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MILLENNIUM MEMO

“What happens to Palomar in 14 years, when the ground lease ends? Will the City allow the Park to be closed?” Question by Simon Spears to Mayor Jones at the Aug. 5 breakfast. This was covered in some detail in my June Memo, but it was good hearing the Mayor and Council Member Sannella address this – and for them to hear your concerns. Palomar East & West have several layers of protection. Most important, of course, is Millennium’s ownership, but as Simon says, our lease expires on March 1, 2037. Even if we’re gone at that point, Palomar remains subject to other restrictions. For instance:

- *Palomar is zoned for Manufactured Home uses only. Any change in use would trigger a zone change and an amendment to the City’s General Plan. Both of those would need to be approved by the City Council.*
- *Palomar is specifically included in the City’s Housing Element, San Marcos’ State-approved plan to meet its housing production goals. If Palomar closed, the City would have to supply that lost housing someplace else. Fat chance!*
- *Chapter 16 of the San Marcos Municipal Code imposes some onerous burdens for a developer to meet. You may want to google that – it’s interesting reading.*

Then there’s this excerpt from a letter we got from the City back in 2016:

“The City has no intention of rezoning the property... nor to amend, increase or enhance the list of permitted uses in the Manufactured Home Zone.”

Supervisor Desmond offered some advice at the breakfast: make sure the folks you elect continue to support Palomar and its residents. In fact, he suggested holding a Candidate Forum at the next election, so you could query the candidates face-to-face. I’m reminded of the famous exchange in the movie Dumb & Dumber:

Mary: “I’d say it’s more like one in a million.”

Lloyd: “So you’re telling me there’s a chance!”

Yes, I suppose there’s a chance, but it doesn’t seem very likely.

This Month’s Kudos

One Kudo goes to Melissa Szilagyi, (Sp. 454), for organizing the shelves & books in the Library – no small task! Nice work, Melissa.

Kudos also to Erin & Kate (Sp. 121) for providing Holiday Spirit decorations to the Park. Very festive of you two.

Have a fun Labor Day!

George Turk

Manager's Mentions

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Holiday Office Closure September 4th

Have a safe and happy holiday. The office will re open on Tuesday at 9:30am. Doug Tickner will be on duty for any emergencies.



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Gerardo Barajas

Jorge Martinez

Daniel Clayton



Posted Rules. Hours and rules for use of these facilities are posted. Children under the age of three (3) years are not permitted in the water. Children under the age of fourteen (14) years are not permitted in the spa or sauna except with homeowner adult supervision. Persons under 18 years are only permitted in the pool and spa areas during the posted children's hours.

Rules Violations. Homeowners and guests must vacate the pool, spa and/or saunas at the direction of Park Management if they need to be closed for any reason. If a Homeowner or Guest is violating a rule or rules, Park Management may give a verbal warning to the violator(s) and specify the rule(s) being broken. If the violation continues, violators may be asked to leave the area, and the violators shall do so immediately.



For the safety of Homeowners and their guests, no vehicle may be driven in an unsafe manner. All posted traffic signs must be obeyed. All drivers operating a motor vehicle in the Park must drive safely and slowly, and not more than 15 miles per hour. All vehicles operated in the Park must be registered and licensed for street usage.

FROM THE PEW RESIDENT ASSOCIATION BOARD

Our hot summer has arrived and brought delicious smells and sounds to our community. Parties, barbeques, sunbathers, swimmers, and walkers are out and about. Another glorious summer in North County. Aren't we lucky?

The Thank You/Retirement party for Debbie Bartlett took place on July 21st. Nearly 150 people came to show their respect and appreciation for her many years as Park Manager. It was nice to see so many people participate, and I felt the great sense of community that we strive for here at PEW. The event was proudly arranged, and the meal catered by the board. We considered it a rousing success, and so did Debbie.

