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THE LODGE AT BEAUMONT

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Why the Board Recommends a Change... 51%

By Wayne Staples, Director

Why should we vote to reduce the 67 percent “super majority” now needed to amend the CC&Rs to a simple majority of 50 percent plus one?

> That’s an easy question for me to answer. As treasurer of the Homeowners Association Board I work with numbers, so let me throw some at you.

> By last Christmas, we had 809 homes in Four Seasons Beaumont. That means any change—even as innocuous as enlarging the Architectural Review Committee to seven members – takes 543 yes votes. If only 542 households vote -- even if all of them are in favor -- the measure fails.

> Our builder, K. Hovnanian Homes, now projects 1,874 homes at build-out. That means a CC&R amendment would need 1,256 yes votes.

67%

> The Board was unable to convince 67 percent of homeowners – then about 335 – to vote, much less vote “yes” when it tried to amend the CC&Rs. And the effort lasted about a year and a half.

> Even with the change to 50 percent plus one, amendments will hardly be a slam dunk. Presently we would need 406 yes votes – and at build-out that will rise to 938.

> There are some sections of the CC&Rs (that’s short for Declaration of Conditions, Covenants, Restrictions, Reservations and Easements) that need to be amended.

> In one of our sister K. Hovnanian communities, a person of proper age bought a home, never lived in it and allowed an underage family member to live there. When the community tried to enforce the age restriction, it was sued and lost in court because of the CC&R wording – wording identical to the Beaumont CC&Rs

> Do we want similar problems here? I think not. We need to amend that section and the section on arbitration rules to make them effective. Also, borrowing funds for major projects such as converting some grassy area to artificial turf (which would reduce water and landscaping costs), or installing solar panels (which would reduce gas and electric costs), comes under the 67 percent rule, effectively making them undoable.

> As a member of the Board, I can say that we take very seriously the responsibility given us by the homeowners. We would never propose any change of the 55 and older rule, for example, or do anything else to that would hurt our beautiful community. And even if we did, the homeowners would still have control with their votes.

> The proposed change does not increase the power of the Board, but of the community, to make needed changes in a timely way. I urge and hope that you will follow the recommendation of the Board and the Rules and Regulations Committee and vote this May to reduce the supermajority to simple majority of 50 percent plus one.



Wayne Staples

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quartet



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March:

March 3rd Wednesday Starting @ 5pm
 March 14th Sunday Starting @ 1pm
 March 24th Wednesday Starting @ 5pm



April:

April 7th Wednesday Starting @ 5pm
 April 14th Wednesday Starting @ 5pm
 April 18th Sunday Starting @ 1pm

Remember

Early-bird: Starting February 17th

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.



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

PRO-FIT SCHEDULE

March 2010

Monday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Monday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30 am	Aerobics Room
Tuesday	Step & Burn	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Tuesday	ZUMBA Gold	5:45 pm	Aerobics Room
Wednesday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Wednesday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30am	Aerobics Room
Thursday	PiYo	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Thursday	ZUMBA Gold	9:30am	Aerobics room
Friday	Conditioning	8:30 am	Aerobics Room
Friday	Beginners Conditioning	9:30 am	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



*Beginners Conditioning Class Special pricing (only)
 8 Classes of beginners conditioning for \$25 a month

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.

PiYo: A fusion of Pilates/yoga that helps support the abdominal and lower back muscles as well as to help improve and develop balance, strength and flexibility.

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

Taste d'Vine Wine Club



"Wine's from Down Under"

Our next meeting is:

Thursday, March 18th, 2010

6:00 pm

Meet in the Ballroom.

Please remember to bring two wine glasses & an appetizer to share.

Tasting: \$5 for members & \$8 for guest.

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



Discovery Club
 is going on break,
 stay tuned for more
 info in the weeks to come!

Smitty's It's a Deli

1518 Four Seasons Circle (951) 769-0717

SMITTY'S DAILY SPECIALS

1. **Salmon BLT**
With your choice of green salad or sweet potato fries. . .
\$8.00
2. **Grilled Pork Chops**
with choice of garlic mashed potatoes or sweet potato fries & green beans. . . **\$10.00**
3. **Glazed Salmon**
with choice of garlic mashed potatoes or sweet potato fries & green beans...**\$9.00**
4. **Oriental Crispy Chicken Salad**
with sweet & sour dressing!!
GOOD!!!. . .**\$8.00**
5. **New York Steak**
with jumbo shrimp, dinner salad & garlic toast. . . **\$10.00**
6. Mahi Mahi Tacos...\$9.00
7. Mahi Mahi Salad...\$9.00
8. BBQ Pork Flat Iron Steak with sides...\$9.00

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Friday	9 am-7pm
Saturday	8 am-7pm
Sunday	8 am-4 pm

"New" Salads:

1. **Lobster Sensation**, with tomatoes, cucumbers & lemon wedge. **\$8.00**
2. **Spinach Salad** with grilled chicken breast & warm Bacon dressing. **\$8.00**

**Don't fret we have a solution
for your diet resolution!**

**Check out our Salads Menu,
we also make Veggie Wraps!**



Check this out!!!

***Introducing
"Steak House Night"**

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Nosey Neighbor Spring Garden & Home Tour May 1 & 2, 2010 Nosey Neighbor Tour

The **Four Seasons at Beaumont Garden & Home Tour** is designed to give your friends, neighbors and prospective home buyers a fresh view of what can be done with our properties beyond the furnished models. The timing for this tour will show our gardens as they wake from the slumber of winter and are budding into the new spring.

Many of us have customized our new homes and gardens to reflect our personal taste. While the models show us one side of decorating, there is a personal "feel" that you only get when someone has put that extra savoir faire into their homes. The mere fact that someone lives in these homes give it sense that is not present in the models.

Our first **Four Seasons at Beaumont Home Tour** will focus on Garden Homes. *If you feel that you have a home that is a unique representation of your model and is exceptionally landscaped, this is your chance to show it off.* **Applications are being taken** and one or two representatives from each model floor plan will be selected to be part of the tour.

Pick up an application and additional information to enter your home at the Lodge Front Desk.

Application deadline: Friday April 23, 2010



Sham-Rock 'n' Roll Dessert Potluck Sock-Hop

Date: March 20, 2010
Time: 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
In the Ballroom

Bring a dessert of your choosing to share.

Manny Lopez from the Elvis movie "Fun in Acapulco" will be performing the dance music for the sock-hop.

Be sure to **SIGN-UP** at the lodge front desk
(for seating purposes) **This is a no cost event (FREE!)**

*Feel free to dress up in 50's attire or to wear crazy hats if you want to be a part of the party props contributing to the ambiance of the event (plus its fun!)



Smitty will be offering a *Dinner Special* for those of you that would like to have dinner before the dessert potluck!!



Manager's Update

By Lisa Lynn, General Manager

At the Open Session Board meeting held on Thursday, February 11, the Board of Directors approved committee recommendations; including the Bistro Committee recommendation to purchase a deep fryer and install appropriate electrical in the kitchen for the deep fryer use and the Landscape Committee recommendation to redesign an area of the Monarch landscaping to increase the turf area. The Board also approved the proposal to complete spot cleaning for the Ballroom carpet on an as needed basis, approved the purchase of Ballroom dance floor replacement materials and approved the resolution for the release of K. Hovnanian LLC bonds. Overall, 35 action items were requested of Management by the Board of Directors.

