

THE CONNECTOR

Kearney Lodge Community Connector

December 2025



Happy Holidays



Meet and Greet December 13th

11:00 am at the general meeting + elections of officers
in the clubhouse

Meet your neighbors and enjoy A few treats

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE LAST HOME DELIVERED KLCC NEWSLETTER*



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Christmas Craft Fair December 20th
10 am-1:30 in the Clubhouse.

If you want a booth email valeriedombrow@yahoo.com



Chinese

节日快乐즐거운

Japanese

ハッピーホリデー

Korean

즐거운 휴일 보내세

Spanish

Felices Fiestas

Vietnamese

Ngày lễ vui vẻ

Russian

BbeAnteTekct



Yard of the Month

Space 306 has one of the smallest yards in the park, but look what they've done with it! It looks like cafe seating for two with a bit of greenery and lamp added for atmosphere. Very inviting. Well done.

P.S. Due to low cash reserves, starting in January the \$20 award for Yard of the Month winners will be paused until our issues with funding are resolved. Your yard could still be the recipient of the Yard sign for , so keep up the good work!

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Kearney Lodge Community Connection MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 8, 2025 Called to order at: 11:00 AM

Board members present: All Present

1. Administrative Business
 - a. Pledge of allegiance
 - b. Previous meeting minutes read
 - i. Approved by: Leslie
 - c. Treasurer's report: Previous balance \$83.73
 - i. Donations: 218.50 Expenses \$208.17
 - ii. Current balance \$94.06 (Bal does not reflect Leslie's Oct. \$50 donation)
 - iii. Approved by: Linda
 - d. Neighborhood watch report: BC's meeting 11/20 @ 6PM
 - i. Items for discussion: WA chat v. text string; KL website presentation by Nick, BC photo/bio for website?, encourage more BC attendance
2. Unfinished Business
 - a. November 1 Craft Fair results: poor; only 4 vendors and a dozen attendees
 - b. Meet&Greet Event- in lieu of regular meeting; Dec. 13th @ 11AM
 - c. KLCC EVENTS:
 - i. Dumpster Day- date TBD (either April 11 or 18); Val will order E-Waste truck
 - ii. Rummage Sale-March 21; Wendy to calendar with KLM
 - d. Welcome Letter redone; inputting manager edits; will go on webpage
 - e. Bulletin window on East side belongs to management; we can ask if we want to post
 - f. Neighborhood updates—power outage was due to neighborhood glitch (suggestion to put outage preparedness reminder in NL)
 - g. KLCommunity.com updates-15 residents have joined; NL opt-in growing
3. New Business
 - a. Suggestion boxes: no submissions; new Clubhouse box label to clarify submissions
 - b. Items from the Board
 - i. Meeting procedures as edited: Nominated: Amber; Unanimous approval
 - ii. Election of board officer positions: December 13, during Meet & Greet event
 - c. Items from attendees:
 - i. Resident requested December Craft Fair-planned for Dec. 20th, 10AM-2PM
 - ii. Spotlight/Resident OTM articles on block captains
 - d. Yard of the Month Winner: 306 "Café Seating for Two"
 - i. KLCC will PAUSE on upcoming YOTM awards, until future notice
 - e. Raffle drawing for attendees: \$4.00
 - f. Meeting adjourned at: 12:24



Long-time KL trash collector, Pepe, has been on medical leave and his return is indefinite.

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WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

This time of year in America we drag out our Santa statues, erect decorated pine trees, hang twinkling lights and hear songs like “Jingle Bells” and “Santa Claus is Coming To Town”. Parents tell their little ones about a holly-jolly, supra-human being that flies throughout the world in one night, bestowing gifts on “nice” behaving children. Christmas truly is the season of wonder, joyousness and giving, but where does it come from & why do we celebrate it?

