THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS

NOVEMBER 2026



Lodge Hours of Operation:
Monday-Thursday: 8am-7:30pm
Friday: 8am-10pm
Saturday: 8am-6pm
Sunday: 12pm - 6pm

Outdoor Amenities & Gym:
Monday-Sunday:
5am-10pm

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Board Meeting Recap –October 28, 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.

K. HOVNANIAN'S® FOUR SEASONS AT BAKERSFIELD

Winter Hours

Effective November 1st to March 31st

Lodge

Mon. - Thur: 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fri. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sat. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Lodge Gym & Exterior

Mon. - Sun. 5 a.m. - 10 p.m.

President's Message

As we begin the holiday season, let's make safety a part of every celebration. A little planning can help protect you, your loved ones, and those around you.

Travel Safely: Buckle up, avoid distractions, and allow extra time to reach your destination.

Decorate with Care: Inspect lights and cords, avoid overloading electrical outlets, and turn off decorations before going to bed. Never leave candles unattended.

Cook Attentively: Stay nearby while cooking, and keep pets and flammable items away from hot surfaces.

Look Out for One Another: Periodically check in on neighbors who may be spending the holidays alone.

Porch Pirates: If you are expecting packages to be delivered to your home, use the tracking app to monitor their delivery status. If you need to step away, ask a neighbor to secure your package, or consider having it delivered to a local distribution center.

Mail Theft: This is the time of year when we typically see an increase in mail theft. Check your mailbox daily and retrieve your mail as soon as possible after delivery. If you are mailing items and using the outgoing mail slot, try to drop them off as close as possible to the mail carrier's scheduled arrival time to help ensure they are picked up that same day.

Vehicles Blocking Sidewalks: Many of our residents enjoy exercising and walking throughout the community. Some residents have mobility challenges and rely on clear, even sidewalks to get around safely. During my morning walks, I frequently encounter vehicles that encroach on or completely block the sidewalks. Blocking any portion of the sidewalk creates a safety hazard for your neighbors and is a violation of community rules. Please be considerate and park your vehicles as close to your garage as possible, ensuring that no part of your vehicle extends onto the sidewalk. This includes any attachments, such as trailer hitches.

Overwatering Your Backyard: We have received numerous work orders from residents reporting flooding in their front yards. When investigating these reports, our irrigation technician has found that many of the water issues actually originate in homeowners' backyards. Excess water enters the backyard drains and flows through the drainage system, eventually exiting through the drains in the front yards and causing flooding. Now that summer has ended, this is a good time to reduce your sprinkler watering days and run times.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season!

God Bless,

Lorenzo Alvarez

President, Board of Directors

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report - September 30, 2026

	Current Month	Prior Month
ASSETS		
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	$ 63,254.41	$ 153,879.74 $
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	$ 1,807,410.88	1,834,744.75 $
Total Accounts Receivable (AR)	$ 62,830.40	59,136.86 $
CPA Allowance for doubful Accounts	$ (36,080.00)	(36,080.00) $
Unfunded Reserves	$ 78,989.20	116,207.53 $
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	$ 47,936.34	47,936.34
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 2,024,341.23**	**$ 2,175,825.22**
LIABILITIES		
PrePaid Dues	$ 59,478.84	$ 64,740.22
Other Payable	$ 442.11	$ 442.11
Owner refunds	$ 762.99	$ 762.99
Move Out Refundable	$ -	$ 1,000.00
Accrued Expense	$ 5,087.09	$ 56,215.00
Unfunded Reserves	$ 78,989.20	$ 116,207.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$ 144,760.23**	**$ 239,367.85**
Reserve Equity	**$ 1,807,410.88**	**$ 1,834,744.75**
Other Equity	**$ 72,170.12**	**$ 102,712.62 $**
TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY	**$ 2,024,341.23**	**2,176,825.22**

	Current Month	Year to Date
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	**$217,625.65**	**$2,083,383.24**
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	**$248,168.15**	**$2,078,316.59**
ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)	**($30,542.50)**	**$5,066.65**

RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL	Current Month	Prior Month
Account Balance	$ 1,807,410.88	~~$ 1,834,744.75~~
Reserve Study @ 100%	$ 3,597,603.00	$ 3,597,603.00
Current Percent Funded	**50.2%**	**51.0%**

ADDED SIGNIFICANCE

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	$ (36,080.00)	per 2025 Audit
Delinquencies - As of 9-30-26	$62,830.40	
Five accounts at attorney	$46,535.01	
One account Liened	$3,685.53	
Five accounts Pre Lien Notice Review	$8,303.15	
Six accounts sent Courtesy Notice	$2,963.18	
Seventeen accounts being monitored	$1,240.57	

Pool Heating Season Reminder

As we approach the end of the pool heating season, please be reminded that November 30th will be the last day the pool will be heated for the season.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of the remaining time to enjoy the heated pool before the seasonal heating schedule comes to an end.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We appreciate your continued support and hope you enjoy the pool during these final weeks of the season!



