

Champagne Village CV TIMES

MAY 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, May 19th
6:00pm Village Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Refer to the calendar, page 22

May News

The CVPOA Board of Directors did not meet in April. Per our CC&Rs, the Board meets regularly, but is not required to meet monthly - and typically a few meetings are skipped throughout the year.

See the April 2022 CV Times for more details on the CVPOA Board and their duties.

The new Board is scheduled to meet May 19th in the Hall. Remember, no election is required this year (refer to the April CV Times for details regarding this).

Where's the "Welk"?

A recent photo of the well-known signage indicates a name change is coming following the merger last year of Marriott Vacations Worldwide and Welk Resorts. It was suggested that Welk Resorts would be part of the Hyatt Residence Club, and Hyatt management confirmed that a new name was announced on April 1, 2022. Welk Resorts located in Escondido will be known as "The Welk", retaining its Welk heritage.

*Right: a recent photo
(see update on page 19)*

*Below: previous Welk
Resorts signage*



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OFFICE NOTICES

911 Unavailable for 3G Network in 2022

If your mobile phone, medical alert device, or home security system is more than a few years old, you may need to upgrade your device before your mobile provider shuts down its 3G network, to avoid losing service. For more information on your mobile providers' plans for 3G retirement, contact your provider directly.

Mobile carriers are shutting down their 3G networks, which rely on older technology, to make room for more advanced network services, including 5G. As a result, many older cell phones will be unable to make or receive calls and texts, including calls to 911. This will affect 3G mobile phones and certain older 4G mobile phones that do not support Voice over LTE.

Other devices that rely on older 3G cellular service may also be affected such as older home security systems, older medical alert devices & older vehicles with built-in connectivity, such as OnStar. Consult your mobile provider's website or contact your mobile provider for the most up-to-date information on whether your phone, or other connected device may be affected. It is important to do so now so that you don't lose connectivity, including the ability to call 911.

Mexican Fan Palm Trimming

Sign-ups for trimming your Mexican Fan palm trees has already begun for 2022! Please turn a check, made out to Champagne Village, into the office & put "tree trimming" in the memo line of your check. The cost is \$75.00 per tree. Checks must be received no later than May 31st to be part of the program.

Updates to the CV Resident Phone Directory

We will be making updates and printing new copies of the Resident Phone Directory, please take a moment to review your information that is currently in the Directory to ensure it is correct. Contact the office with any changes.

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.

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 OR share any information contained within it in any manner, since they contain the private contact information of our residents, with anyone who does not live in the Village.**

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
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

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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.

GARAGE SALE

Your Stuff
at your home

SATURDAY MAY 21 @ 9AM

**ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME
SIGN UP IN HALLWAY
NEXT TO THE CARDROOM**

BY 5/20

all items welcome



SAC ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

IN THE PARK

Come play, sing or just listen and enjoy!
One Friday per month, the park will be open to anyone who would like to play, sing or enjoy music from some of the talent living here in Champagne Village

WHERE: CV PICNIC AREA
WHEN: May 27
TIME: 11:00AM - 2:00PM

BYOB, SNACKS, BEACH CHAIRS, BLANKETS

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

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.



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

BRING \$\$\$ FOR THE 50-50 DRAWING

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 CHORUS
ROCKS
SATURDAY MAY 14 2:00PM
 featuring music from the 60s, 70s and 80s
don't miss this special performance!

Fourth Friday - "Jammin' In The Park"

Richard Reed #312

Are you looking to channel your inner Janis Joplin or sing a John Denver song in front of a supportive audience? Have you written some of your own songs (or poems) and need a place to try them out? Can you play, or sing, or do you just like to listen? If so, here is your chance! For five afternoons, this summer, we'll be **Jammin' in the Park**.

- Where:** CV Picnic Area
- When:** May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, & September 23
- Time:** 11:00am to 2:00pm

One Friday per month, our picnic area will be open to anyone who would like to play, sing or enjoy music from some of the home-grown talent in Champagne Village. We are inviting anyone who would like to perform (or just listen and sing-along). We promise that everyone's talent will be respected and appreciated. We will even have some microphones and amplifiers for those wanting to see how it feels to be wired, like the pros. Each aspiring performer will have 3-5 minutes to play, sing or recite. This is NOT Karaoke.

So, break out your instrument of choice and join us. Bring a beach chair or lawn blanket, and some refreshments - maybe a sack lunch. Don't be shy. It should be a fun way to kick off the weekend. See you on May 27th.

For additional info, call Richard, # 312, phone (530) 313-8884.

CHORUS NEWS

Sharon Sybesma #127

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!

