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**SIERRA BONITA VILLAGE
HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.
BOARD MEETINGS**

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

Note: Monthly Board meetings have returned to the Senior Center the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM. Masks are required at this time.



The Paso Robles Senior Center is holding their annual CRAFT FAIR on Saturday, October 23rd. from 10 am to 3 pm. Attendance is free. If you would like to sell your crafts, registration forms are available at the Senior Center front desk. For more information about selling your wares, call the Senior

Center at (805) 237-3880.

To keep up with what's going on, become a member. Membership is \$12 for a single person and \$15 for a couple. Check out all of the activities by getting the senior center newsletter.

Support Your Vets



Come and enjoy a delicious grilled hamburger and chips for \$6.00 at the Veterans Memorial Center next door to the Senior Center at 275 Scott Street.

Lunch is served every Thursday from 11 am - 1 pm. Drinks are \$1.00. Have a nice lunch and support the veterans hall at the same time.

The Voice of the Village

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Annual General Meeting and Fall Fest Combined

Due to a consistent decrease in attendance by homeowners and residents to both the Annual General Meeting and the Fall Fest Luncheon, the Board of Directors has determined that it would be more cost effective to combine the two events.

Ordinarily, the Annual General Meeting is held in February of each year and the Fall Fest is held in October of each year.

This year the Annual General meeting will be held via zoom at 3:00 PM on Friday the 15th of October.

This year, because of a rise in the new Corona virus strain and the mandate to wear masks again, the luncheon part of the meet-



ing will be cancelled, until we can go back to meeting in person without masks.

To make a reservation for this year's meeting, please send an email to sbvhoa@gmail.com with the subject line "General Meeting" and you will receive and invitation via email.

In 2022, if all is well regarding COVID 19, the General Meeting will become a luncheon meeting and there will no longer be a Fall Fest. The meeting will be held in person the second or third week in February as required.

CONTINUED CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Moving along into the twenty-first century, and in an effort to keep costs down and dues as low as possible, this will be the last newsletter to come out in printed format. As of January 2022, the newsletter will be delivered exclusively through email.

If you have not yet submitted your email to the Association, please send an email to **sbvhoa@gmail.com**, with the word "newsletter" in the subject line. Be sure to include your name and unit address in the body of the email.



If you would like your tenant to receive the newsletter, please send an email with the words "tenant newsletter" in the subject line, put their name and unit address in the body of the email.

If you do not have an email, setting one up is a simple process and free. If you do not have a computer, the senior center has computers available for your use and computer assistance on Tuesdays, from 10-11am for an appointment call (805) 237-3880.

If you choose not to receive the newsletter by email, it will be posted to the website for your viewing pleasure. For those who do not have access to a computer, the newsletter will be posted to all four bulleting boards. Newsletters may also be available at the Senior Center.

2022 Policy Statement Summary

This is a summary of the 2022 Policy Statement. The entire statement may be requested in writing to: Assoc. Manager, Carla Crane PO Box 3345, Paso Robles, CA 93447. Phone: (805) 238-9249 or by Email: sbvhoa@gmail.com. All business inquiries are to be mailed to the same address. Address for overnight payment delivery is 1725 Ponderosa Lane, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

If requested in writing, a member may have up to two specified addresses for delivery of documents.

General notices are located on the bulletin boards, located on: Airport Road at Scott Street, Westfield Road at Scott Street, in Turtle Creek Park on Brookhill Road near Deerfield Lane, and between the 700 and 800 blocks of Turtle Creek Road.

Documents will be mailed via first-class mail and/or email to the most current address on file. Owners are responsible to notify Association in writing of change of physical address and current email and phone number.

The Minutes will be completed within 30 days of the meeting. A copy shall be mailed to any member upon written request and reimbursement of costs.

Upon notice, legal action may be taken to collect delinquent assessments. A lien against the owner's property may be filed for delinquent dues. The Association has the right to collect legal fees. Owners may negotiate payment plans.

Resolution 2015-1 requires that a \$10.00 late fee be charged for dues paid after January 31st. Interest on delinquent accounts is 10% per year. Return check fee is \$50.00.

Maintenance violation fees are \$50, \$100 and \$200 for each additional 30 days repairs are delinquent. After the second notice, a fine of \$10.00 may be assessed each time a trash receptacle is notices being stored that is visible from the street.

Fines of up to \$500, may be assessed to homeowners who continue to violate CC&R's after notification. Owners are responsible for the actions of their guests and tenants.

An owner alleged to be in violation will be given ten (10) days prior notice before the Board will consider imposing a fine. The notice shall include, date, time, and place of the meeting, the nature of the alleged violations, and a statement that the Owner has a right to attend. The owner will be notified within 15 days of a decision.

