



# K.Hovnanian's Four Seasons Sentinel

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## THE LODGE AT BEAUMONT

HOURS: 7 a.m.—9 p.m. • 7 DAYS A WEEK

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## 'Supermajority' Ballot Mailing Expected in June

By Leighton McLaughlin

Ballots seeking repeal of the restrictive "supermajority" provision of the Four Seasons Beaumont CC&Rs are expected to be mailed to homeowners in late June.

Some 175 residents attended a Town Hall Meeting conducted by the Rules and Regulations Committee on May 18 to explain the need for the change. Committee Member Len Tavernetti gave a slide presentation outlining both the problems being addressed and the process of making the change.

A question period followed and the Board of Directors is reviewing the homeowner comments to decide whether further explanation is needed, if the proposal needs modification or if the vote can be taken without further delay.

During the question period, Committee Chairperson Louise Lyon, Board President Jacque Sneddon and Tavernetti fielded questions from the audience. They said the change

is badly needed to allow our community to operate properly and adapt as it grows and changes.

Currently, the CC&Rs require a 67 percent majority of all households – not just those voting, but of all households currently completed in our community – to approve any amendment. Tavernetti said in previous attempts to amend, less than 67 percent of the households voted at all and despite an overwhelming 80



Louise Lyon opened Town Hall meeting on Supermajority.  
On left Len Tavernetti, on right Jacque Snetty

percent approval of those voting, the measures failed because of resident apathy. The 67 percent threshold was not reached and the vote didn't count.

"A failure to vote is the same as a no vote," said Tavernetti. "Residents who don't care enough to return their mailed ballots become the 'super minority'," he said, "able to frustrate the will of a large majority of homeowners."

The proposed amendment would reduce the 67 percent to a simple majority of 50 percent plus one -- again of all households, not just those voting. There would be no change to the lengthy process of preparing the amendment, having it reviewed by Rules and Regulations Committee and any other involved committee, reviewed again by association lawyers and carefully discussed by the community before being put to a vote.

Lyon, Sneddon and Tavernetti all said many objections to the amendment were based on confusion between state law governing developments like Four Seasons, the CC&Rs, the Bylaws and Community Guidelines. For example, two

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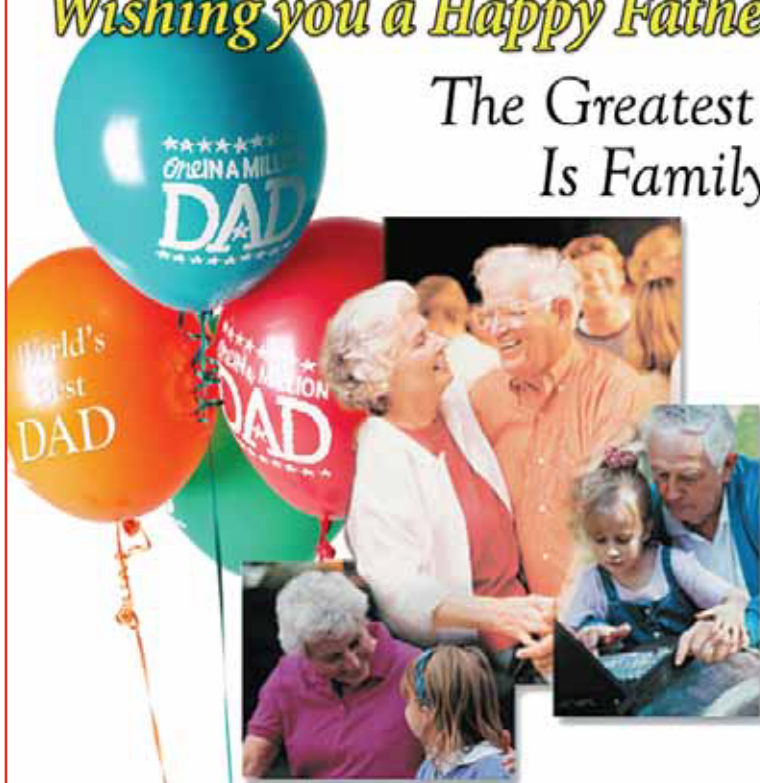
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**June:** 

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Starting @ 1pm
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm

 **July:**

July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Starting @ 1pm
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm

**August:**

August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Starting @ 1pm
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Starting @ 5pm

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\*Doors will close at the start of the Early Game.*

*\*Wednesday Nights, doors open at 5 p.m.*

- Early-Bird Game starts at 5:50 p.m.
- Regular Games start at 6:00 p.m.

*Sunday Afternoon, doors open at 1 p.m.*

- Early-Bird Game starts at 1:50 p.m.
- Regular Games start at 2:00 p.m.

# Taste d'Vine Wine Club

## French Wines Part 1



**Our next meeting is:**  
Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

**We meet in the Ballroom.**  
**Please remember to bring two (2) glasses & an appetizer.**

**Monthly Member Dues:**  
\$5 for members &  
\$8 for guests.

**For more information and to inquire about Membership, contact**  
**Anita Worthen**  
**(951) 769-9858**



Performing Arts "Karaoke Night" at the Bistro. Come out & join the fun! If you love to sing or even just to enjoy great company this is the night for YOU!

Just drive on over to the Bistro, order a delicious meal, and enjoy the amazing atmosphere all around.

## "Karaoke Night" Saturday, June 12

**From 5:00 pm-8:30 pm**



## Sunday at the Amphitheater Sunday, June 20th, 2010

**Join us for the beginning of the 2010 Amphitheater Concert Series.**

**ONLY ONE SHOW TIME: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

**NO TICKETS REQUIRED**

**IT IS FIRST COME, FIRST SEATED.**

**Bring a back rest or stadium seat for ledge seating.**

**Come enjoy a wonderful summer evening of free entertainment!**

**Moonlight socializing was never this much fun!**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY:**

**BIG MAGIC NIGHT"**

**featuring members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians Along with our own "Magic Men" John Horning & Colin Taylor Come and see what or who disappears!!**

**\*Smitty's will be staying open until 6 p.m. & will be offering picnic boxed dinners to enjoy during the concert.**

**REMEMBER Plastic containers ONLY!**  
**Feel free to bring food, snacks, etc.**  
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We are sorry to inform you that our Stylist Cearrle, will not be working with us at our Salon. She had to resign due to illness in her family.



*K. Hovnanian's Four Seasons at Beaumont Fitness Club Announces:*

## PRO-FIT SCHEDULE~JUNE 2010

<b>Monday</b>	Conditioning	<b>8:30 am</b>	Aerobics Room
<b>Monday</b>	Beginners Conditioning	<b>9:30 am</b>	Aerobics Room
<b>Monday</b>	H2O	<b>10:30 am</b>	Pool
<b>Tuesday</b>	Step & Burn	<b>8:30 am</b>	Aerobics Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gentle Yoga	<b>9:30am</b>	Aerobics Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	ZUMBA Gold	<b>5:45 pm</b>	Aerobics Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	Conditioning	<b>8:30 am</b>	Aerobics Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	Beginners Conditioning	<b>9:30am</b>	Aerobics Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	H2O	<b>10:30 am</b>	Pool
<b>Thursday</b>	Pilates	<b>8:30 am</b>	Aerobics Room
<b>Thursday</b>	ZUMBA Gold	<b>9:30am</b>	Aerobics room
<b>Thursday</b>	Kicking-boxing	<b>5:45pm</b>	Aerobics room
<b>Friday</b>	Conditioning	<b>8:30 am</b>	Aerobics Room
<b>Friday</b>	Beginners Conditioning	<b>9:30 am</b>	Aerobics Room
<b>Friday</b>	H2O	<b>10:30 am</b>	Pool
<b>Saturday</b>	Gentle Yoga	<b>9:30 am</b>	Aerobics Room

### Pricing:

\$50.00 a month - Unlimited Classes  
 \$40.00 a month- 16 Classes (4 per week)  
**\$30.00 a month - Any 12 Classes**  
 \$5.00 – Class



\*All classes are subject to change due to lack of class attendance. A minimum of 10 students is needed to continue any of the above classes.

**Conditioning:** Weighted workout to music that will help improve overall strength and endurance.

**H2O Fit:** Water aerobic workout that helps increase muscular endurance, stamina and circulation without the land based impact. Offered during the months of Apr. – Nov.

**Zumba Gold:** This fun, easy, safe and effective workout is done to the rhythms of the cha - cha, mambo, meringue, salsa and more. It's great for the body and soul!

**Step & Burn:** Combination of cardio and conditioning utilizing the step and segments of light weight conditioning

**Beginners Conditioning:** Introduction to a light weighted workout done to music, designed for the individual working out for the first time or returning to exercise.

