

De Anza Santa Cruz Arroyo Bulletin

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Happy Heart Month!

Hope everyone is doing well and feeling as good as our surroundings. It was great experiencing the King Tides in January and seeing 2021 in our rear view mirror.

While on a walk with one of our neighbors, I approached the subject of "what do I do if something happens to you and I need to contact someone". That thought came to me in the middle of the night because, well my brain is always active, although I wish it would shut up and let me sleep. Well, back to the story. There are many people who live in our community that live alone and I have no idea who to contact if something should happen to anyone. At my parents house, we have a list of phone numbers on their fridge with my sisters and my contact information and the order of who to contact first. I know some of their neighbors and they know us by sight, but do they know who to call?

So in light of it being heart month and wanting to be pro-active as a neighbor, I am going to make the suggestion that everyone who lives in our community, share your contact person with a neighbor you are comfortable doing so with and keep yourself safe in case of emergency, or put it on your fridge.

Even if you live with someone, there may be a situation where you need help contacting a friend or family member and this can save you time and frustration by not having to deal with this dilemma.

At this time in our lives, it's important to have support systems in place and not feel that it makes us look weak or not able to take care of ourselves. Our generation has always been the one that has banded together in times of adversity and we have always had a heart.

Reach out to a friend in the park and reduce some of the stress in your life

Heartfelt wishes,

Lorraine Smith



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PARK INFORMATION

Facility Hours: 7 days/week (ask management about mask rules)

Clubhouse	8 am - 10 pm
Pool	8 am - 10 pm
Fitness Center	8 am - 10 pm
Game Room/Laundry Room	8 am - 10 pm
Jacuzzi	8 am - 10 pm
Sauna	8 am - 10 pm

Rent Collection

Rents are due on the 1st of the month with a grace period until the 6th. Rents received on the 7th are considered LATE and will incur a \$25.00 late fee.

Payments can be made by check, money order, EFT or ELS portal at www.communityresport.com/els. DO NOT PUT IN MAIL BOX. RENT CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT OFFICE M-F 8 am - 12 pm

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.

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

Security Information

To report any suspicious activity in the park contact Allied First Alarm Security Systems 408-364-1110 or 800-400-1110

Call 911 in case of emergency

To report Nuisance Vehicle and Parking Violations Call: 831-420-5863

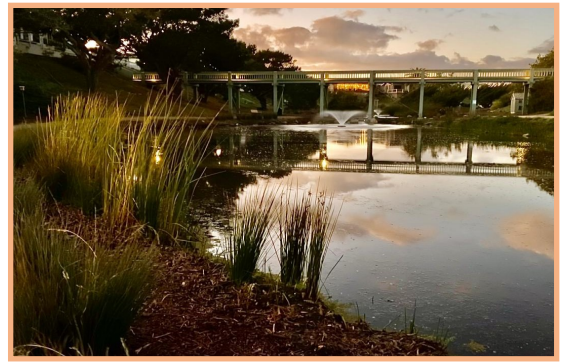


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DeAnza HOA Officers

President: Eugene Markowitz

Vice President: Tom Loudon

Secretary: Jerry Zanzinger

Treasurer: Sandi Dutra

Board of Directors

Emergency Response: Gary Whitten

Policy & Procedures: Don Payne

Communications: Lorraine Smith

Park Concerns: Pending

GSMOL: Dave Allenbaugh

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The HOA meets every other month to discuss issues of concern to residents. Membership is open to ALL residents. Dues are \$10/space/year.

Meeting dates will be announced via email, Bulletin calendar, website, notice boards or telephone.

Arroyo Association:

President: Sandy Brunett

Secretary: Debbie Cameron

Treasurer: Sandi Dutra

Advisory Board: Linda Raffel, Melisa Mulcahy, Jean-Marie Mott, Barbara Cordes, Liz McDannold, Lorraine Smith, Julie DuClos, Lynette Adelson, Heidi Armstrong, Sandy Cowles, Debbie Loveland

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!



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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****PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE EDITOR @ deanzanews@gmail.com WITH ANY CHANGES IN DATES, TIMES OR REMOVAL OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.**

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE HAS BEEN UPDATED. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WANT SOMETHING PUT ON THE CALENDAR.

		1 Morning Mingle 10–11 am Card/Game Club 1-4 pm	2 Water Aerobics 9-10 am Yoga 10:15 am-12 pm	3	4 Coffee & Donuts 8–10 am Water Aerobics 9-10 am Bridge 1-5 pm	5
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MORNING MINGLE Meet and greet your neighbors on Tuesdays from 10 am - 11 am in the Clubhouse. **Suspended in January due to COVID concerns**



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.



