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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy February! The time of year you are reminded to hug your Honey, favorite Horse and/or Hen. As if we really needed reminding. And as for "Hugging"seems there has been a local epidemic of colds, coughs and sneezes! Too much hugging among the "Acres of Neighbors"??? NEVER!

At any rate.....get well...and stay well. HORSETOWN, USA is busy as usual with our traditional events in the planning stages. HorseWEEK and Norco Citizen Fair Committees are seeking new support and fresh volunteers to help put on these iconic events, which celebrate and showcase our unique lifestyle.

Many RURAL members faithfully participate in so many different capacities during these events. Their dedication and Herculean volunteer efforts are amazing and greatly appreciated.

So, we thank the established volunteer pool and encourage those who have been thinking about getting involved and giving back to our wonderful little town....to give me a call.....I'm happy to share names and phone numbers.

Although I actually missed the January RURAL meeting, I want to thank Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Newton for his Council Corner presentation....and look forward to Mayor Kevin Bash in Council Corner, on Feb. 25th.

See you at the Deli.

Pat Overstreet, 951-734-5081



NEXT MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 25, Mayor
KEVIN BASH

MARCH 24, Councilman
BERWIN HANNA

February 2016

Special Alert: 91 Freeway Closure February 19-22, 2016



Plan ahead, avoid the area, or stay home - a reminder for motorists to prepare for a weekend full closure of both the eastbound and westbound 91 between the 71 and Interstate 15 in Corona from Friday, February 19 at 9 p.m. to Monday, February 22 at 4 a.m.

Please go to link below for frequently asked questions, news releases, detour information, and more. <http://www.sr91project.info/91-steer-clear>

Community Alert System

Attention Norco Residents:

As a result of the predicted El Nino weather conditions, Norco City staff has finalized plans to launch the City's new community alert system called Nixle.

The system will provide an open communication and engagement platform that connects the City with residents and various communities within the City. Nixle provides real-time, two-way communication through text, email, mobile app and social media. The City will use the system to notify residents (who sign up) of critical situations, such as severe weather conditions, road closures, safety hazards and other advisories. The City will also use the system to provide up to the minute information to groups of residents interested in specific City events and activities.

The City urges residents to **text "NORCO" to 888-777** to receive these local text message alerts. Residents can also register their email address at www.nixle.com and download the Nixle OneBridge app on their smartphone/tablet to receive additional information and advisories.

George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Brick Purchases

The deadline to order memorial bricks to be placed at the George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Plaza is February 16, 2016. The next brick installation will be early April, so if you would like your brick or the brick of a loved one to be placed at that time, please have your order completed by the due date.

The applications are available in the Parks and Recreation Department in City Hall or you can use this link to the City's website <http://www.ci.norco.ca.us/depts/parks/veterans/memorial.asp>.

Questions can be directed to 951.270.5632

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February 2016

**2016 NORCO
FILM FESTIVAL**
FEBRUARY 13, 2016
9:00AM - 8:00PM

**SPECIAL GUEST
BURT WARD**

*HOLY COW! THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BATMAN TELEVISION SHOW*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9AM
BATMAN (1966)
THE MOVIE
- 10:45AM
INTERVIEW
& AUTOGRAPH
SESSION WITH
BURT WARD (ROBIN)
- 1PM
TOP SPEED (1930)
STARRING
JOE E. BROWN
"FILMED AT THE FABULOUS
NORCONIAN"
- 3PM
RAPID FIRE (2005)
THE STORY OF THE
NORCO BANK ROBBERY
- 6PM
A TRIBUTE TO
MICHAEL PARKS

**TRI-CITIES LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
MICHAEL PARKS**

ADMISSION

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES** By Denise Lynn Sutherland, Treasurer

Call to order by Vice President, Kathy Kramer at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Treasurer, Denise Lynn Sutherland

Minutes of Board Meeting January 7, 2016 – not read at General Meeting

Treasurers Report by Denise Lynn Sutherland - \$3400 in Trail Markers, \$4295.61 General Fund, total \$7695.61 as of 12/31/15.

Old Business – Mission Statement, Articles of Association and By-laws were updated. Members may go on line at rural-norco.com to review and a report will be given on May 26, 2016 General Membership meeting on the updates.

Other Business – Lake Norconian Club Foundation (LNCF) Update

Linda Dixon updated everyone on the 13-year crusade and 9 months of petitions to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and went to court to appeal temporary access into the Lake Norconian Hotel and won on all 3 issues which included 1) right to go into emergency injunction based on El Nino and 2) shore up the roof and 3) clean gutters and unplug drains and pumps.

LNCF was given permission to take pictures to see what they were up against. All who have volunteered have been vetted thru Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The main issue is around the kitchen area with gaping holes in roof & filters in bathrooms and dining room as water runs down the walls on the murals. LNCF discovered the paintings were actually tapestries and they got permission to remove all artifacts, chandelier's, lighting, brass fittings and door knobs.

LNCF obtained a bid from a plumber for new pumps and to clear drains that were stuffed with rags. Bid was \$10,800. Repair roof area in kitchen estimated \$30,000 just to prevent further damage and \$20,000 for temporary fixes in other areas.

Litigation will continue and we can also go in after every rain to remove varmints that are the size of Pit Bulls. Everything is documented with photos. Very few of the floor tiles were damaged.

There are 5 stories, 3 above and 2 below and possibly 500 rooms that are plaster that is beginning to crumble and come down. The Norco Historic Preservation Commission is not involved with this restoration.

New Business – Shared with members our 2016 Speaker Schedule – See Website for list of speakers

New Business – 50/50 Legality

Denise Lynn Sutherland, Treasurer notified all members present, of the Boards decision to discontinue the 50/50 raffle as it violates Penal Code 320.5, subdivision (b)(4)(a) that with respect to the 90/10 rule designating that 50% of the ticket-sale revenue is awarded as a prize and 50% of the revenue is retained by the organization conducting the raffle. 50/50 raffles are illegal because 50% of the gross ticket-sale revenue is not used for charitable purposes. The current Treasure of Hall of Fame was in attendance and commented on their position as well as several other groups in town that have discontinued their 50/50. Denise recommended to donate your prior 50/50 donations to the Lake Norconian Club Foundation (LNCF).

Council Corner – May Pro-Tem Greg Newton

Greg provided some colorful handouts with updates of all the improvements to the cities sewers, waterlines, streets & trails, etc. \$25,000 a year is what is available to fund trails but Greg stated it would take \$800,000 to bring our trails to standard, of which Norco doesn't have. Talks have been for a yearly maintenance tax for 1 year then, ½ cent to maintain a fund of \$200,000 to \$300,000 a year. So where do we get the \$800,000 to bring them up to standard???

Denise Lynn Sutherland asked Greg if Council ever discussed her recommendation from last year about the possibility of increasing the documentary transfer tax associated with the sale of each property in Norco. Currently most of California is \$1.10 per \$1000 and there are some cities or counties that have an additional ancillary percentage for their fundings. Greg said he would bring it up again, that he hadn't recalled it discussed.

There were 15 in attendance.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8pm

****This is a summary of the minutes. Please visit RURAL-Norco.com for complete minutes.**

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Next Meeting February 25th
with Mayor Kevin Bash in Council Corner
RURAL general meetings are held Sixth Street Deli at 7:00pm.
Come early and enjoy dinner with us.



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