

# THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

DIABLO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

by The Diablo Property Owners' Association

It's officially 2021! Not only is it a new year, it's a season of growth and fresh starts. From the beautiful landscapes, to Passover, to Easter, to Mother's Day, to Earth Day, this is yet another time to appreciate the beauty, family, friends and new beginnings all around us. Here's to the end of 2020 and the start of a wonderful year!

The Devil's Advocate is a great way to share the activities and events happening in our community and a method of keeping the communication lines open between our neighbors. Please also visit [www.diablopoa.org](http://www.diablopoa.org) or our Instagram page @Diablo\_community for more information on what's happening in our community.

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# DIABLO PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION MESSAGE

## Updates and News

by Jan Novak

*The mission of the DPOA 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.*

Happy Spring!

Is that a light we see at the end of the pandemic tunnel? It has been a long year, hasn't it? The DPOA has worked hard to lend a bit of cheer to the community. In the past few months, you've probably seen:

- The holiday décor at the entrances, post office and lending library in December
- The celebration that 2020 is behind us with signs at the entrances and New Year's party favors in the post office
- The Valentine's Day décor, candy hearts and hot chocolate and coffee service at the post office
- The renovated lending library and added decor and bench
- Shamrocks are sprouting on the post office windows! St. Patrick's Day will be a celebration with sweet treats, neighborhood games for Diablo's kids with a pot of gold and distanced get together at the end (*March 15-17th*)

We have a lot planned for 2021! We will raise the Flags of Diablo for the first time this year on Memorial Day. We are updating the planting at the entrances and planning seasonal décor and we continue to welcome new Diablo residents. We are organizing a "Diablo Honors" program for our residents of 50+ years (more information in this edition). We are brainstorming much more for the remainder of the year with both "Plan A" (still in a pandemic) and "Plan B" (hooray—it's safe to socialize) options for the remainder of the year. Wouldn't it be nice to chat with neighbors and actually see them smile?

Speaking of smiles, a big thank you to the community for your generosity during our Annual Food Drive. We collectively donated more than \$15,000 in December to the Contra Costa Solano Food Bank. That is on top of the \$25,000 we donated in our Emergency Food Drive last April. Plus, we gathered 251 pounds of food that was delivered to the Food Bank. We really stepped up to help those in need. All of this work is done by community volunteers and funded by your donations to the DPOA. Thank you to everyone that has already donated in 2021. If you're not on that list, please contribute today at <https://diablopoa.org/contribute>.

For more community information please visit:

Website: [www.diablopoa.org](http://www.diablopoa.org)

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# DIABLO NEIGHBORHOOD PHOTOS



*Charlie & Nick Musco's (and friend's) bike jumps they built!*



*Maddy & Tim Johnson enjoying golf with Kyristin & Tom Schmitz*



*New Year's Eve celebration at the Post Office from DPOA*



*Valentine's Day and Love Diablo Display at Post Office*



*Perino socially distanced happy hour with Girzadas, Fergusons & Ivanovs*



*Tessa Pingatore, Addison Gaffey & Charlie Rodvien ring in 2021!*



*Eddie & Phillip Rathbun on their daily walk with Nanny Magic*



*Cullen (4) & Nash (2) Aspland sharing cocoa at the Post Office*



*Julie and Don Nejedly's first grandchild, Otis Ward Nejedly*

# DIABLO NEIGHBORHOOD PHOTOS



*Katie Hoge taking the school bus, and excited to be in class again!*



*Don & Julie Nejedly drove to see family in TX (during the freeze!)*



*Chloe's Zoom baby shower with Sheila & Jesse Langon. Congrats!*



*Nate Hoge and Charlie Rodvien riding bikes to Green Valley*



*Aspland boys finding happy faces in Diablo*



*Zwhahlen-Harvey family enjoying a beautiful Diablo walk*



*Dillon Pingatore introducing her new covid-dog, JoJo, to friends*



*Love Diablo flags throughout the neighborhood*



*Rich Novak's break on the new bench after all his work on the library!*

# DIABLO HONORS RESIDENTS

## RECOGNIZING THOSE THAT HAVE LIVED AND CONTRIBUTED TO DIABLO FOR 50+ YEARS

By Jan Novak

Did you know that 17 of your neighbors have lived in Diablo for 50 years or longer? Five more will reach that milestone next year. We have long celebrated Diablo's historical homes and in 2021 will begin to celebrate our 22 neighbors that have contributed to our community for so many years and have fascinating stories to tell. Fellow residents will interview our long term residents and give each of them the opportunity to share (and us to hear!) their personal history here, favorite stories about Diablo, quotes, photos, etc. We will be able to present this in future Devil's Advocate editions with displays at our post office and give each of us a chance to recognize them.

