

FRIENDSHIP MANOR NEWSLETTER

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Spookiness is Creeping Closer

Halloween is Coming to the Manor with a Party and Dance

October 31st is right around the corner, and with it comes a great Manor tradition of Halloween Happiness. The kids from UCSB come over and we have a great dance with live music in our own Dining Room (with ice cream!). We have the “Guess The Weight Of The Pumpkin” contest and — most significantly — the Best Costume contest, both of them with cash prizes for the winners.

So sharpen your pointed hats, find your Frankenstein mask, and dust off your dancing shoes for Halloween at the Manor!



October Highlights

October 1
Ice Cream Social

October 3
World of Interest – Every Monday

October 5
Senior Expo

October 7
Renee Hamaty – Jamison Hall

October 9
Patricia Kelly Art Exhibit

October 15
Hot Dog BBQ – B Lounge

October 15
Sol Y Mar – Jamison Hall

October 19
Birthday Night Dinner

October 21
Charlie Tetoni – Jamison Hall

October 28
Patrick Lindley – Jamison Hall

October 29
Pizza Party

October 31
Halloween Party with the Ronelles – Dining Room

RESIDENT RESOURCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

As reported last month, Betty Chackel is Chairman of the newly formed **Resident Resource Committee**. The purpose of the Committee is multifold, to help Residents both better acclimate to congregate living and assist in everything from inter-personal interactions to getting a ride to the pharmacy.

The Bulletin Board in the B Lounge has been designated the “**Residential Bulletin Board**” and will be maintained by Betty and her committee. Its purpose is to provide a central location for posting requests and needs of Residents ONLY. – These requests and/or needs can be anything that will benefit other Residents.



Betty Chackel

Some examples of posts can be, but are not limited to:

- I need a ride to the doctor's office
- I have a reclining chair for sale cheap or willing to trade for table
- I have an extra floor lamp taking up space, it is free so come take it off my hands
- Experienced caretaker needs work
- Jack-of-all-trades services
- Computer or cell phone issues
- Clothing or bedding donations
- I have special skills or talent and willing to share with with or tutor another Resident
- Willing to give you my aluminum cans weekly

As in all things in life, there will be some restrictions to posts, and the Resident Resource Committee will monitor the bulletin board for appropriate content.

To add something to the Residential Bulletin Board, please note that is for Residents only – no advertisements or pamphlets or flyers of any kind from outside organizations or causes.

All posts should contain :

- 1) Resident's Name
- 2) Unit #
- 3) Telephone #
- 4) Date of post in the bottom right hand corner

If you have a post for the Resident Bulletin Board, give it to the Front Desk, addressed to Betty in Room B-105.

WATER USAGE IS UP AGAIN – PLEASE READ & DO YOUR PART

Northern California may have lots of water, but in Central and Southern California the **drought** is still in effect, and a big factor in our lives.

This affects everyone living at the Manor, and many people have done a lot to conserve water. However, the situation has become critical and everyone needs to pitch in to save this precious resource.

In the last month period, water usage at the Manor was up over 750 gallons. The Drought Surcharge charged to the Manor for this over-usage (as you can see in the chart below) was \$1,621.00, a \$313 increase over the prior month.

All Residents are urged to conserve water and reverse this unfortunate upward trend. Garden watering should be kept to a bare minimum, for those Residents who have personal plots of garden between and behind the A and B Buildings. Don't let water run unattended, and forego those 30-minute power showers.

The Manor wants Residents to be aware that if water usage stays at high and unacceptable levels, it may be necessary to pass this cumulative surcharge on to the Residents, which could mean an increase in rents. This is not happening tomorrow, but please be aware that it could be a factor in dealing with the escalating water surcharge being assessed against the Manor by the Goleta Water District.

Please be proactive and do your part to help conserve water and drive down the water surcharge!

WATER USAGE TOTALS	1 HCF = 748 GALLONS		
MONTH/YEAR	Total HCF for Month	Total Bill	Surcharges
1-Aug-15	515	\$4,523.00	\$1339 Drought Surcharge
1-Sep-15	575	\$4,993.00	\$1495 Drought Surcharge
1-Oct-15	503	\$4,428.00	\$1307 Drought Surcharge
1-Nov-15	489	\$4,236.00	\$1271 Drought Surcharge
1-Dec-15	563	\$4,817.25	\$1463 Drought Surcharge
1-Jan-16	496	\$4,291.30	\$1289 Drought Surcharge
1-Feb-16	491	\$4,252.00	\$1276 Drought Surcharge
1-Mar-16	428	\$3,756.00	\$1112 Drought Surcharge
1-Apr-16	463	\$4,032.00	\$1203 Drought Surcharge
1-May-16	476	\$4,135.00	\$1237 Drought Surcharge
1-Jun-16	453	\$3,954.00	\$1177 Drought Surcharge
1-Jul-16	496	\$4,354.00	\$1308 Drought Surcharge
1-Aug-16	605	\$5,304.00	\$1621 Drought Surcharge

IMPORTANT MANOR UPDATE

For those who have been worried about the inspectors recently seen around the Manor, they were here to assess the state of the building so that the FM Board can best plan on how to manage resources for repairs and refurbishing to the facility in the future.

Rumors of an imminent move are premature – but it has always been part of the master plan to build a new facility eventually, however that is not currently on the horizon, so relax and enjoy living in the best bargain in Santa Barbara.

B LOUNGE WI-FI UPDATE

The kids came back to UCSB in September and Cox Communications had data overload for a few days in a row, so if you had trouble connecting to the WiFi in the B Lounge that’s why. Each time the service needed to be reset, it was done within 30 minutes of the RSC being notified.

The WiFi in the B Lounge is now upgraded, and a new modem will be installed by Cox next week. The upgraded service will be better able to accommodate B Lounge users.

If the WiFi in the B Lounge is out, you can notify the Front Desk – but FM Does not have any control over the internet in the B Lounge, only in the Library. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

October Birthdays

- 10/2 Dawn Nayak
- 10/3 Theresa Ybarra
- 10/5 Joanne Wright
- 10/9 Virgie Clester
- 10/10 Kelly Reid
- 10/10 Jack Blunk
- 10/15 Sandra Grant
- 10/16 Sara Juno
- 10/17 Waldemar Koenig
- 10/19 Mary Houston
- 10/22 John Patterson
- 10/25 Nancy Badone
- 10/26 Jack Joyner
- 10/26 Ann O’Donnell
- 10/30 Margaret Morrison
- 10/30 Carole Lee
- 10/30 Theresa Medve

