

Champagne Village

CV TIMES

MAY 2021

CVPOA HOURS

THE OFFICE WINDOW IS **OPEN**
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

9:00am – 11:30am and
1:00pm - 3:30pm

KIOSK

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

MEMORIAL DAY HOURS (MAY 31)

OFFICE Closed

KIOSK 10:00am – 2:00pm

TRASH **FRIDAY, JUNE 4**
(normally Thursdays)

POOL HOURS

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

GUESTS ARE NOW **ALLOWED**

BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 27TH, 2:00pm
PICNIC AREA

UPCOMING EVENTS

See page 3 for a list of events, as well as activities that have resumed.

May News

The Board of Directors gathered for its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 15th, at the Picnic Area. About 55 members were in attendance.

The following business was conducted:

- A motion to process and mail operating account checks with an auto-sign feature that would not require Board signatures was approved.
- A motion to rescind the Club Contract approved at last month's meeting was approved.
- A motion to record a lien on a parcel for delinquent payments was approved.
- A motion to purchase a new pool cover was approved.
- A motion to reopen the Village Hall, Gathering Place and Office, per the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy as approved by the County, was approved: **see page 3 for details.**

In other news, a substantial water leak along the end of Live Oak Lane was discovered as a result of the leak survey conducted in late March. Repairs were completed late April, and we await word on whether any further leaks remain. The Office will monitor the situation and report on this work as well as the Association's water bill at the May Board meeting.

Minor propane and sewer leaks were discovered along Terrace in late March: both have since been repaired.

The A&L committee surveyed the condition of all resident document delivery boxes and sent letters to several members notifying them of repairs needed.

It was announced that Jorn Daugbjerg will serve as moderator for the upcoming Meet the Candidates event: **see page 7 for details.**

Ballots for the election of Directors were delivered to all members. The counting of ballots will take place on May 27th: **see page 10 for details, and pages 8 and 9 for candidate information.**

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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

CV ELECTION: BE SURE TO

VOTE

OFFICE NOTICES

Office Window is OPEN with New Hours

Our new Office window hours are:
9:00am – 11:30am and 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Upcoming Election Dates

Deadline for Submitting Ballots to Office..... **May 26**
Board Meeting when Ballots are Counted..... **May 27**

For more information on the upcoming election, see pages 8-10.

Bulletin Board Items Need Approval

As a reminder, all items to be placed on any bulletin board must be approved by and originate from the Office. Any other items are prohibited.

Not Feeling Well? Stay HOME

If you're not feeling well or you have tested positive for COVID-19, stay home: DO NOT USE THE COMMON AREAS.

Mexican Fan Trimming throughout May

Signup for trimming Mexican Fan palm trees has already passed for 2021. 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 next year 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 not living in the Village, since each contains 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
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

CV TIMES EDITOR

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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.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE **ORANGE** TIER

The following rules are mandated by the CDC, state and county, which we will follow in Champagne Village until further notice.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE RULES IN ALL COMMON AREAS. Thank you!

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE ALLOWED FOR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMON AREAS

These numbers are based on the state's guidelines, which use the maximum capacity of an area (set by the Fire Department) to determine the number of people that are permitted to gather.

Picnic Area.....	50
Hall.....	25*
Card Room.....	15
Small Card Room next to the Library.....	6
Gathering Place (indoors).....	8
Gym.....	4

*Up to 100 persons are permitted in the Hall only if all persons show proof of vaccination or are tested (please note that the CDC does not consider temperature screening to be a valid test for detecting the presence of COVID).

Other restrictions on events and gatherings (such as the arrangement of seating and or serving of food) may apply. Refer to the CDC website ([cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)) and the state's website ([covid19.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.ca.gov)) for details.

PLEASE!

- Bring and use your own sanitizer to wipe down all surfaces you use/touch.
- **If you are not feeling well, STAY HOME; do not use the common areas.**
- If you are uncomfortable with this reopening plan or these guidelines, use your best judgement when attending events and activities here in the Village.

Mask-Wearing in the Village

These new guidelines were released on April 27th by the CDC and are endorsed by the state of California. For full details, visit the CDC's website ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)).

IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED OR HAVE TESTED NEGATIVE FOR COVID:

- You can gather indoors with other fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart (see the left side of this page for the maximum number of people allowed in each area)
- You can gather or conduct activities outdoors without wearing a mask **except** in certain crowded settings and venues (see below)

You should still wear a mask whenever you are:

- In an indoor public setting or venue
- Gathering indoors with unvaccinated people from more than one other household
- Visiting indoors with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk
- Somewhere where a sign states that masks are required, such as while shopping or visiting your physician
- Less than six feet away from others whom you're not certain if they're at increased risk

While fully vaccinated people can participate in some indoor events safely without much risk, the CDC continues to recommend that you avoid indoor large gatherings.

Please help us keep the Village safe by following these guidelines. Thank you!

Meeting Notice for Leaders of Clubs, Groups or Organizations

If you're the leader of a social club, group or organization that operates in the Village, please plan to attend a special meeting on **Tuesday, May 4th at 9:00am in the Picnic Area.**

The purpose of this meeting is to overview the process of reserving common facilities and areas for events and activities, as well as reopening rules that must be followed.



THE OFFICE IS OPEN! New hours are 9:00-11:30am and 1:00-3:30pm, Monday through Friday. Please follow masking / distancing rules, and – as a courtesy to our staff and others waiting – don't linger once your business is completed. Thank you!

Do You Have a Calendar Reservation?

Be sure to submit your requests for reserving the Picnic Area, Hall, Card Room, or Gathering Place to the Office ASAP, even if your group had an ongoing reservation prior to COVID. Not all groups are restarting, so we must have all requests resubmitted.

