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OF THE CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## “The Pit” and the Pendulum



There's an old Latin axiom: *De gustibus no est disputandum*. Well, for those of us who never sat in a Latin class—translated the above: In matters of taste there can be no disputes.

Ahh, but that's not the Carmel story, especially when it comes to the current interest, actually the current dustup, regarding the architectural design elements in our Village, both commercial and residential where there are plenty of dustups, or disputes if you will.

Is there a quintessential architectural design or style in Carmel? No. And we all know it or should know it. Not even close. We're an eclectic mix. We're all over the map aesthetically from turn of the century cottage to 20s Spanish revival to late 30s and 40s moderne to shed roof 50s to 60s through 90s whatever, even to a few 'bunker' mansions of the last twenty years. Something wrong with that?

Apparently not, at least until present 2022. Currently all hell is breaking loose. We have in our midst what is referred to as “the pit,” a hole in the ground right in

the center of our village. Developers want to build after a long three years of natives staring suspiciously at the unsightly site. So, here are a few questions: what should be built, what should not be built, but more important, when it is built, what should it look like? And we Carmelites have come up with a ready answer—we don't know, that is most of us. At this writing, two designs have been put forth by the owner, both been rejected by the City bowing no doubt to plenty of complaints from citizens, some of whom know what they want, some who seem not to know what they want but just don't want what is offered.

And that makes lots of sense. We all have our own ideas of what is attractive, what is appropriate, what is right for our Village, both in the commercial district and our neighborhoods. In short, whoever we are, whatever our thoughts of good design, we who live here—care.

Carmel was founded long before Mickey even dreamed of Disneyland. No, Carmel is not The Magic Kingdom nor is

it Frank Gehry or I.M. Pei. It is something else. Then what is it?

Carmel is an eclectic design/style crazy quilt of architecture that over one hundred years has managed to please almost everyone. It's without pretention or ever-so-cute familiarity. It's sweet, comfortable, cozy.

And it needs to be protected. One man's meat is another man's poison, said a Roman guy, BC—that is Before Carmel.

What is traditional or what is modern, a little of both may be the answer. What is important is that what we build now should not be ordinary.

Let's look again at “the pit” as well as our neighborhoods without prejudice. It may just be possible to find elements in designs that please our tastes and those of our friends and neighbors.

In matters of taste there are lots of disputes, but hopefully sincere compromise can win the day. ■

*The Editor*

### The Good News - Stay Tuned

The City Design Traditions project summer efforts include two community workshops, a broad public online survey, and an update to confirm public response. Reviewing this update with the public, the City Council and the Planning Commission are critical steps preceding the initial drafting of new commercial and residential guidelines.

## A Movable Saint

On July 22, 1922, over 300 people gathered at what is now the intersection of Camino Del Monte and Alta Avenue to greet Jo Mora's carved oak statue of Father Junipero Serra. This was



also the opening of Carmel Woods, a new development owned by Pebble Beach Company founder S. F. Morse.

Morse, who was also president of Del Monte Properties Company, commissioned the Serra Shrine surrounded by plants and a pair of wooden benches to be installed in Serra Circle, the entrance to Carmel Woods. Local artist Joseph "Jo" Mora (1876-1947) carved the statue from

oak and with a painted oak back piece was displayed within a wooden shrine, along with two painted benches. Since 1922 this work of art has serenely greeted residents and tourists as they enter the north end of Carmel-by-the-Sea and Carmel Woods until the statue was removed in 2020.

The statue was vandalized with black paint in September 2015. In June 2020 it was removed by the city of Carmel for safekeeping in the wake of protests and destruction of symbols of racism and colonialism around the country.

While the statue sat in a Carmel library safe, its fate was being decided. The statue sat on county land, and it was unclear who actually owned it. Then Monterey County denied the return of the statue to its niche in Serra Circle because it sat on public land and Serra is a religious symbol. It was formally agreed that the Carmel Woods Neighborhood Association should own it and on July 15, Carmel officials handed it over.

