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# The "PIP"



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On my morning walk with Sharon Simas, we both noticed a flower growing near the Berkowitz allotment and I thought it was a bleeding heart and she thought it was a Chinese Lantern. She was probably right (she usually is!), but when I returned home, I thought about that plant and how fortunate I am to have a residence in a beautiful redwood forest...a chance to take the time to look at the flowers, smell the trees, watch the animals. We are truly blessed.

I wish I had something profound to write about, but I don't. Labor Day has come and gone, there is no more information about the flea market...however, there is the Annual Electa Circle Holiday Party (see last page). I'm a little tapped out when it comes to writing and besides, Don and I and Ted and Shari Keller are leaving for a 14-day cruise to Hawaii on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be at sea for four days over and 4 days return...so we are taking our sewing machines and projects to work on. Therefore, right now I'm more concerned about Bermuda shorts, swim suits and flip flops.

Aloha!  
Shirley.....



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Follow up Article to:

"Should I Have A Trust?"

By John Mancini

I read an article in the Business Section of the Santa Cruz Sentinel published on Sunday September 26, 2010. It was titled "You Can't Take It With You". It was under the byline "Estate Planning" and was written by a probate referee. His job is to inventory and value the assets in a probate estate. For this he receives one tenth of 1% of appraised value. This is only one of the costs in a probate estate.

In my original article, I had discussed probate fees for both the estate attorney and the executor but did not give a schedule. Remember that these fees are for both the attorney and the executor. This article gives it as follows on the appraised value of the estate:

- 4% on the first \$100,000
- 3% on the next \$100,000
- 2% on the next \$800,000
- 1% on the next \$9,000,000

If you only had an estate valued at \$200,000, the attorney and the executor would each receive \$7,000. That alone represents 7% of the estate valuation. The article goes on to quote Tim Morgan, a Santa Cruz attorney, who has practiced here since 1979 as saying "If you own real property, you need a living trust". I know Tim and can attest to his abilities as an attorney who has argued cases before the California Supreme Court.

I urge everyone to consider a living trust.

# Masonic Family Information



## Youth Groups

*DeMolay* – Nov 11 at 7:00 p.m.  
*Job's Daughters* – Nov 13 & 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
*Rainbow for Girls* - Nov 4 & 14 at 7:00 p.m.

## Masonic Lodges

*Confidence* Nov 8 7:30 stated meeting  
*Paideia* Nov 1 – 6 pm.  
 SCSLV Nov 2 – 6:30 dinner  
 8:00 stated meeting

## Eastern Star:

*SC Redwoods* 7:30 meetings  
 Nov 8 – 6:30 Farewell  
 Nov 22 – All Aboard! (Honor Jr. Past)  
 First meeting with new officers  
*Wild Lily*  
 Installation on Nov 2 at 2 p.m.

Electons and the Oktoberfest dinner were the theme for the October 11 meeting at Santa Cruz Redwoods Chapter. The menu consisted of bratwurst, German potato salad, green beans with spaetzle, and sauerkraut. Sondra Ziegler cooked the dinner and it was delicious. All proceeds were to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Chuck Cook brought his tuba and accompanied wife, Jean (our guest Organist) which made marching in a real treat. Oom pah...oom pah....



Rainbow for Girls Installation of Michaela McFarland. Pictured are Dan MacDonald, Amanda Robles, Bryn McFarland, Michaela, Shannon Swanson, Wendy Bishop and Shari Keller.

Santa Cruz Redwoods Chapter  
 Cordially invites you to their  
 installation of officers on Saturday,  
 November 20 at 2 p.m.

Howard and Patsy Benfield will be  
 installed as Worthy Matron and  
 Worthy Patron.



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## ***Traditional Observance Masonry Comes to Santa Cruz***

The newest Masonic Lodge in California is located in Santa Cruz in the form of Paideia Masonic Lodge #852, and that new Lodge has significant ties to Paradise Park. Paideia Lodge occasionally met in the Social Hall of Paradise Park during the later stages of its formative period, and now meets on a regular basis at the Santa Cruz Masonic Center on Branciforte Drive. Four of the 17 charter members currently live here in PPMC, namely Tom Hostetler, Andrew Almanza, Tony Fleming and Bob Morgan.

