

President's Message

September 2026

Hi,

It is hard to believe that Autumn is just around the corner. It seems that the years go faster each time.

We have two events planned for September. On the 8th, we will be playing Bingo from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The cost will be \$1.00 per card per game. On the 25th, we will have a Chinese Mid-Autumn Karaoke Night. Be sure to sign up for this with your favorite songs. Residents can sign up and drop-off their song choices in the box at #93 (**Weizhi Sun** and **Pong Yeung's**). The flyer is on page 7. If you have any questions, please contact **Weizhi Sun** or **Pong Yeung**. Chinese Calligraphy is returning this month with classes the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

I hope many of you were able to attend Cape Cod Village's 50th Anniversary Party. We will have pictures in the October Whaler. I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work that **Kitty Etter** and **Daniel Schwartz** did for the invitations and decorations. Thank you both for all that you did!

The 2026 Board's term will be up at the end of the year. We are always looking for residents who would like to help us plan the activities for the year. If you are interested in becoming a Board member or have questions on what the positions involves, please contact **Peggy Wegner** (1-650-303-4072) or **Kitty Etter** (1-408-744-0789).

The phone directory is published every two years. In order to do one for 2027 and not conflict with the paperwork BSM would like us to do at the beginning of the new calendar year, we will be working on it during the fall months. Paperwork will be put in your tubes to update your information. Please complete it as soon as possible and put it in the Association box. This way we can complete this enormous task quickly.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has helped with Treasure Seekers in the past. **Bruce Edmundson**, **Valentina Stahl**, and **Mary Knoppe** have been undertaking this activity every month. They go out at 6 pm and collect all the "Treasures". Then they sort them (bottles and cans). They could use your help. If you are able to collect or sort, the help would be appreciated. Just let **Bruce Edmundson** (1-408-307-6810) know when you are available. It does not need to be every month. Anything helps.

Peggy Wegner
pawegner12@gmail.com



The 2026 CCVRA Board Members

(L to R) Peggy Wegner, Kitty Etter, Bruce Edmundson, Bill Hines, Eric Hopp, Mary Knoppe, Elizabeth Morrison, Weizhi Sun.

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Cape Cod Village Residents Association

July 28, 2026 Association Meeting Minutes



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order on July 28, 2026 at 7:01 p.m. There were 8 residents in attendance.

Flag Salute was led by: **Peggy Wegner**.

Welcome New Attendees: There were no new residents.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the June 30, 2026 Association Meeting minutes was made by **Bill Hines** and seconded by **Bruce Edmundson**. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

As of July 1, 2026 beginning balance was: \$5,069.60

Total Income was: \$692.25

Total Expenses were: \$799.78

Ending balance as of July 28, 2026 is: \$4,962.07

Comments and questions were invited from the floor. The report will be filed subject to audit.

Circle of Care: Jo Asplund was not present to report. Please see the Whaler for further details.

Treasure Seeker's Report: We collected \$144.25 for the month of July. The next collection date will be August 2, 2026.

Membership Report: As of July 28, we have 113 members from 75 households.

OLD BUSINESS

Informational Meetings: On August 12, 2026 we will have a speaker from the FBI to discuss Elder Fraud. **Elizabeth Morrison** would like to set-up the chairs at 5:30 p.m. **Peggy Wegner** and **Elizabeth Morrison** will pass out a reminder flyer.

50th Anniversary Party: The invitations will go out Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

BBQ Grill Covers: **Kitty Etter** purchased them from Home Depot for \$71.91. And **Peggy Wegner** put them on the BBQ's.

Printer: **Bruce Edmundson** said the lease is up on the current printer. We are paying month to month. He found an Epson ET3958 at Costco for \$359.99. A motion to approve the purchase of said printer and tax not to exceed \$450.00 was made by **Elizabeth Morrison** and seconded by **Eric Hopp**. Motion carried. **Bill Hines** asked if it would be a tax write-off? **Bruce Edmundson** explained we are a nonprofit, therefore we do not pay taxes.

EVENTS

► Monthly Events

- **Exercise Class:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Chairpersons: **Sandy Bain** and **Jon Lichtenberg**.
- **Bible Study:** 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Chairperson: **Mary Knoppe**.

