

The Voice of the Village

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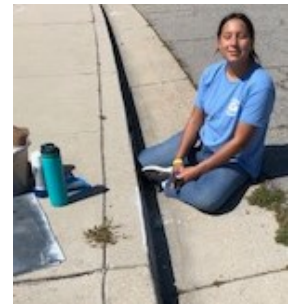
Residential Curb Address Painting Project Completed!

Job well done by the 'Scouts BSA Troop 1602' offering their labor and many hours during their Spring break! We want to thank the kids, (their parents) their Scoutmaster Steven von Dohlen, and also the additional six workers not included in their group photo.

During their scheduled work time, one of our residence offered an additional payment donation for their services. So thoughtful!

Our director, Trish Boswell was out viewing the daily activities and collected some additional photos. Thanks Trish! Also, many 'thanks' to our finance director Larry Miller, who connected with the Scoutmaster, Steve inquiring about this project with helping the SBV-HOA...so glad it was a great fit for all involved!!

Thank you Troop 1602!!



Habitat for Humanity ReStores

The **reopening** of the North County ReStore is set to take place at its new location, 844 9th Street in Paso Robles on **Saturday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.** With a fully stocked inventory, the dedicated staff is enthusiastic to welcome patrons back.

The sales generated from ReStore's offerings contribute entirely to the funding of local *senior and family affordable housing initiatives*. Habitat for Humanity ReStores are locally managed, non-profit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, construction and building materials, and equipment to the public. Revenue from sales provides a major source of funding for our work in San Luis Obispo County for new construction, home preservation, and neighborhood revitalization projects.

Hello to all Village residents....

We hope you all have enjoyed your summer so far!



Our property values are continuing to maintain and throughout the month of July we've had eleven (11) escrows open. Currently we have five (5) pending, for a total of twenty-seven (27) closed Escrows for the year to date. So, please to introduce yourself to our new HOA members.



We've also completed our 2nd phase annual maintenance re-inspections. I want to thank the homeowners who have contacted the office with notifying us of your completed corrections and/or providing your schedules for the work to be done. We are in the process of confirming the property corrections for those owners who have **not** contacted us. So, give us a call or email your scheduled for the work updates. This would be very helpful for us and for you !

With that said, what do you think of the newly painted addresses along the curb-sides? Great job by the **Scouts BSA Troop 1602** !! I think it looks fabulous!

I also want to thank the homeowners who have contacted me with improvements they are planning for... Woowoo, great ideas and adding value to our community!! We've had request and provided Board approvals for five (5) fence replacements / installs; four (4) installs of new roofs; and notifications of various repainting's. Remember, per **¶9 of the CC&R's**: 'No alterations shall be made in the exterior of design, or color... shall be first approved by the Board in writing'.

Enjoy the rest of your summer... kids are back to school, so be careful driving and watching out for the school crossing-guards too! Labor Day is just around the corner... relax!!

Take care, *Terri*

Welcome Muriel to the Board!



Come to the monthly Board meeting and say hello to our newly appointed Director, **Muriel Ryan!**

She moved to Sierra Bonita 5 years ago, and she is so glad she did! Muriel says she couldn't have picked a better community. She retired from SLO Mental Health after working there for 16 years as an administrative assistant and loved the work interacting with the clients. It was the most interesting job she's had. **Why** she wanted to **join** the **Board**? She says she had a lot of time on her hands since retiring and would like to be more involved with the community. Muriel wants to help in anyway she can to make sure our neighborhood is what we expect it to be, and she is willing to participate in anyway the Board is needing her. Muriel has become an active member since May and we all welcome and appreciate her!



A Strong Point of View

By Councilman Fred Strong

People are very concerned about the traffic that will be generated by all of the people moving into the under construction and proposed housing being built. So are we. Our choices are limited by State and Federal laws as well as by reality.

Infrastructure expansions and rote changes are planned sufficiently to accommodate all of it, but timing and funding are our challenges and I suspect that you want to know about the results not the process, as long as it doesn't impact your personal finances.

New developments will pay their own way and timing will depend upon their ability to do so. Airport Road will be improved after sufficient dwellings are sold but before they're occupied. Niblick Road is already beginning to be improved for traffic flow and being paid for by grants from Federal and State tax dollars. Creston Road is already partially funded and will be improved incrementally so as not to tie up traffic in too many places at one time. Meadowlark developments are awaiting a solution to the construction of improvements to the public park near Virginia Peterson Elementary School but will improve its portion of Airport Road and help fund impacted intersections in our area as well. Funding for Commerce Way is secured but construction must wait until major utility improvements that cross it can be completed for the Chandler/Olson Ranch projects. We can't completely rebuild the travel lanes on that street only to have them dug up just after being completed. The delay should not be more than until Summer of next year.

