

Champagne Village

CV TIMES

APRIL 2022

CVPOA HOURS

OFFICE

Monday through Friday
9:00 – 11:30am and 1:00 – 3:30pm

FRONT GATE KIOSK

Monday through Friday
8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday and Sunday
10:00am – 4:00pm

TRASH

Thursdays

POOL HOURS

ADULTS 9:00am – 7:00pm
KIDS 12:00pm – 2:00pm

BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST
6:00pm Village Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Refer to the calendar, page 23

April News

The CVPOA Board of Directors met for its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 17th in the Village Hall. About 36 members were present.

New business included the following:

A motion to approve the appointment of Lynne Caples to the role of Editor for the CV Times newsletter was approved (see page 11 for details).

A motion to approve plans for improvements to the Dog Park was approved with modifications (see page 8 for details.)

Other items discussed during the President's report:

- The price for the Association's 2022 insurance policy substantially increased, due to both our location in a designated, highly wildfire-prone area and the presence of propane tanks on our property.
- Executive sessions were held since the February Board meeting to address contract matters and hold resident hearings.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st in the Village Hall.



CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

8975 Lawrence Welk Drive #461, Escondido CA 92026

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Website: ChampagneVillage.org Office Phone: (760) 749-8008 Fax: (760) 749-8036

OFFICE NOTICES

Tips for Using the Welk Gate

When using the North-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. As a reminder, the cameras at this gate only read a **front** license plate.

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).

Mexican Fan Trimming throughout May

Signup for trimming Mexican Fan palm trees has already begun for 2022. If you're currently on this program, trimming will be performed throughout May and June.

If you are not currently on this program and wish to have your Palms trimmed by Green Horizons for the same cost as the Association, contact the Office.

Do NOT Give Out Newsletters or Directories

We work hard to protect the privacy of our residents, and we ask that you do the same. **Don't pass out our newsletters or phone directories to anyone who does not live in the Village OR share any information contained within it in any manner**, since they contain the private contact information of our residents.

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
Charolette Steele Vice President
Tom Bossmeyer Secretary
Greg Lorton CFO
Susie Riley Director
Steve Caves Director
Donna Perez Director

BOARD COMMITTEES

Architecture & Landscape
Donna Perez

Common Area Facilities
Steve Caves

Common Area Landscape
Charolette Steele

Emergency Planning
Greg Lorton

Communications
Everett Smith

Social Activities
Linda Steverson

Governing Docs
TBD

CV TIMES EDITOR

Lynne Caples #78
CVTimesEditor@gmail.com
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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.

**\$12
EACH**

BEACH HOP

Champagne Village Hall April 23

Check in 4:30 pm

All American
Hot Dogs
&
Hamburgers

Reservations Must Be in By April 18th
Make Checks Payable To SAC



WAKEY, WAKEY - EGGS AND BAKERY!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY APRIL 2ND

8:00 - 9:30am \$5/person

scrambled eggs, sausage,
bacon, pancakes, waffles
fruit, juice, coffee

GOOD MORNING!

everyone's welcome
bring your family and friends!

questions call Tom Bossmeyer (442) 217-8194

Well Update

Greg Lorton, CFO

In 2018 and 2019, Champagne Village spent approximately \$550,000 to install two wells and revamp the common area landscape irrigation network. The objective was to reduce or eliminate our reliance on increasingly expensive water from the Valley Center Municipal Water District. The first test well that was dug near the intersection of Ironwood and Live Oak did not have the capacity to meet our irrigation needs, but the second well near the hillside on Terrace Drive did and has since satisfied most of our needs.

Due to recent rains, we've not been using much water from any source. When we are irrigating our common areas, about 75% comes from the well and 25% from the Water District. And because water from our well is not potable, it's not used where drinking water is needed, such as in the Hall and other common area buildings as well as drinking fountains throughout the Village.

Since the well began producing water in July, 2019, we've pumped nearly 15 million gallons. In addition, the new irrigation network has been more efficient. As a result, our common area water bill has been reduced by \$50,000 to \$80,000 per year compared to the year before the well became operational. This has resulted in over \$100,000 savings in common area water costs.

The \$550,000 cost of our well project was drawn from the Village's reserve account, which is intended to pay for capital (long-term) investments and maintenance. Prior to the well project, our Village reserves stood at about \$815,000. We are currently replenishing the reserve account at a rate of about \$19,000 per month: at the end of January, the account stood at about \$600,000. It's important to note that several large projects that have also tapped into our reserve account over the past several years, including repaving of the streets, sewer and water line repairs, and repairs in the pool area and Village Hall.

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.





THE CV DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

STAYING ALIVE

COMEDY! MYSTERY! MURDER!

SALLIE BRANNON NANCY THWEAT NANCY HEALEY LJ HACKER
TOM BOSSMEYER JOE ROSSI CAROLINE BOSSMEYER

SATURDAY APRIL 2ND
5:00PM DINNER, 6:00PM SHOW
VILLAGE HALL

\$15 PER PERSON, CASH ONLY

TICKETS ON SALE SUN MARCH 27 & MON MARCH 28TH 1-3:00 PM, HALL LIBRARY



Welcome New Residents!

