Resource Guide

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Hawaiian Luau - Kim Hanson

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Penngrove Social Firemen

GAZETTE NOVEMBER 2023

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951 www.penngrovesocialfiremen.org

PSF Membership Meeting held at the Clubhouse Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Absent: Kim Hanson, Note: Minutes taken by Bob Moretti Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Pres Joe Pedrani Pledge was led by John Mc Ginnis

Good of the Order:

- Happy Birthday to Gregg Fautley, Kim Hanson, Howard Hoeflein, Kevin Scarpete, Gary Simotachi, Joanne Curtis, Donna Dator
- Moment of silence for Carl of Carl's Auto Body
- Guests: Kitty Meadows and Elaine Randolph
- Treasures Report was read by Bob Moretti

New Business:

- The Filthies Car show net us \$2,200.00. We had unexpected damaged to the ceiling inside the clubhouse. Scott was quick to call for repairs, and the damage is completed.
- Polenta & Stew Feed taking place on Saturday, October 21st.
- The Sonoma County Water Agency has cleaned out the creek from the west side of the bridge near the Post Office, down to the end of the park property. Hopefully this will reduce flooding.
- The park will be closing for the season on Saturday October 21st. We will then start the releveling project which will be between the bar and kitchen. It will get new dirt and hydro seeds.
- Construction of the building over the walkin will start soon. Nick has the tin and wood ordered. Scott got a great deal in the doors. (I think they were free, or close to it)
- Bark to be replaced at the front playground in the spring.
- Thank you to our cooks tonight, Dave and Tina Brughelli. Great job and thanks for stepping up.
- November dinner will be prepared by Kim Hanson and
- Note: After tonight's meeting was closed, Larry Wagner made a motion to keep all Board of Directors in place for another term. Darrell Turner second the motion. However, because the meeting was closed, and not reopened, and no announcement about nominations made during the meeting we must announce it at the next meeting per Roberts Rule. Nominations for the 5 Directors ending terms will take place at Novembers meeting. If you have someone you wish to nominate, please announce it at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

PSF Board Meeting held at the Clubhouse Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:00pm

Absent: Stanley Pronzini and Nick Bursio

Meeting came to order at 6:00pm

- Tom Corso, the Park Ranger attended to give us an update on the park. The belt on the DR motor will need to be replaced. Scott is planning on taking the mower in for a tune up after the park closes on October 22nd. Tom and Cathy have done a great job managing the park this year. Much appreciated.
- Penngrove Market is having their annual Craft Faire. All agreed to use the park for overflow parking.
- Bob M. will be reducing the size of the Clubhouse dumpster from 3 yds down to 2 yds. This will save us approx. \$126.00 per month. When we open the park in the spring will also reduce the dumpster from 4 yds to 3 yds. This will also save us approx. \$125.00 per month.
- Work on the shed at the park will start after the closing date. Same with the regrading between the bar to kitchen area with hydroseeding.
- Scott thanks Kerry, Derek, Peter, Tom, and Bob for helping clean up the park last week. The two Crepe Myrtle trees were planted. Thank you, Ed Grossi, for delivering them.
- New monies should be coming in at the end of the year or early 2024. We will invest \$100,000.00 into
 two separate CDs with staggering maturity dates. The remaining \$50,000.00 will go into our checking
 account for upcoming improvements. This will also be the case with our CD of \$40,000.00 when it comes
 due.
- Bob is pending a second bid to redo the sidewalks and retaining wall in the front yard as well as repairs to the bottom of the main staircase. These areas have large cracks. Iron rails will be installed at the lower stairs and retaining wall. The flagpole will be moved to the front of the walkway. New landscape plants will replace the old. Bob and Kim are chairpersons on this project. This will give the Clubhouse nice curb appeal. They are working on proposals for the backyard improvements.
- Kim hung new curtains in the bar and serving area.

Note; We are looking for someone to take over Lisa Pronzini's position for the July Celebration Food Cour
Please see any director if interested or know someone.

Meeting adjourned at	: 6:45pm		
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Next Social Firemen Meeting - Wednesday, November 1 at 6:00pm

Nominations still open

Upcoming PSF Events:

December 17- Holiday Parade of Lights, 6:00pm

Upcoming Community Events:

November 4 - Annual Art & Craft Market benefits Penngrove School, 10-4:00pm at Penngrove Market December 9 - Penngrove Winter Fest - 10-4:00pm - downtown





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This year for the holiday giving, we will partner with Una Vida, a local non-profit who has been providing food and clothing to Sonoma County residents for many years.

Starting in November Una Vida begins to receive requests from Sonoma County residents for holiday assistance. They will reach out to PSF to fulfill the requests they receive from Penngrove residents.

When Sandy Spring is contacted with the request, she will reach out to participating PSF members. You can choose to either purchase the requested item OR if you prefer you can contribute funds and Sandy will take care of purchasing the items.

To participate contact Sandy Spring (707) 242-3129 or sandyspring@sbcglobal.net



SONOMA COUNTY AND THE "OPA"

by Jack Withington

On August 28, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt's Executive Order 8875 creating (the office of Price Administration better known as the OPA). The OPA's main responsibility was to place a ceiling on prices of most goods and to limit consumption by rationing. Americans received their first ration cards in May 1942. Two ration books were distributed to every eligible man, woman, child, and baby in the United States. Each person started out with 48 blue points and 64 red points each month.

The book had four colored stamps. Green and blue stamps were used for processed foods such as canned and bottled fruits, juices, vegetables, soup, baby food, frozen food, spreads, and dried foods. Red stamps were used for meat. Black or "spare" stamps were to be used for future changes.

The Ration Books were rather compact measuring 5 ½ BY 4 ¼. Emblazoned on the front cover of ration book was a stern warning,

"READ BEFORE SIGNING"

In accepting this book, I recognize that it remains the property of the United States Government. I will use it only in the manner and for the purposes authorized by the Office of Price Administration. On the back cover page of the ration book was another message. "Never buy Rationed Goods Without Ration Stamps. Never Pay More Than The Legal Price". The above material was what Consumers had to go by! The data below is what the farmer or processor had to go by.

"THE BLACK MARKET"

Farmers and food processors had to go by government institutional price controls. Any product sold above the controlled price structure was selling on the "Black Market". This rule was to be followed by Sonoma County farmers and processors as well.

Many Petaluma Groups organized to fight the Black Market while more than a few locals were caught violating the Black Market rules and were dealt with by authorities. In 1943, in the middle of the war, 30 local poultry farmers were charged with violating price controls and failure to keep accurate records.

