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This is before the Christmas Parade in Huron on Saturday December 8th - George (Turegano) arranged to have a Color Guard from Lemoore Naval Air Station lead the parade. I rode with George in the Police SUV behind the Color Guard. George drove and I was in charge of operating the lights and siren! I HAD SO MUCH FUN! Huron will never be the same. The Huron Police closed and detoured traffic from State Highway 269/Lassen Ave, which is the main street in Huron for about 2 hours. As you can see George was in full Police Uniform! And very handsome.





# The "PIP"



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## Thanksgiving Day Surprise

By Annie Levy

I had an AMAZING thanksgiving- My Marty outdid himself.

I was very blue, very irritable, very bitchy, prior to the holiday as I really and truly missed my kids so much. Unbeknownst to me was that the four of them were working behind my back to surprise me!

I thought I was just going to have my Molly, coming up from L.A. (and her roommate) which I was thrilled to have, but still missed Jake and Clair. I had not seen Jake or Clair since last summer when I flew to Texas for Clair's college graduation.

The two of them flew into Los Angeles on Wednesday where Molly picked them up. Then the four of them drove up on Thursday. When Molly arrived with her best friend from school, I was very happy to see her face. (The other two waited outside.)

A few minutes go by and there is a loud knock on the door- no one got it (which really irritated me as I was in the middle of cooking a pie...) so I went to the door and there was Jake and Clair holding a sign that read "We are thankful for you!!"

I burst into tears and just couldn't believe it Shirley! At any rate, the rest of the weekend was a total blurr- a total blast- total treat for me!



Clair, Annie & Jake



Jacob, Molly & Claire

## Masonic Family Information



### Youth Groups (start at 7 p.m.)

<b>DeMolay</b> –	Dec 13	Dec 27
<b>Job's Daughters</b> –	Dec 8 &	Dec 26
<b>Rainbow for Girls</b>	Dec 6 &	Dec 20

### Eastern Star

<b>SC Redwoods 7:30 meetings</b>
12/10
Holiday Party

### Masonic Lodges

<b>Confidence</b>	Dec 3	7:30pm
<b>Paideia</b>	Dec 12	7:00pm
<b>SCSLV</b> dinner	Dec 4	6:30 pm

Officers of SCRedwoods: Geri Minor (626), Liz Nolan (581), Ellen Olsen (420), Virginia & Todd Williams (626), Andrea Detner, Shirley Radder (343), Pat Hoskins, Holly Swanson (577). 2<sup>nd</sup> row. Dick Lovelace (501), Gayle Jones, Shirley Moore (422), Jayne Speros, Tami & Dan MacDonald (528) & Patsy Benfield (407-a).



With WM, Virginia Williams and WP Todd Williams on a cruise to Hawaii during the meeting of 10 December, acting WM Patsy Benfield has declared the meeting will be casual with officers

wearing slippers and sweatshirt tops. Long skirts are required. Side liners are encouraged to wear slippers and sweatshirts, too. So come and join us for a comfortable, relaxed evening.

# Behind the Teacher's Desk

By Betty Schulz



Like many of my contemporaries, I have a membership at Curves. The aim is to keep in good shape – just following doctor's orders, you might say. But on second thought, is that membership necessary? My occupation is Kindergarten teacher. Perhaps a closer look at what goes on in my classroom each day will answer my question.

Currently class size at my grade level in my district is 32. My class has 17 boys and 15 girls. That's right – 17 five year old boys brighten my days. Did I mention that currently the classroom help is limited to an aide for 1 hour in the morning? I mention this only because it provides a framework for what goes on each day. Some of these little boys have never been in school, so part of my job is keeping them occupied and teaching them good habits so they will be able to learn. This is a VERY active task. I seem to be constantly going from one place to another in the classroom, seeing that all concerned are busily on tasks. That necessary aerobic exercise can be assured as I hustle from desk to desk, group to group; just doing what must be done.

The really big burst of aerobic activity, though, comes when we get to sing and dance. It is one of my favorite parts of each day. When the children need a break (and I must admit that it sometimes is me who needs a break), I

pop a CD on the CD player and we sing and dance. There is a wonderful world of learning songs and dances that have become a part of my regular routine. Inspired early childhood education musicians have made learning fun and provide us with occasions to move.

A favorite way to practice rote counting is to do the math Macarena. Picture in your mind's eye a room full of children and one teacher doing the Macarena and singing "one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve and then we start again" with a little hop to turn to the right and we sing it all again. If we are really going well, we'll do the whole routine again, this time in Spanish. We don't stick just to numbers, there are songs for the months of the year and for the days of the week. My personal favorite day of the week song is one sung to the Adams Family theme song – complete with the finger clicking. The Action Alphabet song has all the letters with actions starting with the letter sounds. I am not convinced the children know they are learning as we do these songs, but I do know that they are involved, we are moving and energy is being usefully expended.

