



THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

DIABLO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



WELCOMING SPRING!

Our community looks forward to a fresh start to the new year! From enjoying this beautiful weather, to learning about the history here and its residents, to celebrating events together, we are thankful for everything about Diablo! Please check out your website at www.diablopoa.org and social media @diablo_community on Instagram as well as signs at the Post Office to learn more and see what's happening next in Diablo!

The DPOA and hosted events exist because of generous volunteers and annual support from the community. You can contribute [here!](#) This neighborhood thrives because of your participation in all these activities. We love our unique and precious community!

SPRING 2022

Aberer, Jim and Sandra
 Abramo, Tony and Karen
 Adams, Penny
 Aghazarian, Ron and Denise
 Alioto, Michele and Joseph
 Allard, Mike and Wendy
 Ambrose, Paul and Anh
 Amor, Tony and Lena
 Antovich, Radomir and Deanna
 Aspland, Doug and Katie
 Baggett, Harry
 Bauer, Dave and Wendy
 Becker, Leonard and Joanne
 Bell, Jack and Sue
 Birdsong, George
 Birka-White, David and Elizabeth
 Bonny, Alan and Caroline
 Bozzini, Jim and Eng
 Bradley, Douglas and Barbara
 Brant, Ray and Ann
 Breitwieser, Dick & Gail
 Busquets, Rick and Emily
 Butcher, Veronica
 Cadet, Steve and Vicky
 Capelli, Steve and Vanessa
 Cella, Brian and Maryann
 Christophe, Joe and Kaitlin
 Cheng, Chester and Frances
 Chun, Alan and Ellen
 Cobler, Michael
 Cohen, Frank
 Coleman, Terry and Luci
 Cook, Chris and Lisa
 Cooper, Michael and Brittany
 Corkern, Bob and Jill
 Cotton, Tim and Katie
 Cox, Matthew and Christine
 Crandall, J. Taylor and Suzanne
 Cutter, Flavia
 Day, Brooks and Julia
 Dehghan, Hossein & Alba Morales
 De Tomasi, Mario and Lia
 Del Arroz, Manny and Juanita
 DePole, Ray and Lori
 Dresdow, Greg and Diane
 Dunlap, Cecil and Kerry Singleton
 Dunlop, Jimi and Babette
 DuPuy, Robert and Edith
 Ebert, Eric and Brittni
 Edgren, Steven and Martha
 Eorio, Jeff
 Fairman, Mary
 Fanning, Patrick
 Feinstein, David and Kelly
 Field, Bobby and Marcia
 Fisher, William
 Fitzsimmons, Mike and Stacy
 Freeman, Leigh
 Freeman, Josh and Chelsea
 Freeman, Marshall and Margaret
 Gaffey, Colin & Lisa
 Gallagher, Carol & Rachel L.

Garcia, Chris and Michelle
 Geisler, Tony and Dee
 Girzadas, Jason and Ginna
 Gold, Adam and Dana
 Gonzalez, Tim and Cathy
 Green, Kevin and Jennifer
 Griffin, Eric and Catherine
 Grinstead, Charles & Kathy
 Grossman, Keith and Hallie
 Haener, Ryan and Julie
 Haines, Brian and Cheyenne
 Hall, Matt and Mona
 Hanson, Erik and Deniz
 Happel, David & Gail
 Harney, Chris and Christina
 Harney, Joe and Candace
 Headen, Travis and Ashley
 Headen, Steve and Marilee

Lee, Cornel and Alex
 Leftik, Adam and Elizabeth
 Lewandowski, Mark and Chika
 Liniger, Lionel and Tasha
 Lorenz, Greg and Anne
 Luecht, Phil and Shawn
 Malakoff, Joel and Jackie
 Markstein, Bob and Carol H.
 McDonald, Paul and Sia
 McDonnell, Mary Lou
 McGarry, Chris & Aneta
 McIntire, Paul and Lila
 McMillan, Drew and Kaeti
 McNeil, Fred and Nancy
 McNichols, Katie
 McNichols, Justin
 McQueen, Tom and Kelly
 Medford, Michael & Ute
 Mehran, Alex and Maggie

