

THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS

SEPTEMBER 2026



Lodge Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday: 8am-8 pm

Friday: 8am-10pm

Saturday: 8am-8pm

Sunday: 12pm - 6pm

Outdoor Amenities & Gym:

Monday-Sunday:

5am-10pm

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COVER ARTWORK BY RESIDENT CATHY HEAD

President's Message

As we head into September, there are a couple of important updates I'd like to share with everyone about our community.

Enhanced Landscape Management has officially begun providing landscape maintenance services at Four Seasons. Their plan is to complete mowing throughout the community on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, allowing the remainder of the week to focus on trimming, weeding, and other landscape maintenance. We also have a full-time irrigation technician assigned to our community to monitor and adjust irrigation issues as they arise.

We are looking forward to working with the Enhanced team and anticipate seeing improvements in the overall appearance of our community landscape.

I'd also like to touch on our recent slurry seal project and something I was disappointed to see happen again. Despite the advance notices and road closures, several residents moved barricades and drove on streets before they were reopened, causing damage to the newly completed road surface.

When roads are closed after a slurry seal is applied, they must remain closed for the proper amount of time to allow the surface to cure. Management provided advance notice through e-Blasts, notices posted at the cluster mailbox locations, the Lodge, and updates on the community website. Residents were also directed to the website through the e-Blasts for the latest project schedule and the affected streets.

We understand these closures can be inconvenient, but the barricades are there to protect the work being completed and our community's investment. Please do not move or drive around barricades when a street is closed.

To those of you who followed the notices, adjusted your schedules, and respected the closures, thank you. Your cooperation made a difference.

There are a lot of positive improvements happening throughout Four Seasons, and I look forward to seeing the progress continue. Taking care of our community is something we all have a part in, and I appreciate everyone who helps us do just that.

Lorenzo Alvarez
President, Board of Directors

Board Meeting Recap – August 26, 2026

This Board Recap provides highlights from the meeting and does not constitute the official meeting minutes. Approved minutes are available at fsbhoa.com under “Our HOA” → “Board Meetings.”

The Board of Directors held its regular General Session meeting on August 26, 2026. Below are highlights from the meeting.

President’s Report

President Lorenzo Alvarez reminded residents that Enhanced Landscape will begin servicing the community on September 1. He also reported that the slurry seal project has been completed. Unfortunately, some vehicles entered closed areas before the new seal had cured, causing damage. Residents are reminded not to remove road-closure barriers or enter closed areas during future roadway projects.

Homeowner Correspondence

The Board referred a homeowner petition requesting replacement of the Lodge pool tables to the Facilities Committee, which is evaluating whether the tables can be restored with new padding, felt, and pocket repairs or if replacement is the better long-term option.

Management Report

Landscape Maintenance: As Enhanced Landscape begins service, residents may notice the use of electric stand-on mowers in some front yards. These mowers have been authorized for use because they are significantly lighter than the larger ride-on, tractor-style mowers used by previous landscape providers, which led to the restriction on this type of equipment in front yards.

To help protect the turf, irrigation will be coordinated with mowing schedules to avoid mowing when the ground is saturated. Landscape staff will also walk the areas before mowing to identify soft or overly wet locations where the stand-on mower should not be used.

Enhanced Landscape will also conduct a comprehensive inspection of the community’s landscape and irrigation systems after beginning service.

Non-functional Turf Replacement – Phase One Update: Corrective work continues on Phase One of the project. Soil testing has been completed, sulfur was applied, and BrightView is installing additional plugs in areas where the Kurapia did not survive. Management and the Ad Hoc Nonfunctional Turf Compliance Committee Chair will inspect the area following completion of the work.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer presented the Association’s financial results through July 31, 2026. Because the Finance Committee had not yet met to review the financial statements, the Board tabled ratification until the September meeting, following the Committee’s review.

Board Meeting Recap – cont.

Committee Reports

The Board received and reviewed minutes from the Facilities, Ad Hoc Nonfunctional Turf Compliance, Architectural Review, Social, Landscape, Rules and Regulations, and IT/Website Committees. Several Committee Chairs and Management also provided updates on recent activities, ongoing projects, and recommendations.

Facilities Committee

Outdoor Amenity Utilization Survey: The Board approved the Facilities Committee's recommendation to distribute an Outdoor Amenity Utilization Survey to residents. Residents are encouraged to participate, as the information will assist the Association with future planning for the community's outdoor amenities.

Guard House Storage: The Board approved disposing of unneeded file cabinets currently stored at the Guard House and appointed two Board members to work with Management to review other broken or unused Association items that are not expected to be needed in the future. A list of identified items will be presented to the Board for approval at the September 30 meeting. The Association intends to offer the approved items for sale during the Community Yard Sale on October 10, with any remaining items to be donated or disposed of as appropriate.

Rules & Regulations Committee

Potential CC&R Revision: The Board approved including \$11,000, along with anticipated Inspector of Elections costs, in the proposed 2027 budget for a potential CC&R revision. This is for budget planning purposes only and does not authorize or commit the Association to moving forward with a CC&R revision. The Board will consider whether to proceed with the project at a later date.

Rules Adopted: Following completion of the required 28-day member review period, the Board adopted revisions to Sections 1.02, 4.14, and 5.01 of the Rules & Regulations Community Handbook.

Proposed Rule Changes: The Board approved proposed revisions to Section 7.01 – Enforcement, Hearing and Fine Policy; a proposed revision to Section 5.04, which would separate the existing rule into Section 5.04A – Estate and Moving Sales and Section 5.04B – Community Yard Sales, along with other related changes; and proposed new Section 5.07 – Vendor Interactions. All three proposed rule changes will be distributed to the membership for the required 28-day review and comment period before being considered for adoption.

Board Meeting Recap – cont.

Social Committee

The Board approved facility closures for the upcoming Pool Party on September 12, with the pool closing at 12:00 p.m. and Lodge exterior at 6:00 p.m., and Autumn Nights on October 3, with the Lodge Patio closed all day and outdoor amenities closing at 6:00 p.m. The Committee also reminded residents of the Gatsby Halloween Party on October 24.

