



# OBSERVER

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For urgent park issues, call the office.

For questions re: bills, clubhouse use, etc.  
call the office.

**For police or fire emergency  
call 911**

For all non-emergency reporting  
issues use the following:

**Police Department Dispatch—**

**Call 707-762-2727 Or**

**Call 707-778-4332**

**Fire Department Dispatch—**

**Call 707-762-4545 Or**

**Call 707-568-5992**

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[dgiomi@ci.petaluma.ca.us](mailto:dgiomi@ci.petaluma.ca.us)

Have you fallen and need  
assistance to get up?

**Call 707-576-1371**

For the

**LIFT TEAM**

A service provided by the  
Petaluma Fire Department



# Petaluma Estates Homeowner's Association Officers, Chairpersons, and Volunteers

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PEEP:	Sarah Young/Rob Sky		

## Spring Yard Sale Tentative Date June 20th

We are uncertain of the date at this time. Check the PEHA and Mail Bulletin Boards for information.



### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH with Caring Neighbors

Continue to be vigilant and caring of your neighbors.

For more information or suggestions,

Contact: Carole O'Brien, ChairPerson for NW/cn

Telephone: 981-3589 Email: tooahsum@comcast.net





Effective per owners and CDC  
April 7

# **Petaluma Estates Clubhouse is CLOSED**

**for all access**

Laundry will be open 8am to 9pm every day.

Management Office can be contacted by phone  
(707) 763-8501 or email at [petalumaestates@att.net](mailto:petalumaestates@att.net)

## **Notice to all residents:**

**A resident of the Petaluma Estates Mobile Park has  
tested positive for Covid19.**

**Please be safe and take all precautions.**

**Stay inside where possible and  
wear a mask when out of your house.**

**There will be NO bread delivery until further notice.**



## **CDC Now Recommends Americans Consider Wearing Cloth Face Coverings In Public**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is advising the use of cloth face coverings during the novel coronavirus pandemic, even do-it-yourself covers.

The CDC said cloth face masks are also important to use by those not exhibiting symptoms.



"The virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity -- for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing -- even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms." according to a statement on the CDC's website.

"In light of this new evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission,"

The CDC states that cloth face masks can be made from common household items, and while they are not medical-grade, it is important that medical-grade masks including surgical and N95 masks are reserved for health care workers currently facing a dire shortage of protective equipment.

### **What is a cloth face covering?**

A cloth face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen. A cloth face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels.

### **When should I wear a cloth face covering?**

You may choose to wear a cloth face covering when you must be in public for essential activities, such as shopping at the grocery store. Wearing a cloth face covering does not eliminate the need to physically distance yourself from others.

### **How should I care for a cloth face covering?**

It's a good idea to wash your cloth face covering frequently, ideally after each use, or at least daily. Have a bag or bin to keep cloth face coverings in until they can be laundered with detergent and hot water and dried on a hot cycle. If you must re-wear your cloth face covering before washing, wash your hands immediately after putting it back on and avoid touching your face.

**If you need a cloth mask, such as the one pictured here and on the frog doll above call Nickola - 707-758-6158.  
Donation of \$5 per mask to offset the cost of materials.**





# **Petaluma Estates Homeowner's Association**

## **President's Message**

I hope each and every one of you is safe and feeling fine. I, like each of you, have experienced major changes in my world. We are spending most of our time staying in our homes. As most of you know, I like to be very busy and doing things for others. For the first couple weeks, I have to admit, I was feeling sorry for myself and wishing I had something to do besides watching what is on the TV.

As of now, early April, I have worked out what I should be involved in:

I am making reusable masks for those who need them. The masks are multiple layers of tightly woven cotton with ties so they can fit any size head. The masks can be washed and dried for use until they wear out. If you are in need of a mask(s), just let me know.

I am also spending some time listening to music, reading some books, and watching some old SF Giants games on TV. I hope each of you is finding something to feed your soul. One of my great neighbors is joining me on a walk, as frequently as we can. I am loving the beautiful flowers that we see as we walk along. I am really not a gardener, succulents are my plant of choice, but I am envious of each of you who has a green thumb.

