft Bazaar

December 5, 2026 - Holiday Gift Exchange

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Calendar

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We offer most of our classes in person around the city, but several are offered on Zoom to give you easy, remote access. Whichever way you choose, our instructors enjoy sharing their passion and expertise, excited to teach a range of people who want to learn and grow! Some of the Spring classes will include:

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| <b>Aqua Aerobics</b>           | <b>Pickleball</b>                 |
| <b>Bridge</b>                  | <b>Pilates</b>                    |
| <b>Bread Baking</b>            | <b>Sewing &amp; Crochet</b>       |
| <b>Cooking</b>                 | <b>Smartphone Photography</b>     |
| <b>Estate Planning</b>         | <b>Soap Making</b>                |
| <b>Field Trips &amp; Tours</b> | <b>Tai Chi &amp; Self Defense</b> |
| <b>Mah Jongg</b>               | <b>Whiskey &amp; Wine Tasting</b> |
| <b>Piano &amp; Voice</b>       | <b>Yoga</b>                       |



If you cannot join a class this Spring, note that our classes change every semester so be sure to check back regularly. We look forward to welcoming you!

## Meet & Greet with Levan Institute

Join us on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6p.m. for a meet and greet with Levan Institute. Learn about upcoming spring classes and the Music Cities tour with Collette Travel in October 2026. Coffee, tea, and dessert provided. RSVP at the Lodge desk.

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