The next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

FINANCIAL REPORT July 31, 2026

The July financial statements were presented by the Treasurer but remain pending Finance Committee review and Board ratification.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 77,514.40	\$ 92,957.03
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 1,830,949.54	\$ 1,820,993.62
Total Accounts Receivable (AR)	\$ 67,570.96	\$ 61,500.53
CPA Allowance for doubtful Accounts	\$ (36,080.00)	\$ (36,080.00)
Unfunded Reserves	\$ 78,989.20	\$ 78,989.20
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 47,936.34	\$ 47,936.34
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,066,880.44	\$ 2,066,296.72
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Pre Paid Dues	\$ 78,087.07	\$ 67,622.63
Other Payable	\$ 442.11	\$ 442.11
Owner refunds	\$ 762.99	\$ 762.99
Move Out Refundable	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Accrued Expense	\$ 1,621.50	\$ 1,736.50
Unfunded Reserves	\$ 78,989.20	\$ 78,989.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 160,902.87	\$ 150,553.43
 Reserve Equity	 \$ 1,830,949.54	 \$ 1,820,993.62
Other Equity	\$ 75,028.03	\$ 94,749.67
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY</u>	\$ 2,066,880.44	\$ 2,066,296.72
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</u>	\$214,914.90	\$1,648,678.90
<u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	\$234,636.54	\$1,640,754.34
 ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)	 (\$19,721.64)	 \$7,924.56
<u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Account Balance	\$ 1,830,949.54	\$ 1,820,993.62
Reserve Study @ 100%	\$ 3,597,603.00	\$ 3,597,603.00
Current Percent Funded	50.9%	50.6%
<u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u>		
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	\$ (36,080.00)	per 2025 Audit
Delinquencies - As of 7-31-26	\$67,570.96	
Six accounts at attorney	\$52,741.38	
One account Liened	\$2,646.20	
Four accounts Pre Lien Notice Sent	\$7,134.18	
One account in a payment plan	\$445.00	
Four accounts sent Courtesy Notice	\$2,115.86	
Twenty accounts being monitored	\$2,488.34	

Protect Yourself from Elder Abuse and Fraud, Strata Credit Union

Simple steps can help you recognize scams, protect your money and stay one step ahead of fraudsters.

Scammers are getting more creative, but one thing hasn't changed: they want you to act quickly before you have time to think. Whether they contact you by phone, text, email, social media or even show up at your door, knowing the warning signs can help protect you and your hard-earned money.

At Strata Credit Union, we believe protecting your financial well-being is just as important as helping you reach your financial goals.

Beware of the "Grandparent Scam"

One of the most heartbreaking scams targeting older adults is the grandparent scam. A scammer may call pretending to be your grandchild (or someone helping them) and claim there is an emergency.

They might say:

- "Grandma, I'm in trouble and I need money right now."
- "I was arrested and need bail money."
- "I've been in an accident."
- "Please don't tell Mom or Dad."
- "I lost my phone, so I'm calling from someone else's number."

The scammer may even use information found on social media to make the story sound convincing.

Stop. Check. Verify.

If you receive an unexpected call or message asking for money, don't panic and don't act immediately.

Instead:

1. Hang up and take a breath.

A real emergency does not require you to skip common-sense precautions.

2. Verify the story independently.

Call your grandchild or family member using a phone number you already have, not a number provided by the caller.

3. Ask a personal question.

If someone claims to be a family member, ask something only the real person would know.

4. Talk to someone you trust.

A second opinion can make it easier to spot something that doesn't seem right.

5. Never send money because someone pressures you to.

Be Careful with how you're asked to pay.

Protect Yourself from Elder Abuse and Fraud, Strata Credit Union cont.

Scammers often prefer payment methods that are difficult or impossible to reverse. Be especially suspicious if someone demands payment through:

- Gift cards
- Wire transfers
- Cryptocurrency
- Cash
- Peer-to-peer payment apps
- Money orders

A legitimate government agency, business or family member should not pressure you into making an unusual payment while insisting that you keep it secret.

Other Warning Signs of Financial Abuse

Fraud isn't always committed by a stranger. Elder financial abuse can also involve someone the victim knows, including a caregiver, friend, family member or trusted individual.

Be alert if someone:

- Suddenly takes control of your finances or bank accounts
- Pressures you to sign checks, contracts or other documents
- Asks to borrow money repeatedly
- Makes unexplained withdrawals from your account
- Becomes unusually interested in your finances
- Prevents you from talking privately with friends, family or financial professionals
- Pressures you to change your will, beneficiaries or other financial documents

If something doesn't feel right, you don't have to handle it alone.

Your Financial Institution Can Help

If you think you've been targeted by a scam, contact your financial institution as soon as possible. The sooner you report suspicious activity, the more opportunities there may be to protect your account or stop a transaction.

At Strata Credit Union, we're here to help our members recognize suspicious activity and protect their accounts. If you're unsure about a transaction or someone asking you for money, it's okay to pause and ask questions.

And remember: You will never be in trouble for asking for help.

A Simple Rule to Remember

STOP. CHECK. VERIFY.

Protect Yourself from Elder Abuse and Fraud, Strata Credit Union cont.

When someone creates a sense of urgency, asks you to keep a secret or demands an unusual form of payment, stop before you act.

Protecting yourself isn't about being suspicious of everyone. It's about giving yourself time to make a safe, informed decision.

When in doubt, talk to someone you trust, including your credit union. Strata Credit Union is committed to helping our members protect their financial health and build a stronger financial future. Learn more about protecting yourself from scams by talking with someone from your trusted financial institution.

"Good friends, good neighbors, good memories."



Escape from the Heat!
With the August heat in full swing, a group of Four Seasons friends headed to Ventura for a little coastal escape! Betty & Mike Marquez, Mike & Sharon Gutierrez, Skip & Bonnie Welchans, Eileen & Mike Callagy, and Kat & Lorenzo Alvarez enjoyed some cooler weather, good company, and a fun getaway by the coast.



A group of friends from Four Seasons recently gathered at Stir Cocktails & Kitchen to celebrate two very special milestone birthdays—Eva Brannstrom's 70th and Debby Cline's 75th! It was a wonderful celebration filled with great friends, lots of fun, and delicious food. Happy Birthday, Eva and Debby! 🎉🎂

A Heartfelt Thank You from Brenda Abernathy

On August 6, I experienced a frightening medical emergency while getting into my car at the Lodge. It was an extremely hot day, with temperatures reaching 109 degrees, and I lost consciousness in the parking lot. I was later told that I had suffered a heat stroke.

I truly believe my guardian angel was watching over me that day. Fellow Four Seasons resident Lisa Bradley saw me and immediately called 911. She never left my side, staying with me and doing everything she could to help while waiting for emergency responders.

