

the VOICE

OF THE CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

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We May Have Our Differences But It's The Place We Call Home

W as it the iconic Carmel citizen-Mayor of 1923-24, Perry Newberry, or someone else equally devoted to this forest by the sea, who coined the phrase, "Don't pave main street," a metaphor for keeping this special Village a simple, beautiful, and yes, special, Village? Well, if his Honor didn't say that here's what he did say, *Carmel wants to live its own life, doesn't want to be a big town, doesn't want to grow and be like other places. It's against progress and prosperity.*

That was many years ago. Times have changed. We're a Village of just under 4,000 fulltime residents today, half that number again to include part-time homeowners. Times have changed and so have attitudes, opinions, and lifestyles—a category invented many years after Mayor Newberry.

Change is never easy, it's often uncomfortable and contentious. Reasonable people take reasonable and sometimes unreasonable sides on particular issues. Residents speak out; the City Council is the arbiter that may or may not satisfy everyone—or anyone.

Over many years we've heard arguments for a variety of changes to life in our town. And over those years the very same petitions appear as regularly as the seasons, just as though no one has ever had the idea of this or that before. Someone once said there's nothing new under the sun. Well, that guy was right.

The Carmel Residents Association has

often, very often, stated that part of our Mission is to maintain, sustain, the special character of our Village. What does that mean? It means protecting all that Carmel is about: the forest, the beach, design of structures, the kinds of businesses which cater to both residents and visitors, the infrastructure, and the culture in which we have chosen to live.

on weekdays.

In this time of uncivility, anger and name-calling it might just be the right time to step back and shake the hand of someone who disagrees with our position. We're citizens who are living next door to people who perhaps take different perspectives on what they honestly think would be best for our Village. Let them speak out. What

is the harm? They have the right to their opinions. Can we disagree? Of course. Is there a right or wrong in this scenario? Who knows?

So then, let's look again at what "Don't pave main street" suggests. To CRA it means what we have said for the 35 years of our existence. Let's not lose the original natural, casual character of where we have chosen to live. It's not that

change can't take place but let's be sure that the change we're advocating is not simply for convenience sake. Convenience can be found in bustling cities where one can find anything at any time just outside the front door. In Carmel it's a short trek to the post office, not just to pick up the mail but to meet up with a neighbor for a moment or two of local gossip. So yes, we'll need a flashlight for an after dinner walk down to the beach and spoon for the crème brûlée but only on weekends.

Well, Mr. Mayor, main street was paved many years ago. But the forest is still here and so is the beach and so is the life that so many of us have chosen as home. Change is inevitable. Be careful what we wish for. ■



Ocean Avenue in the 1920's/1930's - Courtesy of the Monterey County Historical Society

What is it that we don't have in Carmel and is often suggested or, in some cases, demanded by a few serious and respectful citizens? Well, for instance, we don't offer mail delivery; there are no address numbers on our houses; no streetlights or sidewalks. Neon, as terrific as it may be in Las Vegas, is not visible in Carmel, nor is plastic signage.

One or two of the above may rankle some, but that's how it is now. Too much? Are we a bit quirky we Carmelites? Probably. One could argue this is a part of our charm. Sometimes we need to step back and enjoy a laugh at our own expense—the best jokes are those on ourselves. Here's one: *Carmel is so strict that it's against the law to serve crème brûlée*

Your CRA Board - REVEALED

Even if I do say so myself - our CRA Board is full of bright, committed, engaging and experienced citizens. Plus, we welcome new additions to our roster (see Page 7 for Board Nominations). Diversity in views and time to contribute make all the difference to this representative team.

We do and will take positions on immediate and longer-term civic items of interest. We offer CRA formal positions to city leadership that align with our Mission to preserve the charm and everything that makes our Village a great place to live and thrive. Some recent position examples include:

- Supporting the groundswell position of no cell towers in residential neighborhoods
- Pushing for updating the Residential & Commercial Design Guidelines (see page 5)
- And then to some, the tough position on ending the temporary outdoor seating program

Coming up we plan to be a strong voice in influencing the annual City fiscal budget spending in the cycle kicked off by City staff beginning in earnest in February - and concluding in late June.

