

No matter how long the winter,
Spring is sure to follow.
English Proverb

Champagne Village CV TIMES

APRIL 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

POOL HOURS

NEW SPRING HOURS

9:00am – 7:00pm
RESIDENTS ONLY: NO GUESTS
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2:00pm
PICNIC AREA

UPCOMING EVENTS

None at this time.

April News

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, March 18th at 2:00pm in the Picnic Area. About 45 members were in attendance. The following new business occurred:

- A motion for a bid to perform a leak detection survey on all 457 units as well as the common buildings at a cost of \$6500 was approved (see our Financial Report on page 18 for more information on this).
- A motion to reconsider the previously approved Recreational Facilities Use Agreement was unanimously approved. Upon approval, the Board voted to approve the changes recommended by Greg Lorton.
- A motion to place a property lien on a residence for delinquent assessments was approved.

Approval of seven changes to the Rules and Regulations and the Architectural Guidelines was voted as follows:

- Lattice no longer permitted as an approved construction material: **NOT APPROVED.**
- House colors to be based on the A&L-approved color palette book; colors that are not in the book can be requested but may be denied: **APPROVED.**
- AC units installed only at the rear of the lot unless otherwise approved by the A&L Committee: **TABLED.**
- Old-style wooden document delivery boxes to be removed by 7/31: **NOT APPROVED.**
- RVs, including motor homes, trailers, boats, jet skis, etc. not to be parked in either a carport or garage: **NOT APPROVED.**
- Trash bins to be stored at the rear of the lot: **NOT APPROVED.**
- Signs or banners not permitted in the common areas: **NOT APPROVED.**

A Meet the Candidates event is scheduled for May 3rd: see page 9 for details.

Per the county's move from the Purple to Red Tier, the Fitness Room (Gym) is now open to a maximum of four residents at a time, for a duration of no more than 45 minutes. **All COVID rules remain in place: see pages 3 and 4 for details on what's open and closed here in Champagne Village.**

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Spring!

OFFICE NOTICES

Tips for Using the Welk Gate

When using the back Welk gate, be sure to **make a complete stop** at the spot on the pavement where STOP is printed, then VERY SLOWLY move toward the gate until it engages. Most residents are not fully stopping or are moving too quickly toward the gate and not giving it the time needed to engage.

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.

IF YOU NEED HELP

Contact the Office for help getting food or prescriptions: we have a list of kind and caring residents ready to shop for you!

Not Feeling Well? Stay HOME

In keeping with our COVID Emergency Rules, **if you're not well or you have tested positive for COVID-19, stay home: do not use the common areas.**

If You Need to Report an Emergency

If you need to report an emergency that might endanger life or property here in the Village (a fire or injury, for example), call 911 immediately – whether or not the Office is open.

To report a maintenance emergency during Office hours, call the Office (760-749-8008) to speak with Tami or Tom.

To report a maintenance emergency after hours (the gate not fully closing, for example), call the Office (760-749-8008) and remain on the line until you get a live person who will take your message. One of our staff is always on call to address these 🟦 issues.

To report any non-emergency issue, please email or phone the Office (tsteigely@associatedasset.com, 760-749-8008).

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, or for guests of residents 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.

OFFICE

Tom Riggs
Community Manager

Tami Steigely
Assistant Community Manager

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wade Steverson President
Greg Lorton Vice President
Charolette Steele Secretary
Roger Elyea CFO
Joe Rossi Director
Karen Smith Director
Susie Riley Director

BOARD COMMITTEES

Architecture & Landscape
Karen Smith

Common Area Facilities
Joe Rossi

Common Area Landscape
Greg Lorton

Emergency Preparedness
Greg Lorton

Communications
Everett Smith

Social Activities
Linda Steverson

Governing Docs (currently inactive)
Everett Smith

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DEADLINE FOR ALL ARTICLES AND ADVERTISEMENTS

The 15th of each month.

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

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

THIS INFORMATION IS CURRENT AS OF MARCH 25TH AND MAY CHANGE THROUGHOUT APRIL.

FAQS: CV Events, Activities, Areas

What remains closed here in Champagne Village?

See the RED and GREEN boxes at the right of this page.

How are openings and closures determined?

These are based on current state and county mandates. When things change, the Board may meet to determine if any openings, closures or rule changes are needed to ensure compliance.

How will we know when things change?

You'll receive a one-call and notices will be 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.

Are there exceptions for required mask wearing?

Yes, for specific health issues: check the county's website for details.

Fitness Room (Gym)

Residents only: NO GUESTS

MAXIMUM OF FOUR PERSONS IN GYM AT A TIME

Maintain six feet of social distancing

TIME LIMIT OF 45 MINUTES PER VISIT

Sanitize all equipment after use

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 and Other Common Areas

Residents only: NO GUESTS

OPEN FOR PRE-APPROVED RECREATION ONLY: NO SOCIAL EVENTS

Maintain six feet of social distancing

Sanitize chairs, tables and any other equipment after use

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE

FACILITIES CLOSED

HALL: Stage Room, Kitchen, Seating Areas, Computer Area, Card Room, Pool Room

OFFICE WINDOW IN THE HALL GATHERING PLACE

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE

FACILITIES OPEN

HALL: Library, Ice Machine, Lobby (ONLY for bulletin boards and Office drop box) and Fireplace Room (ONLY for package pickups)

Dog Park

Laundry Room

Tennis and Pickleball Courts

Bocce Ball Area

Picnic Area

Pool and Spa

Ping Pong Table (OUTSIDE ONLY)

FITNESS ROOM (Gym)

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. **Masks MUST be worn at all times in the Hall.**

USING COMMON AREAS

- You must abide by all **COUNTY AND STATE HEALTH MANDATES.**
- If you're not well or you have tested positive for COVID, **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).
- You agree that you are using all common areas **AT YOUR OWN RISK.**
- You are responsible for providing your own **SANITIZER.**
- When done, **SANITIZE** all surfaces or equipment that you touch.

