

September 2023

# BEAR CREEK PAW PRINTS

Newsletter of Bear Creek Master Association  
Murrieta, California 92562  
[www.bearcreekhoa.com](http://www.bearcreekhoa.com)



Bear Creek's Coast Live Oaks are beautifully illuminated by newly-renovated uplighting.  
- Photo by Bonnie Martinez



## BCMA Administrative Office

The BCMA office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed for lunch from 12 to 1 p.m.

The office will be closed September 4 for Labor Day.

The office is also open on the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The next two Saturdays that the BCMA Office will be open are September 9 and October 14, 2023, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Board Meetings

The BCMA Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Bear's Den.

The next two BCMA Board Meetings will be held on September 19 and October 17, 2023.

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## Committees

### Access Control

Anthony Pirritano, Chair  
Mike Cullen, Board Liaison

### Architectural

Scott Walker, Chair  
Jeff Lee, Board Liaison

### Courts

**TBD**, Chair  
Mike Johnson, Board Liaison

### Emergency Preparedness

Gary Mineo, Chair  
Mike Cullen, Board Liaison

### Facilities (NEW)

Mike Kennedy, Chair  
Steve Ganz, Board Liaison

### Finance

Mike Perdue, Chair  
Mike Johnson, Board Liaison

### Fitness

Beverly Goodman, Chair  
Jeff Lee, Board Liaison

### Golf Club

Jon Geske, Chair  
Steve Ganz, Board Liaison

### Hearing Panel

Mike Buckhoff, Chair  
Dave Crain, Board Liaison

### Landscape

Diane Vaughn, Chair  
Jeff Lee, Board Liaison

### Communication/Newsletter

Mark Lowey, Chair  
Steve Ganz, Board Liaison

### Social

Char Ustariz, Co-Chair  
Lori Borresen, Co-Chair  
Mike Johnson, Board Liaison

## Important Community Reminders

### **GUESTS IN BEAR CREEK MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR HOST**

*homeowner or resident that has granted them access. This includes use of all community center facilities.*

*The host resident bears the responsibility for any confirmed citations issued to their guests. According to the BCMA Enforcement Citation and Fine Policy dated October 15, 2013, repeat offenders will receive a warning or a \$100 fine per violation.*



*For safety and liability reasons please **NO GOLF CARTS** on the community center's covered walkways. This includes the gyms and locker room areas.*



What part of this sign is difficult to understand?

*Please **RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY** when walking your dog. There are plenty of common areas to use.*

## Board Contact Information

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## New Facilities Committee Formed

A new BCMA Facilities Committee is now in place. The chairman is Mike Kennedy and the Board liaison is Steve Ganz.

**Mission:**

Assist the BCMA Board in evaluating the community's existing facilities, including roads, drainage, buildings, pools, etc. Prioritize and recommend replacements, repairs, functionality

upgrades and the associated costs.

**Near Term Objectives:**

- 1) Renovate swimming pool chemical storage room.
- 2) Commence implementation of the pavement management plan.

**Current Status:**

Swimming pool chemical storage room renovation.

Presently interviewing contractors for design study preparation.

*Pavement management plan.* The Board hired an engineering consultant to prepare a plan that will provide prioritization of the works, street by street, and the associated costs.

*Perimeter security wall improvements.* Architect's

recommendations received. Next step: present recommendations to the community.

*Main security gate renovation.* In conjunction with the Access Control Committee, the next steps are to prepare an Engineer's cost estimate and present recommendations to the community.

## Treasurer's Report

BCMA financial information from the Finance Committee as of July 31, 2023:

Total operating cash.....	\$73,745
Total reserve cash/investments.....	\$1,461,779
Total assets.....	\$3,215,385
Total current liabilities.....	\$119,910
Total equity.....	\$1,522,432

## Courts Committee Needs Members!

**COURTS COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS, CHAIRPERSON**

The Courts Committee comprises community volunteers who have a keen interest in Bear Creek's playing courts.

**Committee Remit:**

Monitor use and maintenance of tennis, pickleball, bocce, and basketball courts. Recommend alterations, additions, subtractions and special events to the BCMA Board.

## Bocce Ball Fall Line Up

The Bocce Fall League is underway. There are ten teams this season.

**Teams and capos:**

Lawn Stars	Leslie Kavanagh
La Bocce Vita	Bob Kruger
Grizzlies	Der Booker
Ballsagna	Edwin Ustariz
Rowdy Rollers	Kathy Dool
Free Ballin	Barbara Murillo
Balls of Fire	Jim Peri
Eight Balls	Glenn Carr
BCB's	Helene Yabsley, co-capo Robin Nelson, co-capo
Bella Bocce	Rose Marie Quiroz, co-capo Edgard Quiroz, co-capo

**Recent Bocce League Champions:**

Fall 2020	Bocce Brats
Spring 2021	La Bocce Vita
Fall 2021	Grizzlies
Spring 2022	La Bocce Vita
Fall 2022	La Bocce Vita
Spring 2023	Lawn Stars
Fall 2023	?