After receiving the 911 call, emergency dispatch contacted the Lodge and asked staff to go to the parking lot and provide assistance until paramedics arrived. Onsite PMP Management team members Annette Galindo, Casey Grigsby, and Amy Thompson immediately responded. I was told they placed me on a towel to get me off the hot asphalt and stayed with me, providing assistance while waiting for the paramedics.

Fellow resident Barbara Coddington also came to my aid, joining Lisa and the Lodge staff in helping me during those frightening moments.

And then there was Lisa. When the paramedics instructed her to cover my face from the heat, she literally gave me the shirt off her back, removing her blouse and using it to protect my face.

The quick actions, compassion, and willingness to help shown by Lisa, Barbara, Annette, Casey, and Amy may very well have saved my life.

How do you say "thank you" when those words simply don't seem big enough? I am overwhelmed with gratitude. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been given another chance that day, and I will never forget the people who were there when I needed help most.

To Lisa, Barbara, Annette, Casey, and Amy, and to the entire Four Seasons community, please accept my deepest and most heartfelt THANK YOU.

I am forever grateful.



Angels Among Us: The Heart of Four Seasons

Yvonne Alexander-Hernandez

Whether you are 55 or 75, living here at the Four Seasons is a life unmatched. There are options for the lifestyle of your personal choosing. Many enjoy just a quiet life, walking through our designer trails while quietly enjoying the beauty, safety and the feeling of community. While some of us rise early in the morning and hit the tennis courts playing with and against friends. Then there are those who have chosen a full social life (all in one place—here). What is often unnoticed is that there are angels living and walking among us quietly reaching out and assisting other residents when they see a need. They will notice a fixture broken on your patio or maybe your outdoor lights are out or that some of us need help installing doorbells (Yes, I'm one). They are unassuming but lethal in ensuring your need is met (no charge)—just love and integrity! So, here's a great big thankyou to Four Seasons' "two heroes—angels" who might be your neighbor!

Kern River Park Nature Center September Calendar

See our Instagram & Facebook pages for more activities.

There is no charge for tours, talks, or programs at the Nature Center, so bring the family and enjoy!

- 9/5 Saturday & 9/6 Sunday: Closed for Labor Day Weekend.
- 9/12 Saturday, 10 - 11 AM: "Breathe with the Trees" with Robin Carpenter, Breath & Heart teacher. Experience how your breath can connect you more deeply with nature, and yourself!
(Second Saturday of each month.) Open for tours after
- 9/13 Sunday, 2 PM: * "Muscling in on Movement" Come and learn more, with Twizzlers Candy as a model! Presented by Isabel Stierle, biology professor emerita.
- 9/19 Saturday: Discover, Explore, Learn! History, nature, & science tours & peacock sightings!
- 9/20 Sunday, 2 PM: * Have you ever wondered "What's This Thing?" A history tour of the remaining artifacts of the old "Kern River Park", with Laura Turner.
- 9/26 Saturday: Discover, Explore, Learn! History, nature, & science tours & peacock sightings!
- 9/27 Sunday, 2 PM: * "From the Oceans to the Stars - the Wonder of Science Opportunities in Kern County" with Dave Hanley.

Social Committee
Sherry Davis, Chairperson

PRESENTED BY THE K. HOVNANIAN'S FOUR SEASONS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY

Adult-Only Evening Under the Stars!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

EVENT DETAILS

 DOORS OPEN 5:30 p.m.	 POOL PARTY 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	 DINNER SERVED 6:30 p.m.
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DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

COCONUT JOE'S
CATERING BY COCONUT JOE'S

MUSIC BY
DJ Raulley

We provide iced tea and water.

BYOB EVENT
Please note:
No glass containers allowed.

TICKETS

NO GLASS ALLOWED IN POOL AREA

\$30 PER PERSON

TICKETS ON SALE
Monday, August 3 at the Front Desk

LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR REQUEST A REFUND:
Friday, September 4

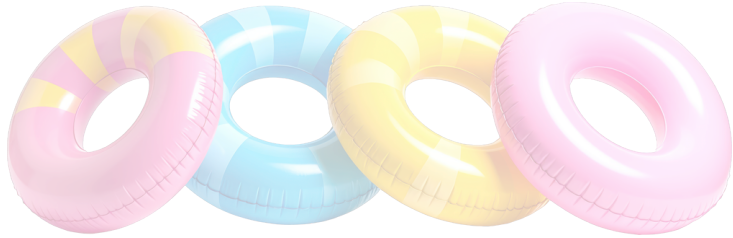
TICKETS ARE LIMITED
to Two (2) Guests per Household.

ADULTS ONLY

Please bring a dessert to share with the guests at your table!

Let's celebrate the end of summer together!

**POOLSIDE,
WITH
NOWHERE
ELSE TO
BE.**



PRESENTED BY THE K. HOVNANIAN'S FOUR SEASONS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

COCONUT JOE'S

Pool Party Menu

★ 2 PIECES OF ★
MESQUITE GRILLED CHICKEN
➤ PLUS ➤
A QUARTER POUND OF
DEEP-PIT BEEF

INCLUDES:

- GARDEN SALAD
- OIL & VINEGAR
- PINTO BEANS
- ROLL
- BUTTER
- SIGNATURE SALSA

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Autumn Nights

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2026

LODGE PATIO
6:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC
PROVIDED BY
Isaiah Morfin
SAXOPHONIST –
SYNTH/ORGAN

Enjoy live music,
good company,
and your favorite
drinks on a beautiful
autumn evening!

BRING YOUR OWN
TABLE DECORATIONS,
APPETIZERS &
BEVERAGE

OWNERS MAY SET UP
AT **11:00 AM TO 12:30 PM**
ON THE DAY OF
THE EVENT

COST: \$5 PER PERSON
Purchase single sign ups
or reserve a table!
Tables of 6, 8, and 10
available.