*Often, when you
 think you're at
 the end of
 something, you're
 at the beginning
 of something else.*

Fred Rogers

Your Neighbors 'Live' in CV Hall

May 28 @ 5:00

KARAOKE

SING-DANCE

FREE PARTY BYOB AND SNACKS



Memorial Day Activities

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day Moment of Silence

Where: Veterans Memorial
When: 9:00 to 9:30AM

Memorial Day Golf Cart Spirit Parade

Where: Parade begins at #48
When: 5:00PM

Bring your own flags,
or there are extras flags to share.
We hope you can join us!

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!

Crafters & Conversation

Thursdays, Card Room - 10am to 4pm

Whether or not you craft, to 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

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
YVONNE AND PAUL SCOTT #428**

**FOR MORE INFO, TEXT
CAROLE (619) 421-1944 OR
LINDA (760) 877-4746**



*We thank the Lion's Club for their generous donation
for our drawing gifts, and also the Boomers, Caroline Bossmeyer,
Dave Belt, Pat Krumweide, and Edie Hillebrecht.
We will have great prizes this year!*



Welcome New Residents!

- David Peterson #418 (619) 799-0188
- Susan Gleiforst #133 (760) 822-1674
- Libby (Mary) Hedrick #65 (moved from #41)
- Rafael & Chris Perez #207 (moved from #65)
- Russ Greene #338 (moved from #207)

**TAI CHI
YOUR WAY**

WITH INSTRUCTOR SIFU GLENN BUMACOD
Assistant Instructor Kitty Koss

**MONDAYS / WEDNESDAYS
4:00pm Village Hall**

*"For Fast-acting Relief,
Try Slowing Down."
Lily Tomlin*

Champagne Village Lions Club



Our 28th Year

Lion Alan Rings #386
"WE SERVE"

Welcome New Members, Doug Baird #172, Pat Morrison #424 and James Salvini #330. The Lions are now 39 members strong. Awesome!

Calvin Christian junior, Megan Payne, won the Student Speaker Region Contest on April 2nd. She moves on to compete in the District Contest on April 23rd.

At the April meeting, the Club members elected the following Officers and Directors: President - Steve Caves, Past President - Tom Bossmeyer, Vice President - Carol Cox, Secretary - Arlene Belt, Treasurer - Alan Rings, Lion Tamer - James Salvini, Tail Twister - Dave Belt, Directors - Mary Brown and Nancy Thweat. Also in April, the Lions enjoyed a presentation of two puppies-in-training by the Guide Dogs of the Desert charity.

In recent years, your Lions Club has donated over \$75,000 to charities and Village projects and over a thousand Christmas presents to Villagers.

Vamos a 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.

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

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



Lions Tom Bossmeyer and Steve Caves present a Club check for \$10,000 to Village President Wade Steverson (center). The money will go to improve access to the Dog Park for Villagers with mobility difficulties.

The Lions appreciate your recyclable can and bottle donations. We can only recycle containers for drinks: water, soda, beer, and some juices. Containers NOT accepted include: wine, liquor, milk, and anything similar. Please make sure the bottles and cans are completely drained. Thanks.

Recycling locations:

| | | |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| 44 Sycamore | 73 Esquire | 100 L. Welk |
| 172 Terrace | 205 Camphor | 232 L. Welk |
| 288 Leaf Pine | 348 Ironwood | 386 Mulberry |
| 396 Mulberry | 407 Myrtle | 435 Live Oak |
| Dog Park | Laundry Building | Mailboxes |
| Swimming Pool | Tennis Courts | Village Hall |

Our Champagne Village workers...

- Unclog creek during rains
- Put up a new sign in Dog Park
- Repaired drywall in the Village Hall hallway
- Cleaned street sewers
- Cleaned pool deck
- Sanded, primed and painted the Hall and Board Room
- Installed benches at the golf range
- Took off popcorn ceiling in the Village Hall hallway, sanded down patch work and applied texture

Fil and Mario do an excellent job at the village. These are a few of the items on their list last month. Thank you for all you do to make our village look wonderful!

Common Area Landscape Committee

Charolette Steele #334

Our Common Area Landscaping Committee met on March 29th with Hil Sybesma, Sandy Grubbs and Charolette Steele present. Greg Lorton and Paul Scott were absent. Tom Riggs was also present. Three individuals from Green Horizons were also present: Brian Butler, Special Projects Manager; Martin Robles, Account Supervisor here at Champagne Village; and Robert Barela, Maintenance Service Manager.

We discussed the Lawrence Welk Plaque at the entrance. Brian will draw up a new proposal using succulents and boulders. We will review the plan and see if we wish to make any changes and then decide if we can do all, if we will complete the plan in phases, or if we will even take on the endeavor this year. We will have a special meeting when the plan comes in.

