

HILLTOPPER

DECEMBER 2026

PALOMAR ESTATES WEST

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MILLENNIUM MEMO

It took a bit longer this year, but our last holdout finally came in from the cold and turned in his/her Income Cert. Palomar West has once again reached 100%. Way to go, everyone!

You're probably tired of hearing it, but nearly all of Palomar's capital improvement projects are funded by tax savings generated by your Certs. We typically increase rents by only 75% of the inflation rate, so these upgrades can't be funded solely by your rents.

The City's Rent Control Ordinance allows the cost of major projects to be passed on to residents, but thanks to your Income Certs, we haven't had to do that. Thanks again for completing this simple-but-important task. You get this month's Kudos!

More News

- El Nino is coming! You have unclogged your rain gutters, haven't you? Your downspouts are secured and pointing toward the street? The gutters in front of your house are clear? Just making sure that you are ready for whatever comes.

- Congratulations to Jay, a team member who was just promoted to Maintenance Supervisor, based on his "great job getting projects caught up and on schedule." Nice work, Jay.

- Some of you are still leaving food out for Palomar's wildlife. You may have a fondness for coyotes, but have you considered whom else you may be attracting? Skunks, maybe?

  Yes, skunks. We're seeing those at a couple of our Parks, and apparently, they are surprisingly common in San Marcos. You really don't want them here, do you? Please stop leaving food out.

- Do we have your latest Emergency Contact information? I ask because we recently had to contact a resident, and both numbers we had on file were no longer in service. If any of your information changes, let us know.

  Oh, and don't put "ambulance" under "whom to call in an emergency."

Starting a New Tradition

Some people over-indulge on leftovers after Thanksgiving. Not me, however. This year I'm going to quit cold turkey.

Thanks again for your Income Certs, clean your gutters…and have a fun Thanksgiving!

George Turk

NOTES FROM YOUR PEWRA BOARD

My first note is that there will be no Board Meeting in December. Please join us at the next meeting on January 5th 2027!

Also, the annual PEW HOLIDAY CANNED FOOD & TOY DRIVE is being collected through December 15, 2026. **Non-expired** canned food can be dropped off at Space 454. Many thanks to Melissa Szilagyl for spear heading the collection for the North County Food Bank.

Donations of **NEW** un-wrapped toys & books can be dropped at Space 440. There is a high demand for infants & teenagers (13 + up). For more information wee **WWW.toysfortots.org** Thank you to Robert & Patricia Taylor for coordinating the Toy Drive to support Toys for Tots.

As a reminder, ANY exterior work performed on your lot, which you lease, or changes to the exterior of your home, must be approved by the Management. Recently, some residents are creating extra spaces for golf carts, etc. The Park rules state that all vehicles are required to be in the driveway of your home.

At a recent event, it was brought to our attention that several vehicles had parked along the fire lane on Compass in front of the clubhouse. There was damage to the resident's lights on the curb. Please use guest parking and carpool or walk from additional guest parking. Be respectful of your neighbors – you would not appreciate it if it were your property.

As always, pick up after your pets and always keep your pets leashed when outside of your home & yard.

Speeding is still an issue and we ask that you take extra precautions when there are pedestrians on the streets. We are a community with no sidewalks so the street is shared with bicycles, walkers, and pets. Forcing people into the curb/gutter is very dangerous, uneven ground. Many (but not all) of the speeders are delivery trucks and vehicles. If you see something, please report them to the appropriate business.

Your PEWRA Board wishes everyone very Happy and Safe Holidays in the month ahead!

Respectfully,

Susan Friedman
PEWRA Treasurer

Managers Corner December 2026

Gosh can you believe it is December already? Us either. The new year is just right around the corner.

Our team is excited to see all the holiday decorations and lights around the Community. Please be mindful of placement and times left on to not cause a disturbance to your neighbors.

Please remove all Holiday decorations and store them in a timely manner after the Holidays.

Home site improvement forms.

As Jay and I are settling into our positions here, we want to share a few reminders of things that have come up that can and we think will help residents with their project forms with their homes and homesite.

When submitting these forms please include as much information as you can (photos, measurements) to help us review them in a timely manner for approval If there are questions this will take more time to review. Please be aware if your project needs a permit and obtain one before starting any work. Unsure please ask.

There is information included as to what permits are required and where to obtain them attached to the improvement forms.

