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Shopping, Dining Out - But Where Can I Park My Car?

Did we hear a collective sigh? Come on, let's do it — sighhh. And why, the reader might ask, the sigh? The summer and holiday seasons are behind us. The tourists have packed up their cameras, their vintage super cars. And the golf enthusiasts have come and gone. We wish you well.

They've returned to wherever they came from. And for now, calm is in the air. And Carmelites are returning to their favorite coffee bars, their watering holes, the library, and the post office. We hope.

Other 'destinations,' from small towns to big cities, are not as open and welcoming as this Village. For instance, in Barcelona, locals have been known to carry signs of "GO HOME." Venice charges some fees to step onto the island. Want to visit Machu Pichu? Gotta buy a ticket. There's a tourist tax in Kyoto. How about lying in the warm sands in Bali? Okay, but behave yourself because there's a stiff fine for 'misbehavior. Not that any Carmelite would misbehave anyway.

It should be noted that the City of Carmel allocates 1% of its annual budget or \$358,00 for marketing (Additional \$'s support Sunset Center and Visitors Center. More marketing \$'s come from guests paid at Village Hotels and Restaurants from a self-assessment). Marketing is common for most destination sites. Which begs the question, are Carmel's dollars being spent in the right place? Just asking.

Let's try to put this issue in perspective. As the saying goes, "Carmel is a Village in the Forest by the Sea." This Village is one of the most beautiful places in the country. We know that; people who travel know that. And so, they come. Is



it the traveler's fault for wanting to see where we live? One could argue that it's a compliment.

The world has changed; the population has grown. People have money to spend and to travel. Some might want to look back to the days of the bucolic life in, let's say, the Cotswolds. It ain't the same. Nor is Eze, France. Or Pai, Thailand, Clarens, South Africa, Rothenburg, Germany. We could go on.

More people are traveling today than ever before. This Village is at the top of the list for many visitors. It just is. Is the influx annoying? Yes, to some. Is it the fault of our visitors? Not to those who respect where they are. Is it our problem? What problem? There is no problem as long as we understand that we're sought after, and that people want to visit.

One could argue that as residents we have an obligation to understand and accept that fact that thousands of people

want to experience this special place. Visitors are not making efforts to annoy us, to push us aside, to sit in our restaurants so we can't eat.

At the sake of being a bit mushy, as if there's anything wrong with that, instead of complaint, churlishness, anger... a welcoming smile might just work for the better. For our visitors and for ourselves.

Switching hats. Even after our visitors return home. Question: can you help me find a parking space on Ocean Avenue or—anyplace in Carmel's business district? Chances are you can't. Well, you can after driving around for thirty minutes. Maybe.

Once again, our City Council has approved looking into the "parking problem." This 'looking into' has occurred many times in the last twenty years. Is there a solution? Probably not—not a really workable solution.

Too many cars, too few parking spaces, and the absence of a guru with the answers. Apply at City Hall. They're waiting for you.

And it's not just lack of spaces but the daily congestion adding to the frustration of all of us. The fact that the State has eliminated 40 parking spaces in town hasn't helped. The reason behind that new law is that the State says spaces next to a corner should be marked in red so as not to inhibit the pedestrian's view when crossing a crosswalk. Yeah, but our mothers used to tell us to "look both ways." Tell that to the Gov.

Dear readers, tourism is here to stay and grow. Parking will always be an issue, one that is not easily solved currently or from efforts past.

Note: The good news. We live in Carmel-by-the-Sea. ■

A Shared Purpose

We are all deeply grateful to be part of this amazing community, especially as engaged and passionate residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Now 2026, we invite everyone to consider our shared purpose and what our shared purpose should provide for our Village.

Sharing a purpose - It is the glue that binds us, going beyond differences in background, personality, or opinion. This provides the “why”: the reasons to invest time, energy, and skills in our community. This guides decision-making, prioritizes activities, and keeps our

efforts focused on what matters most. This helps us find common ground for the years ahead and stays with us when challenges arise.

