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MILLENNIUM MEMO FEBRUARY 2022

A couple months ago, one of our Parks suffered a power outage. Service should have been restored in a few hours, but it ended up taking almost 3 days to be fully back online. It's a long story.

Imagine if that happened in Palomar. Do you have a plan to deal with an outage that lasts 3 days? We don't own Palomar's gas or electric systems, but that doesn't make us immune. Consider this recent headline from the San Diego Union-Tribune:

"SDG & E Warns It May Shut Off Power to Some Areas on Thanksgiving and Friday."

Thousands lost power—over Thanksgiving weekend, no less--not because of an earthquake or wildfire or equipment failure, but because of "high winds." This is the New Normal: utilities shutting off power to prevent being blamed for a wildfire.

Most articles on emergency preparedness focus on being ready for "the big one," but I'm suggesting that we think about something smaller but more likely: a localized outage that lasts a couple days.

A few questions readily come to mind: do you have battery backup for critical medical equipment? Portable power bank charger for your cell phone? A few ice chests to keep critical medicines (or even food) refrigerated? Those are just a few quick ideas. You'll want to consider your own specific needs to prepare for a 2-3 day outage.

The serving utilities likely won't compensate you for spoiled food, damaged equipment, or ruined medicines. It's on each of us to make sure that doesn't happen.

If you have other tips, you'd like me to share, send them to me and I'll include them in a later Memo. In the meantime, Be Prepared!

First Kudos of 2022

From Debbie's Monthly Report:

Around Dec. 1, Melissa Szilagyi found out that no one was doing the Food Collection, so she and Garry Larson sprinted into action. They contacted the San Marcos Food Bank, picked up the barrels and over 800 lbs. of food was delivered.

THAT deserves a Kudo. Thanks so much, Melissa & Garry!

Happy Valentine?

My wife said I'd better have something planned for Valentine's Day. I was pleased to inform her that I had it covered: "Yes, I was thinking of taking the Christmas decorations down."

Have a Happy Valentine's Day and a great 2022!

George Turk

FREE TAX PREP

Palomar West Resident Can Get Your Taxes Done For Free!

AARP is offering a free tax filing program where you will bring your social security card, ID, tax documents, and any documents about the third economic impact payment to the Palomar East office and have your taxes filed within an hour.

-You must bring all required tax and identification documents

-You must fill out an intake form during your appointment time to put with your documents

-You must wait for your taxes to be filed before leaving your appointment.

-Joint filings can be done in the same appointment, but each individual filing must sign up for a separate appointment, even if you reside in the same home(siblings, children, roommates, etc.) <u>Appointment Info</u> <u>Date:</u> February 21, March 14 and April 4 <u>Appointment Times:</u> 9am-12pm and 1-3pm <u>Location:</u> Palomar EAST Clubhouse

Each appointment will last 25 minutes and tax filing will take up to an additional 30 minutes. Then you can take your completed taxes home. Please sign up at the Palomar West Clubhouse to set up an appointment. SPACE IS LIMITED AND SIGN UPS ARE REQUIRED !

> Please remember to wear your mask and be patient as there may be residents ahead of you.



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SDG&E CARE & FERA Program

With the CARE Program, you may qualify for 30% or more off your utility bill..

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO QUALIFY FOR THE CARE PROGRAM

1) You or someone in your home participates in at least one of the eligible public assistance programs listed below

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS				
Medi-Cal / Medicaid	Medi-Cal for Families A & B			
Women, Infants & children (WIC)	CalWORKs (TANF) - Includes Welfare to Work / Tribal TANF			
Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only)	Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assis- tance			
CalFresh (Food Stamps)	National School Lunch Program (NSL)			
Supplemental Security Income	Healthy Families A & B			
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Tribal TANF.			

