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# **“THE VIEW”**

## **December 2021**

Hello everyone!

Since the HOA Board will not have met again until after the December newsletter, there's not a great deal to discuss. So, how about some interesting holiday facts?

The first recorded incidence of **Christmas** actually being celebrated dates to the Roman Empire in 336, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine. The date was not widely accepted in the Eastern Empire for another half-century and Christmas did not become a major Christian festival until the 9<sup>th</sup> century.

**Hanukkah**, which means “dedication” in Hebrew is a Jewish holiday that begins on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev, a month in the Hebrew calendar that usually falls within November or December. Often called the Festival of Lights, the holiday celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Maccabean revolt against the Syrian-Greek army. The holiday takes place for eight nights and days and is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts.

**Kwanzaa** is a weeklong celebration held in the United States that honors African heritage in African-American culture. It is observed from December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> and culminates in gift giving and food.

The holiday is relatively new, compared to other holidays celebrated in the U.S. [Dr. Maulana Karenga](#), professor and chairman of Africana Studies at California State University, first created Kwanzaa in 1966. He created this holiday in response to the [Watts Riots](#) in Los Angeles in 1965 as a way to bring African-Americans together as a community and as a response to the commercialism of Christmas. The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase *matunda ya kwanza* which means first fruits, or harvest, in Swahili.

The legend of **Santa Claus** can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Santa is 1,750 years old!

Origin of the **Christmas tree**. Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition, as we now know it, in the 16<sup>th</sup> century when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. It is a widely held belief that Martin Luther, the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Protestant reformer, first added lighted candles to a tree.

The **Candy Cane** Legend has it that the candy cane dates to 1670, when the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany handed out sugar sticks among his young singers to keep them quiet during the Living Creche (manger) ceremony and in honor of the occasion, he bent the candies into shepherds' crooks. The modern-day candy white base color symbolizes Jesus' purity; the red stripes symbolize Jesus' blood when he died on the cross; and the J shape was chosen to represent the J in Jesus.

Happy holidays everyone.

*Pat*



**Attention Residents:** This Publication and all pictures can be viewed in full color on our community web site.

Dear Neighbors,

Reflecting back on 2021, the Social Club is so grateful to all of you who are responsible for each event that is offered. We have a fun and great community because there are so many who volunteer. Every one of you make Mountain View a wonderful place to live.



We will be having our **HOLIDAY DINNER** on **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the clubhouse.**

The cost is only \$15.00 per person by reservations only, due by December 5<sup>th</sup>. You will need to select ham or chicken when making your reservations, also paying at that time. Please make your checks out to the Mountain View Social Club.

**NEW Social Club EVENT** was approved by the HOA board in November:

**“Community Celebration of Life”** event.

- The purpose would be for residents to gather together to give support, encouragement and condolences to a life partner who has lost his or her loved one.
- Only residents could attend. However, the life partner would be able to invite up to 6 adult guests.
- This event would be held at the clubhouse.
- The Social Club would furnish sandwiches, coffee, tea and water. Residents may bring a food item to share. The Social Club would also furnish all plastic and paper items.
- Announcement of the event would be made through the Mountain View email since it would be open to all residents.
- Each event would be approximately two hours in length allowing people to come and go during that time.



- The Social Club via the Caring Committee, will contact the life partner to offer the availability of the “Community Celebration of Life” event to them. If they decide to have this event, we will work out the details with them according to these guidelines.

NOTE: The **Social Club’s meeting this month will be on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. in the clubhouse.** All residents are welcome and appreciated.

**We wish you all a very blessed holiday season and a joyous new year!**

*The Social Club Committee:*

*Gretchen Williams, Joan Brodowsky,  
Judy Box and Jo Lippire*

**Mountain View Social Club  
Financial Report**

<b>Mountain View Social Club Financial Report</b>			
<i>by Judy Box</i>			
<b>October 15 - November 14, 2021</b>			
<b>Balance Forward</b>			<b>\$ 1,662.13</b>
<b>Income</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,662.13</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Anniversary Party - Food	\$	867.87	
Paper Products	\$	27.97	
Bar Supplies	\$	19.46	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 915.30</b>	<b>\$ 746.83</b>
<b>Funds on hand</b>			
US Bank	\$	618.01	
Petty Cash	\$	128.82	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 746.83</b>	<b>\$ 746.83</b>



