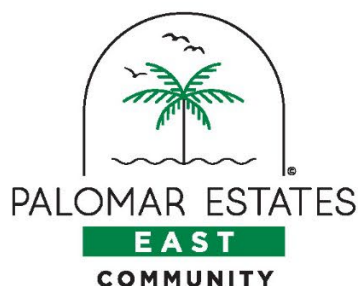




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# February Editorial



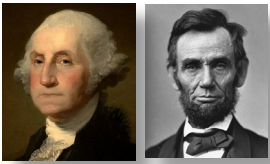
"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." — Charles M. Schulz

## CELEBRATING DAYS IN FEBRUARY

In preparation for the February editorial for *The Breeze*, I was reviewing the various holidays and observances in February.

### Federal Holidays

First, there are 11 official Federal Holidays. In February, there is only one Federal Holiday:



Feb 19 – Washington's Birthday (Presidents Day)

According to the National Archives:

Washington's Birthday was the first federal holiday to honor an individual's birth date. In 1885, Congress designated February 22 as a holiday for all federal workers. Nearly a century later, in 1971, the Uniform Monday Holiday Law changed the date to the third Monday in February. The position of the holiday between the birthdays of Washington and Abraham Lincoln (February 12) gave rise to the popular name of Presidents Day.

Drop us a line anytime at [PEE.TheBreeze@gmail.com](mailto:PEE.TheBreeze@gmail.com)

## February 2024 Public Holidays & Observances

The following list includes some of the more prominent holidays and special observances in the United States during February:

- Feb 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb 10 – Lunar New Year
- Feb 11 – Super Bowl
- Feb 14 – Valentine's Day
- Feb 29 – Leap Year

## National Day Calendar

You may have heard of some crazy celebration days like "National Ice Cream Day" or "National Pi Day." Examples of a few of the February celebrations are:

- Feb 1 – National Baked Alaska Day
- Feb 4 – National Homemade Soup Day
- Feb 11 – National Make a Friend Day
- Feb 22 – National Walking the Dog Day
- Feb 26 – National Tell a Fairy Tale Day

Where do these celebration days come from?

The National Day Calendar is a website dedicated to celebrating every day of the year and organizing all these National Days in one place.

According to the National Day Calendar website, they only choose 25 new submissions a year out of over 20,000 requests. Further, since they are so backed up, they are requiring the requests to come from an organization or group.

**Joanne Price**, Editor, *The Breeze*



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"Sunset Fan" (Photo credit: Patty Gonzales)

*"People are just as wonderful as sunsets if you let them be. When I look at a sunset, I don't find myself saying, 'soften the orange a bit on the right-hand corner.' I don't try to control a sunset. I watch with awe as it unfolds."*

— Carl R. Rogers

## **Simplify the Focus of Your Celebrations**

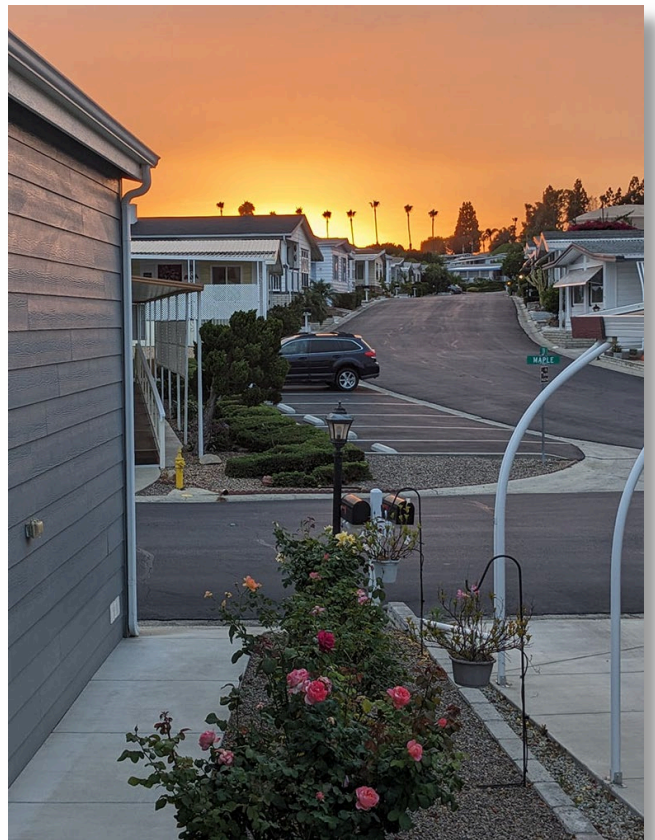
On reflection, the National Day Calendar is oppressive. Here are thousands of random events to consider celebrating, as if we don't have enough holidays to prepare for already!

