



SUNNY GLEN NEWSLETTER

WEBSITE ADDRESS: Sunnyglen-community.org - Password: **Time4Fun**



Hi....My name is Layla (Lowe), and even though I am not "over 55", I am a new resident of Sunny Glen!! I am about 18 months old. I don't remember much about the first year of my life.....only that I was picked up as a stray back in January/February by the Tehama County Animal Centersomewhere around Red Bluff, and it was REALLY SCARY there! Then, at the end of March, I was moved to another rescue in Walnut Creek called ARF. The people at ARF named me "Cindy Clawford" and everyone would always laugh about it, but I didn't know why? It seemed like I was there for a really long time, but on Mother's Day (May 14th), my new Mom came there to meet me. She was sad because her old dog, Sydney, had just died, and by that time, "I" was afraid of EVERYTHING walking around with my tail between my legs!! Lucky for us, we found each other! I knew I could make her happy again, because she loved how my "helicopter ears" flopped up and down when I walked, just like the wings on a bird. As an added bonus, she changed my name to Layla, and we've been together ever since. I really had fun visiting all of you at the Sunny Glen Community Garage sale, especially because when I'm good like that, my Mom gives me treats!! If you see me out walking, please don't be afraid. Even though I'm a BIG girl, I'm really gentle and friendly!!

Submitted By: Janet Lowe

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: (Mark Ballock)

Sunny Glen – September 2023

Summer of 2023 is almost in the rear-view mirror, and we are looking forward to a much less hectic fall in our front yard landscape project. We were able to escape some of the hot days and enjoy the Northern California coast, and Pacific Northwest. The adventures of getting out and experiencing the world around us never gets old, and I'm always excited to see new things. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your Summer of 2023.

Ballot Reminder!! September 11, 2023, is the last day to get your ballots turned into the Clubhouse mail slot. Ballots will be opened at our next Board Meeting September 13, 2023.

New Visitor Update: A few lucky Sunny Glen Residents have seen a Red Fox roaming within our community the last week or so. Enjoy our visitor from afar and please don't feed it. Wild animals live within San Ramon, and we should give them space to live naturally.

The Clubhouse update for September: The Clubhouse rebuild project has been placed on hold until after the member vote at our next board meeting. We are working with the City of San Ramon permit office, and with the contractor's engineers to get the plan details adjusted to satisfy the City's Building Engineers for the building permits.

Sunny Glen Flooding Update: I have been in touch with the City of San Ramon stormwater staff regarding the Sunny Glen Community flooding. I'm awaiting a report from the City as to the work that has been done to mitigate flooding by the block wall at the end of Craydon Circle.

Preparing the South San Ramon Creek for winter. I have been in contact with the City about the Creek's abundant vegetation growth. The City will address this issue with the landowners that back up to the creek. The city will clean the culvert under Alcosta Blvd in October ahead of winter.

President’s Message Continued.....

South Townhouses Maintenance Issues: I have received several calls from the South Townhouse residents on Craydon Cir. about maintenance issues. The Sunny Glen Senior Community HOA does not maintain the South Townhouses. They have their own board, and HOA property management company.

This is your contact information for Christison Company (HOA Management), Henry Romero Agent: 925-371-5731. 7901 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588. **Email:** hromero@christisoncompany.com

Please refer to this contact for any maintenance issues.

We have a regular board meeting September 13, at 7pm at the Alcosta Senior Center. Please plan to attend!

P.S. Be advised that it is illegal to feed turkeys, foxes, or any wild animals in our community.

Until Next Month,

Mark Ballock, President

**NEIGHBORLY
ADVICE: Ann Attwood**

A corporate attorney sent this out to his employees:

Before your purse or wallet is stolen. Photocopy the contents of your wallet or purse by copying both sides of each license, credit, or library card....etc. You will know exactly what you had and will have all the account numbers and phone numbers to call credit card companies or agencies to cancel. Keep that information in a safe place.

