



Mysteries-by-the-Sea!

RECURRING THEMES WITH NORA FINNEGAN

California historian Kathryn Gualtieri feels passionate when she writes about history, but she enjoys telling a fictional story through the lens of a historical mystery novel even more. It helps that she can draw on her past experiences while serving as the state's Historic Preservation Officer, a feature writer and book reviewer for the *Carmel Pine Cone*, and as a member of Carmel's Historic Preservation Committee during former Mayor Ken White's tenure. Kathryn will be our featured speaker on Thursday, September 26th, at 5:00 pm.

Murder in the Pines, Kathryn's first Carmel historical mystery, appeared in local independent bookstores and village shops in 2011. It introduced readers to her fictional protagonist, Nora Finnegan, a young woman who, following graduation from Mills College in 1921, begins her first job as a cub reporter for the *Carmel Pine Cone*. The novel's plot is based on actual events that occurred during 1921, including the issues of the potential commercial development of Carmel beach and the paving of Ocean Avenue. The narrative mingles real with fictional characters who walked the village streets during this historic time period.

"I enjoy writing mysteries," Kathryn explains. "You can weave a plot with colorful characters on different sides of an issue, and in the end the reader knows that justice will be served." As important as plot is to the outcome, Kathryn is convinced that ambiance becomes a prominent character. Carmel, with its lack of house numbers, streetlights, and mail delivery, plays an indelible role in the story and serves as a magnificent backdrop.

Murder Takes the Stage, the second Nora Finnegan mystery, was published in 2012. For this book, Kathryn's research required her to delve into the controversies and rivalries among the Bohemian playwrights and actors in the early years of Carmel's historic outdoor Forest Theater. The novel's plot includes cameo appearances by California's first woman architect, Julia Morgan, as well as two former Carmel mayors: Forest Theater founder Herbert Heron, and community activist Perry Newberry.

The Laundryman's Daughter, published in August, continues the series into 1923. Juggling her demanding job as an investigative reporter with the unexpected responsibility of substitute motherhood, Nora unravels the mysteries surrounding the fate of a Chinese laundryman and his seven-year-old daughter, juxtaposed with the illegal tree cutting of the village's Monterey pines and cypress trees. Their destruction means trouble for the research scientists working on tree growth and photosynthesis at Carnegie Institute's Coastal Laboratory located at the outskirts of town.

Over the past 20-plus years, Kathryn and her husband, Tony, a retired physician, have divided their time between Carmel and Capitola. In the 1990s, the couple fell in love with a 1917 Carmel cottage that they renovated and later sold. Recently they have become the proud owners of another small home here. Kathryn says, "Who knows? There may be another book in the works once the unpacking is done!"

Included in the program will be the presentation of Certificates of



Author Kathryn Gualtieri

Appreciation to Nielsen's Market and to architect Brian Congleton for their long service to the community. Please join us for wine and cheese following the program. Stefani Chaney, Director of Hospitality for Scheid Vineyards will be pouring. We deeply appreciate the generosity of Scheid and encourage our readers to visit the Scheid tasting room, SE corner of San Carlos and 7th. Be sure to mention that you read about Scheid in the CRA newsletter.

Meeting

THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 26
Speaker: Kathryn Gualtieri

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

(3rd Ave. between Junipero & Torres)





Barbara Livingston

Bursting Our Buttons – With Pride!

As civic minded citizens who love our little village, the CRA is always looking for ways to support and contribute to our community.

Over the past few years the Carmel Residents Association has embarked on a program of public outreach – to help support the cultural, social and environmental needs of our community. These outreach programs are generously funded by our CRA Benefactor and Lifetime memberships.

ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

In January we held our second electronic waste collection at Vista Lobos Park in cooperation with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and Waste Management. The effort netted over a ton of e-waste that was kept out of our landfill, taken to a processing plant and stripped for recycling. Watch for this unique collaborative effort every January.