Management reported to the Board the completion of maintenance items including the completion of the projector repairs (the ESC is still undergoing an evaluation of new projectors), the completion of the drainage repairs on the Lodge grounds turf area, the replacement of the recumbent bike in the fitness center, and the completion of the fire system inspection.

The Board of Directors reviewed correspondence regarding the issuance of a Type 41 Beer and Wine license for the Bistro operator and determined the license type did not fit the needs of the Association.

The Board of Directors also reviewed correspondence from a homeowner concerned about the status of trees planted on back yard slopes that will grow over 20 feet in height. The Board agreed that trees already planted by the builder and trees already planted by homeowners, with ARC approval, were acceptable and it would be the responsibility of the owner to maintain the trees in accordance with the ARC guidelines. The revised ARC guidelines address trees more specifically and, once adopted, these standards will be the method of approval and enforcement.

The Board approved the January 2010 meeting minutes and the December 2009 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, March 11.

Remember to check the calendar for upcoming election dates. Districts that did not receive quorum at their meeting on February 23 will have an adjourned meeting on Friday, March 5. At that time it will be necessary to receive 25% of the ballots from each district to meet the quorum requirements.

The last day to turn in a candidate form for the Board of Directors is Friday, March 12. A "Meet The Candidates" for the Board of Directors will take place on Thursday, March 25 at 6 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom.

NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR THE ELECTION OF DISTRICT DELEGATES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday, March 5	Reconvened Delegate Elections (reduced quorum -25%) Times to be announced by District.
March 12, 2010	Deadline for receiving Board of Directors Applications
March 16, 2010	Ballots to be mailed for Board of Directors Election
March 25, 2010	Meet the Candidates for Board of Directors 6-8 p.m.
April 15, 2010	District Delegate Meetings to Obtain Directed Votes – times to be announced.
April 22, 2010	Annual Meeting – Election of Board of Directors 1p.m.

Architectural Review Committee

By Willis Fagan, Chairman

In recent months, the Landscape Committee has developed a good "Pre-Authorized Plant List." The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) refers to and relies on this List in its consideration of landscaping proposed by homeowners. When preparing your landscape projects, please use the plants on this List, as it will speed up the process of approval.

We strongly urge you to use only drought tolerant plants. This does not mean "desert landscaping," as in barren areas of rocks, gravel and cacti. There are hundreds of wonderful, beautiful plants and trees that do very well in our specific environment, that thrive on neglect, take minimum maintenance, and that require very little water. In other words, you can enjoy beautiful, mostly carefree and almost water free landscaping if you choose the right plants.

Certain trees and large shrubs are not allowed due to their natural mature size. For example, most pines and palms are not allowed. Trees can seem appropriate and harmless when they are young and small in size. But when they establish their root system and become acclimatized, and since they get much more water than when they grow in the wild, they increase in size quickly and dramatically.

By doing inspections of the homeowner's yard improvements, the ARC does not automatically approve trees or shrubs that will have a greater growth than allowed. Later, if the growth exceeds the allowable, the homeowner cannot come back and claim that the Architectural Review Committee gave its approval and that the ARC, and by extension, the HOA, must pay for remedial work to bring the tree into conformance. Keep in mind that many trees cannot

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be pruned to control their height, thus they must be removed, which, when mature, can be very expensive and disruptive for the homeowner.

Also, please consider that it is possible you will not be around by the time trees or shrubs reach their natural mature size, thus a later homeowner will be saddled with remedying the problem you might have created. In the end, it is largely up to you to be considerate of our fine community and of your immediate neighbors, so please give careful thought to the location and mature size of your trees and shrubs.

Finance Committee

By Bob Melville, Chairman

The Finance Committee Meeting was held as scheduled on Jan.19. Initially Fred Weck (Chairperson of the Landscape Committee) made a presentation regarding the landscape problems at 102 Paint Creek and the recommended solution proposed by his committee after evaluating 3 different approaches/proposals. The Finance Committee supported the Landscape Committee's recommendation and voted unanimously to recommend approval by the Board of Directors.

The Finance Committee then reviewed the financial statements for December, 2009. The Net Income for the month was \$37,389 and Total Reserves increased to \$1,496,270. The Front Yard expenses for December were under the monthly budget by \$9,492. The Accounts Receivable (delinquencies) increased to \$139,950. Our Total HOA Expenses through Dec. 31,2009 (inclusive of Reserve Allocations) were \$336,856 under budget. The Committee again reviewed the new format of the Financial Reports and requested that the Front Yard Expenses be separated from the Springdale expenses to better identify and correlate to previous financial reports. Some other minor corrections were noted and the December Financial Reports were then unanimously recommended for approval by the Board Of Directors.

The Finance Committee recommended that three maturing CDs be rolled over into new 9-12 month CDs at the best prevailing rate. In addition, it was recommended that 2 new CDs be invested at the best prevailing terms/rates from excess operating funds and a HOA Reserve MM account. The FC also reviewed the new Dept. of Real Estate 2010 Budget and identified a minor correction. The Committee then reviewed the Jan. 26 Townhall Budget /Reserve Presentation and, lastly, scheduled a February 2 special Finance Committee Meeting to address vendor proposals that were not yet available.

On Jan. 26, Bob Melville (Chairperson of the Finance Committee) and Wayne Staples (Board Of Directors Treasurer) presented the HOA Budget/Reserve Status for 2009/2010 at a Townhall meeting. All in all, the 2010 HOA financial picture is solid and should remain so barring any unforeseen circumstances.

On February 2, the Finance Committee conducted a special meeting to evaluate vendor proposals prior to the February 11 Board Of Directors Meeting. They addressed the following: 1) Measures to control speed and access at the Potrero and Crooked Creek entrances and 2) Monthly spot cleaning of the Ballroom carpets. The Finance Committee made a specific recommendation regarding each and requested that Euclid Management carry those forward to the Board Of Directors.

The Finance Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Lodge Conference Room and HOA guests are always welcome.

Landscape Committee

By Fred Weck, Chairman

The Landscape Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 18, at the Lodge.

O'Connell Landscaping reported that their crews have finished the winter fertilizing of front yards for those residences that receive front yard easement lawn care. O'Connell also mentioned that their crews have removed all the invasive Mexican Feather Grass from the Springdale community and are addressing the need for selective plant replacement. Additionally, O'Connell Landscaping has completed trimming all front yard trees under 15' tall in the so-called Phase B area, which is the area bordered on the north by Potrero Creek and on the south by the large and visible Edison easement. O'Connell is 100% complete in trimming similar trees in the Laurels and Monarchs as well.

The Lodge has reported that a contractor, hired by the builder K. Hovnanian, is to start installing the much needed pressure regulator valves at several locations on the irrigation water mains within our community. We are hopeful that once installed, these valves will "throttle down" the excessive water pressure and greatly reduce the number of line breaks with their attendant labor intensive repairs and loss of water.

O'Connell Landscaping also mentioned that they are starting to trim many of the Crepe Myrtle trees originally planted between residences in some areas of our community. Aggressive trimming and pruning of these trees are necessary for their prolonged health and to reduce the trees from growing into adjacent rain gutters.

The January 2010 version of the updated list of trees, shrubs, groundcover, and vines that can thrive in our climate of Beaumont that was developed by the Landscape Committee is now on our Four Seasons Beaumont web page for residents who may be considering back-yard landscaping activities. Trees listed are those that traditionally do not grow beyond 20' in height which can save homeowners future cost of tree trimming.