Diablo honors residents....

*Penny Adams (1944)*

*Maryam Mehran (1955)*

*Mary Lynn Peck (1961)*

*Charlotte Garner (1961)*

*Mary Fairman (1963)*

*Bob & Lyn Tiernan (1963)*

*Earl & Marlys Worden (1964)*

*Marsh & Mugs Freeman (1966)*

*Henry Baggett (1966)*

*John & Shirley Osmer (1967)*

*Douglas & Barbara Bradley (1967)*

*Michel & Ute Medford (1968)*

*Leigh Freeman (1968)*

*Dolph & Nona Senasac (1969)*

*David & Mary Lynn Kipp (1970)*

*Kay Batts (1971)*

*Kay Batts (1971)*

*Jack & Sue Bell (1971)*

*Laurie Baine (1972)*

*Sandy Hoffman (1972)*

*Patti Miller (1972)*

*Bob & Barbara Beratta (1972)*

*Egon Pedersen (1972)*

# DIABLO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

by Dee and Tony Geisler, Co-Chairs

## PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAMON VALLEY AND DIABLO

Diablo Historic Preservation Committee Members Dee and Tony Geisler visited the Museum of the San Ramon Valley in the Depot in January and donated books for the archives and the use of the museum. Beverly Lane, Board Member with the Museum, recently mentioned Diablo in an article in *The Branch Line* entitled "San Ramon Valley Stories: A Tribute to People Who Wrote and Write About the Valley."

Beverly stated that "Our valley has been fortunate to have people who are interested enough in its history to do research and write about it." She then listed the many historical books listed in categories. Under "Country Clubs", she included these names of books: *Diablo Country Club: In Old Diablo, A Social History* by Arnold Blackmur, *Diablo's Legacy* by James C. Stone, *From Country Estates to Country Club*, *The History of Diablo Country Club* by David Mackesey, *Diablo's Treasures*, *The Historic Homes and Heritage Oaks of Diablo* by the Diablo Historic Preservation Committee.

We are proud to have a partnership with the Museum and look forward to collaboration with them in highlighting local history. Please support the Museum of the San Ramon Valley with your membership, visits and donations.

## CONTINUED: Diablo Historic Preservation Committee

### HISTORIC HOMES FEATURE

By Dee and Tony Geisler

By now, every household in Diablo should have their own copy of *Diablo's Treasures, The Historic Homes and Heritage Oaks of Diablo*. To further celebrate these "treasures" starting with this printing, The Devil's Advocate will be featuring one of the historic homes and other structures in each of the upcoming quarterly issues. We are pleased to kick off this celebration with "Gablewood," the beautiful home of our long-time Editor of the Devil's Advocate, Elizabeth Birka-White, and her husband, David.

For all those in attendance during our last historic walk before Covid 19 shut us down, David and son, Adam, graciously showed our group through "Gablewood." This had not been planned but was a shining example of their spontaneous generosity and true Diablo spirit. The only exception to our plan of featuring one house per quarterly issue will be the Summer issue of the Advocate where we will highlight three historic "Treasures" which are owned by the first three honorees of the upcoming series--those who have graced us living here for 50 or more years. It will be a Summer "super issue" featuring three homes and their owners. We are so excited to be a part of this project created and implemented by the Diablo Property Owners Association.

### "GABLEWOOD"



The rustic Colonial Craftsman "Gablewood" was built for the Dolges family in 1924. The home is situated on a lushly wooded acre-and-one-half parcel at 2166 Alameda Diablo. The spectacular chalet-style living room, lovingly preserved, has redwood board-and-batten walls, an interior wood stairway with a railed balcony and towering brick fireplace. The late Beth Hearn, who lived in the nearby home her family built at 2043 Calle Callados, recalled hearing Herbert Hoover speak from the balcony of the living room to the Contra Costa Women's Club when he was running for president of the