We discussed Camphor hillside. We are looking to add bushes to the area where the ice plant is dead. Brian will come back with suggestions and a plan.

We also discussed different areas that need trimming, some replanting done or any other work to be done within the village. We plan to have these areas worked on this next month. We reviewed our timeline and noted when projects were completed and the items that are still pending.

Our next regular meeting will be held April 26th.

CHAMPAGNE VILLAGE TENNIS/PICKLEBALL CLUB PRESENTS

2nd



ROUND ROBIN PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday May 14TH at 10:30 AM at CV courts

2 LEVELS OF COMPETITION : 3.5 AND ABOVE, 3.5 AND BELOW

8 SPOTS IN EACH GROUP- ROOM FOR 16 PLAYERS. 2 WINNERS FROM EACH GROUP

REFRESHMENTS BY "Baker Becky" Stanis

ON LOOKERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED . CHAIRS WILL BE PROVIDED. COME TO WATCH THE FAST MOVING FUN!

For more info please contact:

Jan Nyberg 661-203-9352

DID YOU KNOW.....

.....YOU CAN FILL YOUR WATER BOTTLES
RIGHT HERE IN THE VILLAGE ?

In The hallway
between the Laundry Room
and the Gathering Place



From the Editor

Hi folks! I'm very excited to be your editor for the CV Times! And May is the first issue I'll be working on it solo. Since we are new to Champagne Village, Susie spent the April issue going through everything regarding the newsletter... and beyond. She's left some big shoes to fill with the CV Times and all of her other activities in the community. Many thanks for your guidance, Susie!

As mentioned, my husband and I just moved to Champagne Village in February, and a few people have asked me, "Why did you take the job, being so new to the area?" My response has been something like, "What better way to get to know the community than working with the newsletter?"

So, in getting to know you all, I'd also like to invite you to share what topics you'd like to see in the newsletter? Perhaps you'd like to write an article of interest yourself? I'm hoping you can share your thoughts on what you'd like to read about in YOUR newsletter. Just contact me and let me know... Email, phone, text, or stop by anytime.

Lynne Caples #78

WAKEY, WAKEY - EGGS AND BAKEY!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY
MAY 7TH**

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

Deer Springs Fire Safe Council



The mission of the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council (DSFSC) is to preserve lives, property and natural resources by mobilizing all residents to make their homes and neighborhoods fire safe.

Our efforts to accomplish this mission are directed toward the areas of education, prevention, communication, and first responder support.

More details coming on homeowner responsibilities to keep our community safe.



**Every Friday Evening
from
4:00pm to 7:00pm
at "THE GATHERING PLACE"
(Behind the Laundry Facility)
Meet new people and Socialize
Bring your own refreshment and a
munchie to share!**

Spring In-House Cleaning!

Etta McQueary #299

Some of you are doing a deep cleaning of your house this spring. How many of you are doing the same for yourself? We accumulate an abundance of toxins living in this world. They are coming from our air, food, water, clothing, or anything else you can think of. There are way more now than when we grew up. So, it's a really good idea to do an intestinal cleanse in the spring. Doesn't sound very pleasant but I can tell you that you feel better after you do. I'm not going into all the ways you can do this, but I would be happy to if you want me to. Instead, I will talk about gut health this month.



Eliminating waste from the body is a vital process, as we all know. Many of my clients know I have no problem talking about poop. I'm not kidding, either. Our gut health is connected to our brain health. What? Doesn't seem logical does it? Fix your gut to fix your brain! Research has shown us that it's all connected more than we ever realized.

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 "our second brain." The Brain-Gut connection is getting research attention because it effects our mental health and that means mood and memory. I'm sure you have heard the term, "gut feelings" or "gut instincts." This connection also effects other organs such as the heart, lungs, and kidneys. With so many toxins from our environment coming into our bodies daily, all these organs have been stressed to the max.

Maybe you have heard of "Leaky Gut", a new epidemic caused by lifestyle and eating the standard American diet, full of artificial chemicals. The longer you do this, the more toxins leak into organs such as our brains: 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, this also effects our immune systems; our ability to fight off diseases.

When the immune system gets confused by all the artificial substances entering the body and the immune system goes on high alert, we can get an auto-immune response. This is when the immune system turns on its own self, which is never good. All sorts of ailments can result from this happening, such as allergic reactions or food sensitivities.

Another issue leading to this is eating foods that are genetically engineered, called GMO foods (genetically modified organisms). These include wheat, soy, and corn (for sure), along with other grains and even dairy and fish. Buying non-GMO foods and eating gluten free foods can help us with gut issues.