The next meeting of the Landscape Committee will be Monday, March 15, at 9:00 a.m. at the Lodge.

Event Systems Committee

By Teri DiMarino-Davidson

Are you quite possibly a latent Rock n' Roll prospect? Perhaps you were a "roadie" at an earlier age. Have you ever envied the people "behind the scenes" at large concert venues? Well, your wannabe wishes could possibly come true by volunteering your talent and time as an *Event Systems Committee Technical Advisor*. Don't be frightened of the title! As a "techies," you will help turn knobs, plug cables, run the equipment and make everything "happen" here at Four Seasons at Beaumont. The ESC would like to increase the ranks of our "techies" by a few men and women who are interested in learning this craft and being "up close and personal" with many of the events here at the Lodge. Have a little extra time and want to learn a new craft? Call Roland Harrah for more information.

Speaking of events at the Lodge, tickets are now available for the first benefit concert here at Four Seasons at Beaumont. The A Cappella Doo-wop group, *The Mighty Echoes*, is coming to perform here on Saturday, April 10. With its smooth, consonant vocal harmony doo-wop was one of the most mainstream, pop-oriented R&B styles of the 1950s and 1960s and now this renowned group is coming to our community. The tickets for this benefit concert are \$25 each with all proceeds going to fund further improvements to our audio/visual/theatrical needs here at Four Seasons at Beaumont. This is a concert-seating event. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7 p.m., so plan your evening accordingly. The concert opening act will be our local ladies barbershop quartet, *Unscripted*. The ESC is also pleased that the *Taste d'Vine Wine Club* will be assisting in making the evening go smoothly for all. This is OUR music and this will prove to be an exciting evening for all!

Rules and Regulations Committee

The Rules and Regulations Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21.

The Trail Use Rules for the trail system and the Common Area Appearance additional rule in the Community Guidelines were approved by the Board Of Directors and they are now out for the 30-day review.

The Rules and Regulations Committee had a detailed discussion about smoking/non smoking around the Lodge grounds. The committee decided that Four Seasons at Beaumont would be a non-smoking community except for one designated smoking area. The members of the committee walked the area and decided on an area that would be designated as the smoking area -- between the sales office and the Lodge. Euclid Management and Rules and Regulations Committee members are going to gather samples of directional signs and make a decision at our next meeting.

Rules and Regulations members spent a lot of time discussing the direction of the 67% campaign. It was decided

that to accomplish our goal of passing the CC&R amendment we had many complex steps to take before sending the ballots to the homeowners and having a Town Hall meeting. We will be meeting with the HOA attorney to make sure all of our questions are answered. We decided that we would make the amendment as easy to understand as possible because this process is very different and harder to accomplish than changing or adding a rule to the Guidelines. It comes down to the numbers. There is only one vote per household. With 809 households we will need 543 affirmative votes to make the change to the CCRs. When Four Seasons Beaumont is built out with over 1800 homes if we are unable to change the CCRs more easily we will need more than 1200 affirmative votes to make any changes. Even with simple majority we will need more than 900 affirmative votes to make a change. It is a very long arduous process and not anything to be taken lightly. Even with a simple majority it will be HARD! We need everyone in the community to ask questions and become involved. We are planning on sending out the ballots and having a Town Hall meeting in May. We would welcome any comments, questions and/or concerns to be given to the R&R committee. Put them in writing and drop them off at the Lodge front desk. You don't need to sign, but if you would like an immediate response leave your name and phone number. Read the articles in the Sentinel for more information.

We are looking for one dedicated and committed individual to join our Rules and Regulations 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 the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. Guests are welcome. -- Louise Lyon—Chairperson (951) 797-3257

Bistro Committee

We are still looking for a new committee member for the Bistro Committee. As yet we do not have a chairman.

Our next meeting is March 2, at 3 p.m. in the Lodge Conference Room. -- Sandy Dwyer

Social Committee

By Melody Seewoster

Our Valentine's Day event was very nice. The crowd was a little smaller than usual since a lot of people were gone for the long weekend but everyone seemed to have a good time.

Bev Fagan and her group gave us some very nice decorations and as usual Smitty did a fine job also.

Our next event is the Tea and Fashion Show on June 5, at 1:00 p.m. Coldwater Creek will be supplying the clothes and the ticket price is \$13.00. This is always a sell-out event so, ladies and gents too, get your tickets early. Tickets will go on sale around April 21.

There will be another event on June 19 that is sure to be a lot of fun, so mark your calendars for that also. More about

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that in April and May.

I have heard some mumblings about some of the food at our events, mainly that it is not hot enough or even cold. This is a problem and not just for us. I was at a \$40 a plate dinner a few weeks ago at a very fine restaurant and, guess what, my dinner was good but not hot. I have talked to some dining room people who tell me that it is almost impossible to serve a HOT dinner to a lot of people. I guess what I am saying is that we should enjoy the evening, the dancing, the people, the fun and don't worry too much about a hot meal. We are working on doing better at this, but I am afraid it will be somewhat of an on-going problem.

If you have any suggestions or comments, you are invited to one of our Social Committee meetings; they are open to all residents. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.. in the Conference Room at the Lodge.

Safety/facilities

We are currently re-energizing the Neighborhood Watch Program. Anyone interested in being a block captain or being involved, feel free to contact me. We will have a meeting with a representative of the Beaumont Police Department in the near future.

The speed limit on Highland Springs at the new Medical Center is 30 mph on the Beaumont side of the street.

Solera Emergency Organization is selling safety kits. The various kits range from sustaining 1 person for 72 hours to basic hand- cranked flashlights and radios. I have the information available. -- Richard Urie, Chairman

Notice from the Newsletter Committee

As our community grows, and the number of articles submitted grows also, the Newsletter members must have enough time to adequately proof each submission to the Sentinel. It is imperative that all flyers, advertisements and articles be submitted by the tenth of each month. Please turn in all flyers (or details of needed flyers) and ads to Cindy graves at the Lodge Desk; send all general articles to Bobbie Eckel at eckelbt@cs.com. Observing the timeline each month will insure that your flyer, advertisement or article is correct. -- Bobbie Eckel

Neighborhood Watch Meeting



Friday, March 12, 2010

10:00am



***Please plan to attend.**

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UP TO YOUR STANDARDS!

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Wayne Staples, Board Liaison

Communication Advisory (Newsletter) Committee

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Event Systems Committee

Roland Harrah, Chairperson
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Finance Committee

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The Board of Directors for the K. Hovnanian's
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Association met on Thursday, February 11,
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 March 11, 2010
At 1 p.m. in the Lodge Ballroom.

Executive Session – 8 a.m.
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Clubs & Activities

Amphitheater Society Club

We are still looking to grow our Amphitheater Society Club by a few more members to help with planning our events.

We have our May and June dates firmed up and are currently contacting several great entertainers for the July, August and September dates. More information will be announced in the April Sentinel on those we have booked.

If residents are interested in attending, our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Lodge.

If you have questions, please contact Chairperson, Penny McDonell (951) 849-5535. -- Penny McDonell

All Seasons Rv Club

Plans are underway for a trip to Lake Havasu Feb.11-16. Everyone is really excited about the trip and hoping for good weather. Connie and George Johnson are planning a chili cook-off to be served tailgate style at the Saturday fireworks show.

Future trips are planned for San Clemente in March and Chula Vista in May. Some members are planning to camp at the Elks Rodeo in Santa Maria, June 2-7.