#13 Martin Atkinson
(602) 502-2743

now living with the Bossmeyers

#377 Mark and Allison Grimes

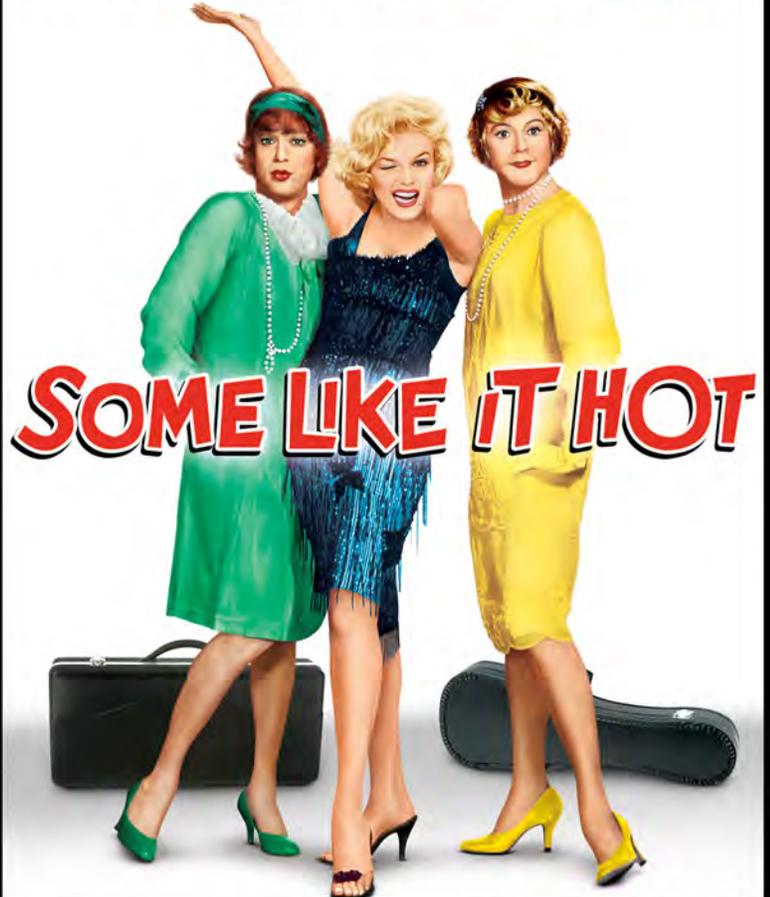
Mark (650) 283-8609, Allison (650) 283-8229

#76 Elise Botch
(858) 436-4946

now living with Marie Finn

the young and the rest of us present
REEL FUNNIES
monthly movies to make you laugh!

MARILYN MONROE TONY CURTIS JACK LEMMON



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH
3:00PM VILLAGE HALL

CRAFTERS & CONVERSATION

Thursdays, Card Room
10am to 4pm

Whether or not you craft, join us! We're a friendly group and would like to learn more about our Village people. Bring lunch if you want and have a friendly outing!

Questions? Call Julie Conner
(626) 536-9167

In Memory

Rod Bankhead #61
Ron Morey #58
Etta Nadj #200



MORNING GATHERINGS

The Gathering Place is located behind the Laundry Room



Monday through Friday
8:30am - 10:30am

Enjoy a cup of coffee! Meet a new friend!



Saturday, May 7th
5pm in the Village Hall

Only \$15 per person
RSVP by Monday, May 2nd

Put your check in the black Lions dropbox in the Hall
As always, all money collected will go to Lions Charities

MENU:

Beef or Chicken Taco, Burrito and Tostada Bar
Caesar Salad or Taco Salad
Beans and Rice, Guacamole, Salsa & Accompaniments
Dessert & Coffee or Tea
Bring Margaritas, Cervezas or Beverage of Your Choice



CV residents and friends who enjoyed a delicious sold-out breakfast prepared by the CV Men's Breakfast team on Saturday, March 5th were joined by local firefighters from the CAL FIRE Deer Springs Fire Station in Escondido. Thanks to Jean Slaughter, Village resident and Deer Springs Fire Protection District VP, for organizing this popular annual event.

COMING UP: Dog Park Improvements

During our March Board meeting, the Common Area Facilities Committee presented its proposal for improvements to the Dog Park. The proposal improves safe access (better, more stable footing), improves shade, and provides continued maintenance and upkeep of the area.

The work will involve relocating the entry for improved access, grading and installing asphalt for parking of golf carts and painting lines to outline the parking spaces, installing an asphalt walkway from the street (where car parking is available) to the entry, and installing a concrete walkway and slab inside the park for a seating area, atop which a 20x24ft freestanding pergola with retractable shades will be installed.

