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## ords from your Editorperson

A quick word about the "digital size" of your newsletter. Most casual computer users in this modern, high speed driven internet age are not really aware of the need to limit the file sizes of what they are transmitting. Back in the bad old days of the early 1990's when we used dial up modems, it could take literally hours to transmit or receive a file 1 million bytes in size (1 megabyte or Mb). Now with high speed internet access it only takes a couple seconds – if you have high speed internet access and far too many of us still do not.

So keeping this in mind, I work diligently (diligently!) to keep the "size" of your newsletter within reasonable limits. I aim for around 5 Mb or maybe a little more depending on the number of photos in a particular issue. And therein lies the rub – I feel the newsletter should be as visual as possible and that means lots of photo graphics and that in-turn means big file sizes. For instance, my cheap cell phone camera takes

a single picture that is 4.1 Mb in size and that would mean a single photo would put the newsletter close to my 5+ Mb limit! Thus, I have to shrink (or more accurately "compress"), the photo size which leads to lower quality. I attempt to disguise this degradation by using filters and such, but that is the way it has to be. So don't look too closely at the photos and know I am doing everything possible to make for fast and easy downloads of your newsletter.

A quick thank you to: Pat Davis, our poets Arleen Weisman, Ev Angelo, windflower Townley, Barbara MacKay, Marcus McCallen and Nick Price, contributors Laree Kiely and Dan Crary, Greg Schellhase, Linda Schellhase, Barbara Egelhof, Deborah Fulmor, Jo Bradley, Lea Christensen, Laurie Starr, Bobbi Riley, Carol Francoise and Jim Kachik.

Rick Harris

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Put printed material in the cubby box for #81





#### James Kachik, Board President

# "Nothing is constant but change itself..." \* \* Attributed, in various forms, to a Greek philosopher named Heraclitus, around 450 BCE

It's almost a cliché, but how quickly things change...

Shortly after the election (June) confirming our "permanent" Board membership, Deborah Fulmor (Secretary) announced her resignation. At the July meeting we appointed Carol Bishop to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the two-year term. As you may know, the position of Secretary is one of the most important for any Board. Its incumbent records history and the intentions of the Woods Cooperative community as it is reflected in the Board's discussion and actions. The Secretary's signature attests to the authenticity of many of the Corporation' official documents. The Board gratefully acknowledges Deborah's many contributions and her ongoing support through this transition.

Gratitude is a constant that maintains through change, yes? This past Saturday I had the pleasure of taking our new pool table "out for a spin" (pun intended). A group of us residents stood together with Sam and Nancy Banker to dedicate this beautiful new toy to the memory of Rick Banker. The newly refurbished Brunswick table and a collection of new cues is donated to the Woods Cooperative by the Banker family and is available to all residents on the

mezzanine of the Club House where our old table sat. Before I'm outed by Bobbi Riley's video, I confess to channeling some youthful memories while I took a few shots. It plays beautifully. On behalf of the community, I offer our gratitude to the Bankers for their generous gift.

In other business, I was advised recently that perhaps only 50 % of our residents have signed their new "Occupancy Agreements". We've written and spoken about this previously, but let's try it "once more, with vigor..." Please, this is serious business—If you are one of these who has not yet signed/submitted, there are important points to remember.

First, if you have not signed either the Member Occupancy Agreement or the Non-member occupancy agreement, you have no contract with WCA to occupy your space. The Sequoia Living leases were sold with the Woods to the WCA and are void as of the transition date (think about it...). While the WCA is honoring everyone's existing occupancy, a resident/owner without a signed agreement has questionable legal standing. Second, members of the Coop get the Member Occupancy Agreement, non-members get the Non-Member Agreement, no other option. Third, membership has its privileges. Members may access the "tiering funds" and

participate in the controlled escalation of those Carrying Charges over three years. Further, WCA has recently clarified that both the WCA as an entity AND resident/owners who are or become members of the Coop within 12 months of the purchase of the Woods by WCA are exempt from property tax reassessment triggered by sale. That exemption extends to purchasers of those homes should a member decide to sell. Fourth: Non-members do not enjoy the benefits described in item three. While WCA has committed to retaining the term (duration), and the 6% annual increase limit of the old SL lease for the duration of that term, WCA makes no commitment to what happens after that term expires. Non-members may also find buyers of their residence subject to property tax reassessment on the home if they decide to sell.

As a matter of good business practice, and for your own security, every owner should have a fully executed Occupancy Agreement. Please contact Laurie to complete this important action if you have not already done so.

PROPERTY TAX REASSESSMENT
CONCERNS: Our attorney recently
completed a more detailed review of the
relevant statutes. The principal concern
has been that the sale of a residence
would trigger reassessment of the home
which would in turn trigger
reassessment of the Woods tax base as
well. We have learned that there are
exemptions in the tax code for both
residents and the WCA such that a home
sold in the first 12 months of WCA
ownership will not be reassessed. We are
working to confirm this and the
Assessor's methodology as soon as

possible. In short, none of the homes sold or for sale by members of the Coop before December 1, 2022 are subject to reassessment.

DOCUMENTS: A reminder that key Corporate documents are now available for inspection as required by the By-Laws. We have two "paper" copies in binders, one in the Manager's office, and one on the table outside the office. An "e"-version, on a computer terminal, should be in place on that same table by the time you read this. A personal copy of a document can be provided for a modest per-page copying charge.

COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS: Date of next "Coffee with the Board" Saturday August 13. Announcements will be posted.

SALES OF HOMES: Prospective buyers should always contact Laurie at the Woods office.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: With Susan Holli's leadership we have progressed the development of our own program, tentatively named The Blessings Fund. IRS rules are complex as are statues governing charitable giving programs. We have an agreement in principle for CCCD to be the Fiscal Sponsor to whom Sequoia Living's \$500K donation can be legally transferred and from there disbursed under program guidelines. A first draft of eligibility criteria and program guidelines is coming. More info soon.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. Whether or not there is constant change around us, we have each other and the community we make.

James Kachik



## Fort Bragg Food Bank

Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program Inc.

# Seniors! Sign up to receive a free monthly box of shelf stable food!

#### **ANYONE AGE 60+ IS ELIGIBLE**

(subject to income guidelines below)

#### CALL OR STOP BY TODAY TO SIGN UP

Phone: 707-964-9404

910 N Franklin St, Fort Bragg, CA 95437

CSFP INCOME GUIDELINES2021							
Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100% Annual	Elderly - 130%  Annual Monthly Weekly					
1	\$12,880	\$16,744	\$1,396	\$322			
2	17,420	22,646	1,888	436			
3	21,960	28,548	2,379	549			
4	26,500	34,450	2,871	663			
5	31,040	40,352	3,363	776			
6	35,580	46,254	3,855	890			
7	40,120	52,156	4,347	1,003			
8	44,660	58,058	4,839	1,117			
For Each Additional household				1			
member, add	4,540	5,902	492	114			



To use the Albion Food Pantry, all that is required is for you to enter a one line entry telling us your name, address, how many in your household and if this is your first time to our Food Pantry in any given month. That's it. The Food Pantry is located behind the Albion Store off of Highway 1. For more information contact Sheila Klopper at 408-888-1277.