Given that the current maximum number of people in the Hall is 25 (and the Card Room is 15), you may be able to transfer your reservation to the Picnic Area if it's available: contact the Office for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2	Vespers	3:00pm Hall
May 3	Meet the Candidates Event	2:00pm Picnic Area
May 4	Meeting for CV Clubs/Groups	9:00am Picnic Area
May 7	Lunch Bunch	12:00pm Picnic Area
May 12	Lions Monthly Meeting	11:00am Hall
May 15	SAC Garage Sale	9:00am-2:00pm
May 22	Free Concert (CV Boomers)	6-8:00pm Picnic Area
May 27	Board Meeting	2:00pm Picnic Area
May 29	Karaoke	3-6:30pm Picnic Area
May 31	Memorial Day Ceremony	9:00am Vets Memorial
June 5	Western BBQ	4:00pm Picnic Area
June 26	CV New Residents Event	2:00pm Picnic Area
June 26	Mens' Breakfast	8-9:30am Hall

Ongoing Activities Now Resumed

Crafters & Conversation Thursdays, 10:00am-4:00pm, Card Rm
Body Groove Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm, Hall
Life Group Thursdays, 6:30-8:30, Hall
Yoga Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:00-8:30am, Hall
Line Dance Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:00-9:45am, Hall
Water Exercise Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am, Pool

For a more up-to-date list, of activities, be sure to check the calendar on our website, ChampagneVillage.org.



The Retirement Village People

WANTED YOU

DEFINITELY ALIVE

FOR
CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE RANCH
WESTERN PARTY
IN THE PARK
JUNE 5th

Starts @ 4pm

\$10:00 EACH

MUSIC BY: Calico Ridge



INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS

Catering by: Wrangler

Carved beef and Ham : bbq beans : Coleslaw ; Rolls

Make checks payable to SAC : Reservations Must Be In By May 31

FUN, 50/50



CHAMPAGE VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 15th, 9:00am - 2:00pm

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board
in the hallway outside the Card Room.

Please sign up if you have items you wish to sell.
We will give you a neon sheet to post on your mailbox.

Sign-up will close on May 13th.

A list of those participating will be in front of the Office window on Friday the 14th.
Stop in to take a photo of it with your smartphone!

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

MASKING/DISTANCING REQUIRED, PER COUNTY/STATE RULES

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES!

Meet them on May 3rd (see page 7) and be sure to vote (see page 10)!



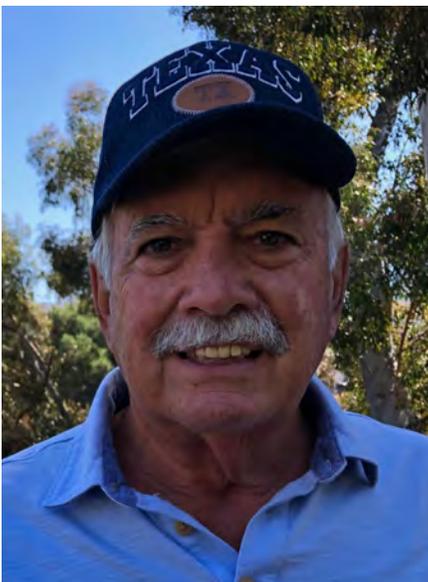
Tom Bossmeyer #13 Live Oak

How long have you lived here in Champagne Village? Eight years.
Occupation, if not retired? Volunteering within our community, as well as other social nonprofits, especially with special needs children and adults.
What do you love most about living here? Caring, supportive friends and neighbors.
What's your primary reason for running? The potential for community greatness knowing that what we could accomplish together as a unified community is so much more than where we presently find ourselves.
If you're elected, do you have anything you'd like to focus on? The incredible social and community value of neighbors helping neighbors.
What appeals to you most about Board service? Serving others within our community while helping to guide and lead our neighbors to enjoy our CV community to the fullest.



Steve Caves #288 Leaf Pine Court

How long have you lived here in Champagne Village? Three years.
Occupation, if not retired? I am presently in a Management Role within the Information Technology (IT) field, primarily supporting Business Applications for the Department of the Navy with an eye towards retirement the later part of this year.
What do you love most about living here? The people and the activities that make this a FUN place to live.
What's your primary reason for running? I want to help support the community that I love.
If you're elected, do you have anything you'd like to focus on? Being the best possible representative for the members in the Management of CVPOA.
What appeals to you most about Board service? Supporting the community by working to maintain and improve all aspects of living in this great Village.



John Fitzmaurice #178 Skyline Drive

How long have you lived here in Champagne Village? Six years.
Occupation, if not retired? I'm retired, but I stay busy with a vineyard and avocado farm.
What do you love most about living here? I love the activities here in the Village - I live for them! Bridge, pool, pickleball - all activities! That's what you live in a place like this for, the beautiful amenities and activities.
What's your primary reason for running? I like the way things are run right now and want it to stay that way.
If you're elected, do you have anything you'd like to focus on? I want to get the activities returning back to normal – to put the fun back in here.
What appeals to you most about Board service? I like being helpful and knowing that I'm contributing.

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Joanne Hansen #244 Yellow Pine Court

How long have you lived here in Champagne Village? Seven years.

Occupation, if not retired? I'm self-employed as a Medicare agent and real estate broker.

What do you love most about living here? I really like the Village's community spirit and it's fun, diverse activities calendar – there's always something to do for just about anyone.

What's your primary reason for running? I LOVE Champagne Village; I plan to live here for a long time, I want what's best for this community and its residents.

If you're elected, do you have anything you'd like to focus on? I want to help keep our home values strong, listen to resident concerns, solve problems and get things done.

What appeals to you most about Board service? I enjoy being involved and want to be part of my community – there's nothing better than being part of something special and making it better.



Greg Lorton #346 Ironwood View

How long have you lived here in Champagne Village? Six years.