Facing challenges together - When setbacks or conflicts occur, a clearly shared purpose gives us a reason to persevere, reconcile differences, and find solutions as one team. A shared purpose helps us stay aligned toward common objectives.

Building trust and collaboration - When we share a purpose, we trust one another, share resources, and collaborate



effectively – engaging with each other as allies and teammates.

A shared purpose reflects the core of a community’s personality and identity. It strengthens our sense of belonging and motivates action - whether it’s supporting a cause, providing mutual aid, or rallying around initiatives that benefit all residents. This purpose is something we can pursue together - an energy that none of us could achieve alone. ■

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What If?

by Tom Parks

Just that. What if. Serious question(s) for Carmelites are many...

Chances are most of us have certain ideas that we may or may not want to share with others. Those of us who have lived here for a time may have wondered if others might just share our view(s).

So, here is a brief list of things Carmel-by-the-Sea that only apply to Carmel-by-the-Sea, and that at some time or may never come to pass. Merely thinking out loud or in this case, in print, have we conjured some valuable ideas? Following is not necessarily a wish list, and if some ‘what if’s’ seem more reasonable or doable or even plausible than others, or it turns out that they have no value in a real Carmel world, so be it. But—what if those ‘what if’s’ should happen, become reality? Let’s give it a try. Here goes.

WHAT IF we stop some of the events in our Village? This fall/winter season we enjoyed our Pumpkin Roll, Halloween Parade, Veterans Day, Homecrafters and Holiday Celebration (Tree & Manora Lighting with local entertainment). Not necessarily these fall programs, but might there be too many other events bringing more visitors to town than we can handle?

WHAT IF the owners of the building that houses our Post Office would agree to a little sprucing up of the façade. Presently it is one of the saddest public buildings in the Village. Not just a paint job inside and out, some simple architectural enhancements could make a noticeable difference.

WHAT IF money was found to pull out/cut down the hundreds of dead trees in the Village. Many of these dead and abandoned trees have been in place for years. Unsightly, so unlike this special, charming town.

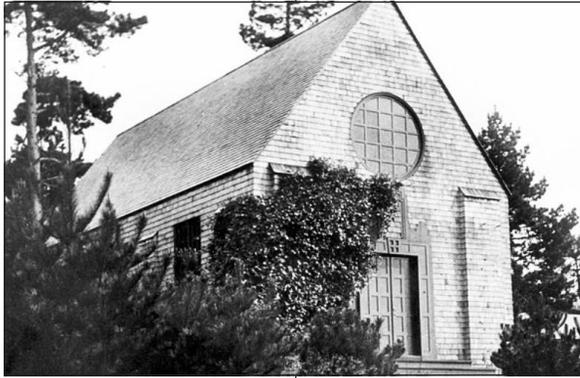
WHAT IF as citizens we expressed our concerns and our beliefs more often. And we talked to our governing people. In some cases, are we asking for too much? For too little? Who knows. But let us be heard.

WHAT IF we tempered, altered, re-thought the turbulent and often disrupting Car Week? Is one day of “classic-automobiles” enough—or too much?

WHAT IF? Just asking. ■

Peter Mawdsley, a Villager, a City Hall

On Sunday, 4 August 1946, the Reverend and Canon Eric Montizambeat of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, delivered the sermon at Carmel's All Saints' Church on Monte Verde Street. Following the service, Peter Mawdsley, a congregant of All Saints' and the elected City clerk of the Village, walked to the Dolores Street post office to retrieve his



personal mail, as well as that of the City's, which had been boxed on Saturday. In the municipality's bale of correspondence was a "particularly truculent" letter from the new owner of the building housing the City Hall, Werner G. Schaff, proposing a significant increase in rent. Schaff's notice did not go over well with the staid and thrifty Englishman Mawdsley. Peter later recounted that on his walk home, "Suddenly, out of nowhere, the idea hit me---why not buy the church for a city hall?"