If you have questions, please always feel free to contact our office.

Exterior lighting- New installs of lighting has been something that has come up recently and has been found that lighting is too bright and causing nuisance to neighbors. To avoid this. Maybe do a mock install and check at night before doing a permanent install.

You also need to complete the improvement form before any work is done. We suggest you please review the community rule and familiarize yourself with the rule before doing ANY installs. This will help avoid having to remove and change them.

Rent Payments- Please do not put rent payments in the US mail box at the walkway by the street. Please place in rent boxes up at the clubhouse.

Even with the warm weather here we have been having we are moving into the winter months (hopefully), and not really sure what to expect.

Here are a few reminders of things to check around your homesite to help prepare for the winter months.

- Clean your gutters
- Check your windows for air leaks
- Caulk and weatherstrip
- Protect your pipes
- Clean up your outdoor space
- Get a programmable thermostat
- Protect your plants
- Service your heating system
- Test your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors
- Replace air filters
- Prepare emergency kit (we should always have one ready)
- Continue to prepare for the El Nino Rains



From all of us at Palomar Estates West

Reminder – our office is Closed December 24th and 25th. And again on December 31st in Observance of the Holidays.

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

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SOCIAL CONNECTION

Shevaun Teegarden – Chair, Cindy Palermo – Treasurer, Marilyn Ferri – Secretary,
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Linda Freeman, Lisa Corrigan

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

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

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

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**

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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.
If you would like to bring a snack to share, that is great also.



ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

ACTIVITY	TIME & DAY	CONTACT	PHONE
Art Gallery	On Exhibit in Pavilion	Sharon Lubert	909-519-8915
Arts & Crafts Workshop	W 10:00	Claudeen Lindsay	760-598-0582
Aquarobics **Cardio Aquarobics**	9 am M-W-F 9:30 am Tu, Th, Sat	Trish Coy	760-536-9338
Billiards (Men)	9 am Tu	Peter Oberg	760-300-8891
Billiards (Women)	1:30 pm M	Gerri Harper	760-500-8681
Bingo **NO BINGO IN DEC**	6:50 Th	Delane Johnson	612-240-4049
Book Club	Fourth Friday 2:00 pm	Cynthia Towle	503-317-3544
Breakfast	1st Sat 8:30 am	Karen King	760-755-0802
Bridge	Varies - Call Ann	Ann Webb	702-449-9916
Cooking with Katie	**Cancelled**		
Darts	6-8 pm Thurs Game Room	Chuck Thomas	707-799-6555
Dog Park	8 am- 8 pm Daily	Tom Mathews	951-660-0411
Game Night	Friday 6 pm	Linda Kerridge	858-776-6783
Garden Club **Community Garden**	1st M 2 pm 8 am – 8 pm	Merlin Chancellor Robert Fierro	661-670-1336 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
Mexican Train	2nd and 4th 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 **Emergency Preparedness**	3rd Tuesday at 2 pm in Card Room	Mary Wallace Bryan Cooper	619-887-0700 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 **Chair Yoga**	4:30 pm M 10 am Tu	LuAnn Foster	480-203-4330

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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

	DELETE	ADD	PHONE NUMBER
14	Vacant	Larsen, Minna	928-606-6300
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244		Shapiro, Aimee	703-850-8279
292	Springer, Sherry	Jaffe, Carrie	858-956-9689

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Recycle Men's Billiards 9am Tai Chi 9 am Cardio Aquarobics 9:30 am Chair Yoga 10 am Ping Pong 10:30am Meditation 10:30am **NO Board Meeting**	**2** Pickleball 8-10 am Aquarobics 9 am Strength & Balance 10 am Art Workshop 10 am Get Moving 11:15-11:45 Hand & Foot 1 pm	**3** Cardio Aquarobics 9:30 am Tai Chi 9 am Darts 6-8 pm	**4** Pickleball 8-10 am Aquarobics 9 am Strength & Balance 10am Game Night 6 pm	**5** Pickleball 8-10am Cardio Aquarobics 9:30 am **Breakfast 8:30**
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December Breakfast

Saturday, December 5th @ 8:30 a.m.

Menu

Bacon & Eggs

Oatmeal with all the toppings

Desserts

Breakfast Sponsored by

Michael Fox

The Fox Factor Realty



Cooking With Katie

Discontinued until further notice

Katie's husband has a critical medical issue. Katie needs to focus on his needs.