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.



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



BOOK CLUB Looking for someone to organize the Book Club. Contact me if you are interested and provide the information so it can be included in the March Bulletin. deanzanews@gmail.com



WATER AEROBICS meets Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9 am-10 am. This is a low impact activity and is suitable for both swimmers and non-swimmers. Contact Alyce Amor amorp139@aol.com with any questions.

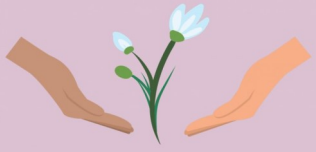


YOGA meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:15 am—12 pm in the Clubhouse. Teacher Mitra Treadwell leads a class of invigorating yoga. Mitra has been practicing yoga for 50 years and teaching yoga for 43 years. Contact Mitra Treadwell mitrayoga@yahoo.com with any questions.

If anyone would like to lead an activity in the clubhouse and are looking for participants, please contact me and I will advertise it on this page.

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Neighbors by Nature



WHO ARE THOSE PEEPERS?

—article by Jenny Anderson Christina Floyd Stephanie Singer

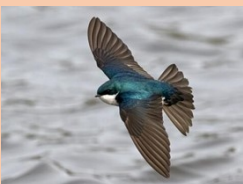


What are those women on the bridge with binoculars looking at? What birds are they seeing?

In February, we might be looking for the Anna's Hummingbirds that start to nest in the park. They use lichen and spider webs to build their nest, generally close to the tip of a branch. The nest starts out small (mom doesn't even fit inside), but the spider webs allow it to stretch as the babies grow. (Note, the female lacks the bright red forehead & throat.)



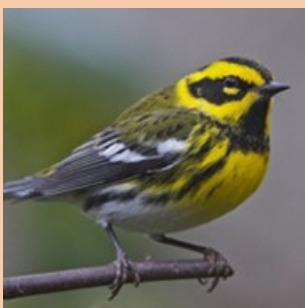
In March, we want to see who is checking out our nest boxes. Last year by the middle of the month a Chestnut-backed Chickadee pair had completed its nest in box #10, ready to raise a family of 5.



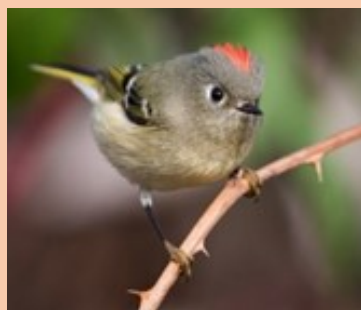
In April, we will be watching for the migratory birds to come in to start nesting. The Tree Swallows used box #6 near the pond. This was an expansion of its breeding range in the county.

In the fall our migratory breeding birds will be leaving and the migratory birds that spend the winter here will return. If you saw us out there December 18, we were looking for these wintering birds – as well as our year-round residents – for the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. We found 36 species in the park in just 4 hours that morning. A couple of the highlights from this year's count were 3 birds which will leave us in the spring, to breed elsewhere:

Townsend's Warbler



Ruby-crowned Kinglet – though you'd be very lucky to see the ruby crown!



White Crowned Sparrow (and it's cousin - Golden Crowned)





The quality and variety of the habitat here at De Anza attracts many different species of birds. They really enjoy the new native plants around the ponds -- lots of good bugs and seeds. The *Ceanothus* with its purple flowers, provides both food and hiding places from predators.

The Green Heron needs the tules as camouflage when it is hunting for fish. And, of course, the trees are important for many birds, for food, nest sites, and perches.



We are not just interested in how many different species are here, but also in what the birds are doing. Do they have a nest? Is there a pair? Are they just stopping by for lunch or dinner? Have they ever been here before? Do they live here year-round, or just visit? Sometimes you will see us standing in a place for a long time looking and looking. We may be trying to figure out a puzzle. For instance, we know that there are Common Yellowthroat breeding here in the park, but we have never found their nest. So, we try to watch where the adults go, but they are very secretive.

Keeping track of which birds nest in the park is an important part of a county record. 24 different species of birds have been confirmed to nest here over the past three years! Our observations will be included in the upcoming Breeding Bird Atlas of Santa Cruz County.

If you see us out walking around or standing still please come up and ask us what we are seeing. And, we love the reports from you as well.



Common Yellowthroat



Well folks, it is actually happening this year! We will be voting for ALL HOA Board positions to get us back on track from the “COVID YEARS”. A nominating committee has been formed and they will be accepting nominations for Officers and Directors. Please contact one of the committee members below if you are interested in holding a position on the Board.