CARMEL HIGH SCHOLARSHIP

In May we again gave a scholarship to a graduating Carmel High School student who is going on to study at a local vocational school. This year we made it possible for a worthy young man, Jose Santana Ponce-Rangel, to attend Monterey Peninsula College. In his letter of appreciation to the CRA, Jose wrote “This \$1,500 scholarship will help pay for my tuition and books for the semester, reduce the hours I have to work and will allow me more time to pursue my studies.”

READING REWARDS PROGRAM

Our popular reading rewards program, in conjunction with the Harrison Memorial Library's summer reading program, is an ongoing event encouraging children to read by gifting them with certificates to be redeemed at Riverhouse books.

FILMS IN THE FOREST

We also celebrated our second year of supporting the Forest Theater Guild's summer Films in the Forest by sponsoring a lively musical movie. For our support the CRA gets 100 free tickets that we give away to CRA members upon request. Picnic suppers and wine before the screening are part of the charm of the evening under the pine trees silhouetted by the moon.

GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAM

The Carmel Police Department, in cooperation with the Seaside Police Department's Gun Buy-Back Program, turned to the Carmel Residents Association for help in funding this worthy endeavor. In her letter to the CRA, Seaside Police Chief, Vicki Myers, wrote “Thanks to your support, we were able to raise \$25,300, resulting in 319 guns surrendered, to include 131 handguns, 186 rifles/shotguns and sawed off shotguns, one assault rifle, and one sub-machine gun.”

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA FROM A-Z

Ten years ago we published our booklet, “Everything you need to know about Carmel-by-the-Sea from A-Z.” This highly readable booklet contains an alphabetical listing of important things to know about our village. Free copies are still available by calling 626-1610.

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS

As one of its community service projects, CRA sponsors one of the “music in the schools” programs offered under the auspices of Chamber Music Monterey Bay. This year, in October, we will sponsor the visit of the world-renowned Juilliard String Quartet to meet and work with students at Carmel High School.

To express their appreciation for our sponsorship, the board of Chamber Music Monterey Bay is offering members of CRA the opportunity to purchase tickets for the October 26 concert of the Juilliard Quartet at the Sunset Center at a significantly reduced rate. Each CRA member may order up to two tickets at \$25 each. If there are two CRA members in a family, they may order up to four tickets. If the CRA members are already season subscribers to Chamber Music Monterey Bay, they may order tickets for guests at that price: each individual member may order two guest tickets – four tickets when there are two CRA members in a family.

Ticket orders should be mailed to CRA, PO Box 13, Carmel 93921.

A check covering the cost of the tickets, payable to Chamber Music Monterey Bay, must be enclosed.

Seats will be assigned on the basis of best available at the time the order is received. If the member prefers main floor or balcony seating, that preference should be specified in the order. Tickets will be mailed to the member. Orders from CRA members for special price tickets must be received by October 11. However, the number of available tickets is limited and early orders are advisable.

So, there you have it – the reasons why we are bursting our buttons with pride. Of course we will continue to look for new ways to help support our community. We're open to suggestions!

Cheers & Chides

 Cheers to City Council for enacting the Tree Replanting Ordinance and validating the work of the Forest and Beach Commission. The ordinance will help ensure the replenishment of our upper canopy trees in our neighborhoods.

 Three cheers to Carmel Mayors Burnett and McCloud and Monterey Mayor Della Sala for leadership in bringing community wide support for a water agreement.

 Chides to the city for cutting tree watering to 18 hours per week—far less than needed to keep our forest healthy.

 Chides to the city for not keeping up with the maintenance needed to clear our beach of sand-blackening charcoal as it continues to build up.

 Cheers to the City Council for enforcing the code prohibiting short-term rentals of houses in our residential area.

 Cheers to Councilmember Victoria Beach and her committee for getting the farmer's market concept up and running on Thursdays in the north lot at Sunset Center. Bountiful healthy produce, readily available right here in town!

 Chides to the businesses whose glaring lighting in display windows mar the night-time ambiance of our downtown commercial district.

 Chides to the City for being *"The Grinch That Stole Christmas"* with the year-round median holiday lights.