Let's all silently send Katie and Les our best thoughts, wishes and prayers.



3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA PARTY!

BRING YOUR FAVORITE TEA CUP & A SMALL PLATE OF FINGER FOOD TO ADD TO THE BUFFET

The Palomar Estates West Garden Club cordially invites you & your friends to our 3rd Annual Holiday Tea Party!

Join us for an afternoon of delightful teas, delicious treats, & joyful company as we once again celebrate the spirit of the season!

Monday, December 7, 2026

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Palomar Estates West Clubhouse

!!Festive Attire Encouraged!!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Enjoy teas provided, or hot water is available for your preferred brand

R.S.V.P. BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST TO:

MERLIN CHANCELLOR
Mvchanc@gmail.com
661-670-1336

LYNN THOMAS
zzzennnwoman@sbcglobal.net
707-799-4416

Social Connection Holiday Dinner Potluck Wed, Dec 9th





We provide the Turkey and Ham; you provide the sides.

Festive music will be playing and people encouraged to dance to their favorite holiday tunes.

Sign up by December 4th. Limited to 120 people

Bring a wrapped gift, maximum value $20.00

Gift exchange is optional







Doors Open 4:30 PM

Contributions by Liz and Adam Bishop

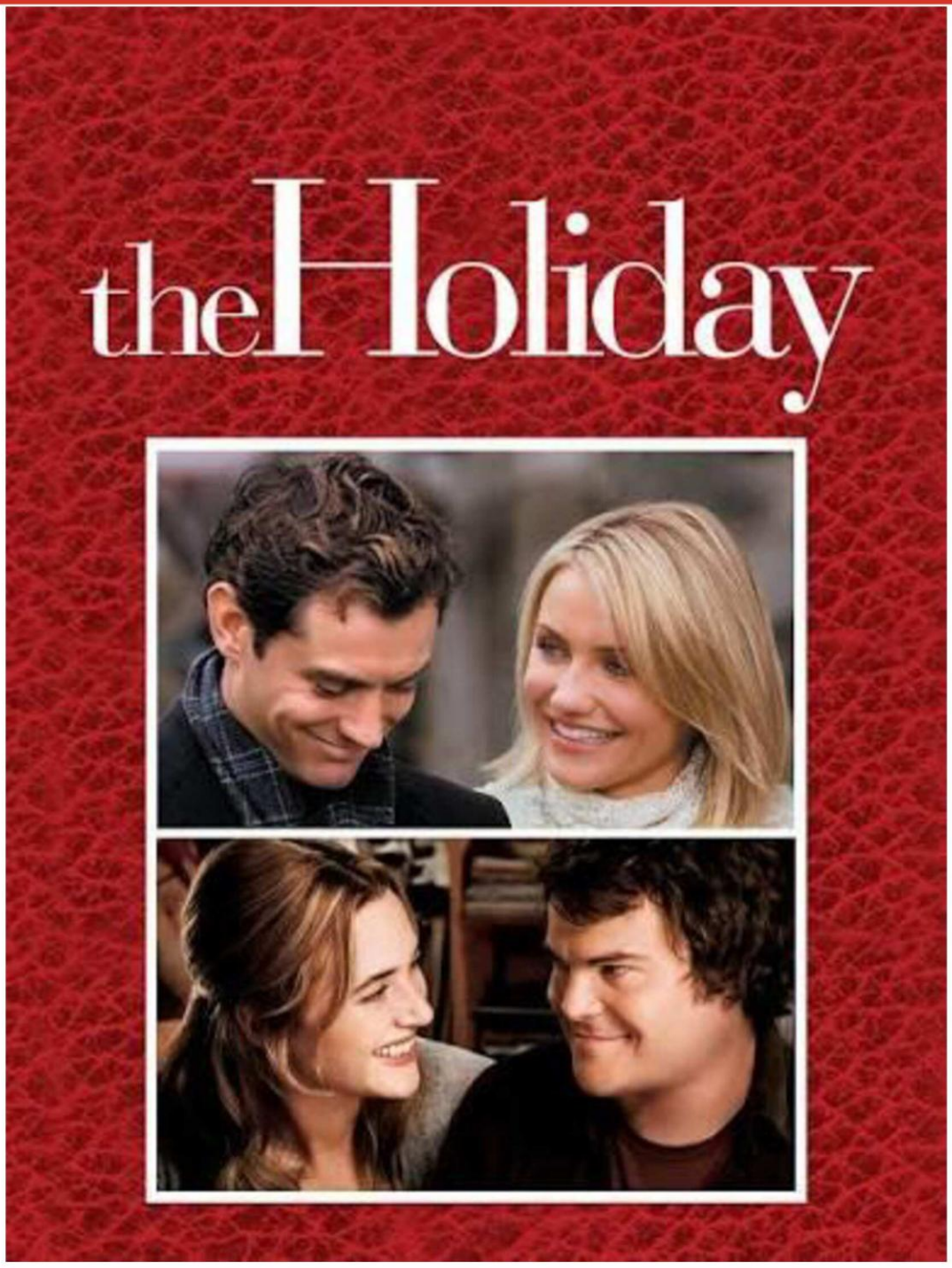
MOVIE NIGHT

the Holiday

December 16th - 6:00 PM Movie

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

Contributions by Liz and Adam Bishop





Social Connection = popcorn/Soda

The Social Connection Says

$25.00



$25.00

Thursday, December 31st
Doors open 4:30
Live music - Cadillac Fringe
Sign up early, select dinner choice, and pay to guarantee seat
50/50

Choice of dinners: Beef Bourguignon or Coq au vin; Buttered Egg Noodles, Salad and French Bread. Cream Puffs with chocolate sauce.
Sign up and pay by 12/27



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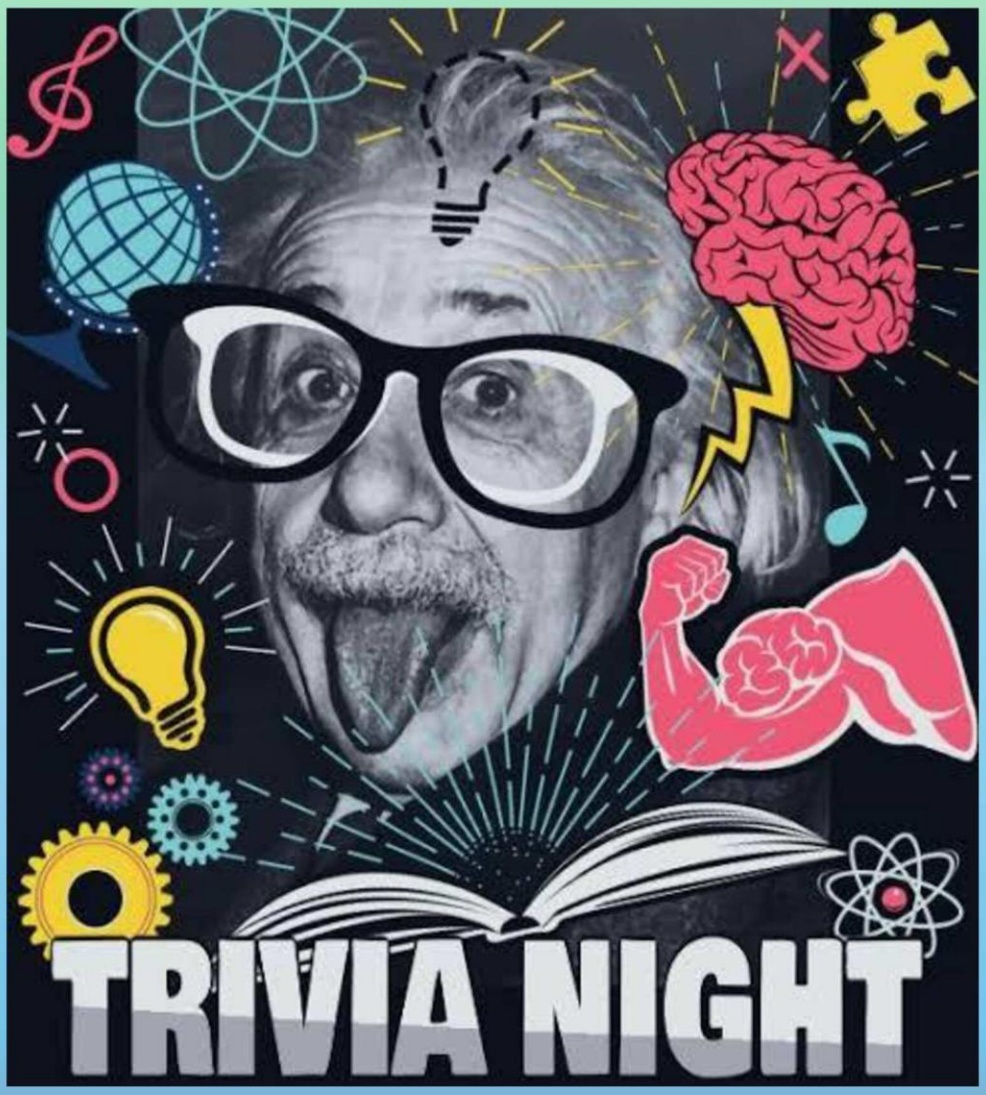
Social Connection

