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## Learn about lawn bowling Saturday

### Open house, demonstration at Hillside

The Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club will host an open house this Saturday, March 12, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Hillside Clubhouse Lawn Bowling Greens. All interested Rossmoor residents are welcome and encouraged to come out and give this sport a try.

Bowling coach Ed de Assis will lead the session and other lawn bowlers will be there to help demonstrate how to enjoy the game. Wear casual clothing and flat-soled shoes. Just bring a "have-fun attitude."

The game is for both men and women and is not based on strength but skill, finesse and strategy. The club offers regularly scheduled Monday and Friday classes for new lawn bowlers.

For information about the open house, call de Assis at 943-2003.



News photo by Mike DiCarlo

Lawn Bowling Club President Ozzie Ozorio invites residents to stop by the lawn bowling greens at Hillside on Saturday to learn about the sport.

## A Counseling coup: Lesley Stahl is Women's Conference speaker

### She is '60 Minutes' broadcast journalist

By Nancy Coxwell  
Manager  
Rossmoor Counseling Services

Rossmoor Counseling Services is thrilled to announce legendary broadcast journalist Lesley Stahl of "60 Minutes" will be the guest speaker at the 2016 Women's Conference scheduled on Tuesday, April 26, at the Event Center. This event is open to Rossmoor women residents only.

Stahl will discuss her new book, "Becoming Grandma: The Joys and Science of the New Grandparenting," which will be published the first week of April 2016. Following her talk, there will be a short question and answer, followed by a book signing. Copies of Stahl's latest book will be available for purchase. Desserts, coffee and tea will be available after her presentation.

Stahl, one of America's most recognized and experienced broadcast journalists, has been a "60 Minutes" correspondent since March 1991. The 2015-16 season marks her 25th on the broadcast.

After four decades as a reporter, Stahl says the most vivid and transforming experience of her life was not covering the White House, interviewing heads of state or any other of her stories at "60 Minutes." It was becoming a grandmother. Her book explores how grandparenting



Lesley Stahl

changes your life – for the better - with personal stories and interviews with famous and the not-so-famous grandmothers, as well as scientists and historians.

Rossmoor Counseling Services invites the community of women to submit (by email at ncoxwell@rossmoor.com or simply dropping into the Rossmoor Counseling office) a question they might have for Stahl. The Women's Conference Committee will choose the questions posed to Stahl. Be sure to include your name so it can be included with the question.

The cost of the Women's Conference is \$25, to be paid at the Recreation Department in the Administration Office at Gateway.

## GRF Board nominating petitions due Friday

The deadline to submit nominating petitions to run for the GRF Board in districts B, F and G is Friday, March 11, no later than 4 p.m.

Nominees to the Board must be members in good standing of the Golden Rain Foundation of Walnut Creek and reside in the election district.

Nominees must obtain a nominating petition and have it signed by members representing 10 percent of the voting membership in the election district in which the nominee resides.

Signed petitions must be returned to Assistant Secretary Paulette Jones in the Board

Office in the Administration Office at Gateway. Petitions must be accompanied by the candidate's statement of 300 words or less setting forth background and qualifications and views on the issues that are expected to be part of the election.

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## Police arrest men who stole residents' clubs

By Cathy Tallyn  
Staff writer

Within hours of finding their golf clubs stolen out of their golf cart parked in their carport, two Rossmoor women learned that Pleasanton Police had arrested two men who were trying to sell their clubs, valued at more than \$5,500.

Michael Kuzdzal, 49, who gave a Rossmoor address, and Matthew Kuzdzal, 45, who is on a Rossmoor resident's permanent guest list, had attempted to sell the clubs at Play it Again Sports in Pleasanton. An employee spotted the women's names and telephone numbers on the clubs and called to ask if they were selling

the equipment.

After learning the clubs were stolen, Pleasanton Police were called and arrested the men who were attempting to sell four sets of stolen clubs.

There is no indication that the Rossmoor manor owner was aware of the criminal activity, according to Public

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## Walnut Creek Planning Commission gives positive comments to shopping center plans

By Wilma Murray  
Staff writer

The Walnut Creek Planning Commission looked over the plans for the Rossmoor Shopping Center in a public meeting Feb. 25. Center developer/owner Terrence Tallen, CEO of Tallen Capital Partners, LLC, called the review a "very detailed vetting and evaluation" and said the comments were predominantly positive.

"We are very pleased to announce that we received a unanimous seven to zero (approval)," Tallen said. "We're very excited."

Most of the comments from staff were directed at continuing to refine what is already in the plans, Tallen said. There were also some traffic comments.

Walnut Creek staff contact Alan Carreon, who has shepherded the project through the

various commissions, said the Planning Commission only had one real concern and that was how the drive-up service window off Rossmoor Parkway would be handled. If it is a fast-food business, those plans should come back for review, he said.

Other than that, Carreon said, the commission didn't find any significant issues and was very happy with the pe-

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## Spring forward

It's time to spring forward. Daylight-saving time begins on Sunday, March 13. Before going to bed on Saturday, set clock ahead one hour.



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# Rossmoor Shopping Center renovation plans go to City Council next

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 destrian circulation and landscaping.

## Better Homes moves

Last week, Tallen said, Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate/Mason-McDuffie signed a long-term lease. The real estate company will move, however, into a new building on the Rossmoor Parkway side of the center, adjacent to Chase Bank.

This was done for a number of reasons, Tallen said. First, Better Homes wanted to up-

grade its facility. But beyond that, it made sense to consolidate all the service-oriented tenants in one area. "It worked for us, also," Tallen said.

Tallen said the location will be an improvement, which is important because "they'll (Better Homes) be there for a very long time."

## Next up

The shopping center plans were presented at community meetings in Rossmoor in August and November (see News issues Sept. 2 and Nov. 18 for

details) and had its first pass successfully at the Design Review Commission meeting in January. Next up will be the City Council, which, Tallen said, he hoped would happen in April.

The council will make the ultimate decision if the project is a "good fit for the city," Carreon said.

If the council approves the plans, they will go back one more time to Design Review for a final vote.

Tallen had positive comments about both commissions. "Planning staff does an extraordinary job in Walnut Creek," he said. "The Design Review Commission was terrific."

The goal is to break ground approximately four to five months after the final Design Review Commission approval, Tallen said. At this point, he said, the aim is for that to happen in the fall.



News photo by Mike DiCarlo

Elizabeth Haslam and Ann Cantrell, co-owners of Better Homes and Gardens/Mason-McDuffie Real Estate in the Rossmoor Shopping Center, just signed a lease with the new owners and will move the office closer to the Chase Bank.



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## Mutual 22 seeks board candidate

Mutual 22 is seeking a volunteer to serve on the board of directors to finish out the term of Mick Marshall, who retired from his position. This term expires in 2018.

Members in good standing who are interested in completing the term vacated by Marshall should contact

Sharon Fees at the Mutual Board Office in Gateway at 988-7718. Interested members should submit a written notice of interest. The statement should be no more than 300 words and should express the candidate's qualifications and interest in serving on the board.

The deadline for filing for this position is Thursday, March 10. The board will conduct interviews on Friday, March 11, and an appointment to the board will be made in open session during the regular quarterly meeting scheduled for Monday, March 14.

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