Another big problem that has contributed to gut issues is our vast list of medications, especially antibiotics. Every time we have to take them, we must start over to heal our gut by taking probiotics, which contain the good bacteria that helps our intestinal track do its job.

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 in the last two years. 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, nonGMO if possible
- Chew your food twice as much and eat less more often
- Blend food into smoothies and drink them slowly - our best breakfast or snack
- Stress less, whatever that means for you: breathe, read, don't watch the news, things like that
- Move more - we can all get out to take a walk and some breathe fresh air
- Not so welcomed, but a good intestinal cleanse is great in the spring.
- Here is the most important - a good probiotic is suggested to keep good bacteria in the intestinal track.

Happy Spring!



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!

History of our Village shared by *Mark Henderson*

Karen Smith # 152

As new homeowners choose our village, we find that many may not be aware or know of our original benefactor for which our community was named. Lawrence Welk was a modest man of great vision who brought wonderful wholesome entertainment to our parents on TV every Saturday night. The genre he developed gave his viewers music that everyone could share and enjoy. He made his accordion speak to us and became a mentor to many young vocal groups who grew up before our eyes and became celebrities in their own right.

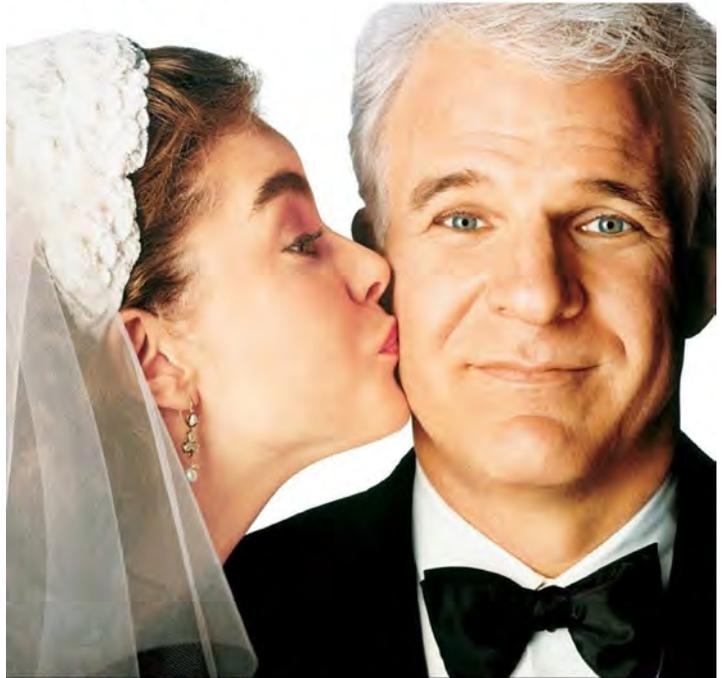
While motoring up Old Highway 395 to return to his home in Los Angeles after an engagement in San Diego, he noticed our quaint village and decided to make it his own getaway by purchasing the mobile home community. He became a frequent and active visitor and an integral part of their activities as well.

In 1983, resident Mark Henderson #122, was employed as a security guard at our Village gate house. At that time, the job included routine surveillance of the whole community - which only included the original homes on Live Oak, Esquire, Sycamore, Lawrence Welk Drive and Terrace. The community also included the golf course, restaurant and hotel so security was an important part of Mark's job. Since Mark's work hours would go late into the evening, he found himself challenged to stay alert once the sidewalks rolled up after 9:00pm. He asked his boss if he could practice his guitar outside the gate house, and his boss okayed his activity as long as he kept his schedule commitment.

One night around 10:00pm, he was focused on a difficult piece of music and failed to notice a limousine had pulled up alongside the gate house. With his guitar still in hand he greeted the chauffeur who told him that Mr. Welk was going to space 138, which was the Welk Lodge. Mark opened the gate and the limo started to pull forward but stopped at the rear passenger window and Mr. Welk said, "Oh you play the guitar. Play me something." As he was playing, the Lennon Sisters and their father, Jack, exited the limo and joined Lawrence Welk to listen.

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

FATHER of the BRIDE



WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH
3:00PM VILLAGE HALL

When Mark finished playing, Lawrence was pleased with what he had heard and asked Mark about his musical experiences. Lawrence then invited Mark to play at the Resort Village Christmas Party as a special guest and also offered Mark the opportunity to sit in with his band. Mark said it was a "Wonderful" experience and a very great memory.