On July 22, 2022, the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the statue, The

*By Fred Bologna*



Carmel Woods Association held a private ceremony marking the opening of Carmel Woods 100 years ago to the day. The association announced they had the statue, and they were working to decide where it should go. Charles Osborne, grandson of



S. F. Morse, suggests the Carmel Mission could be the best place. While the association is requesting a county encroachment permit to maintain the remaining niche and benches designed by Jo Mora, the question remains, what is ideal for the niche where Father Serra once resided. Any suggestions? ■

## *The Voice Staff Speaks...And You?*

Our newsletter rarely receives written or verbal comment. That could be considered by our staff good news or bad news. It's really both. Of course, we hope our readership have positive response to what we print. But on the other hand, we're open to alternate views, disagreement of editorial positions taken or, let's face it, complaints. Our mission is to publish what we believe is "news you can use."

What's happening in our village; what has been happening and what's about to happen. We often add byline editorial content by our contributors and opinion pieces by the editor. The takeaway, as we know it from the limited remarks we receive, is positive. Yet, we may be missing something, or more than just something.

In short, we want to hear from you. Let us know what you think of what we're saying. We all want good news, but *The Voice* staff is a strong bunch so we're up for a few zingers now and then.

And so . . . We're making space in this publication for letters/comments, the good and the not-so-good. If we hear from you, you'll hear from us. Is it a deal? Thanks for reading.

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## Expert or Highwayman?

He was a star in the constellation that included Frederick Law Olmsted and Daniel Burnham, advocates for the City Beautiful Movement of the early 1900's. Called a "dynamo" and a "visionary" by journalists, he developed master plans for Palo Alto, Palos Verdes Estates, Berkeley, Alameda, Rancho Santa Fe and Portland, Oregon. His fingerprints abounded on the 1917-18 San Francisco "garden city" project.

Some considered him California's "father of city planning," for he drafted the state's first planning statute, adopted in 1915 by the legislature. The initial statewide municipal zoning law passed the following year, he its key author. Same with the updated and more powerful 1927 State Planning Act.

His familiarity with the Monterey Peninsula was anchored in ten years of vacationing in Carmel as well as organizing the inaugural statewide planning conference, held in Monterey in 1914. He was featured in a July 1931 edition of the New York Times, advocating planning, zoning, and comprehensive street plans for cities.

"Good architecture and attractive neighborhoods, gardens and landscaping are what make a city worthwhile; they give life satisfaction. Everything else is secondary" he proclaimed at the 1940 conference of the American Society of Planning Officials. His career was memorialized with designation as a "National Planning Pioneer" by the American Planning Association.

Charles Henry Cheney was hired by the Carmel-by-the-Sea city council in September 1927 to develop a Village plan, a zoning code, and a master road concept. He had met Mayor John Jordan and Councilman George Wood at the California Municipalities assemblage in Sacramento earlier that year. The local citizenry was impressed with this "planning expert" in their initial interaction at the Pine Inn two days after Cheney's late September arrival, giving him "a burst of applause" for his comments on the specialness of Carmel.

His retention by the council was

praised by the Pine Cone and the Carmel Cymbal. Perry Newberry, editor of the Pine Cone, opined "And so we hand Carmel to you, Mr. Cheney" to "lead us beautyward." Cheney's 1927 sequel to the original State Planning Act authorized the creation of municipal planning commissions with "powers



**The only known copy of the "Major Traffic Street Plan" prepared by Charles Henry Cheney, dated December 8, 1927. The white lines represent major thoroughfares, some proposed at up to 84 feet.**

*(Photograph courtesy of Neill Engineers.)*

and duties" to establish official master plans, to enforce future street lines and issue building permits which "shall conform to Official Master Plans." After two months in Carmel, Cheney's recommendation for creating a planning commission was enacted by the council via Ordinance No. 82.

