

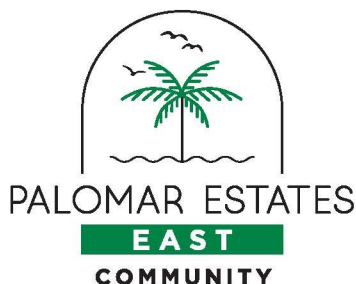
May... Mother's Day & Memorial Day...

enjoy your celebrations!



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Editorial—the Merry Month of...



I can't believe it's May already. What about you?

This is my favorite month of the year (outside of September which is my second favorite). May is when the weather warms up, unless we get one of those nasty gray-Mays, which happens some years. Fingers crossed this May will not be one of those.

And getting back to my sisters, we danced around the old Maypole on May Day afternoons for our parents on the front lawn of our elementary school. But enough of memories, there is an item from last month that I feel the need to emphasize once again.

In last month's newsletter, we devoted an entire page to explain our need for **PERT Block Captains** and how little of your time it takes. Without them, chaos may ensue if we have a disaster.

Ask Yourself —

What would you do IF:

Our power grid failed?	
The earth shook?	
A fire spread?	
A gas line burst?	

We need the ability to organize ourselves and take care of our own park residents!

If you are new to park living, please note that as a community of 372 homes grouped closely together, the police and emergency personnel have already stated that they may not be able to assist us for days if a catastrophic event occurs.

We must not only survive, but help our less-abled neighbors. If we are prepared, we will all benefit.

Please get involved for your safety and ours. Only a **few hours per year of your time is all we ask.**

Contact Lanny Lippincott: lippincott10@gmail.com

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Back in October, I reported on the booming Palomar East real estate market. 36 homes had sold in the 12 months ended Aug. 15, 2021, at an average price of \$201,828. Given all that activity, I offered some tips on how to expedite your sale escrow.

The market has to have cooled off since then, wouldn't you guess? Well, actually it's exploded. In the six months since my report, there have been 16 Palomar East home sales, at an average price of...wait for it...\$275,125!

Prices ranged from a low of \$180K to a high of \$420K. Five of the 16 sales were for more than \$300K. This doesn't exactly help Palomar's affordability numbers, but that's a discussion for another day.

I realize I just wrote about this a few months ago, but I figured you wouldn't mind hearing again how valuable your home is. It's good to be a Palomar East resident, isn't it?

In Other News

- ◆ Palomar East's ground rent adjusts every five years based on the inflation rate. We just got our 5-year Notice for the period starting this past March 1st. The amount of the increase: \$4,061/month, or \$48,732/year.

That works out to about \$10.92/month per space in higher costs for the Park—just for the ground rent. Does that put your \$15/month increase in perspective?

- ◆ This month's Resident Kudo goes to Patty Gonzales, "for her help in designing the 2022 Directory Cover and donating her resources." Thanks, Patty!
- ◆ Recent expenditures: new Pool Heater, replacing the one bought in 2014 (\$5K) and repairs to the wood in the Card Room (\$3K for supplies, etc.). We also fixed the Men's Sauna, trimmed & added sprinklers to the exterior landscaping and made assorted other upgrades.
- ◆ Are the weeds in your yard getting a bit out of hand? Not surprising. As the old saying goes, "give weeds an inch and they'll take a yard."

We'd rather not get phone calls from your neighbors complaining about your yard, so please keep your weeds under control. If you think you don't like gardening, try planting a few seeds. It might grow on you.

Marital Bliss?

My wife seemed a bit out of sorts this morning. Concerned, I asked her: "Did you wake up grumpy?" Her reply: "No, I let you sleep." Sounds like I'd better get her a great Mother's Day gift, doesn't it?

Enjoy your very valuable home...and have a fun Mother's Day.

George Turk

Did You Know...

The May full moon is called the Flower Moon (May 15th)

May's Flower Moon name should be no surprise; flowers spring forth across North America in abundance this month!

Blood Moon (full eclipse)

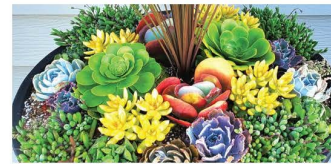
This total lunar eclipse occurs in the night hours of May 15th and will be visible for stargazers in most of North America, all of South America, Western Africa, and parts of Western Europe. From the Pacific Northwest into British Columbia, as well as in southern Alaska, a partial lunar eclipse will be visible.