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July 28, 2026 Association Meeting Minutes



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- **Birthday Cake:** First Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Craft Room. Chairpersons: Weizhi Sun and Pong Yeung.
- **Zumba:** Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and Friday at 11:15 a.m.
Chairperson: Laurie Willis.
- **Chinese Calligraphy:** Thursdays, September 10 and 24, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Chairperson: Weizhi Sun.

► July Events

- **July 4th: July 4th, Bingo and Birthday Cake:** July 4, 2026, 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Chairpersons: The Board. We had a Fairy Godmother and Godfather, thanks to **Weizhi Sun** and **Pong Yeung**. They took down all the decorations and cleaned up the clubhouse before we went back Sunday morning to sort the garbage and clean up. 55 residents attended the event. We played bingo after Birthday Cake and Ice Cream. Everyone had a good time.
- **Movie Night: July 11, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**
Chairpersons: **Bruce Edmundson** and **Elizabeth Morrison**. The movie started at 7:00 p.m. The movie was "Air Force One". Drinks and popcorn were provided. Donation and suggestion boxes were out. 7 or 8 people attended.

► August Events

- **Informational Meeting: Elder Fraud presented by the FBI:** August 12, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
- **Anniversary Party: August 22, 2026, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
Chairpersons: The Board and **Brandenburg, Staedler and Moore**. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. we will set up the tables, chairs, tablecloths, etc. **Peggy Wegner** asked **Eric Hopp** if he would take some pictures. He agreed. We will also put out the old photo albums from the library.

► September Events

- **Bingo: September 8, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**
Chairpersons: **Peggy Wegner** and **Kitty Etter**. It will be on a Tuesday night
- **Karaoke: September 25, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
Chairpersons: **Weizhi Sun** and **Pong Yeung**

Comments, questions and additional items are invited from the floor.

The next Association meeting will be August 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm with Meet and Greet at 6:45 pm.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by: **Bruce Edmundson** and seconded by **Weizhi Sun**. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Etter

Secretary

Cape Cod Village Residents Association

Treasurer's Report - July 2026

07/01/2026 Balance Forward **\$ 5,069.60**

Income:

Dues and donations	\$	12.00
Misc / interest income		0.01
Event income		536.00
Treasure Seekers		144.25

Total Income		692.26
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Expenses:

Kitchen expenses		(56.97)
Office/copy/printing		(19.74)
Treasure Seekers expenses		(32.91)
Event expenses		(690.16)

Total Expenses		(799.78)
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Monthly Net Income (Expense)		(\$107.52)
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Balance as of 07/31/26		\$ 4,962.08
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Event summary by item (this month)	Expense	Income	Net Income
07/04/26 July 4 Party	(574.55)	400.00	(174.55)
07/04/26 July 4 Raffle	(115.61)	131.00	15.39
07/11/26 Movie Night	0.00	5.00	5.00

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Chinese Calligraphy Writing

中国书法初学



September 10 & September 24
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

At the Clubhouse in the craft room.

For more information contact
Weizhi Sun (408) 577-7165

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**THIS SPACE IS
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Get a great workout!
Zumba Gold® with Laurie
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Fridays at 11:15 a.m.
Cape Cod Clubhouse

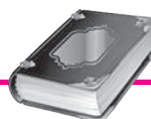
**No Zumba the first
2 weeks of September**

Walking Exercise Class

In the Cape Cod Village Clubhouse

Every Monday, Wednesday and
Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Call: Sandy Bain or Jon Lichtenberg for
details: 408-685-2140



Cape Cod Bible Study

2nd and 4th Wednesday

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

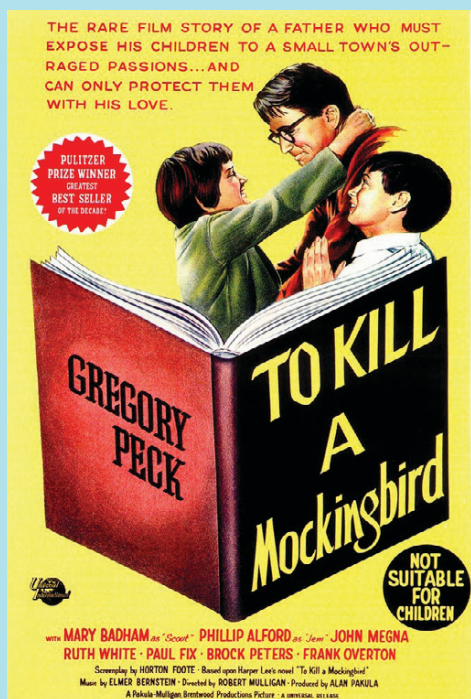
Everyone is welcome!!!!!!