## Albion Food Pantry

Sponsored by-The Fort Bragg Food Bank



Wednesday 3-6 p.m. At the Albion Fire Station

(registration not required



## Woods Notes from Laurie Starr\*

We now have a LOST AND FOUND Box in the Office inside the Clubhouse. Currently inside the box is a white belt for a shower robe and a single hearing aid.

It is official: The Woods Document Binder is available for you to review at your convenience. This Binder is located on the desk just outside of the office. If you want copies made of any of these

documents, per the usual, it will be 10 cents per sheet. We are getting close to having these documents placed on to a computer so you can look at these items there as well. We will let you know when the computer portion is up and running as well.

the dumpsters hoping somebody will take it away. Take it to the dump on road 409!

I will be sending out lot statements later than usual this month due to my absence last week.

In regards to the water crisis, from what I understand, there is no resolution to what the cause was. It has been put out

there that it was coming from the sewer side of things, as in a running toilet or perhaps a sink faucet left on... but that is all that I am aware of. I am sorry there is nothing further.

Don't forget to sign up for the Redflag Notification

System. It is easy and important. See the next page. Please. Just do it.

The Woods Documents Binder

Above: Cooperative documents folder by the office.

The Clubhouse is NOT a place to leave items to give away to others. Please make a box at your driveway that says free and then the stuff that doesn't get taken, please take to the thrift store. These items do not belong in the Clubhouse at all. Also things should not be just left at

Cheers!

Laurie Starr

Sign up for the REDFLAG Notification System by following the directions below or click HERE to get started. All you have to do is put in your name, space number and how you want to be contacted. If you are having problems, need assistance or have questions, contact Laurie in The Woods office (707.937.0294).

REDFLAG will notify you of the following conditions: Dangerous weather, system outages like loss of electricity, infrastructure issues, office closures and criminal activity.



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### INTRODUCING REDFLAG NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

#### REDFLAG IS USED TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS, KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE AND UP-TO-DATE.

We'll use RedFlag to send out emergency information.

You may receive a RedFlag alert about severe weather, closures, power outage, etc. as well as any other event that would impact our community.

Whatever we need to communicate, RedFlag is the single system we will use to help get the word out.

#### ABOUT REDFLAG NOTIFICATIONS

- You can receive RedFlag notifications via text message, email or phone call.
- Text messages will be from 444222 Emails will be from admin2@evans-management.com Phone calls will be from 831-475-0335
- Messages will be filtered based on your subscriber information, so you only receive messages or information that is relevant to you.

#### HOW TO ENROLL TO RECEIVE REDFLAG MESSAGES

# Text THEWOODS to 444222 or go to join.redflaghub.com/THEWOODS

to register or access your profile information.



Natural disaster & severe weather



System outages or updates



Building & area-wide infrastructure issues



Office closings & modified business hours



Criminal activity - active shooter, robbery/theft, child abduction



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## News, Bits That Dont Fit & Other Random Monsense

Good friend, long time resident, and frequent community volunteer Joan "Joanie" Moore is pulling up stakes, loading up the wagons and heading for greener pastures in Minden, Nevada to be closer to her son. We will miss Joanie and her sunny disposition. Bye Joanie and we miss you already...

Words from The Woods Word of The Month®:

Crwth (/'kru:0). Def.
A crwth is a
bowed lyre, a type
of stringed
instrument, associated
particularly
with Welsh music, now
archaic but once
widely played in
Europe. Ex. Cynthia
came across an old
crwth in her
grandmother's closet
and sold it for a
mint...

July 4th has come and gone. That was the chilliest 4th on the coast in recent memory. Cold wind, fograin and just plain fog most of the time. Still, the determined tourists down on the beach with the beach umbrellas and swim suits. Makes me shiver just seeing them...

Greg Schellhase sent pictures of a red crossbill on his feeder. Good going Greg. Not a common bird here. Unless they are...

Gayle Kutach (#54) writes that she is available for dog sitting/walking free of charge. Can't beat the price. Contact her at 707.291.1559...

From the weather
bureau at Words from
The Woods World
Headquarters: The
Official Words from
The Woods Rain-OMeter<sup>TM</sup> recorded inches
of rain for July.
Average is 0.1 inches.
No rain was recorded
for the month of July
2021...

The garden tour was a great success as usual. So much creativity! Thanks to **Pat Davis** for organizing it and all those who participated in this long time traditional Woods event...

Sharon Gardner, on the Welcoming Committee, is requesting donations of welcome basket contents. Local and organic items are

ideal! Please contact her at shqard88@gmail.com or 415-235-8683. Sharon would also like updates on birth dates (year is optional). If you haven't been included in Rick's newsletter birthday wishes and would like to be added to his list, please provide your birth date to Sharon at shqard88@qmail.com or 415-235-8683...

Saw a **squirrel** run by the other day without a tail. A squirrel without a tail is a sad sight...

Wanna do the "cobra"?

If you are interested in participating in 
Yoga classes here at 
The Woods, please 
contact Linda 
Schellhase at 937.2172 
or 
lindaschellhase@yahoo.com...

A big thanks to **Sam Banker** and the spiffy
new pool table in the
Clubhouse...

#### This Date in History:

August 1st 1626 Earl Earnest Casimir conquers Oldenzaal and August 1st, 1981 MTV premieres at 12:01 AM.

# My dog just got skunked, what should I do?

The most effective way to remove most of the offensive odor is to use the following recipe:

1 Qt. Hydrogen Peroxide

½ Cup Baking Soda

1-2 Tb Dog Shampoo (don't use dish washing detergent, it's too harsh) Mix in a gallon of water

Don't wet the dog first. Use the shampoo mixture directly on the sprayed areas. Unfortunately, most dogs get sprayed right in the face and obviously you need to be VERY careful not to let this mix get in your dog's eyes. Try soaking a



washcloth with the shampoo mixture to wipe the face thoroughly. Do the best you can and let it sit on the dog a good 10-15 minutes. Always, always condition afterwards. Most likely there will be a bit of a lingering odor but it will be much better.

From Pat Davis

Calfire Fire Tracker

## **CONTACT LIST**

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## Birds of The Woods -Bald Eagle

By Rick Harris

The RULE (which I made up), is that to be a proper "Bird of The Woods", the bird has to be visible from inside the Wood's park. This means that technically the California gull is considered a Bird of The Woods because they can occasionally be seen flying over. So the bald eagle (Haliaeetis leucocephalus), is now considered a candidate for Bird of The Woods because I saw one fly over the park.



