

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

JULY 31, 2026

POOL POLICY

With summer here and having lots of guests of our members using the pool, Management would like to remind everyone of the Hacienda ground rule regarding the pool use (See back of the bulletin).

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

We had a nice turnout for our ice cream social held on the newly resurfaced pool deck. We will be having more events like this in the future. Our next big event will be the annual Hacienda Carmel birthday party. The date is set for August 29th. It will take place on the pool deck between 4:00 and 5:30 PM. We will have Chef Bill serve high-end hors d'oeuvres. E&E will pay for one free drink. Live music will feature the Better Together Band consisting of John and Shelley Jemison. A poster will soon be available. The slideshow in the lobby will also feature this event. We will try to schedule our first fireside chat event sometime in August prior to the birthday party event. We are looking for residents with interesting careers and/or interesting stories for a new fireside chat event. We all know many of our residents have had interesting experiences and we would like to have them share it with us. Please contact Lori Silver at lorisilver7@gmail.com if you would like to participate. Don't forget all our regular activities. The lobby slide show is a great source of information.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

Mark your calendars for our **Art Exhibition opening of "SOUP'S ON" on Friday August 14** from 4:00 to 5:30pm in Casa Fiesta! Our members are hard at work finishing paintings and framing before the big day. Also, on that date **a class from the Pacific Grove Adult School will be going to the Santa Lucia Reserve in Carmel Valley** from 10:00 am to 1:00pm to hike, paint, write and enjoy the beauty of this closed reserve. **Diane Grindol** (who has taught watercolors here) is the teacher for this outdoor experience. Sign up soon through the PG Adult School by phone or website.

THE BOOK SHOPPE

Welcome back, Barbara. "Meet Your Local Authors" is happy to present Barbara Siebeneick as our author for August. She was scheduled for August 2025 but canceled due to medical issues. Many of you have asked how she was doing; now you will be able to ask her yourself. Barbara is the author of five mysteries set in Monterey, including her most recent *Double Take* about a murder that occurs at California's First Theatre, a historical gold-rush era landmark on Pacific Street in Monterey. The theater, severely damaged in a 1999 storm, was renovated and reopened two years ago. Barbara is a member of the Carmel Women's Club, the Central Coast Writers, the Monterey Civics Club, and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She has won prizes for her writing, including one from the *Monterey County Weekly's* annual "101 Words" contest. Mark your calendars for the West Room, Monday, August 24, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Out of this World.** We will not be likely to sign up for the initial trips to Mars, but we can imagine and dream, can't we? Isn't that what readers love doing? The shelves at the Book Shoppe are overloaded with Sci Fi/Fantasy donations, including some very "literary" examples of the genre: "historical sci-fi fiction" set in the Greek and Roman periods, and vintage classics like those from Isaac Asimov and Pacific Grove author Ray Bradbury. ***Recipes for Living in Big Sur.*** It's your last chance to enter our drawing, which will take place this Sunday at 2 p.m. September's drawing will be for Peter Wohlleben's classic *The Hidden Life of Trees*. **Donations to the Book Shoppe always welcome.** Contact Pat Little-Auguston, (831) 293-3153 or plittleauguston@gmail.com.

TAI CHI CHIH OUTDOORS

Join us starting Monday, August 2nd. Tai Chi Chih is a mindfulness moving meditation that is easy to learn. It's a practice that enables the Chi, the energy that moves within us, to balance and circulate. This in turn improves our health and sense of wellbeing. Outdoors Practice: Mondays at 11:30 on the Village Green (starting in August) Indoors Practice: Wednesdays at 10:00 at Casa Fiesta (as usual) Beginners are welcome anytime. If you have any questions, call Julie Anongos (certified teacher) 625-7771.

SWIMMING POOL – No Lifeguard is provided at the swimming pool. Users are responsible for their own safety and use the swimming pool and surrounding area entirely at their own risk. Rules are prominently displayed near the pool. Unless otherwise posted, the pool is available for use from dawn to dusk. The pool is not to be used at other times. The posted rules are as follows:

1. Pool privileges are available to all residents of Hacienda Carmel and their invited guests, as well as others approved at the discretion of Management.
2. Persons under the age of 16 may use the facilities after 1:00 pm and must be accompanied by a sponsoring resident or adult guest at all times.
3. Organized Association activities (e.g., aquatic exercise groups) have priority during scheduled hours over open swimming.
4. Diving, running, horseplay or loud noise in the pool area is not permitted at any time.
5. No animals of any type are permitted within the fenced pool area at any time.
6. Use of tobacco or any other substance creating second-hand smoke or vapor is prohibited in the pool area.
7. Any maintenance or safety issue should be reported immediately to the Front Desk in Casa Central.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Summer is in full swing, and there is a lot happening throughout the community. Thank you to everyone who continues to look out for one another and helps make Hacienda Carmel such a welcoming place to call home (and work)! A few updates from the Management Office:

- **Annual Owner Information Form:** If you have not yet returned your Annual Owner Information & Communication Preferences Form, please do so at your earliest convenience. Keeping your contact information current helps the Association communicate important notices, maintain accurate records, and reach the appropriate person in the event of an emergency.
- **Ground Rule 13 Update:** The proposed revisions to Ground Rule 13 (Mail, Package Delivery, and Resident Cubby Communications) are currently in the required 28-day member comment period. Owners are encouraged to review the proposed changes and submit any comments to the Management Office before the comment period closes.
- **BuildingLink:** Staff training is scheduled to begin in August. BuildingLink will provide residents with a convenient online portal and mobile app to submit maintenance requests, receive community announcements, access important Association documents, communicate with Management, and track the status of service requests. For the Management team, BuildingLink will streamline work order tracking, improve communication, reduce paperwork, and help ensure requests are handled more efficiently and consistently. Additional information and resident training opportunities will be shared as we get closer to launch.
- **Financial Services Transition:** The Association remains on schedule to transition its financial services to Seabreeze Management Company on October 1, 2026. This partnership will provide additional accounting resources, enhanced financial controls, greater depth of staff support, and increased continuity of service. This change affects only the Association's accounting functions. Accounting represents just one portion of the work performed by our on-site team. Residents will continue to see the same familiar staff providing management, customer service, maintenance coordination, architectural support, resident assistance, day-to-day community operations, and financial oversight.
- **Board Correspondence:** To help ensure timely and consistent communication, correspondence intended for the Board of Directors should be submitted through the Management Office. Please send to chulka@haciendacarmelca.com or drop a note in the GM cubby. Every submission is logged and provided to the Board as part of its regular meeting process. I promise you, they will receive it.
- **Clubhouse Roofing Project:** Work will continue through the next two weeks.
- **Community Safety:** If you notice a maintenance issue or safety concern anywhere in the community, please report it to the Front Desk or the Management Office so it can be addressed promptly.

In service and gratitude,

Christine Hulka, CMCA, AMS
General Manager