FAST FAQs

Common Areas and COVID

Why is the Hall closed?

In March, 2020, 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.

What CAN we do in the Hall?

Portions of the Hall are open for the following. Wear your mask and don't linger or congregate:

- Pick up your packages
- Get ice
- Read all notices on bulletin boards
- Borrow and return items in the Library
- 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 any of the living areas, watch TV, play pool, use the computer equipment, play the piano, play table tennis, exercise, gather or socialize 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 – similar to hotels, resorts, clubs and other residential developments. For this reason, we follow state and county mandates regarding their safe use.

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

Parks are currently open – but only for recreation, such as walking, running, exercising, and walking your dog. Social gatherings are not permitted.

When will we be able to 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?

County and state mandates exist to reduce the spread of COVID. We can all do our part by safely spacing ourselves from others per county guidelines and wearing face masks when we can't. **If you have questions regarding county mandates or other COVID-related issues, dial 2-1-1.**

Seeing Events in the Village?

Per San Diego County's Health Order mandate **ONLY** 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 state and county mandate, all other gatherings in the common areas and buildings of Champagne Village are prohibited.

Memorial Services Allow Outside Residents

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

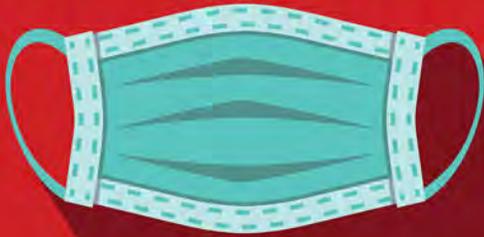
The maximum number of attendees, including family members, is 50, and the time limit for these events is 90 minutes. Food and drinks, except for water, is prohibited. All current county and state protocols for social distancing and masks must be followed. **Contact the Office if you are planning a memorial service.**



PER CALIFORNIA'S NEW ORDER

HAVE YOUR MASK READY

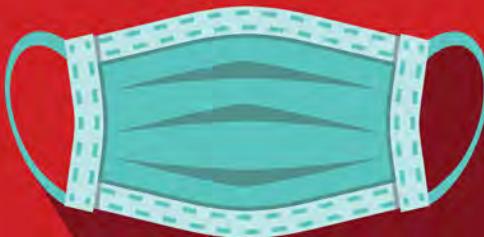
WHEN OUTDOORS, YOU MUST DISTANCE AND WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU CAN'T



PER CALIFORNIA'S NEW ORDER

MASKS REQUIRED

MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CV HALL



MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN THE HALL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

2021 Election Deadlines for CVPOA Directors

Last year, several new laws impacted how the CVPOA conducted its elections of Directors. As a result, the rules for elections, as well as a general notice of all corresponding deadlines and election dates must be sent to all CVPOA members 30 days before ballots are sent.

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors voted to approve dates and deadlines for the 2021 Election of Directors:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021

Last day to submit ballots

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

Meet the Candidates Event, 2:00pm, ● Picnic Area
Note that the time or location may change, depending on weather or possible changes in county health mandates.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021

Counting of election ballots at the monthly Board of Directors meeting

This year, **four Director seats are up for vacancy.** The following residents have submitted their application for candidacy:

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| Tom Bossmeyer | Steve Caves |
| John Fitzmaurice | Joanne Hansen |
| Greg Lorton | Donna Perez |

Watch for election information over the coming month, as well as your election ballot.

Found a Snake in your Yard? Don't Kill It!

Snakes are valuable predators that keep our rodent population under control. If you find a snake, call one of these residents to remove it for you. We take the snakes to a remote location in the ● mountains and release them in a safe place. Want to help? Call Terry Quimby.

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| Gary Krumweide #262 | (760) 310-8827 |
| Anna Marie Montoya #173 | (760) 751-0287 |
| Terry Quimby #329 | (760) 749-8422 |



Care and Concern News

Charolette Steele #334

What about this thing
Called Daylight Saving
Time?



The idea of daylight saving was first conceived in Benjamin Franklin in 1784. It finally became law in the Uniform Time Act of 1966. The law was primarily pushed for by transportation companies to help truckers keep track of time, but at other times it has been pushed as a measure to save energy. It is a myth that it was farmers who started it, in fact, they have historically opposed it because it costs them an hour of morning sunshine.

Currently, Daylight Saving Time begins the second Sunday in March and runs until the last Sunday in October.

Studies have been done on whether it actually saves much energy, the effect it has on your health and whether to change it. In the days after our chronically sleep-deprived country *springs forward*, disoriented Americans face a slightly greater risk of heart attack and stroke. Car crashes and workplace accidents increase as well.



Many states are advocating for the elimination of the time change. At least 36 states introduced legislation to end or study the practice in 2019. Some bills call for all-year standard time, but most endorse permanent daylight saving time. California voters approved adopting year-round daylight saving time in 2018.

But the state enactment of year-round daylight time is meaningless, for now, at least. Federal statute says that any state can opt out of daylight saving and elect to go on standard time permanently, but states that follow daylight saving time must adhere to the federally set dates for it.

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



PUZZLES GALORE!

There are LOTS of puzzles in the upper cabinets in the Fireplace Room at the Hall (across from the Office window) for all Villagers to borrow anytime. If you come across a puzzle that's missing a piece, please don't return it, just throw it away.

Last month, the Board of Directors received more than 50 pages of correspondence from Association members regarding the recently proposed changes to both the Rules and Regulations and the A&L Guidelines. All were copied and given to the Directors for consideration prior to the March Board meeting. This is the most correspondence received by the Association for a single issue.
YOUR LETTERS COUNT!

VILLAGE NEWS



THERE ARE 30 EASTER EGGS HIDDEN IN THIS CV TIMES, BUT ONLY THE LAVENDER ONES (20) WILL COUNT FOR THIS CONTEST.