Under the leadership of its current Worshipful Master Barry Ellsworth (formerly a PPMC resident), the new Lodge began its existence about seven years ago as a Masonic "Club". That club had as its purpose the study of historic Masonry and their members focused on the application of Masonic principles in their daily lives. The members met regularly and took turns researching and presenting articles of Masonic interest at their meetings. As the group evolved they began to take an active interest in the ongoing work of the Masonic Restoration Foundation which organization promotes the practice of Traditional Observance Freemasonry (TO) in North America. The club endeavored to bring some of the TO principles and practices to the local Lodge to which most of them belonged, but on meeting resistance they began to work towards forming their own Masonic Lodge. The Grand Lodge of California granted them a dispensation to operate as a separate Lodge, and in September of this year the members of Grand Lodge voted to grant them a charter to operate as a full-fledged Masonic Lodge. The charter will be formally presented to them by Grand Master Bill Bray at a celebration at the Scottish Rite Center in San Jose on November 21st. Anyone wishing to attend that celebration is encouraged to contact Brother Don Littlefield to make a reservation. (Call 831-766-1807)

Briefly stated, TO is a unique North American approach to Masonry consisting of "best-practices" in areas of philosophical discipline. Each TO Lodge is governed by the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction it is located, and from which it receives its charter. They follow the ritual established by their Grand Lodge, together with such ceremonial additions as might be approved by Grand Lodge. TO Masonry is characterized by a solemn approach to holding stated communications and the conferring of degrees, and they utilize a chamber-of-reflection as a means of preparing a candidate for the solemn degrees he is about to receive. TO Lodges are further characterized by the educational demands that are imposed on candidates who wish to advance through the degrees of Masonry in this type of Lodge. Those requirements are closely aligned to the traditional initiatic elements practiced in Continental European and Latin American Freemasonry. TO Freemasonry is not a separate Masonic Rite, but rather is a best-practices model designed to restore the strength and dignity of the American Craft. Those who might be curious as to what TO Masonry is all about can get the full story by going to [www.masonicrestoration.com](http://www.masonicrestoration.com)

As the Inspector of this Masonic District, as well as being one of the charter members, I encourage everyone to welcome Paideia Lodge to our community and to wish them every success in achieving the high goals they have set for themselves.

Bob Morgan, Inspector  
Division III, District #349

**The staff of the PIP wishes to thank  
Dawn Shoquist for her friendliness  
and willingness to serve while  
working in the PPMC Office.**



## MANAGING YOUR MONEY - #2 TOOLS OF THE TRADE

By John A. Mancini

In this presentation, I will discuss the ordinary money tools with which we are familiar. Later I will get into investment tools examining both fixed banking instruments and Mutual Funds.

### Checking Accounts

I would hope that everyone has a checking account that does not charge except for getting blank checks. I would also hope that the reader is not required to keep any minimum balance in the account. If you are paying for a checking account, I suggest that you are doing business with the wrong financial institution. You need to join a credit union. Credit Unions offer all the services that a bank does for less cost and with a much friendlier attitude. Another government agency but not the FDIC insures your money to the same \$250,000. We have two (2) credit unions in Santa Cruz and would recommend either. I am a member of both. They are:

Bay Federal Credit Union  
420 River Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831-479-6000

Patelco Credit Union  
375 Encinal Street, Suite C  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831-423-2397

Since Bay Federal is local to Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, you that live elsewhere may want to use Patelco, which has branches all over California. Though you may not live here, you can still join Bay Federal and partake of some of the services. It only takes \$100 to join. This money is deposited in a membership savings account that draws interest. If you wish to stay with your bank, talk to them about free checking.

### Credit Cards

I assume that no one is paying an annual fee for his/her credit card and that you receive a rebate based upon purchases made on the card.

If either case is not true, it is time to switch credit cards. Here is what I use:

1) Patelco Mastercard: There is no annual charge and I am paid 1% on all purchases. Once a year all accumulated rebates are paid to my Patelco membership savings account. I am free to do as I wish with the money.