All the board members continue to work tirelessly to make PEW better for all of us. A few highlights from the August meeting: Again, the board is working with a tighter budget this year and brainstorming ways to supplement the social activities. That being said, we are looking to increase the dues to \$10.00 a year effective in January 2024. We have approximately 300 homes out of 473 participating and all the funds go toward social events: breakfasts, parties, bingo, library, Pickleball, pool floats and other goodies. The fee is worth every penny! Become a member in 2024 if you are not already and I promise you won't be sorry.

The Board has received multiple requests to re-visit the swimming pool and spa hours for children under 18, due to safety and privacy concerns. Many grandparents like to entertain their grandchildren but remember this is a resort community built for the peace and serenity of us 55 plus. As of this now, the most suggested idea is to eliminate the evening hours for children under 18. We will continue to take suggestions IN WRITING to determine what the majority would like. PLEASE put them in the box in the card room. Speak up and be heard. This is your park, let us know!

We are waiting still to hear from SDG&E regarding their unsightly electric boxes and Haven is looking to replace some stop signs with what we hope deter speeders. A note: I recently came across Hilltoppers from 1991 and we have come a long way, except for speeding which has always been an issue. Capital improvements continue this year. An enlarged maintenance shed and a newer vehicle for Felipe, as well as continued work on the isolation valves and streets. Infrastructure is the heart of every community, and we thank Haven Management, John Davis and Katie Davis for their support.

Thank you for allowing your Board to represent you.

Garry Larson, President

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD

President: Garry Larson; Vice President: Cathie Byrd
Secretary: Jo Gehringer; Treasurer: Simon Spears

Members

Katie Rodriguez, Dave Brennan, Lori Magnusson
Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the Month in the Pavilion Room

SOCIAL CONNECTION

Merlin Chancellor and Simon Spears – Co-Chairs, Eileen LaLone – Treasurer, Marilyn Ferri – Secretary, Cathy Bassett, Herlinda Mahler, Cathie Byrd, Margaret Scotto, Rusty Bassett, Angela Sirota, Shevaun Teegarden

HILLTOPPER COMMITTEE

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

READY ADVISORY PANEL

Bryan Cooper, Mary Wallace
Cindy Palermo, Debbie McQuillan, Lee Tydlaska, Robert Fierro

BREAKFAST COMMITTEE

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

GYM COMMITTEE

Larry Brown, Rusty Bassett, Marie McElligott

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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

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME & DAY</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Aqua Exercise	2:30 pm Tu, Th, Sat	Trish Coy	760-536-9338
Billiards (Men)	9 am Tu	Stan Lindsay	760-598-0582
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	Mikkie Sawyer	760-690-7825
Bridge	1:30 pm	Ann Webb	702-449-9916
Cooking with Katie	Third Tuesday 4:00 pm	Katie Rodriguez	760-310-8623
Darts	6-8 pm Th Game Room	Chuck Thomas	707-799-6555
Dog Park	8 am- 8 pm Daily	Michael Wilkinson	760-580-5075
Garden Club	1 st M 2 pm	Merlin Chancellor	661-670-1336
Hand & Foot	1:00 pm F	Kim Stevenson	760-703-4872
Let's Dine Out	Times vary	Linda Kerridge Cathie Byrd	858-776-6783 530-417-5186
Library	Open Daily	Melissa Szilagyi	760-216-7182
Mahjong	1 pm Th	Kim Stevenson	760-703-4872
Medical Rehab Lending Closet	Open as needed.	Rusty Bassett	619-301-9551
		Jesse Nieto	408-666-8088
Mexican Train	2 nd and 4 th Tu 4:30 pm	Margie Farrelly	760-855-8416
Movie Night/ Dinner & Dance Nights	Dates Vary	Simon Spears	760-583-1549
Pickleball	8:30 am-10:30 am M-W-F Pickleball Club Group play Beginners are welcome!	Margaret Scotto	714-501-4345
Ping Pong	Tu 10:30 am	Nejla Gharajedaghi	760-536-9583
R.E.A.D.Y. Panel Emergency Preparedness	3 rd Wednesday at 2 pm in Card Room	Mary Wallace	619-887-0700
		Bryan Cooper	858-342-3335
Shuffleboard	1:30 pm M	Rusty Bassett	619-301-9551
Live 2 B Healthy Strength & Balance	10 am M-W-F	Maria Barnabe	619-886-2779
Social Connection	Dates Vary	Merlin Chancellor	661-670-1336
		Simon Spears	760-583-1549
Tai Chi	9-10 am Th		
Tennis	9 am W & Sa	Rob Edwards	760-807-5683

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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.