Your CRA Board works year-round to serve the community and provide positions and nudges to City Boards and Commissions. Our Board members participate in these monthly public meetings - including City Council of course, Community Activities, Planning and Climate Committees, as well as Chamber and Visit Carmel teams. We are a visible and committed team in all these sessions

- working to influence and contribute to these groups with our Mission in mind.

Your CRA Board also has two routine monthly meetings. To see "who's on first" visit our Board of Directors webpage. The 5-person Executive Committee meets 5 days before each City Council Regular Meeting. This Committee filters through upcoming Council hot topics and any other topic for consideration of full Board agenda review and positions, along with routine planning and reporting.

The whole Board meets the Monday prior to each City Council regular meeting to review routine updates and reports including major projects completed or underway; votes on key position items requiring follow-up. These follow-ups can include speaking live at City Council, submitting an email to the city clerk for the public record before the City Council and/or outreach to City Staff or the various civic councils and boards for their consideration.

At every turn, our Board looks to be representative of our membership and our Mission. So, if it's not clear as water by now, your outreach to your CRA Board with your views (email info@carmelresidents.org) and even better, your interest in joining this motley and outstanding group are welcome and essential.

But it doesn't stop here. Civic oversight is only a part of the value your CRA Board offers to its members. We design,



orchestrate, and deliver programs, events, publications, and online resources. You are now reading just one example - *The Voice*. Hopefully we've seen you recently at one of our programs or events now that the pandemic has allowed us to reconvene in person. Just some of these included: Beach Gathering in June, Feast in the Forest in September, Citizen of the Year in October, and Holiday Gala in December to name a few. We also produce and host programs at Carpenter Hall (see next one in January below), host March-October Beach Clean Up, host Community Table at Farmers Market January-October and participate in City-lead programs year-round. Board Members also look to our membership to provide program-specific helping hands to assure these hit the mark. Again - all of these are for naught unless you too participate and that you value them.

On behalf of the CRA Board - please let us hear from you (whether you agree or disagree) and please make one of your New Year's resolutions to participate in any form that works best for you. Thank you all and Happy New Year, may the shadows of 2020 and 2021 be a welcome turning point for a grand 2022 for us all! ■

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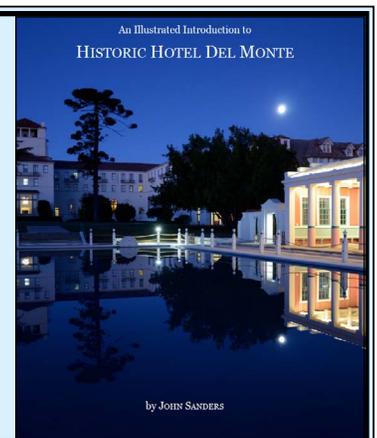
The Carmel Residents Association is committed to the protection and enrichment of the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the preservation of its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy.

CRA Hosts - John Sanders' Historic Hotel Del Monte

Please join us on January 27th, Thursday, at 5PM in Carpenter Hall of Sunset Center. This gathering is open to the public with wine served.

John will share new insights on the Historic Hotel Del Monte - a notable Monterey destination from the very early years. Some of John's research findings will surprise you. He will reveal interesting and important details about the hotel's origins that historians have missed. You will hear how the widely accepted and repeated statements by historians on Crocker's development of the resort now need to be rewritten. And of course, he includes how the hotel was a significant factor in putting Monterey on the "destination" map for travelers of means.

This storied Hotel Del Monte still stands on the campus of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). Our speaker, John Sanders worked at NPS for 31 years, introducing many visitors and dignitaries to the historic Del Monte.



