



# HILLTOPPER

## JUNE 2024

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## MILLENNIUM MEMO

The big news this month: Stacey Kazmierski, the Director of SPARC, had her baby—and he was born on April 23, St. George's Day! SPARC, of course, is our resident services partner.

Let's all welcome Everett Brooks Kazmierski, the newest member of the SPARC team. Last month I reported that he was due on April 27, but apparently he jumped at the chance to have such an important saint as his patron.

Stacey is planning to be on maternity leave until November 1. In the meantime, Devin & Ally will be covering for her, so Palomar will be in capable hands. I'm sure that if you come to the next SPARC event, we'll have pictures for you.

### **More Fun News**

- Volunteers from Senior Gleaners visited 16 Palomar West homes, picking 1,997 pounds of fruit to donate to food pantries—just a couple oranges short of a ton! Let's give this month's Kudo to those generous 16 households.
- We want to express our appreciation to Gerardo Baraja-Gudino, who started a well-deserved retirement on April 19 after 15 years on the Palomar West staff. Gerardo is one of the reasons your Community is as beautiful as it is. Thank you for your years of service, Gerardo.
- In related news...please welcome Victor Arrazola to Palomar West. Per Lisa: "Victor brings landscaping, painting & construction experience to our team. Victor will be a great asset!" We can't ask for more than that, can we?
- Thanks to Mikkie for inviting me to the June 1 Breakfast. She tells me that Mayor Rebecca Jones & Supervisor Jim Desmond will be there as well. Both are being termed-out, so it will be interesting to hear their future plans.

Next month, I'll report on the final Budget for the new fiscal year and give an update on the Storm Drain. Stay tuned!

### **An Early Father's Day Note From My Daughter**

"You're so lucky to have gotten such a smart, beautiful, funny, well-rounded child. No wonder I'm your favorite." Yes, I am lucky. Then she ended by writing: "Dad, you've always been like a father to me."

Heartwarming, isn't it? Congratulations to Stacey, see you at the June Breakfast...and have a great Father's Day! George Turk

## From the PEW Residents Board

April/May seem to be relatively quiet months for the board. Budgets have been submitted, club activities continue to entertain and hopefully residents are enjoying the rebirth of all the springtime growth around the park. As our hillsides erupt with blossoms, our fruit trees produce bountiful crops and individual residences display creative and colorful landscaping it is so easy to realize what a special home we all enjoy in PEW.

Just a few reminders of some topics the board discussed at our last monthly meeting.

- Home sales in the park continue to rise in value, a benefit to all residents in the security of their home values.
- The Women's Spa restroom has been recently refreshed and reopened for use in mid-May. Thanks to Lisa, Victor, and George for so diligently completing all the great upgrades.
- Additional cameras are scheduled to be installed in the clubhouse, 1 in the kitchen area and 1 in the card room.
- The Hillside project continues to progress. Haven Management has been meeting with the construction/contractors about next steps but the good news for now is that the pumps and hoses that we all had to navigate around on Viewpoint and Sierra streets have been removed!
- The community Dumpster Day was a success with both dumpsters being filled. The board is planning additional recycling events for items such as batteries and old paint. The battery collection is scheduled for June and information about it can be found elsewhere in this edition of the Hilltopper.
- The PEWRA Board and the Social Connection are jointly planning a Chili Cookoff this month (June 14). These have been great events in the past and we encourage anyone who thinks they are the supreme Chili Chef to sign up to compete. If you are not a Chili Chef, there are sign-up sheets for volunteers to provide side dishes. Count on good food, good music, and good company. Again, additional information is found elsewhere in this edition of the Hilltopper.

Two last items to mention,

- Since there were no nominations or volunteers for the board positions that will be open for the 2024/2025 fiscal year the board members will remain the same, perhaps with different assignment of positions.
- The June Board meeting will be a general meeting and we are pleased to have George Turk, President of Millenium Housing, as our guest speaker. All residents are encouraged to attend the board meetings, but in particular a general meeting where there is usually an informative guest speaker.

Hello Spring! See y'all at the Pool, Pickleball court, Community Garden, Dog Park, Gym, etc., etc., etc.!!

Jo Gehringer  
PEWRA Board Secretary



With summer fast approaching, remember that hot, humid weather can be a hazard to your health. In fact, hot weather causes more deaths than any other weather-related hazard. In hot and humid conditions, your body must work harder—just to maintain a normal temperature. Older adults and those with illnesses are at greater risk. The good news is that heat-related illness and death can be prevented.

