



HILLTOPPER

JULY 2026

PALOMAR ESTATES WEST

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SPARC Director: Stacey Kazmierski

MILLENNIUM MEMO

We've spent \$1.5M on Streets, refreshed the Clubhouse & Pool Area, built a gym, invested in Bocce/Pickleball/Putting, done unending Landscaping work...oh, and spent \$1M on a Hillside & Storm Drain.

After all that, we're going to take a bit of a break, budgeting "only" \$200K for Capital Improvements in the upcoming Fiscal Year, mostly on things like Storm Drain Lining (\$71K), Streets (\$50K), Driveways (\$30K), Office Flooring, the Laundry Room...

When all this work is finished, we will have invested nearly \$2M on upgrades just in the past 3 years, far more than the Park Surpluses have been.

Palomar West has come a long way since our purchase 23 years ago, but I'm sure we'll keep finding new projects. Your Rent Dollars at Work!

SPARC in Palomar West

If you were among the 46 residents who attended the May SPARC Fire & Life Safety Seminar, you heard folks from the San Marcos Fire Dept. explaining how to make your homes safe and, in particular, the risk posed by lithium batteries.

Key reminders included checking electric outlets for discoloration, monitoring computers and cellphones for bulging lithium batteries, and disposing of said batteries properly.

We also learned that the SMFD can schedule smoke alarm testing & replacement, Interfaith Community will install grab bars and about many other resources available locally. And yes, lunch was provided (Panera Bread!).

Next up for SPARC: a Color Reading Class, set for July 30. You'll create a painting, then learn what your color choice says about your personality. This was a big hit at Rancho Vallecitos, so we thought you might be interested. The limit is 15 attendees.

By the way, Stacey Kazmierski, Palomar's SPARC Rep, is expecting the newest addition to her family in the fall. Devin & Ally will cover for her while she's on her leave.

News You Can Use

- Q. How do you know if you've bought good fireworks?
A. The guy running the store gives you a high 4.

That's not relevant to you, as fireworks are illegal in San Marcos, but have a fun 4th anyway.

George Turk

NOTES FROM YOUR PEWRA BOARD

The New 2026/2027 Board is as follows: **Rick Towle-President, Jesse Nieto-Vice President, Tom Mathews-Secretary, Susan Friedman-Treasurer, Michael Ach-Director, Dawn Miller-Director and Malia Campbell-Director.**

A few of the speeders have slowed down a bit. Please take it easy on the “Orange Slow Sticks”, a few of them along with the sandbags have been damaged by the speeders. We are looking into some more aesthetically pleasing options to replace these with. It has been reported that some of the speeders are drivers for AMAZON, UPS and FedEx. These companies do take these violations seriously, if you can please report this to their customer service departments.

A committee (Project 2037) is in the works to look at the end of the 2037 land lease. The committee will be chaired by a board member and composed of three residents and three board members. The committee will provide updates at the monthly Board Meetings.

It is the time of year when Coyotes are very active. Please keep a careful watch over your furry friends. Don't leave open bowls of food out for them in your yard. Also make sure your trashcan lids are closed. It has been reported that the Coyotes don't like the scent of WOLF URINE. They sell this on AMAZON, and I'm told it is an effective repellent. Does anyone know how this is collected? The Coyotes also like the dark. The park is in the process of installing a streetlight as a test to add some much-needed light to our dark areas. This will help remedy some health and safety issues.

Upcoming is the 4th of July and the 250th Anniversary of our country. If you are celebrating the day at PEW or out with family and friends, please celebrate safely and have a great time.

Warmly,

Michael Ach
PEWRA Director

“It's amazing that the amount of news that happens in the world every day always just exactly fits the newspaper.”

Jerry Seinfeld

The date for the August Board meeting has changed to the 11th of August. Guest speakers are George Turk and Lori Carraway from Millenium Housing.

The Dumpster Day was a big success with 53 households contributing 40 yards of Junk to fill the Bin.



“Just for Fun” Days

- **July 11:** International Town Criers Day
- **July 17:** National Hot Dog Day
- **July 22:** Spooner's Day
- **July 23:** National Day of the Cowboy
- **July 27:** Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day
- **July 30:** National Cheesecake Day

July 4 is Independence Day (U.S.). On the fourth of July, we celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Don't forget to raise the flag! Other Summer Safety Tips:

Reminder to keep your PEW Pet Agreement updated. If you lost a pet or gained a pet, let the office know so we can update the agreement. All pets must be registered with the office and obey the pet rules.