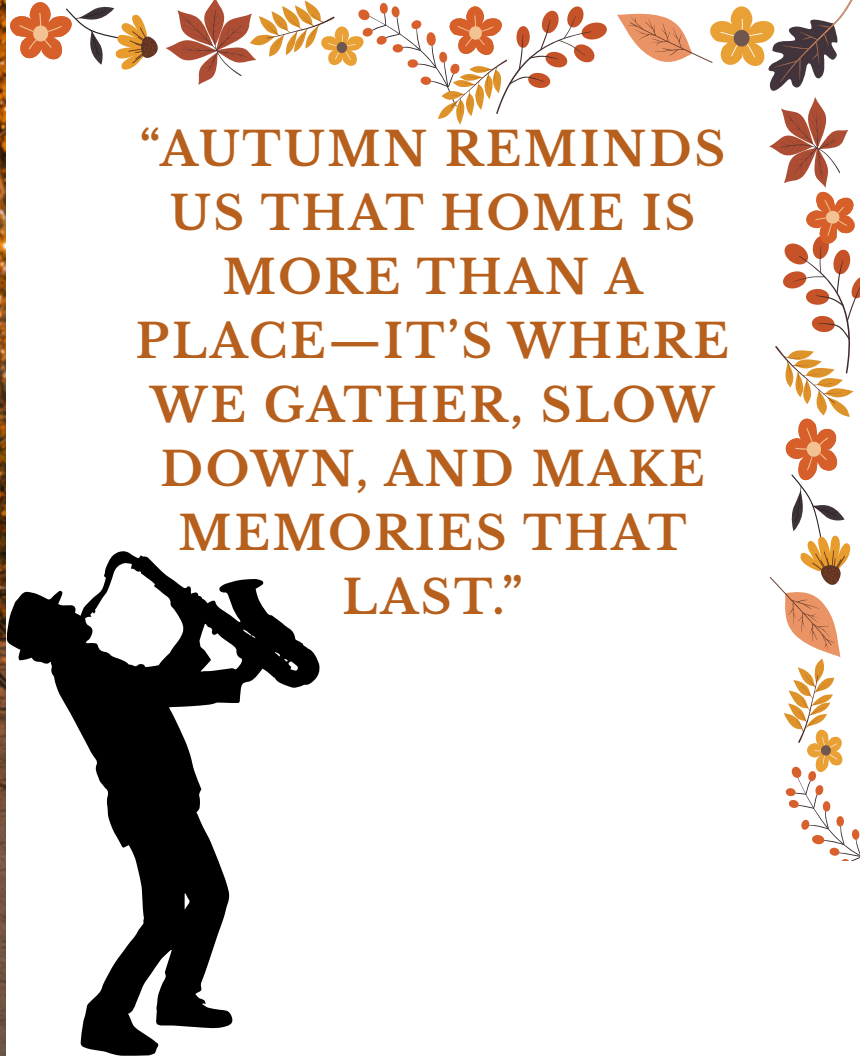
RESERVE A TABLE!
If you are reserving
a table, you must
pay for the whole table.
Tables of 6, 8, and 10
available.

ADULT
21+
EVENT

EVENT SIGN UPS OPEN
MONDAY,
AUGUST 31ST

LAST DATE TO SIGN UP
& REFUNDS
FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25TH

Great music. Good friends. Unforgettable night.



“BEHIND EVERY
MASK IS A STORY,
BEHIND EVERY
DOOR IS A
MYSTERY, AND
TONIGHT, THE
PARTY IS ANYTHING
BUT ORDINARY.”



PRESENTED BY THE
SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SPEAKEASY A GATSBY Halloween

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24TH | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
— COST: \$5 PER PERSON —

PRIZES FOR
TABLE DECORATIONS & ATTENDEES
IN COSTUME
LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO
DECORATE A TABLE WHEN YOU SIGN UP.

21+
21 AND OVER
EVENT

BRING YOUR OWN
SNACKS &
ADULT BEVERAGES

TICKETS GO ON SALE
SEPTEMBER 21ST

LAST DAY FOR
SIGN UPS & REFUNDS
OCTOBER 16TH

Cookie Decorating Class

Hosted by- Cecilia Vigil

September 19th, 2026

11:30am-1:30pm

Lodge- Arts and Craft Room

\$30 per person



- Each Cookie Kit contains:
- 6 themed cookies
 - prefilled royal icing piping bags
 - step by step instructions
 - a take home box

There are only 16 spots available, sign up now!

DEADLINE: September 14th

-Bring your favorite apron-

BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

COFFEE WITH A COP



No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your community!

Wednesday, October 7th

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Four Seasons - 10500 Toscana Dr.

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS, BRING
YOUR FAVORITE
PEOPLE, AND GET
READY—THERE'S
ALWAYS SOMETHING
EXCITING JUST
AROUND THE
CORNER.

K. Hovnanian Four Seasons at
Bakersfield Community Association, Inc.
Presents:

Autumn Community YARD SALE

LET THE
DEALS
BEGIN!

Saturday, October 10

Yard Sale: 7AM - 12 PM

10500 Toscana Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93306

OPEN TO
THE
PUBLIC

Come find some hidden gems
in our annual Community Yard
Sale! Between the Lodge and
individual households, you're
bound to find great deals!

No Early Birds Please

Where's the Messenger?



Pamela Lindley and Michael Lindley at Depoe Bay, Oregon visiting family at the World's Smallest Harbor.



Michael Lindley's birthday and Father's Day celebration (June 20th) at the Gene Autry museum with family. Pamela, great grandson, Alexander, his mother Alycia, grandson Michael, son-in-law, Angel, Michael and daughter, Tracey.



Residents Cassie, Cheryl, Nadine, and Yolanda took the 'Messenger' on a road trip to Casa de Fruta in Hollister. They visited the building with fresh and dry fruits, vegetables, jellies, nut butters, candies, nuts, oils, wine tasting and much more. Then on to the ice cream store, and then to the pie/pastry shop. They took a train ride and ended with a late lunch at the restaurant. They highly recommend a visit.



Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Florn Core, Chair

The Four Seasons HOA board and management staff strive to make our unique community as safe and secure as possible. Recent additional cameras at the north/south entrances and other locations plus updated individual identification protocols, have enhanced the security of the community to hinder outside ne'er-do-well actors from disruptive actions. Four Seasons homeowners have the option of adding exterior security systems and cameras to their homes as long as there is ARC approval prior to installation. Note that video doorbells, such as the "ring" brand devices, are exempt from ARC consideration, as long as the device is installed where the original doorbell was located.

If a homeowner decides they would like that extra level of security, an application to ARC is required. The application should have a plot plan that shows the location of the camera(s) in relation to the residence, neighboring structures and the Association's Common Area. Cameras should be installed in the least obtrusive location that may be visible from the Common Areas, such as under the eaves. The specifications of the camera(s) size, camera(s) shape and each camera(s) angles, as well as the field of view shall be clearly shown on the Application. Photographs of the proposed camera locations are to be included.

Other general rules regarding security system installation are that the camera(s) may be wireless or hard wired, however if hardwired, the wiring must be run within the walls of the residence. Equipment is not to be attached to the stucco of the residence. Cameras needing bright illumination for night view will not be permitted. Cameras are to be focused exclusively on homeowners' property, never on adjacent residences, including neighboring windows and patios.

