DeAnza Santa Cruz Arroyo Bulletín

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Happy season of giving thanks!

Once again, I'm grateful to be able to say this and be truthful about it. I am thankful for so many things, but it's not just because of a holiday. I feel blessed in so many ways. As we get older, life changes for the better and worse. There are periods of time when it feels like everything goes right and other times I feel like everything is against me.

Does that happen because of our outlook at that moment or does an onset of positive or negative vibes determine what will happen in our future? We were on vacation and I can remember a particular incident that created an onslaught of negative things. We were on our way home and headed for the airport. Our goal was to return the car rental and what do you think we missed? Yup, the turn off to the car rental center. At the time I thought, "uh oh, is this going to be the beginning of more to come?" When I got to the check in area I was told my ID name didn't match the name on the ticket. I explained it was because the airlines does not allow for special characters to be part of the name. Yes, I'm a hyphenator. It took 3 TSA checks and a supervisor, who said I should have never had to experience the delay, to get through security. My thought was, "it comes in threes." So while I waited for the other shoe to drop, I was in a state of angst waiting. Needless to say, it never came so I worried about nothing! That was when I thought, be thankful for small things and did I create the drama by feeling annoyed by the first incident? Of course, I know I didn't but somehow it made me think about whether we create drama by anticipating drama.

Now, I try to not second guess things so I don't bring on the bad vibes or put myself in a situation that merits dealing with stress. Moral of the story is, be thankful for everything in your life because the story has a lesson.



Gratitude & Thanks, Lorraine

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PARK INFORMATION

Facility Hours: 7 days/week (ask management about mask rules	<u>s)</u>		
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 1^{st} of the month with a grace period until the 6^{th} . Rents received on the 7^{th} 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. **Broken down cardboard belongs in these dumpsters, not in the waste can.**

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.

Welcome Committee

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

Karen Scott: karendawson@comcast.net Lynn Slade: lynn.slade@outlook.com

Security Information

Abandoned Vehicles/Parking Violation Call: 831-420-5863





Photo Credit: Debbie Loveland

DeAnza HOA Officers

President: Eugene Markowitz Secretary: not chaired Treasurer: Jerry Zanzinger

Board of Directors

Emergency Response: Gary Whitten Policy & Procedures: Don Payne Communications: Lorraine Smith Park Concerns: Margaret Gannon GSMOL: Candi Walker

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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, Debbie Loveland, Winnie Mule', Marguerite Collins, Beth Goldfadden,

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Arroyo Association plans and organizes park social events. Membership is open to all residents and is \$10/person/year. Meeting schedule is posted in the Bulletin calendar and on the website.





Do you have any "gently used" or new stuffed animals you would like to donate to the children of migrant camps in Santa Cruz County this holiday season?

If so, please contact: Pat Chance #191 Email: chanceconsulting2007@yahoo.com Phone or Text: (209)484-4287

She will be happy to come by your place to pick them up and will be collecting until Tuesday, December 13, 2022.



Christie Cockrell

"The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of [humankind]." — T.S. Eliot

The new Women's Studies shelves are located on the left (when entering and facing the ocean), between the Mystery/Thriller paperbacks and the General Fiction paperbacks. More or less mid-wall.

The hardback fiction section on the opposite wall (on the right when facing the ocean) has been divided into Mystery/Thriller and General Fiction, in that order. All Nonfiction titles follow, as do assorted Large Print titles.

A bit of space has been freed up on the shelves, so do feel free to donate recent titles or old favorites that you believe others will enjoy and find rewarding. We're especially interested in acquiring thoughtful titles for the Women's Studies section, and, as ever, Large Print titles. New arrivals are shelved for a week or two in the far right bookcase on the right-hand wall, next to the jigsaw puzzle table.

To repeat general guidelines, please give only a few things <u>in good condition</u> which you think others will really appreciate. No magazines, please. Bags of books which you'd like to get rid of can be dropped off at Grey Bears at 2710 Chanticleer or disposed of according to these city recommendations: https://cityofsantacruz.recyclist.co/guide/books/?embeddedguide=true

Please continue to return borrowed library books and leave any donations in the plastic bin to the right of the TV, for the librarians to shelve.

As Erasmus once said, "Your library is your paradise"—so thanks enormously for your contributions to our little bit of heaven here.

And as the witty but always astute Lemony Snicket says,

"A library is like an island in the middle of a vast sea of ignorance, particularly if the library is very tall and the surrounding area has been flooded." Especially true at oceanside . .