Welk continued to participate in annual parties while in residence. His original residence here was Addie Wilkenson's home before they moved up Terrace to the Lodge. Lawrence also frequented our Men's Breakfast, which is a 55-year activity, where he personally served coffee. Although it's been a long time since Mr. Welk has been here at the Village, we can only hope that this kind man will continue to be remembered as a down-to-earth visionary who recognized our community's potential and made it happen.



80-Plus Village Birthday Party

The CV 80-Plus Birthday Party was well attended on March 24th (above). The party was free to all Villagers 80 or older, along with their spouses or caretakers.

The Toe Tappers (left) performed at the party.

Points to Ponder

Janet LeRossignol #435

- ❖ *Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."*
- ❖ *Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?*
- ❖ *Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.*
- ❖ *Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.*
- ❖ *"The starting pay is \$40,000. Later it can go up to \$80,000." Great. I'll start later."*
- ❖ *If you're not called crazy when you start something new, then you're not thinking big enough.*
- ❖ *"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo".*

Care & Concern News

Charolette Steele #334



Garden Tour

The Garden Tour will be held on May 15th from 1:00 to 4:00pm. There are six homes on the tour. There will also be some great raffle prizes, so be sure to add this date on your calendar. See page 8 in this CV Times for more information.

Memorial Committee

We held one Celebration of Life ceremony in April. We wish to thank everyone who helps make these ceremonies a success. Thank you to those who help with set-up, clean-up, audio/video, cookie baking and anything else.

I also ask for residents who have knowledge of a death in the Village to please contact Leonore Alvarado so she can put a notice in the nightly e-mail that goes out to members of our group. You may also contact Charolette Steele at (760) 913-5345 or (760) 805-2611 so she will be able to deliver a card and information about the services our group can provide the family. We can only provide this information when we are notified of the need. Thank you for helping by providing this information.

Easter Treats

We hope everyone enjoyed their Easter treat this year. Thank you to our members who made it possible.

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

Poetry Corner

Kristina McLaughlin #169

Mary Oliver never fails to inspire me and her poems pop up in my field of vision as I navigate my daily life. As we enjoy this beautiful spring season ~ with flowers, bees, birds, and other critters, we really do live in a miraculous world. Enjoy every day and don't forget to "look!"

Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous
To be understood.

How grass can be nourishing in the
Mouths of the lambs.

How rivers and stones are forever
In allegiance with gravity
While we ourselves dream of rising.

How two hands touch and the bonds will
Never be broken.

How people come, from delight or the
Scars of damage,
To the comfort of a poem.

Let me keep my distance, always, from those
Who think they have the answers.

Let me keep company always with those who
say
"Look!" And laugh in astonishment,
And bow their heads.

~Mary Oliver



Common Birds of Champagne Village

Charlene Wright #68

American Goldfinches, male and female. Favorite seeds are thistle and often eats millet, as seen in the photo. Forages in flocks.

Charlene takes the photos in her backyard or around the Village.

About The CV Veterans Memorial

Susie Riley #311

Many recently new residents have asked about how the Veterans Memorial came to be. I thought this would be a good time to offer this article.

Our Veterans Memorial was designed, proposed and built in 2018. I hatched the idea for the memorial after having met so many residents who were veterans; I kept wondering why there wasn't a place in the Village to honor them. So I asked Jim Pio to help me create a team to build a memorial and off we went. At that first meeting, we agreed that the Memorial needed to be placed at its location within the heart of the community, with the fountain as a backdrop and the canopy of trees overhead, creating a place for quiet reflection:

- A circle of pavers for our resident veterans: the essence – the heart of our Memorial
- A border of bricks surrounding them, representing the support of other veterans and a grateful community
- Above, the thankful wave of our American flag, flying proudly because of their service
- The MIA POW flag, forever present and always reminding us of those still imprisoned, missing or unable to find their way home
- The fountain's water, reflecting our sorrow, our hope and our thanks
- And benches that would welcome us in moments of remembrance and gratitude

But the Memorial was always meant to be more than these elements. Each of its pavers marks a life that stepped forward to serve our country and a cause greater than themselves. Including the names on its bricks, more than 190 veterans are memorialized. They served in every branch of our military, in both war and peace. Some were stationed here at home, while others fought on foreign soil in six military conflicts: World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Some pavers represent past residents who left before us, while most are current residents, and more blank pavers await future residents. This is a living memorial: it honors not only those currently within it, but will welcome new veterans as they join us here in the Village. As they have served us, our hope is that this sacred place will serve them.



THE ORIGINAL TEAM who made the Veterans Memorial possible: from left, Susie Riley, Austin O'Malley, Lee Martin, Charlie Service, Stan Ford, Jim Pio and Walter Zielinski. (Steve Caves later joined our team.)

