



# Carmel Residents Association News

CELEBRATING 24 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

MARCH ■ APRIL 2011

## Greg D'Ambrosio ■ Carmel Citizen of the Year!

THE CONSCIENCE OF CARMEL'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



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Congratulations to Greg D'Ambrosio on his selection as Carmel Citizen of the Year 2010! Long recognized for his staunch, unwavering support of the natural environment of our village—its urbanized forest and renowned beach, miles of open space, parks, pathways and trails—Greg has captured the coveted Carmel Residents Association's Citizen of the Year Award. Carmel Councilman Jason Burnett will speak to the qualities of this admired and deeply respected man. Certificates from city, county, state and federal officials, along with a gift from the Carmel Residents Association, will be presented to Greg on Sunday, March 27 at the Carmel Woman's Club (9th and San Carlos) at 3:00 P.M. Kristy Downing and Ovilee Kennedy are co-chairing this event, which is free and open to the community. Catered refreshments and a cake donated by Patisserie Boissiere will be served.

Greg was chosen as Citizen of the Year based on the comments contained in letters of nomination: “Beginning in 1971, Greg began his spirited work, first as city forester, then as assistant city administrator and now as volunteer par excellence. He has advocated for the preservation of our village and implemented the works that needed to be undertaken to protect the forest, the parks, and the beach. When his advocacy for these natural amenities has met with resistance, he has not backed down, knowing that he had the history and the eternal values of Carmel-by-the-Sea on his side of the dialogue. A list of man-made – Greg-made – physical enhancements in the village is too extensive to enumerate. One has only to look around – if you see a beautiful sight created by human hands, Greg has touched it.”

“Greg put together the Forest Hill Park and Playground. He designed and implemented the Beach Bluff Pathway, the First Murphy Park and Vista Lobos Park. He helped put together the city's Shoreline Management Plan and was instrumental in the preparation of the city's Forest Management Plan. Greg helped prepare the 4th Avenue Pedestrian Walkway plan. He assisted in laying out 5 miles of trails in Mission Trails Nature Preserve, and then coordinated and supervised the Boy Scouts and young people from the High School Regional Occupation Class to create the trails. He was instrumental in developing the master plans for the Scout House and Outdoor Forest Theater. Since his retirement, Greg has been an active member of the Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden and has organized planting and cleanup crews to take care of the Mission Trail Nature Preserve. As an

active member of the Friends of Carmel Forest, he developed a downtown sidewalk beautification program. He has recently become a member of the MEarth Hilton Bialek Biological Sciences Habitat at Carmel Middle School. With the help of those students, he has eradicated tons of non-native plants in Forest Hill Park, Mission Trails Park and the north dunes area of Carmel Beach. Greg's role as the conscience of Carmel's natural environment is always in evidence as he constantly strives to make this village a better place to live, work and visit.”

Greg joins a long list of distinguished citizens recognized for their efforts on behalf of our city. Past recipients, in order of receipt of awards are: Jim Wright, Joyce Stevens, Enid Sales, Jack Bilwiller, Skip Lloyd and Noel Mapstead, Clayton Anderson, Roy Thomas, Jean White, Robert Kohn, Linda Anderson, John Hicks, Noel Van Bibber, Jim Holliday, Frankie Laney, Nancy and Bill Doolittle, Merv Sutton, Barbara Livingston, Olof Dahlstrand, Wayne Kelley, Ken White, and Fran and Alex Vardamis.

The idea for Citizen of the Year awards originated in the late 1980s, when it was decided that Carmel should recognize citizens who give outstanding service to their community. The Carmel Residents Association was chosen to develop and sponsor this recognition event.

Twenty-four years later, we are delighted to continue this important tradition as we herald Greg D'Ambrosio, our 2010 Carmel Citizen of the Year!  
*Congratulations, Greg!*





Barbara Livingston

## THE ART OF CITIZENSHIP

**A good citizen strives to give back to his or her city or town in ways that will make life better for all inhabitants.**

This edition of our Carmel Residents Association NEWS has been mailed to all property owners in Carmel-by-the-Sea. We do this at least once each year so that we can reach out to those residents and second-home owners who might enjoy getting our perspective on what is happening in our village. We regret that we have no access to addresses for those who are not property owners. But we embrace everyone – renters, homeowners, and business owners alike – for membership in our Association.