There were skeptics of this "big city" expert. Some Carmelites had concerns that the planner held ideas "exactly the reverse of the needs of this Village." His future major road plan proved these minimifidians correct.

By Doug Schmitz



Cheney spoke openly of "two or three main thoroughfares" and "now is the time to plan out the major highways for the next generation." In 1928, in Carmel, "now" was not the time.

In February, Cheney presented his street plan. As the old adage goes, it was dead-on-arrival. San Carlos, Thirteenth, Carmelo and Monte Verde had 86' of right-of-way (ROW) for future roadway construction. (Existing ROW is 50'; 60' for San Carlos.) The planning expert proposed a major highway from the Pebble Beach gate, through Carmel via Carmelo, angling south of the Mission and connecting with the Carmel- San Simeon Highway (now Highway One.) Cheney anticipated a Carmel population of 30,000. Wide thoroughfares were needed to accommodate the traffic generated by that many Carmelites.

A "mass meeting" was held at Sunset School on March 7, 1928. Audience members said the proposal would alter the character of Carmel; require condemnation; was a waste of money; "illogical and unnecessary;" violates the spirit of Carmel; has unknown future financial burdens. Newberry, an initial backer of Cheney, stated "we want fewer, not more roads." A resolution was put forward by an attendee--- "we protest against creating major traffic streets" and the plan is "unnecessary and a waste of taxpayers' money." It passed overwhelmingly with only six votes in support of Cheney.

Within a month, the Planning Commission voted in "disfavor" of the plan. Cheney's traffic proposal never appeared on a city council agenda. At the end of 1928, he showcased his zoning scheme to the council, which promptly sent it to the city attorney for a long review. "Fourteen months of wasted time" was Newberry's summation of the tenure of Charles Henry Cheney in Carmel-by-the-Sea. ■



# YOU'VE GOT MAIL...

by  
**Nancy Twomey**

# SOMEPLACE

**F**or newcomers and residents of many years, here are many points of technology and convenience to consider.

## ✉ Addresses in Carmel-by-the-Sea

It has been 106 years: Carmel-by-the-Sea without standard street addresses and with the pleasantries (and hassles) this uncommon tradition provides. Our history includes multiple attempts to implement addresses and postal delivery but were put on the back burner. For years, residents enjoy their near-daily visits to the Post Office, with the impromptu mix and mingle with fellow residents while enjoying everything Carmel.

Of course, times have changed. Our always available mobile phones, email, texting, and other online mapping technologies have increased expectations and approaches to location and communications overall. In today's no address deliveries, mail and being found (when you want or need to be) can be a challenge, especially for newcomers and visitors. And especially with the pandemic the desire for house delivery has increased dramatically.

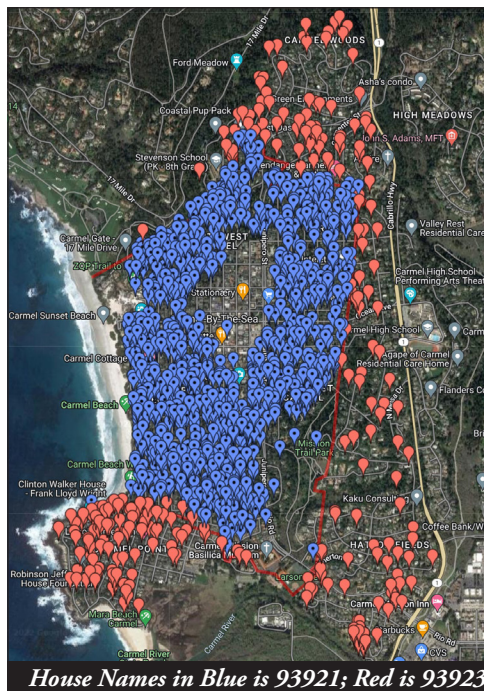
## ✉ Will Village Standard Addresses Happen?

