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THE MID-COUNTY SOCIAL CENTER IS A MEMBER OWNED, SELF SUPPORTING, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
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**Garden Harvest
Craft Fair**

Midcounty Social Center 829 Bay Ave, Capitola

**Saturday
October 3rd
time 1pm-3pm**

30+ Vendors!
Lavender
Ceramics
Succulents
Sea Glass Art
Driftwood

**GARDEN: Tours/ Scarecrow Alley/BBQ
Organic Veggie Starts/ Fresh Bouquets For Sale**

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Greetings fellow MCSC Members,

We are sorry to say we lost our Ukulele Leader – Gigi Goodwin this month. She did a wonderful job as leader of the Ukulele team and was a kind, loving person; she will be missed by us all. Our sincerest condolences go out to her family, friends, and all who knew her.

Although we are already faced with financial strain, the Board has made the decision to hire a receptionist. This is our most crucial role, and we need someone to man the desk and collect the funds coming in! This will push our funds tighter, but it is a sacrifice we thought was crucial. I want to thank everyone who has already donated, we are at 70% of our original goal. If you can help with any amount, it is deeply appreciated!

As always, we have a lot going on at the center, and we love seeing it so busy. As you know we are run by our volunteers. We are looking for a new lead for Activities at the center. This person would be responsible for lining up activities, finding new instructors, and helping with special events, and trips. If you are interested or know anyone interested, please contact me.

We start off the month with Annual Garden and Craft Sale hosted by our Gardeners. Both the craft ladies and the Lavender Ladies will have booths as well as multiple vendors! We will be having a BBQ, and it is always a fun day where we can relax with our members. I hope you will join us. Tuesday Night Live returns for a special dinner, October 20th, 2026 - prepared by Chef Ralph Di Tullio. The cost is \$20/person. Please come give him a big welcome and support!

Please mark your calendars for this year’s Halloween Costume Party on Friday Oct 30, 2026. What’s a Halloween party without a costume contest? Dress up and compete, Have a spooky fun time!!

Have a Great Month Everyone! George, MCSC

* IMPORTANT NOTICE *

As we continue looking for ways to cut costs and save money, we are hoping to reduce our postage and mailing expenses.

If you do not need a printed newsletter mailed to your home, please let me know so I can remove you from the mailing list. Rest assured that the Newsletter & Calander will continue to be automatically emailed each month. Every little bit helps, and every penny counts!

This will allow us to put more of our resources toward the programs, activities, and services our members enjoy.

To be removed from the newsletter mailing list, please contact Ana:

mcsc4ana@gmail.com

831.476.4711

Thank you for helping MCSC save!

♥ Ana, MCSC Coordinator

BOWMAN RANCH BREAKFAST

—★ Sunday – October 25, 2026 ★—
8:30am – NOON



OPTION #1

Omelet w/ Cheese & Veggies, Hashbrowns, Bacon or Sausage, Fruit and

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!!

OPTION #2

French Toast, Bacon or Sausage & Fruit

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Ages 10 & Under**

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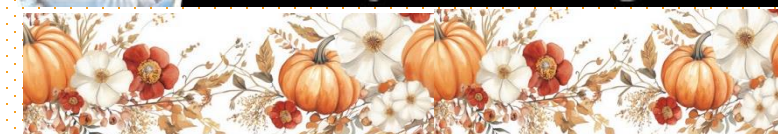
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MID COUNTY SOCIAL CENTER TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

Doors Open 4:30 PM | Dinner Served 5:00 – 6:00 PM

\$20 per person

Serving: Tri-Tip, World Famous Chili Beans, Coleslaw & Garlic Bread
prepared by Chef Ralph Di Tullio

Good Food
Good Friends!
Good Times!

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Live Music! FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE COSTUME PARTY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

The Plateau Jazz Band
WILL BE PLAYING 7-9 PM
\$10/PERSON

WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME & COMPETE FOR BEST DRESSED!
WIN A PRIZE!

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*The following motions were approved at the
September 18th, 2026, Board Meeting:*

- 1) Motion: Moved by Tony to approve August 21, 2026 Minutes; Seconded: Debbie; Vote: Unanimous, Approved
- 2) Motion: Moved by Cindy to hire a receptionist, part-time, 4 hrs per day, 10am-2pm, 5 days per week at \$20 per hr; Seconded: Mari; Vote: Unanimous, Approved
- 3) Motion: To adjourn meeting Moved by Curt at 11:16am; Seconded by Cindy; Vote: Unanimous, Approved.