At Palomar Estates East and West, we are blessed with magnificent sunrises and sunsets through the entire year. Two recent examples of these are shown on this page.

While we continue to celebrate major holidays and observances, as well as special days for our family and friends, I propose that we replace many of the 'National Day Celebration' days with 'Sunrise and Sunset Appreciation Day,' taking moments to enjoy the beauty and simplicity in the start and end of each day.

*"There's a sunrise and a sunset every single day, and they're absolutely free. Don't miss so many of them."*

— Jo Walton



"Sky on Fire" Sunset at PEE

# Millennium Memo

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“Why does the Park allow homes to sit vacant for many years?” – A curious resident.

I'm not sure I'd use the word “let” regarding vacant homes. We don't own the homes, so I'm not sure we can force someone to live there.

While this may not be a complete list, we're aware of at least 17 homes that are currently vacant. Of those homeowners, 7 have died (3 of the homes are listed for sale), 3 have moved into assisted living and 7 are owned by various dealers.

The Park is getting rent on all of those spaces. We'd assume that, eventually, the homes on dealer spaces will be remodeled or replaced by new ones, which improves Palomar's look. The other homes will get sorted out, as family members come to a decision.

By the way, a dealer bringing in a new home must sign an agreement that the new buyer will qualify as low- or very-low income, so that we can comply with the City's Regulatory Agreement. Other than that, we don't have much control over home sales.

For what it's worth, one home sold in December—for \$340K. Your home is still a hot commodity!

## More News

For my part, 60 people came to the Dec. 19 Band & Bingo, of which 20 were from East. They enjoyed 4 games of Bingo, a FREE lunch, and the jazz stylings of Tony Merlo, a wonderful sax player.

Thanks to Stacee & SPARC for sponsoring this fun and festive event.

- The Kitchen and Art Room remodel has begun, at an estimated cost of \$85K. We're told it will take about 10 weeks. We also spent \$8K for more roller blinds in the Clubhouse, something requested by PEERA. Your Rent Dollars at Work!
- Kasey wants me to bug you again about taking care of those weeds that sprang up after the recent rains. We know it's an endless task, but your yards aren't that big, your homesite will look great...you couldn't spend your time any better.

## Did You Get What You Wanted for Christmas?

For my part, My lovely wife got me a great present: a Universal TV Remote. I thanked her, of course, and told her: “this changes everything!”

Or maybe she just thinks I'm a control freak? While I ponder that...have a Happy Valentine's Day.

**George Turk**

President  
Millennium Housing



Kasey Koenig  
Park Manager/Office

# East Park

## MARKET UPDATE & MANAGER'S REPORT



Burt Hamernick  
Park Manager/Maintenance



### Home Sales

Four homes sold and there are currently four homes for sale. Though interest rates have increased, the price of homes in the park has not changed from its peak.



### Tax Prep for 2023

SPARC will hold their yearly Tax Prep through Dreams for Change. A flyer and robocall will be distributed with dates. Due to the remodel the event will be held at Rancho Vallecitos.

### Short & Quick

- The office will be closed on Presidents' Day, February 19th.
- The 2024 Park Directory is underway! If you've changed your contact info, please contact the office right away so this gets corrected before the new directories are printed.