As we prepare for our 22nd Citizen of the Year Award Celebration, we dedicate this issue to how Carmel citizens contribute to the quality of life in our village.

What exactly is a citizen? One definition is: “An inhabitant of a city or town, especially one entitled to the rights and privileges of a free man.” Having been accorded these rights and privileges, a good citizen strives to give back to his or her city or town in ways that will make life better for all inhabitants.

Over the past 24 years the Carmel Residents Association has recognized 25 citizens (several were multiple designations) for their involvement in Carmel’s cultural, environmental, and governmental life. These 25 citizens have served our community with great distinction, yet we understand that for every person honored, there are scores of others deserving such an award.

The Art of Citizenship as practiced in Carmel-by-the-Sea could be a model for all small towns across the nation. To illustrate, we have only to look at the six officially designated city support groups that fill recognized needs in our town:

- **The Friends of the Harrison Memorial Library** members collect, sort, and price donated books prior to holding a sale in August, the proceeds from which benefit the library. The Friends also sponsor Punch and Pundits talks that feature local writers and personalities. Information: (831) 626-9067, to donate books: (831) 625-3418
- **The Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden** is located in Mission Trails Nature Preserve, between Hatton Road and the Flanders Mansion. Easy walking paths lead to native plants that are carefully identified and maintained by volunteers, augmented by high school students who help with planting and irrigation. Information: (831) 372-5857
- **Friends of Carmel Forest** is dedicated to perpetuating and enhancing the native trees that make Carmel a special place. Activities include Arbor Day programs, tree giveaways, educational workshops, and walking tree tours. The Friends help the city with planting trees on public land and conduct an annual tree survey. Information: (831) 624-3208
- **The Carmel Public Library Foundation** has been providing vital funds to Carmel’s public library for over 21 years. Every book, CD, DVD, all the services, resources, equipment and programs are funded by charitable dollars raised by the Library Foundation. More recently, the Foundation agreed to expand its mission and fund a portion of

the salaries for part-time staff. This action will allow the Library to remain open during extended evening and weekend hours. Information: (831) 624-2811

■ **The Friends of Sunset Foundation** raises funds to support our Sunset Community and Cultural Center through food sales at its theater concession kiosk, membership dues, and other contributions. This grant funding enhances cultural activities and projects that the Center would not be able to afford through its annual budget. Information: (831) 624-4538

■ **Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club** has totally funded the renovation of Piccadilly Park and the garden at Harrison Memorial Library. The Garden Club’s next project will be a portion of the Del Mar Dunes, where they will pay to restore the area to its natural habitat. The Garden Club has held several fundraising events to pay for the costs of these projects. Club members also regularly help maintain the Piccadilly and Library gardens.

In addition to these six support groups, we acknowledge the CRA Beach Cleanup, Rotary and Lions service clubs, Carmel Youth Center, Carmel Heritage Society, Forest Theater Guild, Mutt Mitt distribution, Red Cross, Cherry Center for the Arts, Tor House Foundation, Pacific Repertory, and the men and women who volunteer to serve on our city boards and commissions.

These citizens find it challenging, energizing and inspiring to contribute to the cultural, environmental, and governmental life of our village. The Art of Citizenship is alive and well in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

# Time to Turn the Page to a New Chapter

*Carmel has a great opportunity to find a city administrator who will help to move the city forward as it faces daunting economic and environmental challenges.*

With the retirement of City Administrator Rich Guillen, announced by the City Council on February 15, our village can now turn the page to a new chapter. Carmel has a great opportunity to find a city administrator who will help to move the city forward as it faces daunting economic and environmental challenges. Before this happens, however, our community must plan a course of action that will lead to a positive outcome. What kind of administrator do we need and want for our village? Who should have input in the selection? What process should be utilized to find the right person in whom we can have confidence?