FREE!

POTLUCK



FREE!

POTLUCK

January 15th (Friday)

4:30 doors open
5:00 potluck – bring a dish to share
6:00 Trivia begins

Sign up individually and add team name (tables will be reserved for teams up to 8) winning team gets remaining proceeds from 50/50. Sign up by January 12th.



Contributions by Liz and Adam Bishop

Garden Club

What a great November meeting we had. As in years past we had a craft workshop, this year we offered both soap making and pumpkin decorating with succulents. People made some to take home and extra for the craft sale.

I want to thank Lynn and Lynne for helping pull it all together and Becky for her outstanding cleanup assist. Someone I can not forget to mention is Nancy for baking and setting up the refreshments buffet. The pumpkin treats were out of this world! I had to take some home. Thanks again ladies for making it all work and turn out so wonderful!

I am looking forward to our December 7th gathering which will be the annual Holiday Tea. This event has grown each year and everyone dresses for the occasion. I have to say this is the classiest event we have all year.

See you all next meeting.

Submitted by Merlin Chancellor





TRULY UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE!



Take a break from the high cost of dining out and join neighbors and friends for a unique "DINING OUT" experience—by "DINING IN" at the PEW Pavilion! Enjoy a delicious **HOME-COOKED** dinner and dessert for just $16 T0 $20 pp *(depending on the menu offered),* with *no added service charges or taxes*!! You may also BYOB.

Beginning in 2027, this event will be offered every other month. Our first 2027 dine-in is **Wednesday, January 13, 2027**. We offer a different meal for each event and the January menu features chicken parmesan with pasta, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. We WELCOME your menu suggestions as well! Doors open at 4:30 p.m., giving you time to bring your favorite beverage and relax with friends before dinner is ready, at around 5:00 p.m.

Watch the Hilltopper for announcements and details about each event. Mark your calendar, gather your friends, and join us!

Cathie Bassett and Cathie Byrd

Winter Gardening in Southern California

By Herb Field

Urban Entomologist



Bitterly cold winters are a foreign concept in Southern California. We may get a few nights of frost, but our winter temperatures typically range from highs in the upper 60's and lows in the mid 40's. It's not uncommon to have an 80-degree Christmas as you well know.

Most of my chores in the garden this time of year consist of cleaning the boxes of decaying plant material, mulching, adding new soil from the summer crops that depleted it. I also repaint the boxes after I pull the summer/fall crops.

There are many summer/fall crops that can easily overwinter and still produce wonderful organic vegetables for your family. Presently we have carrots, lettuce, pea pods, sweet pea, garlic, black radishes, and herbs still producing from the summer planting. We also have broccoli, Winter Squash, cabbage, bush beans, cauliflower and brussels sprouts that I germinated last month that will go into the garden now.

It's still not too late to throw some winter crops into your raised beds or pots as they will start producing in 60-90 days. Those include: broccoli, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts. Root crops such as beets, carrots, turnips, early potatoes, peas, green beans and radishes. You can even plant milkweed in the fall as they will be ready in the spring for the coming of Monarch butterflies.

You typically don't need to fertilize plants in your yard this time of the year but several species of turf like a light application of fertilizer to keep it green through the holidays. Talking about holidays, if you are hanging Christmas lights it is also the perfect time to grab the hose and flush out your gutters, gutters collect a lot of plant debris during the year and flushing them out will prevent a problem later when a storm passes by beautiful San Diego.

