

FEBRUARY  
2026



NEWCOMERS  
NEWS

## Monthly Coffee

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026  
**TIME:** 9:30 am -- Socializing, Coffee, and Snacks; 10:15 am -- Program begins  
**PLACE:** Park City Community Church  
4501 Highway 224, Park City, UT 84098  
Turn off Highway 224 onto Bear Hollow Drive.  
(The church is behind the Park City Gardens.)

**SPEAKERS:** Park City Water Department leaders **Michelle De Haan** and **Clint McAfee**

Park City operates one of the most complex municipal water systems in the United States. Although classified as a “small water system” by the EPA, the city relies on eight water sources, including mine tunnels that supply approximately 45% of its water. The system includes more than 130 miles of pipeline and three water treatment plants—an unusually high number for a community of our size.

The Park City Water Department faces significant challenges, including aging infrastructure, the high cost of importing water, and unique expenses associated with mine maintenance and water quality management. Despite these obstacles, Park City consistently meets or exceeds water quality standards set by the EPA and the Utah Division of Drinking Water, providing reliable service and high-quality drinking water to more than 5,500 consumer connections.



**Michelle De Haan** earned her bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of South Carolina and has dedicated 35 years to the field of drinking water quality and treatment. Her career spans work with two municipalities and private consulting, and for the past 14 years she has led these efforts locally as Park City’s Water Quality and Treatment Manager.

**Clint McAfee** began his career in the water industry in the 1990s as a snowmaking crew leader at Park City Mountain Resort. He earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Utah and joined Park City Municipal Corporation in 2010, first serving as Water Engineering Manager before advancing to his current role as Public Utilities Director.



**Come Celebrate!**  
**Park City Newcomers**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion**



**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm**  
**Park City Community Church**

Join current and former PC Newcomers as we commemorate **30 years of creating friendships and connections** in Park City and the Wasatch Back community.

- ✓ Explore the ways that **Newcomers has evolved and changed with Park City** since 1995.
- ✓ **Meet founders and early leaders** of our vibrant organization.
- ✓ **Snap a selfie with an iconic Park City personality** as we bid farewell to Sundance.
- ✓ Celebrate our own **“Running of the Balls”** – you could be a winner!
- ✓ Peruse all **25 Newcomers activity displays** and sign-up to participate in your favorites.

**You'll enjoy hors d'oeuvres, charcuterie, wine, soft drinks, cake and a rousing champagne toast!**

**Sign Up in TWO EASY STEPS - deadline for purchase 2/18**

1. **RSVP** to Molly Evans! [mollyevans55424@gmail.com](mailto:mollyevans55424@gmail.com) with your head count.
2. **THEN PAY FOR YOUR TICKETS** one of four easy ways!  
**\*\*Tickets are \$25 for Newcomer members; \$30 for non-members\*\***
  - **Venmo:** @PC\_Newcomers
  - **Zelle:** [treasurer.newcomersclubparkcity@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.newcomersclubparkcity@gmail.com)
  - **Credit Card:** in person at the February 11th Coffee
  - **Check:** to “PC Newcomers”, mailed to P.O. Box 980235 PC 84098

# 1<sup>st</sup> VP Events

## 1<sup>st</sup> VP Event for February – Paint Nite – **NOTE: Location + Timing have changed.**

Join us for a fun-filled Paint Nite evening where you will get in touch with your inner creativity and create your own work of art as we enjoy libations while we paint. We will be enjoying dinner with Newcomer friends before the painting activity at Back 40 at 4:30pm, followed by our Painting experience at 6:30pm.

DATE: Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 4:30 – 6:15 PM (Dinner)

PLACE: Back 40 Ranch House Grill, [1223 US-40, Heber City, UT 84032](#)

PAINT LOCATION: Inspiration Haven Art Studio, [2 South Main Street, #3A, Heber City, UT 84032](#)

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 PM (Painting)

COST: \$40 (does not include dinner)

RSVP: Ariela Shani at [arishani49@gmail.com](mailto:arishani49@gmail.com)

Bring your own preferred libations to enjoy during painting.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> VP Event for March - Private Tour of Heber Valley Artisan Cheese, cheese tasting, followed by lunch!

DATE: Thursday, March 26

TIME: Tour at 10:00 AM, lunch at noon

PLACE: Heber Valley Milk & Artisan Cheese, [920 River Road, Midway, UT 84049](#)

LUNCH: Back 40 Ranch House Grill, [1223 US-40, Heber City, UT 84032](#)

COST: \$35 for tour and tasting, plus lunch

RSVP: Mary Lynne Hulme at [marylynnehulme@gmail.com](mailto:marylynnehulme@gmail.com)

Heber Valley Artisan Cheese is a small family dairy farm and creamery in the beautiful community of Midway. For nearly 100 years, the Kohler family has been producing premium milk to delight their customers. In 2011, they added the production of handcrafted and aged artisan cheese. Their 150 dairy cows are grass-fed and roam free in the Kohler family's pastures with natural springs. This is the secret to the premium milk produced by these happy and healthy "gals."