Give us a try!!!!!!!!!! Questions?

Any questions contact

Mary Knoppe@ 1-669-215-3759

bethknoppe@att.net.



Movie Night At The Cape Cod Village Clubhouse To Kill A Mockingbird (1962)

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Movie Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Popcorn and Soda/Water will be served

Cost: Donation Box to help offset costs

Bring your own comfy chair and enjoy the show!

For more information call Bruce at 408-307-6810

A widowed lawyer in Depression-era Alabama defends a black man against a false rape charge while teaching his young children about the sad reality of prejudice.

The movie won 3 Academy Awards including Best Actor.

Starring Gregory Peck, Mary Badham, Phillip Alford and John Megna.



CCVRA Bingo

at the
Clubhouse

September 8, 2026

7 - 9 p.m.

Games \$1.00 per card per game

CCVRA Contact Information

Name	Function	Number	eMail
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Vicky Lawson		1 (408) 230-2551	—
Kitty Etter	Whaler	1 (408) 744-0789	ketter63@yahoo.com
Elizabeth Morrison	Library	1 (650) 678-8069	elizabethmorrison123@gmail.com
Eric Hopp	Medical Equipment	1 (408) 593-4439	—

Chinese Mid-Autumn

中秋之夜 卡拉ok

KARAOKE NIGHT

Friday, September 25, 2026

7pm - 9pm

9月25日，星期五 晚上7-9点

*Please bring your own music
(flash drive or cell phone)*

我们的点歌机里已经有许多老歌的伴奏，
请自己准备自己喜欢的新歌伴奏，
闪存或手机里的都可以

*Fruit, Homemade Moon Cakes, Tea,
Coffee and Cold Drinks will be provided*

我们提供：茶，咖啡，冷饮
水果，自制月饼

Please Sign-Up 请报名： _____ Spc# _____

歌名 Song:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

Please place in box at Space #93

Questions? Contact Weizhi 408-577-7164



September 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	3	4 Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	5 Birthday Cake 10:00 am
6 Treasure Seekers 6:00 pm	7 Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	8 Bingo 7 pm to 9 pm	9 Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am Bible Study 1:30 to 2:30	10 Chinese Calligraphy 2:00 to 4:00 pm	11 Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	12 Movie Night 6:30 pm
13	14 Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	15 Zumba 10:00 am CCVRA Board Meeting	16 Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	17	18 Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	19
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27	28 Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	29 Zumba 10:00 am	30 Walking Exercise Class 10:00 am	31		

September 5	Birthday Cake	10:00 am
September 6	Treasure Seekers	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
September 8	Bingo	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
September 12	Movie Night	6:30 pm
September 15	CCVRA Board Meeting	6:30 pm
September 22	CCVRA - General Meeting	7:00 pm
September 25	Karaoke Night	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm



September Celebrations



Happy Birthday

3 Maryam Teymourtash	14 Diane Poarch
6 Sunny Wood	16 Lorraine Steele
7 Joe Miller	21 Ine Scott
8 Peter Wang	23 Bruce Edmundson
9 Xin Yun Zhang	27 Liyan Zhang
12 Dori Shimer	29 Valentina Stahl
12 Susan Ashby	29 Yong Chung
12 Diana Hammill	30 Tuyen Nguyen
13 William Miller	

Anniversary Congratulations

6 Ora Gittelsohn-David & Yosi David	1988
7 Jeffrey & Genevieve Wensmann	1996
18 Judie & Frank Aquino	1965
28 Pong Yeung & Weizhi Sun	1977
29 Sun & Yong Chung	1970

September Directory Updates

No Updates this Month

Please update your directory and take a moment to make sure your entries are correct. If not, please submit changes on the CAPE COD VILLAGE INFORMATION FORM printed in this Whaler and deposit in the CCVRA mailbox in the clubhouse.