A Season of Gratitude

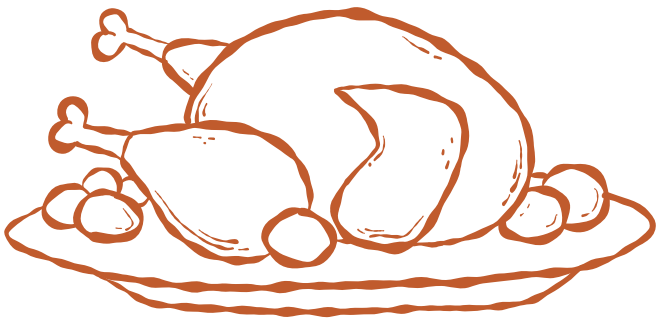
November is a time to slow down, reflect, and appreciate the many blessings in our lives. As we gather with family and friends for the Thanksgiving holiday, it is also a wonderful opportunity to recognize the little things that make our Four Seasons community so special.

It may be a friendly wave from a neighbor during a morning walk, a conversation over coffee, a helping hand when someone needs it, or the friendships formed through clubs and community activities. These everyday moments remind us that a community is about much more than the homes we live in. It is about the people who make it feel like home.

As we enter the holiday season, let's remember that gratitude doesn't always require grand gestures. Sometimes, a simple thank-you, a kind word, or taking a moment to check on a neighbor can make someone's day a little brighter.

May we continue to appreciate one another, celebrate our friendships, and find joy in the many things we share.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and gratitude!





Social Committee
Sherry Davis, Chairperson







Autumn Nights 2026
A beautiful Fall evening with neighbors, friends, and our favorite entertainer, Isaiah Morfin!























"OH WHAT A NIGHT"

Over the years, Four Seasons residents and friends have morphed into an exceptional array of characters in celebration of Halloween. "GATSBY 2026", what just happened??!!!

This theme was taken to heart more than any other in recent memory. Everyone did their homework and everyone was exquisite. There were sequins in every color and design and there were hemlines from here to there. But when the gents entered the room, eyebrows were raised. They took dapper to a new level.

Many thanks to resident Bill Peloquin who provided a selection of tunes that energized guests and kept them on the dance floor until the final minute.

Congratulations go out to Vivian Issak who took the prize for best table decoration. The best dressed female award went to Gloria Birdsall and best dressed male was awarded to Larry Hansen.

A special thanks to the Social Committee, Sue Hollingsworth, Pam King and Ginny Krebs and those who take their time to assist out of the greatness of their hearts. I love you all.

See you soon.





















Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club Presents the

5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY *Home Tour*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2026

$20 Cash ONLY
Tickets can be purchased in advance from club members.
Deadline to purchase is Monday, December 7th.

Visit 4 decorated Four Seasons Homes, enjoy refreshments and social time in the Lodge Ballroom

Profit from this event supports the emancipated foster youth at
The Dream Center

For more information or tickets contact
Margaret DeArmond- (661)304-0093
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THE DREAM CENTER IN BAKERSFIELD IS A LOCAL NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGH FOOD ASSISTANCE, CLOTHING, OUTREACH PROGRAMS, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT. THEIR MISSION IS TO BRING HOPE AND MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY.

FOUR SEASON'S

Pottery Class



Tuesday Nov. 17th

Christmas in Nov.

Invite a friend!

For this class, you will be creating 2 different size trees with step-by-step instructions. 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.

When	*Time*	*Location*	*Cost*
Tues., Nov. 17th	5:30-7:30pm	Arts/Crafts Room	$40 cash or check is accepted

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.

Where's the Messenger?







HAPPY Anniversary

Michael and Betty Marquez recently celebrated their 29th anniversary on the Canadian Rocky Mountaineer train. They renewed their vows at the Jasper honeymoon cottage.

Help Keep Our Community Clean

A friendly reminder to all homeowners: Please do not dispose of personal household trash in the community trash cans. These trash cans are intended for litter picked up in common areas and for the convenience of residents enjoying our shared spaces.