Hi new residents, welcome to the neighborhood! Recently, one of our neighbors, Lynn Slade, volunteered to do resident profiles. Please know that if you do not choose to have an article written about you, no problem! **This is a volunteer basis only.** She will also be collecting your communication information as well, but again...VOLUNTEER BASIS ONLY. **Contact Lynn at lynn.slade@outlook.com**

We value everyone's privacy and will not bother you for any personal information if you do not want to share it. The resident list is shared with anyone in the community who would like to have access to other residents in the park. IT IS NEVER SHARED WITH ANYONE OUTSIDE THE PARK BY ME. I have the master copy and I will send to you if requested. **deanzanews@gmail.com**

We are a close community and like to take care of each other, so welcome to your new neighborhood!



NOVEMBER										
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE EDITOR @ <u>deanzanews@gmail.com</u> WITH ANY CHANGES IN DATES, TIMES OR REMOVAL OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE HAS BEEN UPDATED. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WANT AN ACTIVITY PUT ON THE CALENDAR.										
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<u>COFFEE AND DONUTS</u> Visit with your neighbors in the Clubhouse on Fridays, from 8 - 9 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.



<u>Mahjong is back!</u> It is played in the Clubhouse on Mondays @ 1 pm. Show up at the clubhouse for the Monday group. If you are interested in playing but have no experience, they will teach you.



<u>WATER AEROBICS</u> 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.



<u>YOGA</u> meets on Monday 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...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...deanzanews@gmail.com



GSMOL Bills Passed in 2022!

By Carol Brinkman, GSMOL Secretary, cbrinkman12@cox.net: 949-463-5550

One significant way your \$25 annual GSMOL membership fee provides ongoing protection for mobile home residents is through passage of bills sponsored by GSMOL every legislative session. The requirement for manager training and certification has long been needed and is finally law - despite fierce resistance of park owners.

SB 869: Manager Training Bill (Leyva) (Co-sponsored Dodd) would require any person who is responsible for managing a mobile home park to be trained and certified. They must complete 18 hours of online training with an end of year exam. The training shall include knowledge of the MRL, Mobile home Residency Law; Title 25 (California Health & Safety codes); Rights and responsibilities of homeowners and management; Emergency procedures; Communications with homeowners; Mobile home titles and registration; applicable vehicle code provisions. Training will also include the most prevalent complaints of the prior year. SB 869 also requires a process for background checks. A certificate of Completion would be issued which must be posted visibly and be available for inspection in the park. If the mobile home park management is out of compliance with these requirements, then HCD (Dept. of Housing and Community Development) would have the authority to suspend the management's permit to operate.

SB 940: **1990 Rule Bill** (Laird) allows local Mobile home Rent Ordinances to govern after 15 years from the time the mobile home space or park was created after the year 1990. This 'rolling' 15-year period gives park owners time to recoup their initial capital investment from creating the space or park. The MRL currently prohibits local rent stabilization ordinances from governing homes/spaces built after 1990 (which was 32 years ago, an excessive 32 year "recoup period").

AB 2031 Meeting with Management (Lee & Randy Voepel) would allow representatives of residents to also attend a meeting between residents and park management for the purpose of resolving problems, as it was intended by Civil Code 798.53. The bill would ensure residents can bring their representatives, such as an attorney, mobile home advocate, and translator to the meeting. The bill also updates the types of matters to be resolved in such meetings.

7 Reasons to Change Your Medicare Coverage During Annual Enrollment Period

Reviewing your Medicare Advantage plan every year can save you money. People's medical needs change as they grow older, and their plans [and what they cover] may change from year to year. Reviewing your options each year makes sense. It is especially important to review your prescription coverage. Here are some common situations that might cause you to consider a change during the annual open enrollment window, from **October 15 to December 7, 2022.**

1. My prescription costs have jumped.

That happens usually due to one of two scenarios: You've been prescribed a new drug your Plan D Rx policy doesn't cover, or your current medicines have fallen off your Plan D's formulary (list of covered medicines). Each September, Part D prescription plans will send out a list of changes to drug coverage, giving you time to make sure your medicines are still covered. If not, you can shop around for another plan or ask your doctor to apply for an exception in covering your favored medicine.

2. I've decided to spend my winters (or summers) in a different state.

Medicare Advantage/MA plans typically won't cover charges outside your network unless it is an emergency. If you'll be living a dual-residence existence for years to come, you might consider a switch to original Medicare and a stand-alone Rx plan.

3. I need surgery and prefer a specific doctor.

Original Medicare allows patients to choose any doctor or hospital that accepts Medicare. But if you're in a Medicare Advantage plan and you insist on seeing a doctor outside your current network, you may need a different Medicare Advantage plan or even switch to Original Medicare. You could switch to a Supplement Plan, but it will require underwriting which might increase the cost and you can even be denied. The people who most need to focus on whether doctors are in network are those who've suffered major problems like cancer and heart attack. A specialist may be key to their treatment.