Eclipse Begins: 6:31 P.M. PDT & Ends: 9:53 P.M. PDT



The Power of *First Impressions*

Park Beautification Committee, interim
Patty Gonzales



As homeowner's, whether we are staying or selling, the best way to truly evaluate our curb appeal is from the eyes of a potential buyer.

And the best way to keep our home's curb appeal is to maintain it as if we were putting it on the market tomorrow for top dollar.

Every day is a great day to sell a home, but Spring is the most popular time. Our landscaping is usually at its best, showings and open houses can be planned in favorable weather, and daylight savings allows for more buyers to see a home due to extended hours of daylight.

When it comes to making our homes attractive, both for ourselves and our neighbors, curb appeal cannot be overlooked. Even when our families and friends drive through the park they take a genuine interest in our community.

Basic home and yard care doesn't have to be hard and can be minimal when your routine of maintenance is kept up. Remember the saying less is more....sometimes removing a few items is a perfect choice allowing your home to be the best version of itself.



*Some people look for a beautiful place.
Others make a place beautiful.*

May's Featured Home - Space 288

This front garden design uses a limited number of elements which presents a simple and uncluttered, relaxing appearance. It is an excellent gardening style for seniors or people who have a very busy lifestyle and prefer a minimalist home. Gil's creation is based upon the perspective that less is more. As the cactus and succulents grow, the garden will have an unique unified result. His upkeep is, quite simply put, minimal.

Gil Gamboa the homeowner gives a huge shout-out to his neighbors, **Don Bomar** and **Dave Fenner** for their expertise helping him complete the project.



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Kasey Koenig
Park Manager/Office

East Park

MARKET UPDATE & MANAGER'S REPORT



Martin Hernandez
Park Manager/Maintenance

March Market Update



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In March, we set a new record for the number of homes sold in one month.

April Update Manager's Report

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

April's accomplishments include:

- ✓ The trees were trimmed, and new sprinklers were added along Rancho Santa Fe Rd.
- ✓ The wood patio tables at the clubhouse were sanded and will be coated shortly.
- ✓ The men's sauna at the clubhouse has been repaired.
- ✓ The clothesline by the laundry room was replaced.

HOME SALES

The only thing slowing home sales is their availability. We receive phone calls daily from interested buyers.

CLUBHOUSE RECONSTRUCTION (05/02-05/24)

At the time of writing this article, **construction work** is scheduled on the **Clubhouse hallway ceilings for several weeks in May**. The timeline may change slightly due to the availability of materials.

Once I receive more concrete information, I will distribute it to residents with a flier and robocall.

CONTACTING THE OFFICE

If you call the office and I do not answer the phone, PLEASE leave me a message—I could be on the other line or with someone. If your call is not urgent or an emergency, I encourage you to email me—palomareast@gmail.com

Your concerns and needs are important. Email is a much more effective method which also allows me to get more accomplished. If you need to make a complaint or request, please allow us some time to investigate and resolve the matter.

On the other hand, if you have a time-critical/emergency, please call me immediately and if I am by the phone I will answer just as quickly.

Parting Note: For your reference—There is a bulletin board in front of the office with business cards and fliers from vendors and contractors.

Kasey

UPDATE—The Main Clubhouse WILL BE CLOSED for ALL activities during MAY due to ceiling reconstruction.

Palomar Estates East Residents Association

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APRIL UPDATE NOTIFICATIONS & ACTIVITIES by Carl Silva

Woooo Hooooo!

Great news!

**Budget has been approved
for the next stage of
the Upper Clubhouse.**

That's right! The popcorn ceiling will be replaced with an acoustical ceiling with new lighting and fans. The process will begin on May 2nd and continue through to May 24th so please keep that in mind for future reference.

Be prepared for a torn-up clubhouse during that period. What that means is that there will be no PEERA board meeting in May. We will resume in June. In the June meeting we will begin planning our annual 4th of July BBQ and tailgate party along with the assistance of the Social Club.

A special shout out goes out to our park maintenance crew and manager, Martin for completing an inside repair job on windows in the card room which allowed for extra funds to be added to get the ceiling repair.