2) Bay Federal Visa: There is no annual charge and I am paid 1% on all purchases. Once a year all accumulated rebates are paid to my Bay Federal membership savings account. Money is available to me anytime after crediting to the account. This Visa Card has another advantage, which I have not found, now, on any other card. If I rent a car choosing to decline the rental company insurance and defer to my own car insurance, the card will pay my insurance deductible provided I charge the rental on that card.

3) American Express (Costco): There is no annual charge and you need to be a Costco member, not a bad idea if you are not already a member. 3% rebate on gasoline, 3% rebate on restaurants, 2% on travel and 1% on any other purchase. I get a check annually for total rebates earned and I must cash it at Costco.

### ATM Cards

All credit unions offer free ATM service at their branches and many affiliate credit unions around the state and country. This is one area where banks can offer greater access. If you purchase with an ATM card, you will find that credit union's fees are less. I do not make purchases with an ATM card. I always use a credit card. I only use an ATM card for getting money at the credit union branch.

Next month we will look at investments, both fixed and equities.

### WINDOW COVERINGS



Shutters, Blinds, Shades

**CUSTOM**

***Drapery Valances Bedding Pillows***

DISCOUNTS TO PPMC MEMBERS

Lois Laidlaw – 818-8879

*The following letter, read at an open board meeting, is retyped here as I thought it might be interesting to our members:*

County of Santa Cruz  
September 10, 2010

Cyndy Crogan, Manager  
211 Paradise Park  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Ms. Crogan,

The intent of this letter is to document the County's actions regarding the occurrence of large woody material in Paradise Park that occurs within the bank full channel of the San Lorenzo River.

In spring 2009, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a Large Woody Material Management policy in response to requests from federal and state resource agencies who are responsible for the protection of anadromous fisheries within County watersheds. The main goal of the policy is to limit removing large woody material from streams that support coho salmon and steelhead trout due to the tremendous benefit the large woody material provides for migrating, spawning and rearing habitat. As part of this approved policy, Public Works will not remove large woody material (LWM) unless the material poses an immediate threat to life, property, or navigation. Public Works, in conjunction with Environmental Health Services, evaluates each occurrence of large woody material on a case-by-case basis and may elect to monitor the LWM, seek consultation from a professional geomorphologist and/or resource agencies, or modify the LWM if necessary.

On June 15, 2010, the County's Fishery Resource Planner, Kristen Kittleson, met you and Bob Morgan at Paradise Park. Ms. Kittleson was shown two locations where there are accumulations of large woody material that developed during the winter of 2009-10. One accumulation is adjacent to the wetted channel

along Keystone Way, the road that connects lower and upper Paradise Park. The other accumulation is located on an elevated bar between the wetted channel and a dry secondary channel at the upper end of Paradise Park near the Ocean Street Extension gate. While both accumulations contain some very large woody material, neither is within the wetted channel, causing erosion or creating a flood hazard. In addition, you reported that the large woody material did not cause erosion or create any flood hazard during the past winter. Our understanding is that the main concern with the large woody material was the potential for it to move downstream and create a flood hazard at the lower end of Paradise Park. We recognize that any large woody material in a stream channel represents a possible future threat, but in all but a few cases the material does not represent an immediate threat that would allow modification under the county policy.

On June 24, 2010 Ms. Kittleson returned to Paradise Park with Jonathan Ambrose, NOAA Fisheries. NOAA Fisheries is the federal agency with regulatory jurisdiction over federally listed Central California Coast (CCC) coho salmon (endangered) and CCC steelhead (threatened). Mr. Ambrose is reviewing the County's permit application to the Army Corps of Engineers permit for incidental take under the Endangered Species Act. Mr. Ambrose does not support the County taking action at this time to modify the accumulations of large woody material in Paradise Park without the necessary incidental take authorization.

Since these accumulations are not causing an immediate threat to life, property or navigation, the County will not be modifying or cutting up the wood at this time. If conditions change, Paradise Park can contact the County for another evaluation. The best number to call is Drainage (831) 477-3999.

While the County will not be taking any action at this time to modify the LWM, Paradise Park can apply independently to the California Department of Fish and Game for a Streambed

Alteration Agreement to modify or remove the large woody material. Paradise Park would need also to obtain federal incidental take coverage from NOAA Fisheries. The two avenues for authorized incidental take is either through an Endangered Species Act (ESA) section 7 interagency consultation (such as through a consultation between the Corps and NOAA Fisheries) or an individual ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) (habitat conservation plan) for take authorization permit issued directly to Paradise Park.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

John A Ricker,  
Water Resources Division Director

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- Microcurrent

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*Licensed Esthetician*  
**831.227.7712**



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Our water bill is going up and up and up. Please consider turning off your timers and sprinklers this winter. Plants get enough moisture from Mother Nature.

