



## THE PLAY'S THE THING Reminiscences from Carmel's Community Theatres

Enthusiasts have claimed that America's community theatre movement originated in Carmel. That is probably an overstatement. Nevertheless, during the early to mid-twentieth century our village hosted a remarkable number of community theatre ventures. In fact, wags wondered where audiences came from when such a substantial segment of Carmel's population was on stage on any given night.

The history of Carmel's community theatres began on July 9, 1910 with the production of *David*, an original drama in the newly built Forest Theater. A few years later, the scene was joined by the Arts and Crafts Club Theatre and the Theatre of the Golden Bough. Plagued by financial problems, The Arts and Crafts Club Theatre did not survive. The Theatre of the Golden Bough—called the most beautiful little theatre in America—remained, combining theatrical productions with serving as a venue for concerts and lectures and occasional motion pictures. Tragically, in 1935, the Golden Bough was destroyed by fire.

Subsequently, the Theatre of the Golden Bough was rebuilt. Primarily a motion picture theatre, it did accommodate occasional live performances on its

main stage. However, the building also provided a smaller theatre-in-the-round, first called the Studio Theatre of the Golden Bough and later the Circle Theatre.

Eventually, a new theatre company was established, also called the Studio Theatre. It was a dinner theatre specializing in productions of popular comedies and musicals.

The "Golden Age" of community theatre in Carmel waned by the 1980s. The Forest Theater continued to offer summertime productions. A small facility created under the stage of the Forest Theater accommodated the Children's Experimental Theatre and was infrequently used for productions by other groups. Occasional performances were staged at the Sunset Center. The jewel-box theatre at the Cherry Foundation saw many solo and small-cast dramatic productions. There were other, mostly unsuccessful, attempts to establish new ventures here and there. When the Pacific Repertory Theatre revitalized the building of the Theatre of the Golden Bough to offer regular seasons of live theatre, a new era of community theatre in Carmel began.



*Howard Brunn will share anecdotes about the heyday of Carmel's community theatres at our January 22 meeting.*

The CRA's January 22nd meeting will feature a conversation with Tom Parks and Howard Brunn reminiscing about the "glory days" of community theatre in Carmel. The program will begin at 5:00 pm in the Vista Lobos Meeting Room. A social hour will follow the meeting with light refreshments. Jeffrey Blair of Blair Estates Wines will pour his wines.



## Meeting

THURSDAY • JAN 22<sup>ND</sup>

GENERAL MEETING

**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Location:** Vista Lobos Meeting Room

(3rd Ave. between Junipero & Torres)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

It's time to renew your CRA membership. A convenient renewal envelope is inserted in this issue of the CRA news. Our advocacy for resident interests and for the traditional values of our village becomes more important each year. Please consider renewing your membership at the Lifetime (\$1,000) or Benefactor (\$100) level. These memberships support our important community service projects and will assist with our exciting plans for the celebration of Carmel's centennial.



Barbara Livingston

# “Consider Yourself At Home; Consider Yourself One Of The Family”

These lyrics from “Oliver” are very applicable to my President's Message this January—the month we seek new members and membership renewals so our family can remain strong and healthy.

In thinking about the Carmel Residents Association, since its inception in 1987, I am struck by the great number of friendships that have developed as a result of members working together to protect and enrich the traditional quality of life of this village in a forest-by-the-sea. Our mission is to preserve its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy. We do this by forging strong friendships that encourage us to work together for the benefit of our community and for the fun of knowing one another.

A recent article, by David Brooks, reprinted from the *New York Times*, talks about the value and importance of adult friendships. According to Brooks, “Each friendship has positive social effects. Lovers face each other, but friends stand side-by-side, facing the world—often working on its behalf. Aristotle suggested that friendship is the cornerstone of society. Montaigne thought that it spreads universal warmth.”

Brooks goes on to state, “The philosophers were right in pointing out that friendship is a personal relationship that has radiating social and political benefits. In the first place, friendship helps people make better judgments. Second, friends usually bring out better versions of each other. If you're hanging around with a friend, smarter and funnier thoughts tend to come bubbling out.”

Many of the staunchest CRA members started off as part-time Carmel residents—here for just weekends or occasional longer stays. Perhaps handouts at the post office, telling of CRA meetings and events, captured their attention. Before long, they became new volunteers, signing up for beach cleanup, or the July 4th CRA food booth at the City's Picnic in Devendorf Park, or some other activity. So many members started this way and when they eventually became full-time residents, they already had a heads-up on what to do, where to volunteer, and who to call for information.