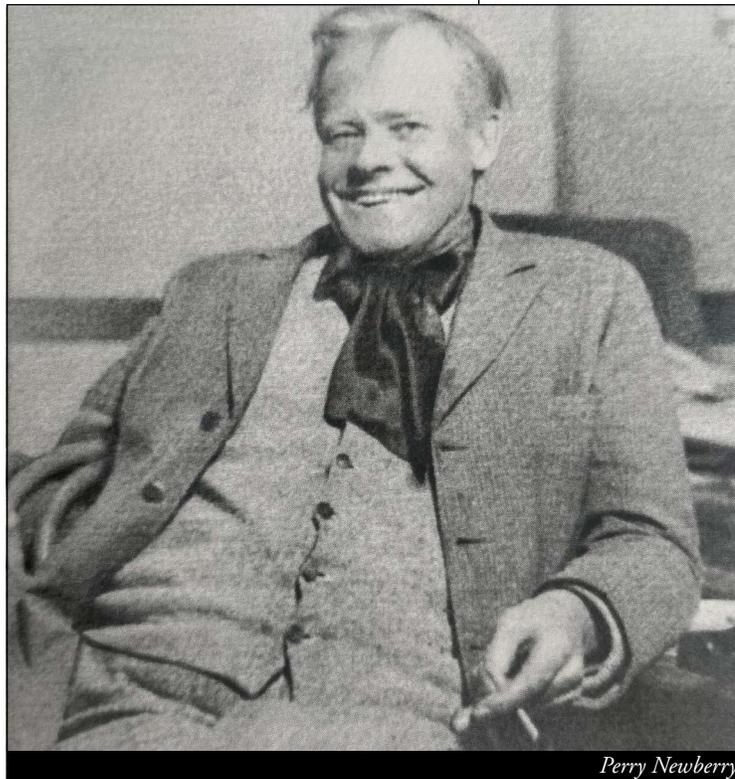
Happy New Year---1922!

Ten decades ago, Carmel was a growing Village---more people, more homes, more civic issues, more tensions between those citizens wanting to hold to the past and those acknowledging the dawning of a future. Some of the events from that year led to community assets and traditions we still enjoy and names we still acknowledge.

In November 1921, the Board of Trustees (city council) had placed the first bond of the young city, now five years of age, on the ballot. The \$15,000 measure was for the acquisition of 10 acres of sand dune and Block 69, now Devendorf Park. The bond passed 187-41. On February 2, 1922, title passed from the Carmel

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ny continually lauded as being planned "in co-operation with the Trustees (city council) and the Planning Commission of Carmel-by-the-Sea." Ads for the new development told of it being "the ninth addition (annexation) to the constantly growing town of Carmel-by-the-Sea, the most celebrated center of art and letters on the Pacific Coast." One ad read "Carmel Woods will not be an appendage to Carmel---it will become an integral part of us." Despite having the benediction of the trustees and planning commission and the commentary in its ads, Del Monte Properties never annexed Carmel Woods to Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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Two dominant civic issues throughout the year were stormwater drainage and road paving. San Antonio and Monte Verde streets, Ninth, Twelfth and Fourteenth avenues would be paved with drainage conveyances included. Spring is the start of the baseball season. Two teams from Sunset School, the Reds and the Blues, battled each other in a four-game series with the Reds, led by the Leidig brothers, prevailing in three of the games. Dale Leidig batted .500 and his brother Glenn was hitting .412 by the end of the contests. Events in a community do not fit snugly into twelve months. They glide and ebb, crossing the calendar thresholds silently, readying for their time of exposure, debate, and decision. As 1921 had "set the table" for 1922, nineteen-hundred and twenty-three would await its moment. ■



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Ken White—MR. CARMEL

Ken White is one of Carmel's leaders. The man wears many hats. We thought it was time to sit down with him for a short conversation. A modest fellow who obviously feels that any contribution he has made and continues to make to the town and its residents is perfectly natural—it's just who he is. So, here's Ken White, a man some might call, Mr. Carmel. We met recently over coffee.

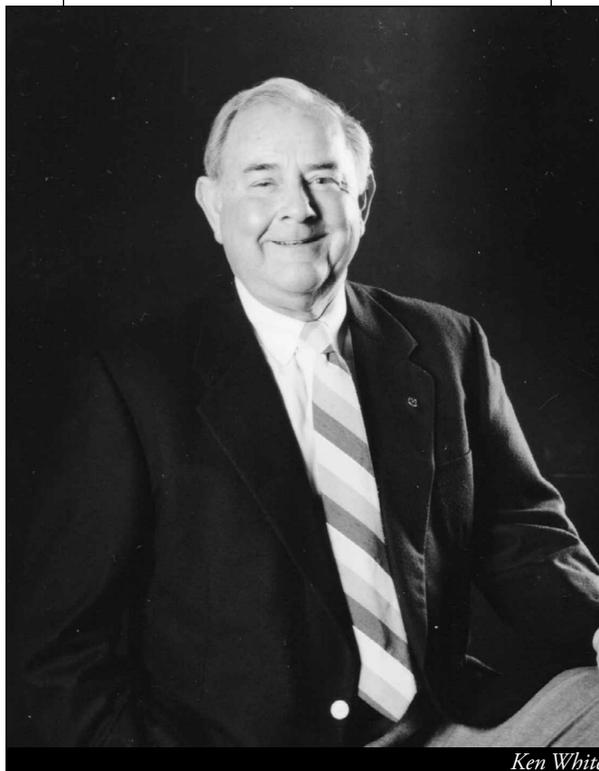
■ *Ken White, you have a long and distinguished history in our Village. When we say long, well, sixty-two years seems a long time to most of us. Think back, can you fill us in on who you are, and what your history in Carmel is—then that will be proof as to why we've chosen to interview you for The Voice.*