2) You can also qualify for CARE or FERA if you meet these income guidelines

# of Persons in Household	CARE Total Annual Income	FERA Total Annual Income	
1-2	\$34,840	Not Eligible	
3	\$43,920	\$43,921—\$54,900	
4	\$53,000	\$53,001—\$66,250	
5	\$62,080	\$62,081—\$77,600	
6	\$71,160	\$71,161—\$88,950	
7	\$80,240	\$80,241—\$100,300	
8	\$89,320 \$89,321—\$111		
Each Additional Member	ach Additional Member +\$9,080 +\$9,080—\$11,5		

Income Limits effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022

Applications are available in Park Office, at www.sdge.com or call 1-800-411-7343



California LifeLine provides discounted home phone and cell phone services to qualified households. Only one California LifeLine discounted phone is allowed per household (except for teletypewriter users and for Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program participants). The California LifeLine discounts can only be for the individual's primary residence. Each household must choose to get the discount either on a home phone or on a cell phone, but not on both.

There are two ways to qualify for the California LifeLine Program. You may qualify for California LifeLine via Program-Based OR Income-Based. Documentation of proof of eligibility is required. Submit COPIES of proof of eligibility with the completed and signed application. Make sure that your signature is very clear and legible.

1) **Program-Based Qualification Method:** You can qualify for California LifeLine if you or another person in your household is enrolled in any one of these qualifying public assistance programs:

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Medi-Cal / Medicaid	Medi-Cal for Families A & B		
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Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8	Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN)		
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reserva- tions	Federal Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit Program		

2) Income-Based Qualification Method: You can qualify for California LifeLine if your household's total annual gross income is at or less than these annual income limits:

Household Size	Annual Income Limits		
1-2	\$28,500		
3	\$33,100		
4	\$40,300		
Each Additional	\$7,200		
Effective June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022			

IF YOU THINK YOU QUALIFY FOR CALIFORNIA LIFELINE, CONTACT YOUR PHONE COMPANY TO BEGIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

PALOMAR ESTATES WEST

Manager's Mentions

FEBRUARY 2021

REMINDERS

- President's Day Holiday and the PEW Park Office will be closed on Monday February 21st.
- All we need turned into the office at rent time, is your check.
- Trash pick-up will remain on schedule through the President's Day Holiday.
- Please don't return the top portion of your rent statement with your payment.
- Be mindful and observe the Park's I5 MPH Speed Limit
- Please do not turn in your rent payment in an envelope.
- One more thing! Don't forget to pick up after your dog.

Thank You From the Crew

The office and maintenance staff of Palomar West would like to say "Thank You" to all of the very generous residents for their thoughtful Holiday Gift. You are truly the people that make this community such a very special place to be a part of. We would like to take this time to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2022. It's got to become easier and better than 2021 ended.



We have had some residents call with concerns about bike riders racing through the Park. I know that residents here at Palomar West are always careful about speeding whether it is on a bike or in a car. I'm hoping these speeders that are being reported are visitors and are not aware of how dangerous their actions are. But we as residents need to be aware of our surroundings when we walk to our mailboxes or pull out of our driveways. We all need to watch out for ourselves.

\$10 Annual Charge

Remember last year one of the new laws that went into effect was that the Park was responsible to send and certain amount (per space) into a fund established for assistance in legal fees. Of the amount the Park has to pay, they are able to pass \$10 through to the residents. Well, it is that time of year again. You will notice that fee on your February rent statement. Don't panic, it only happens once a year.



Letter from the PEWRA Board President

Hello Neighbors and Friends. I hope you are staying safe and healthy as we navigate another COVID surge.

Renovations are underway in the Pavilion. That room most likely will not be available until Monday February 7th. If you were planning to use the room before then, please make other arrangements. If the room becomes available before that date, we will let you know. Thank you.

If it is safe to do so, we will have our PEWRA Board meeting Tuesday February 8th, at 6:30 in the Pavilion. We will confirm with you closer to that date.

The Pickleball Court conversion project should be started. Several trees needed to be removed first to allow for changes to the fencing.

Cross your fingers our "Cooking with Katie" classes can begin February 15th. I am excited to see what Katie cooks up for us.

PEWRA 2022 dues are due, and envelopes should be distributed. Dues are \$5 per home, and instructions how to pay are on the envelope. These monies contribute to activities in the park and give you the opportunity to vote if a park vote arises.

We are still waiting to hear how EDCO's Green Waste program will be rolled out in our park and will share details with you as soon as we have more information.

