

Champagne Village

# CV TIMES

JANUARY 2021

## CVPOA HOURS

THE OFFICE WINDOW REMAINS CLOSED. OFFICE STAFF ARE ON SITE AND AVAILABLE BY EMAIL, PHONE OR THE HALL DROP BOX

9:00am – 4:00pm M-F  
(lunch 11:30am – 12:30pm)

### KIOSK

8:00am – 4:00pm M-F  
10:00am – 4:00pm S-S

### NEW YEARS DAY HOURS

KIOSK 10:00am – 2:00pm  
OFFICE closed  
TRASH COLLECTION no changes

## POOL HOURS

9:00am – 3:00pm  
RESIDENTS ONLY: NO GUESTS  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

## BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 21. Details TBA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

None at this time.

## January News

California's current Regional Stay Home Order that went into effect on December 4th has caused some confusion here regarding where and when to wear face masks in Champagne Village. Many residents also remain unsure of our current COVID rules. **The following information is intended to clarify current CVPOA requirements.**

Since September, the Board of Directors has ensured that all health orders mandated by both the county and state will be followed here in Champagne Village. As a result, the Executive Committee meets ONLY when these health orders change, to determine which actions, if any, are needed to ensure full compliance in all CV common areas and facilities.

Within all common areas and facilities, signs and posters are placed to remind you of the role you play in ensuring our compliance with these orders:

- If you're outdoors, you must create at least six feet of space between you and others who are not a member of your household.
- If you cannot distance by six feet while you're outdoors, you must wear a mask or face covering.
- You must have a mask or face covering with you at all times.
- If you're in the Village Hall, you must wear a mask at all times.
- If you are unwell or are diagnosed with COVID, you must not use or access any common area or facility in the Village.
- You must comply with our current Emergency COVID Rules when using CV common areas and facilities: these rules are described on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

The purpose of these Rules is to limit the spread of COVID in our community. It takes everyone working together to keep Champagne Village healthy. Thanks for your doing your part!



## CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Website: [ChampagneVillage.org](http://ChampagneVillage.org) Phone: (760) 749-8008 Fax: (760) 749-8036

## REMINDER:

### New Monthly Assessment Amount

Effective January 1st, our monthly assessments will increase by \$5. The new amount will be \$242. This does not include your monthly sewer fee or water bill.

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### Contacting the Office

The **Office window remains closed**, but the staff is here: please email (tsteigely@associatedasset.com), phone us (760-749-8008) or use the drop box located to the left of the Office window.

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### IF YOU NEED HELP

**Contact the Office (760-749-8008) for help getting food or prescriptions: we have a list of kind and caring residents ready to shop for you!**

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### New Year's Message from Tom

On behalf of the employees, I would like to thank the Board and the Association as a whole for their support during this past year. As a team we were able to accomplish a number of major projects, many of which will pay for themselves in a short period of time and will continue to save money for years to come. Other projects have added value and charm to the community, which benefits everyone both now and in the future. All of the employees are continually committed to providing a high level service to the Association and we will continue to ensure that the Association is maintained in a first-class manner at the lowest possible cost to its members. Finally, we would all like to wish everyone a Happy, Safe, Prosperous and Healthy New Year. - Tom

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### UPCOMING: Maintenance/Upgrades

**Tennis Court work (awning, bird spikes):** early January  
**Additional Mail Center lockers:** January

### SECURITY DISCLAIMER

We hope that our entry systems provide some deterrence to crime. However, no matter what steps we take, the Association can never be completely safe and secure. For example, it is possible for someone to enter the property under false pretenses to commit crimes, for residents to commit crimes against their own neighbors, for guests of residents to commit crimes, and for employees to commit crimes. As a result, the Association is not and can never be free of crime, and we cannot guarantee your safety or security. Accordingly, you should NOT rely on the Association to protect you from loss or harm. Instead, you should provide for your own security by taking common-sense precautions such as carrying insurance against loss, keeping your doors locked, refusing to open your door to strangers, asking workers for identification, installing a security system, locking your car, etc. You may also wish to check various websites and law enforcement lists to be aware of those living in your area.

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## DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES AND ADVERTISEMENTS 15th of each month

Residents are encouraged to write articles, submit photos and provide feedback on our newsletter to help make it better.

The Editor reserves the right to edit or print any item submitted.

## FAQS: CV Events, Activities, Areas

### Are the Emergency COVID Rules still in place?

**YES.** If you need an updated copy, pick one up in the Hall Lobby or find them at the Association's website, ChampagneVillage.org.

### How are the COVID Rules determined?

They're based on current state and county mandates. Whenever state/county mandates and health orders change, the Executive Committee (consisting of the Board President and two other rotating Board members) meets to determine if any openings, closures or rule changes are needed in Champagne Village, to ensure compliance.

### How will we know when activities/events are allowed?

Any updates resulting from Executive Committee meetings will be sent via one-calls, with notices posted at the Mail Center and in the Hall Lobby.

### What about getting my packages in the Hall?

**For more information on what you can do in the Hall, see page 4.**

### Can I walk my dog? Take a walk? Drive my golf cart?

Yes, but you must socially distance or wear a mask when you can't.

## Fitness Room (Gym)

**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE to comply with mandates**

## Pool Area

Residents only: NO GUESTS

**SPA TO BE USED BY ONLY ONE HOUSEHOLD AT A TIME**

Maintain six feet of social distancing

**Chairs, tables and loungers cannot be moved** other than turning

Sanitize all surfaces after use

## Dog Park

Residents only: NO GUESTS

Maintain six feet of social distancing

**Chairs cannot be moved** other than turning

## Pickleball / Tennis Courts

Residents only: NO GUESTS

Maintain six feet of social distancing

Sanitize all equipment after use

## Picnic Area

Residents only: NO GUESTS

Open for PRE-APPROVED RECREATION ONLY: NO SOCIAL EVENTS

Maintain six feet of social distancing

Sanitize chairs and tables after use

## CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE

## FACILITIES CLOSED

**HALL:** Stage Room, Kitchen, Seating (Living Room) Areas, Computers, Card Room, Pool Room)

**HALL Office Window**

**GATHERING PLACE** (indoors/outdoors)

**FITNESS ROOM** (Gym)

## CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE

## FACILITIES OPEN

**HALL** Library, Ice Machine and Lobby (for bulletin boards, Office drop box and package pickups)

Dog Park

Laundry Room

Tennis and Pickleball Courts

Bocce Ball Area

Picnic Area

SPA inside Pool Area

Ping Pong Table (**OUTSIDE ONLY**)

## HAVE MASKS READY

Per the county and state, residents **MUST** practice social distancing by at least six feet, wear face coverings when they can't **AND** have a mask on hand at all times.