**Gentle Yoga:** Gentle Yoga encourages the mind-body connection and helps to develop focus, balance, strength and flexibility. A non-competitive environment allows each individual to move at a comfortable pace.

**Mat Pilates:** A total body workout that restores muscular balance to the core muscles of the lower back and abdominal. Enjoy the benefit of strengthening and stretching the body.

**For more information contact Program Coordinator,  
 Carmen Lopez @ (951) 892-5141.**





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- **Salmon BLT**  
With your choice of green salad or sweet potato fries. . . . **\$8.00**
- **Glazed Salmon**  
with choice of garlic mashed potatoes or sweet potato fries & green beans...**\$9.00**
- Mahi Mahi Tacos...\$6.00
- Mahi Mahi Salad...\$8.00
- **Oriental Crispy Chicken Salad**  
with sweet & sour dressing.. **\$8.00**
- **Spinach Salad**  
with grilled chicken breast & warm bacon dressing...\$8.00
- **Lobster Salad Sensation**  
with tomatoes, cucumbers & lemon wedges...\$ 8.00

**Don't Forget "Steak House Night"**  
**On the last Friday of every month!!**

## HOURS OF OPERATION (TRIAL HOURS FOR JUNE)

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Friday	8 am-7pm
Saturday	8 am-7pm
Sunday	8 am-6 pm

## **TRY OUT OUR "NEW" SANDWICHES**

1. **Chicken Club**, grilled chicken breast, avocado, honey mustard, lettuce, tomato, bacon on a whole wheat bun
2. **BBQ Chicken**, with grilled chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, BBQ Sauce, on a wheat bun
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# Route 66 Rendezvous Dinner & Dance Party

Saturday, June 19  
5:00 p.m.



In the Lodge Ballroom  
\$20.00 Per Person.  
(Remember check only)

-Games

-Prizes

-Entertainment  
& More

## Tickets On Sale NOW!!



1:00 pm: Car Show  
in the Parking Lot  
(FREE)

5:30 pm: Dinner &  
Dance PARTY!!!!  
(\$20.00 p.p)



\*Note: No one under the age of 21yrs will be permitted\*

## 4th of July Celebration!!!!

Poolside Bar-B-Que and an Awesome Patriotic Show  
in the Ballroom by The Performing Arts Club, FSB  
Poms, FSB Singers, Dueling Magicians, Comedy Act  
& Lots More

Ballroom doors open at 11 a.m.  
Lunch is from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
The Show begins at 3:00 p.m.



Residents are invited to bring a side dish to share  
and bring their own meat or purchase hamburgers  
and hotdogs from Smitty

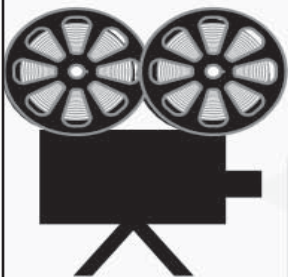
\* Dinnerware, utensils & drinks will be provided

Sign up at the Lodge to give us a head count  
There is no charge to this event!

## Photographers get your submission to the Film Festival ready!

For the 2nd Annual  
Four Seasons at Beaumont  
Independent Film Festival

### Friday June 25 & Saturday June 26th



Please  
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Saturday,  
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**Four Seasons Beaumont Independent Film Festival,**

Everyone is encouraged to **sign up** and participate in creating your very own mini-movie  
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humorous photo shots taken by you our creative residents!

\*These photos may be of the subject matter of your choosing: clubs, nature, architecture,  
animals, people or places.

•All film creations should be in a DVD format

•For additional information and suggestions see the flyer rack in the lodge for more  
details.

•For further questions please contact: Cindy Graves Activities Director at the Lodge  
(951) 769-6358. Thank You for contributing!

## Manager's Update

By Lisa Lynn, General Manager

Congratulations to Jacque Sneddon and Wayne Staples, who were reelected to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting held in April. They will both be serving two-year terms on the Board. The Board of Directors held an organizational meeting at the May 13 Open Session and the following officers were appointed: Jacque Sneddon, president; Drew Jones, vice president; Wayne Staples, treasurer; John Papazian, secretary. Loren DuChesne, Chris Courtney and Jake Rodriguez serve as directors at large.

At the Open Session Board meeting on Thursday, May 13, the Board of Directors approved committee recommendations; including the Event Systems proposal for a new theater projector, the Rules and Regulations proposal to amend the Club rules so each club has a club cocaptain and each must be in good standing, the Rules and Regulations proposal to amend the Pet rules to define excessive barking, the Rules and Regulations proposal to amend the Swimming Pool rules and signage and the Rules and Regulations proposal to allow for a designated smoking area on the Lodge grounds. The Board ratified committee members for their new term as requested by each committee chairperson. The Board also approved the proposal for two HOA sponsored events; the Fourth of July event and the Amphitheater Grand Finale, the approval to add the Cryptosporidium treatment to the pool, the approval to purchase 15 sets of water workout dumbbells, the approval for the Learning Center computer maintenance, approval of the motion picture licensing required for showing movies in the theater, approval of additional funds to have shelves in the Craft room built and the approval of the Amphitheater Society Club concert series. Overall, 38 action items were requested of Management by the Board of Directors.

Management reported to the Board the completion of maintenance items including the fire systems inspection, and the status for the mulch and tree stake placement and the progress of the Laurel paseo refurbishment project. Management reported to the Board that 19 violation letters had been sent out during April. Of those, 5 were for landscape or lot maintenance, 11 were for trash containers, 1 for a hose, and 2 for parking violations.

The Board approved the April 2010 meeting minutes and the March 2010 Financials. The Board meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month, with the Executive Session at 8 a.m. in the Lodge Conference room and the Open Session at 1 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom. The next scheduled Open Session is Thursday, June 10.

The street sweeping contract was renewed and Phase B streets were added to the scope of work. The street sweeping will continue to take place on the second Thursday of the month (hint: on board meeting day) and will now include Green Creek Trail, Pipe Springs (phase B area), Kings Canyon, Big Bend, Bridle Trail, Chimney Rock and Bartram Trail. Please have vehicles off the street on this day of the month so our street sweeping service can be effective.

## Architectural Review Committee

By Willis Fagan, Chairman

Some facts about the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) that you should know:

**ARC review:** The ARC is responsible to carefully review and either approve or deny all proposed outdoor improvements on

private property. The ARC does not review or control either the improvements on or maintenance of common areas or facilities. No precedence is established by any ARC approval and all proposals are considered on a case by case basis. Because a certain type of project is approved for one homeowner does not guarantee the same or similar type of project being approved for another.

**ARC review time limits:** The ARC has 30 days from date of receipt of a property improvement application to act upon it. The action may be to approve, deny or defer the request, or ask the homeowner for clarifications or more information. Some homeowner requests are sufficiently broad in scope as to require the ARC more time for research and discussion.

**Filing deadline:** The deadline for filing an application is noon on Monday to be considered at the ARC meeting that week. This is required to process the paper work and prepare the package of information for the ARC review.

**Neighbor conflicts:** The ARC is not the arbitrator or referee of any disagreements, disputes or conflicts between neighbors. The ARC recommends that neighbors do all they can to be both considerate of each other and to work things out to their mutual satisfaction. But if that cannot be done, then the offended neighbor(s) must submit an official written complaint, and the matter will be taken up by the Board of Directors.

Next month we'll discuss more facts concerning the ARC, so stay tuned.

## Bistro Committee

The Bistro Committee is welcoming new members Judy Topp, Suzanne Roldan and Doug Smith. Unfortunately, we have to say good-bye to our amazing, wonderful and hard working secretary, Cynthia Weck. Thank you Cynthia for your long and faithful contributions!

The Bistro Committee will be hosting another "Newcomers' Dessert and Orientation" at the Lodge for all of you new residents who would like to learn more about life at Four Seasons. There will also be tons of useful and interesting information as well as all of those necessary forms you might need, to help you with customer service warranty issues, landscaping as well as architectural forms for any improvements you might like to make on your property. Smitty will be providing the desserts, so keep your eye on the mail for an invitation giving you more information.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 1, in the Lodge Conference room at 3 p.m. Please feel free to join us. -- Cindy Graves, Euclid Representative for the Bistro Committee

## The Event Systems Committee

By Cindy Graves

The Event Systems Committee is happy to announce that thanks to the fabulous community support of the Mighty Echoes concert, we will now have nearly \$1,200 to contribute to the project fund for enhancement of the community's Ballroom audio-visual facilities, Amphitheater and other equipment needed for sound and lighting! What a great way to add value toward our long term entertainment pleasure! Thank you again for your support.