Occupation, if not retired? I retired shortly after moving here in 2015 after a career as a chemical and environmental engineer, and also taught courses in management, financial analysis, environmental science, and chemical engineering design at several universities.

What do you love most about living here? I like the friendly community and the diverse activities.

What's your primary reason for running? I want to be able to apply my education and experiences to help the Village.

If you're elected, do you have anything you'd like to focus on? Although I have no specific areas, I would like to see increased communication with the residents.

What appeals to you most about Board service? I like to see Village improvement projects come to fruition through the collaborative efforts of the Board and residents.



Donna Perez #252 Yellow Pine Court

How long have you lived here in Champagne Village? Seven years. part time, six years full time.

Occupation, if not retired? Retired

What do you love most about living here? Fellowship, beauty of the Park, Land ownership.

What's your primary reason for running? To be a part of the Board's reviews and decisions.

If you're elected, do you have anything you'd like to focus on? To focus on the needs of the residents in the Park.

What appeals to you most about Board service? To represent the community and have transparency with the residents.

FAQS: Election for Directors

What's the deadline by which my ballot needs to be delivered to the Office?

No later than **WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH**.

Which Board seats are up for election?

FOUR SEATS are available, currently held by Greg Lorton, Joe Rossi, Roger Elyea and Karen Smith.

Who are the candidates for these seats?

SIX CVPOA MEMBERS have applied for candidacy:

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

Who votes in this election?

All CVPOA members (homeowners) may vote. One vote is permitted per home, for a total of 457 votes.

How do I fill out my ballot?

See the instructions on the right side of this page.

What is Section 5115?

The note on your voting instructions refers to Section 5115, which is **California's law that requires voting by secret ballot** (by using the outer and inner envelope).

What if I need a new ballot?

If you've lost or did not correctly fill out your ballot or envelopes, contact the Office for replacements.

Can someone fill out my ballot for me?

NO. Proxies are not allowed. Only you or a co-owner of your home can fill out your ballot.

Do I have to vote for four candidates?

No. You may vote for up to four candidates, but you may vote for as few as only one candidate.

Can someone else deliver my ballot for me?

YES, but all envelopes must be sealed first. If you need someone to pick up your ballot, call the Office.

I just moved to the Village: can I vote?

Contact the Office to find out whether a vote from your unit was already cast. (If the Office receives two ballots from the same unit, both will be discarded.)

Filling Out Your Election Ballot

To complete your ballot for the election of four Directors for the CVPOA Board, follow these instructions.

- Review your packet to be sure you've received a ballot (marked OFFICIAL BALLOT) and two numbered envelopes (envelope 1 and envelope 2). If you're missing any items, contact the Office.
- Complete your ballot by voting for your chosen candidates:
 - You may vote for UP TO FOUR candidates.
 - If you choose, you may vote for less than four candidates, but voting for any more will result in your ballot not being counted.
 - Don't sign, address or write ANY identifying information on your ballot: doing so will result in your ballot not being counted.
- Fold and place your completed ballot in the envelope marked ENVELOPE #1. **Don't write anything on this envelope: doing so will result in your ballot not being counted.**
- Place envelope #1 inside the envelope marked ENVELOPE #2.
- **Complete all information needed on the outside of envelope #2** in the upper left-hand corner.
- Deliver this envelope to the Office drop box **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH.**

**BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED AT
THE MAY BOARD MEETING ON
THURSDAY, MAY 27TH.**



THE CV BOOMERS
ARE DELIGHTED TO PRESENT A

FREE CONCERT *in the park!* Saturday, May 22 6-8:00pm

NO RSVP. BRING ALL YOU NEED: your own food, drink, paper goods, table decor, whatever you'd like. Bring it in, then pack it up and take it home with you. **ALL TABLES** are first-come, first-served. Bring your own chairs if you like.



The **Ash Street Ramblers** is a five-piece band that offers a blend of acoustic music including bluegrass, folk, traditional songs and other original tunes, playing and singing in three-part harmony. ● ● ● ●

hope to see you there!



Arla Ide (#308) caught this beauty in full bloom near the gazebo, in our newly landscaped area.



Please don't flush those wipes!

They're marked flushable because they can make it down your toilet – but they're not biodegradable. And **once they enter our Village sewer lines, they get tangled together and choke our pipes, leading to costly repairs for us.**

Wipes don't break down like toilet paper (in fact, some even contain plastic). Several states are calling for legislation to re-label them 'non-flushable.' Other countries, including Britain, have experienced so much infrastructure damage that they're considering a ban on wipes altogether.

So please be kinder to our CVPOA sewer pipes and dispose of these wipes somewhere other than your toilets!



EASTER PARADE AND BONNET CONTEST PARTICIPANTS lined up for this shot on April 3rd, just before the parade started. Other photos of the contest are on page 20.

How Cats Communicate

Sharon Parker #298

While cats may seem mysterious to some, to others, understanding a cat is simply a matter of paying attention, watching the cat's body language. Cats use a variety of ways to communicate their feelings, needs and desires.

A Cat's Tail

Up: Happy, cheerful and most likely approachable.
Down: possibly scared or threatened.
Moving rapidly back and forth: likely agitated: leave alone.
Moving slowly back and forth: trying to decipher a situation.
Halloween-cat tail: not in a good mood.

A Cat's Ears

Forward: likely feeling content or even playful.
Straight: alert.
Turned back: irritated over stimulated. Leave him alone!
Back and flat against head: a sure sign that he's scared and feeling defensive May also indicate he's angry or aggressive.
Either way, don't mess with this guy!

A Cat's Eyes

(Take into account available light when observing these traits.)
Dilated pupils: surprised, scared or stimulated.
Constricted pupils: tense or possibly feeling aggressive.
Slow Blinking: he feels safe, comfortable and trusts you.
Half Closed: relaxed and trusting.