Funding for these improvements came from generous donations provided by residents Karen and Everett Smith (for the concrete slab and pergola seating area), and by resident Helen Smith and the CV Lions (for the parking area improvements).

At a later time, the Board may consider new rules regarding parking and maintenance. Meanwhile, work is expected to begin sometime in April.



Spring into Springtime?

Etta McQueary #299

Spring is finally arriving and aren't we glad?! When January rolls in, we think about what we want for ourselves in the new year and start out with great intentions. We go full blast into the new year and by March, we're back to our old habits and patterns. What happened?



Typically, there are two types of people: those who can go cold turkey to make large changes, and those who need to make small changes along the way. Most people need to take it slowly to make long-lasting change in their life. As a Social Worker and Health Educator, I have worked with the latter most of the time and it's worked for me, too. Need some tips? Read on!

Make reading food labels a hobby so you can pick out the harmful ingredients to avoid. Watch for high fructose corn syrup, hydrogenated fats or added sugars and chemicals or other ingredients that you don't recognize.

Focus on nutrients in the food, not the calories. Some reduced calorie foods contain more chemicals while many nonfat foods have more added sugars. This can be very confusing. Nuts may look like a high fat food but they contain healthy fat, fiber and protein and when combined with some fruits or vegetables, can be healthy snacks. I like to eat nuts with carrots and apples.

Fill up on fiber-rich foods like fruits and vegetables loaded with soluble and insoluble fibers, and whole grains, legumes, seeds and nuts. Adults need to consume 25-35 grams of fiber per day and most of us don't come close to this amount: as a result, we have lots of digestive and intestinal issues. Fiber also helps you feel full and satisfied, it will clean out your intestinal track (no details here) and provide numerous health benefits for your entire body.

Move more often throughout the day. If exercise is not something you enjoy or will do, find ways to move more even if it's housekeeping chores. Take advantage of activities here in the Village: walk your dog, take line dancing, yoga, Tai Chi. It's all here – and it's free! We must move to keep ourselves functioning, flexible and strong. Movement helps our balance and coordination, which prevents falls.

I consider my health one of my most important assets. How about you? Happy Spring!

COMING UP THIS MONTH!

Lots of fun events are happening this April...

Plans were unveiled at the March Board meeting for our new 24-hour Bowling Alley and Tattoo Studio, which will be constructed across from the windmill hole of our highly popular miniature golf course.

Harry Grossenfield (#523) has kindly offered free snow plowing to all residents during the next storm. Give him a call if you need assistance.

Don't miss the two art displays now showing in the Hall: a collection by Octavia Plumbucket (#469) of her famous photos of famous photos, and a miniature diorama of the Battle of Amstead by Hector Longingsworthingtonsmith (#712), lovingly recreated using recycled Mrs. Butterworth bottles.

Back by popular demand: next week's annual Cereal Killers event, an Intimate Brunch for 72 featuring that most self-indulgent of all treats, sushi-encrusted PopTarts. Yum!

Because the pizza oven in the second stall of the Ladies Room in the Hall is currently down for maintenance, next week's All-Hugh-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner has been moved to Southeast Portico of Sylvia Mmmph's home (#623).

Thanks to a generous donation from Prunswilla Ticklebottom (#821), we've purchased new, gluten-free furniture for the Library. Thanks, Pruny!

You're all caught up. **Happy April Fools!**



Fruit Trees Need Picking?

If you'd like help picking, call Etta and she'll come with her long pole-picker and helpers, then distribute your fruit to others in the Village.

(619) 606-1062

Celebrate

KARAOKE NIGHT

5 Years

APRIL 30 @ 5:00

FREE PARTY

BYOB SING AND DANCE

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

Gardens, Porches and Patios

SUNDAY MAY 15

1PM - 4PM

BERNIE GARL & BILL DAUGHTERY #190

CAROL & KIRK HORNER #209

MARY KAMINSKI #336

CINDY AND BOB MCWAY #392

MICHELLE SORGE #306

FOR MORE INFO, TEXT KITTY 619-421-1944 OR LINDA 760-877-4746



Welcome to our New CV Times Editor!

Susie Riley #311

Lynne Caples is not only new in her role as Editor of the Times, she's also new to our Village. She and husband, Steve, moved here from 30 years in Nashville and three years in Okaloosa Island, Florida – and have been here for less than four months!

Prior to joining us, Lynne worked in healthcare research and compliance for many years. While in Tennessee she owned and operated a desktop publishing (pre-press) company that served clients throughout Nashville, on Music Row and around the world. She still works, currently teaching online for the University of West Florida.

Husband Steve is retired and graciously puts up with all of Lynne's endeavors, including this new role! They have four sons (two in the San Diego area), one daughter and 12 grandchildren.

You can reach Lynne by email at CVTimesEditor@gmail.com.



