

HACIENDA CARMEL BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

We have changed the name from “**Meet Your Neighbor**” to “**Echoes of a Lifetime.**” However, the program itself will not change. Hacienda Carmel residents will give a presentation based on their life experiences. We do have many people here with very interesting stories. Our next speaker will be **John Grobmeier, who was inside the Pentagon during the 9/11 attack 25 years ago.** This should be a very fascinating account. In view of the popularity of this event, we have scheduled it for **Saturday, September 19th at 11:00 AM.** The annual **Hacienda Carmel Birthday Party** took place on August 29th. E&E has received a lot of positive feedback. Thanks to all the volunteers, Chef Bill and staff, and the **118 people who attended** and made this a fun event. For all our dog lovers, **Peace of Mind Dog Rescue** will be hosting an event on the Village Green. This will take place on **Tuesday, September 22nd at 11:00 AM.** Instead of calling it a pop-up event, we like to call it a “**pup-up**” event. Stay tuned for an upcoming flyer. We are still looking for **residents with interesting careers and/or interesting stories** for the new *Echoes of a Lifetime* program. We all know many of our residents have had interesting experiences, and we would like to have them share them with us. Please contact **Lori Silver at lorisilver7@gmail.com** if you would like to participate. Don't forget all our regular activities. The **weekly slide show** provides an updated listing of upcoming events.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

Our **Art Luncheon** was held on **Thursday, September 10** in the West Room. Our featured guest was **calligrapher Cynthia Ricketts Wasely**, who spoke on the use of watercolor, pen and ink using Arches paper, canvas and clay-board. For upcoming **art classes**, see the **Fall Pacific Grove Adult School** catalogs on the shelf near package storage in Casa Centrale. Don't forget to schedule some time to visit the free **Open Studios Art Tour** coming up **September 12-13 and 19-20!** The participating studios are listed online through the Arts Council for Monterey County and should be in the Weekly soon. This is a rare opportunity to visit a variety of artists in their studios and to see or purchase their latest work.

THE BOOK SHOPPE

The Hidden Life of Trees. Congratulations to our lucky winner of the Book Shoppe's August drawing, Clarissa Le' Ashland, and thank you Stephanie Ruskell for drawing the winning ticket. September's drawing features **1,000 Books To Read Before You Die.** Published in 2018, it covers all genres from 1923 forward. The book itself offers almost 1,000 pages of entertaining reading. That will keep you busy for a while also. For each \$1.00 purchase at the Book Shoppe, you receive one ticket to put in our jar. We will draw on Sunday, Sept. 27. “**Meet Your Local Authors.**” John Belan returns to the West Room for an encore this coming Monday, September 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. His second book, *Pass the Guitar and I'll Tell You a Story*, continues his intimate insights into all aspects of the music business over more than half a century, his reminiscences of people who populate it, and the lifelong close friendships his love of music brought him. **James Patterson Days** at the Book Shoppe this coming weekend. All hardback titles at 25 cents each; softbacks at 10 cents each. **Book Donations always welcome.** Contact Pat Little-Auguston, (831) 293-3153 or plittleauguston@gmail.com.

FROM THE HCCA MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Seabreeze Financial Services: HCCA will transition to Seabreeze Financial Services beginning October 1st. Residents will begin receiving new assessment statements from Seabreeze later this month. Please remember that the first month's statement will not show a balance forward while the accounting records are transferred, synchronized, and brought fully up to date. This is expected as part of the transition. Seabreeze representatives may also be onsite around the time of the September 24 Board meeting to assist residents and answer questions. More information will be announced soon!

BuildingLink: The full rollout of BuildingLink is temporarily pending completion of HCCA's financial transition to Seabreeze. Once that transition is underway, staff will have the bandwidth needed to complete BuildingLink setup and deployment. More information, including resident access and instructions, will be coming soon.

YOUR INPUT REQUESTED! Speed Limit, Red Curbs & Crosswalks: The Board is reviewing the community speed limit, red curb locations, and crosswalk visibility, and resident input is requested. Please share your comments by email to chulka@haciendacarmelca.com, or by dropping off a note to the General Manager for the Board to review, or in person at the next Board meeting.

Casa Central Roof & Solar: Roof work at Casa Central is now complete. The solar panels are scheduled to be reinstalled next week, bringing this major project closer to completion. Thank you for your patience throughout the work.

Pool Deck Update: HCCA continues to work with the contractor and product manufacturer regarding the pool deck surface, including the previously identified traction concerns and more recently observed cracking. The Association is actively pursuing appropriate corrective work and will provide additional information as next steps are finalized.

September 2 Special Board Meeting: Following resident input and further arborist review, the Board approved removal of three trees determined to be unsalvageable, while three Chinese Elms may be candidates for rehabilitation.

Gutter Cleaning Underway: Gutter cleaning is currently underway throughout Hacienda Carmel in preparation for the upcoming rainy season. Residents may see crews working around units and common areas as this work continues.

Owner Information Forms: Thank you to everyone who has returned the annual Owner Information Form. If you have not yet submitted yours, please return it to the front desk or via email to hcretire@haciendacarmelca.com. Keeping this information current helps HCCA maintain accurate Association records. A PDF fillable form is also available for download on the HCCA website.

September Board Meeting: The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24. The agenda will be posted in advance in accordance with the usual schedule.

In service and gratitude,

Christine Hulka, CMCA, AMS
General Manager