



BATTLECREEK COMMONS COMMUNICATOR



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Perhaps our purpose here on earth
is not a grand accomplishment,
but a small kindness,
that we don't think much of,
that changes the life of another.

~Mary Davis 🌲



Maybe the clouds and the trees and the flowers
love looking at you, too.

~unknown 🌲

Our Paving Project is Underway!

Work has begun on Lexington.

Beginning



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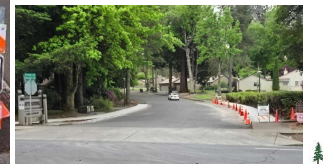
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*"THEM: You can't bring outside food in here.
ME: This is service bacon."*

CALENDAR**June 2025 – August 2025****HOA Activities**

These meetings are all open to all members.

For the time being, follow the instructions provided in the emailed meeting notices about how meetings will meet or contact the Chair of the committee you wish to attend.

Board of Directors	Finance –	Planning & Projects –	Neighborhood Watch – S Harris
June 24, 2025-5:30p - ZOOM	Wed B4 BMTg June 18, 2025-4:00p - Clbhse		June 12, 2025-6:00p - Clbhse
July 22, 2025-5:30p - ZOOM	July 16, 2025-4:00p - Clbhse	TBD	July 10, 2025-6:00p - Clbhse
August 26, 2025-5:30p - ZOOM	August 20, 2025-4:00p - Clbhse		August 14, 2025-6:00p - Clbhse

Grounds – Megan Trow & Virginia Ferguson, Co-Chairs	Maintenance/Repair/Paving –	Architectural – J Morgan	Emergency Prep – Aline Autenrieth
June 10, 2025-6:00p - Clubhouse	Paving project begins!	Meets as needed-contact Chair	July 1, 2025-7:00p -Clubhouse
July 8, 2025-6:00p - Clubhouse	Meets as needed-contact Chair	TBD	We'll meet quarterly unless
August 12, 2025-6:00p - Clubhouse	TBD		needed and called sooner

We hope you will join these meetings to share your concerns and views, and become more involved in our community. Please come join us! 🌲

Social Activities: Thirsty Thursday – Thirsty Thursdays are BACK!!! The clubhouse is reserved every Thursday 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm for this fun gathering. Bring your own drink and an appetizer to share. 🌲

**Brown Bag Lunch Social**

On Saturday May 10th, the Social Committee hosted a Brown Bag Lunch Social. Around 25 people attended. Thanks to the committee for their creative arrangement of the clubhouse and the delicious cookies to help us finish off our lunches! People had a nice time and some of our new residents had a chance to meet some of the community “regulars!”

Committee: Bonnie Shaughnessy-Smith, Rosalind Helber, Kathy Kaspari, Kathy Miller, Marilyn House, and Sharon Grasseth. 🌲

Some BCC Spring Beauty

One of many new trees planted last year. Your Editor



*“Laughter is the best medicine.
Or wine. It might be wine.”*

Are You Ready for The Unexpected?? (from Emergency Preparedness Committee)

Unexpected does not have to mean unprepared. It is only a Crisis if you are not Prepared! Remain Calm and Be Prepared!!!

An Emergency is The Absence of Choice....

Disclaimer: Please remember information shared here are ideas and suggestions presented for your consideration and are not recommendations by the BCC Board of Directors.



Are you hiding your head in the sand putting emergency disasters out of your mind? Are you expecting others to provide you with emergency supplies during an emergency?

Well, that's interesting! Please know your neighbors may not have enough emergency supplies for you. The BCC cache is actually NOT going to have supplies for you. It contains, stretchers, bandages, search and rescue backpacks, hard hats and the like. The CERT trained members of the community will first secure their own families and

situation and then will head out to check on people in the community to see if they are trapped and/or need medical help (wounds, broken bones, etc.). It really is important to have your own stash of supplies.

Random Notes:

Reminder: It is the beginning of wildfire season.....

