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July Celebration

Board of Directors

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GAZETTE

AUGUST 2016

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

Saturday

September 10th, 2016

Penngrove Park

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Hawaiian Vacation

for Two

Penngrove Celebration

Our annual Penngrove Celebration was a success. The parade was, as usual a big hit. We had a wide variety of entries. Special thanks to Kim Hanson for all of her effort in putting this together. We need to thank SMART for bringing an engine for all to visit. There were also a lot of donations from businesses that help make this event run smoothly and defers cost. for the trophies.

The day was hot and folks were thirsty. The Penngrove 4-H had a busy day selling soft drinks, water and desserts. We had a busy day at the beer booth grossing \$ 6,376.00

Everything ran very smooth with no problems, the food was good, the crowd was mellow (Est. 1800 people) here is how it looked:

NET INCOME:	\$ 31,742.67
EXPENSES:	\$ 13,419.64
NET:	\$ 18,323.03

Looks like one of our better years. We did run a little short on volunteers. This event is a lot of work. We all need to be conscious of our annual overhead that keeps the doors open at the park and the clubhouse (averages about \$ 5000,00 per month.) We do have rental income from the park and the clubhouse which covers about half of our expenses.

As members we all need to spend eight hours per year doing some form of volunteer labor, it can be as little as helping set up the hall for our monthly meetings and cleaning up afterwards. Think about taking a chairperson position on a committee or event. We are an aging group and it would be nice to know that we have younger people to take over with in the next decade.

Membership Meeting

August 3, 2016

Tri Tip

Cooks:

**Darrel Turner, John Connelly,
Ron Dell'Immagine**

Directors Meeting

August 8, 2016 6:00PM

**7850 Davis Lane,
Penngrove**

Penngrove Social Firemen Car show and BB Q



Our Annual Car Show and Bar BQ was enjoyed by many. There were 400 cars on display, T-Shirts, food, beverage, music, what more could you ask for on sunny day.

Again this doesn't happen with out a ton of work. Special thanks to John and Pam Rossi for putting this event together.

The event went off without a hitch. The cars were amazing. We sold out of food over all great day. T-Shirts are still available for \$ 20.00 get them while the last they make a great souvenir

Directors Meeting

July 11, 2016

Present were President Ray Soper, Directors Roland Mellor, Julie Hanson, Nick Bursio, Scott Finley, Don Barella Joe Turner Joe Pedrani and guest Bill Fishman. We spoke of the issues that Penngrove Social Firemen have with Martin Sessi's rebuilding of the market & the considerable changes. One of them is the drainage and what will become of the water that runs down from the store and the property as it is proposed to be a considerable slope. We already have flooding issues in the park in the winter. Another is the right of way/easement and how it will affect the Penngrove Park with large trucks parking to unload and possibly blocking the park entrance. Also it is proposed in the new plans to have a curbing that comes out into the driveway between store & park. The curb considerably cuts off the driveway. The solutions we have noted would be: Handicap parking on the street, making store patio smaller and trucks backing into the annex area to unload. Penngrove Social Firemen need to have access to the parks back entrance for safety and emergency vehicle use. Water runoff is an issue, due to flooding, and current easement also is an issue as the store/patio/parking will cut into the easement. We are looking for a solution that makes everyone happy. The Penngrove Social Firemen Board of Directors will meet at the park entrance on Thursday, July 14th at 4pm with a rep from the Sonoma County Building Dept, David Rabbitt & Martin Sessi. The work for the 2017 Penngrove Parade & Celebration needs to start in the fall, to work with Smart Train to see if issues can be worked out. It is possible to have to pay a large amount for permits once the train is in operation. The cleanup at the Park after the celebration event was to be done by Penngrove 4H members. The job was not finished, and since we do not have member participation, it is being proposed for July 2017 to hire 3 people to do this. We already have someone in mind. Also because some of the ones that work the