Submitted by Recording Secretary – Mari Segura

Social Dance Workshop

With Becky Adams & Bob Folker

Monday Evenings

10/5 /26 – 10/26/26

Salsa Level 1 @ 6:15-7:15 - \$10

Night Club 2 Step Level 2 @ 7:30-8:30 - \$10



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Audrey Reader has been in the community since January 2024. She moved here after living and working for the US Army as a teacher in Bavaria, Germany for 24 years. She volunteers with the Santa Cruz Public Library Puzzle exchange program and with MCSC at reception. She also brings her Service Dog in her pouch. Poppy is from the Peace Of Mind Dog Rescue, an organization that specializes in senior dog fostering and adoptions. Poppy's life mission is to bring joy and love to everybody she meets!

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Departments

Coordinator: Ana Alvarez (831) 476-4711
Newsletter: Ana Alvarez
Receptionist: Ana Alvarez
Librarian: Elke Maus: (831) 464-8983

Sunshine Committee:
Ana Alvarez (831) 476-4711

At MCSC, the members, volunteers and staff are important and are treated equitably and professionally.

Board of Directors, General Meeting minutes and financial statements are available upon request through the President, George Kiernan



What do you call a
pumpkin that works
at the beach?
A life gourd.



NEW MEMBERS



Joined from 8/16/26 – 9/17/26

Julie	Fletcher-Tighe
Fredda	Foust
Tim	Wan
Jenny	Wroblewski
Joan	Folsom
Judith	Feinman
Jeannie	Huie
Dawn	Daddario
Susan	Yanowsky
Yevan	Christian
Mari	Levine
Roy	Ford
Donald	Gardner
Denise	Elerick
Joy	Caragliano
Athene	Mantle
Aaron	Wayne

TOTAL MCSC MEMBERS 675

You're Invited!

Members We Hope to See You There!

MCSC

GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026
12:30 PM

Pizza will be Served!

SPECIAL SPEAKER
@ 1:00 PM

Deborah Osterberg
Presentation of the
Historic Tales of
Henry Cowell Redwoods

Cake & Ice Cream
to follow!

Community • Friends • Fun • Always Something Happening at MCSC!

October — BIRTHDAYS —



Andrea	Zavitsanos	Lesley-Anne	Taylor
Armando	Mendoza	Luz	Johnson
Art	Landacre	Margaret	Ware
Barbara	Denton	Marilyn	Carter
Beverly	Barrick	Marilyn	White
Carol	Foster	Mathilde	Meyboom
Cecille	Fortun	Michael	Lew
Cindee	Sorensen	Michael	Maloney
Colleen	Sloan	Michele	Huesties
Dale	Whyte	Mike	Brenner
David	Gervasi	Nadya	Dinolova
Debbie	Damsen	Nancy	Maley
Deborah	Gilpin	Norma	Spiegel
Diane	Castle	Oceanna	Williams
Don	Crumm	Olive S.	Tarkington
Donna	Cerio	Pam	Bryan
Geri	Hancock	Phyllis	McCarty
Greenwell	Seeger	Piyada	Miller
Heather	Haggerty	Reeda	Palmer
Hsiu-Li	Cheng	Rita	Kinney
Jamie	Godla	Robert	Vasconcellos
Janel	Mead	Rochelle	Small
Judi	Novik	Sally	Silva
Judy	Cameron	Sandy	Allen
Julie	Conway	Shanta	Shenoy
Kalman	Weinfeld	Shea	
Karen	Belick	Shaunna	Egling
Kathleen	Downing	Stephanie	Sales
Kimberly	Blake	Susan	Weismuller
Kimberly	Frey	Teresa	Mendoza
Lamar	Spalding	Tim	Wan
		Vicky	Howell

VoteMobile



SC COUNTY
VOTE MOBILE
IS COMING TO
MCSC
WED. OCT 21,
8AM to 12PM

ACTIVITY NOTES

BINGO

Tuesdays - BEST Game in Town!
Doors & Snack bar opens at 12:15. Game starts at 1:00 PM.

CARDS & BOARD GAMES

Duplicate Bridge: Mon/Thu 11AM

Canasta: Hand & Foot
Mondays & Thursdays
12:30-3:30PM (M)

Cribbage: Mon/Wed
1-3PM (M)

Chinese Mah Jongg
Wed 12:30-3:30PM (M)

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

Scrabble: Wed 12:30-3PM. (M)

Mexican Dominoes: Wed 1-3PM

Bridge for Fun: Thu 12-3PM (M)

American Mah Jongg:
Friday @ 12:00PM (A)

PEDRO – Every 1st Friday of the
month 1- 3:30 PM (M)

CHORALIERS

PERFORMING ARTS

Practice for our 3 times per year
live performances – includes
singing, dancing, costuming,
choreography, and set decoration.
Tue 9:30 AM for vocal rehearsals,
and dance practice on Thurs 8:45
AM

