

THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS

OCTOBER 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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DO NOT SHARE GATE CODES

Recently, we had to change the temporary gate code after discovering a security breach within our community.

We have unauthorized individuals who have gained access to Four Seasons and are not authorized to live here. These individuals have been repeatedly entering the community and temporarily occupying the home of a deceased homeowner.

Initially, they obtained access by changing the homeowner's email address to their own, allowing them to receive the temporary gate code each month. Once this was discovered, the unauthorized email address was removed, and electronic communications associated with that address were shut down.

Despite these actions, the individuals continued to gain access.

Our investigation determined that they had been given the personal gate code of another resident. After discovering this, we deleted and replaced that resident's personal code and issued a new one, believing this would prevent further unauthorized entry.

Unfortunately, the individuals were able to gain access again that same day after attempting several codes. They eventually succeeded by obtaining another homeowner's personal code after falsely claiming to be the executor of their father's estate and stating that they needed to retrieve belongings. That claim was not true.

Please protect your gate code

When a vehicle enters our community, the RFID system identifies the vehicle and the resident to whom it is registered. Likewise, when a gate code is entered into the keypad, the system records which resident the code is registered to.

Unless you have a legitimate and necessary reason to share your personal or temporary gate code, please DO NOT share it with anyone.

Do not provide your code simply because someone gives you a convincing story, claims to be related to a homeowner, or says they need access for an emergency or personal matter.

You may believe you are helping someone, but sharing your code can compromise your own security and the security of our entire community. You cannot know who these individuals are, why they are seeking access, or what their actual intentions may be.

We all have a responsibility

We each play an important role in keeping our community as safe and secure as possible. Please take this situation seriously and do not share your gate codes with anyone unless there is a legitimate reason and you are certain they are authorized to receive access.

The Board is actively working to address the situation and remove unauthorized individuals from the community.

Thank you for your cooperation and for doing your part to help protect our community.

Respectfully,
Lorenzo Alvarez

Board Meeting Recap –September 30, 2026

Due to the timing of the September Board meeting, scheduled for September 30, 2026, a Board Meeting Recap is not included in this month's newsletter.

Residents who would like to review the actions taken by the Board may view the draft meeting minutes, which will be posted on the Association's website within 30 days following the meeting.

The regular Board Meeting Recap will return in next month's newsletter.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report - August 31, 2026

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 153,879.74	\$ 77,514.40
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 1,834,744.75	\$ 1,820,949.54
Total Accounts Receivable (AR)	\$ 59,136.86	\$ 67,570.96
CPA Allowance for doubtful Accounts	\$ (36,080.00)	\$ (36,080.00)
Unfunded Reserves	\$ 116,207.53	\$ 78,989.20
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 47,936.34	\$ 47,936.34
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,175,825.22	\$ 2,056,880.44

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Pre Paid Dues	\$ 64,740.22	\$ 78,087.07
Other Payable	\$ 442.11	\$ 442.11
Owner refunds	\$ 762.99	\$ 762.99
Move Out Refundable	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Accrued Expense	\$ 56,215.00	\$ 1,621.50
Unfunded Reserves	\$ 116,207.53	\$ 78,989.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 239,367.85	\$ 160,902.87

Reserve Equity	\$ 1,834,744.75	\$ 1,820,949.54
Other Equity	\$ 102,712.62	\$ 75,028.03
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY</u>	\$ 2,176,825.22	\$ 2,056,880.44

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</u>	\$217,078.69	\$1,865,757.59
<u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	\$189,394.10	\$1,830,148.44
ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$27,684.59	\$35,609.15

<u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Account Balance	\$ 1,834,744.75	\$ 1,830,949.54
Reserve Study @ 100%	\$ 3,597,603.00	\$ 3,597,603.00
Current Percent Funded	51.0%	50.9%

<u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u>		
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	\$ (36,080.00)	per 2025 Audit
Delinquencies - As of 8-31-26	\$59,136.86	
Five accounts at attorney	\$43,719.24	
One account Liened	\$3,163.64	
Six accounts Pre Lien Notice Review	\$10,374.08	
accounts sent Courtesy Notice	\$448.38	
Sixteen accounts being monitored	\$1,431.52	

Landscape Committee News

Carole Casteen, Committee Member

Enhanced Landscape Management started their new duties at Four Seasons on Sept 1, 2026. Their leaders and crew are excited about their new responsibilities and their opportunity to make our front yards and common areas look better than they have ever looked. Mostly all electric equipment is used- no more loud blowers and edgers. In case you weren't aware, the management of Four Seasons landscaping is not a simple task for any company. There are over 20,000 sprinkler heads and 20 control panels that control the sprinkler system scheduling.