On page 3 of the September PIP, there is an article about google voice. I signed up for it (the cost is free) and then I asked Mike about using the google voice phone number without a computer. This is his answer:

Call your Google voice number from the phone number you registered as your primary number. You should get a voice prompt to follow. You'll have to enter the pin that you selected when you signed up. If you didn't or don't remember you can enter a new one from the Google Voice page with your computer. From then on you don't need a computer to place calls.

Mike Sawley

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**Where are these decorations?**



## The Best Steak EVER Big Secret

by Cupcake

Have you ever had a craving for a steak? I mean a deep-down, hankerin' for a mouth-watering, satisfyingly savory OMG this is the best steak EVER—steak?

For all out there attention. Masonic about to best kept entire Nations meat-packing industry; but first, some background.



of you carnivores reading this; pay By virtue of our relationship, I'm let you in on the little secret in the

I have a friend who's "in the know" and he told me that a few years ago when the economy went belly up, it affected much more than your own bank account. The sudden lack of disposable income seeped down the food chain all the way to the restaurant industry. The result was that many of the upscale boutique eateries either went out of business, or they tightened up their bottom lines by cutting back on purchases of higher ticket meat cuts that were suddenly not selling so well; PRIME.

And if you don't know the difference between PRIME and any other type; at this point I don't know whether to cry for you or educate you.....I'll go for the education.



PRIME beef is tender and naturally juicy, with a distinctive "meat" flavor that is unmistakable. Roughly 2% of all the beef produced for sale in the US is graded as "Prime", which is why you do not typically find it in supermarkets. Usually, you will find "Choice" or "Select" in the market. The grading system is intricate, based on the degree of marbling and maturity, but basically Prime beef has a superior marbling-to-lean muscle ratio. This means it was at a prime maturity at the time of slaughter; not too old or too young---thus the tenderness.

Now that you have a little background; let's go back to the "secret".

So now that the economy has rendered the fine meat purveyors without as many customers to sell the higher-end cuts of beef to; what do the ranchers do with all those "prime" cattle??

Well, the meat purveyors got their heads together with the buyer heads at CostCo and worked out a fine solution. Yes, that's right! You can now purchase real honest to goodness, and I do mean goodness, PRIME beef cuts at CostCo. They get a limited supply, so they generally only set out once per day, and the area is small so you have to pay attention and look for it....but it's there, just look for the PRIME sticker on the front of the package or the blue colored trays.

I spoke with one of the two senior beef buyers for the West Coast region at CostCo, Joe Rubino, and he verified the story and said that it was a great opportunity for CostCo to bring such an exclusive item to its customers, at a reasonable price.

Joe also said that the response has been growing (as people discover it), which could be either good or bad depending on the supply available and your carnivorous needs. He confirmed that not ALL CostCo locations have it, so consider yourselves fortunate if your CostCo does.

The local Santa Cruz CostCo is one of the fortunate locations, but if you tell all your friends--you may not find your "cut" there when you have that hankerin'....so shhhhhhhh. It's a secret.  
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**"Never attribute to malice what can be adequately explained by stupidity."**

**--- Robert Heinlein**

Paradise Park Websites

[www.paradiseparkmasonicclub.com](http://www.paradiseparkmasonicclub.com)

(Webmaster Karla James)

and

[www.ourpark.info/memberpage.htm](http://www.ourpark.info/memberpage.htm)

(Webmaster: Myron Coleman)



## Now you Know

Well, we got mud poured today in the old breeze way, 10-8-10. It went well, even under the garage slab in front and back took some filler. That will make it more solid. Next week we start building strong walls and put up the garage door header main beam.



The back wall will include a 36 inch door leading onto the patio, while Thursday and Friday we'll pour the new patio slab with drains for the gutter run off

Three more double pane windows will be installed. They are tempered glass for fire purposes. The back door from the house into the garage will have a 90 minute fire rating.