## THE QUALITIES NEEDED

- **Experience in a California coastal community.** Because of Carmel's unique character, this cannot be overemphasized. Coastal communities have special issues like no other places – beach, shopping and recreational crowds, ocean safety, urban water run-off, and Coastal Commission interaction. An inland-city manager has no such experience.
- **Small-town values.** We value sensitivity, appreciation and advocacy for trees and forests, parks and open spaces, the beach, the arts, historic preservation, a unique downtown, and our residential quality of life. Candidates should have a proven record of advocacy for these values and examples of how they have worked positively with citizens on these issues.
- **Experience in planning and zoning.** A planning or community development director should be given preference over a city manager with no hands-on community development experience. Internal operational experience in budgeting, finance, and human resources is essential but not enough.

■ **High ethical standards.** We need someone who is above reproach, who holds the highest professional and ethical standards, who provides an ethical model for city employees, and who will abide by the city's code of ethics and sexual harassment policies.

## THE TIMING

If done properly, a thorough search could easily take six months or more. We think rushing the process would be a mistake. The 2010 municipal election was an indication that political winds are blowing in a new direction. Since a lengthy search process could run up against the 2012 municipal election campaign season, it would be ideal for the newly-elected council to select the new city administrator with whom they will work. That will not happen, however. The City Council has already approved a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a recruiting firm and set the goal to select a new administrator by this summer.

*It's not wise to rush the process. Give the city a fresh start with a competent "Range Rider".*

In the meantime, a skilled, qualified interim administrator should be hired immediately to guide the council through the many pending and unresolved issues. Several of these issues are discussed in the City Watch column contained in this CRA News edition. Because Mr. Guillen is leaving in the midst of the budget process, it is essential that this interim person have extensive experience in city finance and budgeting. The term "Range Riders" has been coined for these short-term experts, many of them retired city administrators. The selection of such an interim person would also provide a

clean break between Rich Guillen and his successor, allowing a new hire to clear the air, put his or her own brand on the job, and give the city a fresh start.

## THE SELECTION

We were pleased that the City Council incorporated into the RFP a request that the recruiting firm solicit input from the community in the assessment of candidates. The stakeholders—residents and business community members—would value an open, inclusive and community-oriented search process. With a comprehensive, transparent procedure, Carmelites will feel more connected with their city and be more likely to provide the new administrator with solid community support.

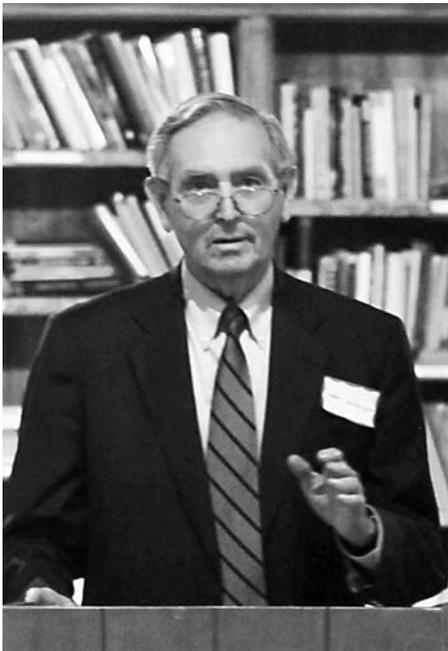
It has also been suggested that the top candidates be interviewed by a group of administrators from other local Peninsula cities. We believe that the council's decision to use a recruiting firm is the best possible choice to sift through what will probably be a large stable of candidates. And, the use of various interview groups—citizens, administrators, and employees—would provide valuable feedback to the City Council as they select the final candidate.

As one administrator departs and another steps in, careful planning for that eventuality is prudent and essential. The Carmel community deserves a city administrator in whom all have confidence. Our city now has the opportunity to move forward toward making that goal a reality.



