



BENNETT VALLEY VOICE

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BENNETT VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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MEMO FROM THE BOARD

The past quarter has been an eventful one for Bennett Valley. The fire department controversy rages on, with charges and counter-charges flying like hornets from a clubbed nest. The stakes are high for Bennett Valley residents and property owners, so familiarize yourself with the issues and vote in the July recall election. There's no room for apathy.

Another controversy of narrower scope but equal intensity surrounded the expansion of Laurel Glen Winery's capacity from 6000 to 15000 gallons. Your Board listened to arguments pro and con during three different meetings before deciding on a split vote to recommend approval. The County Board of Zoning Adjustments concurred with our recommendation and approved the proposal, adding some extra conditions to assure compliance. The opposition was not mollified, however, and has formed its own homeowners association (Enterprise-Sonoma Mountain Road) to counter the recommendation of the BVHA. It is unknown at this writing whether or not the new association will appeal the BZA's decision to the Board of Supervisors. Be that as it may, we hope that when the dust settles they will see that their interests will best be served by continuing to channel their input through BVHA, in addition to whatever independent activity they wish to undertake. It would seem appropriate for them to consider formally or informally running their own candidate(s) for the BVHA Board in the next election. Certainly there will be more on which we agree than disagree, and a unified voice with wider representation will speak with more authority to the powers-that-be.

The Deerfield Subdivision (former Bruggemann Ranch adjacent to the city limits) went to the County Projects Review and Advisory Committee on April 18. The question of the extension of Summerfield Road was raised, but PRAC did not pass on to the Planning Commission any recommendation that an easement be dedicated for that purpose. The results of the opinion poll vote sought in the last Bennett Valley VOICE showed 109 respondents opposed to requiring the dedication of the extension easement, and 52 in favor. As promised, those results will be passed on to the Planning Commission when it hears the issue on May 2. PRAC significantly watered down the BVHA recommendation (endorsed by the Planning Department) that a scenic easement be required over the agricultural land bordering Matanzas Creek, (This is a separate issue, not to be confused with the extension proposal.) PRAC said only that there should be no building on the open land southwest of the creek and visible from Bennett Valley Road, suggesting somewhat equivocally that this be done by way of a building setback. This left open the question of whether or not there should be an extra layer of protection (beyond mere zoning) for this key buffer parcel adjacent to the city limits.

This issue of the VOICE includes a membership list of those who paid their dues by the February deadline. Thanks to all, and welcome especially to the new members. This Newsletter is being sent to those who have not yet renewed as a reminder. New memberships and renewals are received at any time. Dues are \$5.00 for new members, \$3.00 for renewals. Again, all are welcome at the monthly Board meetings, on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the fire house.

BVHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR 1985

BENNETT VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year's Firemen's Breakfast was held in March. Look for a BARBECUE sometime this summer. Meetings open to residents are those of the Fire Protection Board of Directors which meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the fire department. Business phone 544-6161. EMERGENCY 545-3696

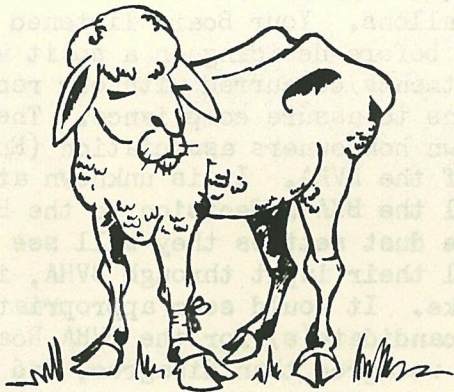
BENNETT VALLEY DESIGN REVIEW

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Bennett Valley School, Bennett View Drive. Recommendations for the Board are needed. Call George Nostrant, D.D.S., Chairman 546-5960.

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BENNETT VALLEY GRANGE

Having been established May 27, 1873, the Grange has held a monthly meeting since that date. William Allen is the Master for 1985. Business meetings are held the first Friday of each month at 8:15 P.M. A potluck is held each third Friday at 7:00 P.M. followed by a guest speaker, bingo or cards. Look for a BARBECUE PICKNICK the first Sunday in June. The theme for their annual exhibit at the Sonoma County Fair this year is "GOING HOG WILD". Ann Burow has been secretary for the Grange for 59 years and will retire after completing her 60th year. Early congratulations for her many years of fine service. For information call Ann Burow 528-8928.