Come see the progress as time goes by.  
Marty and Debbie @ Beau's Chateau  
371 Eastern Star.

## TIMBERRRRR!

That's what Todd Hoffman felt like saying when he and Trevor looked out their window and saw the fallen lime tree that belongs to Eric and Karoline Doberenz. The tree appeared to fall over due to the weight of the limes. It was an old tree and the limes were HUGE...not tasty, according to Karoline.



Karoline and Eric putting the foliage in green waste bins provided by neighbors.

I'm so excited. I've been thinking a lot of what to do with the front of the house. Don is usually busy painting the deck or porch steps, working on the side of the house and can't be bothered with fixing a garden area in the front. I called my "landscaper," Casey Omer (son of Corey and Jill Keller) and he fixed up my little garden in no time. Doesn't it look nice? If you need any gardening work done or a general handyman, contact Casey.



I received an inquiry from Lois Laidlaw regarding the O'Banion property on St. Albans. She noted the deserted house and the allotment next door with a wishing well, patio, BBQ, underground spring and brick fireplace. A neighbor told her husband that the owner just liked to build masonry things. She asked if that was true OR what IS the story on that property? Anybody know what this area was or is?



## **Narrative Minutes of 16 October Board Meeting**

By Shirley Radder

After the invocation by Sharon Simas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, late additions and changes were made to the agenda.

### **Manager's Report by Cyndy**

The staff is continuing to prepare for the winter season...i.e.

- painted the social hall;
- lattice work for picnic ground bathroom;
- oiled nine 20-foot picnic tables.

The staff is restoring all park benches and repainting them. She picked up the rafter materials for the covered bridge; and completed patch paving throughout the Park. She framed three historical committee pictures with completely organic shellac which was made out of beetles. It's called "amber shellac" and the company is Bullseye.

The restoration of the front entry sign was completed and the sheet metal roof for that sign should last 30-40 years.

Temporary dumpsites have been opened; next week is free county dump week; plan to follow up on building projects;

When the bridge is worked on, no one...no cars, carts, bikes or walkers, will be allowed on the bridge...which will then be from Monday-Friday, when it is not raining.

Emergency contact cards must be filled out every five years.

Cyndy talked about the Mills Act whereby a portion of your property taxes can be used for restoration of structures built before 1945 in California. She thought that these monies could have been used to restore the bridge and work on the office building. She suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to study this issue.

The fire brigade will be following up on allotment staking the Fire Marshal will look at random allotments

There are major changes going on in the office. A new office administrator has been selected, by the name of Annie.

Both Cyndy and Sharon were very complimentary of the work Dawn has provided in the past. They had not ever had a complaint about Dawn's attitude or demeanor. They said they were very grateful for all of her services. The position is being expanded with greater

responsibilities, which is hoped to be the first step to a new office environment.

Sharon ended by saying that since Annie has no preconceived ideas, "as you walk in the door, you are developing a whole new reputation, so make it what you want."

Community garden pile will be hauled away

The purpose of a census was discussed with the answer being that the census may become part of the determination of home owners exemptions.

### **Finance by Diana Cook**

The ReFi is complete. Payments are now being made and it is half of what we were paying before...thanks to Mark Zevanove and his negotiating team. The Park went from a negative cash flow as bad as \$7,000 a month to a positive cash flow of between \$500 and \$600 a month. This was discovered by Bob Morgan through due diligence. (That's why the two men received the Director's Award last month.)

At this point, Cyndy spoke and reiterated this was a great example of using our volunteers with expertise and experience. They are really our experts in the field and should be utilized. She went on to add that we have so much knowledge here in the Park...a wealth of information in our community. This has been a huge learning lesson.

And...we have developed a great relationship with Robo Bank.

A question was raised as to why we need to pass the ballot proposals regarding income. Diana said that we have a balanced budget...but it's been cut to the bone. We had to let go of the assistant to Eduardo, for example. In general money is so tight right now...that is the reason for the increase in revenue. Hopefully both proposals will be approved and can provide the services that we have had to cut

Water project accounting is moving along. Tim put in a lot of dedicated hours to number crunching....

### **Building**

Members have to get very expensive variances if they want to add on.