History traces the origins of the modern-day Santa Claus to a 4th-century Christian bishop of Greece, Nicholas of Bari, (also known as Saint Nicholas), who was beloved by children, sailors and working-class countrymen for his genuine servitude and spiritual leadership. After his death many European countries made him their patron saint and thus began the Feast of Saint Nicholas every December 6th, birthing the traditional giving of small gifts and leaving gifts in shoes (or stockings) in the spirit of his generosity. In 17th century America, Dutch colonies continued the veneration of “Saint Nikolaas” (nicknamed Sinterklass) by perpetuating the story of a generous, peace-loving, white-bearded man that cared even for the little children—eventually arriving at our modern Santa Claus. Saint Nick was celebrated because he shared and lived out a teaching of a real-life gift-giver that gave the greatest gift of all, 400 years before Nick was even born. The arrival of this gift was to *all* people of the earth, of all ages---regardless if they “have been bad or good”.

The English word “Christmas” (from Old English “Cristes Maesse”) was first recorded in 1038 AD and literally translates as “the mass of Christ”. It is a physical gathering of a large number of people that believe in Christ. “Christ-mas” became a traditional gathering to celebrate the arrival of God's Gift to mankind---the birth of the Savior to the world--Jesus Christ. Although Jesus was not born on Christmas day, Constantine, (first Christian emperor of the Holy Roman empire), marked Dec. 17 - Dec. 25 to commemorate Jesus' day of worship because this was also the week the Romans celebrated their festival of Saturnalia (a tribute to Saturn, the god of agriculture and harvest).

All my youth I listened to Christmas songs not knowing what they represented. Here’s a favorite that defines the essence of Christmas: “O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining. It is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining--until He appeared and the soul felt it's worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices! For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees, O hear the angel's voices. O night Divine, O Holy night--when Christ was born!”

Wishing you all a peaceable, warm & joyous holiday season followed by health and wellness in the new year!

Respectfully Submitted, Amber Bennett

Join Us in Celebrating Diverse Perspectives

Would you like to share your cultural holiday celebration in The Connector?

Whatever your background, we invite you to help build a vibrant community of shared knowledge and respect. We look forward to receiving insights and stories from individuals of all religions, creeds, and cultural or ethnic backgrounds. Our goal is to foster an inclusive environment that values and celebrates the richness of human experience across the park.



WE REMEMBER GLENN FROM SPACE 89

Glenn lived in Kearney Lodge for around 20+ years. He lived on the east side with his four dachshund dogs. He even was a surrogate doggie dad for another resident who sometimes had trouble caring for it. He was a major dog lover and would have taken in ANY stray that came his way. He took his dogs to the beach everyday to walk and play fetch. Glenn was a retired police officer. He sported a handlebar mustache, had a bald head and wore glasses. He drove a white sedan and used to ride his motorcycle to stores around town. Glenn was usually in a great mood and always eager to stop and say hello and ask how you were doing, despite his life-threatening illness. He went the extra mile for residents in the park. The last time I saw Glenn was after a serious medical procedure. I was flabbergasted to see him out driving and helping his friend when he might better have been resting to support his own physical healing. But that was the way he was—denying his own comforts for the needs of others. He was free-spirited, accepting, loving person toward all souls. He thought and cared about many residents at KL. He was quick to meet the need for a ride to medical appointments by seniors that needed it. If he knew someone had health problems or was going through a tough time, he would periodically call them to check in. One time he brought over a magazine ad of a shoe that facilitated arch support because I had shared that someone had sore feet. For years he devotedly helped his longtime resident friend, Kathy, by helping her manage her home, run errands and watch her dog. Glenn was not shy about sharing his opinion and stood on good convictions. He is survived by daughter, Ethney and his dear doggies. You are missed, dear Glenn.

Submitted by Amber Bennett



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Thank You Neighbors!

Hi everyone! It's Cyprien from the complex. I just wanted to say a big thank you for leaving your refundable recyclables out for me every Thursday. Your help means so much -the money I earn from returning bottles and cans goes toward my music classes and the equipment I need to keep playing and singing.



If you'd like to keep supporting me, you can continue leaving your refundable recyclables in front of your house every Thursday, and I'll come by to pick them up.

And to any new neighbors who would like to support me too - welcome! Just leave your refundable bottles and cans out on Thursdays, and I'll happily pick them up as well.

Thank you for supporting my dream and cheering me on.

You're the best neighbors ever!

ML Pro Landcare



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- KL resident review

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A Primer on Mobile home Property Taxation

Submitted by your neighbor Wendy

A question came up at our KLCC meeting in December 2021: Why do some homeowners pay to register their homes and some pay state property tax on their homes?