The bald eagle (Haliaeetis leucocephalus).

I was out sitting on my back deck the other day doing what I call Recreational Staring, called meditation by some, but really just sitting there staring vacantly into the forest thinking about nothing in particular, (when people ask me what I do now that I'm retired, I tell them that I'm working on my staring skills. It is a talent that is not easily mastered and keeps me busy. I'm now working on the advanced staring level.), when what do I see but a bald eagle lazily flapping its wings and flying over the house at about 150 feet. I didn't see it for very long, but

identification of the bald eagle is easy and it is a bird that is hard to miss. First of all it is quite large with a wingspan of up to almost 8 feet in females. And then there is that iconic white head. A huge eagle type bird with a white head: Bald eagle no doubt about it.

While there are bald eagles seen in the area occasionally, they are considered "rare" to "uncommon" by local bird watchers. I've seen them once or twice down on the Navarro river and there was one seen hanging out around Albion a few years ago, but this is the first one I've seen in Little River. They are a widespread species and occur almost everywhere in North America and have been observed nesting in all 50 states. They are technically considered "sea eagles", but occur in all types of habitats from the high snowy tundra to the Sonoran Desert. They have become much more common in recent years due to banning the use of the insecticide DDT and much less human persecution which means fewer people are shooting them which is a good thing.

Bald eagles primarily subsist on fish of many different species, but they are not picky when it comes to food and commonly eat carrion and even human garbage. So much for the noble bald eagle. They will also practice "kleptophagia" or stealing other birds prey by intimidation due to their large

size and ferocity. If a bald eagle wants your lunch, it gets your lunch. Another primary source of food are waterbirds such as pelicans and other fresh water and salt water birds. They have been known to kill sea otter pups and prey on other birds of prey such as red tailed hawks. Basically the bald eagle will kill and eat whatever it can subdue. For its size they are surprising agile birds and have been seen to fly under migrating geese, flip over and use their talons to grab a goose.



Above: Bald eagle feeding off a heap of human garbage. Maybe not a good look for our national symbol. Bald eagles will also eat carrion.

Reproduction is pretty standard in this species with female eagles producing between 1 and 3 eggs per year with 2 being the most common. As belies their great size, bald eagles make the largest nest of any known bird. Nests are built in sturdy trees and can measure up to 13 feet deep, 8 feet across and can weigh up to 1 metric ton – that's a big nest! Both parents take turns incubating the eggs. The eggs hatch after about 6 weeks. The young fledge (fly off) anywhere between 8 and 16 weeks. Bald eagles are mature at about 5 years of age before reproducing. One peculiarity of bald

eagles is their habit of occasionally adopting hatchlings of other species. Scientists studying one mated couple saw them bring a hatchling red tailed hawk chick to the nest and begin feeding it. The scientists named the bird "spunky" and it later successfully fledged with the other chicks.

The bald eagle is a mythic bird in many cultures including Native American cultures. Some Native Americans consider the bald eagle to be a symbol of fertility while others consider it a symbol of peace. Bald eagle feathers may be given as gifts after accomplishing some task such as graduating from high school. Native American tribes are the only people allowed to legally possess eagle feathers. As a matter of fact, there is a place that cleans and preserves bald eagle feathers and other parts for ritual use called the National Eagle Repository (NER). The NER serves as a central location for processing eagles that have been found dead and distributing remains to tribes that qualify.



Above: Technicians at the National Eagle Repository processing eagle carcasses for use in Native American ceremonies and rituals.

# BATTERY LOW



Heard "battery low"
in my ear
oh no, not now I fear
in my eightieth year
being warned to slow down
skin wrinkled, no longer smooth and tight
age spots and warts
what a sight
yes, I am old
no need to be told
batter low!

But still have love to share hear this, hear this, beware battery low!

Oh no, oh no warning is from my hearing device now being recharged by his kisses so nice

Arleen Weisman

# "I'm so glad you're my neighbor"

(Please submit your stories here. We hope to have this column every month in the newsletter)

If any of you have walked by our house (Spc 114) when the garage was open, you have seen the library we are trying to build in there. Too many books for our little yellow house! Typical retired professors have more books than furniture! So we purchased and assembled some nice standing metal book shelves. Each shelf had about 600 books on it and each was on wheels, so we could move it around if necessary. But there was a problem: we miscalculated the weight of the books and how much the shelves could tolerate.

Sooooo, one day while trying to roll one of the shelves now full of 600 books (about 600 lbs), it tipped over on Dan. I heard a yelp and went running out to help him hold it up so it didn't bury him. But at that point we were both holding it up, both in danger of getting buried in falling books, and that clearly wasn't a sustainable strategy!! Next thing we knew, our dear neighbor Lisa Barber came running to us from across the street at about 900 miles an hour to help us. She grabbed on and helped hold up the shelf so we were able to get it upright, stabilize it, and prevent Dan's getting buried under 600 books.

I am not sure what we would have done that day without Lisa. So here is my submission to the first "I'm so glad you're my neighbor column." Lisa, for this and many more reasons, we're so very glad you're our neighbor!

--Laree Kiely and Dan Crary--

## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

I want to thank Pat Davis for organizing and keeping the Garden Tour alive! Not many will remember that it started 15+ years ago with Betty Duke and the Wood's Garden Club. A few residents met in Betty's garage and decorated some milk cartons to identify the homes sharing their gardens. Residents have/had a chance to see the different styles of gardens and the very different ecosystems within the park. From

redwood forest to pygmy pines, bullet-proof clay to decomposed duff.....vastly different challenges facing our gardeners. So all that plus a sense of sharing community, walking around enjoying the sunny day with new and old friends and neighbors. And thanks to the residents who shared their gardens! Thanks, Pat, for making the Garden Tour happen!

Greg Schellhase

# From the Recipe Box of Barbara Egelhof



I love to cook but really don't like measuring. Baking is clearly not for me! I make a couple of easy dishes that can be tweaked however you want, leaving lots of room for customizing and creativity.

Here is a combo I like ...

#### 1) COLD PASTA SALAD

small size pasta (I like chickpea shells) \*PLACE IN ICE WATER AFTER COOKING\*

olive oil and rice wine vinegar (or any dressing you like)

salt and pepper (if you want)

chopped herbs (I like thyme)

feta cheese (if you want vegan, 'Follow Your Heart' feta is good)

black olives

celery

artichoke hearts

chopped sweet peppers

arugula (spinach, romaine, kale etc.) I like adding LOTS of chopped greens

Add any vegetables you like (peas, broccoli etc.)

Add any seasoning you like (I love Trader Joe's Umami and also their Chili Lime) ENJOY!!!