 Cheers to the Carmel Mission Foundation for their efforts to successfully implement the seismic structural improvements to the Carmel Mission.

 Cheers to the volunteers whose hard work manning the food booths greatly contributed to the success of our 4th of July celebration.

 Cheers to Pacific Repertory Company, Forest Theater Guild, and the Cherry Foundation for continuing the performing arts tradition in Carmel as an integral element of our cultural heritage.

EDITORIAL

As Others See Us



We Carmelites tend to take for granted the physical and cultural environment of this glorious place we call home.

At the same time, we can get a little testy when we talk about a pothole on our street, messy charcoal on our beach, pedestrian and vehicular traffic congestion on sidewalks and streets and whatever else may irk us on any given day. So it comes as a pleasant surprise when we learn from the Carmel Chamber of Commerce that for many years running, our village has been voted by Conde Nast publications as one of the top ten cities in the United States. And it is interesting to note that Carmel is the only city of the ten with a population fewer than 700,000. We are right up there with the big cities as a desirable place to visit and live. And then there is another visitor survey that consistently gives Carmel one of the top ten slots as a best small town in the U.S. for climate, culture, environment, health, safety and livability.

That stops our complaining for a while but then we are back at it again, decrying our neighbor's tree dropping leaves on our patio, people parking in front of our homes, the city enforcing code compliance on the public right of way in front of our homes, our foggy summer weather, etc. And then a visitor comes into town to play a few rounds of golf and sets us right again.

Carmel Senior Planner Marc Weiner was kind enough to share a copy of an article from the Williston Times of Long Island, New York, titled: "Our Town: California town offers Williston Park a model" by New York journalist Dr. Tom Ferraro. It seems that Dr. Ferraro visited the Monterey Peninsula for a round of golf and had the opportunity to wander

into our village. What he saw gave him pause. He wrote: "To walk along the streets of Carmel-by-the-Sea is like entering a dream. It is situated on a hill that gently slopes down to the beach with all that white sand and those wonderful cypress trees. The residential area has paths rather than sidewalks, all sorts of interesting trees and the yards are gardens rather than grass. Pines and cypress trees abound and some roads and paths have left the trees right there and you must drive around them. There is a feeling of great respect for mother nature."

In his article for the newspaper, he exhorts the Williston Park community leaders to model their city after Carmel-by-the-Sea. He told them "Well, we may never achieve the elevated status of Carmel-by-the-Sea since we do not have the climate, are not next to the sea and do not have a history of artists who founded us, but we can learn things. Carmel shows a great balance between buildings and nature. They respect and love trees, they dislike pavement, they dislike neon. They want a similarity of natural building materials and are strict about this. They love parks, courtyards and passageways which give the town a sense of mystery and adventure and discovery."

Finally, he tells his readers that Carmel: "Above all has a sense of the aesthetic and the result is a town of such beauty and grace that it has achieved the status as one of the great small towns in America." So that brings us full circle back to the beginning of this editorial. As others see us can jolt us back into reality—the reality of knowing that we are considered one of the top best towns in the United States, if not the world, and we are darn lucky to live here.

Tom & Christine Gaspich



DESCENDANTS OF A FORMER MAYOR

We met up with Tom and Christine at their newly renovated Mission Street house on a slightly overcast afternoon – what can you expect, it's summer in Carmel. This young couple seems to have a love affair with this little village. Besides, they have some history here going back to the early 1930s.

We understand, Tom, that you have a very real connection to this village where you and your wife Christine now live. Your great, great uncle Ross E. Bonham presided as Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea from 1928 through 1930. And now you are living, working, and engaged in the community that many years ago was shepherded by a family member. What can you tell us about him?

Tom: My uncle was born in Illinois. After several moves west he and his wife settled in Carmel for health reasons and for the mild climate here on the Peninsula. In fact, the house they built still stands at the SW corner of San Carlos and 12th, registered as historic by the city. His first job was working in the hardware department at the old Holman's in Pacific Grove. He left Holman's and bought his own business, Bonham's Inc. on Ocean Avenue. It was there for many years.