Exploring street addresses for our Village is a priority City project item to start this calendar year 2022/2023. This project will likely include many factors, pros/cons, timeline, and community feedback before actions are taken. Prior to this project effort, we don't have the facts on expected dependencies between standard addresses, providing postal mail delivery, and keeping our 93921 Post Office open in town.



## ✉ Today, without standard addresses...

- 1. Emergency Services (911) always know where you are.** 911 call systems have Geographic Information Services (GIS) Identifiers for our location? Of course, you are asked for added location details for proper routing.

- 2. There is ONE official address in Carmel-by-the-Sea.** It's for our Carmel-by-the-Sea Post Office at "56B 5th Ave Lot 1, Carmel, CA 93921".
- 3. Residents get a free PO Box #.** Please ask at the Service Desk of our Post Office for documents required (e.g., property tax doc, or others).
- 4. There is a Google Map with Carmel-by-the-Sea House names.** Simply search online with "Maps: Carmel House Names" and it will come up. You can add and/up update your house name as well.



## ✉ Optimizing How to Find Your House

-  **Your Sign** - Residents in Carmel have a house "name," that should be visible from this street. Names are determined by owners; Carmel folk lore discourages renaming with change of hands. Your sign out front ideally includes your house's name and its physical location, the same as you provide for deliveries.
-  **Online and "Ship To" Forms** (or calling

into a call center) that require physical locations require a leading numeral(s). The ideal # to use is the number of positions from the corner your house or building is located. If your location description is rejected - this is when the fun begins.

- ✓ Sometimes a simple "OK" this is correct is all that is needed, as an exception.
- ✓ For standard packages (when it can be made during PO hours) and it requires an official address, use the following:
  - ✉ **Your First and Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_
  - ✉ **56B 5th Ave Lot 1,** (insert the number only of your PO box here e.g., #6432),
  - ✉ **Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921**
- ✓ If used for a financial institution or where physical delivery or location is essential, and when you're interacting live with business entity...
  - ✉ request exception approval on the physical address location you provided
  - ✉ ask if there is a local office that can help (example is CalAm Water has a central office and has a local Pacific Grove office.)
  - ✉ ask your neighbors and/or the prior renter or house owner what they used to identify their location in this case successfully
  - ✉ ask if they accept the legal description of our locations with the APN, Lot, and Block numbers, all available on our City's website.

## ✉ Ideal Location Descriptions

- 📍 Your front door is the first street identified in describing your physical location, the second street identified should be the nearest cross street.
- 📍 Use SE, SW, NW, NE to identify the side of the street and direction from the



nearest cross street.

- 📍 Include your house name at the end of the location description, or on a second address line.
- 📍 If on the corner - A good example of the Carmel Woman's Club would be either "0 San Carlos and 9th SW Corner" with or without the leading "0"
- 📍 If not on the corner - An example is our American Legion on "2 Dolores, SE of 8th" or "Dolores 2 SE of 8th", the second building from the corner, facing Dolores with nearest cross street 8th Avenue.

## ✉ For House Delivery of Packages or Services

- 🏠 Transact local, where feasible. Local vendors and providers know of our strange ways.
- 🏠 For packages, always subscribe to online delivery notifications. They clarify how, when and package location, including the shipper information. If anything is off, you can often update the details.
- 🏠 UPS and FedEx are commonly OK with our descriptive addresses, and the signage in front of your house improves deliveries. Drivers will often remember your name too; other shippers not so much and often return the package to the vendor.



*Our first Carmel-by-the-Sea Post Office on Ocean*

- 🏠 Amazon Deliveries tips: A) If you know they will ship via UPS or FedEx, your physical address will be successful. B) If your package is small and/or you are OK with Post Office pickup, use your standard PO Box address, or the physical address of the Post Office shown already. C) Increasingly Amazon delivers with their trucks and staff that change frequently who benefit from optimal house signs and other tips mentioned here.
- 🏠 Refrigerated or pharmaceutical deliveries often use non-standard shippers.

