

CELEBRATING 34 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Holidays — The Carmel Family Gives Thanks



The holidays are again with us. A time when family members, wherever they may be, fly, drive or ride the rails home to the mother house. The CRA is a kind of family. We gather at this time of year for the October Anniversary Parade. Then there's the tree lighting on Ocean Avenue, the shops dressed up in reds and whites, the bakeries sold out of Christmas cookies. It's that time of year when we happily celebrate the holidays with thanks and gratitude. And there's much to be grateful for.

Carmel is so fortunate to have two organizations devoted to the beauty of our Village: first, the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club. Established in 1980, its members created a beautiful pocket park on Dolores Street and named it Piccadilly Park after the historic nursery moved on, leaving open space for landscaping and planting; a quiet place to rest and reflect in the midst of a busy business avenue.

Club members raised money to implement new landscaping at Harrison Memorial Library, which is an ongoing seasonal activity, one of Carmel's most important historical architectural buildings.

Citizens and visitors have only to pass City Hall on Monte Verde to view and appreciate the Garden Club's planting and maintenance of the entrance garden and

fountain. The ongoing long-term restoration of the North Dunes is a special project to remove and replace non-native plants with native growth and to repair existing old growth cypress. Club members continue to volunteer with a local biologist to maintain a natural ecosystem. Natural beauty, that's a worthy holiday gift to our Village—holiday time and all year, all seasons.

Has anyone heard of Carmel Cares? Of course we have. They're everywhere, doing everything, and always up for the next project. This is a group of devoted members, all fired-up citizens, who truly care for their Village and are intent to tackle what is needed to refresh, create, and beautify the place they call home, an historic Village in the Forest by the Sea.

The list of Carmel Cares' accomplishments is long and impressive. Are all these projects marquee worthy, not at all. They are nuts and bolts repairing, resurfacing, planting, painting, re-purposing. They rake pathways, clear gutters, pick up litter. They've designed new beach fire signs, installed jute netting on sandy slopes to prevent erosion. Seems like nonstop work, it is.



And it's all for all of us right here at home.

Then there is the Forest Theater, the iconic outdoor venue for local theater, concerts, films. Carmel Cares and many of our citizens realized that attention must be paid to refurbishing the property. Just call on the folks at CC. It's done! They built and installed a new entrance gate (just hours before the old guy tumbled onto Mountain View). CC pressure washed and sanded all the seating benches. Added new sidewalks and retaining walls. Removed weeds and poison oak. Repaired, refurbished the snack bar.

Add up all the above, what do these improvement projects tell us besides the positive impact on our lives here by the sea? Here's the answer: Carmel Cares leaders and volunteers did the work at nearly no cost to the City. So, the proof is in the commitment—Carmel Cares cares.

Here are just two of many organizations, Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club and Carmel Cares, which deserve our holiday thanks. We wish all these generous family members the best of the holidays. From our family to, well, ... to our family.

PRESIDENT'S Message

Recognizing Our 2021 Citizen of the Year – Dale Byrne

The Carmel Residents Association choice for 2021 Citizen of the Year is, without a doubt, one of the most active volunteers Carmel has ever seen. Almost any day Dale Byrne can be spotted somewhere in Carmel, as he says, "working

with like-minded folks to beautify the town."

A native of San Gabriel, CA he and his wife, Margaret, purchased a vacation home in Carmel in 2011 while they were living in Reno, NV. They moved to Carmel permanently in 2016 and proceeded to build five custom-crafted homes before finally settling into a home on San Antonio by

the beach. They enjoy walking their two dogs, Blue and Hamilton, on the Carmel Beach each day at sunset. The mild climate, the natural beauty, the dog-friendly nature, shopping in town, wine tasting and having lunch each day in a Carmel restaurant are things they love about living in Carmel.

Dale received a BS and MBA from the University of Southern California. In 1990, he started a retail software and consulting company which grew to 250 employees, 12 offices around the world and 3,000 customers before it was sold in 1997. He acquired a division of that company and operated it until selling in 1998, when he officially retired.

