

CVRA Newsletter

Spring 2009



Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of the quarterly Capitola Village Residents Association (CVRA) newsletter.

Who Are We?

CVRA is comprised of residents in the Central Village and adjacent residential neighborhoods, including Upper Village, Riverview Terrace, Depot Hill, and the Jewel Box. Each neighborhood has representatives on the board of directors.

We currently have openings for one rep in the Upper Village and one rep in Riverview Terrace. If you're interested, contact one of your neighborhood reps.

What Do We Do?

The purpose of CVRA is to provide a forum and represent its members on issues of residential neighborhood enhancement and preservation. The primary focus is on the quality of residential life in the village community.

CVRA may address such matters as land use, planning, traffic, parking, pedestrian access, public health and safety, noise, open space, parks, recreation, natural resources, wildlife, environmental quality, art and aesthetics, and historic preservation. CVRA may also sponsor, support, or organize events that capture the spirit of Capitola.

How Can You Get Involved?

Take the opportunity to show up at our events and participate in surveys we occasionally send out. If you have a city wide issue that you're concerned about, contact one of the CVRA reps from your neighborhood (see below).

Central Village Reps

- Margaret Kinstler (mmkinstler@aol.com)
- Linda Hanson (llhsf@sbcglobal.net)
- Boris Seibert
(boris.seibert@plantronics.com)
- Laura Macleod (laura@familiamacleod.com)

Upper Village Reps

- Bob Hickman (hickman_r@sbcglobal.net)
- Bob Lilley (rbllil@comcast.net)
- One opening

Riverview Terrace Reps

- Nels Westman (wnwestman@aol.com)
- Ann Filbin (afilbinrealtor@cruzers.com)
- One opening

Depot Hill Reps

- Molly Ording (mollyording1@yahoo.com)
- Darcy Horton (totoandme@aol.com)

Jewel Box Reps

- Linda Smith (vlrsmith@sbcglobal.net)
- Anne Nicol (annenicol@sbcglobal.net)

Begonia Festival Parade Float

This year CVRA will have its first float in the Begonia Festival Parade on Sunday, September 6th. Nels Westman, float maker extraordinaire, has already come up with a simple yet eye catching design, plus he's willing to create the structure for the float—no small feat.



We need 15 volunteers to pick begonias early Saturday morning and/or attach begonias to the float structure on Saturday afternoon and evening, plus Sunday morning if necessary. Work as much or as little as you want.

This is your chance to get involved with CVRA and connect with other members. Contact Rich Didday at didday@aol.com.

Join Us for Our Second Annual Summer Party

Our second annual summer party will be held on Sunday, June 14th from 4 to 7 pm at the home of Anne and John Nicol, 1555 49th Avenue. Come meet your board members and neighbors as we get to know each other and discuss local issues.

Bring your beverage of choice and a dish to share. We'll provide the burgers and setup.

RSVP to Anne at annenicol@sbcglobal.net by no later than June 1st.

CVRA Membership Drive

CVRA is in the middle of a membership drive. The neighborhood representatives are trying to make sure their neighbors know about the organization and its goals. The drive, which started in March, has so far brought in almost 40 new members, over half of whom were signed up by Depot Hill representative Darcy Horton. This brings the total membership of CVRA to over 160 members.

Your Confidentiality is Important to Us

We are instituting new e-mail procedures which will do away with distribution lists so that everyone's name and e-mail address will be more secure. Members can rest assured that we will not give out names on our membership list to any other organizations.

Neighbors Nights

Attend the first ever "Neighbors Night" on Wednesday, April 29th starting at 5 pm at the Bluewater Steakhouse, located at 110 Monterey Avenue. The spaghetti dinner will be specially priced at \$9.95. Neighbors Nights allow you to help strengthen our community by getting a great meal at an affordable price, connecting with old friends, making new friends, and helping to support our local restaurants during these tough economic times.

You'll also have a chance to get together with CVRA board members from 5 to 6 pm. This event is co-sponsored with Capitola Cares. Don't miss it!

Parking and Traffic Commission Application Deadline Extended

The City Council is seeking applications from anyone interested in participating in the development of short, medium, and long term plans that address traffic and parking demands in Capitola Village. There will be 10 public member seats on the Commission and the commissioners' terms will expire

on December 31, 2010. At that time, commissioners may seek reappointment for an additional two year term.

