



# The High Tide

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A Newsletter for Residents of Cañon del Sol

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Board of Directors meeting on the 4th was a busy one. Below is a summary of some of the actions taken by the Board at that time.

(1) I mentioned in earlier newsletters that an increase in assessments was a possibility. Now, unfortunately, it is a

reality. In 2013, the Board reduced assessments by approximately 5 percent. Since that time, although operating costs have gone up and the estimated costs for meeting our reserve obligations have increased, no changes, including changes for inflation or cost of living adjustments, have been made. Given these increases in operating costs as well as the projected declines in funding our reserve obligations, an increase in assessments can, in the Board's opinion, no longer be avoided. The Board has determined to return assessments to the 2013 level effective January 1, 2020. Anderson & Co. will provide further details on the adjustment for those using automatic monthly withdrawals to pay their assessments.

(2) As previously announced, Scott Thomas is retiring as our site manager at the end of the year. Rather than simply replace Scott, the Board has decided to transition to an operational mode consistent with other associations of our size, by turning over the performance of Scott's duties and responsibilities to our management company, with oversight by the Board. Telephone contact with members will be maintained through the existing number, and a dedicated email address for requests and comments will also be provided. In addition, there will be a daily on-site presence by an Anderson & Co. representative performing requisite inspections, personally contacting members as circumstances require, and making on-site structural and landscaping repairs with on-site hours being flexible to accommodate actual need. This new system will commence January 1, 2020.

(3) The Board adopted an operating plan and a reserve

**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\***

**CDS Annual Holiday Party**

**Saturday  
December 14**

**Mark your  
calendar now!**



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*Local area photos by L. Margon.*



plan for 2020, as required. Copies of these plans will be mailed to members later this month.

(4) Based on a determination that a rule or policy restricting short-term rentals would be in the best interest of the development, the Board drafted proposed guidelines and circulated them to members for informal comment. Comments were received from approximately 35 of our 97 members, some in favor of the limitation and some against it, with more on the against side. Such a rule or policy has been and is under consideration by many homeowner associations in the interest of neighborhood quiet enjoyment and the avoidance of “party house” atmospheres, given changing demographics. The issue has become particularly critical given the widespread availability of rental services such as Airbnb. The Board still believes such a policy or rule is in our best interest, and is therefore desirous of more systematic and complete input from members than that obtained by the previous request for informal comments, which had a poor response rate. Accordingly, we will circulate a questionnaire or survey request to members before the end of the year, and will attempt to ensure that the majority of members express an opinion on this important issue. Your response will be appreciated.

(5) The Board believes that the existence of the stairs to the beach from our neighboring California State Park is a significant convenience to our residents, and also has a direct effect on property values in Canon del Sol. Thus, restoration of the stairs will have a positive effect on such values. To avoid expenditure of Association funds in pursuit of a stair restoration project, an unincorporated association called Save Our Stairs has been formed by a group of interested owners. Save Our Stairs will retain an individual experienced in governmental affairs and funding to ad-

vance this project with California State Parks, the entity responsible for the maintenance of the stairs. No Association funds will be involved in this effort. While some of the founders of Save Our Stairs are members of the Board of Directors of the Canon del Sol HOA, they have joined as individuals and not members of the Board. A GoFundMe website has been established to raise the required resources; the link is:

**[gf.me/u/wkv588](https://www.gofundme.com/u/wkv588)**

(6) The pool heater will be shut off after Thanksgiving weekend. Clubhouse improvements continue, and painting is now complete. Replacement of the carpet with new flooring is scheduled to be completed before Thanksgiving. Except for completion of a few items on a punch list, the work on the roads is also now complete. Thank you for your cooperation during the complex roadwork project.

I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

*Henry Bose*

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## Health and Wellness

### Timing Your Blood Pressure Pills

Blood pressure meds may work better if taken at night according to a study recently published in The European Heart Journal. Those taking their meds in the evening were 43 percent less likely to have any kind of cardiovascular event.

**Good news for dog owners. . . a new study reports that people who own a pup live longer!**



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# CALENDAR

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

**November 15-17 and November 21-24**

**Thursday/Friday/Saturday at 7:30 pm**

**Sunday matinees at 3 pm**

### **The Frankenstein Project**

**UCSC's Main Stage Theatre; \$0-\$18 + \$5 parking**

Haunted by the premature passing of her mother, Ph.D. candidate Mary Frankenstein embarks on a quest to conquer death. This media-rich riff on the Frankenstein legend shines a harsh light on nature vs. nurture and our ethical responsibilities to what we create.