It all started years ago, beginning in 1959, as I began my teaching career. Shortly after I assumed the title of Athletic Director of Monterey High School where I coached football and wrestling. I was elected to the Carmel Unified School District Board and subsequently became its chair. I retired from teaching in 1993.

■ *When did you decide to enter politics?*

I have always been interested in community, in the issues of residents, and the way local governments work—or don't work. That is for the people. My field was essentially physical education and so I volunteered for youth sports in Carmel. Later I became City Recreation Chairman. I was appointed to the City Forestry Commission, later to the Carmel Planning Commission. And in 1988 I was elected to the Carmel City Council. So, when you ask about my drive to local politics, I decided to take the chance for a seat at the head of the table, mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea. From 1992 to 2000 I was "Mayor White". I felt I knew the Village as well as anyone and I had been around longer than most of those who

were interested in the mayoral position. The upshot, as I said, was that I won. What a wonderful opportunity to serve this small Village. It was a different time. There was civility and respect on all sides. If the Council members disagreed on an issue, and we did, we built consensus with fairness prevailing. And in the Carmel City Council chambers today I



Ken White

believe there is a welcome and sustained courtesy and respect for those who propose opposing views. We all must be aware that at the national level today there is a lack of consensus and respect. But that's another story.

■ *Mr. Mayor, you seem to have been everywhere in and around this Village. It's a rare citizen who doesn't know you personally or should know you personally. The depth of your involvement and generosity to this community is legendary. Indulge us, here's a partial list:*

Carmel Art Festival, Fort Ord Reuse Authority, Salvation Army, Carmel Saint Bernards, Monterey Bay Symphony,



Carmel Area Wastewater District, Pacific Repertory Theater, Friends of Sunset Foundation, Monterey Peninsula College Foundation, Concourse d'Elegance, and an initial CRA member, joining the Board of Directors over 15 years ago.

■ *The above is the SHORT list. After all these years, Ken White, how do you view the Carmel of the present day?*

Of course, there is change. Change isn't always easy, especially for those of us who have spent so many years, or most of our lives here. The truth is that the Carmel of the past is just that, the past. I miss the small town, a Village really, I miss the quiet. I miss too our citizen neighbors who shopped locally. When I look around, I realize that the special little men's shop is now a wine bar; the local bookstore is a cosmetic boutique with pitchpersons out on the sidewalks spraying us with eau de something. Carmel is now and will be for the foreseeable future a tourist town, a retail destination, and a money-maker for the smart entrepreneur huckster. Sounds grim. Today, grim is called change.

■ *Your assessment of the future? Is there something positive we can hope for?*

We can only hope that young people will look back, read of the history, the culture, the beautiful natural grace of Carmel. So much creativity was born here, literature, art, and music, sustaining our belief that Carmel is a special place. Its beauty and unique character should and must be preserved. The Carmel Residents Association posts that very idea in its Mission. But it will be for the next generation and the next and the next to save this natural piece of art. Are they ready? ■

Why should we care? We should.

With so many new owners, renters, and residents in our wonderful Village in the Forest by the Sea – there is a rich history of people, places, and things. For this article – it’s about places. And of course, we all know that our Village’s appeal stems from its buildings (residential & commercial), streets, parks, beaches and beyond.

For many of us who’ve more recently moved to Carmel, you may or may not have been exposed to the key documents that help guide the look and feel of towns where you lived. These (see images) Plans, Guidelines and Codes – do just that. They directly influence what is approved, rejected, enforced, and preserved.