CAPE COD VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INFORMATION FORM

Please **PRINT** all information

Date: _____

Space # _____

Name 1: First _____ Last _____

Phone (only 1 per person) _____ Birthday: (mm/dd) _____

Email _____

Name 2: First _____ Last _____

Phone (only 1 per person) _____ Birthday: (mm/dd) _____

Email _____

Anniversary: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Please fill out this form and place it in the CCVRA mailbox in the clubhouse.

***** **Updates and additions will ONLY be accepted on this form.** *****

*** *This information will be published in the Whaler, and used to update the CCVRA Phone Directory, (unless requested otherwise).* ***

***** **For Official Use Only** *****

Date Received _____

Date Entered: _____

By _____

Code: Anniv Birthday Delete Email Moved New Phone Spelling



Charles Norman recently spent a few days hospitalized with a medical issue but is now home and recovering nicely. Hope to see Charles out and about soon.

Carole Childress is recovering from corneal eye surgery. Get well soon Carole.

Please let our friends know, they are in our prayers and thoughts for a fast recovery and return to good health.

A reminder from Co Chair Jo Asplund and Vicky Lawson to all residents. Please contact either of us to report any information about a friend or neighbor who may need get well wishes or condolences.

Please collect pertinent information concerning the individuals for correct spelling of their name and correct space number.

Questions directed to co chairs will be answered as quickly as possible.

Help us bring a small amount of comfort to those involved.

Thank you so much!

Jo Asplund 408 205-1159

Vicky Lawson 408-230-2551

Healthy regards to all residents from Cape Cod Village Residents Association



Raffle Prizes

**Costume
Prizes**

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Saturday, October 31, 2026

5:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Music to dance away to!

Dazzle your friends! Wear costumes!

Pick your category to win a costume prize.

- Cutest
- Most Scariest
- Most Creative

**Please sign up
by Saturday,
October 24, 2026**

Pizza • Salad • Jello • Fruit • Dessert

DJ & Music by Rainer Hoffmann.

Chaired by Mary Knoppe, Lai-King Mau & Kathy Love

Halloween Party Saturday, October 31, 2026

CCVRA members: \$15.00 per person. Non-members: \$17.00 per person.

Resident Name(s) _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Space # _____ # of Persons _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Preferred pizza (pick 2): Cheese __, Pepperoni __, Combo __, Veggie __

Please make check payable to CCVRA and return this slip to the Association box at the Clubhouse **no later than Saturday, October 24, 2026.**

I can help with: Set-up __ Decorating __ Clean-up __

Refrigerated Food and Power Outages: When to Save It and When to Throw It Out

Type of Food	Exposed to temperatures of 40°F (4°C) or above for more than 2 hours
Meat, poultry, seafood	
Raw or leftover cooked meat, poultry, fish, or seafood; soy meat substitutes	Discard
Thawing meat or poultry	Discard
Salads: Meat, tuna, shrimp, chicken, or egg salad	Discard
Gravy, stuffing, broth	Discard
Lunchmeats, hot dogs, bacon, sausage, dried beef	Discard
Pizza with any topping	Discard
Canned hams labeled "Keep Refrigerated"	Discard
Canned meats and fish, opened	Discard
Casseroles, soups, stews	Discard
Cheese	
Soft cheeses: blue/bleu, Roquefort, Brie, Camembert, cottage, cream, Edam, Monterey Jack, ricotta, mozzarella, Muenster, Neufchatel, queso blanco, queso fresco	Discard
Hard cheeses: Cheddar, Colby, Swiss, Parmesan, provolone, Romano	Keep
Processed cheeses	Keep
Shredded cheeses	Discard
Low-fat cheeses	Discard
Grated Parmesan, Romano, or combination (in can or jar)	Keep
Dairy	
Milk, cream, sour cream, buttermilk, evaporated milk, yogurt, eggnog, soy milk	Discard
Butter, margarine	Keep
Baby formula, opened	Discard
Eggs	
Fresh shell eggs, eggs hard-cooked in shell, egg dishes, egg products	Discard
Custards and puddings, quiche	Discard
Fruits	
Fresh fruits, cut	Discard
Fresh fruits, uncut	Keep
Fruit juices, opened	Keep
Canned fruits, opened	Keep
Dried fruits, raisins, candied fruits, dates	Keep
Sliced or shredded coconut	Discard
Sauces, Spreads, Jams	
Opened mayonnaise, tartar sauce, horseradish	Discard (if above 50°F (10°C) for more than 8 hrs)
Peanut butter	Keep
Jelly, relish, taco sauce, mustard, catsup, olives, pickles	Keep
Worcestershire, soy, barbecue, hoisin sauces	Keep
Fish sauces, oyster sauce	Discard
Opened vinegar-based dressings	Keep
Opened creamy-based dressings	Discard
Spaghetti sauce, opened	Discard