The Event Systems Committee is still looking for resident "techies" who would love to work with sound, lighting and electrical set-ups and tear downs. It's fun and fascinating and a tremendous help. Please call Roland Harrah, Committee Chairman,



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if you are interested (951) 845-1734.

The next meeting of the Event Systems Committee is June 8 at 2 p.m. in the Conference Room.

## Finance Committee

By Bob Melville, Chairman

The regular Finance Committee Meeting was held as scheduled on April 20. Initially, Bill Rusche, from the Rules and Regulations Committee, presented the Rules and Regulations Committee request that the Finance Committee attend the Town Hall Meeting regarding the proposal to modify the current CC&R amendment requirement from 67 percent approval to 50+1.

Another guest, representing a number of like-minded residents, voiced her concerns regarding perceived indifference of the Board of Directors to homeowner's concerns related to excessive HOA spending in a period of tough economic times. She cited expenditures of \$28,000 for mulch and \$12,000 to \$14,000 for library shelves as examples.

Board Member Wayne Staples and members of the Finance Committee reassured her that both the Board and the FC are also very concerned, but that the HOA continues to operate in the black. It was further noted that there is a 5 percent limit on new capital expenditures, and only 3 percent of current owners are in arrears. She was thanked for attending the meeting and presenting her concerns; she was also encouraged to attend future Committee meetings.

The Committee then reviewed and approved the minutes of the March 16 regular meeting.

General Manager Lisa Lynn then addressed two expenditures that were routed directly to the Board of Directors for approval due to time constraints: 1) \$2,677.50 to Litho Press for Guidelines Book printing. 2) \$715 to Dell Computer (through Euclid Management) for a replacement office computer.

The Committee then addressed the financial statements for March 2010. The Net Income for the month was \$66,566 and Total Reserves increased to \$1,639,773. The Front Yard expenses for March, 2010 were under the monthly budget by \$6,458. The Accounts Receivable (delinquencies) were \$120,602. Our Total HOA Expenses through March, 2010, (excluding Reserve Allocations) were \$350,837; this was under budget by \$131,352.

The Finance Committee then reviewed the association's certificates of deposit with near-term expiration dates and recommended that two CDs (maturing in June, 2010) be rolled over, money added as necessary to bring each to the \$100,000 level and reinvested at the best prevailing rate for a 9 to 12 month period. The Committee further recommended rolling over an expiring \$70,000 Springdale Reserve CD for 9 to 12 months at the best available rate. Lastly, the Committee recommended the purchase of a new CD for \$100,000 with funds taken from Operating Account 1372 (leaving over \$350,000 available in cash).

The March 2010 Financial Reports were then unanimously recommended for approval by the Board of Directors.

The FC then addressed the following proposals: 1) Funding for the Amphitheater Grand Finale event, 2) Craft Room shelving, 3) Movie license renewal and 4) Proposal for tree removal. After discussion of the above, the Finance Committee made its recommendations for the Board of Directors' consideration and the April 20 committee meeting was adjourned.

The Finance Committee conducted a subsequent special meeting on May 12 to review and make specific recommendations regarding five proposals that needed to be addressed at the May 13 Board meeting: 1.) Request from the Pool vendor to add PRS treatment to the pool due to duck droppings, 2.) Event System proposal for a replacement projector, 3.) Rules and Regulations proposal for no smoking signs, 4.) Water workout dumbbells, and 5.) Computer Room service. The Finance Committee made a specific recommendation regarding each and requested that Euclid Management carry those forward to the Board of Directors.

## Landscape Committee

By Phyllis Beede, Chairperson

The Landscape Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 19 at the Lodge.

O'Connell Landscaping said that their crews have started the spring cycle of fertilizing front yards after aeration actions for those front yards that receive HOA front yard maintenance.

O'Connell work crews are also well into their efforts of re-applying wood mulch throughout our community in the various common areas and front yard planter areas of homes that receive HOA maintenance. Also, O'Connell crews have finished installing sturdier 2" by 2" by 6' tall wood stakes to the many thin podocarpus shrubs that often grow in the front yards, either on both sides of entrances, garage openings, or both. These wood stakes, which are pressure treated against rot, should last several years and help hold up the podocarpus plants against the winds.

O'Connell Landscaping is also continuing with work in the Laurel Paseo that is aimed at correcting irrigation shortfalls, drainage problems, and placement of river rock as a landscaping element to supplement the river rock originally installed.

Landscape Contractor Brad Alms reported that he is well into the project of removing selected cottonwood trees in various common areas of our community. This project, approved by the HOA, and funded by the builder, K. Hovnanian, is aimed at removing those cottonwood trees whose invasive root systems could pose a hazard to damaging HOA or private property. Where practical and prudent, Gingko biloba trees will be used as replacement trees in selected areas.

As the new chairperson of the Landscape Committee, I look forward to continuing the efforts of making sure our community landscaping contributes to our quality of life and the beauty of our neighborhoods without unduly adding needless expenses. For these reasons, our committee continues to support, where practical, the use of drought tolerant landscaping and the practice of irrigation through water conserving methods.

The next meeting of the Landscape Committee will be Monday, June 21, at 9:00 a.m. at the Lodge

## Rules and Regulations Committee

The Rules and Regulations Committee held its monthly meeting on April 15 and approved several measures that were later adopted by the Board of Directors.

The Committee received quotes for the No Smoking/ Designated Smoking Area signs. There was discussion regarding the language for the no smoking statement on the first page of the Community Guidelines. We all agreed to expand slightly on

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the current language and add direction to the Designated Smoking Area. This proposal was approved at the Board of Directors May meeting.

The Committee approved language for an addition to club rules that calls for a designated alternate to assist captains of Four Seasons clubs. There is also an addition to the rules that require that captains and designated alternates be members in good standing in the HOA to retain their positions. The proposal was also approved at the May Board meeting.

Another proposal approved was the expansion of the barking dogs language in the Community Guidelines. The current notation regarding barking dogs has very little direction for solving problems. The Committee agreed on language that was in part from other cities and communities and will help with this problem.

The committee agreed on language for the Pool and Spa Pool signs and the rules in the Community Guidelines that needed changing, additions or deletions. The committee has been working on these changes for some time and, with Member Len Tavernetti's research, we finalized the end product. We need a required Riverside County posting of some rules and another sign for rules for our Four Seasons Beaumont community. This proposal was also approved by the Board

Len Tavernetti and Louise Lyon have met several times with General Manager Lisa Lynn of Euclid Management in the past few months to work on the CC&R Amendment Town Hall Meeting agenda. (See story on page 1) The Rules and Regulations committee would like to thank all of our communities' committees and chairpersons for so graciously allowing us to speak to the committee members. The CC&R Amendment vote is probably the most important item our community has had to consider. When you receive your ballot, please vote.

We are looking for one dedicated and committed individual to join our Committee. If anyone has any questions please ask someone on the Committee. You can pick up an application at the front desk.

The Rules and Regulations Committee meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. Guests are welcome. -- Louise Lyon, Chairperson (951) 797-3257

## Safety and Facilities Committee

Your Safety and Facilities Committee held its regular monthly meeting on April 20.

### Safety Issues:

Excess speeding: The legal speed limit inside our facility is 25 mph. New speed limit signs are being placed at strategic locations to remind owners, renters and guests of this speed limit. Also, special signs will be placed on the inbound gates as a further reminder.

Neighborhood Watch: A special meeting was held on May 13. This meeting hosted a member of the Beaumont Police Department who explained the importance of an active Neighborhood watch program. We hope many readers of the Sentinel attended this meeting.

Unmanned construction gate: We will continue to work with K. Hovnanian to make sure this gate is locked after work hours.

### Facilities Issues:

Every effort is being made by the committee to evaluate all facility items to insure they are in good operating order. Homeowner input and routine inspections will help us identify problems so we can respond with service and/or replacement in a timely manner. When you observe a problem, please advise the HOA office.

Homeowners who use our pool have complained about duck droppings in the pool. We are actively working with our pool maintenance service to recommend a safe and sanitary pool service in addition to our regular service to insure our pool water is free of bacteria.

We are continuing to evaluate proposals for reducing our energy costs. We hope to complete our evaluations by early summer and submit recommendations to the Board for their approval.

We invite homeowners to attend our June 22 meeting at 9 a.m.  
-- Jerry Thompson, Acting Chairman

## Social Committee

Been wondering about a fun thing to do on Fathers' Day weekend? Well, wonder no more, because we have the perfect mid-year extravaganza for you – our very own Route 66 Rendezvous Party and Dinner.

