

the VOICE

OF THE CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

CELEBRATING 37 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Carmel Changes As It Stays The Same

What does it feel like to belong? That is belonging to something, anything, a group, a club, a team? Most folks would answer that belonging is more than just satisfying, but the feeling of comfort, of acceptance.

And so here we are, citizens of a small Village in a Forest by the Sea. In most cases we take pride in where we have chosen to live. To others it's not just the beauty, the sea, the fresh air, but the place—the place, our houses, our neighbors, our civic pride. Do we all agree on everything?

Of course not. But mostly we're in sync with our fellow citizens who share a community life in a rather beautiful place.

In every community there are differences of opinion. In local government, in restrictions and in aesthetics. Even so, most people make efforts to 'get along.' And we can hope that the end result is a safe, contented environment that we can all not only enjoy but celebrate.

Back to belonging. Let's add the word/term *participating*.

Giving is a gift to the giver. In every village, town, city there are endless ways to participate in the culture of where we live. Locals have a right to express themselves wherever they live. The trick is to know where to express those opinions. In Carmel we have any number of organizations devoted to the culture of our Village.



paths, clearing debris, and generally monitoring the trails. Do you own a shovel? You'd be welcome.

Now, there's more, much more. More opportunities to participate.

It's a long list and can be accessed online. But, for the moment now that *The Voice* has alerted your attention, here

Participating, joining. Volunteering in one that appeals seems a positive way to support the culture of where we have chosen to live.

For the last 37 years the Carmel Residents Association has led in the commitment to honor the history and preserve the character of our Village. Our membership is 950 strong and growing. Our Board of Directors is active and keenly aware of all things Carmel-by-the-Sea.

But we're not alone. Surely most of us have observed the landscaping, the painting, the restoration of City-owned property, and the general "get it done" attitude of Carmel Cares. This is a group of locals who genuinely care about their Village and prove it by their participation.

Friends of the Carmel Forest. The name tells the story. Citizens devoted to our great green areas that require constant observation and care. A group that takes tree-huggers seriously.

When is the last time you walked the Mission Trail? The group, Friends of Mission Trail, is constantly upgrading the

is a list, and remember, it's only a partial list of organizations that might interest or even inspire you. Carmel Foundation, Carmel Preservation, Carmel Youth Center, and Sunset Center.

When is the last time you were in City Hall? Have you talked or asked questions of the courteous staff there? Just as important, when is the last time, if ever, that you sat in at a City Council meeting? These are the folks who make decisions, set regulations, say 'yes' or 'no' on any number of issues regarding your life here in Carmel. You needn't just sit and listen. If you have an opinion, a complaint, or a clarification on a particular subject on the Council agenda—speak up, you will be heard. (See page 4)

Belonging and participating. That's the message here. And it is directed at our full-time local citizens. We're few in number these days, just above 3,000. Is there an obligation to participate? That's a very personal question and one that has no answer. Unless perhaps we come to the realization that participating *is* belonging. ■

Adding Teamwork

Welcome to Spring. The recent rains will ensure the wild flowers bloom while we are pleased that Winter is officially behind us. We hope you enjoyed the City Directors Forum in February. We appreciate Ashley, Bob, Paul, and Brandon for their time providing excellent department overviews and detailed



answers to our questions. And our extra thanks to everyone for making our CRA Community Rummage Sale in late April a resounding success.

In the March/April *Voice* issue, we thought the themes for 2024 would be Safety, Communication, Participation and Transparency. We would like to add Teamwork to this list.

There are many significant issues facing our Village this year. None of which is more important and impactful

for protecting/maintaining the character of Carmel-by-the-Sea, for the long term, than the requirement by State law that every 8 years every municipality is required to update its Housing Element. This current 6th Cycle runs from July 2023 - June 2031. In this current cycle, the State has mandated requirements of our Village in the Housing Element (see our "*Carmel's Housing Element - Did You Know,*" on the CRA website) that are draconian, and threatens to take away "Local Control" if we don't comply.