We will enjoy a private tour to 'Meet the Cows' for a memorable farm experience. It begins with a scenic hayride over to the barn, where we will have a chance to interact with the baby calves. The adventure continues inside the state-of-the-art robotic milk barn, where we'll see modern dairy farming in action. After our tour, we will enjoy a taste of their award-winning cheeses.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> VP Event for April - Practical AI – A Newcomer's Guide to an AI Mindset

DATE: Monday, April 20

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00pm

PLACE: Park City Community Church, [4501 Hwy. 224, Park City, UT](#)

COST: \$45 to Mary Lynne, who will forward payment to workshop leader.

Venmo: @MaryLynne-Hulme --or-- Zelle: use Mary Lynne's email.

RSVP: Mary Lynne Hulme at [marylynnehulme@gmail.com](mailto:marylynnehulme@gmail.com)

Cut through hype and dread and explore the fun and potential of adopting an AI Mindset. Whether you want to sharpen your Canasta or Bridge skills, or plan an exotic trip, AI can likely lend a hand. In this two-hour workshop designed specifically for the Park City Newcomers Club, Todd MacDonald, founder of the [Center for Applied AI](#) in Park City, will share perspectives and tips on AI and its practical uses.

*1<sup>st</sup> VP Events continued...*

The session covers AI basics, beginner tools, and actionable steps to boost personal and professional growth in today's fast-changing AI era. Whether brand new or eager to deepen your skills, you'll gain knowledge and tools to navigate the AI landscape with confidence. Join us to see how an AI Mindset can enhance your world.

If you have questions about the workshop, or about AI in general, please visit: [www.CenterForAppliedAI.com/PCNewcomers](http://www.CenterForAppliedAI.com/PCNewcomers)

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 3 – 7, 2026 (EVENT IS FULL)**

An exciting and event-filled trip visiting vineyards, experiencing elevated winemaker dinners, touring and hiking the Colorado Monument and Mesa, and experiencing the fabulous Bluegrass Festival.

DATES: June 3-7, 2026

PLACE: Palisade, Colorado -- staying at the Doubletree Grand Junction

COST: Cost to be provided when you let us know of your interest

This event is full at 34 people attending. We will have a wait list, so please RSVP your interest to Ariela Shani at [arishani49@gmail.com](mailto:arishani49@gmail.com) ASAP. **For those who have already RSVP'd:** if your plans to attend have changed, let Ariela know as soon as you can, so we can inform those on the wait list.

## Newcomers Board July 2025 – June 2026

### **Governing Board:**

#### **President**

Alisa Harbin [alisa.harbin@gmail.com](mailto:alisa.harbin@gmail.com)

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Linda Elbert [lmlephd@mac.com](mailto:lmlephd@mac.com)

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#### **Signature Events**

Judy Bernstein [judybb12@gmail.com](mailto:judybb12@gmail.com)

# Newcomers Board Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Linda and Larry Elbert, 929 N Mills Rd, Heber City, UT 84032

All Newcomers members are welcome. If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Alisa Harbin at [alisa.harbin@gmail.com](mailto:alisa.harbin@gmail.com) or (435) 901-1562.

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**Interested in getting more involved in Newcomers?** We have opportunities for you. As of July 1, 2026, the following positions on the Governing Board are open: President Elect, one 1st VP and 2nd VP. There will also be some open positions of the Standing Committees, Activity Chairs, and Newsletter Chair. Please reach out to Alisa Harbin at [alisa.harbin@gmail.com](mailto:alisa.harbin@gmail.com) with questions, requests for information or to express your interest.

## Unique Opportunity

### Discover Deer Valley's Historic Expansion - On Skis

Deer Valley has more than doubled in size in the past year, unveiling 100 new runs and 10 new lifts including a 10-passenger gondola connecting the new East Village to Park Peak. Join us for an inside look at this remarkable, state-of-the-art expansion with a private, on-mountain tour led by Newcomers Club member and Deer Valley Mountain Host **Lyn Walker**. Optional lunch at Deer Valley Lodge afterwards.

This 3-hour tour will run on **Thursday, February 5** and **Thursday, March 5** in the morning, with 12 people total per tour. You must be able to ski on blue natural and groomed runs and have a Deer Valley lift ticket or pass. Meet in the East Village Lodge, time to be sent via email to participants. **Note: There is limited availability/waitlist only for these dates.** We may add another date in March.

To reserve your spot or to email your interest, RSVP directly to Lyn Walker at [JL8parkcity@gmail.com](mailto:JL8parkcity@gmail.com).