#### 2) SAUTE' VEGETABLES MIXED WITH FRESH CHOPPED SALAD

Saute' together:

mushrooms (I like them chopped small)

celery (don't overcook)

chard (I like red) or ANY greens you like (bok choy, kale, spinach)

chopped sweet peppers (I like red)

season with anything you like (I love Trader Joe's Umami and also their Chile Lime)

Sauté tofu or tempeh in olive oil until a little charred and crispy

(I like adding tamari or Bragg's amino acids and lots of black pepper)

Make a chopped salad (I like using a bag of chopped salad that has cabbage, carrots, green onions and cilantro but of course homegrown is always better!)

ADD whatever dressing you like.

MIX THE WHOLE SHABANG TOGETHER AND ENJOY!!!

**Best Wishes** 

Barbara Egelhof #119

# The Gifts of Love

Love sparkles in the darkness, when the rain begins to pelt, and your lover shoots a shelter, overhead to keep you dry.

It was love that brought us here, our parents loved each other.

and both cast us adoration, their miracle of creation. Love linked together forms a chain, and costs nothing to expend.

It's power is all it takes to heal beyond comprehension. It lurks behind a simple smile, and that smile exudes your love,

to warm the hearts of the aged, who have to travel alone.

Love works miracles with many, who are wracked with constant

pain.

It relaxes tensed up muscles, and makes life worthwhile again. But the love to end all loves, is the kind that penetrates, from the universal mind, spreading love to all mankind.

I wonder if artists feel the love of sages.

Ev Angelo



## HAVE PRUNERS WILL TRAVEL

with Linda Schellhase

It is hard to believe that pruners have been working on Woods lots for almost two years. Our original focus was the aesthetics of the lot and to control overgrown vegetation. Our goal became to do what we can to help control wildland fires. We started with just two of us and an occasional hand from others when things were too big or tall for us to manage. Today there are six volunteers occasionally someone else stepping into help. Our goal is not to trim your lot to Western Garden standards but to meet the criteria set forward by CalFire and others to help in the instance of a wildland fire. We have learned a lot over the last couple of years. Mainly that no two lots in The Woods are the same. Vegetation and dirt vary from place to place.

Our methods have changed over time. We now make sure that the homeowner understands what things will make their lot more fire safe. We can meet some of these criteria in more than one way as we deal with different lots. I have been collaborating with homeowners who do not necessarily need our help. I give them some idea on how to accomplish what is important for fire safety when someone else is working on their lot.

My credentials are limited. Experience and reading information that is out there has been my guide. We as a group have a lot of fun. Sometimes there is more laughter than pruning but we always get the job done. My biggest shortcoming is underestimating how long it will take to do each job. We have gotten smarter in

how we work. We have Shaun deliver the dump truck or trailer to our work site. Having these on site makes what we do easier and much easier for staff.

While at the Little River Albion Fire Department BBQ, I picked up new literature for the new Standards for Fire Clearance and Home Hardening. One of the documents has different zones. Zone "O" pertains to 0'-5'. These newer standards are based on research by CalFire, the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety and the United Policy Holders, a nonprofit representing homeowners.

This area is known as the Buffer Zone.

"Ground is cleared completely down to bare mineral soil. There is no vegetation, even shrubs or flowers or pots of flowers. No storage of any kind including firewood, furniture, pet housing especially and including under decks. Entire area (including roof and gutters) is clear of leaves, needles, and duff and (MULCH). Includes areas around decks, stairways, and landings"

I am not sure I am willing to follow these new recommendations to the letter, but it is what professionals believe will make us the safest. The closer we come to these recommendations the better. On our own lot there are places where I will need to reconsider some of my planting.

I now have several names of people who do yard work. Give me a call if you need someone to work on your lot.

Linda Schellhase



## Tremulous Times

Their compass a crown of stars; the horizon, black brown white touches of grey canvas stretches ahead. Blood in the dirt rust in the river silence of wind shadow of hope.

They carry dreams, memories on their backs; follow the path of constellations woman in the sky clothed in sun moon under her feet.

windflower



The public relations committee, Susan Holli, Carol Francois, Laree Kiely and Deborah Fulmor, have been working hard to establish our mandate and vision going forward in our development as a new Limited Equity Housing Cooperative (LEHC). In an edition coming soon of the Real Estate Magazine out of Fort Bragg, will be a feature article about us collaboratively assembled by all committee members and will include photos taken by Carol Francois and REMagazine staff of our beautiful campus.

The PR Committee has also been working on a variety of methods to keep us all connected to each other, whether by email, snail mail, kiosk post or cubbie note. There are a few considerations arising out of the community meeting on 6/25.

One of the efforts currently being produced, is a public information sheet to be available to potential home buyers interested in our community. The proposal is to have a quick, detailed fact sheet in bullet format attached to the map of The Woods, available in a covered box outside the front entrance for visitors to retrieve in off-hours. It would also be available to Laurie to use as a script for phone calls and to hand out.

The other is an efficient, comprehensive method of conveying useful information within the community. To this end, it would be good to know how many of us routinely and comfortably use electronic means to receive information vs. how many of us do not. It was noted that expense, at this time in our fledgling development as a LEHC, may be prohibitive to use paper and the post office. So – what are the other means available to us? Kiosk notices, Cubbie notices, Words From The Woods articles/notices, snail mail (the least efficient), phone tree/automatic messaging, and making use of our zones which would involve phone calls or doorto-door communication.

The first thing we can do, or have our friends or family do, is let Rick Harris know if we DO NOT wish to be included in electronic means. He can then make a list of those folks who can be contacted to determine, for both emergency notices, and casual informational notices, how we can best be in touch with EVERYONE who WISHES to be notified or contacted about Woods business.

Finally, on behalf of the PR Committee, may I say it is my personal wish to Be Your Neighbor, in all senses of that expression. I moved here 14 years ago with the conscious intention of being "in community" with other aging adults. I have chosen of late, to come out of my hermitage to do whatever small things I can to assist in the unification and betterment of this unique park called The Woods. I feel really lucky to live here with such a wealth of talent, experience and heart; with folks who are also willing to devote a part of their lives to a similar vision. I'm pleased to be a part of this committee as I believe communication is key to this goal. Thanks in advance for letting us know your preferred method of communication – I would suggest smoke signals or drumming but maybe you have other ideas.

Submitted by Deborah Fulmor, Board Liaison to the PR Committee

Deborah Fulmor

#### **Library News**

WE'RE MOVING! OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW! THROW THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATH WATER! Now that I have your attention, I will let you know we are doing none of the above, but we are going to get rid of older books to make way for new ones. We will also be purging outdated periodicals.

There will now be a volunteer or volunteers in the library every Thursday afternoon from 12:00 to 1:00 P. M. Stop by if you have questions or suggestions.

If you can return your books to the location from which you removed them, please do so. If you cannot put them back in their original location, put them in the returned book shelving. We hope to have that clearly marked. We will also be accepting new books but if you could hold off on your contributions for a little while it will help in our reorganization efforts.