PEERA Board

Chairperson	Carl Silva
Vice-Chairperson	Don Antrim
Secretary	Kristen Antrim
Treasurer	Pete Eiden

Members At Large

Community Services	Henry Robicheaux
Complaints	Paul Thiboutot
Emergency Prep	Lanny Lippincot
Membership	Gordon Lilley
Publicity	Patty Gonzales
Technical Support	Ken Hodor

The maintenance crew are also working on sanding and refinishing our BBQ patio tables and benches. They are also building new ones out of TREX. Hopefully they will be completed by the 4th of July.



Thanks fellows!



Carl Silva
Chairperson



Don Antrim
Vice-Chairperson



Kristen Antrim
Secretary



Pete Eiden
Treasurer



Your Voice in Our Community PEERA Board

An opening on the PEERA board has recently come up and we need a volunteer to fill this member at large position. If you are interested in serving on our board as a member at large in this position, please let any present board member know or contact me (Space #212).

PARK BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

- ◆ The committee will monitor park properties and individual spaces, assuring that the Rules and Regulations and management standards are maintained. When they are not, the committee will so notify park management, who will take steps to remedy the transgressions.
- ◆ The committee will continue to monitor the situations to make sure they are corrected. The committee is also responsible for recommending projects and/or improvements to park facilities and common grounds.

We also have an opening for the Helping Hands Committee Chair (member at large). Its duties are as follows:

HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee is to assist residents who need such assistance by providing transport for medical or shopping needs or by running errands for those residents. The committee chair will seek resident volunteers to provide such assistance.

- ◆ The volunteers are not expected to accept payment for their assistance, but they may do so if the resident is more comfortable with that arrangement, excepting that they may not accept payment for transportation due to auto insurance restrictions.

If anyone is interested in either of these board positions, please contact any board member or me, space #212.

As we get closer to board position elections, I will post the requirements for open board positions listing two at a time so if you are interested in jumping on board you will have an idea of what you may run for.

I'm excited and looking forward to the new look of our clubhouse and hope that you will be also! So come join us for our upcoming events!

Summer's almost here!

Carl Silva

NEXT PEERA BOARD MEETING
MAY Meeting CANCELED
JUNE Meeting to be announced

Rancho Vallecitos Visit

Community Relations - Patty Gonzales

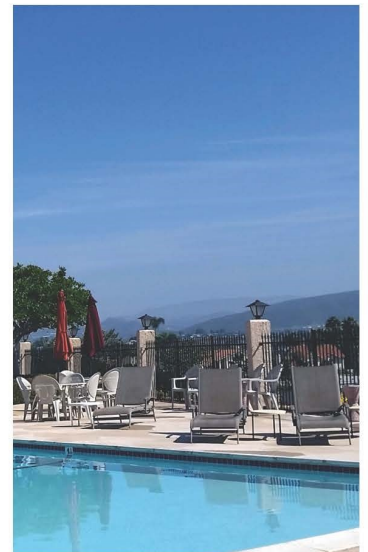


The future of every community

lies in capturing the passion, imagination, and resources of its people.

With the feeling of Spring in the air, what better way to visit the neighboring park than by an invite from your resident friends, joining them for some yummy breakfast food and a refreshing mimosa, is definitely a perfect start to a weekend.

We all know it's said breakfast is the most important meal of the day, but add meeting new people, great conversations, winning a raffle gift along with a beautiful view...bingo!



I appreciate that planning these gatherings can sometimes be a little challenging, especially the first breakfast served after a pandemic. But Patrick and Renee with their team did an excellent job.

The primary function of all three park's clubhouses (East, West, and Vallecitos) is to help us engage with our neighbors and friends. Now having visited them all, every event has shared a sense of community that everyone can enjoy.

Enjoy your Mother's Day and Memorial Day celebrations!



Neighbors who make the park fun and spirited is my description of Brad and Mark, space 272



I met Brad and Mark on one of their evening walks while working in my front yard. After the nice to meet you greeting... I asked the question "do you like avocados?" WOW, two of the biggest smiles appeared. From that moment on, any time spent with them has been FUN. Welcome to the park officially...youngsters!