As many retirees do in Carmel, Dale

and Margaret looked for a venue to offer their talents as volunteers. They found the Carmel Residents Association. As a volunteer, Margaret worked with the editorial board and coordinated production for the Voice Newsletter and also was in charge of

CRA membership where she helped CRA transition from a manual system to one that accepted online payments. As a new board member Dale helped the CRA board move into the digital age while helping to bring about new ways to reach our members. He developed the Village Incentive Program discount card program with

local merchants and restaurants, developed online Zoom programs (before the pandemic), coordinated Food Bank donations, worked with Sustainable Carmel on a biobag program and developed Voice-Map audio tours with CRA messaging. Dale's biggest contribution to CRA was his implementation of a new membership management website system that allowed CRA to dynamically update the website, accept online payments, and other capabilities. We are still using this system that Dale created for CRA.

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Carmel Cares is Dale's passion now. 4 years ago he started the fledgling organization as a virtual way to study "traffic calming" in the Village. They conducted several traffic engineering studies on San



Carlos and Junipero and presented them to the City Council and Traffic Committee resulting in a stop sign being installed on 9th and San Carlos.

With budget cuts at City Hall due to COVID, Dale saw a new way that Carmel Cares could be of help. With permission from and continued collaboration with Public Works, Carmel Cares volunteers started to remove weeds and maintain the Scenic Pathway and other areas of town. Soon Carmel Cares was incorporated as a California nonprofit with a 501(c)3 status. Their stated mission is to keep Carmel beautiful, safe, and inviting.

Since becoming a nonprofit, Carmel Cares, under the direction of Dale Byrne, has taken on a series of projects which include:

- Renovation and maintenance of Scenic pathway with over 50 weekly cleanups
- Renovation and maintenance at the Forest Theater
- Refreshed Devendorf Park and Park Branch Library grounds
- Refreshed and maintained exterior grounds of Sunset Center
- Refreshed Vista Lobos Park and surrounding grounds
- Established the Median Minder, Tree Tender and Pick Up (litter) Posse programs

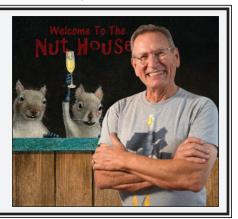
And is creating *Keep Carmel Beautiful* within Carmel Cares as an affiliate of *Keep America Beautiful*.

CRA Hosts - The One and Only Will Bullas - November 9th

Congressman Panetta Congratulating Dale Byrne

Please join us live and in person on Tuesday November 9th at 5PM in Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall. This gathering is free, open to the public; plus wine will be served. The internationally known, award winning artist, Will Bullas, continues his journey 'round the bend' (as he likes to call it) with insights into his thought process and inspiration. Dozens of Will's images will escort our curious minds through this journey of humor and wit, with an occasional glimpse of more serious paintings that garnered Will a bounty of fine art awards. A guaranteed entertaining time. You won't want to miss it.

Will is a past president of the Carmel Art Association, where he continues to serve on the Board of Directors, and exhibits his works there as well. Will and his wife live and create in Carmel Valley, California just across the meadow from their grandchildren.



POINT of View

Christmas 1945 at Peace at Last

Christmastime 1945 in Carmel-bythe-Sea arrived. World War II had officially ended within the past one-hundred days. The customary holiday events and activities were scheduled, the shops were decorated. Families with sons in the military held hopes that their loved ones would be home; other families mourned knowing Christmas would never be as it once had been.

The Church of the Wayfarer scheduled its Christmas Eve service for 11 pm

with Dr. Crowther's homily titled "Prince of Peace." All Saints Church and the Carmel Mission would hold traditional midnight services, the Mission choir under the direction of Noel Sullivan.

School Superintendent Leo Harris cancelled the final days of classes before the holiday break due to a flu outbreak at Carmel High and Sunset School. On Tuesday the 18th, the high school had 80 absences due to the influenza. By the noon hour on Wednesday, 119 cases were reported. Harris adjourned all classes and activities until January 7th.

Serra School continued functioning until its scheduled vacation commencement on Friday. The holiday pageant would occur that afternoon at 2 pm in the Carmel Playhouse with the

third and fourth graders performing Clement Moore's 1823 poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

Betty Haskell's weekly newspaper column "Days Before Yesterday" read "There is nothing merry about Christmas to some people this year" as she opined on the impacts of the war on Carmel. Haskell concluded her literary piece "This is the first Christmas of Peace."

The annual holiday gala at American Legion Post 512 was calendared for Saturday, the attendees coming from Fort Ord, Del Monte, Treasure Island and posts and camps south and north of Carmel. Local musician and future mayor Allen Knight served as the master of ceremonies. He and George McMenamin performed several acts; it was later reported that each skit ended with roaring laughter. On Christmas morning, breakfast for the service men was to be at 9:30 am, prepared and served by Carmelites.

Steve's Chop House on Lincoln and Sixth Avenue advertised it would be open on the holiday----"We Serve a True Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day." Fortier's Drug Store on Ocean Avenue at Dolores



provided last minute suggestions for late shoppers---cigarette lighters, playing cards, plastic poker chips, make-up kits, bath salts and chocolates.

The State Railroad Commission, predecessor to today's Public Utilities Commission, issued a statement that it would commence an investigation into the annual low water supply for Carmel that began each September and continued until the first seasonal rains. The water provider, California Water and Telephone, was to be scrutinized by the commission and was told to "publicly commit itself as to future plans and policy."

Books checked out at the Harrison



Memorial Library totaled 6751 volumes. Librarian Elizabeth Niles told in her monthly report that there were 3484 library cards in the possession of patrons, 3184 held by Carmelites and the balance belonging to residents of unincorporated neighborhoods adjoining the Village.

There were books to borrow at the Harrison and there was a new book to purchase at Village shops. Local writer Daisy Bostick, co-author of the 1925 publication "Carmel at Work and Play," had a new story, her 123page "Carmel—Today and Yesterday." Resident Parker Kimbell opined it is "a book which should be of true enjoyment to (a) Carmelite who knows Carmel..."

Just before Christmas, Joe Olivero resumed ownership of Joe's Taxi. Joe had sold his business—8 taxis, 11 drivers, 3 office workers—to Robert Grey at the beginning of 1945, only to have Grey activate a contractual clause that allowed him to return the business to Joe by year's end if he desired. Grey transferred Joe's Taxi back to Olivero on December 15th.

Photographer Edward Weston returned to his home in Carmel Highlands after his acclaimed exhibit of 300 photographs at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Weston had displayed works from different periods of his life between 1902 and 1945.

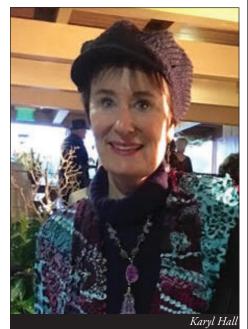
For Carmelites seeking an outing before the new year dawned, the Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society sent word (or was it a bird?) that the annual feathered friends census would be held the coming weekend.

Nineteen hundred forty-five was about to fly away but post war, the Village was returning to normalcy.

VILLAGE Voices

The House We Live In

e're meeting this morning with Karyl Hall, co-chairman of the Village Preservation Committee. It's a late summer day—can Fall be far behind? Karyl is a passionate advocate of preservation, and Carmel-by-the-Sea is right where she wants to be. A former board member of CRA, Karyl moved over to where she felt she could be most useful to her Village. She's an open person, enthusiastic, serious with a keen eye for the architectural integrity of her hometown.



Karyl, what brought you to Village Preservation? Do you have a background in building design?

I've been here since the early 90s. My interest in traditional architecture comes from the purchase of my current house and what I hear from friends and visitors regarding the "look", if you will, of what so many of us expect of Carmel: a small Village of charm and beauty and lovely cottages in a traditional style.

And what about your own house? We know that's it's often referred to as a Carmel Classic Cottage.

When I purchased the house, I just knew it would be torn down due to its

condition and the fact that it was perched on two and three-quarter lots. I considered this house historic, and I was determined

to repair and preserve it. It was built by the founders of the Bach Festival, Denny and Watrous, who also built and designed Harmony House just up the street. My project to save this house was a labor of love for three years. Carmel Heritage has recognized this house an important structure in the Village.

Considering

what you have accomplished with saving your house, you could call yourself a preservationist. What do you think Carmel preservationists, and there are many—how would they identify themselves? Over-sighters? Arbiters of taste, saviors of that which is traditional in Carmel?

(A chuckle) Maybe a little of each. A pain in the rear end, comes to mind. I guess I'm saying that one must take a stand—many people have to sign on to what is important to our Village. Attend meetings, speak out in support of worthy causes, etc. And as a so-called preservationist, I want to be compliant. We all should.

You are one of the leaders of the Village Preservation Committee. We believe your mission statement clearly sums up who and what you are. "The mission of the VPC is to safeguard the architecture of Car-MeL-By-the-Sea, a quaint Village in the woods, for those who live and visit here, for future generations."

Here's an example of what so many residents and visitors have to say, and







this is from my personal experience. More than just a few times I've found myself out in the garden in front of my house when a driver or walker happened by. Their remarks were surprising and welcome: "So good of you to keep your house instead of tearing it down." What a pleasure to see your lovely traditional home." Those remarks informed me that what I had done myself and the work of the VPC was important.

There is a movement gaining strength for retaining the special appeal of the unique, traditional Carmel-by-the-Sea. Surely we don't want to become "anywhere USA". We need to carefully locate and preserve what we were and what we want to continue to be. City Hall needs to be involved, of course. I believe we need a design review committee composed of citizens and professionals. Just as important is that Carmelites need to be heard. We all love this Village, and we need to protect and enhance its culture, tradition, and beauty.

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Thanks, Karyl Hall, We know CRA is listening along with so many of our citizens who care about our history and traditional Village heritage.

CRA Holiday Gala

lt is That Time of Year

CRA Holiday Gala Returns! – Friday December 3rd at La Playa

h, come all ye CRA faithful, and celebrate the Holiday Season with members and guests. Join us as we gather once again at La Playa Hotel on December 3, 2021, for an evening of food, wine, and amazing company. Live background music will also help set the mood.

Reception: mix and mingle with fellow members beginning with check-in at 5:15 pm. The Cocktail Hour begins at 5:30 pm on the Pacific Terrace where red and white wines are included throughout the reception and dinner.

pomegranate seeds and goat cheese. Followed by a choice of:

- A. Osso Bucco: Pork shanks braised to perfection, served with seasonal vegetables
- B. Salmon: Alaskan salmon served atop a bed of Israeli couscous. Seasonal vegetables, light harissa sauce, and blistered heirloom cherry tomatoes
- C. Mushroom Ravioli: Served with caramelized onions, sautéed mushrooms, accompanied by a béchamel sauce

Dining: Each dining table will be hosted by one of your welcoming CRA Board Members. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm in the Pacific Room with a special holiday salad - Salinas Valley greens with

Apple stacks (Apple pie) with coffee ice cream will be served for dessert along with coffee or tea. There is a full no-host bar available throughout the evening.

If this yearend gathering matches our 2019 Gala – this will be a sold-out event. Please visit the CRA web page and emails for the latest details. Please mark your calendars for December 3rd and

act now to register to attend with your payment of \$75 per person. We need to receive your payment and entrée choice on or before Friday November 19th to confirm your reservation.

Please complete your registration and credit card payment by using the event link on the CRA website www.carmelresidents. org. Or:



- A) Call Nancy at 650-740-3477 who can answer any issues on the online signup and can take your registration and payment details live. Or:
- B) You can confirm your attendance by check - that must be received on or before November 19th - at CRA, PO Box 13, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. Include your email and phone number and meal selections with any postal mailed sign-up.

We look forward to seeing you there, and our thanks to those who've already signed up!

Note: Refunds will be provided should our event be cancelled due to unexpected county health guidance.

Pre-Gala - Carmel Tree Lighting Enjoyment

▲ long-time Carmel-by-the-Sea tradition includes the A Tree Lighting Ceremony on the first Friday afternoon of December. Beginning at 3PM, next to Devendorf Park on Ocean, the Village gathers for entertainment, lots of singing, dancing by various local performers, local school children and more. Of course, all of this is topped off with the holiday tree and menorah lighting, plus the visit by one of Santa's elves. Pictures are from holiday gatherings past.

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ABOUT Town

Welcome New Carmel Residents & Members!

This lingering pandemic changed where and how we live, work, and play. And lifestyle is important to all of us. Many, who

fast tracked their retirement, or can now work from anywhere, have chosen Carmel-by-the-Sea and surrounding areas to call home. This recent increase in home sales brings new



faces, younger families, new stories, and new friends to town. We welcome all the new residents to live

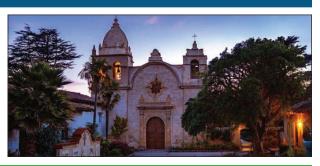


the dream - in our Village in the Forest by the Sea!

As newer residents, and maybe those who've been here for a while too, we invite you to add to your library or reading list on our town. These books cover our history, culture, traditions, architecture, and noteworthy people contributing to our Village. With Carmel your new (or for some, our old) home town, learning more about its facts and mysteries provides a foundation that will serve in the preservation and creation of our future to come. Visit www.carmelresidents.org/books-on-carmel for suggested reading!

250th Anniversary of Carmel Mission Basilica

The Carmel Mission, on the National List of Historic Places, hosted a grand weekend beginning its 250th anniversary year celebrations. A beautiful concert was held in the Basilica on Saturday October 9th, with wine reception and on Sunday afternoon Bishop Danny Garcia celebrated an anniversary Mass, complete with the Carmel Mission Choir. Following Mass was a lovely dinner in the main courtyard. More special celebratory events to come!



More Great Dates

- We hope you made a date to attend our nationally acclaimed Bach Festival underway at Sunset Center from October 21st -November 5th. www.bachfestival.org.
- Be sure to **"Fall Back"** Saturday/Sunday November 7th, enjoy your extra sleeping hour
- Our Veterans Day Commemoration will be held in Devendorf Park on November 11th
- December 3rd **Carmel Tree Lighting**...just before CRA Holiday Gala! (*more on page 5*)
- Don't forget to check out the Sunset Center and Forest Theater calendars too

Home Crafters Marketplace

Saturday November 20, in the north lot of the Sunset Center, beginning at 9AM we welcome as many as 80 unique craftsmen, many who have showcased their wares here over 14 years.

Just some of their offerings include holiday décor, ceramics, glass artwork, wreaths, plants, jewelry of all sorts, art, food stuffs, holiday and cooler weather attire - all wide-ranging gift items for family & friends, and more. It's great to live in a community that cares about its artists. These civic events, and others like them, capture the spirit of what makes Carmel the special place that it is and should always be. Be sure to check it out!

Looking Back – A Personal 20-year Remembrance

This past September 11th was twenty years from this day of infamy in our lifetimes. Our Village, under the tutelage of Carrie Ann, longtime resident and champion of our 9/11 Devendorf Memorial, held a memorable, solemn and respectful ceremony. Bells rung, flags flown, first-hand speeches and stories of that day shared, with our first responders (police & fire) at attention,

songs sung, taps played; all blessed with multi-faith prayers. Having lost 3 close friends and coworkers in Tower 2 on this day 20 years ago – I held back my tears until the concluding taps played; then the "God Bless America" soloist began when everyone, unsolicited, stood and joined in the verse. Thank you everyone for helping create this Village memory that I'll hold for my lifetime.



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Many Kudos!

A s you know September and October were very busy months for many of our CRA volunteers. Moving backwards in time...

Jon Wolfe and his helpers managed to decorate and provide a neat Anniversary entry for the City's parade along Ocean Avenue on Sunday, October 31st.

Fred Bologna, our president, and Nancy Twomey spearheaded the CRA table every last Thursday of the month at the farmers market. They'd "scare up" a helper or two, but the setup was a big monthly job. You'll see us again next January!