United States in 1928. In 1987, Elizabeth and David Birka-White bought the home from Peggy and Semmes Gordon, the owner and editor of the Valley Pioneer newspaper. Elizabeth became the editor of the Devil's Advocate, Diablo's quarterly newsletter published by the DPOA, and has volunteered her talents since 1989. In 1999, the Birka-Whites conducted an extensive renovation. Extraordinary effort was taken to maintain the historic living room and ambiance of the house. The entire house was lifted and placed on blocks for many months, and a steel frame was placed around the redwood-vaulted living room to preserve the original structure. The fireplace was disassembled and rebuilt using the original bricks. Redwood was used for all the doors, windows, and trim. The floors are pine and fir, and lathe and plaster were applied to all walls to retain the historical character of the home. The home was featured in an article about Diablo's historic preservation designation in the San Francisco Chronicle in 2003 and has been the site of tours benefiting the Diablo Women's Garden Club, the Junior League of the East Bay, and the Athenian School, among others. "Gablewood" is truly a Diablo Treasure.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## THE DIABLO LENDING LIBRARY GETS A REFRESH

By Jan Novak



It has been a full year since the pandemic motivated Piper McDonald and her father Paul to convert the Bus Stop Shelter into a library so the community could share books and puzzles during a challenging time. Who knew back then that a year later, we'd still be in that challenging time and that the newly christened Diablo Lending Library would be so popular?



It actually got a bit too popular, with books overflowing the shelves and finally resulting in a shelf falling down! Jeff Mini, who has done a lot of maintenance work on the structure over the years, installed more shelves and additional supports were added to prevent (we hope) future shelf collapse. The DPOA culled books and reorganized the shelves, added some seating and a bit of artwork, and will soon install new signs that reflect the structure's history.

The history is a bit of a puzzle, but we know the foundation was poured by Ted Petersen in 1950 and the structure built by Masud Mehran in the late 1950's as, "a bus shelter made for the school children of Diablo". In March 1975, there was a reconstruction of the bus shelter by Ted Petersen along with the help of Steve Harriman, Will Ashford, and an another gentlemen (picture courtesy of Karlen Petersen Harriman, on behalf of her father). This group also built the kiosk at the Diablo Post Office! Ted Petersen designed and built the kiosk, Steve Harriman and Will Ashford helped.



*Photo of Steve Harriman, Will Ashford and young gentleman taken by Ted Petersen in 1975*

The land the library sits on is owned by Ron and Emely Weissman, new residents to Diablo, who are enthusiastic supporters of our library and have quite a library of their own. The Weissmans have also graciously offered their driveway at 2001 Alameda Diablo for parking to those of you that prefer to drive to the library rather than walk.

Thank you, Ron and Emely!

Stop by and see our newly organized library, take a seat, flip through a book or two. Take some books home....and keep them if you'd like. Oh, and bring some great books. The library needs new releases (2019 and newer), puzzles and games, and a few children's and young adult books. That's it—we're still overflowing with older books. We are looking for volunteers to help keep the library organized. Please contact Jan Novak at [jnovak@msn.com](mailto:jnovak@msn.com) if you're interested.



*Photo of Steve, Ted and Will building the kiosk in 1975*

Happy Reading!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING - CONTINUED

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Deborah and Rob Scharnell are the happy grandparents of one more grandchild--their first girl--Sutton Reese Bishop, six pounds and 15 ounces, and born on December 6, 2020 to daughter Kirsten Scharnell Bishop and Cody Bishop, and big brothers Carter and Bennett. Congratulations!

Bernadette Mahan and Neal White share the joyful news of their daughter Katherine White's wedding on September 12 to Jared Slesnick in an intimate ceremony at Ru's Farm in Healdsburg with the immediate families in attendance, along with relatives and friends via Zoom. The newlyweds have bought a condo in Walnut Creek.

Julie and Don Nejedly are thrilled to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Otis Ward Nejedly, to son Charlie and daughter-in-law Leslie Nejedly on March 1st in Minneapolis and weighing 7lbs 4oz. Congratulations!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### *NSF Charity Golf Tournament - Monday, May 24th at Diablo Country Club*

Several Diablo residents are involved with The Nephrotic Syndrome Foundation (NSF), a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting children and families diagnosed with this serious and rare autoimmune kidney disease. Whether a board member or supporter, these residents are also participating in this upcoming golf tournament. Many fellow Diablo residents are also part of the event committees, chairing the event or sponsors....and playing! Their main annual NSF event is an 18 hole golf tournament, hosted at the beautiful course at Diablo Country Club. Join in raising funds for their patient programs in a socially distanced, COVID-safe format...and a day of fun benefiting this amazing foundation that helps so many children and families.

