



April 8, 2023

### Happy Easter and Welcome Spring

The wind has finally eased up, the sun is shining and temps are beginning to get above coat-wearing levels. We're starting to see signs of green grass and some bulbs are beginning to sprout. A few brave gardeners are putting out veggies and hoping the frosty weather is behind us.

The winds were more fierce than usual this year, but amazingly there were only a few downed trees and those were not inside of the park. There were however, plenty of items "Blowing in the Wind" and some things are probably "Gone with the Wind". On our daily walks, we came upon these items (we tried to return as many as possible): golf cart cover, barbecue grill cover, propane tank cover, tire cover, rugs, RV cover, tarp, air conditioner shroud, yard signs, plaques, flower pots, patio furniture cushion, pipe insulation, empty sand bags and even a dog bed. A reminder— next year make sure things are securely fastened down when you leave for the winter.

Since this is the time of year for renewal, I'm adding photos of the park's improvements that are and have been taking place. It's good to see so many folks moving forward from last year's devastating fire. Hopefully, this summer will bring many more folks back to our beautiful mountain retreat and Pondaries will, once again, be blessed with an abundance of friends, family and joy.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and a reminder that Tuesday, April 18th is the deadline to turn in your IRS forms this year.



## Pendaries 2023 Mid-Winter Get Togethers

On March 22, the Hill Country Pendaries People (HCPP) had an impromptu gathering at Backwoods BBQ in Fredericksburg. A phone call from Bill & Kathy Wade — indicating they would be in the area — spurred the locals to gather for lunch. Everyone enjoyed the food and catching up with happenings.

Photo Below (check out the cute t-shirts on Claude's three daughters!)

Front Row: Kathy & Bill Wade

Middle Row: Claude Childers, Brenda (Claude's oldest daughter), Joy Bunch, Betty & Don Beard

Back Row: Pam (Claude's middle daughter), Shirley (Claude's youngest daughter), Martha Riley, Mike (Claude's grandson), Sandy Jordan



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Mimi Ott & Judith Decerbo, who winter in Tucson, AZ — seem to be the winter haven for Pendaries folks looking to enjoy some sunshine and good company. They had several visitors this winter and shared some pics.

Top Photo: Donna Reed, Judith Decerbo, Mimi Ott and Kenneth Reed

Bottom Photo: Mimi Ott, Tom & Carol Anderson and Judith Decerbo



## Pine Needle Raking

Now that the fierce winds have eased up, it's time to rake pine needles. John Garcia is providing his services again this year and will rake your lot and haul off the pine needles for a fee. You need to call him to schedule the work and to get an estimate.

**John Garcia (916) 806-0521**

If you prefer to do your own raking, he also provides the service to haul off the needles, but you need to contact him so he can instruct you on the best method of gathering the needles for hauling and disposing.

If you prefer to do all the work yourself, it is my understanding that you can drop off bagged needles (use heavy duty black plastic trash bags) at the dump (near the Rociada Post Office.) As of today, the dump is open for use and does not charge a fee for bagged needles, but the situation may change as the summer season approaches. You will still need to have an annual or seasonal trash permit to use the dump.



## Park Improvements

While it has been a fairly quiet winter, there have been quite a few improvements in the works.

Ken & Nel Yunger's gazebo and walkway at 23 Swallow Rd. Sean Rowen of Coyote Services worked on this project.



Dick & Janet Smith's lot at 21 Swallow Rd. has been cleared, graded, utilities replaced and graveled. They are looking for their new RV to bring back with them this summer.



Harry & Barbara DeLap have a new shed and repaired pavilion at 44 Blue Sky Drive.



T.C. Haynes & Jerri Hudson's lot at 42 Blue Sky Drive has construction started for a new deck and gazebo. Sean Rowen of Coyote Services is working on this project. Johnny & Vicki Hicks have also been helping with some of the work.



Johnny & Vicki Hicks (3 Ponderosa) build a channel for run-off rain water. They gathered and placed all those rocks themselves — quite a chore — but a beautiful and functional landscape addition.



Bennie & Mary Gonzales' lot (9 Ponderosa) has been cleared, burned trees removed, utilities replaced, graveled and a new shed added. They also planted dozens of seedlings to replace the trees lost in the fire.



Art & Wanda Smith's lot (42 Clubhouse Road) has been cleared, burned trees removed, utilities replaced, graveled and ready for them to move their destination trailer — hopefully, soon.



Speaking of Art & Wanda Smith, this is their destination trailer that has been parked on Mimi Ott & Judith Decerbo's lot (84 Clubhouse Road). Mimi & Judith's lot was one of the first lots to be cleared and repaired after the fire. Mimi & Judith ended up buying another property on Magpie Circle and let Art & Wanda park their new trailer here until Art & Wanda's lot was ready.



Bill Leonard & Georgia Simmons (70 Blue Sky Drive) lost their shed and had damage to their park model. Sean Rowen of Coyote Services repaired and replaced windows on the side of the park model that burned and a new shed was brought in over the winter.



Lee Gann's lot (78 Clubhouse Road) has been cleared, burned trees removed, utilities replaced, gravel added and now he has a new trailer set in place. And just this week, a new shed was delivered and set up.



Marty & Dianna Isom (2 Magpie Circle) are adding a cover to their deck and doing the work themselves. They've been here off and on throughout the winter and making progress despite the wind, cold and snow.