Pierce, Mark and Darcy
 Pingatore, Matt and Dana
 Porter, Larry and Joan
 Prosser, Scott and Barbara
 Rago - Paul, Basil & Barbara
 Raphael, Joe and Sue
 Rathbun, Richard and Kimberly
 Reed, Arlene
 Rhodes, Casey and Kristi
 Rich, Gary and Rochelle
 Riherd, Michael and Vicki
 Rodvien, Jeff and Michelle
 Ryan, Kyle and Jennifer
 Salvo, Hank and Nancy
 Santa Maria, Carol
 Sauer, Tom and Anne
 Scallan, Brett and Lori
 Scarpelli, Michael and Janet
 Scharnell, Rob and Deborah
 Schmidt, Peter and Catherine
 Scott, Peter and Liliana
 Seibert, Hal and Nancy
 Sepic, Jerry and Courtney
 Sheinberg, Michael and Tricia
 Shepherd, Rick and Lisa
 Sherman, Matthew and Joanna Bell
 Shortt, Eugene
 Simens, Mark and Susan
 Slavonia, Jerry and Margi
 Smith, Mark and Alexandra
 Spicer, Jim & Kay
 St. John, Jay and Karen
 Stedman, Mike and Michele
 Steffens, Rick and Caren
 Stevens, Kenneth and Deborah
 Stubblefield, Rick and Linda
 Sturla, Arrigo and Barbara
 Suci, Patrick and Diane
 Summers, Joel and Kathy Urbelis
 Tancreto, David and Karen
 Tiernan, Bob and Lyn
 Tjoe, Maoe and Lila
 Torru, John and Kathy
 Viggiano, Chad and Sanne
 Waldern, Jonathan and Lindsay
 Walker, Craig and Kate
 Wallunas, Don and Julie
 Walsh, Dale and Deborah
 Walz, Andy and Karen
 Warneke, Jeff and Kay
 Wasko, Jeff and Lisa
 Watson, David and Valerie
 Weatherford, Tom and Kay
 Welsh, David and Stacy
 White, Neal and Bernie M.
 Wilhelmy, John and M'Lu
 Wilmore, Scott and Cindy
 Worden, Marlys and Seth
 Yamada, Randy and JoAnn
 Yang, Karen
 Yee, Clarence and Elaine
 Yewell, Peter and Catherine
 Zweiback, Jason and Patricia

Thank You Diablo

Contributors as of
 March 1st

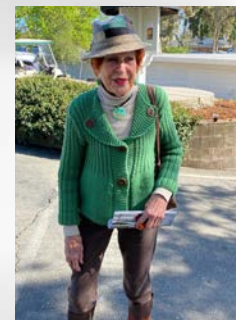


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 Hobden, Garth and Rita
 Hoffman, Justin and Kristen
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 Hoyle, Brad and Julie
 Huete, David and Amber
 Jacobs, John
 Jansen, Lynn & Cindy
 Jones, Mark and Shannon
 Joseph, Patrick and June
 Kavayiotidis, Nick and Lauren
 Keane, Justin and Leslie
 Keane, Tom & Susie
 Kennedy, Adam and Kathy
 Kipp, David and Mary Lynn
 Krejci, James and Charlotte
 Krouse, John and Mary
 Lamb, Steve and Jill
 Land, Jeff and Carla
 Landes, Jerry and Michele
 Langon, Jeff and Sheila
 Lee, Jason and Erin

Meineke, Ryan and Michelle
 Millar, Bruce & Carolyn
 Miller, Jeff and Karen
 Miller, Patti
 Moore, Michael and Selma
 Murphy, Mark and Marsha
 Murray, Verne and Melody
 Musco, Mark and Dolores
 Nejedly, Don and Julie
 Nelson, Dan and Deanna
 Nicholas, Irvin and Jacquie
 Nicholson, Katie
 Nicholson, Andy and Gina
 Nittler, Mark and Katie
 Novak, Rich and Jan
 Ogles, Mike and Rosanne
 Osmer, Shirley
 Ovadia, Jason & Melissa
 Pass, Charlie and Toni
 Pearce, Dustin & Elizabeth Sordi
 Pedersen, Egon
 Perino, Tony and Carrie
 Perry, Mark and Carol
 Pfeiffer, Jeff and Wendy
 Phillips, Shawn and Alyssa

Don't see your name?
 Make your contribution to our
 Owners' Association at diablopoa.org

COMMUNITY PICTURES



St. Patrick's Day



DPOA Holiday Cocktail



Walking History Tour



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Please come out to donate! This is the worst blood shortage in over a decade.

