

WHATS GOING ON AT THE SENIOR CENTER

As of July 1, 2021, the Paso Robles Senior Center officially opened Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm. Senior Volunteer Services staff will be in the office from 9am-2pm, Monday through Friday.

The Food Bank comes on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10am. All food has been bagged so participants can wait in a line of social distance to pick up their bag.

The Meals That Connect Program provides hot lunchtime meals to seniors sixty years of age and older. There is also delivery for homebound seniors. Call 805-238-4831 for more information. Donations are appreciated.

AARP Tax-Aide is back for in-person tax preparation in the Veterans' Building and at the Library. Appointments are required. To make an appointment can be made online through the link at the Central Coast Tax-Aide website, ccfreetax.org, or by calling 805-931-6308.

For a variety of classes, games and special interest groups check the Senior Center calendar. Bridge, canasta, bunco, history buffs, knitting, legal aid, Mah Jongg and various Cuesta College courses are offered. Of course, don't forget weekly bingo on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30 PM, \$1 per card.

Are you interested in volunteer opportunities? Visit www.seniorvolunteers.org or call Senior Volunteer Services at 805-544-8740. <https://www.prcity.com/293/Senior-Services>

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**SIERRA BONITA VILLAGE
HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.**

BOARD MEETINGS

are held at
2:00 PM, the 3rd Wednesday
Paso Robles Senior Center
270 Scott Street
Meetings are open to the public



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ITS TIME FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



ALL HOMEOWNERS, RESIDENTS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED

When: March 19th

What time: 9:30 AM for coffee and social time; 10:00 am meeting

Where: Paso Robles Senior Center, 270 Scott Street

Councilman Fred Strong will give a short talk about what is going on in Paso Robles and future plans. There will be time for questions and open discussion.

We will be recruiting for future directors, so if you want to have input on what happens with Sierra Bonita Village, come and volunteer or nominate a friend or neighbor.

Sierra Bonita Village Annual Garage Sale



Here it is the Annual Garage Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, May 21nd, starting at 9:00 AM. Although most of our Villagers will have already received their vaccinations, you might want to continue to follow the 6 feet of separation advisement.

This year we will advertise the event in Next Door Turtle Creek and Facebook Marketplace. Feel free to post your own signs, but be sure to remove them after the sale. Last year was the first year after COVID isolation and before the second surge closed things up again, so there were quite a few participants.

We anticipate that this year there will be even more residents participating. The weather should be beautiful, so get your goodies together and welcome the shoppers...and for you buyers, Happy Hunting....



CC&R PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

For the past year, the Directors have been working on an amendment to revamp the CC&R's, in an attempt to shore up a few gaps, bring the CC&R's into compliance with current legislation and hopefully make them easier to understand and follow.

They hope to have them ready for your reading pleasure and a vote sometime in April or early May. The final step before the vote will be to submit the proposed amendment to the Attorney who will do a final run-through for any legal issues.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...keep a lookout for your copy of the amendment and ballot. It is important that as many homeowner's as possible get their votes submitted and counted.

Some of the changes are significant and deserve your attention. Don't let a few, decide for the many. Only 25% voter return is needed to count as a quorum and it only takes 2/3 of those who vote to decide for all.

OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

It is bitter-sweet to announce that this will be my last newsletter. After fourteen years of service to Sierra Bonita Village Homeowner's Association as administrator and manager, I have decided it is time for a full and complete retirement beginning June 1st.

Sixteen years ago I retired from UC Davis as a research contract and grant specialist. After moving into Sierra Bonita Village in 2007, I joined the Board and served as the Occupancy Committee Chair until October 2008, at which time, I was hired as the Association's Administrator. Things were much different then. The only lines of communication were telephone, US mail and the newsletter. There was no email address, website or database. Homeowner's contact information was simply a list of addresses in a "Word" document and the treasurer prepared financial statements from handwritten ledgers.

I first tackled the list of homeowners, their contact information and the status of each property by setting up an Access database. Then when the treasurer left, I set up "Quickbooks" for bookkeeping and monthly financial reports. Woo-hoo we were coming into the 21 century.

My next project aimed toward pulling the Association into the 21 century, was to set up email capabilities. At the time, very few of our seniors had computers or email addresses, but realtors and escrow companies did. As homes sold and the ages of homeowners drifted more toward the 55 to 65 year old's, more and more of them were using email to communicate.

I then ventured into the unknown world of website design and management to set up our website sierrabonitavillage.com.

My last project with a lot of nudging and encouragement from the Board was to set up mass marketing through Godaddy to distribute the newsletters via email.

I have truly enjoyed serving Sierra Bonita Village HOA and interacting with homeowners and residents. Now ...It's time for me to putter, and for someone else to take over and bring in new solutions, such as the ability pay dues via credit card and on-line etc.

Welcome Mark IV Property Management Systems on board, who will do just that.

See you around the Village or puttering in my yard. ... Carla Crane

MEET MARK IV MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

MARK IV, a licensed and accredited property management company, has been managing associations for over 30 years. They currently manage the homeowners associations for Quail Run, Rancho Paso Robles mobile home park and Traditions senior living complex. Mark IV services associations in San Miguel, Paso Robles, Templeton, Atascadero, Santa Margarita, San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay, Cambria, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande and Nipomo.

A committee of three directors has been appointed to work out the details of transitioning from an individual manager to a corporate management company, moving the Association further into the twenty-first century.

There will be an overlap of services during the transition in May. Keep an eye out for further communications regarding the details. When you have a few minutes, check out MARK IV's website: markiv.net.



SPRING INSPECTION IS TIME HERE



Spring is here and now is the time to take a look at your property and say to yourself....Self... does this yard look well maintained? If your answer is yes then you are good to go.. If your answer is maybe, you might want to do a little neatening up, if your answer is no...then get busy with the weed eater, mower or paint, because the annual spring inspection will start April 17 through the 23rd..

If there are flowers in your yard that are starting to sprout, but look scraggly like weeds, they need to be replaced with something that does not resemble a weed. When spraying weeds that are a foot tall, do not leave the dead weeds on the ground. The goal is to have a yard that looks well maintained.

This year special attention will be paid to those cute little shrubs that were planted as a hedge many years ago and are now 10 to 15 feet high. They are supposed to be maintained at a maximum height of 4 feet. If your hedge has gotten out of hand, get out the hedge trimmer or clippers and trim it back down to 4 feet. You may even want to go down to 3 or 3 1/2 feet to give it some growing room. This includes any hedge in the front that extends past the edge of your house toward the sidewalk or across the front of your house. This is not only a Sierra Bonita Vil-

lage rule, but a Paso Robles City Code. We will also be checking for cracks and crumbling blacktop in driveways, fascia that needs painting or replacement, attached units with paint colors that don't match, along with trash cans that need to be stored out of sight and unlicensed or inoperative vehicles and RV's or trailers that are stored in driveways.

Keep in mind that...according to the CC&R's **all home improvement projects need to be approved by the Board of Directors prior to starting a project.** Approval is also necessary to change paint colors and last but not least, any project which requires a city permit.

Just a note, When submitting a project for approval, be sure to plan ahead, this process can sometimes take up to 30 days.

It does not matter if your project is in the front or back yard. Board approval is still required. This is not about the looks of your project, but the affect it might have on your attached unit.

The goal is to preserve the property values of all units in the Village ...so lets have a neighborhood that we can be proud of.