Enhanced Landscape Management has given one of their experienced employees the sole task of managing the irrigation systems and sprinkler repair. This will simplify the management end of a complicated task. This is important because, without adequate and controlled watering, our front yards and common areas will soon look like the desert that we live in. Yes, Kern County is a desert! Additionally, Enhanced Landscape Management has given the HOA a credit of \$20,000 for sprinkler/irrigation repairs. Here's a BIG THANK YOU to our capable board members who negotiated that into their contract.

The transition period to Enhanced Landscape Management is critical for our community, because we need to give the new landscapers time to become acquainted with our complicated irrigation system, and time to make adjustments and corrections. Please be patient and let the new landscape company prove to us that they are the best! The Board and the Landscape Committee members are dedicated to improvement of everyone's front yard landscaping and common area landscaping. This will not happen overnight. The addition of Kurapia ground cover (drought tolerant) to the entrance common area, as well other areas, requires extra attention and very specific maintenance. Please be patient while Four Seasons management and the new landscaping company work through the challenges involved with the Kurapia project.

The Landscape Committee meets once a month on the second Thursday of the month at 2 pm. Homeowners who have a topic of concern are invited to attend and present their concern to the committee. Or, if you have a landscape concern you may email Tranece Barnes at TBarnes@pmpmanage.com. This documents your landscape concern, and Tranece communicates with Enhanced Landscape Management to resolve the problem. Homeowners should not communicate directly with employees of Enhanced Landscape Management, since the employees are to receive direction only from their supervisors, who communicate with FS management.

Landscape Committee News Cont.

Water is a constant challenge for all communities like ours in Bakersfield. Mike Callegy reported in our meeting today that the water bill for the month of July 2026, was \$48,000. That's one month! The Board is considering a new project which will greatly decrease our water bill in the future. (More news about this next month when it is available!) Trust that your Board, the Landscape Committee, and the Ad Hoc Landscape Committee, are watching every dollar spent, and trying to minimize costs and maximize your benefit.

Last but not least, if you drive by one of the new crew working on your street, wave HELLO! Maybe even roll down your window and shout, "THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!" Today I noticed a crew working close by, they smiled back and continued working. Let's all show our appreciation for this new hard-working crew. A smile and a "thank you" cost you nothing, and will encourage them to put forth their best efforts for our community!

THANK YOU TO OUR LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEMBERS & BOARD LIASONS:

Mike Callegy, Cathy Head, Board Liaisons

Chairman Bob Campo, Carole Casteen, Linda Hofer, Al Neubert



Social Committee
Sherry Davis, Chairperson

It's early September, which means the end of summer (thank goodness!) and the annual pool party. It was a warm evening, but spirits were high as 77 neighbors and friends joined us for an evening of music, fun, and good food.

DJ Raully De La Rosa entertained us with a vast variety of tunes while dancers made full use of the dance floor. An excellent dinner was catered by Coconut Joe's and consisted of deep-pit beef, grilled chicken, salad, rolls, and butter.

Lastly, a huge thanks to Tranece, Annette, and Eddie for assisting with the setup and teardown of tables, chairs, and decorations.





FOUR SEASON'S Pottery Class

Are you ready to bake some bread for your friends and family this holiday season? Come make some bread pans with me!



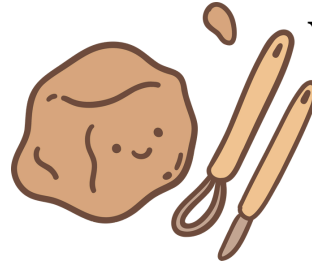
You will be making 2 pans each!

Invite a friend!

For this class, you will be creating 2 mini bread pans out of a slab of clay with step-by-step instructions. Since we will be making two pans, we will not be painting these items. Instead, you will be choosing a glaze color. 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! Do to the limited availability, there will be no refunds offered.

<u>When</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Tues., Oct. 20th	5:30- 7:30pm	Arts/Crafts Room	\$40 cash or check is accepted

POTTERY IS ABOUT MORE THAN MAKING SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL—IT'S ABOUT SLOWING DOWN, TRYING SOMETHING NEW, AND LETTING YOUR HANDS DO THE THINKING. FROM THE FIRST TOUCH OF CLAY TO THE FINAL GLAZE, EVERY PIECE HAS ITS OWN STORY. COME GET CREATIVE, GET A LITTLE MESSY, AND SEE WHERE THE CLAY TAKES YOU!