### 1. Stay Cool

- Stay in air-conditioned locations as much as possible. If your home is not air conditioned find places in your community that are air conditioned.
- Don't stay in a hot car (and don't leave pets in a hot car).
- If you are outdoors, take breaks from the heat, especially during the hottest part of the day.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- Cover your windows with drapes to keep out the hot sun.

### 2. Stay Hydrated

- Drink plenty of fluids, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- If you are on a special diet, ask your doctor how to stay hydrated.

### 3. Stay Protected

- Avoid strenuous or high-energy activities.
- Wear loose and lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Wear sunscreen.
- When outdoors, stay in the shade and wear a hat with a wide brim.

On hot days, watch for signs of heat illness in yourself and others. Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are possible on hot days. Signs of heat-related illness include:

- Muscle pains, cramps, or spasms
- Heavy sweating, paleness, weakness, dizziness, headache nausea or vomiting
- Confusion, fainting or unconsciousness.
- High body temperature (over 103 degrees) with dry skin (not sweating)
- Rapid pulse



### FISCAL YEAR END

Here we are again at the end of our Fiscal Year End. July 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of our 2024/2025 budget. As a reminder all June rents are to be paid to the exact amount. We want everyone to be aware, so we don't have to call you or return your check and ask for a replacement one. Be extra careful when writing your rent check for June. If you pay online, please make sure the amount is exact.

## **RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD**

President: Garry Larson; Vice President: Cathie Byrd  
Secretary: Jo Gehringer; Treasurer: Simon Spears

### **Members**

Katie Rodriguez, Jesse Nieto, Larry Jones

**Board Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month (6:30) in the Pavilion Room**

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### **SOCIAL CONNECTION**

Merlin Chancellor and Simon Spears – Co-Chairs, Cindy Palermo – Treasurer,  
Marilyn Ferri – Secretary, Cathy Bassett, Herlinda Mahler, Cathie Byrd,  
Margaret Scotto, Rusty Bassett, Angela Sirota, Shevaun Teegarden

### **HILLTOPPER COMMITTEE**

Delane Johnson, Fran Miller, Lynn Thomas, Mary Wallace, Becky Zane, Jansi Sauer

### **READY ADVISORY PANEL**

Bryan Cooper, Mary Wallace  
Cindy Palermo, Debbie McQuillan, Lee Tydlaska, Robert Fierro, Ruthann Kirby, Fran Miller

### **BREAKFAST COMMITTEE**

Mikkie Sawyer, LuAnn Foster, Kim Stevenson, Trish Coy,  
Helen Lyon, Cathy Bassett, Diana Primeau, Karen King  
Alternate: Sheila Miller, Marsha Brown, Denise Hickey

### **GYM COMMITTEE**

Larry Brown, Rusty Bassett, Marie McElligott

**For Fire, Sheriff, or Emergency in progress, such as break-ins, health problems or a  
life-threatening situation, call 911.**

**If you have a non-emergency question or to file a report,  
please call the San Diego Sheriff Dept at 760-510-5200.**

# ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME &amp; DAY</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Art Gallery	On Exhibit in Pavilion	Herlinda Mahler	949-395-0815
Billiards (Men)	9 am Tu	Stan Lindsay	760-598-0582
Billiards (Women)	1:30 pm M	Gerri Harper	760-500-8681
Bingo	6:50 Th	Delane Johnson	612-240-4049
Book Club	Fourth Friday 2:00 pm	Cynthia Towle	503-317-3544
Breakfast	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat 8:30 am	Mikkie Sawyer	760-690-7825
Bridge	Varies Call Ann	Ann Webb	702-449-9916
Cooking with Katie	Third Tuesday 4:00 pm	Katie Rodriguez	760-310-8623
Darts	6-8 pm Thurs Game Room	Chuck Thomas	707-799-6555
Dog Park	8 am- 8 pm Daily	Debora McQuillan	858-663-2822
Garden Club	1 <sup>st</sup> M 2 pm	Merlin Chancellor	661-670-1336
Let's Dine Out	Times vary	Linda Kerridge Cathie Byrd	858-776-6783 530-417-5186
Library	Open Daily	Susan Balog	916-759-2636
Mahjong	1 pm Th	Kim Stevenson	760-703-4872
Medical Rehab Lending Closet	Open as needed.	Rusty Bassett Jesse Nieto	619-301-9551 408-666-8088
Mexican Train	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tu 4:30 pm	Margie Farrelly	760-855-8416
Movie Night/ Dinner & Dance Nights	Dates Vary	Simon Spears	760-583-1549
Pickleball	8:00 am-10:00 am M-W-F-S Pickleball Group Open Play All are welcome!	Larry Jones	937-478-2500
Ping Pong	Tu 10:30 am	Nejla Gharajedaghi	760-536-9583
R.E.A.D.Y. Panel Emergency Preparedness	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 2 pm in Card Room	Mary Wallace Bryan Cooper	619-887-0700 858-342-3334
Shuffleboard	1:30 pm M	Rusty Bassett	619-301-9551
Live 2 B Healthy Strength & Balance	10 am M-W-F	Maria Barnabe	619-886-2779
Social Connection	Dates Vary	Merlin Chancellor Simon Spears	661-670-1336 760-583-1549
Tai Chi	9 am Th	Rudy Cobos	
Tai Chi 24 Yang Style Form	9-10 am Tu	Arnold Epel	760-208-9627
Tennis		Jim Catley	360-301-1566
Water Aerobics	9 am Tu, Th, Sat	Trish Coy	760-536-9338