For these it is especially important A) to know your neighbors (in case they are mis-delivered nearby), B) make sure the shipper has your contact details and they accept special delivery instructions, with confirmation of delivery provided via text.

- 🏠 Service Providers (cleaning, landscaping, repairs etc.) locating your house: once again, clear visible signage at your entry with your house name and location is best. You can also point them to the "Maps: Carmel Home Names" tool.

## ✉ Carmel-by-the-Sea US Postal Office 93921

Our Post Office is located on 5th Avenue between Dolores and San Carlos, Phone (831) 625-4470. There are over 5000 physical PO Boxes in our Post Office: as of Spring 2022 there are 3300 in use. Sunday it is closed. Service Counter is open Monday-to-Friday 10am to 4:30pm and Saturdays from 12-2 a Package Pickup Window only is in the middle of the PO Box area. Doors to access PO Boxes are open 6-4:30 each weekday and Saturday from 7:30-4:30; they are unpredictably open longer.

## ✉ Your FREE United States PO Box

Carmel-by-the-Sea residents (house owner, renter etc.) qualify for a free PO Box. For owners, they ask to see your tax bill and for Renters, please check with the Post Office Service Desk for required documentation. Annual verification (proof) is required. Larger PO Boxes are available for an annual fee.

## ✉ Special Mail Delivery for Housebound

Housebound residents can apply with the City Staff for free house delivery if you qualify. This service is provided by Peninsula Messenger Service and paid for in our City fiscal budget by our tax dollars.

## ✉ Yes, You've Got Mail

You can sign up to receive email notifications from USPS that you have postal mail waiting. Sign up for Informed Delivery, by USPS. Digitally preview most upcoming mail and shipments by way of your email address. The email includes images of the address side of letter-sized mail pieces and packages processed through USPS's automated equipment. Sign up at [informedelivery.usps.com](https://informedelivery.usps.com)

## ✉ Advantages of PO Boxes

- 📦 **Safety** – no theft of mailed documents

or packages (Yes, there are official mail boxes available with locking mechanisms)

- 👍 **Convenience** – no need to rush to pick up a package left on your doorstep if packages are delivered to the Post Office
- 👍 **Visual Mail Box Clutter** – with only Post Office delivery, mail boxes are not "a thing." Plus, our 93921 Post Office is very profitable in the USPS system simply because they do not provide house delivery.
- 👍 **For Travelers or Part Time Residents** – your packages and postal mail are held until you pick them up.



*PO Boxes of today*

## ✉ Disadvantages of PO Boxes

- 👎 Many, some but not all, businesses refuse to ship to a Post Office Box
- 👎 Issues with online systems that will not accept PO Boxes for an address.
- 👎 Packages delivered to the Post Office expands the time to retrieve your package.
- 👎 And packages shipped to your PO Box, or the Post Office physical address must deliver during Post Office hours only.

## ✉ There is always more...

This article will be updated on our CRA website with your welcome updates, and many fascinating history articles on the addresses and Post Office in our Village. Plus, it will include updates as the City again investigates the address project in the coming months. Visit [www.carmel-residents.org/addresses](https://www.carmel-residents.org/addresses). ■



# ABOUT Town

## Progress on Cell Towers and Pacaso Timeshares

With an initial Carmel district courtroom win against Verizon regarding the Cell Tower placement on 8th & Carmelo, Verizon has unsurprisingly filed an appeal. This part of this effort continues, and our City stance remains. More to follow here.

In parallel an initial review of the draft Wireless Ordinance is set for Sept 14th at the regular Planning Commission meeting. The locally funded Stop Cell Towers in Carmel Neighborhoods team will have their engaged attorney Campanelli, available to speak and is looking forward to previewing this ordinance draft for optimal local control over tower placements and aesthetics.