When personal household garbage is placed in these cans, they can quickly overflow, create unpleasant odors, attract pests, and make our community less clean and inviting for everyone.

We kindly ask all homeowners to dispose of their household trash in their own designated trash bins and follow the community's waste disposal guidelines.

By working together and being considerate of our neighbors, we can help keep our community clean, attractive, and enjoyable for all residents. Thank you for your cooperation and for doing your part to maintain a beautiful community!



BENTLEY BOWL

What began as a passion for bringing people together through food has grown into an award-winning California soul food brand. Founded during the pandemic, Bakersfield-based Bentley Bowl was created to recreate the warmth and connection of family gatherings through meals that celebrate culture, tradition, and community.

The journey started with chicken. Bentley spent four years perfecting the brand's signature fried chicken, determined to create the perfect balance of crispy, juicy, and flavorful without being overly greasy, salty, or heavy. That dedication to quality became the foundation for a larger vision: traditional soul food with a fresh West Coast twist.

Bentley Bowl's signature Red Bowls feature Southern favorites such as crispy fried chicken, creamy macaroni and cheese, seasoned greens, buttery sweet potatoes, and cornbread. The menu blends the comfort of home cooking with fresh ingredients and thoughtful preparation. The team partners with local farms and a local butcher, prioritizing quality and freshness in every meal. Its colorful Sippin' Swae drinks add another distinctive touch to the experience.

Family is at the heart of everything Bentley Bowl does. Inspired by generations of Sunday dinners, holiday celebrations, and treasured family recipes, the business brings multiple generations together in the kitchen. From Auntie Ora and cousin Chef Maison to Mom and Dad, family members contribute to the daily operation, carrying forward traditions that have shaped the brand. Their annual Thanksgiving gathering, which brings together more than 200 people and features over 60 dishes, reflects the deep connection between food and family.

Beyond the menu, Bentley Bowl is committed to creating opportunities for young people through hands-on training, mentorship, and entrepreneurship. The team hopes to help the next generation build skills, confidence, and leadership while developing a lasting family legacy.

Proud of its Bakersfield roots, Bentley Bowl has ambitions that extend far beyond its hometown. Its dream is to make its signature Red Bowls as recognizable, accessible, and loved as a taco while introducing soul food to a new generation.

For Bentley Bowl, success is about more than serving a delicious meal. It is about honoring the past, embracing innovation, and creating experiences that bring people together. Every bowl represents a piece of the family's history, culture, and passion for sharing good food.

That's California Soul Food. That's Bentley Bowl. That's the Soul of the Bowl.







Architectural Review Committee (ARC)
Florn Core, Chair

Spas

From the onset of autumn and into the winter, there are thoughts of enjoying your favorite adult beverage while soaking in your own backyard hot tub or spa. The warm sensation of using hydrotherapy to ease aching muscles and joints after a day of pickleball matches (or gymnastics and marathons) can make for a relaxing evening outdoors. A spa can also be referred to as a Jacuzzi or hot tub. Spa installations do require ARC approval and are subject to common-sense requirements and Four Seasons HOA standard conditions. ARC applications should include detailed photos and plan views showing the exact location of the installation.

General rules for spa installations include the following: Spas must not be located where they can be seen from the Common Area. The water's edge must be at least 5 feet from any property line, including the Common Area boundary. Spas must not be installed in a manner that could cause damage to Association property, including walls, fences, or streets. All equipment, wiring conduits, wiring, water fill lines, and other components required for the installation must be concealed from view from the Common Area.









Fire rings/ pits

Picture yourself cozying up with your favorite person, sitting around a fire pit or ring, taking the edge off those famous Bakersfield foggy winter evenings. You gaze into the fire's unsteady, wavering light as the warm, rich flames dance and glimmer in yellow-orange tones, creating a comforting glow. OK—now imagine the sound of a needle scratching across a vinyl record, interrupting the mood…

Before you even think of lighting a fire, you should consult with the City Fire Department to check the latest municipal codes regarding the installation and use of your fire ring or pit, whether permanent or portable and fueled by propane, natural gas, or wood. These requirements apply to any pit or container with an open flame. The new code was passed by the City in 2023.

Generally, fire rings and pits are allowed at Four Seasons with ARC approval. Fire ring and pit requirements, as specified by City Code, include a maximum diameter of 3 feet and a minimum distance of 10 feet from any structure. Under Four Seasons rules, fire rings and pits must not be visible from the Common Area. This includes any natural gas or propane piping and supply lines.

A natural gas line from the home must have a shut-off valve where it exits the house, as well as a shut-off valve at the pit. City Code (and common sense) requires that an open-flame fire be attended at all times and fully extinguished when not in use.