# Samuel Wright

## An activist for the arts, culture, and history of Carmel-by-the-Sea



*A rainy several days, but we were finally able to corral the very busy Samuel Wright, a resident of Carmel for many years, a long-time member of the Carmel Residents Association, and an activist on behalf of the arts, culture, and history of Carmel-by-the-Sea. A tall, open, modest and articulate man, Sam Wright is an excellent choice for this issue's theme: The Art of Citizenship: Contributions to the Culture and Life in Carmel-by-the-Sea.*

*You have a long history with Carmel. What brought you here in the first place from your birthplace, Palo Alto and, later, Atherton?*

Of course I attended local schools on the San Francisco Peninsula where I lived. By the way, I've worked since I was 14 years old. Then I headed east to attend college at Amherst, MA where I majored in English. I returned to California and married my wife, Terry. My mother decided we needed a break from raising our two young children so she arranged for us to spend a weekend in Carmel. We stayed at the Pine Inn. It was lovely except that it rained the entire time. As tourists we had only the view from our room – the library and Sade's right across the street on Ocean Avenue. The upshot is that we spent the weekend watching the martinis flow at Sade's and reading John Steinbeck.

*And now you're here and have been so for many years.*

Yes, and we love it here. Even in the rain. My mother moved here in 1958 and built a house, a Comstock. Hugh Comstock was a local designer and

builder who built distinctive houses using adobe and bat and board, which many locals will recognize. My sister Connie lives in that house today.

*You've served this community for many years. As a former board director of the Carmel Public Library Foundation you have been a leader in promoting and supporting Harrison Memorial Library.*

I began my activities with CPLF in the very early stages of its founding. I'm essentially an administrator. With others we produced the newsletter, "The Window." But most importantly, we created the Maybeck Plaque, named after the revered California architect, Bernard Maybeck, who designed the Harrison. The plaque rejuvenated interest in the library, and brought in much-needed funds to sustain the quality of the library. And that, the Maybeck, was a landmark moment for Harrison Memorial Library.

*Can you tell us something of your current project regarding the Carmel Mission?*

Yes, we are called the Carmel Mission Foundation. We're a non-profit, secular organization dedicated to the restoration of all historical elements of the Mission. I am the current Board President. Our goal is to raise in excess of 1.5 million dollars from donations; this is to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Father Junipero Serra's birth. Happily we are well on our way to achieving our goals thanks to the interest and generosity of citizens who value our historical treasures.

*Travel magazines, tourist companies, word-of-mouth have consistently rated Carmel-by-the-Sea as one of the top ten cities to visit in the United States. Why do you think that is?*

Carmel is beautiful. It's as simple as that. We are in a natural setting; we have outstanding cultural (the world famous Bach Festival) and recreational (the forests) opportunities; we have wonderful restaurants and shops; and we, the residents, are welcoming to all. For instance, visitors to the Mission will find information printed in eleven different languages. Add to all this – there is the Pacific Ocean!

*Have you a vision for the future of this village?*

The village has achieved a level of perfection over the years. I think it's a wonderful balance between residents and commerce. There exists here a high sense of civic responsibility. And on that theme I would like to see more leadership in terms of volunteerism. This isn't about funding. I see a lack of organization and, yes, leadership. It's a proven fact that people like and want to participate in the civic life of their city. People like to volunteer. I would like to see more opportunities for volunteers in terms of the urban landscape – restoration of the forests, cleaning, gardening of city properties, simple repairs to the infrastructure. A perfect example of this is the CRA's Beach Cleanup program.

*Thank you, Sam, for spending this time with us. And thank you as well for your dedication to this community through the years.*

# Langston Hughes in Carmel

## Leading figure in the Harlem Renaissance

For a relatively small village, Carmel has a remarkable history of hosting prominent visitors – individuals who have made important contributions to America's life and culture. The decades of the 1930s and 40s were particularly notable for visits of the famous and near-famous. One prominent visitor, who might seem farthest from his accustomed milieu, was Langston Hughes, the eminent African-American poet, novelist, playwright, essayist, social activist, and leading figure in what became known as the Harlem Renaissance.

Hughes came to Carmel as a guest of Noel Sullivan, a wealthy resident of both San Francisco and Carmel. Sullivan was a generous patron of the arts and contributor to many humanist causes. He befriended many African-American artists at a time when they faced all manner of problems in a segregated society. In 1932, when Sullivan learned Hughes was appearing at a poetry reading in Berkeley, he invited the writer to stay at his home in San Francisco. Although they had never met, Sullivan was familiar with Hughes' published work. As a modestly talented singer, Sullivan had included John Alden Carpenter's setting of a Hughes poem on a recital program.