***SUNNY GLEN COMMUNITY
GARDEN PARTY MEET & GREET***

Submitted By: Ann Attwood

SUNDAY, September 10, 2023
2:00PM – 4:00PM

Ann, Sandy, and Sylvia; look forward to a Meet & Greet at Ann Attwood’s home 22 Helix CT.

Please allow them to arrange for seating for everyone by calling Ann 925-361-8466 or Sandy 510-907-0402 to RSVP

Refreshments will be available, or you may bring your own

Looking forward to a fun afternoon

Sunny Glen Board Message

by: Marianne Dimick

Dear Sunny Glen Neighbors,

You have received your ballot to approve the assessment. The board is providing simple instructions to complete and return your ballot.

1. After you cast your vote, place your ballot in the small envelope marked "Ballot" and sign the envelope.
2. Place the small, signed envelope in the larger return envelope addressed to Sunny Glen.
3. **Return your ballot to the community center or via US Mail before September 11, 2023.**

If you have questions, please call Marianne Dimick, Board Treasurer at 510-502-9326.

Thank you

GILEAD REVIEW By: Robin Peterson

Gilead by Marilyn Robinson is a beautifully crafted novel. It won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Gilead is an epistolary novel. This fictional autobiography of John Ames, an elderly pastor in a small, secluded town named Gilead is a lovely book filled with amazing and lyrical prose.

WELCOME TO THE SUNNY GLEN COMMUNITY

Reported by Robin Peterson, Sunny Glen Greeter

Edie Pillado and Steve Guimarin

115 Neptune Place

08/12/2023

SUNNY GLEN FLOOD RELIEF FUNDS

We wanted to share with you an update on the distribution of the flood relief funds.

The amount raised from the GoFundMe and Ann, her neighbors & friend's dinners, and raffles, outside donations totaled \$8,380.00. This amount was divided equally among the 16 condo owners and \$521.00 checks were distributed. The letter below is what was attached to each check and given to the owners.

"Within the next few days, you'll receive a check on behalf of donors to the Sunny Glen Flood Relief Fund. The funds were equally split among the 16 homeowners who received damage from the New Year's Eve, flood."

We may not have a complete list of those who donated or gave time and energy to the relief efforts, but we would like to recognize and thank some of the movers and shakers who made it happen:

David Love created a GoFundMe account which received money from friends, family, and strangers.

Ann Attwood on Helix CT opened her heart and home to fundraising dinners. Her family, next-door neighbors and friends helped out by tabulating guests, cooking, waitressing, raffles, setting-up the tables & chairs and clean-up after each event.

Joan Evans donated money from her moving sale and Ghirardelli Chocolate, gave funds and raffle items.

Many neighbors and friends donated time, meals, and support to those who found themselves in need.

We continue to work together toward getting our community back to "normal" and look forward to celebrating a Sunny Glen reunion.

The Sunny Glen Senior HOA Board

David, Sue, Julie, Debi, and Kerry

ELECTION TIME: by Marianne Dimick

It's that time of year to think about becoming a board member of your Homeowners Association. The HOA is following the voting changes implemented by the California Civil Code section 5100. Nominations are accepted by self-nomination by contacting our secretary Heidi Louwaert at SunnyGlenBoard@gmail.com. Please include your name, the position you would like to serve in and your qualifications.

Qualifications of directors are those persons that satisfy all of the following (1) is a Member in Good Standing; (2) has been a member of the community for one year; (3) Co-owners of one or more lots or condominiums, may not be nominated for, or serve on the Board at the same time; (4) residents may serve on only one HOA board in Sunny Glen at one time. Nominations are due by October 25, 2023. No write-in candidates will be allowed at the time of the election.

There are five directors, President, Treasurer, Secretary, Facility/Maintenance, and Social/Media director. Job descriptions are posted on our website. We are restarting the clock under the new guidelines for those currently serving on the board. They all must submit nominations if they wish to continue in their current positions.