But these are kindergarten children and we do sometimes have to just break out and do something fun. That is where the dancing comes in. Well, dancing more for the joy of dancing than for learning something. And even then an argument could be made that the children are learning English and also how to follow directions. The dances we do include "Boogie Walk" – very simple and a lot of fun (and a good workout, too) "*step up to the left, step up to the right, then jump, jump, jump, Boogie Walk!*"

Did I mention compete nonsense? Every once in a while, just to add variety, I pop on "Tooty Ta". This is not so much action, but a whole lot silly. We

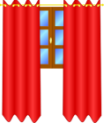


follow the given directions “thumbs up, elbows back, bottoms up, tongue out....” and so on listening carefully over the giggles and following the directions, ending with “eyes shut and turn around...a tooty ta, a tooty ta, a tooty ta ta!”

Now you may imagine that the action songs require the children to be standing. That assumption would be wrong! There are several very active songs that involve the children sitting down. This category includes my new personal favorite “Chair Can Can”. Yes! Yes! A whole room full of 5 year olds plus a teacher all sitting in their chairs kicking their feet high (being careful not to kick their neighbors) to the music of the can-can. Then cross kick and then rainbow hands and on it goes for a good 5 minute workout. Laughing, dancing away – burning calories and energy and having a good old time while we’re doing it.

Gym membership? Gee, I don’t really think I need it with all the activity going on in my classroom. But, oh, just wait a minute. There are the parents who are talented chefs who have made feeding me a personal goal and bring me various delicious, homemade goodies. Delicious, made-from-scratch flan, pumpkin empanadas, tamales and other delicious treats. On second thought, I don’t think I’ll give up my Curves membership just yet!

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## Men’s Club

By Mark Zevanove

Men’s club had only six attendees yesterday. This was probably a result of the weather and the fact that there was a 911 in the park at lunch time.

My wife Suzi helped me make Lasagna, garlic bread and salad with cookies for dessert. Since only 4 men were there at the start of the meeting and two of them were Markie and me we all agreed that Suzi should stay and eat with us. One good side effect was we had lots of leftovers for the staff at the office.

The guest speaker was going to be Sam Cannon but due to illness in the family he could not make it. Consequently, we talked small talk while we ate lunch. I announced that there will be a new years eve party at the social hall on Dec. 31 from 6:30-9:30 PM. RSVPs are required by Dec.28th to Mary Jo Dunn Ruiz or Linda Weaver. We also received a donation to the Almoners fund.

Our next meeting is on January 2 and all men in the Park are invited.

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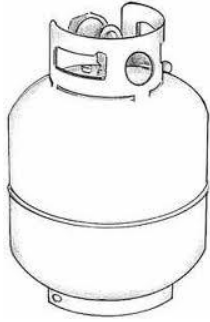
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PROPANE...which one?????

On behalf of the Advocate's Group of PPMC, I am extremely happy to report our findings to our recent study of Propane distributors, in our area. To give you a little history, our group had been discussing the varying costs for similar services and we chose to look into the possibility of being able to save our members some money.

We have had an opportunity to speak with every company who currently serves the Park except for Amerigas, the company that currently serves the majority of our residents and also the company who had verbally agreed to service all PPMC members for only "\$ .65 above the cost of the current refinery cost on that specific delivery date". In speaking with many members, we have learned that the verbal agreement has not been maintained and, in fact, the costs have escalated to a point that makes them presently the most costly provider of propane. Interestingly enough, in spite of placing three telephone calls, no return call has been made.

The good news? Many of our members, who agreed to tackle this project, were able to gather lots of information, with a recommendation on whom you might want to consider as your provider of propane services. We were able to identify many good things about Dassel's, a locally owned business since 1939. They are currently operating with family members in the second and third generation and have been successful by offering every one of their customers the same price and service. Although they are very interested in our business, they will not offer a discount. It is their business

philosophy "to give the very best customer service, coupled with their best cost and they are rarely ever beat in their rate." Our research included studies of past years' costs, etc. and we were able to determine that, for example, for the majority of last winter, Dassel's was \$1.00 per gallon less than Amerigas AND, for a few months, their rate was \$1.50 less per gallon. In addition, there are NO additional costs added to your statement i.e. delivery, hazmat, will call, recovery charge, etc., all charges which we found to be quite common for the other providers. And, the news gets better!

Dassel's does not require an official agreement. Because they offer the same to every customer, all you have to do is call them! (831-636-5100). Some basic information, which may expedite your call and answer a few of your questions-

1. If you currently own your tank, they will pump out your current supply, allowing the present provider to pick it up for credit There is a \$75.00 fee, which is for the safety inspection, required by law.

2. If you rent your tank, the rental fee is waived for the first year (when you switch to Dassel's) and the rental rate for a 250-gallon tank is \$55.00 per year thereafter.

3. The current prices, based on the size of your tank, are as follows:

500-gallon tank- \$2.30 cents per gallon  
250-gallon tank, \$2.32 cents per gallon (I was just charged \$3.88 per gallon, by Amerigas)

150 gallon tank, \$2.34 cents per gallon

4. It is your choice to buy your tank (and you maintain it) or rent the tank and Dassel's maintains it.

5. As with any provider, there is a ten-foot setback for your tank, from all structures.

Yes, we contacted all providers and did a complete study. Of course, you have no obligation to change. We have done this only as a service to our membership and like most of us, we suspect that you will be asking yourself, "why not change"? Although you are not required to do so, you may want to mention that you are calling as a result of the recent study done by the Advocate's Group.

