

CVRA Newsletter

Summer 2010



Fourth Annual Summer Party



On June 27th, 70 people gathered at the home of Nels and Susan Westman on Soquel Creek to celebrate another successful year for CVRA.

CVRA in Action



Four CVRA board members (Linda Smith, Lew Feinman, Molly Ording and Margaret Kinster) recently met with the new Chief of Police, Mike Card, to discuss enforcement issues important to CVRA members. It was a productive meeting.

Chief Card is not very new at all since he was a member of the Capitola Police department for more than 20 years before he moved to work as the police chief for four years in Sheridan, Wyoming. The City of Capitola was able to convince him to come back here. Because of his previous experience, Chief Card is very familiar with Capitola and its people.

Chief Card explained the procedures and restraints regarding the writing of tickets. The group also talked about parking, cars blocking driveways or



carports, as well as cars left on the street for long periods of time. The maximum time a car can stay parked in the same spot on a street is 72 hours. Chief Card recommended that we call the Capitola police non-emergency number (471-1141) with parking concerns. The dispatcher will take your name and number and send out an officer to deal with the problem. Most of the time, the officer will get back to you later with the resolution. The Chief encouraged us to not feel shy about calling when there is a problem.

Other concerns regarded lack of signage and lack of painted white lines or red lines. These issues would be better directed to the department of public works. (The director of public works is Steve Jesberg.) Police Chief Card suggested that neighborhoods get together and mark suggestions on street maps so that Steve Jesberg can clearly see where and what is suggested. This is something that could be coordinated through CVRA neighborhood representatives.

Chief Card invited us to come and talk with him in the future. We left encouraged that a line of communication had been established.

Begonia Festival

For the second year CVRA is entering a float in the annual Begonia Festival Nautical Parade. The Festival theme is "Capitola Beach Party" and CVRA's float will feature a great woody with a surf board in the roof rack. Under the direction of CVRA member, Ed Bottorff, construction of the underlying framework is almost finished. We are off to a great start!



We are hoping for lots of volunteers to help with putting the begonia blossoms on the float on Begonia Festival weekend. Almost all the work will be done on Saturday, Sept 4th although there may be a little finish work on Sunday. The Nautical Parade is, of course, on Sunday, Sept. 5th at 1:00 PM. Not only is working on a Begonia Festival float a unique experience and lots of fun, it also entitles you to view the Nautical Parade on Sunday from our creek side building site. This will be one of the "best seats in the house" to view the always-popular Nautical Parade. It's a win-win for you.

If you are interested in helping us decorate the "Capitola Surfing Safari" Woody, please contact Ed at ebottorff167@aol.com.



Traffic and Parking Commission

The T&PC recently reported to the City Council its recommendation that the City develop additional parking in the area of the Village by developing surface parking in the area of Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park close to Capitola Ave and to construct a parking structure on the existing upper Pacific Cove lot.

Using a federal grant the City recently awarded a \$40,000 contract to Watry Design to explore the feasibility, preliminary design and construction estimates for a parking structure. Concurrently the City has also commissioned an update of traffic studies in the Village area to evaluate the traffic impacts of a parking structure in Pacific Cove. These studies should be finished this November. The T&PC has participated in all the organizational meetings to date.

The City is currently studying bids from three vendors to install pay station equipment in the Village although the exact area is not determined yet. These will replace the existing parking meters and will, among other things, allow parkers to also pay with credit cards. In this fast-changing world paying for parking using your cell phone may not be far away. Again the T&PC has participated throughout in exploring this project.

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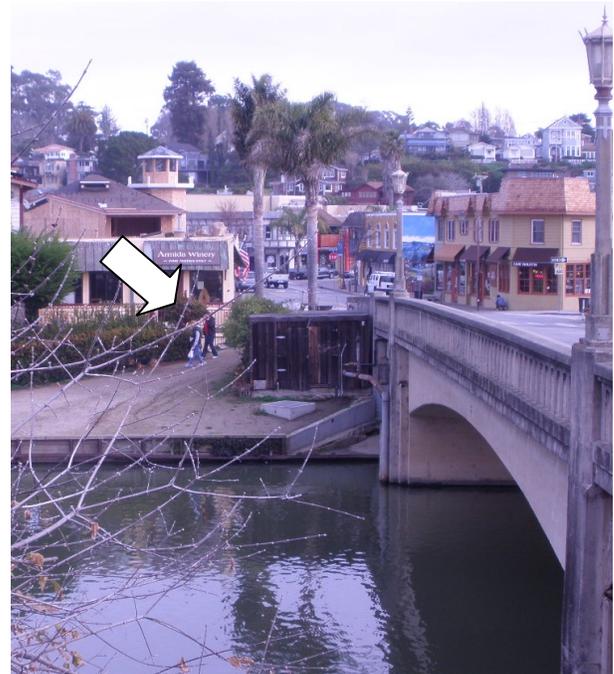
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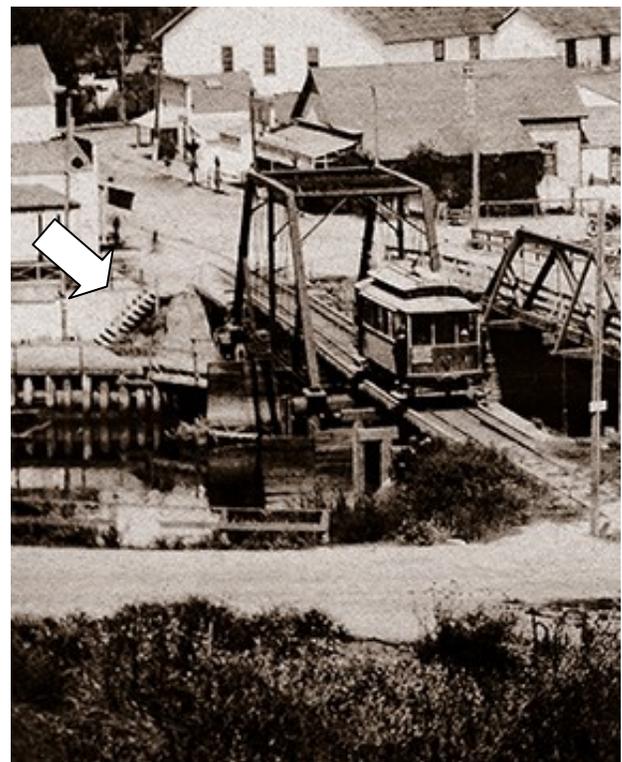
Jewel Box Reps

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The History of Capitola is all Around Us



CVRA President and Vice President walking near the Stockton Ave. Bridge, same as it ever was.



Thanks to the Capitola Historical Museum for this photo!