Change PUD to accommodate us to change height restriction along riparian corridor

Building projects seem to be going well....permits have been turned in...workman's comp papers turned in

Cyndy talked about the "angle of repose" which is the maximum slope at which loose, cohesion-

less material is stable ( regarding last year's slide area). She is not too concerned about it and explained why on the black board. She plans to keep an eye on that area.

### **Staking – John Densem**

Started at 10:25 and ended at 11:30. That's a long time to discuss staking...but it was an interesting discussion. Big discussion regarding the E. Norris area...

Regarding 537 Council.....each person involved has contacted John....document will be prepared and both parties are going to sign.....

There were questions regarding the white/position paper. The item was tabled and will be discussed next month. John iterated that the paper is based on fact, not on opinion.

... John talked about the contiguous allotments on St. Augustine...632, 634, 636 and 640. Apparently a 15-foot area/easement was granted to these owners by the Board in the April 15, 2006 minutes.

This was a mistake made by the Board....

These are non compliant situations....

Cyndy will research and this item will be discussed in November

Records of survey – we do not own the land beneath our allotment...the parcel number relates to improvement, not the land..

John next talked about Surveyors– state mandated requirement that if a survey is taken...it is required that a survey must be recorded with the county, then a copy goes to the assessor and the assessor is required to modify the assessor's map to confirm to surveyors. This activity can potentially affect the allotment lines.

Our attorney, Bob Bosso, stated that we need a "statement of position" regarding surveys put into the minutes of the board, in order to cover our behinds. John also argued that allotment holders are not authorized to obtain records of survey since they do not own the land beneath their improvement

### **Trees**

Tree log discussed....some items were over a year old?

### **Recreation**

Pumpkin carving October 30<sup>th</sup>....kids of all ages...tentatively planned a Halloween party that evening with a haunted house. More info will be forthcoming.

Pot luck at 5:30 tonight.

### **Bylaws Mark Zevanove**

Some items the bylaw committee has been working on include:

Defining "committees"....

Definition of allotments and requirements

Occupancy definition

Mandatory mediation

Guideline paper for the park (worked on by Tim Heer)

Possible proposed bylaw change clarifying stakings...feel it should be permanent if approved by the board...

Ratifying the rules and procedures...had not been ratified by the membership, ergo, they have not been published 2 consecutive times in the Bulletin

### **Picnic Grounds Renovation**

– pumpkin carving will be there whether renovation is going on or not

### **Orientation Committee – JoAnn Nelson**

orientation evaluation committee....revamped the membership application form

Board approved the new form

### **DAM –**

Discussion regarding the following:

Have not received a written report from this committee. . A motion was moved for a written comprehensive report, to stop spending without prior board of directors approval, and that funds be turned in from fund raisers and the reimbursement of advance which was loaned.

### **Historical**

Barry Brown was thanked for the wonderful work he did hanging the pictures on the wall It was reported that he came to Tuesday coffee and passed around a picture of people to identify and also that he asked for input as to placement of pictures in this room.

### **Insurance...Sharon Simas**

Values of the building....autos values decreased....we have saved over \$20,000 so far in lower insurance rates.

Look at your homeowners insurance policy...see if you can reduce your policy premiums

**Social Hall** – trying to figure out why the girls' bathroom is rotting

### **Water roads – Cyndy**

culvert on King Solomon has been paved...like to see the area in front of the fire house and in front of the office repaved

Curbing at the end of Temple by the beach

**ERT** – no 911's this month

**Water conservation is on hold – water usage is up....it's ugly! Please consider planting drought tolerant plants and turning off timers in the winter.**

**River and Streambed** – (see letter on page 6 for reference) Sharon suggests PPMC do what the letter suggests - two suggestions to cover us  
**Unfinished Business**

On stop sign petition and green waste petition – BOD never received any report from him. John Mancini pointed out that the bylaws provide for a petition for bylaws changes or changes to rules and procedures....not for anything else. Any other petition is an informational petition...the board can pay attention to it or ignore it.

**Definition of a trailer** Gayle explained that as far as she could tell, a "trailer" was defined as something one could "sleep in." However, she plans to go to the past presidents and ask them if they know the historical intent of this rule.