Please feel free to peruse our newly designed website ([www.ourparkinfo.net](http://www.ourparkinfo.net). password "info"). It is our desire to offer regular news updates, additional opportunities and we encourage you to feel free to go to these specific links for additional information on the propane issue.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Sincerely,

Sharon Simas,

Advocate Group, Chair

***(Note: I, (Shirley Radder) am working on this issue of the PIP in Lemoore and our propane was filled about an hour ago with fuel from Dassel's. The cost? \$2.13 per gallon***

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## **Visit with Marilyn Wells**

By Myron Coleman

I heard that Marilyn Wells was visiting Paradise Park. It worked out that I could visit today shortly before noon.

Marilyn Wells who once lived at 688 St. Paul St. was visiting her daughter Claudia Slater who lives at 672 St. Augustine Avenue. Marilyn now lives at the Masonic Home in Union City.

Marilyn Wells husband Jim Wells was well known for his efforts in selling the "Castle" property. The sale of which provided some of the money necessary to rebuild our water distribution lines. I remember Jim giving updates at Paradise Park Meetings.

As we talked I asked Marilyn what she found to keep herself busy at the

home and was quick to tell me one could stay busy all the time with the activities provided at the home. Over the years a couple of things she focused on were water painting and ceramics. She said she began to have some problems with ceramics because she needed to use her hands and arms more than when painting. But she is quick to say that she hasn't painted for some time.

Claudia told me she has some of her mother's paintings displayed in her house. We went down stairs to view a couple of the paintings. They were of houses, one house by itself and the other was a house and structure. Marilyn said at one time when they lived in the bay area she joined a group of people who liked to paint and one time the group went to a location to view and paint the Golden Gate Bridge. She said it was nice that the other people were not painting for money but as a hobby and she appreciated their help by critiquing her work. Sometimes they would give her ideas to make the process a more fulfilling venture. Marilyn said she preferred to paint structures into pictures rather than just scenery without anything else. She said sometimes they would be at a painting location for 6 hours.

Marilyn and husband Jim lived on 50 foot boat for many years rarely leaving the dock. Sometimes there was a day or two of travel and sometimes a trip of several days were involved when a trip as far as San Diego was taken. Many times Jim would strike out on the boat alone. Marilyn would then follow in the car. Marilyn said that it was nice to have a car to drive once they arrived at the destination port. I guess the boat was like a trailer but it wasn't pulled to the destination, I think that must have been Jim's time. Thinking about Marilyn's painting I asked if she ever

painted boating pictures and she said, "No it was enough to live on one."

Marilyn said she liked living on the boat and she liked the other boating people and just considered them neighbors like anywhere else you might live. I ask her what she liked about living on the boat and she explained that it being large for a boat wasn't as large as a house; it was compact and easy to keep clean. As the conversation progressed I found that husband Jim had been in the Navy for years and that was the reason for having a boat. Marilyn also added that they once managed to sink their boat just off the shore of Carmel.

Marilyn is fragile now and the three of us, Marilyn, her daughter Claudia, and I had talked for about an hour. Marilyn was tired and she had ahead of her a trip back to Union City. Marilyn called her place there "home", she said she thought she would never call it home but she does now, just like everyone else there.

### **Visit with Stretch Lentfer**

**By Shirley Radder**

On my way from Fairfield to Santa Cruz on November 30, I decided to take Mission Boulevard exit and stop in and see Stretch Lentfer at the Masonic Home in Union City.. The rain was coming down in buckets and I wanted to get out of it for awhile.

Stretch was in a wheelchair in a common room and when I walked in he didn't recognize me. That was due to his failing eyesight. He thought I was a nurse and asked me for a pair of scissors to cut off part of his bandage that was irritating his wrist.

After I told him who I was, we had a great chat. He is still as sharp as a tack and asked about personalities in PPMC and it would only take him a few seconds to place each person we discussed.

Stretch had one toe removed from one foot and 4 toes from his other foot. His comment to me was that he can no longer count to 20!

Son, Bill, arrived about 20 minutes later with goodies for Stretch that included liverwurst, spicy cheese, salami and Hi Ho crackers. Of special delight was what Stretch called Colorado Koolaid (Coors Beer!).

If you are ever in the area, be sure to pay him a call....it wouldn't hurt to bring him some "koolaid" too!



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Japan has live lobster vending machines!





## Whats Going ON?

By Myron Coleman

### Turn them on!

As advertised the BRIDGE LIGHTING took place and went without much of a hitch. While it wasn't cold it was cool. A few minutes before 10 am. several members started to show up in front of our covered bridge. Sue Lovelace and husband Dick had already been there awhile and the evidence was the winter scene blow up at the entrance to the bridge. Members came to throw switches and help with traffic control.