# Newcomers Calendar

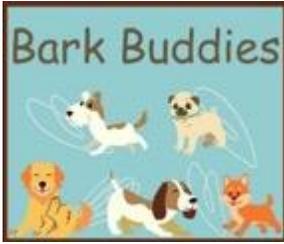
## FEBRUARY

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2 10:00 AM GONE WILD  1:00 PM CANASTA	3 10:00 AM DOWNHILL SKIING PCMR  10:00 AM WRITER'S CIRCLE  1:00 PM CHINESE MAH JONGG	4   4:00 PM BOARD MEETING	5 8:30 AM DEER VALLEY (PRIVATE TOUR)  10:00 AM DOWNHILL SKIING DEER VALLEY  2:30 PM AMERICAN MAH JONGG	6    3:30 PM BARK BUDDIES	7	8
9 10:00 AM BOOK CLUB  1:00 PM CANASTA  6:00 PM BUNKO	10 10:00 AM DOWNHILL SKIING PCMR  1:00 PM FUN BRIDGE	11 9:30 AM MONTHLY COFFEE	12 10:00 AM DOWNHILL SKIING DEER VALLEY  2:30 PM AMERICAN MAH JONGG  6:00 PM JULIETS	13    3:30 PM BARK BUDDIES	14    6:00 PM SUPPER CLUB	15
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**NEWCOMERS CLUB OF GREATER PARK CITY  
PO BOX 980235, PARK CITY, UT 84098**

# Activities

Please see details inside this Newsletter for event times, locations, and how to sign up or RSVP for each activity.



## BARK BUDDIES

DATES: Every Friday

TIME: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

PLACES: We will rotate each week using the following schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: **Willow Creek Dog Park**, 4460 Split Rail Lane

2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays: **Trailside Dog Park**, 5715 Trailside Drive

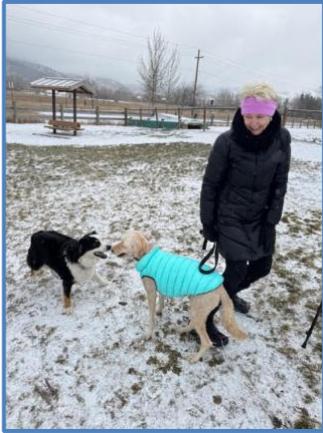
3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays: **Run-A-Muck**, 2387 Olympic Pkwy

(Original entrance; second on the left as you drive up)

4<sup>th</sup> Fridays: **Park City Heights Dog Park**, 2225 Ledger Way

5<sup>th</sup> Friday (in the event): **The Woods Dog Park**, 4275 Sunrise Drive

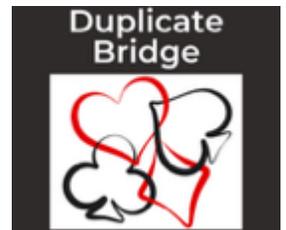
We will be meeting on Fridays in the afternoon for **Après Ski Bark Buddies from 3:30-4:30** throughout the ski season.



Co-Chairs: Janet Zaiff - [jzaiff@aol.com](mailto:jzaiff@aol.com) and Vivian Gayol – [viviangayol@gmail.com](mailto:viviangayol@gmail.com)

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

*There will be no Duplicate Bridge sessions until Spring.*



## BOOK CLUB

DATE: Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> [2<sup>nd</sup> Monday]

TIME: 10:00 am

PLACE: Summit County Library – downstairs meeting room (near DMV) or ZOOM by invitation

BOOK: **Brave the Wild River: The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon** by Melissa L. Sevigny

RSVP: Sallie Rinderknecht at [rindermom@gmail.com](mailto:rindermom@gmail.com)

*Book Club continued...*

## Reading List for 2026

March	<b><u>Small Mercies</u></b> by Dennis Lahaine
April	<b><u>A Different Kind of Power</u></b> by Jacinda Arden
May	<b><u>The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post</u></b> by Alison Pataki
June	<b><u>By Any Other Name</u></b> by Jodi Piccoult
July	One Book One Community – <b><u>Go as a River</u></b> by Shelley Read
August	<b><u>Maybe You Should Talk to Someone</u></b> by Lori Gottlieb
September	<b><u>Rules of Civility</u></b> by Amor Towles
October [ZOOM only]	<b><u>The Wide, Wide Sea, Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook</u></b> by Hampton Sides
November	Harvest Brunch
December	<b><u>History Matters</u></b> by David McCullough; Dorie McCullough Lawson, Michael Hill (Contributors)

We are taking book suggestions for 2027! Please contact us to be on the mailing list for up-to-date information about our meetings.

Chair: Sallie Rinderknecht at [rindermom@gmail.com](mailto:rindermom@gmail.com)

## EVENING BOOK CLUB

Evening Book Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6 pm.