## Holiday Fun



## SECRET SANTA

1. Decide if you want to be a Secret Santa (you will get to surprise someone with a gift left on their porch and in return you will receive a gift on your porch).
2. If you want to participate, email Luanne English at [luanne.english@gmail.com](mailto:luanne.english@gmail.com), up until December 5th to give her your name and address. When she has all of them, she will randomly select the names.
3. **Then on Wed., Dec. 8, she will deliver a name and address that will be the person you surprise with a gift! You are their SECRET SANTA!!!**
4. The gift can be something homemade or purchased items (yard décor, calendars, gift cards, a plant, etc.) around **\$10.00**. (Sorry, no food items for the gift.)

**You deliver the gift to their porch between the dates of December 19-22.** You will receive your gift then also.

If you have any questions, Luanne's number is 951-924-3676.

## Quote of the Month

**“Hope is the thing with  
feathers  
That perches in the soul  
And sings the tune without  
the words  
And never stops at all.”**

~ Emily Dickinson

## Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

During my morning walks I can't help but notice how dirty many of our street gutters are. Specifically, there is a lot of lawn debris and leaves piled up in front of homes. Watching gardeners' work, instead of sweeping up debris, many blow the mess and in the process a lot of the debris ends up in a neighbor's yard or in the street. I just swept up a large pile in front of my house...and I don't even have a gardener! I'm not sure what the answer is except maybe tell the gardeners to sweep up their mess instead of blowing it and leaving little piles for others to clean up.

Sincerely,

*Pat Roy*

## Traffic Study Group Report

At the August 2021 Board Meeting, a Traffic Study Group was appointed by the Mountain View HOA Board to address the issue of vehicle speeding within the Mt. View community. The purpose of the Traffic Study (TS) Group is to evaluate means and methods to eliminate or reduce the incidence of vehicle speeding within the community.

The TS group recommends to the Board and Community Members the placement of traffic signs throughout the community and on the entrance/exit gates.

1. Place speed calming signs throughout the community on existing light poles.
2. Move the radar sign to a new location
3. Place signs on entry gates for vendors/service companies.
4. Place an abbreviated copy of this report in the newsletter and enlist community support to talk with vendors, service personnel, visitors and relatives to adhere to the 25 MPH speed limit.
5. Sign installation to be overseen by TS Group members.

Costs are estimated at approximately \$1,200, which does not include the cost of installation



# Something Lovin' from the Oven

by Eunice Kang

## Holiday Thumbprint Cookies

½ cup butter (softened)	1 egg separated
¼ cup sugar	1 cup flour
	½ cup nuts chopped

- Cream butter and sugar together until light.
- Add slightly beaten egg yolk.
- Blend in flour. Chill 15 minutes.
- Roll into 1-inch balls. Dip balls in egg white.
- Roll in nuts. Place on cookie sheet.
- Slightly flatten with a glass.
- Bake at 300° for 5 min. Remove from oven.
- Press nut or candied cherry into each cookie.
- Bake 12-15 min. more. Makes 2 dozen.

## German Pfeffernusse Cookies

½ cup molasses	1¼ tsp cardamom
¼ cup honey	1 tsp nutmeg
½ cup butter	1 tsp cloves
2 eggs, slightly beaten	1 tsp ginger
2 tsp anise extract	2 tsp cinnamon
4 cups flour	1 tsp pepper
¾ cup white sugar	½ tsp salt
½ cup brown sugar	1 cup powdered sugar
1½ tsp baking soda	

- Cook molasses, honey, and butter together over medium heat until creamy.
- Cool to room temperature.
- Stir in eggs and anise extract.
- Combine all dry ingredients, except last.
- Thoroughly combine both mixtures.
- Refrigerate 2 or more hours.
- Roll dough, in hands, into acorn size balls.
- Place on greased cookie sheet.
- Bake at 325° for 10-15 minutes.
- Remove to a rack set above a cookie sheet.
- Sprinkle with powdered sugar while hot.
- Shake or tap off excess sugar.
- Sprinkle and shake again when cooled.