“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

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.

JACK WRIGHT RETURNS WITH

A NEIL DIAMOND CHERRY CHERRY CHRISTMAS

**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 9**

SHOW BEGINS AT 6:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

TICKETS: \$30 PER PERSON

SIGN UP AT THE
LODGE FRONT DESK

SIGN-UPS OPEN
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
LAST DAY FOR REFUNDS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
LAST DAY TO SIGN UP
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

CASH OR CHECK ACCEPTED

*Guests are welcome to bring
light snacks and beverages*

*This highly acclaimed national touring production
rings in the season with secular and spiritual
holiday favorites from Neil's four Christmas albums.*

COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

HOSTED BY CECELIA VIGIL



**17
OCTOBER**

11:30AM-1:30PM
LODGE- ARTS & CRAFTS ROOM
\$30 PER PERSON
ONLY 16 SPOTS
AVAILABLE
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP
OCTOBER 12TH

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?

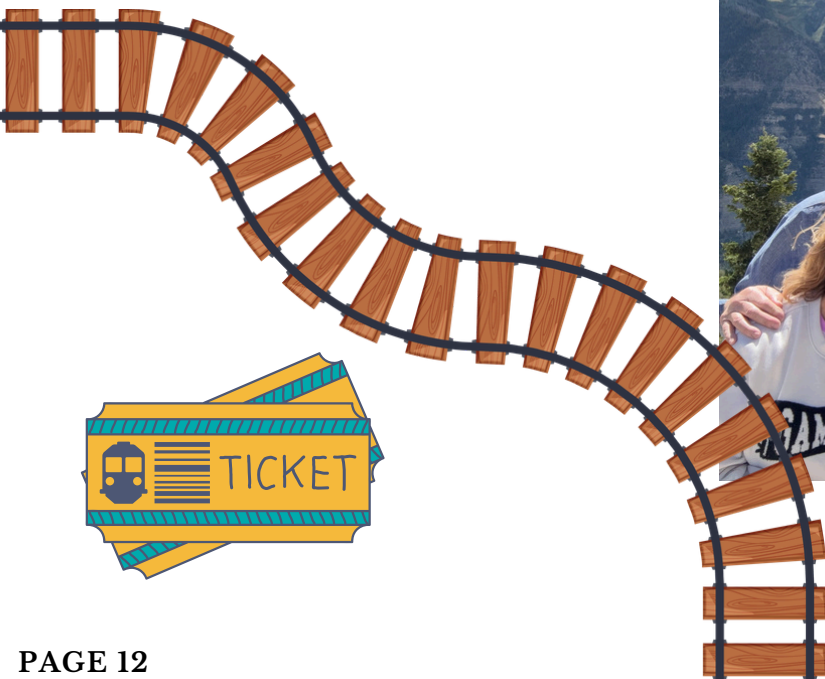
Four Season's Hoodies on vacation! Princess Cruising from Boston to Quebec.
Steve & Brenda Haskell, Skip & Bonnie Welchans, Mike & Sharon Gutierrez, Kat Alvarez, Cindy White.



Utah



Johan & Donna Tillmann
Train trip to Salt Lake. Salt Lake
to Bakersfield.
Wonderful way to see the country.



Messenger on the Road

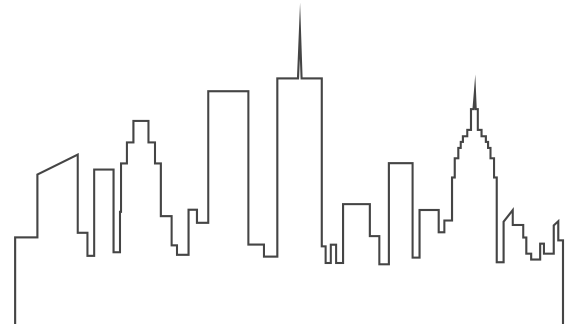
Sherry Davis

On Sunday, September 13th Four Seasons friends and neighbors were in attendance for the final sold-out performance of "Come From Away" at the Ovation Theatre.

Based on true events of 9/11, the first performance was in 2013 and the Broadway adaptation opened in 2017.