As you may know the lights are mostly inside the bridge and while working on the lights it could be hazardous with vehicles wanting to cross from one side to the other and someone needs to keep watch and shout a warning if necessary.



Actually the string of lights had been broken. At the east end of the bridge apparently a vehicle larger than the expected size crossed and caught on the string of lights even though they were higher than the limit bar. We don't know who or when it happened but there it was. Quickly our group sized up the problem and decided what was needed to put it right. Just like Santa's helpers they scattered in different directions as they gathered the tools

and parts to put the string of lights together again.

In the past there had been hot drinks and some munchies available but that didn't materialize this year. Anyway this year there was no reason to stand around and as I said it was cool enough that everyone returned to their own homes to warm up.

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### It's raining and the drops are small...

It was after 11:30 am when the ERT sprang into action because of an incoming 911.

The regulars on the ERT reported in one at a time in a very professional manner asking where they should be stationed to help in the directing the emergency vehicles.

Ray Hoffman and wife Charlotte stayed on the radio to direct the responders as they made their way to the emergency site, Greg & daughter Sara Laskey reported they were on site of emergency, Todd Hoffman went to the back gate, Fred Dunn-Ruiz arrived at site, Karen Eneboe reported to our business office radio, Marty Miller called in and was assigned the west end of our covered bridge and Andrew Almanza was assigned the east end.

Manager Terry Douglas called in to Ray and asked where he could help and was assigned a position near the office on the street to direct emergency traffic in the direction of section #4. Rick Decker went to the bottom of Cardiac Hill, his usual spot when the emergency is in sections 1, 2, or 4.

I could hear the ambulance coming and reports about its progress thru our streets. I stood ready with my camera to capture the below photograph for your information. Lee Heathorn arrived at site just before the fire truck.



Above: Fire Truck as it passes on Keystone Way on its way to emergency site.

It was now 11:50 as the fire truck arrived via the back gate and then the ambulance from the front.

12:00 Ray gave directions to Karen, Marty, and Rick that they may “step down”, (Return to whatever they were doing before the emergency call.) Manager Terry Douglas called the office and asked that someone come to the emergency site and give him a ride back to the office. He had ridden with the ambulance to the site. (Better than a GPS inside Paradise Park.) At 12:10 the rest of the ERT were dismissed by Ray Hoffman as he told them the ambulance was on its way out of our Park.

At 12:13 Todd Hoffman announced that the back gate was closed again.

The rain was still small drops, almost just a heavy mist.

## Knittin’ Kittens

An unpublicized monthly event in the Park is Knittin’ Kittens which is a group of ladies who play Paradise Park canasta. This event is hosted solely by Pat Rundel who provides a great lunch for free! The cost of 50 cents is charged to cover the prizes for the winners and losers. If you are “in between” you don’t win anything, but you still get a free lunch.

The December lunch consisted of a beef and cheese sandwich, sliced dill pickles, home-made macaroni salad and cookies for dessert. If you would like to attend, call Pat Rundell so she can have enough food prepared. The next time we meet is on 7 January 2013 at 11:30 a.m.





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## Welcome to our New Neighbors

By Pat McDonald

Gail and Keith Backman are our new neighbors, having purchased from Janice Reeder. Many of you will remember Roy Polglase, Janice's father, who passed away a few years ago at the ripe age of 97! The house is a lovely one that was built in 1968 so it is all up to code – lucky people! One issue they have run into, however, is that this house has various addresses – it could be 703 St. Johns Street or St Johns Avenue, or even 703 St. Augustine – kind of depends on who has what records! But we know where they are and want to give them a warm welcome to Paradise Park! And I was lucky enough to catch them on just their 4<sup>th</sup> night of staying in their new digs!

Gail and Keith found out about Paradise Park from their brother and sister-in-law, Diane and Chuck Backman. Diane is the daughter of Julie Chamberlain on Royal Arch, so they are no strangers to PPMC. In fact, Gail and Keith have done extensive “looking” and touring of improvements all over the park and Mark Zevanove helped them complete this deal.

The Backman's live in Hanford, so coming to our cool coastal site is reminiscent of our early Masonic Founders who did the same. Gail is a member of Tulare Chapter #94 of OES and Keith belongs to Hanford Lodge #127. Keith has not been a Master Mason for quite a year yet, so Gail is the Member right now. I also met Gail's mother, Audrey Franke, who lives near them in Hanford.

Gail is a HAPPILY retired (for 3 months now) second grade teacher. Keith is an agriculture consultant that might be found doing soils testing, environmental monitoring or such; he is a certified horticulturist. They have two grown children, a daughter Hope who lives in San Jose and is a first grade teacher and a son Nathan who lives in Storm Lake, Iowa and is a professor who teaches computer science at Buna Vista Univ. Two granddaughters living in Iowa supply a big reason for Gail's retirement – she definitely has Grandma time planned!