For the next year, many more hours will be required from directors. Current work is still in progress and will require many hours to complete the review of the CC&R's and conduct the election to get them passed by the residents. The work on refurbishing the clubhouse will continue into the new year. Reserve Fund challenges need to be addressed and deferred maintenance needs to be completed.

Second Survey Results

Hello Neighbors!

Thank you to all who completed and returned the second survey, but a special hardy THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help with the ideas presented in the first survey! It will be through this community's efforts and the boards leadership that Sunny Glen will become a vibrant senior community.

The second survey's focus was filling in some details on types of equipment and willingness to supplement programs with reasonable fees but more importantly to try and recruit volunteers to help the Board implement the ideas put forth in the first survey. This objective was successful! A total of 75% of all respondents volunteered to assist! But they can always use more!

Briefly, the question on repurposing the library and game room into a Social Lounge received the greatest interest with 60% of volunteers interested in this improvement. The two questions regarding the social activities and community garden/dog park received 40% each of volunteers interested in working on these improvements. The activities question about yoga, aerobics etc. committee received 30% of interested volunteers and the Outdoor games question received 20%. This does not mean any of these ideas will be abandoned just they may just take longer to implement! You still have time to volunteer for an area that interests you!

The Board has just received the survey information and is in the process of reviewing it all and deciding upon a strategy of implementation. Keep in mind that the Board is dealing with a lot of issues so be patient and they will be in touch with all of you who have offered to help.

Thank you,

Survey Committee member,
Brian Cotton

Lynne Bidwell's Garden Report

Hi Neighbors!

My tomato, cucumber, and zucchini plants are producing yummy results. Yippee! I harvest tomatoes and cucumbers about three times a week. My plants are now touching the top of my 6 ft. tall garden enclosure. I think that adding bananas, fish, and eggs to the soil has definitely contributed to health of the plants.

I bring my twin toddler grandchildren, Holden & Abigail, to the community garden once a week. My grandchildren call me Gabba. They are very interested in Gabba's garden, and they love to help me water. They are always so excited to see the ripe tomatoes. We pick the ripe tomatoes together so they can take them home. They usually eat the cherry tomatoes right away before I can wash them.

Ground squirrels recently invaded three garden enclosures in the community garden. They chewed holes in the shade cloth on top of one 7 ft. tall enclosure. The gardener patched the holes in the shade cloth. However, the squirrels came back the next day and chewed new holes in the shade cloth. So, the battle between gardeners and squirrels continues ...

Cheers,
Lynne Bidwell



Sunny Glen Volunteers:

Social Committee: **Sue Curtis 925-725-9323**
& **Debbie Richter 925-216-2581**

Movie Coordinator: **OPEN**

Librarian: **Joyce Gunn, 925-642-0595**

Newsletter Editor: **Rose Basoco, 915-276-5804**
sunnyglenjournal@gmail.com)

Sunshine/Compassion/
Service Referrals: **Penny Wolfsohn 707-479-4397**
[Pwolfsohn5@gmail.com](mailto:pwolfsohn5@gmail.com)

Sunny Glen Greeter: **Robin Peterson, 510-828-7426**

Pool Tester: **Elsy Mattson, 925-833-1749**

North Townhouse Board Members:

President: **Vanessa Brown, 510-999-0951**

Vice President: **Kath Fulcher, 925-963-2369**

Treasurer: **OPEN**

Secretary: **OPEN**

Sunny Glen Board of Directors:

- President: **Mark Ballock 925-998-2924**
- Vice President: **Heidi Louwaert 510-493-8560**
- Secretary: **Marianne Dimick 510-502-9326**
- Treasurer: **OPEN**
- Building/Grounds: **Carlos Carazo 925-999-8430**
- Hall Rental: **Jo Jamison 925-915-9650**
- RV Storage: **Mark Ballock**
- Facility Maintenance: **OPEN**
- S G Board Email:
sunnyglenboard@gmail.com

South Townhouse Board Members:

- President: **David Love,**
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- Vice President: **Sue Curtis,**
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