Security system warning signs or placards are not to be affixed to residences, gates, fences or walls. When considering the installation of security type cameras and equipment, residents are encouraged to seek out a reputable, licensed, experienced security system specialist to assist in determining the best system for your situation.

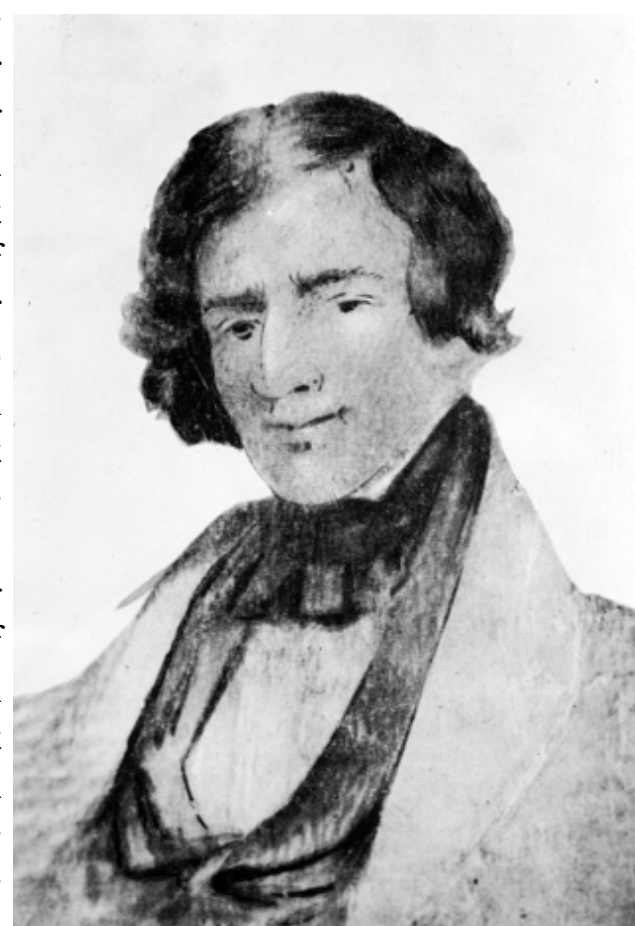


El Camino Viejo, the Predecessor of Interstate 5, Part 2

Submitted By Kitty DeArmond, Resident

Long ago, when hunting game, Native Americans used animal trails to track their quarry. When they traveled to neighboring villages for the purpose of trading and socializing, they also followed those ancient trails. The result being, with the passage of time, those early foot paths became larger means of transportation. In 1772, Don Pedro Fages entered the San Joaquin Valley in pursuit of army deserters. Those ancient pathways were what he followed to procure his captures.

Later visitors to the area, also traveling those early trails, noticed an abundance of wild grapes growing in the area. Jedidiah Strong Smith visited in 1827, one of the first Americans to cross the Sierra Mountains and explore this area. He is given credit for the naming of Cañada de Las Uvas, Grapevine Canyon. That is also the name used to designate the forty-mile stretch of



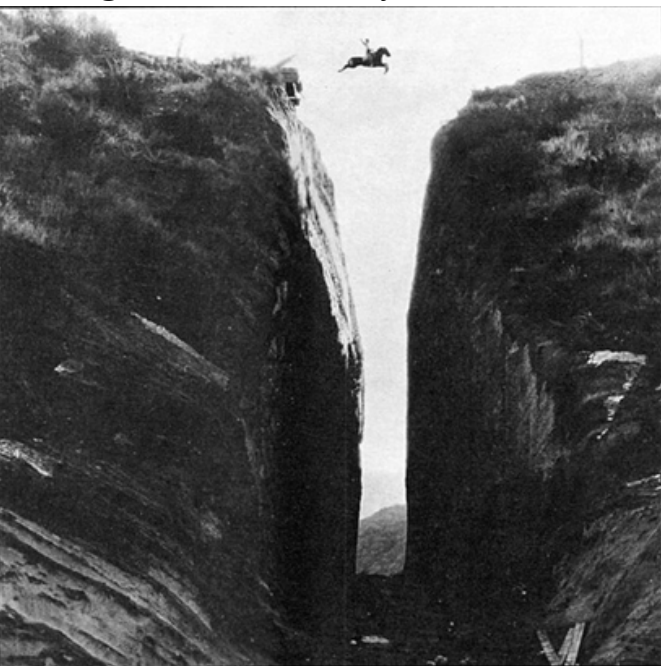
Jedidiah Strong Smith (1799-1831)

Interstate 5 that connects Castaic with the San Joaquin Valley.

Harrison Irving Scott in his book *The Road That United California* explains that “the name Tejon originated during an 1806 expedition from the Santa Barbara Mission. . . a dead badger had been found in the canyon.[‘Badger’ in Spanish translates to “tejon”,] thus the name.

The area was also a popular destination with fur trappers, including one Peter Lebec who was “killed by a + bear Oct. 17, 1837.”

When California was admitted to the Union in 1850, that event encouraged



General Edward Fitzgerald Beale to campaign for the building of Fort Tejon. That, in turn, required the widening of the old Spanish road between Los Angeles and the San Joaquin Valley. Consequently, the Butterfield Overland Stage was then able to begin operating its stage line on the new road.

El Camino Viejo, the Predecessor of Interstate 5, Part 2 - cont.

However, it was hindered by the extremely steep climb over what is known today as Newhall Pass. General Beale alleviated the situation in 1859 by having his Chinese laborers hack a 12-foot wide “notch” through 60 feet of sandstone. The problem was solved, and is the current site of California Historic Landmark No. 1006. It is also the result of an iconic 1923 photo of actor Tom Mix (or possibly a stunt man) and his horse jumping over that divide! The Southern Pacific Railroad was completed in 1876. It was so popular with passengers that it resulted in traffic along the old Spanish road becoming greatly reduced and primarily limited to ranch vehicles.

With the coming of the automobile, more changes in the old road were required. A new road was built and ran directly along the top of the ridge. Hence the name Ridge Route. When that opened in 1915, the Automobile Club of Southern California called it “potentially one of the most dangerous in the world.” The speed limit was 15 m.p.h.