Organized by resident Alyssa Phillips, The Red Cross team and volunteers will be at Diablo Country Club on **March 9th, April 12th and May 6th. There are available slots throughout the day and making a quick appointment is so easy!**

Download the Blood Donor App or visit redcrossblood.org. This drive was started for and is in honor of fallen CALFIRE firefighter, Jake Flores. Opportunities to donate to his family will be available.

Please share with everyone! Thank you for helping to save up to 3 lives with one donation!

HONORING FIREFIGHTER JAKE FLORES

DIABLO BLOOD DRIVE

THE RED CROSS IS EXPERIENCING THE WORST BLOOD SHORTAGE IN OVER A DECADE. PLEASE DONATE!

WED, MARCH 9
TUES, APRIL 12
FRI, MAY 6

Diablo Country Club
1700 Club House Rd, Diablo CA

To schedule your appointment please log on to redcrossblood.org or use the app and enter Sponsor Code: FJF



LENDING LIBRARY

By Jan Novak

Fun things happening at our Diablo Lending Library!



Book Club Event, March 16th

- New Diablo Book Club. Ok, it's not really a book club, but the DPOA and some generous residents are buying books and jigsaw puzzles for children and a few for adults to keep our library current.
- A get together was on March 16th with treats, new books and meeting the volunteer librarians!
- Book Review Posterboard - share with your neighbors recent books you've read and what you like or don't
- Holiday Decor!
- We've "culled" the books to make space for some great new ones. We have a ton of paperbacks but if you have any new-ish ones, bring them! We could use great kids books, fairy current non-fiction or novels, cookbooks see, to be popular and so are puzzles!



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Honoring Jan Novak

Since 1971, the DPOA has been recognizing residents who do exceptional work in our community by honoring them as Citizen of the Year. Jan Novak conceived of and led the program to tell the stories of our long time residents via "Diablo Honors". She has led the effort to improve the pandemic inspired lending library, deliver warm welcomes to new residents, recruit volunteers, and always thinks creatively about ways to improve the DPOA. Thank you, Jan, for making our community a special place.



Surprising Jan with her plaque

SOCIAL NEWS

WEDDINGS

Sam Langon, the youngest of Jeff and Sheila Langon's four children, married **Caroline Saca** of Alamo in an October 2021 wedding in St. Helena. The couple first met in Kindergarten at St Isidore School, then reconnected after college while working in San Francisco. They have made their home in San Francisco.

BIRTHS

Travis and Ashley Headen, along with big sister **Maggie**, announce with joy the birth of new baby brother **Crew Thomas**, weighing six pounds and eleven ounces on December 23. Grandmother Marilee Headen reports that the arrival of mother and child on Christmas Day was the best gift ever.

Luke and Kate Langon, welcomed their firstborn **Brooks Asher**, a son, weighing seven pounds and two ounces on December 1. Brooks is Jeff and Sheila Langon's fifth grandchild. The family lives in Walnut Creek for easy babysitting!

IN MEMORIAM

A Celebration of Life was held on January 29, 2022 for **Dr. John Carl Osmer** who passed December 3rd.

John and wife Shirley moved to Diablo in 1967 with their daughter Susan, and sons Mark and Tom to begin his practice in Radiology at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley. Active members of the community and country club, John loved to play golf and tennis, fly fish, ski, cycle, travel, and spend time with his family. His death at age 88 creates a hole in the fabric of our life here in Diablo.

Longtime Mt. Diablo Scenic resident **Peter Forman**, a member of the community since 1973, passed away on December 26 due to complications of cancer, leaving a huge void amongst family and friends. A graduate of Oakland Tech, UC Berkeley, and the UCSF Dental School, Peter was a highly regarded dentist. Although dentistry was Peter's profession, fishing and hunting were his passions, next to his wife Leslie, son Andrew, daughter-in-law Becky and grandchildren Josh and Anna. We send our sincere condolences to the family.