Pruning is also a winter chore. If you have roses this is the time of year to do a hard cutting on your roses. Fruit trees also need an annual pruning, we prune all our stone fruit such as; apricot, plums, nectarines and peaches. You will need to wait on the citrus trees as they are still producing fruit.

This is also a great time to plant berry plants; we have 50 boysenberry plants that we planted 5 years ago in the late winter and now produce fruit by the bowl full.

The bottom-line is that there are plenty of things to do in the garden during the winter that will help you prepare for spring planting!

If you have insect or gardening questions, please contact me at entomologyservices@gmail.com



PEW Book Club

Greetings from the Book Club!

This month's book, our final book of the year, is "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. This is Levi's debut novel and it is on the New York Times Best Seller list.

Theo arrives in Golden, a small Southern city in Georgia. While visiting a local coffeehouse, he becomes captivated by 92 hand-drawn pencil portraits of local residents hanging on the walls. He embarks on a quiet, self-appointed mission: buying the portraits one by one and tracking down the people depicted to hand the artwork back to them. In exchange for the portrait, he asks only for their story.

The Book Club will not be meeting in the month of December; therefore, we will be discussing this book in January.

The Book Club meets on the 4th Friday of each month (except in December). We meet at 2:00 pm in the Cards and Coffee room, inside the Pavillion. We would love for you to join us for lively discussions on our chosen books.

Until then, keep reading!

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

You Are Invited – Arts & Crafts Workshop

Please feel free to join us on Wednesdays in the multi-purpose room from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for an arts and crafts workshop. You do not have to commit to attend every week, just whenever you can. Bring a project you are working on and it's fun to share our ideas and good conversation while we are there. If you have any questions, please call me at 760) 598-0582 Hope to see you there soon.

Claudeen Lindsay

PEW ART GALLERY NEWS

On November 7 we began our last two-month group show for 2026.

Thank you, everyone, for several beautiful shows this year!
We hope you will continue to enjoy the current show for the holidays.
We look forward to bring you more local artists in 2027.

Thank you everyone! Sharon Lubert, 909-519-8915 and Karen Zeluff, 760-712-9813

HALLOWEEN 2026



Best couple's costume - Mad Hatter and Queen of Hearts
(Upper Left)



Best Costume – Blind Airline Pilot



To prepare for the strong 2026 El Niño expected, you should secure your home against extreme weather, build an emergency supply kit, and monitor local forecasts for flood or drought risks.

Protect Your Home

- **Clear drainage:** Clean out gutters, downspouts, and storm drains so heavy rain can flow away from your property.
- **Inspect the roof:** Fix loose tiles or leaks before severe storms arrive.
- **Seal gaps:** Check windows and doors to prevent water or wind damage.

Build an Emergency Kit

- **Store water:** Keep at least three gallons of water per person for 72 hours, using clean, tight-sealed containers.
- **Stock food:** Gather non-perishable food items that do not require cooking or refrigeration.
- **Gather supplies:** Include a first-aid kit, flashlights, extra batteries, and a battery-powered radio. [1]

Plan and Stay Informed

- **Create a family plan:** Pick a safe meeting place and map out evacuation routes if flooding occurs.
- **Check official updates:** Follow alerts from the National Weather Service or your local emergency management office.

Be prepared and Stay Safe

Be Red Cross Ready

Be Prepared. Get Connected. Take Action.

American Red Cross
San Diego and Imperial Counties

It's important to prepare for possible emergencies because they can strike suddenly and violently at any time and any place. There are three steps everyone can take that can help make a difference: be prepared, get connected, and take action.

Be Prepared It is easier than you think!

Get a Kit

Keep supplies in an easy-to-carry kit that you can use at home or take with you in case you must evacuate.

Sample emergency kit:

Water, food, first-aid supplies, essential medications, flashlight, communication device, personal-hygiene items, cash, extra clothes, blankets, extra batteries, copies of important documents, baby supplies, and pet supplies

You may already have many of these items; consolidate what you currently have into a single container, then add the other items when you are out shopping.

Emergency Kit checklist:
redcross.org/prepare

Download the Red Cross Emergency App or go to redcross.org/apps.

Make a Plan

Set yourself up for success. Have a plan.

