

THE CONNECTOR

COMMUNITY NEWS + INFORMATION



July 2025

4th of July Celebration

**Come one - come all and enjoy some ice cream.
There will be a competition for the best representation of the 4th of July. \$50.00 to the winner.**

By the office 1-2 PM

Ice Cream---
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Meet our neighbor..... Walter Drogan

Walter Drogan was born on December 3, 1962, on Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc, California. His mother was Italian and his father, Polish-Hungarian. For vacation they would visit extended family at his grandparent's home in Trenton, New Jersey. As he recounted his childhood, his eyes brightened, grin widened as he described their family suppers. At 2:00 PM grandma had ready her traditional Italian savories—"macaroni, tomato sauce and, ohhh, the best meatballs you've ever tasted"—a recipe that goes back generations. "The chatter and noise were loud in the dining room, it was reminiscent of scenes in Goodfellas," said Walter, as he recalled the wild laughter of family togetherness and Gramma's hearty homeland food.



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Walter Dregon continued

Walter is the second-born of five siblings: Debbie, a retired RN, David, a chemist, Michael, and Christopher, a retired marine. Growing up in a military family was difficult. Moving every two years made school hard. Alaska, Germany, Japan, New Jersey and finally to San Diego, California in the 7th grade. His mom passed away from cancer at age 39 (as also did his dad, age 54). Walter graduated from Madison High School in 1981. He worked in construction and later for airport security. In 1988, a private security firm appointed him to the Santa Fe Depot downtown. Eventually he took an open position with Amtrak for mechanic on the Pacific Surfliner coasters. He remained in their employment until 2017, when a diabetic emergency forced his early retirement and resulting disability.

While at the beach in late 2016, he cut his foot on broken glass. He thought it was healing, but it was not. One morning he got out of bed and collapsed because his foot had swollen to the size of a basketball. After blood test results at the ER the doctor told him, "You're not going anywhere. You have blood poisoning, and you may only have 24 hours to live." The infection shut down his kidneys, dialysis and amputation of his right leg just below the knee, saved his life. After a few weeks, he moved into a nursing home which came with a new wave of emergencies. During the first month there he had four bleed-outs, the last one of which he almost died, save for the tourniquet he tied on his thigh. Rushed to the hospital he underwent a blood transfusion and emergency surgery to seal the femoral artery that had not been properly ligated during the amputation. Home and recovering, Walter began seeing a Diabetes specialist that changed his diet which efficiently controlled this ravaging disease. "Low-fat, high-fiber diet...NO bread, carbs or processed food. I'm on this terrible broccoli diet—I'm always hungry!"

Walter and his brother Michael moved into KLMHP in 1997. He diligently maintains a healthy routine and lifestyle. You might recognize Walter when walking around the park on his American flag prosthetic. When we first met, I noticed his S.D. Padre hat and two NFL tattoos: The Philadelphia Eagles on one arm and the "Bolt Up Chargers" with a lightning bolt on the other, and I thought, "Oh I'm gonna like this guy!"

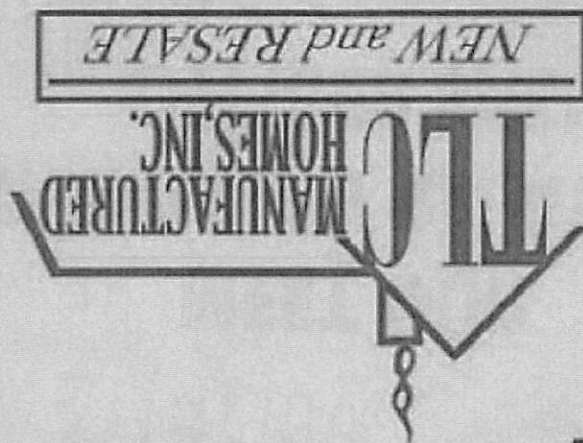
Walter says, "Family is #1, appreciate what you have because life is short, and we often take things for granted. Enjoy your life." I was endeared by his delight in life, direct honesty and authentic personality. But why am I surprised?! Walter is yet another example of the good ole souls we have among us here at Kearney Lodge.

