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Flanders Mansion Has a Past—Does It Have a Future?

It's 1925. The population of the Village of Carmel by the Sea is estimated at about 1500. His honor, William T. Kibbler is mayor. The newly remodeled La Playa Hotel opens on May 31st.

And Mr. and Mrs. Flanders, Paul, and Grace, keep house on Hatton Road in their new Tudor Revival with a flourish of English cottage architecture.

The Flanders occupied their jewel-like homesite until 1944 when Paul Flanders passed away. From 1951 until 1955 various cosmetic and practical additions were added and discarded.

1972 changed everything. The City of Carmel purchased the residence for \$275,000 which brought considerable up-grading of the property: plumbing, electrical, a new sewer line, kitchen improvements, and some furniture repair. The tab for the interior augmentations--\$10,000.

The Flanders residence was now Carmel's residence which somewhere, somehow somehow became known and is still known as The Flanders Mansion.

To the movers and shakers of local government who ponied up the \$275,000 there may be a lesson much too late to act upon-- be careful what you wish for, or, in the Flanders case, buyer beware.

From the 70s into the 90s the house stood mostly empty with a few short time exceptions of residents and a local artist. Not forgotten, it was scrutinized by structural engineers, architects and countless 'idea people' who came up with, well, the 'idea people' came up short. Whatever de-



cisions or nondecisions may have plagued the building during its lonely existence there emerged good fortune to the house. Flanders Mansion and its grounds were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.

In 1990 Flanders was leased to the Carmel Heritage Organization where for the next four years began another up-grading of plumbing, electrical, new floor coverings, interior decorating. The building was used for local fundraisers touting the mantra of "Romantic Restoration in Carmel." Eight years later a non-profit organization was established 'to preserve, enhance and maintain the Flanders Mansion property as an historical, cultural and educational resource.'

2007 through 2009 saw more, many more, repairs to plumbing, heating, and electrical systems, kitchen, roof repairs and the resurfacing of the driveway.

If the reader is following this saga, it should be noted that the house has not been fully occupied since 1944. Which begs the question of the last 80 years, what to do with Flanders Mansion?

Today and for some time in the past there have been a variety of use opportunities for the property.

A variety of citizens and organizations have been on board searching for solutions and potential options for the property. Long-term lease marketing has been considered for several years. There are activists who have proposed Flanders as an event destina-

tion, museum, cultural center.

Then there is the possibility of selling the property—not an easy proposition since the building is sited within and surrounded on all sides by Mission Trail Nature Preserve and the Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden. Finally, and for the present, the City of Carmel could simply maintain the status quo, with continued needed maintenance as has been the case for many years.

And so, once again the City Council has placed Flanders on its agenda, seeking solutions for this iconic property. Whatever is decided, if indeed anything is decided, the outcome will be complicated. Not least of all is the environmental impact of any solution along with the unwelcome issues of tourists and locals parking, and general disquietude in a residential neighborhood.

Flanders is a lovely and cherished building. No one could argue that it has been empty and unused for too long. The City Council has decided to once again give serious consideration to its future. Surely that time has come. ■

PRESIDENT'S *Message*

A Developing Theme for 2024

We hope everyone is safe after the latest round of storms. Many thanks to the Carmel-by-the-Sea Public Works, Public Safety and CERT teams with all of the City staff who work long and hard to ensure our safety and recovery after this early February storm. We are all profoundly grateful. In addition to the weather (*which we hope we've seen the last of, but time will tell*), we have had a busy start to the year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **January 23rd CRA Paul Miller Inside/Out** program. It was a full house. Paul was truly clear that the *Carmel Pine Cone* has been, is and will continue to be the newspaper for "Locals." Its ongoing value and significance is reinforced as our "must read" every Thursday evening online or in print every Friday morning.

Beginning January 8th, our City Council restarted the need to rebuild our mid 1960's **Police Station**. As of this writing, this topic continued with two very well attended public meetings on the options along with the analysis of the current station. We are encouraged that the Ad Hoc committee is continuing to welcome public input in the weeks ahead as the Police Department needs

are revealed in more detail with greater understanding of alternatives and funding considerations. Visit our CRA home webpage for link for current 2024 and past (since 2017) meetings, documents, and press coverage for this significant and costly project.