### Maintenance Update

New roller blinds were installed at the clubhouse around the firepit and in the library/card room. The pine trees around the bocci ball court and car wash were trimmed. Asphalt was added to make a repair on Palm St. The wall at the entrance of the park was painted white. The pygmy palms on the main road were trimmed and new lights were added.

### Clubhouse Events During Remodel

Weekly park events will resume once the remodel has been completed. The monthly Art Class and weekly Tai Chi will take place at Rancho Vallecitos. Chair Yoga and Zumba are available on Tuesdays at Palomar West. Bingo is held on Thursdays at 6pm at Palomar West as well. Check with the activity instructor for dates & times.

18 FEBRUARY	19 FEBRUARY	20 FEBRUARY	21 FEBRUARY	22 FEBRUARY	23 FEBRUARY	24 FEBRUARY
25 FEBRUARY	26 FEBRUARY	27 FEBRUARY	28 FEBRUARY	29 FEBRUARY	1 MARCH	2 MARCH
3 MARCH	4 MARCH	5 MARCH	6 MARCH	7 MARCH	8 MARCH	9 MARCH

**Don't forget this is a Leap Year!**

### Your concerns and needs ARE IMPORTANT!

If it is not urgent or an emergency, we encourage you to email us: [palomareast@gmail.com](mailto:palomareast@gmail.com)

# Palomar Estates East Residents Association

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## Notifications & Activities

### Power of Community

*"One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals."*

— Jean Varnier

One significant advantage of living in an active adult 55+ community is the ability to develop and maintain connections with like-minded individuals who share common interests and goals. When people move to Palomar Estates East, it is usually because they are actively looking forward to downsizing, making new friends, creating meaningful connections. Our community offers a lifestyle with shared activities designed to enjoy individually or with others sharing the same goals of staying healthy and living an enriched and fulfilling life. We are truly blessed.

Indeed, we can live our lives anyway we want. So, why not live life to the fullest every day? We don't need to do anything extraordinary. Simply seek out new experiences, get fresh air, make someone a happy person, take the risks you've always daydreamed about, challenge yourself, and just experience as much life as possible. We've only got one life to live but we can shape it anyway we desire. Make each moment count and count each blessing.

### PEERA Board

Patty Gonzales	Chairperson
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Susan Ewing	Secretary
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Peter Del Bene	Beautification
Joanne Price	Community Resources
Joanne Robinson	Complaints
Appointment (pending)	Emergency Prep
Merlene Heeren	Helping Hands
Carl Silva	Membership
Kate Niebur	Publicity

### PEERA Chair Goals

We are fortunate once again to have a full PEERA Board. As the PEERA Board Chair, I will check in regularly with Board Members to support their efforts and help coordinate their activities with other PEERA committees.

The goal is to lead vibrant meetings that generate positive exchanges, inject fresh perspectives, remain at a governance level, stay on topic, and reach consensus. This will allow PEERA to provide clear input to Haven Management and Millennium Housing ownership so that there's no ambiguity about the next steps needed in our community. Your Voice!

**Patty Gonzales**  
**PEERA Board Chair**  
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# Your Voice IN Our Community

## PEERA Board [peerasm.org](http://peerasm.org)

# 2024

### Your 2024 PEERA Board

The first 2024 PEERA Board administrative meeting was held Tuesday, December 9th at 5:30 pm in the main clubhouse. We are off to a great start! Each member's report was on point and offered valuable input.

Several residents have had questions regarding the duties of the various Board positions. These duties are described in the [PEERA By-Laws](#) and the [Standing Rules](#), available on the PEERA website, [peerasm.org](http://peerasm.org). Just click on the Quick Links tab. Please let us know (via the PEERA In-Box at the main clubhouse) if you would like a paper copy of these documents.

The last time the By-Laws and Standing Rules were updated was 2016, so they are due for an update. Our goal is to have the By-Laws and Standing Rules reviewed and ready for a PEERA vote by this summer. The proposed updates will be reviewed by a HOA attorney and then sent to PEERA members (dues paid) for review prior to the general board meeting at which a vote will be taken.

Our PEERA Executive Board consists of 11 positions – four Officers and seven Board Members-at-Large. The following is a description of the [Board Officers](#) positions, per the By-Laws.