With an expanding congregation, All Saints had purchased the "White Oaks" property at Dolores and Ninth Avenue in 1941 for a future church and campus. Materials were scarce during WWII, so the property was left undeveloped. Since incorporation in 1916, the municipality had been without a permanent home, a nomad in its own community, its most current location being new-owner Schaff's building on Dolores south of Ocean Avenue.

Mawdsley began to quietly approach councilors about a municipal purchase of the Monte Verde church site, preparing a one-page, seven-point syllabus dated 5 August. The City would offer All Saints \$25,000 for two of the three lots where the church was situated, and would rent the adjoining third lot, which had a structure, for \$500/year with immediate occupation by City staff. The City would hold an option to buy the third lot and building within five years at \$15,000. All Saints would lease back the church build-

ing while they constructed a new house of worship at White Oaks.

As the existing building on the third church lot was smaller than the municipal offices in Schaff's building, the Police Department would be moved and headquartered at the City's maintenance facility, located at the corner of Mission Street and Seventh

Avenue.

Unsure of how negotiations would go with the Church, Mawdsley simultaneously began discussions with Schaff about a temporary lease extension.

On 1 September, the All-Saints' Parish Council met and considered the City's offer, which was signed on 22 August by Mayor Fred Godwin. In its response to Godwin and the Council, Warden Bruce Bacon of the All Saints' committee wrote "We feel that no more satisfying future use of the All Saint's (sic) Church and existing Parish Hall could be imagined than to have it become the Town Hall and Meeting Place of the Community, and so be preserved in its present style and setting in keeping with the traditions of Carmel..."

Details were still to be negotiated, and the municipality needed a temporary facility until All Saints vacated the third lot's building and City offices could move in. With no public announcement yet about the sale/lease with the Church, Mawdsley proposed to Schaff a month-to-month lease, at \$120/month, with the right to terminate at any time. Schaff



agreed on 4 September.

At the Council meeting that evening, Mayor Godwin announced the deal with All Saints.' An audience of about thirty citizens applauded. After three decades, Carmel would have its own building to house its town hall. Godwin retraced the efforts of the past years to find a permanent facility and ended his comments about the building saying it was "where City interests will be centered, and which in time will become a civic gathering place."

Days after Christmas in 1950, the municipal staff moved into the old church on Monte Verde Street, having taken possession of the adjoining building in 1946. Mawdsley said the move was "the best Christmas present I could have received."

The Police Department had settled into its quarters at the maintenance facility, consistent with the initial plan and the idea of Peter Mawdsley's on his walk home after attending services at All Saints on that August day in 1946.

After thirteen years as City clerk, Mawdsley decided not to run for re-election in 1956. A retirement gala was held on 3 April at the La Playa Hotel with 200+ attendees.

Peter and wife Lucy remained in Carmel-by-the-Sea. At Christmastime 1969, while visiting their daughter in Oregon, Mawdsley suffered a fatal heart attack.

In local news coverage announcing his death, he was described as "one of Carmel's most highly esteemed and respected citizens." Mawdsley's legacy to generations of Carmelites is the Carmel Unified School District, Carmel High School, and a City Hall. ■

City Hall Over Flows

by Nancy Twomey

When are projects a priority versus what are ongoing operational efforts? How many priorities can be realistically considered and managed? What will priorities mean to City Leadership? What can we expect as residents on how these decisions are made? How are they updated and how often? And how flexible inside a year can or should we be?

In recent years it has been common that our City prepares for and holds a twice a yearly priority update workshop. These sessions were held in Jan/Feb and again in Aug/Sept. But our only official 2025 deep dive was in February that year. This tedious and consuming task was again embraced in public meetings in January, then February and to be completed in early March.

It is common that significant Civic projects move ahead, overlap and progress in parallel – and many don't require City Council level guidance and decision making. But the more significant projects benefit from periodic progress reports (that are often missing) as key decision points or critical changes arise. And, of course, budgets and priorities must be tightly aligned in the months to come.