SONOMA MOUNTAIN GARDEN CLUB

A fine group of ladies who meet monthly in members homes. Programs are diverse and include tips on landscaping and seasonal gardening, an occasional luncheon and tour of Filoli Gardens in Woodside. Members are encouraged to give programs in home arts or a specialized craft. Annually there is a PICKNICK in July and a Fashion Show and Luncheon in December. Dues are annually \$5.00. For more information call Pat Davis, President 575-9392 evenings.

4-H GROUPS

BENNETT VALLEY 4-H - Members would like to thank everyone in the community for their support in sponsoring ads and purchasing CALENDARS last year. Look for entries in the Fair this year. Contact Marilyn Evans 528-3014.

CLOVER 4-H - Monthly meetings are held in members homes in Bennett Valley. 4-h'ers range in age from 9 to 19. Contact Val or Destra Hurley 584-9243.

RAINBOW VALLEY 4-H - Meet the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Yulupa School. Contact Marie Drisko 544-7113. Among the groups activities is providing support for "Caring Connections", parents of seriously or terminally ill children, a psychological support group. The 4-Hers provide refreshments and donations for family activities.

BVHA MEMBERSHIP LIST 1985

All Addresses are Santa Rosa with the zip code 95404 with the exception of those indicated *.

- *Adams, William O.
- Alexander, Tom & Becky
- Alfieri, James & Janet
- Anderson, Jon & Helen
- Axtell, Peter & Jane
- Azevedo, Mr. & Mrs. John
- Babineaux, Terry L.
- Bates, Michael & Helen
- Batson, Dick & Nancy
- Bennett, Connie
- Bennett Valley Farm
- Berger, Fred & Carol
- Boling, Norman
- Boulton, Gordon & Tamara
- Brown, Lois & Robert
- *Bruggemann, Joanne & Jane Turner
- *Buck, Gordon M.
- Campbell, Patrick & Faith
- Carlton, Douglas
- Carniato, Jeannine
- Carroll, Bob & Pat
- Chamberlain, Jerry & Jacque
- Chamberlain, Ted
- Clarke, Mel & Nancy
- Close, Myron & Sue
- Coops, Jinx & Jim
- Costello, William & Joan
- Cuneco, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
- Cutler, Ed & Kirsten
- *Delaney, James & Sharon
- de Ropp, Mr. & Mrs. Robert S.
- Detrick, David C.
- Dubell, Brooke & Shirley
- Dumm, Grace E.

- 5427 Enterprise Road
Glen Ellen 95442
- 4715 Sheehan Lane
- 4707 Ponderosa Way
- 4303 Sonoma Mtn Road
- 5276 Bennett Valley Road
- 5405 Bennett Valley Road
- 2277 Crane Canyon Road
- 6471 Sonoma Mtn Road
- 2515 Bennett Ridge Road
- 4338 Sonoma Mtn Road
- 4823 Bennett Valley Road
- 6995 Sonoma Mtn Road
- 2709 Rollo Road
- 4740 Pressley Road
- 5145 Burnham Ranch Road
- 8272 Oak Knoll Drive
Roseville 95678
- 2577 Ramona Street
Palo Alto 94301
- 6611 Sonoma Mtn Road
- 7400 Bennett Valley Road
- 5412 Sonoma Mtn Road
- 6541 Birch Drive
- 2550 Bennett Ridge Road
- 5455 Alta Monte Drive
- 6101 Batesole Drive
- 4728 Bennett Valley Road
- 2888 Bardy Road
- 5130 Burnham Ranch Road
- 6605 Warehill Lane
- 5650 Sonoma Mtn Road
- 5901 Enterprise Road
Glen Ellen 95442
- 6412 Sonoma Mtn Road
- 2295 Crane Canyon Road
- 5805 Bennett Valley Road
- 4862 Ponderosa Drive