**Board Chair** – “The Board Chair shall be the principal officer of the Board of the Association and shall have general supervision and direction of all Board business. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the general membership. He/she shall be an ex-officio member [automatically a member] of all committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee.”

**Vice Chair** – “In the absence of the Board Chair, the Vice-Chair shall exercise all powers of the Board Chair. As part of his/her normal duties, the Vice-Chair shall oversee and submit the ‘wish list’ to management regarding capital improvements and maintenance by March 31<sup>st</sup>.”

**Secretary** – “Under the direction of the Board Chair, the Secretary shall:” [summary presented here] keep minutes and attendance of the Board meetings, keep a current list of Board Members, post the PEERA Board meeting minutes on the PEERA Bulletin Board within 14 days following the meetings.

NOTE: During the kitchen remodel, the minutes will be placed on the Resident's Board in the hallway leading to the pool. A temporary PEERA In-Box for PEERA business mail is located on the table in the front of the park office.

**Treasurer** – [Summary presented here] The Treasurer is responsible for the entirety of association funds and the disbursement of those funds. The role of the Treasurer is to keep a detailed record of current funds and all transactions sanctioned by the association. This includes billing, operational costs, the collection and allocation of funds, and timely filing of taxes. The treasurer reports will be sent electronically and filed with the Secretary.

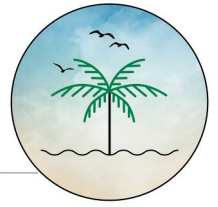
The March issue of *The Breeze* will include a description of the roles and responsibilities of the Board Members-at-Large.

Next PEERA administrative meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Keep your PEERA Memberships dues coming.  
Your Voice. Your Vote.**

# Park Publicity

PEERA Board Committee



## Christmas Decorating Contest

Once again, Palomar Estates East holiday home decorating was impressive. The holiday displays throughout the community brought more joy to that festive time of year. THANK YOU to all the residents participating in decorating their homes. It was exciting to observe the enthusiasm and creativity by all.

One of the best parts of judging was driving around the park discovering all the decorated homes. It was an adventure seeing how residents showed their pride of ownership while spreading holiday cheer.

Below are the three homes that were selected as the 2023 Holiday Decorating Contest awardees.

The PEERA Board is committed to increasing the quality of aesthetic appeal in the community, encouraging landscaping and gardening, exterior home maintenance, as well as seasonal decorating. This creates an environment that improves our daily lifestyle experience and brightens the day of our visitors.

Although it can be fun to shift with the seasons, there are so many outdoor decor items that can last the entire year. From creative lighting to natural evergreen plants, the possibilities are endless to make your home beautiful all around. Spring is just around the corner. Show us what you've got!



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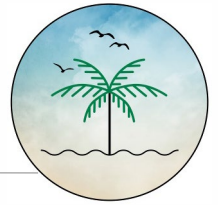
Space 276



Space 82

# Park Beautification

PEERA Board Committee



## With Spring, We Turn a Corner!

Gardening or landscaping isn't usually the first thing that springs to mind when the calendar page turns to February. But with the holiday and New Year celebrations behind us, there's no better time to start planning and preparing our spaces.

As we eagerly await the arrival of the upcoming gardening season, there's a palpable excitement in the air. This year, holds a special promise, and we believe it's going to be a great garden season.

In preparation for the new planting season, it's essential to take a moment to reflect on the gardening experience of the previous year. Consider the triumphs and hurdles of previous seasons, from thriving plants to recurring pests. This reflective process isn't just about reminiscing; it's about turning those reflections into actionable insights. What plants brought joy, and which ones faced neglect?

Whether you are an experienced gardener or a beginner, what you need is a vision. And this starts by listing your objectives and aspirations and finding the right design ideas or seeking help for that purpose.

The local nurseries are very helpful. Green Thumb and Briggs Nursery are a good start. Or connect with a neighbor in the community whose garden space reflects their effort and success.

Integrate gardening into your personal schedule, whether it's weekends or dedicated time during weekdays.