DATE: Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: 6:00 pm  
PLACE: Home of Debra Straus  
RSVP: Debra Straus at [debra.straus@gmail.com](mailto:debra.straus@gmail.com)



Footwear is fine, remember to RSVP to the host each month due to limited capacity.

Next three books:

**February** Someone Else's Shoes, by Jojo Moyes. Discussion leader will be Vivian Gayol.

**March** Rules of Civility, by Amor Towles. Discussion leader will be Heather Tourkin.

**April** Afterlives, by Abdulrazak Gurnah. Discussion leader will be Cheryl Eisen.

For more information and to be added to our mailing list, please contact Tracy Lehfeltdt at [tracy.d.lehfeltdt@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.d.lehfeltdt@gmail.com)



## FUN BRIDGE

DATES: February 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> [2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month]  
TIME: 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
PLACE: Park City Library, Room 301  
CONTACT: Steve Tourkin [stourkin1@gmail.com](mailto:stourkin1@gmail.com)

Come join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month!

Please RSVP to Steve Tourkin. On Monday he'll send out an email with the list of players for Tuesday. Steve will do his best to include all those who want to play, but keep in mind we are limited to groups of four. In keeping with our Fun Bridge tradition--don't forget to bring your \$2 ante!

Co-Chairs: Steve Tourkin 202-361-8199 or [stourkin1@gmail.com](mailto:stourkin1@gmail.com) Kathy Williamse 916-600-0014 or [kathywilliamse@gmail.com](mailto:kathywilliamse@gmail.com)

## BUNKO

DATE: Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> [2<sup>nd</sup> Monday]  
TIME: 6:00 pm  
PLACE: Retreat at Jordanelle Clubhouse (RSVP to get the address and directions)  
COST: \$5.00 (for prizes) + BYOB and a snack to share  
RSVP: Kathie Beckman at [kathie.beckman@gmail.com](mailto:kathie.beckman@gmail.com) or with any questions.



Come join us to enjoy conversation, food and a fun game of dice! Bunko is strictly a game of chance that is very easy to learn, and we are happy to get you started even if you've never played. We usually play on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (occasionally the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday) for around 2½ to 3 hours. Hope to see you there!

**PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE COMING!**



## CANASTA

DATES: Every Monday  
TIME: 1:00-4:00 pm  
PLACE: Creekside Christian Fellowship, 1400 Bitner Rd., Park City  
RSVP: Text Hillary Jessup (979) 777-1518

**Please let Hillary know if you are planning to play to make sure we have enough tables.**

You must be a current Newcomers Member to play--one free trial available for potential Newcomer members.

## CATS (Creating Art Together Socially)

NOTE: We will resume in March after the Sundance Festival is over and our room at the Library becomes available.

TIME: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm [2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday every month] to resume starting March 13

PLACE: Park City Library, 1255 Park Avenue – ROOM 101

RSVP: Lynda McGuire at 707-338-6470 or [lyndamcguire@me.com](mailto:lyndamcguire@me.com)  
Heike Quinn at 209-914-0030 or [heike@sonic.net](mailto:heike@sonic.net)



Art covers many categories: painting of all kinds, jewelry, bead and stonework, floral arrangements, calligraphy, mixed media, fabric design, coloring, card creation, ceramics, mosaics, gourd design, scrapbooking, tables centerpieces, embroidery, weaving and much more. We invite you to join us and bring your craft/project to work on. We have worktables for you and lots of encouragement and camaraderie to share. Magic happens when creative groups gather!

Don't have a project to work on? Not sure what to do or how to get started? No worries, stop by and we can help you with some ideas and get you started on an art or craft piece that will be creative and fun. This is a casual get-together. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and refreshments. It's just an opportunity to meet with other creative people and share ideas.

## COOKING & DINING ADVENTURES (formerly Fine Dining)



The next session is May through August 2026. Look for sign up information in the March newsletter.

Coordinators: Joyce Jamele at [joydeejam@gmail.com](mailto:joydeejam@gmail.com)  
Linda Elbert at [lmlephd@mac.com](mailto:lmlephd@mac.com)

### What is Cooking & Dining Adventures?

Cooking & Dining Adventures is a wonderful way to meet other Newcomers in a more intimate setting. It is for couples and singles who like to cook, eat, and share conversation around the table. Sometimes there will be foods, ingredients, and techniques that might be unfamiliar.

### How does it work?

- Groups of 8 (couples or two singles) dine together once a month at a member's home, rotating locations each month.
- A menu and recipes for the dinner are provided by the Coordinators (Linda Elbert and Joyce Jamele).
- Each group schedules their own dinner dates with each couple taking a turn to host.
- Dates should be scheduled in a collaborative manner so the most members of the group can participate.
- If a couple or individual cannot participate, it is their job to notify the host and find their own alternate.
- The host prepares the main course and sets the table. Other group members prepare and bring the other courses (appetizer, salad/soup, dessert). We suggest that each couple take a turn at bringing one of the courses.
- Everyone provides the wine or cocktail that has been suggested to accompany their course.