The best information on this topic can be found on the California Board of Equalization website (boe.ca.gov). A summary follows, with my disclaimer that I've done my best to present some basic information but any decisions you make should only occur after researching the more detailed information at either of the websites listed in this article.

Before July 1, 1980 mobile homes were considered to be similar to any other vehicle on the road, and therefore subject to licensing (registration) fees. A law was passed to change the status of new mobile homes sold after this date such that new mobile homes would be automatically subject to property tax assessment and payment. (Note: This is different than the property tax that applies to the land—that is paid by the owner of the land, not by the owner of the mobile home that sits on the land.) The initial assessed tax for the mobile home is based on 1% of the market value of the home when first sold and is increased by 2% per year or an amount based on the annual inflation rate, whichever is less. A new base tax is established at the time of the sale. If you have questions about the amount of your tax rate you can call the County-Assessed Property Division at 1-916-274-3350.

Owners of mobile homes built and sold prior to July 1, 1980, continue to be subject to licensing (registration) fees and NOT property taxes. The registration fee (also referred to as a non-taxable in-lieu fee) is paid to the Housing and Community Development department (HCD). In the past, if you were delinquent in paying this registration fee on time (within 120 days of it being due), it would automatically be converted to a property tax obligation. This is no longer true but there may be late fees added to delinquent payments.

Additional information can be found at www.countytreasurer.org online. This site indicates that if you sell your mobile home and currently pay the in-lieu (registration) fee, the new owner will also pay this fee and NOT property tax. However, the buyer will need to pay sales tax on the home so it may be helpful to convert from an in-lieu fee to property taxation prior to selling your mobile home to decrease the total amount a buyer has to pay. If a mobile home is converted to property taxation it cannot be returned to in-lieu fee status. The number to call to convert to property taxation is 1-800-952-8356. There are also some tax exemptions for mobile homeowners, which you can ask about by calling the County Assessor at 1-800-746-1544.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REMINDER

From: Neighborhood Watch Chairwoman, Andrea Oldakowski

During the recent nighttime power outage at Kearney Lodge, I realized I was totally unprepared. I did not have candles or flashlights. I realized that I need to prioritize planning preparedness before an emergency. Unexpected emergencies can disrupt daily life and pose risks to safety and well-being. Being prepared not only helps you and your family, but also strengthens our community, especially when we work together to support the elderly, children, and those most in need.

Every household should have basic supplies and plans in place to ensure safety and comfort during emergencies. Use this personal emergency preparedness checklist to prepare your home:

- **Light Sources:** Keep candles, matches, and battery-powered or hand-crank flashlights in accessible locations. Regularly check that batteries are fresh and stocked.
- **Water:** Store at least one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, both for drinking and sanitation.
- **Food:** Maintain a supply of non-perishable foods such as canned goods, energy bars, and dried fruits for each household member, including pets.
- **Communication:** Have a battery-powered or hand-crank radio to receive emergency updates. Ensure you have important phone numbers written down in case cell service is unavailable.
- **Medications and First Aid:** Keep a well-stocked first aid kit and a supply of essential medications. Include prescription details for easy refills.
- **Warmth and Clothing:** Store extra blankets, warm clothing, and rain gear to stay comfortable during cold or wet conditions.
- **Tools:** Have basic tools such as a multi-purpose tool, duct tape, and a whistle for signaling for help.
- **Personal Documents:** Secure copies of identification, insurance policies, and crucial contact information in a water-proof container.

Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility. By equipping your home and planning ahead, you not only protect yourself but also contribute to a stronger, safer community. Take time today to review your supplies, update your plans, and connect with neighbors. Together, we can ensure everyone is cared for in times of urgency.

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Painters 6 PM	2	3	4	5 Bible Study 5:30 PM Space 131	6
7	8 Painters 6 PM	9	10  Tech Class W/	11	12 Bible Study 5:30 PM Space 131	13 KLCC Meeting 11:00:am
14	15 Painters 6 PM	16	17	18 Neighborhood Watch 6 PM	19 Bible Study 5:30 PM Space 131	20
21	22 Hanukkah 1 st day Painters 6 PM	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa Bible Study 5:30 PM	27
28	29 Painters 6 PM	30	31 New Years Eve			

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