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



Book Club

Our first meeting in 2010 also began our new Book Club restructure.

Club members enjoyed discussing the two books chosen by Club members, the first of which was *Clan of the Cave Bear* by Jean Auel. Discussion leader, Judy Golding, not only elicited interesting answers to thought-provoking questions, but also diagramed each hearth in the cave, with its attendant "family." All in attendance agreed the author did a tremendous amount of interesting research on early man, as well as the healing properties of various flowers and plants. It was a popular pick, and interesting discussion.

Our next discussion centered on *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan, a fictional novel based on the factual events in the lives of Architect Frank Lloyd Wright and his married mistress, Mamah Cheney. Judi Rusche led a very interesting discussion which brought forth several opinions and insights. Everyone agreed that the ending was a total surprise, which was verified by an actual newspaper article presented by one of the members.



All residents interested in joining the Four Seasons Book Club are encouraged to obtain more information and meeting times by contacting Eileen Gilbert at (951) 922-6829. Happy reading, everyone! -- Eileen Gilbert

Bridge Club

If anyone would like to learn how to play the card game Bridge in the New Year, we have on-going classes every Monday at 10:30 a.m.. in the Card Room at the Lodge. If you have any questions about the classes, you may call me at (951) 769-8912. We hope to hear from you. -- Carl Carson

Bunco Group

We did it! We finally reached five full tables at our last meeting. Thank you to all of the new ladies that have taken the time to play Bunco with us. We have eight tables in the card room, so we still have room for more players.

Bunco is an easy game with lots of "talking time." Come on, give it a try and meet some really great ladies in our community. Join us on Friday, March 12 or March 26, and get ready to have some fun. Martha Franck (951) 769-3889



The Crafters : Do you ever say? "I'll get around to it"

Two gals met up at the Lodge one day. They quickly developed a friendship and decided to meet together, once a month to accomplish some desired projects that had collected in the closet. Then....they decided to formalize the meeting time for any one who has craft projects, quilting plans, scrap booking or photo album projects, knitting/crochet, or even mending to join in on the fun and conversation that naturally arises when folks get together. The "Get Around To It" group will start meeting once a month on the first Thursday of each month, starting March 4.

Location: Art Room - end of the hall on the left. Snacks: Bistro (Dutch treat) or bring your own "thing".

Time: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring: what ever project you want to work on and your own supplies.

Questions: call Pat Dawson (909) 720-1514 or Paulette Sims (909) 967-5261 We both look forward to meeting you! -- Pat Dawson

Four Seasons at Beaumont Racquet Club

The Four Seasons at Beaumont Racquet Club (FSBRC) is very happy to announce that our new roster of members, 40 strong, along with contact information and ratings is available to members.



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The board discussed having two possible excursions to the upcoming BNP Paribas Tennis Tournament at Indian Wells, California, March 8 -21.

The BNP Paribas is a world class, Tier 2 level tennis event, the Grand Slams being Tier 1. The tournament runs an entire two weeks with both men and women competing. On the men's side all 25 top-rated have entered including Federer, Djokovic, Murray, Roddick, Davydenko, Tsonga! The William sisters will not play but all other top 25 ladies have entered, Safina, Kuznetsova, Dementieva, Sharapova, Clijsters, Jankovic!

The first proposal is a day time outing on Monday, March 8. Qualifying rounds start that day and there is no fee to enter the grounds. Play is on outer courts where you can get within 10 feet of the players who are competing for the few remaining berths in the main draw. We would gather at the Lodge on Monday, March 8, by 9 a.m. and carpool. A \$6 charge will apply for the roundtrip. Tentatively we are thinking of returning from the tennis facility at 3 p.m. which would have us back at Four Seasons by 4 p.m.. The weather at Indian Wells is usually very warm in March, shirt sleeve conditions for watching and touring the grounds of this magnificent tennis facility. Bring a water bottle to keep hydrated and re-fill when needed at one of the drinking fountains. Also bring sun glasses, sunscreen and a hat.

The second event would be a night of tennis on Thursday, March 11. The evening event usually highlights two matches featuring highly seeded players, a women's match followed by a men's match. This night is Championship Volunteer Night with very special pricing, just \$10 per person with 20% of the proceeds benefiting the Volunteer Foundation. This is the only night where pricing is anywhere near this low so be sure to bring your friends, family and other club members for tennis under the stars. Pack a warm coat/jacket/wrap as once the sun sets the temperatures drop in the desert. For this evening event, we would gather at the Lodge by 4:30 p.m., carpool (\$6 charge) and return to Four Seasons following the conclusion of the tennis.

There are two giant TV screens to view while sitting and relaxing. One outside the stadium and one in the food court. The Food Court features multiple vendors with sandwiches, wraps, salads and other entrees. There are a variety of tennis equipment vendors, a wine-tasting booth, tennis warehouse clothing and an official logo store for a wide assortment of souvenir BNP Tournament items. So come join us on Monday, March 8 at 9 a.m. Watching the play is free, travel is \$6 and lunch is optional. Or choose the evening session for less than \$20.

Sign up at the Lodge to join in on the fun by Friday March 5, and/or call Howard Lyon at (951) 797-3257 for more information.

Check upcoming intra-club events scheduled for spring in the newsletter and e-mails. -- FSBRC Executive Committee

Cars and Motorcycles for Show

If you have a road machine (new or old), or a street rod, vintage restoration or classic car, or if you'd like to show off your motorcycle, please join us in June for an event we're having in our Four Seasons Lodge parking area. For additional information, please call Willis Fagan at (951) 845-3251. -- Willis Fagan

Four Seasons Singers

DIRECTOR NEEDED. Are you a musician, singer, entertainer? Enthusiastic singers are looking for a director to help build a community chorus for Four Seasons. We meet on Friday afternoons.

For more information contact Jacque Sneddon at (951) 769-4562. -- Jacque Sneddon



Free Computer Classes

Please sign up at the front desk in the Stop Look & Sign Up book. The class is limited to only 9 students per class and a class will be scheduled when the enrollment is 9 students.. Each class is 3 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 is to begin.

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 a Basic Skills Course; then only new students will be 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. Basic Skill 103 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