## USING COMMON AREAS THAT ARE OPEN

- You must abide by all **EMERGENCY COVID RULES**.
- If you're not well or you have tested positive for COVID-19, **STAY HOME**.
- Distance yourself from others who do not live with you by at least **SIX FEET**.
- Wear **FACE MASKS** when you cannot create six feet between you and others.
- **NO GUESTS** (including family members) are currently permitted.
- You agree that you are using these areas **AT YOUR OWN RISK**.
- You are responsible for providing your own **HAND SANITIZER**.
- When done, **WIPE DOWN AND SANITIZE** all furniture, equipment and surfaces that you touch.

## FAST FAQs

### Common Areas and COVID

#### Why is the Hall closed?

In March, the state closed all community centers to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The state considers HOA clubhouses to be 'community centers,' along with senior centers and other public or semi-public facilities where members of a community tend to gather.

#### Is the ENTIRE Hall off limits?

Portions of the Hall remain open ONLY for the following. Bring your mask and please don't linger or congregate:

- Pick up your packages
- Get ice
- Read all posted notices on bulletin boards
- Borrow and return movies, books and puzzles
- Move table tennis equipment to and from the parking lot
- Use the drop box to communicate with the Office

#### What's NOT allowed in the Hall?

**You cannot linger in the living areas, watch TV, play billiards, use the computer equipment, play the piano, gather for any reason or visit with the Office staff.**

#### What about the Pool Area and Fitness Room?

California considers our Pool Area and Fitness Room as public – as it does hotels, resorts, clubs and other residential developments. For this reason, we need to follow state and county mandates regarding their safe use. (This is why the Fitness Room is currently closed.)

#### County parks are open, so why can't we use our own Picnic Area?

It's true that county parks are currently open – but not for social gatherings. Parks can only be used for recreation, such as walking, running, exercising, and walking your dog.

#### When can we gather socially here in CV?

This is determined by the state and county, since we are required by law to follow their Health Order mandates. As these mandates change, the Board will determine how it impacts our Village and act accordingly.

#### What can I do?

These county and state mandates exist to reduce the spread of COVID. We can all do our part by safely spacing ourselves from others who are not part of our household and wearing face masks when we can't. If you have questions regarding these mandates or other COVID-related issues, dial 2-1-1 (see article on page 6).

### Seeing Events in the Village?

Per San Diego County's Health Order mandate, dated October 10th, the following types of events are permitted:

- Operations at essential businesses: **this includes Board meetings** and other official CVPOA committee meetings as required.
- Religious services or cultural ceremonies (**including memorial services**, see below for details). Receptions or gatherings following these events are NOT allowed.
- **Outdoor protests**, in which participants must maintain social distancing and wear face coverings at all times.

**Per the county mandate, all other gatherings in the common areas and buildings of Champagne Village are prohibited.**

If you have questions, call 2-1-1 (see page 6).

### Memorial Services Now Permit Outside Residents

On October 15th, the Executive Committee voted, pursuant to the county's Health Order mandate, to allow memorial services to take place in the Veteran's Memorial Area for veterans and in the Picnic Area for other residents.

**The maximum number of attendees, including family members, is 50, and the time limit for these events is 90 minutes. Food and drinks, excluding water, is prohibited.** All current county and state protocols for social distancing and masks must be followed.

**Contact the Office if you are planning a memorial service.**

The latest modified Emergency COVID rules, dated October 15th, can be found on our website, **ChampagneVillage.org**. You can also contact the Office for a copy.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Barbie Floyd's beautiful cover photo of the sun rising instantly reminded me of this song by The Beatles. This new year, as well as news of the upcoming vaccinations, feel like rays of hope. Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...



Here comes the sun,  
Here comes the sun, and I say It's all right

Little darling  
It's been a long cold lonely winter  
Little darling  
It feels like years since it's been here  
Here comes the sun,  
Here comes the sun, and I say It's all right

Little darling  
The smile's returning to their faces  
Little darling  
It seems like years since it's been here  
Here comes the sun,  
Here comes the sun, and I say It's all right

Little darling  
I feel that ice is slowly melting  
Little darling  
It seems like years since it's been clear  
Here comes the sun,  
Here comes the sun, and I say It's all right

© written by John Lennon & Paul McCartney

## Care and Concern News

Charolette Steele #334

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'It will be happier'. . ."

Alfred Lord Tennyson



We are welcoming in a new year - 2021 - which, surely, has to be better than the previous year! Let's begin living a life to the fullest, feeling joy and fulfillment as well as peace. Here are some tips by Suzanne Kane.

**Set Your Priorities.** By setting your priorities you are choosing what is most important to you.

**Be Accountable.** What you do has consequence. Other people look up to you and model your behavior. Own your responsibilities as well as your faults.

**Prize Self-Improvement.** It's integral to living a vibrant, purposeful life. The goal is to be the best person you can be!

**Recognize Opportunities.** Look for them in everything you do. Then be willing to do what it takes once you've recognized a new opportunity.

**Know Your Limitations.** Push past your comfort zone, in order to grow. But don't push too far, too fast.

**Rely on Your Strengths.** This will help you navigate complex situations, difficult challenges and obstacles.

**Maintain Balance.** Whether it is work or play, exercise or rest - what matters is keeping things in harmony.

**Be Genuine in Relationships.** Don't mouth words you think others want to hear. A key aspect of being genuine is learning to be an active listener.

