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BOARD MEETINGS

2:00 PM 3rd Wednesday of the month
Paso Robles, Senior Center
270 Scott Street

Note: Until social distancing has been lifted the monthly Board meetings will be conducted via zoom. If you are interested in attending the meeting, send an email to sbvhoa@gmail.com, and you will be included.

The Board continues to be on the look-out for homeowners interested in joining the Board. All you need is to be a resident homeowner, have access to a computer and email, be able to attend monthly meetings and be willing to consider each issue objectively.

If you do not have the time or inclination to become a board member and you like to write. In an effort to breath life into our newsletter, we are also looking for people who would like to submit an article here and there for the newsletter.



Interested? Call the office
(805) 238 9249 or
Send an email to:
sbvhoa@gmail.com

COME ON BOARD !!!!

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SPRING MAINTENANCE INSPECTION IS HERE



Along with the April showers and the alternating days of sun, our gardens are looking beautifully green and colorful. Of course the weeds are loving it too. Sometimes its difficult to find time to get rid of those pesky little intruders, but now is the time.

The Annual Spring Inspection is upon us. Get out the weed eater, lawn mower, or paint can. Secure your trash cans out of sight and repair your cracked driveway.

Mark your calendar for the second week in May. Starting Saturday, **May 16th**, you will see familiar faces as our volunteer directors scan the neighborhood for maintenance and repairs that need to be done.

The purpose of the annual inspection is to maintain the property values of all of the residences in Sierra Bonita Village. The resale value of our homes is evidence that this works. The City has even joined us in sprucing up the medians on Scott Street. Now its time for us to do our part.

Here is what they will be looking for: over-grown yards along with, clutter or trash

cans that are visible from the street. Over-grown bushes that encroach on the sidewalk. RV's, trailers and unlicensed or inoperable vehicles parked in driveways. Fascia and trim that need painting or replacing and attached units with mis-matched paint jobs. And of course the dreaded asphalt driveways that are cracked and crumbling.

The asphalt driveways are over 35 years old and are crumbling underneath and are needing repair almost every year. The more rain the worse it is.



The inspection is a four step process. Step 1: First inspection with letters sent including a list of items needing maintenance or repair. Yards must be cleaned up within 30 days, larger repair projects will get 60 days to complete.

If you need an extension, call the office (805) 238-9249. If you cannot make repairs due to financial constraints and you qualify as low income ,Habitat for Humanity can help you out. Their number is (805) 782-0687.



Sierra Bonita Village Annual Garage Sale

Due to uncertainty as to when the stay-at-home order will be lifted, two dates have been set for the Annual Garage Sale. The tentative date is Saturday, May 23rd unless we are still on lock-down; in which case it will be moved to Saturday June 27th.

The sale will be advertised on Craig's List and Nextdoor.com with a starting time of 9:00 am. There will be large signs at the entrances to the Village. You can also place individual signs with your address and an earlier start time if you would like, but remember to remove them when the sale is over. This does not count as one of the quarterly garage sales allowed per unit per year. Good selling and good hunting.

BE COUNTED, SLO COUNTY!

A complete count of the San Luis Obispo community will provide fair government representation and funding to local programs.



Have You Completed Your Census?

There's no need to leave the comfort of your home this year to complete the Census. Now, all Californians will be able to respond to the Census online or by phone. The Census invitation you received in the mail includes a unique Census ID linked to a physical address and information on how to fill out the Census form. For more information call **844-330-2020** or visit **my2020census.gov**.

Be Counted. A complete count of SLO County's population means more money for services and programs. Information from the Census helps with funding community programs for seniors, children, and families; improves housing; creates jobs; builds better roads and schools. It also affects how many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives our district gets. Visit slocountycensus.org to learn about taking the Census and how it benefits local residents.

BE COUNTED

Please do not feed the ground squirrels in Turtle Creek Park. They get plenty to eat and it is preferred to *discourage* their numbers due to habitat devastation!!

Contact jkaplan@wilshirehcs.org
(805) 547-7025 Ext. 2216



Anyone 55 or over qualifies for the Wilshire Community Services Program. Through this program, you can receive friendly visits, light housekeeping, minor home repair, transportation and help with errands such as grocery shopping.

