

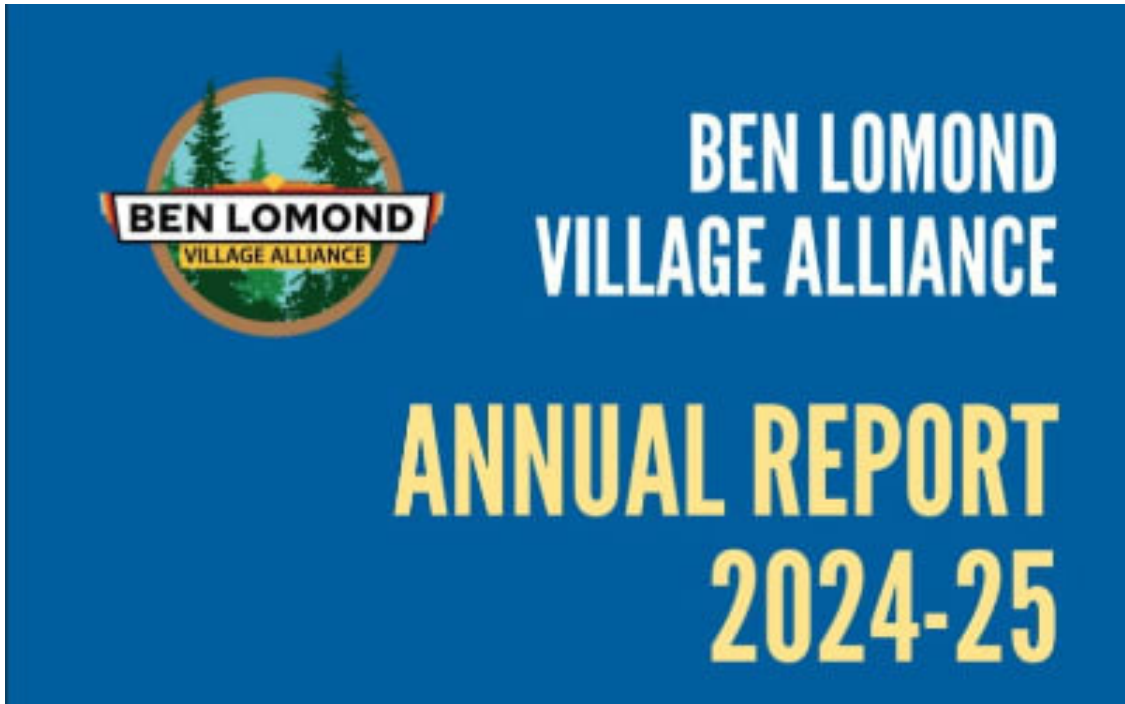
Dear Friend,

Welcome to the February 2026 edition of the Ben Lomond Village Alliance newsletter! January was a pretty quiet month, as we all tend to hunker down in the wintertime. With all the sunny January days this year, we are feeling the pull into the awakening of spring ahead! This month, we are excited to announce the publication of [our first Annual Report](#). Detailing our activities and impact from August 2024 to July 2025, you will clearly see in the Annual Report that the heart of our mission is a commitment to building community and the preservation, beautification, and economic vitality of our historic mountain home. The Annual Report serves as a roadmap of our collective progress, detailing exactly how your donations, volunteer hours, and community advocacy are being put to work. From infrastructure milestones like fixing streetlights to local events that reflect our unique village spirit, we invite you to explore our very first year's Annual Report to see the measurable impact of our shared vision for a thriving Ben Lomond.

Thanks to all of you—residents, volunteers, business owners, and supporters—who continue to show up and make Ben Lomond such a special place. Whether you've lent a hand, joined an event, or simply shared a smile around town, your presence matters. We are grateful for each of the small moments that bring us together as a community. February brings more opportunities to connect, pitch in, and keep building momentum together, so read on to see what's coming up and how you can be involved.

~The Team at the BLVA

RECENT IMPACT



The Ben Lomond Village Alliance's first Annual Report (August 2024 - July 2025) is now available! Read on to learn about the growth of the BLVA and the impact leaders, members, volunteers, and the community have had on our village during the first year—it's a lot!

[Read It!](#)

UPCOMING BLVA EVENTS

MIX & MINGLE

Feb 12 | 5:30 to 7:30pm | FREE

Highlands Park Senior & Community Center

Mix, Mingle & Make a Difference in Our Community with the Highlands Park Senior & Community Center, San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Ben Lomond Village Alliance. Join us for an evening of connection and compassion. Network with local business & nonprofit leaders and diverse community members while supporting vital (and exciting) programs that serve our whole community.