### What if I can't host 8 people for dinner in my home?

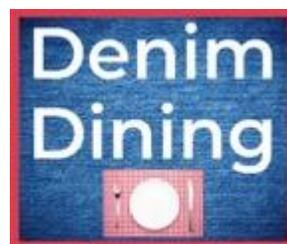
If you are a single, team up with another single (we cannot help you find a dining partner) that has a home that can accommodate 8 for dinner.

### OR

You (a couple or a single) can sign up to be an alternate. Alternates do not host the dinner - they fill in when regular member(s) can't attend. They bring one of the menu items to the dinner.

## DENIM DINING

This activity is a themed potluck that will take place in a Newcomers host's home. Hosts and participants will change monthly. Hosts will be responsible for picking a theme (the sky is the limit), coordinating dishes to be prepared by participants, preparing a dish, and providing dinnerware. Participants get to choose the course they will bring within the theme. All participants are encouraged to bring a beverage of choice to share to go with their dish. Singles and couples are both welcome.



*The Denim Dining group will take a pause in February, as we do not currently have a host.*

If you would like to host in 2026, please contact Julie at: [wernjulie@gmail.com](mailto:wernjulie@gmail.com).

Chair: Julie Wern at [wernjulie@gmail.com](mailto:wernjulie@gmail.com)



## GARDEN GROUP

We are dormant until next Spring! See you then.

Co-Chairs:

Amy Mills [amills3912@yahoo.com](mailto:amills3912@yahoo.com)

Pat Pond at [prpond@gmail.com](mailto:prpond@gmail.com)

## GONE WILD

Now you see it, now you don't. Are you really standing upside down on a rooftop? Wow, look how fat I am! No, now I'm super skinny! If you love illusions, this March Gone Wild event is perfect for you.



DATE: Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Lunch following from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Salt Lake Museum of Illusions, [110 S. Rio Grande St. \(Gateway Center\)](#)

COST: Group rate: \$28.28 per person

RSVP: Carol Haselton at [qualitycarol@hotmail.com](mailto:qualitycarol@hotmail.com)

To quote one of Newcomers more famous members, who shared a review of the Museum online:

*"This is a really fun event that is engaging, with many interactions. There are many photo opportunities."*

We will **meet at Jeremy Ranch Park and Ride at 9:15 a.m. to carpool** to the Gateway Center. We will spend about 2 hours in the Museum. There is also a game room with many intricate puzzles.

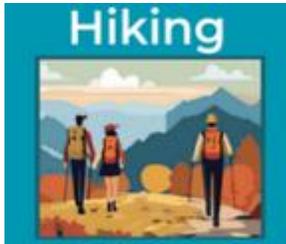
Lunch following at Mr. Shabu, "the best hot pot restaurant in Utah". Mr. Shabu is located less than a block away from the Museum. Many Newcomers had lunch there following our visit to the Planetarium a year ago. It was so successful that we thought we would revisit it. Lunch cost (all you can eat) is \$23.97 plus tax and tip.

If you plan to attend, please contact Carol Haselton at [qualitycarol@hotmail.com](mailto:qualitycarol@hotmail.com) to sign up for this event. She will provide information on how to purchase your group ticket, and where to park. Indicate whether you are willing to drive in the carpool.

Co-Chairs:

Carol Haselton [qualitycarol@hotmail.com](mailto:qualitycarol@hotmail.com) 619-997-5274

Sue Niblock [sbniblock@gmail.com](mailto:sbniblock@gmail.com) 301-448-0188



## HIKING

Hiking is wrapped up for this year – although the snowshoeing group will be hiking frozen trails with spikes until we finally get deep snow.

We hope you'll join us in the spring and even volunteer to lead a hike, if you're up for that. If you wish to be added to the hiking email list or have thoughts about a hike you'd like to lead, please send Cathy a message.

Chair: Cathy Van Dyke | 203-641-4434 | [cvandyke0@gmail.com](mailto:cvandyke0@gmail.com)

## JULIETS (Just Us Ladies Imbibing, Eating, Talking, Socializing)



Join us for a  
**Galentine's JULIETS!**

DATE: Thursday, February 12th  
TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm  
PLACE: Nancy Roe, 585 W Knollwood Drive, Heber City  
RSVP: Nancy at [nancyroe585@gmail.com](mailto:nancyroe585@gmail.com) or 901-331-5109

*Shed your shoes.*

Please bring either an appetizer, dessert, or beverage (wine or non-alcoholic) to share.

We will celebrate with a "Favorite Things" gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift of your favorite item, such as a favorite snack, cozy candle, bath bomb, face mask, slippers, a book, chocolates, lip balm, etc. \$10 limit.