MEET OUR NEIGHBORS..... If you enjoyed this article we would love to have your nomination for one of your neighbors for one of our next newsletters.

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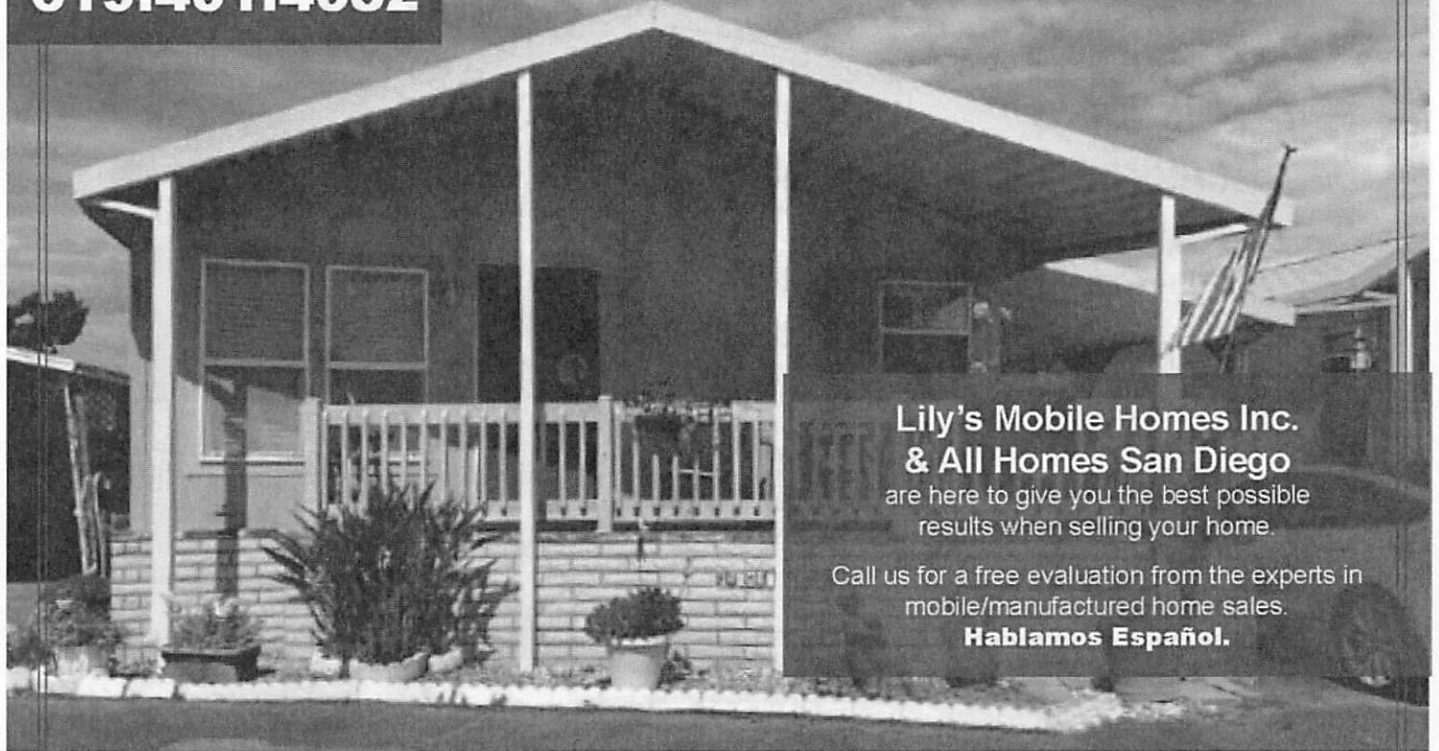
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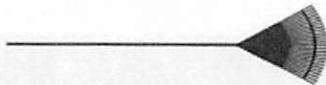
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San Diego County Fair