Our Town's 6th cycle Housing Element was Adopted by our City Council and is now officially certified by the State. This certification is an important milestone; however, it is imperative we all work together (Residents, CRA members, City Staff, and other concerned citizens) to ensure we retain "Local Control" of our Land Use. This applies not only to this full 6th cycle the State monitors annually, but also in the 7th cycle that follows.

It is critical that we all communicate with our elected officials in Sacramento that "One Size" does not fit all communities and that Carmel-by-the-Sea will fight vigorously to keep control of our Village "Local." Therefore, we have added Teamwork to the themes for 2024.

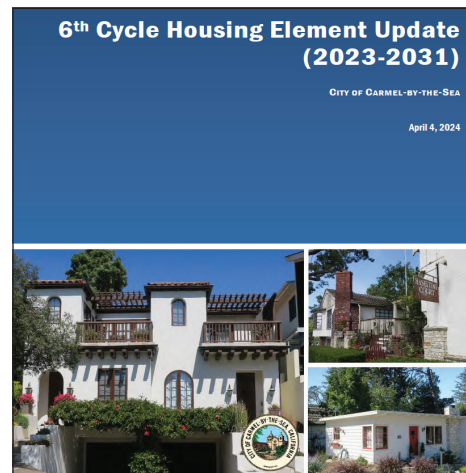


The contact information for our elected officials in Sacramento is as follows:

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State Assemblymember **Dawn Addis** 831-649-2832 email Assemblymember.Addis@assembly.ca.gov.

On behalf of the CRA Board of Directors, thank you in advance for contacting our Elected Officials in Sacramento with your opinion on this especially important issue. ■



Listen Up DMV

Drive with Larry Local through his hometown, Carmel-by-the-Sea. If the reader happens to be a passenger in Mr. Local's car, a vintage 90s Volvo, the following is what might be heard. All expletives have been deleted.

What is that woman doing—it's a one-way street, sweetheart. No, don't back up, just move aside, and turn at the next corner. You can't make a U-turn in the middle of the Dolores, fella. Would you do that in your home town? Now, look what you've done, stopped traffic. Yeah, I know what you're looking at, it's called "the pit." We don't like it either. My gawd, it's another Farmers Market Day, can't get to the post office with all the barricades. Lady! Sixth Avenue is closed, read the signs. Are you really thinking of parking there, you idiot?

Look at the curb—it's red, whaddaya think that means? Open your eyes. That guy is driving nine miles an hour, speed up sonny, there are sixteen cars behind you. This is not a parade. Use your turn signal, baby, that's what it's for. That-a-girl, now take the left—no, not right, you just clicked left! Go home! You, you in the fancy Lexus, this is not a playland. It's a town with real people so if you want to visit, park your damn car, and walk. Don't ask me where to park, I can never find a spot myself. Next time take the bus. What's that? Roll down your window. No, I don't know where Clint Eastwood lives. Anyway, who is Clint Eastwood? Move on. This is not Daytona, Buster, slow down. What's the hurry? Listen, there's no speed limit in Watsonville, take the freeway, you'll be there in minutes. Home at last. What a day. Drivers! I gave 'em a thing or two.

TO THE READER: It should be noted that Mr. Larry Local has been driving with an expired license for over a year. ■

The Carmel Pine Cone – Years of Whimsy, Newsy And The Arts

This is the final column of a series on the owners/publishers/editors of *The Carmel Pine Cone* in its first fifty years, beginning in February 1915.

Despite the infusion of money from *Monterey Herald* owner/publisher Allen Griffin in early 1941, Carlos Drake would not survive the perilous financial condition of the *Pine Cone*. Drake had arrived in Carmel with much fanfare in July 1940 due to his pedigree, education and business experience. Within six months, Griffin had “taken over the obligations that would have forced the Drakes out...” Less than two years after purchasing the newspaper from Archibald MacPhail, the Drake ownership ended.

There were no bold headlines about the freehold transfer of the *Pine Cone* in the 6 March edition of the publication. On the bottom left corner of page one, a small heading read “*Pine Cone Changes Hands.*” The new owners were Clifford and Wilma Cook.

Whereas Drake’s focus had been international war and national politics, the Cook’s emphasis was the arts. The op-ed page exclusively featured local poets and writers, such as poetess Dora Hagemeyer and Daisy Bostock, co-author of the book “*Carmel at Work and Play.*” The *Pine Cone* returned to its parochial ways as it was during the ownership of Overstreet, featuring stories on student poster contests, the Red Cross ambulance, the Carmel Valley Wildflower Festival, poetry readings, new books in the Harrison Memorial Library. Cliff Cook occasionally penned an editorial on some local political matter pending before the city council or school board, but such columns were rare and placed on page one.

The publication was newsy but not creative, its writings on civic issues straight-forward, plainly written compared to those authored during Newberry’s ownership.

Wilma Cook died in the fall of 1961; Cliff sold the *Pine Cone* to Lawrence D. (Larry) Rose and George Walker as of 1 July 1962. Rose served as editor/publisher and Walker as business manager. Neither of the new owners had newspaper experience, Rose commenting in the first



edition published by the duet that his only experience with newspapers “was reading them.”

Walker had grown up in Columbus, Ohio, and played in the Ohio State University band. He had graduated with a business degree and his J.D. Walker moved to the Peninsula in 1953, joining a Monterey law firm. He continued to practice law throughout his period of involvement with the *Pine Cone*.

Rose was a San Francisco native who had attended high school in Beverly Hills. In the early 1950’s, City Clerk Peter Mawdsley had selected Rose to be his assistant, with Rose being elected Clerk upon Mawdsley’s 1956 retirement. At the



time of the acquisition of the *Pine Cone*, Rose was still the City Clerk/Comptroller of the municipality.

Under the Rose/Walker team, the newspaper focused almost exclusively on Carmel stories. The *Pine Cone* became whimsical, as when an editorial, commenting on the commercialization of Christmas in the Village, proposed that holiday lights be lit earlier in the year--- on January 32nd (sic) --- so as to maximize shopping opportunities and sales for shop owners. Or a copy of a purported letter from the fire chief about the need to abandon use of the City Hall fireplace because it lacked a screen shield to keep embers from escaping.

Editorials quoted Hamlet and political theorist John Locke. The owners ran a series of stories on parking, on delivery truck double-parking, on the Carmel Monterey Pine Forest. There was a pictorial editorial on the unsightliness of Carmel’s entryways.

Two community landmarks of today, one an event and the other an institution, were birthed due to the progressive creativity and advocacy of the Rose/Walker team.

In August 1962, on page one, the *Pine Cone* proposed the first “Great Sandcastle Contest.” In early 1963, the newspaper became the initial proponent for the acquisition of the to-be-abandoned Sunset School. The newspaper advanced that the facility be transformed into “a center of the Seven Arts.”

In a four-part series, the periodical championed that the school could become an “arts library,” where “literature, paintings, sculpture, music and photography” would reside and be accessible to Carmel citizens.

With the Rose/Walker ownership, the *Carmel Pine Cone* was returned to creative, colorful writing, as it had been during Perry Newberry’s tenure. ■

Our Village Soul is You

We know you've heard that our Village is challenged to deliver 349 additional units from Sacramento's mandated legislation with serious penalties that were not in place in years past. To this end, our Village has a newly certified (and imperfect) Housing Element to our General Plan for 2023-2031.

Stepping back to 1960, our Carmel-by-the-Sea population was over 4,600 – when families all knew each other as did the businesses that served them. Considering this past Village population, we can welcome more than the 3,146 population per the 2022 US Census Bureau. This difference is more than 1400 people!

As of 2019 there were 2,000 housing units combining renter & owner-occupied single family and multifamily units in our Village. Not deciphering all of the mentioned numbers in this article...there were fewer housing units in 1960 than there are today. Any of the open lots of the 60's have been built out, resulting in no open land available today.

So where will our Village mandated 349 new housing units go? Where do we start? How can we make half of this affordable? Some will be ADU's. Some may be second story housing units downtown. Some may be conversion of hotel rooms to staff residents. Some may come from Religious property housing. Some are already in the pipeline. The possibility list goes on.

Our Village provides attractions including nature, culture, and architecture that residents enjoy, with many visitors becoming residents, renters, and homeowners. On this point, in Appendix A (page 141-142) of our Housing Element, the Vacancy Rates data shows Carmel-by-the-Sea has a 50% vacancy rate, compared with unincorporated Monterey County at 10% and Pacific Grove at 18%.

Finally, another interesting statistic is the number of people employed in our Village in 2020 is 3,566 and is forecasted to be 3,674 by 2030.

Deciphering all of these numbers can be messy. But why do you care?

TWO REASONS

ONE – A recent Commissioner quote "If we don't have people living in our City – we will lose our Soul." A welcome



change, while one of the unfortunate yet positive outcomes from the pandemic has increased having new younger families work remotely from our Village. We **need more engaged full-time residents** to run for our City Council and join our City's Boards and Commissions. We need more



full-time residents to find what Volunteering works for you, your time, and your skills to participate in the great roster of non-profits throughout our Village (see



page 1). We can't keep this Village everything that we know and love without a committed and engaged citizenry.

TWO - Throughout March and April, many area residents have expressed their concerns, especially on the potential sites for the mandated new and affordable housing. This local citizen passion and engagement must continue in the months to come. Our new Housing Element has many new critical upcoming programs and requirements that will **need your ongoing input**. The earlier your concerns and ideas are heard – the more they can be considered and included.

We welcome new residents to our Village from all backgrounds. We'd love to have area employees living more locally. This isn't going to be easy. This is going to require all of our diligence, creativity, focus and participation....all the while we carefully protect and preserve the character and charm of our Village. ■

Annual CRA Membership Survey Mid-Summer 2024

Yes, it is that time again. In our 2023 Membership Survey we gathered your views on 16 high priority items producing a 42-page report September 4th with these findings. The results were shared with City Council, City Staff and relevant Boards & Commissions as funding, timing and prioritization decisions were being made in the following months. Your views also influenced your CRA Board in the positions we represented in City Council meetings.

Last year's 16 survey topics included Housing Element, ADU's, Parking, Addresses, Trees, Capital Improvement, Beautification, and others. With 132 responses, these results were only a sampling of our membership. Those responding provided insightful open comments throughout.

Thank you to those who invested 15 minutes last Summer and we look to double the quantity of survey participants this year. Many of this year's topics will repeat, as some of these projects are ongoing. But unlike last year, this year we are looking



for your recommended prioritization across the “more-than-can-be-done-in-one-year” time & dollar consuming projects for our Village. **Please watch for the CRA Annual Member Survey email coming your way in early July.** ■

Know Your Carmel Forest

GUEST ARTICLE BY FORMER CRA PRESIDENT AND RESIDENT, MELANIE BILLIG

Monterey Pines (*Pinus Radiata*) – Monterey Pines are a unique species that has evolved here on the Monterey Peninsula for over many millions of years dating from the last Ice Age, according to fossil and sedimentary data. Originally the trees came from Central America and eventually spread to California 15 million years ago as a distinct species.

According to fossil records, these forests were scattered up and down the California coast from Tamales Bay in Marin County to San Diego County. Today, Monterey Pine forests are located in only five areas: Ano Nuevo, Swanton and Weddle Valley in Santa Cruz County, Monterey Peninsula in Monterey County, the greater Cambria area, San Luis Obispo County and two islands off the coast of Baja California (Guadalupe and Cedros).

These pine forests have a long history of fragmentation as in the Ice Age when they mostly prospered and expanded during moderate climate conditions. However, in extreme weather such as heat and drought the forest and trees can suffer disease causing



them both to contract in size and die. Space is another significant requirement that these trees need to thrive.

On the Monterey Peninsula, there were an estimated 20,000 acres whereas today there are only about 10,900 acres remaining due to increased human activity beginning with the Spanish explorers and settlers in the 18th and 19th centuries to today. The explorers were greatly impressed by incredible bay and forest and commented especially about the forest surrounding the bay calling it the “Bay of the Pines,” “Bahia de Pinos.”

From their first settlements until today, the area has been settled and developed and the forest has contracted greatly. Trees were cut down for shipbuilding, homes, forts, missions, fuels, stockades, fencing, etc. The ranchos were a particular problem due to the clearing of large areas of forest for grazing of livestock and horses.

Seedlings were trampled or eaten so regeneration was impossible. Along with the loss of the forest was also the loss of a unique and valuable ecosystem. In spite of all of the human development and climate change, the Monterey Peninsula has the largest native undeveloped acreage of contiguous Monterey Pine forest in the world. ■

REMINDER: Wednesday May 22 6-8PM in Carpenter Hall - the City staff and Forest & Beach Commission will be hosting a Community Workshop to gather feedback on the newly released and revised Forest Master Plan. The character and health of our Village in a Forest by the Sea for the next generations rely on your participation.

ABOUT *Town*

May 1st was Student Government Day

– MOCK CITY COUNCIL

Organized by the City Council, City Staff and Carmel High School (CHS), 12 Students engaged in a serious relevant (and definitely humorous) meeting on our annual budget approval and new project proposals. Students sit in the roles of City Council and City Department Directors in the Mock City Council. (photo from 2023). Thanks to our CHS students! ■



By Nancy Twomey

Locals Mingled with Jane Goodall and 4-legged Friends in Late March

Our Monterey County SPCA sponsored a “90-dog salute” for Jane Goodall’s 90th Birthday celebration on our Carmel City Beach. Rains stopped just in time for some great socializing for one and all. ■



California Cities Fighting Sacramento’s Affordable Housing Legislation – an Example

Officials representing San Diego County formally and passionately questioned the RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation) Cycle 6 allocations, processes, penalties, legislation, and overall goals of the State mandates. San Diego municipalities had RHNA and Housing Element deadlines over 2 years before our Monterey Bay Region including Carmel-by-the-Sea. They have seen and are seeing the negative impact of these laws and state requirements. They factually reinforced how they (and others) are set up to fail. They urgently requested major corrections

to RHNA Cycle 6. The current approach only benefits developers and more importantly is driving up housing costs – not lowering them. The desired goals of affordable housing are not being realized, especially without significant accessible Government funding – exacerbated by the State budget crisis. Visit our CRA “Local Control” webpage full of content, including the joint San Diego County and HCD Deputy Director March meeting transcript, video, and background. Here is the direct video link tinyurl.com/March2024SANDAG. ■

Show Me The Money

Our City’s FY 2024/2025 Budget preparation will be wrapping up over May and June – with our fiscal year beginning July 1st. These annual planning cycles are especially challenged by more to do than there are available time and resources. Council and City department leaders must make tough recommendations and decisions in these tradeoffs working through the backlog, but also

work to embrace community feedback on new and continued project priorities. Again, please participate as these public meetings conclude this coming fiscal year budget planning. ■



Village Events - May thru August

- May 10 ~ Sunset Center’s Outdoor Concert 5:30PM
- May 12 ~ Mother’s Day Celebrations
- May 16 ~ Carmel’s Third Thursday 4-7PM in Devendorf Park
- May 17 ~ Sunset Center’s Outdoor Concert 5:30PM
- May 24 ~ Sunset Center’s Outdoor Concert 5:30PM
- May 27 ~ Memorial Day Celebrations
- May 31 ~ Sunset Center’s Outdoor Concert 5:30PM
- **May 31 - June 8 ~ Carmel’s Culinary Week**
- June 1 ~ Carmel Prepares – Emergency Readiness Program 11AM
- June 1 - 2 ~ Carmel Beach Annual Surf About
- June 7 ~ Sunset Center’s Outdoor Concert 5:30PM
- June 8 - 9 ~ Artichoke Festival at the Fair Grounds
- June 14 ~ Sunset Center’s Outdoor Concert 5:30PM
- June 16 ~ Father’s Day Celebrations
- June 20 ~ Carmel’s Third Thursday 4-7PM in Devendorf Park
- June 21 ~ Sunset Center’s Outdoor Concert 5:30PM
- June 28 ~ Carmel Plaza Summer Concert Series 6PM

- July 4 ~ Celebration & Monterey County Pops Concert in Devendorf Park
- July 5 ~ Carmel Plaza Summer Concert Series 6PM
- July 12 ~ Carmel Plaza Summer Concert Series 6PM
- **July 13 – 27 ~ Carmel Bach Festival**
- July 18 ~ Carmel’s Third Thursday 4-7PM in Devendorf Park
- July 19 ~ Carmel Plaza Summer Concert Series 6PM
- July 26 ~ Carmel Plaza Summer Concert Series 6PM
- **Aug 8 – 18 ~ Monterey Car Week+** concluding with Concours d’Elegance
- Aug 24 ~ Monterey Wine Makers Celebration
- Sept 2 ~ Labor Day -- *wrapping up Summer for most*

And don’t forget to check the calendars for Sunset Center, Forest Theater, Golden Bough, and the Cherry theaters. Plus, there is the regular - weekly Thursday Farmers Market 10AM-2PM and every 2nd Saturday Art Walk 4-7PM. ■

March 11th CRA Hosted a No-Host Gathering at The Annex (BEHIND 7TH & DOLORES)

We had a good crowd, tasty wine and gnoshes, a comfortably full house, plus a great showing from new CRA Members. ■



April 27th CRA's Community Rummage Sale

Thanks again to those who shopped this sale of gently used items, our thanks go to those who donated items, staffed the collection days, and staffed the sale. This was a great community event and for such a great cause supporting Youth Non-Profits in the Carmel area. Finally, we extend an extra big thanks to our Board Member JC Myers who orchestrated it all! Visit our website for event photos and details. ■

Thursday June 6th 5:30-8PM – CRA's *Members Only* Annual Meeting with Historic Photos.

In this annual meeting, we introduce our current Board with a brief update on our organization, we extend our yearly award of recognition to a Carmel Business, we mix and mingle with fellow members our munch and imbibe (on us and in an earlier hour than our usual public program), plus we explore Village worthy topics. For your enjoyment, this year we are exploring and honoring the heritage of our amazing Village through the lens of Pat Hathaway, presented by James Perry. Be sure to join us at the Carmel Woman's Club on June 6th at 5:30 PM. ■



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Wed. July 10th CRA Hosts a Conversation with Mary Adams - Monterey Co. Dist. 5 Supervisor

At 6:30 doors open for a glass of wine at the Carmel Woman's Club, and our program begins at 7:00 as Mary offers her 8 years of insights on the workings on the Monterey County dais and beyond. We especially look forward to hearing Mary's insights on how the County is addressing their unincorporated

County Housing Element and Water needs for all. In an interactive question format, we will cover topics including Mary's experience and roles in County and Regional area committees and boards – covering AMBAG, Energy, Water, Transportation and more. All of these are definitely impacted by new local housing. ■

Tuesday September 17th - CRA Hosts a Residential Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council Candidates Forum

