

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

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EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Our inaugural “Meet Your Neighbor” program was a big success! A special thank you to **Bill Solms**, who shared his life story, “**Aviation, A Life of Adventure.**” Stay tuned for the announcement of our September speaker. **Attention, Virgos!** Please join us for a **birthday luncheon celebration** in the West Room at **11:45 AM on Thursday, September 3**. Everyone purchases their own meal, and birthday cake is provided! The annual **Hacienda Carmel Birthday Party** is coming up this **Saturday, August 29**, and more than **100 residents** have already signed up. Be sure to check out the special slideshow featuring **Hacienda Carmel’s early years**, now playing on the big-screen TV in Casa Central. There are so many interesting people and stories right here at Hacienda Carmel! The new “Meet Your Neighbor” program is looking for residents with interesting careers, experiences, adventures, or life stories they would enjoy sharing with their neighbors. If you would like to participate, please contact **Lori Silver** at lorisilver7@gmail.com. **AND THERE’S MORE!** Don’t forget about all of the regular activities happening around Hacienda Carmel. Check the **weekly slideshow** in **Casa Central** for an updated listing of upcoming events and activities.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

Our next **Art Luncheon** will be held on **Thursday, September 10 at Noon** in the West Room. **Our featured guest will be calligrapher Cynthia Ricketts Wasely** who will speak on the use of watercolor, pen and ink using Arches paper, canvas and clay-board. **Join in this event by signing up in the Paperback Room after August 31**. For upcoming **art classes** see the **Fall Pacific Grove Adult School** catalogs which are on the shelf near package storage in Casa Centrale. Do not forget to schedule some time to visit the free **Open Studios Art Tour** upcoming on the **September 12-13 and 19-20 weekends!** The offered studios are listed on-line at Arts Council of Monterey and should be in the Weekly soon!! This is a rare opportunity to visit with a variety of artists in their studios and to see or purchase their latest work.

THE BOOK SHOPPE

“**Meet Your Local Authors.**” John Beland is back for an encore with his bestselling memoir *Best Seat in the House*. He is an American songwriter, recording artist, session guitarist who over the past half century has left his creative legacy in pop, country, rock, folk, and gospel music. John is associated with hundreds of top names in the music industry, including Dolly Parton, Kris Kristofferson, Glen Frey and Bernie Leadon (“The Eagles”), Sonny & Cher. His first big break came when he helped a young Linda Ronstadt put together her first band, “Swampwater.” John toured, made TV appearances, and recorded two award-winning albums with “Swampwater.” From then on, he became high in demand. He helped bring about Ricky Nelson’s comeback, arranging and playing in Ricky’s hit single “Dream Lover.” John holds awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP). Credits aside, though, what you will enjoy most will be John, the hardworking, humble person with great stories to tell and music to share. See you at the West Room, Monday, September 14, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Book drawing:** Peter Wohlleben’s *The Hidden Life of Trees*. Sunday, August 30, at 2 p.m. One ticket for each \$1.00 purchase. **Donations to the Book Shoppe always welcome.** Contact Pat Little-Auguston, (831) 293-3153 or plittleauguston@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Flu & COVID Shots – **October 12th**: More information and sign-ups will be provided as the date gets closer. **Annual Fire Inspection – October 26th**: 100% unit access will be required. More information will be provided as the inspection date gets closer. **For now, please save the dates!**

FROM THE HCCA MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Thank you to everyone who attended the August 27 Board meeting. There were over 50 members in attendance and quite a bit of ground was covered. Here are some highlights:

Consent Calendar: The Board approved the Consent Calendar, including prior meeting and committee minutes, occupancy applications, a roofing change order, July financials, and committee appointments.

Casa Central Roof & Solar: The Board increased the project authorization to not exceed \$350,000 to address additional repairs discovered after the roof was opened. The good news is that the necessary repairs are being addressed now as part of the larger project. The roof is expected to be completed the week after Labor Day.

Committee Updates: ARC Chair Karen Jefferies provided an update from Architectural Review. A patio shade sail variance was approved, and ARC will review the Architectural Guidelines and bring suggested revisions back to the Board. Flossie Stowell reported for Events & Entertainment and Fran Baca for Finance.

Water Rights: After reviewing the anticipated costs, the Board agreed that continuing to pursue Appropriative Water Rights is cost prohibitive at this time due to anticipated legal fees.

Ground Rule 13: Following the member comment period, the revised Ground Rule 13, Mail, Package Delivery & Resident Cubby Communications, was unanimously adopted as presented.

Red Curbs, Crosswalks & Speed Limits: The Board had a good initial discussion about red curbs, crosswalk visibility, and a possible reduction of the HCCA speed limit. Before moving forward, the Board would like to hear from residents. Please send your thoughts to the General Manager so they can be included as part of the broader review.

Landscape & Trees: The Board discussed the landscape plan and several time-sensitive tree removals recommended by the arborist. This is part of a larger effort to take a more thoughtful, long-term approach to tree care, landscaping, and fire safety throughout Hacienda Carmel.

Member Communications: Better communication continues to be a priority. The Board discussed more frequent updates, better context around larger projects and decisions, and more opportunities for residents to share input. BuildingLink will provide another great tool to help with that.

A Few Other Items: The Board also discussed common-area room use and fees, the front desk camera (video only, no audio), and a possible shade structure for the dog park.

Upcoming Board Meetings: September and October will follow the regular schedule. November will be one week early on November 19th, there will be no regular meeting in December, and January will be two weeks early on January 14th. The regular meeting schedule will resume again in February 2027.

Thank you again to everyone who attended, asked questions, or shared comments. Resident participation really does help make Hacienda Carmel a stronger community.

In service and gratitude,

Christine Hulka, CMCA, AMS
General Manager