



## Piedmont Community Service Crew Newsletter

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Please familiarize yourselves with PCSC's plans during these uncertain times. In the coming weeks, please remember that homeless and low-income Bay Area citizens need your help more than ever before. PCSC is having an extensive summer program and is planning its fall events, so read more below!

**Green** = upcoming event

**Orange** = past event

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### **Tiny House Mural Project**

PCSC has for the past year been building a "Tiny House" that will house a homeless teen when completed. Now that the structure is built, the crew is going to paint a mural on the walls. Crew member Quelam Tran Perez, a junior at Head Royce, and one of 3 PCSC artists that contributed to our crew design competition, had the winning design, and she is now organizing the mural project with other crew artists. All PCSC members are invited to help out with painting the mural, so look for updates on Facebook! This project was not only a fun and rewarding experience for the members, but it allows PCSC to make an impact on the really tough housing situation in the Bay Area.



### **Signups and Renewals!!!**

Throughout the COVID pandemic, our parent organization BSA has been working hard to contribute positively to the community. However, operating costs have risen as a result of COVID, and in order to maintain the program, BSA added a joining fee so new member dues will be \$100 effective August 1. Here is the [link](#) to sign up as a new member. To returning members: renewals were due last May 11! Go to the [renew page](#) on our website and follow the steps.

**Remember to make the two donations** so that we are doing our part to provide funding for things that we benefit from!

The just-graduated seniors do not need to renew to attend events through August.



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### **Fruit Gleaning**

For families with extra fruit in their gardens that need to be picked, we are going to start having fruit gleaning events. PCSC is organizing social distanced gleaning events where volunteers will pick the fruit which will be later used for College Ave and other cooking events. If your family has a lot of extra fruit and is willing to let volunteers into their yard, please reach out to our V.P. Program Sofia Stahl (contact info listed below).

### **Pen Pal Project**

PCSC has started a new event, the pen pal project, led by Tara Kothari and Elena Blanco. Elderly in senior care facilities are unable to see their loved ones due to COVID-19, so PCSC created this event to help ensure more social interaction for the elderly. Volunteers sign up on Facebook in pairs to be pen pals with a senior at the Victorian Manor Assisted Living facility. Members can participate in this event from home and this will hopefully help the senior citizens during this isolated time.

### **Speaker Series**

PCSC is organizing an online Speaker Series with the inaugural event set for the tentative date of August 23! These zoom calls will feature speakers from a wide variety of our partner orgs (ex. RTO, homelessness, hunger, environment) to deepen our understanding and empathy to each amazing organization we volunteer for as well as to facilitate meaningful conversations. More information about specific dates, speakers, and how to sign up will be coming soon! If you are interested in helping, want to suggest a topic or know anyone who would like to speak, please reach out to Emma Broening at [510-697-2593](tel:510-697-2593).

### **Food for Essential Workers**

If anyone is interested in baking or cooking, look up on Facebook to find instructions to bring food to Essential Workers at Highland Hospital. Crew members can drop food off whenever convenient, and will be asked to self report hours. Your food and baked goods will be shared among the various workers at the hospital, and hopefully brighten up their day.!



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Thank you for your interest and involvement in PCSC!

Sincerely,  
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For further information or other questions, visit our crew website, [www.pcservicecrew.org](http://www.pcservicecrew.org)

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