Lynne, with grandson William

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- You must live in an eligible ZIP Code: eligibility determined when you sign up (Champagne Village should be eligible unless you are in a recently built home or other possible exceptions).
- You must verify your identity. This process varies, and you may need to present your verification to the Post Office in person.

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**MY HOUSEKEEPING SKILLS CAN BE BEST DESCRIBED AS
'THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A STRUGGLE...'**

EASTER GOLF CART PARADE

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

5:00PM



LINE UP AT #48 SYCAMORE

DECORATE YOUR CARTS AND DON YOUR
EASTER BONNETS, THEN HOP ON DOWN!

everyone is
welcome!
Vespers Sunday Worship
join us!

**the first SUNDAY
of each month**

VESPERS is a NON-DENOMINATIONAL group that gathers for fellowship, music, prayer, sermon and Communion. Everyone is invited to join us. For more information or to be added to our All Call list, contact Doreen Smith at (760) 751-3305.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Poetry Corner

Kristina McLaughlin #169

I chose this poem by Emily Dickinson because of its simplicity as well as the theme, which is about choices we make in life. The stars above our heads are the dreams we hold for ourselves and our feet in the sea ground us. As we grow and mature, we learn the lessons of life and realize that we rarely know what's ahead of us.

I Stepped from Plank to Plank

Emily Dickinson

I stepped from plank to plank,
A slow and cautious way;
The stars about my head I felt,
About my feet the sea.

I knew not but the next
Would be my final inch.
That gave me that precarious gait
Some call experience.

Pickleball & Tennis Club

Jan Nyberg #221

Champagne Village is fortunate to have a beautiful, combined use facility for both tennis and pickleball. We are the envy of many neighborhoods! Want to join in and take advantage of this amenity? Membership for 2022 is open and we currently have 42 paid members.

Some members met for our monthly 2nd Thursday Social Potluck, held in the Hall on March 10th. Anna Montoya and Stan Ford served baked potatoes with all the fixings. Many thanks to Gena Mara, who has volunteered to be organizer of the social meetings. Toni Strahan and Fred Carr will host the April potluck, which will be held April 14th in the Hall at 5:00pm. Contact Gena for more information: a signup sheet will be posted in the Hall as the date approaches.

When do we play Pickle Ball? Sunday, Monday, Wednesday (which is a practice day) and Friday at 8:30am. Members may use the app Group Me to arrange a game on other days.

We're planning to host another Round Robin, Kings and Queens Tournament in May. If you have questions or would like to participate, contact either Jan Nyberg or David Hayden.

Tennis anyone? Kevin Bauder (#4) is looking for tennis players to join him usually after work or on the weekends. Contact him for more information.

While the world drives
you crazy, there is
someone waiting
impatiently to heal you
and make you happy.

— UNKNOWN



Care and Concern News

Charolette Steele #334

Garden Tour

The Garden Tour will be held May 15th from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Five homes will be on the tour. We'll also have some great raffle prizes, so be sure to add this date on your calendar. See the ad in this month's issue for more information.



80+ Birthday Party Celebration

The 80+ Birthday Party was held Thursday, March 24th, in the Village Hall. About 100 residents and guests attended the dinner. Everyone enjoyed tri-tip, potato casserole, green beans and ice cream. Entertainment was provided by the Toe Tappers, a tap-dance group of all ages. It was a great party! Thanks to everyone who helped make this celebration possible: the organizers, hosts, servers and other helpers.

Memorial Celebrations

Thanks to all members who helped with the Celebration of Life ceremonies held this month. We've been very busy because some of these events that were postponed due of the pandemic and are now being held. The Memorial Committee thanks those members that help set up, serve, clean up and bake cookies. We also thank our audio/video people. We had several Veterans Honor Guard Ceremonies at the Veteran's Memorial in front of the Hall; thanks to Susie Riley for arranging these ceremonies.

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

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Posters are not the Editor's Job!

While Susie Riley was always happy to assist with creating posters and ads for your events here in the Village, this help was offered above and beyond the role of Editor. Please note that **Lynne Caples, our new Times Editor, does not have the software necessary to create posters or ads for the Times or our bulletin boards.** Be sure to plan accordingly!

The Board:

What is it and What is its Job?

Tom Riggs, Community Manager

To answer this question, we must first understand what the Association is or is not; it is a California nonprofit corporation, a business. **It is not a city council, a Board of Supervisors or any other representative form of government.**

What is its job? Well, that is a very simple answer. **Its primary job is to maintain and enhance property values within Champagne Village.** This includes the common area facilities as well as the value of individual units.

To maintain property values of the common area the Board should set assessments at an appropriate level to fully fund reserves for the future repair and or replacement of the common assets, as well as funding the day-to-day operational needs of the community. Setting assessments low may seem like a good idea, however it will inevitably lead to deferred maintenance and deteriorating value of the common area assets. Setting assessments too low will cause two other situations, both of which are very undesirable. First, special assessments (unplanned assessments that could be in the thousands) become increasingly necessary and secondly low assessments increase the number of rental properties within a community by increasing cash flow for landlords.