Wanting to support the young writer's burgeoning career, Sullivan offered Hughes the extended use of his Carmel cottage "Ennesfree," at the corner of 13th and Carmelo. Hughes wrote in his autobiography, "To Noel Sullivan I am indebted for the first long period of my life when I was able, unworried and unhurried, to stay quietly in one place and devote myself to writing."



*Langston Hughes picnicking with Una Jeffers.  
(photo courtesy of Henry Meade Williams Local  
History Room, Harrison Memorial Library)*

There is a sharp disconnect between the patronizing air pervading the descriptions of Carmel by Arnold Rampersad, Hughes' principal biographer, and Hughes' autobiography. Rampersad wrote, "Carmel was an odd home for a black poet...the village seemed remote not only from racial struggle, but from all struggle itself." Rampersad further dismissed Carmel, "Founded as an 'artists colony' on a neglected tract of land...for the most part a real-estate promotional ruse." In contrast, Hughes described Carmel as a "happy and prejudice-free little town" where he worked "ten or twelve hours a day and turned out at least one story or completed article every week, sometimes more."

During the months in Carmel, Hughes was often entertained by other celebrated Carmelites, including Robinson and Una Jeffers, Martin Flavin, Lincoln Steffens and Ella Winter. He frequently savored dinners at the home of a locally famous African-American cook, Mrs. Willa White Black, "the jolliest, stoutest woman on the Monterey Peninsula." He also spent time with other notable visitors, including James Cagney, Greta Garbo, Jean Harlow, Lady Diana Manners, and Krishnamurti.

Hughes didn't abandon his social activism while in Carmel. He wrote in his memoirs, "My short stories written in Carmel all dealt with some nuance of the race problems." With other concerned Carmelites, he organized a benefit art auction in San Francisco to assist with legal aid to the Scottsboro Boys—eight black teenagers in Alabama, falsely accused and convicted of raping two white girls. He maintained his involvement in other causes through contacts with the Carmel chapter of the ultraliberal John Reed Club. He and Sullivan presented an evening of poetry reading and song at the Carmel Community Theater, sponsored by that club.

It was, in fact, his activism that precipitated Hughes' abrupt departure from Carmel in the summer of 1934. His conspicuous support for striking agricultural workers elicited ominous threats from vigilante-like conservative groups from the places where strikes were occurring. He "slipped out of town... not wishing to be tarred and feathered."

In the years that followed, he often returned as Noel Sullivan's guest. At one of the lowest points in Hughes' life, Sullivan built a one-room apartment at his Carmel Valley estate for the writer's exclusive use.

Lines from one of Hughes most familiar poems, "Let America Be America Again," have new meaning today: "Let America be America again / Let it be the dream it used to be." Often forgotten is the succeeding poignant line: "America never was America to me." We would like to believe, for a little while at least, Langston Hughes found in Carmel a place that was "America" to him.



# Community CALENDAR

## ■ CRA BEACH CLEANUP

Sat, Mar 26, 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Foot of Ocean Ave

## ■ CRA SPONSORS

### CARMEL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Sun, Mar 27, 3:00 p.m.  
Presenter: Jason Burnett  
Recipient: Greg D'Ambrosio  
Carmel Woman's Club  
San Carlos Ave at 9th Ave

## ■ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tues, Apr 5, 4:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

## CRA DINES OUT

Rio Grill  
Thurs, Apr 28, 6:00 p.m.

## ■ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tues, May 3, 4:30 p.m.  
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 p.m.

Forest and Beach Commission,

1st Thurs., 1:30 p.m.

Planning Commission, 2nd Wed., 4 p.m.

Community Activities and Cultural

Commission, 2nd Tues., 9:30 a.m.

Historic Resources Board, 3rd Mon., 4 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees, 4th Wed., 9 a.m.