CONTEST WILL RUN FROM APRIL 5TH & ENDS FRIDAY APRIL 9TH.

THE FIRST 10 ENTRIES WITH THE MOST FOUND LAVENDER EGGS WILL WIN \$10.00 EACH.

TO ENTER, FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IN THE DROP BOX AT THE HALL.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN and DATE AT THE BOTTOM.

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19. _____ Location Page # _____
20. _____ Location Page # _____

Last Name _____ Space # _____

(THIS IS IMPORTANT) DATE _____ TIME _____

COYOTES IN THE VILLAGE

Given that it's breeding season for them, coyote sightings are on the rise around our Village. But while they might be looked upon as a danger to the community, they are an important part of our ecosystem, keeping rodents that could cause damage to our homes at bay.

While they don't pose a danger to humans, **coyotes will consider your dog a source of food.** And because they can leap over just about any fence we have here, **the only way to protect your pets is to keep them on a leash and watch them at all times while they're outside.**

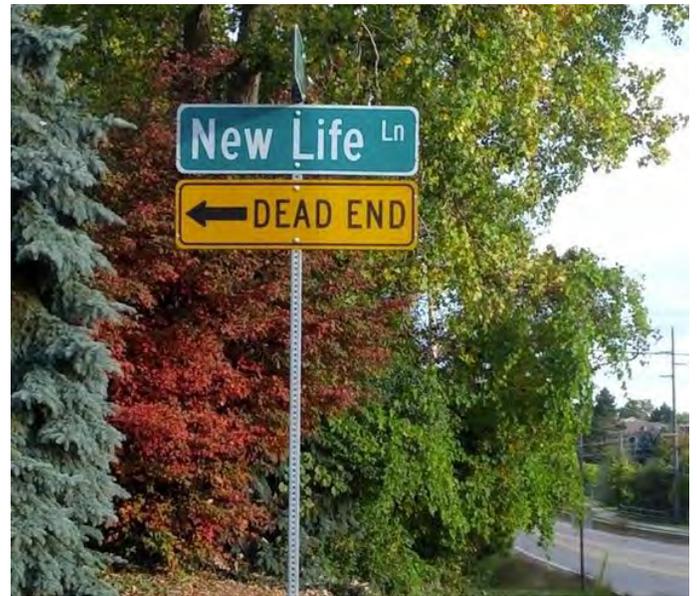
You can also help reduce temptation for coyotes:

- Empty bird baths and pet bowls.
- Keep trash bins and composters firmly closed.
- Feed your pets indoors.
- If you see a 🐾 coyote around your home, scare them away by shouting or making loud noises.
- Carry a whistle and a few small rocks while walking your dog, to frighten them away.



PLEASE DON'T SHOOT!

DO NOT use firearms in the Village to scare off or shoot at coyotes. Shooting from a distance can pose far more harm for your neighbors than the coyotes!



This happened yesterday and is an important lesson for our age group.

A friend had his second dose of vaccine at the vaccination center. On the way home he realized that his vision was blurred. When he got home, he called the vaccination center to ask if he should see a doctor or be hospitalized.

Instead, he was told NOT to go to a doctor or hospital, but instead return to the vaccination center and pick up his glasses.

Painting Your House?

If you're painting the exterior of your home:

- Approval is **ALWAYS** needed, even if you're using the same colors.
- If possible, select a color from one of the approved schemes in our color book (you can borrow this book from the Office) and specify the color number on your A&L application.
- If you're requesting consideration of colors that are not in the color book, paint a 2x2 foot area of each color on the front of your home and attach your paint chips to your application.
- Don't start painting until 🟢 the Office contacts you regarding your request!

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Office.



MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT

SIX MEMBERS ARE RUNNING
FOR FOUR OPEN BOARD SEATS.
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO MEET THEM
AND HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY.

MONDAY
MAY 3RD

PICNIC AREA
2:00PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TIME OR LOCATION MAY CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER OR COUNTY CHANGES



Common Area Landscape Committee

Charolette Steele #334

Our committee meeting was held on March 9th with five members present, along with Tom Riggs.

We discussed the following:

- Status of three landscaping contracts approved by the Board in February
- Diseased trees, and trees that need trimming
- Village irrigation well output
- Obtaining a proposal for common area work behind #289-#291

Work orders have been submitted for the following:

- Stump removals at mailbox and Veterans Memorial
- Shrub plantings at Veterans Memorial
- Fill in plants at west top of hill on Ironwood
- Removal of a diseased sycamore tree by the Dog Park
- Tree trimming at #202 on North Live Oak

The following projects will be delayed for further funding:

- Hillside at Camphor and Terrace
- Hillside between Lawrence Welk Drive and Terrace
- Welk plaque area near the main entrance

What's a Consent Agenda?

When you attend Board meetings, one of the first items you'll hear voted on is a consent agenda. This is a grouping of routine items that are seen on every Agenda and typically approved without discussion. Grouping these items into a single motion rather than filing motions for each item separately saves time during meetings.

Our consent agendas usually include items seen by the Board each month, including minutes from previous meetings and more detailed financials. These items typically won't require discussion – but they can be discussed whenever a Board member requests that an item be pulled from the consent agenda and acted upon separately.

Recent Projects our Village Crew has Tackled in March

- Installed 29 blue reflectors on our streets to identify fire hydrants
- Hung mini-blinds in the Kiosk
- Painted the Pool area fence
- Placed yellow reflectors on our streets throughout the Village
- Reinstalled the Main Gate's post arm after being knocked down
- Replaced bulbs that had burned out
- Removed and replaced a rusted out light post
- Dug to lay piers for the Library floor, poured concrete for piers, removed and replaced wood joists, laid plywood top flooring, and laid vinyl flooring in the area
- Replaced carpeting in the Library
- Installed a new door threshold for the Library double doors

Fil and Mario not only complete countless regular maintenance items every day: these are just a few extra items on their list from the past month. Thank you, guys!