State and Federal codes, laws and guidelines also influence what we embrace, or how we should “stand our ground,” pushing back on those lawmakers on why and how Carmel-by-the-Sea cannot support some mandates. Our one square mile Village has scarce available land not already committed for a specific public or private use. Legislation for new buildings supporting higher density living is challenged by water restrictions, by small lot sizes and the need to maintain a thriving urban forest. We of course embrace laws for safety e.g., fire codes requiring sprinklers & alarms and the need to push for requiring fire-resistant roofing. And our Planning Department is also working to minimize future copper downspouts as our storm water is showing mineral deposits harmful to our marine life.

The General Plan is commonly referred to as the “Bible” or blueprint for our town. There are currently 20 separate documents – with various date stamps, some in critical need of updating and they are not cohesive, as preferred, for optimal usability. Our General Plan introductory document on land use is dated June of 2003.

General Plan – A General Plan is a State required legal document. (see California Office of Planning and Research at opr.ca.gov) Many sections are required by law including Land Use, Open Space, Conservation, Housing, Environmental Justice, Circulation, Noise, Air Quality

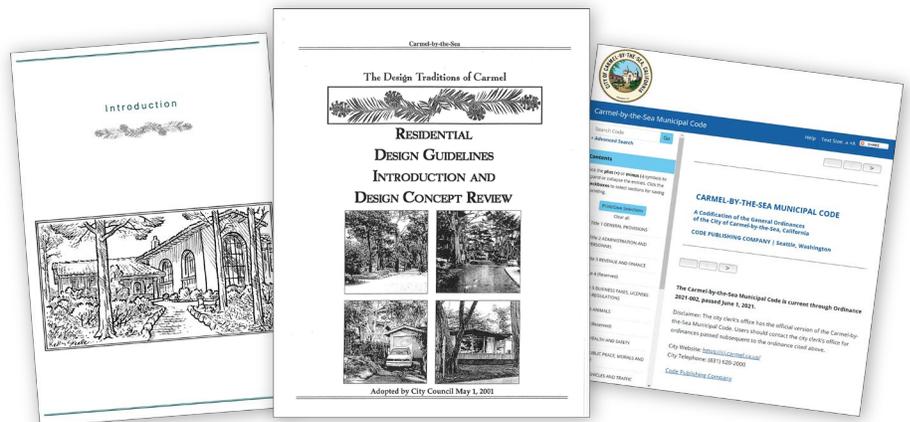
and Safety. Other sections are optional, for example our Village does include a Coastal Access & Recreation section but does not include an Agriculture section for obvious reasons.

Municipal Code – Covers allowances, restrictions, processes, and procedures in more absolutes, using legally enforceable wording such as “shall and must.” Relevant segments, or Titles of our code must be consistent with our General Plan. In our Municipal Code: Title 17 covers the laws about our local Zoning and Title 15 includes the laws for Building.

And oh yes,...there’s more – Carmel-by-the-Sea, given our location, is interdependent with the California Coastal Commission which set rules for new

key documents have not been refreshed of late and are missing many considerations about materials used, architectural approaches, green technologies, and the newer focus on ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units). Many of us are surprised as new or remodeled buildings take shape... and we wonder how or why they were allowed. These Design Guidelines are primed for a refresh involving City Planning, architects, businesses and citizens (last adopted 2001). And yes, we all care about the Commercial Design Guidelines too, as we frequent these establishments whether for a glass of wine, a meal, apparel, books, gifts, food and more. It’s important to note that these Guidelines are not law, but they set the visual direc-

Cover Pages of the Carmel-by-the-Sea: *General Plan, Municipal Code, & Residential Design Guidelines*



Visit *City of Carmel-by-the-Sea website* and search for “General Plan”, “Design Guidelines” and “Municipal Code”.

development and protection of coastal resources. They oversee our City’s implementation of our Local Coastal Program that works in concert with our General Plan and Municipal Code. (see www.coastal.ca.gov) There are just a few dots to connect.

Carmel Design Guidelines (Commercial and Residential versions) focus on the aesthetics, look, and feel of all our buildings with their placement. These

tions for what is acceptable, using words such as “should and encourage”.