Stay safe and if you need something or just need to visit, give me a call.

Nickola Frye, PEHA President

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# DATES TO SAVE

## May

All activities at this time are canceled for May. Watch your mail kiosk for updates as they come.

## June

June 2 – Tuesday, 9:00, Board Meeting

June 4 – Thursday, 6:30 , General Meeting

June 5 – Friday Soup, after 2:00

June 21 – Sunday, Father's Day, 4:00 – 7:00 – Father's Day Baked Potato Bar, with various toppings & Sundae Sunday - Cookies, Ice Creams, Toppings, etc. - \$5 each resident & visitor, no cost for Fathers

June 30 – Tuesday, 9:00, Board Meeting for July

## July

No General Meeting

No Friday Soup

July 4 – Independence Day and Firefighter's Appreciation Day, 12:00 – 4:00, Annual Barbecue - Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, etc – free for residents, \$5 for visitors

## August

August 4, Tuesday, 9:00, Board Meeting

No General Meeting

No Friday Soup

August 22 – Saturday, International Cook Off – 12:00 – 3:00, Still working on idea

Hi, it's me, your toilet...

I've been working overtime and wanted to remind you that certain things can upset me from doing my job.

Please, those "disposable wipes"...I can't digest those. Also, paper towels, facial wipes and cotton balls, not my thing!

Some people have even been feeding me kitty litter!

That grey can that lives in your carport can handle those things.

If you think things are tough now, imagine me backing up on you while you shelter-in-place!



## PETALUMA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

### March 2020 Treasurer's Report

**Beginning Bal 3/1/2020**                \$1,761.68

No Checking Acct. Transactions this month

**Ending Balance 3/31/2020**            \$1,761.68

#### Summary:

**Checking**                **\$1,761.68**

**Petty-cash**                **\$98.18**                Increased by \$40 after expenses from PEEP Bucket Ticket Sales

**Total 3/31/2020**                **\$1,859.86**

Diane Pimentel, PEHA Treasurer

*Do you have access to the internet through your computer or phone?*

*If so, check out: [goldengatepark150.com](http://goldengatepark150.com).*

On April 4th 2020, Golden Gate Park marked its 150th Birthday and they have created such a great website, with so much information, live streaming concerts, podcasts, playlists, books, articles, photos, and activities. Well worth your time to check it out.



Each year, millions of people visit Golden Gate Park to enjoy its beauty and all that its 1,017 acres have to offer people of all ages and interests. Now, millions more from all around the world can experience Everybody's Park virtually. Through Virtual Golden Gate Park, we are bringing the best of the park directly to you with exclusive and exciting online content, events and activities. We hope this virtual experience provides visitors a glimpse of what makes Golden Gate Park one of the most iconic and treasured landmarks. We will be adding new content and features regularly, so keep coming back for the best of our beloved park.

# MAY 2020

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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May 1st Lee Ann Dennis

May 3rd Debbie Kulack

May 4th Bill Wilkinson

May 4th John Paul

May 7th Inga Birkenstock

May 9th Barbara Lovejoy

May 11th Carole O'Brien

May 11th Terence McGovern

May 13th Melody Horowitz

May 14th Lilyan Frank

May 14th Theresa Adkins

May 15th Maryann Hoffman

May 22nd Keith Bishop

May 24th Marion Barrios

May 27th James Johnson

May 27th Frances Simondi

May 29th Rhonda Hobbs

May 31st Ray Cleary

## Sunshine Report

from Ellen Reinhold

3/3/2020 Sympathy card to Pat and Pete Steele (their son-in-law passed away)







## Now is the time to consider a REAL ID!



DL 1400 (REV. 9/2019)

**REAL ID is the next generation of identification recognized across the country.**

Starting **October 1, 2020**, you will need a REAL ID, valid passport, or other federally approved form of ID to travel by plane within the U.S. or to access federal facilities and/or military bases.

If you decide not to get a REAL ID, your California driver license or identification card will display the phrase "Federal Limits Apply" while a REAL ID will display a California bear with a star.