He was on the City Council for several years and ultimately named mayor in 1928. He and a group of like-minded citizens believed in keeping the village small, green and resident friendly. They called themselves "The Voice of Carmel." Sounds very much like the CRA today.

Just one other bit of history. My uncle and his wife were theatre buffs. They appeared often on the stage of the original Golden Bough on Ocean Avenue.

Christine, while Tom worked in finance you were for many years a director of an advertising and design company based in Palo Alto. How compatible is a quiet life in Carmel with the ginned-up world of advertising and high finance? Do you stop for a breath of sea air now and then?

Christine: Oh, life here is quite different, as anyone who lives here must know. We were looking for a new life and we found it. We've met terrific people. We can get a party together in an hour's time. The rush, the tempo of urban life is behind us. And yet we still feel involved not only with the friends we've made but the cultural life that seems to bloom year-round here. Tom is a board member at the Carmel Foundation – what a wonderful agency that is. And I am a new board member of the Carmel Residents Association. So I'd say we're very involved in this community.

How do you feel about our current government? What do you see in the future of Carmel with the demands of visitors every year and the needs of residents being addressed? We ask this because Carmel is first and foremost a city of residents. Can we strive and hope to achieve an accommodation for everyone?

Christine: Well, the sales tax increase has made a big difference. What a wise thing to do, and it passed with flying colors. We feel comfortable with our Mayor and his current City Council. I may have some concern with the seemingly endless openings of wine tasting rooms. Are these really bars?

Tom: Which begs the question, do you want "T-shirt" shops or wine tasting rooms? Maybe neither. Or fewer.

Has your participation in CRA been a positive experience?

We love it. We attend the CRA Dines Out evenings all the time. We've made so many friends through CRA. These are good people who care about this village and preserving the character that has made Carmel one of the world's most beautiful destinations to live in and to visit.

Thank you both for your contributions to our village. You are people who understand the privilege of living here. And we're so pleased to have you as active members of the Carmel Residents Association.

Harlan Ware

BROADCASTING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

One mission has guided Carmel throughout its history: protecting and preserving its matchless environment. Guardianship not only means conserving natural resources; it also involves resistance to obtrusive commercial enterprise. Harlan Ware may hold the record for creativity in expressing his environmental concerns. According to a story in the February 23, 1956 *Pine Cone*, he wrote his concerns about unsightly signs into the script of *One Man's Family*, the longest running dramatic series in the history of American radio.

One Man's Family went on the air in 1932 with broadcasts limited to the West Coast, but soon became the first West Coast dramatic production to achieve regular nationwide broadcasts. It remained in continuous production until April 1959. The story line followed the lives of the Barbour family, residents of San Francisco's upscale Seacliff neighborhood. The family included Mother and Father Barbour and their five children, eventually growing to include 14 grandchildren.

Carlton E. Morse was the original writer, director, and producer of *One Man's Family*. Harlan Ware began writing scripts for the program in 1944. Five years later he was writing virtually all scripts. He continued as writer until the series ended.

Harlan was the successful author of novels, screenplays, radio scripts, and short stories. His short stories frequently appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post* and his best known novel, *Come Fill the Cup*, was made into a movie starring James Cagney. His success came from intense devotion to his craft. His daughter Ciji, who is also a successful writer, recalled his advice on her blog. "Writers write. They don't make excuses, they put the

seat of their pants on the chair and their hands on the keyboard and they keep typing."

An article in the *Monterey Peninsula Herald* described Harlan as "possessed of a warm, outgoing personality," with an "absorbing interest in humanity, especially in creative people, for whom he carried the torch throughout all of his tirelessly creative life."

The Wares moved to Carmel in 1954, establishing their home at Santa Lucia and Dolores. According to contemporary accounts, they "took an active part in community life." They lived here until 1966, when they returned to Harlan's native Wisconsin.

The *Pine Cone* story suggests that Harlan's affection for the "delightful little city of Carmel-by-the-Sea" led him to become irritated by the "five ugly signs in the community." He hoped that "when people start counting ugly signs in Carmel those who are responsible for the signs will become more sensitive to them." The article does not specify what the offending signs were or where they were located.