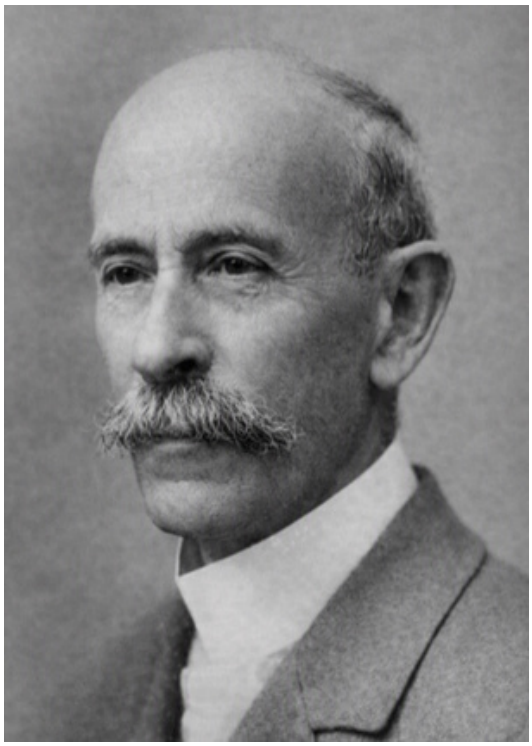
Autumn: 'Tis The Season For Voting and Honoring Veterans, Part 2 Submitted by Kitty DeArmond , Resident

Andersonville Prison

Officially named Camp Sumter, Andersonville held more prisoners than any of the other Confederate military prisons. It was surrounded by a fifteen-foot high stockade wall. Although it was only in operation for fourteen months, some 45,000 Union soldiers were imprisoned there. Due to overcrowding, disease, poor sanitation, malnutrition and exposure, some 13,000 prisoners did not survive their captivity.

Again from battlefields.org: "During July and August 1865, Clara Barton, along with a detachment of laborers and soldiers, and former prisoner Dorence Atwater, came to Andersonville cemetery to identify and mark the graves of the Union dead. As a prisoner at Andersonville, Atwater had been assigned to record the names of deceased Union soldiers for confederate prison officials. Fearing the loss of the death records at war's end, Atwater made his own copy of the register in hopes of notifying the relatives of the more than 12,000 dead interred at Andersonville. Thanks to Atwater's list, and the Confederate death records captured at the end of the War, only 460 of the Andersonville graves had to be marked "Unknown U.S. Soldier."

A Local Veteran Who Survived Andersonville:



Perhaps one of the prisoners at Andersonville Prison who had voted with a bean in 1860 was Abram W. Storms, (1843-1924) a Kern County Resident and Civil War Veteran. According to his obituary published in the May 18, 1924 issue of The Bakersfield Morning Echo:

"Abram was born in Chelsea, Michigan in 1843 where he enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War and served with Company K, Fourth Michigan Infantry. He served in the ranks of the Army of the Potomac, being assigned to the Fifth Corps under General George Gordon Meade. Mr. Storms bore an honorable part in all the battles in Virginia and Maryland, including Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and the campaign leading up to Gettysburg, where he was taken prisoner near Round Top on the second day of this sanguinary fight. Mr. Storms was taken South with other Union prisoners by Lee's army on the retreat, and lacking one month and two days, spent the next two years wholly in a Confederate prison.