Consistency is key, and maintaining a routine helps in organizing tasks and ensuring each plant receives the attention it needs.



Use a calendar to create time blocks for specific gardening activities, fostering a thriving and flexible gardening experience.

Gardening is not just about growing plants. It can be a form of therapy. Many people find solace in the repetitive motions of planting, watering, and pruning. These acts are meditative, helping to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. The act of nurturing a living thing and watching it grow can also be a tremendous source of pride and fulfillment.

Time spent in a garden inspires us to become better stewards of our planet. But as with any vision, the hard work begins at home.

# Christmas Dinner Highlights

The Christmas Dinner was on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the photo highlights below.



# It was Merry and Bright!



# New Year's Eve Party Highlights

The New Year's Party was on December 31<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the photo highlights below.



# Let the New Year Begin!



# Community Resources & Activities

## February

## 2024

All Are Welcome



Come Join the FUN!

ACTIVITY	WHO TO CONTACT AND MEETING SCHEDULES
BINGO	Debbie Johnston & Delane Johnson: <b>Thursdays</b> , 6 PM at West
BOOK CLUB	<b>Social Club:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Wednesday</b> each month, 1:00 PM, East Clubhouse Cardroom.
CERAMICS	<b>Andrea Martin:</b> <b>Wednesdays</b> , 6 - 8 pm, East Clubhouse, Arts & Craft Room
DANCE LESSONS	<b>Anne Pearson</b> (858) 610-4816: <b>2nd &amp; 4th Thursdays</b> , 2 - 3:30 pm, East Clubhouse
FIBER ARTS GROUP	<b>Sally Yeater</b> (719) 651-2866: <b>Wednesdays</b> , 9:30 - 11 am, East Arts & Craft Room
HAND & FOOT CARD GAME	<b>Anne Litz</b> (760) 846-5850 (Please leave message) or <b>Marilyn Fluharty</b> (218) 821-0337: <b>Mondays and Wednesdays</b> , 1 pm, at Marilyn Fluharty's home (SpC 179)
PAINT CLASS	<b>Dawn Anguiano</b> , dawnv46@gmail.com: <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</b> , (Verify during kitchen remodel) (Also, the <b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday</b> each month at Rancho Vallecitos.)
QUILTING GROUP	<b>Social Club:</b> <b>Tuesdays</b> , 9:30 am to whenever, East Clubhouse Card Room.
TAI CHI	<b>Rudy Cobos</b> (773) 519-6627: <b>Fridays</b> at 9:00 am, East Clubhouse
YOGA	<b>LuAnn Foster</b> (480) 203-4330: <b>Monday:</b> 3:00 PM Zoom, 6:00 PM Yoga West & Zoom, <b>Tuesday:</b> 10:00 AM Chair Yoga West & Zoom, <b>Thursday:</b> 10:00 AM Chair Yoga East & Zoom
ZUMBA	<b>Saleemah</b> (803) 463-2880: <b>Monday:</b> 11:15 PM West, <b>Tuesday:</b> 2:15 PM Zoom, <b>Wednesday:</b> 10:30 AM Zoom, <b>Thursday:</b> 11:15 AM East

## Additional Park Activities

ACTIVITY	WHO TO CONTACT
Billiards	Ken Hodor
Bocce Ball	Carl Silva
Card Games	Card Room
Darts	Don Bomar
Fishing	Don Bomar
Fitness Facility	Ken Hodor

ACTIVITY	WHO TO CONTACT
<b>Golf Putting Green</b>	Dave Fenner
<b>Horseshoes</b>	Dave Fenner
<b>Library</b>	A.J. Jangula
<b>Pickleball</b>	Joanne Price
<b>Ping Pong/ Tennis</b>	Bill Mead
<b>Puzzles</b>	Card Room

## Hand and Foot Card Game

By Anne Litz



We currently meet at Marilyn Fluharty's home (SpC 179). We welcome more players.

Contact Anne Litz 760-846-5850 (please leave a message) or Marilyn Fluharty 218-821-0337.

