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Penngrove Social Firemen

GAZETTE

SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Next Social Firemen Meeting Wednesday, September 2nd
Social Hour at 5:30PM • Meeting at 6:30PM

PSF Membership Meeting
Held at the Clubhouse Wednesday, Aug 4, 2026, at 6:30pm

Absent: Joe Pedrani, Pres.
V.P. Scott Finley facilitated the meeting
Larry Wagner led the pledge

Good of the Order;
Happy Birthday to: Tina Brugelli, Charlie Piro.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our member Jeanette Orme. Jeanette was an active and valued member for 16 years, generously helping with the July Celebration and many other functions over the years. She will be greatly missed.

Jeanette was the daughter of member Irene Davidson and the sister of Steve Davidson. Robin Mahrt, Jeanette's cousin and Irene Davidson's niece, passed away two weeks prior to Jeanette. Robin was also the sister of member Terri Trulillo.

Also, Bill Scarpete, and our former member Joanna Curtis who passed on August 7 th .

A moment of silence to honor them.

- The June minutes were approved by Bill Fishman and Ed Grossi. All members present are in favor. (no membership meeting in July)
- We had 5 new members tonight, David Quinn, Marie McNaughton, Carla Jadallah, Solange Guillaume, and her husband, Zachary Crockett. We welcome you all.
- Bob Moretti read the Treasurers Report. We have a CD maturing and wish to roll it over for 12 mo term. We wish to open a new CD for $50,000.00 for 6 mos. Marv Augustine 1st , John McGinnis 2nd , all members present are in favor. Bob to contact Poppy Bank this week.

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New Business;

- We cleared $17,205 for the July Celebration. This year's ticket sales were down from last year. Possibly from the 3-day weekend.
- Kim thanked all the volunteers who helped. Movie in the Park night on July 30 was our first and although it was low in attendance, everyone had a fun time. The next Movie Night is Friday, Aug 28 showing *The Sheep Detective*.
- Luau will be in the park on September 27. Tickets will be available on Eventbrite or at Penngrove Market.
- A tree had to be removed in the park.
- The backyard venue is almost complete.
- Looking for a volunteer to pressure wash the play equipment and shed at the park. We also need someone to paint the front stair handrails at the clubhouse. See Scott

Thank you, Stanley and John T, for a wonderful meal tonight.

September cooks will be Joe P., Larry W., Stanley, and John.
October cooks are The Fishman's

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Also, sad news received today of the passing of Roland Mellor.
At the next meeting we will share more details about Roland and his service to the PSF.

PSF Board Meeting
Held at the Clubhouse, August 11, 2026 at 6:00pm

Absent: Kerry Aktinson
Guest: Bev Palm

Discussion:

- Hot water heater in pantry is 25 yrs old. Concerned if it "goes", water will flow into hall and damage hardwood floor. We will look at options such as an instant water heater.
- Scott is researching bands for the 2027 July Celebration. Train Wreck Junction will not be available.
- We donated $1,500.00 to the Sonoma County Fair for 6 kids add-ons at $250.00 each. The kids worked so hard all year, and it is a wonderful foundation for their future.
- New flag for the park. Preferably weatherproof for longevity. Joe will oversee this.
- We need a Membership Chair for this coming year. Responsibilities: provide new members applications, mail out renewals, collect dues, promote membership at our functions, keep updated roster
- Reviewed backyard venue. Almost complete with handrails, bar top and a few lights needed.
- Reviewed what future costs will be when renting hall/backyard. Kim provided some comps

Motion:

- Lots of food left over at membership dinners. Rather than throw it away, we will sell boxes to go for $10.00. Stanley 1st , Joe 2nd , all in favor

Meeting adjourned 7:25pm

THE PENNGROVE GRANGE # 740

By JACK WITHINGTON

In September 1948. Penngrove was a very rural and diversified farming community with a sign on the edge of town denoting Penngrove's population 400. Poultry and dairy farms were located on every country road surrounding the community. There were even working farms located in predominantly residential areas of the town. Trucks loaded with milk cans, live chickens, and sacked animal feed could be seen daily driving through Penngrove.

Penngrove's rural residents formed a chapter of the Patrons of Husbandry, or better known as the Grange, an organization with roots going back to 1868. Founded to promote the economic and political fortunes of the farmer including relief from the railroads and grainelevators charging too much for their services.

The Grange was a secret fraternal group with secret ceremonies, handshakes, and passwords. Mr. Oliver Kelly and six colleagues from the U.S. Bureau of Agriculture started the National Grange. At the local level some of the officer positions and titles were drawn from the old- time English estate. The Master presided at meetings and represented the Grange at community functions. The duty of the Overseer was to see that the Masters' orders were faithfully carried out. At one time, the national Grange organization boasted a membership of 800,000. The Grange had four levels, Community (local), County or Pomona, State and National.

The Penngrove Grange # 740 consisted of a senior group, and a junior group for youngster's ages 5-14. Upon reaching 14, full membership was attained. The Grange met at the Penngrove Women's Clubhouse with the junior group holding their meetings in the small room (the fireplace room) at the clubhouse behind the glass separating doors. At one time there were Grange Halls in Bennett Valley which is the oldest Grange Hall in the United States (1873), Cloverdale, Bellevue, Sebastopol, Healdsburg, Windsor, Two Rock, Rincon Valley, Sonoma Valley, Geyserville, Bodega Bay, Hessel, Petaluma, Cotati and Penngrove.

Membership in the Grange was not automatic. Prospective members had to undergo a screening process and a vote of the entire organization. The last hurdle was the actual membership vote with a secret process called the Black Ball originating in the 1700s. A box was circulated around the meeting room; included in the box was a section with white marbles, a section with black marbles, and a section where the voting member could drop a white marble if they wanted to grant membership or a black ball if they wanted to deny membership, therefore Black Balling the candidate!

Other places of meetings included the Corona Club and Maple Leaf Club.
See history plaques on wall in the Fireplace Room.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE SISTERS SEASONAL GATHERING - SEPT. 12, 2026 - 10AM - 4PM

At Three Sisters Apothecary, 11830 Main St., Penngrove
https://www.instagram.com/soapcauldron/

TRASH PICKERS - SEPT. 26, 2026 -9AM

Meet at Grateful Bagel. Volunteer for your community. And have fun together. Clean up Old Redwood Hwy. All equipment provided.

HUMDINGER CAR SHOW - SEPT. 26, 2026 - 10AM - 4PM

in the Park

PENNGROVE LUAU - SEPT. 27, 2026 2:30 -7PM

Enjoy a Hawaiian dinner and a performance by the Taimalietane Islands of Polynesia dancers. The costumes and performance of this all-age troupe is authentic and inspiring.

The menu features PSF's talented volunteer chefs, making Kalua pork, fried rice, Asian salad, Hawaiian chicken, and dessert. Wear your best Hawaiian shirt and lei. Immerse yourself in the island spirit.
Dinner at 4:00 pm.

Adults $30; Kids 12 and under $15. Free for ages 5 and under.
Tickets: Penngrove Market *cash or check, https://Luau_Penngrove.eventbrite.com, or call 707-318-2191.
Event held at Penngrove Park, 11800 Main St., Penngrove
Proceeds benefit new playground equipment in the park