There are two major ways that boards can affect higher property values of private units within Champagne Village. The most basic is to have reasonable and enforceable rules and restrictions that require proper maintenance and upkeep of all homes in the community and to uniformly enforce those rules and restrictions. The second and the more influential is to allow property owners to fully utilize their property with a minimum of restrictions to encourage investment in new homes. Some of the more recent new homes have approached \$500,000 plus in cost and that alone increases the value of all properties within Champagne Village as well as in the surrounding areas.

Previous Boards of Champagne Village have done a great job in balancing the restrictions within the community with the ever-changing perceptions of senior community living, thereby creating one of the most desirable and valuable senior communities in Inland San Diego County. I am confident that the Board will continue many of the traditions of Champagne Village as well as move the Association into the 21st century.

PLEASE READ

Requests to Committees & Board

How to Communicate your Suggestions/Concerns/Requests

All too often, residents approach individual Board members to ask that they help facilitate some form of action or request. These requests range from speeding up work orders to ideas or suggestions for rule changes, improvements to the common areas, etc. What we all need to remember is that **the Board acts as a whole: individual Directors have no powers to grant requests or guarantee that anything can be done.** Your suggestions, questions or concerns can only be considered when you submit it to the Board itself and not any individual. Only then can the Board consider and act on it.

To communicate more effectively with the Board, the following procedure must be used:

1. **All requests/suggestions/complaints must be in writing.** The sooner the Board/Committee sees your letter, the sooner a course of action can be taken. Place a printed letter in the Office drop box or email CVPOABoard@gmail.com.
2. If your request/suggestion/concern pertains to a particular area of operation (e.g., landscaping), **direct your letter to the appropriate Committee Chair:** see the list of Chairs on page 2 of this newsletter. (As always, if your request is for architecture/landscaping on your property, you'll need to complete an A&L Request Form.)
3. If the Committee Chair finds that further consideration or action is necessary, they will contact the Community Manager and/or the Board. The Committee Chair is responsible for communicating with you regarding your request.
4. Contact the Office in the event that you disagree with the Chair's response.
5. If this is a matter of urgency, call the Office directly.

Each month, the Office receives over 100 work order requests that must be considered and then carefully balanced against the hundreds of already scheduled and ongoing maintenance items. Following this procedure will streamline the consideration of your request and result in a swifter response.

FOUND SOMETHING?

If you found a lost or misplaced object around the Village, please don't leave it on the ledge at the Office Window or any other open area. Either give it to the Office or hang onto it after you've posted about it on NextDoor. We've recently heard of incidents where residents might have assumed these items were free for the taking... thanks!

An elderly woman called her neighbor and said, "I have a very difficult jigsaw puzzle and can't figure out how to get it started – can you help?"

Her neighbor asked, "What's it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The woman said, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

When he arrived, the woman showed him the puzzle spread out all over the table.

He studied the pieces for a moment, looked at the box and then turned to her and said:

"First, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

Then he gently took her hand and said, "Second, let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."



DID YOU KNOW...

Every resident is responsible for following all Rules and Regulations of our Village, including those serving on the Board of Directors.

Who Won the Election?

This year, three seats on the Board of Directors became available. Because only two members (Wade Steverson and Charolette Steele) submitted applications for these seats, **no election is required** per section 3.6 of our Bylaws:

The Election of Directors and any special Election to fill a vacancy on the Board shall be conducted by secret written ballot. Directors shall be elected to fill the number of positions on the Board then expiring. Notwithstanding the above, in the event that the number of qualified natural persons running for the Board is fewer than or equal to the number of open Board seats available to be filled at any Election, all balloting requirements as provided herein or by law shall be dispensed with and such persons shall be automatically deemed, by appointment of the Board or otherwise, to fill the number of open seats which are equal to the number of persons running for the Board.

What about that Vacant Board Seat?

Per section 3.7 of our Bylaws:

Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, though less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining Director unless the vacancy is created through removal of a Director by action of the Members, in which case the vacancy shall only be filled by a vote of the Members. Furthermore, the Members may elect a Director or Directors at any time to fill any vacancy or vacancies not filled by the Directors.

Should the Board choose, an individual to fill the vacancy for a seventh Director may be announced and voted on at the May Board of Directors meeting.

Either during or following this meeting, an Organizational Meeting of the new Board will be conducted, during which Officers and Committee chairs will be selected. These assignments will be reported in next month's CV Times.

Found a Snake in your Yard?

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

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

Raccoons and other Critters in the Village

What YOU can do to help control them!