So what's the benefit of joining CRA? Now that you've achieved your dream, of owning or renting a second home in Carmel, there's no better way to get a sense of belonging than to join the Carmel Residents Association! You will share the satisfaction of knowing you are a member of the Association that advocates for the preservation of our natural environment and the traditional values of the village—the very reasons you came here in the first place.

In talking with part-time residents and asking them why they joined the CRA, they say it's because “they wanted to be connected and find out what's going on in our community.” Here's an incredible example of second homeowner involvement: Helen and Mark D'Oliviera chair the CRA Beach Clean-Up. They don't live here full-time, but they are willing to head up our Saturday beach clean-ups—this very important environmental activity.

Families grow stronger as they play together and the CRA does plenty of that. Of course, planning and presenting these events takes a lot of work, but in the work brings camaraderie and a sense of inclusiveness working together toward something important.

As you fill out your membership envelope (enclosed in this issue), please be sure to write your email address. We publish newsletters five times annually, but also keep members current on City and CRA events through our eblasts. Also, we encourage you to bump up your membership status to Benefactor level. Regular memberships cover our administrative costs; but we are able to provide our community outreach programs through the generosity of our Benefactors and Lifetime members.

The Carmel Residents Association welcomes all residents of Carmel by the Sea and its sphere of influence, full-time or part-time—people who rent homes and people who own homes. ANYONE who resides here is encouraged to join us! We hope you will “consider yourself one of us” and renew your membership, or become a new member by returning the enclosed application envelope today!

## **EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA!**

Copies of the free CRA booklet *Everything You Need To Know About Carmel-by-the-Sea From A – Z* are available by e-mail at [carmelresidents@gmail.com](mailto:carmelresidents@gmail.com) or by phone at (831) 626-1610. The booklet is free.

# LINDA ANDERSON REMEMBERS

*Linda and Clayton Anderson, two of Carmel's leading and most beloved citizens, recently moved to Boise, Idaho, a loss from which our village will never entirely recover. Linda has sent us her thoughts about the community they have left behind.*

“As I sit on my 5th floor balcony overlooking the beautiful Boise foothills, thoughts of Carmel-by-the-Sea fill my mind. Clayton and I have so many memories of our past thirty years together in Carmel—walks on the beach with Daisy, dinners at the Cypress Inn, Patisserie and Café Dametra, involvement in political campaigns, birthday celebrations with neighbors. But our most memorable times involve the Carmel Residents Association. We will always cherish the lifelong friendships we developed through the CRA with bright, interesting, engaged people.

The Carmel Residents Association is the only game in town—the longest lasting residents organization in Carmel history. The values the Association stands for are those I hold dear—preservation of the forest and beach, a human-scale atmosphere, and acknowledgment of village history. The CRA kept us tuned into local issues and, most importantly, provided the opportunity to work together on worthy projects such as the Beach Cleanup, the Citizen of the Year Celebration and Candidate Forums. And, believe it or not, I actually enjoyed the challenge of editing the CRA newsletter for many, many years!

I also treasure my early involvement with the renovation of Sunset Center. I can clearly remember the Community and Cultural Commission meeting when we asked Sunset Center director Brian Donoghue to put together a “white paper” on what a major renovation would involve. The rest is history!



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Throughout these years, I have developed my personal list of heroes.

**Nancy and Bill Doolittle**—Make no mistake, Carmel would not have a world-class Sunset Center without their total commitment and perseverance.

**Barbara Livingston**—with a backbone of steel, warm heart, and relentless passion for her village in a forest, she has done more than anyone to make sure Carmel has not become just another California beach town.

**Skip Lloyd and Joyce Stevens**—were the force behind the successful defeat of the Hatton Canyon Freeway and have now turned their energy to the protection of the Mission Trails Nature Preserve.

**Greg D'Ambrosio**—who, as a city employee, masterminded numerous city parks, the Beach Bluff Walkway as well as the Forest and Beach and Shoreline Management Plans.

My husband, **Clayton Anderson**—the idea man, who dreamed up the Beach Cleanup, Citizen of the Year Celebration, CRA Dines Out, Certificates of Appreciation, Candidates Forums and the Friends of Carmel Forest.

**Melanie Billig**—who, through the sheer force of her will, ensured that the Flanders Mansion and Mission Trail Nature Preserve would be saved for future generations.