The show was attended by Nancy and Chuck Gurnsey, Joe Sanchez, Charlene Kwek, Sonia Fieber, Margaret DeArmond, Kitty DeArmond, Christine Cotton and Sherry Davis.

The Ovation Theatre is a small venue on 19th Street and offers student and senior discounts. If you are a fan of musical theater, please check out the upcoming shows and support our local performers.



Happy Birthday, Sue Hollingsworth!

Wishing Sue a very happy birthday filled with happiness, laughter, and lots of wonderful moments. We hope you have a fantastic day, Sue!

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Florn Core, Chair

Need a place to store your outdoor tools and gardening supplies? Want to move some equipment that is cluttering the garage? Move those plant fertilizers, weed killers and the garden pump sprayer from your pantry? You may want to consider the purchasing, or the construction of a storage structure to accomplish that goal. We will start with the general “Do Not’s” first:

Do not place, erect, construct or otherwise build any structure without written approval of the ARC. Do not use, permit, or in any way allow, at any time, the structure to be used as temporary or permanent residence. Do not build or construct a storage unit of more than 120 sqft without receiving a permit from the City of Bakersfield Building Department, which is the responsibility of the homeowner. And yes, you still need ARC approval. Do not locate the structure on turf, bare ground or pavers. The following is the friendly “Do list:”

Do get your ARC approval before starting installation of the structure. Do provide a complete plan and detailed description of the storage structure with the ARC application.

Do make sure the structure is “free standing” and not adjoined to the house structure, any fencing and not made part of any other structure.

Do locate the structure in your side or rear yard and completely out of sight of the Common Area. Do make sure the location is not adjacent to or integrated into wrought iron fences, so as to not be seen in any way from Common Areas.

Do pour a standard concrete slab, minimum of the structures’ “footprint”, minimum 3.5” thick and minimum 5 sack concrete mix.

Do construct or install your storage shed that is made of wood, commercially available wood grain embossed aluminum or vinyl that blend in with the existing home.

Do make sure the structure or storage shed is below the top fence line which is generally 6 feet high, including the peak of a roof. Again, not to be seen from the Common Areas.

Examples of commercially available units, both under 6 feet tall and available in different tones:



Now you can tidy up the garage and patio and have a central location for many of your garden tools and supplies or hide that ugly vase you were given as a gift (and could conveniently retrieve when needed).

Autumn: 'Tis The Season For Voting and Honoring Veterans,

Part I Submitted by Kitty DeArmond , Resident

Why was the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November chosen as the date for presidential elections? According to “Election History,” written by the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society, the answer lies with America’s 19th-century farmers. “In the 1800s, most citizens worked as farmers and lived far from their polling place. Since people often traveled at least a day to vote, lawmakers needed a two-day window for Election Day. Weekends were impractical, since most people spent Sundays in church, and Wednesday was market day for farmers. With this in mind, Tuesday was selected as the first and most convenient day of the week to hold elections.”

Farm culture also explains why Election Day always falls in November. Spring and early summer elections were thought to interfere with the planting season, and late summer and early fall elections overlapped with the harvest. That left the late fall month of November, after the harvest was complete but before the arrival of harsh winter weather, as the best choice.

The website of the “American Battlefield Trust” explains that in the year 1860, “for the first time since 1812, a presidential election occurred during a war. Voting rights had expanded for male voters in the mid-19th century, and the challenge of letting volunteer soldiers vote in the election became a much-discussed topic. . . . Voting in the 1860s did not include secret ballots, so whether voters cast their ballots in their hometowns or in a military camp, their votes were not secret. Voting was seen as a community and civic event, and the ‘community’ of soldiers in military camps during the Civil War became a key voting bloc in the 1864 Election. . . .”



“The Election of 1864 and the Soldiers’ Vote” from battlefields.org

Autumn, 'Tis The Season For Voting and Honoring Veterans, Part 1 Cont.

The outcome of campaigns and battles where soldiers literally fought had an impact on the election. The soldiers' vote was also recognized as an important voice in the outcome of the conflict. Both militarily and politically, Union soldiers showed their preference for a victorious outcome and national unity—even though that meant they would stay, serve, and fight through the end of the military conflict.

When the votes were tallied across the northern states—including the votes of soldiers in distant camps—President Lincoln had won a second term with 55% of the popular vote and 212 electoral votes. McClellan won the electoral votes of just three states: Kentucky, Delaware, and New Jersey. Of the 40,247 Union soldiers who voted, 30,503 voted for Lincoln.”