HONORING DOUG & BARBARA BRADLEY

Residents Since 1967

By Tony & Dee Geisler

Excerpt from full article featured at the Post Office this Spring

We had the privilege of visiting Brigadier General U. S. Army (retired) Douglas and Barbara Bradley at their beautiful home of 54 years on Ranchitos Del Sol. Barbara was born in Grand Rapids, MI, but grew up in Saginaw. She is a 1953 graduate of Michigan State and taught school for a short time in Grand Rapids before she left for the University of Wisconsin to get a Master's Degree. Doug was born in Milwaukee in 1932 and lived in a rural area west of the city where he attended a one room country school house. In 1943 when his family was affected by war rationing, they moved back to Milwaukee.

Their first daughter Kristin was born in Ogden in 1958, and second daughter Karin was born in 1959 at Fort Riley, Kansas. The youngest daughter Sandra was born in 1964 in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Doug says, "Join the Army and see the world," but eventually they felt they had enough of "Gullivers Travels" and decided it was time to settle down. Doug was hired by Kaiser in Walnut Creek, and he and Barbara looked for a good place to raise their 4th and 5th graders and a pre-schooler. On a very hot day, their realtor took them to see Orinda, Moraga, Danville and then Diablo. When they visited Diablo, they saw it as an oasis with everything in it green and inviting. They found their present home and bought it the next day. Kaiser was insightful enough to let Doug serve in the National Guard for 24 years before retiring as a Brigadier General.

A strong impression of Diablo in 1967 was that there were horses everywhere. When they drove the streets they often had to go around riders. They bought two horses which they had shipped from Colorado and boarded on Mount Diablo Scenic. They replaced them with a pinto which was boarded at the Osmer's and two other horses which moved all over Diablo including the Stones, Corteses and others. Their daughters were all riders and enjoyed the Double D Diablo Horsemen's Organization which had events across from Monte Vista. Many Diablo residents at that time had a horse and stable. The Bradleys remember wonderful friendships their daughters formed with Lowrey Jones. Whenever Sandra comes to visit from Wisconsin, she visits Lowrey. Barbara says of Diablo that it has the "best zip code there is around here." Barbara was an active tennis player when Dick Overstreet ran a great program for children and adults. They enjoyed the other couples they met and often followed tennis with dinners at places like the Osmer's. They enjoyed taking their children to events like the Easter Egg Roll and the Ice Cream Social.



Five generations of Wisconsin Badgers



Wedding Day, 1957

The Diablo Post Office resident cat, Cher, took a particular liking to Doug. Once when he opened his large P. O. Box, to his unforgettable surprise, he was greeted by a cat's paw "handshake" from the other side. After having few children in their area for years, they are delighted that several families with children have moved into their neighborhood. The Bradleys meet new residents at the swimming pool jointly owned by five families. They enjoy Diablo's kid-friendly Halloween on Alameda Diablo. Celebrating 64 years of wedded bliss, the Bradleys are the epitome of role models. Diablo residents are privileged to have them as neighbors.