Moving forward to more recent history, the events of the past few months have been devastating for everyone who cares about the village of Carmel. Clayton and I are heartened that the healing has begun. The first important move the City Council made was putting City Attorney Don Freeman in charge of the many investigations into what actually happened at City Hall.

The second, and most significant action the City Council took was to bring back **Doug Schmitz**—

my final hero. As city administrator in the late 80s and 90s, Doug epitomized the values Carmelites and the CRA hold dear—a healthy forest and beach, enhanced parks and open space and an organized, friendly and open atmosphere at City Hall. When he left to be city administrator in Lake Oswego, Oregon, Clayton and I were so sad that we asked an old Oregon friend to deliver red roses to Doug's office on his first day of work.

We will be closely following Carmel events and issues through friends as well as *The Pine Cone*. One thing that the recent city problems have made crystal clear is the importance of citizen involvement. That means following City Council and commission actions and contacting council members or city staff with all of your questions.

Clayton and I both have great optimism for the future of this wonderful village. We also hope that CRA members will take advantage of all that this unique organization has to offer—an in-depth knowledge of your community, the satisfaction of working on worthwhile projects and, most of all, the camaraderie and friendship of fellow residents. We may live in Idaho, but Carmel-by-the-Sea will always be the special place that shaped our lives.”

# Citizens of the Year

## STEVE BROOKS AND RICHARD FLOWER



*Congratulations to both of you. You are joining a long list of distinguished Carmel residents who have been honored for their remarkable contributions to this small village by the sea. The CRA has been aware of your service and enthusiasm for many years and the time has now arrived for us to say thank you for your dedication with our most significant award, the 2015 Citizens of the Year: Steve Brooks and Richard Flower.*

*Pictured: Dick Flower (L) and Steve Brooks (R).*

*For those readers who are not as familiar with you as is the CRA membership, the obvious first question is quite simple: who are you?*

**STEVE** I found myself in Carmel in 1936, a boy of six. Attended Sunset School and made my first stage appearance at the age of twelve. I did not become an actor but a singer and musician--my instrument, a ukulele, which I still play. I graduated from Stanford in '52 as a field geologist. Until my retirement I taught physics at a bay area college. I returned to Carmel with my wife Barbara in '87.

**RICHARD** I am an emeritus professor from the faculty at UCSF. This year I celebrate my 50th year of Carmel home ownership. I like to think I followed the tradition of Frank Devendorf of attracting "brain workers" to the community he was trying to build by selling university professors lots in Carmel for \$25.00. Unfortunately, the price has increased since his time.

*What accomplishments in the way of service to Carmel have and continue to be most satisfying to you?*

**STEVE** I have served on the Forest and Beach Commission, always close to my heart, as well as the Friends of the Carmel

Forest as past president and to this day an active member. I was an active member opposing the so-called Hatton Canyon Freeway. The citizens of Carmel won the battle and that is something we can be proud of in my opinion. The forest sustains my interest daily. It's simple: One of my greatest pleasures is to dig a hole and plant a tree.

**RICHARD** In my retirement I have time to pursue a life-long interest in politics. Voter registration has been my principal "hobby.". I also do what I can to support candidates I respect and issues I believe important. The success of the sales tax increase was significant. We attempted to forestall the sale of a portion of Mission Trail Nature Preserve. And there are many other issues pending that will affect the future of this community. I have also participated in the leadership of the Carmel Residents Association. Its vigorous voice is essential, advocating for resident interests in a village with an economic base that is heavily dependent on tourism. You're likely to see me from time to time passing out campaign brochures at the post office.

*So many people find it difficult to understand the pleasures one gains from 'giving back' or volunteerism. What can you tell them of personal and meaningful rewards?*

**STEVE** The rewards are many. One must have passion for the cause. I have that passion and I take pleasure in sharing it with anyone who wishes to make a contribution, large or small. Sometimes I ask myself, "What is it that I actually do?" That's easy: I'm the guy that digs the holes. In the future there will be others with shovels to do the job.

**RICHARD** Volunteering is the best way to prevent brain death and irrelevance. I volunteer in the library's Local History Department developing a data base for research. My most enjoyable avocation is discovering new information about the fascinating history of Carmel-by-the-Sea. I've written stories about forgotten people and events. The CRA hopes to publish some of these pieces later this year in commemoration of Carmel's 100th birthday in 2016. Also, I now chair the library's Board of Trustees, which I find very satisfying.