We sold pavers and bricks to raise the funds needed, and from the moment we announced our plans, this community opened its hearts and its wallets. Once we presented the design and proof of funds needed, the Board approved our contractor and work quickly commenced. A dedication event was held on Veterans Day, November 11th, the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. Since its dedication, we've gathered as a community for moments of silence on Memorial and Patriot Days, for events to honor departed resident veterans, for Veterans Day ceremonies and numerous other celebrations and remembrances.

I believe I speak for many of us when I say there's is no other place in the Village that so intimately connects all of us than this Memorial. These are our husbands, wives, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, family members and friends. *Our hearts.* All placed in this Memorial in honor, love and thanks. Even if you're not related to anyone whose name is marked on these pavers and bricks, it is still right there that we share in the kinship of being proud, grateful Americans. It is right there that we are united. And in a time when it feels like there's so much in the world that's destined to divide us, this unity is a gift to our community. As I leave this Village, I pray that it lasts.

For those of us who planned and built this Memorial, it was always our hope that everyone in this community would make use of it. I hope you'll all continue to come to the Memorial... to remember, thank, cry or heal. Come alone or with your loved ones. Sit quietly or celebrate joyously. And as you stand there and read the names of these men and women, please take a moment to honor, gratefully acknowledge, and thank God for their courage, their dedication and their service.

It has been my sincere honor to serve as the Memorial's unofficial caretaker for these past four years. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Health Insurance News

Carla Grills #105

Spring has sprung and we all want to get outside, go somewhere, do something! After the past year of COVID shutdown many are planning long distance travel once again. According to the Beneson Strategy Research Group, 74% of international travelers plan to protect themselves with international health insurance compared to the average 50% prior to the pandemic.

The advantage of international travel insurance is realized in several areas. No language barriers or time zone phone issues when calling for help. Some companies have a phone app that will direct you to the nearest doctor or hospital. An international health insurance company is a global-based organization with an international network of hospitals and doctors certified to the highest standards and will speak English. Bills are sent directly to the company. You do not have to come up with cash enable to get out of the hospital! No filling out paperwork, getting bills translated and waiting months to be reimbursed.

International health insurance includes medical evacuation. Home-based travel policies included in Medicare or typical travel packages do not cover evacuation. For example, emergency provisions for a cruise line will say that they will get you to the nearest medical facility. That means they may drop you off to a clinic on an island or nearest port. That fulfills their obligation contractually. However, you are on you own after that. If you need more care, you will have to pay for transportation to another facility or ultimately back to the US. Medical evacuation is very expensive.

Always go prepared. You want to enjoy your special trip. Get a checkup with your dentist and primary care doctor before going. Make certain that your shots are up to date. Overseas travelers have a 50% chance of suffering from a travel-related illness. The most common travel-related sickness is gastrointestinal infection, which is generally picked up from poorly prepared food and untreated water.

If you have health issues, it is recommended that you travel with an organized tour group. Take all your medications in their original prescription bottles and carry an extra pair of glasses with you. Enjoy your trip!

CV Hikers on Mule Hill Trail

Mark Seebach #112

CV Hikers enjoyed a hike at the Mule Hill Trail in Escondido and we were lucky enough to spot a mule deer.

The CV Hikers outing is the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Contact Mark Seebach, (760) 644-8838, for more information.



"The mind once stretched by a new idea, never returns to its original dimension."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

CV Drama Club “Staying Alive” on April 2

Lesley Harris #161

My mother, Jennie, has been putting on plays for many years here in Champagne Village. She took a long hiatus, and then began again in 2018 with *Passion, Pasta & Pistols*. In 2019, we staged *Murder on the Grill*, and after COVID restrictions were finally lifted, we enjoyed a triumphant return this year with *Staying Alive*.

My mother and I are grateful for both the time and effort put in by our hardworking cast of actors and the wonderful reception of our Champagne Village audience.



Caroline Bossmeyer and LJ Hacker



Nancy Thweatt and Caroline Bossmeyer



Joe Rossi, by the bar



Salli Brannon and Nancy Healey



The cast and crew, back row from left: Tom Bossmeyer as Bruce Leap, Nancy Thweatt as John Travolting, Salli Brannon as Diana Rush, Caroline Bossmeyer as Liza M., Mark Henderson as our announcer, Nancy Healey as Gloria Stunnem, L.J. Hacker as Sam Boozer and Joe Rossi as Andy Warthog. Seated, left to right, Lesley Harris assistant director and prompter, and Jennie Shaw, director.