# Bear Creek Staff Working For You

## Meet ALLISON JOHNSON Nordic Director of Security



Congratulations to Allison Johnson who, after two years with Nordic Security in Bear Creek, has recently been promoted to Bear Creek's Post Commander, Director of Security.

### NEW INITIATIVES

In her new role, Allison immediately put into place changes to remedy one of the critical problems at the main security gate. The early morning queue of vendor and services vehicles on the corner of Clinton Keith has been streamlined by posting security personnel curbside to check driver's licenses and gate passes. This has allowed a more efficient entry process and keeps the residents' lane clear.

Another initiative is an uptick in random checks at the community center gyms, pool, and courts. Residents are reminded that they must accompany their guests while using these facilities.

### MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

What else is Allison up to? "My new responsibilities are

many. Supervision of staff, addressing residents' concerns, preparing daily reports, reviewing citations. The buck stops with me," said Allison.

After several years working security at the Temecula Town Center Shopping Mall, Allison is thrilled to be in Bear Creek. "I like the people," she says. "Bear Creek residents take a genuine interest in the community's security and what we, the Nordic staff, do. It's a team effort and the residents support us."

### A FAMILY OF NINE

Born and raised in Burbank, Allison now resides in Murrieta with her wife and seven children who range in age from 5 to 26. Allison participates in her school-aged children's virtual home schooling. Two cats and one dog round out the household. The cats, Luna and Amethyst, are rescues, and Hermione is a terrier mix. "They are just your average animals and get along great," says Allison.

### GARDENING, ANTHROPOLOGY AND THE ART OF FINE PASTRY

Allison has many interests outside of work, including gardening. "I've turned our backyard into a vegetable farm. We started growing to reduce food costs, and it became a passion," she says. "Zucchini and peppers are what we tend to grow the

most of. The kids help with garden care and harvesting." Her philosophy: "Everyone who lives on the farm works on the farm."

Otherwise, Allison says, "I don't have much free time to speak of because I am in an undergraduate program at Mt. San Jacinto College studying anthropology with a focus in archaeology." Allison's previous academic pursuits include an Associate of Arts degree in real estate from Kaplan University and an Associate of Science degree in classical pastry and baking from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Pasadena.

### VOLUNTEERING

Allison continued, "When I do have time, the kids and I volunteer with Oceana, The Dolphin Project and Sea Shepherd. Also, I have a keen interest in, and have educated myself in, inclusivity and intersectionality."

### INTERSECTIONALITY, INCLUSION, COMMUNICATION

What is intersectionality and inclusion? In the context of diversity and inclusion, intersectionality describes the interconnected relationship of social categorizations (such as race, gender, and sexual orientation) as applied to an individual or a group.

Allison explains, "I saw a need for people to be able to

communicate their struggles without diminishing or dismissing the struggles of others. We all navigate the world in a different way, but we often face similar obstacles. When we can open those lines of communication, we can see that we are all deserving of time and space and compassion. Through listening, we can learn how some in our population have been harmed by others and begin to repair and heal those wounds and enact change to prevent further trauma. I learned about, and got involved in this work, through my wife, who is a rabbi."

Allison admits there are often challenges to being an LGBTQ family and balances that with clarity of purpose, mutual understanding, and active communication. "I am very proud of what we have accomplished as contributing members of the community."

"I am very happy to be here," said Allison – and Bear Creek is fortunate to have her.

### Allison's Security Tips:

*"Lock it or lose it!"*

*"Please have your driver's license ready!"*

## Fitness Committee Update

The Fitness Committee would like to thank all of you who made suggestions on how to improve our fitness facility. The committee discussed each request and voted on

whether it should be recommended to the BCMA Board for approval.

The following suggestions have been addressed by our committee:



1. We continue to work with Powerstone to maintain a clean workout and gym environment.
2. We are in the process of deciding how to include a rowing machine as one of the workout options. Available space is limited currently.
3. We discussed a request for an assault air bike and decided that this is not an option right now.
4. We discussed reinstating an aerobics class. When COVID hit it was canceled. This is

under review and will depend on the community's interest.

5. More fans have been requested but there has also been a request to remove some of the fans due to dust being blown around. No action will be taken at this time.

As a reminder, please keep the doors to the workout rooms closed so that the AC is not running continually.