Approval by the Board of Directors is required for alterations made in the exterior design or color of any structure that is visible from the street or requires a building permit by the City. Colors of attached units must match except garage doors. A garage door that comes from the vendor in a white or off-white color need not be painted.

Meet Your Two New Directors

Paula Peargin joined the Board of Directors, because she loves living in Sierra Bonita Village. She moved here with her husband Rod, in 2006 from Auberry California to be closer to their boat, that was moored in Morro Bay. Rod served on the Board for many years as the Architect and Maintenance Chair and along with Ed Toney, had a big impact on the desirability of the Village today. Paula retired from her teaching position with the Paso Robles School District and is enjoying living in this wonderful village along with her wonderful friends.

Trish Boswell and her husband Jim, moved here in 2013 from Reno, Nevada and plan to live out their retirement years in the Village. Before retirement, Trish was a traveling inn-keeper and traveled from Santa Barbara to Healsburg. Trish was raised in Santa Barbara and from the age of twelve spent many summers visiting Paso Robles. While growing up in Santa Barbara, she experienced its growth and now wants to be a part of Paso Robles growth.

About Those Squirrels

Recently, I noticed one of those pesky ground squirrels from the park trying to take up residence in my yard. How did I know? Well, the pile of dirt on the sidewalk was the first clue. Then I saw a burrow heading under the ivy in the front yard. It was not long before I could look out into the back yard and see the little culprit helping himself to cheekfuls of the wild bird seed I keep out back. Soon, He (or she) became so bold as to tank up even while I was sitting within six feet of the feeder. It became game on. Never one to tolerate pilferage, I armed myself with a water hose and lay in wait. I got in a few good squirts before he gave up; or probably just got sneakier. Now that the apples are starting to fall from the tree I suppose I'll just have to keep the yard picked up.



squirrel can do serious damage to a lawn or garden. Most active during the day, the pests rob gardeners blind in broad daylight if not controlled. (Yeah no kidding)

Most ground squirrel damage to gardens revolves around the destruction of food-bearing and ornamental plants. Grains and nut and fruit trees, like apple, orange, and walnut, are especially vulnerable. Ground squirrels will devour vegetables in their seedling stage and damage young shrubs, vines, and trees by gnawing bark, girdling trunks, and burrowing around roots.

Ground squirrel damage in the lawn is the result of their burrowing habits. Capable of digging up to four feet deep, the pests create several interconnected tunnels that can become tripping hazards and damage lawn care machinery. Additionally, burrows around shrubs and trees can dry out roots, while those beneath buildings weaken structural integrity. Ground squirrels also gnaw on plastic sprinkler heads and irrigation lines.

Putting up fences around gardens might save plants from ground squirrels, but they must be buried at least two feet deep and stand three feet high to be effective. Likewise, lightweight plant netting can keep these pests from devouring gardens. However, these methods are not guaranteed to stop problems from occurring.

Nate Wyatt, City of Paso Robles Parks Maintenance Supervisor, said last spring that a carbon monoxide treatment had been successful in reducing the population and may be used again in the future. In the meantime, residents are asked NOT to use any over the counter rodenticides to try to control ground squirrel populations, due to the collateral danger to humans and other animals.

If the ground squirrels try to move into your yard, discourage them by reducing the attractions like readily accessible birdseed. They also don't like to be squirted with a hose; however, it can be very satisfying for the gardener. ...submitted by Paula Peargin

Not So Gentle Reminder

If you live on Marigold Lane or Southview Circle and your house backs up to Airport Road, you are responsible for the strip of dirt between your fence and the sidewalk along Airport Road. This strip needs to be kept clear of weeds, and the sidewalk needs to be kept clear of dirt and rocks. The rocks are a safety hazard for those walking in that area.

It appears that dirt has been leaching from under the fences and needs to be leveled off to keep rocks and other debris from overflowing onto the sidewalk.

The City of Paso Robles does have the right of access to that strip of land, but it belongs to the homeowner and is yours to maintain, along with the backyard fences along Airport Road.

Fall is the time to trim those hedges back and down, so they are lower than 4 feet in the spring. They may look woody over the winter, will come back greener and healthier than ever. Don't be afraid to give them a good haircut.

2022 Annual Budget

INCOME:	
Dues 65.00	35,750
Escrow Fees.....	5,550
Total Income.....	41,300
EXPENSE:	
Admin/Mngt.....	27,000
Insurance.....	7,600
Legal Consulting.....	1,200
Telephone/Internet.....	1,100
Meetings/Seminars.....	1,100
Misc, Maint & Repair.....	900
Supplies/Services.....	1,200
Postage.....	1,200
Total Expense.....	41,300