Enjoy delicious nibbles and drinks as you tour the facility, browse and bid on auction gift items (funds supporting the Highlands Park Senior & Community Center), learn about services and membership benefits, and discover how your generosity/partnership ensures this modern resource hub is available to everyone in SLV when they need it. More info [HERE](#)

Volunteers are needed to help at this event. Email Events@benlomondvillage.org to sign up!



SUPPER CLUB - Mardi Gras at Mark & Magdalena's

Sunday, February 15 | 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Magdalena and Mark will host a Mardi Gras themed Supper Club. Hosts will provide a festive environment, New Orleans Style Red Beans and Rice and Venezuelan style Carne Mechada (shredded beef), while guests are asked to bring salads, sides, appetizers, or desserts to share. Guests are encouraged to come dressed in their most festive Mardi Gras attire. Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Reserve your seat at the table [HERE](#)

EVENTS COMMITTEE MIXER

Thursday, February 19 | 5:30–7:00pm

Trout Farm Inn, 7701 E Zayante Road, Felton

Join the BLVA Events Committee at the Trout Farm Inn to chat about our 2026 calendar. Meet your neighbors, share your ideas, and get inspired for the year ahead! RSVP to Sarah at Events@BenLomondVillage.org.

SQUARE DANCE AT PARK HALL

SUN, FEB 22
7-9:30 PM
TICKETS \$10



SQUARE DANCE

Sunday, February 22 | 6:30 - 9:30pm
Park Hall Community Center, 9400 Mill Street

Dust off your cowboy boots and join neighbors for an evening of square dancing! The well known local band, Summoning Circle, will play along with a live caller. All ages and experience levels are welcome—no partner needed.

Doors open 6:30 PM
Dancing 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM
Beer & wine, sodas, and pie will be available by donation



Tickets \$10 - [HERE](#)

HELP NEEDED:

Are you able to hang up posters? Email secretary@benlomondvillage.org

Volunteer at the event or sign up to bring a pie [HERE](#).

TALES OF BEN LOMOND: PART 2
“THE GEM OF THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS”
**MOUNTAIN OUTPOST TO THRIVING TOWN:
VISIONARY BUSINESSMEN & EVERYDAY HEROES**
PRESENTED BY RONNIE TRUBEK
THURS, MAR 12 7 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM)
PARK HALL COMMUNITY CENTER, BEN LOMOND
BENEFITING
PARK HALL COMMUNITY CENTER SPRINKLER FUND
& BEN LOMOND VILLAGE ALLIANCE



TALES OF BEN LOMOND HISTORY SERIES PART 2

Thursday, March 12, 7:00 PM (Doors 6:30pm)
Park Hall Community Center, 9400 Mill St

Back by Popular Demand – with expanded material and new photos! Mountain Outpost to Thriving Town: Visionary Businessmen and Everyday Heroes

Join local historian and Realtor Ronnie Trubek for an engaging presentation on the

colorful characters who shaped the history of Ben Lomond and the San Lorenzo Valley. Co-hosted by the BLVA and Park Hall Community Center, this is the second of three presentations in Trubek's Tales of Ben Lomond series (Part 3 will be Thurs, April 16). This presentation focuses on the first half of the twentieth century and will be fascinating even if you missed Part 1! The event includes an intermission with concessions available. Doors open at 6:30 pm, presentation at 7 pm. All proceeds benefit the Park Hall Fire Sprinkler Fund and Ben Lomond Village Alliance. Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors/youth. [TICKETS!](#)

BEN LOMOND VILLAGE ALLIANCE MEMBER MEETING

Saturday, March 14, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Park Hall Community Center, 9400 Mill St

This community meeting is for anyone interested in becoming a member of the Ben Lomond Village Alliance, anyone curious about what the BLVA has been up to, and anyone who would like to get more involved - join a committee, lead a committee, or maybe even create a new one? Bring your questions and bring a friend and help us continue the work of making Ben Lomond thrive!

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

HONORING WOMEN

February 5 – March 21, 2026
Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, 9341 Mill St

March is International Women's Month. So for the first exhibit of 2026, SCMAC asked artists to create works that honor and celebrate women. Come enjoy the exhibit, more info [HERE](#).

THE SPITFIRE GRILL

March 6 - April 5 | Tickets go on sale February 13
Park Hall Community Center, 9400 Mill St

Mountain Community Theater is proud to announce the opening of the musical drama, The Spitfire Grill, with music and book by James Valcq, lyrics and book by Fred Alley, based on the film by Lee David Zlotoff.

