

**EXTENDED  
POOL SEASON**

- DUE TO THE UNFORTUNATE CLOSURE, THE BOARD HAS VOTED TO KEEP THE POOL OPEN UNTIL OCT. 27TH

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# DIAMOND GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2017

## Association News

### The History of Halloween

Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, celebrated the night before their new year on November 1. The Druids, or Celtic priests, believed ghosts, spirits, fairies, witches and elves came out to harm people and crops, so they would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century long after the Roman Empire had conquered the majority of Celtic territory, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some of these traditions as well. The evening before All Saints' Day was known as All Hallows' Eve, and later Halloween.

The first Halloween celebrations in America, created by the meshing of different European ethnic groups and American Indians, included "play parties," public events held to celebrate the harvest, where neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other's fortunes, dance and sing. In the second half of the nineteenth century, Americans began adopting the traditions of Irish and English immigrants—dressing up in costumes and going house-to-house asking for food or money, a practice that eventually became today's "trick-or-treat" tradition.

Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event charac-

terized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating. In a number of countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats.



### Carbon Monoxide Detectors

On January 1, 2013 carbon monoxide detectors are required in all dwelling units. Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced from fireplaces, furnaces and many types of applications and cooking devices. Carbon Monoxide devices should be located within 10-15 feet outside of each separate sleeping area. Detectors can be placed on the wall or the ceiling as specified in the installation instructions. Do not install detectors within 15-20 feet of any furnace or fuel burning heat source. Detectors should not be placed in or near humid areas, such as bathrooms. Place detectors in areas where they will not be damaged by children or pets. Do not install alarms in direct sunlight or areas subjected to temperatures or behind curtains or other obstructions. Detectors may not function as designed if installed near ceiling fans, heat vents, air conditioners, fresh air returns or open windows.

## Things I'm Thankful For....

By: Jamie Coleman-Matthey

This is such a wonderful time of the year. Mother earth is at her best showering us with so many things that tickle the senses-like the colors, the sites, the smells, and the events. This time is fabulously full of Things I'm Thankful For....:

1. Our Police and Firefighters
2. The fresh, cool scent of th Autumn air.....Ahhh...
3. A slaw cooked pot roast with extra carrots-Yum (If I'm not watching what I'm eating, then extra potatoes instead 😊)
4. The hot air balloons
5. Monday Night Football (and Thursday Night and Sunday)
6. The Power of Prayer
7. The Trees changing color
8. A night of stories & laughter with family and/or friends
9. The leaves running down the street pushed by a gentle wind
10. Tina's Brownies

### Welcome to Diamond Grove!

The Welcome and Sunshine Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to Diamond Grove's newest residents:

Ken and Janice Nicholas  
Kenneth Stone

Welcome to the  
Community!

Please call Gloria Lauck 330-2341  
or Judy Cherry 474-9678 if you  
know someone who is ready  
for a "Diamond Grove Wel-  
come"!

#### UPCOMING MEETING:

**Monday, October 23, 2017—  
CLOSED SESSION MEETING  
at 1:30 pm**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017—  
OPEN SESSION MEETING at  
10 am.** The meeting will be held at  
the Diamond Grove Clubhouse.

Please join us.  
All residents are welcome!

### Diamond Grove Community Association Board Meetings

**All residents** are encouraged to attend **Open Session** Board Meetings. Board meetings are a great way to become involved in your community and learn about the issues that affect you the most.

**Board of Directors Meetings are a great way to get involved in your community!**

## Weekly Exercise Schedule

All exercise classes are held at the Diamond Grove Community Center. There are no classes on the Tuesday of the Board meeting.

- Monday: 9:00 am Strength training
- Tuesday: 8:40 am Yoga, 9:30 am Qi Gong
- Wednesday: 9:00 am Yoga
- Thursday: 8:40 am Yoga, 9:30 am Qi Gong
- Friday: 9:00 am Strength training

## October Birthdays

Elisabeth West—October 3, 1938

Jo Rizza—October 14, 1932

John Snachex—October 14 —

Happy Birthday!

## October Anniversaries

No Anniversaries for the month of October

Happy Anniversary!

If you would like to be included in this list, please contact Betty Woods at 448-8285

## Committee Meetings

**Social Committee:** Thursday, October 5th, at 10:30 am in the Community Center. The Committee is looking for some men to volunteer to help set up tables and chairs for the dinners. It is a great opportunity to meet and get to know more people.

**Finance Committee:** October 9th at 10:30 am in the large Community Center room.

**Clubhouse Community Committee:** If you are interested in volunteering for the Clubhouse Community Committee, please contact Pat Dennis at 455-0646.

## Thank You Delivery Committee!

Please join the Board of Directors and Management in a huge thank you to the Delivery Committee! These wonderful volunteers give up their time and energy in order to hand-deliver important notices to the community, including this newsletter. The average cost to mail a standard notice to the community ranges from \$250.00 to upwards of \$500.00. Thanks to the effort of the Committee members, this extra cost is not incurred by the Association

## Know Someone Not Feeling Well or Has Lost a Loved One ?

Do you know someone at Diamond Grove who might need some encouraging words due to illness or loss, please contact Judy Bailey and she will send some words of compassion on behalf of the community. Judy can be reached at 707-514-7079.

## Western Dinner With Diamond Grove



Bring on the ten gallon hats and studded spurs, it's the Western Dinner! The dinner will be held on Oct 14th. Menu consists of Barbecue ribs, corn bread, baked beans, cole slaw, and a dessert. Social hour begins at 5:00pm with dinner being served at 6:00pm.

Tickets cost \$10.00 and will be available from Wilma Rasmussen from October 4 to October 11. You can reach Wilma at 447-9072 or at home at 224 Bartlett Lane.

## Fun Things To Do at Diamond Grove

**CANASTA** Diamond Grove has Canasta games every Monday in the community center at 1:00 pm.



**COFFEE SOCIAL** Diamond Grove has a coffee social every Wednesday morning in the community center at 10:00 am.

**SWEETS—Single Women Enjoying Entertaining Together.** This group meets once a month for good food and good conversation.



September **SWEETS** will be held on October 18, 2017 for lunch. We will be going to Tahoe Joe's at 12:30 pm for some wonderful food! Contact Jeanne Peterson or Wilma Rasmussen for your reservation by October 16th. If you signed the sheet at the last SWEETS you do not have to call her. SWEETS is for single ladies so if you are a new resident in Diamond Grove, it is a good way to meet some of your neighbors!

**SHUFFLE BOARD** Members of Diamond Grove are playing Shuffle Board every Wednesday at 4:00 pm. All residents are welcome! Shuffle Board courts are located behind the gates of the pool. Even if you don't play, stop by to cheer others on! Comfortable seating is available.

## October Wine Social

The Community Wine Social will be on Saturday, October 21st from 4:00-6:00 pm. Don't drink wine? That's just fine! All residents are encouraged to come and bring their favorite drink of choice (wine, beer, soda, tea, etc.). Be sure to also bring an hors-d'oeuvre for everyone to share. The social is a great way to get to know your neighbors in a relaxed setting.

## Bingo

Diamond Grove has Bingo on the first and third Thursday of the month. For October this will be on October 5th and October 19 and Bingo will start at 2:30pm and go till 4:30pm.