We will be Closed the 3rd of July in accordance to the 4th of July Holiday!

Have an Amazing July
Everyone, I appreciate all of you! You are the best residents I have ever had!

Jessica Kane



TOWELS & BLANKETS FOR HUMANE SOCIETY

I recently adopted a kitten from the Escondido Humane Society and have learned that they could use some donated old towels & blankets you might be able to do without.

Drop them off at Space 348

You can leave them on my porch or by the back door or on the bench in my driveway.

Thanks!

Submitted by Sheila Miller

Palomar Estates Residents Association Board (PEWRA)

President – Rick Towle; Vice President – Jessie Nieto;
Secretary- Tom Matthews; Treasurer - Susan Friedman
Directors - Michael Ach, Dawn Miller, Malia Campbell

Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month (6:30) in the Pavilion Room

SOCIAL CONNECTION

Shevaun Teegarden – Chair, Cindy Palermo – Treasurer, Marilyn Ferri – Secretary,
Simon Spears, Merlin Chancellor, Cathy Bassett, Rusty Bassett, Angela Sirota, Heike Corbeil,
Carol Godett, Linda Kerridge, Cindy Towle, Rick Towle, Lynne Widdison, Malcom Widdison,
Linda Freeman, Lisa Corrigan

HILLTOPPER COMMITTEE

Delane Johnson, Fran Miller, Becky Hall, Lynn Thomas, Mary Wallace

READY ADVISORY PANEL

Bryan Cooper, Mary Wallace, Cindy Palermo, Debbie McQuillan, Fran Miller, Jo Gehringer,
Lee Tydlaska, Neil Teegarden, Robert Fierro, Ruthann Kirby

BREAKFAST COMMITTEE

Karen King, Cathy Bassett, Pat Taylor, Marcia Brown,
Sheila Miller, Toni D'Alessandro, Tish Litz, Cyndy Nelson

GYM COMMITTEE

Larry Brown, Rusty Bassett, Marie McElligott

RULES COMMITTEE

Jesse Nieto, Mary Wallace, Jo Gehringer, Shevaun Teegarden, Christine Parkman

For Fire, Sheriff, or Emergency in progress, such as break-ins, health problems or a life-threatening 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.**



GAME NIGHT ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

Every Friday, starting at 6 PM

Come play cards or domino games
or bring a game you want to share/teach.
Mexican Train, Threes, Sequence, Chicken Foot, etc.
Bring your own beverage.



ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME & DAY</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Art Gallery	On Exhibit in Pavilion	Sharon Lubert	909-519-8915
Aquarobics	9 am M-W-F	Trish Coy	760-536-9338
Cardio Aquarobics	9 am Tu, Th, Sat		
Billiards (Men)	9 am Tu	Peter Oberg	760-300-8891
Billiards (Women)	1:30 pm M	Gerri Harper	760-500-8681
Bingo	6:50 Th	Delane Johnson	612-240-4049
Book Club	Fourth Friday 2:00 pm	Cynthia Towle	503-317-3544
Breakfast	1 st Sat 8:30 am	Karen King	760-755-0802
Bridge	Varies - Call Ann	Ann Webb	702-449-9916
Cooking with Katie	Third Tuesday 4:00 pm	Katie Rodriguez	760-310-8623
Darts	6-8 pm Thurs Game Room	Chuck Thomas	707-799-6555
Dog Park	8 am- 8 pm Daily	Tom Matthews	951-660-0411
Game Night	Friday 6 pm	Linda Kerridge	858-776-6783
Garden Club	1 st M 2 pm	Merlin Chancellor	661-670-1336
Community Garden	8 am – 8 pm	Robert Fierro	619-339-0433
Get Moving	Mon & Wed 11:15-11:45	Sparc	
Hand and Foot	Wed 1 pm	Kim Stevenson	760-703-4872
Let's Dine Out	Times vary	Linda Kerridge Cathie Byrd	858-776-6783 530-417-5186
Library	Open Daily	Susan Balog	916-759-2636
Mahjong	1 pm Mon	Kim Stevenson	760-703-4872
Medical Rehab Lending Closet	Open as needed	Rusty Bassett Jesse Nieto	619-301-9551 408-666-8088
Meditation	Tu 10:30 am	Sali Weiss	619-729-3226
Meditation	Th 3:30 pm	Susan Smith	562-965-7142
Mexican Train	2 nd and 4 th Tu 4:30 pm	Linda Kerridge	858-776-6783
Movie/Dinner/Dance Nights	Dates Vary	Simon Spears	760-583-1549
Pet Place	Every Day 8 am-8 pm	Vicky Hetrick	760-672-2258
Pickleball	8:00 -10:00 am M-W-F-S	Dana Eads	760-216-7284
Ping Pong	Tu 10:30 am	Nejla Gharajedaghi	760-536-9583
R.E.A.D.Y. Panel	3 rd Tuesday at 2 pm in	Mary Wallace	619-887-0700
Emergency Preparedness	Card Room	Bryan Cooper	858-342-3334
Shuffleboard	1:30 pm M	Rusty Bassett	619-301-9551
Strength & Balance	10 am M-W-F	Dean Kelsey	760-519-1909
Social Connection	Dates vary	Shevaun Teegarden Simon Spears	858-603-2293 760-583-1549
Tai Chi	9 am Th	Rudy Cobos	
Tai Chi 24 Yang Style Form	9-10 am Tu	Arnold Epel	760-208-9627
Tennis		Jim Catley	360-301-1566
Yoga	4:30 pm M	LuAnn Foster	480-203-4330
Chair Yoga	10 am Tu		