- Beverly Goodman,  
Chairperson

## Pool Season

The warm weather continues, and our community has a beautiful swimming pool available to all residents and their guests.

Here are a few things to remember when using the Bear Creek Community Center Pool:

- Daily pool hours, 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- **NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY.**
- All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult resident at least 18 years of age.
- Please be courteous to other swimmers while in the pool area. Foul language and belligerent behavior will not be tolerated.
- For the safety of all residents and guests,

swimmers should utilize the "buddy system."

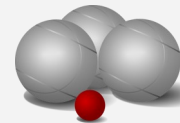
- No pets are allowed anywhere in the pool area with the exception of service animals.
- Absolutely no alcohol is permitted in the pool area. Smoking and chewing tobacco are also prohibited.
- One resident household is allowed to bring no more than four guests to the pool. Residents must always accompany their guests. Each homeowner is responsible for the conduct of their children and guests.
- Please note that the pool is unsupervised and there is **NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY**. All people using the facilities do so at their own risk.



# Things to do in Bear Creek

## **Bocce League**

The exciting Fall League commenced in August. Come out and cheer on your favorite team at 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays through October 25. Playoffs start in early November.



## **Roundabouts Golf**

Roundabouts has enjoyed several months of outstanding competition and courses. We recently played at The Golf Course of California in Bonsall, Pauma Valley Golf Club, The Journey Golf Course at Pechanga, and Cross Creek Golf Course. Our next round is scheduled for September 12 here at Bear Creek. We always play some form of a nine-hole scramble, followed by dinner and prizes. Anyone interested in joining us in September should contact Bruce Grenke at broundabouts@yahoo.com.



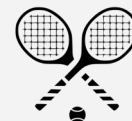
## **Bear Creek Bowling**

The Bear Creek Bowling League is alive and well. We are currently in the middle of our summer round with ten teams in the league at Temecula Lanes. Our next round will begin on Monday, October 2, at 10 a.m. Any one interested in joining the league for our next round, please contact Dave Wulfsberg at (951) 741-2755 or dwulfsberg@verizon.net.



## **Tennis**

Want to join Bear Creek's USTA tennis team? Right now we are looking for level 3.5 players for the Fall 2023 league. For next year's league we need 3.0 players, as well. If interested call Lori Borreson, (951) 834-5830.



## **Pickleball Club**

PICKLES N' PIZZA party: 6 p.m. Friday, September 8. All Bear Creek residents and guests welcome. Join the Bear Creek Pickleball Club for regular events and tournaments for all skill levels. Residents only. Sign up sheets are available at the BCMA Office.



## **Community Center Hours**



**Fitness Center**  
5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Pool and Spa**  
5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Pickleball and Hard Courts**  
7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Clay and Center Courts**  
5 a.m. to 11 p.m.



# Bear Creek Events

Char and Lori of the Social Committee are back at it, arranging fabulous activities for Bear Creek residents and guests.

In August, the *Poolside Movie Night—Dive in to the Action* was a big hit as viewers, young and old, enjoyed the film classic, *Jaws*, from

poolside lounge chairs or floating in the water.

**Coming Up:**  
In September the popular Summer Concert Series returns and a special Fall Music Festival is planned for October.

Both events are in conjunction with the Bear Creek Golf Club.



*Jaws! Poolside Movie Night, festive lighting and the big screen on the right.*



## SUMMER CONCERT

On the Bear Creek Patio

FREE ENTRY



FREE ENTRY

# JOHN DEMP'S FULL EFFECT BAND

Motown, R&B and Dance Music

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open to All</b> Bear Creek Members &amp; Community Residents</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, September</b> 16th 6:00P - 9:00P</p>
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Cheeseburgers | Chicken Sandwiches | Kielbasa Dogs  
Soft Drinks | Beer | Cocktails  
- Available for Purchase Beginning at 5:30P -

**Bear Creek Pickleball Club presents:**



# PIZZA N' PICKLEBALL

Hosted By:  
Bear Creek Pickleball Club

Guest & Bear Creek Residents  
Welcome

Friday  
**SEPTEMBER 08**  
Fun Begins @ 6:00PM  
On the Pickleball Courts

Social Pickleball  
Play

Pizza  
&  
Soft Drinks





## Fall Festival

LIVE MUSIC - DANCING - YARD GAMES +  
TRUNK OR TREAT- FACE PAINTING - JUMPER  
FOOD - DRINKS- ICE CREAM

FEATURING

### CHELSEA BLUE BRET GOODRICH WINSLOW THE BAND

BEAR CREEK WEDDING VENUE

4:00P - 9:00P

OPEN TO ALL BEAR  
CREEK MEMBERS &  
COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

