



The High Tide

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A Newsletter for Residents of Cañon del Sol

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we're wrapping up the year, we focused the November board meeting on next year's plans and our future reserve funding needs. The operating and reserve budget for 2021 was reviewed and approved. The 2021 budget includes a significant increase in spending for tree maintenance and landscaping. We also will begin a clean-up effort of the perimeter of the property on the state park side of the fence. This will include the removal and cleanup of trees, bushes and debris. We hope to begin some of this work in the next sixty days.

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We will continue to reserve additional dollars for exterior repairs of our community with the uptick tied to termite and dry rot repair. A full overview of the budget will be in the disclosure packet distributed by Anderson later this month.

We are also looking to adopt an online reservation system for the pool, spa and clubhouse. This will streamline the reservation process for these areas as they begin to re-open for use under the county guidelines.

Thanks to all for wearing a mask! Stay safe!

Bob Carpenter

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SPA AND CLUBHOUSE

CLOSED until further notice

SWIMMING POOL IS OPEN BY SIGN-UP

The pool is open, but you must reserve your time slot (due to Covid-19). Sign up on the sheet next to the pool and reserve on an hourly basis.

- ❑ Owners...have you provided the Temporary Pool Rules to your tenants?
- ❑ Please be aware that the Temporary Pool Rules (June 2020) allow reservations up to a week in advance, and the new sign-up sheets are available on Tuesday mornings.
- ❑ If YOU RESERVE and cannot use the pool at that time PLEASE cross off your reservation ASAP.
- ❑ We have 97 units and only 20 sign-up slots on the weekend. Please be considerate when reserving the pool!
- ❑ Reserve only one hour per address per day.
- ❑ Part-timers are welcome to have a neighbor reserve for them; just make sure the address is the one for the household actually using the pool.
- ❑ If the reserving household elects to have another household join them in the pool area during the reserved time...that is their option.
- ❑ As always, children must be accompanied at all times by a

responsible adult; and pets are not allowed.

- ❑ Please be mindful of the time, and leave the pool area promptly at the completion of your hour.
- ❑ Remember to remove all of your belongings when you leave!
- ❑ A *Big Thank You* to ALL who have worked together to keep the pool open during this time.



San Lorenzo Valley High presents



A Classic Whodunit!

The online play will be live-streamed from Nov. 13-21. Fee is \$15 per household and \$10 single-view. **More info: hs.slvusd.org**

Rainfall Totals

As of Nov 10

Season to date	0.18"
Last yr to date	0.10"
Last year total	27.90"

Rain Season runs from Oct 1 to Sept 30

REMINDERS/INFO FROM THE CDS HOA BOARD

Landscaping

The Board has unanimously agreed to keep our gardeners working the same hours throughout the winter, in order to tackle many overgrown plants and bushes that have taken over our landscape. This work is being accomplished in accordance with a well thought out plan. If you notice a lack of attention in your area, please be patient--the gardeners will be getting to your area soon!

Parking

Please be reminded that no general street parking is permitted in CDS. Please let your visitors know that they must use marked parking spaces. New signs at our entrance provide information regarding our towing service for those in violation.

Holiday Decor

Keep CDS beautiful!

Please refrain from displaying holiday decor and signs that extend beyond your own property, and no decor on roofs, please.

AROUND THE 'HOOD

On October 21, a new Mountain Mike's Pizza location opened in Aptos. The first Mountain Mike's was opened in Palo Alto in 1978. Since that time, they've opened 200+ restaurants across CA, OR, NV and UT. They serve pizza, wings, sandwiches, salads, sides, desserts and beverages (including craft beers and wine).



Open 11 am until 10 pm every day
831-612-6433
121 Rancho Del Mar
(opposite end from Safeway)

Volunteer Opportunities

The Second Harvest Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help with their drive-through food distribution that supports those in need. Dates needed are Nov. 25 and Dec. 11, 8 am to 1:30 pm. Sign up online at scvolunteercenter.org and search for "Fairgrounds" in the "Find Your Next Opportunity" box or email brandon@scvolunteercenter.org

WANTED Residents' News

I'd love to include any news you would be willing to share. . . .

- Family news and photos
- Photo of your pet
- Wedding or other milestone
- Travel and vacation pics
- Award you won
- Or, tell us what you're doing to occupy yourself during the pandemic



Please send your contributions to:

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FROM THE EDITOR

As we all know, this has been quite a year thus far, and it has often taken a fair amount of patience, calming efforts and other means to get through it.

