

## Resource Guide

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# Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE

## AUGUST 2019

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

## LOOKING BACK

By: Jack Withington

### Penngrove's Community Clubhouse



If buildings could talk, Penngrove's Community Clubhouse could spin a story that would include much of Penngrove's rich and interesting history! Originally built as the Penngrove Social Welfare Club and completed in 1922, the name changed over the years; it later became the Penngrove Women's Club and now the Penngrove Community Clubhouse.

Mrs. Tillie Hermann was the club's first president. Tillie was the wife of local builder Al Hermann, the contractor responsible for the construction of the six room Eagle Elementary School (later the name was changed to Penngrove Grammar School), and many other projects in southern Sonoma County.

In 1930, the basement of the clubhouse served as the home of Penngrove's Fire Department until 1938, when a new two-story firehouse was built next door utilizing lumber from the razed old Eagle School building. The little metal building on display at the Penngrove Park was formerly located in front of this fire house.

The clubhouse has served the community for nearly 100 years. Whether you have lived in Penngrove all your life, born here or raised here, or were just passing through, there is a good chance you have fond memories of the large building on the corner of Woodward and Oak Streets in Penngrove.

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**PSF Board Meeting Tuesday, July 16, 2019  
held at the Penngrove Park at 6:00pm**

Absent: Nick Bursio, Stanley Pronzini  
Bev Palm was present to discuss rentals.

**Note:** There was no Membership Meeting for this month.

**Discussion:**

Overview of the parade held on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Wristbands will only be given out at the wristband table. All ID'S will be checked regardless of age.
- John McGinnis will be the "Pit Boss" next year. There will be instructions written up and posted at all tables. This will ensure that everyone understands the rules of the game.
- Salami table will be reduced back to \$1.00 (from \$2.00) per bet. We tried the higher price but didn't seem to get the same draw.
- Next year, the tickets will be increased to \$5.00 each, from \$4.00. An estimate based on tickets sold in 2018 will give us an increase in revenue to \$2,138.00. This does take into account the \$1.00 reduction in some of the food sales. However, the bar/beer and some of the food sales will increase by \$1.00-\$2.00.
- Julie is still working on the final figures for the P/L. We should have this available at the next membership meeting.

We reviewed letters received from several 4-H kids asking us to purchase their pigs at the Sonoma County Fair. Bob Moretti will be attending the auction and will decide which pig to bid on.

The parking lot at the clubhouse has been repaved.

Due do a rental at the clubhouse in October, the Membership meeting will take place the following week on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars.

The Boy Scouts did a wonderful job sanding the new tables at the park. We so appreciated their help each year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

**Next Membership Meeting:**

Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30pm  
at the PSF Clubhouse –  
Dinner will be prepared by  
Audrey Muelrath

**Next Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00pm  
at Joe Pedrani's home

There was no  
membership  
meeting in July -  
we hope  
everyone had a  
safe and fun  
Fourth of July!



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Many Penngrove Elementary School graduations and Christmas pageants were held in the building. If you belonged to the Old Adobe or other 4-H clubs you had your meetings there. If you were Finnish, or a member of many other ethnic groups, you met there. If you belonged to one of the myriad groups that met there for differing reasons like folk dancing, or square dancing, you did it there. When you voted, there was a good chance your polling place was at the Women's Clubhouse. If your group was raising funds, you held bazaars, card parties, or carnivals there. The Penngrove Grange, for many years, met there.

Dances were a popular use of the clubhouse. Local groups like the Korn Vendors Orchestra led by Penngrove poultry farmer, Larry Sani, played to crowds there in the 1950s. There, you could also dance to and enjoy the music of Ralph Rawson and his band. The country group Black Jack Wayne with Cal and Rose Maddox were a regular feature in Penngrove.

When the hall underwent stressful times, the Penngrove Social Firemen stepped in and brought financial stability to this iconic clubhouse.