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14 1 p.m. Bingo	15 8:30 a.m. Conditioning Class 9 a.m. Landscape Com. Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Beginner Cond. Class 10:30 a.m. Ping Pong - Beginner Bridge 12 p.m. Bridge 3:30 p.m. Painting 4 p.m. PAC 6 :30 p.m. Beginners Shall We Dance 7 p.m. 8-Ball Club	16 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 9 a.m. Safety and Facilities Committee meeting 10 a.m. Poker -Knit/ Crochet Club 1 p.m. Finance Com. Mtg. 4 p.m. Beginner Tennis 5 p.m. Tennis Drills 5:45 p.m. Zumba Gold 6 p.m. Hearts 7 p.m. Life Guide
21	22 8:30 a.m. Conditioning Fitness Class 9:30 a.m. Beginner Conditioning Class 10:30 a.m. Ping Pong - Beginner Bridge 12 p.m. Bridge 3:30 p.m. Painting 6: 30 p.m. Beginner's Shall We Dance 7 p.m. 8-Ball Club Practice	23 8:30 a.m. Aerobics 10 a.m.: -Knit/Crochet Club -Poker 4pm Beginner Tennis 5 p.m. Tennis Drills 5:45 p.m. Zumba Gold 6 p.m. Hearts 7 p.m. Life Guide
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10 8:30 a.m. Conditioning Class 9:30 a.m. Beginners Conditioning 10 a.m. Communications Advisory Committee meeting 10 a.m. Open Art 10:30 a.m. Ping Pong 1p.m. Canasta #2 7 p.m.. 8-Ball Club	11 8 a.m. BOD Executive Session 8:30 a.m. PIYO 9:30 a.m. Zumba 10 a.m. ARC Meeting 10 a.m. Poker 11:30 a.m. Pan 1 p.m. Canasta 1 p.m. BOD General Session 4 p.m. Beginner Line Dancing 6:30 p.m. Shall We Dance Practice	12 8:30 a.m. Conditioning Class 10 a.m. Art Studio 10 a.m. Neighborhood Watch Meeting 10:30 a.m. Ping Pong 1 p.m. Bunco 3:30 p.m. Singers 7 p.m. 8-Ball Club	13
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24 8:30 a.m. Conditioning Class 9:30 a.m. Beginners Conditioning 10 a.m. ARC Meeting 10 a.m. Open Art 10:30 a.m. Ping Pong 1 p.m. Canasta #2 5 p.m. Bingo 7 p.m. 8-Ball Club	25 8:30 a.m. PIYO 9:30 a.m. Zumba 10 a.m. Poker 11:30 a.m. Pan 1 p.m. Canasta #1 4 p.m. Beginning Line Dance 6 p.m. Meet the Candidates for Board of Directors. 6:30 p.m. Shall We Dance Practice	26 8:30 a.m. Conditioning Class 10 a.m. Art Studio 10:30 a.m. Ping Pong 1 p.m. Bunco 3:30 p.m. Singers 7 p.m. 8-Ball Club	27 11 a.m. Vietnam Veteran's Day Event
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Life Guide Bible Study Club

The Life Guide Bible Study Club in March will continue its series called "Getting to Know God." We will be looking at the attributes of God and asking the question, "What is God really like?" This is a significant question because the more we know about God, the more we can fully trust Him. In March we will look at such topics as "Our Unchanging God" (His Immutability), "The Amazing Grace of God" (The Love of God), "Letting God Be God" (His sovereignty) As we study the nature of God, we will always be looking at how this impacts our life now in the twenty-first century. How does knowing more about God make me a better person? How does it help me love God more and serve others more faithfully? How does it help me to live a happier and more fulfilling life? Come and join us. Everybody is welcome!



The Life Guide Bible Study Club meets in the Ballroom of the Lodge on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 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

Line dancing is good for your mind as well as your body. Concentrating on the steps and doing them in a sequence stimulates our brain which is important as we age.



Line dancing, for the most part, isn't overly strenuous and the moves aren't physically hard, but if you dance for an hour, you have a pretty good workout. The music lifts our spirits and socializing with others is always good for us.

Even if you have never danced before, we can teach you step by step at least one dance a week. If you are worried about "looking silly", don't be. All of us started at the beginning and weekly we have new members attending for the first time.

Come if you are alone, bring your spouse if you are married, or come by yourself if he (or she) doesn't want to dance. We always start with the Electric Slide; you have seen it done over the years and you know you would like to learn it.

Now's the time and the Lodge Ballroom every Thursday at 4 p.m. is the place. Hope to see you at our next class! Martha Franck, Eileen Gilbert, and Zelyne Rudolph.

Performing Arts Club

The new club officers are Colin Taylor, president, Howard Swidler, director, Eileen Gilbert, secretary-treasurer, Roland Harrah, audio, Bill Cairncross, floater as needed and Zelyne Rudolph, casting director. We meet every third Monday in the Conference Room at the Lodge. We invite all people who are interested in participating to come to our meetings.

Colin Taylor is known as one of our fine magicians and we look forward to his Magic Nights this coming year. Howard Swidler has a background as a TV director and has done variety shows and plays. We welcome him as our director. Eileen Gilbert continues as our secretary-treasurer. She has been very active in PAC since its inception. Bill Cairncross is also a retired director, production supervisor who has won Emmys.

Don't be shy, let us hear from you. We are only as strong as the people who participate. -- Zelyne Rudolph

The Seasoned Sassies

The Seasoned Sassies, our own Red Hat Society chapter, ventured to Los Angeles via Metrolink to visit Chinatown on February 10. There were eleven ladies who donned their red hats and purple outfits to enjoy the train trip and a day in the city.



Some of our upcoming events are as follows: April 8, Martha Greens (The Eating Room) in Redlands for tea, May 12, Lunch at SunLakes with games afterwards, June 9 will be a planning meeting at the Lodge with lunch at the Bistro or bring your own.

Our meetings and outings are held on the second Wednesday of month (there are some exceptions) at various locations.

If you are interested in the Red Hat Society, give me a call and I will be happy to give you any information you may want. My phone number is (951) 769-2774. -- Melody Seewoster

Seasoned Solos

Our trip to Guys restaurant was re-scheduled for Feb. 27. We met at the Lodge at 5:30 p.m. and carpoled to a fun evening.

We have a trip planned to the Living Desert on March 9. Call Mary Castle for more details. In addition, we are planning to go to the Swap Meet at Palm Desert on March 20. We will meet at the Lodge at 9 a.m. and car pool from there.

There is a luncheon planned for March 23 to the Grand

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Oak Restaurant; we will meet at the Lodge at 11:30 a.m. and carpool.

Our "Hop On, Hop Off" LA bus trip will be re-scheduled for sometime in April. We will determine the date at our March meeting.

We welcome any other suggestions on places you would like to see. Give Mary a call at (951) 769-5444.

Hope you all can come and join us. -- Toby Davis

Shall We Dance Club

Hello, Everyone!

Don't forget, learn to dance, every Monday night at 6:30, eight dollars per person.

You will be taught by the 2010 World Champion Ballroom Dancer, Darlene Graziano. You will experience fun, exercise and a lot of laughter.

As the medical world states, and we all know Dr. Oz recommends, dancing is the most valued exercise for the body and the brain function. Don't throw this opportunity away to get healthy, enjoy friendships and have no regrets.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Shall We Dance Club. Once again, let's dance!.

Any questions, contact JoAnne at (951) 849-8877. -- JoAnne Haberman



Canasta Club

The Canasta Club meets every Thursday from 1:15 to 4:00 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 out. 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 January 12, fourteen hikers traveled to the Indian Canyons, near Palm Springs. We hiked part of the easy South Palm Canyon and then the entirety of the somewhat more strenuous Victor trail with an elevation gain of about 400 ft. From the high point, the view was spectacular. And yes, the weather was great, with sunshine all the way.

The Tuesday, February 9, hike to the Joshua Tree National Park was postponed until Tuesday, February 16, because of bad weather. We planned to hike the 49 Palms Oasis Trail. Read about it in the April issue.



A hike is planned for Tuesday, March 9, in the Palm Springs vicinity. The trail has not been selected yet. Meet us at the Lodge parking lot at 8 a.m.. We will be car pooling. Bring along your senior passes, whether you drive or not. For more information, call me after the first of March.

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

Taste D'Vine Wine Club

Taste D'Vine Wine Club will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, to explore the wines of Australia.

We will sample wines from the area warmly known as The Land Down Under. There are more than 62 wine producing regions in Australia, producing many different styles of wines ranging from light easy drinking table wines to barrel aged high end luxury reds.