Often a cat will use several forms of body language to display his feelings. Take time to understand your cat's various ways of communicating and you'll be able to better decipher his moods and needs.

From the Editor

I've been editing the Times for the past 16 months, and this is the most excited I've been about an issue.



All around the Village, it feels a bit like when Dorothy stepped out of her house after that tornado, and everything was magically transformed from flat black and white to brilliant color. After 14 long months, we're back open. YIPPEEEEE!!!!

Signs of life are everywhere – and scattered throughout this issue are hints of our community awakening and returning to its activities. Next month, we'll add the calendar page back to the newsletter, as more return. For now, I've added a list of May events on page 4 to keep you in the know and help you plan.

Welcome back, CV. It's soooooo good to see you again!

HELP NEEDED MUSIC CHORUS DIRECTOR

The Champagne Village Chorus is looking toward the future of village music again!
But, sadly, our much loved past director, Danny Cooper, will not be returning. So, the quest is on for a new director.

If you are interested or you know someone outside the Village who could volunteer as a Director and has music experience, please contact us:
Nancy Thweatt, ntcpa@sbcglobal.net
(619) 209-1422

WE NEED YOUR SENIOR YEAR HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO!

Next month's JUNE ISSUE will feature high-school photos of our residents. If you have not already us a photo, we need it no later than JUNE 15TH. If you need help scanning your photo, give the editor a call at (603) 938-5283. Email your photo to CVTimesEditor@gmail.com.



Know who this is? Find out on page 27!

Common Area Landscape Committee

Charolette Steele #334

Our meeting was held April 6th with 5 of our 6 members present. Tom Riggs was unable to attend but Board President Steverson attended the meeting.

We discussed the following:

- Erosion control along the Esquire slope
- Plants at the front of golf cart parking at the Hall
- Possible diseased trees throughout the Village
- Tree trimming budget for 2021
- Rose bushes by the golf course needing more ground covering
- The white rail fence on North Esquire, north of #104

One member of our committee rode around with Martin from Green Horizons on April 1st. Issues discussed:

- Areas at the picnic entry hillside area that need plants
- The common area behind #289-#291
- The hillside between Lawrence Welk and Terrace is filling in nicely with cuttings
- The hillside at Camphor is looking better but may need work during the next budget year
- The west hillside going down Ironwood to tennis courts has an irrigation problem, plants are not filling in
- The common area on Sumac will be filled in as cuttings are available throughout the Village
- The small area by the golf course and #102 has no irrigation, so plants cannot be grown there

Outcomes of our meeting:

- The committee chair will talk with Tom Riggs about some of the items above
- Check on the work order for tree stump removal and adding shrubs at the Veteran's Memorial
- Check on the work order for tree trimming in the common area adjacent to #202
- The budget left for tree trimming and removal

DID YOU KNOW...

If you opt out of the ONE-CALL system, you will not receive any further calls, **including those made by the Office in times of emergency.**

If you'd like to be returned to the list for only emergency calls (or to receive all calls once again), contact the Office.

Champagne Boulevard Slated for Repairs Next Summer

When recently contacted, County Supervisor Jim Desmond's office reports that he is aware of the need to resurface Champagne Boulevard – and that, at his request, it has been added to the resurfacing program and is planned to be paved next summer.

Those residents wanting this repaving performed earlier than July 2022 should contact Supervisor Desmond's office directly at (619) 531-5555. You can also email him directly at Jim.Desmond@SDCounty.Ca.Gov.

Please don't contact the Office regarding the condition of Champagne Boulevard, as we can't do anything about it. Thank you!



Welcome, New Residents!

#148 BJ and Jeannie Atkins

BJ 661.510.3663, Jeannie 661.510.6535

#445 Judy and Kathryn Taylor

Judy 760.828.2576, Kathryn 760.717.7691

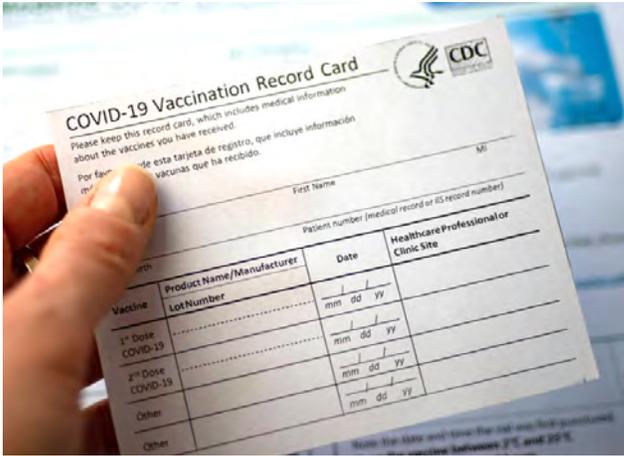
#387 JoAnn Tritten and Robert Myers

619.778.4867

In Memory

Bruce Cripe #364





Care and Concern News

Charolette Steele #334



Care and Concern recently had some canned or frozen food donated that was given to residents of our community. If you know of someone or if you would like to receive food donations when we get more, please call either Donna Perez at (602) 410-2768 or Charolette Steele at (760) 913-5345. We thank the residents who have donated the food.

Remember that there are paper goods stored in the two cupboards to the left of the door going into the main area of the Village Hall from the library. You are welcome to check out all the donated supplies and take what you can use. We are always receiving supplies, so be sure to check the cupboards every so often.

There are also supplies of crutches, wheelchairs and other medical equipment stored in a closet in the hallway by the Gathering Place and in the Laundry Room area that you may use whenever needed.

We are hoping that we will soon be able to go back to having meetings, coordinating memorials, organizing the 80+ birthday party and doing other fun things. It will be fun to attend our first post-pandemic meeting to meet some of our new members and catch up on 'old' friends. We are hoping that this will be very soon!

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

Should You Laminate your COVID Vaccination Card?

Here's what experts say...