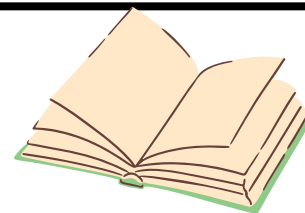
Increasing traffic spurred the decision to build the new road in the canyon bottom where it could be a wider, faster road. And one with fewer curves! That was the first two-lane version of Highway 99. It was completed in 1934. As time passed, further improvements and more lanes were required.

In 1956, construction began as part of the Interstate Highway System. Improvements continue to this day. Currently, I-5 is said to be the longest Interstate highway within a single state, 797 miles from the Mexican border to the Oregon state line.

Can one not help but wonder how amazed Ramon Solorzono and his runaway bride would be about their 1822 honeymoon trip if it was made in today’s world?

Book Club

Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)



This September, our Book Club will read Jim DeFede’s *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland*. The book tells the remarkable true story of how the small town of Gander welcomed thousands of airline passengers stranded there after the September 11 attacks.

Through stories of kindness, generosity, and community, DeFede reminds us that even in the darkest moments, people can come together to help one another. It is a moving story of compassion, friendship, and hope—perfect for our September discussion.



September

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Monday

Tuesday

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Lodge Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8am-8pm Friday: 8am-10pm Saturday: 8am-8pm Sunday: 12pm - 6pm	Outdoor Amenities & Gym Hours: Monday - Sunday: 5am-10pm Pool/Spa Area Hours for Children 5yrs old up to 14yrs old Monday - Sunday: 11am - 2pm	1 Pickleball 7am & 6pm Water Aerobics 9am Bring Your Own Art 10am Learn To Play Pool 11am Mah Jongg Club 1pm Crafters Club 1pm Social Committee 1pm Bridge 1pm Bocce Ball Club 7pm	2 Recreational Pickleball 8am Dance Fitness 8am & 5:45pm Chair Yoga 9am Water Aerobics 9am Mah Jongg Club 1pm Canasta 1pm Water Volleyball 4pm
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Pickleball Club

Fred Walkover (Club Leader)

The Pickleball Club is having a blast as more people come out to play! This past Saturday, we had 22 people playing, and luckily, the weather was a bit cooler. We also had 16 people join us for a fun day of play with our friends at Solera on August 8. Everyone had a great time, and our hosts were wonderful. Players of all levels are enjoying our new practice board, which is a great way to work on your shots and dinking. Come out and give it a try!

Coming Events

September 5 – Fun Play & Ice Cream Social

Everyone is welcome, whether you already play Pickleball or are interested in learning! Join us for open play from 7:00–9:30 a.m., followed by a short club meeting. Then, at 11:00 a.m., we'll gather for an Ice Cream Social.

Please RSVP to the Lodge Desk by September 3 if you plan to attend the Ice Cream Social.

Whether you are an active player, an inactive player, or simply want to learn how to play, please join us. We'd love to see you!

October 10 – Fun Play with Solera

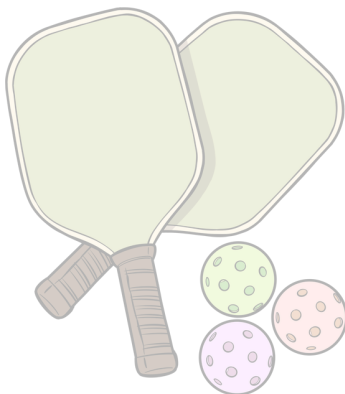
Join us at 7:00 a.m. for another fun day of play with our friends at Solera.

This is part of our rotating schedule with Solera, and this time, the event will be hosted by the club at Four Seasons.

November – Stay Tuned!

We are planning a Fun Play Invitational with our friends at Solera and Highgate. More details to come!

“It's always a good time to play Pickleball!”



Learn to Play Pool

Joe Favela (Club Leader)

Well folks, the pool team is still going strong and is always open to new players! Our club leader is sharing great hints and tips to help everyone improve their pool game. Come on out, join the fun, and give it a try. We hope to see you there!



Crafter's Club

Nancy McKenry (Club Leader)

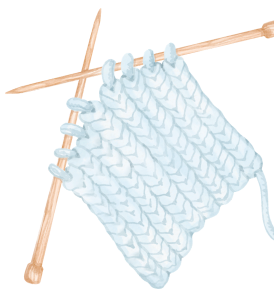
If you enjoy crafting and socializing with friends, consider joining the Crafters Club! We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Arts and Crafts Room from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

We knit, crochet, cross-stitch, and create paper art while we talk about our projects and our other interests.

Right now, Sharon's purse is getting taller; Jeannie, Mary, and Diane are crocheting; Nancy and Teresa are knitting; and Jan is creating paper art.

We would be delighted to welcome you!

Nancy McKenry
(559) 960-5558



Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club

Margaret DeArmond, and Donna Holtzclaw (Club Leaders)

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club is looking for a few homes to participate in our Annual Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, December 12, 2026. The Home Tour will take place from 1:00–2:15 p.m., followed by refreshments and social time in the Lodge from 2:15–4:00 p.m. No matter how you celebrate or decorate—Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas, or something uniquely your own—our community members would love the opportunity to visit your home. If you enjoy holiday decorating, please consider volunteering to showcase your home on this year's tour. Contact one of the club leaders if you are interested or would like more information. Please see our flyer in the advertisement section of this newsletter for additional details.

Our next club meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lodge Craft Room. All community members are always welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Club Leaders Margaret DeArmond at 661-304-0093 or mdearmond@mac.com, or Donna Holtzclaw at 661-303-6649 or donnaholtzclaw@yahoo.com.

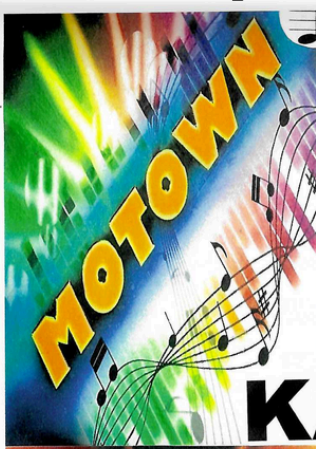
Karaoke Club

Janice Scanlan (Club Leader)

This month, we pay tribute to soul music, rhythm and blues, and the best of Motown. Please join us on September 19 to hear the likes of James Brown, Ray Charles, Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin, the Shirelles, the Supremes, the Temptations, and all your favorites.

You may also get to sample a special Motown cocktail that evening. So, come sing—or just come and listen—to the wonderful sounds of a genre that will never be duplicated.