For more information and to register or become a sponsor visit

[charityauction.bid/NSFDayOnTheGreen](http://charityauction.bid/NSFDayOnTheGreen)



## COMMUNITY RECIPES

Diablo residents asked to collect recipes as a way to celebrate and get to know our neighbors. Each edition of this newsletter will include a few of these shared recipes, traditions and memories. Learning about different foods and hearing the stories behind meals creates such a special way of connecting. If you would like to share yours, email [membership@diablopaa.org](mailto:membership@diablopaa.org) or submit through the website.

### Marcia Field's Broccoli Casserole:

*Marcia Field*  
 RECIPE  
 prep time: 1/2 hr. total time: 1 hr. servings: 6-8  
 ingredients:  
 my Broccoli Casserole  
 2 pkg chopped frozen broccoli (cook and drain)  
 1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese  
 2 beaten eggs  
 1 cup mayonnaise  
 1 can Cream of Celery Soup

directions  
 1/2 cup chopped onion  
 3 tbsp chopped garlic  
 2 tsp pepper  
 Add all to broccoli. Put in casserole dish  
 topping:  
 1 Roll Ritz crackers  
 crush & saute 1/4 lb butter  
 spread on top  
 Bake 45 min. in 350 oven.

# 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](http://www.diablocsd.org).*

## INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR FY 2020

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, 2020. 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](#)).

## ROAD MAINTENANCE PLANNING

At the March DCSD meeting, the Board will be discussing plans for road maintenance beginning in fiscal year 2022, which starts July 1 of this year. At the top of the list is a slurry seal project with a potential start date in mid-summer. Virtually all of our roads (except for upper Alameda Diablo) have been through a grind and pave process to create a new foundation that should last for 20-30 years. To ensure that the roads survive for that long, slurry sealing of the roads is essential every 5-7 years. Many of our roads are due, and some overdue, at this point. Therefore, the Board will be reviewing a plan to address this need along with other road maintenance requirements as it begins to solidify its fiscal year 2022 budget. Look for more information to come in future Board meetings and in this summer's *Devil's Advocate*.

## SPRING IS UPON US ALONG WITH PLANT GROWTH

Given a sluggish rainy season and earlier than usual spring weather, trees, bushes, and ground covers are beginning to show 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 June 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!

## CONTINUED: Diablo Community Services District

### GOLF CARTS: RULES OF THE ROAD

Roads in Diablo are designated for golf carts and other vehicles. And like other vehicles, all golf carts on our roads are subject to the same rules, regulations, and laws as a motor vehicle. One especially important rule is that golf carts must be driven by licensed drivers. With schools not yet fully open, there is the temptation to allow our children to use the family golf cart for short drives; however, children cannot take the family golf cart on our roads. An additional rule of the road for golf carts is that only two persons can ride in a cart unless it is specifically designed with more seats, in which case, the number of people allowed in the cart equates to the number of seats. Our deputy is authorized to stop and ticket any cart not following these regulations.

### STREET PARKING REMINDER

We are all well aware that Diablo's roads are very narrow. Two cars parking opposite each other on both sides of the street is prohibited because it obstructs passage of EMERGENCY VEHICLES. Given the rules in place essential for control of the COVID-19 pandemic, residential events are not happening; however, the trend in Contra Costa County is positive and we all hope to see easing of the rules soon. In the interim, there is a substantial amount of construction occurring which often results in the need for roadside vehicle parking. Please be mindful of the parking rules and ensure that all your workers and guests follow them. Remember, it is absolutely critical for ambulances, fire engines, and/or police vehicles to be able to get to residences when emergencies arise. Please do your part to ensure this. Your neighbors will thank you.

## EARTH DAY - APRIL 22

While every day is earth day, April 22 is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world - marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes. Started in 1970, this year marks 51 years of Earth Day, with the goal to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide. The first Earth Day came about after a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, saw the devastating impact of a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Not willing to sit on the sidelines anymore, Senator Nelson organized a national "teach in" to educate and inspire people to protect the environment.

There are so many resources available for ways to participate, activities to do with your families and kids, and ways to learn more.

It's the perfect time to remember to appreciate Earth and commit to making changes big and small to protect it.

# WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

If you have recently moved into our community, we have a gift for you! Please reach out to [membership@diablopoa.org](mailto:membership@diablopoa.org) to let us know you are here!

We do not have a typical HOA here in Diablo. 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, décor 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. You can find more information at [www.diablopoa.org](http://www.diablopoa.org)



*New Resident Gifts!*



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.

Interested in contributing to the community?

Looking for Volunteers!

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

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