An unassuming 3-by-4-inch piece of cardstock could become your ticket back to normalcy, with airlines, event venues and lots more places considering plans to require documentation of a COVID vaccine. So, to protect that prized proof of inoculation, should you get it laminated?

OfficeMax and Staples are currently offering promotions where residents can have their cards laminated for free. But some are concerned that the cards should stay writeable for booster shots down the road. A laminated card might be hard in the future to add anything more to it.

Currently, the general recommendation is to:

1. **Laminate a copy of the card.**
2. **Take a picture of the card using your smartphone for easy retrieval while you're out and about.**
3. **Write down the confirmation numbers and send them to your physician's office.**

Given that a better system of tracking our vaccinations will be forthcoming, we won't need these paper certificates very far into the future. But for now, that little piece of paper could be your ticket to... well, a ticket – so make a copy and take good care of it.



We're not going to be the old ladies in the nursing home who make trouble; we're going to be the old ladies who get kicked out of the nursing home for causing trouble.

Happy May!

CV NEW RESIDENTS CHALLENGE

CV OLYMPIC VILLAGE



Welcoming and CV Community Integration for all New Families

JUNE 26th at 2PM in the Olympic Village Park (Picnic Area)

An Annual Inclusive Olympics Event to celebrate our incredible CV Community **presented by our Newest CV Residents**

Everyone is invited to join the fun participating in an informative collaborative event about clubs, activities and neighbors.

Oldies and Newbee's get to know your neighbors while competing (or not) with residents from other streets in some FUN in pursuit of

CV GOLD MEDALS

Our Goal: Inspire everyone interested to understand as engaged neighbors and friends there is **NO LIMIT** to what is possible within our **CV Community.**

FREE EVENT

Please call Caroline Bossmeyer at 602-502-2743 if you would like to help organize this great event!

Or email carolineyour.1realtor@gmail.com

Our first planning meeting will be May 4th at 6pm in the Picnic Area.

There are no strangers in Champagne Village, only friends you haven't met yet!

From our Village Librarians

If you have books older than 2006, or if you have more than ten books to donate to our library, we're happy to pick up whatever you have at your home: it saves wear and tear on our old backs! Text us at (760) 877-4745.

Please note that we don't have space for any magazines older than 2021.

Many thanks, Linda & Jerry Clifford

Home Vacation Checks Are Now Available Again

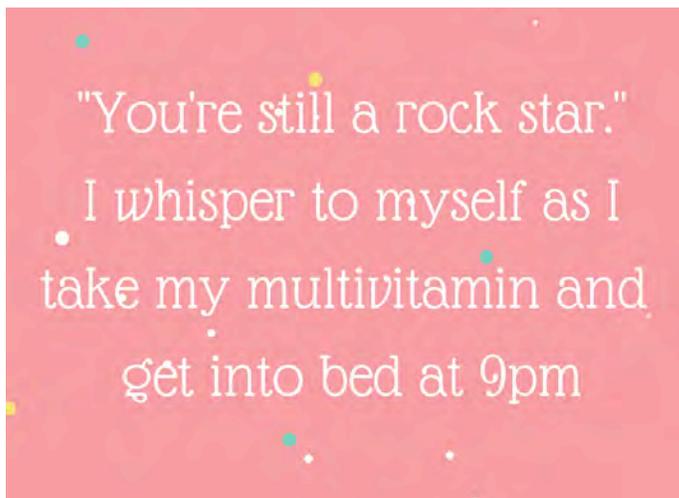
The San Diego County Sheriff's Department is once again offering free home vacation checks through their Senior Volunteer Patrol.

While you're away, the Patrol will perform the following security inspections around your home Monday through Friday:

- Check your home for broken windows, open doors, garages, or other suspicious activity
- Hide newspapers and packages away from public view
- Call for a deputy's assistance if there is a problem

Upon your return, you'll receive a welcome home letter listing the dates your home was checked and any observations made during the visit(s).

To take advantage of this service, complete and return the Home Vacation Check form (available in the Hall Lobby or online at sdsheriff.gov).



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**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
4:00PM VILLAGE HALL**

questions? call joanne hansen or susie riley

Easter Bonnet Contest Winners

FIRST Susie Riley #311 (\$30)
SECOND Nancy Thweatt #93 (\$20)
THIRD Laura Kruggel #183 (\$10)
Honorable mention: Ron Kruggel #183

Hidden Egg Contest Winners

(appeared in the April CV Times) \$10.00 each

Barbara Floyd #162 Terrace
Donna Marquez #283 Leaf Pine
Julie Conner #374 Privet Place
Cheryl Fernandez #291 Leaf Pine
Anita Ellenberger #356 Mulberry Lane
Joey Urey #318 Ironwood View
Stella Sutherlin #444 Live Oak
Sue Swalec #83 Lawrence Welk Drive
Marianne Schwartz #165 Terrace
Jennie Shaw #161 Terrace

PROPANE SYSTEM FAQs

For more than 60 years, the CVPOA's propane distribution system has serviced many homes here in Champagne Village. This system isn't an amenity, but part of the Village infrastructure. Here a few answers to some frequently asked questions about this system.

How old is the propane system?

Some parts of this system are as old as 62 years, while others are only about 35 years old. The actual propane lines were installed between 1959 and 1964. (That may sound old, but it's not that unusual for an RV park.)

How many homes use it?

Currently, 70 homes are distributed propane via the system. (In 2016, 84 homes were using propane.)

How does it work?

The CVPOA purchases propane and resells it to those homes still on the system. The propane is delivered to the Village, where it's stored in 19 1150-gallon tanks behind the dog park (by the Maintenance building). From there, propane travels down Live Oak along the pipes to feed those homes making use of it. Members are billed monthly for the propane used.

Which streets have propane pipes?