With vineyards planted over its vast areas, Australia offers whites ranging from Chardonnay to Semillon, reds ranging from Pinot Noir to Cabernet Sauvignon.

Whites can taste cool, austere, smooth, fruity to honeyed. Reds, fruit driven from ripe to very ripe to complex and structured for long cellaring. There are some of the producers which are very famous for Shiraz, Cabernets and the Dessert Wines known as Stickies.

Australia's leading wine companies were established in the 19th century. Being in a new nation, the winemakers brought grapes to plant and unfortunately had to endure diseases, unfamiliar climate and adverse soil conditions. They struggled to produce wine. They were successful and developed their own classic styles. Through time, Australia has become known for its technical advances and created wine that now everyone loves and is emulating.

Some of the areas producing an abundance of wines are New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, and Tasmania. Australia's portfolio is so large it can offer wines that anyone can enjoy. A few names are Yellow Tail, The Little Penguin, Marquis Phillips, Two Hands, Rosemount, Yalumba, Elderton, Penfolds from the Bin Series to the High End Grange. There are hundreds of others. Just go to the Australian section and pick out your favorite varietal. There are also store brands offering Australian wines -- such as Trader Joe's which offers one as an Aussie Blend. So much juice, what is a person to do? Drink responsibly.

Join us as we explore some of these Australian wines at our March meeting. As always, bring a glass -- two if you want to compare side by side tastings, your \$5.00 fee for members, \$8.00 for guests. Also, any experiences you would like to share we would love to hear. Anyone else been to Australia? Have a G'Day. -- Anita Worthen

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Clubs & Activities

Travel Club

The Travel Club is pleased to present a Travel Presentation. This will be a presentation on 2010 and 2011 travel deals through the Travel Leaders. This event will take place on April 8, at 5:00 p.m. in the Craft Room at the Lodge. Come on out and see what is being offered and to get any questions answered that you may have.

Some day trips that are being offered during March and April are as follows:

March 4, 2010 Santa Anita Races	\$ 62.00 p/p
March 7, 2010 The Pajama Game at the Candlelight Theatre w/lunch	109.00 p/p
March 9, 2010 Sherman Library & Gardens with lunch	82.00 p/p
March 11, 2010 Lo Jolla Birch Aquarium	55.00 p/p
March 16, 2010 Reagan Library	55.00 p/p
March 20, 2010 Norton Simon Museum	54.00 p/p
March 21, 2010 Pirates of Penzance at the Welk Theatre w/lunch.....	129.00 p/p
March 23, 2010 Joshua Tree Wildflowers.....	65.00 p/p
March 25, 2010 Nethercutt Museum	59.00 p/p
April 7, 2010 Carlsbad Flowers w/wagon ride and lunch	57.00 p/p
April 10, 2010 Leonardo da Vinci at the Getty Center.....	57.00 p/p
April 13, 2010 Descanso Gardens with Lunch	84.00 p/p
April 15, 2010 San Diego Air and Space Museum with lunch	82.00 p/p
April 17, 2010 The Grove & Farmer's Market.....	5.00 p/p
April 20, 2010 Taste of L.A. wine tasting and lunch included	95.00 p/p
April 22, 2010 Mystery Trip with lunch	59.00 p/p

For reservations please call (760) 325-5556. Phone reservations must be followed by check payment within 5 business days or space is resold. Payment is non-refundable for day tour cancellations received up to 5 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 two cruises that are planned for this year. Alaska in August and The New England /Canada cruise in October. Please see flyers at the Lodge. -- Melody Seewoster



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Come Meet Manuel "Manny" Lopez At The Sock Hop

Saturday, March 20, 2010

4 Seasons Ballroom • 5:30-8:00 p.m.



Manny Lopez, 78, plays his vibraphone at his Catalina City home. Lopez, known as the King of Cha-Cha-Cha in the 1950s, will perform at a benefit Sunday night.

We have a new resident who is going to be well received by music lovers. Let me introduce you to Manny Lopez. Manny was known as the King of the Cha Cha Cha in the 1950's and he is anxious and ready to play at Four Seasons. Manny recorded his debut LP in 1957 for RCA and his career ran strong for years, in fact, Manny played major rooms from Las Vegas to Miami. On his second album, RCA said, "Like the rock is to the roll, so Manny Lopez is to the Cha Cha Cha. The two are inseparable." He was managed by the same agent that managed Tito Puente, Herb Alpert and many of the top Latino acts in the nation.

In 1963, Manny helped Elvis Presley learn Spanish for a Mexican song during the recording of the soundtrack for the movie, "Fun in Acapulco." "I taught him some lyrics in Spanish and he learned them," Manny told the Desert Sun Reporter, Bruce Fessier, which appeared in the March 16, 2007 issue. "I wrote it for him the way it was sung (phonetically). He was very talented. It was very difficult Mexican music." The Sun Desert article revealed that Manny was the opening act at the Dance Bash, on Sunday, March 18th, 2007 at the Doral Palm Springs Resort.

Manny Lopez' father migrated from Mexico to Arizona and raised his family in Downey, California. Manny showed musical aptitude as he began playing traditional Mexican music on guitar, however, at the age of 14, Manny discovered the big band music of Stan Kenton and Harry James. After joining the Navy in 1946, Manny and other Latin musicians began to fuse Latin and Anglo styles but looking across the

country, one heard diverse Latin styles, such as, Afro-Cuban and Puerto Rican music coming from New York. At about this time, Manny found his niche in the form of the Cha Cha Cha. As the styles evolved, Manny got bigger gigs, enough to add three violins, a viola, a cello and two flutes to his quintet. That sound caused Manny to become very popular in the Hollywood clubs, such as the Capri and the Garden of Allah. His hit, "Canadian Sunset", in 1957 got him engagements at the Las Vegas Flamingo. He credits his success by being in the right place at the right time, before Rock and Roll became such a juggernaut.

Manny has five sons, one of which is Frank Lopez, a captain in the Los Angeles Fire Department, who happens to be married to our Pro-Fit owner, Carmen Lopez.

Come meet Manny Lopez on Saturday, March 20, at the Sock Hop in the Ballroom. He and his sons, Frank and Steve, will be performing and we can all dance or listen with pleasure to the wonderful sounds from the King of the Cha Cha Cha. -- Zelyne Rudolph



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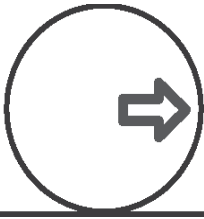
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Four Seasons Spotlight

Your Neighborhood Needs Your Help ...

By Bobbie Eckel

For the third time in the past few years, the Safety / Facilities Committee is trying its best to keep our community safe by re-introducing the concept of a Neighborhood Watch Program for Four Seasons.

In the year prior to 2007, an attempt was made to establish a Neighborhood Watch. The response was not a positive one, the community seemed to feel that it was not necessary.

On Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008, a second meeting about the Neighborhood Watch Program was held in the Lodge Ballroom. Approximately twenty-five residents attended. Richard Urie, Safety Committee Chairman, addressed the residents and encouraged them to participate by becoming Block Captains and by advertising the potential of the program to their neighbors. The discussion was very lively. Agreement was unanimous that such a program needed to be a part of the Four Seasons security arrangements.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Richard asked for volunteers for Block Captains. Few community members came forward. Residents seemed to want the program, but they wanted someone else to do it for them.