It is time to start thinking about volunteering to serve on the PEWRA Board. Two Board members will be retiring from the Board in June, and we are hopeful community members will step up to serve and make a difference in our park. Please reach out to any current Board member with questions.

And always, if you are alone or need help, please contact the Park Office or any Board Member. If you have a neighbor who is alone, please call them to say hello and check on them. Stay safe and be well.

Thank you and take care of one another. Lu Ann

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD

President: LuAnn Foster Secretary: Clarita Kemp Vice President: Marcia Brown Treasurer: Diana Primeau

Members

Chris Craig-Jones Tricia Spears Katie Rodriguez Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 pm in the Pavilion

SOCIAL CONNECTION

Linda Swink – Chairperson, Eileen LaLone - Treasurer, Margaret Scotto - Secretary Cathy Bassett, Herlinda Mahler, Mary Ahart, Simon Spears, Cathie Byrd Arleen Schlafer, Rusty Bassett, Lynn Chialtas, Merlin Chancellor

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Debbie McQuillan and Mary Wallace- Editors Lynn Chialtas, Linda Swink, Nancy Sims

READY ADVISORY PANEL

Bryan Cooper, Mary Wallace, Lynn Chialtas Cindy Palermo, Lee Tydlaska, Liz Larkin

BREAKFAST COMMITTEE

Mikkie Sawyer, LuAnn Foster, Kim Stevenson, Trish Coy, Helen Lyon, Cathy Bassett, Diana Primeau, Karen King Alternate: Wendy Jones, Sheila Miller

GYM COMMITTEE

Larry Brown, Rusty Bassett, Cathy Bassett, Marie McElligott

Fire, Sheriff or Emergency in progress, such as break-ins, health problems or a lifethreatening situation call 911.

If you have a non-emergency question or to file a report, please call the San Diego Sheriff Dept at 760-510-5200.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

ACTIVITY	TIME & DAY	CONTACT	PHONE
Aqua Exercise	9 am M-F	Trish Coy	760-536-9338
Billiards (Men)	9 am Tu	Stan Lindsay	760-598-0582
Billiards (Women)	1:30 pm M	Lynn Chialtas	760-310-1354
Bingo	6:50 Th	Delane Johnson	612-240-4049
Breakfast	1 st Sat 8:30 am	Mikkie Sawyer	760-690-7825
Bridge	1:30 pm M	Connie Krell	760-734-6522
Darts	W 6-8 Game Room	Chuck Thomas	707-799-6555
Dog Park	8 am- 8 pm Daily	Debbie McQuillan	858-663-2822
Feeling Fit	TBD	Danyll Monroe	760-888-7018
Garden Club	1 st M 2 pm	Ann Kreile	760-421-8338
Golf (Men)	8 am Th	Doug Doucette	760-734-1232
Let's Dine Out	Times vary	Jesse Nieto	408-666-8088
Library	Open Daily	Eileen LaLone	858-229-8648
Mahjong	1 pm Th	Kim Stevenson	760-703-4872
Medical Rehab Lending	Open as needed.	Rusty Bassett	619-301-9551
Closet		Jessie Nieto	408-666-8088
Mexican Train	2 nd and 4 th Tu 4:30 pm	Diana Primeau	442-245-1412
Movie Night	3 rd Tues 6:00 pm	Simon Spears	760-583-1549
Pickleball	8:00 am to 12:00 noon daily Open Social Play Both Courts 12pm to Sunset: One court Open Play, One court Closed Play (when available) M-W-Fri 8am-10am Pickleball Club Group Play Beginners are welcome!		760-216-7284
Ping Pong	Tu 10:30 am	Nejla Gharajedaghi	760-536-9583
R.E.A.D.Y. Panel Emergency Preparedness	A.D.Y. Panel Bryan (858-342-3335
Shuffleboard	1:30 pm M	Rusty Bassett	619-301-9551
Social Connection			760-855-2008
Tai Chi	9-10 am Th		
Tennis	9 am W & Sa	Rob Edwards	760-807-5683
Walking Group	7:30 am W	Ruthann Kirby	760-734-1340

Hilltopper submissions to <u>pewhilltopper@gmail.com.</u> All submissions must be submitted by the 10th of the month.