Across all these interdependent documents and in your ‘copious’ spare time, there is interesting and relevant reading here for us all. Our City teams will be looking for community suggestions and involvement in this effort through multiple public meetings. If you care about the look and feel of our Village in the years to come – it matters. ■

Carmel Culinary Week Returns Jan 14 -23 DEFINITELY FOR LOCALS TOO

- The Kickoff Party event is Friday January 14th from 3-5 PM with wine tasting and lite bites, in same location as our Farmers Market on 6th and Mission. Be sure to register.
- During this week our Village chefs from your not-yet-tried and your favorite spots are planning special culinary delights, delivering consumable “art on your plate”, with most items not on their regular menus.
- Download the online Passport to access Prix Fixe menus, special offers, events including tickets to culinary demos, plus.

Details are available at www.carmelculinaryweek.com.



Recent Village Life - October-December – Déjà vu

Visit the CRA Website For Pictures and Thanks To All Who Worked To Make These Welcome New Memories For Residents.

- Oct. 23rd Arbor Day Celebration in Devendorf Park and a special Barbara Livingston redwood tree dedication, with our appreciation going to Darlene Mosley
- Oct. 31st Our 105th Anniversary & Halloween Parade on Ocean Ave, with our thanks to Jon Wolfe and Fred Bologna for CRA's participation
- Nov. 11th Veterans Day Celebrations at Devendorf Park
- Nov. 20th Craftpalooza – with HomeCrafters at Sunset Center North Lot and more
- Dec. 3rd Annual Tree Lighting in front of Devendorf Park
- Dec. 3rd-5th The Nutcracker at Sunset Center



CUSD Welcomes Community Engagement

by Sara Hinds

Mother, Carmel Resident and President of the Carmel Unified School District Board of Education

The Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) is truly unique. The district's 594 square miles contain, some say, the most scenic areas of the world.

CUSD believes a part of improving the educational environment for students is authentic community connections and partnerships. When families, community groups, businesses and schools band together to support learning, students achieve more in school, stay in school longer, and enjoy the experience more.

Therefore, the district is dedicated to finding ways to work with businesses and experts to connect curriculum to the outside world and design engaging learning experiences in and out of the

classroom. We hope these efforts will help bridge the disconnect between education and industry and demonstrate how students can participate in their community through a career aligned with their interests.



CUSD hopes that by creating ways big and small, community members can be involved. It can create higher levels of family and community engagement, curricula that connect students with real-world opportunities, and care for

the basic needs of students and their families.

Creating opportunities for involvement in schools is essential. CUSD is attempting to meet members of our community where they are and invite members to reciprocate. Through invitations to school events, offers to contribute to decision making, and the creation of physical and virtual spaces where the community can gather, CUSD is exploring ways to involve our community in the education process.

When schools and communities work together to support learning, everyone benefits. To learn more about CUSD and its outstanding students, families, and staff, visit our website and social media accounts. And be sure to subscribe to the newly created community member list to receive news and updates from the District on issues related to the community. www.carmelunified.org. ■

MARY'S *Corner*

Membership Month

Here we are again at CRA renewal month! Feel free to ask your friends to join too. Enclosed is that familiar envelope, or you can join or renew with credit cards on our website. ANY folks who call Carmel "their town" may join; and we are issuing 2022 VIP cards (see VIP article).

Of course, you will continue receiving this bimonthly publication as well as enjoy all of our other member benefits! Now that we're back IN PERSON you'll learn about our events and continue receiving updates on what's happening in our Village as well. We present many member events and other civic ones open to the public. Thank you very much for your dues, donations, and volunteer contributions. Your help is greatly appreciated!

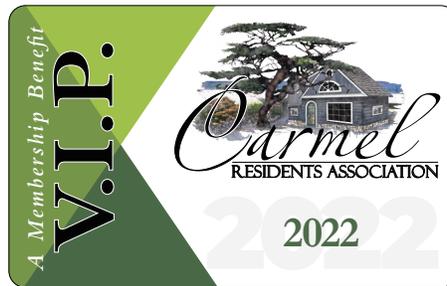
CRA Board Nominations

As you renew or join the CRA, please also consider nominating a candidate for Board membership. A Board nominee must be a CRA member for 6 months or more and reside in our Village or its Sphere of Influence, however. Please email or send your petition, signed by 3 CRA members, accompanied by a short paragraph focused on the nominee's talents or interests in service. Your petition must be received by March 1, 2022. Please send to the nominating committee chair Graeme Robertson, 3024 Santa Lucia Avenue, Carmel, CA 93923 or email him at carmelgraeme@aol.com.