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Breakfast Awaits YOU

Let's make it a September to remember. IT'S HERE! which means Fall is on it's way. It may be the END of summer, but will surely be the START of Autumn. Sooo, let's "look forward" to crisp air and colorful leaves. But ahead of ALL OF THAT, we will bring breakfast, made just for your pleasure.

Won't you join us?

Saturday, September 2nd and enjoy every moment,
"together with friends and neighbors"



Hope to see YOU there

Mikkie

9th September

LUAAU

Hawaiian Lū'au Party at the club house and pool.
Hula Dancers, Kalua pork, white rice, tiki bar.
Doors open 5:00 PM

Grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts encouraged!



\$15.00

SIGN UP AND PAY BY September 3rd

YOUR PAYMENT CONFIRMS YOUR SEAT!
CANCELLATIONS AFTER **September 3rd**
NON-REFUNDABLE, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
TO "SOCIAL CONNECTION"

Let's Dine Out



We've been here before and it was good!!

WHERE: PANDA GARDEN

742 S. Rancho Santa Fe Road
San Marcos, CA 92078
(Next to CVS)

WHEN: Monday, September 11, 2023 5:00 PM

Call or text Jesse Nieto (408-666-8088) to make your reservation.
Please leave your space number along with your name.
Let me know if you need transportation.

See you there!
Jesse



Cooking With Katie

Come join us to learn about ways you can cook healthy and delicious meals on a reasonable budget!

Date: Tuesday September 19th

Time: 4:00pm-5:30pm

Location: Palomar West Clubhouse

Vegetable Side Dishes

Sign up at the clubhouse to get a spot for this free, tasty class! Sign-up List goes up on 1st of each month. Class max of 25



Save the Date!!

Our Community Driveway Sale will be Saturday
October 21st, 8:00am-Noon!! Sign up will be
available in the Clubhouse and online in October.

Questions, please contact LuAnn Foster at
480-203-4330.

From The Librarian

Hello fellow readers, a library update: I took over the library in early 2023 and there is still much to be done. I am a volunteer with physical limitations and am doing my best to clear out unread books and bring the library up to snuff. **PLEASE BE PATIENT**

To date I have brought in over 100 used clean and more current HARDCOVER books, and many have been donated. PLEASE contact me prior to dropping books as obscure 1973 paperbacks are not flying off the shelves. The Goodwill and Thrift stores DO NOT accept shabby books, leaving no choice but to responsibly recycle.



I no longer stamp books with the PEW address, BUT please return within a reasonable time period. **We are using the honor system** and I have specifically brought in requested books, never to see them again. I was hoping to re-read To Kill a Mockingbird myself. I am not sure what was done before me, as there are no book police, retired or otherwise. If you have mobility issues, call me and I will gladly pick up PEW books, with a smile.

Melissa Szilagyi - 760-216-7182

PEW Book Club

Greetings from the PEW Book Club:
We are reading some fantastic books!

The book we read for August was "The Book of Charlie"
By David von Drehle.

Our September choice is "Trust" by Hernan Diaz.

In October we will be reading "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver.

We meet on the 4th Friday of every month. We welcome you to drop by and join our discussions at 2:00 pm in the Multi Purpose Room.

Happy Reading!