HONORING MICHAEL & UTE MEDFORD

Residents Since 1968

By Jan Novak

Excerpt from full article to be featured at the Post Office this Spring

Michael Medford's father was a wise man. When Michael was 22 years old, his father told him to stop frittering away his savings and to buy a house. His father then found a 900 square foot house in Diablo, and Michael bought that home on El Centro 54 years ago. Michael was familiar with Diablo as he grew up in Lafayette and had friends who lived in Diablo. He remembers a more rural Diablo, with horses everywhere, including in a corral behind his house. Michael met Ute at a Ski Club picnic and they married 38 years ago at Lake Tahoe. Ute was born and raised in very urban Berlin, Germany and was working in Oakland when they met. Her first impression of Diablo? "It was really rural, out in the 'boonies!'. Together, they raised their son Erik, almost tripled the size of their home and passionately pursued their hobbies. Michael and Ute's home is on one of the most secluded and tree-filled lots in Diablo. There is so much shade that they live comfortably with no air conditioning. El Centro was originally developed as cottages for those that worked at Diablo Country Club. The lot on which the Medford home stands was vacant until 1955 and may have been used as a maintenance yard prior to that as Michael has found horse-drawn wagon parts and wheels while digging in the yard. He has also uncovered railroad spikes from the train track that once ran from Oakland to the original Red Horse Tavern, now the Red Horse apartments. Michael's career primarily focused on cars. He owned a machine shop that built both packaging machines and racecars. The cars he built competed in the Trans Am Series of road racing. He sold that business and then worked on cars as a mechanic and body man. The third chapter of his career was as a shop manager in heavy equipment shops. As a side business, he was an antiques dealer and restorer and he kept a few of the best pieces for his home. Ute was a banker her entire career, managing branch banks for several large banks, including locations in Blackhawk, Lafayette and Walnut Creek. She managed branches for Bank of America, West America, Mt. Diablo Bank and Heritage Bank over the course of her career. She took up quilting with a vengeance upon her retirement and her quilts are works of art. Their son, Erik, is now 35. He grew up in Diablo, attending Larson's preschool, Vista Grande Elementary, Los Cerros Middle School and Monte Vista. His favorite Diablo events were the annual fishing derby and the Christmas parties at the club. He took up golf as a child and is now a 10-handicap golfer.

The Medfords are an active couple. They love snow skiing and hiking and are often seen walking the streets of Diablo, particularly Calle Arroyo. They love to travel. They take their hobbies seriously. They are devoted parents and friends. During our conversations, they spoke fondly of their Diablo friends--the Hiltons, Barry & Lori Nudelman, Laura & John Fulton, Patrick Fanning, Jay & Karen St. John, Dorothy Peterson and Bill Clarkson. We thank Michael and Ute for sharing their stories and for being our great neighbors and friends for 54 years.



Michael with Bill & Shelley



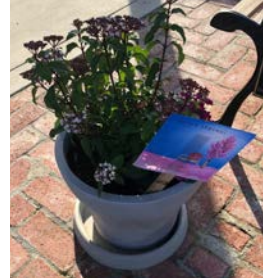
The Medford Family



MAKING OUR POST OFFICE A LITTLE BRIGHTER!

By Jan Novak

Thank you to the Diablo Country Club for painting the interior of the post office. The DPOA offered to do that, but as the landlord of the post office, the club took it on. The DPOA has been adding some nice touches: the brand new rugs (that actually all match!) and the plants and containers outside by the bench. Walter and Theresa really like them. We also reroofed and resurfaced the bulletin boards of our kiosk. Soon to come is a restoration of the "Hours Open" sign outside the post office. The sign pre-dates the current location of the post office so is at least 50 years old. As a community that honors our history, we thought it should be restored rather than replaced. The post office will soon return to "open at all times" for access to your post office boxes. Security improvements are underway. Thanks to everyone for your patience and your support of our post office employees.



VOLUNTEERS MAKE THIS COMMUNITY SPECIAL!

By Dana Pingatore

The Diablo Property Owners' Association (DPOA) is funded by annual contributions, but it is our community volunteers who put the funds to work in creative ways.

- New residents receive warm welcomes from Julie Nejedly, Shirley Osmer, Julie Wallunus, Amber Heute, Elizabeth Leftik, and Jan Novak.
- Social Events and holiday treats at the post office have been organized by Leslie Keane, Alyssa Phillips, Melissa Ovidia, Maddy Johnson, Anne Lorenz, Kaeti McMillan, Ruhi Alikhan & Terri Davis
- Creative direction for our entrance landscaping and seasonal décor is provided by Leslie Keane
- The Flags of Diablo have been coordinated by Adam & Elizabeth Leftik, Leslie Keane, & Terri Davis
- We share information with the community via email, website, social media, posters, and the Devil's Advocate newsletter. Alyssa Phillips is our creative and Elizabeth Birka-White has been editing our newsletter for over 30 years!
- Historic Preservation of Diablo is championed by Tony and Dee Geisler, Mugs Freeman, David Mackesey, and Leslie Keane
- The authors behind the stories of our longtime residents: Penny Adams, Marsh and Mugs Freeman, Maryann Cella, Marilee Headen, Tony and Dee Geisler, Elizabeth Leftik and Alyssa Phillips
- The Lending Library is organized, swept and decorated by Lori Scallan, Denise Aghazarian, Darcy Pierce, Jan Novak (and Rich Novak on repairs)
- Our bookkeeping, resident database, and email is meticulously managed by Kathy Torru

You'll notice that quite a few names appear more than once. We really need to extend our volunteer pool. Can you invest a bit of your time to help keep our community amazing? We particularly need volunteers to help set up social events, newsletter production, a Treasurer to sign/distribute checks, and help investigating an auto-renewal solution for annual contributions. Email us at membership@diablopaa.org.