Brad inherited his parents' home after his mom Betty Mc Cartt, passed away a year or so ago. His parents were longtime residents here in the park. The stories Brad and Mark share of his parents are inspiring and heartfelt. And after an eight month wait, they were pleased to announce the arrival of the MS Betty. A gorgeous brand spanking new pontoon boat. Appropriately named, the MS Betty launched on a fabulous 85 degree sunny February weekend into the water of San Marcos Lake.

Now you may have seen Brad and Mark driving in and out of the park in Brad's 1965 red Mustang convertible. Brad's parents gifted it to him for his 16th birthday. They recently attended "Motors for Music," a benefit for the San Marcos High School Band. And they were both surprised to have won "**Best in Show Interior!**" Actually no surprise--it's truly beautiful inside and out.

Did you know...

Lake San Marcos is an unincorporated area of San Diego, surrounded by the City of San Marcos? Living in north county now for 37 years, I always thought it was part of the City of San Marcos. How nice is it to have a resort-based community so close to home? Gotta love it! The planned community is home to an abundance of amenities, including two golf courses, a natural lake, and dozens of clubs, activities, and social events for residents to enjoy with their neighbors.



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2022 Social Club Board

President	Sharon Irving
Vice President	Michele Silva
Secretary	Marilyn Tippetts
Treasurer	Debbie Johnston
Membership Chair	David Tisdall

Members-At-Large

Dolores Bsharah	Anne Litz
Leslie Dranko	Sally Yeater

Making New Friends ❤️ **Caring and Sharing the Journey**

SMELL THE SEA ... FEEL THE BREEZE ... HEAR THE OCEAN ... BE AT EASE.

This was the message that Social Club Members received as they discovered their special 'Pop-By' Gift Box left caringly on their back porch ... just before the Easter and Passover holidays.



Each sweet goody-stuffed 'Pop-By' Gift Box featured a Summer theme, meant to create that fun pre-Summer feeling, as we still acknowledged and celebrated April holidays. 'Happy Holidays ... Warm Feelings' from your Social Club Board' was also printed on the gift box, as happy recipients viewed Summer-mindful ocean beach scenes, surf boards, palm trees, sail boats, umbrellas, and toes-in-the-sand bliss.

Social Club Board Members gathered after their April 1st Board Meeting to complete the gift box folding, stuffing, and mid-April personal delivery planning to their current membership to date—200 and growing!

The April promotion is just one of the many monthly events and activities planned by the Social Club, meant to not only reach out to our dues-paying membership (\$12 annually), but also provide ongoing fun and entertainment for all community residents. Board Members and volunteers work hard on many levels to build membership by raising awareness of the Social Club and the benefits of their membership dues at work. (To join or learn more, please contact Membership Chair Dave Tisdall or Co-Chair Leslie Dranko at: 760-295-2026).

We have a full schedule of exciting and fun monthly events coming up that reach out to all residents. It is important to point out that we are now working around the schedule of the Clubhouse ceiling repair project which prevents all events being held in the Clubhouse for the month of May. (As we all know, major repair projects can also unavoidably run into extra time, so we chose to rally and do an event 'outside' the Clubhouse in June).

This outdoor June event, now scheduled for Saturday, June 4 from 10 am – 12 noon is called the **Pet Pride Parade** for all residents, a popular past event that we've been asked to 'bring back' by

those who love sharing the party fun and category prizes with their beloved pets.

It's for everyone, not just pet owners, as we cheer on those who choose to enter the pet contest upon arrival or simply bring their pets to enjoy the experience. Watch for more details, including the June *BREEZE*.

Other upcoming all-resident events include a BBQ/Tailgate Party, a Meet & Greet/ Newcomers Pancake Breakfast, and a Luau/ Poolside Party as well as our traditional Halloween Party, Thanksgiving Dinner, December Holiday Dinner and New Year's Eve Celebration events.

It's all about the teamwork! Here's a typical behind-the-scenes view of Social Club Board members doing what they do 'between'

monthly Board Meetings. They love volunteering, they work hard, and they have fun doing it for ... well, you know who!

Gathering to fold, stuff and personally deliver some 200 April 'Pop-By' Gift Boxes to Social Club Member homes: **Michele Silva, Marilyn Tippetts, Debbie Johnston, Sally Yeater, Dolores Bsharah, and Anne Litz.**

Oh, and ... A special shoutout to Board members Leslie Dranko and Sally Yeater for doing all the pre-shopping for gift box content and overall coordination of the project.