We hope you enjoyed hearing from our **City Directors on February 21st** with 4 major department leaders....Ashley Wright-Library/Community Activities, Bob Harary-Public Works, Paul Tomasi-Public Safety and Brandon Swan-

By Graeme Robertson



son-Planning/Building. At this interactive session they reviewed their anticipated major projects and programs for this year, including the challenges they face. These discussions help put faces on both Residents and City Directors as we collaborate, support and influence what's next together.

Also, and don't miss our next CRA program **"A Conversation with Mary Adams" April 24th**.

As we move through the end of the first quarter, there seems to be a four-pronged theme developing for 2024...**Safety, Communication, Participation and Transparency**. We encourage you all to be safe, communicate/participate with your CRA Board and/or our City leaders frequently along with insisting on transparency from the CRA Board and City Hall on all matters that affect our beloved Village.

Looking forward to seeing you around town. ■

Graeme

CRA Hosts – Our Monterey District 5 Supervisor, Mary Adams – A Conversation

Wednesday April 24th at 6:30 doors open at the Carmel Woman's Club, as Mary offers her 8 years of insights on the workings on the Monterey County dais and beyond. In an interactive question format, we will cover topics including Mary's experience and roles in County and Regional area committees and boards – covering AMBAG (source of our RHNA #'s), Energy, Water, Transportation and more.

Carmel-by-the-Sea City Staff provides a plethora of services, permits and more inside our 1 square mile, as you know. But we all also benefit from and are impacted by the decisions and work in Monterey County. We look forward to Mary's knowledge on areas outside our Village, specifically on the use of county land, infrastructure, and services. These items can include current unincorporated areas' hot projects and programs such as work on the County's Safety Programs, Roadways, Housing Element and Short-Term Rentals to name a few.

CRA members residing inside our Village and outside our City limits (e.g., Carmel, Carmel Woods, Carmel Valley, Carmel Meadows, Carmel Highlands, plus more) want to learn more on how our County leaders work on and address regional opportunities and challenges. This is a great opportunity to hear from our County's best – our Supervisor Mary Adams, as she wraps up her County service at year's end.

Please join us April 24th at 6:30PM for a glass of wine and program starting at 7:00PM, at the Carmel Woman's Club SW Corner of San Carlos and 9th. This is free and open to the public. Finally, if you have questions for Mary, please email us at info@carmelresidents.org.



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The Pine Cone – 25 Years, 10 Owners and Counting

This column continues a series of stories on the owners/publishers/editors of *The Carmel Pine Cone* in its first fifty years.

There was minimal front-page news that stood out from that of other small-town newspapers in Volume XXVI, No. 27, of *The Carmel Pine Cone* edition of Friday, July 5, 1940. (see photos) The municipality was hiring a police officer, the outdoor theater announced a “Children’s Play in August,” and the forthcoming dog show “was to have many entries.”

The lower right corner posted a three-paragraph announcement that Archibald MacPhail had sold the newspaper to Carlos Drake. MacPhail, formerly of the *New York Herald-Tribune*, had owned the newspaper for just nine months.

The 1940 transfer of ownership was the tenth in the twenty-five years since Bill Overstreet founded the *Pine Cone* in 1915. MacPhail’s most controversial and courageous act was his endorsement of the owner/editor and his chief competitor, W. K. Bassett of *The Carmel Cymbal*, when Bassett had run for city council in April 1940. Bassett lost; MacPhail sold the newspaper two months later to Drake.

The first edition under Drake shocked Carmelites. Unlike the publication’s front pages over most of the previous twenty-five years, the initial Drake copy carried no local news on its lead page. A cartoon of 18 children in a school yard, running and playing while a squadron of bombers flew atop the drawing, was page one. To the left of the planes were silhouetted, helmeted, gas masked soldiers wielding bayonets, one obviously just shot and falling backwards.

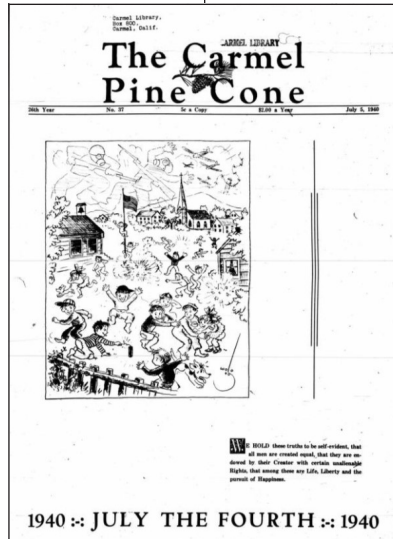
Carlos Drake was royalty. Son of Tracy Drake, co-owner of The Drake