Welcome, New Residents!

#189 Sheri Leaverton and Karen Latino
 Sheri (760) 492-3316, Karen (714) 318-0730

#33 Patricia Mennis and Michael Caruso
 Patricia (619) 857-5727, Michael (951) 216-9979

#285 Roger and Cindy Hood
 Roger (916) 716-8872, Cindy (916) 303-6708

#190 Bill Daughtery and Bernie Garl
 Bill (541) 350-0583, Bernie (541) 350-0583

In Memory

Shirley Henderson #423
 Martha Lopez #314



EASTER GOLF CART PARADE

SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD 3:00PM

featuring an

EASTER BONNET CONTEST

PRIZES FOR THE MOST INVENTIVE WITH THEIR DESIGN

FIRST - \$30 SECOND - \$20 THIRD - \$10



**PARADE LINEUP: 2:30pm in the Picnic Area,
Easter Bonnets will be judged first.**

Don't want to join the parade but want to be in the contest?
Not a problem: be there at 2:30pm for judging, and leave when the parade starts!

When – and Why – Calling the Sheriff is a GOOD THING

Law enforcement tends to visit communities in which their presence is requested, needed and appreciated.

Strong relationships of mutual trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve are critical to maintaining public safety. Police officials rely on the cooperation of community members to provide information about concerns, crime or even potential crime in their neighborhoods.

The problem is that **many people are hesitant to involve law enforcement in certain situations, believing they'd be unnecessarily bothering them.**

But the regular presence of law enforcement in our community depends on calling the Sheriff when it's necessary to help protect ourselves, our neighbors, and our community.

We all play a vital role in calling the Sheriff (*not* the Office) for any of the following situations:

If you see something. Even if you're not certain that a crime is being committed, it's important to report suspicious activity. This might include seeing an unknown person enter a neighbor's home when they are not there, seeing someone looking in windows or cars, or seeing stray dogs.

If you feel that your safety is threatened. Recent studies show that seniors dial 911 far less than nearly all age groups for fear of not being taken seriously. But **if you are being harassed or feel that your safety is at stake, don't doubt yourself: contact law enforcement.**

To document events. If you have something to add regarding a previous visit from the Sheriff, they are always appreciative. If you notice something missing from your property, you'll need to document this in order to report it to your insurance company. Use the non-emergency number to offer your information.

If you're worried about your neighbor. If your neighbor or friend appears to be unstable or not well, or you believe that he or she might be abused or mistreated, call the Sheriff, so they can provide any assistance needed.

From the Editor

I'm often teased for being one of the younger ones here in the Village. I get a big kick out of it... but over the past three months, I've ironically been wishing that I were older so I could get a vaccine!



Thankfully, that'll happen soon. And in short time as things become safer, we can all be back together with our activities and events in fully swing...

Meanwhile, it's APRIL, it's EASTER and it's SPRING! Look for the Easter eggs hidden throughout this issue (see page 7 for details and thank you, SAC!), check out some April Fools fun on page 19, and have fun with your Easter bonnets at our Easter parade (see page 11).

Have a great month!

While writing a condolence card, my five-year-old grandson asked what I was doing. "I'm writing a note to friend to say how sorry I am that her mom died," I said.

He paused with a VERY fraught look on his face and then tentatively asked, "that's just to be nice, right? You're not the one who did it...?"



Do You Run a Club or Group here in CV?

Read on for important information about the notice you may have recently received.

If you're a key member or leader of a social or service organization or a club that operates in the Village, you received a notice in March requesting to register your group. Here's an explanation of why this is required.

Why do we need to register?

Our insurance carrier has requested that we provide an annual list of groups and clubs that exclusively reserve common facilities (the Hall, Gathering Place, Card Room or Picnic Area) for events in the Village, to ensure that these events will be covered by our policy.

What information is needed to register?

The names and space numbers of leader(s) and key members (including those usually who reserve common facilities on your behalf). Also requested is a current list of members in your organization, as has been required annually per our Rules and Regulations. *Note that most clubs or groups that operate in the Village would not have a member list.*

What happens next?

All forms need to be submitted no later than ● April 15th, to allow the Board to approve both the policy and the list of clubs and organizations at the May Board meeting; this will cover all events through December 31st.

Are we actually being approved?

Registration forms will be pre-qualified to ensure that all groups comply with our governing documents (see *Events Permitted* on page 8 of our Rules and Regulations.) Approval is needed only for the entire list of clubs and organizations that registered. This ensures that the process is recorded and officially documented in the minutes of a Board meeting.

How often will we need to register?

Every year, using the same form, no later than December 15th. This ensures that the list of registered clubs and organizations is up to date and attached to the insurance policy that's renewed each January.

Why are some groups not being asked to register?

Only clubs or groups who reserve the common facilities *for exclusive use* are asked to register. Groups who are willing to use only some of the facility and don't need exclusive use of these areas are already covered by the Association's insurance policy (for example, groups who ● play cribbage at only one table in the Library).

Why does the accompanying letter mention the Franchise Tax Board?

To ensure that all clubs and organizations understand that the decision to file taxes on any revenue they may generate from an event that's held here in the Village is their responsibility, not the Association's.

What about the new Agreement for reserving the Hall?

All registered clubs and organizations will need to sign the newly approved Agreement to reserve the Hall, Gathering Place, Card Room or Picnic Area if they want to reserve them for exclusive use. This Agreement ensures that those clubs/organizations understand that they must abide by all federal/state/local laws as well as all CVOA governing rules. It also ensures that the club/organization is responsible if any loss or damage that occurs as a result of their use of these facilities.

What if something breaks while we are using the area but it's not our fault?

The Policy will provide a procedure for appealing to the Association.

When does this Policy go into effect?