The cast, back row from left: Caroline Bossmeyer as Liza M., Nancy Healey as Gloria Stunnem, Nancy Thweatt as John Travolting, Salli Brannon as Diana Rush. Seated, left to right: L.J. Hacker as Sam Boozer, Joe Rossi as Andy Warthog, and Tom Bossmeyer as Bruce Leap.

Why Should I go to Board Meetings?

If you're not on the Board, it can be easy to brush off monthly HOA meetings. Maybe you're thinking you've helped vote some of these people onto the Board so you won't need to worry about things. Maybe you're thinking that the meetings are boring. Or maybe you're thinking there's no point in being there because you can't do anything about what's happening.

Actually, members can and do influence decision-making during Board meetings, and you should take a vested interest in what's happening in YOUR community - after all, you own 1/457th of the CVPOA! So the next time the third Thursday of the month rolls around, consider these reasons why you should attend the monthly Board meeting.

Stay Informed.

Reading meeting minutes or updates in the newsletter are merely highlights of what's actually happening. By attending the Board meeting, you're able to hear the Board's discussions, recommendations, and concerns first-hand. You can learn more about how and why decisions were made and what's coming down the pipeline.

Ask Questions.

Open Forum is the general time set aside for members to speak and ask questions at Board meetings. This is a great opportunity to make your voice heard if you have questions or want to share something. Rather than sitting home and assuming others will speak up or are doing the right thing, attend meetings and see for yourself.

Understand How the Association Works.

You pay dues every month, but do you actually know how that money is being spent? Do you know why the HOA sometimes needs to increase dues? By attending meetings, you can gain more insight into exactly what decisions are being made and how the community is being managed - and affected.

Meet People.

Meetings bring everyone together and can allow you to introduce yourself to neighbors and other members you might not see often. You can listen to their concerns and issues or hear their recommendations for changes.

Pickleball & Tennis Club

Jan Nyberg #221

We met on the 2nd Thursday, April 14th, in the Hall. Toni Strahan and Fred Carr hosted our potluck and lots of good food and conversation was enjoyed by the folks who attended. Next month we will meet on May 12th and Clay Albert will host.

We voted to start saving for the purchase of a Pickleball Ball Machine. We are on our way to our goal of \$1,000 thanks to some donations. The Club currently owns a Tennis Ball Machine and if interested in using it please contact: Kevin Bauder in space 4.

We are planning to host a 2nd Round Robin Tournament to crown the Kings and Queens of Pickleball. May 14th, 10:30am, at CV Courts. It should be great fun and all in the Village are welcome to come and watch the action. Please see page 10 in CV Times for more information.

More good news! Beginning in May we will be offering play time to those residents who can't make the morning times. Beginning and experienced players are welcome to meet up at the Tennis/Pickleball Courts 5:30pm on Wednesdays. If you are new to the game, several club members will be available to offer pointers. You will not be alone and friends will help you learn new skills. Basic fitness is needed, court shoes and some patience with yourself as you learn. There is equipment available. Show up on May 4th, reservations are not needed but if you have questions, call Jan (661) 203-9352.

Found it! (Continued from the front cover)

An even more recent photo of the prior Welk Resorts signage shows the new logo for "The Welk".



Easter Golf Cart Spirit Parade, April 16th

Twenty-six golf carts participated in the **Easter Golf Cart Spirit Parade** on April 16th – decorated in their “bunny-best”. There were some delightful Easter bonnets as well! Here’s some highlights...



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
Pool Players

WHEN AND WHERE

Tues, 1:00pm Card Room
1st and 3rd Fri, 1:00pm Hall
Mon, 6:00pm Hall
3rd Friday, 12-4pm, Card Room
Mon, Weds, Fri 1:00pm Hall

CONTACT

Wayne Steele (760) 913-5345
Marci Burns (619) 559-3609
Kitty Koss (760) 580-8283
Mary Allen (760) 913-5344
Wade Steverson (760) 297-4810

CRAFTS, HOBBIES, ETC.

Chorus
Crafters & Conversation

WHEN AND WHERE

Tues, 10:45am, 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
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, Wed, Fri 9:00am, 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
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, 5:00pm Hall
text if needed
call if needed
1st Sat (Oct-May), Hall
various

CONTACT

Barbie Floyd (530) 925-2319
Alan Rings (858) 395-7572
Linda Clifford - text only (760) 877-4745
Charolette Steele (760) 913-5345
Tom Bossmeyer (442) 217-8194
Contact the office for info (760) 749-8008

SOCIAL, CLUBS

CV Boomers
CV Morning Gathering

Karaoke
Social Activities Committee
Young and the Rest of Us

WHEN AND WHERE

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

CONTACT

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Wade Steverson (760) 297-4810