KARAOKE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
6:00 until 10:00 pm, in the Lodge
Feel free to bring snacks and beverages







Hearts Go On

Debby Cline (Club Leader)

The Hearts Go On Grief Support Group met twice in August and continues to meet every other Friday to provide support for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Our meetings offer an opportunity for open discussion, mutual support, and friendship with others who understand the grieving process. If you are experiencing a loss and would like to join us, we warmly welcome you.

Our August meetings will be held on Friday, September 11th, and Friday, September 25th, both at 11:00 a.m.

Debby Cline at (661) 487-9122.

Sunset Cruisers

Sharon Gutierrez (Club Leader)

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer!

Sunset Cruisers will meet this month on Monday, September 21, at 5:00 p.m. Hopefully, it won't be too hot! If it is too hot for you to cruise, just meet us in the game room for our social.

We will cruise for a bit, then meet in the ballroom for our get-together. Bring your beverage of choice and a dish that serves 12–18 people to share. I will provide the plates, forks, and napkins.

Hope to see all of you there!



Chair Yoga

Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

Chair Yoga meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the air-conditioned Lodge Ballroom. Many participants find that their flexibility and strength improves over time.

The video instruction we use is easy to follow, and no special equipment is needed. For those who work during the week, or would like an extra day to participate, Chair Yoga also meets most Saturday mornings. Please check the calendar in the Messenger for details.

On Mondays only, a more vigorous Chair Exercise routine is offered at 9:00 a.m. This session also uses video instruction and can be adapted to your individual ability. Immediately afterward, at 9:30 a.m., regular Chair Yoga is offered for gentle stretching.

Weekly Schedule:

Monday: Chair Exercise at 9:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: Chair Yoga at 9:00 a.m.

Any questions? Please text or call Melanie Yates at (661) 703-0740.



Veterans' Club

Steve West (Club Leader)

Submitted by Penny Martinez

This month we'll celebrate many military milestones, Patriots Day, September 11th, and this year carries particular weight as the nation marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that killed 2,977 people in New York City, Arlington, Virginia, and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

"Patriot Day reminds us that freedom is not free. It is paid for with the courage and sacrifice of those who stand in harm's way." — Memorial plaque quote.

The United States Air Force will be celebrating their 79th anniversary on September 18th. National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be observed on September 18th, as well.

"The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be recognized for their commitment." — Judd Gregg.

Our September veteran gathering is on the 9th, 11:30 am, Spencer's Café, and our guest speaker will be American Legion Post 26 Commander Bill (Pops) Prough. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by Monday, September 7th by sending an email or calling/texting to Penny Martinez using the contact information noted below.

Save the date and mark your calendar for our October 6th veteran group dinner at Four Seasons.

We pray your summer has been filled with adventures, family gatherings, lots of laughter and blessings; let's celebrate the end of summer with gratitude for moments shared.

Penny Martinez

Email: figment5802@gmail.com

(661) 302-3471



Sunshine Club

Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

The Sunshine Club is all about neighbors helping neighbors. Through thoughtful gestures and hands-on support, members reach out to those who are ill by providing cards and small gifts. We also care for The Lodge's live plants (saving the community more than \$3,000 each year), offer rides and meal deliveries, walk pets for residents who are recovering, bring newsletters to homebound neighbors, and assist families with memorial services held in the Ballroom.

If you know someone who could use a bit of cheer—or if you'd like to be part of spreading it—please contact Linda Hofer.

Cell: (510) 374-8366

Email: hofer1951@gmail.com

Mah Jongg Club

Charlene Kwek (Club Leader)

The Mah Jongg Club meets in the Lodge Game Room on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our growing group plays American Mah Jongg and follows the rules of the National Mah Jongg League. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

If you are interested in learning how to play and would like to join in the fun, please contact me to schedule a lesson.

Charlene Kwek

(661) 809-2316



Pinochle Club

Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

Looking for an enjoyable way to spend your Monday afternoons? Come join our welcoming weekly card group, held every Monday from 1:00–4:00 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of cards, conversation, and camaraderie in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Whether you're an experienced player or just learning the game, all skill levels are encouraged to participate. Our regular members are always glad to help newcomers get started.

Feel free to bring a friend or attend on your own—everyone is welcome! For additional details, call or text Linda Hofer at (510) 374-8366.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Ice Cream Social such a sweet and memorable event! We are incredibly grateful to the members of the Culinary Friends Café Ad-Hoc Committee — Evelyn Freeman, Kathy Clark, Lou Formano, and Jann Klein — along with Board Liaison Lorenzo Alvarez, for volunteering their time and helping with the event.

A big thank you also goes to Cindy White, Sue Hollingsworth, Cassie Witherspoon, Tom Klein, Keith Clark, Cynthia Formano, Steve West, Cathy Head, and Skip Welchans, who generously volunteered their time and jumped in wherever needed.

From helping with setup and serving ice cream to assisting throughout the afternoon, everyone's time, energy, and willingness to help contributed to making the event such a success.

And, of course, thank you to all of our wonderful members who came out to enjoy the afternoon! Your laughter, smiles, and community spirit are what make gatherings like this so much fun and so meaningful.

Afternoon Bunco Club

Debbie Baker (Club Leader)

The club will gather on Tuesday, September 8th, and we look forward to another fun afternoon of laughter, friendship, and Bunco!

All reservations must be made through the Lodge Front Desk, either in person or by phone. To ensure fairness and avoid confusion, we ask that residents do not RSVP directly to club leaders. Sign-ups for the September gathering will open on September 1st, and for future events, reservations will open on the 1st day of the month in which the event is scheduled.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Debbie Baker at (661) 873-4225 - home or (661) 305-3722 - cell.

Bridge Club

Linda Hofer (Club Leader)

Looking for a fun way to stay mentally sharp and connect with fellow residents? The Bridge Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Lodge Library for friendly games of Goren Bridge.

Whether you are an experienced player or just interested in learning, all skill levels are welcome. Club members are always happy to assist newcomers and help them become familiar with the game.

Join us for an afternoon of cards, conversation, and camaraderie. For additional information, please call or text Linda Hofer at (510) 374-8366.

Canasta Club

Ruthie Haworth (Club Leader)

Spend your Wednesday afternoons enjoying friendly competition and good company with the Canasta Club. The group meets every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Lodge Library and welcomes players of all experience levels.

Whether you have been playing for years or would like to learn something new, members are always happy to share their knowledge and help newcomers get started. It's a wonderful opportunity to socialize, sharpen your skills, and enjoy an afternoon with fellow residents.

For more information, please contact Ruthie Haworth at (661) 972-3144.