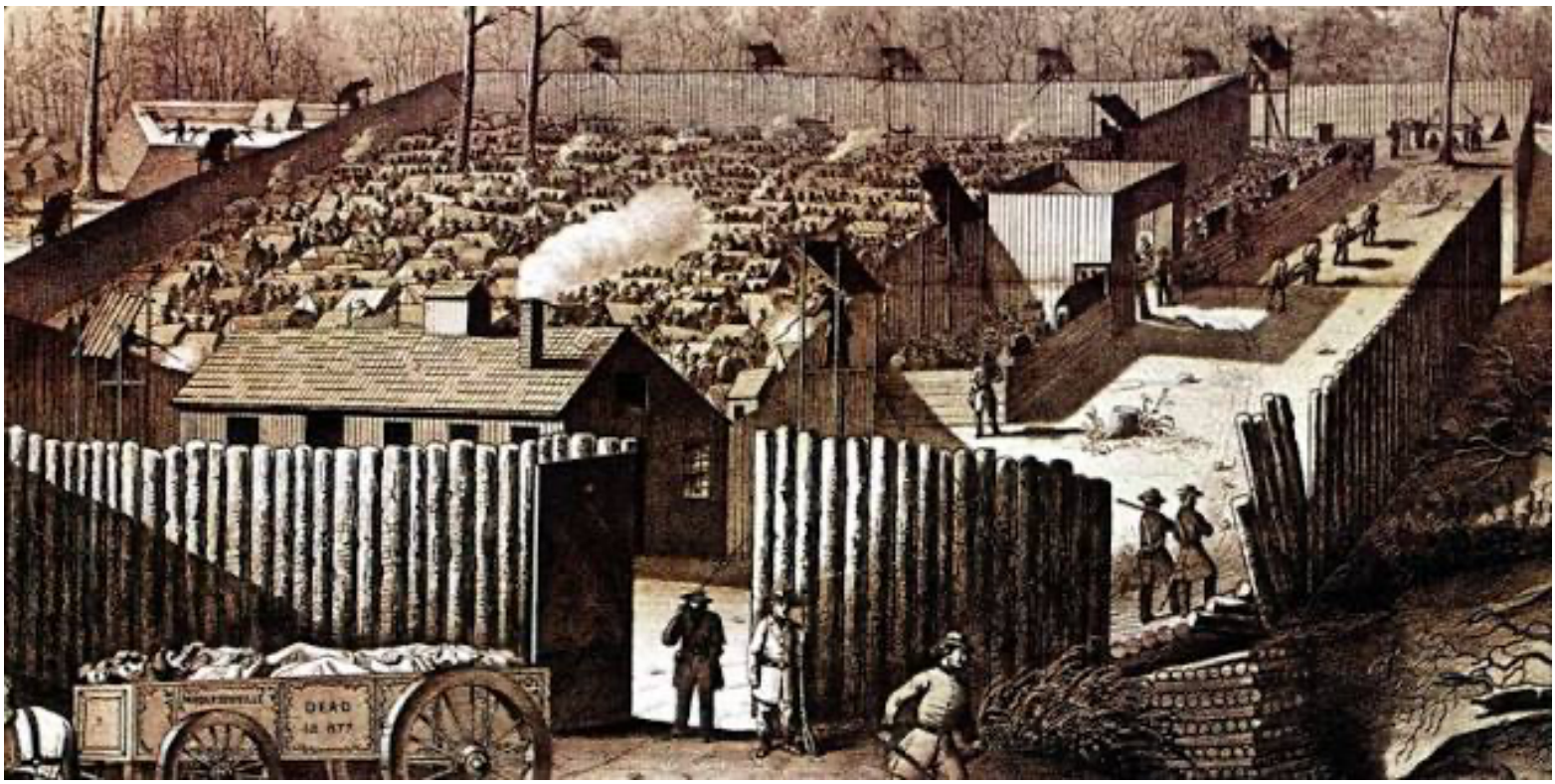
Autumn, 'Tis The Season For Voting and Honoring Veterans, Part 2 Cont.

He was imprisoned at Andersonville for 15 months, and was also confined to Belle Isle, Thomasville, Macon and other famous prisons.

"After the Civil War, he settled in Bakersfield in 1888 and joined the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) post soon thereafter, becoming one of the leading G.A.R. men of the state.

He was taken prisoner on the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg and held captive during the rest of the war. During his imprisonment in Andersonville, Georgia, Storms had the painful experience of witnessing the death of the thirty-five comrades who had been taken with him. They died one by one until he was released.

"The deceased was an active member of the Hurlbut Post, G.A.R. No. 127 of this city. He had served as commander and for the latter part of his life as quarter master of that organization."



Andersonville Prison

Did you know?

Today, the Andersonville site includes the remains of the historic prison along with a prisoner of war museum and a national cemetery where Union soldiers who died at the camp are buried.

