



PARADISE PARK MASONIC CLUB

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TOD'S TURN...AGAIN

I'd like to start out by thanking you for again electing me to your Board of Directors and also thank the Board for trusting me to continue my leadership as President of the Board. I am asking our Manager, Jack Mc Hugh to write an article about the ongoing issues in the Park and I will try to focus on the more long term issues that will face us throughout the year in my column.

As you may know, the biggest issue of the year is directly before you as you read this Bulletin. We are in the middle of an election of new By Laws and there is no way I can sufficiently stress the importance of this election.

There are a great many of our members who are happy members and happy to let the organizational work of the Park rest in the hands of others. I can't complain about that. My family did exactly that for over 60 years. But even if you count yourself in that category, it is imperative that you voice your opinions on important issues in times of elections. In the recent election for your Board, there were 129 members out of 391 who did not vote. By some measures that's a pretty good turnout but it means that I operate as Board President having been voted in by only a third of the members...hardly a vote of confidence. The current vote on By Laws is even more important than a Board election. Your Board cannot make decisions without consulting our By Laws. They are the backbone of our organization. Without legal and clear By Laws

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Grand Master's Barbecue Friday Aug. 10, 2001



Most Worshipful David C. Decker
Grand Master

All are invited to attend the barbecue at the Social Hall beginning at 11:30 am. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be obtained at the PPMC Office during normal business hours

Many from the Grand Family will attend as well as guests from the Masonic Home in Union City.

Laura is Leaving

Laura Lawson, Office Secretary will leave August 14th. She welcomes you to stop by to say goodbye between now and then. Many of us will miss her cheerful greeting when we visit the office. We wish Laura "All the Best!"

From the Advocates Website

Unofficial

Paradise Park Masonic Club
211 Keystone Way, Santa Cruz, Ca.
95060
Board Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2001

1.0 ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 0803 by President Tod Likins. In attendance were Vice

President Don Schmidt, Secretary William Eckard, Treasurer Malcolm Hotchkiss,

Director at Large Jerry Morgan, and Manager Jack McHugh.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVED

- a) June 30, 2001 Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Audit report. (as submitted) Financial report. (as submitted)
- c) Carl Christenson-Re: Alcohol permit, September 19, 2001, Picnic Grounds
- e) Natalie Heer-Re: Alcohol permit, August 12, 2001.
- 2.1 Alternate Associate Membership Applications: Approved
 - a) Diane Backman, at 330 The Royal Arch.
 - b) Carolyn Stevens, at 695 The Royal Arch.
- 2.2 New Members Before the Board: Approved
 - a) William Johnston, at 472 York

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our organization is at risk, as are the Board members who try to govern the organization. No matter who is on the Board they must work within the By Laws. This election is absolutely critical for every member in Paradise Park and it could pass or fail by a single vote margin. Your vote counts!

If you haven't voted yet, please find your ballot and mark it. Place it in the small blank envelope and seal it into the larger envelope. Write your name and Park address on the larger pre-addressed envelope and mail it!! If you do nothing else in the Park all year, please do this.

Many thanks

Tod Likins

BINGO!

Those 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

6:30 PM at the Social Hall

Wednesday	August 22
Wednesday	September 19
Wednesday	October 17
Wednesday	November 14
Wednesday	December 19

Donations for prizes are welcome! Call the Bingo Committee:

Yvonne Jones	427-2346
Pat Rundell	421-9360

Blessed are the flexible
for they shall not get
bent out of shape.

Jeanette Silver

Manager's Message

Whew, It's hard to believe that two months have gone by since spending my first day on the job in a hole helping Lou fix a water leak on the entrance road at Paradise Park. I must say it has been quite an experience. Before I say anymore, I would like to thank each of you for welcoming Brenda and myself into your community. We sincerely appreciate your warm hospitality.

I would like to begin by talking about a few housekeeping issues. We are now well into the season where the use of the Park is the greatest. I would like to remind everyone that it is very important to slow down while driving through the Park. There are many children riding bicycles and walking on our very narrow roads, which we need to be aware of. Please, the maximum speed limit is 15- MPH and in several locations throughout the Park it makes more sense to slow down to 5 or 10-MPH. I have seen several close calls around the Park where a child has almost been hit by a car traveling to fast for the existing condition. Also, a note to the children in the Park, please when walking or riding your bike keep to one side of the road or the other, not in the middle. So please think! The next time you go zooming into the covered bridge remember that there just might just be a car coming out. Be careful.