4. I need dental work done, or I want to join a gym, or I want acupuncture etc.

Original Medicare doesn't cover routine dental care costs, but many Medicare Advantage plans do. If you don't have your own dental insurance and can't afford dentistry costs out of pocket, consider finding a Medicare Advantage/MA plan that will cover a portion of the costs of your needed work. Each insurance company decides what those ancillary benefits are. So, comparison shop to find a plan that offers the extra benefit/s you want, whether it is dental, chiropractic services, transportation to the doctor's office, gym membership etc.

5. I've been diagnosed with a chronic condition.

A serious medical change should trigger a full review of your Medicare coverage. For example, a new diagnosis of diabetes or heart disease or COPD may qualify you to switch to a "Chronic Needs Plan" which is tailored to your medical condition. You can make that change immediately after you are diagnosed, and you do not have to wait until the normal enrollment period to enroll.

6. My income has dropped sharply.

People with very low income may qualify for Medi-Cal in which the federal and state governments pay for all or most of your medical insurance including prescriptions. If your income is a little too high, you might still qualify for "Extra Help" or LIS (Low Income Assistance) with your Rx coverage. You must proactively apply for Medi-Cal or LIS which is based on your (low) income and (few) resources. You must requalify annually.

7. My regular doctor is no longer in network for my plan.

If you deeply want to stay with a doctor, ask directly whether he or she is moving to a different Medicare Advantage plan or dropping out of Medicare completely. Doctors might contract with one insurance company and not another. If you decide to make a change to follow your doctor, carefully consider all the consequences! It might be safer to ask your doctor to recommend a colleague in your current plan.

Disclaimer: This is not an advertisement for Medicare Advantage. It is only to provide information regarding health care planning.

---submitted by Candi Walker GSMOL Director



-articles by Lynn Slade

Martha Johnston

We are pleased to welcome Martha Johnston to the De Anza community! Martha moved into space 16 on July 19, 2022. She came here from Folsom Ca. She is a retired software applications instructor, who

also did training and recruiting for major corporations, such as Merrill Lynch, GE and Intel.

Martha chose De Anza to be close to her son and grandkids, who live in Santa Cruz. Martha has two adorable dogs, Sugar who is 8 years old, and Reggie who is just 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old. She enjoys gardening, and her new back yard provides a blank canvas for her creativity.

Say hi to Martha when you see her walking Sugar and Reggie around the neighborhood! Welcome!

Mari Tustin

Let's give a warm welcome to Mari Tustin who moved into the house in space 81 on May 10, 2022. Mari moved from a lovely larger home in Santa Cruz to her smaller but equally lovely home in De Anza where the living is easy!

Mari works in real estate property management, where she develops and manages affordable housing throughout California.

In the past, Mari was an avid hiker, backpacker, and bicyclist. These days she enjoys bird watching and reading works by the winners of Nobel Prizes for Literature. Welcome Mari!



A big thanks to our resident rock painter who has left rocks painted in Ukraine colors on random spaces. What a lovely thought!







Birders on the Bridge

Neighbors by Nature



You may have noticed a gaggle of birders on the bridge this fall, with binoculars raised towards the cape honeysuckle bush with all the orange flowers. What are they looking at? Well, an unusual bird

is visiting our park—the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird. It is normally found only in the eastern states so it is guite exciting to see it here. For most local birders, this would be one to add to their "life list," and they are hoping to catch a glimpse of it.

DeAnza is recognized by Cornell University as a birding hot spot, bringing many birders here from near and far. The sighting of the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird was reported on many of the regional birding hotlines. For most of us this one would be tough to spot among the more common tiny hummingbirds zipping in and out of this bush. But birders are notoriously patient and determined. If it is here, they will find it.

Much easier to find is the Osprey, which has recently been perching on a high branch in the pine tree on the ocean side of the bridge. This is a large bird with a white breast. Unlike the hummingbirds, who are in constant motion, the Osprey sits still for long periods and can be easily seen without binoculars. It too got reported on the hotline and several birders came with their long





camera lenses to take pictures.

In addition to the unusual birds found here, our Arroyo nest boxes have provided homes for several species of cavity nesting birds. The first year the boxes were installed, we had two successful nests. This last spring, four boxes were occupied, including our first Western Bluebirds.

You may see these beautiful blue birds around the park and we are hoping they will become regular nesters in our boxes.

We also had families of Chestnut-backed Chickadees, and two different kinds of swallows—Tree Swallows and Violet-green Swallows. The swallows are noted for their aerial acrobatics as they swoop around over the ponds to grab insects from the air.

Breeding season is over now so the boxes will not be used again until next spring, but there is still much bird activity in the Arroyo.