City leadership and legal counsel also remains steadfast on the path to prevent Pacaso Timeshares in our Village. This cease-and-desist effort continues while you can see one advertised in town. Now Monterey County has followed our lead with their own Pacaso cease and desist order.

More info on these is available on the CRA website. ■

By Nancy Twomey



## More City Accomplishments

Our Village Fiscal 2022/2023 Budget was approved. All the “catch-up” hiring for the City staff is now complete – extending our CRA welcome to these new City professionals. New items in the Capitol Improvement Project roster are getting started. Plus, our library hours are ever closer to pre-pandemic schedules. ■

## Looking Ahead - Upcoming About Town Events

- 📅 Friday Sept 16 afternoon – Carmel High School Homecoming Parade up & down Ocean Avenue.
- 📅 Saturday Sept 17 morning plus – Carmel’s Annual Sand Castle Contest
- 📅 Thursday Sept 22 11am-2pm – Carmel hosts a Community Group Fair in Devendorf Park. Learn about all the amazing non-profits and organizations serving Carmel
- 📅 Saturday Oct 8 – Visit Carmel’s Meet the Maker (Art & Wine)
- 📅 Saturday Oct 29 at dusk – “Hocus Pocus” movie in Devendorf Park, hosted by Forest Theater Guild
- 📅 Monday Oct 31 midafternoon – Carmel’s Anniversary & Halloween Parade

## Looking Back - Our Thanks to All

For everyone who delivered culture, music, fun and more to our Village this summer, thank you. These included:

- Surfabout on Carmel Beach June 11-12
- Carmel Plaza Merchants hosted July’s every Friday evening Summer Live Concerts
- Annual July 4th Monterey County Pops Concert in the Park
- “Zoo to You” in Devendorf Park & others hosted by the Carmel Children’s Library team
- Carmel’s Bach Festival the last 2 weeks in July – with amazing programs, conductors, and musicians
- Movie nights and live productions are ongoing in the Forest Theater
- Concours d’Elegance and other Car Week Activities in mid-August, with this year our town hosting Prancing Ponies & Acura in Devendorf. Oh, and just a few visitors.

## Supporting Ukraine in Carmel-by-the-Sea

If you’ve driven on Dolores between 8th and 9th, you may have seen a glimpse of the banner at the American Legion Post 512. They “Proudly serve Ukrainian Vodka.” Thirsty anyone? Cheers.



Zoo to You



Design Traditions Workshop



Sand Castle Contest



# MARY'S Corner

## Looking Back – Thanks for your participation and to our honorees

- CRA Annual Meeting May 19th, also honoring 5th Ave Deli for our yearly Business Recognition Award
- CRA presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Tony Salameh at our June 8th CRA No Host Gathering, of course held at Anton & Michel



## Your CRA Board of Directors for 2022/2023

We have voted and are proud and thankful to renew our current slate of officers: Fred, Ken, Tim, and Frankie. Plus, we are also honored to have two new engaged volunteers and committed long-term residents Janice Bradner and Mike Brown join our CRA Board. Visit the Directors page on our website for profiles.

## Coming Up

- **Sunday Sept 11 – Yea AGAIN**  
CRA is Hosting a Members Only Beach Gathering 4-6 PM in Cooke's Cove at the base of the Scenic and 13th Avenue stairs. Please join us for a late afternoon beverage at the end of your weekend, bring your 4-legged family members too. Mingle with fellow members both familiar and new. Donations optional but encouraged to cover beverage costs.
- **Wednesday Sept 21 – CRA**  
Hosts our 17th Biannual Candidates Forum (*see next page*)
- **Wednesday Oct 19 – CRA**  
Hosts John Sanders' revealing new insights and history of 17 Mile Drive and Del Monte Hotel. Consumed in writing his new book, there is more new material to share about the international appeal of the Del Monte from the earliest days. Learn how this resort was built in 120 days during winter rains and how it took 20 years to adopt the 17 Mile Drive name we know today. Enjoy a glass of wine Oct 19 at 6:30 PM in the Carmel Woman's Club when we open the doors, and the program begins at 7PM.
- **Monday Oct 31 – your CRA board members** will be marching with banner-in-hand in our Village Anniversary/Halloween Parade. Please march with us!