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# Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

## JUNE

Blythe Stokes	1
Kasey Koenig	2
Julie Shop	2
Haeja Goodeve	3
Elizabeth Jost	4
Lin Yin Lin	4
Linda Kerridge	5
Marie McElligott	5
Ginny Mugg	5
Dorothy Tippet	6
Tom Sundeen	7
Jay Lubert	7
Bob Brown	7
Linda Farrington	8
Pam Cookson	9
Mike Stiak	9
Debra Poortenga	9
Susan Smith	10
Mariam Viores	10

Brenda Clark	11
Jim Weinberg	11
Sandra Stevens	11
Christie Christ	11
Kate Trinity	11
Thom Diaz	11
Sarah Pagliuca	12
Nadene Berkos	12
Janine Gettinger	12
Jack Witter	12
June Slee	12
Tom Scott	13
Teresa Johnson	15
Dawn Miller	15
Lucy Rodriguez	16
Gustavo Zanala	16
Marilyn Brown-Wasden	17
Carol Dahlberg	17
Debbie Snow	17

Barbro Edwards	19
David Coy	20
Kathy Feeney	20
Jim Bolt	20
DeAnn Chernis	21
Becky Zane	21
Kathleen Meek	22
Lynda Moody	22
Michele Altman	23
Craig Cranic	26
Robert McCluskey	27
Carol Swimmer	27
Susan Mangan	28
Juana Martinez	29
Lisa Diaz	29
Robert Kennedy	30
John Schaefer	30
Eileen LaLone	30
Cynthia Towle	30

*If you know of any birthdays throughout the year that we don't have on our list,  
please send an email to [pewhilltopper@gmail.com](mailto:pewhilltopper@gmail.com)  
so we can include those birthdays in the future.*

# JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> Breakfast 8:30am Water Aerobic 9am Pickleball 8-10 am
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Recycle</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	Pickleball 8-10 am Live 2 B Healthy 10 am  Shufflebrd 1:30pm Women's Billiards 1:30  Garden Club 2pm	Water Aerobic 9 am Men's Billiards 9 am Tai Chi 9 am Ping Pong 10:30 am  Sunset Pickleball 6 pm  <b>Board Meeting 6:30</b>	Pickleball 8-10 am Tennis 9 am Live 2 B Healthy 10 am	Water Aerobic 9 am Tai Chi 9 am  Mahjong 1 pm Sunset Pcklball 6 pm Darts 6-8 pm 6:50 Bingo	Pickleball 8-10 am Live 2 B Healthy 10 am   Game Night 6 pm	Water Aerobic 9 am Pickleball 8-10 am
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<b>23/30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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## BREAKFAST

- *On your mark, get set, let's welcome June!*
- *This fine breakfast day will be the 1st of June.*
- *Hope it arrives on the day, where we  
can put our jackets away!*

*So.....Come on down and join us at the Clubhouse,  
and let's celebrate the fact "not a minute too soon"*

*Breakfast just waiting for you to enjoy the time, "together"  
Joining us will be Mayor Jones and special guests.*

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30am**

**Hope we see you there!**  
*Mikkie*

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LEAVE THE **JUNE GLOOM** BEHIND AND JOIN  
PEW PALS AT:

LET'S DINE OUT..IN THE PAVILION!