The theme is a reminder of the time when Route 66, otherwise known as the "Mother Road," was a main means of getting to California. So, bring your memories, your dancing shoes, and your appetites, and join us on Saturday, June 19, for a blast from the past.

The party will begin at 5 p.m., and dress is casual. Dinner will be sumptuous fix-it-yourself hamburgers, (beef or chicken), a side of chili, and all the trimmings. You won't be able to open your mouth wide enough.

During the evening we'll have some downright delightful entertainment, and a program of games and dancing and fun that we're sure you'll enjoy. Oh, and don't forget the dessert – ice cream sundaes and root beer floats – just like the "good old" days.

As a separate but coordinated event, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. the same day you can show off your car, motorcycle, off-road vehicle, race machine, hot rod, work-in-progress, or any other interesting vehicle you might have. This will take place in the parking lot right outside the ballroom. You don't need a "show" car, and you don't need to be a "motor-head," just bring whatever you want and have some good outdoor fun with others in our community.

You won't want to miss this one! There's no cost for the car show in the afternoon, but tickets for the Route 66 Rendezvous Party are \$20 per person, and that's a real Route 66 deal. -- Willis Fagan

**June is here**

**It's time for you**

**To get your tickets**

**to the Rendezvous.**

**-- Route 66, that is!**



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The Board of Directors for the K. Hovnanian's  
Four Seasons at Beaumont Community  
Association met on Thursday, May 13, 2010 in  
the Lodge Ballroom.

Executive Session was held at 8 a.m. and the  
General Session was held at 1 p.m..

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be  
held on June 10, 2010  
At 1 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom.

**Executive Session – 8 a.m.**  
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## Amphitheater Society Club

"Sunday at the Amphitheater" got off to a wonderful start with an evening of songs and entertainment courtesy of Zelyne and Eugene Rudolph and family. Willis Fagan provided music on the keyboard.

We thank them for their talents and participation. We hope everyone had a great time.

Now we are anxiously looking forward to our next program on Sunday June 20, at 6:30 p.m. We will be featuring members of the Magic Castle along with our own Magical Men John Horning and Colin Taylor. We have been promised some "Big Magic" for that evening, so come and see what or who might be disappearing on Big Magic Night! Hope to see everyone there and don't forget your plastic glasses for your drinks.

Finally we would like to welcome three new members: Susi Savaglio, Cheryl Staples and John Noonan. Thanks for volunteering and we know that you will be an asset to the Amphitheater Society Club and future presentations. -- Penny McDonell, Chairperson

## Book Club

The Book Club's April meeting was rich with discussion and input from all members.

We first discussed *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. Discussion Leader Diane Gray gave an interesting background on the author who was born in 1896, and John Iverson added in-depth information as well. Most everyone concurred that the book was vividly descriptive and compelling. The questions were thought-provoking and solicited great comments from all members in attendance.

Our second discussion, *Traveling with Pomegranates* by Sue Monk Kidd and Ann Kidd Taylor, was led by Discussion Leader Nancy Morgan. This book was an actual mother-daughter account of their travels to Greece, amidst their own private struggles. The questions and resultant discussion concluded that both authors were on private journeys and eventually came together, sharing their hopes, fears and love for one another.

Our May reads are *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night* by Mark Haddon.

Nancy Morgan has been elected as the new Book Club President. Interested in joining the Book Club? Call Nancy at (951) 769-5867.

Happy reading everyone! -- Eileen Gilbert

## Bunco

Anni Smith did a wonderful job of hosting April Bunco while I was gone. Thank you, Anni!

We have had several new homeowners join us in the past few months and they were surprised how easy and fun Bunco is. If you haven't tried it, please come join us in June. We meet in the card room at The Lodge on Fridays, June 11 and 25 at 1 p.m. This is a great way to get to know more of your new neighbors in a relaxed atmosphere. Martha Franck, (951) 769-3889

## The Crafters -- "Round to it"

Fun, fun, fun can had by all, when you finally start that project you never got "round" to. We are waiting for you to get your "round to it" done. What an accomplishment when it's all said and done. We are saving you a seat. We are as sweet as can be. Everyone is welcome! You won't want to miss out on the "ice cream sundaes" too!

Remember: Thursday, June 3, 5:30 to 8:30 in the Craft Room.

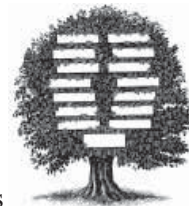
You name it, you bring it, and you work on it! -- Paulette Sims and Pat Dawson

## Discovery Club

The next Discovery Club meeting will be announced in a flyer.

For those interested in doing your family tree -- remember: It's not what you know, it's getting started. Get your own personal copy of Family Tree Maker, or a program of your choice, and start growing your family tree.

When you're far enough along, we'll meet to share and discuss your progress and help in any way we can. And one more thing: It's a lot more interesting and rewarding when you're actually working on your tree than it is just talking about it. -- Willis Fagan, Club Captain



## All Seasons RV Club

Everyone is very excited about our trip to Chula Vista on May 17 to 21. More on this later.

Plans are underway for a trip to Pismo Coast RV Resort in Pismo Beach Sept. 16 to 19. Larry and Susie Savaglio are wagonmasters for this trip.

Long-range plans include a trip to Huntington Beach Sunset Vista RV Park, November 8 to 12. Jane and Tim Jacobson will be wagonmasters.

Our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Lodge. Everyone is welcome --Nancy Morgan



## Free Computer Classes

Anyone interested in improving computer skills should sign up at the front desk in the Stop Look & Sign Up book.

Each class is limited to nine students and a class will be scheduled as soon as nine students have enrolled. Each class is three weeks long and meets each Monday and Wednesday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. You will be notified the week before a class begins.

Classes are scheduled in the following order based on enrollment numbers: Basic Skills, Windows XP, and then Internet. The current students have priority for the next class unless it's the Basic Skill Course; then only new students will be



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enrolled. Priority is based on homeowners sign up date.

**Basic Skills** - This is a class designed for a beginner and those who need review of basic computer skills. The class includes mouse and keyboard practice, creating Microsoft Word documents and Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.

**Windows XP** - This class will allow you to become skilled at customizing your windows system and desktop. You will learn to create shortcuts for the items you often use. You will gain knowledge using WordPad, Paint, and other basic programs included with every Windows Computer. The Basic Skill course or equivalent experience is necessary.

**Internet** - Learn how to search and find material of interest to you on the World Wide Web. Find out about newsgroups and how to read the ones you select. Discover how to send and receive e-mail, send pictures over e-mail, mailing list and conventions for joining and leaving them. Internet Explorer will be demonstrated and used. Basic Skill or previous computer experience is recommended. -- Bill Rusche, Instructor

## Bridge Club

If you like playing cards, you will love the challenge of learning Bridge. The class for beginning Bridge meets every Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Card Room at the Lodge.

For those of you who already know how to play the game, come out and test your Bridge skills against our fine group of accomplished players. We start at noon. See you there. -- Carl Carson

## Knitting and Crocheting Group

Most of us have finished the scarves and helmet liners for the troops, with the final items in by May 18.

We all had lunch at a new restaurant in Cherry Valley last month called Diner's Inn. It was quite good and very reasonable. We all enjoyed it very much. No further outings are scheduled so far, but I'm sure it won't be long.

I've about completed my sweater jacket, have a crochet afghan in progress, and most of us have either completed or have started other baby afghans for the hospital, along with personal projects.

Come join us. We have a good group. -- Dorothy Payne

## Life Guide Bible Study Club

The Life Guide Bible Study Club will finish up their brief study of "Principles from the Parables" in June and break for the summer.

The club has had a good year starting in the fall with a study of the fruit of the Spirit – qualities and attitudes we need in our Christian lives as we build character and integrity that is honoring God. Over the last few months we have talked about attributes of God in a study of "Getting to Know God."



The more you know and understand who God is, the better you can trust Him. Finally we have finished the year with a study of principles from the parables. We welcome anyone who enjoys studying the Bible to join us in the fall. Watch for the announcement of the start-up time in September.

The Life Guide Bible Study Club meets in the Ballroom of the Lodge on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club provides an opportunity for us to meet people in the Four Seasons community, and also a chance to encourage and strengthen one another in our walk of faith. By the way, each lesson is self-contained, so you will benefit from the discussion even if you have missed previous lessons. This study time will give you an opportunity to share your faith and gain encouragement and help from others in the group. For more information, call Don Cummings at (951) 572-5329.

-- Don Cummings

## Line Dancing

Are you bored lately? Feel somewhat sluggish? Don't like to lift weights or do sit-ups?