Please see the CRA's website for the  
schedule of meetings and events.  
[www.carmelresidents.org](http://www.carmelresidents.org)

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

# CRA Dines Out AT RIO GRILL



Kathleen and Barry Swift and Mary Ellen Thomas, co-chairs of CRA's popular "Dines Out," have chosen Rio Grill for our April 28th event.

Rio Grill has been a favorite place to meet friends and enjoy drinks and great food on the Monterey Peninsula for almost 27 years. The familiar Southwest theme will have recently been updated before our "Dines Out" dinner, and the look will be new and exciting.

Creative American dishes are combined with impeccable service to form the cornerstone of Rio Grill's continuing success. Chef Cy Yontz will be preparing a dinner that's sure to please all our members. Please send a check, at \$39 per person, payable to CRA, with your choice of first course and entrée, along with your phone number, **to arrive no later than Monday, April 25th**, to Kathleen and Barry Swift, P.O. Box AC, Carmel, CA 93921. The price includes tax and tip.

You will be notified if you have been placed on the waiting list. If you reserve space and must cancel, call Kathleen or Barry at 625-1426 so that your place can be assigned to someone else.

Here's the tempting menu:

## ■ FIRST COURSE CHOICES

Hearts of Romaine salad  
with Caesar dressing, Asiago cheese  
and croutons

~OR~

Seasonal soup of the day

## ■ ENTRÉE CHOICES

House-smoked half chicken  
with mild smoked chili butter,  
baby artichokes and red potatoes

~OR~

Pumpkin seed crusted

Loch Duart salmon

with chipotle-lime vinaigrette, red pepper  
potato cakes and sautéed green beans

~OR~

Half-rack barbecued baby back ribs  
with slaw and cayenne potato yam cake

## ■ DESSERT CHOICES

Chocolate torte with vanilla ice cream  
~OR~

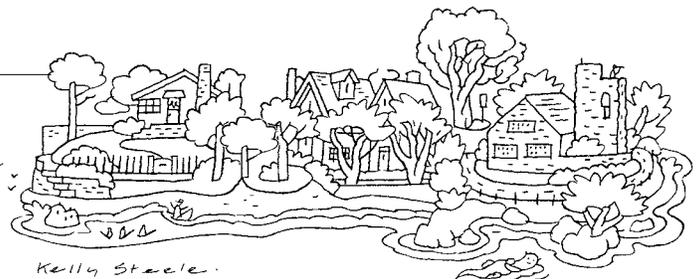
Sorbet with fresh fruit compote

Red or white wine will be available at  
\$6 per glass (tax included), plus tip.

Coffee or tea

**THURSDAY      APRIL 28**  
**COCKTAILS      6:00 PM**  
**DINNER          6:30 PM**

## COMING IN MAY: THE ANNUAL TOR HOUSE GARDEN PARTY



Kelly Steele

The annual Tor House Garden Party  
takes place on Sunday, May 1, from  
2:00 - 5:00 P.M. at 26304 Ocean View  
Avenue, Carmel. Both Tor House and  
Hawk Tower will be open. Refreshments  
will be served. There will be musicians  
and *plein-air* artists in the garden.

The gift shop will be open and a raffle  
will be held to raise money for the  
preservation of Tor House and Hawk  
Tower. Admission is \$15. No reservations.  
Children 12 and over are admitted.

The Carmel City Council and staff have been under considerable stress during the past few months of turmoil. As a result, many important issues have not received the attention they deserve. Finding an interim administrator with the experience to hit the ground running and deal with these problems is crucial to moving our city forward. We highlight below those issues that are most pressing.

## 1. THE 2011/12 BUDGET PROCESS

The change in city administrators is taking place directly in the middle of the process of putting together the 2011/12 budget. Last year's budget contained a \$500,000 deficit covered by reserves; and no new source of revenue has yet been identified. Putting together a viable budget will necessitate a strong collaboration among the retiring and incoming interim city administrators, the City Council, and the community.

## 2. REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS

A decade ago, former City Administrator Jere Kersnar told the City Council that a new revenue stream must be found if the city is to remain financially stable. Little has been done since that warning.