Another subject on safety is that during the last few weeks the office has received a number of phone calls from members telling us that a strange car was parked in a neighbor's driveway and did we know who it was? Since I didn't know anything about visitors I went to investigate. When I arrived I was told by the person there that they were friends of the member and had permission to use the home. If you allow friends or family to use your home please notify the office so we can answer your concerned neighbor's questions. Also, please ask them to check in with the office to receive their guest and parking pass.

I would like to turn my attention toward another subject for just a min-

PPMC E-GROUP

There is an Internet-based e-mail group for Paradise Park Masonic Club.

There are over 40 sign-ons in this group today. You learn about ideas, questions, and some send updates to their travels. It's a great way to stay in touch with people in PPMC.

Joining this group allows you to raise questions before all members of the group and then read their responses as they are sent in. The membership in this e-group is limited to PPMC Members, Associate Members, and Alternate Associate Members.

You can submit your request to be a member of the group by going to the web site at www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ppmc and following the instructions there.

You may also join by sending an e-mail to PPMC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

If you have any other questions, contact **Chuck Buchanan** at 831-471-2314 or e-mail him at impersol@jps.net.

In This Issue

The 2001 Independent Auditor's Rep

Check out the Flyers at the back of the Bulletin for information about

- The Golf Tournament,
- The Quacker Regatta, and
- The Annual Labor Day Celebration.

Here's Your Chance!

Dunk a director at the Annual Quacker Regatta on August 26th.

MEN'S CLUB

All PPMC men are automatically members and welcome.

The Men's Club begins its 2001-2002 schedule with its first lunch on September 5th. Come at 11:30 for socializing. The lunch begins at noon. The cost is \$5.00.

Incoming President Ted Keller s to watch for announcement of the program later in August.

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ute. It seems that a multitude of signs have popped up all over the Park. Coming from a marketing background I understand the importance of advertising help make an event or activity successful. But I think it's a little overkill when signs are stuck on trees, buildings, telephone polls, stop signs and just about anything else that doesn't move. So to help I asked Lou to build more and larger Bulletin boards around the Park, so we can accommodate promoting everyone's activities. There are new larger Bulletin Boards in Section Six, in front of the Office and Social Hall and a new Bulletin Board near the bathrooms in Section Four. In addition there are two smaller Bulletin Boards near The Powder House and at the bottom of Cardiac Hill for you to place additional information (if necessary) to guide people to a specific location in the Park. If you think we need more please let me know. I can also help you promote your activity or event with a saturation mail drop if you think it will help. Please try to keep your signs on the Bulletin Boards not the trees, stop signs etc. Also, if you sign up, please take them down when the event is over. Thanks.

The Section Parties are just around the corner and I sincerely hope that everyone will have a wonderful time. Unfortunately, I will not be here on that day. I have some family issues that I must attend to. I am however leaving Brenda behind to host Section Three's party. So if any of the Section hosts need anything from the office tables, chairs, signs, an additional trash pick-up or brush removal, etc. please call the office and I will do what I can to help you. I would also like to thank all the folks that have given their time to help coordinate and host the events around the Park that so many have enjoyed. Thanks to all the people that helped make this year's rummage sale a huge success. Preliminary numbers show that almost \$4,000.00 was raised for the recreation fund. Another thanks go out to the people that make the Saturday night hot-roasts a time that many members look forward to. A special thanks to Eric and Lou Bernard who make Saturday

afternoon at the movies and Saturday night teen dance a reality here in the Park. These, as well as several other types of events could not happen without people stepping forward and volunteering their time and effort and they truly deserve our thanks.

Many of you may have been saying to yourself "I wonder what in the world are they building next to the Firehouse"? The answer is a recycle bin. The next logical question I suppose is then "why"? And the answer to that is because very shortly I would like to move us toward curbside recycling. That being every Monday when you place your garbage cans at the curb, you place all your recyclable materials in separate bags next to your garbage cans and the crew will pick up everything at once. In addition to the bin you see being built next to the Firehouse I propose to build a very similar trailer to tow around behind one of the Park's trucks to place recyclable material in. When the trailer gets full we go to one of the recycle bins in the Park, exchange the full containers for empty ones and go on. When the bins get full we load the cans on to the trailer, take it down the hill and sell it to the recycle centers and put the cash back into the Park till. It will mean a little more work for the crew but, the bottom line is that currently we spend over \$1,000.00 a month to get rid of our garbage and recyclable material and I can only predict that cost to go up. If we don't address this issue now, we will have to address it later. There is legislation currently in place that mandates facilities such as Paradise Park reduce the amount of garbage taken to landfills by as much as 50% or face stiff fines and heavy dumping fees. We only have a few years to comply with these rules, so it is my opinion that we should start moving that direction now. Plus, it seems to me anyhow, that it makes sense not only financially but environmentally as well.

