

Hello Joslyn Members (and folks who I hope will be again),

May 2021 – Joslyn Center Update

The big news this month is that California has a plan to reopen in mid-June which should provide a path for the Joslyn Center, as a “community center”, to get things going again and allow use of the entire facility by all members – hooray! At the upcoming full board meeting (May 13), the elected leaders along with all the club presidents will discuss some details and a “reopening document” will be sent to everyone + posted on our website shortly thereafter. There are many questions we won’t be able to answer until very close to the reopening date (including, what is the official reopening date), but we’ll try to keep everyone current on what we are learning about any restrictions or requirements the JRC may face. Please watch for upcoming communications and be ready to dance, play, interact, sing and exercise at 950 Main Street again soon.

The Rest of the Newsletter in Summary (and monthly pics at the end)

“2 steps forward, one step back” / more JRC live presentations

Some progress in and around the JRC, some issues to resolve

We started April (5pm on the 1st) with a complete shutdown of our e-mail service and website (thanks to an error made at Spectrum that was never quite fully explained). So for a while, if you sent any e-mail, it was either returned as undeliverable, or it was lost along with every e-mail we had ever sent or received. This was mostly annoying, but not catastrophic. Everything is back up and running now.

Early in the month the County completed installation of the custom-made conference room windows and you can see the sky again when sitting in that room. They are about to finish work on a cement slab (Pinedorado side of the building) intended to create a safer emergency exit path.

The pièce de résistance of the County’s efforts is finally getting to the new restroom flooring! This has been an odyssey that began in 2012 (planning started back that far) but didn’t get any traction until past President Sharon made it her special mission during her tenure to get going. Now, both restrooms have had the old floors removed and new vinyl *mostly* put in. Tomorrow they should be finishing the job and reinstalling the toilets and partitions. It will be nice to come back to spruced up flooring. [The pic for this month shows the work in progress, next month you’ll get to see the completed project!]

Unfortunately, a water leak emerged outside between the meter and our building which meant we were without water for nearly a week. That too has been resolved.

Our furnaces have been checked out, tuned up and repairs made so that timers in the main hall operate as designed again

There has been a setback regarding roof work and other mitigation from the January storm water that came into the building. The current delay is a result of the County rolling all storm related repairs, across the 15 or 16 buildings that had damage, into one project. They elected not to fund what had been scoped for us until it can be lumped in with the rest of the County storm work. This means that we may have some visible damage (drywall stains in restrooms and storage area, etc.) when we return to the JRC, but rest assured we will keep working on getting it all taken care of in time.

JRC LIVE Presentation Series

The 5th JRC LIVE presentation had Maryann Grau demonstrating making and cooking with ricotta cheese (see pic below) via Zoom. We may schedule an additional session but are hoping that the buildup to reopening is excitement enough until we are back in the JRC.

Looking forward to completing reopening planning and then seeing many of you in person in the weeks ahead!

Happy “Star Wars” day,

2021 President Mark K

Toilets and partitions relocated temporarily to main hall for bathroom flooring project



Work in progress on the restroom floor of the women's room



Maryann shows off a lovely manicotti made with her fresh ricotta