We meet at 1:00 PM on Mondays and Thursdays.

## Paint Class Reflections

By Dawn Anguiano



Paint Class will be held on February 6th and March 5th for both parks in the Rancho Vallecitos game room. Please give Donna (760 945-7629) or Dawn (760 802-2170) a call or text if you are going to attend. You can also sign up in the Rancho Vallecitos Clubhouse.



Remember, the class is from 10:00 to 1:00 and the cost is just \$10.00. We provide all the materials.

If you have any questions, call Dawn at 760- 802-2170 or Donna at 760- 945-7629. Hope to see you there!

# Palomar East Calendar

## February

## 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JAN 28	JAN 29	JAN 30	JAN 31	FEB 1	FEB 2	FEB 3
	11:15 PM Zumba West 1:00 PM Hand & Foot 2:30 PM Men's Bocce 3:00 PM Yoga Zoom 6:00 PM Yoga West & Zoom	9:30 AM - Quilting Group 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga West & Zoom 2:15 PM - Zumba Zoom	9:30 AM - Fiber Arts 10:30 AM - Zumba Zoom 1:30 PM - Pool/Billiards 6:00 PM - Ceramics 6:00 PM - Manipulation*	10:00 AM Chair Yoga East & Zoom 11:15 AM Zumba East 1:00 PM Hand & Foot 4:30 PM Zumba Zoom 6:00 PM Bingo West	9:00 AM Tai Chi	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>VERIFY ACTIVITY TIME/PLACE:</b> The clubhouse kitchen remodel is scheduled to begin early January and will be ongoing into March. The office, pool, and jacuzzi will remain open but <b>the craft room, library, and banquet hall will be closed for the safety of residents</b> . The weekly classes and activities have either been moved to Palomar West or other locations, or cancelled. Contact the activity leaders if you have questions. The community will be notified as soon as the remodel is completed and our schedule returns to normal.						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		
						

# Park Member News

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## Welcome New Neighbors

Please join us in welcoming our newest neighbors!

- Space 100      Kathleen Fennelly
- Space 280      Renee Joseph
- Space 11        Shelly Mann



## Gone and Not Forgotten

Gayle Cinnamon   Space 11   Arrived: 04/2018  
Departed: 12/2023   Moved away.

**Note:** Gayle was the most recent editor of *The Breeze*. As with previous editors, Gayle made many significant improvements to *The Breeze*. She moved to Oregon where she will be able to continue writing the next book in her children's fantasy series.

## Wedding Anniversaries

Feb 3	Maia Lamont & James Pavlichko
Feb 9	BB Alexander & Michael Erickson
Feb 14	Lydia Harry and Earl Powell
Feb 14	Gloria & Paul Thiboutot
Feb 16	Debra & Richard Purves
Feb 18	Cindy & Jim Gleason
Feb 24	Jorge & Cathy Usi
Feb 27	Terry & Warren Boatwright

## A Valentine's Story

### It's a Small World

*By Gen Wakely from Griswold, Connecticut*

What am I doing? I asked myself as I sat in front of my laptop looking at a stranger's profile—on a dating site of all things. My husband and I had divorced after a long marriage; we had grown children; and I hadn't dated since I was a teenager. It wasn't just introducing myself to someone online that was new to me. Everything about this was foreign.

My fingers hovered over the "send" button. Lord, I thought, if you think I should really get to know this man, give me a sign. Before I lost my nerve, I sent my introduction. I got a response a few hours later. We started messaging back and forth, and when I was comfortable with our online friendship, we exchanged numbers and moved to chatting over the phone. His name was Jay, and he had a soothing voice that put me at ease.

"Have you lived in the area long?" Jay asked in our lengthiest conversation yet.

"Oh, yes. My daughter went to St. John's," I said.

"Small world! My niece, Carla, went there too," he replied.

I caught my breath. One of my daughter's best friends from school was named Carla. Her mother, Kat, and I were close when our girls were little. "By any chance, is your niece's mother named Kat?"

"Actually, it is!" Jay said. "Kat is my sister."