This time of year, raccoons and other predators are active in Champagne Village. It's important to remember that these creatures are wild animals: not matter how cute they may seem, they will behave as such when directly confronted. But if we all do what's needed, we can prevent property damage throughout the Village and keep our pets and grandchildren safe. Consider these important facts:



- Raccoons are the **primary rabies carriers in the United States**.
- Ringworms that exist in their feces can cause serious infections, organ damage and disease in children and pets.
- Raccoons mainly feast on fruits, nuts, vegetables, small livestock, birdseed, pet food and human garbage. Basically, they will eat whatever is available.
- Raccoons are some of the most tenacious and clever suburban pests, boasting a wide range of athletic skills. They climb, swim, jump, and run with ease, and their ability to break into trash cans is unparalleled in the animal kingdom.
- Once raccoons find a consistent food source, they will begin nesting. The first choice of materials with which to build their den will be YOUR HOME, starting with your insulation, ventilation conduits and electrical systems. This could cost you thousands of dollars in inflated heating and cooling bills. And without repair, these damages might lead to fire, water damage and mold.
- **Soon as they've started nesting, it is extremely difficult to get rid of raccoons.** Private companies and the County will charge \$200 or more per animal for trapping and removal. Homeowners insurance typically does not cover this cost.

So how do we prevent disease and property damage, and protect ourselves and our pets?

Remove all sources of food and water from your yards. Gather any fallen fruit from trees and never let overripe produce sit on the ground. If you use a compost bin, make sure it has a secure, locking cover. Bring bird feeders in at night. Make sure your outdoor trash cans have snug-fitting lids. And NEVER leave bowls of water or pet food out overnight – or any time of day if possible. Most important, **DO NOT FEED RACCOONS.**

Tend to your pets. Constantly supervise your pets while they're outdoors. Keep dogs on a leash (required in the Village when walking). Be sure that your pets have all necessary shots in case they come into contact with raccoons (which are known to carry rabies and distemper). And PLEASE: keep your pets safe at night by bringing them inside!

Seal your property. Seal pet entry doors at night and consider installing motion-activated lights near more susceptible areas of your home (they'll startle raccoons enough to keep them away). Be sure your shed and garage doors are securely closed. Regularly inspect the exterior of your home and seal any access points: this includes your roof and chimney.

**I NEVER RUN WITH SCISSORS.
(THOSE LAST TWO WORDS WERE UNNECESSARY...)**

**THE FACT THAT MY ENTIRE BODY CRACKS LIKE A GLOWSTICK
WHENEVER I MOVE AND YET REFUSES TO ACTUALLY GLOW
IS VERY DISAPPOINTING.**

ST PATTY'S DINNER DANCE 2022

CV residents packed the Hall once again for the annual SAC event on Saturday, March 12th



Health Insurance News

Carla Grills #105

Original Medicare and Supplemental plans are the topic I would like to explore this month. The topic will be a refresher for some and new information for others. The nickname for supplemental plans is Medigap. Derived from the idea that these plans fill in the gaps that Original Medicare does not cover (co-pays, skilled nursing rehab, deductibles, excess charges and co-insurance).

Supplemental plans are offered by private health insurance companies that we are familiar with, such as Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Humana, and United Health Care and others by Life Insurance Companies. Nationwide, these plans are standardized in their coverage. Not all plans (A-N) are available in every state and not every company carries all plans.

Since January, 2020, those turning 65 can no longer purchase coverage with no deductible. The new list offers the most coverage in plan G, which has a \$233 annual deductible and then everything else is covered in tandem with Medicare. Every procedure that Medicare covers is also covered by the Medigap plan as secondary insurance. Supplemental plans are accepted by any doctor that accepts Medicare (over 90% of doctors in the US take Medicare). There are no worries that a doctor in a hospital situation that's not in your network will send you a surprise bill.

Having a supplemental plan and original Medicare also requires you to purchase a drug plan. This is a MUST in order to avoid penalties. There are plans as low as \$7.50 so most can afford to meet this requirement.

The down-side of supplemental plans is the cost over time. In the beginning, these plans can be less expensive than Advantage plans because of the high maximum out-of-pocket limits, co-pays and coinsurance. In your mid-seventies to eighty, premiums get expensive, so I recommend a review. By then most seniors are settled with a local doctor network and no longer feel restricted by an HMO Advantage Plan. When the MOOP of an Advantage plan is lower than the annual cost of premiums it may be time to consider a switch to an Advantage Plan. The downside to switching is that now the patient must track the bills until they reach the max-out-of-pocket limit.

CHORUS NEWS

Sharon Sybesma #127

Spring is here and that means it's almost time for the CV Chorus Spring Concert! We have been hard at work getting ready to entertain our village neighbors and friends. Our own CV Strings and Village line dancers will open our concert. You can expect to hear songs that will bring back great memories from years past. Who didn't love the Beatles? How about the Everly Brothers? And there's even more!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 14th at 2:00pm. We hope to see you all there for a great time!

It's not too late to join us! We meet every Tuesday at 10:45am (NEW TIME) in the CV Hall's Card Room. We guarantee an enjoyable time. See you there!



URNS OUT YOU CAN JUST BUY A BIRTHDAY CAKE ANYTIME AND EAT IT YOURSELF. NOBODY EVER CHECKS...