Hilltopper submissions to pewhilltopper@gmail.com.

All submissions must be submitted by the 10th of the month.

If you notice any errors or omissions, please contact the Hilltopper at pewhilltopper@gmail.com

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If you know of any birthdays throughout the year that we don't have on our list, please send an email to pewhilltopper@gmail.com so we can include those birthdays in the future.

Directory Changes

Please make the following additions and corrections to your park directory

SPC	DELETE	ADD	PHONE NUMBER
288	Bitto, Peter	Unlisted	
425	Boisvert, Margo	Rodarte, Cecilia	760-613-3211

SAVE THE DATE – JULY 6 – 6:30 PM

The City of San Marcos is having a public meeting to discuss the zoning of the 7 existing Age-restricted (55+) mobilehome parks in San Marcos. July 6th at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1 Civic Center Drive.

Let's show up and support this amendment to protect our park's zoning.

Submitted by Cindy and Rick Towle

JULY 2026

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Let's Dine Out

Mexican fare, margaritas and tequila



I promised something different so let's try Casero Taqueria in Bressi Ranch. Casero was born from a love of farm fresh ingredients, and Baja regional Mexican traditions. They have reserved the very nice outdoor patio for our group and have promised us that the Happy Hour menu will be available to us as well as the full menu. Of note, a 20% gratuity will be charged automatically to each person's check.

When: Monday, July 13th at 5 p.m.

Where: Casero Taqueria Bressi Ranch (near Mendocino Farms)
2674 Gateway Road #195
Carlsbad, CA

Separate checks will be provided. Please call or text Linda Kerridge at 858-776-6783 to reserve your spot. Also, please let me know if you would like a ride. Thank you.
See you there!

Linda Kerridge

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WELCOME ONE AND ALL  
TO OUR DARTS COMPETITION!!  
THURSDAY EVENINGS  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
PEW CLUBHOUSE GAME ROOM



It's been 4 fun years and we're still here and active!!

We play 501, Cricket and Killer on any given evening. We're open to all levels of ability... men, women, old or older! We have darts and spare parts available and even instruction if needed.

It's an evening of laughs, friendly competition and meeting your neighbors. Come give it a try. All you need is one good eye, one good arm and an openness to try. Just show up – we're looking forward to meeting you. We even have a weekly winner's trophy!!

Contact Chuck Thomas at 707-799-6555

## NEW MEDITATION CLASS on Thursday afternoons

I am Sue Smith and have lived in PEW for 7 years. I would love to host free guided meditations in the Card Room on Thursday afternoons each week from 3:30 to 4:30. No experience is necessary and all you need to bring is yourself. We will sit in the chairs so we can relax into them.

When we begin, I will guide us to ground ourselves to the center of the earth, allowing nourishing earth energy to come up our legs and into our lower energy centers. Then we will drop down from our minds into our heart space and open our energetic hearts to receive. Meanwhile, I will guide you to breathe in and out slowly and rhythmically in your normal pace. Then we will connect to the center of the Universe and allow our cosmic energy to enter from above.