Would YOU be interested in serving?? Just let our President Fred or Nominating Chair know!



New VIP Cards



Once again many of our local businesses are offering members discounts or other offers. Please use 2021 cards in January until your replacement is received when you renew your CRA membership.



A list of participating businesses and their offers is available at www.carmelresidents.org/vip-card. The use of VIP cards is for CRA members only. Please encourage businesses not on our offers list to sign-up. They can find information on the VIP web page at www.carmelresident.org. We locals will love them!

Our Social Gatherings

Yes! IT'S A CRA NO-HOST

We are thrilled to announce that our "CRA No Host's" are returning! Terri and Ross Kaplan have graciously offered to organize our bi-monthly Happy Hour get togethers, with old and new friends alike. Our first CRA No Host will be held in the Lava Lounge at Vesuvio Restaurant, 6th and Mission, on Wednesday, February 8 from 4PM til 6PM. Happy hour beverage and food pricing will be available. No fuss—no muss! No

need to pre-select entree choices and pay in advance. No need to make reservations! We each order off the menu and receive separate checks. Please come and join us!

We sure hope you enjoyed both Will Bullas in Carpenter Hall in November and also our Holiday Gala last month; CRA events are back to normal! Many thanks are due...to Kathleen and Barry Swift back serving wine in November and to Ann Nelson and Janine Chicourrat for chairing our Holiday Gala. Scheid Vineyards and Darlene & Dave Mosley contributed wine for our enjoyment. Plus Sherry Williams, Jane Veneman, Linda Andreae and Bob Nelson assisted Ann on decor; with Nancy Twomey stellar on her computer for the Gala! Coming up, don't miss our January program!...see pg.2.

Other Ongoing Activities

We must bid farewell to Daniel Cardenas who chaired our March through October CRA Beach Clean Up. Thanks so much dear friend! Won't one or two of you offer to be our smiling faces on the third Saturday morning of these months at the top of our gorgeous beach???

There's more here too...you may have seen us at the CRA table the last Thursday of each month (Jan-Oct) greeting folks at the Farmers Market. Please stop by and we welcome our members to help staff this also!!!! We need you!



Phenomenal News: *The Voice* received a \$20,000.00 Anonymous Donation! Whoever you are out there...we offer our UT-MOST APPRECIATION!!! These special funds, as requested, will be applied to expanded periodic reach of *The Voice* beyond our usual loyal readership. Thank you so very much!



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CHEERS & CHIDES

 **CHIDES** Any work, any action, any movement, anything regarding the hole in the ground on Delores and 5th? Local resident swears that Jimmy Hoffa is buried there. So, something is happening.

 **CHEERS** Rumors say the Design Review Committee is being resurrected. Can this be accelerated?

 **CHEERS** Looking forward to the City update on community input on the permanent Police Chief. Will the shoes fit?

 **CHEERS** Where do (and when) do we sign up for the General Plan, Design Guidelines citizen input sessions? Lots of heavy lifting to do here.

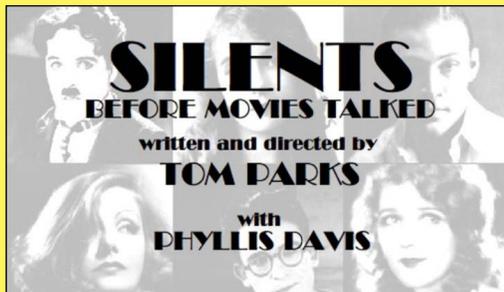
 **CHEERS** Turns out Jimmy Hoffa isn't buried in our hole in the ground. But Judge Crater is, maybe.

 **CHIDES** Two years and counting and our library is still open only a few hours a week as of this printing. It is time to fully open the doors to pre-pandemic hours NOW. Carmel residents and all card holders deserve nothing less. Write to City Hall. Stop a City Council member on the street. OPEN THE LIBRARY.

 **CHIDES** WHEN can we be in person at City Council meetings again? It's time isn't it?

SILENTS ANYONE?

You won't want to miss this local theatrical gem at a local gem - written and directed by our *Voice* editor, Tom Parks and held at the Carl Cherry. Be sure to get your tickets for "Silents Before Movies Talked" Feb 25 thru Mar 25 each Friday and Saturday night at 7 PM and Sundays at 2 PM. Call Box Office 717-7373 for tickets, \$30 each.



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