Now I need to mention something very serious. Last week I received a letter from our insurance carrier informing us that we do not have errors and omissions insurance protecting us

should a mistake take place during a real estate transaction being facilitated by the Park's office staff. I am including the contents of that letter in this bulletin verbatim.

The letter is dated July 12, 2001 and it reads:

"In connection with real estate transactions, the Park does not have professional liability (errors and omissions) protection for real estate transactions, including disclosure statements. I recommend that a licensed title company handle all transactions and issue the appropriate disclosure statements. This shifts the professional liability over to the Title Company. The other option is for Paradise Park to contract with one or two specified realtors and secure a separate errors and omissions policy protecting the Park. Annual minimum premiums start at \$7,500.00 We have the means to implement these professional liability policies should the Park consider these options. Thank you for your continued loyal support".

And it is signed, Very truly yours,
Britton R. Thompson.

My interpretation of this letter is, that if a mistake was made by office staff during the sale of a home in the Park that caused a buyer or seller a financial loss and either party sued, we could have possibly used the "but I didn't know we needed errors and omissions insurance" as a defense. As of July 12, 2001 that defense is gone and if sued could cost the Park as well as Board Members personally millions of dollars. The new by-laws put us in a much better position to protect ourselves against such a situation like this from happening.

"Wow, I've gone on way longer than I wanted to for my first contribution to the Park's bulletin. In closing I would like to say thank you once again for making Brenda and myself feel so welcome. I hope you enjoy the things that have happened in the Park these last 60 days, your crew has

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worked very hard and really deserves your support and a sincere round of applause. Some of you have said, "it's about time something is getting done around here" and expressed your delight in the changes that have taken place. Like placing gravel in the parking lot and installing curbs (I even received a letter from someone in Section Four wanting us to put gravel and curbs in their parking lot too). Making handicap-parking areas near the Social Hall, placing a height restriction limit on the bridge to deter overweight vehicles from crossing and even having a Pepsi machine dropped off at the Social Hall for the kids. I've also heard some of you say "this is the last straw, we're starting to look like downtown Santa Cruz" comments, about all of the very same things. Please be assured that my goal is not to make Paradise Park Masonic Club look like a city. My goal is to make a truly great place to live, even better. My office door is almost always open. If you have anything you would like to share with me, please stop by.

Next month we'll talk about preparing for winter and the Safety Committee.

Have a great August. - Jack

Lois Hardy

Is being honored on Monday, August 13 by Santa Cruz Redwoods Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Lois will receive the Dr. Rob Morris Service Award.

You are invited to attend the evening beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00. Reservations are required by August 7th, Call Charlotte Hoffman at 426-2819

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2.3 Alternate Associate Members Before the Board:

- a) Karen Claasen, at 174 St. Bernard Street.
- b) Tawni Gloeckler, at 467 York Ave. Approved
- c) Tamara Adam, at 146 St. Alban. Approved.
- d) Jose Salas, at 526 St. Ambrose Street.

3.0 MANAGER'S REPORT

3.1 Tree trimming requests, reviewed and approved by Committee and Manager

- a) 06/20/01-Jean Allan at 216 Keystone Way.
- b) 07/12/01 - Daniel E. Brown, at 303 The Royal Arch.

3.2 Tree trimming dispute

- a) Gordon Crafts, at 120 Keystone Way. No action at this time.
- b) Don Schmidt, at 140 St. Alban. No action at this time.

3.3 New Employees Maintenance

- a) Philippe Ezanno. Hired 07/12/01
- b) Jeromy Hewitt. Hired 07/23/01

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Water problem-Re: Richard Lang at 374 Hiram Rd. and Irving Nason at 373 Hiram Rd.
- b) Retaining wall-Re: Waldo Rodler at 407B Cavern and Donald Zigenfuss at 340 The Royal Arch. No action taken at this time.
- c) Building plans-Re: Bill Bates at 396A Cavern, deferred to Building Committee (Soil, septic, and neighbor review). Waiting for Building Committee report.