So where do these Priorities come from?

Our Village, and all California jurisdictions, receive unplanned requirements from legislation from our “friends” in Sacramento. The RHNA/Housing Element with all new rules is just one example. Many of these bills end up consuming cycles at Council, for City Staff and in our

Boards & Commissions.

Of course, our City Staff is a reliable source of ideas and projects that streamline their work in serving our community and assets. Some of these include updat-

Of course, our residents request new projects. Whether you are routinely or periodically engaged in our Village goings on - it's tough to stay on top of the civic moving parts, projects and potentials for prioritization decision making. The fire hose of worthy projects for most of us is simply too much!

We encourage our citizens to work to understand our Village Strategic Priorities



ing critical components of our General Plan and Municipal Code. Others are critical big project infrastructure and maintenance efforts that are included in and/or go well beyond the routine.

Also, there are “opportunity” items that come from local organizations and inside our community – that may or may not be a part of an official Strategic Planning Cycle.

When our elections shuffle chairs, it is also reasonable that new Council Members have differing views on what is important. Even with every 2 years (including 2026) another election year, we must not ignore frequent prioritization review/resets just because we have new electeds. But a reasonable revisiting of priorities with these new leaders is to be expected.

We value the staff work and reports prepared in advance. And of course, many projects are successfully completed or drop off the priority rosters. But many projects run over multiple budget years and/or evolve and discover new factors that can change priority items.

and participate as these review and update sessions are held at least two, maybe three times a year - once again. We are very blessed with many concerned stakeholders who cherish our Village – for all the reasons they came to call Carmel-by-the-Sea home. As they say (who ever “they” are), “Think Globally, Act Locally.” ■

Big Yellow Taxi: by Joni Mitchell

They paved paradise, put up a parking lot
 With a pink hotel, a boutique, and a
 swingin' hot spot
 Don't it always seem to go
 That you don't know what you've got 'til
 it's gone
 They paved paradise, put up a parking lot
 (Ooh, bop-bop-bop-bop, ooh, bop-bop-
 bop-bop)
 They took all the trees put 'em in a tree
 museum
 And they charged the people a dollar an' a
 half just to see 'em
 Don't it always seem to go
 That you don't know what you've got 'til
 it's gone
 They paved paradise, put up a parking lot
 (Ooh, bop-bop-bop-bop, ooh, bop-bop-
 bop-bop)
 -- more verses not shown here --

Village Standard Addresses – Coming Ready or Not!

■ *by Nancy Twomey*

Being a personal advocate of status quo, it's been an amazing journey over recent years, especially in 2025. Our soon to be past practice of directional addresses (example for the American Legion Post 512 is Dolores, 2 SE of 8), can work for many of us. Yes, there are occasional issues and challenges - many more challenges for some than for others.

We've all read in the all-too-frequent press about our Carmel-by-the-Sea's "quirky custom" of "no addresses." This unique characteristic is known well beyond our shores and borders as well. It is a custom that many locals are sad (and some mad) to lose, especially after going over 108 years without standard addresses.

In recent years City Hall has identified "Addresses" as a Strategic Priority (see prior page) ...so efforts began to verify what would happen if we implemented standard addresses. Will our Post Office close? Will we get home mail delivery and personal mail boxes? These questions were asked and answered again. No, the post office won't close, and we will continue to pick up our USPS mailed items at our Post Office, without home delivery. Our long standing "no addresses" tradition is against Local and State laws – specifically in Building and Fire/Safety Codes. Our Fire/Police/Ambulance professionals reinforce that standard addresses will deliver more precise and predictable arrivals – saving time saves lives. Our residents shared instances of notable delays.

This initial research was sound and has continued to be confirmed in this past year's efforts. But what was missing to shift my full support for standard addresses was much more detail on who does what if we choose to implement standard addresses, and how this can be done most efficiently. We need to minimize unintended oops or gaps in our plans – that put an undue burden on our citizens. My list of questions was long.