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BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Himaka	1
Daniel Brennan	2
Nancy Cobb	2
Gerald Jameson	2
Cathy Koenig	3
Denny Uhles	10
Stephen Villanueva	11
Cesar Palacio	13
Bente Friis	17
Carol Hallam	18

Erik Kopp	18
Billie Faye Cooper	19
Carol Godett	25
John Primeau	26
Cynthia Nelson	27
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FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		RECYCLE 1	2	3	4	5
			Darts 6-8 pm	Mahjong 1pm Bingo 6:50 pm		
6	7	8 Men's Billiards 9am	9	10 Tai Chi 9-10 am Hilltopper Submissions Due	11	12
	Women's Billiards 1:30 pm	Mexican Train 4:30pm Board Mtg 6:30 pm	Darts 6-8 pm	Due Mahjong 1pm Bingo 6:50 pm		
13 Super Bowl Party 2:30 pm	14 Women's Billiards 1:30 pm	RECYCLE 15 Dog Park sprayed @9am Men's Billiards 9am Cooking w/Kate?? Movie Night 6 pm	16 Darts 6-8 pm	17 Mahjong 1pm Bingo 6:50 pm	18	19
20	21 Women's	22 Men's Billiards 9am Mexican Train	23	24 Mahjong 1pm	25	26
27	Billiards 1:30 pm 28	4:30pm	Darts 6-8 pm	Bingo 6:50 pm		
	Women's Billiards 1:30 pm					

BREAKFAST CANCELLED

There will be no breakfast in February due to COVID surge.

Mikki

LET'S DINE OUT --- FEBRUARY 2022 CANCELLED

After contacting two of our local restaurants and being told they are having staffing issues due to cooks and service personnel calling in sick with the COVID virus, we feel it will be best to postpone getting together until March. I'll keep checking and will post in the next Hilltopper. I look forward to seeing you in March.

Jesse Nieto 408-666-8088



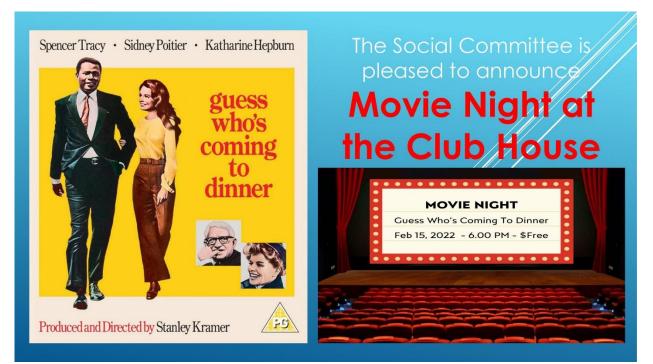
Movie Night

The Social Connection committee is pleased to announce the inaugural Movie Night. These will take place every 3rd Tuesday initially. To start the event season off, our resident audio video guy and movie and music fanatic, Simon Spears, has chosen "Guess Who's coming To Dinner," in memory of the late Sidney Poitier, who died in January. The movie also celebrates the great love affair between Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, lasting 26 years until Spencer's death.

Movie Nights will feature classic movies and contemporary ones depending on the interests of those who want to attend. A brief narration and introduction to each movie will be given and several intermissions planned to allow for discussion, a 'stretch-of-legs', and consumption of the snacks and beverages attendees have brought along.

Concert Nights are also planned featuring great live concerts from bands like Fleetwood Mac and Roy Orbison.

Simon Spears



INTERESTED IN PLAYING DARTS??



We welcome all interested players from novice to show-off!

Come join us for a once a week contest at Palomar Estates West.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

TIME: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: PEW - Clubhouse Game Room

We have spare darts or we're happy to share.

We're hoping to get players from PEW, PEE & RV to eventually rotate play between the 3 parks and play against each other!

For now, it's a chance to get out, have some laughs, friendly competition and meet your neighbors.

CONTACT: CHUCK THOMAS, Palomar Estates West

PHONE: 707-799-6555

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON!!!