Ware expressed his dismay rather gently in the *One Man's Family* episode via a conversation between Consider, a Barbour cousin, and Claudia, one of the Barbour daughters. "Pinkie" is a Barbour grandchild. Consider speaks, "...when Pinkie and I wandered into that blessed charming, quiet, tree-green village of Carmel-by-the-Sea I said to Pinkie – what is the charm of this place? Other towns have water, trees, low brick buildings – what is it that tourists come to see – and then it dawned on me – no signs – yes sir – tourists leave their own sign-bespattered towns to travel miles and miles to enjoy the good taste and beauty



"Portrait of Harlan Ware courtesy of his daughter, Ciji Ware."

of this one – which has rules against signs, umhuh, voted for by all the people – and the city council. Why, in all that City of Carmel there are only five ugly signs – think of it, only five ugly signs in all the lovely length and breadth of it."

No evidence suggests Ware's efforts alone resulted in removal of offending signs. Nevertheless, he may have achieved his announced purpose of increasing citizen awareness of their encroachment. Today, Carmel's governing documents are clear about what is acceptable. The General Plan requires the city to "maintain diligent control over signs and other advertising or notice-attracting facilities in order to avoid unsightly, bizarre, and/or out-of-scale visual impacts..." Municipal Codes require that "...business signs create a unique village character, which encourages exploration and discovery," and that signs be used "as identification, not as advertisement."

Perhaps Harlan Ware's approach to solving environmental problems should be revisited. Maybe *Mad Men* could work in something about the tacky year-round display of Christmas lights on Ocean Avenue or *Law and Order* might include some dialog about the increasing charcoal on the beach. It couldn't hurt.



Community CALENDAR

■ **"BREAK A LEG"** A play by Tom Parks.
Sunday, September 15th, 2 pm. Carl Cherry
Center, corner of Guadalupe and 4th

■ **53RD ANNUAL SAND CASTLE CONTEST**
Sunday, September 15th, 8 am, judging from
12-2 pm. Carmel Beach, Scenic south of 10th.
For more information call: 831-620-2020

■ **CRA BEACH CLEAN-UP**
Saturday, September 21st, October 19th, 10 am
-12 pm. Meet at the foot of Ocean Ave
Cookies and Coffee will be provided

■ **CRA GENERAL MEETING**
Thursday, September 26th, 5 pm. Kathryn
Gualtieri. Vista Lobos (Third Avenue between
Junipero and Torres) Free and open to the
public.

■ **CRA MEMBERS OKTOBERFEST
BEACH PARTY**
Sunday, October 6th, 4-6 pm at bottom of Santa
Lucia stairs. Bring your own chairs, blanket and
flashlight.

■ **CRA DINES OUT!**
Thursday, October 17th, 5:30 pm. The Grill
on Ocean Ave. (Ocean between Dolores and
Lincoln)

■ **97TH CITY BIRTHDAY PARTY**
Saturday, October 26th, 11 am
Parade on Ocean Avenue

■ **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**
Tuesdays, September 10th, October 1st,
November 5th, December 3rd. All meetings
4:30 pm. City Council Chambers

ONGOING CITY MEETING DATES:

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

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

**Please see the CRA's website for the
schedule of meetings and events.
www.carmelresidents.org**

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

CRA Dines Out! AT THE GRILL ON OCEAN AVE.



Claire Fay and co-chairs Barry and
Kathleen Swift have selected The Grill
on Ocean Avenue, between Dolores and
Lincoln, for the Thursday, October 17th,
CRA Dines Out! dinner.

The Grill, a go-to Carmel restaurant for
fresh California tastes for nearly twenty
years, has decor with a warm and inviting
elegance. The Grill is a Carmel Preferred
Restaurant Group establishment, along
with Anton & Michel, which hosted the
hugely successful June 2013 Dines Out!
evening. We invite you to experience the
Grill with us and enjoy a menu created
for CRA by Chef Mario Leuvano.