DIABLO MEMORIES: THE GREAT SNOW OF 1975

By Jan Novak

March 13, 1975 was a magical day in Diablo as inches of snow transformed our community into a winter wonderland. According to the Concord Transcript, 2-4 inches of snow fell....and stayed around for awhile. The CHP was swamped with calls about accidents on a snow-covered "Freeway 680". Mt. Diablo was closed to visitors and it's unlikely any tennis or golf was played that day. Tennis courts and golf fairways were covered with snow. Michael Medford recalls returning home from a day at work to find a snow-covered lump on his driveway. His dog had fallen asleep and slept right through the snowfall. Weathermen had predicted a fair day, but Concord, Pleasant Hill, Martinez and points east were deluged with torrential rainfall, and a corridor stretching from Orinda to San Ramon received two to three inches of snow which blanketed everything. It was one of the heaviest snowfalls on record for March. Mugs Freeman remembers driving home on the 680 Freeway after teaching in Lafayette and becoming completely disoriented, "Everything was blanketed with snow--roads, trees, fields, homes, signs, buildings, even the tops of cars! I thought I was heading in the right direction toward Danville, but it seemed like driving through a magical and unreal world with no familiar landmarks." Susan Freeman also remembered the storm vividly: "The big snow (I was so delighted!!) was in March on the day of the baby shower, which I think was at Lynn Kipp's home. I remember it was a rather wet, heavy snow (we New Englanders have categories of snow!) which made it stick and accumulate quickly, but the down side is once it warms up a bit, it tends to melt and evaporate quickly too. As I recall, it was pretty much gone by next day." The Concord Transcript explained "It was strictly a local storm that brewed up in a hurry and not one coming in from the North or Northwest whose course could be charted." Rangers on Mt. Diablo reported a snowfall of about four and one-half inches in the storm. Many thanks to Penny Adams, Karlen Petersen Harriman and Mugs Freeman for sharing their photos of this beautiful day.



Tennis courts with La Cava Home in Background



Red Horse Apartments



*Diablo CC 18th Fairway
and Oak covered with Snow*



*Mug Freeman's outdoor fireplace
at Campo Pelota*



*Penny Adam's Calle
Los Callados home*

DIABLO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

By Kathy Urbelis

The Diablo Community Services District (DCSD) is a California Special District and is governed by residents elected to a 5-member Board of Directors. The purpose of the DCSD is to provide security services to residents, maintain and improve roads, culverts under roads, and bridges within Diablo, and maintain Kay's Trail. www.diablocsd.org.

UPPER ALAMEDA DIABLO ROAD MAINTENANCE: APRIL 4 – 8

The DCSD has contracted with Dryco Construction, Inc to perform pavement maintenance work on upper Alameda Diablo, between Caballo Ranchero and Diablo Lakes Lane. The pavement work is extensive and involves the removal and replacement of the existing road foundation and asphalt surface.

The road work will begin Monday, April 4th and will be completed Friday evening April 8th. The extensive nature of the work and the size of the equipment needed to perform the work requires upper Alameda Diablo to be closed to all vehicular traffic from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm each day.

Unfortunately, this project will be disruptive, dusty and noisy. However, upper Alameda Diablo is in very poor condition and this work is essential to bring the road up to the same standard as all other roads within Diablo. The District will notify Republic Services, the county sheriff, and the fire department about the road project. If there is an emergency, all emergency personnel will be able to get through.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call General Manager Kathy Torru at 925-683-4956 or email her at generalmanager@diablocsd.org.