WEDNESDAY JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> 5PM

\$15.00 PP

BYOB

MENU: MARINATED CHICKEN KABOB, BAKED POTATO,  
SALAD, ROLL & BUTTER, DESSERT

**IMPORTANT DETAILS**

- **SIGN UP AT THE CLUBHOUSE BY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>**
- **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO THE "SOCIAL CONNECTION"**
- **ON YOUR CHECK, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PAYMENT IS FOR "LET'S DINE OUT"**
- **DROP CHECK IN THE SOCIAL CONNECTION BOX IN THE CLUBHOUSE**

## **Come One and All**

Come to the clubhouse on Friday nights  
Bring your neighbors or come meet your neighbors

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Social Hour on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, starting at 5 PM**  
**For June, it will be June 21st**

Bring something to share – appetizer, main course, dessert, et cetera

**Game Night on Fridays, starting at 6 PM**

Come play cards or domino games

Or bring a game you want to share/teach (Yahtzee, Uno, Scrabble, ??)

Bring your own beverage. If you would like to bring a snack to share, that is great also.

*Submitted by Linda Kerridge and the Social Connection*



### **Cooking With Katie**

**Come join us to learn about ways you can cook healthy and delicious meals on a reasonable budget!**

**Date: Tuesday June 18th**  
**Time: 4pm-5:30pm**  
**Location: Palomar West Clubhouse**

**Demo: Italian Food**  
Sign up at the clubhouse to get a spot for this free, tasty class! Sign-up List goes up on 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Class max of 25

## PEW Book Club

Greetings from the Book Club

In May we read and discussed, "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby VanPelt.

June's book is "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk" by Kelli Estes

The Book Club meets the 4th Friday of every month in the Multi-Purpose Room at 2 pm. We would love you to join us!

Happy Reading!

Cynthia (Cindy) Towle  
503-317-3544  
[Towlecandr@gmail.com](mailto:Towlecandr@gmail.com)

*"I cannot live without books..."* Thomas Jefferson to John Adams June 10, 1815



## **NEW CLASS!!**



As you might already know Tai Chi started as a form of self-defense centuries ago in China. Since then, it has gradually changed into a soft and graceful way to exercise. It improves coordination and balance. A gentle instrumental background music along with pacing the movements with our breathing creates a peaceful meditation. The movements flow from one to another like the waves of the ocean. This is the type of Tai Chi we will be practicing.  
**Every Tuesday at 9:00AM**

Arnold Epel  
760-208-9627  
[emaillarnie@aol.com](mailto:emaillarnie@aol.com)

**DIRECTORY CORRECTION:** New Resident in 380 should be Engrid Epel, Not Enrid Epel

# PEW GARDEN CLUB

We enjoyed another visit from **Herb Field**, this time to talk about an array of topics including the **[citrus disease huanglongbing \(HLB\)](#)**. It is one of the most serious citrus diseases in the world. It is a bacterial infection spread by a tiny insect called the Asian citrus psyllid. Once infected, most trees die within a few years. **There is no cure and rapid tree removal is critical for prevention of spread.** While the disease poses no health threat to people or animals, it has devastated millions of acres of citrus crops throughout the United States and abroad. For more information go to <https://youtu.be/4pmtAFCQrys?si=W9CRjRbRgFx0JAvV>

Herb is an entomologist by trade, now retired, he is funneling his energy into backyard gardening. We have had him speak at several of our meetings. He writes a monthly newsletter and will now be sharing it with us in the Hilltopper each month going forward, replacing the Garden to-do list. Thank you, Marilyn, for all your hard work creating the to-do list, we'll miss your great information each month.



Thank you, Susie and Nancy, for the knockout refreshments. As always you went over and above. Fresh strawberries, cupcakes and many savory options were very satisfying. You never disappoint!