Slurry seal, street improvements within Sierra Bonita should begin next Spring, or Summer after all water line improvements have been completed.

We had a ribbon cutting for the just completed Teen Center at Centennial Park on August 19th and it is now open for Middle School children.

Downtown Parking charges and regulations are currently being investigated by a City Council Ad Hoc Committee. One member appears to favor making it financially viable by increasing fees, times charged or both, while the other has expressed a desire to end it. **Your views** need to be expressed in order to be considered.

As always, I remain available to hear your concerns, suggestions, or comments on anything involving the City Council at either (805) 801-4778 or, at fstrong@prcity.com. Please don't be shy. I can't do anything about things I never hear about. It is always my pleasure to do whatever I can legally do, that is the best for you within our ability to do so.



WARNING

Did you park downtown?

Be sure to register at the kiosk to get
2 hours free parking!

Citations are \$50

If you have a **DISABILITY PLACARD** or plate, you
can park in any permit or pay-to-park or disability
space without registering without limits.

Parking is 2 hours free and \$2/hour after that with a 25 cent
transaction fee, but you must register for 2 hours free.

**Paso's Downtown
City Parking**

My 42 Years With Steve Martin

By Councilman Fred Strong



Mayor Steve Martin and I first met when he was just Steve Martin, News Broadcaster, for KPRL. I was just hired by an old friend who was the station manager at that time. He needed an all night announcer but also knew I had news experience so made me an assistant to Steve on an as-needed basis. He needed me a few months later when he heard that a whale watching boat had capsized in the Morro Bay harbor with our graduating Middle School class on board. I got out of bed early in the morning and rushed to Morro Bay to cover the news on the scene. Steve reported it from the studio in Paso Robles. It went national and international, winning the station the National Golden Mike Award in News Reporting for that year.

We got to know each other much better after that and worked together for about a year before I went into print media news for the daily paper. As fellow reporters we came to know each other much better and worked side by side for a few years.

One day the publisher of the local weekly tabloid asked me to conduct the interview of a potential editor for his publication. We met at the Paso Robles Inn, and I was surprised to see Steve sit down to be interviewed by me. Twenty minutes into the interview Steve turned to Bob Chute, the publisher, and said, "You don't want to hire me. You should hire Fred." That was 100% the essence of Steve Martin. He has always looked for ways to help others meet their full potential.

That was a personal experience, outside of government, to show the person that Steve Martin was.

Steve Martin, touring band member and leader, playwright, composer, performer, community volunteer, organization leader, concerned citizen, City Councilman and Mayor has always sought ways to make the lives of other better than they were when he came into them. He thought that way about the City, its citizens, visitors, businesses, friends and fellow workers in whatever endeavor he was involved in.

Steve had a marvelous, sometimes quirky, sense of humor. Perhaps that was demonstrated by the less than complimentary song he wrote entitled, "The Night I spent a Year in San Miguel." It was catchy and humorous about a time years ago when San Miguel had little to brag about.

On the City Council he was frequently the leader on new ideas to improve one thing or another. During a contentious time in our history, he suffered a defeat for re-election that he took very hard, even considering a move out of the city. Fortunately, he listened to his wife, Jennifer, and stayed to make a comeback about a decade later.

That was a time when the Council was becoming more congenial and cooperative ... just his kind of place to shine! He applied himself and continued to work to help everyone, including the citizens and the city itself, reach their maximum potential. Many of the things we all take credit for are the children of the mind and will, of Steve Martin, citizen, Councilman and Mayor.

His personal wish for the future, and his legacy, was to maximize our airport's potential by attaching a horizontal launch spaceport to its operations and help lead our nation and the world into space. This is the one civic achievement he wanted to be most remembered for. Perhaps, when it's licensed, it will be named the Steve Martin Spaceport.

Steve passed away from the ravages of Pancreatic Cancer on Monday, August 21, 2023.

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Terri Henley, HOA Manager

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

2:00 PM - Monthly 3rd
Wednesday
Paso Robles Senior Center
270 Scott Street
Paso Robles



'Doggie Poo Bags'...

Are provided by the HOA — so use them!

- **You can find a supply at each of the community bulletin boards.**
- **Please do not leave the filled poo bags on the ground!**
- **Dispose the used bags in the park area trash cans—please!!**

~ Thank you ~