*Save the Date: March 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Marylou Biddiscombe*



## LADS (League of Awesome Dudes)

DATE: Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: 11am to 2pm  
PLACE: The Warehouse, 4413 N Forestdale Drive, Park City  
RSVP: Len Avdey, 908-337-9306, [lavdey@verizon.net](mailto:lavdey@verizon.net)

*Space is limited to just 20 guests, so sign up fast before the spots disappear!*

Rev up your February—because we've got an unforgettable experience lined up for every auto enthusiast in LADS. We're heading into The Warehouse; a private showroom packed with 86 exotic supercars—from roaring Ferraris and sleek Lamborghinis to iconic Porsches and a collection of rare, one-of-a-kind machines you won't see anywhere else. Our guided tour is filled with insider stories, surprising history, and the kind of behind-the-scenes details every car lover lives for.

After the tour, we'll make our way upstairs for a lunch and drinks crafted by the talented husband-and-wife duo: Mixologist Alan Garduño and Chef Alejandra Adame.

And the fun doesn't stop there—feel free to explore their SIM Room, featuring four full racing simulators and a Topgolf screen for a little friendly competition after lunch.

This is a unique, high-octane outing you won't want to miss.

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## AMERICAN MAH JONGG

DATE: Every Thursday (**note new day & time**)  
TIME: 2:30 – 4:30 pm  
PLACE: Temple Har Shalom, 3700 N Brookside Ct, Park City  
CONTACT: Julie Wern [wernjulie@gmail.com](mailto:wernjulie@gmail.com)



Tables will be organized by experience level and an effort will be made to include instruction and/or mentoring for beginners.

To be added to an email distribution for organization purposes, please contact Julie Wern at [wernjulie@gmail.com](mailto:wernjulie@gmail.com).

Co-Chairs: Julie Wern and Linda Bittle

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## CHINESE MAH JONGG

DATE: February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> [*1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of every month*]  
TIME: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
PLACE: Temple Har Shalom, 3700 N Brookside Court, Park City  
COST: Suggested donation - \$2.00  
REQUIREMENTS: Newcomers Membership  
CONTACT: Phil Johnson [phildiski@gmail.com](mailto:phildiski@gmail.com), Cell: 810-423-3840

This is the one and only Chinese traditional Mah Jongg group in Park City. If you have never played this game, please feel no apprehension. Phil Johnson will personally teach each one of you, and you should be able to play your first game on your very first day. As a Chinese proverb puts it: *"It takes minutes to learn, but a lifetime to master."*

For those who are interested in the Mah Jongg group, please contact Phil to get on the email list for the latest news.

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## DOWNHILL SKIING GROUP – Deer Valley

DATE: Every Thursday (**Note: new day of the week**)  
TIME: 10:00 am  
PLACE: Deer Valley Resort, Carpenter lift



John & Kristi Ostrowski will be leading the Deer Valley Newcomers skiing group starting in January. We plan to meet every Thursday for an on-time start of 10am at the Carpenter lift -- weather and snow conditions permitting.

No RSVP required, but please email John at [jvostrowski@gmail.com](mailto:jvostrowski@gmail.com) to be informed of any changes or updates.



## DOWNHILL SKIING GROUP – PCMR

DATE: Every Tuesday

TIME: 10:00 am

PLACE: Park City Mountain Resort, Payday lift line

Calling all skiers! Come join the Newcomers skiing group at Park City Mountain. We will meet every Tuesday at 10am (weather and snow conditions permitting) by the Payday lift line and ski together until noon.

No RSVPs required, and all skiing levels are ok. We break into groups by level. If you would like to be on the email list for notifications and updates, **please let Mary Lynne know** at the email address below. She is leading this group along with Rich Marx and Michael Bergeson.



Co-Chairs: Mary Lynne Hulme [marylynnehulme@gmail.com](mailto:marylynnehulme@gmail.com)

Rich Marx [rich.marx@yahoo.com](mailto:rich.marx@yahoo.com)

Michael Bergeson [michaelbergeson@gmail.com](mailto:michaelbergeson@gmail.com)

## SNOWSHOEING

This group provides an alternative to the frenetic activity of the downhill slopes, with opportunities to play on snow in the tranquility of the woods and high sage desert. We have to rely on the natural stuff though, so our start date and early season outings will depend upon the weather. Between the lack of snow and frequent thaws, this season is proving particularly difficult.



All skill levels, including beginners, are welcome to join us on easy to moderate terrain around Park City and in the Western Uinta mountains. On packed trails we may opt for micro spikes or Yaktrax in lieu of snowshoes. Snowshoe outings are typically scheduled weekly on varying days of the week to provide opportunities for those with fixed commitments.

If you were part of this group last year, you should have received an email from us to confirm your continued interest in participating. If you don't think you are receiving emails, please check your spam or junk folders. Let us know if you wish to be deleted from the email list. To be added to the email list for notification of scheduled outings, submit a request to one of the activity chairs listed below.