On pages 228–229 of his 1873 book, *The Soldier's Story of His Captivity at Andersonville, Belle Isle, and Other Rebel Prisons*, author Warren Lee Goss explained that, “Before the presidential election. . . the rebels had an intense interest in its result. They were anxious for McClellan's election over Lincoln, or at least, for Lincoln's defeat. It was necessary to test the sentiment of the prisoners, and, thus, form some estimation of the manner the States would go in the pending election.”

As one prisoner explained, “On the day of the election, two bags were placed on the inside of the Andersonville stockade. Those who were in favor of Lincoln were to put a black bean into a bag, and those for McClellan were to vote white beans. We were marched by hundreds and deposited our ballots. It was understood that if a majority of votes were cast for Little Mac, we would get extra rations that day. The result of the voting was about fifteen hundred for McClellan and six thousand for Lincoln. There were about ten thousand men in the camp, but all did not vote. The rebels were disappointed at the result. When the vote was declared, the prisoners gathered at the place of election, cheering and singing patriotic songs. . .”

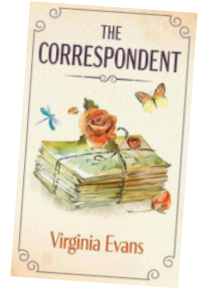


Book Club

Kathleen Reisig (Club Leader)

Our next Book Club selection is “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans. We’re looking forward to reading this book and gathering together to share our thoughts, reactions, and favorite moments.

If you enjoy a good book and lively conversation, we’d love for you to join us! Everyone is welcome, whether you’re a longtime book club member or joining us for the first time. 📖❤️



Family Tree Explorers

Kathi Sakamoto

Family Tree Explorers Club is moving through time to discover our family histories.

Come join us, from beginners to advanced genealogy hunters! We help and share in each other’s journey, including our triumphs and tragedies. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is October 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room.





Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

<u>Lodge Hours:</u> Monday - Thursday: 8am-8pm Friday: 8am-10pm Saturday: 8am-8pm Sunday: 12pm - 6pm	<u>Outdoor Amenities</u> & Gym Hours: Monday - Sunday: 5am-10pm <u>Pool/Spa Area Hours for Children</u> 5yrs old up to 14yrs old Monday - Sunday: 11am - 2pm	*Committee Meetings & Club Times are Subject to Change, Check with The Lodge for most current information**	
4 Water Volleyball 4pm	5  Recreational Pickleball 8am Dance Fitness 8am & 5:45pm Koffee Klatch 8:30am Chair Exercise 9am Chair Yoga 9:30am AdHoc Turf Compliance 10am Pinochle 1pm Special Finance 1pm Facilities 3pm	6 Pickleball 7am & 6pm Bring Your Own Art 10am Learn To Play Pool 11am Mah Jongg Club 1pm Crafters Club 1pm Social Committee 1pm Bridge 1pm Veterans Club 5th Annual Dinner 5:30pm Bocce Ball Club 6pm	7 Recreational Pickleball Dance Fitness 8am Chair Yoga 9am Mah Jongg Club Canasta 1pm Coffee with a Connoisseur Water Volleyball
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Pickleball Club

Fred Walkover (Club Leader) Submitted by Sara Allen

Happy Fall, Blazing Paddles! Summer was great, and now we get to enjoy some cooler weather! We have some fun events coming up this season.

October 24: We will be having our bi-monthly Fun Play Day with Solera. Time to be determined.

November: We are hoping to have a Fun Day with both Highgate and Solera. Details to come!

Our First Annual Ice Cream Social was a great time, and we were happy to see some new players join us.

Congratulations to our very own Blazing Paddles members Debbie Tisler, Helen Thomas, Alina Canales, and Rita Salcido for representing our club and winning the Thrive & Purpose Paddles for a Purpose Tournament!

See you on the courts!!



Hearts Go On

Debby Cline (Club Leader)

The Hearts Go On grief group met twice in September. We usually meet every other Friday and spend time with others who are going through a similar loss. We have open discussions and have made great friendships with people experiencing loss. We share support, encouragement, and information with one another.

Please join us if you are going through a loss and would like to attend. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call Debby Cline at 661-487-9122.