**Saturday, November 16; 11 am - 4 pm**

### **La Selva Beach Holiday Fair at LSB Clubhouse**

Over 60 unique art & craft vendors, bake sale, raffle, food trucks. FREE admission.

**Sunday, November 17; 11 am - 3 pm**

### **Monthly Open House - FREE**

#### **Castro Adobe State Historic Park**

See the exhibits and take part in the interpretive programs, including guided tours.

### **2019 Flatte Lecture in Science:**

**"How Does an Earth-like Planet Get Made?"**

**November 18, 7-8:30 pm**

**UCSC Merrill Cultural Center, FREE**

Planetary scientist Lindy Elkins-Tanton discusses how Earth was made, and why it's different from

Venus and Mars. With new data from missions including Lindy's own exciting Psyche mission, more of these questions are being answered.

**Saturday, November 23, 2019; 10-4 pm**

### **Gift & Wreath Sale at UCSC Arboretum**

Local artists and Arboretum volunteers produce one-of-kind living succulent wreaths and dried floral wreaths, succulent-topped pumpkins, floral centerpieces and other artwork for the sale.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, December 7; 10 am - 4 pm**

### **Norrie's Gift & Garden Shop @ UCSC Arboretum Holiday Open House**

A collection of holiday gifts, plants, and handmade treasures you won't find anywhere else! Includes a stunning array of handmade candles, jewelry, succulents dish gardens & more. Light refreshments.



### **The Most Highly Educated States in the U.S.**

According to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, California ranks 25th in the percentage of people holding advanced degrees. The states making the top 10 are:

1. Massachusetts
2. Maryland
3. Vermont
4. Connecticut
5. Colorado
6. Virginia
7. New Hampshire
8. Minnesota
9. Utah
10. Washington

# OPINION

*As your editor, I occasionally take the opportunity to write an opinion piece. These articles contain my opinions solely and in no way reflect opinions of our HOA Board of Directors.*

## Is Fire the New Normal?

The fires that have been raging to the north and south of us certainly give us reason for concern. The recent PG&E outages give us pause. We here at Canon del Sol have been spared from these outages while many of our neighbors, friends and relatives have not been so lucky. Just before the first outage, my husband went looking for dry ice, just in case, but every store he tried was out. My granddaughter's school had at least two days without power, but they held classes anyway using sunlight and battery-powered lanterns. My son lost power in Scotts Valley, so he filled a large cooler with ice and emptied his refrigerator contents into it. He often works from home but had to come to our place to work on two occasions. We can find work-arounds in most cases, but is that a good lifestyle choice?

During this time, I was turning on The Weather Channel to get updates on the fires. And, I got up in the morning to see where the power outages were as if I was checking the weather. Some say this is the new normal, and we need to get used to it. PG&E says it will take ten years to get the power lines in shape such that they may not need to schedule power outages. A climate expert at Stanford University says that using generators will become the norm.

I know at least one resident has a generator here. It was purchased for use in anticipation of a future earthquake power outage. Reading the neighbor-to-neighbor social media site Nextdoor, I've learned a lot about the kind of generators one might use. Some use your typical gasoline-powered ones. Others have ones connected to natural gas or propane. Some are stand-alone models that run a few power cords to a refrigerator, television and lamp. Others are connected to the circuit breaker



## WANTED

### Residents' News

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

- Introductions of you and your family
- Birth of a child or grandchild
- Photo of family member(s) doing something cute, charming or noteworthy
- Photo of your pet (old or new)
- Wedding or milestone anniversary
- Travel
- Award you won
- Recipe to share
- An activity group you'd like to start

*Please send your contributions to:*

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box and will switch on automatically when the power goes off. Another thought is solar power stored in batteries. In light of the California outages, Elon Musk is offering \$1,000 discount on his system of glass roof tiles and battery storage, and he's giving California a higher priority over other states.

