



**RANCHO YOLO**  
COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2019

*No one has the potential to do it all, but all have the potential to do something. – Mark Speckman*

### **SOCIAL NEWS** – Elizabeth Lasensky

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#### **FREE Sunday Afternoon Lawn Concert – Anderson-Gram Duo** **Sunday, June 9**

On the lawn behind the Clubhouse – bring your lawn chairs!

Pizza and drinks at 5:00.

Music will start at 5:30 and end around 7:30.

Two slices of pizza and a bag of chips - \$5.00, while supplies last.

Water, lemonade provided.

Gayle Anderson-Gram and Bob Gram play an easy blend of folk, country and bluegrass. *“The Anderson-Gram is a wife-husband duo with a smooth natural sound. Gorgeous vocals, intelligent, thoughtful lyrics and first-rate guitar playing.”* Amazon.com, Japan.

### **PING PONG** – Chris Walden

Ping Pong, anyone? Several of us play Monday and Friday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 at the Clubhouse Annex next to the kids’ pool. We have paddles and balls to use, but we need more players. Join us! All welcome!

### **BOOK CLUB** – Judy Fischette

The RY Book Club’s last meeting for this term will be a luncheon at Symposium on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, at the far right of the Dollar Tree Shopping Center. The luncheon will be **Monday, June 10, at 11:30**.

There’s no book discussion, just good food and lively conversation. The Book Club will not meet in July and August. The September 2019 - June 2020 calendar of selected books is all set to go.

### **CARING CORNER** – Betty Iams

My good friend and neighbor, Dorothy (Dot) Dunkle, has just celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. Every time I see her out walking with her walker, often with her beloved Corgi, Winston, in tow, I think what a great role model she is for all the rest of us. A very happy 94<sup>th</sup> to Dot.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Nancy Redpath**

Did you get your Target bag with a mailbox label? The labels are self-stick with a peel-off backing. Look for Jerry Hallee's article in this newsletter with the latest about our postal service.

Here are a few contact numbers that may be handy:

### For maintenance or safety concerns in the park

Write John Burmester ([john@ranchoyolo.net](mailto:john@ranchoyolo.net)), our onsite manager, and copy Mark Kalman ([mark.kaye1946@comcast.net](mailto:mark.kaye1946@comcast.net)). Mark took over as the board's Facilities Committee Chair and has been given permission by management to make some improvements. Thanks, Mark!

### If you have extra fruit you can't pick from your trees, here's who to call:

Community Harvest of Davis (formerly the Davis team of Village Harvest) is a nonprofit organization, run by volunteers, that harvests fruit from residents' trees and donates it to agencies that feed people in need. Contact them at 530-759-9792 or visit their website at [harvestdavis.org](http://harvestdavis.org).

### For questions about your rights as a homeowner:

Office of the Mobilehome Ombudsman  
Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)  
800-952-5275 (toll free) or 800-735-2929 (TDD number)  
HCD website: [hcd.ca.gov](http://hcd.ca.gov)

Golden State Manufactured Home Owners League  
GSMOL website: [gsmol.org](http://gsmol.org)

## **U.S. POST OFFICE MAIL DELIVERY - Jerry Hallee**

The Rancho Yolo Board of Directors sent two letters to the Davis Postmaster and then sent a representative to meet with Postmaster Margarita Oragel to address Rancho Yolo's many mail delivery issues. The Postmaster was very responsive to our concerns and has assured us that she is working hard to remedy the problems experienced by RY residents. The Board has insisted that RY deserves a regular mail carrier and should not have to settle for a temporary mail delivery person. We have had a regular mail carrier for many, many years. We deserve no less for our 350 senior residents.

The postmaster explained that Rancho Yolo is one of two Auxiliary Mail Routes in Davis. These two routes do not have a regular mail delivery person. These routes were created in April, 2018, after a Postal Inspection determined that routes needed to be eliminated due to decreased mail volumes. The reduced mail volumes are the result of increased postage, younger persons using alternatives to mail, and competition from UPS and FedEx.

When the Post Office eliminates a route, the old route is parceled into other routes with the objective of making the continuing routes as uniform as possible. Unfortunately, the Davis Post Office wound up with two mail routes that were too short to justify a regular mail carrier and so the Auxiliary Mail routes were created upon direction of the Post Office's District Superintendent.

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The Postmaster told us that another Postal Inspection is now underway because of more reductions in mail volume. The Davis Post Office expects to eliminate more routes, which will require the parceling of those routes eliminated into continuing routes. The Postmaster said that the goal is to eliminate the Auxiliary routes so that all mail customers have a regular mail carrier. She could not promise that this would be done, but she expects that it will be a very high priority. The Postmaster promised to report back to RYCA in 4 to 6 weeks with results of the inspection and resultant route changes. It's our hope that RY will be assigned a regular mail carrier at this time.

Meanwhile, the Postmaster will try to keep the same temporary carrier on our route. The present mail carrier has been delivering our mail for three weeks. You should contact the Postmaster directly if you experience delivery problems. She wants to hear directly from you so she may remedy the problem. Her direct number is 530-753-3546.

We have sent the Postmaster a letter summarizing her commitments to assure she understands that we intend to pursue this matter until our community has a regular mail carrier.



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#### **RYCA CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Resident Wifi:** ryrocks55 | **RYCA website:** [groups.dcn.org/ryca](https://groups.dcn.org/ryca) | #1525

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