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Refrigerated Food and Power Outages: When to Save It and When to Throw It Out

Type of Food	Exposed to temperatures of 40°F (4°C) or above for more than 2 hours
Bread, cakes, cookies, pasta, grains	
Bread, rolls, cakes, muffins, quick breads, tortillas	Keep
Refrigerator biscuits, rolls, cookie dough	Discard
Cooked pasta, rice, potatoes	Discard
Pasta salads with mayonnaise or vinaigrette	Discard
Fresh pasta	Discard
Cheesecake	Discard
Breakfast foods: waffles, pancakes, bagels	Keep
Pies and pastry	
Cream filled pastries	Discard
Pies: Any with filling containing eggs or milk, e.g., custard, cheese-filled, or chiffon; quiche.	Discard
Fruit pies	Keep
Vegetables	
Fresh vegetables, cut	Discard
Fresh vegetables, uncut	Keep
Fresh mushrooms, herbs, spices	Keep
Greens, pre-cut, pre-washed, packaged	Discard
Vegetables, cooked	Discard
Tofu, cooked	Discard
Vegetable juice, opened	Discard
Baked potatoes	Discard
Commercial garlic in oil	Discard
Potato salad	Discard
Casseroles, soups, stews	Discard
Date Last Reviewed August 8, 2024	





Birthday Cake



Joan, Vicky, Daniel, Linda



Weizhi, Valentina & Mary



Daniel & Linda



Valentina & Lisa



Daniel & Barb

You can find these and other event photos on the CCVRA Website
<https://www.danielsart.com/CCVRA/Welcome.html>

DONATE

2027 CALENDARS FOR VETERANS:

Drop off at

Peggy Wegner's Table,

Space 47

The Recipe Box

Fig & Whipped Ricotta Bruschetta with Rosemary Honey

Costco Connection - July 2026

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375 F.

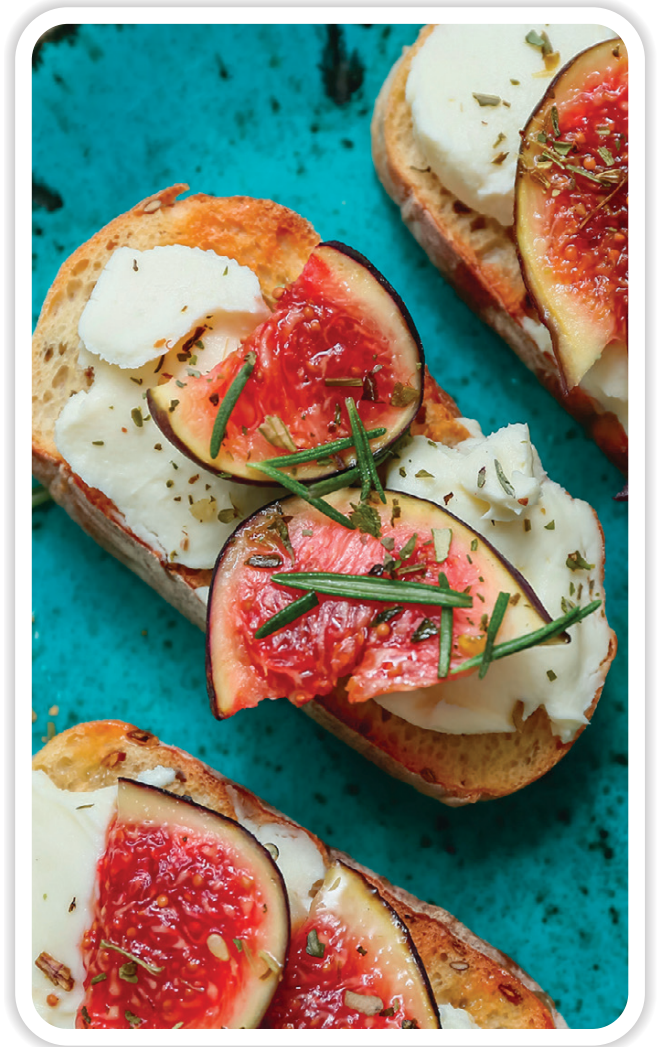
Simmer honey with rosemary in a small saucepan over low heat for 2 minutes, then set aside. In a medium bowl, use a hand mixer to whip ricotta, Parmesan, kosher salt and a pinch of black pepper until fluffy. Arrange baguette slices on a baking sheet, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with sea salt.