The lines run beneath about 205 homes along Live Oak, Oak Shadow, South Sycamore, Esquire, Lawrence Welk (spaces 83-100), Terrace, and Skyline. They're mostly positioned near center of each home, side to side.

Is there much maintenance involved?

Pipe manufacturers usually offer a life expectancy of 50 years for the pipe – but the fittings, due to sealant breakdowns over time, typically have a shorter life expectancy. For this reason, leaks have become more frequent. Over the past two years, several significant leaks have been detected (one just in the past month). But the system is regularly inspected according to federal and state regulations and our maintenance crew has been trained and certified. It's also important to note that none of these leaks posed any danger to the community.

How much do we pay to maintain and inspect the propane system?

Each unit pays about \$10 annually. In addition, funds are set aside in our Reserves to cover the cost of repairs.

What is the CVPOA policy for the system?

Back in 1992, the Board of Directors voted that, effective immediately, all new homes would be electric. As a result, the propane line must be capped once a home is pulled off and prior to a new all-electric home being installed. This brought the number of homes served by the propane system from about 200 in the early nineties down to 70 today.

Is the system dangerous?

The entire system is connected to a cathodic protection system that is well maintained and tested annually, and propane is delivered through the pipes at a pressure that's 60 times less than the average car tire pressure. As with all fuels (gasoline, kerosene, etc.), propane is combustible and must be treated with respect.

Are there any plans to deactivate the propane system?

The Association has no current plans to deactivate the system. But as the system ages, maintenance costs will continue to increase. Should the propane system require a significantly costly repair, a membership vote may be needed to determine whether to proceed with repairs or permanently deactivate the system. In deactivating the system, accommodations would need to be made for those homes currently on the propane system, since many have electrical systems that do not meet current code and could not convert to all-electric. This would need to be seriously considered prior to any decision.

Will the Association ever be propane-free?

Not likely, since the pool heater and Hall kitchen both use propane. Heating the pool with electricity is not practical.

Think you Know THIS Villager?

Jan Nyberg #221 and Nancy Thweatt #93

FLYING IS HOURS AND HOURS OF BOREDOM
SPRINKLED WITH A FEW SECONDS OF SHEER
TERROR. Gregory 'Pappy' Boyington

Our Village profile this month highlights a retired Marine combat pilot who served in Vietnam during 1968-69. Born in Nashville, GA in 1943, he graduated from San Diego State University in 1966 as a Marine Corps officer and then headed to Meridian, MS, for flight training. In 1968 he found himself in Vietnam, arriving during the TET Offensive, in which the Viet Cong took the U.S. military by surprise, causing some of the harshest fighting of the war. Flying an A-4 Skyhawk, a single seater from Chu-Lai Air Base, our pilot flew 199 combat missions over his 13-month deployment.

He is a three-time recipient of the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS MEDAL, which is a military decoration of the United States Armed Forces that's currently awarded to any persons who distinguish themselves by single acts of heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in flight. Both heroism and extraordinary achievement are entirely distinctive, involving operations that are not routine. Very Impressive!

After returning to the states, he became a Marine flight instructor, spending three years in Kingsville, TX. In 1969, he married and has two children and four grands.

In 1973, while making a practice bombing run at Camp Pendleton, traveling at 450 knots at 3000ft, the control stick came off in his hand. Ejecting from the cockpit at such speeds, he spent 15 months in the hospital and rehab with several broken ribs, many breaks in his arms and other injuries. He was retired from the Marines Corp in 1975, spending the next 40 years as a real estate broker in the Southern California area, managing sales teams and new home projects.

In 2018 after his wife passed, he moved to the lovely community of Champagne Village from his home in Fallbrook.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!
YOU ARE A HERO TO US!

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS VILLAGER IS?

Check later in this newsletter for the answer!

THE YOUNG AND THE REST OF US

is tickled pink to be back for our monthly

CV LUNCH BUNCH



don't stay in by yourself -
bring your lunch & join the bunch!
friends are waiting -
we'd really like to see you!

FRIDAY MAY 7TH
noon, picnic area



LETTER FROM A MOTHER TO HER DAUGHTER'S TEACHER (see above)

Dear Mrs. Jones; I want to clarify that am I not now, nor have I ever been an exotic dancer. I work at Home Depot and had told my daughter how crazy it was there the week before the blizzard. We'd sold out every shovel and people were fighting over them. Her drawing doesn't show me dancing around a pole; it's supposed to depict me selling the last shovel we had. From now on, I'll check her homework more carefully before she turns it in.

In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it, you'll be the grandest lady at the Easter parade.



EASTER BONNET CONTEST PARTICIPANTS on April 3rd, just before the parade started. These entries will certainly raise the bar for next year's contest. Start getting ready!

Champagne Village Lions Club



Our 26th Year
 Lion Alan Rings #386
WE SERVE



The winner of the CV Club's February Zoom Student Speaker Scholarship Contest was Calvin Christian sophomore Megan Payne, who scored 294 out of a possible 300 points. Megan competed with 3 other students in the Valley Zone contest on March 27th AND WON! She then went on to WIN the Northwest Region contest on April 17th, competing against winners from the Pauma Valley and Oceanside Sea Lions clubs and receiving a total of \$500 in cash prizes. No student sponsored by your Club has ever been so successful. The county-wide contest was held April 24th, but the results were not known at press time. If she wins, this contest over the four other students, she will be given a \$4,500 scholarship and will continue on. The Lions give out \$103,000 in these scholarships each year.

Has your spouse lost their sight? The Lions have acquired another handheld Orcam device, which gives a Villager the ability to read again. For more information, contact Lion Sandy Sidars (#100).

Your Lions held a very successful orientation in February to acquaint our 12 new members with the purposes and history of the Lions. Established in 1917, the Lions has become the largest service organization in the world, with 1.4 million members in over 200 countries. The Lions were the first organization to allow women as full members. Former President Jimmy Carter is a Lion.