*Snowshoeing continued...*

Given the conditions and the current forecast, our first outing will definitely be with Yaktrax or spikes. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about our outings or necessary equipment.

Co-Chairs:

Susan Kutcher | 435-901-1408 | [sekutcher@yahoo.com](mailto:sekutcher@yahoo.com)

Cathy Van Dyke | 203-641-4434 | [cvandyke0@gmail.com](mailto:cvandyke0@gmail.com)



*In better times...*

## STITCH 'N CHAT

DATE: Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> [3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday]

TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 PM (**Note: later time**)

PLACE: Park City Library, 1255 Park Avenue in the lounge entrance

RSVP: Carole Smillie at [csmillie@verizon.net](mailto:csmillie@verizon.net)



Bring along your crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, latch hook or any other needlework. Or just come to chat— we'd love to meet you!

Chair: Carole Smillie at [csmillie@verizon.net](mailto:csmillie@verizon.net)

**Save the Date: Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**



## SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club is a lively, potluck dinner, wherein everyone brings a dish and a beverage to share. When you RSVP, please specify what dish you'd like to contribute.

If you have committed to bringing a specific dish, but have a change of plans, please drop it off as the host and other guests are counting on you!

This month will be a special Valentine's Evening.

DATE: Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 6:00 - 8:30 PM

HOST: Stephanie and Ben Schwarz, 7517 Fiddlers Hollow - Promontory

RSVP: Stephanie Schwarz at [sandlotfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:sandlotfamily@yahoo.com) or (650) 387-3429 (text or call)

*Supper Club continued...*

### Notes from our hosts:

#### **A Cozy Valentine's Supper** – *Good Food, Good Company*

We will take care of the main dish – **choices of baked pasta: veggie, meat and/or gluten free.** Guests are invited to bring a **side, salad, bread, or dessert** to share. Please bring a **bottle of wine or a favorite drink** to share. We will have water on hand and can always make **coffee or tea.**

**Footwear:** Bring slippers if you'd like — shoes are welcome too, as long as the snow stays outside.

#### **Optional fun:**

- Wear a **touch of red or pink** if you're feeling festive!
- Be ready to share a **favorite or interesting winter tradition** (not required, just a conversation idea).

#### **Parking notes:**

- If there's **no snow**, parking in the cul-de-sac is fine.
- If it's **snowy**, the driveway can accommodate cars, and we can shuttle from the **Rail Trail parking lot.**
- **Carpooling is great** but not required.

#### **One more note:**

We do have a **new golden retriever puppy** and a **senior husky** in the house. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

*Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day Supper Club*

Co-Chairs: Carol Martin: 239-784-3025 [lovetravelcm@yahoo.com](mailto:lovetravelcm@yahoo.com) (Summer)

Judy Bernstein: (949) 400-1404 or [judybb12@gmail.com](mailto:judybb12@gmail.com) (Winter)

## **WALKING GROUP**

The Walking Group will be hibernating for the winter. We plan to start up again in April when the trees have buds and the chickadees have begun to sing -- and we amble along on our local trails again. Thanks to all who enjoyed last year's walks with us!



Co-Chairs: Carol Haselton [qualitycarol@hotmail.com](mailto:qualitycarol@hotmail.com) and Araby Leary [learyaraby@gmail.com](mailto:learyaraby@gmail.com)



## **WINE TASTING**

DATE: Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
HOSTS: John and Tyann Mooney  
ADDRESS: 1801 Red Hawk Trail, Park City  
RSVP: Tyann at [tyannmooney@gmail.com](mailto:tyannmooney@gmail.com)

Please join John and Tyann for a night of Latin Passion. Please bring a bottle of your favorite red wine from South America, in the \$25 - \$35 range, along with an appetizer with South American flair. If you are coming alone, you don't need to bring an appetizer, just wine. This event will be limited to 30 people.

Co-Chairs: Carol Martin: 239-784-3025 or [lovetravelcm@yahoo.com](mailto:lovetravelcm@yahoo.com) (Summer)  
Robert Green: [rgreen2005@msn.com](mailto:rgreen2005@msn.com) (Winter)

## WRITER'S CIRCLE

DATES: Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
PLACE: Park City Library, 1255 Park Ave., Park City, 84060  
CONTACT: Ariela Shani at [arishani49@gmail.com](mailto:arishani49@gmail.com)



The Newcomers Club of the Greater Park City area is a tax-exempt not-for-profit social organization under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

To keep everyone safe, we ask members to consider staying at home if they have been exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing cold, flu, or other respiratory symptoms, or to test themselves for COVID if they have any symptoms, before attending a Newcomer event. We also ask everyone to be respectful of anyone who decides to wear a mask to our events.