**Speak Clearly.** Say what you mean and do what you say. This builds personal integrity, inspires trust and makes others view you as reliable.

**Dream Big.** Nothing inspires and motivates like a heartfelt goal. It's not enough to dream. Be willing to act on your intention.

Care and Concern committees are composed of volunteer teams who provide support for residents of our community through prayer and care.



[www.coronavirus-sd.com](http://www.coronavirus-sd.com)



## Stay Busy!

By now, you've probably cleaned the closets and organized the photos. What else is there to do during all of this? Here are a few ideas for you to consider as it gets colder and you find yourself spending more time indoors.

**Inventory your house.** For insurance purposes, it's always a good idea to have photos or a video of your home's contents. Get close-ups of appliances, computers and other valuables, then stash the pics or video in safe deposit box, with a friend or in your bug-out bag.

**Pack your bug-out kit.** Put together your emergency supply kit long before a wildfire or other disaster occurs and keep it easily accessible so you can take it with you when you have to evacuate. Check out the list on CalFire's website, ReadyForWildfire.org.

**Get in the kitchen.** Winter is a great time to experiment with new recipes for satisfying soups and stews. The internet is an abundant source for tasty meals for one or two that take less effort than you may think!

**Put pen to paper.** Studies show that the act of letter writing has tremendous benefits for both the writer and the recipient. Cards are available in the Library if you need them. Handwriting difficult these days? Send email – or ask a neighbor to write the note for you.



## Questions? Dial 2-1-1

Operating 24 hours a day, 365 days each year, 211 San Diego provides access to more than 6,000 services, resources and programs, including home-delivered meal services and other food resources, **questions about COVID** and the nearest testing locations, utilities and discount programs, healthcare concerns, mental health resources, options specifically for seniors and numerous public benefits. Call 211 anytime you have a question!

## DON'T FORGET!

In keeping with our **Emergency COVID Rules**, no guests are allowed in the common areas. This includes the pool, bocce courts, dog park, picnic area and tennis courts.



**GOLF CART PARADE OF LIGHTS** Thirty-four festively decorated golf carts turned out for December's third annual Parade of Lights, organized by the Young and the Rest of Us. Holiday music announced the Parade, with our very own Mr. and Mrs. Claus featured at the end. Santa especially enjoyed seeing all the little ones who greeted him from their front steps. Thanks to Dave and Arlene Belt who provided a special ride for Mrs. Claus – and thanks to EVERYONE who came out to enjoy the Parade!



**LAST CALL:  
WEDDING PHOTOS PLEASE!**

The FEBRUARY edition of the CV Times will include wedding photos of residents! Email your photo to CVTimesEditor@gmail.com **no later than JANUARY 15TH**. If you need help scanning, contact the Editor.

everyone is  
**welcome!**

Vespers Sunday Worship  
*join us!*

**Sunday January 3rd**  
**3:00pm Davis Yard #297**  
**Residents only. Masks MUST be worn.**

VESPERS is a NON-DENOMINATIONAL group that gathers for fellowship and communion. Call Linda Clifford (760-877-4745) to learn more.

**SONG TITLES FROM OUR YOUTH... UPDATED**

Bobby Darin  
*Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash*

Herman's Hermits  
*Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker*

The Beatles  
*I Get by With A Little Help from Depends*

The Bee Gees  
*How Can You Mend a Broken Hip?*

Roberta Flack  
*The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face*

Johnny Nash  
*I Can't See Clearly Now*

Paul Simon  
*Fifty Ways to Lose your Liver*

The Commodores  
*Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom*

Leo Sayer  
*You Make Me Feel Like Napping*

The Temptations  
*Papa's Got a Kidney Stone (ouch!)*

Abba  
*Denture Queen*

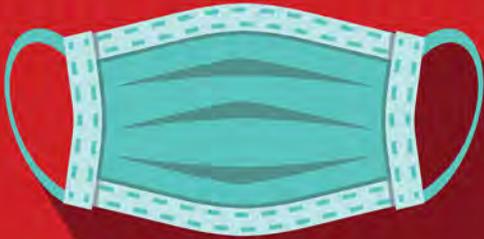
Helen Reddy  
*I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore*

Willie Nelson  
*On the Commode Again*

PER CALIFORNIA'S NEW ORDER

# HAVE YOUR MASK READY

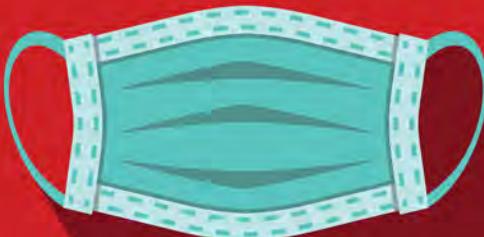
WHEN OUTDOORS, YOU MUST DISTANCE AND WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU CAN'T



PER CALIFORNIA'S NEW ORDER

# MASKS REQUIRED

MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CV HALL



MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN THE HALL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

## Thanks from the Boomers!

The Boomers want to thank and acknowledge the generous residents of Champagne Village, for your generosity in their toy and food drives. You filled seven bins of food and over four bins of toys. These gifts contributed to providing for families who otherwise would have gone without.



Denise Litreal of the Escondido Salvation Army thanked us in her letter: *we thank you for the gift of over 300 toys - these will be packed and given to families that have requested and qualified for our Christmas Assistance Program. All food boxes will also go out next week so that families are able to have what they need before Christmas. Your support especially in times like these is such a blessing to those in the community with the most need. Together we do the most good!*

### REMINDER:

#### A&L Review and Approval

All exterior modifications to your home or lot require prior review by and approval from the A&L Committee before any work begins on your project.

Effective January 1, 2021, any project that is started without prior approval will automatically generate a hearing before the Board and will likely result in a fine applied to the owner's account. If you are in doubt whether something needs approval, please contact the Office for clarification.

