

## Resource Guide

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**Crab Feed** - Roland Mellor

**Corned Beef and Cabbage**

Stan Pronzini

**Truckers Ball** - Roland Mellor &

Julie Hanson

**Rotary Bike Ride** - TBD

**July Celebration** - Board of

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**Hawaiian Luau** - Kim Hanson

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# Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE

## NOVEMBER 2021

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

## Upcoming Happenings & Events – Mark Your Calendar!

### NOVEMBER MEMBER MEETING @ CLUBHOUSE – Nov. 3

Dinner will be pizza and salad. Final nominations will be open that night.

### HELP NEEDED AT THE PARK – Nov. 6-7

Bar repair at the park. Please contact Bob Moretti at (707) 953-6749 to sign up for this project.

### CRAFT FAIR – Nov. 6

The 3rd Annual Arts & Craft Fair takes place from 10 am to 4 pm at Penngrove Market's outdoor patio, benefitting Penngrove Elementary School. This has become a highlight of our town's season, where we meet and mingle with creatives and get inspired for the holidays.

### DECEMBER MEMBER MEETING – Dec. 3 (by RSVP only)

Free Prime Rib Bash & Voting  
Members and Spouses/SOs, only! Sorry, no guests.  
Must RSVP to Kim  
(707) 794-1516 or  
mrsjjava@hotmail.com

### HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE – Dec. 19

Sidelined in 2020 by you-know-what, the Holiday Lights Parade returns on Main St. at 6 pm, presented by Penngrove Social Firemen. Glowing farm equipment, tractors, and street food.

### CRAB FEED – Jan. 15

Hopefully, this will be an in-house event. Otherwise, it will be a drive-thru. More to follow on this soon.

### ITALIAN NIGHT – Feb. 19

### CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER– March 12

### TRUCKER'S BALL – May 7

\*\*\*Please note that a special board meeting will be held on Monday Oct. 25. Notes from that meeting will be included in the December edition of the newsletter.\*\*\*

## **Penngrove Social Firemen Membership Meeting - October 6, 2021, at the Clubhouse**

Absent: Kim Hanson

Minutes taken by Julie Hanson in Kim's absence.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Joe Pedrani.

Pledge to the flag led by Bob Moretti.

### **Birthdays:**

KEVIN, TOM, JOANNE, KIM, DONNA, GARY, and I didn't hear the rest of the names!!

Julie Hanson read the Treasurers report. This is posted on meeting nights to review but will no longer be posted in newsletter.

### **Old Business:**

- Help is needed to assist with the banner that will be hung on back wall of stage. If you are able to lend a hand, please let one of the directors know.
- Tin is needed over the bar at the park to keep water out of that area. Help is requested on 1st weekend in November to do this. Please contact Bob Moretti (707-953-6749) to sign up for this project.
- The Penngrove Light Parade will happen in December. Kim will confirm the date next month.
- We are planning to have an onsite or a drive thru crab feed at clubhouse in January. More to follow on this soon.

### **New Business:**

- Nominations are open for the election in December. All nine director positions are up for renewal this year. Bob Palm was nominated. We are expecting more nominations in November.
- On October 16th, there was an event at Petaluma Fairgrounds to "Save The Fairgrounds" with Train Wreck Junction providing the music.
- On November 6th, the Penngrove Market will hold the 3rd Annual Arts & Craft event from 10am to 4 pm. Proceeds will benefit Penngrove School.

We thanked Melissa and Lolli for preparing the delicious lasagna dinner with salad, garlic bread and dessert tonight.

Bob Moretti made a motion to close the meeting at 6:50pm.

### **Looking back - The Ranch by Jack Withington**

On September 15, 1944, my parents, Norman and Edith Withington, bought a 10-acre chicken ranch from Ing Hon Low and May Guen Yuen. The property had been part of the 'Maass Ranch" and, according to the deed the ranch was about three-quarters of a mile north of Penngrove. The adjacent property to the northeast of the Withington Ranch was the former site of Penngrove's Methodist Church, built in 1898.

In Ellen Harris' "Penngrove Past & Present", (copies available at the JavAmore Coffee shop at 10101 Main Street) the book states that in 1910 the attendance of the church had dwindled so it was then moved into town. Workman placed the church on rollers and rolled the building down the Hill Road and up Adobe Road to the present location on Oak Street. Besides a new home, the church switched denominations going from Methodist-Episcopal to Congregational Church, and later becoming the United Church of Christ.

What is now called Formschlag Lane, and at one time known as Wedemeyer Lane, ran east and west along the Withington/ Methodist Church property line. The Formschlag family were early Penngrove pioneers. According to Penngrove historian and author John Sheehy, when Peter Formschlag died in 1883, and his widow married Fred Wedemeyer--hence the name Wedemeyer Lane, which today is called Formschlag Lane.

*Looking Back – The Ranch, continued...*

Another Penngrove pioneer named David Wharff owned much of the property along Wedemeyer/Formschlag Lanes. He is credited as the man who brought laying hens into the area.

The Withington family could not take possession of the property until the end of World War Two. They were committed to honor a lease for a five-acre chicken ranch owned by the Yamasaki family on Skillman Lane. The Yamasaki's were interned due to Executive Order 9066. That lease would end when the legal owners, the Yamasaki family, were able to reclaim their property. The Agreement of Lease was drawn by the Petaluma attorney firm of Lounibos & Lounibos and was dated April 14, 1942.

After the war, the Withington family finally took possession of the ranch. It was decided that they would raise meat birds rather than laying hens. Along with the meat birds, the farm included a 13-can Grade B milk contract with the Petaluma Cooperative Creamery. Grade B milk was used for manufacturing cream, butter, and nonfat dry milk. Grade A milk, also called fluid grade milk, refers to milk used for fluid consumption.

## **Penngrove Social Firemen Board Meeting - October 13, 2021 at 6:00pm, at the Clubhouse**

Absent: Julie Hanson

### **Discussion:**

Scott and Bob will be working on the frame for the banner that will be hung on the back wall of the stage. They will need some help, as it is quite large. Please contact either one of them.

The Swiss Club and the Outdoors Men Club wish to hold their monthly, and quarterly meetings, respectfully at the clubhouse. Bev will coordinate dates and time with them. They will be charged \$100.00 for the hall use, \$175.00 for cleaning. They will need to provide insurance.

November's dinner will be pizza and salad on November 3, at the clubhouse. Final nominations will be open that night.

Voting will take place at the December Meeting. This has always been our end-of-year Prime Rib bash. This meal is free for all members and their spouses or significant others. No guests at this dinner. We understand that attendance has been small. We hope you can attend as we continue to open events. **This dinner is RSVP only, so please contact Kim at 794-1516 or at [mrsijava@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsijava@hotmail.com) and advise if you will be attending.**

### *Upcoming events:*

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Crab Feed  
Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Italian Night  
Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Corned Beef and Cabbage  
May 7<sup>th</sup> Trucker's Ball

Bob is putting together a maintenance list for the clubhouse and park for 2022. Some of the tasks are repainting the inside of the clubhouse and staining the wood. Refinishing the bar top. For the park: add metal skirting at the bbq area to match the bar. Replace bar top. Build cover for the small bbq near kitchen. Repair rot on Gazebo.

It has been most unfortunate that our account at the Exchange Bank has again been compromised. We are working with the bank closely and will keep you apprised.

No motions made tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.



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