## Please mark your calendars

**\*Thursday, May 30** trip to Rodger's Garden in Corona Del Mar. We will carpool for this wonderful trip. Beautiful gardens and excellent food. 2301 San Joaquin Hills Rd, Corona del Mar, CA 92625

**\*Monday June 3- NEXT Garden Club Meeting** – at 2 p.m.

**\*Tuesday June 4** – trip to Balboa Park rose garden

**\*Saturday June 8** - San Pasqual Valley soils free mulch giveaway.

*I like generosity wherever I find it, whether in gardens or elsewhere. I hate to see things scrimp and scrubby. Even the smallest garden can be prodigal within its limitations."*  
Vita Sackville-West

Until we meet again,

Merlin Chancellor



## Natural Snail and Slug Control

By Herb Field, Forensic Entomologist

I often get photographs of plants with either stem or leaf damage, more times than not it's caused by snails and slugs. Snail and Slug activity can be year-round in Lake San Marcos, but once spring arrives, they go into hyperdrive causing damage and having babies. In the past, the most common bait was either Mesuro or Metaldehyde. Both products have issues as relatively toxic products. The following is a short list of approaches and/or products that work well for both snail and slug control. I'll indicate which ones I've used and have worked well.

First, a short biological background. Slugs and snails **belong to the Phylum Mollusca** and are more closely related to octopi than insects. Mollusks are a large and diverse group of animals of worldwide distribution. The slugs and snails are much like some insects in their biology.

Five decades ago, most gardeners kept a bucket of salt near the vegetable patch to kill snails and slugs. The problem is that salt and happy plants don't work so well together.

**Coffee grounds-** I have never used coffee grounds for snail/slug control but I know several neighbors who swear by it. In addition to adding nutrients to your plants, coffee grounds repel snails/slugs from your plants.

**Beer Trap-** This I have used and while I'd rather not waste beer on the garden's snails and slugs, it actually works! The problem is the smell of fermenting beer and fermenting snails, ugh not enjoyable! One other issue is for some reason other mammals like beer, so if you have a dog or raccoon travelling in your garden you may end up with a very happy pet but still have an infestation of snails.

**Egg Shells-** This I haven't tried, and partly because I gave up on the idea that egg shells release calcium to prevent things like blossom end rot. I know everyone says that egg shells release calcium, and perhaps they do in such small amounts as to not really make a difference. The research I've done has stated that a liquid form of calcium is the only way to effect blossom end rot as the shells do not easily release calcium due to its matrix similarly bones do not release significant amounts of calcium due to its matrix. Regarding the use of egg shells for snail/slug control, the claim is they cut themselves on the sharp edges.... I'm not a believer, sorry!

**Diatomaceous Earth-** This product works! I've use DE for a decade to control snails and slugs and I have found that it works great with a caveat. DE only works if it stays dry, so I place my drip emitter right next to the seedling and then place a circle of DE around the plant far enough away from the emitter as not to get wet. The use of DE is especially useful when you place small seedlings in the garden which are highly susceptible to snail and slug attacks. I buy food grade DE from Amazon, if you a 4-pound bag it'll come with a nice duster! If it's a windy day you might consider using a dust mask when applying, as DE is rather heavy and doesn't generally float in the air using a mask is typically not needed.

**Copper Tape-** This is another method that I use in the garden, snails and slugs will NOT pass over copper! I use it mostly in my greenhouses as one snail can eat two full 6-packs of newly germinated cucumber seedlings in one night so I use the tape on the shelves of the greenhouse.

**Repellents-** I'll be honest, I haven't tried any of these approaches, but I will over the next few seasons, I'll keep notes in my journal and report back in a later article. Repellents include: Garlic, Chives, Chamomile seedlings, and mint. I have to say that I'll never plant mint in any of my 14 boxes as you'll end up having one big mint plant!! Mint is so invasive and spreads like berry plants by sending roots in all directions and then coming to the surface feet away from the original plant.

**Organic Snail Bait-** There is one snail bait on the market that I'm aware and have used. Its Sluggo Plus for organic gardens and is safe around pets. It's expensive but worth it if you have pets.

I'll end here, but I need to say that there are even more items that are considered effective means to control snails, and slugs. One other thing that I have tried but couldn't find it mentioned anyway is to mix curry powder with cayenne powder and sprinkle it around the plant. It seems to wok even when wet. It works but is an expensive fix especially if you have a lot of plants to protect.

If you would like a garden tour and/or have ideas for future articles please contact me at [entomologyservices@gmail.com](mailto:entomologyservices@gmail.com)



## Battery Recycle Day

**Date:** June 22, 2024

**Time:** 8 AM to 1PM

**Where:** In Front of the Clubhouse

Bring your old used batteries to be recycled. They will be dropped off at the EDCO recycle center.