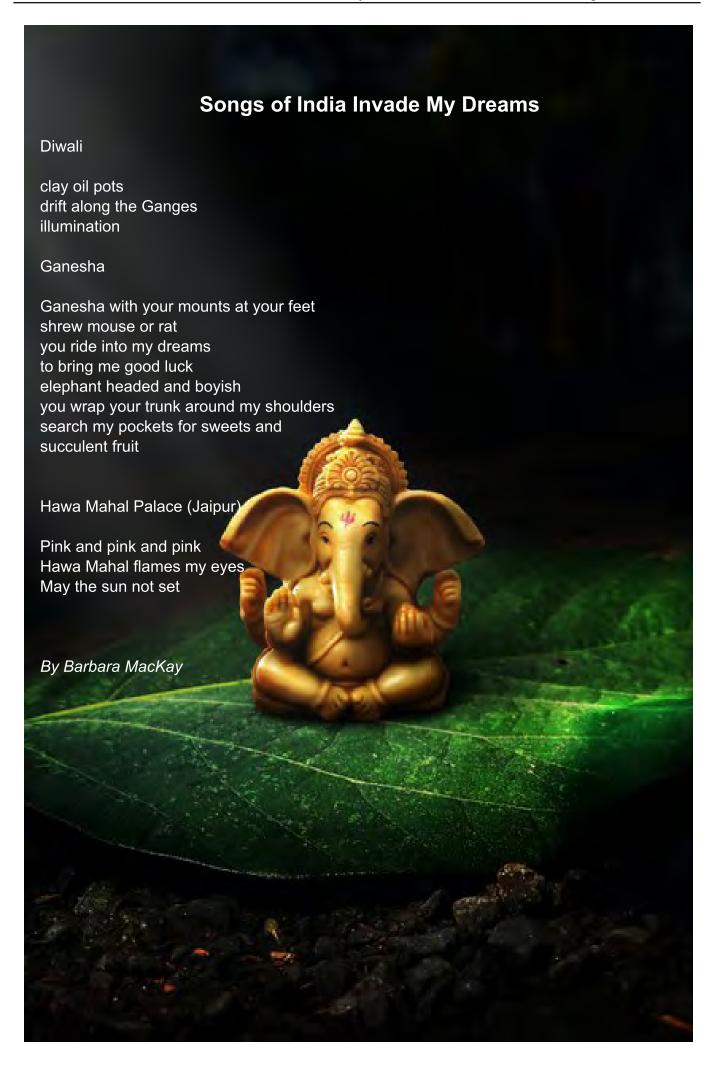
We will be boxing up books to donate. We have identified two locations that are willing to take our discarded books. We would love it if some of you could grab a box of books and drop them off at one of these locations. One is the used bookstore in Mendocino and the other is the Arc at the round about as you are going into Fort Bragg. Any help you can give us would be appreciated.

Linda Schellhase Volunteer



CritterCam is a wildlife camera stationed behind #81 alongside Van Damme State Park. This month's video is a confrontation between a fox and a skunk over some food. Guess who wins. Click on the picture at right to see a short 10 second video of the encounter.







It is spring as witnessed by the Rhodies popping along the roadways. With spring come the weeds and grasses, as well. This means that Foxtail Season is here too. Foxtails, sometimes called wild oats, are one of many seedpods that adhere to our pet's coats and can cause all sorts of problems.

There are many species of seeds, especially grasses that as they dry, stick readily to our pets fur. The foxtail seeds have small barbs, which like a porcupine quill, can only go forward. Don't rule out Velcro like burrs and sticky seedpods, as well. These get tangled in hair causing mats, followed by sores beneath them.

Foxtails can cause everything from ear infections to being life threatening. These seeds enter our dog's bodies through the skin, eyes, nose, ears, and paws. Diligent preventative grooming on your part can prevent the resulting problems.

Fuzzy footed pets should get "poodle paws"; a not too close shave of their feet, tops and bottoms, including between their toes, and pads of their feet. This should be done at your veterinary hospital or by a knowledgeable groomer. Foxtails will lodge between toes and pads "drilling" into your pet's foot. The only way out is surgically. It will swell, weep, and cause your pet much discomfort. If left untreated it can lead to major infection, multiple surgeries, and possible amputation.

Also, if you have a heavy-eared pup, such as a spaniel, shaving the underside of those wonderful floppy ears is a great preventative. If

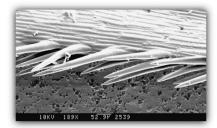
your "kid" has hairy ear canals, a well-trained groomer, as well as your veterinarian, can pluck them. Not only will this help the dog prone to ear infections, it will give the foxtails less to adhere to. It also makes them easier to see before they disappear down the ear canal. The only way to get them out is to sedate your pet. If left untreated ear infection, self-mutilation from pawing, and deafness can occur.

If your dog or cat starts sneezing violently, or has a puffy, closed, or runny eye, that is time to immediately go to

your veterinarian. Do not pass go!

By far the worst is the foxtail that enters your pets' body by getting into the hair and "drilling" right in. The first time I did a post mortem on a dog, it was from death by foxtail.

Right: Microscopic picture of the barbs on a Foxtail.



What can you do to prevent foxtails?

Avoid foxtail infested areas.

Have ears and paws shaved.

Thoroughly brush and inspect your dog's coat, nose to tail, if it has been outside. Run your hands over their coat and look for foxtails. Don't be bashful; check everywhere, ears, toes, under the tail. Dogs with long hair are particularly susceptible to foxtails.

If you believe your pet has a foxtail lodged anywhere, get to a vet IMMEDIATELY. The longer you wait, the deeper the foxtail may travel, the more damage it may do, and the more difficult and costly, it can be to treat.

This is not meant to scare you, just to make you be aware and diligent. It will save you time, money, and stress, but most of all it can save your pet's life.

By Jo Bradley, R.V.T.



## THE SOUND OF FLUSH WITH GREG SCHELLHASE

That's weird, Mr.
Disaster is writing about our sewer/septic
system. Well Linda has talked about fire safety in "Have Pruners, Will
Travel" and I have seen a few emails about the

sewer system. We have had a number of new residents move into our beloved "little city". I say little city because we are unique in many ways because we have our own infrastructurewater, sewage, centralized propane and decentralized (sub-metered), electricity.

Today's primer is on the care and of our septic system. Who wants to talk about sewage? No one, until the kitchen drain is plugged or God forbid, it's midnight (or any other time) and the toilet doesn't flush it down. At that point a typical response is #\$%^&@× or "golly where is the plunger or who do I call?"

• Let's start with the prevention side. We are not a City or County with a giant sewage system that has giant tanks and "choppers/shredders" that help chop up and remove all the wrong stuff that people put down their drains. We have a septic system that depends on friendly microbes to process our waste. The list of "DON'TS" is longer. The list includes: feminine hygiene products (tampons, kotex, etc), Handiwipes (Cottenelles - the ones that say 'flushable' but don't disintegrate), Kleenex, condoms, food waste (coffee grounds, vegetable peels, GREASE OR OILS OF ANY KIND). Sorry to say that with a septic system, the best use of a garbage disposal is NOT AT ALL.