I thought I'd share some of what I have been doing to cope during this extraordinary period. I don't have all of the answers, but I do continue to evolve in terms of what fills my time, keeps me calm and also what my personal safety protocols are. To the latter, I'm speaking of who I can trust to be careful vis-a-vis Covid and determining how close I can get close to that person. This is something I've come to evaluate on a case-by-case basis and on a very limited basis to boot.

Zoom has been a lifeblood of my days. As a board member and program chair of our county branch of AAUW (American Assoc. of University Women), I participate in monthly meetings of the board along with other planning meetings. I have a "pro" Zoom account and have learned how to put on webinars, which, thus far, have gone well.

I also meet outdoors, in socially-distanced fashion, with local friends on a weekly basis; and with them on Zoom, if the weather does not cooperate. I have a bi-weekly Zoom session with a group of friends on the east coast, too. This ensures I get enough "girlfriend time" in my life.

I'm certainly watching more TV and movies along with attending webinars that are of interest to me. And, I'm reading all sorts of books.

We (husband Bruce and I) managed to remodel our master bath and adjoining half bath in early

summer. We had purchased all of the materials before the pandemic, and finally felt that we could be safe with a limited number of workers in our home at any one time. We are delighted at the outcome and the fact that our neighbors still speak to us after all of the noise!

Bruce and I also took a mental-health vacation to Cabo last month. We selected a hotel with strict

safety protocols and were very careful to keep socially distanced from others. We also stayed on the property and did not venture out for any sight-seeing type of activities. We found the entire

process of traveling very safe, and this type of getaway was definitely good for our sanity! You could not beat hanging over the side of the warm infinity pool that was right at the ocean's shore and watching the sunset from there. We both took

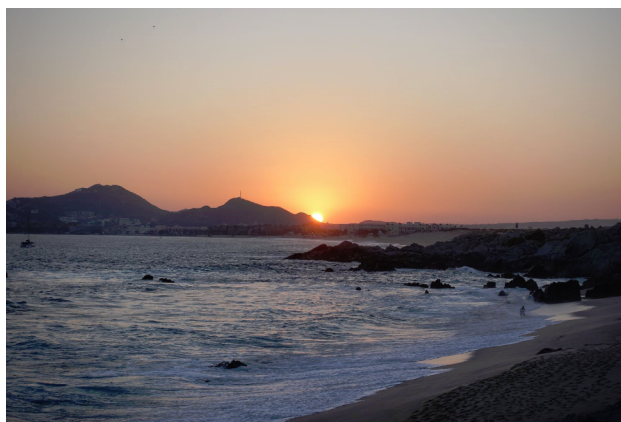
Covid tests soon after our return, and both tests were negative.

I've continued my Weight Watchers regimen such that I've lost almost 40 lbs. Bruce has lost 15, perhaps because he is eating less food, or more healthful food, with my diet plan. We've just purchased two ebikes with fat tires that we can ride along the beach. We'll be trying them out mid-month after we have them assembled.

Of course, we both have other hobbies and activities, but these are some of the things that differ most from the pre-pandemic period.

Lorraine Margon

P.S. I'd love to hear what you're doing during this time, and I'm sure others would, too!





GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Many of us have begun thinking about the upcoming holiday season. Thanksgiving, Christmas and Chanukah will look very different than in past years. Most holiday gatherings will be small, perhaps just your immediate household. And if one does opt to have a small group of family or friends gather, it will probably be done outdoors.

Many more gifts will likely be mailed this year, along with the traditional slew of holiday cards. The USPS delivered 1.17 billion greeting cards last year.

Most people know that Benjamin Franklin worked for the Postal Service, but did you know about the many other famous people who served the USPS in one way or another? Here are just a few:

- Steve Carell (actor, comedian) was a rural letter carrier in Littleton, MA.
- Bing Crosby (singer, actor) was a mail clerk in Spokane, WA.
- Walt Disney (film producer, theme park creator) was a substitute letter carrier in Chicago, IL.
- William Faulkner (novelist) was the acting postmaster in University, MS.
- Rock Hudson (actor) was a substitute letter carrier in Winnetka, IL.
- Charles Lindbergh (aviator) was an airmail pilot.
- N.C. Wyeth (painter) was a mail carrier from Fort Defiance, AZ, to Crozier, NM.