Additional thanks go to community resident/ marketer Patty Gonzales, Zuza Printing from whom we obtained the gift boxes and labels.

SOCIAL CLUB BOARD APRIL POP-BY BOX FOLDING AND STUFFING PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

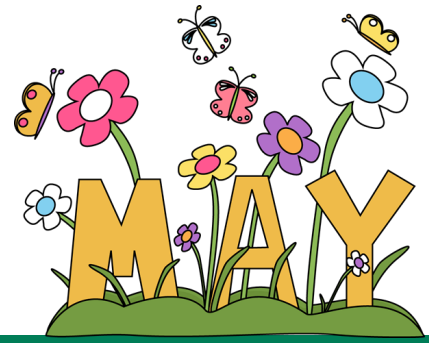


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**IF YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL CLUB YET,
COME JOIN US ... AND THE FUN!**

Our Community Resources & Activities



All Are Welcome—Come Join the FUN!

ACRYLICS PAINTING with Dawn Anguiano

- ◆ **3rd Tuesday of each month:** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- ◆ **Location:** Palomar **East** Clubhouse

Sign up at the Park Office in advance. Fee: \$5.00 per class.

CERAMICS with Andrea Martin

Come enjoy the fun with one of our own amazingly talented resident artists. New projects ongoing all the time.

- ◆ **Wednesday:** 6:00 PM
- ◆ **Location:** Palomar **East** Arts & Craft Room



DANCE LESSONS with the North County Widows and Widowers Club

All classes are FREE. If you have never danced, have two left feet, or just a little out of practice this is a perfect group to join.

- ◆ **2nd & 4th Thursdays:** 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Palomar **East** Clubhouse

All residents who want to have some fun dancing are welcome. No reservations needed. Questions? Text Anne Pearson (858) 610-4816.

FIBER ARTS organized by Sally Yeater

Make new friends as you create your works of art knitting, crocheting, hand quilting, any hand crafts!

- ◆ **Wednesdays:** 9:30 – 11 AM, Palomar **East** Arts & Craft Room

For more details, text Sally Yeater (719) 651-2866



YOGA with LuAnn Foster

All Yoga classes are donation-based.

- ◆ **Monday:** Movement Yoga Class—4 PM (Zoom) & 6 PM (**West** & Zoom)
- ◆ **Tuesday:** Chair Yoga Class—10 AM (**West** & Zoom)
- ◆ **Wednesday:** Movement Yoga Class—10 AM (**West** & Zoom)
- ◆ **Thursday:** Chair Yoga Class—10 AM (**East** & Zoom)

For details and Zoom log-in information, text LuAnn Foster (480) 203-4330 or, email her: Dreamboatannie@twc.com



ZUMBA with Saleemah

No pre-registration required. Classes are \$5 each

- ◆ **Mondays:** 12:15 PM—Palomar **West** Clubhouse
- ◆ **Tuesdays & Wednesdays:** 10:30 AM (via Zoom)
- ◆ **Thursdays:** 11:30 AM—Palomar **East** Clubhouse and 4:30 PM (via Zoom)



For additional details and Zoom log-in information, please text Saleemah (803) 463-2880.

Services & Programs Assisting Residents in our Communities (SPARC) Online classes organized by Henry Robicheaux, PEERA Community Services

SPARC continues to partner with Oasis to bring free online classes. For more information, please visit:

- ◆ SPARC: sparc-ca.org/home
- ◆ OASIS: oasisnet.org/online-virtual-classes-for-older-adults-offered-anywhere-by-oasis-everywhere/



Additional Park Activities

Billiards—Lower Clubhouse	Ken Hodor
Bingo—West	Delane Johnson
Bocce Ball	Don Bomar
Card Games	Card Room
Darts—Lower Clubhouse	Don Bomar
Fishing	Don Bomar
Fitness Facility	Ken Hodor
Golf Putting Green	Henry Robicheaux
Horse Shoes	Henry Robicheaux
Library	Anne Vernia & A.J. Jangula
Pickleball	Bill Mead
Ping Pong—Lower Clubhouse	Bill Mead
Puzzles	Card Room & Firepit area
Tennis	Bill Mead



April Trivia Question

Why is May 4th National Star Wars Day?