We were fortunate that Sequoia Living undertook the modernization and upgrade of our system starting about 2008 with a cost of \$1.4 million that I believe got up to \$1.6 million. What did they do? The "Wisconsin Mound" (leach field # 1 behind houses 69, 77, 78) was renovated with new pumps and lines to disperse the processed waste. New pumps and tanks

were installed down in the redwood section of the park. A second leach field was installed on about 2-3 acres of the Malby Property (the 6 acres to the West of The Woods off the main 37 acres of the Woods). This was added capacity as leach field #1 was inadequate for our 109 homes plus the Lodge. This upgrade should sustain us for 20 years or more IF we care for it. Carl Rittiman designed and upgraded the system and his company monitors (electronically) the inflow and out-flow of the systems. They come out and "stir up" (break up the solids including the wrong stuff put in to the system), and as necessary - call for a pump-out of this solid waste that is not "digestible" by the good microbes in our system. Each time they do that it costs \$15,000+ (probably more now). One year we had FOUR pump outs....yup \$60,000 that we pay for. So besides keeping your drains unclogged, your sewage fees can be kept down by what you don't put down the drain. And that's the short-term expense, broken equipment and clogged lines cost more.

Shaun and Abraham have the unpleasant task to "scoping" and clearing the lines OUTSIDE your homes. IF the clog is inside, it is the home owner's responsibility to call the plumber. And while Shaun and Abraham work very hard to eliminate tree roots which get into our lines, it is more frustrating to find inappropriate waste that has clogged your lines and potentially your neighbors. In some of the time it days to find and make repairs if the have to dig up the lines!

So WELCOME to The Woods. If WE take care of our Septic System, it will serve us well for many years. We are fortunate to have the upgrades behind us. There will always be challenges with the lines in our system as tree roots seek water and will encroach on any leak they find in our sewer lines. But WE can do our part by keeping these lines clear of debris that shouldn't be there. You, your neighbors, and the staff will be much happier with a freely flowing system. FLUSH, WHOOISH, YEAH!

Greg Schellhase



## **REPORT**



By Lea Christensen

The District would like to thank all the members of our community who volunteered and worked at our Barbecue on July 9th. The food was delicious. And attendance was great especially given the sheer number of events the public had to choose from that Saturday.

Additionally, Chief Rees reported that our firefighter's won first place in the category Fire Departments in Mendocino's July 4th Parade. This year our Laurie Starr created a short skit demonstrating a "man down" rescue which the firefighters presented before the judging panel. This is the fourth year our volunteers have won this award.

The new Fire Clearance standards and Home Hardening rules were given to the Board. During the

discussion, one board member stated that he had already received a communication from his insurance company about needs for correction.

#### **Incident Review**

Public Assist. 5
Traffic Collision 2
Medical 17
Hazardous Cond. 2
Fire 1

Total: 27

When he contacted his agent, he received the desired list of changes complete with photos of his property. In the past, Cal Fire could only encourage homeowners to clear out brush, trim trees and remove items stored under decks, etc. Under the new system, which was developed between the Insurance Commissioner and four other State Agencies such

as CalFire and the Department of Resources in conjunction with Insurance companies and United Policy Holders, a nationwide non-profit representing homeowners, the insurance companies will be taking a more active role monitoring homeowner's efforts to protect their homes from wildfire.

The Fire Safe Council's exhibit at the barbecue was a great success. Almost every copy of every informational handout was taken, and people expressed considerable enthusiasm for development of the new Near program. The Near program is seeking to help smaller parts of our district to form neighborhood groups that can work together to help with larger fire clearance projects within their area and in planning for better fire resiliency.

Hall of Fame Donors from The Woods who have made a contribution to our volunteer fire department. Give them a big thank you:

Nick Paul
Lynda Reed
Esther Faber
Ricia Araiza
Joan Moore
Rick Harris
Teresa (Tess) McGuire
Terri Bogue

Click on the donation button to make YOUR donation to our fire department.







Unlike some years past when it has been foggy and cold, it was a beautiful, warm, but not too warm and sunny afternoon for the annual Garden Tour in The Woods. It seemed that the gardens were even more lush than usual, due probably to our late spring rains. Thanks to Pat Davis and her volunteers for putting up the bird houses and getting out the maps of those that participated.

Above: Decorative bird houses hung outside of those residents participating in the Garden Tour.
Outside Ricia Araiza's house (#49).



Above: An outdoor living room complete with dadaesque, melting coffee table. Lisa Barber (#69).

Left: Flinda Behringer explores a hidden oasis. Nancy Chinn & Harriet Gleeson (#113).

Below: Harvey Chess & Sandra Baldocchi's fountain (#33).



Above: Walkers stop to chat.





Above: Hidden back patio. Lisa Barber (#69).

Below: Rick Harris and Flinda Behringer (#81) back deck container garden.





Left: Garden Bric-à-brac at Lisa Barber's house (#69).

Right: A serene place to sit and get away from it all. Susan Holli (#62).





# Puzzle Page

## A DOZEN RIDDLES

- 1.) Five apples are in a basket. How do you divide them among five girls so that each girl gets an apple, but one apple remains in the basket?
- 2.) What's a lifeguard's favorite game?
- 3.) Which bird does not belong in this group? Finch, gull, eagle, ostrich, or sparrow?
- 4.) A very pretty thing am I, fluttering in the pale-blue sky. Delicate, fragile on the wing, indeed I am a pretty thing. What am I?
- 5.) Re-arrange the letters, O O U S W T D N E J R, to spell just one word. What is it?
- 6.) The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
- 7.) A woman was at a carnival and went to a booth where a man said to the woman, "If I write your exact weight on this piece of paper then you have to give me \$50, but if I cannot, I will pay you \$50." The

- woman looked around and saw no scale so she agrees, thinking no matter what the carny writes she'll just say she weighs more or less. In the end the woman ended up paying the man \$50. How did the man win the bet?
- 8.) What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
- 9.) What has many keys, but can't even open a single door?
- 10.) Three lives have I. Gentle enough to soothe the skin, Light enough to caress the sky, Hard enough to crack rocks. What am I?
- 11.) My life can be measured in hours, I serve by being devoured. Thin, I am quick. Fat, I am slow. Wind is my foe. What am I?
- 12.) A man rode out of town on Sunday, he stayed a whole night at a hotel and rode back to town the next day on Sunday. How is this possible?

Answer to cover puzzle

<sup>1.)</sup> Give the fifth girl her apple in the basket. 2.) Pool. 3.) The Ostrich. It's the only bird that doesn't fly. 4.) I am a Butterfly. 5.) 'Just one word'. 6.) Footsteps.7.) The man did exactly as he said he would and wrote "your exact weight" on the paper. 8.) The letter "m". 9.) A piano.10.) Water. 11.) A candle 12.) His Horse was called Sunday!