That was all the sign I needed. Jay and I immediately scheduled our first date to meet at the park, and it was the beginning of something new and beautiful.



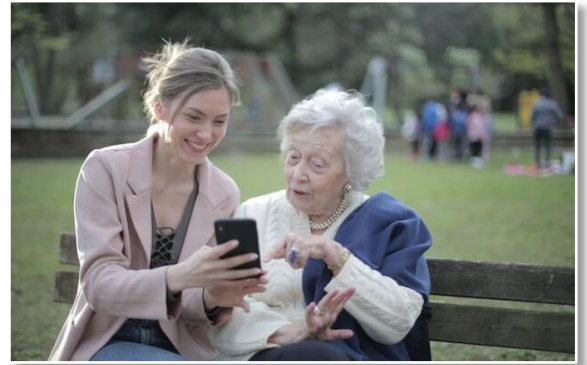
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# Park Member News

## Celebrating Our February Birthdays!

1	Valerie Pierce	15	Patty Herron
1	Joanie Corrales	16	Rebecca Zimmermann
3	Felicia Pekarek	17	Chester Wimpee
3	Irene Hoover	19	Gordon Penge
5	Katherine Niebur	20	Richard Scott
7	Kristyne Hutton	21	Louann Honarvar
9	Julliette Gordon	21	William Mead
9	Patti Leon	22	Jennifer Quincey
9	Emily Wolfe	22	Marilyn Tippetts
9	Catherine Reeve	22	Carol Dean
10	Deb Flaherty	24	Bing Kuhlmann
10	Alfonso Trujillo	24	Joan Elder
12	Ly Hoi	27	Marcia Wells
13	Jacqueline Knowlton	27	Catherine Usi
13	Lynn Esposito	28	Dale Maddox
14	Iva Heide	29	Dolores Bsharah
15	Lorraine Ralston		

## Grandma's New iPhone



Grandma finally decided to join the 21st century and got herself an iPhone. One day, her grandson asked, "Grandma, how do you like the phone?"

She replied, "It's great, but how do I use the Life Alert app? I've tried, but I just keep getting pizza deliveries!"

## What Was That Again?

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me.....I know we've been friends for a long time.....but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally, she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

## Book Club Sponsored by the Social Club



Meetings are typically held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of each month, 1pm at the clubhouse.

**Note:** During kitchen remodel:

February - 1pm at Leslie Dranko's home (Spc 225, Fir)

March - 1 pm at Jetta Russell's home (Spc 321, Elm)

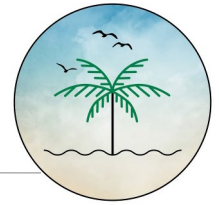
Pick up copies of these books new or used, digital or borrowed from our library. Plan to join the Book Club for a light snack, friendly neighbors, and a chance to laugh out loud.

February Book: ***Boys in the Boat***, by Daniel James Brown. This story is the gripping true account of Washington's eight-oar crew that beat the odds, winning against Hitler's team at the 1936 Olympics.

March Book: ***The Covenant of Water***, by Abraham Verghese. This epic novel follows three generations of one Indian family from 1900 to 1977, each generation suffering a tragic loss by drowning.

# Community Resources

PEERA Community Resources & Education Committee



## Libby – Free Audiobooks at Your Fingertips

The San Diego County Library provides free access to digital library resources. This includes ebooks, digital audiobooks, and even magazines. You can listen to these resources on your phone, tablet, or computer using Wi-Fi or mobile data; or, you can download the books for offline use and read anytime, anywhere. All you need to get started is a library card.

## Get an Instant Digital Library Card

Instant Digital Cards give San Diego County residents immediate access to the San Diego County Library digital eLibrary resources, including ebooks and audiobooks. All you need is a cell phone number.

Here's how you get your digital card and start using the Libby application:

### 1. Download the Libby app from your device's app store:

- iOS devices: Apple App Store
- Android devices: Google Play
- Amazon Fire tablets: Amazon Appstore
- Windows, Mac, and Chromebooks: libbyapp.com

Note: libbyapp.com works best in up-to-date versions of Chrome, Safari, Firefox, and Edge.