The nominating committee is:

Candi Walker- ckwalk.walker@gmail.com

Nancy Scheidt - nancys@yahoo.com

Susan Cotta - nutritiondesigner@gmail.com

Below are the position descriptions of Officers and Directors of the HOA Board:

Position Title	Responsibility	2022 Election Term
President – Officer (See HOA Bylaws for detailed description)	The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the corporation and controls the Board and has general supervision, direction, and control of the activities of the Officers. The President presides at all meetings of the Board and HOA. The President can be a member of all committees, if any.	One-year term (Elected in Odd # Years)
Vice President – Officer (See HOA Bylaws for detailed description)	In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President has all the powers of the President and, in addition performs other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the Bylaws.	Two-year term (Elected in Even # Years)
Secretary – Officer (See HOA Bylaws for detailed description)	The Secretary keeps a book of minutes of all meetings of the members, the Board and its committees and records the names of those Board members present. The Secretary keeps the original and a copy of the corporation's Articles and Bylaws, as amended to date. The Secretary keeps a copy of the California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The Secretary gives notice of all meetings of the Board and any committees of the Board required by the Bylaws or law to be given, performs other duties as prescribed by the Board. The Secretary keeps a register of dues paying members, or a duplicate register	One-year term (Elected in Odd # Years)
Treasurer – Officer (See HOA Bylaws for detailed description)	The Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer of the corporation and maintains, adequate and correct accounts. The Treasurer deposits all monies in the name of the corporation. The Treasurer disburses funds of the corporation as ordered by the Board, provides the President and the Directors an accounting of all transactions and the financial condition of the corporation. An audit of the HOA accounts is to be conducted at the conclusion of each fiscal year (June 30). The results will be reported at the next general membership meeting but not later than July. Treasurer maintains a checking account of HOA funds. As necessary, Updates CA Secretary of State Corporation Statement of Information. Files CA State Tax via 199N e-postcard. Yearly (thru 2025) ensures receipt of \$1,000 ELS payment for the JAMS account.	Two-year term (Elected in Even # Years)

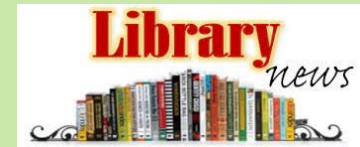
Board of Directors (continued)

<p>Director of GSMOL</p>	<p>The Director of GSMOL stays informed of legislation and changes to the MRL as it may affect residents. He/She will review GSMOL activity and announce possible legislation activity that may require support from residents.</p>	<p>One-year term (Elected in Odd # Years)</p>
<p>Director of Communications</p>	<p>Director of Communications manages and initiates Robocalls and blast emails providing notification of upcoming HOA meetings. He/She also sends out blast emails as requested by the HOA board.</p>	<p>Two-year term (Elected in Even # Years)</p>
<p>Director of Policy & Procedures</p>	<p>Director of Policy & Procedures reviews and determines modifications to any policy or procedure the park may introduce to ensure compliance with the MRL and informs residents of these changes. He/She may suggest various Policy or Procedures to enhance the living environment or safety at DeAnza.</p>	<p>One-year term (Elected in Odd # Years)</p>
<p>Director of Park Concerns</p>	<p>Director of Park Concerns maintains a log of complaints and suggestions from residents regarding park maintenance items or suggestions for improvements. He/She shall review this list with management on a monthly basis and report status to the HOA Board.</p>	<p>Two-year term (Elected in Even # Years)</p>
<p>Director of Emergency Response</p>	<p>The Director of Emergency Response communicates with ELS management to keep abreast of the Park emergency response procedures. He/She may provide some additional help that relates to emergency procedures, i.e., items to store and for emergency. ELS by statute is required to prepared an implement emergency procedure in the event of fire, earthquake, flood, etc. We can provide helpful emergency information, or other measures if needed, in addition to ELS's responsibility, but the duty to provide emergency information is EL's alone.</p>	<p>One-year term (Elected in Odd # Years)</p>



Library News 2022 by our librarian, Christie Cochrell

Books are a uniquely portable magic. (Stephen King)



Those who regularly use the library can see that all shelves are full, in every category—which is why donations haven't been accepted for a while. This may well seem unfair to those of you who have new books you'd like to share with other residents, and those who'd like new books to read. So on the understanding that new books are going to have to replace older ones, **do feel free, until the end of February, to donate recent titles (or old favorites) in good condition**, that you know others will enjoy and find rewarding.