(Search this newsletter to find out.)

East Park Events Calendar

IMPORTANT: Main Clubhouse Reconstruction Project—ALL May events held in the Main Clubhouse **ARE CANCELLED due to **ceiling reconstruction**. **If in doubt, check with Kasey via email: palomareast@gmail.com** Please don't inundate him with calls!!!!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>2:15 PM Zumba 1:00 PM Hand & Foot* 2:30 PM Men's Bocce 3:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:15 PM Zumba 1:00 PM Hand & Foot* 2:30 PM Men's Bocce 3:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Darts</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>10:00 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Zumba 6:00 PM Manipulation*</p>
<p>8</p> 		<p>10</p> <p>June deadline for <i>The Breeze</i></p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15</p> 		<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM Acrylics Painting</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p>		<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> 	<p>31</p>	

May, 2022

REPEATING EVENTS: ALL CALENDAR ACTIVITIES REPEAT FROM WEEK TO WEEK **EXCEPT** FOR THOSE IN **RED TYPE!**

Visit our website for more news! Palomar-Estates-East.org

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>10:00 AM Chair Yoga 11:30 AM Zumba 1:00 PM Hand & Foot* 4:30 PM Zumba 6:00 PM Bingo West</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Social Club Board Meeting</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>2:00 PM Dance Lessons</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOME OF THE FREE BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>2:00 PM Dance Lessons</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>

Calendar Notes

- ◆ **Event Locations:** Most events are at the Palomar East Clubhouse. See *Community Resources & Activities* pages for details and exceptions.
- ◆ **Card Games:** A **red asterisk (*)** indicates a card game.

Notable Days

- 1st May Day
- 4th National Star Wars Day
- 5th Cinco de Mayo
- 7th Kentucky Derby
- 8th Mother's Day**
- 11th National Twilight Zone Day
- 15th Full Moon / Lunar Eclipse
- 21st National Armed Forces Day**
- 21st Gemini begins
- 22nd National Maritime Day
- 30th Memorial Day**

★ Park Member News ★

May Anniversaries by Lanny Lippincott

Kenyon & Kimra Ackley	May 1
IL Hyun & Young Ja Kang	May 3
Joan & Stephen McMahon	May 10
Diane & Larry Wright	May 12
Gordon & Lidia Penge	May 12
Kelly & Sam Biondo	May 16
Anne & Walt Pearson	May 16
Esther & Timothy La Fuze	May 19
Ken & Marie Losey	May 19
Bob & Jane Manchip	May 28



Welcome Home New Neighbors

	Space
Judy Smith & Marilyn Dowell	7
Shannon Veal	112
Brenda Fainkujen	192
Steve Budetti & Joanie Corrales	202
Jetta & Larry Russell	321
Patricia DeDonato	350



You are as welcome as the flowers in May.

Gone But Not Forgotten

Who	Years with Us	Space	Their Journey
Lucy & Carlyle Bagot	35	319	Moved to Northern California
Lonny "Red" Johnston	22	10	12/11/1943—03/27/2022 (see pg. 18)
John & Sharon West	11	358	Moved to Arizona
Charles & Julia Shop	9	7	Moved to Palomar West
Sam Martin	2	321	Moved—Destination unknown
John Hunter	1	202	Moved to Costa Rica





Let's Celebrate Our May Birthdays!

1	Ha Le To
2	Rick Hadnagy
2	Toni Simpson
3	Pamela Schaible
5	Mario Leon
6	Kathleen Barrett
6	Marilyn Fluharty
7	Patricia Pasqualetti
8	Margaret McClain
9	Billy Brandon
10	David Tisdall
14	Sharon Irving
15	Patrice Jensen
16	Mike Montgomery
17	Paul Van Middlesworth
18	Gayle Cinnamon
18	Nina Brower
18	Susan Lawes
19	Elsie Ashcraft
21	Victoria La Guardia

21	Dile Brower
21	Brenda Bomar
23	Sean Ahern
23	Shannon Veal
23	Elizabeth Smith
24	Deborah Ash
24	Jerome Wernow
25	Jay Diaz
25	Jaqueline Underwood
25	Bertha Jaquish
26	Richard Johnson
26	Ruth Bancroft
26	Johana Books
27	Joann Reinstein
28	Deborah Lyon
28	William Elder
29	William Richards
31	Javier Zuniga
31	Cecilia Ralston

