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Right: Historic CV landmark is gone. An application is in the works to make the property into a new county corporation yard



Left above: Out-of-towners considering real estate opportunities in Rancho Rio Vista

Above: Locals arriving to shop at Pet Food Express



Left: City of dogs and motor homes, July 13, Carmel Middle School

Right: Kids and kids at the MEarth Spring plant sale, Carmel Middle School

An alert Carmel Valley resident and CVA member observed a newly cut and plainly visible gash near the top of the west horn of Saddle Mountain and complained about it to the County Resources Management Agency. (A current satellite image shows substantial additional road work on the ridgetop that is not visible from below.)

Following an investigation, the Agency sent a compliance order, dated June 24, to Howie Hugo of Saddle Mountain Ranch LLC, 27625 Schulte Road, itemizing work done on the property without permits under code violation 16.12.040 **Causing or Likely to Cause the Conditions for Accelerated Erosion.** It specifically itemizes "Dry rock stacked walls placed along road", "Removal of

Oak Trees" and "Widening and re-establishing of jeep trails". The order gave Saddle Mountain Ranch a deadline of July 25 to respond to Code Enforcement Inspector Joshua Bowling. Under **Additional Required Corrective Actions** are listed, "1. Diligently pursue all actions necessary to correct the violation and obtain final inspection approval on all required permits. 2. Schedule a compliance inspection with the Enforcement Official when all corrective actions are completed."



Carmel Valley History Center to Open in December!

Carmel Valley Historical Society president Reggie Jones is pleased to announce that the CV History Center is "complete and nearly paid for." In the meantime, if you have items to donate now or for future displays, or if you have historical documents related to Carmel Valley to entrust to the Historical Society, please contact the Society at 659-5715 or by email at cvhs3@att.net, or Reggie Jones: 659-4338; slaterjones1@comcast.net.

**Carmel Valley Association
Carmel River Watershed Conservancy, and
Carmel River Steelhead Association
invite you to
The Carmel River Festival and Feast
Celebrate saving the river with a great day of
BBQ, games, kids' activities, story-telling,
food and wine tasting, art exhibits & more
Sunday, October 13, 2013
Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
\$30 for adults, \$12 for kids, \$60 for families**

President's Letter By Mibs McCarthy



CVA has been busy on behalf of our Valley lately. Thanks especially to leadership from Christine Williams and Margaret Robbins of our Land Use and Water committees, we have successfully advocated for decisions that will protect our natural beauty, resources and rural nature for future generations.

In early July, along with the League of Women Voters of Monterey County and others, CVA asked the Board of Supervisors to become the implementing agency for the Carmel River Parkway project. This is a multi-purpose project combining flood protection, habitat enhancement, wildlife corridors and agricultural land protection, storm water retention and public recreation on a 130-acre site in the Lower Carmel River east of the State Route 1 bridge. Over \$14 million of state and federal grants have already been secured to support this project. On July 9, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to do so.

Our Board of Directors has been listening carefully to all sides of the issue of the Carmel Canine Sports Center. We have not taken a position on this. We are participating in meetings of stakeholders and waiting until all reports are in.

Often when we get involved in an issue it is in response to our members or residents who ask for help. We recently supported residents before the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee to let Verizon know its 47-foot cell tower, planned at Carmel Valley Road near Eddy in our beautiful viewshed, was completely unreasonable. LUAC supported our view.

The new BevMo store originally received a permit to display large red letters, outdoor signage that exceeded the limits in our Carmel Valley Master Plan. With persuasion from Margaret and Christine, the County was able to convince the company to modify its sign with smaller, white letters more fitting within the shopping center and in compliance with the CVMP. We thank BevMo for being a good neighbor.

CVA has been participating with Supervisor Dave Potter, CVVIC and interested citizens meeting with PG&E in choosing the design for the replacement Village light poles. The hollow wooden poles have been deemed unsafe. However, only 10 poles belong to PG&E, meaning that the other 12 won't match. Our choices are few, but we are striving for new poles that are as compatible as possible.

Have you noticed that CV Village is bustling with 18 wine tasting rooms? And applications are pending for six more venues! Is this a boon for our restaurants, hotels, and shops? We hope so, but we are also watching the effect on traffic and pedestrian safety in the Village.

CVA urges your support of the Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club's 25th annual Carmel Valley Fiesta, August 2 and 3. Friday evening is the Hoopla BBQ at the Trail and Saddle Club with musical entertainment, and Saturday, the fiesta continues at the Carmel Valley Park in the Village with a Classic Car show, games, arts and crafts, booths, and free music. It is always a lot of fun and all proceeds support causes in Carmel Valley.