## How to get a REAL ID

To convert your California driver license or identification card renewal to a REAL ID you must visit a field office. Beat the rush by making an appointment early, or check wait times online to visit as a walk-in.

**You will need to bring:**

- 1. Proof of identity** (such as birth certificate, valid U.S. passport, or permanent resident card)
- 2. Proof of Social Security number** (SSN card, W-2 or paystub with full SSN)
- 3. Proof of CA residency** (2 documents, such as home utility bill, vehicle registration, property tax bill, or mortgage or lease agreement)
- 4. Proof of name change** (if the name on your identity document is different than the name on your application)

Find out when, how and the best way to get your REAL ID at **REALID.dmv.ca.gov** or **1 (800) 777-0133**.

DL 1400 (REV. 9/2019)

## What's the real difference between "REAL ID" and "Non-Compliant"?

### "REAL ID" Driver License/ID Card

- You must go to a DMV office and bring proof of:
  1. Identity
  2. Social Security number
  3. California address
- Use it to board a plane.
- Use it to enter a secure federal facility (such as a military base).

### Federal Non-Compliant Driver License/ID Card

- May be able to renew online without going to a DMV office.\* (Certain customers only, must check)
- NOT allowed for boarding a plane starting October 1, 2020.
- NOT allowed to enter a secure federal facility starting October 1, 2020.
- May require showing further evidence of legal presence to purchase a firearm.
- Has text on the front that says "FEDERAL LIMITS APPLY".

**For more information, on the internet, visit [REALID.dmv.ca.gov](https://realid.dmv.ca.gov)**



## The Australia Connection and Fiji by Dennis Vollmer

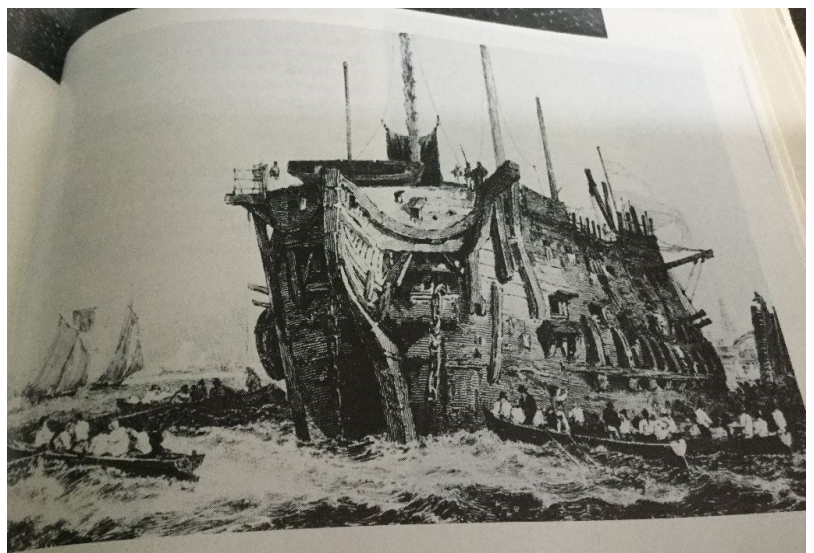
One hundred and forty-four years after my forebears arrived in Australia, I was born in the Fiji Islands. Australia is about 1,000 nautical miles from Fiji, but there is a connection for me. Albeit an odd connection that I never really knew about until my wife Pat started digging into my background. Today with modern technology and the internet, researching family heritages has been made easy.

I'm connected to Australia because two "transportable" convicts, my forbears, were taken to the continent of Australia in 1806. Catherine Byrne a young girl from Cork, Ireland, and Charles Pickering from England, both had, unfortunately, earned a free passage to this new prison colony, Australia. They forged a relationship and had two children while incarcerated. They were just part of many who were shipped over for petty crimes. Their lives in Europe were indicative of a time when living was not easy for the common folk.

King George the III was the monarch, it was the Georgian Age, and the wealthy lived far away from real life. It was a terrible time to be poor. You were destitute! Steal a pig if you were hungry, a blanket if you were cold, be drunk and disorderly, be delinquent on your rent—you were a felon. "The helpless begged, while those of more art or courage stole. The innocent lived in a state of siege." The prisons filled up.