K. HOVNANIAN'S FOUR SEASONS AT BAKERSFIELD



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn
1	2 Recreational Pickleball **8am** Dance Fitness **8am & 5:45pm** Koffee Klatch **8:30am** Chair Exercise **9am** Chair Yoga **9:30am** Pinochle **1pm**	3 Pickleball **8am & 6pm** 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 **6pm**	4 Recreational Pi Dance Fitness 8 Chair Yoga **9am** Mah Jongg Clu Canasta **1pm**
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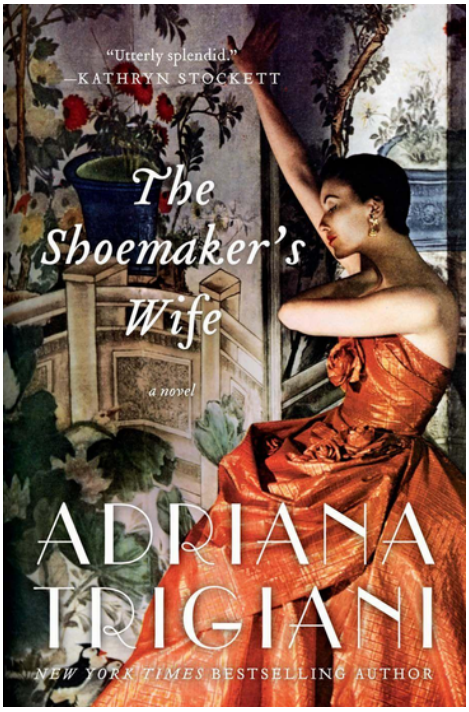
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Book Club
Sharon Lash (Club Leader)

The Shoemaker's Wife by Adriana Trigiani is a historical romance about Enza Ravanelli and Ciro Lazzari, two young Italians whose lives are shaped by love, hardship, and immigration. After meeting in the Italian Alps, they eventually travel to America to build better futures. Enza works in the garment industry, while Ciro becomes a skilled shoemaker. Despite facing separation, loss, and many challenges, their love continues to endure. The novel explores themes of family, sacrifice, perseverance, and the power of love. It shows how courage and determination can help people overcome obstacles and find happiness.



We are collecting large print books to start a new section in our library! If you have any large print books you would like to donate, please drop them off at the library. Your donations will help us expand our collection and make reading more accessible to everyone.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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 November 11th at 11:00 a.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room.

Sunset Cruisers
Sharon Gutierrez (Club Leader)

Happy Fall, everyone!

The weather is cooling down, making it a great time to go for a cruise! I've seen many of you out and about enjoying the cooler weather. We'll meet again on Monday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m. Hopefully, the outdoor holiday decorations will be up for us to enjoy as we cruise around. We'll have a social gathering afterward.

If you're new, feel free to text me or simply show up! Don't have a cart? No problem! We're happy to give you a ride.

Hope to see you there!

Sharon Gutierrez (661) 809-2450



Hearts Go On
Debby Cline (Club Leader)

The Hearts Go On grief group met three times in October. 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.

November Meeting: November 13th

Crafter's Club

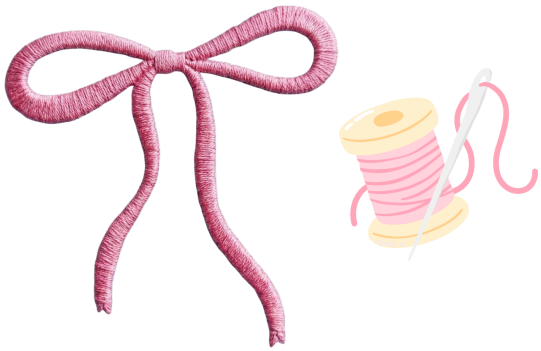
Nancy McKenry (Club Leader)

Crafters 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 pages for her children. Diane is crocheting unique squares for her afghan. Mary is quilting and crocheting. Teresa has started a new sweater that she is knitting from the top down. Nancy is weaving in the loose ends of her never-ending afghan, and Jeannie is crocheting a scarf.

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, November 10th at 1:00 pm in the Lodge Craft Room.

All community members are always welcome to attend.

Margaret DeArmond – (661) 304-0093 – mdearmond@mac.com
Donna Holtzclaw – (661) 303-6649 – donnaholtzclaw@yahoo.com

Karaoke Club

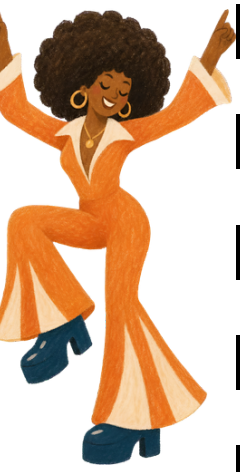
Janice Scanlan (Club Leader)

We hope that you took the month of October off to polish your motorcycle boots, penny loafers or saddle shoes and to find just the right amount of butch wax or aqua net to put on your hair. It's time to cuff your blue jean pant legs and roll up your t-shirt sleeves or don your poodle skirts and join us November 21 for a karaoke salute to the music of the 1950s. This is a can't-miss event. And, of course, there will be libations. While there were many signature cocktails from the 1950s, the overwhelming favorite seems to be mai tais. See you at 6 p.m. on the 21st.











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.