That is the foundation of it. I will be speaking and holding space for the group. It will be 20-30 minutes with time for questions and comments. We will begin July 2nd. I look forward to seeing those that are curious and those that are already meditators.

Susan Smith  
562-965-7142

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PEW Book Club

Greetings from the Book Club!

This month's book is "Don't Let Him In" by Lisa Jewell. Tragedy connects three women to a mysterious man, leading to a shocking collision course filled with secrets and deception. It is a psychological thriller about the devastating ripple effects of a charismatic con man living multiple secret overlapping lives.

The Book Club meets the 4th Friday of every month. We have changed our meeting room to the Cards & Coffee room inside the Pavilion. Meeting time is 2:00pm. We would love you to join us for lively discussions on our chosen books.

Until then, keep reading!

Cynthia (Cindy) Towle 503-317-3544 towlecandr@gmail.com



JULY 4TH

Parade

Come and join the Parade! - 12:00 midday meet at the Clubhouse. Cars, bikes, golf carts, all welcome. Bring the 4th to all residents as we drive around the park playing music and greeting everyone. Prize for best dressed vehicle.

Palomar West

3:00 PM start
Food at 4:00



Live Music
by the
pool

250th anniversary

July 4th, 2026

Independence Day PARTY

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers

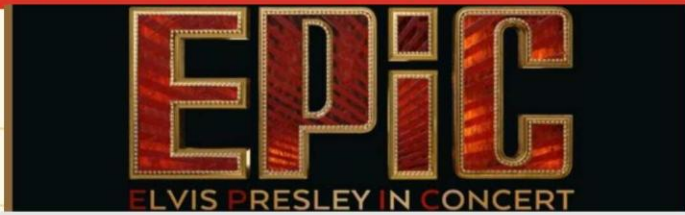