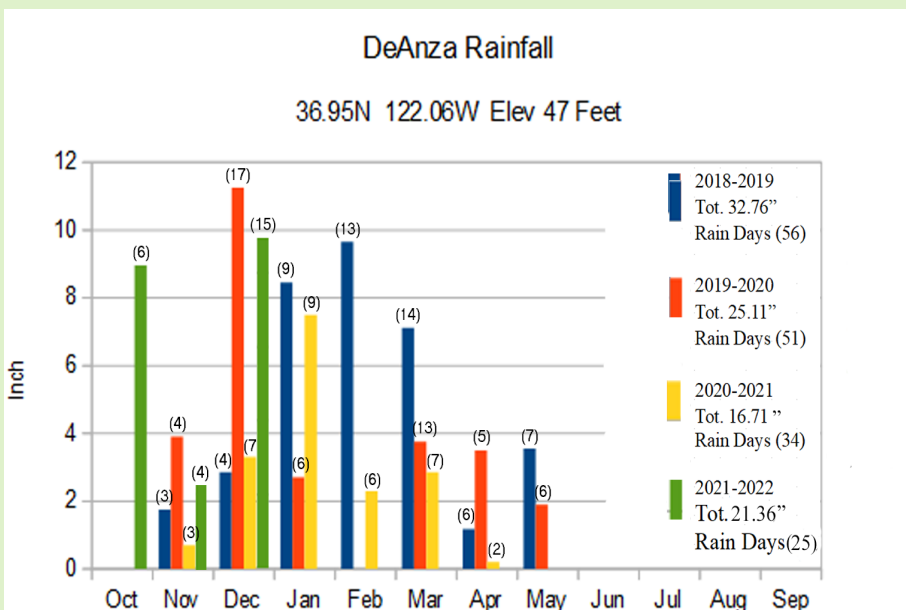
Please give only a few things you think others would really appreciate, and don't leave bags of books, or books (and magazines) you're only trying to get rid of. Since it looks like public libraries still aren't accepting donations, those older, less compelling books can be taken to Goodwill or Grey Bears—the Goodwill downtown at 204 Union Street, or the one in the Whole Foods shopping center at 815 Soquel both allow outside drop-offs all day, and Grey Bears at 2710 Chanticleer also allows outside drop-offs. For other donation ideas see <https://cityofsantacruz.recyclist.co/guide/books/?embeddedguide=true>

As a reminder of library guidelines, please leave all returned books and any new donations in the plastic bin under the ocean-facing window (it's clearly marked). Please don't try to reshelve returns, since sometimes lots of shifting has to be done, and please don't stick donations into tempting open spaces left by currently borrowed books, or behind/on top of what's already there.

For those new to the library, a brief guide to the organization of books can be found pasted on the end of the bookshelves to the left as you enter the room.

Happy reading in this new year!

Free COVID Tests: Did you know you can get your 4 FREE COVID tests from the government by signing up at www.covidtests.gov? Please go to their website to sign up.



In Tom's words, " Lots of rain days but not as much rain as one might think "

Graph by Tom McDannold

DEANZA MOBILE HOME PARK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 15, 2022 11a.m.

HOA Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Eugene Markowitz called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: The Secretary took roll call of the Board Members. Those members present were: Eugene Markowitz, Tom Loudon, Jerry Zanzinger, Sandi Dutra, Don Payne, Gary Whitten, Dave Allenbaugh, Lorraine Smith. There is one vacancy on the Board.

There were 25 members of the HOA and 8 Board members present at the meeting. Management was invited but did not attend due to Covid exposure.

President's Report

Eugene said that he emailed Jennifer specific questions and she responded as follows: Emergency gas cutoff is handled by management. There are three people who can do it. It was recommended that a few residents be given the cutoff instructions in case management is absent. Eugene will follow-up with Jennifer. Eugene will ask Jennifer to provide us the names of native fish that can be purchased to restock the ponds. Once we have the names residents can look to see where we can buy them. Jennifer said that she sent in the annual report to the CCC as required. It was brought up that we are entitled to a copy and Eugene was asked to request it. About the new state law that requires composting, ELS is investigating for all their CA properties. The specifics have not been decided. Eugene read Article 8 of the Bylaws that relates to nomination and election procedures. Three residents volunteered to be on the nomination committee, Nancy Scheidt, Candi Walker, and Susan Campbell.

Vice President's Report.