*Again, congratulations, gentlemen. We'll be seeing you at the Citizens of the Year Awards Celebration on February 8th.*

# Sunday Afternoons at the Forest Theater

## REMEMBERING THE DAYS OF MUSIC, THEATER AND FAMILY FUN

The Forest Theater had many incarnations during its first century. At the beginning it featured original plays written by local authors. During the heyday of community theatre, it offered notable plays by eminent American and British playwrights. It accommodated annual pageants honoring Father Serra. It frequently served as an Elizabethan theatre, staging the works of William Shakespeare and was also the venue for presenting classic Greek dramas. In recent years, it hosted movie series and productions of popular musicals. And, for over forty years, the Theater offered free family-oriented programs each summer Sunday afternoon.

The tradition of Forest Theater Sunday afternoons began June 18, 1961. Mayor Frank Putnam appeared to herald the new venture, introducing and honoring Herbert Heron, “the founding father of the Forest Theater.” The program featured a local folk dance troupe and two popular vocalists performing classical and semi-classical songs--the prototype for early years’ programs with local amateur and semi-professional performers. Though local talent remained prominent, gradually programs featured more visiting artists.

The series was sponsored by the Carmel Arts Commission. Commission members initially planned the programs, but eventually the city employed a manager of the Sunset Center and the Forest Theater who arranged the schedules.

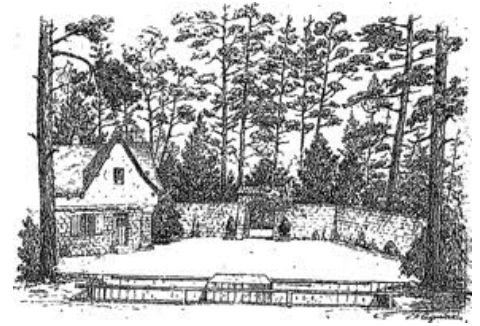
Every season brought new performers, yet favorites appeared year after year. A village summer series without a band concert would be unthinkable. Most seasons featured the Fort Ord Army Band, the Watsonville Community Band, or a band of Scottish pipers: the Salinas Valley Highlanders, the Lockheed Piper Band, or the Black Raven Band. Bagpipe bands usually assembled in Devendorf Park and marched to the Forest Theater, leading a parade of their audience.

Ethnic dancers and musical groups were always popular. Ishvani, an Indian dancer, made several appearances. Flamenco dancers and guitarists and mariachis were often featured. Troika Balalaikas, playing soulful Russian folksongs, and Stainless Steel, a steel drum band, were both enthusiastically received.

Classical musicians were prominently represented, among them the Monterey Symphony, chamber music groups, instrumental soloists, San Francisco Conservatory students, the San Francisco Percussion Ensemble and singers from the Monterey Opera Workshop, the Hidden Valley Chorale, the Mitchell Boys Choir and Donald Pippin’s Old Spaghetti Factory Opera Company. Popular music programs included barbershop quartets, excerpts from American musicals, bluegrass bands, jazz combos and folk festivals.

Each season included dance recitals. Some presented students from local dance academies, but several featured professional companies, including Ronn Guidi’s Oakland Ballet, the Dance Troubadours, and two principals from the Marin Civic Ballet who presented 16th and 17th century English court dances. Of particular note was a performance by the Xoregos Modern Dance Company. Their director discovered that Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn--iconic figures in the history of modern dance--performed at the Forest Theater in 1921. She reconstructed a portion of their program for the Company’s appearance.

Several seasons included performances by local theatre groups including Carmel’s Studio Theatre, the Hidden Valley Children’s Theatre, the Reader’s Theatre, the GroveMont Theatre Troupe and “The Rascals,” offering “The Gospel According to Peanuts.” Perhaps the most prestigious of all Sunday series performers was the team of Paul Richards and Gerald Hiken, both alumni of New York’s Actors Studio



*Vintage drawing of the Forest Theater stage courtesy of the Carmel Pine Cone.*

with impressive resumes of work that included Broadway, and in movies and television.

As gospel singing gained recognition for its importance in American music, the series added concerts by gospel choirs from Monterey County churches. I remember one concert when, during a particularly exuberant rendition, a young woman emerged from the choir in a sort of eccentric dance and slowly fell to the floor. A youngster sitting in front of us sensed our concern, turned around and said, “She’s all right. She’s just got the spirit.”