Aunt Yvonne's Fur Babies

By Yvonne Alexander - Hernandez, Resident

Welcome Fall, and welcome Ginger and Lizzie, Kevin's girls! Kevin and Jenee Morris are the proud parents of these two fur babies. However, Kevin refers to them as "his girls," so I will, too!

Beautiful Ginger is their eight-year-old Field Golden, and her pretty sister, Lizzie, is seven years old and a Show Golden. While they surely look alike, they not only have different backgrounds, but their personalities vary as well.

Jenee had a friend who had one dog too many and could no longer continue to care for her. Jenee did not hesitate, and Ginger arrived at the Morris household with her new mom. She met her "then" sister, a Chihuahua mix, who unfortunately passed away soon afterward. Kevin and Jenee realized immediately that the household needed another family member, so they went a-lookin'.

Jenee has a cousin who knew someone—you know, someone who knows someone—and that's how they were introduced to Lillie from Frazier Park. It was love at first sight!

The two girls enjoy hanging out with their parents on long walks, preferably at the beach, and being treated to the best dog treats a fur baby could ask for. According to their Poppy, Kevin, they are the friendliest dogs he has ever seen.



Ladies Luncheon

Annette Harder (Club Leader)

La Costa Marisco's is a local family owned Mexican and Seafood restaurant. With a small staff of four, La Costa first opened its doors on October 7, 1992 in a little spot in downtown Bakersfield just off 21st Street. After 21 years in the same location, La Costa moved in 2016 to what is known as The Ice House. In 2018 a second location at Riverwalk was added and now employs 150 . All this from a humble beginning of mom, Maria, and her four children.

La Costa continues to strive to offer fresh dishes and drinks while transporting you to their native town of Puerto Vallarta without having to leave Bakersfield.

La Costa prides themselves on giving outstanding service and we experienced this first hand. We had 25 ladies and one incredible waitress. She did an amazing job at remembering what we ordered when we forgot and directed her servers to the correct person.

On Sunday, September 20 at 11:30am our lunch will be led by Nancy Gurnsey. We will meet at Rice Bowl, 1119 18th Street, Bakersfield 93301.



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Enjoy shopping inside our stunning Lodge and strolling through our outdoor patio filled with talented local vendors. Bring your friends, invite your neighbors, and spend the morning supporting small businesses in one of Bakersfield's most beautiful communities.

Bakersfield Community Events for September

September 4 – Leyendas del Mariachi – Historic Bakersfield Fox Theater – 8:00 PM

September 4 – Oldies Night – Nile Theater – 8:00 PM

September 5 – Fiesta Half Marathon & 10K – Yokuts Park – 6:30 AM

September 12 – Bakersfield Village Fest – Kern County Museum – 6:00 PM

September 13 – Clay Walker – Historic Bakersfield Fox Theater – 8:00 PM

September 23–October 4 – Kern County Fair – Kern County Fairgrounds

September 23 – ERNEST – Kern County Fair / Budweiser Pavilion – 8:00 PM

Farmers' Markets

F Street Farmers' Market — Saturdays, 7:45 AM–12:00 PM, 2819 F St. (behind In Your Wildest Dreams/Village Grill area)

Riverlakes Farmers' Market — Saturdays, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM, currently associated with the Centennial High School area at 8601 Hageman Rd.

Haggin Oaks Farmers' Market — Sundays, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM, 8800 Ming Ave. in the Kaiser Permanente parking lot.

Four Season Events

Bingo - Every Thursday - Ballroom - 5:45pm

September 5 - Pickleball Ice Cream Social - Ballroom - 10am

September 12- Annual Pool & Swim Party-Pool - 6pm-9pm

September 19 - Cookie Decorating Class - Arts and Crafts Room - 11:30am-1:30pm

September 19 - Karaoke - Ballroom - 6pm-10pm

September 30- Board Meeting - Ballroom - 6pm

October 3 - Autumn Nights - Patio - 6pm-9pm

October 6 - Veterans' Annual Dinner - Ballroom - 5:30pm

October 7 - Coffee with a Cop - Ballroom - 2pm-3pm

October 10 - Autumn Community Yard Sale - 7am-12pm

October 17 - Cookie Decorating Class - Arts and Crafts Room - 11:30am-1:30pm

October 17 - Karaoke - Ballroom - 6pm-10pm

October 20 - Pottery Class / Mini Loaf Pans - Arts and Crafts Room - 5:30pm-7:30pm

October 24 - Speakeasy A Gatsby Halloween Party - Ballroom - 6pm-9pm

October 28 - Board Meeting - Ballroom - 6pm

November 7 - Winter Vendor Boutique - Ballroom - 9am-2pm

November 17 - Pottery Class - Arts and Crafts Room - 5:30pm-7:30pm

November 21 - Karaoke - Ballroom - 6pm-10pm



SEPTEMBER FUN FACTS

Horoscope

Virgo (August 23-September 22) & Libra (September 23-October 22)

Flower

Aster— symbolizes love, wisdom, elegance, faith, and patience.

Morning Glory— symbolizes affection, renewal, resilience, the beauty of new beginnings, and embracing each day with hope.

Gemstone

Sapphire — symbolizes wisdom, loyalty, and nobility.



Fun National Days in September

September 1 – World Letter Writing Day 📧✉️

September 5 – International Day of Charity 💙🤝

September 6 – National Coffee Ice Cream Day ☕🍦

September 8 – International Literacy Day 📖✨

September 13 – National Grandparents Day 👴❤️👵

September 16 – National Guacamole Day 🥑🌮

September 19 – International Talk Like a Pirate Day 🏴‍☠️🦉

September 21 – International Day of Peace ☮️🕊️

September 22 – World Car-Free Day 🚲🌍

September 26 – National Pancake Day 🥞🍓 (U.S.)

September 27 – World Tourism Day ✈️🌍

September 29 – World Heart Day ❤️🩺

September 30 – International Podcast Day 🎙️🎧

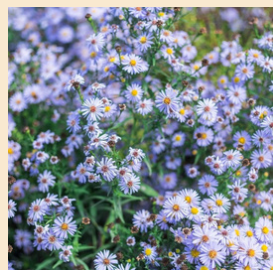


Photo:

Aster



Photo:

Morning Glory

September Dates in History

September 2, 1945 – World War II officially ended when Japan signed the Instrument of Surrender aboard the USS Missouri. 🌍🕊️

September 8, 1966 – Star Trek premiered on television, becoming one of the most influential science fiction franchises in history. 🚀✨

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