- d) Horticultural consultant, Barrie D. Coate proposal for Tree Survey at PPMC, held over until September Board Meeting.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Employee, Osman Boswell, backed Park Crew-Cab into Member Dean Logan's truck, referred to Insurance carrier.
- b) Jerry Morgan-Re: Request to erect a car tent at 343 The Royal Arch, approved with recommendation of color brown roof
- c) Saturday Office personnel, Manager, McHugh will fulfill the duties or have volunteer assist at his discretion.

6.0 DISCUSSION

- a) Emergency Coordinators, Lloyd Ames and Bob Biendle, reported progress is being made and that equipment is being checked for condition and use before recommending any additional equipment be purchased. That Section by Section reporting of allotment condition of readiness is progressing.
- b) Insurance Committee report was postponed until the August Board Meeting.
- c) Committee Deadlines, Deadlines for Committees to complete Member's request(s), depended on the request and Committee.
- d) Investigation Committee- sequence of operation, referred to Special Meeting to be Tuesday July 31, 2001.

7.0 INFORMATION

- a) 07/17/01-Medical Emergency- Associate Member, Caroline Le

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fer, was taken to Dominican Hospital for heart attack

) Member, Helen Benfield, passed away at her home at 407A Cavern.

IN MEMORY OF

Howard Vawter 6/20/01
 Dr. John Mayo, son of Linda Mayo 7/2
 Amy Orloff-Miller 07/04/01
 Caroline Lentfer 7/17/01
 Helen Benfield 07/20/01
 Stan Smith 7/29/01

Hummers

By Yvonne Kirby

Don't we all love hummingbirds? We mainly have two types here in the Park, the Anna's which often stay the entire winter if there is enough to eat. The male Anna has the red head. The other one is the Allen's which are smaller birds. The male has rust coloring on its sides and a green back. Rarely seen are the Costas, Black Chinned and the Rufous.

Allen's shows up in early spring and have one to two hatches, only to leave about August. The easiest way to feed them is with a glass 30 oz. Perky Pet feeder. Boil water, 4 cups, add 1 cup sugar. Clean glass between each fill-up with a tablespoon of bleach, rinsing completely before filling again. The male Allens swoop in a huge arc during mating season which is a sight worth the sugar. Plants too attract them including bottle brush, Mexican sage, honeysuckle and salvias.

I believe they need our help as their numbers are dwindling, probably from habitat destruction.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Members,

We feel you should know that we, as members of the Bylaws Committee, are disappointed in the way the Bylaws are being presented to you for your vote. We are very aware that the Park does not conform to the California Corporations Code, and many Articles have to be changed; but our recommendation was to vote on the "non-controversial" issues as a package and address each of the "controversial" ones as a separate entity.

Please think about this when you vote "no" or "Yes".
(Original signed by:)
Robert F. Sand
Lois M. Murphy
Joanne Nelson
Karoline Doberenz

A Rainbow Thank You!

The Rainbow Girls would like to thank all those Park members who supported our Grand Service Project by attending our pancake brunch at the Social Hall. Thanks to your support, we raised over \$200 for charity.

We would also like to thank the Board of Directors for supporting Rainbow by allowing us to spend the night and the Social Hall and for allowing us to use the kitchen and dining areas for our pancake breakfast.

Rainbow Love,
Rachel Koff
Worthy Adviser
San Francisco Assembly #1

As civilization progresses, we should improve our laws basically, not superficially. Many things that are lawful are highly immoral and some things which are moral are unlawful.
Henry L. Doherty

Remember to VOTE on the Bylaws Revisions.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

MEMBER CANDIDATE

Gary Gordon 5/21/01
129 Keystone Way

Susan Azevedo 7/20/01
157 St. Victor St.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Cabot Caldwell 4/25/01
To Sandra Caldwell
459 York Ave.

Margie Nordstrom 7/20/01
To Nancy Neil Nordstrom
408 Keystone Way

Loraine Scribner 7/20/01
To Nancy Mark Scribner
546 Crescent Lane

Diane Priest 7/20/01
To Nancy Maurice Priest
580 Scottish Rite

William Lentfer 7/27/01
To Minor Lentfer
417 Joppa St.