SECURITY

The new year has been quiet in terms of security issues except for one incident: on February 4th the Post Office was burglarized between 1 and 2 am. Federal authorities are investigating. Because of this, the Post Office building is only open during business hours, which are Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm and Saturday from 8 am to 3 pm. As soon as some needed building repairs are completed, the Post Office will again be open 24/7. Signs will be posted to let everyone know when this occurs.

DIABLO IS NOW IN COUNTY DISTRICT 2

Following the release of 2020 Census data, the County engaged in the normal reevaluation of its supervisorial districts based on certain demographics. Redistricting goals include ensuring that districts are geographically contiguous, maintaining the integrity of local neighborhoods, and making the boundaries easily understood.

DIABLO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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As a result of this work, Diablo became part of District 2, which is represented by Candace Andersen. Candace has been on the Board of Supervisors since 2012, so is well-versed in the issues of her District and the operations of the Board and county. In her role as County Supervisor, Candace currently sits on numerous boards and commissions addressing planning and land use, transportation, pensions, mental health, healthcare, reuse and recycling, economic development and public safety. Candace has assigned Cameron Collins, a field rep from her office, to act as liaison to Diablo. As such, Cameron will be attending all DCSD meetings and assisting us in getting support from the supervisor as needed.

TOWN HALL MEET AND GREET—MARCH 31 AT 6 PM

The DCSD is working with Cameron and Diablo Country Club to set up an informal meet and greet for residents to allow Candace to introduce herself to the community and answer any questions related to her role as our county supervisor. Details about this event will be forthcoming shortly.

FY 2021 INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT

Following the end of each fiscal year, the District performs an independent audit of its finances to assure Diablo residents and the public that the District's annual financial statements present a true and fair view of the District's affairs. The firm of Eide Bailly, CPA and Business Advisors out of Palo Alto was retained to perform the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

The auditors did not identify any misstatements, insufficient supporting evidence, or internal control deficiencies during their audit, thus providing the District with a clean report, also known as an unqualified audit opinion. Simply stated, the DCSD's financial house is in good order and District operations are following state mandates. The full audit report is available on our website under the Meetings & Financials tab (DCSD Meetings and Financials).

SPRING GREENS—KEEP THEM CUT BACK, PLEASE

In spite of an uninspiring rainy season, the recent spring-like weather is encouraging trees, bushes, and ground cover to sprout new growth. If/when the rains do come and invigorate nature, plantings may begin to encroach on our roadways, so be sure to keep an eye out to prevent that from happening in front of or behind your property. The Board recommends a width of 3 feet off the road and 13.5 feet above the road. The District will be checking on vegetation encroachment starting May 1, after which the District reserves the right to hire a third party to cut back vegetation impacting roads and bill the property owner for the cost of the work. Please do your part in managing your vegetation as it creates a safety hazard for those walking/driving/cycling past your property. Thank you!

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

If you have recently moved into our community, we have a gift for you! Please let us know you are here by emailing membership@diablopooa.org.

We do not have a typical HOA. Instead residents all pitch in a nominal \$150 each year to the owners' association to cover shared community costs: plants, water weekly maintenance at the entrances, flags, decor at the post office, community activities and social events, as well as printing to deliver this newsletter to you. This is the kind of stuff that makes Diablo the special place you have chosen to make your home.



Our mission is to enhance the community through beautification, social events, communication, and historic preservation. The DPOA is run by community volunteers and funded by annual contributions by residents. Formed in 1929, it is one of the oldest such organizations in California. Though our owners' association possesses no legal power, it acts as a sounding board and works with other organizations to facilitate community affairs and events. You can find more information at www.diablopooa.org and on Instagram @Diablo_Community.

Interested in contributing to the community?

We always need Volunteers!

- Flags of Diablo
- Seasonal Decor
- Welcome Committee
- Social Events
- Newsletter
- Community Projects

The Devil's Advocate our quarterly update to share the activities and events happening in our community and a method of keeping the communication lines open between our neighbors.

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Alyssa Phillips

Meeting Schedule: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 via Zoom. Email membership@diablopooa.org for meeting link.

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Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm via Zoom. Visit diablocsd.org for meeting agendas, minutes, financials, history and info on both the Diablo Municipal Advisory Council and the Diablo Advisory Committee.

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Tony Geisler