Free to all Residents

Guests pay just \$5.00

Everyone please SIGN UP AND PAY BY 29th JUNE IN THE CLUBHOUSE

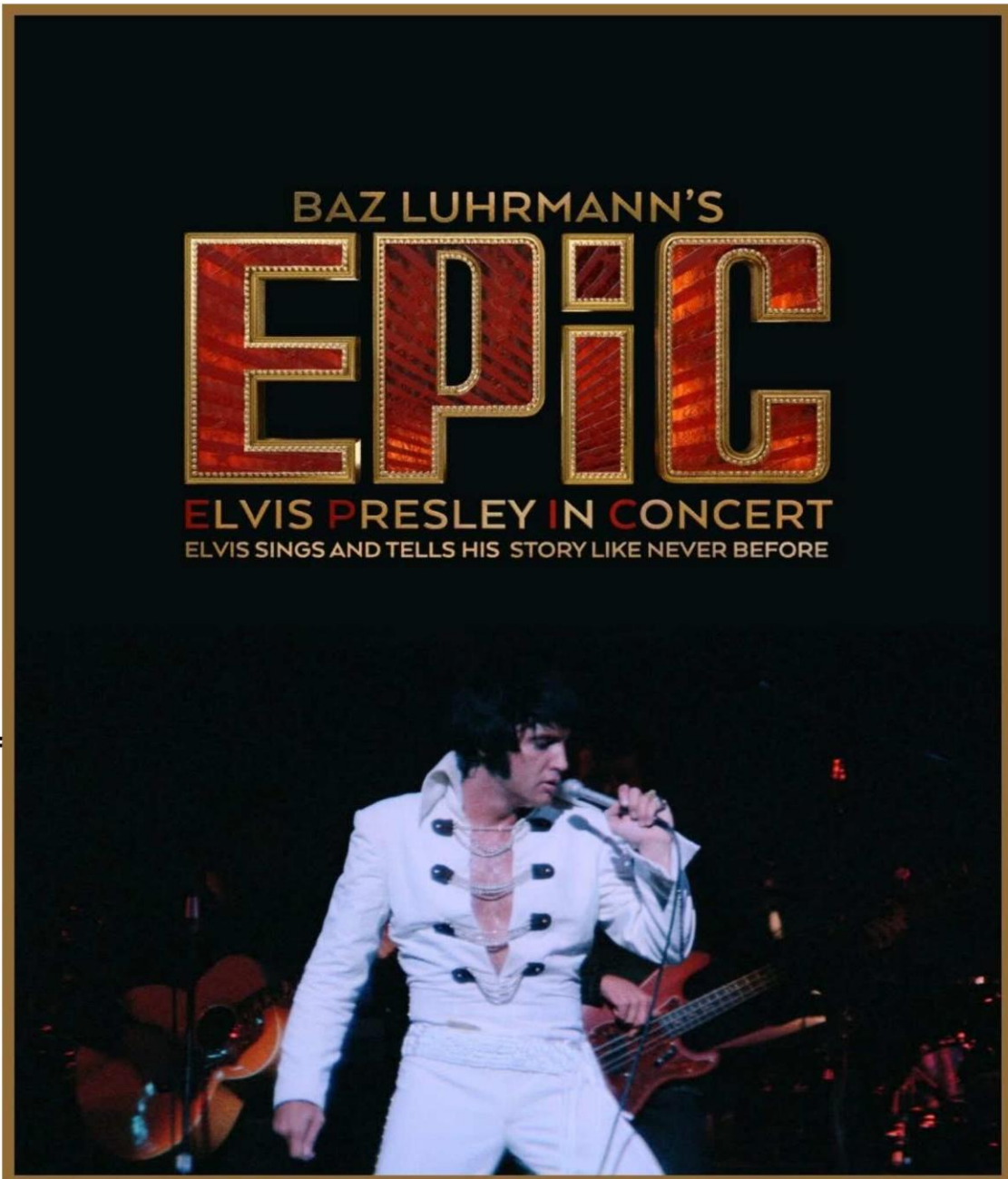
Kids are welcome in the Pool all day

Free Popcorn and soda



July 15th – 6.00pm Showing at the Pavilion

Please sign-up as spaces are limited to 30 – Thank you



Social Connection

JOIN US FOR **Social HOUR**

Friday 17th July – Clubhouse – 5:00 PM

The Social Connection Presents

Karaoke Night

MC – Rob Robinson

Sign up at Clubhouse

POTLUCK – Please sign up at the clubhouse - BYOB

A FREE Event

2026 Social Connection Events

Date	Event	Time	Cost
July-4	Independence Day parade and event	Noon	Free
July-15	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
Aug-19	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
Aug-29	Poolside party	5:00 PM	\$20
Sept-16	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
Oct-21	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
Oct-31	Halloween Party/Live Band	4:30 PM	\$20
Nov-18	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
Dec-12	Holiday potluck	5:00 PM	Free
Dec-16	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
Dec-31	NYE party	5:00 PM	\$25

PEW Art Gallery News



Just a reminder

during



our beautiful July

**Artists please be ready for the July 11 Group Show.
We hang the pictures from 12:00 to 1:00.**

This is 1 Month Show.

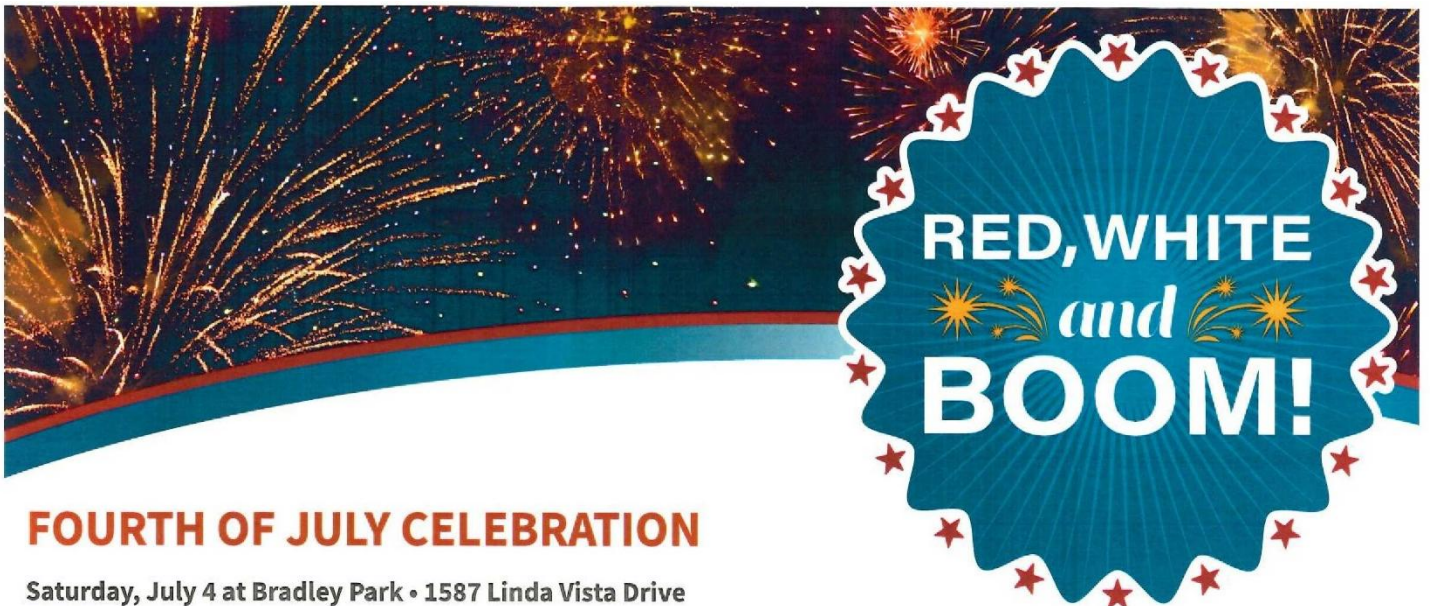
(The next group show will be in November, a two-month show!)