### Friendship

Liz Apgar and Sue DeMartini work together behind the scenes to provide support and cheer for all types of life events. Please contact Liz ([lizapgar@mac.com](mailto:lizapgar@mac.com)) to call and welcome any new member of Newcomers. If you know someone who would enjoy a word of congratulations or a note of support, please contact Sue ([dpd17@aol.com](mailto:dpd17@aol.com)).

*Do you know someone new to the community or have a friend who feels socially isolated? If so, please contact Liz.*

### Connections

Do you want to make a connection with other Newcomers members? Send your request to [newcomersclubparkcity@gmail.com](mailto:newcomersclubparkcity@gmail.com). Your request will be placed in this section for one month. You may resubmit your request up to three times.

### Membership Protection

Soliciting business at Newcomer Club functions is prohibited. Members' names, street or email addresses, or phone numbers may not be used or furnished to any business, charitable or civic organization for any purpose other than Club business.

### No Fund Raising

Newcomers is classified as a 501(c) 7 Social Club Organization and is organized exclusively for the pleasure and recreation of its members. As such, we cannot fundraise for ourselves or for other organizations, as this would conflict with our Bylaws and our Articles of Incorporation.

### Accolades Corner

It's always fun to discover amazing facts about our Newcomer friends, accomplishments that make us pause in admiration. Our own **Liz Apgar** has just finished a fun project, one in a series that she's tackled over time. But who knew?

Liz is originally from the East and lived in NYC for many years. Always a theater buff, she has long been a member of an all-women's theatrical group -- The Snarks, formed in 1909 and named after a character in a Lewis Carroll poem. The Snarks stage and produce plays with the group members accomplishing every aspect of the show. In early December, they staged "Calendar Girls", a play written after the success of the 2003 film -- eight performances in a "black box style" theater that seats 100, in an historic NYC carriage house. 500 people enjoyed the play during its run.

*Accolades Corner continued...*

Where does Liz fit in? Everywhere! She had a small part in the play...Brenda Hulse, a dull and very boring “guest speaker” to the Calendar ladies in one of the scenes. (*That certainly involved acting on vivacious Liz’s part!*) The role required six weeks of rehearsals, Liz catching the last two in NYC with the troupe.

But there’s more! Liz also costumed the entire show. Budgets were small, the cast large, so Liz worked with actors in their homes, crafting many costumes from their own closets. 13 actors, two acts and 13 scenes equals lots of costume changes – a complicated task that Liz relished, one that contributed enormously to the enjoyment of the production.

Newcomers often say we only know the part of our friends’ lives since they moved to Park City. What did they do before, in other places, jobs and lives? And when they go off to their other homes, or to different experiences for months at a time, how do they spend their time? Turns out they are often doing *very cool things!*



So now you know! And we're so delighted Liz shared it with us.

## No Refund Policy

At the December 2022 board meeting, the Newcomers Board reaffirmed its no-refund policy which has been in existence for a number of years. Events and activities will maintain a wait list to make available to participants that would like to cancel.

## Birthdays

Alisa Harbin	1-Feb	Karen Scheible	12-Feb
Kathy Williamse	2-Feb	Kris Newby	13-Feb
Robin Fravel	3-Feb	Asa Shani	13-Feb
Marta Porter	4-Feb	Debra Straus	15-Feb
Kathleen Britton	5-Feb	Kevin Kennedy	16-Feb
Joyce Krawiecki	6-Feb	Madeliene Payton	16-Feb
Dawn Martel	6-Feb	Cassandra Reid Barnes	17-Feb
Kristen Bogenrief	7-Feb	Terry Harris	18-Feb
John Mooney	7-Feb	Lisa Hummelberg	18-Feb
Jay Older	7-Feb	Tracy Lehfeldt	18-Feb
Liz Harris	8-Feb	Paul Crehan	19-Feb
Pam Holder	9-Feb	Erin Harrington	20-Feb
Beverly Brown	10-Feb	Robert Kibble	20-Feb
Michael McFadden	11-Feb	Marian Langston	20-Feb
Charlotte O'Connell	11-Feb	Carole Merritt	20-Feb
Marianne Cone	12-Feb		

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## LADS – January 16<sup>th</sup> – Grizzly Hockey Night



## Public Service Announcement

### REGISTRATION OPEN Master Gardener 2026 - Wasatch and Summit Counties

Whether you are just starting to garden or want to gain a deeper understanding of horticultural sciences, this course is for you!

The **Master Gardener program** is an in-depth, researched course on all things gardening. Just interested in gardening education? You are welcome to sign-up too.



**Orientation Meeting March 3.** Online classes March 10 - April 21. Hands-on workshops/classes/workdays through October held on days and at times when the maximum number of individuals are available.

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/master-gardener-2026-wasatch-and-summit-counties-tickets-1976519095822?aff=oddtcreator>

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