In 1776, with King George III's blessing, parliament passed the Hulk Act. Hulks were old, anchored rotting ships that dotted the seaports of southern England. These hulks were a godsend that parliament saw as a place to temporarily house these non-violent petty criminals. The authorities were able to alleviate the crowded conditions in the jails.

Australia had been discovered and help was needed to build this new colony. Eleven years after the Hulk Act, and after much preparation, the first shipment of convicts left England on May 20, 1787. The shipments of these "transportables" lasted 80 years. In 1868, when the final shipment was made, over 160,000 men, women and children from England and Ireland had been sent to Australia. It took 8 grueling months to



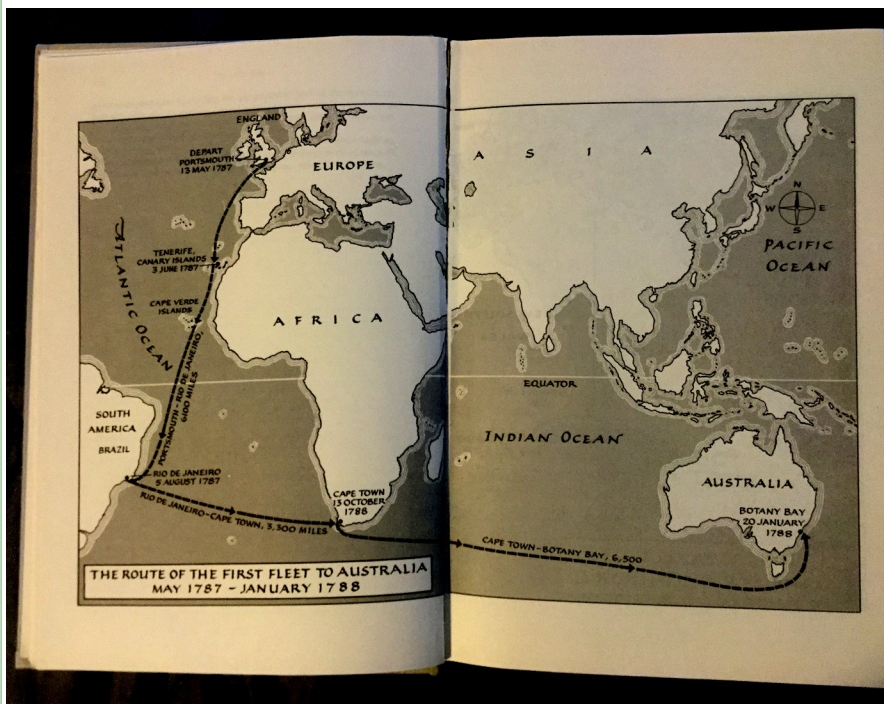
A rotting hulk. Several of these dotted seaports in southern England. The Hulk Act of 1776 allowed the authorities to use these decommissioned these ugly, rotting sailing ships as jails.



make this long arduous sea journey. These slow moving, bulky, wooden sailing ships had to have been a hellish experience for these folks who had been caught up in that dog-eat-dog society they were coming from. How my ancestors, Catherine and Charles, were able to find solace in each other and then have a family is beyond my modern-day comprehension. Luckily for them, they found each other. Robert Hughes, in his book, *The Fatal Shore* (The epic of Australia's founding), wrote;

*"On the afternoon of January 26, 1788, a fleet of eleven vessels carrying 1,030 people including 548 males and 188 female convicts, under the command of Captain Arthur Phillips in his flagship, Sirius entered Port Jackson or as it would be presently called, Sydney harbor."*

This land down under would never be the same. The native Aborigines who had lived here for thousands of years were witnessing an invasion that would forever change them.