The staff, board and A&L Committee has no desire to hold hearings on such a simple process. Please comply, so there will be no hearings or penalties.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
*Tom Riggs, Community Manager*

## Welcome, 2021

We don't want any trouble from you. Just come in, sit down, don't touch anything, keep your mouth shut and everything will be okay!

## FREE Food Assistance

*Meals, delivery and pickup*

### GREAT PLATES

Apply online at [SanDiegoCounty.gov](http://SanDiegoCounty.gov) or call (800) 339-466

Provides three meals per day and is open to older adults who have an underlying health condition or disability that makes it difficult to prepare or obtain food. Recipients may NOT be eligible for or be currently participating in other federally funded programs such as Cal Fresh or the senior nutrition program.

**Aging & Independence Services (AIS)**  
(800) 339-4661

**Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank**  
(858) 527-1419 OR call 2-1-1

**Feeding San Diego**  
(858) 452-3663

**Meals on Wheels of San Diego County**  
(619) 260-6110

**Partner in Aging**  
(858) 480-1453  
*pharmacy and grocery pickup assistance*

## FREE Rides

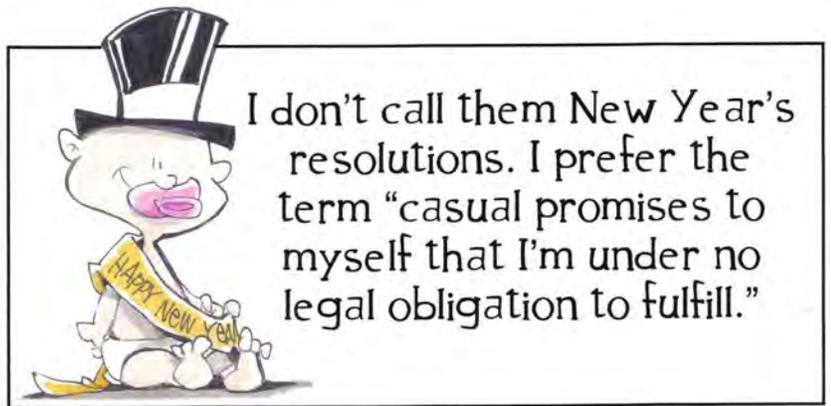
*Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation*

FACT offers **FREE rides** in San Diego County (including North County and the Escondido area) for seniors, persons with disabilities, students, veterans, and other residents who need assistance to make essential trips for medical, pharmacy or grocery needs.

**TO ARRANGE A RIDE, call (888) 924-3228**  
8:00am and 3:00pm, Monday - Friday  
Call ahead, 3-7 days in advance if possible.



In December, SAC hid about 20 solar stake lights of Santa and Snowmen throughout the common areas, offering a \$10 reward for each one returned. We hear a few are still missing... have you found any?



## Care and Concern and SAC feed Villagers

This year, in lieu of Christmas caroling typically sponsored by SAC and Care and Concern, some Village residents were treated to a Christmas Eve KFC meal. SAC provided the meals while Care and Concern members distributed them on Christmas Eve.

Both organizations hope this joint effort brought a bit of Christmas cheer to our residents. Thank-you to SAC for purchasing the KFC dinners and to the Care/Concern members who helped in their delivery.

**I grew up with Steve Jobs,  
Bob Hope and Johnny Cash.  
Now, there's no jobs, no hope  
and no cash.  
PLEASE don't let anything  
happen to Kevin Bacon!**

# SAC'S CHRISTMAS PHOTO CONTEST

From 15 entries, the Judges selected the following three winners:

**FIRST PLACE** (\$50) Janet LeRossignol #435

**SECOND PLACE** (\$30) Charlie & Betty Service #259

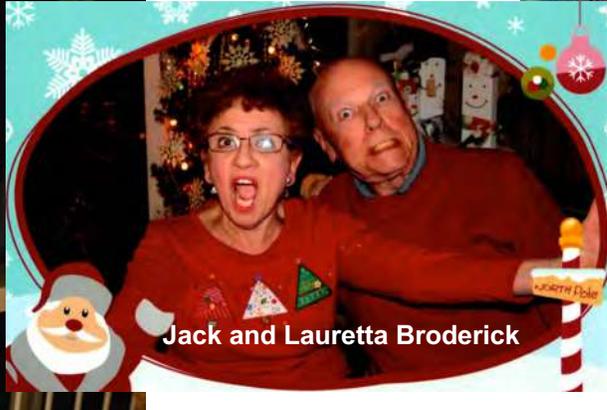
**THIRD PLACE** (\$20) Jack & Laretta Broderick #422