These fun new neighbors are involved in their community and in the non-profit world. Keith is a Scout Master and has worked in that capacity for years. They also raise puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind, the non-profit corporation in San Rafael. I met Renee (Diane and Chuck's career change guide dog) as well as Mindy, Keith and Gail's dog-in-training. Mindy is the Backman's 4<sup>th</sup> dog, and although a very young golden Labrador mix, she sat quietly and happily next to Gail as we chatted. They get their pups at eight weeks old and raise them for about a year before they go back to San Rafael to test and see if they will get additional training, plus get their new “human” owner. Their local club is the Tulare Tail Waggers and they have regular meetings and help each other by serving as dog-sitters as needed.

Gail and Keith will be celebrating Christmas in Paradise Park with their daughter Hope, Gail's sister Janet from Hanford and Audrey. In January, you may see extra bodies around as Nathan and family are planning a trip here.

Join me in welcoming Gail and Keith to Paradise Park! Update your roster with their address – 1511 Middleton Street, Hanford, CA 93230.





**CALIFORNIA FIRE  
PREVENTION FEE  
PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT  
TO ENSURE ELLIGIBILITY FOR  
A REFUND**

**By John A. Mancini**

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Association is planning to challenge this fee in court. If that association is successful in court, you must follow a prescribed procedure in order to be eligible to receive a refund. I am using my submission for the illustration instructions. Included are five attachments (examples A through E) of what must be done in order to make your payment and apply for your refund.

The following are the details:

You will need to have your property tax bill and the Billing and Refund Notice that you received from the State Board of Equalization.

1. Example A is my payment check made payable to the "State Board of Equalization". Note that "Under Protest" is written on the memo line. I would also suggest including your parcel number, which can be found on your property tax bill.

2. Example B is my Billing and Refund Notice from the State Board of Equalization, which is the bill for the fee. You will find notations on it, which will indicate the location of some of the information that is needed for your refund request. The refund request is titled "Petition for Redetermination".

3. I have included my completed application as Example C for your reference. Example D is a blank refund application with notations to assist you in finding certain required information.

4 .Example E has two pages and is your blank application that you need to complete. The second page is titled "Reason for Petition" and must be attached to each copy of the petition that you submit.

5. You should make four (4) copies of your check and three copies of your completed petition. Make four sets of petition documentation, each of which will consist of your petition, "Reason for Petition" (page 2), and a copy of your check. One set with original petition is for your records and the other three (3) sets are to be mailed to three (3) addresses, which I will supply.

**The three (3) sets of petitions are to be mailed to:**

Fire Prevention Petitions, P.O. Box  
2254, Suisun City, CA 94544

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection,  
P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA  
94279

Board of Equalization, P.O. Box 942879,  
Sacramento, CA 94279

No payment should be included in these  
submission documents

**Fee Payment**

I suggest that you make a copy of your "Billing and Refund Notice" and include it with your payment check in the envelope provided. If you have misplaced the envelope, the address is Special Taxes Remittance Processing, State Board of Equalization, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0001. Keep the original "Billing and Refund Notice" with your set of the refund petition documentation.

**Payment is due on or before 12/17/12**

**Shirley Radder**

427-2165



**Notary to the Stars  
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EXAMPLE A

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EXAMPLE B (PAGE 1)

PETITION 3

PETITION 1

PETITION 3

**\*\* Notice of Determination \*\***  
 You are hereby notified of an amount due as shown below.  
 Please visit [www.firepreventionfee.org](http://www.firepreventionfee.org) to better understand  
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This Fire Prevention Fee assessment is issued by the State Board of Equalization (BOE) on behalf of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). The fee is assessed on owners of habitable structures located on a parcel within a State Responsibility Area (SRA). CAL FIRE has identified you as the owner of the property identified by parcel number (or decal number for some mobile homes) 061-023-11 on July 1st for the period noted above. The assessment is issued pursuant to Public Resources Code section 4212(a) and is based upon ownership of 1 structure(s) and a fee exemption of \$35.00.

Checks should be made payable to the State Board of Equalization and mailed to Special Taxes Remittance Processing, State Board of Equalization, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0001. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Interest will accrue in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code section 55061 on the unpaid FEE at the rate of 0.50 % per month. Interest of \$0.57 will accrue if the FEE is not paid on or before 12/17/12.

Penalty of \$11.50 is due if not paid by 12/17/12.



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EXAMPLE B (PAGE 2)

PETITION #

\*\* Notice of Determination \*\*  
Page 2

Notice ID: 0001 2708 229

November 16, 2012

Fire Prevention Fee Program  
FIRE PREVENTION FEE

Fee

Interest

Penalty

Total

A person against whom a determination is made or any person directly interested may petition for a redetermination with CAL FIRE within 30 days from the date shown at the top of this notice. A petition must be in writing and state the specific grounds upon which it is founded and include supporting documentation. Anyone filing a petition must be prepared to submit additional documentation if requested by CAL FIRE. You may obtain a Petition for Redetermination form as well as other information from the CAL FIRE website at [www.firepreventionfee.org](http://www.firepreventionfee.org), or by calling 1-888-310-6447, or by writing to the address below. All petitions for redetermination must be mailed to the following address:

Fire Prevention Fee Service Center  
P.O. Box 2254  
Suisun City, CA 94585

The filing of a petition will not prevent the accrual of interest. Prompt payment in full should be made to prevent the accrual of interest and penalty and will in no way affect the petitioner's right to a refund. The application of additional penalty would be deferred until 30 days after the date of a Notice of Redetermination.