Recently at a Board of Directors General Session, residents, aware of burglaries which had occurred in our neighborhood, recommended that Four Seasons have an active Neighborhood Watch Program. The speakers were newer residents. Hopefully, this time there will be a chance to overcome the apathy and get the community fully involved.

The following basic information about a Neighborhood Watch program will help residents understand their part in keeping our community safe.

According to American Security Educators, the Neighborhood Watch is a "citizen's involvement program, where citizens, in cooperation with their local law enforcement agency, directly participate in the detection and prevention of crime." Notice that the wording reads "in cooperation" with the local law agency. This is not a program where residents form a posse; it is a cooperative program to increase awareness of what happens on our streets and report any suspicious

activities to our local police. We are expected to be armed with information and reporting procedures, not firearms!

Residents will be trained to recognize suspicious or criminal activities, to record data and report these activities to the police department. The Neighborhood Watch participants do not take the place of law enforcement officials; they act as extra eyes and ears for them.

The Neighborhood "Watchers" not only observe and report anything suspicious happening in their neighborhood, they also utilize crime prevention measures which make it more difficult for criminals to commit crimes within the community. By becoming trained observers, by knowing what to look and listen for, and by becoming better acquainted with the routine habits of neighbors, the resident watchers can be more effective in preventing neighborhood crime. Residents will not be asked to perform law enforcement duties of confronting criminals, only recording and reporting what they see.

A preliminary meeting was held at the Lodge on Friday, February 26, to disseminate information about Neighborhood Watch to people who had expressed an interest. We currently have 9 residents who have signed up to be Block Captains. We need 38 to have the program perform as it should.

We have signs posted outside Four Seasons walls announcing that our community is a Neighborhood Watch Community. We can make that a reality this year if residents are willing to get involved. If you want the program, make an effort. If you don't make an effort, it will not happen!

Look for additional information about the formal establishing of the Neighborhood Watch Program in the monthly Sentinel and on flyers or the teleprompter at the Lodge. If you have questions or want to volunteer your services, please call Jerry Whitfield, at (951) 845-0680, Mary Primack at (951) 572-5291 or Anita Worthen at (951) 769-9858.

The city of Beaumont holds a community-wide informational meeting sponsored by the Police Department on the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. in Room 2 of the Beaumont Civic Center. The next scheduled Four Seasons Neighborhood Watch gathering is Friday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Lodge. Come to the meetings; become an involved participant. Your Neighborhood needs YOU!



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Neighborly Notes

By Bobbie Eckel

It's time for a clock change again! Daylight Savings starts Sunday, March 14. Plan to turn your clock ahead one hour.

While we are thinking about the time change, we realize that Spring is peeking around the corner. Now is the time to check your drip irrigation system to make sure the lines are clear. Time also to check the batteries on the timers.

If you have questions about your VA benefits, you missed a great opportunity on Saturday, January 30. PASS (Pass Area Supporting Soldiers) held an excellent workshop at Beaumont Civic Center for veterans, families and friends to answer questions and update general knowledge of benefits that may be available to service members and/or their families. Many agencies and organizations were present to assist veterans. For additional information about future presentations or referrals to specific agencies involved, please call (951) 769-9858.

Speaking of our veterans, AB 717 proclaims March 30 each year as Vietnam Vets Day. Four Seasons will be holding a special luncheon event for the Vietnam Vets in our community on Saturday, March 27. Tickets will be available soon. Be sure to get your tickets early as seating is limited. K-Hovnanian has promised a celebrity presence for the event!

Residents, you can be volunteers to pack boxes of items to send to military personnel from this area. See the article from PASS in this month's Sentinel. Volunteering is a great opportunity to show our appreciation for our Armed Services. Plan to gather a group of friends and spend a morning packaging items for our troops.

The annual Ramona Country Carvers Woodcarving Show and Sale will be held on March 13 and 14 at Valley Wide Regional Park, 901 W. Esplanade Avenue, in San Jacinto. The event features the works of carvers from all over Southern California along with an array of wood carving tools and supplies. The show runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday. A \$2 donation is accepted at the door. For additional information call Joe Peery, (951) 767-1691, or check online at www.ramona-countrycarvers.com.

Four Seasons sidewalks will be given "corrective construction" in the coming weeks. Crews will be repairing defects on the walkways in all of the community. Please plan your walks accordingly.

The turnout for "Meet the Delegates" was less than stellar. Many districts were not represented by residents or applicants. The few residents who did attend for the Monarch 2 area were concerned enough to spend the next 24 hours finding a delegate and an alternate. The Arbors 1, Arbors 2 and Heritage 1 Districts still do not have delegates. I hope that our homeowners in those districts are sufficiently concerned

to find a delegate for their areas. Apathy is a huge problem in our community; we all need to make a determined effort to become involved, to be part of our democracy in action within Four Seasons.

You Can Help Our Troops ...

PASS (Pass Area Supporting Service-members) is sponsoring a "Box Packing for the Troops" on Tuesday, March 16, at the Calimesa Senior Center located at 908 Park Avenue, Calimesa. Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PASS is very privileged to have the assistance of the residents, civic organizations and businesses from the Pass area (Calimesa to Cabazon) with donations both of items and money. The money helps offset the costs of special items purchased for the boxes and to pay the postage.

We would like to invite everyone who is interested in packing a box for the troops. We can use your help, so come on in and join us. You will go away with a great feeling, and because of your effort, a box will be sent to the troops.

If you need any further information, please feel free to call me at (951) 880-7085. I look forward to seeing you on March 16. Sandy Bleier, PASS Publicity Chairman

Word Fun

By Bobbie Eckel

Did you know we have a group dedicated as "guardians of the English Language"? These word protectors teach and research at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Their annual task is to collect a list of words and phrases which they consider annoying -- and then by publishing the worst offenders, the group hopes to ban the words / phrases.

The winners of the 2010 "worst" words are as follows:

- 1) Shovel-ready -- meaning to be available and poised to respond.
- 2) Czar -- indicating a leader, coordinator or director.
- 3) Tweet -- and the many variations branching out from the popular Twitter.
- 4) App -- apparently the complete "application" is too cumbersome and the word "programs" too basic.
- 5) Sexting -- the trend involving a mesh of texting sexual innuendos and sending sexually explicit pictures that teens enjoy and their parents abhor. A brief bit of research on the internet, however, reveals that sexting is not just for teens. There are many articles explaining how adults, even senior adults, enjoy it -- including a printed list of suggestions for avoiding legal difficulties while doing so.
- 6) Teachable moment -- once used only in education for the right time, now used for everything from potty-training to politics, according to the Lake Superior pedants.
- 7) Toxic assets -- the new way of referring to bad stocks, bonds, loans or debts.

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- 8) Too big to fail -- perhaps coined in reference to the stock market and banks (and automobile companies, etc.) before the crash.
- 9) Bromance -- a media combination indicating a "man-crush", a close but not sexual, relationship between two or more men. The word is actually a portmanteau coined by Editor Dave Carnie in the skateboard magazine Big Brother in the 1990's speaking of the bond that develops between skaters who spend a lot of time together.
- 10) Chillaxin' -- used from MTY to ESPN and CNN apparently to combine chillin' with relaxin'.

The Editors of Netscape took it upon themselves to assist the word police in publicizing the most annoying words for the year. I found it an interesting list -- and learned a lot of new words, not necessarily for use but for understanding. Aren't words fun?

Driver Alert

By Bobbie Eckel

In the past few months there have been a number of near-misses in the roundabouts reported to the Lodge desk.