A good rule of thumb is to ALWAYS fill your vehicle gas tank when it reaches half full. This way you will always have some fuel. If a disaster occurs, even if the power is still on to pump gas, you will not be able to get fuel because police, fire, other first responders all will have priority over you to get gas. 🌲

Just a note of information: The Certification of all of our CERT trained community members has expired. We all took the training before 2020 and our certifications expired during the pandemic. We are now working to take some refresher course work in order to get recertified. So far one person has completed the simplified recertification criteria.

!! Items of the Month !! Road Trip Preparation! It's the time of year when road trips become a way to "vacation" during the milder weather. It's important to have emergency supplies in the vehicle for "just in case." Some of these items are logical others maybe not so much:

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| • First Aid Kit | • Shrill Whistle |
| • Road Flares | • Solar Phone Charger |
| • Flashlight | • Duct Tape |
| • Knife | • Tool Kit |
| • Jug of Water (for overheated radiator) | • Gloves |
| • Properly Inflated Spare Tire | • Paper Towels or Absorbent Cloth |
| • Extra Drinking Water | • Poncho |
| • Snacks | • Tow Rope 🌲 |
| • JumpStart Tool (charged) or Jumper Cables | |
| • Tire Inflator (charged) | |



PLEASE send in your Emergency Prep Information Form to Mary Schroeder.
(If you need another one contact Mary at felines@comcast.net!!!!)

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 1 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse.** Emergency Preparedness meets the **1st Tuesday of each quarter (July 1) at 7:00 pm** in the Clubhouse unless called sooner to which **ALL are welcome!** Please contact one of us if you wish to join the meeting, have questions, or something to contribute. Stay healthy, happy, and safe!! 🌲




"Old age is a thing... last night I was in bed for 20 minutes when I heard the pizza guy cough. Then I remembered I came to my bedroom to get my wallet."

Finders Keepers!

The NEW Rock Hider continues to hide these beautiful rocks with crocheted coverings. So, go out there and find them!! They are placed around the beginning of the month!! We Love It, whoever you are and **thank you very much** for this very fun activity!! So search on, everybody!! 🌲



BCC CONCERTS

On Sunday, June 29th, 2:00 – 5:00 pm
 **Gail Gage Jazz** will be back to bring us their great repertoire of jazz pieces.

Bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice and enjoy an afternoon of music with your friends and neighbors. Some cushions are available to make the folding chairs more comfortable. The recommended donation to the artist is \$15 per adult. Call/text Sharon Grassest to reserve seats for you and your guests – 503-559-8414, sharrose47@yahoo.com



Mary and Russell of **Pair Blossom** joined us May 4th for a delightful afternoon of Violin and Guitar instrumentals. 🌲

If you have a recipe or several you would like to share, please send them to me – always searching for good contributions!! Thanks!

Recipe Corner!

Crustless Rhubarb Custard Pie Easy Recipe

Ingredients

- 3 cups rhubarb diced
- 1/3 cup flour
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 large eggs
- 1 Tbl. vanilla extract
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp. butter softened, used to grease the pie plate



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Clean & dice rhubarb.
2. Very generously spread softened butter on the bottom & sides of pie plate. Add diced rhubarb.
3. Mix remaining ingredients in blender until well blended, 1 or 2 minutes. Pour over rhubarb.
4. Bake 40 minutes at 375 degrees. When done, center will be ever so slightly jiggly. That will firm up once removed from the oven & let sit for 10-15 minutes. 🍴

Contributors to this month's Newsletter: Steve Starkey, Social Committee, Crocheting Rock Hider, Sharon Grassest, and me!,-Aline Autenrieth. 🌲



*"Thanks for being friends with me.
Questionable life choice, but I appreciate it."*

Do you have something to share with the community? The Newsletter is a good place to get out the word. Write it up and send it to me (aautenrieth@juno.com). Please send the article rather than just the idea! Articles should be from 100 words to 600 words. We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Microsoft Word compatible is desired. PDF files are more difficult! **DEADLINE: 10th of the month, please!** 🌲



BCC Office Hours

**Monday thru Friday (except holidays):
10:00 am - 3:30 pm**

NOTE: The office will be closed for holidays on

July 4, Sep 1
Nov 27, Dec 25

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