14 OCTOBER 23 | FREE ENTRY



**MURRIETA**  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# 9/11 TRIBUTE

**2023**

**SEPTEMBER 11** | **STARTS AT 6:00 PM**

**TOWN SQUARE PARK**

Join the City of Murrieta as we pay tribute to those who perished on September 11 in a ceremony on September 11, 2023 at Town Square Park Amphitheater

Please contact the Murrieta Community Services Department with questions at (951) 304-Park (7275) or visit [www.MurrietaCA.gov/events](http://www.MurrietaCA.gov/events)



# JOIN US

## SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

FOR THE

# Human Pink Ribbon!

**BE PART OF THE FUN!  
TO KICK OFF BREAST  
CANCER AWARENESS  
MONTH.**

Come by on **SEPTEMBER 30**  
at **MURRIETA TOWN SQUARE**  
1 Town Square - Murrieta, CA 92562  
**9:00am** and take part as we  
create a **HUMAN PINK RIBBON!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Michelle's Place*  
Cancer Resource Center

**Picture will be taken at 10am  
WEAR SOMETHING PINK!**

**MichellesPlace.org**



# LET'S GLOW CRAZY!

## MOTHER AND SON DANCE

Join us on September 30  
for the best party this year!

**COST PER COUPLE \$25**  
**ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS \$10 EACH**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM**

**APPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN AGED 7 TO 12**  
**TIME 7 PM TO 9 PM**

**DJ** ↔ **GAMES**  
**FOOD** ↔ **FUN**

**ALDERWOOD CLUBHOUSE**  
28610 BAXTER RD. MURRIETA, CA 92563

[WWW.MURRIETACA.GOV/EVENTS](http://WWW.MURRIETACA.GOV/EVENTS)  
OR CALL (951) 304-PARK (7275)

To register: 



**MURRIETA**  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# 21ST ANNUAL Veterans Day Parade

**Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10 AM**

Parade begins on  
**Washington Avenue and Ivy Street**

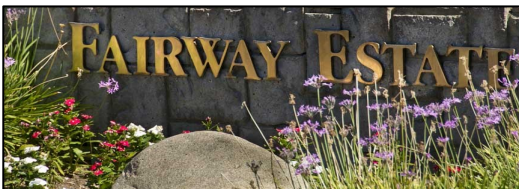
Parade ends at Town Square Park with  
**the Field of Honor**

Please contact the Murrieta Community Services Department with questions at (951) 304-PARK (7275) or visit [www.MurrietaCA.gov/events](http://www.MurrietaCA.gov/events).

To register an entry for the parade,  
<https://tinyurl.com/VeteransParade23>







## Main Gatehouse Contact Information

To report information or call in a guest (951) 677-5607.

***"If you see something, say something."***

**REPORT** loose dogs, suspicious vehicles/persons, suspicious activity, any safety concerns, mountain lion sightings, or anything that would warrant a 911 call. This will enable the Nordic staff to create a report for BCMA (medical incidents are not necessary).

**CALL 911** for emergency services that require police, fire and/or ambulance. 911 should also be contacted for home invasion/burglary and vehicle theft.



## Sub-Association Contact Information

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### The Retreat

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### Lakeside HOA

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### Fairway Estates

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### Bear Creek Villas

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# BEAR CREEK

Bear Creek Master Association

## Paw Prints Newsletter

*Paw Prints* is a monthly publication of the Bear Creek Master Association. This newsletter is distributed to residents courtesy of Powerstone Management Company.

### DO YOU HAVE IDEAS? PHOTOS?

Residents are encouraged to send their suggestions for newsletter content to the members of the Communications/Newsletter Committee:

Mark Lowey — molowey@gmail.com  
Mary Wulfsberg — mmwulfsberg@verizon.net  
Katrina Roeschlein — katsanddogs2@gmail.com  
Bob Kruger — rfkruger7@gmail.com

### THE COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.

If you have an interest in journalism, photography, and/or writing, we can always use your help. Contact the BCMA office for a volunteer form.

## Upcoming Association and Committee Meetings

*September 8, October 13—Hearing Panel. Second Thursday of each month.*

*September 13—Lakeside Board*

*September 18, October 16—BCMA Finance Committee*

*September 18, October 16—Oak Tree Villas General Sessions*

*September 19, October 17—BCMA Board*

*September 19, October 17—Fairway Estates Board*

*September 21, October 18—Country Club Villas Board. Third Thursday of each month.*

## Pesticide Treatment Dates:

*Every Thursday*



*September 7*  
*September 14*  
*September 21*  
*September 28*

Residents and/or guests are prohibited from walking and riding bikes on the golf course with or without a pet.

Walking on the golf course is permitted only for golfers when playing golf.

