# DeAnza Santa Cruz Arroyo Bulletín



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#### Greetings All,

Here we go "marching" into spring; the season of rebirth and growth! Like life, sometimes the growth or rebirth can either be delayed or will go full speed ahead. To me the time before spring is always a time of waiting, expectation, or indifference. Mostly, it depends on what is going on in my life. This year, it feels like all of the above. I'm waiting for COVID to go away, expecting to get back to our normal life without restrictions and indifferent to how things which were not a norm, are now a norm. It's nothing earth shattering, but I am feeling hopeful that there will be a rebirth of our independence, social un-distancing and people learning to live with the change that is around us with positivity.

Remember that saying, "you can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending"? That pretty much sums up the last year. We have the choice to make our life spring forward with a new look or we can stay in the past and keep having regrets. One way is a healthy way to live, the other makes us assume things will get better, but you know what they say about assume. Haha

Get out there and don't be an assume!

Cheers to a new beginning,

Lorraine Smith



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#### PARK INFORMATION

Facility Hours: 7 days/week Hours change per

**COVID status (see below)** 

Clubhouse Closed as of 11/20/20

Pool 8 am - 5 pm

Fitness Center Closed as of 11/20/20

Game Room/Laundry Room 8 am - 5pm Game rm closed

#### **Rent Collection**

Rents are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month with a grace period until the 6<sup>th</sup>. Rents received on the 7<sup>th</sup> are considered LATE and will incur a \$25.00 late fee. Payments may be made in the office during business hours, in the mail slot if the office is closed, or mailed in. EFT is also available.

#### **Garbage Collections**

Garbage: Pick-up for the park is on Mondays & Thursdays. Recycling: Pick-up is on Fridays.

Yard Waste: Large and loose yard waste must be taken to the large dumpster located in the maintenance area. Residents may bag up 2 bags of yard waste and place at their driveways for pick up on Mondays only. Loose yard waste

will not be picked up.

Please dispose of items appropriately. No dumping allowed.

#### **Clubhouse Reservations**

The Clubhouse is available for residents' private events. Check with the office for date availability and to sign reservations forms. Clubhouse events not allowed Only one event scheduled per weekend.

#### **Welcome Committee**

If you are new to our community and would like information regarding DeAnza please contact:

Margo/Jerry Zanzinger: 831-423-1936 Joyce/Joe Guinta: 831-427-9751

AMENITIES AVAILABILITY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS PER STATE MANDATE AND MANAGEMENT DECISION

CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR CURRENT STATUS OR SIGN UP AT THE OFFICE FOR WEEKLY EMAILS



Photo Credit of Arroyo area: Barbara Cordes

#### **DeAnza HOA Officers**

President: Eugene Markowitz Vice President: Tom Louden Secretary: Amalie Sinclair Treasurer: Sandi Dutra

#### **Board of Directors**

Emergency Response: Gary Whitten
Policy & Procedures: Don Payne
Communications: Lorraine Smith
Park Concerns: Jim Cannon
GSMOL: Dave Allenbaugh

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The HOA meets every other month to discuss issues of concern to residents. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Membership is open to ALL residents. Dues are \$10/space/year

#### **Arroyo Association:**

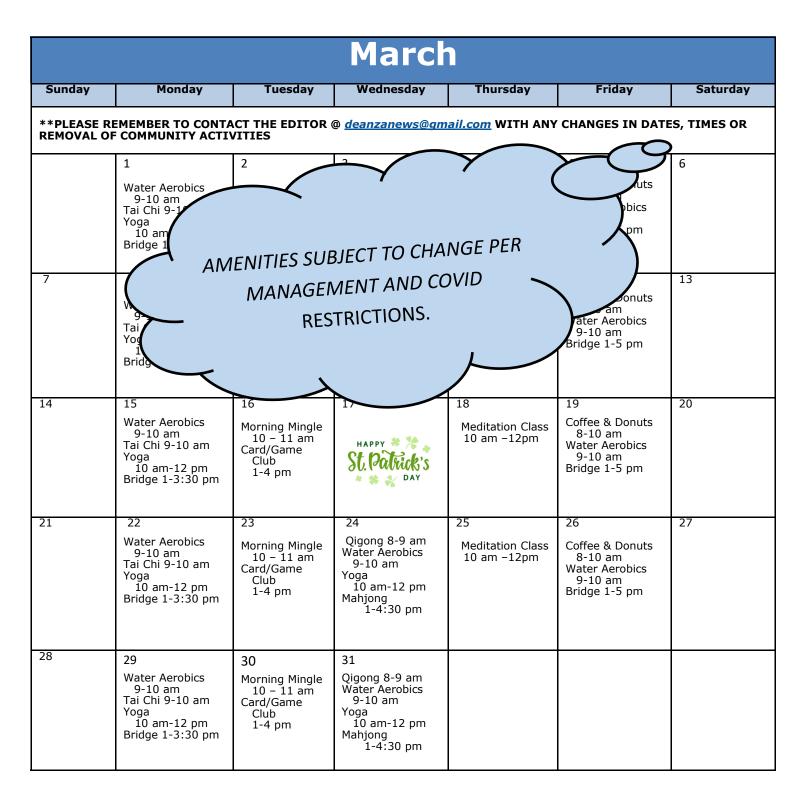
President: Sandy Brunett
Past President: Susy Spano
Secretary: Debbie Cameron
Treasurer: Sandi Dutra