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MAY 2022 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

| Sunday | | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | | Saturday | |
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| | 8:00 Chair Yoga Village Hall | 8:30 Morning Gathering Gathering Place | 8:00 Chair Yoga Village Hall | 8:30 Morning Gathering Gathering Place | 8:30 Morning Gathering Gathering Place | 8:00 Chair Yoga Village Hall | 8:30 Morning Gathering Gathering Place | 8:00 Chair Yoga Village Hall | 8:00 Chair Yoga Village Hall | 8:00 Chair Yoga Village Hall | 8:00 Chair Yoga Village Hall | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts |
| | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts | 9:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts | 9:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 8:30 Ping Pong Card Room | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:30 Ping Pong Card Room | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:00 Pickleball Tennis Courts |
| | 8:30 Morning Gathering Gathering Place | 10:30 Chorus Card Room | 8:30 Learn Pickleball Tennis Courts | 10:30 Chorus Card Room | 9:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 8:30 Learn Pickleball Tennis Courts | 9:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 8:30 Learn Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:30 Learn Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:30 Learn Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:30 Learn Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:30 Learn Pickleball Tennis Courts | 8:30 Learn Pickleball Tennis Courts |
| | 9:00 Line Dance Village Hall | 1:00 CV Bridge Card Room | 8:30 Morning Gathering Gathering Place | 1:00 Line Dance Village Hall | 10:00 Conversations Card Room | 8:30 Morning Gathering Gathering Place | 9:00 Line Dance Village Hall | 9:00 Line Dance Village Hall | 9:00 Line Dance Village Hall | 9:00 Line Dance Village Hall | 9:00 Line Dance Village Hall | 9:00 Line Dance Village Hall | 9:00 Line Dance Village Hall |
| | 9:45 Line Dance Lessons Village Hall | 11:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 9:00 Line Dance Village Hall | 10:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 6:30 Life Group Card Room | 10:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 10:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 10:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 10:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 10:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 10:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 10:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall | 10:00 Exercise Line Dance Village Hall |
| | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room | | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room | | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room | 1:00 Ping Pong Card Room |
| | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall | 4:00 Tai Chi Village Hall |
| | 6:00 Game Night Village Hall | 6:00 Game Night Village Hall | 5:30 Tennis Club Courts | 5:30 Tennis Club Courts | | 5:30 Tennis Club Courts | 5:30 Tennis Club Courts | 5:30 Tennis Club Courts | 5:30 Tennis Club Courts | 5:30 Tennis Club Courts | 5:30 Tennis Club Courts | 5:30 Tennis Club Courts | 5:30 Tennis Club Courts |
| | | | 6:00 CV Poker Card Room | 6:00 CV Poker Card Room | | 6:00 CV Poker Card Room | 6:00 CV Poker Card Room | 6:00 CV Poker Card Room | 6:00 CV Poker Card Room | 6:00 CV Poker Card Room | 6:00 CV Poker Card Room | 6:00 CV Poker Card Room | 6:00 CV Poker Card Room |
| THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE IN ADDITION TO THOSE ABOVE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | | Saturday | |
| 1 | 3:30 Vespers Village Hall | 2 | 9:00 Republican Women Card Room | 3 | 11:00 Dance Practice Village Hall | 4 | | 5 | 10:30 Round Robin Tennis Tournament Tennis Courts | 6 | 12:30 Bunco Village Hall | 7 | 8:00 Men's Breakfast Village Hall |
| 8 | | 9 | | 10 | 10:00 Chorus Card Room or Hall | 11 | 6:00 Lions Club Meeting Village Hall | 12 | 5:00 Tennis/Pickleball Club Meeting Picnic Area | 13 | 11:00 Chorus Practice Village Hall | 14 | 10:30 Round Robin Tennis Tournament Tennis Courts |
| 15 | 1:00 Garden Homes Tour | 16 | | 17 | 6:00 Private Bunco Card Room | 18 | 3:00 Reel Funnies Movie Father of the Bride Village Hall | 19 | 1:00 Mixed Duplicate Bridge Village Hall | 20 | 12:00 Ladies Duplicate Bridge Card Room | 21 | 9:00 SAC Garage Sale Village Hall |
| 22 | 6:00 SAC Movie Night Village Hall | 23 | | 24 | | 25 | 3:00 SAC Meeting Card Room | 26 | 6:00 Board Meeting Village Hall | 27 | 11:00 Jam Session Picnic Area | 28 | 4:00 Karaoke Village Hall |
| 29 | | 30 | 9:00 Memorial Day Moment Of Silence Veterans Memorial | 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| See something wrong? Contact the Office to add/remove calendar events | | | | | | | | | | | | | |