

Thanksgiving each day

For gardens and wine
And music and friends,
For living among you,
Enjoying new trends,
I'm thankful each day.

Our kitties and dogs,
And neighbors so near,
The ocean and blue sky:
I hold them all dear.
I'm thankful each day.

Sandy (sp. 11)
Who will write the next poem?

Gracefully Ageing

Isn't it amazing? We have seven, soon to be eight, people 90 years old and over here in Sorrento Oaks. All are still mostly mobile, sociable and conversational. It's something to celebrate, and we did on October 9th when we gathered in the clubhouse to talk, get better acquainted and enjoy coffee, tea and assorted goodies. The idea was originated by Lee V (sp. 79) and greatly facilitated by Virginia (sp. 20) and Roz (sp. 55). We hope to meet again in January. Lee V.

Need some help?

The following items are available for loan to our residents: 2 walkers, 2 commodes, 1 shower stool/chair in the women's bathroom; 1 wheelchair in the men's bathroom. They are kept in the storage areas by the showers in the back of the bathrooms and signout sheets are on the doors. Take what you need, sign it out, use it and cross out your name when you return the item.

Share a ride

Need a ride, offer a ride? There's a calendar under the big clock in the clubhouse. Sign up to help each other get around town and have some company on your journey.

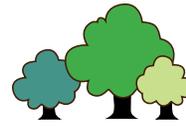
House for sale

Space #41 is for sale and we wish Brooke all the best in her new venture.

Guest parking

Well, it's for guests unless you're making room in your carport for workers or friends. Each carport can hold two cars. Optional parking is on Brommer St. Don't cheat!

Board Meeting in November will be Nov. 20th and the Finance Committee will meet on Nov. 12th



Board Election

Four of our members will be elected to our board during our January election. **WILL YOU BE ONE OF THEM?** It's an interesting and educational time for board members who get to know each other well, learn about the association, have an opportunity to help manage our park and make a difference. If you're interested in this learning opportunity, contact a member of our Nominating Committee: Jean-Anne (sp. 4), Joyce (sp. 10), Judy (sp. 55). If the line's busy, call again!

Earthquake Warning

A consortium of Cal, US Geological Survey, Cal Tech and others activated an early warning system for California earthquakes October 17. The warning is a matter of seconds. You can find more information on ShakeAlert.org. You can download MyShake on your cellphone to receive warnings. And the traditional wireless Amber Alerts gives the warnings. Emergency Committee via Nancy (sp. 33)

Microplastics in Monterey Bay

Studies in our area are helping scientists understand the origins of microplastic pollutants in the bay. These tiny plastic particles, 5 mm or less in diameter, come from tires, synthetic fabrics, plastic packaging, cosmetics, water bottles and a number of other daily used objects. They make their way from washing machines and curbsides into coastal waters and beyond. Scientists explore the issue in depth, literally, by using nets to catch the plastic and measure the amount. They want to get information about the sources too. They suggest that people minimize their impact by making conscientious choices, know about plastic sources and make small changes. From an article by Erin Malsbury, Monterey Herald, and SC Sentinel October 13, 2019

Oysters

What kind of noise annoys an oyster?!! Thanks to those who let neighbor "oysters" know if they'll be doing something noisy. If your neighbor has invited someone over for pretzels and beer or tea and cookies, a change could be made in the timing. Neighborliness makes our community a nice place to live.

Sharon goes birding, and exploring plants and animals

Recent travel in Eastern Australia and Tasmania was primarily for birding but our group of 9 also saw gorgeous scenery, visited with many Australians, and had close encounters with many Australian marsupials such as kangaroos, wallabies, pademelons and wombats. We even saw both of the rare Australian monotremes (platypus and Echnidna, both mammals that lay eggs) and the fierce carnivorous Tasmanian Devil, as well as some very large native reptiles. A highlight was the stay at the famous O'Reilly's Guesthouse in Lamington National Park where the wild but friendly parrots, lorikeets, rosellas and bowerbirds regularly land on guest's heads and shoulders, looking for a handout. There, even the tiny chickadee-sized Scrubwrens readily land on an outstretched hand. And all over Australia, the various feisty and colorful Fairywrens were a special delight to watch and photograph. I would return in a heartbeat; this was truly the journey of a lifetime. Sharon (sp. 75)



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 Mathilde (sp. 71) or Ken (sp. 20)

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