Hotel in Chicago, he had attended the private Hotchkiss school. At Yale, he had befriended the future co-founder of *Time* magazine, Henry Luce, and travelled

to Europe following graduation. There, he wrote for Ford Madox Ford and Joseph Conrad in the *Transatlantic Review*. He was a member of a social group including Ernest Hemingway, James Joyce, and Ezra Pound. After returning from Europe, Drake was the lead executive for the C.C. Drake Company, promoting travel and stewarding the entity’s real estate interests. His wife, Mary, had been owner of a small

newspaper in New England which was his introduction and gateway into journalism. She would be co-publisher of the *Pine Cone*. His sister was Betsy Drake, actress, was once married to Cary Grant.

Within seven months of assuming control of the *Pine Cone*, the Drakes encountered financial problems. In a column titled “Note to *Pine Cone* Readers” in the February 7, 1941 edition, Allen Griffin, previous co-owner of the newspaper with J.A. Eastman and then with Perry Newberry, wrote “...it can now be told that I took over the obligations that would have forced the Drakes out...” Noting his previous financial involvement with an owner of *The Pine Cone* who had financial shortfalls, Eastman, Griffin penned “The community profited by it the last time; and this time it means



Carmel will keep the Drakes---and that’s a benefit...”

Drake’s editions of the *Pine Cone* reported Carmel news, but his laser focus was on national and international stories and editorials. He frequently printed letters from friends in Europe about the war there, and reproduced news columns from European publications.

Drake was a rabid Republican; calling him an “FDR hater” is not far off the mark. In an editorial on November 1, 1940, one of many on the forthcoming Presidential election, the headline read “FREE ELECTION?” The opinion piece stated, “Even this election, in which one candidate (FDR) has over one million employees (sic) and many million relief clients with a financial reason for voting for him, is not entirely free.”

An October 1942 opinion piece, bylined with Drake’s name, headlined “Roosevelt Now Speaks of The Right to Work.” He castigated FDR for being a “wealthy man” yet “He has given plenty of hand-outs, dispensed enormous charity---21 billion dollars worth--without offering any chance for some of these people to get back on their feet.”

By early 1942, the Drakes were gone. The newspaper would enter a period of writing and editorial doldrums akin to Ross Miller’s after he bought out Perry Newberry in 1934. Columnist Herb Cerwin had written of the newspaper’s bygone era “It was a sparkling little sheet, full of gossip, full of information: well written, amusing.” With the ownership of Clifford Cook, who followed Drake, there would be no “sparkling little sheet” until new owners Rose/Walker bought out Cook in 1962.

...MORE NEXT TIME. ■

We Want to Know What You Think

It's a busy Carmel government year and the agenda is full. The City Council is being pressed for action. We mere citizens wait for answers. And we're a diverse lot, we Carmelites. Answers and decisions if they happen at all will come slowly and will not please everyone. Pulling down or moving the Scout House needs to be addressed. Then there is the future installation of cameras in town. How about Flanders (see page 1). The Police Station--remodel or start over?

The Numbers Game

But maybe the most talked about and hotly debated issue this year is the assignment of house numbers in Carmel-by-the-Sea. This tiny Village in a Forest-by-the-Sea has thrived in a modest, comfortable way for 106 years without numbers posted on our houses or mail delivery. Instead of "A Tiny bit of Heaven" or "This is It" next door to "This Isn't," chances are in the future we can identify these adorable abodes with assigned digits.

opinion, but this is not reflected in the responses that follow in this questionnaire.

We've not used names of the participants. Here is our query: Are you a resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea? How long have you lived here? What is your opinion of possible assignment of house numbers? We've accommodated as many responses as space allows.

FULL TIME RESIDENT 11 YEARS - Not concerning. Probably more efficient. UPS could find me, right now it's a tosup. So could my visiting friends.

RESIDENT 20 YEARS - I think having no numbers may be quaint, may even be what Carmel used to be. This is a new, high tech century. Why not house numbers?

RESIDENT 30 YEARS - We don't need numbers on our houses. Fire can find us and so can police. Let's not lose sight of tradition. History, character, and tradition define Carmel.

By Tom Parks



RESIDENT 23 YEARS - House numbers? Why not? I think it's illegal not to have them. This is stretching charm to its limit.

RESIDENT 8 YEARS - Yes, It's past time. And while they're at it deliver my mail.

RESIDENT 30 YEARS - I'm ambivalent. I like visiting the post office. At the same time, I do a lot of business shopping online where too often the Amazon driver can't find me.

RESIDENT 3 YEARS - I love living here. Even so, there are times when I feel I'm back in 1900. Numbers? Sure. Why not?

RESIDENT 5 YEARS - I hope for mail delivery. And that means a number on



A sampling of home numbers and names about town

And so, it seems a good time to see where we stand as a citizenry on house numbers—what do we think? What do we want? The why and the why not? The yes and the no.

We found our respondents at the Carmel Post Office, on the street and on phone where we spoke briefly to about 20 local residents. They were mostly forthcoming in their opinions—some careful; some mildly heated. It should be stated for the record, *The Voice* may have its own

RESIDENT 18 YEARS - With the implementation of house numbers I worry at the very possible loss of our wonderful post office where we meet friends and neighbors most days of the week.

RESIDENT 35 YEARS - Leave Carmel alone. It's worked for over one hundred years. We don't need house numbers and we don't need mail delivery, which is the next thing newcomers will be demanding.

my house. Is there something wrong with that?

Just a smattering of opinion. But there is a sensibility or a trend here that may suggest an indifference, even a shrug. Out of the twenty or so responses the "yes" folks seem to carry the day by a modest margin. No passion, no anger, no demands—might bode well for upcoming agenda issues. In the meantime, check your PO mail box for more information. ■

CRA Programs

Carmel Nonprofits Win While Our Carmel Community Contributes and Reuses



Shop

Saturday Apr. 27th 9-6

South Lot Sunset Center NE
Corner San Carlos & 10th

Donate

Wed-Fri Apr. 24-26th 9-6



Proceeds support area Nonprofits

Whether you are completing your spring cleaning or are looking for new treasures:

- Contribute (donate) your clean, reusable, working goods for this Sale
- Shop at this Sale for items just right for your cottages, costumes, reading, kitchen and more...

Bargain hunters welcome – for items you may actually need.

A rummage sale for young & old and unlike any others.

All of your items (given or purchased) will benefit local non-profits including those that make a difference for our next generation of Carmelites and nurturing our local arts. Some of these local causes are planned to include Carmel Youth Center, Music in the Schools, Carmel High School: Scholarships, Mock Trial Team, and Sober Grad Night.

Your hosts on our CRA Board and many non-profit members receiving these funds will help staff both the collection of your items on the 3 days preceding this sale **(Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9AM to 6PM.)**

DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED. This is up to you and reflect those unused, unneeded but usable items in your closets, shelves, cupboards, or garage – that you are confident have more life. Please be sure that they are clean and undamaged. And please no large furniture or used electronics.

SHOPPING IS SIMPLIFIED. As some are familiar you begin by purchasing a \$25 or \$50 empty bag(s) that you fill with items that fit your fancy. Some select larger items or especially valuable items may be priced individually.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. If you have questions or you'd like to volunteer to help staff this worthy activity, please email info@carmelresidents.org. An official signup link will also be available shortly. Check the home page of CRA for this information and more details. And remember that community service hours apply.

**Join us and mark your calendars as our past possessions get a new life
and we help our Carmel Community Non-Profits Win!**

Note: Carmel High School associated efforts have hosted a Rummage Sale in years past, but they are not doing so this year. They are supporting our CRA Sponsored Rummage Sale before, during and after our sale.

ABOUT Town

With 2024 themes of Safety, Communication, Participation and Transparency...

Police Station Needs & Rebuild Planning – This repeatedly postponed effort has risen to the top item generating community interest. In an early January session consultant and staff reports summarized the needs, with potential relocation, and a very rough estimate of \$30 Million. The voices of our community pushed for increased transparency and participation beyond



City staff and consultants. Subsequent meetings (with more to come) provided more clarification and expanded consultant report findings to more of us. Few if any attendees questioned the need for a facility project for this critical team, while a project of this size is larger than anything done by/for our Village in decades. This critically needs community support on the next decisions, plus exploring the financing or funding potentials (with actual \$'s too soon to tell). Please visit the CRA home page link for background covering past and current reports, meetings, press coverage from 2017 to the present day. More to come! ■



By Nancy Twomey

Yes, it's Annual City Budget Season again. Decisions on priorities, projects and how our City's scarce resources and tax dollars will be put to work will be underway from March through June each year. Meetings and workshop dates will be announced shortly, and CRA will keep you informed via email and the next *Voice* issue too. The City Staff works hard to prepare for these and welcomes your input. There are far more investments

than there is capacity or money in items including in our streets, infrastructure, drainage, forest, facilities/buildings, parks, beach, and the list goes on and on. These Budget sessions can be tedious – but are critical to making sure progress is made on the most important projects (e.g., Police Station) – please join in. See the Priority/Budget topic on our website from the last cycle in 2023 August & October. ■

More Items Bubbling Up. More items are coming our way but aren't yet scheduled but may surface inside the coming Budget and Prioritization or otherwise. As you've read here and, in the news, we may see recommendations on what is next for Flanders Mansion (see cover) and Scout House, or the ADU Ordinance update and our Housing Element certification with its follow-on programs. This list goes on to include the new legislation AB413

that requires no parking within 20ft of crosswalks, our currently halted Flock (security) Cameras rollout, and consideration for standard street addresses in Carmel-by-the-Sea (see page 4) ■



Carmel loves our trees, except when they fall. Carmel's century old investments over the years in our Forest-by-the-Sea bring charm, fresh air/oxygen, shade to decrease temperatures and much more to our Village's look and feel. There is much to do to ensure their health, maintenance, and needed replacements to assure a safe environment for our residents. We have a significant legacy in our Monterey Pines, Monterey Cypress, Redwoods, and Coastal Oaks that we are at risk of losing if we

don't nurture them.

The City's Forestry Team and our Forest & Beach Commission are working on a revision to our Forest Master Plan. We ask that you participate in the coming months as this is ready for comment. Note: many of us have requested more community education on tree species with their best fit (or not), and care of trees surrounding our homes. Of course, trees and excessive above ground utilities are NOT friends. ■

Are you storm or emergency ready? Unfortunately, we all experienced first-hand inconveniences in early February by Mother Nature's winds and rains. Hopefully, this was the end of the storms ahead in 2024, but time will tell. Our Village emergency preparedness teams delivered a great January program "Carmel Prepares" that was full of tools, resources, contacts, and plans for these times. This material is relevant inside our Village and beyond with inclusive participation by Monterey Fire and County resources. This team's program will repeat in advance of the potential threats of summer fire risks. Both the City and CRA websites have pages dedicated to this critical safety information. ■

March & April Village Holidays & Events

- 3/5 – California State Primary Election Day – please vote!
- 3/20 – Kip Stewart, Artist, Designer & Architect, hosted by AIAMB* & CPLF*
- 3/21 – Carmel's "Third Thursday" returns each month in Devendorf Park 4-7PM
- 3/30 – Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast with the Bunny in Devendorf Park
- 3/31 – Easter Sunday
- 4/4-7 – Pebble Beach Food and Wine Festival
- 4/13-14 – Whalefest Monterey
- 4/22-30 – Passover
- 4/23 – Observations in the Accelerated Age of Everything with David Brinkley and Dave Eggers, Annual fund-raising program hosted by CPLF*
- 4/28 – Big Sur International Marathon

* AIAMB = American Institute of Architects Monterey Bay

* CPLF = Carmel Public Library Foundation

Our CRA 2024 So Far

We are growing! Members, members & more members. Your membership, timely renewals, feedback, enjoyment, and participation are what make CRA what it is today. We are pleased to have added 110 new memberships in this last calendar year (totaling 184 people from both the individual and family memberships). Thank you and welcome to one and all!

In January we welcomed **Paul Miller** of the *Carmel Pine Cone* for behind the curtain insights on how he and his team deliver this weekly paper with finesse. With over 100 in attendance, he detailed a bit of history on his acquisition of the *Pine Cone* 25 years ago and much more on what makes it to print, how and why.

In February we heard the latest updates from the **4 City Directors** in an interactive question format as they deliver services, programs and planning that make our Village machine work. They definitely have full plates. (see pg. 2)

Note: Different from live, but if you missed these programs be sure to check out the YouTube videos on our CRA website. ■



CRA What's Next

Monday March 11th – our CRA's **No-Host** members only gatherings return at **"The Annex"** behind 7th & Dolores, where we casually connect, imbibe & munch from 4:30-6:00PM. Please stop by, and thanks to Terri & Ross Kaplan for scheduling our No-Hosts.

Wednesday April 24th – **CRA Hosts Mary Adams – a Conversation.** Doors open at 6:30, and the program starts at 7:00 in the Carmel Woman's Club. (see pg. 2)

Saturday April 27th – **CRA's Community Rummage Sale.** Location - South Lot Sunset Center NE Corner San Carlos and 10th; **Donations** accepted Wed-Fri, Apr 24-26 from 9:00-6:00; then **Shop** till you drop Sat Apr 27, 9:00-6:00 or we sell out! (see pg. 5)

CRA Hosts – **Carmel Beach Clean Up's** – every third Saturday March through October – starting again with **March 16th and April 20th** from 9:30am to Noon at the Del Mar parking lot at the end of Ocean Avenue.

CRA Hosts – a **Carmel Farmers Market Community** table 10:00am-

2:00pm – every last Thursday each month from January through October. Stop by to catch up. Our next 2024 dates are **March 28th and April 25th.**

June CRA Annual Meeting – Date and details coming soon. This yearly member only tradition delivers updates on our organization plus this year will include an amazing visual early history of our area, and we again will present a Certificate of Appreciation to a Carmel-by-the-Sea Business and introduce the new board. We wrap this up with light food and beverages and plenty of time to catch up with fellow neighbors and members – all at the Carmel Woman's Club. Please email in your nominations for businesses you know firsthand that deliver great service to locals. ■



Speaking of History – Check Out Carmel Reading.

Our Carmel-by-the-Sea history is rich with culture, charm, architecture, characters, talent, nature and more. Whether you are new to our Village or a long timer, there is always more to discover. Be sure to peruse the great findings in the Carmel books, videos, and info online compiled and listed on our website "Books-on-Carmel." Quizzes are optional. 😊 ■



And – save these September dates too

Saturday September 7th – CRA Members' – **Feast in the Forest** in Pebble Beach Indian Village...once again! Always a sellout. Reservations will be open in early July.

Tuesday September 17th – CRA Hosts – the **Carmel Candidates Forum for Residents.** Hear from those on the November Ballot who are vying for Mayor and the 2 seats on City Council. ■

In Memoria and Our Thanks



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from Kathryn Gualtieri

Janice Bradner
from Tim & Nancy Twomey

Dave Banks
from Wendy Banks

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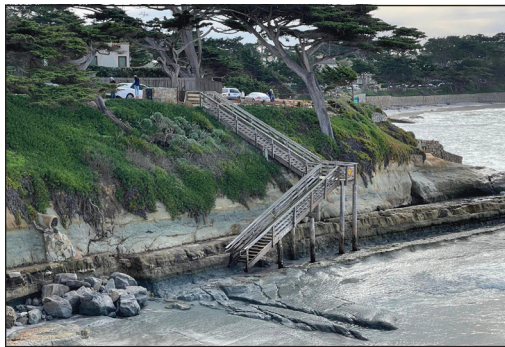
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The Carmel Residents Association is committed to the protection and enrichment of the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the preservation of its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy.

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

👍 CHEERS & CHIDES 👎

CHIDES Watch out, that last step is a doozy! As usual, but likely more than usual, the sands of Carmel City Beach are out in the bay (see pg. 6 in Jan/Feb *The Voice*) – to return by Springtime. But this left most of the stairways closed in February due to damage or high tides.



CHIDES Sacramento did it again. Another one size fits all bill, without funding and advanced communications. Effective Jan 2024, a new Bill, AB413, requires no parking 20ft within crosswalk intersections. This will have significant impact in our Village with scarce parking, trigger rushed planning and cost considerations.

CHIDES With utilities of power, internet, and phone all critical services to our residents and businesses...and knowing that competition can help lower cost and (wish-fully) increase services...and with the progress made on our Cell Tower Ordinance...why is another new utility rollout being considered without Planning Commission oversight?

CHEERS Our thanks to the city team who revised and resubmitted our Housing Element to HCD in Sacramento for certification. Whether accepted by April (or not), program deliverables are critical to work yet to come.

Be sure to get your tickets for our resident playwright, Tom's next play over the weekends in May – with sketches that anyone collecting Social Security will easily identify and younger folks may learn a thing or two. Call 831-717-7373 for tickets – Friday & Saturday performances at 7:30 PM and Sunday matinee at 2:30 PM. CRA members with a VIP benefits card will receive a 5% discount at the door.

AGE IS ONLY A NUMBER

A Comedy
A NEW PLAY BY
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A glance at age and aging
with a wink
And why not?

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