As we age we need to stimulate our minds and keep physically active. Beginning line dancing might be something you would find invigorating and fun. Line dancing (or any kind of dancing) is exercise. When you dance for an hour, you are both mentally and physically tired at the finish. You also get to interact with and meet some great neighbors.

We have the Route 66 dance coming up in June and the Hoedown in August. You still have time to learn one or two dances before June 16, and possibly learn three or four dances before August.

Come on, get off the couch, and challenge your mind and your feet. We teach you step by step and repeat it over and over again. Give it a try, you can do this! Even if you find it isn't "your thing", you'll probably learn one dance and meet someone new. Join us in The Lodge Ballroom every Thursday at 4 p.m. -- Martha Franck, Eileen Gilbert, and Zelyne Rudolph

## Performing Arts

Do you like to entertain? Do you have a talent? Do you like to help the performers? This is a general call for people at Four Seasons to come out for Performing Arts Club (PAC).

Under the club's sponsorship, we offer Karaoke (which will be June 12 at 5 p.m.), Magic Night and variety shows. This club is in its infancy and needs members to grow. There are writers who would love to put on a play so if you are interested in writing, acting, directing, dancing, singing, etc., please contact: President: Colin Taylor, (951) 956-7378; Sec.-Treasurer: Eileen Gilbert, (951) 922-6829, Director: Howard Swidler, (951) 797-3512, Casting Director: Zelyne Rudolph, (951) 922 6051. -- Zelyne Rudolph



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## Racquet Club

The first really good weather was a blessing and brought out a large number of participants for our first play day in April.

There were some 18 players on court hitting the ball during the drills and most stayed to play in the groups following the drills. Lunch was a very social event and many community members joined in on the tennis club fun.

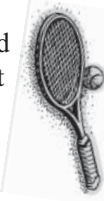
We are going to try to set some play days on a regular basis, likely the last Saturday of each month, to help the working members of our community participate in the fun and the club activities. Smitty provided food for our fun day and everyone had a great time. In the future, we will offer the tennis activities and entertain an 'open' lunch environment, so everyone can enjoy whatever they please.

Keep the US Open dates in September handy as we will have our annual party, auction and tennis quiz!!

Remember keep the sun screen handy when coming out to play and bring plenty of your favorite drink, like water. The umbrellas are remaining quite functional and provide much needed shade.

PLEASE NOTE: We are changing the night schedule for clinics and drills due to the oncoming heat. Starting the week of May 17, the beginners' group will meet on Wednesday at 5 p.m. and the non-beginners' drill group will follow at 6 p.m.

Hope to see everyone on the courts in the near future. -- Cheryl Smith, USPTA Developmental Coach



In May we ventured far afield, to Sun Lakes, where we had lunch and then played games at Judy Golding's. Sun Lakes has just finished re-doing their club house and it is very nice.

If you would like more information on the Red Hats give me a call at (951) 769-2774 or stop on by June 9. -- Melody Seewoster

## Shall We Dance Club

Happy spring to all, the flowers are blooming, and what a sight. Pleasing, peaceful and definitely enjoyable.

The Dance Club invites all homeowners and residents to experience all the above by coming out and learning how to dance.

In next months' issue, I will give a little history on how the Dance Club got started.

As always, and I say this again and again, Dr. Oz also agrees that dancing is one of the most important exercises to retain a healthy and functional body. Please take into consideration adding this to your repertoire. Do not feel shy, do not be embarrassed, and do not worry about having a partner. We are all new at this, and, as the old saying goes, "Laughter is good for the heart and soul."

As always, Monday evening, \$8 per person, the class begins at 6:30 and ends at 8 p.m.

If you have any questions please contact JoAnne at (951) 849-8877.

P.S.: Our new dance starting May 31 will be eight weeks of Country Two-Step, so all you Country folks, you will not want to miss this opportunity. -- JoAnne Haberman



## Seasoned Solos

Our May activity was an outing to the Redlands Home Tour with lunch at Joan Sewel's son's house. Yum! Mexican food and margaritas. A big thanks to him for opening up his home to us.

We are planning on going to the Redlands Bowl in June, July and August.

Also in June, we are planning a trip to the Cherry Festival and another train trip, on June 19, to San Juan Capistrano. Everyone really seems to enjoy these trips and we have a great turn-out for them.

We will also go to the Lavender Festival; more on that later.

New members are always welcome to join us in the Craft Room at the Lodge on the first Friday of the month. We either bring our own food or order food from Smitty's. Call Mary Castle for additional information. Her number is (951) 769-5554. -- Toby Davis

## Seasoned Sassies

This month we will be meeting at the Lodge for a planning session to see what trouble, I mean, what "events" we can do for the rest of the year.

We will meet in the Ballroom at 11:30 on June 9; we can either bring our lunch or buy it from Smitty's.



## Taste D'Vine By Anita Worthen

Bon Jour!!!!!! Take a little trip with us to the wine country of France.

The French are known for their love of food and wine. Every little village has something to offer. There is always a reason for celebrating, having a feast and a festival. In the rolling hills, flat lands near the sea or anywhere one might go, there will be food and wine and conversation. They have been at it for years.

To no great surprise, many of our New World wines are results of the French style. Author Peter Mayle has written many books about his travels in the country and love of French wine and cuisine. *A Year in Provence*, *French Lessons* and *Adventures with a Knife and Fork* are wonderful reads.

We will explore and learn about French wine in two meetings. Why two? This country produces so much wine in various regions that for at least, the very basic understanding of the areas such as Bordeaux, Burgundy, Champagne, the Rhone and others, we need time.

We will also discuss how to read a label to determine what the wine type is when browsing the shelves at the store. What are Right Bank, Left Bank wines? The Alsace and Loire wine producing area? Why and What Chateau and Domaine? What to drink in the warmer weather - Roses, White Burgundy, Chablis?



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## Committees, Clubs, Groups & Special Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 10:00 Knit/Crochet Poker 10:30 Amphitheater Mtg. 3:00 Bistro Comm. 6:00 Hearts 7:00 Life Guide	<b>2</b> 10:00 Open Art ARC 1:00 Canasta #2 5:00 Bingo	<b>3</b> 9:00 Art Class 10:00 Poker 11:30 Pan 1:15 Canasta #1 5:00 Social Comm. 5:30 Crafters	<b>4</b> 10:00 Art Studio 6:00 Seasoned Solos	<b>5</b>  1:00 Tea & Fashion Show
<b>6</b>  1:00 Bingo	<b>7</b> 10:30 Beg. Bridge 12:00 Bridge  6:00 AACC	<b>8</b> 10:00 Knit/Crochet Poker 2:00 Event Sys Comm. 6:00 Hearts RV Mtg. 7:00 Life Guide	<b>9</b> 10:00 Open Art CAC Mtg. 11:30 Seasoned Sassies 1:00 Canasta #2	<b>10</b> 8:00 BOD EX. Session 9:00 Art Class 10:00 ARC Poker 11:30 Pan 1:00 BOD General Session 1:15 Canasta #1	<b>11</b> 10:00 Art Studio  1:00 Bunco 3:30 Four Season Singers	<b>12</b>  5:30 Karaoke Night
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## Physical Exercise/Activities

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# Clubs & Activities

Our esteemed and knowledgeable educator, Gene Tamplin, will guide us through this maze. As always, we encourage you to share your experiences. Please join us on Thursday, June 17, at 6 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom for Part one of our travel to France. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, two glasses if you want to share the wine that you brought, your monthly membership dues of \$5, or a guest fee of \$8.

See you there for French wine, food and fun.

## The 8-Ball Club

Del Lyles and the 8-Ball Club would like to invite all the Four Seasons residents to join us. We have a great bunch of team members and are always looking for new players.

If you're experienced or just a beginner, come and join us. Practice is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., but you can usually find someone in the Billiards Room any evening. If you have any questions, just stop in or give us a call:

President Del Lyles: (951) 845-5114; Vice President Dewey Allen: (951) 769-4354; Secretary Dot Hurst: (951) 797-3068. See you in the Billiard Room! -- Dot Hurst



## Canasta Club

The Canasta Club meets every Thursday from 1:15 to 4 p.m. in the Card Room at the Lodge. We look forward to meeting and making new friends and this is a good way to do that.

If you don't know how to play, no problem, we will set up a teaching table to help you. To make things really nice, the Bistro

staff always comes by to see if we need anything to eat or drink. Remember everyone is welcome. -- Melody Seewoster

## Walkie Talkies

On Tuesday, April 13, fifteen hikers traveled to Diamond Valley Lake near Hemet and hiked the Wild Flowers Trail. Unfortunately, we were a little late for some of the wildflowers. We just had too many weather delays. It nevertheless was still a very nice outing with lots of sunshine.



