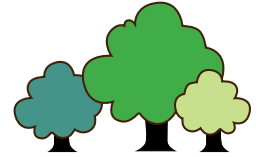


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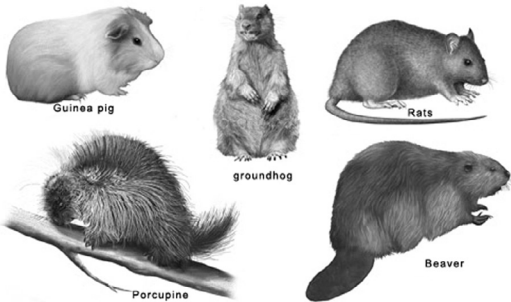


**Get ready for winter!** Consider the following:

- Clean/clear the gutters.
- Have the roof checked for potential leaks
- Make sure all gutters drain properly from the homesite (Rule 10 Home Standards, O. Drainage of Water)
- Have your furnace checked
- Look for air leaks into the house

## Rodents

Do you hear scrabbling noises in your walls or ceiling during the night? Or are you finding bites taken out of your tomatoes on the vine, or lemons peeled but still hanging on the tree? If so, you'll want to come to this presentation and Q&A session with Ray Travers, the Vector Control Specialist from the Santa Cruz County Department of Agriculture.



Ray will describe to us how to determine if we're dealing with rodents (which are widespread in the county), what to do about them, and what free services Vector Control offers residents. (Hint: among the services is a free inspection of your home, to find any entry points for varmints.) He'll also answer your questions, explain why rodents are not only pesty but can also actually be dangerous and damaging, and suggest what you should do next if you suspect rodents are your problem. Did I mention this is all free? September 5 at 6:30pm in the clubhouse.

Sharon (sp. 75)

## Our speed limit: 10, ten, diez, dix, zehn, десять !

Especially noticeable by those who live on the street going from the railroad tracks to Brommer. There's no stop sign along the way, and only one in the other direction. Slow, please! Tell your visitors too.

## Turn 'em off

That is...lights in the clubhouse including the rest rooms. When you leave, turn them off. We pay for the electricity, even if no one's there!

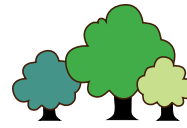
## Non-plastic bags for your produce



Brigitte (sp. 58) bought a bunch of these cute and practical bags to take shopping and to do away with plastic bags, helping to eliminate their use. "I love them, they're very light and easy to use, under \$4 for a package of 3 at Whole Foods. Small price to pay to help reduce our overwhelming consumption of plastic... well, you all know about it... thank you for considering..."

## Toward a plastic-free ocean

Look at 4ocean.com to see what's being done. How can you help?



## Seenager

I JUST discovered my age group! I am a *Seenager* (senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager only 55-60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car.

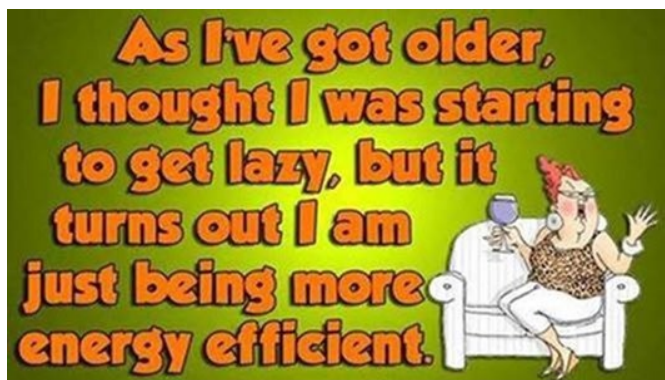
I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best. The people I hang around with are not scared or getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared? And I don't have acne. Life is Good!

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a *Seenager*. Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often to go another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise. So there!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends too.

Shared by Jean (sp. 43)



## Monarch butterflies need help

Though they are usually here from October until March for our mild winter and to rest and hibernate, their numbers have declined seriously. The Xerces Society ([xerces.org](http://xerces.org)) suggests that we change our ways to help these magnificent butterflies. **First, do away with the tropical milkweed**, the one with red/orange/yellow flowers that we grew last year. Butterfly pathogens pass from one butterfly to another via tropical milkweed so it can be harmful rather than helpful. Xerces says: "If you already have tropical milkweed in your garden, it is very important to cut it back to the ground in the fall (October/November) and repeatedly throughout the winter to mimic native milkweed phenology and break the disease cycle. Ideally, tropical milkweed should be removed entirely and replaced with native milkweed and/or nectar species."



Then, **plant nectar producing flowers** for the butterflies.

Focus on flowers blooming in fall so the butterflies will find them when they arrive, and in the spring so the butterflies will have a big nectar sendoff for their migration.

Finally, **plant milkweed native to California** and especially to our region. See your local plant nursery for help with this. According to Xerces "We need to work towards increasing native milkweed and nectar plant availability." Let's do it.

**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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