Not until it is approved by the Board – and not until common areas re-open for approved events. Meanwhile, contact the Office if you have any questions.

Think you Know THIS Villager?

Jan Nyberg #221 and Nancy Thweatt #93

The thread of his story: strong Irish family roots and a shared love for the art of playing soccer, set amidst international conflicts, and being a good neighbor.

His Mom and Dad met and fell in love during WWII in Belfast. After the war, they returned to his hometown, South Philadelphia. His beloved mother fiercely believed in him and recognized his innate potential to play soccer, as her brothers did in Ireland (they played for Belfast during ‘the Troubles’ in Northern Ireland, and soccer games were an on-field extension of that war.)

When he was a wee lad of four, his ankle was seriously injured and he wasn’t expected to ever again walk normally. Much to his mother’s joy, he overcame his handicap and was drafted to his first soccer team at six. Much of his boyhood was spent training and learning the game.

Soccer was his golden ticket out of the Philly hood. Success in the game followed success as a student, a scholarship to college and eventually a lucrative job as an international salesman working throughout Europe.

One of his career highlights was being drafted by the Philadelphia Indoor Soccer League and then an eventual opportunity to play as an all-star against the NY Cosmos featuring Pele at Yankee Stadium. (You might remember this sporting event around 1977, as it introduced U.S. sports fans to soccer and received a lot of press because of Pele.) Quick and nimble, he played the scoring position and acquired self confidence that carried him through his adult life.

But game-winning goals is not what he is most proud of. Soccer taught teamwork, and he has proudly coached both children and disabled adults. Early on, he started a league in Philadelphia, the Fox Chasers, which is still active today. There, he took a team of 10-to-12-year-old boys to the State Championship. He’s also taught soccer to disabled adults.

The light of his life is his wife, Caroline. They both contribute time and energy to the Village as well as other community projects. They reflect their belief that to have a good neighborhood you must first be a good neighbor and friend to others.

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS VILLAGER IS?

Check later in this newsletter for the answer!

California Removes Term Limits for Board Directors

Taken from HOA Homefront, a regular feature that appears in the San Diego Times

Many homeowner associations find term limits useful to ensure a healthy turnover of the Board, and therefore have bylaws that limit consecutive terms of service. However, a change in state law last year has likely taken that option away from California HOAs.

The new law (SB323) lists only one mandatory disqualification for Board candidacy (non-membership) and lists four other disqualifications that an association can adopt in its election rules or bylaws (assessment delinquency, co-ownership with a current Director, not a member for at least one year, and a felony conviction that would impact the HOA’s ability to acquire insurance). The gray area that remains in legal debate is whether these are the only qualifications allowed, or whether other disqualifications (such as term limits currently specified in the bylaws) can also be observed by an HOA. The current consensus among much of the state’s legal community is that these five disqualifications are exclusive, and no others can be used. Thus, **term limits have been eliminated in California HOAs since January, 2020.**

This is one of the many unintended negative consequences of SB323 for California HOAs. Hopefully the Legislature, whose members all work under term limits, will move to correct this problem. Last year, Senate Bill 969 was proposed to add term limits to the list of authorized disqualifications. Unfortunately, the bill died in debate.

The CVPOA continues to monitor this and other legislation and its impact on Champagne Village. If you’d like more information, visit the official website of the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov. There, you can also read any California statute or current or pending proposed legislation. The Davis-Stirling Act is found at Civil Code 4000-6150.

The CVPOA must comply with state laws. If you feel strongly about this new law and how it has adversely impacted our term limits, contact your state representatives.

Champagne Village Lions Club



Our 26th Year
 Lion Alan Rings #386
WE SERVE



FLASH!!!! Your Lions Club has just purchased another OrCam device to rent to any Villager who has lost their eyesight. If you are curious, contact Sandy Sidars (#100), (760) 749-8321, for her testimony. We also have a scooter and an electric knee scooter cart, that we will loan for free to any Villager in need.

Your Lions Club membership has grown to 33. Welcome new member Helen Smith (#339). Welcome back to former member Nancy Thweatt (#93). If you would like information about joining this fun group of friends who are blessed to serve others, contact President Tom Bossmeyer (#13), (442) 217-8194.

This year's Student Speaker Contest took place on March 12th. "Another fun and meaningful contest for our amazing Club and community," said chairman Tom Bossmeyer. The six high school contestants' speeches were broadcast over Zoom from the auditorium of Calvin Christian High School, each giving their thoughts on the timely topic of *Distance and Online Learning: Pros and Cons*. Only those with completed COVID vaccinations and no temperatures were allowed to serve as timers or judges for this year's contest, which was performed virtually at the home of Lion Alan Rings (#386). Sophomore Megan Payne won the contest, scoring 294 out of a possible 300 points. Thanks to teacher Danial Seaman for sponsoring a record number of contestants, and to Village judges Jorn Daugberg (#325), Esther DeVoss (#449), and Helen Smith (#339) and timers Terry Quimby (#329) and Terry McCleerey (#256).

CV Men's Golf

Pat LeRossignol #435

Time rolls on and golf continues to be one of the great outdoor exercise opportunities during our current lockdown environment.

Participation is still good on Tuesdays and Thursdays, though we'll be dodging rain for a while. When it drizzles, some of the guys are still come out, crossing their fingers that there's no deluge. Recently we had nine players start and finish on the Fountains (March 11th) when it looked like a no-go day. Being located where we are, we often times get saved by our canyon environment. Other times not. So again, cross your fingers on those iffy days and remember we're not in Seattle or Chicago!



Fountains coordinator John Votaw has been coming up with some interesting games for Thursday play. His intention is to get as many players into the winners column as possible - and it's working. Golfer of the Year points are still awarded on Low Net, but games like counting putts, odd and even holes, best NINE, random Nine, Low Gross, etc.; all provide opportunities for additional players to get some winnings each week. He's even set up a few team events that were very cool. Come out and try your luck/skill!