Please bring 1 to 4 pieces, and we will choose what we can use in the show, trying to include everyone. If you cannot be present, please arrange for someone to bring your art.

Be sure to sign the necessary waiver, providing the names and medium of your work so we can make title cards. All eligible pieces must be set up with hanging wires attached with D-Rings. We are using the STAS Molding Hook System with Perlon cords, we are hanging from the moldings to protect the walls. Please make sure your wires are secure. That's it for now! With question, ideas, etc. Please call Sharon or Karen.

Thank you everyone!

Sharon Lubert, 909-519-8915 and Karen Zeluff, 760-712-9813



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

**Saturday, July 4 at Bradley Park • 1587 Linda Vista Drive
Musical Entertainment begins 5 p.m. • Fireworks begin 9 p.m.**

Celebrate the 4th of July at Bradley Park for one of North County's favorite traditions! Enjoy live music from The Mighty Untouchables, jumpers, food vendors, and family fun before a spectacular fireworks show lights up the night sky. Bring beach chairs or blankets for lawn seating. The fireworks show is fully funded by charitable donations. To help keep the tradition shining bright, visit www.sanmarcosca.gov/fireworks or scan the QR code to support the show.



LIVE MUSIC | KID'S ZONE | FIREWORKS

Garden Club

The field trip to Jack's Pond on May 23rd was very educational. The tour was a 90-minute ranger-guided walk on level trails and into some areas you normally would not be able to go without a ranger. She explained the uses of native and non-native plants to attract bees and butterflies plus gave us printed pictures to help identify plants on our walk.

Thank you to all of those who participated in our first soap making workshop. Much fun was had creating masterpiece soaps with an array of botanicals and essential oils. We will consider this as perhaps a rehearsal for creating further exquisite soaps to sell at the PEW craft fair in November.

Our next meeting is July 6th. Herb Field will give a power point presentation on Balanced Organic Gardening. In his garden he uses integrated pest management such as setting up bird houses to attract birds which control insect infestations.

See you in the garden, until next time,
Merlin chancellor



"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."
- William Shakespeare



JOIN THE SAN MARCOS FIRE FAMILY!

Support Volunteers needed

**Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community?
Become a valued member of our team!**

Make a difference, support your first responders, and discover a true sense of purpose through lasting connections, community service, and being part of a team dedicated to protecting San Marcos.

As a volunteer, you'll support our firefighters with:

- Delivering daily mail
- Retrieving equipment
- Assisting with rehabilitation efforts at emergency incidents

Volunteer Requirements:

- Team player with strong collaboration skills
- Able to lift up to 25 lbs
- Valid driver's license with a clean driving record
- Comfortable driving at night
- Commitment of at least one day per week
- No fire experience required – training provided!



SIGN UP TODAY



SupportSMFD@san-marcos.net



Environmental Times

News about your environment and customer services

SMSP26

Spring 2026

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Battery Recycling
Cleanup Coupon
Recycling Guide for Pizza Boxes
SB 1383 Reminder

Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25, 2026
Service Delayed

EDCO will observe the
Memorial Day holiday. *Residential
collection will be delayed by one day all
week following the holiday.*

Fourth of July
Saturday, July 4, 2026
No Delay of Service

Waste and recycling collection services
will be unaffected by the holiday on
Saturday, July 4, 2026. *Collection will
occur on the regularly scheduled
service day.*

Skip the Bin and Turn your Batteries In!



Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) batteries are commonly found in cell phones, cordless phones, household electronics or power tools and are considered hazardous waste when they are discarded. Unfortunately, more and more dangerous incidents are being reported involving explosions or fires caused by improperly disposed cell phones or Li-Ion

batteries. ***All batteries and electronic waste must be properly recycled or taken to a household hazardous waste disposal facility or event, and NEVER placed in trash, recycling or organics carts!***

San Marcos residents can drop off batteries and other household hazardous waste at the Vista Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at no cost. **Proof of residency is required.**

Bring items such as old or broken electronics, paint, oil, used batteries, and other materials that cannot go in regular residential trash.

1145 E. Taylor Street in Vista (across street from City Public Works Yard)
Open: Saturdays only, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No appointment necessary
The facility is closed on holiday weekends

SAVE THIS COUPON!

Here's Your Free Cleanup Coupon

THIS COUPON IS NON-TRANSFERABLE & MAY NOT BE SOLD

This coupon entitles San Marcos residential customers to dispose of ONE FREE LOAD (maximum 2 tons) of large bulky items and other residential waste at Escondido Disposal, Inc. Transfer Station in Escondido. Regular disposal fees will apply for all loads over 2 tons. ***Regular disposal fees will apply for all loads over 2 tons.*** This is a special offer valid from May 2, 2026 - September 6, 2026. ***This coupon may only be used on Saturdays & Sundays.***

Please save this coupon and present it at the transfer station scale house. ***Coupon must be presented before dumping.*** You must have your coupon and invoice with you and present a valid picture I.D. with the corresponding address listed on your invoice to qualify for FREE disposal. ***If you do not present the documents required, you will be charged a disposal fee! Commercial-waste loads will be charged a disposal fee. This coupon is for residential households only and is not valid after 9/6/26.***

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Recycling Guide for Pizza Boxes

- **Pizza Box (*lid clean, bottom greasy*)** Tear off lid and place it in the blue recycling cart. Remove greasy side of box and place in the green cart.
- **Pizza Box (*empty, no grease or food residue*)** Place this item loose in your blue recycling cart. Please do not bag recycling.
- **Pizza Box (*greasy*)** Place this item loosely in your green cart. Please do not bag organic waste.
- **Pizza Box (*wax coating*)** Place this item in your gray trash cart.
- **Pizza Box (*with wax paper*)** Place the wax paper in the gray trash cart. Remove greasy side of box and place in the green cart, tear of the lid and place it in the blue recycle cart.



SB 1383 Reminder!



As most of us know by now, California's SB 1383 requires all residents and businesses to separate organic material from their trash. The main goal is to reduce methane emissions, a powerful greenhouse gas, by ensuring that organic waste doesn't end up in the landfills.

Organic items include all food scraps, soiled-paper products such as paper bags, paper napkins, paper towels, paper plates, paper cups, paper and cardboard takeout containers and takeout boxes (with no plastic or wax coating, and with any metal removed), and coffee filters can all go into your **green** organics cart. Please do not use any kind of plastic bags (including certified compostable or biodegradable bags) as they contaminate the compost! Paper bags, newspaper, paper towels and soiled cardboard boxes are great alternatives to wrap your scraps, they can help control odor, absorb moisture and keep insects away from your organics cart.

SAVE THIS COUPON!

Here is how the coupon works:

- Load your vehicle with household trash, yard waste, bulky items or other refuse with the exception of hazardous waste. **Regular disposal fees will apply for all loads over 2 tons. NO BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL WASTE PLEASE.** Business/Commercial loads will be charged a disposal fee.
- Transport your load to the **Escondido Resource Recovery Transfer Station**, located at **1044 W. Washington Ave.**, in Escondido, **on Saturdays and Sundays ONLY**, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Directions: Take CA-78 East, exit Center City Parkway South and make a right onto Washington Ave.
- **NO HAZARDOUS WASTE OR ELECTRONIC WASTE PLEASE.** Hazardous waste and e-waste includes but is not limited to: tires, paints, pesticides, used oil, batteries, televisions, printers, etc. You can dispose of hazardous waste and e-waste, including batteries at the Vista Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, (800) 714-1195.

PLEASE NOTE: This coupon is for disposal on Saturdays and Sundays ONLY.

Questions? Call EDCO at (760) 744-2700.