### 2. Open Libby and find San Diego County Library.

### 3. Sign up with your mobile phone number (starting with the number 1).

## Find Your Desired Book using Libby

Browse your library's catalog, then borrow an ebook, or audiobook or open, a magazine.

Borrowed titles appear on your **Shelf**.



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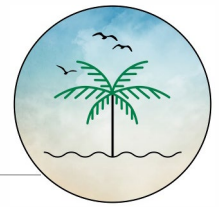
On your Shelf you can:

- Tap '**Loans**' (at the bottom of the screen)...to see only your book and audiobook loans.
- Tap '**Read With**' ...to choose where you'd like to read a book (Kindle or Libby), then finish sending to Kindle or start reading in Libby.
- Tap '**Open In Libby**' or '**Open Audiobook**' ...to start reading or listening in the app.
- Tap '**Manage Loan**' ...to see options like Renew Load and Return Early.
- **Scroll down** to the Magazine Rack to see your magazines.
- **Tap a magazine's cover** to start reading.
- Tap to see options, like Download (mobile app only) and Subscribe.

Happy reading (or listening)!

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## Catch-A-Ride Transportation Program

The City of San Marcos transportation program provides two transportation options for seniors – Lunch Shuttle and Ride Service.

### Lunch Shuttle

The Lunch Shuttle transports seniors to and from the Seniors Activity Center for the lunch program Monday-Friday (except for holidays and other posted closures). \$1 suggested contribution each way. \$4 suggested contribution for lunch.

### Ride Service

Ride Service offers transport 7 days a week for general purpose trips to any location within San Marcos City limits. \$2.50 each way. Rides outside City limits are for medical appointments only. \$5 each way.

## Residency Requirement

Residents 60+ years of age are eligible to participate in the program. Proof of age is required by providing a document or record stating your date of birth. Examples: copy of driver's license, ID card, or birth certificate.

## Income Requirement

The Catch-A-Ride program has an income eligibility based on current Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines for the City of San Marcos. \$3796/monthly. Proof of income is required by providing a copy of your most recent tax return.

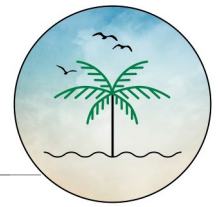
## How to Register for the Program

Program eligibility and registration is required. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Senior Activity Center at (760) 744-5535, ext. 3605.



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## CATCH-A-RIDE

Senior Transportation Program

## TWO SERVICES AVAILABLE!

The City of San Marcos offers senior residents age 60+ low-cost transportation opportunities to help access services, programs, and activities.

Seniors must be enrolled to take advantage of the services.

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Your home → SAC for Lunch



### SAC LUNCH SHUTTLE PROGRAM

The SAC Lunch Shuttle provides transportation to and from the Senior Activity Center for lunch at the Discovery Café.

#### HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR RIDE

- To make your lunch reservation and ride, call (760) 744-5535, ext. 3607 by 2 pm at least one day in advance.
- Available Monday through Friday, except holidays.

#### COST

- \$1 suggested contribution
- \$3 fee for non-senior caregivers

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Your home → Your destination



### RIDE SERVICE PROGRAM

The Ride Service Program primarily provides transport within San Marcos city limits. Rides outside of city limits (20 miles max) available for medical appointments only.

#### HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR RIDE

- Enroll in Catch-A-Ride by calling (760) 744-5535 x3605.
- Schedule a ride contact FACT at (888) 924-3228.
- Available seven days a week with limited availability on weekends.

#### COST

- \$2.50 per one-way trip within San Marcos city limits
- \$5 per one-way trip outside San Marcos city limits

## Holiday SPARC Event

Thank you to everyone who participated in our SPARC Holiday event. The residents who attended enjoyed a Band and Bingo event that featured Tony Merlo, a wonderful sax player, lunch, and of course, bingo!

Don't miss out on the next SPARC event! For more information on upcoming SPARC events, please contact your community manager and check the park magazine.



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