**GUEST PRIVILEGES** at least two instances where people are staying in places that have not been board approved. Cyndy plans to check on these residences.

**MAIL PROCEDURES**

Sharon Simas asked what the office procedure was for opening "confidential" or "Sharon Simas ONLY" mail. Sharon said that her confidential mail had been opened, and sometimes, not opened, and last week she received notification of a letter for her which she didn't get put into her hand for eight days! She was told that the new Administrative person will be making those decisions. Sharon argued that the new Administrative Person (Annie), should have direction regarding this instance right from the start. Apparently, for the last several weeks, "confidential" and/or "ONLY" mail has been opened by staff. Cyndy explained that ALL mail is opened because there may be some action item in the correspondence and if, for example, the addressee is out of town, then the item needs to be handled. However, Natalie said that when she opens mail, she does not read it.

That brought up a lot of questions, one of which was asked by Myron....and that was, "If the mail is not read when it is opened, then what is the point of opening it to see if there are any action items?" This was not adequately answered.....I asked, "then who reads it?" and

was told by Gayle, "the addressee." Which didn't make sense to me.

The bottom line is this: If a member wishes to address mail to a Board Member and does not want it opened....or addresses it as "confidential" or "eyes only," then put the Board Member's P.O. box number on it. Otherwise, if the address is Karen Eneboe, Board...."CONFIDENTIAL", it will be opened.

This is a list of the Board Members and their P. O. Boxes:

- Gayle Logan-Silva P. O. Box 121
- Sharon Simas P. O. Box 555
- Pat McDonald P. O. Box 566
- Diana Cook P. O. Box 806
- Karen Eneboe P. O. Box 597-C

The end. *Remember, these are my comments only. I may or may not have reported everything correctly. Be sure to read the Bulletin to see the recorded minutes of this meeting.*



Antlers and horns are not the same. Horns grow throughout an animal's life and are found on both the male and female of a species.

Antlers, composed of a different chemical substance, are shed every year.

**Shirley Radder**  
427-2165

Notary to the Stars

Notarial Fees:  
\$10.00 per signature





## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

Nov 1 – Knittin’ Kittens	11:30 – 4	Small Social Hall
Nov 2 - Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Nov 2 – Mediation Committee	7 p.m.	Upstairs Apartment
Nov 4 – Tree Committee	7 p.m.	Small Social Hall
Nov 5 – Quilts of Valor	2 - 4	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Nov 9 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Nov 13 – Fire Brigade Training	10 a.m.	Fire House
Nov 16 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Nov 17 – Bingo	6:30 – 8	Social Hall
Nov 19 – Quilts of Valor	2 - 4	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Nov 20 – Board Meeting	9:30	Small Social Hall
Nov 23 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Nov 25 – Happy Thanksgiving!		
Nov 27 – Bylaws Committee	9:00 a.m.	Small Social Hall
Nov 30 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall

### DECEMBER

Dec 3 – Quilts of Valor	2 – 4	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Dec 5 – Electa Circle Holiday party		Masonic Temple, SC
Dec 6 – Knittin’ Kittens	11:30 – 4`	Small Social Hall
Dec 7 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Dec 7 – Mediation Committee	7 p.m.	Upstairs Apartment
Dec 9 – Tree Committee	7 p.m.	Small Social Hall
Dec 11 – Fire Brigade Training	10 a.m.	Fire House
Dec 14 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Dec 15 – Bingo	6:30 – 8	Social Hall
Dec 17 – Quilts of Valor	2 – 4	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Dec 18 – Board Meeting	9:30	Small Social Hall
Dec 25 – Bylaws Committee???	Merry Christmas!!	
Ded 21 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Dec 28 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall

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**Electa Circle Holiday Party**

**Sunday, December 5, 2010**

**Social and Bazaar: 1:00 pm \* Dinner: 2:00 pm**

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**\* Door Prizes**

**\* Wondrous Bazaar Items**

**\* Complete Turkey Dinner**

**Please bring dry food or canned food item for food drive.**

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# Pumpkin Carving



Saturday,  
October 30,

1:00 p.m. Picnic Grounds,

Sign up for your pumpkin at the  
Office.



Haunted House same night....after dark



Trick or Treating on Sunday, October 31....sign up  
in the office if you would welcome trick or treaters....