Etta McQueary (#299) recently snapped this photo of Richard and Diane Reed's yard (#312) all abloom with California poppies. Gorgeous!

CV Men's Golf

Pat LeRossignol #435

I know we've discussed the possibility of restarting Men's Golf Club meetings almost every month for the past year.



We're getting closer to making a decision about it. Yet to be determined is whether our non-CV guest members will be able to attend meetings in the Hall, and kitchen availability among other things. We'll let you know as soon as we have that information and our CVMGC board has met to make the appropriate plans.

Golfing participation has been strong and steady for the most part on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the Men. Though it's really early in the year, Fountains results for the first quarter are posted at the sign-up area near the clubhouse. Right now, Bob Bolt is in the lead over John Siggson and Bob Hill. Check the posting at the scoreboard to see where you stand. In the Interleague competition for April, the Welk team did just OK but we're still at the top so far this year.

Two new members have joined us: Bob Schober from here in the Village and outsider Gerry Merriman. Welcome guys!

Women's Golf, Anyone?

CV resident Joan Daugbjerg has been putting together a group of women who play golf every Wednesday morning on the Fountains. The group has grown from 4-5 ladies up to about a dozen. If you or someone you know is interested, give Joan a call at (760) 638-1479.

REMINDER!

All garbage and refuse must be well wrapped and placed in sealed, designated containers for pickup. **Trash containers must not be put out prior to 4:00pm the evening before collection.** Trash containers must be then taken in as quickly as possible following collection, and kept in an area not easily visible from the street.



Champagne Village: A LOOK BACK

As part of Champagne Village's upcoming 35th anniversary, we're looking back. These photos show Doris Wright's home (#85) on Lawrence Welk Drive around 1965, shortly after it was installed. Notice the absence of any highway in the background, which had not yet been built. The middle photo is Doris' house today. A fun before-and-after! Doris is shown in the photo at the bottom left.



Bruce Cripe, Marine Veteran

Our friend and neighbor, Bruce Cripe, of #364 Mulberry passed peacefully at his home on April 26th. Bruce was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who proudly served his country from 1969 through 1995, some years while stationed in Okinawa. We hold Rita, his wife of 25 years, in our hearts and prayers. She and Bruce have lived in the Village for 20 years. Sleep sweetly, Major Cripe, and thank you for your service.



everyone is
welcome!

Vespers Sunday Worship
join us!

Sunday, May 2nd
3:00pm Village Hall
masks/distancing required

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



Our 'Village' Cat

Editor's Note: recently, nearly 30 residents shared stories on NextDoor about a black and white cat that's visited over the years. Some also shared the names they've given her: we call her Sally and she stops in often! Here's what Stella Sutherlin (#444) shared with me about our mystery feline...

The black and white cat that visits us all has been coming to my porch to be fed for almost six years now. My neighbor and I call her Miss Kitty. Nancy Healey calls her Skunky because of the white stripe down her back. You may rightfully call her Sally, since several years ago after being gone for a few weeks, 'she' returned appearing very pregnant. (Several days later, she returned looking thin and scraggly and we never found her babies.) We've also seen her chewed up with several injuries over the years; luckily, but she always seems to heal herself.

I have never been able to touch her and I don't know anyone who has. But I look forward to her visits. She comes to my home just about every morning. Whenever I've been away, my neighbor would feed her for me. It's been fun to follow her excursions on my iPad this week via these NextDoor posts. She really is an adventurer and a very lucky kitty.

WAKEY, WAKEY - EGGS AND BAKEY!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY
JUNE 26TH

8:00 - 9:30am \$4/person

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

GOOD MORNING!

everyone's welcome
bring your family and friends!
questions call Tom Bossmeyer (442) 217-8194

IS A VEGETARIAN PERMITTED TO EAT ANIMAL CRACKERS?

George Carlin

ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT IF YOU FALL,
I'LL PICK YOU UP.
[AFTER I STOP LAUGHING.]

Be Good to Your Gut – Your Second Brain

Etta McQueary #299



Doesn't seem logical, does it? Fix your gut to fix your brain! Almost everyone is having digestive or bowel issues these days, but we seldom want to talk about it.

The new lingo is the gut is 'the second brain.' The brain-gut connection is getting research attention because it effects our mental health and that means mood and memory. This connection also effects other organs such as the heart, lungs, and kidneys. Maybe you have heard of leaky gut, a new epidemic caused by not so healthy living and eating the standard American diet full of artificial chemicals. The longer you do this, the more toxins leak into organs such as our brain; not a good thing. All of this causes inflammation in the body, leading to more -itis illnesses such as colitis, thyroiditis and arthritis. Even worse, all this also effects our ability to fight off diseases. When the immune system gets confused by all the artificial substances entering the body, it can turn on its own self, which is never good. All sorts of ailments can result from this happening, such as allergic reactions or food sensitivities.

The reason our Gut health is so important for our moods is that serotonin, our happy hormone, is mostly made in the gut and only a little in the brain. That's where the term, fix your gut to fix your brain comes from. Fix your gut also can fix your depression and anxiety, which has risen dramatically this past year. It's time to get refocused on taking good care of yourself.

Here are some good gut tips:

- Eat real food, less processed, high in color, fiber and organic, non-GMO if possible
- Chew your food twice as much and eat less
- Blend food into smoothies and drink them slowly
- Stress less, whatever that means for you: breathe, read, don't watch the news
- Move more - take a walk and breathe some fresh air
- Not so welcomed, but a good intestinal cleanse is great in the spring

Hope you enjoy this month's edition of Good Health!



in commemoration of
MEMORIAL DAY

all CV residents are invited to attend a brief ceremony honoring those who gave their lives while protecting our nation's freedom.