Advisory Board: Joy Caragliano, Linda Raffel, Melisa Mulcahy, Aggie Malberg, Jean-Marie Mott, Dawn McConnachie, Barbara Cordes, Liz McDannold, Carol Smith

#### Email: deanzaarroyo@gmail.com

Arroyo Association plans and organizes park social events. Membership is open to all residents and is \$5/ person/year. Meeting schedule is posted in the Bulletin calendar and on the website. Residents are welcome!







## Activities pending COVID 19 Restriction status



**BRIDGE** is played in the Clubhouse on Mondays 1 - 3:30 pm and 1 - 5 pm on Fridays. These are two different groups. To join the Friday group, contact Ellie by texting her at **408-779-2451**. Show up at the clubhouse for the Monday group.



**COFFEE AND DONUTS** Visit with your neighbors in the Clubhouse on Fridays, from 8 - 10 am. Grey Bears grocery delivery arrives around 9 am, and the group tends to thin out afterwards, as people leave to take their groceries home



**GAME DAY** meets in the Clubhouse from 1pm-4pm on Tuesdays. The group usually plays Rummy for the first half of the period and Mexican Trains (a dominos game) for the second half.



MAHJONG is played at the Clubhouse on Wednesday from 1 – 4:30 pm. All levels are welcome, including beginners interested in learning to play. Contact Marge Shaw with any questions....(831)-423-8374



MEDITATION CLASS on Thursday 10 am – 12 pm with Pitaka. Contact her at pitaklovesoftruth.net@gmail.com



MORNING MINGLE Meet and greet your neighbors on Tuesdays from 10 am to 11 am in the Clubhouse.



QI GONG meets in the Clubhouse on Wednesday mornings from 8am-9am. Suitable for beginners and advanced. Teacher Nick Loffree leads simple Qi gong warmups, stretches, flowing movements, and meditations to get

the day off to a relaxed but energized start. Contact Nick with any questions....nickloffree@gmail.com



READING GROUP meets in the Library at 1 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Both fiction and non-fiction are included. Contact Sandra Walker with any questions....walkmor@comcast.net



TAI CHI meets on Mondays at 9 am in the Clubhouse. Relax, stretch, and improve

your balance. Suitable for beginners and advanced. Teacher Marge Shaw leads the class through a series of Tai Chi relaxing, but energizing movements and routines. Contact Marge Shaw with any questions...831-423-8374



<u>WATER AEROBICS</u> meets Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9am-10am. This is a low impact activity and is suitable for both swimmers

and non-swimmers. Contact Alyce Amor amorp139@aol.com with any questions.



YOGA meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 am in the Clubhouse. Teacher Mitra Treadwell leads a 2-hour class of invigorating yoga. Mitra has been practicing yoga for 50

years and teaching yoga for 43 years. Contact Mitra Treadwell mitrayoga@yahoo.com with any questions.





A big welcome to our newest neighbor, Christina Floyd! Christina recently moved in to space 178. The neighborhood was treated to her new home being installed and backed into the space with quite the fanfare.

Christina was born in Burbank, CA, raised in La Jolla and lived in New York briefly, before coming to Santa Cruz and staying for 50 plus years. She said her family slowly migrated north and have stayed. She attended high school in La Jolla, then graduated from UC Riverside before attending Monterey College of Law. Her expertise in the legal world was research and writing memorandums for the State Court of Appeals for over 25



years. Christina also does occasional teaching and tutoring of law preparation to keep her mind sharp and current on the profession she loves.