Cynthia (Cindy) Towle
Email: towlecandr@gmail.com
Telephone or Text: 503.317.3544



"I cannot live without books..." Thomas Jefferson to John Adams June 10, 1815

August Garden Club

August has had quite the string of toasty days! The heat is bringing in the veggies and fruit. It's great to be harvesting and eating what you planted months ago. Hope you have had some great produce to reward your efforts.

Our meeting this month was focused on California invasive plants. A few examples of invasive ground covers include highway ice plant, English ivy and Vinca Major. There are free brochures from California Invasive Plant Council at info@cal-ipc.org for great information on alternatives for these and many other invasive grasses, trees and shrubs.



Highway ice plant

Vinca Major

English ivy

We want to thank Helen Doherty for supplying the scrumptious treats for our meeting. They really hit the spot and the beverages were a perfect coupling. Our club members always do such a great job every time. We had two wonderful garden tours after the meeting. Thank you garden club members Cheri and Allen for opening your garden for all of us to enjoy. We are always amazed how efficiently people can use every inch of space to grow such a diverse array of plants from ornamentals to eatables.

Our second tour was Jim and Maureen Gates. I must say it is one of the best kept landscapes I've seen in our park. You step into another world when entering through the garden gate. Thank you for welcoming us into your garden and providing great refreshments.

This month San Pasqual Soils gave away monkey hair mulch. We met at the clubhouse at 9am to carpool. Every month they give away a different type of mulch, it's worth the trip!

Community garden update. The space is coming along. Looks like the water spigots have been installed, a total of three. They are installing a small retainer wall along the curb and leveled out the whole area. It will be nice to see the raised beds in place soon.

One last thought:

"Like the hummingbird sipping nectar from every flower, I fly joyfully through my days, seeing beauty in everything."

Amethyst Wyldfyre

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 11th, at 2pm. Enjoy the summer and all it has to offer.

Merlin Chancellor

GARDEN TO-DO LIST FOR SEPTEMBER

- Deep water container plants as they quickly dry out this time of year.
- Sow seeds for fall vegetable garden such as lettuce, collard greens, peas and beans.
- Keep mulch over them to keep the soil moist in our summer heat.
- Add compost to soil to give it adequate time to break down before next growing season.

FEATURED PLANT: *Mandevilla spp.*

Mandevilla is a vine plant with the botanical name *Mandevilla spp.* It belongs to the family *Apocynaceae*. It is also known as rocktrumpet. It is a genus of flowering vines that grow in tropical and subtropical climates. The five-petal trumpet-shaped flowers are showy and fragrant, typically coming in shades of pink, red, and white. The blooms will quickly cover arbors and trellises. Mandevillas grown outside prefer an outside temperature of 68-90 degrees. Less than 50 degrees will likely damage the plant. Plant in spring after all chances of frost have passed. They like 6-8 hours of full sun and some shade during the afternoon. Choose an area with good drainage and soil rich with compost or other organic matter to support the blooms. Water regularly to keep the soil moist. They can be pruned or trained to keep in bounds. When pruning you may want to pinch your Mandevilla vine by simply using your fingers to pinch off ¼ to ½ inch off the end of each stem. This will encourage more branching and blooms. If you let them naturally grow as vines, provide them with a trellis or other structure they can climb around. The vines also look great in hanging baskets. If grown in containers they can be brought indoors during a cold spell. When bringing indoors, cut it down a bit to let it rest. Place the container in bright, indirect light and water when the soil is dry to the touch. When potting use a lightweight, well-draining potting mix. A good potting mix is a combination of peat moss sand, and leaf mold. Trim any dead or damaged roots. Repot every year or two in spring in a pot only one size larger than the current container. Apply fertilizer in spring, continuing every two weeks through mid-summer. Use a well-balanced feed designed for ornamental plants. For spectacular flowers try a fertilizer that is higher in phosphorus. Although Mandevilla is not classified as toxic to animals by the ASPCA it can be mildly toxic when ingested, so keep the plant in a spot away from curious kids or pets. No major pest problems, but it can attract red spider mites, scales, whiteflies, and aphids. Propagate from cuttings or seeds.