**Acceptable Recyclable Batteries:**

Single use alkaline, zinc-carbon type batteries  
Energizer, Duracell, 9 and 12 volt type batteries.  
Watch, Key Fob, Cell phone, Coin or Button cell batteries.  
Rechargeable and Lithium single use nickel Cadmium.  
Hearing Aid Batteries

**These batteries will NOT be accepted:**

Lead acid type batteries  
Automotive, car, or truck batteries  
Golf cart or electric scooter batteries.

**Questions?** Call Jesse Nieto at 408-666-8088

Dear PEW Pals,

I have been volunteering with one of the Meals on Wheels outreach programs that puts Christmas holiday boxes together for seniors. It's a blessing for me to be a part of the program because I know how much joy it will bring to those individuals who may otherwise feel sad or lonely during the holiday season. We put together 600 Christmas holiday boxes with items such as toiletries, socks, cards, stationary supplies, games placemats, potholders, and misc. small gifts. We start to put them together starting in January in order to make the 600 quota of boxes, which are the plastic shoebox size with lids.

I know we have such a caring and giving community here at PEW, so I wanted to let you all know that donations are very welcome and needed! Particular items that we could use are:

- \*\*travel size toiletries like shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, shower gel or Dove bar soap, band aids
- \*\*men/women's deodorant
- \*\*desk supplies like small note pads, medium sticky notes, pens, pencils
- \*\*men's/women's warm socks or sock slippers
- \*\* Xmas cards- new or used (used are recycled to make ornaments)
- \*\* small non- breakable gifts that would fit the shoebox size
- \*\* placemats and pot holders- Holiday designs or generic

Donations can be dropped off at **Space 137**. Just put donation items in the box or let our pooch, Winston, know and we will come out to get them!

Thank you to everyone!

Christine Bauder

June 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 9:00 PM

The PEW Residents  
Association invites you to a

*FREE*

# CHILLI COOK OFF



**Competitors:** Sign up as an entrant. Bring a full crockpot of your winningest chili and a card that describes your chili.

**Everyone else:** sign up as an attendee and bring one of the side dishes listed on the sign-up sheet

Judging will be between 5:00 and 6:00 and dinner will follow.