Drivers in Four Seasons need to be reminded that the intent of a traffic circle, such as in the front of the Lodge or upon entering / leaving Four Seasons Circle, is to slow traffic, to encourage calm, courteous driving.

Directions for navigating the circles are simple: 1) Slow down as you approach the intersection which opens into the circle. 2) If there is traffic in the circle, the incoming driver must yield. Traffic already in the circle takes precedence.

Maintain slow speeds; remember that the maximum speed limit in our community is 25 miles per hour.

Please be vigilant at all times and obey the "Yield to traffic in the Circle" signs. Your neighbors will appreciate your awareness and courtesy; your insurance company will appreciate your fiscal responsibility!

Message From The Board Of Directors Proposal for a Beer and Wine License

At the February Board of Directors meeting, the Board reviewed information from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) regarding the Bistro operator obtaining a Beer and Wine license. After careful contemplation, the Board of Directors determined that a Type 41 license, which was under consideration, would not be in the best interest of the Association and the proposal failed.

A Type 41 license is known as an On Sale Beer and Wine Eating Place license and could only be obtained by the Bistro operator with the Association's approval. It was found that

the Type 41 license would require the Association to allow public access into our community and the Lodge. By law the licensed premises must be made available to all persons regardless of their membership or status. Essentially, the Association would not be able to deny access to any member of the public (regardless of age) and would lose the ability to enforce some of our own guidelines. Among these enforcement guidelines would be the ability to restrict access to the facilities of a member who has been suspended due to being delinquent in the payment of their assessments or in violation of the CC&Rs. Since it is the Board's fiduciary responsibility to implement the Association's Enforcement Policy, it would be a direct conflict to allow public access.

In concurrence with the Board, K. Hovnanian Homes stated they cannot support a concept that would allow such public access to the degree outlined or expressed by the ABC.

The Board may, in the future, consider other types of licensure which would not allow public access; however, those types of restrictive licenses are more costly and at this time would not be financially feasible to pursue.

Residents: If you have specific questions the you would like answered about the upcoming CC&R change of voting percentage, please submit them in writing to the Front Desk, so that they can be addressed at the Town Hall meeting.

Thank You.

Want Ads:

Wanted: a piano in good condition for the Four Seasons Singers. If you have one that you would be willing to donate, please call Jacque Sneddon at (951) 769-4562

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Activities Director Corner

By Cindy Graves

The weather is starting to feel “springy” again and the urge to spring clean and work on the garden is nagging. A perfect way to get motivated to prepare for Spring is by offering your home for the upcoming “Nosey Neighbor Spring Garden and Home Tour.” This is your opportunity to share some of your unique decorating style and garden ideas. The actual Tour is on May 1 and 2, however, the applications must be in by Friday, April 23. Residents who are just interested in going on the tour will find a sign-up sheet at the Lodge. There will be a nominal fee for the tour that will be donated to the Event Systems Committee for new audio, visual and other event-enhancing equipment for the community.

While you are experiencing this year’s fresh spring in your step, why not join the new interest group called “The Four Seasons Pom”? If you can walk and smile, then you can be a part of this new group. This group has fun marching and doing simple formations and steps to well-known marching tunes. They will be performing for the first time at the Fourth of July Show here at the Lodge. Judy Swindler, a brand new homeowner, will be heading this group. She learned her skills in the Phoenix area where she was in a marching group called the “Sunsations”. They participated in large and small parades all over the state. She was also in a group led by a former Rockette and June Taylor Dancer called the “Grandettes”. Who knows, maybe you’ll be mistaken someday for a “Lodgette”? If this sounds like fun to you (and it is), then e-mail Judy Swindler at jswidl1@yahoo.com or sign up in the Interest List Notebook at the Lodge desk.

Speaking of fun, don’t miss the March HOA event in the Ballroom! This event is called “The Sham-Rock and Roll Dessert Potluck and Sock Hop”. Entertainment will be Manny Lopez and his boys, and they will be playing the Sock Hop tunes of the 50’s and 60’s as well as a variety of other music (a little something for everyone)! This is a bit past Saint Patrick’s Day, on Saturday, March 20 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., but feel free to bring your green poodle skirt and green hat if you like. A dessert to share is your entrance fee to the party, so sign up at the Lodge desk to indicate how many seats you will need. Water, coffee and punch will be served, but feel free to bring your favorite beverage also. If you would like dinner before your dessert, Smitty will be offering a dinner special that night as well. What a fun way to socialize and have a good time! Don’t worry about those extra calories either, you’ll dance them all off! See you there!

The last involvement you might like to take advantage of is the new “Double-Deck Pinochle Group”. They are meeting on Fridays in the Game room or the Library at 12 noon. Beginners are welcome and lessons are given free each week. For more information call Joan Sewell at (951) 769-4196.

Have a wonderful March!

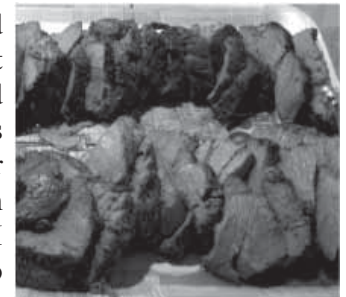


Chefs Corner

By Randy Balt

Tenderloin of Beef Roast

A few weeks ago I spotted a tenderloin roast for sale at the local grocery store and purchased it with the hopes of either cooking it whole or cutting it into filet mignon steaks. As events unfolded I had the opportunity to have two neighborhood couples over for



dinner and decided to cook the meat just like a prime rib roast. The dinner was delicious and everyone thought the complete menu should be in the newsletter. So, that’s what you have for this month’s entry. The beef was accompanied by roasted potatoes with garlic and rosemary (featured in the July, 2009 issue), barbecued zucchini and yellow crooked neck squash, sautéed mushrooms, and a wedge salad.

Prep Time: 20 min

Cook Time: 20-30 minutes per pound.

Serves: 6 to 8 servings

Ingredients

2 ½ to 3 ½ lb. tenderloin of beef

Marinade (noted in #1 below)

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Remove roast from refrigerator about 1 hour before required preparation. Prepare marinade at this time and set aside. I used the Savory Marinade recipe on the McCormick’s Montreal Steak seasoning container.
2. Remove any excess fat or skin from roast. Begin marinating meat for 30 minutes.
3. Preheat the oven to 450°F. Place meat on rack in a shallow greased roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer into center part of thickest area without touching bone or fat.
4. Place meat into oven and immediately reduce heat to 350°F. Cook approximately 20-30 minutes per pound until desired doneness is achieved. Rare is 135°F, medium rare is 145°F, medium is 160°F, medium well is 165°F, and well done is 170°F.
5. Remove roast from oven and let sit for 10 minutes prior to serving. (Temperature will continue to rise about 5 degrees during this time.)

Holding Cooked Rib Roast: To hold cooked roast until serving time, immediately turn off oven and leave door ajar after removing roast. Let roast sit 15 minutes on counter and then return roast to the oven, door closed, for up to an hour or even 2 hours for the biggest roasts. Check the temperature every 15 minutes. It will rise approximately 10° F at first, and then gradually subside.

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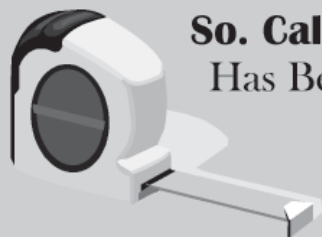


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