What can be done for us by the utilities that increase accuracy of their services? Our findings in this research included collaboration with many of them. These utilities are looking forward to updating their records with this new location information from receiving an official physical address listing from our City team.

Details on this will continue to roll out from City Staff and published to our CRA Membership.

Because all billing/postal information does not change, what doesn't need to be updated? With any provider that bills you routinely, this postal bill to information should not be updated with the new standard addresses. If people address a USPS mailed item to the new Standard Address (e.g., 123 Ocean Ave) – over the long haul they will be returned to sender, and NOT get to you.

What is critical for you/individuals to update? If you have security alarm services – making sure they have your physical address is indeed important as soon as addresses are fully implemented. When you have non-USPS delivered items – you may benefit from updating your new physical address for these shipments.

What about our personal banking, financial, legal and insurance providers? Do they need updating? For example, where an insurance provider needs to know where your car or home is located – of course they'd like to know your physical address. Any real estate-related transaction of course needs the new physical address. Be sure they know your existing PO Box postal mailing address is NOT being updated.

And then there is Monterey County. They are the local tax department of course. Where we declare Carmel-by-the-Sea our primary residence, we appear on the county's voter rolls. They also play a role in making sure our physical address appears in online maps – that feed the regional emergency services. Their records we anticipate will be updated with our new physical standard addresses – keeping the bill or mail to address as is (for most of this is a Carmel PO Box)

Of course, there is USPS. They are the key recipients of our fully scrubbed and final list of physical addresses. As we've all learned, when they have updated their systems (Address Management System) – this data and source is where many of not all online forms rely as the verification of an official address. This will streamline most of your online transactions and/or call in to data centers for services and products across most vendors or government entities with your newly issued physical address! Yea. ■

What convinced me to support Standard Addresses?

They will significantly improve Emergency & Safety arrivals. They are required by State regulations, ordinances, and laws. They will streamline everything we do online. They will dramatically increase location findability.

And, traditions in our Village continue – catching up with friends at our Post Office and enjoying the unique home names displayed about town.

We have learned a lot since Spring of 2025, and the preparation continues. More details will continue to come from our City Staff, with our thanks. ci.carmel.ca.us/street-addresses

Carmel's Winter

Unfortunately, our Winter months are frequented by rain and wind – resulting in power outages and fallen trees/branches. These storms trigger more generator or battery wall installations, more proactive tree maintenance, and advanced preparation for “go packs.” Visit the CRA Emergency Preparedness webpage – including an April City & Team sponsored “Community Safety Series – April 25th from 10-11:30 AM”

However, in the aftermath of a storm – our City Staff, especially public works and our emergency services teams are there to help restore operations for us all. Volunteers including our CERT and VIPs pitched in too. The gracious Carmel Foun-

ation and Carmel Youth Center facilities both opened their doors for warmth, phone recharging, companionship with fellow residents and more. Given the massively inconvenient timing of right over top of the Christmas Holiday – Council Members Jeff Baron and Hans Buder also connected directly with PG&E top leadership to pinpoint key points of service failure into our Village and prioritize reconnection. Thanks again to all! ■



Hot Topics in Brief

Cell Towers in Residential Neighborhoods – Verizon is back proposing an intrusive and unsightly tower in front of an area residence. This recent permit request was denied by the Planning Commission, thank goodness. Verizon is now appealing to City Council. More details on the CRA website home page.

Harrison Memorial Library Interior Restoration – This charitable donation-funded project continues to move ahead with commitments and architects moving ahead – still targeting their Centennial celebration in 2028. Updates are maintained on the CRA website. And big thanks to all who've invested in the future of this invaluable Community asset.

Police Station & Public Works Rebuilding – Proposals from Architects have been received, with clarifications explored. The selection committee is expected to present their recommendation before the end of the Spring for Council decisions.

Design Guidelines – Council requested a “surge” of team efforts to present a more complete set of alternatives and recommendations to be reviewed at the March City Council. With a decision, this new critical architectural guidance document is targeted to be finalized by year end.