As things open up in the Village we will be discussing our meeting plans for the remainder of the year. We'll notify you when we know something. Meanwhile, keep your head down!



AUGUST 2002, LUAU AT THE POOL. As part of Champagne Village's upcoming 35th anniversary, we're looking back at some of our best moments. This Luau at the pool in August, 2002 sure looks like it made a big... SPLASH!

Top FREE Smartphone Apps For Older Adults

Manage Your Medications

If you take multiple medications at different times of the day, **Medisafe** helps you manage your medications and get reminders. Enter your prescriptions and timings, and the app will create a visual schedule complete with images of each pill and a list of potentially harmful interactions. It will then give you reminders throughout the day when it's time to take a medication, let you know if a prescription is running low, and even alert a friend or family member of a missed dose.

Remember Where You Parked

Everyone has experienced the moment when you get ready to leave somewhere and realize you have no idea where you parked. If you find this happening frequently, your phone can help you out. In **Google Maps**, click on the blue dot showing your location, then click 'Set as parking location' from the menu that pops up, and it will be saved. When you're ready to go back to your car, click the blue DIRECTIONS icon and select 'Saved parking.'

Read Menus or other Small Writing in Dim Light

Magnifying Glass + Flashlight uses your phone's camera to zoom in on whatever you point it at, and you can quickly turn on the light to illuminate what you need to read. With a touch of the screen, you can also freeze what you are looking at, so you don't have to point it in the same spot the entire time you're reading. This feature is helpful when you need to reach behind a TV or other appliance to find a serial number.

Never Again Worry about Forgetting a Password

To do anything on the internet these days, it seems you are asked to create a password. Creating a unique password each time is important to avoid being hacked, but who can remember all of them? **LastPass** stores your passwords securely in the cloud (so you can access your passwords from all your devices), and will automatically fill in your username and password for websites you use frequently. Simply remember one password – the LastPass password. **You can also set a password for a family member or friend** to access if the event you need assistance or are unable personally access your accounts. *(EDITOR'S NOTE: I highly recommend LastPass – it's my favorite app – very secure and very easy to use.)*

Five Questions to Ask Prospective Board Members

Our upcoming Meet the Candidates event (see page 9) is much like interviewing a new employee for a job. The people we place into these roles are a direct reflection of our community, so we must choose wisely. Here are five questions you may want to consider asking prospective Board members.

Do you understand and comply with our governing docs?

Because these documents guide the Association, it's crucial that all members understand and abide by them. Directors, in particular, should be educated on our CC&Rs, Bylaws, A&L Guidelines, and Rules and Regulations.

Are you comfortable making hard decisions?

There will be times when Board members have to come together to make tough decisions. Those running for the Board need to be able to think critically and act in a manner that benefits the Association even when it might make some members unhappy.

Can you commit to the requirements?

Taking on a Board role requires time, dedication, and resources. Knowing the expectations and requirements of the role is crucial. If candidates are juggling various responsibilities in other areas of their life, it may affect their ability to meet the Board's needs.

Are you a team player?

An HOA board is not a dictatorship. Homeowners trust Board members to look out for the best interest of the community as a whole, not a Board member's own interest. They must be unbiased, carry their own weight, and align with the vision of the Board and community even when it doesn't suit their desires.

In what ways can you enhance our board?

Becoming a board member is about serving others with a unified goal in mind for the community. However, each member will possess strengths, talents, and interests that benefit the community as a whole. Prospective members should be ready to discuss what they bring to the table and how they are an asset to the community.

APRIL FIRST IS THE DAY EACH YEAR UPON WHICH WE ARE
REMINDED OF WHAT WE ARE THE OTHER 364.
MARK TWAIN



On Saturday, March 6th, RV owners gathered to rake and clean out landscaping debris in the RV lot. Use of the RV lot requires that vehicle owners be responsible for the condition of their own spot, but this group went above and beyond by ensuring that the entire lot – including those areas beyond their individual parking spots – were cleaned. When finished, they hauled out over 12 bags of trash and leaves. 🟡 Well done!

A teacher presented her second-grade students the first half of well-known proverbs and asked them to come up with the remaining portion. It's hard to believe these were actually done by seven-year-olds!

Don't bite the hand that... *looks dirty.*

No news is... *impossible.*

You can't teach an old dog new... *math.*

Where there's smoke there's... *pollution.*

Happy the bride who... *gets all the presents.*

A penny saved is... *not much.*

Two's company, three's... *the Musketeers.*

A bird in the hand... *is going to poop on you.*

There are none so blind as... *Stevie Wonder.*

Children should be seen and not... *spanked.*

If at first you don't succeed... *get new batteries.*

When the blind lead the blind... *get out of the way.*

Better late than... *pregnant.*

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and...
you have to blow your nose.

Dear IRS;
I would like to cancel
my subscription. Please
remove my name from
your mailing list...



Turns out that when
asked who your
favorite child is,
you're supposed to
pick one of your
own. Who knew...

Village Finance Report

Roger Elyea #125

As of the end of February, overall Village financial balances are in good shape except for our operating checking account. This account is used to pay our monthly Association bills, which are usually about \$95,000 per month. Over the past two months we have averaged over \$103,000 per month. The result is a loss of funds in our operating checking account.

The major contributor to our declining Operating Checking balance is our common area water bill, which is over budget by \$14,600 in just the first two months of this year.

To be clear, our well provides all water demanded by the common area landscape and is performing exactly as we'd planned. As such, our well is not the issue.

In this case, we're talking about our common area water bill, which pays for water needs in the Village Hall, the pool and other areas throughout the Village where potable water is needed.

We budgeted \$6,000 per month for common area water, expecting that it would actually be about \$3,000. But our bills have been far more than that and we need to figure out why.