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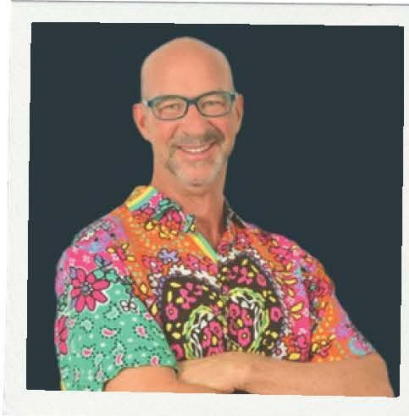
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Details



- Date: Thursday, July 30th
- Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
- Location: Palomar West

- Creative
- Friendly
- Free Refreshments
- Learn about yourself

Signups are required

- Deadline to signup is on Friday, July 24th
- Maximum of 15 residents
- Must be a resident of Palomar West only. Palomar East and Rancho Vallejos dates have passed.

IPHONE SMARTPHONE CLASSES



Do you want to feel more confident with using your iPhone? You are invited to learn tips, tricks and ways to stay safe online? Then these free classes are for you!

This Month's Topics:

1. Top Scams and how to report

- Identify scams
- Learn how to protect yourself
- What to do if you're a victim
- Understand fraud statistics

2. Downloading and Using Apps

- What apps are out there
- How to access app marketplace
- how to search and install app
- how to know if an app costs money

	<u>Location:</u> Palomar East Clubhouse	<u>Dates:</u> July 13 & 27	<u>Times:</u> 11:30-12:30	
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This is a multi-class series program. You are not required to attend all sessions. Classes will take place twice a month for 6 months. Signups are required for each class and flyers are available monthly for class topics. Deadline to signup is two days prior to the class.



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- how to know if an app costs money

	<u>Location:</u> Rancho Vallecitos Clubhouse	<u>Dates:</u> July 13 & 27	<u>Times:</u> 9:30-10:30	
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Scorpions and Spiders

By Herb Field
Urban Entomologist

I received an email recently asking about scorpions and whether spraying around the yard would help get rid of them so I decided to discuss the biology and control of two creatures that have much in common.

There are about 1400 species of scorpions around the world, all are venomous but only twenty five are potentially lethal to humans. In Southern California we have less than 90 species and only one, the bark scorpion is considered potentially lethal to humans. The good news is that they almost exclusively live in Arizona.

They belong to a class of Arthropods called Arachnids, which spiders also belong to. Scorpions however are the most primitive member of this class dating back almost 400,000,000 years ago. Originally they were all aquatic but after about 50,000,000 years they became terrestrial. It's not a surprise that many of the aquatic creatures we still see in the ocean look like their cousins because they are!

Spiders are also Arachnids and in fact are the largest group in the class, in California we have many species but only three are poisonous and that is the Black Widow, Brown Widow and the Desert Recluse. You will hear people say that they have been bit by a Brown Recluse but according to the County Agricultural Department they are not in our county and therefore it was not one of the three I previously mentioned.

I have in fact been bit twice in the same day by Black Widows and I'm still here to talk about it. I have to admit that I didn't feel great but no lasting effects, Deb may differ in that opinion!

So let's talk about control methods for both of these creatures. It is vital to understand the physical attributes of spiders and scorpions to understand that they cannot be controlled like insects. All insects like ants and cockroaches have structures on their body called setae, basically bristle like hairs that stick out all over their bodies that are used as sensory devices. When insects come in contact with molecules of pesticides the setae pierce a molecule and it adheres to its body. Additionally, by piercing it the pesticide flows into the setae to where it enters the insect's body and toxifies the insect. Insects also have hair-like structures on the pads of their feet, spiders have hooks. The pad also grabs pesticide molecules allowing them be brought back to their nest. Scorpions and spiders have spines but are not constructed in the same way.

The bottom-line is that when a pest control technician sprays your property, the pesticide molecules that remain active for days or weeks depending on many factors can be picked up by insects but not by scorpions and spiders. The spraying is exclusively a contact poison only, if enough pesticide hits the scorpion or spider it will kill it but the residual product will not kill them even if they walk across the pesticide the very next day. So, if you are getting your house and property sprayed for these creatures understand that it will have little effect and that it is better to have the spider webs removed physically with a device called a Web Duster and seal your home properly to prevent scorpions from entering. If you have questions about sealing your home from scorpions or ideas for future articles contact me at entomologyservices@gmail.com

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