Many folks have noticed the stately Great Blue Heron, standing in the shallow water still as a statue, hoping to snag a passing fish. Recently this bird has also been seen in the top of the tree on the island in the middle pond. Beautiful white Egrets are often to be seen along the edge of the ponds, and there are many smaller birds. On any given day, you might see as many as 20 different species if you are patient enough.

The next event that will draw local birders to DeAnza is the annual Audubon bird count in December. Birders county-wide will be out, rain or shine, to identify birds and count numbers, and they may well start here on the bridge. Last year's count in the park was 39 different species. No wonder we are a birding hot spot!

- Article by Jenny Anderson and Christina Floyd (our resident birding experts)









Saturday, November 19, 5:30pm ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Your Arroyo Association provides the turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy. <u>Residents bring their favorite side dishes to share.</u>

Sign up required. In clubhouse or online at deanzaarroyo@gmail.com



It has been an especially difficult year for many in our beautiful county. We are collecting non-perishable food and cash or check donations at our



Thanksgiving Dinner and Holiday Party to benefit SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SECOND HARVEST

When you shop for your holiday meals, why not fill a second bag for a local family in need. We will deliver it to Second Harvest.

It's Time to Deck the Hall

(your Clubhouse, that is)



Join the fun of transforming the Clubhouse into a Holiday Wonderland

<u>Wednesday, November 30, 9:30am-done</u>

No previous experience required. There are sitting jobs and climbing jobs. Trees to decorate and garland to hang. Lights to untangle and bulbs to sort. Something for everyone.



Mark your calendar for the <u>Holiday Party</u> SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 5:30pm

Live Music-Great Food-Full Bar

Celebrate the season with your De Anza neighbors

Both events presented by



HOA MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Call to Order

Eugene Markowitz called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The President took roll call of the Board Members. Those members present were: Eugene Markowitz, Don Payne, Candi Walker, Margaret Gannon, Gary Whitten, Jerry Zanzinger, Lorraine Smith

Jennifer McClellan, park manager was also present for Q & A session.

Vice President and Secretary Positions are not chaired. There were 38 members of the HOA present at the meeting.

New residents were introduced. The vote to increase dues had been taken off the agenda and further discussion would be during the Treasurer's report. Eugene stated the Board position of Secretary was now open due to Karen Dawson resigning her position. He asked if any residents were interested. Eugene approached the subject of utilities sometimes not being correct for the month, especially July, August and September and for any residents that had their utilities put into a higher tier to speak with management. He reported that he and Margaret Gannon meet with Jennifer McClellan, park manager, once a month. They had discussed safety protocols for ADA compliance for some of the residents to get to and from pool area in case of emergency. Jennifer stated higher management was working on a solution.

Special Report from Jennifer McClellan can be read on the website. Due to content/space restrictions the complete report cannot be printed here. If anyone would like a copy of the minutes, please email me @ deanzanews@gmail.com or visit the website. Apologies in advance.

Treasurer's Report

Jerry Zanzinger stated he looked at the JAMS account and what can be done with the funds. The contract states that we MAY use the money as part of our annual fund if we want to do that. Dues will not be increased because of this. The reason we have dues is to have a Quorom before membership can vote on any issue. Jerry and Eugene explained why the HOA need dues. We have to be in compliance with the By-Laws.

Candi Walker asked where the JAMS money is. Jerry stated it is in a Wells Fargo account and the Board will discuss how it will be used. She suggested we have a meeting it and invite residents. Jerry stated residents are always welcome to attend the Board meetings which are the Wednesday before the community HOA meeting.

The subject of taxes paid to IRS after many years was explained. In 2003 a 990 form was supposed to be sent for tax exempt status. None was sent in. We are currently out of synch with the IRS. The Board decided to send a check for \$600 to see if we can be exempt. He requested they waive the fee since we are a small community-based HOA. He is waiting for a response.

Policies and Procedures No new information

Emergency Procedures

Gary handed out Emergency Information received from the Fire Department to new members. Gary suggested that GoBags be placed in walkers or backpacks. You should check your GoBag at least every six months to make sure it is up to date

GSMOL Candi Walker stated she had nothing new to report

Park Concerns Margaret Gannon stated that Jennifer had covered most of the information

Communications

Lorraine Smith commented that John Kettles will be the new webmaster of the community website beginning in October. She asked for residents to please check the resident list to add or edit their information. Sandi Dutra asked for confirmation that the list Lorraine has is not the same as Jennifer's. They are different lists. Lorraine stated Lynn Slade will be doing bio's for new residents for the Arroyo Bulletin.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Eugene Markowitz at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted, Lorraine Smith, Director of Communications



Listed below are plants that have either been planted or found in the Arroyo. How did you do with matching them up?

Information and photo credit: Barbara Cordes, Garden Meister Extraordinaire





