

It's May!

While strolling through the glen one day,
In the merry merry month of May,
I was taken by surprise,
By a pair of roguish eyes (squirrel, bird, skunk, raccoon,
coyote?)
In a moment my poor heart was stole away
(must have been arrhythmia!).

Weeds, vinegar, inspection!

Space inspection (from the street) will be happening the week of May 19th, according to Judi (sp. 25). Weed complaints are invading the office. Just spraying is good, but "the grapevine" passes along that cutting off the weed tops then pouring/spraying the vinegar on the remaining stalk is most effective. Go for it! Meantime, make sure your space meets the rules, and is pleasant to look at for your neighbors.



It's your newsletter...

...but you wouldn't know it. We rarely receive suggestions such as reports of where you've been, what you're doing or thinking, what you do in your spare time, what would make an interesting article, how could we treat the planet better...or each other. How about it? What we receive will have something to do with the frequency of the newsletter.

An article should be short, 100 words or fewer, and not political or controversial. And you don't even have to write it: we will happily do that, but we need your input. Thanks for helping report our nooz.

Hedi and Sandy

Mosquitos

Remember to empty standing water from any outdoor containers to prevent mosquito proliferation.

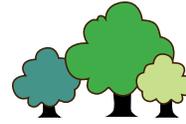
Helping our planet

- Carry your own clean box to a restaurant for leftovers.
- Take your own silverware/straw to a fast food place.
- Remember to take a reusable grocery bag, and your own reused plastic bag if you need one for veggies.

What else could you do? Share your ideas.

Old friends

They're the best. Sandy (sp. 11) went to Pt. Lobos with a friend from Erie, PA who used to live here and misses CA. They saw spring iris in bloom, otters with babies, sea lions. The next day she and Len (sp. 76) went to Livermore to visit a friend, known since age 14, who'd moved to a home there. And then they went to San Francisco to enjoy college friends at a Symphony rehearsal with Emanuel Ax, the pianist. They tried to take a picture of the GG bridge for you but fog took precedence! And then Sandy lunched with a co-worker from 45 years ago at The Crow's Nest. Life is good!



Emergency Committee volunteers

Every spring our block captains make an appointment and visit each member of our community to review procedure and go over new information. This year's focus was on fire prevention. We were brought us up to date on safety issues and, once again, instructed as to how to turn off gas/ electricity/water (red/white/blue). Look through your binder to be familiar with procedures between the annual volunteer visits. Look at the turn-off valves so that you are familiar with them; In an emergency you might have to help yourself! A big, huge thank-you to the block captains for their time, energy and dedication to the community. Thank you: Chris H (sp. 2), Pete S (sp. 10), Keelin (sp. 32), Nancy, (sp. 33), Jean R (sp. 43), Jackie (sp. 46), Judy L (sp. 55), Brigitte, (sp. 58), Aileen (sp. 60), Kerry (sp. 66), Betsy, (sp. 73), Paula and Chris B (sp. 74), Anita (sp. 93).

Smoke alarms

If you didn't when we had the time change, put in new batteries now!



Lock it all!

Lock your house, lock your car, lock your shed: lock everything. A bike was stolen from the home of one of our residents in the afternoon while its owner was home. A covered computer was taken from a locked car on Brommer St. Protect your belongings every way you can. Don't leave anything where it can be taken because when something IS taken, that person or another person will try again.

Tell your visitors and remind yourself...

...that our speed limit is 10mph. Whether they're delivery people or friends, people coming into the park often don't notice our 10mph signs. Jan gets more complaints about speeding than anything else. Let's help her, because it takes up her time to handle complaints. It's easy: "I'll be glad to see you; I'm asked to remind visitors that our speed limit is 10mph". Same for delivery people. That's it.

Bus fare correction

It's \$1 for seniors. Have a nice ride!

How warm must it be for butterflies to fly?

Butterflies are "poikilotherms", which is essentially like being cold-blooded: their body temperatures reflect the temperatures outdoors. Most butterflies need a body temperature of about 80 degrees F to fly, but it doesn't need to be nearly that warm outside. Butterflies use solar energy to pump up their body temperature by as much as 20 degrees above the air temperature. So when outdoor temperatures consistently start reaching 60 degrees F or so, butterflies will begin flying. <http://www.birdsandblooms.com>

ROP

Representatives of ROPs (Resident Owned Parks) will meet in our clubhouse on May 4th, 10-12 am. You're welcome to attend and hear the discussion or ask questions.

Monthly Park Fees: Due on the 5th business day of the month.

Board Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, clubhouse

Finance Committee: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:00 pm, clubhouse

AC/MC Meeting: 1st Monday of the month, 5:00 pm, clubhouse

Garden Committee: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 4:30 pm, clubhouse

Birthday Bash Party: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2:00 pm, clubhouse

Handmade: 3rd Tuesday of the month 1:30 - 4:00 pm at the clubhouse

Bookmobile: Every other Tuesday 2:30-3:00pm, outside Clubhouse

Emergency Assistance: Requiring Police, Sheriff, Fire Dept, Ambulance : 911

Any other urgent assistance: Call Joyce (sp. 9) or Ray (sp. 3)

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