bar for this event are getting older, we *thinking* of hire 3 bartenders next year. And at the ticket booth, 2 people didn't show up for a work shift at ticket booth. We are discussing raising the dues starting in January 2017 to help defray the cost of hiring people to do the work that club members don't want to sign up for. When you pay your annual dues you are agreeing to donate 8 hours a year of volunteer time. That is not happening with lots of our members. The older senior members aren't expected to do this, but even 92 year old Joe Turner was helping around the food area most of the day. The younger people in this club should be ashamed that they are not pitching in and doing their part. The Directors support the dues increase if that is what needs to be done. Rents of the clubhouse & park take care of approximately 45% of the overhead for both sites and 55% are covered through dues, raffles, dinners and fundraisers. Don Barella & Scott Finley will check with Bobby Ghilotti to see if he can assist with some equipment to take the park terrain down a few inches and level it out. Then we would throw some lawn seed out. There is no revenue from the ball park as it is provided for the community. July 17th irrigation water is to be shut off in preparation of the car show on July 23rd. Scott will put the speed bumps back in place around July 26th. Bev Paul will replace Tobie on bookings at the park and clubhouse.

On The Way

Paul Azevedo has donated a 40" container for the park. The container will be used for storage of baseball equipment for teams using the ball diamond and for storage mobile equipment re: lawn mowers, larger landscape equipment and misc. park maintenance equipment.

Thank you again Paul for you thoughtful consideration of the Penngrove Social Firemen.

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Thought for the day

1. If walking is good for your health the postman would be immortal
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish only drinks water and is still fat
3. A rabbit only eats vegetables, runs and hops all day long and only lives 5 years
4. A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing energetic yet it lives for 450 years

And you tell me to exercise , I don't think so.

Presidents Message
Ray Soper

Hard to believe were are over half way through the year. It has been an exceptional year for us, our events have all succeeded with the help of members.

We have one event remaining this year our **Luau**. If you can remember this event six years ago raised enough money to pay for-all new playground equipment. We need to get behind chairperson, Kim Hanson and make this event profitable and fun.

Rumors, the Social Firemen have been accused of holding up the Penngrove Market rebuilding project. I am hear to say that is 100% false. Your Board of Directors have put in hours in reviewing plans and ideas and at the same time protecting the front area of our Park.

Parking is an issue, the Marin Sessi plan is a concern. We have a right of way to the Park we need to make sure that the entrance is accessible to patrons and emergency vehicles. We were asked in February to sign a document created by Martin using our **letterhead** allowing Martin Sessi to use the easement as a parking area, we refused in order to keep a clear lane for traffic in and out of the park. This is not blocking the project, this is protecting our members and community from adverse traffic problem.

The building burned May 5, 2015, I guarantee PSF is not the hold up the rebuilding process.

Need a quart of milk, Palace of Fruit has it.

Lyndi Brown's Corner

Penngrove's Heather Mahoney
Congratulations to Penngrove's Heather Mahoney. The 12-year racquetball champ won three national honors in June at the USA Racquetball National Junior Olympic Championships in Minnesota. This qualified her for a spot on the U.S. Junior National Team in Mexico in November 2016.



Lynda's Penngrove Proud
Penngrove Proud Community Magazine is cherished in our little town. Lynda Sutton-Smith is in her 9th year as publisher/creative director, treating us with quarterly issues full of Penngrove's history, what's new and lovely photos. Brother John Sutton-Smith is editorial director.

This winter they opened an office for Penngrove Publishing (publisher of Penngrove Proud) in the Penngrove Station building to expand a full service graphic design, marketing and business center. If you need advertising, direct mail, copywriting, stop in and have a chat or tea, (because Lynda's English accent is for real).

Back issues of Penngrove Proud adorn the office walls, or you can read them online at penngroveproud.com. On Facebook: Penngrove Proud Community Magazine.

Linda is in the 6th year of publishing the Cotati Community Guide and Business Directory, and also the Cotati Community map. Her 30+ years of graphic design experience include stints as creative director for Buena Vista Winery and Traditional Medicinals. -




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