Again, thanks are due to Fred, and also Daniel Cardenas, for spearheading our very necessary monthly Beach Clean Ups! They certainly did rally lots of helpers! Now that the fire pits have been removed and Winter rains (we pray!) are coming, they will have a rest until March.

Our biannual Citizen of the Year event is "in the can" now and Chairs Tim Twomey and Frankie Laney are still in their rockers recovering...hardly!! Their organization skills were truly amazing to watch in action. So many other volunteers to thank also!



Thanks to Graeme Robertson for championing the CRA sponsorship of the robotics team in the Carmel High School Homecoming Parade on Ocean Avenue October 1st.

A topic critical to our legacy and next generation of citizens, CRA Hosted our Council Persons Baron and Theis on Sep-



tember 23rd in an online program exploring critical investments for our Village to combat the impacts of Climate Change.

And, last but not least...our Fred AGAIN! He and his cohorts provided over 100 members and their guests a mag-



ical "Night in Spain" at our annual Feast in the Forest event, September 11th. Delightful food and beverages were served, decor and music just perfect and a good time under the stars was had by all!

As you can see, we owe thanks to many, many volunteers and lots of photos are posted on our website for you to enjoy.



One More Reminder

Please be sure to get your reservations and payment in for our Holiday Gala ASAP. Just like 2019, this should be a sellout! Can't wait!

Still Waiting...

Would someone be willing to organize the no-host gatherings at local restaurants that many of us enjoyed prior to the pandemic? Very little time involved!

Those We've Lost

Three pillars of our community have died. Wayne Kelley, our Citizen of the Year in 2007, served as a Forest and Beach Commissioner and was a stalwart worker for our Beach Cleanups every month. In fact, it was Wayne who designed and made our strainers and other tools! He was very active at the Carmel Mission, led the woodcarving class at the Carmel Foundation as well as the "Not Quite Over the Hill" reading group AND he also enjoyed being a tour guide at Point Lobos!

Shorter paragraph here, but no less deserving of accolades was Harvey Kuffner, who served on the county grand jury and was always willing to help with our activities. He was an educator who volunteered for committees in that realm.

Last, but certainly not least...we lost Larry Rodocker, who served on our board and was a president. He was a quiet, kind man who became caregiver of his lovely, ill, wife.

In Memoriam

Bob and Ann Nelson have donated toward Barbara Livingston's memorial benches to be placed in Devendorf Park.

Holiday Greetings to All

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

CHEERS & CHIDES

CHEERS To Harrison Library for opening their doors to our citizens after so long a wait. Now, we anxiously await a full week open schedule. Congrats on the beautiful refurbishing and the new Community Room.

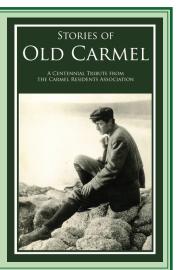
CHIDES Don't want a cell tower in your garden? Where else could it possibly go? How 'bout Needles? **CHEERS** Our appreciation to the Carmel Planning Commission on their decision to deny Verizon 5G tower in residential areas. Sadly, this topic may not be finalized yet.

CHEERS Plus, it was great to see so many citizens eloquently voicing their views on the 5G towers at the Planning Commission. Our citizens' voices in action!

It's That Time of Giving

Stymied for the perfect gift? CRA's book should be the answer, full of interesting vignettes of past Carmel personalities and events — STORIES OF OLD CARMEL, A Centennial Tribute from the Carmel Residents Association.

Where to find this treasure? In Carmel: Pilgrim's Way, Carmel Bay Company, Carmel Drug Store, and in the Crossroads, River House Books. A gift for anyone who loves our historic Village.



CHIDES You want to eat outside? Public space parklets may or may not be the answer. As this continues to evolve for Carmel, remember that many wine shops and restaurants have (30+) private patios and courtyards ready for our enjoyment and patronage.

CHEERS To the citizen mask-wearers who haven't complained and did the right thing to protect their neighbors through a difficult many months. We would have expected nothing less.

CHEERS Thanks to the "Weedies" in Mission Trail Nature Preserve, who gather every 2nd Saturday each month at 9:30 AM at the Forest Theater parking lot. Bring your gloves and clippers to help pitch in!

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