MONDAY, MAY 31ST 9:00am
Veterans Memorial, Champagne Village

ceremony will last about 20 minutes. no RSVP required.
please note that no seating will be provided.
social spacing and/or masks, please.

Poetry Corner

Kristina McLaughlin #169

Oh, the days... aren't they beautiful? To see the Village come alive in my first spring here. I watch mockingbirds chase the crows from their nests, all the stunning flowers and scent of citrus blossoms in the air. I am in heaven.

As I sat down to choose this month's poem, I came across a poet I was not familiar with, Raymond Carver. This poem is actually on his tombstone in Port Angeles, WA, another beautiful city. He was born on May 25, 1938, in Oregon and died in 1988. Much too young. My beloved son, Bryan, who also left too soon, shares the birthday. I hope you enjoy these days and feel loved.

Late Fragment

Raymond Carver

And did you get what
you wanted from this life, even so?
I did.

And what did you want?
To call myself beloved, to feel myself
beloved on the earth.



Village Quackers

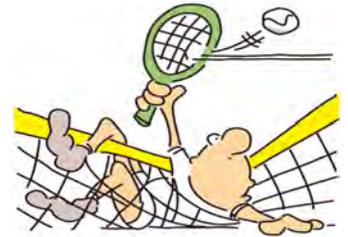
It's that time of year when we are visited by our flying waterfowl couple! From top left: Sandy Noble (#420) snaps Alan Hyams (also #420) as he tempts Mrs. Duck with bread; another shot of Mrs. Duck stopping by (Sandy says she arrives at their door just about every morning and afternoon; Mr. Duck on a solo pool swim (taken by Jessica Leaf, #211); and the two take a dip together (taken by Julie Conner #374).



Pickleball / Tennis Club News

Jan Nyberg #93

Hooray, for beautiful balmy spring! Our courts have never been as enjoyable in their newly mint condition.



So inspired, some of our intrepid unnamed residents are taking up the sport of tennis. Learning a new sport is a great way to wake up both the body and mind. Ready to take up the challenge and learn? Resident Steve Penacho has offered to teach an introduction to Pickle Ball on Wednesday mornings. Please call Steve at (858) 245-2057 or Jan (661) 203-9352 to make arrangements. Practical tips: basic fitness is important as is wearing court shoes. Beginners equipment is available at the courts.

Tennis/Pickleball Club Business Meeting

Thursday, May 20th 5:00pm, Village Hall

No food, bring your own drink

We will discuss dues, resurfaced courts and other business.



COYOTES IN THE VILLAGE. Arla Ide (#308) took this photo on April 5th in her back yard. This is pup season for coyotes; they can be highly aggressive when protecting a litter. Because coyotes can easily jump any fence here in the Village, protect your own 'litter' by keeping your pets on a leash at all times.

Health Insurance News

Carla Grills #105

Because one major expense for those with Medical needs is the coverage of drugs and drug plans, I thought I would review some of these Medicare basics.

First, original Medicare requires that you have a drug plan. If you don't purchase a drug plan when you first qualify for Medicare, you will be penalized. The only exceptions are that you already have a qualified drug plan through your employer, or you have Veterans or Tricare drug coverage. If you don't enroll in a drug plan (a standalone or an Advantage plan) you will have 1% of the national average plan cost for every month not enrolled. You cannot go 63 days without drug coverage, or this penalty will apply. This penalty is added to your drug premium or your Advantage plan every month for the rest of your life, so it does add up!

Drugs are covered on plans according to that plan's formulary. A formulary is a list of drugs covered by your plan. Within the formulary there are tiers. Tiers group the drugs covered by their relative cost. Generally, the lower tiers have lower costs (like generics). Often lower tiers have flat rate copays while the upper tiers may have a coinsurance percentage (like brand names or specialty drugs). Medicare plans arrange their drug tiers and formularies differently, so it pays to shop around if you have expensive drug needs. Coverages change from year to year, so it's prudent to review your coverage annually.

Step therapy is a coverage rule used by some Medicare drug plans that require you to try one or more similar, lower cost drugs to treat your condition before the plan will cover the prescribed drug.

Doctors often prescribe generics first if they are available, but if only a brand name is available or suits your need, you may need an exception. An exception form is available from every plan. Your physician fills it out and sends it to the plan so your drug will be covered. It may be covered in a higher tier than the generic would have been, but you will be covered.

If you have problems with the costs of your drugs, you should call Medicare to see if you qualify for Extra Help. This is a program that assists those with low income. If you qualify, you may receive help with your drug premiums, copays and coinsurance. Another source of help is often from the brand name company themselves. Contact their support line or look for coupons online.

ANSWER: WHO'S WHO on page 19

Retired Marine combat pilot Captain Dale Kennedy (#337), shown here as a First Lieutenant.



Bought a book last week from Ikea...

RESIDENT HAPPENINGS!

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



From Becky Case (#332): "here's newest resident Jax, he is the little one! He is a four-month-old Imperial Shih Tsu. The bigger one is Cooper, he has been with us for almost two years. They love our dog park!!"

Enzo, owner of Sandy Noble and Alan Hyams (#420), is treated to cake and a serenade in celebration of his ninth birthday.

Jake, owner of Rebecca Richards (#452), sits pretty for his photo.



GIRLS NIGHT OUT: CV ladies enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. From left: Cindy Simunec (#322), Cindy Paramore (#75), Rebecca Richards (#452), Marci Burns (106), Anna Marie Montoya (#173), Susie Riley (#311) and Jae Shaw (#161).



Karen and Everett Smith (#152) pose with Dr. Fauci (or is it?!) while getting their vaccinations.

ANSWER from page 13: Jan Nyberg (#221)

AROUND THE VILLAGE: BIRDHOUSES

Victoria Moore #432



POOR INDEED IS THE GARDEN IN WHICH BIRDS FIND NO HOMES.
ABRAM URBAN