## In Memoria

**Chuck August**, a CHS graduate, musician, firefighter, exceptional wood carver, auto enthusiast, and Carmel Resident since 1962 passed on June 2022. He will be missed by family, local organizations and charities that he was involved in, including CRA.

Our condolences go to Frankie Laney on the recent passing of her husband **Dick Laney**.



## Charity Begins at Home

In 2016 **Carmel High School's Mock Trial Team**, competed regionally, and then at State, continuing to come out on top. In this same year CHS went on to **WIN** the Empire World Championships. Their winning stories began in 2005 going forward to this day. Once again, this CHS Mock Trial team with its stellar record is set to compete at October's Empire World Championships in Chicago. Funding to cover travel, hotel and meals must come from private sources, requiring \$35,000 by mid-September.

In comes CRA and you. The CRA Board has approved \$1000 seed money and encourages you to match it or add to it with



what you can. Make a tax-deductible donation check payable to "Carmel High School Associated Student Body," mailing it to "CHS Mock Trial Team at PO Box 21, Carmel, Ca 93921". Or go online to [www.carmelcares.org](http://www.carmelcares.org) donations and select the CHS Mock Trial Team program to fund. Contact CRA Board Member Mike Brown at (831) 624-3790 with questions and to learn more about this team's skills and success.

AND - an iconic Carmel-by-the-Sea public piece of art, the **Bill Bates Carmel Map** next to Niensens Market & Deli is a landmark we all know and walk by often if not daily. Now over 40 years old, experiencing signs of age and unfortunate recent graffiti, this is in critical need of significant restoration and enhanced preservation. Efforts are underway to collaborate with local professionals and artistic talent, and with the help of your tax-deductible donations. Please join us in contributing to this significant cause with what you can. Go online to [www.carmelcares.org](http://www.carmelcares.org) donations page and select the Bates Carmel Map Restoration program fund.



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*The CRA does not sell, trade, lend or in any other way share our members' information with any organization or company.*

# Hear Ye, Hear Ye

## Come One And All To The CRA Candidates Forum 2022

### Wednesday Sept 21, 7-8:30 pm

## Carmel Woman's Club – San Carlos & 9th

Every 2 years since 1988, CRA continues to host our Biannual Candidates Forum. This election year is no different. Candidates on the Carmel-by-the-Sea Voters Ballot include Mayoral candidates and those running for the other two City Council seats.

This 17th CRA Candidates Forum will once again ask the tough questions and may make some news as these local representatives address our Village challenges ahead and state their views. It is important to remind everyone that running for office and the role once the votes are in are not for the faint of heart. It requires significant investments in personal time, commitments, and passion for our amazing Village. For this, we thank them.

This year, once again, we are honored to have local and former US Representative Sam Farr as our moderator who will keep candidates on topic and on time. Thanks Sam!

**And we need YOUR tough questions submitted in advance for this fast-paced panel session. (Email [info@carmelresidents.org](mailto:info@carmelresidents.org)).**

Time will not permit all topics to be covered, but best efforts will be made to address significant items of residents' interest. Candidates will not see the questions in advance but will receive rules to follow when responding.

Unlike our online 2020 CRA Candidates Forum, we will be in person again, located in the Carmel Woman's Club at 9th & San Carlos. This is open to the public and arrive early to get the best seats. Doors will open at 6:30, and we begin promptly at 7PM ending at 8:30PM.

The candidates who we vote into office will make important decisions that affect residents, you, your family, and our community. With major updates of our General Plan, ADU & Telecom Ordinances, Zoning, Design Guidelines, Housing, Forest Master Plan, etc., these candidates are not lacking in significant topics relevant to our Village and all of us for years to come. ■