October Meetings: October 2, October 16, and October 30

Crafter's Club

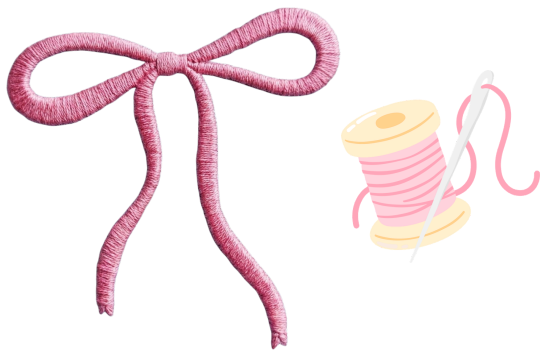
Nancy McKenry (Club Leader)

Crafter's Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room.

Jan is creating beautiful paper art. Mary is putting the finishing touches on one of her lovely quilts. Sharon continues to crochet her unique purse, which has some very challenging directions. Jeannie has chosen a pretty color and pattern for crocheting a scarf. Diane is diligently crocheting afghan squares, each with a different pattern. Teresa continues to knit sweaters with very intricate patterns using soft, colorful yarn. Nancy is hoping to finish her seemingly never-ending afghan project.

We would be happy to have you bring your project and join us!

Nancy McKenry
(559) 960-5558



Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club

Margaret DeArmond, and Donna Holtzclaw (Club Leaders)

A few homes are needed for the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club's Annual Holiday Home Tour.

However you decorate, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas, or anything unique, our community members would love to visit your home. If you enjoy holiday decorating, please consider volunteering to show your home for the tour this year. Just contact the club leaders if you are interested or would like more information. Advance ticket sales for this event will be available at the Four Seasons Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 7th. Be sure to stop by the Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club table to purchase your ticket. There will also be a very special holiday raffle item at our table. You will definitely want to buy a ticket for this unique item.

****Please see our flyer in the advertisement section of this newsletter.****

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, October 13th at 1:00 pm in the Lodge Craft Room.

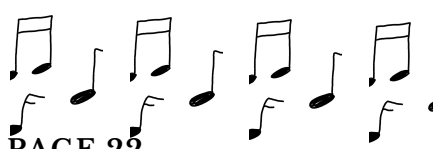
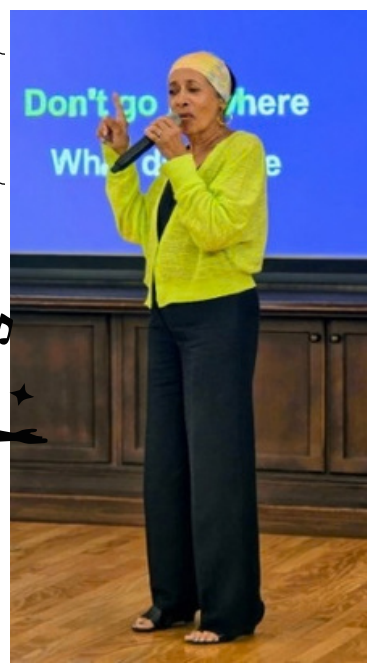
All community members are always welcome to attend.



Karaoke Club

Janice Scanlan (Club Leader)

It never disappoints....Motown/R&B/Soul karaoke was awesome. Talented singers, terrific dancers, plenty of fun was had by all. We are taking the month of October off. There are plenty of events this month to keep you busy. See the list on page 31. Be sure to join us in November for the Fabulous 50s.



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.



Friendly Driving Reminder

A Friendly Reminder: Stop at Stop Signs  

Just a friendly reminder to all of our neighbors—stop signs apply to everyone, including bicyclists! Please come to a complete stop at every stop sign, even when riding a bike.

Taking a few extra seconds to stop helps keep our streets safe for drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and golf carts. Let's all do our part to look out for one another and make safety a priority throughout the neighborhood.

Stop. Look. Be safe!



Veterans' Club

Steve West (Club Leader)

Submitted by Penny Martinez



As summer gives way to fall, the changing season reminds us to appreciate new beginnings, cooler days, and the opportunity to gather together with friends and fellow veterans.

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.” — Albert Camus
This month, we'll celebrate the Navy's 251st birthday on Tuesday, October 13th. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the purchase and arming of two vessels to cruise against British transports, marking the legislative birth of the Continental Navy.

“Service before self is the guiding principle of the Navy.” — Author unknown

Our 5th Annual October Veteran Dinner will be held on October 6th at Four Seasons Lodge. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner at 6:00 p.m. This is a BYOB event.

We have a great evening planned, including music by The Veterans Family Band, an American 250-themed photo booth for your picture-taking pleasure, and raffle prize giveaways.