When: Now - July 6, 2025

Nighttime Zoo at the San Diego Zoo

When: Now - August 10, 2025

Sea World Summer Spectacular

When: Now - August 20, 2025

San Diego Padres Baseball Season

When: Now - September 22, 2025

San Diego Wave FC Soccer Season

When: Now - October 18, 2025

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Fourth of July

When: July 4, 2025

Annual Over The Line Tournament

When: July 12-20, 2025

Del Mar Racing Season

When: July 18 - September 7, 2025

San Diego Pride

When: July 19-20, 2025

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Comic-Con International: San Diego

When: July 24-27, 2025



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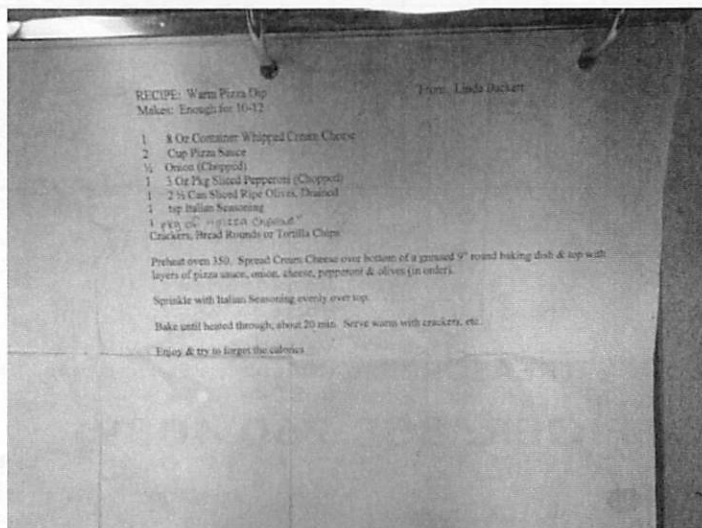
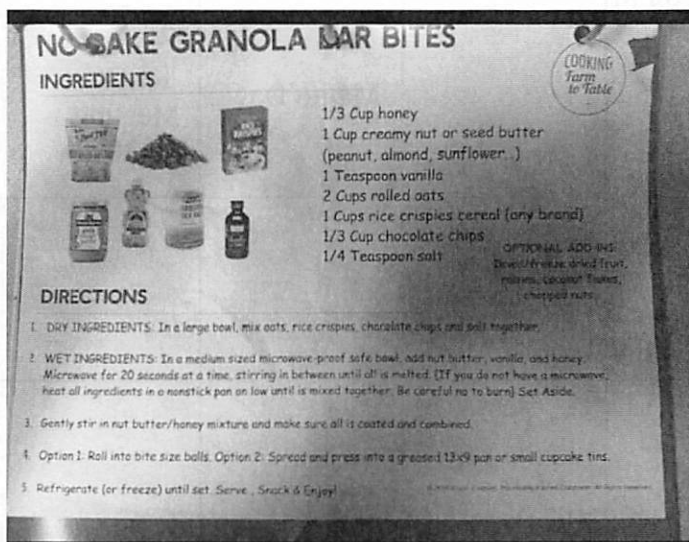
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Recipes of the month

Sent in by Angela Darling



Why Do we celebrate the 4th of July

The 4th of July isn't just about fireworks, cookouts, and red white and blue everything (although we love all that). It's a moment to reflect on the values that define America. Freedom, independence, justice, and unity.



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If you would like your favorite recipes to be seen in the Newsletter send them to vadombrow@yahoo.com. They will also be printed in the Kearney Lodge Mobile Home Park cookbook.

JULY

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30  Painters 6 PM	1 Canada Day	2  Tech Class W/ Nick 6 PM	3	4 Independence Day	5
6 Islamic New Year	7 Global Forgiveness Day  Painters 6 PM	8	9	10 Neighborhood Watch Mtg 6 pm	11 Majjto Day	12 KLCC Meeting 10:30:am
13	14 Bastille Day  Painters 6 PM	15 Hug your Kid Day	16  Tech Class W/ Nick 6 PM	17 National Hot Dog Day	18	19
20	21 National Ice Cream Day  Painters 6 PM	22	23	24 Tequila Day	25 Wine and Cheese Day	26
27 Crème Burlee Day	28  Painters 6 PM	29	30	31	1	2

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