The Council will be selecting 2 village residents, 2 village business owners, 1 Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park resident, as well as each Council member will appoint one "at large" member. One member of the Planning Commission will also be selected to serve on this commission.

The Capitola City Council extended the application deadline to Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Appointments will be made on Thursday, April 23, 2009. Applications are available at City Hall or on-line.

The Council has already received applications from five CVRA board members: Linda Hanson, Margaret Kinstler, Molly Ording, Boris Seibert, and Nels Westman. In addition, Carin Hanna, Ellen Jennings, and Jeanne Roddy have applied.

Ever Wonder About Speed Bumps?

According to Steve Jesberg in the Public Works Department, the City currently has no plans or policy in place for the installation of speed bumps. Due to noise and emergency vehicle response issues the City has chosen not to install speed bumps on city streets at this time. This policy has been in place for at least 10 years. The only city streets with speed bumps are 45th, 47th, and 49th in the Jewel Box, which were constructed in the 1980s. At this time the City Council would need to provide direction to staff to develop a policy that could be applied citywide.

CVRA Website Up and Running

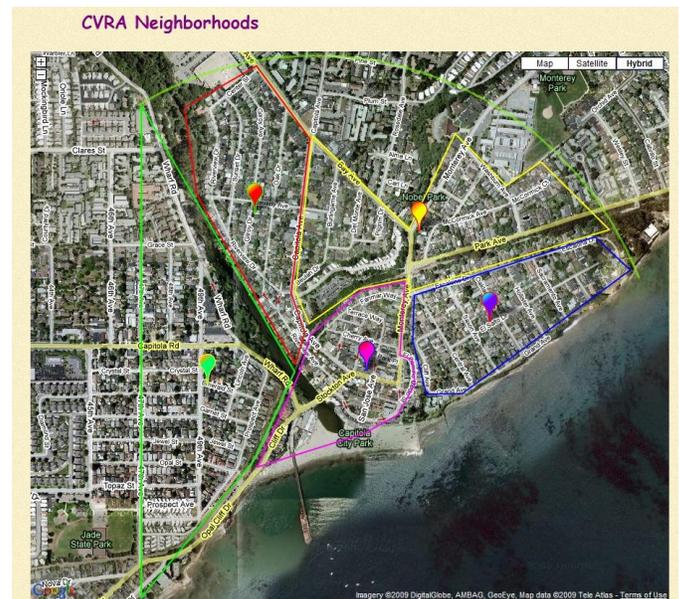
Our new website is up and running, ready for your contributions and comments. Rich Diddy spent a week learning how much has changed in the web world in the past few years, and he now thinks CapitolaCVRA.org should work with almost every reasonably new browser in the known world. Click on the Contact Us link to send e-mails to us at CapitolaCVRA@gmail.com. Please be sure to let us know if any of the pages don't work on your browser.



APITOLA VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

- About the CVRA: The CVRA is an association of the residents of Capitola Village and the nearby neighborhoods. Our goal is to follow issues of importance to the quality of life of the residents and to participate effectively in the political process when the City Council makes decisions that affect us.
- Upcoming Events: Some of the "hot topics" right now regard traffic circulation, neighborhood parking permits and parking meters. We're sure all of you are impacted by these in some way. The CVRA wants you to know what's going on and wants the city to know what you think.
- Discussion Group: The CVRA Neighborhoods are: the Upper Village, Depot Hill, Rivenview Terrace, the Jewel Box, and the Central Village (including the Fannmar area). Click the Neighborhood link to see a map of the neighborhoods. We chose the neighborhoods that are most affected by conditions in the Central Village.
- Neighborhoods: Membership in the CVRA is free. Meetings are held periodically as issues warrant, but most communication is done by e-mail. Check out our discussion group link. We'd like to hear from you! Please let us know if you would like to participate by clicking the Contact Us link and emailing one of us.
- Links of Interest
- Bylaws
- Photos
- Contact Us

Here's a fun thing to do: Click on the Neighborhoods link at CapitolaCVRA.org, and then keep double-clicking on your house to figure out when the Google Satellite picture was taken.



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