A January public meeting on paid parking was held at the same time that John Hanson spoke about Afghanistan before the Carmel Residents Association. The 80+ people in the CRA audience could not weigh in on paid parking. With strong business opposition to this proposal, the city should consider a town hall meeting with all possible revenue sources on the table. The ultimate goal should be a combination of revenue sources with the burden borne by residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

Among the possibilities – none popular – are a parcel or utility tax, restaurant meal surcharge, paid parking, an increased sales tax or transient occupancy tax. It will take strong leadership to convince all stakeholders to stop saying no and support a palatable compromise. Doing nothing is not an option.

## 3. FIRE SERVICES

Two years ago, Monterey presented its consolidation proposal to Carmel. Citizens have been promised a review of all fire-service options. Firefighters and residents have waited since January for the staff report and a City Council workshop date. Meanwhile, two contracts involving fire services have lapsed, one covering Monterey's administrative services and one with our Carmel firefighters.

## 4. FOREST THEATER

In September 2009 the city paid a project management consultant \$13,305 to provide a timeline for renovation and a more accurate cost estimate than the architect had provided. Within weeks, the consultant submitted his report to the mayor and vice mayor, but the report has not been shared with the other council members or the public. It is past time to bring the report forward.

Apparently a behind-the-scenes effort is being made to secure funding for renovations. But the mayor cannot expect to raise funds when the project costs are hidden and the project has not gone through the public approval process via the Planning Commission. Without a timeline and an accurate cost estimate, we do not know whether the project can reasonably be done incrementally. Funds should not be committed without knowing the ultimate cost.

## 5. MILITARY DEPLOYMENT PAY

In November 2009 the council passed a resolution restoring to John Hanson payment of the salary and benefit differential that city leaders had promised, but then rescinded after he was deployed to Afghanistan for a year. The resolution has now lapsed. Citizens have made clear they want to see a permanent policy adopted so when the issue comes up again, both the employee and the public are assured that the city will provide support without question, and without further embarrassment. So far, nothing has happened.

## 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 on line:  
[www.carmelresidents.org](http://www.carmelresidents.org)
- or email us:  
[carmelresidents@gmail.com](mailto:carmelresidents@gmail.com)
- or call us: **626-1610**

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## GET FIX-IT FORMS FROM CITY HALL

Carmel City Hall is circulating a "Fix-it" form for reporting such problems as "potholes, road striping, traffic or road signs, weeds, litter, damaged curbs, damaged sidewalks, non-functional street lights, overhanging trees or shrubs, and trash cans." Forms can be obtained online or at City Hall. Fax (831) 620-2004, drop off at City Hall, or email to [fixit@ci.carmel.ca.gov](mailto:fixit@ci.carmel.ca.gov) for non-emergency issues.

For problems requiring immediate attention, such as loose or protruding manhole covers, storm sewer leaking or blockage, broken or damaged tree limbs, hazardous parking, chemical discharge, unusual water leaking on roadway, debris on road impeding traffic, or noise nuisance, call the Police Department at (831) 624-6403.

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW!

Once again it is time to renew your membership in the Carmel Residents Association. This issue of the CRA NEWS contains a remittance envelope so that members can easily renew. Non-members are invited and encouraged to join our Association to take advantage of activities and events as outlined in the enclosed flyer, and to receive copies of our CRA NEWS.

## OUR MEMBERS SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

Congratulations to Bob Jenkins for being selected to serve as a juror on the 2011 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury. Bob was appointed by his fellow jurists to serve as Foreperson Pro Tem.

## WANTED: SOMEONE WHO CAN SHOOT...PHOTOS THAT IS!!!

If you can point and click and own a digital camera we need YOU to take photos at our meetings and special events. This is a great way to get to know members and to help the CRA NEWS team. For more information, call (831) 626-1610.

## HOW TO GET A COPY OF A-Z:

If you have misplaced or didn't receive a copy of the Carmel Residents Association's illuminating booklet, "Everything You Need To Know About Carmel-by-the-Sea From A-Z," just pick up the phone and call (831) 626-1610. A free booklet will be mailed to you.

## CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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