The cost is \$30 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact me no later than October 2nd using the contact information below. Four Seasons veterans may drop off their payment at The Lodge.

As we move into November, our next veteran gathering will be held on Veterans Day, November 11th, at 11:30 a.m. We'll meet at Spencer's Café, located at 3401 Mall View Road.

Penny Martinez

Email: figment5802@gmail.com

(661) 302-3471

5TH ANNUAL OCTOBER DINNER

RSVP by Monday,
September 28th
Call/Text Penny Martinez
at (661) 302-3471 or
email
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• Four Seasons and Solera Veterans Group • Tuesday, October 6th
• Four Seasons Lodge, 10500 Toscana Drive, 93306 • Social Hour 5:30 PM • Dinner served at 6 pm • \$30 a person • BYOB

DELICIOUS MENU INCLUDES:
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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.



Afternoon Bunco Club

Debbie Baker (Club Leader)

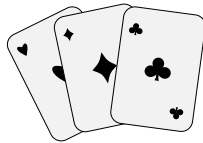
The club will gather on Tuesday, October 13th, and we look forward to another fun afternoon of laughter, friendship, and Bunco!

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 October gathering will open on October 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.

Sunset Cruisers

Sharon Gutierrez (Club Leader)

We had a very nice Sunset Cruisers get-together on Monday, September 21st. Many members were on vacation, but we still had about 20–21 people and nine golf carts. We were blessed with wonderful weather. We cruised the big loop and a few cul-de-sacs before enjoying good food and friendship at the lodge.

Our next cruise will be on the second Monday of December, the 14th. We will meet a week early so we don't interfere with holiday plans.

If you are new to the neighborhood and would like to join us, give me a call—or just show up! It is a very friendly group. If you don't have a golf cart, someone will be happy to give you a ride.

Sharon Gutierrez

661-809-2450

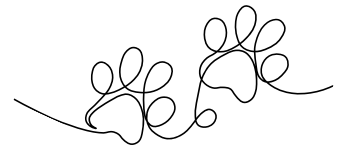


Aunt Yvonne's Fur Babies

By Yvonne Alexander - Hernandez, Resident

Let's Talk About Pavarotti!

Pavarotti has quite a story to tell!!!



Pavarotti was a stray before Carol Johnson adopted him. He had spent several days wandering around Four Seasons while many of our residents tried feeding him and attempting to catch him. But he was determined to keep roaming the streets of Four Seasons—until one day, he bumped into the right people: Chris and Marta and their dog, Niles (remember him?).

This family had the magic touch. They were able to convince the frightened and lost fur baby to go into their garage with them. At the right time, they took him to what would become his new home with Carol Johnson.

Pavarotti's new mom, Carol, had recently lost her fur baby and was going through a period of sadness. For Pavarotti, it wasn't love at first sight. In fact, he attempted to follow Marta back out the door! Marta stayed strong and walked out the front door, leaving the new rescue behind.

Frightened and anxious, Pavarotti began walking through the bedrooms of his new home, whining. But new Mom Carol didn't hear whining—she heard singing!

She said to her new fur baby, "You're a regular Pavarotti, singing!"

Well, those were magic words! Pavarotti responded with a happy, smiling face, and the name Pavarotti stuck. Today, he loves his walks, catching treats, and cuddling. What a magnificent change!

Pavarotti landed in a loving home thanks to the efforts of some of our caring Four Seasons residents. It's another wonderful example of how our community comes together to help one of our furry friends in need. ❤️🐾



Ladies Luncheon

Annette Harder (Club Leader)

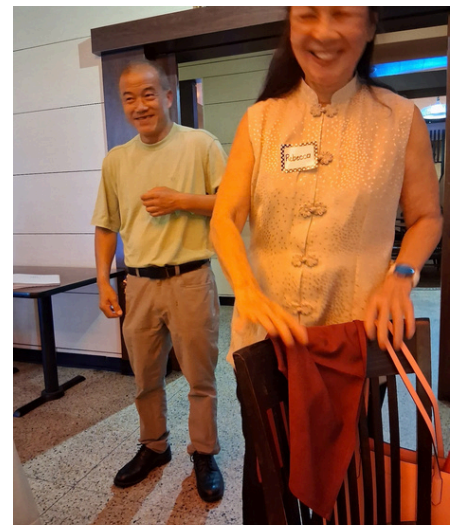
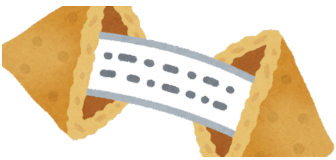
The Rice Bowl is a historic, family-friendly restaurant that was opened by siblings Bill Leong and Lucie Lee in December 1948. Located on 18th Street, which was considered the “New Chinatown,” the restaurant is a celebrated classic in downtown Bakersfield.