One possibility is leakage in the water system before it reaches the meters at our homes. Any water that leaks from the Valley Center Water District's supply pipes are billed to the CVPOA: this leakage would be part of our common area water bill. So, by Board action this month we've hired a company to search for leaks.

It's important to remember that even with these potential leaks, we still have a monthly common area water bill that is much smaller than it would have been without our well – which would have been at least \$20,000 per month. There's no question that the well was a good investment for our Village.

We look forward to the leak detection project's results to see what was detected and then corrected to reduce our common area water expenditures.

I WISH I HAD A MEANINGFUL EASTER MESSAGE...



BUT I AM JUST HOLLOW INSIDE.

A Good Lesson: the Cleaning Woman

During my second month in college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through all the questions until I read the last one:

"What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello.'"

I've never forgotten that lesson - or the cleaning woman's name: Dorothy.



COMING UP THIS MONTH!

Lots of fun 🍷 events are happening around the Village...

The Ladies Knitting Club has agreed to crochet new furniture for the North Hall. Bless you, ladies!

Don't miss next month's Book Club Selection, *Shelly, the Hyperactive Tortoise*.

At last month's Board meeting, plans were unanimously approved for a casino/taco bar to be built directly across from the bait and tattoo shops.

Please note the following additions to our rules and regulations: downhill skiing is prohibited after 8:00pm, underwater whistling is no longer permitted in the pool area, and the following are hereafter banned in the common areas: canned bread, French horns, pleated socks and the word *Taradiddle*.

At last week's All-You-Can-Eat Beet Contest, The All-Men's Sumac Slingers secured their place in the finals, beating the All-Ladies 🍷 Mulberry Maidens 463.5 to 3. Better luck next time, ladies!

Mark your calendars for our long-anticipated *Champagne Village Cheese Dumpling and Dance Marathon*, where Esther Bumfritt will once again entertain us with her four-hour-long rendition of *The Mysopian Dance of Joy*.



**BABIES BORN ON MARCH 31ST ARE THE EASIEST TO PRANK ON APRIL FOOLS...
THEY WERE LITERALLY BORN YESTERDAY!**



Poetry Corner

Kristina McLaughlin #169

I chose this poem for two reasons. One: I love Billy Collins because he looks at real life and his poetry is easy to understand and relate to. Two: driving back and forth through Champagne Village, I notice a lot of this 'two-chair' situation. Now that I've mentioned it, you probably will too... except at my house. I only have one chair on my porch. Why? Well, there's only me, I guess – but it's also a small porch. I could fit another chair there, if the opportunity ever arises where I think it's worth having a pair...

The Chairs That No One Sits In

Billy Collins

You see them on porches and on lawns
down by the lakeside,
usually arranged in pairs implying a couple

who might sit there and look out
at the water or the big shade trees.
The trouble is you never see anyone

sitting in these forlorn chairs
though at one time it must have seemed
a good place to stop and do nothing for a while.

Sometimes there is a little table
between the chairs where no one
is resting a glass or placing a book facedown.

It might be none of my business,
but it might be a good idea one day
for everyone who placed those vacant chairs

on a veranda or a dock to sit down in them
for the sake of remembering
whatever it was they thought deserved

to be viewed from two chairs
side by side with a table in between.
The clouds are high and massive that day.

The woman looks up from her book.
The man takes a sip of his drink.
Then there is nothing but the sound of their
looking,

the lapping of lake water, and a call of one bird
then another, cries of joy or warning—
it passes the time to wonder which.

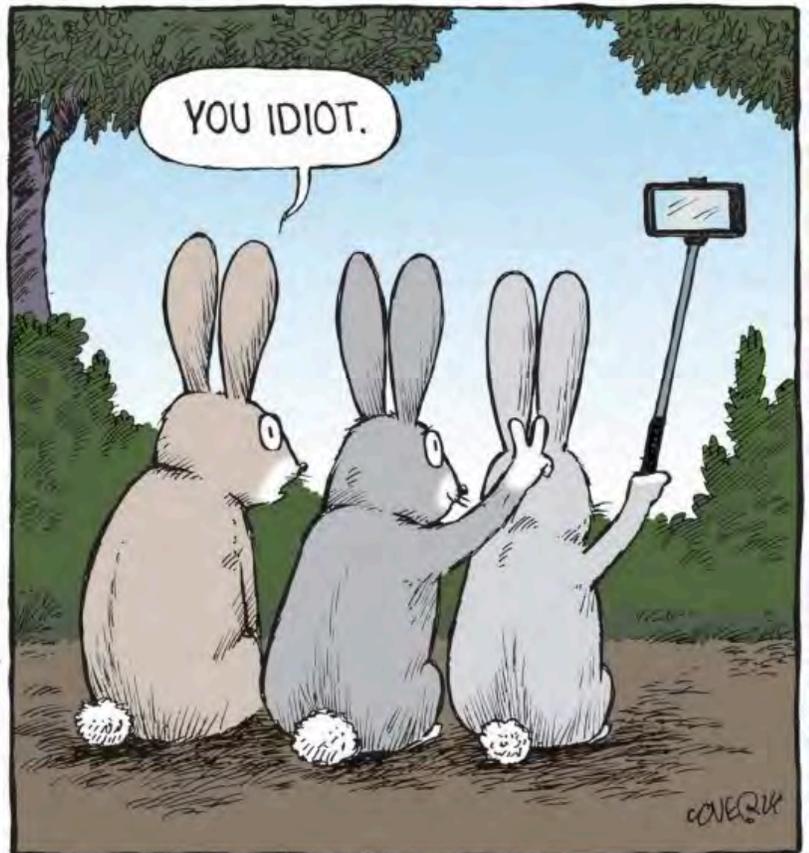
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welcome!

Vespers Sunday Worship
join us!

Sunday, April 11th
3:00pm Davis Yard #297

Residents only. Masks MUST be worn.