# THE GREEN THUMB CORNER

From the Archives by Victoria Klaas

Greetings fellow gardening enthusiasts,

December in our region is often an odd mix of either history making cold or unprecedented warmth, often in the same month.

There is still a lot that can be done outdoors this month, and a vast multitude of plants which bloom in December and early January. If you planted annuals, such as Violas or Iceland poppies in October, you are probably enjoying their color in your garden right now. Another plant that blooms in December is *Camellia sasanqua*, which is a species of *Camellia*. This plant is a little lankier in growth habit than the traditional *Camellia japonica*. It is nearly immune to the damage of blossom blight which disfigures so many flowers on the latter. These come in all traditional *Camellia* colors, but red is particularly lovely for the Christmas season.

Turf grasses will benefit from a light feeding of a granular fertilizer this month, and again in January and February. Cold nights mean that bacteria in the soil which produces nitrogen during warmer weather are now dormant, and thus nitrogen is unavailable to roots. Artificial fertilizers will quickly green up brown or yellow lawns.

Perennials which may be planted this month for late winter bloom include Delphiniums, Foxglove (*Digitalis*), Columbine (*Aquilegia*), and Coral Bells (*Heuchera*). This is an ideal time to relocate roses or small deciduous fruit trees. Before digging up these plants, prune them down to a manageable size. Roots can also be pruned to accommodate the size of a new planting hole. Plant them at the same level they were previously and water well to settle the soil. Cold soil temperatures promote strong root growth and transplants should resume normal vigorous growth in March.

Cymbidium orchids often begin blooming in December. These hardy orchids do very well outdoors under covered patios all year long in our area. They require some winter chill to bloom and their flowers are spectacular. These plants are available in a range of sizes from miniature to five-gallon giants which produce five-inch blooms.

Crowded perennials such as Daylilies or Agapanthus may also be divided through winter. Continue to shop for and plant spring flowering bulbs such as Narcissus, Tulips, and Hyacinths.

Garden centers are full of wonderful Christmas gift ideas for gardeners. Some of the better nurseries offer a wealth of ideas such as ornamental faucet handles, bird houses, hummingbird feeders, outdoor thermometers, barometers, and of course, potted plants and flowers

~ *Happy Holidays and Happy Gardening, Victoria*

## Committee Notice

### Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Notice



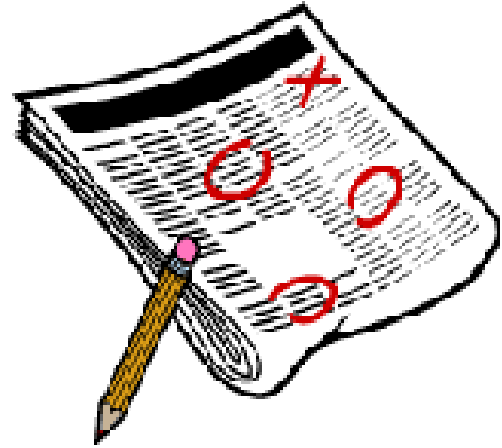
The December ARC meeting will be Monday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m. Any new Home Improvement Forms requiring ARC approval must be submitted to FirstService early enough for them to review and forward to ARC by Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## Events News

- ❖ Dominos is cancelled for December due to the holidays and will resume in January, 2022.
- ❖ Bingo is cancelled for December and will resume in January, 2022
- ❖ No Ladies' Luncheon for December. Will resume in January, 2022.
- ❖ No Ladies' Night at the Pool for December. Will resume in January, 2022.

## Newsletter Ad News

We now have a **classified column** available for residents who would like to sell something. Also, many of you make crafts and you could make your crafts available for sale. The cost would be \$1.00 per line (50 characters/spaces per line). Grace Paltikian is our ad contact. She will also be the one who will collect the money for the classified ads.



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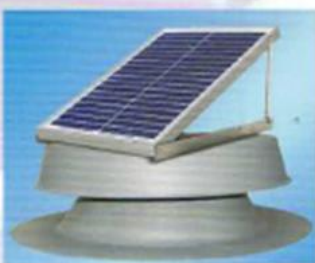


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