The world is not a pretty place. It's not made of gingerbread and lace. It has serious issues with race.

It has lots of guns and crazy people. Let's set our sights to the highest steeples.

Why can't we just get along, And sing a motivating religious song.

There are flowers of April, May and June. July and August have cocoon. Setember and November, there's thought to remember. And then the cold of December.

But all this has happened before, Eons of turmoil, that has shaken the world to its core. But animals and people will survive, come what may. Three billion years left to play.

Time to leave the old world for, A new one. Find a new sun, And come.

A new place to relate, A new start: It's not too late. Onward -Recreate.

Nick Paul



## GRACE OF MONACO

The story of former Hollywood star Grace Kelly's crisis of marriage and identity, during a political dispute between Monaco's Prince Rainier III and France's Charles De Gaulle, and a looming French invasion of Monaco in the early 1960s.

Academy Award-winner Nicole Kidman captures the beauty and elegance of Grace Kelly in this true story of her transition from Hollywood starlet to Princess of Monaco.

i stumbled across this interesting movie on freevee (formerly IMDB TV), which is a free streaming service on your Smart TV. When I was about 9, I had a Grace Kelly coloring book, which I loved second to my Kim Novak paper dolls. I knew she had married a prince and was a former Hollywood actress and it was sort of a fairytale come true. I also remember her deathactar accident--when the brakes failed on her vehicle.

Well, this movie brings up a lot of issues that may have led up to the car accident, the movie doesn't deal with Grace's death but rather her marriage, family, and country. I found it very interesting and intriguing. Charles DeGaulle was about to invade Monaco about the time Grace was offered another movie by Hitchcock, "Marnie", which she ultimately turned down. Mother, wife, compassionate leader, Grace found her strength to support her husband and adopted country to fulfill her role as Princess of Monaco.

I found Nicole Kidman very convincing as Princess Grace. Beautiful, elegant, committed.

May 1963, France lifted it's blockade for total taxation of Monaco. I was disappointed that the film didn't deal with the tragic car accident that took her life too soon. But it was an interesting film, especially if you remember the story of the fairy tale meeting and ultimate marriage of an American actress and a Prince. Grace never acted again.

Starring Nicole Kidman, Tim Roth (as Prince Rainier), Frank Langella It's free. You'll just have to indure some short ads (commercials) as you watch. But hey, it's FREE.

#### Grace of Monaco

2015 1h 43m 13+ Drama, Romance (5.7/10 on IMDb.com)

**Directed by:** Olivier Dahan

Starring: Nicole Kidman, Tim Roth, Frank Langella





I finally hit the Jackpot
When I quit Self-Cherishing and
Started
Forgetting myself, to begin to
Put other's feelings
First.

I no longer desire to be
The Center of Attention.
I put that need
On suspension.

I brought myself to heel
And then to
HEAL.
I keep finding out, again and again:
My deal is really
No Big Deal.

Cos what goes around, comes around When you're riding the Big Love Merry-Go-Round.

The storms that my
Desires cause
Is a signal to take pause, and
Within that pause
In time finding
My "self" unwinding.....

I finally hit The Jackpot.

- Marcus McCallen

# Woods Cooperative Association Board Meeting MINUTES-DRAFT

Tuesday, 7/19/22: 11am-1pm Meeting ID: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86845030269

37-42 on line. Attendees to be added. Meeting called to order at 11:04am.

1. Welcome/ President's Comments/report

President/Kachik

Introduction of Dominic Nicoletti by Kim Coontz. Americar Vista volunteer for another year.

A couple of motions to approve. Appreciation to the Community.

Saturday morning monthly meetings have been fruitful and robust.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board

a. Resignation- Deborah Fulmor

Letter of resignation accepted. Moved by Pat Davis, second by Cynthia Johnson 4/0/1. By-Laws determine a replacement MAY be appointed. Susan Holli moved to appoint Carol Bishop. Pat Davis 2nd. 4/0/1.

- 3. Affirm Board Actions without Meeting- Prospective Resident Approvals Board,
  - a. Approve purchase: #97, James & Mary Frederickson -
  - b. Approve purchase: #89, Virginia Gould

Both of these made the criteria and have been fully screened.

Susan Holli/Pat Davis. Approved: 5/0/0

- 4. Personnel Actions: None
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting -

Secretary/Deborah Fulmor

a. Resolution: approve minutes June 21

Motion to approve as submitted: Pat Davis/ Susan Holli 5/0/0

6. Financial Review/Monthly Update -

Treasurer/Cynthia Johnson,

10 min

Cynthia Johnson: Jim Katcick, Susan Holli and Cynthia Johnson met with CPA. Suggestions made to clean up Balance Sheet with Cash Reserves. Big expenses last month: \$20,000 for septic clean-out plus pool.

Electrical/Propane costs are rising. Working hard on getting the Budget 'in line'. ROC format being corrected to match. If copies are required, please email Cynthia Johnson. Susan Holli: there are two reports that do not match. Jim: there is a direct line for loan reporting. We are in the process of adding Cynthia and Susan so lender activity may be accessed. Questions regarding utility usage. Can "Lodge" heating be reduced to save \$\$? Increase in utilities is based on a 3-4 year average.

7. Other Board Matters -

20 min

a. Approve/authorize submittal of ROC Grant proposal clubhouse for AV Equipment- Board Carol Bishop, Susan Holli & Sharon Fee will submit a proposal to ROC for adequate Zoom reception

in the Clubhouse. Better sound with 8 mics, camera for a laptop. Grant amount is \$1800. Application all signed. Must be submitted by the 24th. Deborah Fulmor moved/Susan Holli second - 5/0/0 APPROVED.

b. Rental Assistance Program: status/update Susan Neidlinger-Holli Progress on this issue is huge. In order to move this forward, Susan has been in touch with a large cast of support folks. Now have six documents in hand to outline who/how/where the funds to come from SL.

Jim: makes a formal request for CCCD to be Fiscal Sponsor so funds may be disbursed. WCA needs to make the request. Kim Coontz has a contract and suggested it may be electronically approved by the Board.

MOTION: to request SL to transfer funds on the condition WCA Coop Board approval of contract with CCCD.

Susan Holli/Deborah Fulmor. Discussion: Funds be transferred to a "savings" bank with two signatures as \$\$ belongs to WCA. CCCD: there is a conflict with having anyone besides CCCD managers with the ability to withdraw funds. Re: regulations around 3rd party recipients of funds for disbursal. IRS regulations are stringent around WHO may receive these funds. CCCD is doing us a favor by being willing. Susan: this is the strongest choice available to us at this time. Community Foundation would not entertain us due to the small amount being transferred. Confidentiality/tax status determine WCA NOT be the recipient.