Ken and Marie Ingalls



Janet LeRossignol



Jack and Laretta Broderick



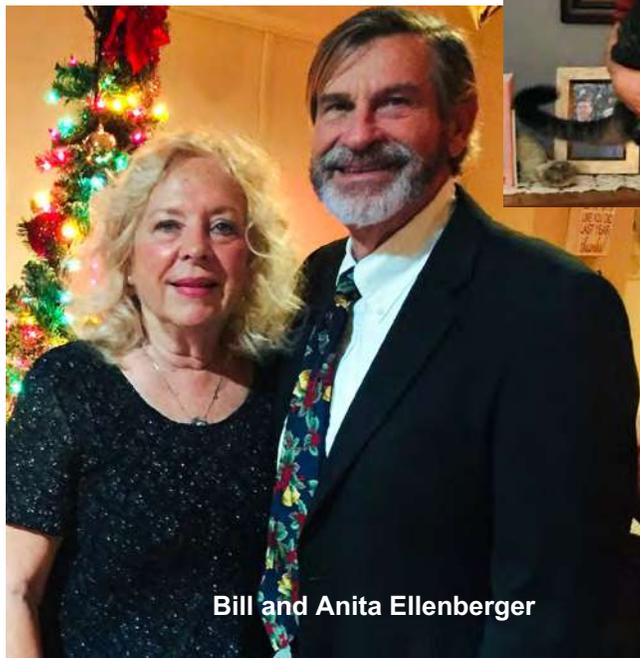
Beverly Davenport



Etta and Maggie McQueary



Doreen & Maggie Smith



Bill and Anita Ellenberger



Charlie, Betty and Sammy Service

# VILLAGE NEWS

Rich and Lora Dann



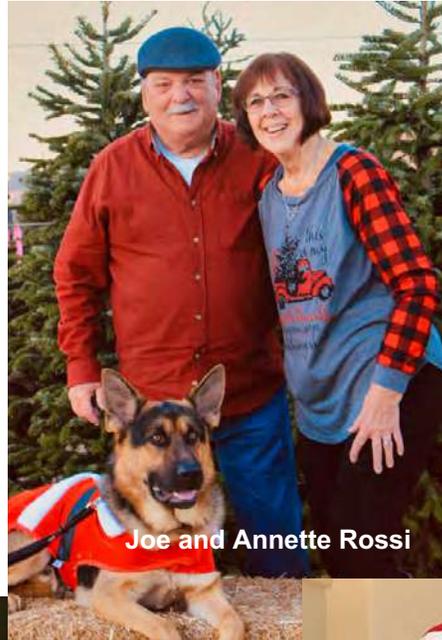
Judith and Lola Claire



Gary and Ellie Krumweide



Joe and Annette Rossi



Rick Kent and Susie Riley



Sue and Bella Seebach



HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS

Jan Nyberg and Don Maughan



## Common Area Landscape Report

Charolette Steele #334

Our committee met on December 8th with six members present: Greg Lorton, Hil Sybesma, and Charolette Steele, along with new members Sandy Murphy Grubb, Terry Doane and Paul Scott. Tom Riggs attends all meetings.

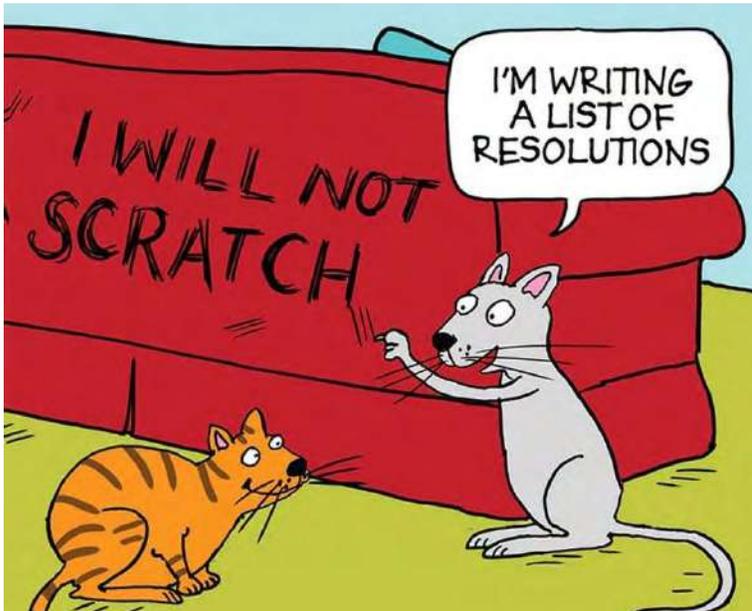
We discussed the following:

- Output of the well, which is sufficiently performing.
- New grass growing in the park area, which is showing excellent coverage
- Cleanup of large branches that recently fell from trees
- The flood area at the top of the hill on Ironwood, which will need some work and will be started soon
- Updates in landscaping that will be planned once new locker mailboxes have been installed in the Mail Center (also around the Village Hall)
- A few hillsides that need improvement

Outcome of our meeting:

- Three pool landscape areas were started in December and completed in January
- The next major project will be the Welk Garden area near the main entrance
- Next month we will discuss plant material for the hillside in front of spaces #83-100

**If you have some common area behind your home and notice something you think needs to be addressed, please email the Office stating the problem. Committee members do not walk these areas behind homes and may not be aware of it.**



## Recent projects our Village crew has tackled in December

- Installed a new door and knob in the Laundry Room
- Removed medical supplies from the Gathering Place Room areas
- Fixed leaking washer in Laundry Room
- Worked on Tennis Court surface
- Replaced light timers and bulbs for landscape lighting
- Cleaned and checked pool lines for chlorine
- Cleaned dry slush from canal area
- Prepped and painted interior wall at stage area in the Village Hall
- Troubleshoot streetlights, found and fixed problems

Thanks again, Mario and Fil, for all you do!



## Welcome, New Residents!

**#386 Elsa Smith**

(415) 308-6314, joining Alan Rings

**#122 Debra Webb**

(619) 672-2280, joining Richard Faux

**#436 Tina Cruickshank** (619) 757-5413

**#151 John (Jack) and Terry Freudenberg**

Jack (858) 761-6024, Terry (619) 823-7919

**#233 Thedra Adams** (760) 749-4108

BEFORE I AGREE TO 2021, I'LL NEED TO SEE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

## What Have YOU Been Doing?

After nearly ten months in quarantine, some people have been using the time to try out new habits and hobbies. Others have been pitching in where and when needed. We've already heard about Kathy Gay (#217) in our August issue, who enrolled in ceramics and other art classes to keep herself occupied and challenged. Many Villagers have found interesting ways to fill their time while the whole world stays home, be it volunteering, teaching and learning online, helping out at food pantries... or building boats!

**Steve Hacker (#378)** has been using his stay-at-home time to build a ten-foot Tunnel Mite, a lightweight, compact one-person boat. Constructed of marine plywood and non-endangered mahogany, Steve started the project in March using plans obtained via the internet. Construction is timely but straightforward, with no forms or specialty tools required. He hopes to have the boat completed by late Spring, and his grandson may pilot its maiden voyage.

Since September, Steve's wife, **Marty Hacker (#378)**, has been spending her time supervising the online learning of grandchildren Peter, 11, and Annie, 9, three days each week. She's awed by how responsible and resilient the kids are, as well as the caliber of their work. "The teachers have had to quickly learn how to teach online, and they're doing an incredible job," Marty tells us.