Water Volleyball
Debbe Myers (Club Leader)

Our water volleyball games have been a blast this year!!! New friendships have been made along with lots of fun and laughter while getting in some great exercise! So sorry that this season is coming to an end. Our last day to play water volleyball will be Sunday, November 1st, weather permitting of course. If you want to join in on all the fun before the season ends come join us on Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Sundays at 4:00pm.

Thanking everyone who joined in this season to make it such a fun time. We will resume again next Spring in May.
Here's to many more water antics!



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.

Veterans' Club
Steve West (Club Leader)
Submitted by Penny Martinez

Our 5th Annual Veterans' Dinner was held on October 6 at Four Seasons Lodge, bringing veterans together for an evening of food, laughter, music, and fellowship. Guests enjoyed a delicious catered dinner by Hodel's, plenty of good-natured ribbing among the branches of service, and music by the Veteran Family Band. Their songs celebrated resilience, camaraderie, and patriotism, reflecting the unique experiences and emotions of life in America.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the management and staff at Four Seasons Lodge for their outstanding service and support in making our dinner a success. Your hospitality truly made a difference!

Check out the Veteran Family Band on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/veteransfamilyband/

Honoring Those Who Served

As we observe Veterans Day on November 11, let us express our deepest gratitude to the brave men and women who have answered our nation's call. Their courage, dedication, and sacrifices have helped protect our freedoms and preserve our way of life.

Every veteran has a story worth honoring, and we are forever grateful to all who have served and to those currently serving in our armed forces.
As Paul Tsongas said, "America is hope. It is compassion. It is excellence. It is valor."

Our Next Veterans Gathering

Date: November 11 — Veterans Day-Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Spencer's Café, 3401 Mall View Road
Join us for another opportunity to enjoy fellowship, share stories, and honor our veterans. We look forward to seeing you there!
God bless our veterans, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

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), offering rides and meal deliveries, walking pets for residents who are recovering, bring newsletters to homebound neighbors, and assisting 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 has been busy! We celebrated our second anniversary with a party. Our club started out small and has grown to over 40 members! We often welcome new players who want to learn this fabulous game.

If you are interested in learning how to play American Mah Jongg and would like to join the fun, please contact me at the number below to schedule a lesson.

We meet in the Lodge Game Room on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our club follows the rules of the National Mah Jongg League (NMJL). Players of all skill levels are welcome. Hope to see you at the table!

Charlene Kwek
(661) 809-2316









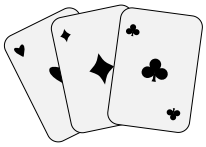
Afternoon Bunco Club
Debbie Baker (Club Leader)

The club will gather on Tuesday, November 10th, 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 November gathering will open on November 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

On a cool October morning, while enjoying a walk through our beautiful community, I noticed a big, beautiful, blue-eyed fur baby across the street enjoying her morning stroll. I just had to get to know her! So, I asked the young man wearing a neck brace, Marc Schulman, if he would mind having her featured in our November 2026 newsletter. With the warmest smile, despite being in such discomfort, he introduced himself and happily agreed.

This elegant, warm, and charming fur baby is Kelev. Marc made sure I spelled her name correctly (smile). She is Marc's traveling companion and is wonderful with children. She doesn't mind road trips, as long as there are dog parks along the way! Kelev is a nine-year-young Alaskan Husky who has made Marc's house her home. Marc soon discovered just how quickly floor tile can begin to look like indoor carpeting when Kelev starts to shake and shed! She is somewhat of a rescue, having been taken in from a friend of a friend (we know how that goes!). If you scratch her ears or offer her a treat, she'll do just about anything.

Kelev is always ready to run at the drop of a hat—or whenever she gets the chance to slip out the front door or through an unattended gate! During her younger years, she was known to take a few adventures through our Four Seasons neighborhood. So, if you happen to see her out and about without Marc, you'll know she is one of our Four Seasons family members. Marc sometimes wonders who trained whom!

I would also like to share a little encouragement with those of you who have lost a beloved fur baby, especially those who have had to make the difficult decision to say goodbye. Although no pet can ever be replaced, many of us are fortunate enough to welcome a new addition into our homes, bringing back some of that love, companionship, and warmth that only a fur baby can give. Each one leaves paw prints on our hearts, and the love they bring into our lives is truly a special gift.







Ladies Luncheon
Annette Harder (Club Leader)

The Barlow House was built in 1909 for the Barlow family. In 1966, the Guild House purchased the property. After initially operating a tea room, the Guild House began serving formal lunches. The home is one of Bakersfield's finest examples of early Craftsman architecture. In 1992, the Guild House was designated a historic landmark on the Bakersfield Register of Historic Places.