CLUBS

Book Club: Meets 1st Fri at
Capitola Library at 11AM –12:30
Chess Club: Fri 1:00PM

Ukulele Jam Club: All skill levels
are welcome. Other instruments
are welcome too - Come jam with
us and have fun. Fri 10:15AM



DANCES

See calendar for Details



EXERCISE & FITNESS

Gentle Yoga – (A)
Mon 9-10:30AM

Tai Chi Chih – (M)
Mon 11:30-12:30PM

Tai Chi Chih – (M)
Wed 10:45-11:45AM

Yoga w/ Laxman– (A)
Wed 1.30 - 2.30 PM

Sr. Physical Fitness – (M)
All levels welcome.
Wed at 9:30AM

International Folk Dance
Thurs. 10:30-12:30PM (M)

Senior Stretch – Fridays at
9am. We work the whole
body in a fun way!

WIN – Fridays – 8:45 in the
annex for weight information

OTHER CLASSES

ART CLASS:
EVERY Tuesday 1-3pm (A)

IMPROV Class
1st & 3rd Wednesday (M)
10.30-12PM

SPANISH – Fridays
11:00-12:00 (M)

90's CLUB
2nd Friday of the month (M)

JAPANESE FLOWER
ARRANGING : Sat 10/10
(A) 10-12PM *Preregister



(M) = MAIN ROOM
(A) = ANNEX ROOM

GARDEN UPDATE



Join us Saturday, October 3, for the Garden
Harvest & Craft Sale!

Celebrate fall with fresh flower bouquets,
organically grown produce, and starter
plants from The Garden Cart. Take a garden
tour to meet the adorable scarecrows—and
choose a favorite scarecrow to bring home
for your Halloween and Thanksgiving
celebrations.

Browse more than 30 local vendor booths
filled with seasonal handmade finds,
including ceramics, baked goods, upcycled
sea glass, tin and driftwood art, home décor,
and needle crafts. Enjoy food and drinks as
you stroll through the garden and booths to
support local makers. Enjoy the garden
bounty and discover something special at
the MCSC Harvest and Craft Sale!



Grow
Together,
Thrive
Together

Join our Senior Volunteer
Program at Soquel
Elementary! Help nurture
young minds in a vibrant
garden setting where
learning and friendship
flourish.



CONTACT: THEA LUITEN
Asst. Garden Mgr. - 831.239.1611

GIFT SHOP UPDATE



One of our beloved crafters, Marita Keeling, has
won FIRST PRIZE at the Santa Cruz County
Fair for her “Apple Pies and Starry Skies” baby
blanket.

The MCSC Gift Shop features beautiful,
handcrafted items made with care—needlecraft
arts, greeting cards, glassware, and many other
one-of-a-kind treasures. Check out the quilted
table décor and lavender scented items to
brighten your Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Birdhouse Craft Class will be on Sat., Nov.
14, from 1- 4 pm, for \$35 fee (which includes all
materials). Pre-Registration required. Call
(831) 476-4711. We want to thank all our loyal
customers for supporting the MCSC Gift Shop.

Your visits and purchases help keep our
creative community thriving!

JOIN US for the 90' CLUB
2nd FRIDAY of the Month



October 9th, 2026
1:00 - 2:30PM



* FREE *
STICK YOGA
with
ARTHUR
FAYGENHOLTZ
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23RD
1-2PM



FUNDRAISER STATUS

9/17/26 \$17,476 Raised



Help us reach our goal!

We set our goal to raise \$25,000 to
help close the deficit after losing our
grant.

To date we have raised \$17,476

\$7,524 to go!

We appreciate your
donations!



UKULELE UPDATE



We are very saddened to share the news that our beloved
Gigi (Georgene Goodwin) passed away suddenly
Monday, September 14. For over a decade Gigi led our
Friday ukulele group, which she proudly named the Mid
County Pluckers. She is also the person who has been
writing updates about our group in this newsletter.
An incredibly positive, giving and musically talented
person, Gigi always made everyone feel welcome to our
group, whether they knew how to play the ukulele or a
different instrument, or just wanted to sing along. She
loved dressing up and performing and organized for our
group to go play at different places such as Pacific Coast
Manor, Valley Haven and Elderday in Watsonville.
While she always welcomed beginners and made them
feel especially welcome, she encouraged everyone to try
to improve a little, without pressure, and to just have
fun. And with her wonderful sense of humor, we did
have a lot of fun! Gigi created a space of music, laughter
and camaraderie, encouraging us to share her
enthusiasm for music and life. We will miss Gigi deeply
and she will always have a place in our hearts. Our 10:15
ukulele group will carry on and all levels of ukulele
players, singers and visitors are invited to join us in
continuing Gigi's fun-loving musical legacy.