Co-Directed by Greg Fritsch and Cathy D. Warner, with music director Don Atkins this production combines a beautiful score with a story of perseverance and redemption. This is the first show in MCT's 44th season of presenting high quality community theater to audiences in the San Lorenzo Valley and Santa Cruz area. More info and tickets [HERE](#)

VANILLA ROSE KRAUT CLASS ~ THE KRAUT OF LOVE

Saturday, February 14 | 10am - 12pm
Mountain Feed and Farm Supply, 9550 HWY 9

Tired of the same old flowers and chocolates for Valentine's Day? Mix it up this year and join us for this revelatory offering. In addition to the comprehensive fermentation class that you might expect from us, this one comes with an added bonus: a poetry reading celebrating this very recipe, from way back in 2016. A deep dive into sauerkraut basics, with a unique flavor twist. More info and sign up [HERE](#)

FIREWISE 2026 KICKOFF

Saturday, February 28 | 10:30am - 12:00pm
Santa Cruz Public Library - Felton Branch Community Room

Join your neighbors at the Firewise 2026 Kickoff, a community gathering where Forest Lakes and San Lorenzo Valley (SLV) Firewise neighborhoods come together to share plans, programs, and priorities for the year ahead. Experience hands-on wildfire prevention activities, learn practical home-hardening and evacuation safety tips, and connect with the people working to protect our neighborhoods. More info [HERE](#)

HEARTWOOD YOGA

9573 Highway 9

Your first month of unlimited yoga is just \$79 and includes a free 20-minute personal consultation. Share your goals, have your questions answered, and receive recommendations for classes that support your needs. More info and sign up today [HERE](#)

HIGHLANDS PARK SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

8500 HWY 9

From exercise classes to ukulele classes, there is always something going on at the Highlands Park Senior & Community Center. Many of the offerings are all-ages, so don't miss out - check out their events calendar today!

<https://www.highlandsparkseniorcenter.org/classes>

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

CORAZON DE LEON - Grand Opening!

Saturday, Feb 14, 4-6pm
9217 CA-9

We are excited to share that the soft opening of a new restaurant at the corner of Highway 9 and Hillside has begun! If you love the El Rey León Mexican Food taco truck in Boulder Creek, you'll be thrilled to know that owner Marco Rocha is bringing his flavors to Ben Lomond with a new, upscale Mexican restaurant right here in the heart of the village. This long-anticipated opening marks an exciting addition to our local food scene. **Grand opening party is Saturday, 2/14 from 4-6pm** and will include a mariachi band, buffet and more! Neighbors are encouraged to stop by during the soft opening, check out the space, and help us give Marco and his team a warm Ben Lomond welcome. They do not yet have a website, but you can see announcements from the owner on Instagram [HERE](#)

CAVANAGH'S CLEANING

This month we're delighted to shine the local spotlight on a local small business, Cavanagh's Cleaning. Known for their friendly, reliable service and commitment to making life a little easier, Cavanagh's Cleaning promises "we clean your house so you don't have to!"; a motto that speaks to their dedication to quality and customer satisfaction. Whether you're looking for regular housekeeping or a helping hand with seasonal deep cleans, they're ready to leave your space sparkling while you enjoy all that life in Ben Lomond has to offer. Contact Cavanagh's Cleaning [HERE](#)

'OUT AND ABOUT' WITH THE BLVA



CONTRA DANCE WAS A BLAST

We're incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make January's potluck and contra dance such a memorable night. We had about 20 people join us for the potluck and 100 community members came together to dance! This event could not have happened without the cooks, musicians, the caller, the sound experts, and the volunteers who all gave their time and energy. Thank you as well to everyone who showed up with open hearts and dancing feet; your presence is what turned this event into a delightful celebration of community. We look forward to more Contra and other types of dances in the future!



THANK YOU! ❤️

As we move through the winter months, we're reminded how much stronger Ben Lomond is when we stay connected. From gathering on the dance floor to supporting our local businesses and neighbors, it's your participation that keeps our village thriving year-round. Thank you for continuing to show up for one another and for helping BLVA create spaces where community can grow. We're grateful to be building this village together and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

Help us grow our impact—spread the word! Share our mission with your friends and neighbors and invite others to [join our membership list](#). Follow us on [FACEBOOK](#) and fave us on [NEXTDOOR](#).

If you have questions, would like more information about BLVA initiatives, or have Ben Lomond-related announcements you'd like us to share in future newsletters, please contact Ariel at Secretary@BenLomondVillage.org

Thank you for being a member of the Ben Lomond Village Alliance.

**Warm regards,
Ben Lomond Village Alliance**

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