



HACIENDA CARMEL

A Special Place to Call Home

OCTOBER 23, 2026 • COMMUNITY BULLETIN

EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Our **“Echoes of a Lifetime”** series has another event coming up this Saturday. On **October 24th at 11:00 in Casa Fiesta, Edward Bungert** will be the speaker. A flyer is available with details as well as the lobby slide show. For those Scorpios, our annual **sun-sign luncheon** will take place on **Thursday, November 5th at noon in the dining room**. A sign-up sheet will soon be at the front desk. Any questions, please contact **Margee Bennett in unit 227**. Our **Oktoberfest event on October 17th** worked out very well. We are thankful for the light breeze that mitigated the heat. Also a **big thanks to the staff** for setting up the area. **Movies will resume on Sunday, November 1st**. A flyer will be available prior to the return of this event. Mark your calendars for **Pickleball and Pizza on Saturday, November 7th**. Additional details will be forthcoming on the slide show. There’s a new **knitting, crocheting and sewing group**. They meet the **first and third Friday in the lobby area, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. Those interested in more information can contact **Lori Silver** at lorisilver7@gmail.com.

ARTISTS OF HACIENDA CARMEL

Are you in the gifting mode yet? November is coming, bringing our festive **holiday exhibit opening of “Baubles and Bangles”** to Casa Fiesta on **Friday, November 13th!** Bring your special friends for ideas for holiday gifting, to enjoy some wine and early holiday cheer with our hardworking artists. Save the date, **time 4:00 pm to 5:50pm**. For those with exhibits already on the wall, the **“take-down” date is Monday, November 9**. Elsewhere, in Monterey the **Youth Arts Collective**, 472 Calle Principal in Monterey is having their **Winter Show on Friday, November 20th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. The artists are from age sixteen to twenty-six years old. The Collective is a non-profit afterschool art studio and mentorship program to foster the creative arts for High School and College age students. Our recent Art Lunch speaker Germaine Hatcher has worked with them for several years and invites all Hacienda residents to see their exciting artwork!

THE BOOK SHOPPE

Where Do We Start? Jane Smiley will join us in the West Room on Monday, Nov. 16, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to meet you, her readers. She has suggested a conversational format in addition to readings. Some of her more popular books are *A Thousand Acres* (winner of the Pulitzer Prize), *Moo*, *The All True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton* (the prequel to Jane’s most recent book *Lidie, The Further Travels and Adventures...*), *Some Luck*, *A Dangerous Business*, *Perestroika in Paris*, plus two young adult horse-related series. **Monthly Book Shoppe Drawing:** Lori Silver was the winner of *1,000 Books To Read Before You Die* for September. Jane Smiley’s *The All True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton* will be our drawing prize for October. One ticket for the drawing for each \$1.00 purchase (4 paperbacks or 1 hardback). **Trick or Treat.** At noon, Sunday, Oct. 31, come by for a special “lunch in a pumpkin” casserole, plus other treats at the Book Shoppe. Pat Little-Auguston, (831) 293-3153, or plittleauguston@gmail.com



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OCTOBER 23, 2026 • FROM THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE

- **October 22 Board Meeting:** Draft minutes from Thursday's meeting will be available next week. In executive session on October 22, the Board approved the flood insurance and bridge insurance renewals and continued examining matters related to the transition with Seabreeze. The Board also reviewed extensive member correspondence.
- **Board Meetings and Staffing Review:** Additional Board meetings this month have provided time to focus on the budget, staffing, and community priorities. The Association remains in transition as technology, procedures, and responsibilities evolve. Staffing is being reviewed against current needs to ensure appropriate skills and coverage to maintain daily services, support committees, and carry out Board priorities with consistent follow-through.
- **2027 Budget Meeting:** A special joint meeting of the Board and Finance Committee is scheduled for **Monday, October 26, at 10:00 AM** to review the proposed 2027 budget. This is an open meeting, and members are encouraged to attend. The budget has not yet been adopted.
- **November Statements:** Onsite staff and Seabreeze continue reconciling owner accounts and preparing November statements. Statements will include October and November supplemental charges, along with reconciled prior balances. No late fees will be charged through December 31, 2026.
- **Annual Fire Systems Testing:** Testing is scheduled for the week of October 26. Access to units is required. Please ensure the Front Desk has a current key.
- **Annual Information Request Forms:** Forms have been returned for 174 of 300 units, or 58%, leaving 126 forms outstanding. These forms keep contact information, notice-delivery preferences, and owner and occupant records current. Age-verification records also help document and maintain Hacienda Carmel's senior-housing status. Please return outstanding forms, even if nothing has changed.
- **Winter Storm Preparedness:** Association preparations include gutter and drainage cleaning, debris removal, tree maintenance, and measures to protect buildings, common areas, and infrastructure. Residents should also prepare their homes, secure outdoor belongings, and keep medications, important documents, and emergency supplies ready.
- **Evacuation:** Please plan ahead for transportation, pets, and a place to stay if evacuation becomes necessary. Sign up for emergency notifications through Alert Monterey County at AlertMontereyCounty.org. Follow official evacuation instructions promptly. Staff must also leave during a mandatory evacuation, and residents should not rely on door-to-door notification.
- **Proposed Enforcement Policy and Fine Schedule:** Please review the proposed policy and submit written comments by November 12. Member comments will be provided to the Board before it considers adoption at the November 19 Open Session meeting.
- **A Small Correction:** Autocorrect took liberties with Jean Paul's name in the last update. It is Jean, not John! Apologies to Jean Paul, with continued appreciation for his many years of service to Hacienda Carmel.
- **Lobby Courtesy:** Residents are welcome to use mobile phones and other devices in the lobby. Please take phone and video calls outside so everyone can enjoy the shared space.
- **Next Regular Open Session Board of Directors Meeting:** Thursday, November 19, 2026.

In service and gratitude,

Christine Hulka, CMCA, AMS | General Manager