Christina was raised with her siblings, Jenny, who lives here in the park and instrumental in getting her to move here and a brother, Denis, who lives in Portland, OR. Her parents were married for 60 years and were devoted to each other. Her father was a CPA, and her mom took care of the family and home, although in a different time Christina thinks she would have been a librarian, ran a book store, or been a researcher like herself! Her two nephews and a niece, who lives here in town, are like bonus kids for her. In fact, so much so, that she and Jenny share a recent rescue dog named Penny with her niece.

In her off time, Christina is an avid tennis player and professes she plays like "a maniac" on the court, which is how someone should approach all sports, in her opinion. She also plays racquetball, is an avid birder with her sister, Jenny, and hikes in the beautiful area around us. Before moving here, she lived in the Seabright area, but felt she wanted to be closer to family and the ocean.

Christina has also volunteered with Meals on Wheels for 15 years and is a coach for the Watsonville High School Mock Trial team, which has had a strong showing in the county competition in recent years.



When you are walking in the arroyo area and see someone birdwatching with her sister, you can bet that is Christina and Jenny! Stop, introduce yourself and chat with this friendly, dynamic new neighbor!



#### A Little Humor is a Good Thing

#### ——— Suggestions by Christie Cochrell



#### Bill Bryson, A Walk in the Woods

"Back in America after twenty years in Britain, Bill Bryson decided to reacquaint himself with his native country by walking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine. The AT offers an astonishing landscape of silent forests and sparkling lakes—and to a writer with the comic genius of Bill Bryson, it also provides endless opportunities to witness the majestic silliness of his fellow human beings."

#### Anne Lamott, Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith

"At once tough, personal, affectionate, wise, and very funny, *Traveling Mercies* tells in exuberant detail how Anne Lamott learned to shine the light of faith on the darkest part of ordinary life, exposing surprising pockets of meaning and hope."

#### Nora Ephron, I Feel Bad about My Neck: And Other Thoughts on Being a Woman

"Ephron chronicles her life as an obsessed cook, passionate city dweller, and hapless parent. But mostly she speaks frankly and uproariously about life as a woman of a certain age. Utterly courageous, uproariously funny, and unexpectedly moving in its truth telling, *I Feel Bad About My Neck* is a scrumptious, irresistible treat of a book, full of truths, laugh out loud moments that will appeal to readers of all ages."

#### Jenny Lawson, Let's Pretend This Never Happened: A Mostly True Memoir

"In the irreverent *Let's Pretend This Never Happened*, Lawson's long-suffering husband and sweet daughter help her uncover the surprising discovery that the most terribly human moments—the ones we want to pretend never happened—are the very same moments that make us the people we are today. For every intellectual misfit who thought they were the only ones to think the things that Lawson dares to say out loud, this is a poignant and hysterical look at the dark, disturbing, yet wonderful moments of our lives."

#### David Sedaris, Me Talk Pretty One Day

"A recent transplant to Paris, humorist David Sedaris, bestselling author of *Naked*, presents a collection of his strongest work yet, including the title story about his hilarious attempt to learn French."

#### Issa Rae, The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl

"In this universally accessible *New York Times* bestseller named for her wildly popular web series, Issa Rae—'a singular voice with the verve and vivacity of uncorked champagne' (*Kirkus Reviews*)—waxes humorously on what it's like to be unabashedly awkward in a world that regards introverts as hapless misfits and black as cool."

#### James McBride, The Good Lord Bird

"Wildly entertaining... a rollicking saga about one of America's earliest abolitionists." —People "McBride delivers another tour de force... A fascinating mix of history and mystery."—Essence

#### Jane Kamensky and Jill Lepore, Blindspot: A Novel of Art, Passion, and Politics in the Age of the American Revolution

"Written with wit and exuberance by accomplished historians, *Blindspot* is an affectionate send-up of the best of eighteenth-century fiction. It celebrates the art of the Enlightenment and the passion of the American Revolution by telling stories of ordinary people caught up in an extraordinary time."

#### Evelyn Waugh, Scoop

"Waugh's exuberant comedy of mistaken identity and brilliantly irreverent satire of the hectic pursuit of hot news."

#### Christopher Moore, Shakespeare for Squirrels

"A rollicking tale of love, magic, madness, and murder, Shakespeare for Squirrels is a Midsummer Night's noir—a wicked and brilliantly funny good time conjured by the singular imagination of Christopher Moore."