Champagne Village Lions Club



Our 28th Year
 Lion Alan Rings #386
WE SERVE



Welcome New Members Doug Baird (#172), Pat Morrison (#424) and Janes Salvini (#330). The CV Lions are now 39 members strong.

Calvin Christian junior Megan Payne won the Student Speaker Zone Contest, held in the Hall on March 20th and will go on to compete in the Region Contest in April.

At the March meeting, Lion Vice President Steve Caves presented the Facilities Committee’s proposal for improvements to the Dog Park. The Lions have pledged \$5,000 to improve access for physically challenged. At that meeting, the Club also voted to donate \$200 to Care and Concern for gift baskets at their Spring Garden Tour.

Vamos to the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on May 7th at 5:00pm in the Hall, featuring a complete taco, burrito and tostada bar with all the accompaniments. The cost is only \$15 per person. As always, all money collected will go to Lions charities and Village programs. See the poster on page 7.

The Lions KidSight vision screenings are finally able to resume, starting on May 18-19th at the Community Lutheran Church Preschool on East Valley Parkway.

This summer, the Lions will sponsor an event for new CV residents to welcome and introduce them to all the fun activities in the Village. We are also planning a clothing drive.

The Lions appreciate your recyclable can and bottle donations that enable the Lions to fund events, provide support for Champagne Village and help fund Lions’ vision and other charities. **PLEASE NOTE: we can only recycle containers for water, soda, beer and some juices. Please don’t deposit wine, liquor, milk or any other containers into these bins. Please also make sure your bottles and cans are completely drained. Thanks!**

BLUE RECYCLE BIN LOCATIONS

Dog Park	Mail Center	Pool Area
Tennis Courts	Village Hall	Laundry Room
44 Sycamore	73 Esquire	100 L. Welk
205 Camphor	232 L. Welk	288 Leaf Pine
348 Ironwood	386 Mulberry	396 Mulberry
407 Myrtle	435 Live Oak	

THIS IS NOT A JOKE!

If you need a little motivation today, call 707-998-8410. It's a school project where kindergartners give you a pep talk.

HOA vs. POA: What’s the Difference?

Homeowners associations (HOAs) and property owners associations (POAs) are easy to confuse because they’re similar in nature – but they do have key differences:

With an HOA, homeowners own the property on which their house sits, but the Association typically owns the common area. Owners are granted the right to use the common area through an easement.

With a POA, each owner typically owns an equal share of the common area in addition to their own property.

This combination of your property and your interest in the common area is referred to as a UNIT.

Per our CC&Rs: *the ownership of each condominium shall include the ownership of a Unit and of a 1/457th undivided interest in the Common Area as tenant in common and membership in the Association.*

The term **UNIT** differs from **SPACE**, which denotes the physical location of your home (property) within the Village.

Common Area Landscape Committee

Charolette Steele #334

Our Common Area Landscaping Committee met on February 22nd with Greg Lorton, Sandy Grubbs, Paul Scott, Tom Riggs and Charolette Steele present. Hil Sybesma was absent.

We discussed new issues of trees that need to be trimmed or cut down, trimming of bushes behind homes, putting in plantings in some areas and transplanting some bushes to areas with more sunlight. We also went over items that had not been completed since July of 2020.

The Committee discussed major 2022 projects. We'll be investigating ways to improve the hillsides along Terrace as well as Camphor. We'll also be working on the entry plaque (sign) area. The Green Horizons manager was not able to attend the February meeting, so hopefully he can come to the March meeting to give us ideas for work on these areas.

GROWING OLD HAPPENS, GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL



An Honor Guard from the U.S. Coast Guard presented a final salute at the Celebration of Life service for resident and veteran Michael Mann (#313) on Sunday, March 20th, at the CV Veterans Memorial. A bugler was also present to play Taps.



IS YOUR MAIL DELIVERY BOX....

- Missing a door or lid?
- Unable to properly or securely open or close?
- Missing a handle or knob?
- Not firmly seated in the ground?
- More than 12 inches from the edge of the street or sidewalk?

If you've answered YES to any of these questions, you need to repair your box! Contact the Office with any questions.



UTILITIES: your Responsibilities

Per our CC&Rs, each owner is responsible for the following:

WATER The piping from the outbound side of the water meter to your residence.

PROPANE The piping from the outbound side of the gas meter to your residence.

SEWER The sewer line from your unit to the common sewer line (sewer main) connection.

As is stated in the CC&Rs:

Section 6.01 *The Association shall be solely responsible for all maintenance, repair, upkeep, and replacement of the Common Area. The Association shall maintain, repair, replace, restore, operate, and manage all the Common Area and Association Property, together with easements which are not by law or agreement maintainable by other persons, in first-class condition and in a good state of repair.*

Section 6.03 *Each Unit, including landscaping and Improvements thereon or therein, and all Individual Utilities wherever located shall be maintained and kept in a clean, tidy, and first-class condition and in a good state of repair by the Owner of that Unit to such standard as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.*

Our Village Crew Recently Tackled...