Apparently, several factors led to the demise of the summer programs. Toward the end, series were shorter with mostly local performers appearing year after year—presumably the result of diminishing financial support. Attendance declined, a likely result of less adventurous programming. Accommodating more summer productions by other Forest Theater tenants probably created logistical problems. For whatever reason or reasons, ultimately, the forty-plus year tradition of Sunday afternoons at the Forest Theater came to an end.

This “Old Carmel” column may seem a not very subtle nudge to consider another restoration following the current restoration of the Forest Theater: the restoration of the family-oriented programs on summer Sunday afternoons. That’s because it is.



# Community CALENDAR

## ■ CRA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 22nd, 5 pm  
Howard Brunn & Tom Parks  
Vista Lobos  
(3rd Ave between Junipero and Torres )  
Free and open to the public

## ■ CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Sunday February 8th, 3 pm  
Carmel Woman's Club, San Carlos and Ninth  
Free and open to the Public

## ■ CRA DINES OUT

Wednesday, February 18th, 5:30 pm  
Affina, SW Corner of 6th and San Carlos

## ■ CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 6th and February 3rd  
All meetings 4:30 pm  
City Council Chambers

## ONGOING CITY MEETING DATES:

All held in City Council Chambers,  
Monte Verde between Ocean and 7th.  
Check with City Hall for updates.  
<http://ci.carmel.ca.us/>

City Council, 1st Tues., 4:30 pm  
Forest and Beach Commission,  
2nd Thurs., 1:30 pm  
Planning Commission,  
Wednesday January 14th,  
Wednesday February 11th, 4 pm  
Community Activities and Cultural  
Commission, 2nd Tues., 9:30 am  
Historic Resources Board, 3rd Mon., 4 pm  
Library Board of Trustees, 4th Wed., 9 am

Please see the CRA's website for the  
schedule of meetings and events.

**[www.carmelresidents.org](http://www.carmelresidents.org)**

Council meeting TV broadcast:  
the Sunday after the meeting,  
8:00 am-noon, Channel 26.

# CRA Dines Out! AT AFFINA

## CRA DINES OUT! WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, AT AFFINA

The "CRA Dines Out!" committee, Claire Fay and Barry and Kathleen Swift have chosen newcomer, Affina, for February's special CRA members-only dinner, featuring a seasonal three-course menu and live piano music selected just for CRA. Wine will be available at 5:30 pm, with dinner commencing at 6pm.

Affina, which offers a fun and friendly atmosphere, opened in September 2014. This lively, young eatery offers California-fusion cuisine, featuring locally-sourced, market-fresh produce and sustainably raised proteins.

Seating is extremely limited, so please send your check in well in advance of the deadline, Wednesday, February 11th. Affina restaurant is located at SW 6th and San Carlos.

Please mail your entree choice and check for \$35, made out to CRA, to Claire Fay, P.O. Box 6023, Carmel, CA 93921. You will be notified only if you have been placed on the waiting list. If you reserve space and must cancel, please call Claire at 238-7798, so your place can be given to someone else.

Affina's Chef James Anderson, a California Culinary Institute graduate and former Pebble Beach Company sous chef, lets the contrasting textures and flavors of nature balance his dishes. Chef Anderson has chosen a special, late-winter menu for our CRA members:



## ■ FIRST COURSE CHOICES

Organic Happy Boy Farms greens with verjus vinaigrette

~OR~

Soup of the day

## ■ ENTREE CHOICES

Rainbow trout with sautéed baby spinach and cherry tomatoes in a lemon caper sauce

~OR~

Angus beef short rib with red wine jus, whipped potato and grilled asparagus

~OR~

Slow-roasted Mary's chicken with truffled chicken jus and roasted seasonal vegetables

## ■ DESSERT

Homemade seasonal pie  
Coffee or Tea

House red or white wine will be available at \$6 per glass (tax included) plus tip.



## THANK YOU !

Our heart-felt thanks go to Barbara Hardy who has assumed responsibility for planning and arranging the Citizen of the Year celebration in February, in spite of the fact that her house was destroyed by a fire in November.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Best wishes to former CRA President Suzanne Paboojian and Bob Cole, who were recently married. The newlyweds are living in Carmel Valley.