#### Peter DeVries, The Tunnel of Love

"De Vries's classic situation comedy *The Tunnel of Love* follows the interactions of a socially insecure, pun-loving family man, an officious lady caseworker from an adoption agency, and a chauvinist pig—all of whom are neighbors who know far too much about one another's private lives."

"One of the funniest books to come along in any season." (Saturday Review)

#### P.G. Wodehouse, Leave It to Psmith

"Ronald Psmith ('the "p" is silent, as in pshrimp') is always willing to help a damsel in distress. So when he sees Eve Halliday without an umbrella during a downpour, he nobly offers her an umbrella, even though it's one he picks out of the Drone Club's umbrella rack. Psmith is so besotted with Eve that, when Lord Emsworth, her new boss, mistakes him for Ralston McTodd, a poet, Psmith pretends to be him so he can make his way to Blandings Castle and woo her. And so the farce begins: criminals disguised as poets with a plan to steal a priceless diamond necklace, a secretary who throws flower pots through windows, and a nighttime heist that ends in gunplay. How will everything be sorted out? Leave it to Psmith!"

#### David Handler, The Man Who Died Laughing

"The first of a series of mysteries starring ghostwriter Stuart Hoag and his faithful basset hound Lulu."

#### Arthur Phillips, The Egyptologist

"From the bestselling author of *Prague* comes a witty, inventive, brilliantly constructed novel about an Egyptologist obsessed with finding the tomb of an apocryphal king. This darkly comic labyrinth of a story opens on the desert plains of Egypt in 1922, then winds its way from the slums of Australia to the ballrooms of Boston by way of Oxford, the battlefields of the First World War, and a royal court in turmoil."

#### James Hamilton-Patterson, Cooking with Fernet Branca

"Gerald Samper, an effete English snob, has his own private hilltop in Tuscany, where he wiles away his time working as a ghostwriter for celebrities and inventing wholly original culinary concoctions-including ice cream made with garlic and the bitter, herb-based liqueur of the book's title. Gerald's idyll is shattered by the arrival of Marta, on the run from a crime-riddled former soviet republic. A series of hilarious misunderstandings brings this odd couple into ever closer and more disastrous proximity."

#### Julie Schumacher, Dear Committee Members

"The vehicle this droll and inventive novel uses to tell the tale of woe that is the life of Jason Fitger, a beleaguered professor of creative writing and literature at undistinguished Payne University in the Midwest, is a series of hilarious letters of recommendation that Fitger is endlessly called upon by his students and colleagues to produce, each one of which is a small masterpiece of high dudgeon, low spirits, and passive-aggressive strategies. We recommend *Dear Committee Members* to you in the strongest possible terms."

#### Michael Frayn, Headlong

"An unlikely con man wagers wife, wealth, and sanity in pursuit of an elusive Old Master. Invited to dinner by the boorish local landowner, Martin Clay, an easily distracted philosopher, and his art-historian wife are asked to assess three dusty paintings blocking the draught from the chimney. But hiding beneath the soot is nothing less—Martin believes—than a lost work by Bruegel. So begins a hilarious trail of lies and concealments, desperate schemes and soaring hopes as Martin, betting all that he owns and much that he doesn't, embarks on a quest to prove his hunch, win his wife over, and separate the painting from its owner."

#### Deborah Moggach, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel: A Novel (movie tie-in)

"When Ravi Kapoor, an overworked London doctor, reaches the breaking point with his difficult father-in-law, he asks his wife: 'Can't we just send him away somewhere? Somewhere far, far away.' His prayer is seemingly answered when Ravi's entrepreneurial cousin sets up a retirement home in India, hoping to re-create in Bangalore an elegant lost corner of England. Several retirees are enticed by the promise of indulgent living at a bargain price, but upon arriving, they are dismayed to find that restoration of the once sophisticated hotel has stalled, and that such amenities as water and electricity are . . . infrequent. But what their new life lacks in luxury, they come to find, it's plentiful in adventure, stunning beauty, and unexpected love."

#### Barbara Pym, Excellent Women

"One of Barbara Pym's richest and most amusing high comedies, *Excellent Women* has at its center Mildred Lathbury, a clergyman's daughter and a mild-mannered spinster in 1950s England. She is one of those 'excellent women,' the smart, supportive, repressed women who men take for granted. As Mildred gets embroiled in the lives of her new neighbors—anthropologist Helena Napier and her handsome, dashing husband, Rocky, and Julian Malory, the vicar next door—the novel presents a series of snapshots of human life as actually, and pluckily, lived in a vanishing world of manners and repressed desires."