If you have this need or know someone who does, please call 805-547-7025, ext. 2214 Leave your name and number.

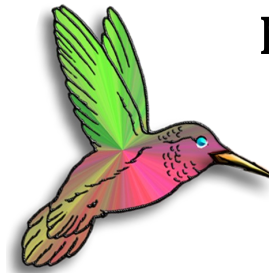
Wilshire community Services is always looking for more volunteers, call 547-7025 ext. 2214 for more information.



What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.

A good laugh has great short-term effects. When you start to laugh, it doesn't just lighten your load mentally, it actually induces physical changes in your body. Laughter can:

- **Stimulate many organs.** Laughter enhances your intake of oxygen-rich air, stimulates your heart, lungs and muscles, and increases the endorphins that are released by your brain.
- **Activate and relieve your stress response.** A rollicking laugh fires up and then cools down your stress response, and it can increase and then decrease your heart rate and blood pressure. The result? A good, relaxed feeling.
- **Soothe tension.** Laughter can also stimulate circulation and aid muscle relaxation, both of which can help reduce some of the physical symptoms of stress.



NATURE CORNER

If you are spending a lot of time at home lately, it's a good time to look outdoors and notice all the wonderful birds we have in our neighborhood. Many of us like to feed the hummingbirds, and a stranger was noticed at the feeder this week. We are accustomed to seeing the Anna's Hummingbird: the only hummer with a bright red crown, which combined with his ruby red gorget and emerald green back make for an impressive bird. All spring and summer, the male Anna's performs a remarkable courtship flight: soaring in a pendulum-shaped loop in view of a perched female making a loud popping sound at the bottom of each loop. They are common to brushy habitats in the westernmost states from Canada to Mexico.

But back to the stranger. This guy was smaller, and distinctively browner. Is it a Rufous? Rusty, red, and white overall, this is our only North American hummingbird with an all rufous back. It is smaller than the Anna's and ag-

gressively defends food sources. The male makes a variety of vocal chips and twitters, and the wings whistle in flight, especially in courtship displays. However, the Rufous domain is primarily in western Canada, Washington and Oregon.

Perhaps he was an Allen's hummingbird? The female Allen's is indistinguishable from the Rufous (except to the birds themselves). Very similar to the more widespread Rufous, this rusty, green and white hummingbird is found along the Pacific coast. Males have a bright orange gorget, white underbelly, green crown and back, and rufous tail. (Rufous hummingbird males have a mostly rufous back and tail). In flight, the male's wings give a loud whirr, and he also displays the swooping pendulum courtship of the Anna's. They like brushy woodlands, wooded parks, gardens and backyards.

So keep an eye out for the variations at your hummingbird feeders, if you feed. You might have some different guests. While watching, keep an eye out for all the different types of sparrows. Song sparrows are just hatched out of the brush now. We also have oak titmouse (titmice? Titmouses?) distinguished by their little pointy heads. Orioles, chickadees, jays, crows and several types of wrens are also around. And high up, the predator birds: the hawks, usually working in teams; are they Coopers or Sharpshinned hawks? More on that at another time...

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Neighbors have been noting the increase of raccoons in their yards. Because of the dry conditions, they may be seeking sources of water, so in order to detract them it would be prudent to remove water sources from your yard.

Exclusion and maintaining a clean space is the best way to handle a raccoon problem. Making every effort to remove hiding spaces, such as piles of wood, removing food sources, keeping all of your food indoors sealed in airtight containers

and blocking entry points into your home or other buildings is the most powerful method of convincing raccoons your yard and home are unexciting.

Thanks to their preference for a variety of foods, raccoons help keep your yard free of pests. For example, raccoons will eat wasp larvae, destroying the nest. Raccoons also eat other pests, such as small rodents, keeping your yard free of a variety of problems. Raccoons can also be useful in protecting bees. Bees are the first pollinators in the world and are essential for plants to continue to thrive. One of the main dangers for bees are wasps, which tend to violently colonize the places where they are found. Wasp larvae are one of the favorite foods of raccoons and, consequently, they prevent the wasps from colonizing the environments in which they are found.

Avoid the initial instinct to trap, relocate or kill raccoons, as these methods of control are illegal in California without the help of a licensed control professional or consent from Department of Fish and Game....Contributed by:Cathy Lord