If you look at the map of this first journey, you'll see that they did make three stops along the way. After leaving Portsmouth in southern England, the eleven vessels stopped in the Canary Islands. No one got off the ships except for the crew responsible for any supplies being taken on. As the fleet headed south, they cut through the Cape Verde Islands then headed southwest to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. These stops were important. Although the cargo consisted of renegade types,

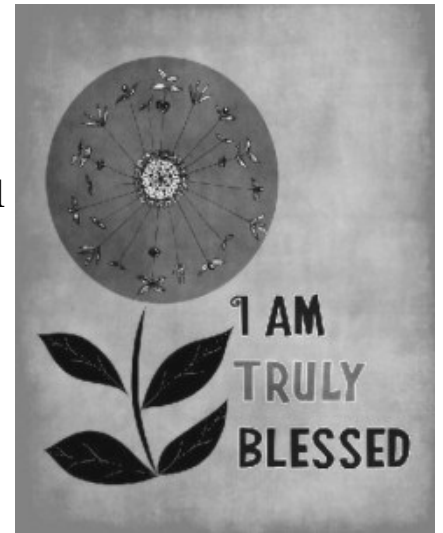
they were important. The captain had a huge responsibility to get these poor souls to a land the Empire was truly interested in. England sensed that if they didn't latch onto this newly discovered continent then some other European nation would. These three stops were for supplies and repairs only. No sightseeing! Now they had been at sea for four months.

From Rio, the ships traversed the Atlantic Ocean to stop in Cape Town, South Africa. After rounding the Cape of Good Hope, the still in tact eleven sailing ships made their way across the vast Indian Ocean. Somebody had scoped this out. The captain had orders to ignore the west coast of Australia, to sail around to the east side. The lure of a better harbor and a better climate would make settling and

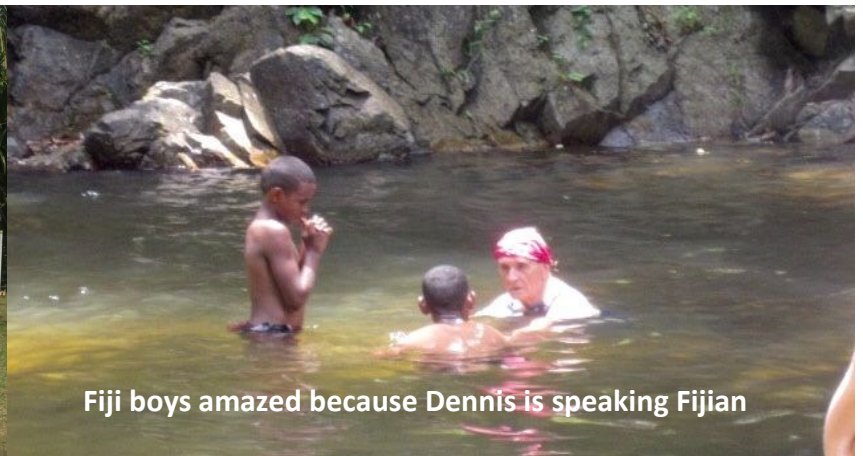
building easier. According to the ship's logs, the journey went smoothly and there were few, if any, casualties. These 14,000 mile treks were to go on for "several years" (more like 80 years!) as the motherland emptied her jails to this "thief colony."

As I mentioned previously, according to the records, my forebears, Catherine and Charles were shipped over in 1806. They served their time and somehow managed to fool around and have two children, Charles Jr. and MaryAnn. Charles Jr. left the Australian penal colony around 1840 when he was twenty-six years old. I wrote about him being a rascal in Fiji, abducting doomed Fijian women. He's written up in a Fiji history book and my maternal grandmother, Lydia Pickering, connects my DNA to this renegade background.

In November 2015, my family went to Sydney, Australia. I have relatives there. We sat in our hotel room with blood relatives of those two Pickering children! We sat, ate pizza and talked about our heritage. Amazing, our ancestors had been right here, in a different time and place. Sydney was built with their help over 140 years ago. While there, we visited the camps where these felons were housed. Yes, I have a convict heritage and oddly enough I'm proud of it. I've learned to embrace it. We all have a past. We all have a story. What's yours? In Fiji speak I would say, "Au sa ka-lou gata dina!" or "I am truly blessed."



Fiji fisherman being neighborly and sharing his catch



Fiji boys amazed because Dennis is speaking Fijian



Present day hulk on Fiji—no way to remove it