- Power washed the Front Gate Kiosk
- Installed gutter leaf guards at park/picnic areas
- Checked for and repaired any gas line leaks
- Snaked the sewer lines
- Blew off pool deck and bocce courts
- Backwashed the spa
- Painted all propane pipes entering homes
- Cleaned tennis/pickleball courts
- Cleaned the pond pump

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



Add these Phone Numbers to your Cell Phone

Please program these phone numbers into your cell phone so you won't miss an important call from the Village. It's the same procedure as saving your kids' and friends' phone numbers in your phone. This way, you'll know you're receiving calls from the Village and that they're not spam.

One Call System (recorded Village messages)
(877) 698-3261

Door King (to let someone in at the front gate after hours)
(760) 749-7104

CV Office
(760) 749-8008

Front Gate Kiosk
(760) 749-7723

TAI CHI

YOUR WAY

WITH INSTRUCTOR SIFU GLENN BUMACOD

Assistant Instructor Kitty Koss

MONDAYS / WEDNESDAYS

4:00pm Village Hall

In Praise of Tai Chi at the Village

Marianne Schwartz (#165) *Tai Chi is an exercise that my body can handle. I've had rheumatoid arthritis since I was 37. I'm now 68 and I feel a lot of pain. I also have tendinitis because I do most of my own housework. Sifu Glenn is very patient and capable. I am honored to be his student.*

Janet Schaeffer (#429) *Sifu Glenn is wonderful, very dedicated and authentic. He gives individual attention and shows interest to all students. Tai Chi offers a mental and physical challenge to stimulate mind and body while meeting like-minded neighbors.*

CV ACTIVITIES/CONTACTS

Please let us know if there are any changes to this list!

CARDS AND GAMES

Bridge for Everyone
Bunco
Game Night
Ladies Duplicate Bridge
Mixed Duplicate Bridge
Pool Players

WHEN AND WHERE

Tues, 1:00pm Card Room
1st and 3rd Fri, 1:00pm Hall
Mon, 6:00pm Hall
2nd Fri, 1-4:00pm Card Room
3rd Thurs Hall
Mon, Weds, Fri 1:00pm Hall

CONTACT

Wayne Steele (760) 913-5345
Vicki Ross (858) 349-1880
Kitty Koss (760) 580-8283
Linda Clifford - text only (760) 877-4745
Ernie Uyeda (408) 592-7026
Wade Steverson (760) 297-4810

CRAFTS, HOBBIES, ETC.

Chorus
Crafters & Conversation

WHEN AND WHERE

Tues, 10:00am, Card Room
Thurs, 10:00am Card Room

CONTACT

Nancy Thweatt (619) 209-1422
Julie Conner (626) 536-9167

EXERCISE, SPORTS, DANCE, WELLNESS

Bocce Ball
Chair Yoga
CV Hikers
Exercise Line Dancing

Men's Golf

Line Dancing
Line Dance Lessons
Pickleball

Table Tennis

Tai Chi

WHEN AND WHERE

set your own time
Mon, Weds, Fri, 8:00am Hall
Second Weds each month
Mon, 11:00am, Hall
Tues, Thurs, 9:00am, Hall
Weds, Fri 10:00am, Hall
Tues mornings, Oaks Course
Thurs mornings, Fountains Course
Mon, 9:00am, Hall
Mon, 9:45am, Hall
Mon, Fri, 8:30am Tennis Courts
Beginners Lessons Weds, 8:30am
Mon-Weds, 1:00pm, Card Room
Thurs, 8:30am, Card Room
Mon, Weds, 4:00pm Hall
Fri, 3:00pm Picnic Area

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Janet LeRossignol (760) 749-7934
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Jan Nyberg (661) 203-9352
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Leo Soldatenkov (858) 382-7918
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Glenn Bumacod (818) 632-6949

RELIGIOUS

Women's Bible Study
Life Group Bible Study
Vespers Sunday Worship

WHEN AND WHERE

Weds, 10:00am Card Room
Thurs, 6:30pm Hall
1st Sun, 4:00pm Card Room

CONTACT

Gail Jordan (808) 633-3295
Mary Brown (760) 807-1358
Linda Clifford - text only (760) 877-4745

COMMUNITY

Care and Concern
CV Lions
Library
Memorial Assistance
Men's Breakfast
Veterans Memorial

WHEN AND WHERE

various
2nd Weds, 6:00pm Hall
text if needed
call if needed
1st Sat (Oct-May), Hall
various

CONTACT

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Charolette Steele (760) 913-5345
Tom Bossmeyer (442) 217-8194
Susie Riley (603) 938-5283

SOCIAL, CLUBS

CV Boomers
CV Democrats
CV Morning Gathering

Karaoke
Social Activities Committee
Young and the Rest of Us

WHEN AND WHERE

various
various
Mon-Fri, 8:30-10:00am,
The Gathering Place
various, Hall
various
various

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