On Tuesday, May 11, we hiked the Hilltop Trail at Crafton Hills near Yucaipa. Walt and Bev Webster were leading us on that one. Read about it in the July issue.

On Tuesday, June 8, we plan to return to the Barton Flats in the San Bernardino Mountains and hike the South Fork Trail to Horse Meadow and Poop Out Hill. Several new hikers have joined us in recent months, and I am sure they will like this one. This hike is especially nice, since it can accommodate both the more seasoned hikers and the ones who need a less strenuous hike. At Horse Meadow there is a nice picnic area among many pine trees. Some may want to stay there and relax while the others continue on to Poop Out Hill. The fragrance from the pine trees makes this outing a winner, in more than one way. For those driving, a Senior Pass or Golden Eagle Pass is required for parking.

Wear comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots. Take along some drinking water or energy drinks and a snack. Contact me for more information.

– Fred Hofer (951) 922-6119 (fred.hofer@verizon.net)

## Travel Club

### JUNE

Some day trips that are being offered during May and June are as follows:

June 5, 2010	The Lion King, at Orange County Performing Arts .....	\$102 per person
June 6, 2010	San Diego Seaport Village .....	46
June 12, 2010	Getty Villa .....	51
June 16, 2010	Laguna Beach.....	46
June 19, 2010	Pechanga Ca-ching.....	43
June 22, 2010	Aquarium of the Pacific .....	61
June 24, 2010	Newport Harbor Cruise w/lunch .....	81

For reservations please call (760) 325-5556. Phone reservations must be followed by check payment within five business days or space is resold. Payment is non-refundable for day tour cancellations received less than five business days prior to departure. Make check payable to Gadabout Tours: 1801 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Ste 100, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Attn: Reservations. Pick up point is at Carl's Jr. at the Sun Lakes shopping center.

Don't forget the four cruises that are planned for this year. Alaska in August and The New England /Canada cruise in October. Also two Mexican cruises. Please see flyers at the Lodge.

We have added a new 10-day trip called "Reflections of Italy". Dates for this trip is November 1-10, cost is \$3,199 p/p, double. Joining this cruise is the Cooking Store's Chef Robert Sevaly, "Let's Dine Out" Allan Borgen Food Critic and Host of the "Let's Dine Out Radio Show." This will be a culinary food and wine extravaganza. For more information on this trip see the flyer in the Lodge or call Sandy Helmich, Connection to Cruise at (714) 651-8030 or (888) 798-9133.

Any questions? Please call Melody at (951) 769-2774. If there is no answer, please leave a message and I'll get back to you ASAP. -- Melody Seewoster



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## CC&R Amendment from page 1

of the written comments submitted at the meeting objected to changing the Bylaws. The Bylaws are not to be changed, the CC&Rs are. The Bylaws can already be amended by a simple majority of the community and the Guidelines by a majority vote of the Board.

Other residents worried that the amendment would cause association dues to go up. State law governs how dues increases are made. The CC&Rs have no effect on them.

Tavernetti noted that other K. Hovnanian Four Seasons communities with similar CC&R provisions have either changed the 67 percent rule or have efforts underway to do so. He said some provisions in the CC&Rs need attention to avoid conflict with state law, to avoid costly litigation or to improve some day-to-day operations.

In addition to the town hall meeting, Lyon said she hopes to hold a series of neighborhood meetings on the amendment in which residents can ask questions and discuss the issues. She is looking for resident who are willing to host the meetings in their homes. At least five residents have already volunteered, she said.

At its June 10 meeting, the Board will decide how to proceed, with secret, double-envelope ballots – required by state law -- expected to be in the mail later in the month. Voting will continue from July to September. Because of the extreme difficulty in getting 67 per cent participation, the voting period may be extended through September.

## Summer Fire Hazard in Your Yard

"Grills, hibachis, and barbecues on residential properties continue to be a high fire risk," said Kelvin J. Cochran, United States Fire Administrator.

"It is crucial that households be mindful of fire safety when using these pieces of equipment, especially as the summer season approaches. Please join with the US Fire Administration in sharing this report's information with your communities so that the necessary precautions can be taken to help prevent fires and save lives."

An estimated 5,700 grill fires on residential properties occur annually in the United States, resulting in 10 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$37 million in property loss. Over half of grill fires on residential properties occur in the four months of May, June, July, and August and almost half of these fires occur during the hours of 5 to 8 p.m.

In addition, 32 percent of grill fires on residential properties start on patios, terraces, screened-in porches, or courtyards, while an additional 24 percent start on exterior balconies and unenclosed porches. Propane is the power source in 69 percent of all grill fires on residential properties.

The numbers come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) United States Fire Administration report on grill fires from 2006 to 2008. For further information regarding other topical reports or any programs and training available at the United States Fire Administration, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

The United States Fire Administration recommends everyone should have a comprehensive fire protection plan that includes smoke alarms, residential sprinklers, and practicing a home fire escape plan. -- Courtesy of John McLaughlin

## News Around Town

By Melody Seewoster

### Beaumont Chamber Market Night:

The Beaumont Chamber Market Night was extremely successful last summer and the Chamber Board of Director has been busy planning Season Two since the first of the year. This season's Market Night will be held at Noble Creek Park, 650 W. Oak Valley Pkwy. The park is just off the I-10 Freeway, west of Beaumont Ave.

Market Night will kick-off on Tuesday, June 15, and will run every Tuesday Night through August 17. Planned starting time is 5:30 p.m. and closing is 9 p.m. This is the same night as Movie Night Under the Stars which will begin at dusk.

### Cherry Festival:

Don't forget that this year's Cherry Festival will run June 3 to 6, and will primarily be located at Stewart Park on Orange Avenue. The Cherry Festival Parade will be held on June 5. The route for the parade is south on Beaumont, then East on 6th Street. There is also a Pancake Breakfast on June 5 held at the Civic Center on the corner of 6th Street and Orange Ave. Cost is \$5 per person.

### Lavender Festival:

Also in June is the annual Lavender Festival held at the Highland Springs Resort, Highland Springs Rd, north. The dates are June 12 and 13 and June 19 and 20. Spend a fragrant day in the sun. The Festival has everything from lavender ice cream to bath salts and cut flowers.

## Safe Needle Disposal for Beaumont Residents

The City of Beaumont is launching a new Sharps Home Delivery program for Beaumont residents.

Those who need to inject daily medications will now be able to conveniently and responsibly dispose of needles, lancets and others sharps from their own home with Waste Management's new mail-back containers.

Any resident needing access to this program needs to call Waste Management customer service at (800) 423-9986 to request their free container. A Waste Management representative will deliver it to their home the following week.

When the container is filled with sharps, the resident will simply mail the container back for safe disposal by using the pre-paid postage label provided. Be sure to sign the form included in the side pocket of your kit.

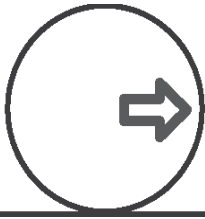
Then contact Waste Management customer service and request a new kit.

On an annual basis, residents will receive three free Sharps Mail-Back containers. Additional containers are available at a \$15 co-pay.

If you have any questions about this program, please call (800) 423-9986 or email Waste Management service at [WMservice@wm.com](mailto:WMservice@wm.com). -- City of Beaumont

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## Four Seasons Spotlight

### All Grown Up --- The Wages of the Golden Years

#### Zero To 80, What a Croc

By Crotchet E. Oldman

I just had one of those oh-my-God birthdays with a zero on the end that made me take a sharp breath and wonder, "How did this happen so soon to such a young fellow?"

But it did happen. I checked the calendar.

Twice.

When I was a kid, my elders told me that time goes faster as you get older.

I wasn't told that it keeps accelerating. I thought it would reach some kind of top speed and stay there -- but not so. The older you get the faster it goes.

It took me a lifetime -- the history of man, forever, to get to be 20 years old. Then 30 showed up pretty much on time. I remember being mildly surprised at the arrival of 40: "Gee I didn't realize ... I must not have been watching," I thought. But then 50 was seriously ahead of schedule and 60 showed up about a year-and-a-half later. The 70s arrived -- I was retired by then -- after a nice two-week vacation.

Now I just got to be 80 before we had the dishes done from my 70th birthday party.

My elders also told me that I should respect them, because they were -- well -- older, wiser, more experienced and therefore venerable.

"Venerable" means both 1) old or ancient and 2) worthy of respect. The first definition clearly describes me, but I have noticed no increase in the reverence in which I am held. To echo Rodney Dangerfield, "I don't get no respect."