COCKTAILS 5:30 PM
DINNER 6:00 PM

Please send a check for \$38 per person
(which includes tax and tip) payable to
CRA, with your entree of choice, and
your phone number, to arrive **no later
than October 14**, to Claire Fay, P.O. Box
6023, Carmel, CA, 93921.

You will be notified if you have been
placed on the waiting list. If you reserve
space and must cancel, please call Claire
at 831-238-7798, so your place can be
given to someone else.

■ FIRST COURSE CHOICES

Classic Caesar Salad with hearts of
romaine, anchovies croutons, and
grated parmesan-reggiano

~OR~

Dungeness Crab Bisque

■ ENTRÉE CHOICES

Pan-roasted Sea Bass, fresh mango salsa,
and asiago polenta

~OR~

Center Cut Filet Mignon, port wine
reduction, and roasted red potatoes

~OR~

Oven-Roasted Duck Breast, raspberry-
chambord demi-glace, dried cherries,
and green peas and bacon risotto

■ DESSERT

New York Style Cheesecake

~OR~

Chocolate Mousse Cake

Coffee or Tea

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

OKTOBERFEST BEACH PARTY

Something new is in the planning for CRA members – an Oktoberfest Beach party with everything but an Oompah-pah band! Join us for sausages grilled by Dave Potter with all the trimmings!. Complimentary beer will be provided by Peter B's Brewpub, Monterey's only craft brewery, located in the Portola Hotel & Spa. A proud winner of several gold medals, Peter B's will be pouring two different types of beer in honor of our CRA Oktoberfest beach party. We'll gather at the foot of the Santa Lucia stairs on Sunday, October 6 from 4-6 in the afternoon. BYOB if you want something other than beer, cider or water. Bring your own chair/blanket. Beach parties are limited to 50 persons, so respond early to get your name on the list. Reservations required. Send checks for \$10 per person to CRA Octoberfest, PO Box 13, Carmel, 93921.

ANOTHER TOM PARKS PLAY

A new play, "Break a Leg," written by CRA member Tom Parks, will open at the Carl Cherry Center in September. CRA members will have an opportunity to gather for the September 15th 2:00 matinee performance. Tickets are \$25.00 each and may be reserved by calling 620-2163 or online at ticketguys.com.

FAVORITE PLACES

STONEHOUSE TERRACE

Wandering in and out of the charming courtyards in exploration of little shops is an entertaining way to pass a few hours by ourselves or with out-of-town friends. A favorite is Stonehouse Terrace, San Carlos Street, west side between 7th and 8th Avenues. Designed by Carmel architect Olof Dahlstrand, the complex represents Carmel architecture at its best – understated in design and simple in materials of wood and stone. At ground level you'll find Eco Carmel – for the sustainable life style. Next door is Wittpens Antiques, filled with marvelous things from years past. Up the stone steps

FREE LEGAL SERVICES FOR SENIORS

Legal Services for Seniors (LSS) is a nonprofit law firm providing free legal services to Monterey County seniors 60 years of age and above. For more than 28 years, LSS has helped 77,000+ seniors with landlord-tenant conflicts, Medicare insurance mix-ups, Social Security mistakes, consumer fraud, elder abuse, wills, advanced health care directives and more. Last year, LSS recovered more than \$899,000 of seniors' assets taken by fraud, Social Security and Medicare mistakes, wrongful lawsuits, sloppy billing practices and unscrupulous landlords. For an appointment or more information call 899-0492.

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES! LOOKING FOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF OLD CARMEL

The Board of Directors of Carmel Residents Association is seeking photographs of old Carmel for a project connected with the celebration of Carmel's Centennial in 2016. We are looking for photographs of people, events, buildings, and personalities. We'll make copies and return the originals. Your old photographs can reveal the life and times of an era more personally than studied shots. Get out those old photo albums, and if you find some gems, contact Barbara Livingston at 626-1610.



is the Treehouse Cafe, featuring indoor and terrace dining. On the second level, Pasta Palate serves up take-home mouth-watering pastas and sauces. You'll also find Nancy's Hair Salon, Monterey Peninsula Appraisers, Kinkaid Galleries, and CPAs Nancy Callahan and Cathy Cole.