What a treat it was to admire the Tiffany glass chandeliers, the dragon-carved fireplace with its original blue tile, and enjoy a marvelous lunch! This year, thirty ladies experienced the Guild House for the first time, and it certainly did not disappoint. A big thank-you to Charlene for organizing this wonderful outing.

Our next outing will be Friday, November 20, at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at Locale Farm to Table, located at 1727 18th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Our hostess will be Jan Smith. The cost is $31 per person, payable when you sign up.

I will also pass around a sign-up sheet for next year's outings, so start thinking about which month you would like to share your favorite restaurant with the group!









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Bakersfield Community Events for November

November 5 – Concerts at The Marketplace: Izzy Foster & The Flyboys – The Marketplace, Bakersfield – 7:00–9:00 PM (Free)
November 7 – Journey USA – Historic Bakersfield Fox Theater – 8:00 PM
November 7 – Texas Tornado Tradition – The Nile Theater, Bakersfield – 8:00 PM
November 11 – Kern County Museum Fall Lecture Series – Kern County Museum, Historic Standard School – 6:00 PM (Free)
November 12 – Concerts at The Marketplace: Low-Key Famous – The Marketplace, Bakersfield – 7:00–9:00 PM (Free)
November 13 – Nutcracker! Magical Christmas Ballet – Historic Bakersfield Fox Theater – 7:00 PM
November 14 – Kern Oil Festival – Stramler Park, Bakersfield – 10:00 AM–3:00 PM (Free admission)
November 15 – 20th Anniversary of the Bakersfield Country Music Awards – The Nile Theater, Bakersfield – 1:00 PM
November 19 – Concerts at The Marketplace: Foster Campbell & Friends – The Marketplace, Bakersfield – 7:00–9:00 PM (Free)
November 23 – Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? – Historic Bakersfield Fox Theater – 7:00 PM
November 27 – Becky Robinson's: Holiday Spectacular – Historic Bakersfield Fox Theater – 8:00
November 28 - January 2- Holiday Lights at CALM
Closed Christmas Day

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
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

NOVEMBER FUN FACTS

Horoscope

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) & Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Flower

Chrysanthemum – Represents joy, optimism, longevity, friendship, and abundance.
Peony – Represents prosperity, honor, good fortune, and happiness.

Gemstone

Topaz – Associated with love, abundance, and good fortune.
Citrine – Often associated with happiness, positivity, and prosperity.



Photo: Chrysanthemum

Fun National Days in November

November 1 – World Vegan Day 🌱💚
November 1 – National Authors' Day ✍️📚 (U.S.)
November 5 – World Tsunami Awareness Day 🌊💙
November 8 – National Cappuccino Day ☕🤎 (U.S.)
November 11 – Veterans Day 🇺🇸❤️ (U.S.)
November 13 – World Kindness Day 🫶💛
November 14 – World Diabetes Day 💙🩺
November 15 – America Recycles Day ♻️🌎 (U.S.)
November 19 – International Men's Day 💙👨
November 20 – World Children's Day 🧸💙
November 21 – World Television Day 📺🍿
November 26 – Thanksgiving Day 🦃🍂 (U.S., 2026)
November 27 – Black Friday 🛍️🖤 (U.S., 2026)
November 28 – Small Business Saturday 🛍️❤️ (U.S., 2026)
November 30 – National Computer Security Day 💻🔒



Photo: Peony

November Dates in History

November 4, 1922 – British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the entrance to the tomb of Tutankhamun in Egypt, leading to one of archaeology's most famous discoveries. 🏺🔎🇪🇬

November 9, 1989 – The Berlin Wall opened, allowing people to cross between East and West Berlin and becoming a powerful symbol of the end of the Cold War. 🧱🌍🕊️

November 11, 1918 – An armistice took effect, ending the fighting in World War I on the Western Front and inspiring annual remembrance ceremonies around the world. 🕊️🌺🎖️

November 19, 1863 – President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address during the American Civil War, giving one of the most famous speeches in U.S. history. 🇺🇸📜🗣️

November 20, 1945 – The Nuremberg Trials began in Germany, bringing leading Nazi officials to justice for crimes committed during World War II. ⚖️🌍🕊️

November 22, 1963 – U.S. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, shocking the nation and changing the course of American history. 🇺🇸🕯️

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A Few More Homes Are Needed

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club's

Annual Holiday Home Tour

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026

HOME TOUR: 1:00 - 2:15

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



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