May Trivia

The Basics

- ◆ **Birthstone:** Emerald (Success, friendship, love and loyalty)
- ◆ **Color:** Green
- ◆ **Flowers:** Lily of the Valley, Hawthorne



Western Astrology

- ◆ **Taurus:** 04/21—05/20
The Bull
Reliable, kind, patient (can be stubborn)
- ◆ **Gemini:** 05/21—06/20
The Twins
Versatile, quick-witted (can be impulsive)



Eastern Astrology

- ◆ **Black Water Tiger (yang)**
- ◆ 02/01/22—01/22/23



Origination of the Month of May

"May" is likely named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin maiores, "elders," who were celebrated in May.

Old traditions for May 1st, or May Day as it was called were dancing around the maypole and crowning a May Queen.

May Day was the only day of the year when farmers didn't work.

***"A true cowboy knows love, pain and shame,
but never cares about fame."***

Red Johnston ♦ *A real son of old San Diego*



Lonny "Red" and Debbie Johnston (space 10) retired to Palomar East 22 years ago.

Red met Debbie at a friend's party. He took one look and then waltzed up to her saying, "You're mine!" And a while later, he got his way. After almost 50 years of marriage, their love still stands the test of time.

Red was not always an easy man. Most cowboys aren't—easy that is. And he had a heart of gold once you got past that crusty exterior. So many things he used to say like, "I love fast women and fast cars," and then he'd look at his Deb with eyes a twinkling and say, "Don't I darlin'."



And speaking of cars, Red had his share, and with car clubs too! Every Friday he was off to Crusin' Grand. Over the years, he and Deb belonged and went to many car club events either showing their own cars or just enjoying the fun.

Born and raised in San Diego, Red could ride a horse almost before he could walk. He got the name Red from his flaming red hair. His kid brother Blackie had black hair, and no one messed with Red, especially when it was Red and Blackie together. When Red was growing up, San Diego was still a small city surrounded by lots of wide open country, meaning you could ride your horse almost anywhere and he did.



An iron-worker by trade, Red bent steel by hand. He helped build some of modern San Diego's infrastructure like Qualcomm Stadium and that big beautiful bridge out on the I-15 in north Escondido. It's now called the Lilac bridge, but everyone we know still calls it Red's bridge.

A Few Palomar East Memories of Red

- ♥ **Valentine's Day**—Red gave red roses and chocolate covered cherries to the single women he knew in the park every year without fail—Never wanted them to feel left out.
- ♥ **Bingo**—Red loved his Bingo. He tirelessly rounded up players to increase the pot and the fun.
- ♥ **Antique Cars**—Red inherited brother Blackie's red Model-A. He also owned a dark teal green '51 Ford F1 pickup. He took pride in both cars and loved to decorate them for Palomar East holiday parties and then drive them through the park.
- ♥ **Cowboy Hat and Bandana**—You could always find Red in a crowd, not just because of his height, but his cowboy hat. Seldom did he leave the house without it. And yes, he only wore cowboy boots too.

We'll look for you in the sky now dear ghost rider, and see you again 'round the bend.

Hand and Foot Party

I totally love that Pam Peterman shared some March spirit with us. See below. Please feel free to share your own photos to PEE.TheBreeze@gmail.com



Saint Paddy's Day, Hand & Foot Gathering with Friends and Kilt

The photo above shows a number of the regular players of the card game known as Hand and Foot. They are a great group and welcome new players. I wonder who got pinched for not wearing green?

Just learned that Javier got pinched. After playing hand / foot they all stayed for a fun St. Paddy's dinner.

Up Next!





In the Community Garden

My gardening really starts in February after a two-month break. Here's a little information of what I've done this year and what I'm planning on doing soon.

February ✓

Pulled weeds. Cleaned up excess garden clutter/stakes, empty pots, chicken wire, old bean trellis and other structures.



March ✓

Pulled more weeds. Amended soil. Planned beds to plant.