ALT. ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Laurie Hayball 7/10/01
To John riffe
198 Keystone Way

The degree of one's emotion varies inversely with one's knowledge of the facts the less you know the hotter you get.

-Bertrand Russell

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Member's improvements offered for sale as of July 20, 2001. All sales of below improvements and/or allotment use privileges are subject to the approval of the Membership and authorization to transfer rests with the Board of Directors.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The sellers solely provide the descriptions of improvements for sale. Such information is not verified or checked for accuracy by Paradise Park Masonic Club, Inc. The Club does not warrant, and disclaims any responsibility for, the accuracy, truthfulness or completeness of any information provided. All questions about allotment improvements should be addressed solely to the seller.

ADDRESS	MEMBER	PRICE	DESCRIPTION
SECTION 1			
462 York Ave.	Patricia Herzog 458-9841	\$199,500	REDUCED. SELLER MOTIVATED. Lovely newer home. Sunny lot w/bright interior. Tastefully decorated, 2 BR, 2 BA, 1,100 sq. ft. fully insulated w/forced air furnace plus gas log stove, Jennair range, island in kitchen; full attic, walk-in closet in MB, 1 car garage; large deck and side brick patio. Includes all appliances and some furniture.
SECTION 2			
275 Keystone Way	Harry Edwards Terry Krogen 426-0481 By Appointment Only!	\$225,000	2 Story, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, sunroom, maple floors in bedrooms and entrance, oak floors in dining room, living room, and sunroom. Fireplace, vaulted living room, oak cabinets in kitchen, tiled full bath, garages for 2 cars. Stacker washer and dryer, ramp in rear of house. 5,000 KW generator wired into house. Will negotiate furniture and antiques.
279 Keystone Way	Cal DeVecchis 420-0749 By appointment Only!	\$259,000 Make Offer Some Financing Available!	The first and most lasting sunshine of the day. Shines upon a household that has been completely upgraded. A gardeners and bird watchers delight with plenty of privacy. 3 BR, 1 BA, delightful kitchen and living room. New deck area a bonus winterized 10' x 13' laundry room. Study and computer area. One bedroom is a detached 13/8 x 9/8 cottage. Room for at least 3 cars. All modern appliances included, as is any modern furniture of your choice. Has a new modern fireplace, new roofing, new sliding glass door; additional storage area under cottage and in front of bonus winterized laundry area. I wish also to include our family's gratefulness for the best neighbors throughout the years.
SECTION 4			
678 St. Paul Street	Constance Sonnichsen C/o Deke Sonnichsen (650)326-7679	\$65,000 As Is	Cabin on Eagle Creek, 3 BR, 2 BA, large kitchen and large living room, dining area, electric flooring. Appliances included: Refrigerator, gas range, and turkey roaster. Furnishings include Beds, chairs, and sofas.
SECTION 6			
157 St. Victor St. SALE PENDING!	Edward Butler (209) 392-6682 For Appt. call: Myron Kegebein (831) 425-5144	\$ 98,000	Charming 2 BR ready for your occupancy. Large great room with many windows and the warmth of natural wood. Deck and back yard with sun and redwoods. Great location near beach, out of flood area, away from highway noise and the convenience of easy access in front of Park. Cement foundation, modern electrical panel wired for 220 Watt, (cook stove and clothes dryer), back yard and deck. Probably the most affordable living space and best buy in Santa Cruz County.
139 St. Alban St.	Scott Snyder 429-2079	\$175,000	3 BR, 2 BA, allotment 9,600 sq. ft., improvement 1,763 sq. ft., BOD approved fence, large back yard, large deck, garage, New ext. paint, sunny lots, ample parking. All appliances- Jennair stove, 2 wood stoves. TAD's paid until December 10, 2001. MUST SEE!
170 St. Bernard St.	Hazel Kindwall c/o Carolyn Unger 469-9107	\$285,000	Sunny lot, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, no road noise, no flood danger, garage parking, and spaces on both sides corner lot. Appliances include: oven range, some furniture, drapes.
120 Keystone Way	Gordon Crafts 423-3228	\$350,000	Large 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, location in front of Park, unobstructed view of river and forest, improvement approx. 1,600 sq. ft., central gas heating, two phone lines, new roof, storage shed in carport, in and out driveway, ample parking. Room for expansion. Furnishings include: 1 MAC computer and desk.