#### Ann B. Ross, Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind

"With razor-sharp wit and perfect 'Steel Magnolia' poise, Miss Julia speaks her mind indeed—about a robbery, a kidnapping, and the other disgraceful events precipitated by her husband's death. Fast-paced and charming, with a sure sense of comic drama, a cast of crazy characters, and a strong Southern cadence, this book will delight readers from first page to last."

#### Juan Pablo Villalobos, I'll Sell You a Dog

"Long before he was the taco seller whose 'Gringo Dog' recipe made him famous throughout Mexico City, our hero was an aspiring artist: an artist, that is, till his would-be girlfriend was stolen by Diego Rivera, and his dreams snuffed out by his hypochondriac mother. Now our hero is resident in a retirement home, where fending off boredom is far more grueling than making tacos."

#### **Elmore Leonard, Tishomingo Blues**

"Leonard delivers a certifiable masterpiece of such twisted ingenuity that he transcends even his own bad self . . . . *Tishomingo Blues* is that good." —Baltimore Sun

"Set in Mississippi, this novel concerns two fledgling allies, the local Dixie Mafia, and a high-stakes Civil War re-enactment. Leonard said that *Tishomingo Blues* is, of the books he has written, his favorite."

#### Carl Hiassen, Stormy Weather

"A hilarious novel of greed and corruption from the bestselling author of *Strip Tease*. The story focuses on southern Florida at the height of the tourist season, when a ferocious hurricane hits—luring con artists, carpetbaggers, and would-be saviours like hyenas to the lion's kill." "Hiaasen (himself is a one-man force of nature". —*Variety* 

#### Janet Evanovich, High Five

"Stephanie Plum has a whole lot of trouble on her doorstep. Her Uncle Fred has disappeared and Grandma Mazur is convinced he's been abducted by aliens. Meanwhile, Cousin Vinnie has asked her to bring in the vertically challenged Randy Briggs who's jumped bail. But instead of coming quietly, he has taken up residence in Stephanie's closet. The mysterious man called Bunchy is trailing Stephanie in the hope of tracking down Fred. And Benito Ramirez is back from jail, quoting Scripture and vowing to introduce Stephanie to God—face to face."

#### Donald E. Westlake, Bank Shot

"A crew of thieves hopes to hijack a mobile home full of money in this crime caper from 'the funniest man in the world' (The Washington Post)."

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



**HOA Election postponement**: In case someone has not had time to read the insert from the February Bulletin, an election for HOA Board Officers and Directors is being postponed until 2022. An amendment to the Bylaws was adopted by the Board and the current positions held on the HOA Board will be

extended. We hope to hold a general community meeting sometime in the near future to discuss concerns or issues.

You can always contact the HOA Board at deanzasantacruzhoa@gmail.com.

**Rent Check Drop Off**: Beginning April 1, the management office will no longer have a rent drop-off box.

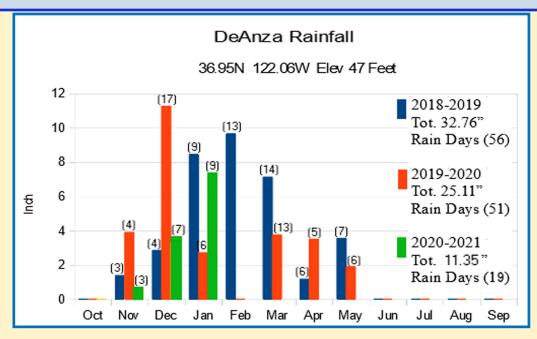
Options for paying rent are:



- **EFT**: (Electronic Funds Transfer) through your bank. There is no charge.
- **Resident Portal**: you can self register at www.communityresport.com/els and have 24 hour access to your account once it is set up.
- Western Union: Pay by money order at an authorized location. Contact the DeAnza office to get an account number with instructions.
- Pay by mail: mail your payment to the office here on site and allow 7 days for delivery.

Rain Totals: Rain Day and a Trace Amount —-information provided by Tom McDannold

A rain day occurs when the recorded amount in a rain gauge is 0.01 inches or more within a 24-hour period. If less than 0.01 inches, it is considered a trace amount. Trace amounts will appear as a wetness to streets with very little or no water flowing in the gutter.