The full list can be found at:

<https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal-history/famous-postal-workers.pdf>



John Ratzenberger, who played beloved mailman Cliff Clavin on the hit comedy "Cheers"

Downtown Santa Cruz Shopping. If you want to do some holiday shopping in Santa Cruz, you'll be happy to know that **it's easier than ever to park downtown!** In addition to more available street parking these days, downtown lots have hourly rates, and it's only \$3.75 for all-day parking throughout the holidays.

Downtown Dollars, a gift idea. Shop local by purchasing Downtown Dollars for some of your gift recipients. Downtown Dollars are accepted at over 70 businesses throughout Downtown Santa Cruz. They're as good as cash for shopping, dining, services and more. Buy them year round at Bookshop Santa Cruz, the Downtown Information Kiosk and Pacific Cookie Company. Or, buy online and have your gift recipient pick them up from the Downtown Info Kiosk.

More info: <https://downtownsantacruz.com/discover/downtown-dollars>

LIBRARY INFO



<https://www.santacruzpl.org>

The county libraries remain closed. Here's what has "re-opened."

Book Drop Returns

All returned items are quarantined before being checked in. Allow one week for processing and to be removed from your account. No late fees will be assessed during the quarantine.

La Selva Beach Open 24/7

Aptos Book Drop 12:30-5 pm
Mon-Sat

Online Requests for Library Materials

No more waiting!

**Grab your requested items,
check them out, and go!**

Grab & Go Lobby Service replaces Curbside Pickup. When your items are ready, visit the Aptos branch (assuming that's your pickup location).

Grab your things from the lobby, check them out yourself, and you're ready to **Go**.

Grab and Go Schedule - Aptos

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 1 pm - 5 pm
Wed 10 am - 2 pm

- Masks are required for Grab & Go pickup. Social distancing of 6 feet or more is also required. Please do not enter any branch facility if you are sick, have a cough, or have any symptoms of Covid-19.
- You'll need your library card number and PIN/password to check out your items with the self-checkout machines, which will be sanitized regularly.
- You can also download the library's app on Google Play or the Apple App Store and check out your things with your phone! Just search for "Santa Cruz Public Libraries" in the app stores.
- Public restrooms are not available at any branch locations.

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS



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Washington, D.C. 20510
(202) 224-3841

One Post Street, Suite 2450
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Second US Senate Seat: Vacant
(Kamala Harris's seat)
To be appointed by Gov. Newsom

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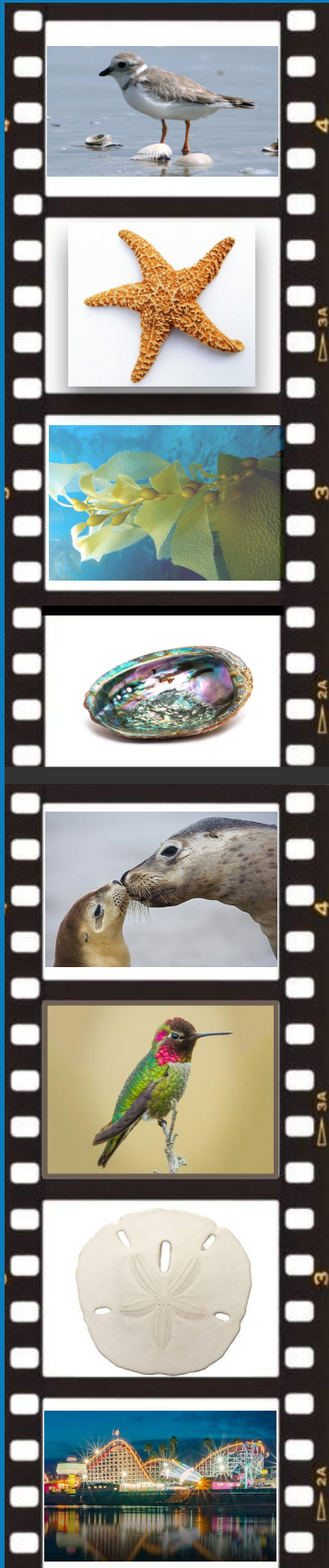
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HELPFUL INFORMATION

Cañon del Sol Community Website

www.canondelsol.com

username: cds | password: surfandsun

CDS Board of Directors

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831.471.1121

CalFire - Be Ready

www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire