

# the VOICE

OF THE CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

CELEBRATING 38 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

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## We Have Work To Do



A new administration, new priorities, new approaches, new members of the Council. Along with ongoing issues that never went away. Mayor and Council asked Carmelites for their vote—and they got it. Let’s be sure we understand what leaders of our local government have on their plates.

We asked the Mayor recently after he settled into his new leadership chair what he had in mind for our extraordinary Village in the Forest by the Sea. And he told us. This is not a man who suffers from shyness.

We asked; he answered.

In the next years he looks ahead to focus on improving processes, welcoming collaboration, and looking with keen eyes at the many issues facing our Village. Strategic planning to prioritize our major issues, citing these issues as “critical” issues. What are they according to His Honor?

Here’s a list: public and resident parking—the issue has been with us for close to thirty years. More: infrastructure improvements; fire safety; solving plans for the recreation of the police station, a remodel if you will.

One of the most demanding of the coming projects is the update and restoration of inside of the Harrison Memorial Library, the iconic Maybeck/Murphy jewel on Ocean Avenue, now in its 97<sup>th</sup> year. We can only hope it will be finished by the grand 100<sup>th</sup> centennial. One of Carmel’s most anticipated projects.

What’s in limbo? That is, what must Council and Citizens pull together to settle long-controversial issues.

In one issue, some would argue that the prospect, yes or no, will be house numbers which Carmel has never had. But, hold on a minute, we’re not just looking at possible house numbers. Let’s say it is agreed; we place numbers on our abodes. We need only to wait a month or so before a new chant emerges: Let’s have mail delivery. Those who say, why not—a reasonable argument.

While others cling to the small-town habit of picking up mail at the Post Office while hearing of all the town’s comings

and goings. Some would characterize that gossip. Which begs the question, something wrong with gossip?

A California tough mandate demands that Carmel-by-the-Sea provide 349 new housing units by the year 2031. A TALL order. Can it be mitigated—altered, downsized? Let’s hear the cry, Sacramento, here we come!

Then there is the on-going discussion, or even disagreement, regarding what a house in Carmel should look like. We’re talking architecture or aesthetics. One argument might be, Carmel has always had a distinctive look. Cottages, stake fences, flower boxes, personal identity names. Quaint, some would say. Others would argue that “quaint” was a pejorative term.

Others will find that the aesthetic does not preclude the “modern” look. A well-designed structure speaks for itself, they assert. Something other than traditional Carmel can be attractive to many. Their argument may be “we are not Disneyland.” Be assured that *The Voice* is not taking a stand on either side. Well, we may, but not in print.

The Mayor and his Council have much to do. Can they solve all the issues, many of which have existed as long as this Village? Of course not.

And they are aware that they have a mandate to do what is best for Carmel—that’s why they’re there; that’s why they were elected. ■



# PRESIDENT'S *Message*

## 2025 Timely CRA Programs Rolling

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, CRA hosted a comprehensive Wildfire Preparedness Q&A session at the Carmel Woman's Club. Our Police Commander Todd Trayer, Fire Chief Andrew Miller, and City Administrator Chip Rerig provided invaluable insights into safeguarding our homes and community.



While we extend assistance and dollars to those affected by the devastating fires in Southern California - this raised local concerns and questions inside our Village. What has, is and will be done to prevent and minimize a similar occurrence here? It's not only the emergency services of police and fire teams. But it also includes what City plans and infrastructure support emergencies. And how do we

tend to maintain our forest trees on both public and private property? We all need to do our part, of course.

Additional topics addressed in our program included connecting with remote second homeowners, safety of Tesla battery walls, addressing high fire zones including Pescadero Canyon and Mission Trail Nature Preserve, fire protection inspection programs, and creating five feet defensible spaces around our homes.

For those who couldn't attend, a video recording along with many helpful contacts and resources are available on our program page on [www.carmelresidents.org](http://www.carmelresidents.org).

And we are humbled to announce that our membership has now surpassed 890 members. This growth reflects our collective commitment to preserving and enhancing the unique character of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Your active participation enables us to continue offering valuable programs and initiatives that benefit our entire community. We hope to see many of you at the Tuesday **March 11<sup>th</sup> 2025**, CRA Membership No-Host from 4:30-6:30 at Bar Napoli NE Corner of Dolores and 7<sup>th</sup>.

We are also finalizing the tough selection from your nominations for the



biennial CRA Citizen of the Year award. And we are working on our plans for this worthy celebration, confirmed for Thursday **April 10<sup>th</sup> 2025** (see page 4). This award honors an individual who has made outstanding contributions to our Village and community. This honoree will join the 34 prior Citizens recognized with this award and will be announced approximately three weeks prior to April 10<sup>th</sup>.

We encourage our City Council members to actively collaborate with long-time locals who possess invaluable institutional knowledge. This relationship ensures that our community's rich history and traditions are respected while we navigate the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our community. Looking forward to seeing you around town. ■

*Graeme*

## Carmel Journal

**BY PHYLLIS THEROUX**

Certain spots in Carmel are known for certain things. Before 10 a.m. you can usually find the last Wall Street Journal in town at Bruno's Market. If you want a perfect photograph, head for the beach at the bottom of Ocean Avenue. But when the urge to meet a good friend for coffee and a little light (or life-changing) conversation hits you, head for the Carmel Belle Cafe on San Carlos.

Nestled in the center of the Doud Arcade, the Carmel Belle is surrounded by interesting shops full of exotic Middle Eastern knick knacks, original art works, and pottery. It is easy to be delayed in transit. But once you arrive, it can be hard to leave.

The food is good, the coffee excellent, and you have a choice of a lot of small rearrangeable tables, chairs, and soft chairs around a fire pit. Or if you want to work on your computer, read, or people watch, sit against the wall. At the Carmel Belle, people tend to act as if they're in their own

living room. The set up encourages it.

The other morning, I sat near an older white-haired man in snazzy carpenter's overalls. The man I was waiting for knew him and introduced us when he arrived. It turned out he had recently retired from a store in another part of town, and he got his overalls at Ace Hardware. When he left, he left his newspaper behind.

The back walls tend to be for people on their computers, reading books, or staring into space in the company of strangers. But not for long. The last time I was there, I was bent over my iPhone with a friend trying to figure out how to forward a message to a third party. A man against the wall intervened. "May I?" I handed him my phone. He scrolled down to "More" on the menu and presto, the message was on its way.

"More" happens frequently at the Carmel Belle, which is why people keep coming back. See you there. ■

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## 1925 - Carmel's Explosive Year of Growth

A community's growth rarely takes a vacation. For California coastal cities, growth is omnipresent. Seems to have always been that way. In 1925, a century ago, the Board of Trustees (now city council) of Carmel-by-the-Sea, was confronted with a surge in population, and thus, the impacts on the growing Village. Carmel was less than a decade old. The Trustees, who by electoral destiny were to confront the tentacled impacts sprouting from more development, were William Kibbler, C. O. Goold, Helen Parkes, John Dennis, and Henry Larouette.

Population had begun to increase in the Village in 1920. The long dormant Civic League was reactivated in 1921 "after a number of years of suspended animation..." The League's purpose was "to foster a strong public sentiment opposed to 'machine made ugliness...' and to 'discourage needless encroachments on the natural beauty of Carmel.'" During the decade of the 1920's, Carmel's population increased from 638 to 2260---254%.

In February, the Board passed a zoning ordinance, creating four distinct districts. Some property owners, not wanting restrictions upon their landholdings, especially in the commercial zone, initiated a referendum to overturn the Trustees action. The referral-to-the-voters petitions received sufficient signatures to have an April plebiscite, where the ordinance was rescinded—by two votes.

Water connections increased from 474 in 1920 to 1065 by December 1925, despite a miniscule flow coming into Carmel through the Monterey County Water Works piping system. The lack of sufficient water would continue to plague the Village for another decade. The intensification of development initiated a proposal in October to expand the number of fire hydrants from sixty-nine to ninety.

A dearth of postal boxes to serve the bulging population bloomed into a movement for home mail delivery. T.W. Morgan, Jr., owner of the building housing the post office, declared to the Trustees

"there was ample space for more boxes" in his structure. Mail can't be delivered without residents having some identification, and Trustees received three petitions asking for a house numbering system. The city attorney was instructed to prepare a resolution dictating that house numbers be installed. The city engineer was told to prepare a map with numerical identifications. A century later, we know how those efforts concluded.

With more buildings, more phone lines were needed. The State Railroad



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Commission, the predecessor to today's Public Utilities Commission, conducted a hearing for the installation of a "central" telephone station in Carmel. A five-cent toll would be attached for calls outside of the "Carmel area."

Additional residents meant more voters. The county clerk, T.P. Joy, anticipated that by January 1926, Carmel would need another precinct for election days. He came to the Village to announce the establishment of a third precinct.

Sewer connectivity would grace the agendas of the city, the Carmel Sanitary District, the County, and the State Health Board. New main trunk lines had been installed via an assessment zone, and the city attorney opined that connections from private properties could begin. The



By Doug Schmitz

sanitary district objected, expressing that the collection tanks were already exceeding capacity. The lines were now in-place, but connections could not occur, reported an exasperated sanitary board president to the Trustees. Due to overflows, the State board declared an emergency. Meetings were held in San Francisco with

representatives from the City, the District, County and State Board. The matter would migrate into 1926.

As houses were built, trees were razed. The *Pine Cone* editorialized "Reforestation a Very Vital Local Problem" and expressed "if Carmel is to continue to possess one of its most alluring charms---that the proximity of the trees---to the ocean---it will be necessary to plant trees, not only on private property, but on the public property also."

The fire department was the municipal agency most frequently in the news in 1925. On several occasions, the fire equipment was requested to tend to emergencies outside of Carmel; the requests were denied. A legal

opinion stated "as the apparatus is purchased with money solely for the protection in said Village. If perchance the truck was taken elsewhere and during its absence a resident of the Village sustained a fire loss for reason thereof, said resident would have cause for damage against the authorities of the Village..."

This issue would flare again in 1937 and lead to the dismissal of the city attorney. In 1925, Fire Chief J.E. Nichols would resign due to pressure from a member of the Trustees, Henry Larouette, who served as the Trustees fire commissioner. This was a long-brewing feud which finally concluded with Nichols resignation.

The year was not confined solely to matters of the State of the City. In August, the circus came to the Village, but that's a story for another time. ■

## April 10<sup>th</sup> – Be There for Our 28<sup>th</sup> Citizen of the Year Celebration

Our 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 Citizen of the Year awards ceremony is held in the Spring at the Carmel Woman's Club and is open to the public. This year it will be Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM. Our ceremony includes local & regional leaders – providing additional recognition and appreciation for our awardee, along with finger food and beverages. We also extend a special invitation to our prior award recipients to be introduced and recognized once again.

We formally announce our Citizen of the Year recipient 2-3 weeks prior to April 10<sup>th</sup> – watch for this in the *Carmel Pine Cone*, City's Friday Letter and our

CRA website and email. We are honored to have so many worthy nominations – making our final selection particularly challenging indeed.

### Prior Honorees

This year's Honoree will join a long list of distinguished citizens recognized for their efforts on behalf of our city. They include: Linda Anderson, Clayton Anderson\*, Noel Van Bibber\*, Melanie Billig, Jack Billwiller\*, Steve Brooks, Mike Brown, Dale Byrne, Greg D'Ambrosio, Olof Dahlstrand\*, Nancy & Bill Doolittle, Richard Flower\*, John Hicks\*, J.S. "Jim" Holliday\*, Donna Jett, Wayne Kelley\*, Bob Kohn\*, Frankie Laney, Barbara



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Livingston\*, Skip Lloyd\*, Noel Mapstead, Roberta & Monte\* Miller, Enid Sales\*, Joyce Stevens, Merv Sutton, Roy Thomas, Charlotte Townsend\*, Fran & Alex\* Vardamis, Jean White\*, Ken White, and Jim Wright\*.

\* indicates have passed away

### Please Join Us To Celebrate

**Date:** Thursday April 10, 2025

**Time:** 5:30pm to 7:30pm - Finger foods, waters and wine are provided

**Place:** Carmel Woman's Club – 9<sup>th</sup> & San Carlos SW Corner

## Big Projects = Big Money...From?

Yes, it's *strategic-priorities-and-fiscal-year-budgets-planning* time of year. Yay! Or maybe not.

As you are hearing, there are big projects coming our way for consideration and shaping into what fits for our Village.

Whether Council add funds to the Harrison Memorial Library restoration project, or we agree on the reconstruction of our Police and Public Works facilities, or our Sea Wall protections, or prioritize other capitol building, forestry, roads, and infrastructure work – there will likely be a need for dollars that exceed routine yearly income/expense planning.

OK then, we can't print money unfortunately. And as of today – the projects have not been decided or the total funds needed scoped out. **But what are the**

**funding options?** What are the pros/cons of each funding option? What is the possible timeline and how long will it take?



The new Council agrees, and many public voices have expressed significant interest in learning more about how these options might work.

Without specifics...some common

options. General Obligation Bonds and Infrastructure Bonds. But this funding source list continues. California State and Non-Profit Grants. Private Sector Donations. Requests made of our Federal and State Representatives. If for a Police Station other funding sources could be explored including US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice, and Community Development Block Grants. Our Village remains an internationally known destination for many with dollars available to contribute to a cause (e.g., safety?) they value.

Using our Tax dollars, already stretched, is not the only way. As big projects take shape, our community needs to be better informed by official sources and experts in the months to come – to add to and advise on these funding options. Big Projects – yet to be determined – need Big Money. Yours, mine, ours and beyond. ■

## *The Pendulum and the Pit*

“Don’t get me started;” “I’m sick and tired looking at this black hole;”

“Are we destined to live with this crater in our iconic Village for another ten years?” “What’s the name of that guy who owns this sink?”

OK, ok, all legitimate complaints. And if this newspaper had space, we could fill all eight pages with unanswered questions: design confrontations, arrogance, expletives. Let’s just agree that we’re all irate.

Ah, but wait a minute. Now, just sit down and listen to this. Yes, it’s a rumor but who knows?

We need to look carefully into history, that is California history relevant to the Monterey/Carmel Coast. In this case specifically Carmel’s wide white sands beach.

As the story (rumor) goes, just the other day a library patron was parsing some well-thumbed pages in one of Local History’s archives. Reaching for one book he happened to find another well-worn tomb pushed to the back of the shelf. What was this? Startled, he had to find a chair since his blood pressure was climbing up to the attic at Flanders Mansion. On page 34 an adventure began. . .

This is the story of Captain Rodney Jones, in reality, “Pirate Rod The Redhead,” who in his late 30s was trolling the California Coast. He and his bandit crew had been at sea for many months. Tired, unhappy, hungry, and just possibly mutinous. Capt. Jones, Rod, grounded the ship onto a beach what is now the bottom of Ocean Avenue. The crew rolled out the rum and danced about the fire for all hours until they fell into drunken slumber.

Drunken slumber for his crew but not for Rod the Redhead. You see, he held a secret cache hidden in his private cabin. Rod had at that time to ask himself what was to become of the unfor-



fortunate voyage. Indeed, what of his bounty? A million doubloons of his stolen fortune. His crew is restless, mean, even threatening. Will they mutiny?

While the crew slept it off—here was his chance to pull his treasure out of hiding and head over the beach to a place to bury it. It wasn’t a long trek, just north of the beached ship.

To clarify, Rod’s catch was a bundle. Hundreds of doubloons

in gold and silver, jewelry, high school rings—that sort of thing. Pirate’s Gold!

Exhausted, suspicious of being followed, he chose a spot. This was it, the place to bury his treasure. He marked the location (“5D”—Fifth and Dolores) with a crossed hatched railing from his ship so that on his return he would find it and live in luxury for the remainder of his life.

Alas, that was not to be. Rod, Capt. Rodney Jones, reformed, rehabilitated died at the age of forty at a Sailors’ home in London’s East End.

The doubloons, the treasure? Never found.

Now, hold on, dear reader, there’s more.

Take yourself to Dolores and 5<sup>th</sup>. You know, that’s where the iconic hole in the ground is known as “the pit.” Pretty ugly, huh?

And yet, just yet, this could conceivably be the site of the pirate’s treasure. Few Carmelites know of this story but those

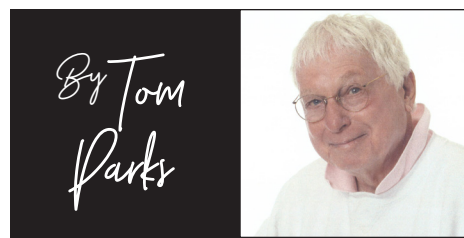
who do have been sighted during the dark hours between two and four with picks and shovels. What’s the status? Well, a tin cup has been found, also a colorful scarf, or was it a flag imprinted with skull and crossed bones? The searchers believe the doubloons must be there someplace, somehow.

One local man has left his wife who refused to bring him a hot rum toddy whilst digging. Another father of five from King City has sold his house and quit his job to invest in the adventure. Someone spotted a couple of Council members at the dig. Two women are out there every night selling hot cocoa and a shot glass of Jack Daniels.

No, having to look at that sad abandoned pit every day for five years or so is not what we consider the Carmel aesthetic. Unless, that is, well, unless, the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Capt. Jones, AKA Redhead Rod, comes through for us. And if he does, we can rebuild the unsightly corner.

Once again, this is just rumor, but the information in our opinion should be shared. One-night last week around three in the morning a nattily dressed man, (was it, could it have been) the owner of the pit? Gosh! Anyway, this fellow, this Beau Brummel, was seen at the site cradling a flashlight and a shovel. My goodness!

And the rusted, tattered sign, “D 5” what ever happened to that? Our favorite postal mistress, Sharon Johnson, remembered stamping an awkward package and sending it on to someone with the name of ‘Rodney Jones’ in Monaco. ■



# ABOUT *Town*



## Automated License Plate Readers – Decided for Now

During the February City Council meeting regarding the Flock Camera agreement renewal, it was agreed to decrease the quantity and placement to our Village entry/exit points, plus additional data privacy language. Based on community concerns expressed – they also requested alternate vendors be evaluated prior to future renewals. ■



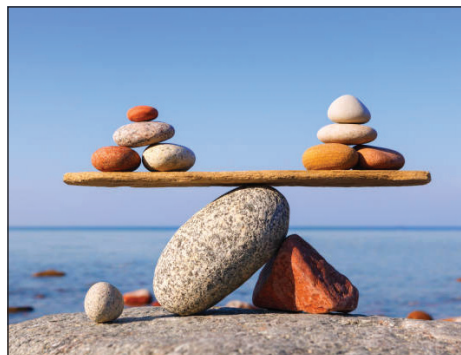
## Budget & Priorities Balancing Act?

The first half of each year triggers a swarm of topics and meetings to align staffing, time, resources, and money to deliver the Civic services, programs, and infrastructure we all enjoy. The Strategic Priorities Workshop was held February 27<sup>th</sup>. This *Voice* is at the printers, so both the advanced agenda and session results aren't available. As Graeme noted (page 2), your participation and views are informational for Council as they influence their tough decision making in the months to come. Check the Strategic Priorities hot topic listed on the CRA home page, and News You Can Use emails for the latest schedules, timing, and results.

PS: Mayor Byrne has assigned our Mayor Pro Tem Bob Delves and Councilman Hans Buder to a **Financial Steward-**

### ship Workgroup.

These designates have already met with Chip Rerig – Administrator, Brandon Swanson – Assistant Administrator and Jayme Fields – Finance Director to learn and explore the insides of our Financial Planning processes. With a lens of anything can be improved, any future recommendations will be fully vetted in public with the full Council. ■



## New Citizen Commissioners

Now representing residents on the Planning Commission is **Mel Alhborn** and on Forest & Beach Commission is **Neal Rutta**. On the path to fill these openings as noted by Council – there was a great roster of candidates. Thank you to all who applied and to our new Commissioners. We look forward to seeing your insights and oversight in action caring for the future of our Village architecture, forest & beach. ■

## New Additions to City Staff – Welcome!

Here's 9 new additions to City Staff Members. Joining our Public Works Department are **Beau King** and **Val Gaino**. Joining our Police Department are **Nathan Sieback**, **Maggie Sheppard**, and **Todd Trayer** our new Police Commander. Joining Administration is **Jayme Fields** our new Finance Director. Joining our Planning & Building team are **Jake Olander**, **Shelby Gorman**, and **Anna Ginette** our new Planning & Building Director.

Plus 4 more are hired and starting shortly, 3 recruitments are in progress and 3 more openings are in search of qualified candidates. These are one talented bunch! ■

## Which End is Up - a Civic Toolkit

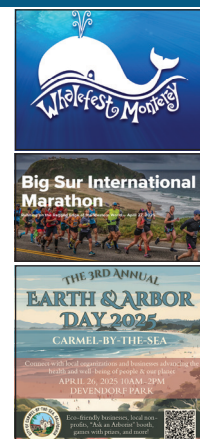
Check out this weblink for a roster of online “Get Involved & Stay Involved” resources our Carmel Public Library team provided in February to their email list subscribers. With the 2025 national rush of news, the sources they provide can help you understand the noise, explore how to engage, and keep them right side up! (see photo – surprised?) In case you missed it. [Tinyurl.com/Carmel-CurrentEventsToolkit](https://tinyurl.com/Carmel-CurrentEventsToolkit). ■



## Goings On – Something for Everyone

- 3/20 Farmers Market – Third Thursday 4 - 7pm
- 3/29 Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea's 75th Anniversary Gala – The Quail Ballroom \*
- 4/3 Carmel Public Library Foundation (CPLF) – Media Literacy in the age of Misinformation \* – CHS Theater 6:30pm
- 4/10-15 Pebble Beach Food & Wine Festival \*
- 4/12-13 Whalefest Monterey
- 4/17 Farmers Market – Third Thursday 4 - 7pm
- 4/19 Carmel Lions Host Breakfast with the Bunny
- 4/22 CPLF's Annual Event – American Storyteller, a life in words with Susan Orlean \*
- 4/26 Carmel's Arbor/Earth Day 10am - 2pm in Devendorf Park

- 4/27 Big Sur International Marathon
- \* registration and/or fees required
- ....Plus Monthly & Weekly Gatherings (find the CRA events & programs dates on page 7)
- Every Thursday – Farmers Market 10am - 2pm surrounding Devendorf Park
  - Every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday – Special City Council 4:30 - 6:30pm
  - Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Regular City Council 4:30 - ?
  - Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – Weedies in Mission Trail Nature Preserve 9:30 - noon
  - Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – Carmel's Art Walk 4 - 7pm ■



## Our newest CRA Board Member...with more soon!

We welcome resident Sygale Lomas to our CRA Board of Directors. Sygale raised 5 children while holding executive roles in marketing and publishing. She directs the David Lyng Real Estate firm in our Village and serves on the Carmel Chamber Board with multiple recognitions. Her passion for our Village and for our new and existing residents and business wellbeing, together with giving back is undeniable.



Plus, we are getting close to adding 2 more CRA Board Members, for a full roster of 15, in the weeks to come. ■

### Did You Know? Emergency Readiness

Since this is top of mind for many, it is critical to be ready in advance of emergency. Be prepared to do what you can and should to protect yourself, your family, your pets, your home, your neighbors if needed and your ability to leave in the case of an emergency.

You should consider assembling “to go” kits, communications plans, and critical items and documents (on paper or organized accessible online).

Please visit our CRA Emergency webpage for Monterey

County Alerts signup, tips, guides, phone numbers and more. [www.carmelresidents.org/carmel-emergency-preparedness](http://www.carmelresidents.org/carmel-emergency-preparedness)

Did you know: California will soon require us all to have 5 feet of defensible space surrounding your home – whether in a high fire risk zone or not. What will this new guidance mean to your landscaping and your private property trees? In the case of an emergency, the evacuation route guidance may differ depending on the emergency source, its direction and dynamic road conditions. There is no *one* best route. ■

### Did You Know? Our Village Population #'s

Our population growth is not what it used to be – unlike 1925's of over 200% (see page 3). In this past decade we've seen some noteworthy shifts. Beginning in 2015 our population was 3,886. Growing to 4,023 in 2021. Population numbers as of 2024 are now 3,122. Anecdotally, remote working options provided for many to come our way. And then COVID unfortunately also caused some moves. Is the current smaller population now attributable to increased 2<sup>nd</sup> home purchases that are rarely in use? We're curious to know. And we're interested to learn the facts behind these past shifts. And most importantly what is the anticipated trend? ■

### CRA Members Join Us at the No-Host Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>

We will gather at Bar Napoli 4:30-6:30 NE Corner of Delores and 7<sup>th</sup> – to get a jump on this Tuesday's cocktail hour. Connect with and get to know fellow local CRA members. And for those so inclined, feel free to compare notes on the new City Council and your views on Strategic Priorities in the works. ■



### Generosity Abounds

*Thank you for your extra support*

- ♥ CRA Members Bruce & Patti Westphal who upgraded to Lifetime Memberships
- ♥ Tom & Karen Mulvaney Lifetime Members gifted CRA \$1000
- ♥ ...and our appreciation to those Members who added donation dollars with their renewals.

### In Memoria

*From Roy & Renee Lambert*  
in memory of Sophie Marie Lambert



*From Ovillee Kennedy*  
in memory of Ima Groom



CRA Member Peter Carcione passed away in March of 2024. Raised in the San Francisco area and as called out in his obituary “Pete’s favorite place was Carmel...”

When we lose  
someone we love  
we must learn  
not to live  
without them,



but to live  
with the  
**Love** they  
left behind.

### CRA Goings On

- 3/11 CRA's Members No-Host at Bar Napoli 4:30 - 6:30pm – Dolores NE Corner at 7<sup>th</sup>
- 3/15 CRA's Beach Clean Up – West End of Ocean Ave 9:30 - Noon
- 3/27 CRA's table at Carmel's Farmers Market 10am - 2pm surrounding Devendorf Park
- 4/10 CRA's Citizen of the Year – 5:30 - 7:30pm – Carmel Woman's Club
- 4/19 CRA's Beach Clean Up – West End of Ocean Ave 9:30 - Noon
- 4/24 CRA's table at Carmel's Farmers Market 10am - 2pm surrounding Devendorf Park ■



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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** Our local author Tom Parks has not run out of performance theater ink, unlike prior proclamations, thank goodness. Dusting off the quill, Tom again authors an all new “Age is only a number” play. Performances once again at the Cherry Theater this June, ticket sales will begin later in April.

**CHEERS** And then there is Hogs Breath, formerly Clint’s first restaurant in our area. It too is closed – but only temporarily for a bit of a spiffing up (or should I say face lift?) to be reopened in time for our Summer visitor invasion.



**CHEERS** Harrison Memorial Library is moving rapidly with a cadre of real professionals to refurbish the interior of the iconic Maybeck/Murphy building bringing back the original 1928 architectural aesthetic. Let’s hope it will be ready by 2028, its centennial.



**CHIDES** So sad to see the closing of two locally-loved Junipero avenue restaurants in town in as many months. Specifically, we wish the fantastic La Balena and The Forge owners, chefs/cooks, service staff all of our absolute best in their next adventures.

**CHIDES** Those yellow curbs at our corner sidewalks? Ask Sacramento, What’s next? What about pat-downs at Sunset performances?

**CHIDES** The time has come and it’s about time. The city must create a four way stop at 5th and San Carlos before there is a serious accident. Countless near-misses. Let’s do this now.