Well, maybe not none, but what I do get is clearly inadequate to my abundance of years.

If I got a birthday card with the age printed on the front when I was 50, 60 or even 70, it was full of jokes about how the number of candles on my cake would set the house on fire, how I would spend extraordinary amounts of time in the

bathroom and need extra fiber in my diet, how my hearing had decayed to where I couldn't hear any difference between "sixty" and "sexy" (and that didn't really matter because I couldn't do much about sex anyway) -- stuff like that.

Not any more. This business of reaching 80 is grim, serious business. The cards for new octogenarians are all about "your amazing journey," the "lives you have touched," "the wisdom you have gained" and "how well respected you are." and other saccharine, insincere, condescending rubbish.

All about the past. Nothing about the future, evidently expected to be so brief it isn't worth talking about.

I am sure a number of those whose lives I "have touched" wish profoundly they had been untouched. At times in my "amazing journey" I have been a military policeman who locked up a whole lot of people who would have preferred otherwise, a newspaper man who exposed the skullduggery of a number of scoundrels who would have preferred concealment, and the dissatisfied customer of a number of malpracticing businesses who, to shut me up, gave me substitute merchandise or my money back, which they would have preferred to keep.

I do think the stuff about wisdom is absolutely right on, but I'm having a lot of trouble passing it on. Nobody listens to a thing I say.

And we already talked about that "respect" baloney.

Another thing about 80th birthday cards: there are a lot fewer of them on store shelves than there are, say, 60th birthday cards.

I guess the crowd thinned out.

There is a sliver lining in all this though: with years going by at such break-neck speed, if I make it through about breakfast tomorrow, I will have lived to be 90.



**A blast from the past**

**With song and dance, too.**

**That neatly describes**

**Our Rendezvous!**



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## Seven Ways to Reduce Your Fall Risk

By Zelyne Rudolph

Do you feel susceptible to a fall? Perhaps you've had dizzy spells or vision problems.

Perhaps your muscles and joints are weak or sore. You need to improve your balance but first some analysis must take place to find the starting point. You need to address medical issues such as medications and take some common-sense precautions to help you avoid injury. You must also consider your living environment as a possible offender.

Falls are the leading cause of accident injuries and deaths among older adults, and men are more likely than women to die from a fall, according to data released in November 2008 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, building strength through exercise, correcting balance and vision or other health issues and making your home safer may lower your risk from falls. Dr. Ronan Factora, MD, a physician in Cleveland Clinic's Section of Geriatric Medicine offers some tips to help you avoid falls:

1. **Have your walking evaluated:** Your doctor is the best person to assess your walk, or gait. The doctor should be seen at least once a year if you are a healthy older adult and more frequently if you have fallen or have pain and/or walk with an assistive device. This assessment may tell the doctor any underlying conditions that affect your gait -- such as arthritis, Parkinson's disease or back pain. If you are impaired, this is a good time to have a therapist guide you in choosing an assistive device.
2. **Report dizziness:** If you are dizzy, tell your doctor on your next visit. Call your doctor immediately if you have had multiple falls. Several medications, including antihistamines and diuretics used to lower blood pressure, may cause dizziness and your doctor may need to adjust your medications.
3. **Have your vision checked:** Visit your ophthalmologist annually and get eye exams. As you age, the likelihood of cataracts, glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration may contribute to increasing your risk of falling.
4. **Exercise:** Group exercises like Tai chi and yoga improve flexibility and balance. The yoga and conditioning classes offered at Four Seasons by Pro-Fit always include balance techniques and the exercise room has handrails installed for your stability. Supervised strength training also may help to strengthen your legs and back.
5. **Get plenty of vitamin D:** Many studies suggest that older adults with vitamin D deficiencies are more vulnerable to the risk of falling. More studies also found that seniors

with vitamin D deficiencies performed more poorly versus non-deficient seniors on physical performance tests.

6. **Overcome your fear of falling:** This is the critical issue because many people become inactive after developing a fear of falling again. "The best way to overcome the fear, Dr. Factora said, is to walk and engage in physical activity. As you do that, your fear of falling tends to go away over time." Pro-Fit also offers exercise classes in the pool.
7. **Make your home safe:** Make sure your home is well-lit. Eliminate loose rugs, electric cords and any clutter from your hallways, stairs and the pathways from your living area and bedroom to the bathroom. Fix loose steps and have sturdy handrails on both sides of staircases. One of the most dangerous places in the house is your bathroom. Use non-slip mats on the floor of your shower or bathtub. If you can, replace your tub with a walk-in shower that has seats, or at least use a transfer bench to help you get in and out of the tub. Make sure you have sturdy grab bars inside the tub. Organize your kitchen cupboards so everything is within easy reach. Keep a list of emergency numbers near your telephones, and keep a phone in your bedroom and wherever else you spend a lot of time.

After you make your precautions, go out and enjoy this wonderful community's walking trails, classes and social events and have more confidence that your older years can be very rewarding and healthy.

## Neighborhood Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

A word of caution to residents who are planning to add mulch to their yards this spring. If you have a puppy (or a dog who will eat absolutely anything at any time) do not choose Cocoa Mulch.

Cocoa Mulch contains a compound called theobromine which can result in adverse reactions in dogs. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Consumer Affairs.com have investigated the product and advise caution. The toxicity of the chemical in the mulch varies with the size of the dog and how much is ingested. For additional information, search online using the keywords "Cocoa Mulch."

The City of Beaumont's Lunch and Learn program for June will be addressing "How to Get Medi-Cal and Veterans' Benefits Covered for Assisted Living or Nursing Home Care." The speaker will discuss a little-known VA program that will pay a senior care benefit of approximately \$24,000 a year tax-free for home care or assisted living. The program will be held on Tuesday, June 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Albert A. Chatigny Community Center. Reservations are required. Call (951) 769-8539.

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Please be sure that you have filled out and sent in your Census Questionnaire. All the government needs to know is how many people live at your residence. If you did not receive a form, call 1-866-872-6868. The census count is vital to every city for monies and resources such as new businesses, hospitals, schools, road projects, emergency services, etc.

A Medicare information meeting will be held on Friday, June 4, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Chatigny Center. If you have questions about what is covered by Medicare, what is changing, which plan best fits your healthcare needs and how to distinguish Medicare Part A, Part B and Part D -- you will benefit from attending.

The Pass Area Performing Artists are presenting their first dinner theatre event. Plan to join them for great food, great entertainment and an all around good time. The production is #10 Saloon Play. Presentations are Friday, June 4, through Sunday, June 6, and Friday, June 11, through Sunday, June 13. For reservations and additional information, please call the Box Office at (951) 722-5526.

## Neighborhood Watch

Four Seasons residents, hopefully you have noticed the Neighborhood Watch street signs now along Four Seasons Circle. As participation in the program increases, we hope to place more signs throughout our community. The Neighborhood Watch Task Force really means business as we try to improve the safety and well-being of our community.

Please watch for information on upcoming Neighborhood Watch meetings in the newsletter and the website. Our next meeting is on Friday, June 11 in the Ballroom at 10 a.m. We still have many streets that do not have block captains, so if anyone wants to be a block captain, please contact Jerry Whitfield at (951) 845-0680.

REMEMBER: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEEDS YOU.  
-- Jerry Whitfield



## Juneteenth (Freedom -- 30 Months Late!)

By Bobbie Eckel

The Emancipation Proclamation was issued on September 22, 1862. The "effective date" was set for January 1, 1863. But in some areas, it did not matter...

Texas, almost completely under Confederate control at that time, was a prime example. Life went on as usual after the Proclamation; slaves were still slaves no matter what someone in Washington said.



Then on June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived. They came to take occupy the state of Texas and enforce the emancipation of the slaves. General Order No. 3, read by Granger to the citizens of Galveston, said: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor.

"The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages.

"They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either here or elsewhere."

That historic day, now known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day, was the beginning of emancipation in Texas -- as well as a clear warning to other states dragging their feet in compliance with the Emancipation Proclamation.

No one is naïve enough to believe that life went smoothly immediately afterward. Although the former slaves in the Galveston area rejoiced that day, it wasn't until the following year that Juneteenth celebrations in Texas became widespread. By that time, many freed people had started to pool their wages to buy land, thus creating parks for larger celebrations.



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Juneteenth celebrations remained indigenous to the state of Texas for almost a century, with the lone exception of one small community in Arkansas. Barbeques, music, games, and Big Red Soda became integral parts of the festivities. In 1980 Juneteenth was made an official state holiday in Texas, although still considered only a partial staffing day.