Every election year cycle, Carmel Residents vote for Candidates for Mayor (serving a 2-year term) and two City Council Members (serving a 4-year term). Some candidates will be incumbents, and some will be new candidates, all looking to serve in these critical roles. With significant projects, challenges, and issues in front of us – this CRA Forum is a great time and place to understand candidates' views and positions with residents in mind. ■



IMPORTANT CRA Events & Programs – DETAILS AVAILABLE ON CRA WEBSITE

- June 6th - CRA Hosts Our Members Only Annual Meeting with Historic Photos
- July 10th - CRA Hosts a Discussion with Mary Adams Dist. 5 Monterey County Supervisor – open to all
- July - Please complete your online CRA Membership Survey (page 5)
- Sept 7th - CRA Members Only Feast in the Forest in Pebble Beach – *your reservation signup coming your way via email on or before July 28th*
- Sept 17th - CRA City Council Candidates Forum – open to all

Plus find CRA every 3rd Saturday for the Carmel Beach Clean Up at Del Mar parking lot from 9:30-Noon and the last Thursday each month at Carmel Farmers Market Community Table at Devendorf Park from 10-2. ■

In Remembrance



Barry Swift, a decades long CRA member, supporter & volunteer.

New Lifetime Members



Frank & Sherry Williams



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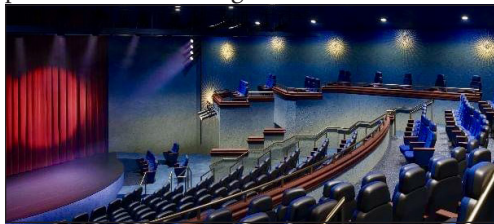
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The Carmel Residents Association is committed to the protection and enrichment of the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the preservation of its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy.

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

CHEERS & CHIDES

CHEERS Congratulations on the Golden Bough Theater reopening this Summer. Here's our big congratulations to Stephen Moorer, his team, his contributors, and everyone on the completion of this major remodel. We are anxious to be frequent patrons in the coming 2024/2025 season.



CHIDES Make your voices heard in Sacramento via our representatives (see page 2) on how One-Size-Fits-All Housing Legislation **does not work** in our Central Coast. We must and can preserve the character and charm of our Village while we work to welcome new residents – but not with the unrealistic RHNA numbers, requirements, and penalties.

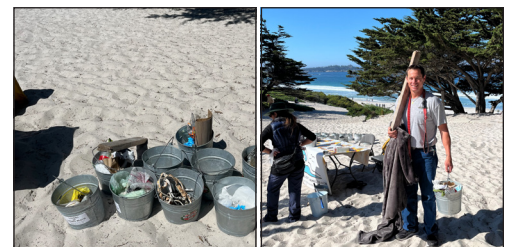
CHEERS Congratulations to the winners of the Big Sur Marathon and to the event team for tweaking the route and more – accommodating the unfortunate road “slip out” just north of Rocky Creek.

CHIDES Yes again, make your voices heard in Sacramento on proposed new legislation that attacks protections in our California Coastal Act. State Senators and Assembly Members need to hear from you to **VOTE NO** on SB 951, SB 1092, AB 2560, and SB 1077. Don't be silent letting them steal away our coastline from the people of California.

CHEERS Thanks to everyone (City teams, organizations, and volunteers) who participated in this year's great Carmel-by-the-Sea Earth Day April 20th in Deventorff Park. Adding to the successful Carmel Care's “Zero Litter” Village initiative...CRA's 30-year plus Beach Clean Up program and volunteers also helped this cause.



CHIDES Not sure who won, but thankfully only the Post Office building and Tesla are damaged. Access to Carmel Post Office is via Dolores entrance for now until shoring and repairs have started.



Renewed Yet? If you haven't recently renewed your membership and received your 2024 CRA VIP benefit cards - this is the last *Voice* issue to be personally mailed to your address on file. We thank you for your past support and we will welcome you to rejoin at any time. Everyone is welcome to be CRA member if you support our CRA Mission – it's not a requirement to live in Carmel-by-the-Sea.