Our community has a part of that generation as a resident. Rebecca Barnes was proud to show off what her grandparents, parents, and aunties built from the ground up. As a special treat for our group of 17 ladies, we got to taste Uncle Herman’s famous fried chicken—which is not on the menu!

Rebecca introduced us to the current owners, Alan and Andy, who became our go-to people during our visit. There was lots of visiting, reminiscing, and looking through a scrapbook filled with wonderful memories. Afterward, our to-go boxes were filled, and we headed back out into the construction zone on 18th Street.

October Luncheon will be Tuesday, October 20, at 11:30 a.m., we will be visiting the Guild House Gourmet Luncheon at 1905 18th Street, Bakersfield. The price will be \$35.00, due at the time you sign up. Be sure to check out the menu online!

Our hostess for October is Charlene Kwek.



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Bakersfield Community Events for October

October 1 – Fall Exhibitions Opening Reception – Bakersfield Museum of Art – 7:00 PM

October 17–18 – Via Arté Italian Street Painting Festival – Bakersfield Museum of Art / The Marketplace – 9:00 AM–8:00 PM

October 21 – Switchfoot with Anberlin – Historic Bakersfield Fox Theater – 7:30 PM

October 24 – Fred Armisen: Comedy for Musicians – Historic Bakersfield Fox Theater – 7:00 PM

October 30–31 – Safe Halloween – Kern County Museum

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

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 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



OCTOBER FUN FACTS

Horoscope

Libra (September 23-October 22) & Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Flower

Marigold- Represents warmth, passion, creativity, and positive energy.

Cosmos- Represents harmony, peace, balance, and joy.

Gemstone

Opal- Associated with hope, creativity, and inspiration.

Tourmaline- Often associated with balance, protection, and happiness.

Fun National Days in October

October 1 - International Coffee Day ☕❤️

October 2 - International Day of Non-Violence 🕊️💙

October 4 - World Animal Day 🐾❤️

October 5 - World Teachers' Day 🍎📚

October 10 - World Mental Health Day 🧡🧠

October 11 - International Day of the Girl 🧒💜

October 14 - National Dessert Day 🍰🍪 (U.S.)

October 16 - World Food Day 🌍🍎

October 17 - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 🙌💙

October 20 - International Chefs Day 🍳👨🍳🍴

October 24 - United Nations Day 🌍🙌

October 25 - World Pasta Day 🍝❤️

October 29 - National Cat Day 🐱💛 (U.S.)

October 30 - National Checklist Day ✅📝 (U.S.)

October 31 - Halloween 🎃👻🕸️



Photo:
Marigold



Photo:
Cosmos

October Dates in History

October 1, 1908 - Henry Ford introduced the Model T, helping transform automobile ownership and American transportation. 🚗🇺🇸

October 4, 1957 - The Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the world's first artificial satellite, beginning the Space Age. 🚀🌍

October 5, 1962 - The first James Bond film, Dr. No, premiered in London, launching one of cinema's most enduring franchises. 🎬🍸

October 12, 1492 - Christopher Columbus and his expedition reached an island in the Caribbean, marking the beginning of sustained European contact with the Americas. 🚢🌍

October 16, 1923 - The Walt Disney Company was founded by Walt Disney and Roy O. Disney, eventually becoming one of the world's most influential entertainment companies. 🎬🏰✨

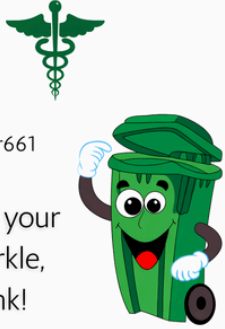
October 24, 1945 - The United Nations officially came into existence following the ratification of its founding Charter. 🌍🙌🕊️

October 29, 1929 - The U.S. stock market experienced the infamous "Black Tuesday" crash, intensifying the economic crisis of the Great Depression. 📉💰

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REFRESHMENTS/SOCIAL IN THE LODGE: 2:15 - 4:00



However you decorate,

Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas, or anything unique,
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If you enjoy holiday decorating, please consider **volunteering**
to show your home for the tour this year. Just contact the club
members if you are interested or would like more information.



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