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EXAMPLE C (PAGE 1)



STATE OF CALIFORNIA FIRE PREVENTION FEE PETITION FOR REDETERMINATION



Instructions are included on the back of this Petition form. To ensure proper processing and petition evaluation, all fields in the Required Information section must be completed. Full explanations and documentation must be provided where explanations are requested.

I am filing a Petition for Redetermination of the fire prevention fee billing dated 11/16/12 for the fee amount of \$ 115.

Required Information:

BOE Account Number (upper right of bill): FF STF 63- 654447 Notice ID (upper right of bill): 00012708229
Parcel Number (APN): 06102311 or Decal Number:
County: Santa Cruz

Property Owner's Name(s): John Mancini
Mailing Address: 343 Soquel Ave. #173
City: Santa Cruz State: CA Zip Code: 95062
Day Time Phone: (831) 427-9579

Reason for Petition (choose one or more):

- The habitable structure(s) on this property is/are not in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) for the following reason...
This property was charged for one or more habitable structures in the SRA, but this property/parcel contains only...
This property did not receive the \$35 exemption per habitable structure...
Other reason(s) (explain and provide documentation): See attached

Verification and Signature of Property Owner (Required)

I understand that if my Petition is denied and the fee is not paid by the due date indicated on the Notice of Redetermination, I will be subject to a monthly penalty, and interest charges per Public Resources Code section 4225 which will continue to accrue until the fee is paid in full. The information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

John A Mancini 12/3/12
Signature of Property Owner Date

DO NOT ENCLOSE YOUR PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM

Mail to: Fire Prevention Fee Service Center, Attn: Petitions, P.O. Box 2254, Suisun City, CA 94585

Petition Form (10-12)



## EXAMPLE C (PAGE 2)

### REASON FOR PETITION

Article 13A, section 3(a) of the California Constitution, as amended by Proposition 26, reads: "Any change in state statute which results in any taxpayer paying a higher tax must be ... passed by not less than two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses of the Legislature." Section 3(b) then defines "tax" to mean "any levy, charge, or exaction of any kind imposed by the State," unless it fits one of five listed exceptions.

Public Resources Code section 4214(d) specifies the activities to be funded with revenue from the fire prevention fee. Other than item 4 ("inspections by the department for compliance with defensible space requirements around structures"), none of the activities listed qualifies as an exception to the two-thirds legislative vote requirement for a "tax" in section 3(b). (Even as to item 4, many parcels subject to the fee will not be inspected.) Therefore, the bill imposing this levy (ABX1-29) needed two-thirds legislative approval to become law. It received only majority approval. The entirety of the bill, and thus the entirety of the fire protection fee levied thereby, is unenforceable.

Public Resources Code section 4124(d)(1) and (e) require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to use fire prevention fee revenue to make local assistance grants to counties and special districts to fund local fire prevention activities. Yet article 13, section 24 provides: "The Legislature may not impose taxes for local purposes but may authorize local governments to impose them." For this additional reason, the fire prevention fee is invalid.

EXAMPLE D



STATE OF CALIFORNIA FIRE PREVENTION FEE PETITION FOR REDETERMINATION



Instructions are included on the back of this Petition form. To ensure proper processing and petition evaluation, all fields in the Required Information section must be completed. Full explanations and documentation must be provided where explanations are requested.

I am filing a Petition for Redetermination of the fire prevention fee billing dated 1 for the fee amount of 2.

Required Information:

BOE Account Number (upper right of bill): FF STF 63-3 Notice ID (upper right of bill): 4 Parcel Number (APN): FROM PROPERTY or Decal Number: County: <select one> TAX BILL

Property Owner's Name(s): Mailing Address: City: State: Zip Code: Day Time Phone:

Reason for Petition (choose one or more):

- The habitable structure(s) on this property is/are not in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) for the following reason... This property was charged for one or more habitable structures in the SRA... This property did not receive the \$35 exemption per habitable structure... Other reason(s) (explain and provide documentation): See attached

Verification and Signature of Property Owner (Required)

I understand that if my Petition is denied and the fee is not paid by the due date indicated on the Notice of Redetermination, I will be subject to a monthly penalty, and interest charges per Public Resources Code section 4225 which will continue to accrue until the fee is paid in full. The information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Property Owner Date

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Petition Form (10-12)



EXAMPLE E (PAGE 1)



STATE OF CALIFORNIA FIRE PREVENTION FEE PETITION FOR REDETERMINATION



Instructions are included on the back of this Petition form. To ensure proper processing and petition evaluation, all fields in the Required Information section must be completed. Full explanations and documentation must be provided where explanations are requested.

