

County zeros in on short term rentals in Big Sur

By CHRIS COUNTS

AFTER YEARS of controversy and debate, the Monterey County Planning Commission will hold its first workshop on specific regulations for short-term rentals in Big Sur Wednesday, Jan. 10, in Salinas.

Many Big Sur residents have lobbied for establishing a separate set of regulations for short-term rentals in Big Sur, where many homes are difficult to access due to long, narrow and winding roads — and the risk of wildfire is constant.

Discussions about short-term rentals down the coast were tabled early last year when road troubles along Highway 1 made travel to hearings in Salinas difficult or impossible.

While Big Sur locals will have an opportunity to talk at the meeting about the many issues surrounding short-term rentals in Big Sur, the chief focus of the hearing will be to determine whether it's more appropriate to create regulations at the county level — which can be done relatively quickly — or incorporate those rules into the Big Sur Land Use Plan, which could take considerably longer, county official Melanie Beretti told The Pine Cone.

“There are a number of pathways forward,” Beretti suggested. “The planning commission needs to decide what path to take. This is the first step in coming up with specific regulations for Big Sur.”

Beretti said that Big Sur residents are “very divided” over short-term rentals. “It’s creating conflict and strife,” she reported.

Complete ban?

Some Big Sur locals have called for an outright ban on short-term rentals, but that is unlikely to happen, in part because the California Coastal Commission supports some short term rentals in the area.

When asked if there could be places in Big Sur where short-term rentals are banned, Beretti responded by saying “there could be areas where limitations to short-term rentals are appropriate.”

Beretti said it's too early to say if any other workshops will be scheduled to address regulating short-term rentals specifically in Big Sur.

The workshop starts at 1:30 p.m. The county government building is located at 168 W. Alisal.

An issue that's creating 'conflict and strife' among residents

PETER MICHAEL COAKLEY

January 14, 1962 – December 3, 2017
Carmel Valley, CA

He was a dreamer and a builder with a quiet charm that attracted people wherever he went. Peter Michael “Mike” Coakley, born January 14, 1962, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2017, in Walnut Creek, Ca, with his parents and sister at his side.



His interest in construction was evidenced at an early age. At 7, living in Aspen, Colorado, he designed and planned to build his own home in the backyard of the family residence...but without a kitchen. “Where will you eat?” asked his mother. “Oh, I’ll come in to eat with all of you.”

In middle school in Aspen, he scooped ice cream at Baskin-Robbins. He became an avid skier and captained his high school ice hockey team. And winter time saw him building snow lodges in the woods for his outdoor camping. He later graduated from Carmel High School.

After attending the University of Colorado at Boulder, Mike formed Coakley Construction Company and began projects in Truckee, San Francisco and Newport Beach, including building vacation homes in Tahoe-Donner, multi-million dollar homes at Lahontan at Lake Tahoe and Park City, Utah, restaurants and homes in the Sacramento area and remodeling projects in San Francisco and Orange.

Mike leaves a son, Cody, Cody’s mother Berril Coakley of Orange, Ca; a sister, Katharine Coakley Baker, of Portland, Or; father, Peter Coakley and his wife, Diane of Carmel Valley, Ca; mother, Janice McGregor Wren of Walnut Creek, Ca with whom he spent his final days; stepfather, Ron Wren of Walnut Creek; and scores of friends, cousins and step-siblings who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Carmel Valley Village on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 with prayer service at 11 a.m. and a celebration of life immediately following in the church hall.



Joan Schwing Parkerson

1931 ♦ 2017

Joan Schwing Parkerson died peacefully on December 29 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Godfrey Ross Parkerson, as well as her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Poynter Schwing, Jr., and siblings, Carolyn Schwing Howard, and Samuel Poynter Schwing III.

“Pie-z” was born in November 1931 and grew up in New Orleans. She graduated from Isidore Newman School and attended Sophie Newcomb College. After marrying the love of her life, Godfrey, in 1953, she provided a lifetime of unconditional love to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Garden Study Club of the Garden Club of America, the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, the Debutante Club of New Orleans, and the Junior League of New Orleans. She was also an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, where she enjoyed attending eucharist chapel services with family and friends.

Pie-z loved people and was the quintessential hostess. She was known for her lively dinner parties in New Orleans, as well as her beloved Carmel, CA., where the weather was always “marvelous,” even when it was foggy. She had a very active life at Lambeth House and enjoyed sharing time with friends for lunch, bridge, and “Rummikub.”

Pie-z is survived by her children, Alice Blakemore Parkerson and Godfrey Bruce Parkerson (Jennifer) of New Orleans. In addition, she is survived by her grandchildren, Samuel Parkerson McEnery (Marti), Joan McEnery Browne (Patrick), Godfrey Ross Parkerson II, John Stirling Parkerson, and Sarah Woodward Parkerson. She is also survived by five great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on January 5, 2018, at Noon at Trinity Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Trinity Episcopal Church, 1329 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130 or an organization of your choice.

To view and sign the guestbook, visit www.lakelawnmetairie.com

To place an obituary for your loved one, contact anne@carmelpinecone.com or (831) 274-8654



Nancy Karen Heitzman

March 25, 1937 ~ December 23, 2017
Carmel Valley



Nancy K. Heitzman, a native of Chicago, has lived locally for the past fifty years, most recently with her daughter and grandson. After receiving her RN degree from the Julia F. Burnham School of Nursing in Illinois, she began her forty-five year nursing career. Nancy worked at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara then as Director of Nurses at Beverly Manor in Monterey and Katherine Care Center in Salinas. She retired as charge nurse at Carmel Valley Manor.

Nancy served as an ombudsman for Monterey County. She bred Doberman Pinschers and traveled to dog shows all over the world including Japan, Brazil and New Zealand as a judge of her favorite breed. Nancy was a longtime member of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America and the Del Monte Kennel Club. She particularly enjoyed vacations spent at Lake Tahoe.

Nancy is survived by her children, Jeff Hogans of Salinas and Sharon Simpson of Carmel Valley. She was especially devoted to her grandchildren, Christina Luciano, Jordan Simpson and Ryan Hogans and her great-granddaughter, Vanessa. She is also survived by her nephews, David and John, many extended family members in Illinois and her step-children, Jeri and Aaron. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Heitzman; her parents, Helen and Dick Kamerer; her siblings, Richard, Anne and Karen and her nephew, Freddie.

Private family services will be held. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Doberman Pinscher Club of America. To sign Nancy’s guest book and leave messages for her family, please visit www.thepaulmortuary.com.

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