Another of many here in the Village who have been pitching in with their grandchildren, **Marci Burns (#106)** has been helping Ryker, 6, navigate virtual kindergarten. Helping these kids maintain focus and interest in these trying situations is not something these women ever expected to be called upon to do, but they're meeting the challenge.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING?** Are you trying out a new hobby or habit? Any volunteering gigs you've started? **Leaning online?** I'd like to hear – drop me a line at [CVTimesEditor@gmail.com](mailto:CVTimesEditor@gmail.com) so we can tell your story!



TOP: Steve Hacker with his stay-at-home project, a ten-foot-long Tunnel Mite boat.

MIDDLE: Marty Hacker works with grandkids Peter and Annie.

BOTTOM: Marci Burns' grandson, Ryker, works on his virtual kindergarten lessons.





MIKE, our CV postal mail carrier, played Santa during his Christmas Eve delivery (shown here with Marci Burns).

## Champagne Village Lions Club



**Our 26th Year**  
Lion Alan Rings #386  
**WE SERVE**



HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE! Let's pray that 2021 be a better and less restricted year than 2020.

Kay Fried #192 has agreed to once again serve as Club Secretary for 2021. She was elected by the Board at its December 16th meeting.

At that same meeting, the Board voted to accept five new members: Arlene Belt #395, and Al and Jill Pinto #396, sponsored by Dave Belt #395. Victoria Moore #432 was sponsored by Steve Caves #288, and Elsa Smith #386, sponsored by Alan Rings #386.

Your Lions Club members donated Christmas presents to 44 of our neighbors who have had some difficulty, health event or loss of a family member in the past year. We have been honoring this heartwarming tradition each Christmas for the past 20+ years. Our creed is that nothing is more satisfying than service to others.

With 1.4 million dedicated men and women worldwide, Lions is the largest and one of the oldest (since 1917) service organizations. If you would like information on how you can have fun while making a difference, please contact Tom Bossmeyer #13 at (442) 217-8194 or Alan Rings #386 at (858) 395-7572.

## From the Editor



There are lots of things I genuinely appreciate about living in Champagne Village: the people, the friendly waves, the strong sense of community, the golf cart rides... You get my drift: this is such a great place to live.

But one of my favorite things is something I've been hearing ever since I first became involved in the Village. It's been the closing sentence in so many calls, emails, cards and greetings:

*Thanks for all you do.*

These five words carry a lot of punch. I pass them on to others who also do good things here. It's like a kindness fruitcake that needs to be shared and savored, so people know how much they're appreciated. *Thanks for all you do.*

To Beverly for her one-calls and uplifting voice...  
To Linda for her work in our Library...  
To Janet for organizing our holiday packages...  
To LJ for leading our Spirit parades...  
To Austin for buying all those Birthday cakes...  
To our gate keepers for their friendly greetings...

And to EVERYONE who's ever volunteered to decorate the Hall, organize an event, start a group, visit the sick, write an article, deliver flyers, serve on the Board or a committee, count ballots or just show up at a meeting...

It would take several pages to list every volunteer here who performs a task for no pay or thanks, but simply because they want to. Each is a vital cog in the wheel of Champagne Village. They all make living here such a rewarding and gratifying experience.

You all know who you are. To each every one of you, **thanks for all you do.**

Happy New Year, everyone!

## Pet Allergies

Sharon Parker #298

Pet dander, dust, mold, pollen... they all float in our home's air and stick to every surface. We live with both a dog and cat, and I've suffered with allergies for years! But I've learned that when you reduce these allergens in your home, you reduce your allergic reaction to your pet. I hope these tips will help you suffer less with your allergies!

### Clean with natural, perfume-free products.

Vacuum what you cannot mop, such as couches and mattresses. Get a sealed allergy vacuum that filters and traps dust/allergens. Use pet hair rollers daily on fabric surfaces.

**Replace carpets** with hard surface flooring or keep pets out of carpeted rooms. If you can't remove them, steam-clean carpets regularly. Replace curtains with hard-surface window coverings that can be wiped down weekly.

**Invest in high-quality HEPA air purifiers.** Cover mattresses and pillows with allergy covers. Leave shoes at the door to avoid tracking allergens inside.

**Wash your hands immediately** after handling your pet. Brush your pet daily – dogs outside your home, cats in a bathroom with a closed door, surfaces wiped off afterward. Bathe dogs weekly if possible. Wipe down pets before they come inside, to remove outside allergens.

**Clean litter boxes daily**, outside, and wash weekly. Use unscented dust-free cat litter. Wash pet beds and toys weekly in hot water. Feed your pets premium food (it helps keep their skin healthy). If your pet has dry or flaking skin, with your vet's approval, feed them a skin and coat supplement. Keep pets out of your bedroom or at least off the bed!



**DRIVE BY PIE** December's event by the Young and The Rest of Us sold out more than 50 pies, 100 cookies, assorted boxes of rugelah, brownies, and cherry turnovers – all within 45 minutes. (Next year we'll be sure to order more pies and goodies!) Thanks to all who came out to purchase treats and wave to Santa – we'll use the funds to organize more events in 2021!



## Notes from the Village Library

Linda and Jerry Clifford #186

Our thanks to Carole May and others who have donated greeting cards. They are free, so help yourself! If you have cards to donate, please leave them by the card box and we'll file them for you.

Don't forget that we have books, movies and magazines galore to borrow and enjoy at our Library – please make your selections and don't congregate or mingle. Thank you!



## Coronavirus Vaccine Scams

The United States has begun the distribution of COVID vaccines to help prevent the spread of the virus. States will determine who will get immunized first, with health-care personnel, nursing home residents and their caregivers prioritized as vulnerable populations. **But the anticipated delay in distribution to the general population is enough to allow scammers to slip in with fake offers to people hoping to jump the line to get vaccinated, looking to make money off people's fears about getting the virus.**

Scammers aren't just using email or telemarketing calls: they're also using messages on social media. Here's what you need to know to avoid a scam:

**Be skeptical of offers to pay for a vaccine on your behalf.** Because the coronavirus is a public health emergency, it's unlikely you will have to pay for the vaccine.