WHAT IS CRA ALL ABOUT?

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

BECOME A MEMBER!

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

- Visit us online:
www.carmelresidents.org
- or email us:
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IT'S EASY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CRA!

This edition of the *CRA News* is being sent to members, as well as all Carmel property owners who are not CRA members. This edition serves as a reminder to all citizens of the importance of our Association. We act as a community residential representative and urge all to become members. Our mission is to protect and enrich the quality of life in our village and to preserve its heritage and its natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy. Increasingly, CRA is consulted when residents' input is sought about vital issues. We are an important channel of communication between residents and city government.

Many property owners who are part-time Carmel residents erroneously believe that

CRA membership is open only to full-time residents. Membership is open to everyone who resides or owns property within Carmel-by-the-Sea or its sphere of influence. All residents, whether full- or part-time, share the same interests in protecting, preserving, and improving the essential values of our community. CRA membership is particularly valuable to part-time residents as a way of staying informed about important issues facing Carmel, and as a means of communicating their unique concerns.

Applications for membership may be obtained by writing to the Carmel Residents Association, PO Box 13, Carmel-by-the Sea, CA 93921, by e-mail at carmelresidents@gmail.com, or by visiting www.carmelresidents.org.

WE HAVE A NEW PLANNING AND BUILDING DIRECTOR!

Carmel Residents Association welcomes Rob Mullane to the position of Planning Director of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Rob is currently the Community Development Director for the City of Ojai, and has extensive public and private sector experience in community planning, design, building, code compliance, and working with coastal issues.

Rob joins the City on August 26th, a welcome addition indeed!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! RIVER SCHOOL BENEFIT: HOUSE TOUR ON SEPTEMBER 28TH

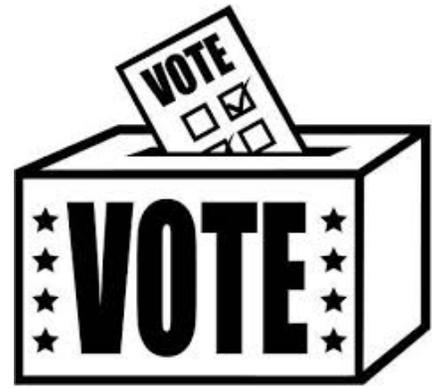
A house tour of significant Carmel homes will be held on September 28th to benefit River School. Look for details in the *Pine Cone*.

IMPORTANT DETAILS INSIDE FOR A VOTER'S FORUM ON THE UPCOMING FORT ORD INITIATIVES!

Carmel Residents
Association
presents a
Town Hall Meeting
on the
Fort Ord Initiatives

BE INFORMED

ARE YOU CONFUSED? WONDERING HOW TO VOTE?



Do you need clarification about the two Fort Ord Initiatives on our November 5 ballot?

The Carmel Residents Association presents a Town Hall Meeting to educate and inform voters about the two important Fort Ord initiatives that will be placed on the November 5th ballot.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD • 5-7 PM
CARPENTER HALL, SUNSET CENTER
Mission St., Southwest of 8th Avenue**

Admission is free. The community is welcome to attend.
Free parking in the north lot at Sunset.

Speaking for MEASURE M – the Protect Fort Ord Open Space Access Initiative to save 540 acres at Fort Ord for recreational use and wildlife habitat:

Jason Campbell, Seaside resident and principal officer for Fort Ord Access Alliance and Michael Salerno, Marina businessman.

Speaking for MEASURE K – the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, Open Space Preservation and Economic Revitalization Initiative:

Sid Williams, Secretary of the United Veterans Council of Monterey County and Mary Ann Leffel representing Monterey County Business Council.

PARTICULARS FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION:

- Election: Tuesday, November 5th, 2013
- Absentee ballots mailed: October 7th
- Last day to register to vote: October 21st
- Voter registration card available: Carmel City Hall
Carmel Post Offices

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