## ACTION TO PROTECT OUR BEACH

There is growing pressure to take vigorous action on the issue of fires on Carmel's beach. Almost certainly, 2015 will see significant changes in current policies. Currently, of 435 public beaches in California, only 38 allow fires. Of those, virtually all have many more restrictions than does Carmel. No other public beach allows fires directly on the sand. Others limit the number of fires per day. Some require permits, which may be issued only during the summer months.

Most of us share memories of happy evenings spent around a fire on Carmel's beach. Inevitably though, we must confront the question of whether such evenings result in irreparable damage to one of our city's most valuable treasures.

The Forest and Beach Commission recommended two principles to the City Council which the Council subsequently adopted: 1) No beach fires can have contact with the sand, and 2) a limit will be established on the number of fires allowed on the beach.

In December, the Forest and Beach Commission conducted a public workshop to provide for resident input on these and other issues. CRA members are urged to remain alert to future proposals on this issue and to participate in hearings and workshops that will undoubtedly be forthcoming.

## KUDOS TO THE COMMISSIONS

In our view, Carmel's commissions, made up of hard-working fellow-citizen volunteers, almost always "get it right" in making fair decisions in the best interest of our village. Two recent examples: The Planning Commission limited the hours of construction on a Scenic Road project to 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on weekdays, allowing no construction on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays. (We hope the Planning Commission will persuade the City Council to change our municipal code to reflect this humanitarian change.)

Also, the Forest and Beach Commission denied an application to cut an iconic "young" 110- foot redwood tree. At issue was damage to an addition to the home adjacent to the tree. The wisdom of the Forest Commission combined with advice from a local contractor achieved repair of the damage and preservation of a tree that should have at least 1,000 more years of life .

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartiest congratulations are due to the City Council, city staff, and everyone else who accomplished completion of the new restrooms at the south end of the beach walkway--a project first proposed 23 years ago.

## WHAT IS CRA ALL ABOUT?

The Carmel Residents Association is committed to the protection and enrichment of the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the preservation of its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy.

## BECOME A MEMBER!

It's easy to become a member of the Carmel Residents Association.

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[www.carmelresidents.org](http://www.carmelresidents.org)
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## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL?

It's time to make New Year's resolutions. We suggest that the City Council adopt these:

- Everything we do on the job will be open for public inspection unless a strict reading of laws says "no".
- When we read letters in the *Pine Cone*, if we see the words "resign" or "recall" we will immediately stop reading the letter and turn to another page.
- When we think about the turmoil of 2014, we'll always remember the decisions we made were thought to be

in Carmel's best interests at the time we made them.

- When we make decisions about kiosks and median lights, we'll remember the most important question is "are they right for Carmel?"
- The next time we hear Carmel has been selected the best this or that by a national publication, we'll remember a smile or a friendly "hello" from a resident when we pass on the street is worth at least as much and maybe more.

## CRA NEWSLETTER TEAM

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**GOT QUESTIONS?  
NEW QUARTERLY PUBLIC MEETINGS**

City Administrator Doug Schmitz has announced the innovation of quarterly public meetings with the Council, Department Directors, Managers and the City Administrator to offer residents the opportunity to ask questions of any of these individuals. He hopes to eliminate any "bottleneck" in the flow of information between the Council, the Staff, and Carmel citizens. These meetings will occur on February 10, May 22, August 11, and November 10. Put the dates on your calendar!

**NO JANUARY E-WASTE COLLECTION**

Due to waste management changes in Carmel, there will be no e-waste collection this January. The CRA and the city hope to resume this tradition with our new waste management providers in the future.

## Members

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District has purchased over 800 continuous acres of Monterey Pine forest on Jack's Peak and named it the Joyce Stevens Monterey Pines Forest Preserve. CRA member Joyce Stevens was honored for her years of dedication to the protection and preservation of our Monterey Pine Forest.

**WINE TASTING POLICY WORKSHOP**

The City is having a Wine Tasting Policy workshop on Thursday, January 15, 2015. The workshop will start at 4:00 pm in the City Council chambers, and will review potential amendments to the Wine Tasting Policy before it goes to the Planning Commission and City Council for final adoption.

★ YOU ARE INVITED! ★

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Carmel Residents Association cordially invites you to attend a community party in honor of our

**2014 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR**

**Steve Brooks**

AND

**Richard Flower**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015**

**3:00 P.M.**

Carmel Woman's Club  
San Carlos at 9th

Wine and light buffet will be served.  
The event is free and open to the public.