For a change of pace this year, CVA has decided to combine our annual picnic with the Carmel River Festival and Feast as co-sponsor with the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy and Carmel River Steelhead Association on October 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the CV Trail and Saddle Club. We'll keep you posted as plans develop, and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

Focus on Local Business Talbot Vineyards By Axel Binneboese

Carmel Valley has a wonderful ambience surrounding the lush green landscape many of us call home. With its unique blend of people and businesses that have been around for generations and with those who are new to the peninsula, we truly have everything.

We are also lucky to have people who not only represent our community well at home, but also globally. Among the few who come to mind is Robert Talbot. Robb built his winery based on his passion: making the best wine he possibly could, incorporating his fascination with the grape varietals of Burgundy. Thus Chardonnay and Pinot Noir have been the calling card of the Robert Talbot Winery. The Robert Talbot team has been very successful selling these highly decorated wines worldwide. (The new wine tasting room is open at 4 Pilot Road in Carmel Valley Village.)

But his passion doesn't stop there. Robb also has had a very successful hand in de-

signing and manufacturing exquisite and classic clothing and accessories. His masterful men's and women's wear can be found in every classy walk-in closet around the world.

But, there is always more than meets the eye. Robert manages his business affairs around the world from right here in Carmel Valley and invited me to talk about some-



thing completely different from the aforementioned accomplishments of his business persona.

It turns out that Robert has been a life-long avid motorcycle rider, a passion we share, and actually competed in a number

Thoughtful Discourse or Ranting Objections...or Both!

By Christine Williams

Which is it, a dog park, an event center or an RV park? A newly formed group, Friends of Quail, has raised many questions about the proposed Canine Sport Center, owned by Martha Diehl, Ken Ekelund and Eric Mills. How many events? What about loudspeakers, will they disrupt our way of life? Will we have bright glare from lighting? Barking dogs? What traffic impacts will seventy RV's coming for events have? What will keep RV's from entering via Rancho San Carlos and the bridge? How safe will ingress and egress be on Valley Greens Drive? Are water rights established?

Carmel Valley Association continues to ask questions, read reports, and attend hearings and meetings. Our Board has heard presentations from both sides. Carmel Valley Association is waiting until all the reports are in before taking a position. As is often the case, when a neighborhood group exists, CVA supplies guidance, letting them take the lead.

Over 150 people showed up June 3 before the local Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) for the first public hearing on

the project. It was a hearing packed with outcry, suspicions, opposition and some support. LUAC, in a 6-1 vote, advised the item be continued until studies and environmental documents were completed. Chair Janet Brennan suggested an EIR should be required. At press time, the Canine Center is on the LUAC agenda for August 5 at 6:30pm. Location TBA.

In late June, a stakeholders' meeting took place with the applicant. Representatives of Friends of Quail, Quail homeowners' groups, Quail Lodge, CVA, G16, and Rancho San Carlos attended along with three lawyers representing various parties from Quail. Project owners heard the latest concerns and were able to explain their plans and answer pointed questions.

The Canine Sport Center's goal is to provide a private membership venue for owners and dogs to exercise, socialize and train. If the partners reach their goal of 500 members, they anticipate an average daily use of

of competitions in the late '60s and early '70s while in Colorado.

He has even participated in the famous Pike's Peak Hill climb, also known as the "race to the clouds." This hill climb measures 12.4 miles with over 156 turns, climbing 4,720 feet—about five times the height of the Los Laureles grade—until the peak is reached at an elevation of 14,110 ft. on grades averaging seven percent. This race is usually run in the balmy summers but, when Robb raced it, it took place in the middle of January at temperatures too cold to mention! The road, mostly gravel then, was snow-covered and treacherous, all with over 400 motorcycles trudging through the most difficult of obstacles.

Robb's wine tasting room celebrates two of his passions. Not only does it offer you a taste of his fine wines, but also the incredible motorcycles on display that document his passion for two-wheeled transportation, including the bike Robert has raced in many events around the United States.

Carmel Valley Village always has something for everyone to enjoy, so come and explore this particular world of Robb Talbot and share it with friends.

100 members. Their modified request for a Use Permit includes "up to 24 event days per year (equivalent to 8 weekends) with up to 250 people per event day"; up to "70 RV's during these events" (no hook-ups, except electrical if permitted by the County) with "no in-and-out privileges"; modest down-lighting on pathways and security lighting; the public address system not to



exceed the county's 70 decibel limit at the property line; the right to apply for up to 10 day-use permits (county policy allows this for all groups); classes of 10, limited to two classes held simultaneously; buildings that are removable; and 6' fence screening to be put up in areas that are visually sensitive. The applicant has indicated willingness for RV's to be directed to enter and leave via Valley Greens only.

Links to the current proposed plan and map and an article outlining the County process can be found at www.carmelvalleyassociation.org. Check for the LUAC location here too.