Hi there. It's me, Carly, the little black Labrador who lives with my hoo-mans at DeAnza. Space #41. You probably don't see me much because my Mom ( Candy ) and Dad ( Scott) travel a lot with me, in our fifth wheel RV. Road life is fun and challenging with plenty of new smells and adventures.

I'm 2 years young, learning my service animal routines each day.

Training has allowed me a lot of freedom...Golf? Yup. I walk many courses with my Dad, keeping an eye on him and providing yardages. (chuckle)

I like my chew toys and I LOVE to eat...what lab doesn't! One thing you should know about me: really don't like people. I'm super shy, I keep to myself. However, if I do see another Lab or a Golden Retriever, I'm ready to play! A good game of chase, in an open field is heaven to me. If you do see me out and about, stop to say Hi...I'll probably look the other way.

Thanks for reading about me.



If anyone would like to submit a story about your furry kid, please tell the story from your pet's perspective and email to <a href="mailto:deanzanews@gmail.com">deanzanews@gmail.com</a>

#### **BIRD HOUSES IN THE ARROYO**

Has anyone noticed the bird boxes/houses in the Arroyo area? This is actually a project to bring wild bird species back into the Arroyo. One of the volunteers, our own birder, Jenny Anderson, is helping with the project as well as her sister, Christina. Nesting season begins in March for the cavity nesting birds that would use the boxes. More information will be available in the April edition of the Bulletin.

What are cavity nesting birds you ask? "Cavity-nesting" is a term that describes birds that build nests, lay eggs and raise young inside sheltered chambers or cavities. Cavity-nesting does not typically apply to completely constructed cavities, such as birds that weave elaborate, enclosed nests, but instead is reserved for birds that rely on nesting shelter from other sources and build their nests within that shelter.

**Primary cavity-nesting birds**: These birds excavate their own holes, such as woodpeckers that drill out chambers in suitable trees or ground-nesting species that may dig out burrows in riverbanks. The labor to create a new cavity may take several days or weeks, depending on the birds' nesting needs.

**Secondary cavity-nesting birds**: These species take advantage of natural or abandoned cavities, or in some cases will usurp them from other birds through aggressive intrusion. They may make minor adjustments to the cavity, such as adding or removing nesting material or changing the entrance but do not do substantial modifications.

Please feel free to observe from afar so the birds are able to enjoy their new temporary home for their hatchlings.



### Where did all the flowers go?

Thanks to all who reserved flowers from the Arroyo Association for Valentine's Day. As you know, there was a little "glitch" in the otherwise well-planned De Anza event. Mother Nature dumped snow and freezing temperatures in Dallas, TX, just as our Costco flower shipment landed from Florida. Then they took a diversion to Lexington, Kentucky and finally arrived Monday, four days late.

Thanks to Costco for crediting the Arroyo for the delayed flowers. Thank you to Debbie Cameron and Nancy Scheidt for explaining the glitch to residents on the scheduled pick-up day. Thanks to Dave Allenbaugh, Nancy Knudegard, Lorraine Smith, Sandi Dutra, and Sandy Brunett, for delivering the flowers when they finally showed up.





Big thanks to the ARROYO ASSOCIATION for their work!



# What's up at De Anza for 2021?

The Arroyo Association is excited to announce that although most of 2021 will be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, we hope to have many social gatherings to keep the De Anza Community together and entertained. Watch the monthly Bulletin and the community website, www.deanza-park.org, for details.

Spring: May 22
Outdoor live music
FREE pizza and \$3 wine & beer

Summer: September
Outdoor pool/patio party
Live music, FREE hot dogs, full cash bar

Fall: November
Thanksgiving Feast
FREE turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy
Pot luck sides from residents

Winter: December
Holiday Celebration
Live music, FREE appetizer spread
Dessert pot luck from residents

### Won't you join us to plan these events?

Next Arroyo meeting, Monday, March 8, 2:00pm

If interested, let us know at deanzaarroyo@gmail.com





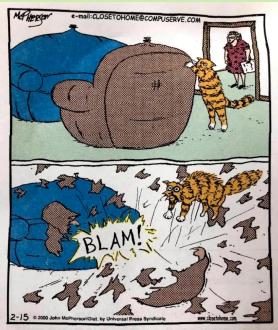




"Well, lad, you caught me fair and square. ... But truthfully, as far as leprechauns go, I've never been considered all that lucky."







Claire's decoy balloon furniture quickly broke Muffin of her claw-sharpening habit.