- ◆ Three rows of corn in long above ground bed with one row of crook neck squash on the sunny side.
- ◆ Planted some **Swiss chard** and **Walla Walla onions** in stack containers under the giant artichoke.
- ◆ Was given some **sunflower seeds** from Teri, #191 (thank you). Planted these in a new bed at the back of the garden, below the ice plant bank. Should see plants in a couple of weeks.
- ◆ To protect newly planted seeds from crows I have covered the beds. These birds will watch you plant the seeds and as soon as you have left the garden, will swing on in and raid the new beds.
- ◆ Hope to plant **green beans** (both varieties) **bush** and **pole** in the next few weeks.



April...Still in progress



Time to plant **squash**—at least two varieties: crook neck (near corn) and a vining heirloom zucchini. This one is my favorite summer squash. It stays firm

and has a mild, nutty flavor. Also yummy on your squash plants is the male flower, sauteed, stuffed, or just raw added to salads or pizza.

Also planting three rows of **corn**—peaches and cream and sweet white are my favorites—approximately 20 plants by seed. Will also purchase some already started plants. I like the instant gratification of seeing things growing. Corn should be ready to harvest by the 4th of July.

I mentioned **crows**. Believe it or not, they are so funny to listen to (when they aren't dancing across the top of your coach). The range of sounds they make is great.

Also make sure your garden is **rabbit** proof. They can turn to liquid and get through any

into my garden last year. The rascally thing ate all my newly sprouted green beans.

We are also subject to a **gopher** population here. I had a beautiful pumpkin plant several years ago. I had watered it and about 20 minutes later I noticed it was all wilted. As I investigated, I saw that the gopher was eating its roots and attempting to pull the plant down in the hole.

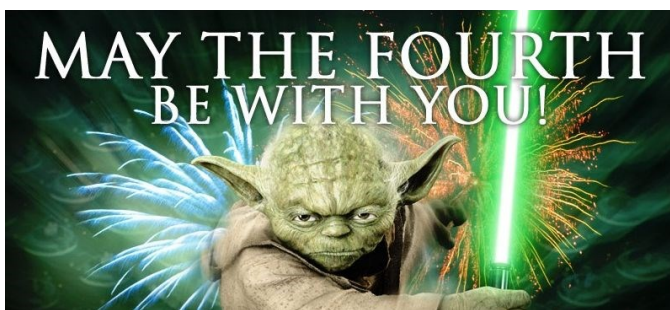
Over the years, I have trapped a few gophers, but I try to leave this to our Park Maintenance crew.

That's it for this month's Breeze. Kind of busy now, so I'll have more information and photos for you in a few months.

Come join us in the garden.

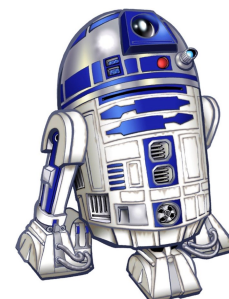
It is a true labor of love that rewards you for every moment you put into it.

~ Lorene Christian



Answer to April's Trivia
Question:
Why is May 4th
National Star Wars Day?

- ⇒ Star Wars creator, George Lucas, was asked during a 2005 interview on a German news TV channel to say the famous sentence: "May the Force Be with You."
- ⇒ Upon doing so, the interpreter interpreted the sentence into German as: *Am 4 Mai sind wir bei Ihnen* (On May 4 we are with you).
- ⇒ TV totally captured this and aired it on May 18, 2005. The rest is history.
- ⇒ Today, Star Wars fans all over the world celebrate May 4th as National Star Wars Day.



Spring Fling & Summer Fever

Home Decorating Contests

For all residents who enjoy decorating for the seasons,
it's time to **show us your spirit!**

* No sign up required to participate. *

The judges will simply drive the park each and every street on the hunt.
Judges have been selected who are not residents in our park.
They are excited to seek out the show-stopping winners!



Announcements will be posted on the PERRA Board's bulletin board in the main clubhouse.

Spring Fling

- Homes will be judged the weekend of April 23rd
- Announced April 27th
- Gifts shared by Friday the 29th

Summer Fever

- Homes will be judged the weekend of July 9th
- Announced July 13th
- Gifts shared by Friday the 15th

Photos of homes will be featured in *THE BREEZE* 

“ *Spring flows into Summer, so rolls the changing year, a spirit of freedom in everything we hold so dear.* ”

We look forward to seeing the festive and creative homes decorated here in Palomar Estates East community. – PERRA Board