As of February, 2008, twenty-six states, including California, had recognized Juneteenth. Celebrations were still informal, however; legal recognition with full state government office closure was not granted. However, by March, 2010, thirty-five states have recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or state holiday observance.

For a more complete description of the history and current development of Juneteenth, please visit the website Juneteenth.com.

## Summer Concert Series 2010

The City of Beaumont is presenting a free Summer Concert Series beginning July 4. All concerts will take place at Stewart Park on 9th and Orange Streets in Beaumont, beginning at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, your barbeques or picnic dinner, and, of course, your family and friends. The schedule is as follows:

July 4	The Basix and Papa Doo Run Run
July 7	Dennis Deyoung- The Music of Styx
July 21	LeAnn Mimes
July 28	Joan Jett and the Blackhearts
Aug. 4	Michael McDonald

Mark your calendars. Bring your neighbors for a fun series! -- Melody Seewoster

## Come Enjoy the Tea and Fashions...

Our annual Tea and Fashion Show will be held this Saturday, June 5, in the Ballroom. Doors open at 12:30. Tea will be served at 1. The spectacular show starts at 1:30 p.m. Coldwater Creek will be supplying the clothes; some of our own residents will be doing the modeling.

Tickets went on sale May 4 at a price of \$13 per "Fashionista." I hope you have purchased your ticket by now. This event usually sells out fast! -- Bobbie Eckel

## Members Of The African American Cultural Club Will celebrate Juneteenth Saturday, June 19 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

The Gazebo at the Springdale's Garden Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, has been celebrated as an American holiday for almost 150 years. When President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation which ended slavery, slaves in Texas were not informed of this until the North won the Civil War.

On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston to announce the end of the civil war and read aloud the Emancipation Proclamation. Since that day, June 19 (Juneteenth) has been a day of celebration to commemorate the end of slavery. It is also a time of reflection and is a tradition that is recognized with state holidays in some states and regional celebrations in others.

Join us.

If you have any questions, please call  
Bettyann James (951) 572-5538



**For months these slogans**

**Have been read by you.**

**So please don't forget**

**Our Route 66 Rendezvous!**

**--4 Seasons Social Committee**

# Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves

This June there will be no gloom; everyone will be having too much fun starting with the Social Committee Tea and Fashion Show on Saturday, June 5.

On Sunday, June 6, we will have Bingo, and on one of the early weeks in June we will have a Newcomers' Desert and Orientation hosted by the Bistro Committee (keep watch for your invitation in the mail if you're a "newbie").

Karaoke will be on Saturday, June 12, followed by Wine Club on Thursday, June 17, and the Route 66 Rendezvous Dinner and Dance Party on Saturday, June 19. The Amphitheater Big Magic Night is on Sunday (Father's Day), June 20, (feel free to bring your family) and the frosting on the event cake will be the Independent Film Festival on June 25 and June 26.

This is going to be a fun packed summer so be sure to keep

your eyes peeled on the website and newsletter for the latest information.

The 4th of July will be exploding with good food and entertainment, so mark your calendar for a free Patriotic celebration at the Lodge! The Ballroom will be open at 11 a.m. for you to bring your side-dishes or desserts to share. The lunch buffet table will be open at noon for your eating pleasure and the big patriotic show put on by the Performing Arts Club will start at 3 p.m. This would make such a wonderful family day before the fireworks start in the evening (somewhere in Beaumont); the Lodge will be closed that day at 6 p.m., so you'll have plenty of time to get there.

Stop by and say "Hi!" the next time you're at the Lodge!



## Relay for Life

The Relay For Life event that was held on April 24 and 25 was a huge success. The event raised more than \$75,000 this year.

Four Seasons Beaumont residents certainly did their part, raising more than \$2,600. We had several people from Four Seasons in the walk. Everyone had such a good time that they are planning to do it again next year.

Next year's Relay for Life will be scheduled for some time in May. We hope that more of our community will want to take part in this important event.

If you have any ideas for a fundraiser, please let us know. It is never too early to start planning. -- **Melody Seewoster**



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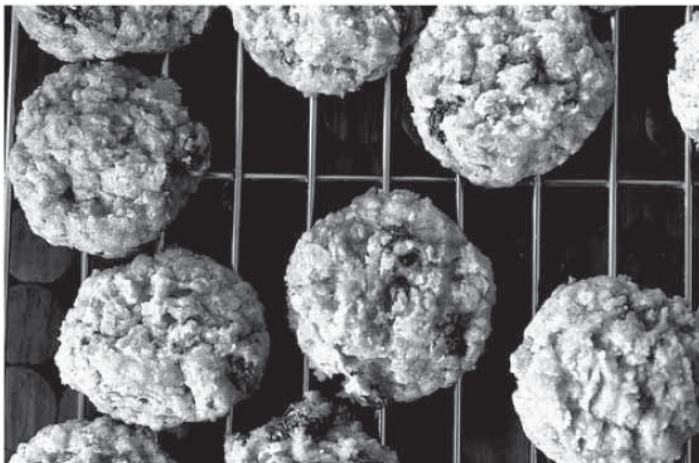
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## Chefs Corner

By Randy Balt



### Chewy Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

I have very specific tastes in oatmeal raisin cookies. A crisp edge is always welcome, but the rest of it should be thick and chewy. These oatmeal raisin cookies have their own texture, and one you can't get from just any recipe.

It starts with the standard recipe on every container of Quaker Oats and then you start improving it. Dial back the sugar a little so it's not too sweet and only use brown sugar. It never has enough raisins in it, so we up them a little. Chopped walnuts are necessary because they were made to go together with everything else and belong in my cookie food group.

A little trick you can use in getting a really thick, chewy cookie is to chill the dough before you bake it. You can scoop it and then chill it, or scoop and freeze so the cookies are available to bake when desired.

Total time: 30 minutes, plus baking time

Servings: 2 dozen cookies

#### Ingredients

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (I often use a half teaspoon, but I like more salt in my baked goods)
- 1/2 cup (1 stick or 4 ounces) butter, softened
- 2/3 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)

#### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Set aside.
3. In another large bowl cream together the butter and sugars until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes.
4. Add the egg until fully incorporated, then beat in the vanilla.

5. Beat in the flour mixture, a spoonful at a time, just until incorporated, then gently fold in the oats and raisins.
  6. Scoop a generous 2 tablespoons of dough into a ball and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Flatten the ball slightly and repeat, spacing the balls about 3 inches apart (you should be able to fit 6 cookies on a standard-size sheet).
  7. Bake the cookies until they are golden and set, about 16 minutes. Remove and cool the cookies on the baking sheet for crunchier cookies; for softer cookies, remove the cookies from the sheet, and cool (still on the parchment) on a rack.
- Each cookie: 214 calories; 4 grams protein; 36 grams carbohydrates; 3 grams fiber; 7 grams fat; 4 grams saturated fat; 24 mg. cholesterol; 18 grams sugar; 185 mg. sodium.

### Classifieds April 2010

**For Sale:** 2000 Mazda MPV Van; excellent condition, low miles, V6. Blue book \$5,190. All leather interior; all power; Just serviced, Call (951)769-2540

**For Sale:** Golf Clubs; Left handed Mizuno MX-19 Irons; 4 iron thru sand wedge with Winn grips; like new still in the box \$300, Call (951) 845-0492

**For Sale:** Black powder replicas matched set 36 Cal Navy Model Pistols. Good Condition EMF 44 cal, 3rd model Dragon. A real nice pistol. 44 cal Navy model; All good shooters-extras call bill (951)797-0438

**For Sale:** 1853 Swiss percussion sporting rifle 41 cal. Original a gift to me from "The Lone Ranger" A good shooter in very good condition. Extras! Call Bill at (951) 797-0438

**For Sale:** 07 Kawasaki Vulcan 900 Classic with custom paint (9k miles) New: Metzler tires with Dyna Bead Balance, Mustang seat, Baron Air box, pro com III USB fuel map, and kuryakyn grips with Trottle Boss \$5,495 Call (951)769-8004

**For Sale:** Dining Room Furniture available. Excellent condition. Solid wood, Oval table, 2 captain chairs (upholstery excellent condition), custom leather table pads; All pieces: \$1,400; Separately: Table, Chairs \$650; China Cabinet \$550; Serviette \$200 Call 951-922-1072; email: xenoandkay@gmail.com; Glass front china cabinet with storage at bottom. Excellent condition. Solid wood

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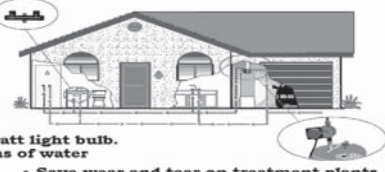
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