I am filing a Petition for Redetermination of the fire prevention fee billing dated \_\_\_\_\_ for the fee amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

Required Information:

BOE Account Number (upper right of bill): FF STF 63- \_\_\_\_\_ Notice ID (upper right of bill): \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number (APN): \_\_\_\_\_ or Decal Number: \_\_\_\_\_

County: <select one>

Property Owner's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Time Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Petition (choose one or more):

[ ] The habitable structure(s) on this property is/are not in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) for the following reason (you must state a reason and provide an explanation and include any documentation): \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] This property was charged for one or more habitable structures in the SRA, but this property/parcel contains only (insert number) # \_\_\_\_\_ habitable structures (explain, for example the other structure is a barn or workshop and provide documentation): \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] This property did not receive the \$35 exemption per habitable structure, but the property/structure(s) is/are within the boundaries of the following local agency which provides fire protection services (list: name of fire protection agency, number of habitable structures qualifying for credit and provide documentation for each structure claimed): \_\_\_\_\_

[x] Other reason(s) (explain and provide documentation): See attached

Verification and Signature of Property Owner (Required)

I understand that if my Petition is denied and the fee is not paid by the due date indicated on the Notice of Redetermination, I will be subject to a monthly penalty, and interest charges per Public Resources Code section 4225 which will continue to accrue until the fee is paid in full. The information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Property Owner

Date

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Petition Form (10-12)

*The following is MY impression of the monthly board meeting. For the official version, please see the latest Bulletin.*

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in the small social hall. Joanne Nelson presided as Sam Cannon was absent. Nick Cannon, and Gary Brandenburg were in attendance.

The benediction was given by Nick O'Donnell followed by the flag salute led by Diana Cook.

Notes from Closed Session:

Monitor the situation on Washington pathway by taking pictures each year. Suggested to leave the pathway alone for the time being.

Dog park- no location has been found at this time that the Board feels is appropriate.

Accounts receivable letters will be sent.

One member has multiple unregistered guests and was warned by the Manager.

Open session minutes approved with corrections. One of the corrections, by Bob Morgan, was as follows: "*Bob Morgan stated that he felt that nonconfidential business discussed in Executive Session should also be discussed in Open session for the benefit of the membership.*" To be totally accurate, the minutes should read "*Bob Morgan stated that the closed meeting minutes reflect that non-confidential business is being discussed in Executive Session and such should not be done.*"

**Manager** -Terry Douglas – box dots were installed on Keystone in three different sections. Other spots needed, let the Manager know.

Striping has been put down on speed bumps and stop signs with help from the weather.

Why should the Park pick up the tab for hauling off their personal belongings for those who were affected by the flooding?

**Lois Keithley** – thanks for the cards and well wishes on behalf of Al. He is still in a lot of pain and is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> surgery on Dec 14.

**Sam Cannon** – Michelle became sick on the airplane return from Hawaii and ended up in the hospital. She had a serious abdominal infection. I have to stay home and take care of her and my daughters.

**Treasurer** - Gary Brandenburg – will have a good handle on our financial status on 31 December. Total assets are over six million dollars. Hope to move forward with a new bookkeeper next week. Slightly over budget.

**JoAnne Nelson** – Emergency Cards – please continue to send in these forms.

**Fred Dunn-Ruiz** – Recertification – scheduled with the trainer AED first Aid for 26 January 2013. It is \$25 per person and asking the board to support up to \$500. Need to have the Social Hall reserved. Training runs from 9-4:30....bring bag lunch. Board moved to spend up to \$500 on this project.

**Committee Reports –**

**Tree** - .Linda Reynolds wants a tree removed as it is rotten, but leave the stump.

Approved. Char Reynolds will have open heart surgery on Monday.

**Building** – couple of roofs and some windows. Ask that Terry take a swing through the Park to see if he notices any dry rot on decks.

**Bylaws** – meeting at 1:30 today. Very close to finishing our work on Section 1 of Rules and Procedures. (use of the allotments).

**ERT** – Fully support concept of training on the 26<sup>th</sup>...would like as many people in the Park as possible trained.



**Security** – no major incidents in quite awhile...some small incidents involving theft.

**Website** – Web committee met on Monday night and are on track for a complete report for next month as to the look, feel and administrative portion of the website. Nothing concrete to offer at this time.

**Insurance** – Pat will be checking on Health Insurance for the staff. Sharon Simas wondered what the error was on the rates that were incorrect for two years.

**Budget** – have a sub committee working with Lorraine trying to organize accounts that are easier to utilize. Auditors recommended this be done.

**Recreation** – Holiday Party on Saturday sponsored by Sands and Naraghi's....and New Year's Eve Party on 31 Dec 2012 from 6:30 – 9:30. Heavy appetizer theme, with bring your own beverages and an appetizer to share.

Michael Sawley asked about the payment to the band. Fred Dunn-Ruiz will talk to the band and try to straighten this out.

**Mediation** – had three requests for mediation....two of them chose not to mediate and the third was resolved.

**Unfinished Business –**

**Parking** – continuing to accept applications for parking not on your allotment. Sharon asked about the status of decals on cars? Are we required to have decals on our cars or not. Sharon stated it was unanimously adopted by the Board and therefore goes into effect until rescinded by the membership. Gayle Logan Silva said that since it did not go on the ballot, it is

not adopted. This needs to be checked against the bylaws.