Why doesn't PG&E just bury its power lines underground? The answer comes down to cost. It costs over \$1 million per mile to install underground distribution lines. In cities like San Jose, that cost rises to about \$4.5 million. In contrast, it costs about \$500,000 to install overhead lines per mile. PG&E is planning to install underground lines in the town of Paradise over a five-year period. Paradise's power lines and the entire town was destroyed in 2018 by the Camp Fire, the cause of which is attributed to faulty PG&E equipment. And, perhaps, as fires take down power lines, underground installations will take place. But, that's not how it should happen. We should have more security in our electrical system. The 2010 San Bruno gas explosion seemed like more of an anomaly, but instead it may have been a portent.

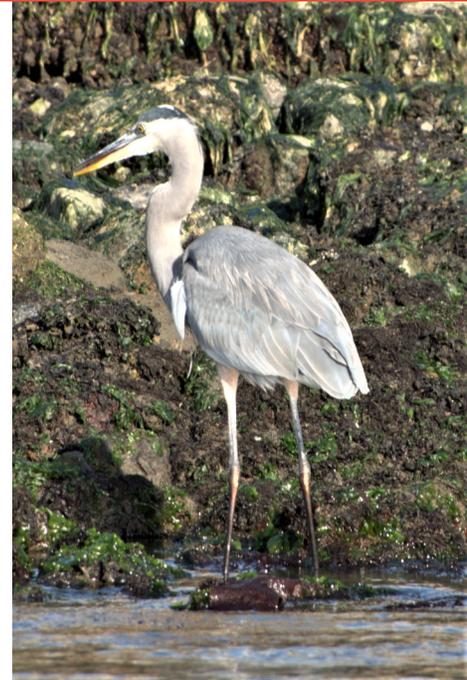


Last year, humans were to blame for more than 96 percent of California's 8,054 wildfires, according to the National Interagency Fire Center, whether the first embers came from abandoned fire pits, discarded cigarettes or equipment malfunctions. Some major fires whose names have entered the record books in 2018 were tied directly to actions by people, including the Klamathon fire (reckless burning of debris), the Carr fire (a

wheel rim scraping pavement), and the Mendocino Complex fire (hammering a metal stake into a wasp's nest). And now, investigators recently confirmed that PG&E's equipment sparked two fires in Lafayette late last month.

Despite all of the warnings and precautions, it seems that human error always finds a way. Even five years ago, who could have predicted that California would look like this.

Send your comments or thoughts to me at: [LorraineMargon@gmail.com](mailto:LorraineMargon@gmail.com). I'll publish your responses in the next edition of *The High Tide*.



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## Residents' News

Bruce and Lorraine Margon (329 Canon del Sol) took their 6-year-old granddaughter, Evelyn (or Evie for short), trick-or-treating at the Santa Cruz Harbor on October 26. This is their little Pikachu just after her face-painting session, which was done by a wonderful artist who donated her time to the kids who waited patiently in line for their face art and candy treat.



# APTOS LIBRARY

**NOTE: THE LA SELVA BEACH LIBRARY IS CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS UNTIL JUNE 2020.**

*A Bookmobile will stop in La Selva Beach every other Wednesday from 1:30 to 2:30 pm on Playa Boulevard, just past Florido Avenue.*

*While the LSB library is closed for remodeling, patrons can request books to be delivered to "Outreach," and your book(s) will be delivered on the Bookmobile.*



**4th Friday Movie  
November 22  
10 am**

**La Selva Beach  
Community Church**

## MOVIE

**The Peanut  
Butter Falcon**

**Drama/Comedy  
2019**

**1h 37m | PG-13**

**About the movie:** A modern  
Mark Twain style adventure

story, THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON tells the story of Zak (Zack Gottsagen), a young man with Down syndrome, who runs away from a residential nursing home to follow his dream of attending the professional wrestling school. He befriends an outlaw who becomes his coach and ally.

**Feel free to bring a  
snack or your lunch to  
the movie!**

## APTOS HOURS

Sunday Closed  
Mon-Thurs 10 am - 8 pm  
Friday-Sat 10 am - 5pm

## NEXT BOOKMOBILE DAYS

Nov. 13 & 27 + Dec. 11 (no Bookmobile on Dec. 25)

## **Blood Pressure** from page 2

The study also found that taking BP pills at bedtime improved kidney function and lower cholesterol levels. The study controlled for age, sex and other factors. If you take your BP medication in the morning, ask your doctor about switching to nighttime.

## Helpful Information

### Cañon del Sol Community Website

www.canondelsol.com  
username: cds | password: surfandsun

### CDS Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	<b>Henry Bose</b>
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