Housing Element Amendment – We are nearing final adoption and certification on this almost 2-year effort by City Staff and the AHA citizens team members. These immediate finishing “rubber stamps” are also anticipated prior to the end of Spring – will have many program implementation steps enabling additional housing for our Village. ■

Items Bubbling Up

Yea? It's Annual Budget Prep Season – City Council and City Department Leaders begin digging into the FY2026/2027 budget needs – targeting approval at Council in June with an effective date of July 1st.

Exploring New Revenue Sources – To fast track catching up on our Village's significant deferred maintenance (buildings, roads, and infrastructure.), per the Financial Stewardship Committee with Staff and Council Members Delves and Buder, requires up to \$6M/ year new revenue. As of this writing, only two items have been initially discussed. One item is a TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax – paid by Hotel/Inn Guests) increase of 2% requiring a fall ballot measure to implement. The other item is exploring paid parking (that has been visited, revisited, and never fully implemented in years past). These two items have significant pros & cons and stakeholder views needing consideration. Plus, we look forward to more options in the coming months. ■

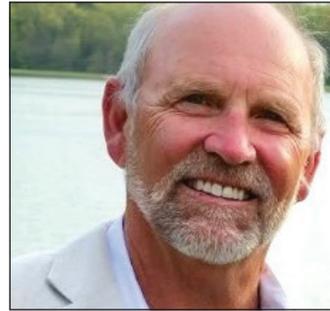
Sampling of Village Activities & Events – March & April

- March 11 – CPLF's (Carmel Public Library Foundation) How the Brain Speaks Program 7pm in Carpenter Hall
 - March 25 – CPLF's Artificial Intelligence Program 7pm in Carpenter Hall
 - April 8 – CPLF's Screening of Universal Language 7pm in Carpenter Hall
 - April 9-12 – Pebble Beach Food & Wine Festival
 - April 11-12 – Whalefest Monterey
 - April 18 – Carmel's 4th Annual Earth & Arbor Day 10am-2pm in Devendorf Park
 - April 25 – Carmel Prepares – Wildfires 10am in Carpenter Hall
 - April 26 – Big Sur Marathon
 - April 28 – CPLF's Annual Fundraiser – The Pursuit of Liberty and America's 250-Year Battle Over Power – 8pm in Sunset Center Main Auditorium
- Beyond the business of our Village in Council, Board & Commission Meetings throughout the month in City Hall, enjoy programs and events at the following:
- Our Theaters: **Pac Rep, Sunset Center & Cherry Center**
 - **Carmel Womans Club** – programs 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2pm
 - **Carmel Art Walk** – every second Saturday from 4-7pm
 - **Carmel Farmers Market** – every Thursday 10am-2pm, 6th & Mission ■

Your Dynamic CRA Board

Our new and more recent CRA Board Member additions include Bobby Richards – and our newest addition Lance Wills. These well-known faces of City leaders will bring and are bringing great energy and expertise to our Board! Their passion and commitment to our CRA Mission (see page 2) is unquestioned. Backgrounds on these new and existing board members are on our website.

Please consider joining our Board. Qualification details can be found at the bottom of the www.carmelresidents.org/board-of-directors webpage. Or email info@carmelresidents.org. ■



Save these dates! Our Major CRA Annual Events – coming up in 2026!

- CRA Annual Meeting: Wednesday May 20 held at Carmel Womans Club with the Sunset Center Management Team sharing what is behind the scenes on how they bring us great entertainment.
- Feast in the Forest: Saturday, September 12 as usual in Pebble Beach's Indian Village with another selection of silent auction items, which help fund CRA programs and more.
- CRA City Council Candidates Forum: Tuesday, September 15 at Carmel Womans Club – Yes, it is a city, county, state, and national representative election year, again!
- CRA's Holiday Gala: Thursday, December 3 at Anton & Michel
Updates, details, and more will follow on our website, emails, and next issue of *The Voice*! ■

Our CRA Website Rocks!