- ❑ Meet with your family or household members to plan how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work, and play.
- ❑ Choose two places to meet
  1. Right outside your home (during home fire).
  2. Outside your neighborhood (when required to evacuate).
- ❑ Consider any transportation challenges.
- ❑ Check your plan and review it with your family and friends.
- ❑ Practice using your evacuation routes, getting to your designated meetings places, and calling your out-of-area contact. Practicing at least twice a year will help you react more quickly if an emergency does occur.
- ❑ Communications plan: Local phone lines tend to overload after an emergency. Have an out-of-area contact that loved ones all agree to call to check in.

Be Informed

- ❑ Identify how local authorities will notify you during a disaster and how you will get information, whether through local radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio stations, or by accessing the Red Cross Emergency mobile app.
- ❑ Make sure that at least one member of your household is first aid and CPR certified.
- ❑ Print emergency contact cards for all household members. Go to redcross.org and search "emergency contact."

Home fire safety: Get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1

- ❑ Get low to the ground and crawl to an exit.
- ❑ Check door handles with the back of your hand before opening a door. If it is hot, look for an alternate escape route, such as a window.
- ❑ If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit route, hang a sheet or towel outside your window to let the fire department know where you are.
- ❑ Once you are out, stay out. Go to your designated meeting place. Call 9-1-1.

Earthquake safety: Drop, cover, and hold on

- ❑ If you are not around sturdy furniture, crouch with your back against an interior wall and cover your head and neck.
- ❑ If you are outdoors, move into an open area away from buildings and trees.

Floods, wildfires, and tsunamis can also occur in our region.



Get a Kit. **Make a Plan.** **Be Informed.**

Be Red Cross Ready Checklist Don't know what to do next? We can teach you.

- ❑ I have an emergency preparedness kit.
- ❑ I have a family disaster plan and have practiced it.
- ❑ I know what emergencies or disasters are most likely to occur in my community.
- ❑ I have installed the Red Cross Emergency App on my phone.
- ❑ At least one member of my household is trained in CPR/AED use.
- ❑ I have taken action to help my community prepare.

For more information on how to be prepared for and respond to these and other emergencies, **visit preparesandiego.org.**

Get Connected
More resilient together

Organize your community and networks in-person and on-line. Agree to stay in touch.

Facebook and Twitter

- ❑ Add emergency-related accounts to your newsfeed to stay informed. Follow #redcross and your local Red Cross chapter, FEMA, Fire Department.
- ❑ Create a Facebook group to stay connected, share supplies, and make a plan.
- ❑ Use Safety Check when something happens. Update your status for your family and friends.

Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a private social network to get connected with your neighborhood, with multiple advantages: looking for a babysitter, block parties, or fighting crime. In the case of emergency, you can find and share local information and resources with your neighbors.

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. Register for National Night Out to receive notices of upcoming events in your area at natw.org/registration.

Download the Red Cross Emergency App or, go to redcross.org and search emergency app.

This app provides expert advice on how to prepare and respond to disasters and includes a map with open Red Cross shelters.

Take Action Lean in and learn

Take Classes to Be Red Cross Ready

The Red Cross provides training for the community with a variety of programs and courses to help everyone be ready when an emergency happens. For more information, visit us online at redcross.org/takeaclass.

- **Online courses:** from the comfort of home you can take a variety of courses to prepare your family.
- **On-site training:** a variety of courses in a classroom, at your workplace, or with your community organization. Train-the-trainer programs and do-it-yourself emergency preparedness courses are also available.
- **First aid and CPR courses:** community classes or Red Cross training on demand at your workplace.

Get even more involved

Join all the great Red Cross volunteers who love being there for their community in a time of need to provide food, shelter, care and comfort. The Red Cross is a volunteer organization that depends on each and every one of us and our unique expertise, various backgrounds, talents, and skills. It takes all of us to create a community resilient to emergencies. Here are just a few examples of skills that are always in need:

- Disaster volunteer
- Blood drive volunteer
- Youth volunteers
- Health and safety volunteer teacher
- Armed forces volunteer

Become an American Red Cross volunteer at redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer



Let Your Family Know You're Safe

Tell your loved ones about the American Red Cross Safe and Well Website or access through **redcross.org** by searching safe and well. This internet-based tool should be integrated into your emergency communications plan. People within a disaster-affected area can register themselves as "safe and well" and concerned family and friends who know the person's phone number or address can search for messages posted by those who self-register. If you don't have internet access, call **1-800-RED CROSS** to register yourself and your family.