MOTION: to accept CCCD as Fiscal Sponsor pending approval of the contract by Woods Coop 5/0/0 Time frame: contract is on the way from CCCD. Approval may be ASAP

c. WCA document access: status/update

Kachik

Documents from the sale of the Park. Two paper copies available. One in Laurie's office, one in a binder outside the office in the Clubhouse. Computer terminal access still in process.

d. "Town Hall" community workshops: status/schedule

**Board** 

Community Meetings: "Coffee with the Board" Once a month just prior to the Monthly Zoom Board meeting, next meeting Sat. Aug 13. "Communication is Key".

e. Property Tax Reassessment- status/update

Kachik

Formal opinion from T. Tuttle, attorney. Next step is statement from Assessors office. May be exemptions from re-assessment. More to come.

f. LEHC Conversion: status/update

Kachik

In process. Letter submitted to Mendocino Co. Community Development Commission (MCCDC)

g. Lodge Conversion: Status/Report

Kachik/Board

In Process. Hope to have an outline by early next week to submit for approval.

8. Woods Management Status/Report:

Kim Ringer/Shaun/EMS

a. Maintenance: ongoing work status report

Shaun

Re: sewer back-ups. Seven homes have root balls which need to be excavated. Routine solutions are not working for the long term. Staffing is an issue. These are taking time away from routine maintenance tasks. Is there a long-term solution? No. System is old and issues will need to be addressed as they arrive. Additional labor is needed as well as outside equipment. Request to EMS to evaluate and report back. Cost/Liability considerations. Additional hire vs. outside contractor. Discussion. Electrical also needs attention + Fencing.

b. Reminder: Woods "Red Flag" emergency notification sign-up

Kim

Kim: e-blast sent regarding emergency notification system. Laurie will send flyer with rent

statements to

encourage more responses. (only 14 initially)

- c. Board proposal to replace three pay phones with dedicated "land line" for cost savings Jim: Re: payphones (Lodge, Pool and Clubhouse) Proposal to delete two lines to save \$400-500 cost. Cost analysis coming from Marisol. No Motion.
- d. EMS request BoD authorization -ID possible part-time employee(s) for certain maintenance work?

See above

e. Janitorial services- report/ status

Creative solutions have been explored. Temporary solution will be a weekly janitorial service for the pool area,

f. Board request for list- Sequoia Living outstanding obligations
Jim/Kim: Three items to be billed back to SL. Repairs to golf cart, half the pool pump, car
registrations will have to be covered by WCA. The rest will be 'billed back'. Further discussion on
-going about the Manager's House expense.

- 9. COMMITTEES: Status/Reports, as needed
- a. Building & Grounds-

Pat Davis

Pat: Thanks to Phil Wolkin for chairing this committee. Awareness of advance notice to residents re: visits. Rules being reviewed. Thanks to the community for bringing thoughts direct to the Team and to the Community Saturday meeting.

b. PR/Marketing -

Susan Holli

Susan: "hello and welcome" document up for approval. Article for the Real Estate Magazine is ready to submit. All Team members have contributed greatly. LOGO designs need to be landed on. Discussion. Change vs. stay the same. Cost vs. benefit.

c. Logo selection process proposal

See above.

d. Welcoming -

Sharon Gardner

Welcomed Pamela and Jeffery Gale - more to come. Welcome basket donations acknowledged.

e. Communications -

Rick Harris

Rick: We do have logo letterhead. On page 5 of the WFTW. Red Flag additional BLAST? Only 12 sign-ups due to lack of clarification/explanation. May we take month of August off from meetings?? Jim will clarify and respond.

10. Resident Comments (request 3 +/- min. each) - as appropriate and requested Esther Faber: why does electric bill go up? Will grant proposal avail Monthly meetings to go Zoom?

20 Min.

ADJOURN Board Meeting 1:03pm

## The Last Word

## Old Blue Eyes

Ever wondered why some people have blue eyes and some brown? Well we know a lot more now than we did thanks to advanced genetic studies. We used to think that having brown eyes or blue eyes was a simple dominant (brown)/recessive (blue), gene trait in that if a brown eyed person mated with a blue eyed person, 3 out of 4 offspring would have brown eyes and one child blue eyes. In reality, eye color is very complex and is controlled by 16 different genes.

So what makes eyes, or technically the iris of the eye, blue colored anyway? Well, they appear blue because they are not brown. In other words, a lack of melanin, a protein that colors skin and eyes brown, is not present in blue eyed people and thus the iris appears blue.

A brilliant study out of Denmark found something rather remarkable; blue eye color is traceable to a single mutation in a European baby about 6,000 years ago. The mutation is in a specific gene location that controls melanin production and that part has been snipped out. No melanin and you get blue eyes. What all this means is that all blue eyed people share a single common ancestor.



Left: Percent distribution of blue eyed people in Europe.

One researcher on the Danish study put it this way: "Originally, we all had brown eyes, but a genetic mutation affecting the OCA2 gene in our chromosomes resulted in the creation of a 'switch', which literally turned off the ability to produce brown eyes."

Blue eye color is actually rather rare and

worldwide only 8 percent of people are blue eyed. However, being blue eyed comes with some risk in that blue eyed people are more sensitive to light and suffer from more diseases of the retina and lens. If you have blue eyes, wear sun glasses whenever possible. Another study supposedly found that blue eyed people suffered more from alcoholism, but the study has come under fire especially from alcoholics.

Europeans have the most incidence of blue eyes with the Scandinavian countries leading the way with almost 80 percent blue eyed people.

Eye color at birth can also change. Some babies are born with blue eyes that turn to brown (or an intermediate color like hazel or green) after about 4 to 6 months. The reason is that the melanin gene turns on after birth causing the iris to turn brown colored.

Of course there are intermediate colors rather than pure blue such as gray, green, hazel, amber, and other subtle combinations. Scotland boasts the highest number of people with green eyes at 29%. And then there are rare cases where one eye is brown and one eye is blue which is called "heterochromia iridum".



Above: Heterochromia iridum. Right eye is brown and left eye is blue.

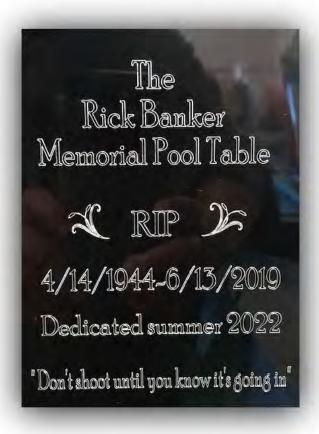
Then there is "partial heterochromia" where there are two different colors in the same iris.



Above: Patial heterochromia. Right iris is a combination of green and brown and left eye is all green.



Above: Sam Banker unveils the new pool table in the Clubhouse.





Left: Jim Kachik considers his pool shot.

Right: Jim shoots! He scores!