There are over 100 species within the Mandevilla genus. Some of the most popular for outdoor include:

Mandevilla sanderi: Commonly known as Brazilian jasmine with large pink-red blooms

Mandevilla boliviensis: Also known as white Mandevilla.

Mandevilla laxa: known commonly as Chilean jasmine produces masses of heavily scented white flowers..

Source: thespruce.com, gardeningknowhow.com

- The “spp” after Mandevilla means that there are various species of Mandevilla unnamed and you are not referring to any specific one. When you encounter an “sp” instead, it means that the author is referring to one specific unknown species.

Marilynn Chambers

Sunset Pickleball Anyone?

Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Pickleball from 6:00-sunset.

It's a beautiful time to play and a way to beat the heat as it gets cooler by the hour.

It's Open Play so all are welcome - including brand new beginners! (Weren't we all once?)

As the sun starts setting earlier, we will move the time to start two hours before the sunset.

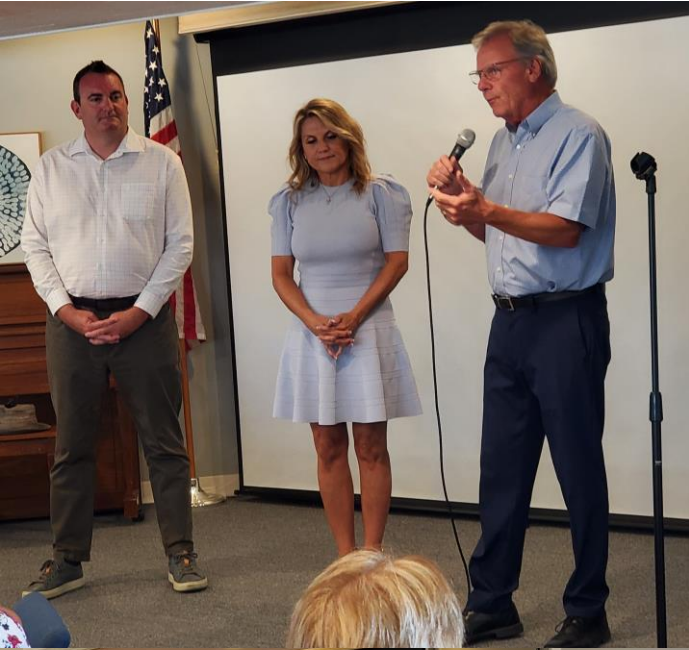
It's a great way to have fun while burning calories and making friends!



Submitted by Larry Jones



Our Guests at the August Breakfast



The speakers were San Marcos Mayor Rebecca Jones, San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond and San Marcos City Council member Mike Sannella.

ENJOY OUR STATE PARKS FOR FREE

In partnership with the California State Library, State Parks is providing vehicle day-use passes to over 200 participating state park units operated by State Parks to library-card holders. Library cards are free and easy to get at your local public library.

San Marcos Branch Library, 2 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069 Phone: (760) 891-3000

There are 10 state parks within 30 miles of PEW; 5 of them are within 15 miles.

More info: www.CheckOutCAStateParks.com



OTHER WAYS TO ACCESS STATE PARKS

Disabled Discount Pass \$3.50 - Lifetime For persons with permanent disabilities, entitles 50% discount for vehicle day-use, family camping and boat-use fees at State Parks-operated units.

Distinguished Veteran Pass FREE - Lifetime For qualified veterans, entitles free use of all basic facilities (including day use, camping and boating) in state parks.

Limited Use Golden Bear Pass \$20 Calendar year, nonpeak season - For persons 62 years or older, entitles holder and spouse/registered domestic partner vehicle day-use entry to most State Parks-operated units during nonpeak season.

For more information, go to www.parks.ca.gov/Passes



Submitted by Mary Wallace

Smoke Alarms at Home



SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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Submitted by Mary Wallace of the PEW READY team.