**Prizes: \$30.00, \$20.00 and \$10.00**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Music and Dancing**



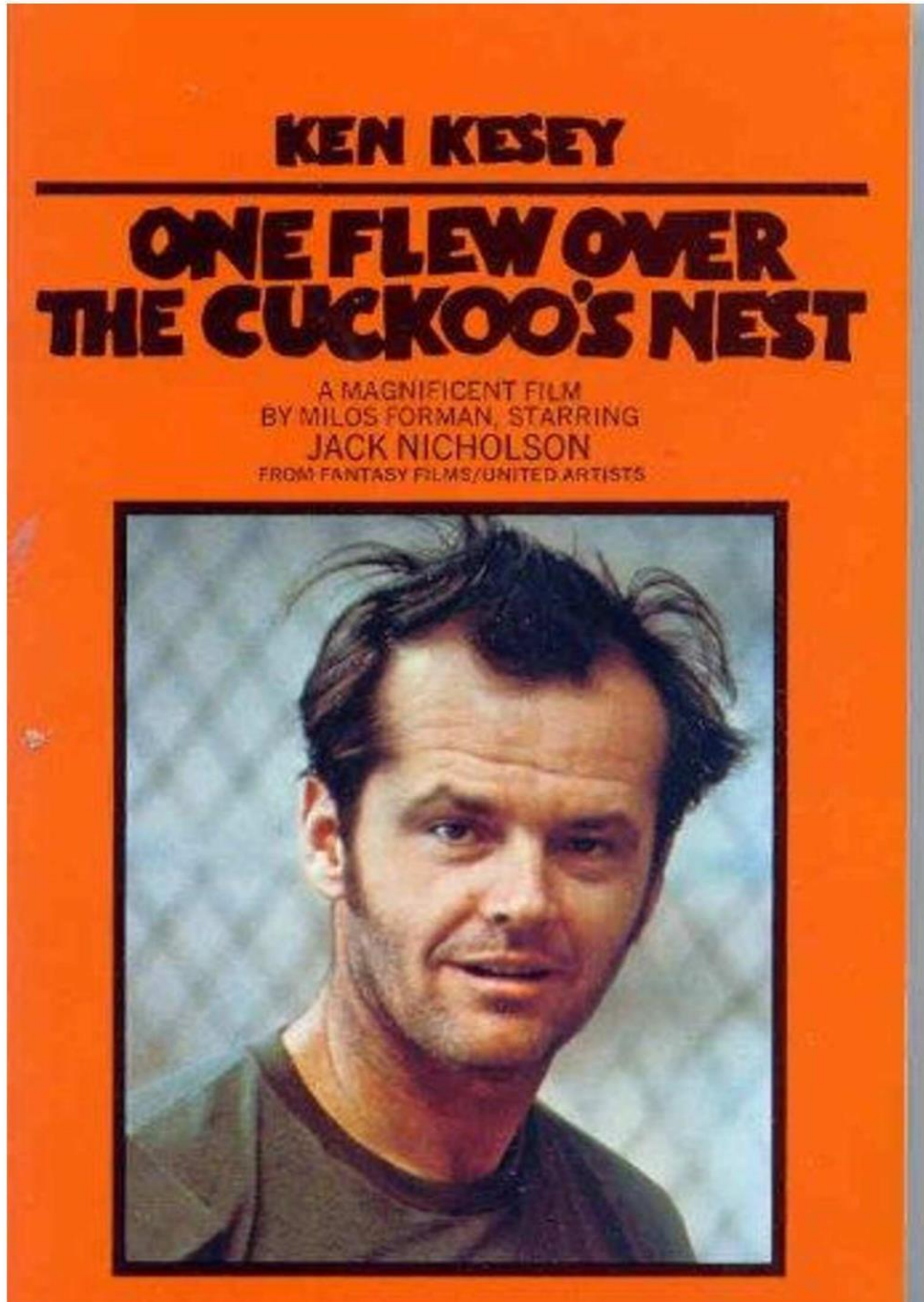
## Movie

# ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

June 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Movie

A Social Connection Event – Please sign up

Popcorn and Soda



A Social Connection Event

The Social Connection Presents



# JULY 4TH PARTY

*Celebrate Independence Day*

**1:00 till 4:00PM**

At the pavilion, pool and outside the gym -  
Shuffleboard, Corn Hole, Bocce Ball, and Music -  
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers - Sides include Beans,  
Chips and Coleslaw - Dessert

**Free to Residents \$5.00 for guests**

**Guests limited to one per resident**

**Capacity limited to 150 people**

**Sign up and payment deadline June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Include the names of all people**

**Check-in on arrival to get name tags**

**NO sign up means NO name tag = NO food**



# The PEW 4<sup>th</sup> of July Car Parade

July 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 12:30PM

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Prizes for best decorated vehicles  
\$30.00, \$20.00 and \$10.00

**Competitors: No Sign up - just be at the clubhouse by 11:30 for 12:00 start. There will be judges along the route.**

**Everyone else: be on your porch, deck, driveway from around 12:00. We will try to drive down every street, but cul-de-sacs are not possible (20 vehicles driven by us lot, trying to turn around - what could go wrong!)**

**For more information call Rusty - 619 301 9551**



# Craigs Band Live at PEW – July 19th



**We are very happy to announce that we have live music  
at the clubhouse in July**

**\$10.00 per person, limited to 100 people, Sign up ASAP  
to ensure a seat.**

**Band will start at 6:00.  
5:00 PM doors open.  
Potluck dinner and BYOB**



Mark your  
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# 2024 Social Connection Events

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calendars

DATE	EVENT	TIME	COST
4-May	International Potluck Dinner	5:00 PM	Free
15-May	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
17-May	Social Hour/Potluck	5:00 PM	Free
14-Jun	Chili Cookoff	5:00 PM	Free
19-Jun	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
4-Jul	Fourth of July BBQ	TBA	Free
17-Jul	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
19-Jul	Social Hour/Live Band	5:00 PM	\$ 10.00
16-Aug	Social Hour	5:00 PM	Free
21-Aug	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
24-Aug	Caribbean Night/Live Music	5:00 PM	\$ 15.00
18-Sep	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
20-Sep	Social Hour	5:00 PM	Free
28-Sep	Octoberfest/Live Music	5:00 PM	\$ 15.00
16-Oct	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
18-Oct	Social Hour	5:00 PM	Free
26-Oct	Halloween Party/Live Band	5:00 PM	\$ 20.00
20-Nov	Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
22-Nov	Social Hour	5:00 PM	Free
15-Dec	Holiday Party	5:00 PM	Free
18-Dec	Christmas Movie Night	6:00 PM	Free
31-Dec	New Year's Eve Party/Live Band	5:00 PM	\$ 25.00