There was no report from the Vice President.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary asked if there were any changes or additions to the prior meetings minutes. Since there were no changes or additions, the prior minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Sandi Dutra gave a report on the current condition of the HOA's funds. A copy of the report is attached hereto. We have \$1,361 in the general account and \$18,043 in the JAMs account. Only monies spent from the general account were for the Web and 50% (\$107) was reimbursed by the Arroyo since we share access. She investigated putting the JAMs money into a higher earning account, but the Board found it fiscally unwise because it only provides an additional 0.49% in interest. It is also time to pay \$10 per unit for HOA fees. You must pay the fee to be eligible to vote in the Officers and Directors election at the membership meeting in May. Dues for the Arroyo Association for the social functions are separate, and they are charged per person.

Policies and Procedures

No new information on policies and procedures.

Emergency Procedures

Gary Whitten provided emergency documents received from Santa Cruz Fire. It provides information on what to do in the case of an emergency. Lorraine stated that it is on our website. He is still in the process of assembling a team. He has five volunteers and is looking for more. The walkie talkies have new batteries that have a 20-year shelf life. He will have a class on the use of the walkie talkies. Gary reiterated that ELS has the responsibility for emergency procedures in the park. They have a statutory mandate to provide a plan for emergency events. We only provide some additional help that relates to emergency procedures. Regarding gas shutoff during an emergency, it is recommended that residents turn off their gas if they smell it. The problem is turning it back on. That should be done by authorized personnel. Jane Heyse and Correy Baker (volunteered by Candi Walker) will also join Gary's group. A resident suggested that we should get communications from management when there is an emergency, such as a robo call.

Park Concerns

There is a vacancy for park concerns. Eugene is filling in until someone is voted in at the May meeting.

GSMOL

There is not much going on that is relevant to us. Most of the legislation refers to rent control issues. There is a park that was successful in their three-year case that concerned rent control.

Communications

Lorraine said that website activity has increased substantially. There were 96 opens after her last email blast. The new resident list is continuing. A resident's name and email must be on the list to get an email blast from Lorraine. If you accidentally unsubscribe, let Lorraine know and she will take care of it.

Next Wednesday you can sign up for free covid test kits at www.covidtests.gov.

General Discussion

A resident was concerned that there is no compliance with the recycling rules for the park. People do not follow proper disposal of recycled material. A resident discussed the Santa Cruz mandate regarding composting and the 6-gallon pilot project. A committee was formed to investigate our recycling problems and to report back to the Board. The residents on the committee are Karen Scott, Sandy Brunett and Winnie Mule'. A resident discussed the ongoing problems with the dumpsters. The lids are too heavy at some of the locations and they are hard to access, especially for seniors. This has been a chronic problem and management needs to do something about it. Eugene will discuss with Jennifer. Another resident cited the problems associated with green waste disposal. The hours are not consistent to get through the gates. Items are put in the green waste dumpster that do not belong. One of the problems leaving it open 24 hours a day is that outsiders can easily access it. It was mentioned that it may cost \$700 per month to empty this bin although this is not part of residents' garbage bill. One suggestion that had much support is to control the gates by a fob so that residents can dump green waste any time and it would also keep out outsiders.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Eugene Markowitz at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted,

Jerry Zanzinger, Secretary

HOA Dues are being accepted for 2022. Payment of dues is required prior to voting per HOA Bylaws, in the upcoming May Board elections. Dues are \$10/Household. Dues can be paid to Sandi Dutra, Treasurer, Spc 52. Please do not put in her mailbox!

Place under the doormat if in check form and made payable to DeAnza HOA or leave in her box, #52 in the Clubhouse. *Do not leave cash.*

Next HOA meeting is Saturday, March 15 @ 11 am



Reminder:

Valentine Bouquet Pick Up

(For those who reserved by 2/4. If you are on the waiting list, check in at noon)

Sat. February 12 10am-noon

Space #155 (between office & clubhouse)

PLEASE WEAR A MASK FOR PICK UP

**It's also a great time to pay your 2022
Arroyo Association Membership Dues**

With the start of a new year, the Arroyo Association board has voted to increase our \$5/person/year dues which have been in place since the late '70's. Beginning this year we are asking residents who participate in our many social events to contribute \$10/person/year. Membership dues are used to defray costs of events and allows us to present most community events at no charge. And, of course, our bar prices can't be beat!

**Stay tuned for updated event information in the monthly Bulletin
and on the resident website: www.deanza-park.org**



“Why do I have to ‘sign up’ for De Anza Arroyo events?”

The answer is simple. The volunteers who organize the events, whether an outdoor Happy Hour or a Thanksgiving dinner, need to know how much food and beverage to have ready and how many tables to set up. They do all the shopping, preparation and set-up. It's a whole lot of work, so if you are attending, sign up, and if plans change, please let us know at deanzaarroyo@gmail.com. Thanks.

Wintery Humor