**Beware of scammers claiming to be medical professionals** and demanding payment for an appointment in advance. Your physician might call – but never demand payment ahead of time.

**You can't pay to get your name on a list to get the coronavirus vaccine.** Don't fall for scammers' promises about getting early access.

**A government official will NOT call you about getting vaccinated.** No one from a vaccine distribution site or healthcare payer, like a private insurance company, will call you asking for your Social Security number or your credit card or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine.

**Watch out for offers of alternative cures** for the coronavirus. While waiting for a vaccine, don't get so impatient that you become a victim of these scams.

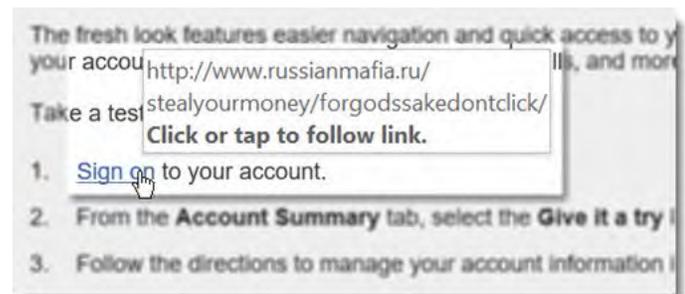
**NEVER pay for a promise of vaccine access** or share ANY personal information. Remember: legitimate sources, such as your physician, already have much of that information.

**If you're unsure, it's best to hang up or delete the email.**

For more information about coronavirus-related scams and tips, go to [ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams](https://ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams). And if you fall victim to a scam, report it at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov) or file a complaint with the FTC's Consumer Protection Office.

**Not sure if that email is legitimate?** On your computer, hover your mouse over any button or link, and the destination address should appear in a small bar along the bottom of the browser. On a mobile device, hold down on the link and a pop-up should appear containing the link. If the link is not the actual company, it's a scam.

**Still not sure it's the actual company?** A link for [netflixusa.com](https://netflixusa.com) is not the same as the official website address ([netflix.com](https://netflix.com)). If you're not sure, look online for the company's official website.



### QUICK TIPS TO AVOID EMAIL SCAMS

## Dear Customer...

If you find any of the following, it's likely a scam:

**Grammar errors.** Scammers will use a spellchecker or translator, which will give them all the right words – but not in the proper context.

**Dear Customer.** A bank or company you're affiliated with would use your full name. Generic greetings are a sure-fire sign of a scam.

**You've been specially selected.** This is a surefire clue that it's a scam.

**Confirm your personal information or log in.** Whatever you do, don't log in!

**You MUST respond.** Threats such as fines or even arrest are never sent via email. Government agencies, including the IRS and local police, do NOT contact you in this manner. Go ahead and delete the email.

**Please pay the attached invoice.** Unless you were actually expecting a bill from these folks, DON'T!

**REMEMBER:** when in doubt, call the company.

# RESIDENT HAPPENINGS!

Send your news to [CVTimesEditor@gmail.com](mailto:CVTimesEditor@gmail.com).  
The deadline for submissions is the fifteenth of each month.



From Anita and Bill Ellenberger: "Siena, Christmas Open House at CV in 2019."



From Ginny and Tom Walker: "our two youngest grandchildren, Lila and Lewis (Louie) Walker. They were about 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 years old at the time of that pic. They are now 5 and 6 1/2."



From Mindy and Alan Kezis: "Bubbe, one of my daughter's three new chickens."



From Anna Doane: "Chloe and Maddy Doane are visiting with Santa discussing their Santa list for good little pups."



From Sally and Bob Olsen: "our great-grandaughter, Layla, 4."

  
**MY GOAL IN 2021  
IS TO  
ACCOMPLISH THE  
GOALS I SET IN  
2020 WHICH I  
SHOULD HAVE  
DONE IN 2019  
BECAUSE I MADE  
A PROMISE IN  
2018 WHICH I  
PLANNED IN 2017.**

## CV Men's Golf

Pat LeRossignol #435

During December our official election process for 2021 Officers occurred. Effective on January 1st, the new Board will be comprised of President Mike Uhl, Vice President Bob Bolt, Secretary Rich Magnuson, and Treasurer Ken Jones. In addition, though not on the Board, the following will remain in their current positions: Fountains Coordinator John Votaw, Oaks Coordinator Bob Olsen, Meeting and Handicap Coordinator Pat LeRossignol, Interleague Captain Mike Uhl and New Member Recruiter Rich Magnuson. Thanks guys, for stepping up!



In a recap of winners for 2020, we congratulate the following members. Oaks Champion was Jim Fields and Oaks Golfer of the Year is John Grubb. The Fountains Championship was won by Dennis Sosnowski and the Fountains GOY is undoubtedly going to be Walt Van Dien for the 2nd year in a row. With three rounds to go in December, in order to catch him, either Bob Bolt or John Votaw would have to win all three weeks with Walt not getting a point! Not impossible, but highly unlikely. Good luck to those three and congratulations to all who participated this year, win or lose.

It's been a strange, hard year for all of us, golfers or not. We have great hopes that at some point in 2021 we will get back to some semblance of normalcy. In the meantime, hit 'em straight, don't leave 'em short, but most of all, stay safe.

## I Will...

From a list of the best New Year's resolutions sent to Readers Digest...

- I will think of a password other than "password," "12345" or "hello."
- I will not tell the same story at every get-together.
- I will work with neglected children -- my own.
- I will read the manual... just as soon as I can find it.
- I will balance my checkbook (on my nose).
- I will start buying lottery tickets at a luckier store.
- I will always "check for paper" before leaving the restroom.
- I will always wear clean underwear, "just in case."
- I will never again take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
- I will stop saying, "Ooh, that feels nice" whenever the security guys frisk me at airports.
- I will stick to these resolutions for more than a week (although I never do).



**OUR VERY OWN SANTA!** Jim Larson (#19) served as special guest for both the Golf Cart Parade of Lights and Drive By Pie events. We're so fortunate to have Santa as a CV resident! Jim's Mrs. Claus, Susan, also rode in the Golf Cart parade this year (see below). Many thanks to them both!