**Staking** – weather and illness have interfered with the Staking Committee. Moved all the staking of Grace Travis allotment be approved. One prospective member is officially objecting to a staking.

Session adjourned at 11:35

**Open Forum**

**Carol Nelson** – discuss a member who plans to purchase an allotment under objection.

Certificate for Eduardo with a gift certificate to the Shadowbrook Restaurant. Picture of the bridge he built

**Leigh Wunce** – propane tanks – when they removed the Amerigas tank the bottom rusted after 24 years. There are a lot of old tanks in the park and we may have a problem with old tanks.

**JoAnn Nelson** – would like to see if anyone would like to receive the Bulletin electronically

**Robert Wunce** – wants to know what is going on in the office? How much is it costing us as a group? What is going on? Gary said he cannot discuss as it is a personnel issue. We had a couple of hires that did not work out well.

No Smoking signs for propane tanks....are available in the office.

*James & Dawn Keeton, Owners*

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## Calendar of Events

### Dec

Dec 11	Tues Coffee	9:00 a.m.	SSH
Dec 13	Wine & Cheese	4 – 6 p.m.	Social Hall (Ugly gift exchange!)
Dec 15	PPMC Holiday Party	1:00 p.m.	Social Hall
Dec 16	Caroling	6:00 p.m.	
Dec 18	Tues Coffee	9:00 a.m.	SSH
<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>NO BINGO!!!!!!</b>		
Dec 21	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Dec 22	Bylaws Committee	10:00	SSH
Dec 25`	Merry Christmas!!!!		
Dec 27	Wine & Cheese	4- 6 p.m.	Social Hall
Dec 31	New Year's Eve party	6:30 – 9:30	Social Hall

### Jan

Jan 1	New Year's Office Closed!		
Jan 1	Tues Coffee	9:00 a.m.	SSH
Jan 4	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Jan 2	Men's Club	11:30	SSH
Jan 7	Knittin' Kittens	11:30	SSH
Jan 8	Tues Coffee	9:00 a.m.	SSH
Jan 10	Wine & Cheese	4-6 p.m.	Social Hall
Jan 12	Fire Brigade Training		
Jan 15	Tues Coffee	9:00 a.m.	SSH
Jan 16	BINGO	6:30	Social Hall
Jan 18	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Jan 19	Board Meeting	10:30	SSH
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Day		
Jan 22	Tues Coffee	9:00 a.m.	SSH
Jan 24	Wine & Cheese	4-6 p.m.	Social Hall
Jan 26	Bylaws Committee	10:00	SSH

One touching Olympic picture.....





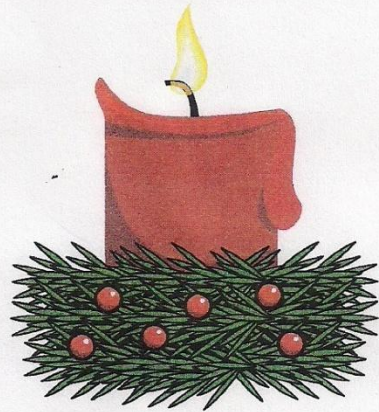
Change of Date  
Saturday not Sunday

# Annual Holiday Party

Saturday Dec. 15, 2012

1:PM – Social Hall

Door Prizes



Santa will be here!  
If you want your child to  
receive a gift from Santa,  
please bring it wrapped  
and labeled

Turkey, Potatoes  
Wine & Rolls  
Will be provided

PPMC Potluck

Please bring your  
favorite dish to  
share and your own place  
settings

Hosted by:  
Tiny and Bob Sand  
Bill and Sharon Eckard  
and  
Friends

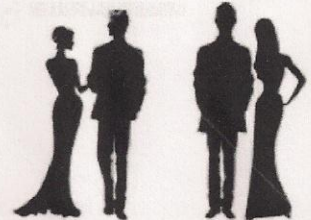


**'NEW YORK'**

COME CELEBRATE MIDNIGHT AT 9 PM PST  
SEE THE BALL DROPPING IN TIMES' SQUARE  
AS WE WELCOME 2013 WITH A CHAMPAGNE TOAST

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**PARTY!**



SOCIAL HALL  
Monday, December 31, 2012  
6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

**BYOB**

AND

**HEARTY APPETIZERS OR DESSERT**

TO SHARE FOR DINNER

**RSVP Required by Friday, December 28th**

RSVP to: Mary Jo at 831/426-6472 or Linda at 831/469-4186

**PRIZES/DANCING**

This event is sponsored by the PPMC Recreation Committee and  
hosted by Fred & Mary Jo Dunn-Ruiz, Ron & Linda Weaver,  
Betty Lou Null, Karl & Lynn Raadik and Kevin & Gayle L. Silva

**FORMAL ATTIRE SUGGESTED OR DRESS UP FOR FUN  
WEAR A FESTIVE NEW YEAR'S HAT!!**