The Garden Club

Hope your New Year is going well, and your families are safe and healthy!

Our meeting was held on January 3. Our next meeting date is to be determined - due to the work being done in the Pavilion.

Robin filled us in about field trips - - and we decided on going to Waterwise Botanicals, in Bonsall, on Friday, February 5th. Meet at the clubhouse at 10 a.m. The Nursery is located away from stresses of daily life and has a rustic elegance with various gardens and also ponds.

In the near future we plan on visiting the San Diego Botanical Gardens - - an urban oasis - -37 acres in Encinitas. You can see bamboo groves, desert gardens and tropical rain forests! A date will be announced.



Some other places we are thinking of are the

Japanese Gardens in Balboa Park, Casa Romantica in San Clemente, and also the Cal Pacific Orchid Farm in Encinitas, hosting 100s of blooming orchid plants from all over the world!

Ann and Merlin will present ideas to the Board about enhancing the area in front of the clubhouse fountain - - and the possibility of a Community Garden.

One of our interesting ideas to place before the board is whether or not we (the Garden Club members) could consider harvesting fruit trees in our park. Some trees are full of fruit (not picked) and others have fruits which have already fallen to the ground (lemons, grapefruits, avocados, oranges). The harvest can be shared with the homeowner, with others, or even with local food banks. Firstly, approval is needed from the board, the office, as well as the homeowner. Many residents do not have gardeners and they themselves are elderly and can't get out there to do it. What do you think?

Lastly, we are considering having a Garden Club Historian. Someone who can keep records of our activities and projects! Any volunteers ?

We will let you know when the next meeting is. Please plan on coming and sharing your ideas ! It's a lot of fun!

Call Ann Kreile with any questions: 760-421-8338

Christmas Party

Pictures by Terry Brady



Pat Dobbin's

100th Birthday Party

Pictures by Herlinda Mahler



New, Smaller, Friendly Airport Plan Passed

Dear Friends and Neighbors -

Last Wednesday, Dec 8, 2021, was a historic day for the residents of San Diego County. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved a Palomar Airport plan to keep Palomar as a SMALLER airport and denied the requested expansion.

In 2018, the old termed-out BOS voted to expand Palomar Airport to be a D-III rated airport (huge jets) and build a new runway 800 feet longer than the current one, 4 feet shorter than John Wayne. C4FA sued and won. The current BOS rescinded the old plan, and last Wednesday passed a new one that:

- Retains Palomar Airport's rating at its current B-II level (much smaller planes)
- Adds EMAS (think "runaway truck stop" for airplanes) on the west end of the existing runway
- Permits a 200-foot runway extension on the east end of the EXISTING runway for safety.
- Gives the County staff permission to ask the BOS to consider D-III airport modifications in the future.

C4FA is happy the airport is going to remain a B-II airport. We're concerned about the 200 ft runway extension because longer runways mean larger planes and the County will be back to claiming safety issues to justify yet an even longer runway. It's a Catch-22 situation. There's still work to do to ensure that County staff follow the directions of the Board, and that the City of Carlsbad steps up to take the leadership role awarded to them by the Courts as part of C4FA's legal victory.

In addition, thanks to Supervisor Terra Lawson Remer, staff have been instructed to petition the FAA to change the VOLUNTARY quiet hours to MANDATORY quiet hours. We'll be honest - it's a long shot, but at least, FINALLY, someone is listening. If you are interested - Here's the link to the meeting. The Airport discussion (Agenda Item 6) starts at hour 0:29 (29 min mark). The voting clarification runs from about 3:25 - 3:35 hour mark. The entire discussion is about 3 hours long.

https://sdcounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=9&clip_id=3137

None of this would have happened without your support and C4FA's legal victory. Thank you to the over 2200 residents that signed our petition, which was presented to the BOS on Wednesday. Thank you to the over 130 of you that made E-Comments opposing the expansion (which was also noted at the meeting). And finally, thank you to the all people who showed up in person to speak or called into the meeting to oppose an airport expansion at Palomar. You all helped make this happen! But for now, we rest, celebrate the victory, and celebrate you, our supporters.

Thank you. Your Neighbors @ C4FA.org

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