## Happy ‘One Simple Change!’

Etta McQueary #299

2020 has been a year like no other any of us have ever experienced and January might feel strange this year. The New Year is usually a time for reflection, contemplation, and starting anew. 2020 has offered us plenty of time for reflection and many of us have learned new things to enjoy. We’ve also been motivated to rethink our health habits to stay healthy. Let’s take a look at some of these One Simple Changes.

**Eliminate chemicals in food and drinks.** Colorings, flavorings and preservatives are substances that add nothing of value and make our body work harder. If you don’t know what a substance is on a food label, you probably don’t want it in your body.

**Use ingredients that offer more nutrition and fiber.** Eliminate white products such as flour, sugar, salt and rice. Look for whole-grain foods and brown rice and try using less sugar or a healthier type like honey.

**Eat more vegetables, especially green foods.** Sneak in green food without hardly knowing it. Cut up spinach or kale in smaller pieces and add them to a soup or dish just before serving. They won’t be overcooked and will not change the taste. You’ll just benefit from the added nutrition. Did you know cilantro is capable of detoxing heavy metals from the body? Salsa, here we come!

**Take a deep breath** every time you feel a bit anxious, sad, or tired throughout the day. Deep breathing is known to reduce anxiety, lowers blood pressure because it slows the breath and circulates oxygen, which is good for all your organs. Notice where there is tension in the body and relax! Start for two minutes and increase to ten minutes or whatever is comfortable. Even one deep breath is good.

Last but not least, **find ways to move more.** It sure has been a challenge while we have been locked up, but here in the Village, we encourage each other to move, get fresh air, take a walk or do chair yoga outside or in your living room. Just keep moving any way you can. Taking a walk at Kit Carson Park could be a nice change and it is a beautiful park.

Hope you find something here that motivates you to try in this coming New Year. After all, we have the time to try something new, right? I would love to know what your One Simple Change is for January. If there is a health topic you would like to learn more about, please email me and I will do my best to accommodate.

Wishing you all a healthy and peaceful New Year!

## Poetry Corner

Kristina McLaughlin #169

*Happy and healthy New Year to all... I have floated back to Mary Oliver for this month's poem, due to its simple yet powerful message to look for miracles each day. We have struggled and wept through this past year and yet, every day a child is born, flowers bloom and the sun rises. I hope you find many miracles in the coming year... but remember – you need to look for them.*

**This Morning** by Mary Oliver

This morning the redbirds’ eggs have hatched and already the chicks are chirping for food. They don’t know where it’s coming from, they just keep shouting, “More! More!” As to anything else, they haven’t had a single thought. Their eyes haven’t yet opened, they know nothing about the sky that’s waiting. Or the thousands, the millions of trees. They don’t even know they have wings.

And just like that, like a simple neighborhood event, a miracle is taking place.



## Health Insurance News

Carla Grills #105

Happy New Year. This year is bound to be better news after the health crises of 2020. We begin the year with opportunities opening up for vaccinations against COVID. Your Medicare insurance will cover this vaccination as will individual family plans with no cost sharing. You may however need to contact your primary caregiver for an appointment or a recommendation if you are in the high-risk category. Remember that there are two shots to give maximum immunity and it takes several weeks for each shot to take effect.

Please remember to continue to wear your mask and keep social distancing until this virus is no longer a significant threat. Patience is the key until we all get back to normal.

January is the final month for getting coverage with Covered California or private Individual Family Plans for 2021. The exceptions are special enrollments for those who have lost their employer plans or have moved. California still has a penalty in place for those without health insurance. Contact an insurance agent if you need help with questions or finding affordable coverage.

Medicare Advantage Plan clients have one more enrollment period for changing their plan or returning to Original Medicare and enrolling in a drug plan. January through March 31 is an open enrollment for switching from one Advantage Plan to another Advantage plan only. If you've changed your mind about your plan or for some other reason you want to change, you can do it during this time period. However, you must call your agent as no marketing outreach is allowed during this time. You should not be receiving any sales calls during this time. If you have indicated to your agent that you want to change plans they can follow up and call you back. After this January-March period, all Advantage Plan changes must qualify for a special enrollment period.

## Get Ready for Taxes!

Ken Cozzens #421

2020 has been a busy year, with a lot of changes. To make sure taxpayers don't miss out on tax benefits or make mistakes, they can take a few simple steps now to make filing their taxes easier in 2021.

An important first step to getting taxes ready is to gather all tax records. Having records organized makes preparing a tax return easier. It may also help discover potentially overlooked deductions or credits.

- Most income is taxable, so taxpayers should gather income documents such as Forms W-2 from employers, Forms 1099 from banks and other payers, and records of virtual currencies or other income. This also includes, unemployment income, refund interest and income from the gig economy.
- Beginning in 2020, individuals may receive Form 1099-NEC, Nonemployee Compensation, rather than Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, if they performed certain services for and received payments from a business. Please refer to the Instructions for Form 1099-MISC and Form 1099-NEC.
- Taxpayers may also need Notice 1444, Economic Impact Payment, which shows how much of a payment they received in 2020. This amount is needed to calculate any Recovery Rebate Credit they may be eligible for when they file their federal income tax return in 2021. People who didn't receive an Economic Impact Payment in 2020 may qualify for the Recovery Rebate Credit when they file their 2020 taxes in 2021.
- To see information from the most recently filed tax return, recent payments and more taxpayers can sign up to view account information online.
- Taxpayers should notify the IRS of address changes and notify the Social Security Administration of a legal name change to avoid delays in tax return processing.

Taxpayers receiving substantial amounts of non-wage income like self-employment income, investment income, taxable Social Security benefits and in some instances, pension and annuity income, should make quarterly estimated tax payments. The last payment for 2020 is due on Jan. 15, 2021. Payment options can be found at [IRS.gov/payments](https://www.irs.gov/payments).

It will get better soon! Meanwhile, stay safe.

And remember: YOU MATTER!