Tons of visits to our home page at www.carmelresidents.org. Our website is updated at least weekly if not more often. Since it's relaunch in early 2020, in these 5 years, there have been over 1,060,000 visits. With simplified math, that averages 200,000 per year and 18,000 visits per month. In April of 2025 we had almost 73,000 website visits! Your comments, corrections and additions are always welcome. ■

CRA back at Farmers Market in 2026

You can find us at the Carmel Farmers Market at our Community Table – the last Thursday each month. ■

CRA Beach Clean Up is back for its 32nd year

Come March CRA once again and every second Saturday Beach Clean-up from 9:30 to Noon at the Del Mar Parking lot, on the west end of Ocean Avenue. ■

CRA's 2025 Fall Social Events – Looking Back

Holiday Gala on Dec 3rd at a new but well-known location at Anton & Michel's was a sell out and enjoyed by all. Great food, wine, company, and evening was had by all.

CRA's Feast in the Forest Sept 13th with a tropical flair, great food, wine, and an amazing silent auction selection that funds CRA programs and services. Thanks all for joining us and for the auction donations!

Plus, CRA marching in the Halloween/Anniversary Parade, and photos of all of these and other great City fall events are on our CRA website home page! ■

With Our Sincere Appreciation...

Welcome New Lifetime Members
Jerome & Rose Politzer

Donation In Memoriam
of Barbara Livingston from Michael Livingston

Many thanks to our many Members who've generously donated along with their annual renewal.

It's Membership Renewal Season!

Yes, it's that time of year. Our membership year is January through December. Our big thanks go to those who've already renewed their membership for 2026. We've included a join/renewal envelope in this issue. We rely on your support to sustain the work of our non-profit organization in support of our mission.

New VIP Cards continue to be mailed to all 2026 current members. This VIP program extends discounts and offers to CRA members from local businesses. We continue to add to this roster and encourage you to frequent the businesses who welcome our members. Please encourage local businesses that you frequent to add their offers too. ■





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CHEERS & CHIDES

CHIDES Apologies for the delays in getting The Voice into your postal mail boxes. Work on City committees (Addresses, Housing Element, etc.), the holidays, and family needs have been consuming. For members who have provided us with your email and are online - our CRA email updates, website, and social media/Facebook always have the latest.

CHEERS Our Tom Parks' new book *A Life Backstage* – provides great first-hand experiences inside the Entertainment Industry with the famous in decades past. Great reading. Plus, Tom keeps going on as our Village prolific playwright, with his 27th opening May 1st at the Carl Cherry Theater.

CHEERS House addresses. Hmmm. OK, it's time. But what about "Our Little Heaven," "A Little Cottage Among the Twees," "In Love Nest," "Our Carmel Lullaby," "Sweet Dreams," "This Is It, Amazon!" or "Do Not Park Here."

CHIDES We love our library. We love it so much that we'd like to see it open on Saturdays. This is for the general public. The public includes working people who can't access the library in daytime regular hours. Library Board of Trustees are you listening?

CHEERS Finally. The landmark 'pit' is to be filled. We're finally seeing some movement, but we understand the Monegasque is favoring a ballroom. Why not? We all love a good foxtrot.

**To thrive in life,
you need THREE bones:**

- a wishbone
- a backbone, and
- a funny bone!

**Have you renewed your 2026
CRA membership?**

A return envelope is inside.

CHEERS The new STOP signs are here. The new STOP signs are here. Watch out on the incline of Fifth and San Carlos. Remember to STOP!



CHIDES Let's all of us, that's everybody in this beautiful Village, stop spinning our wheels. Still, after more than thirty years, we need to confront the truth: there is no solution to parking in Carmel. Our focus should and must be on our residents. Yes, visitors are welcome, but this little Village is not obligated to find parking spaces for every one of their cars, trucks, buses, RVs, or motorcycles.