VESPERS is a NON-DENOMINATIONAL group that gathers for fellowship and communion. Call Doreen Smith (760-751-3305) to learn more.



Travel Discounts for Seniors

Taken from U.S. News and World Report

EDITOR'S NOTE: Yes, I know that most of us are not yet ready to travel. But soon we will be! Remember to ask for discounts BEFORE making and paying for reservations.

HOTELS

Best Western: Seniors can save up to 15% when booking reservations.

Cambria Suites: Offers up to 10% off with advance reservations to those 60 or older and AARP members.

Choice Hotel: Grants AARP cardholders and those 60 and over a 10% discount on advance reservations.

Marriott: Offers a 15% discount or more to those 62 and older on stays at participating locations.

CAR RENTALS

Avis: AARP Members can save up to 30% off base rates.

Budget: Up to 30% off at participating locations

Sixt: Provides a 5% discount for seniors.

Thrifty: Offers 5% off to those age 50 and older.

Hertz: Savings of up to 20% for travelers 50 and over.

AIRLINES

British Airways: AARP members receive up to \$200 off.

Delta: Senior discounts are available in some areas and verified over the phone.

United Airlines: Offers a discounted price to older passengers for select destinations when booking a flight.

CRUISES

Carnival: Offers cruises for seniors at lowered rates, although exact prices depend on sailing dates and destinations.

Celebrity Cruises: Deals on cruises designed for seniors.

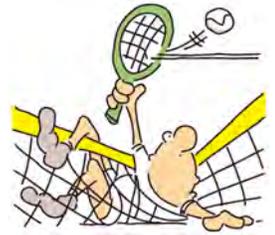
Norwegian Cruise Line: Includes up to \$100 off select cruises for seniors.

Royal Caribbean: Special prices are available on select cruises for guests age 55 and older.

Pickleball / Tennis Club News

Jan Nyberg #93

The Tennis Pickleball Club looks forward to meeting again soon. We're anxious to show off our new courts and enjoy a meal together again.



Over at the Welk Resort, a tennis court was repurposed into four pickleball courts. These new courts are located behind the parking area on the west side of the resort near the golf shop. The sport continues to expand, and we are always looking for new players. Call Jan Nyberg if you're interested in an introduction to the game.

From Greg Lorton:

Jan Nyberg's portrayal of the male and female pickleball regulars in the February and March CV times were very humorous, and mostly true! However, there was one major omission –
JAN NYBERG:

Jan Nyberg (#221) 'The Teacher.' Through her promotion and organization, she is a big reason that pickleball has flourished here in the Village. As a retired special education and third-grade teacher, her profound patience allows her to herd the cats that are the pickleball group.

Word Circles

Create three words, one from each circle, that all have a similar meaning. Answer later in this issue.



Health Insurance News

Carla Grills #105

Have you ever wondered why the new and innovative breakthroughs you hear or read about don't seem to be available to the average citizen or is not covered for seniors by Medicare? Well, this January, CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) issued a new rule that will accelerate the use of innovative technology so Medicare beneficiaries will have faster access to the latest and most advanced devices.

The explanation of this rule tells us a lot about how the current system is bogged down and has limited new treatment. A developer has to go through a lengthy process to get approval from the FDA and even then Medicare beneficiaries have not had access to those approved treatments. Currently Medicare has what is called 16 Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) who make Medicare coverage decisions on the local level: twelve for Medicare parts A and B and four for Durable Medical Equipment. Each new technology requires approval on a claim-by-claim basis and that approval only applies to that local jurisdiction. New treatments or technology might be covered in part of the country but not in another. One can understand how difficult and expensive it is to get wide use of a new technology or device with coverage.

Under the new rule, (MCIT) breakthrough devices are given national coverage for four years, as early as the date of FDA approval. Innovators no longer need to seek local coverage determinations from each Medicare Administrative Contractor across the country. The manufacturer can request the effective date within two years of the FDA approval. Medicare Law still applies. The program can only cover items or services that are 'reasonable and necessary' for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or improve the functioning of a malformed body member.

BARKING OR UNLEASHED DOGS?

San Diego county codes make it a public offense to keep an animal that is disturbing neighborhood peace. If you hear a barking that is excessive or persistent and occurs for an extended period of time or on a repeated basis, call (619) 299-7012, extension 2617.

REMEMBER: dogs must be restrained at all times using a hand-held leash no longer than six feet, and the person holding the leash must be capable of controlling the dog.



ANSWER: WHO'S WHO on page 14

Tom Bossmeyer (#13), shown here with his wife, Caroline – and, below, shown fifth from the right in the top row along with the entire 1968 Championship team.



DON'T ASSUME THAT WE KNOW!

If you notice something that doesn't look right in the Village, don't assume that the Office is aware of it. While we routinely drive our streets and check the common areas, you may see something we haven't. Please say something – call the Office to let them know.

RESIDENT HAPPENINGS!

Send your news to CVTimesEditor@gmail.com
The deadline for submissions is the fifteenth of each month.



From Adele Steirnagle (#307): *This bobcat sat calmly in my yard for several minutes while I captured him on video. 🐾 Beautiful!*



From Sue Seebach (#112): *My brother Steve drove from Indiana to visit, and jokingly walked into our home donned in full cleanroom garb to be super safe! He even got a doubletake from the Kiosk folks upon entry!*



From Kristina McLaughlin (#169): *I'd like to announce my new Grandson. Calum Knox Hoffman, February 28, 2021. 8lbs, 10 oz. Mother, baby and Grammy are doing well!*

Class Reunion Funny

Ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?" You'll love this one.

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which showed his full name and suddenly remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name who'd been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could this be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back when?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he'd attended Morgan Park High School. "Yes!" he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked. He answered, "In 1959. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then that ugly, old, bald, wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, "What did you teach?"

ANSWERS TO WORD PUZZLE ON PAGE 21:
Merriment, Laughter, Hilarity.