Bake the baguette slices for 5 to 10 minutes or until golden and crisp. Reheat honey until pourable. Spread toast with ricotta mixture, layer with fig slices, drizzle with honey and season with sea salt and black pepper. Garnish with extra rosemary, if desired.

Makes 2 to 4 servings.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary, plus more for topping (optional)
- 1 cup ricotta
- 1 to 2 Tbsp Parmesan, grated
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- Pinch of black pepper, plus more for topping
- 1 small baguette, sliced on the bias
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- Flaky sea salt
- 4 to 6 Catania Figs, sliced into 6 to 8 wedges per fig





September 2026

Sunnyvale Mobile Home Park Safe Being Sold for Redevelopment

A few months back we told you about SB79 and how it could affect the mobile home parks in Sunnyvale. Here is an update.

On July 16th the Governor signed into law SB 722 which went into effect immediately. Here is a summary of SB 722, which explains how mobile homes are now protected.

Existing law requires that a housing development be project within a specified distance of a transit-oriented development be allowed use as a transit-oriented housing development on any site zoned for residential, mixed, or commercial development, if the development complies with certain, applicable requirements, as provided. Among these requirements, existing law prohibits proposed development under these provisions from being located on sites where the development would require demolition of housing, or that was previously used for housing, that is subject to rent or price controls, as provided.

This bill would additionally prohibit the development from being located on an existing parcel of land or site governed under the Mobile Home Residency Law, the Recreational Vehicle Park Occupancy Law, the Mobile home Parks Act, or the Special Occupancy Parks Act.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.



**Must Place Your “Treasures” Out By
6:00 PM
on Sunday Evening.**

**Only
the First Sunday
of each month.**

A few tips to help you (and the Treasure Seekers Crew)

- Be sure to place your recyclables in a container (plastic, paper or reusable container that we will return to you).
- Place your containers at the end of your driveway - Not in the street or in the rain gutter.

Could use a few more volunteers in helping to collect, sort and deliver the treasures. Please contact Bruce at 1 (408) 307-6810 or bruceedm@gmail.com.

Seeds of Peace

Article from San Jose Spotlight by Joyce Chu

A bronze statue symbolizing world peace could become an Arena Green West focal point in downtown San Jose.

The San Jose City Council unanimously approved the Arts Commission's recommendation Tuesday to accept a donation from philanthropist Diane Brandenburg for the creation and installation of Seeds of Peace.

The projected cost is \$3.3 million, including landscaping, according to a San Jose memo. Brandenburg will donate \$2 million and the additional \$1.3 million will be fundraised by project coordinator Kimberly Mulcahy. The goal is to install the peace monument by the end of 2026.

"It sends a really incredible, powerful message," she told San José Spotlight. "We are one of the most diverse cities in the United States. We live pretty cohesively and collaboratively for a city that is as diverse as we are. I would argue that I want more collectiveness in some of those pockets of diversity where we come together, and we are San Joseans versus we are this or we are that. I believe that this monument gives us the ability to do that."



Once completed in late 2026, the Peace Monument will be located at Arena Green West near the SAP Center. The Sons of San Jose and The Weavers' Gift memorials are in the same area. Rendering courtesy of Mario Chiodo.

Once completed, the statue will be located at Arena Green West near the SAP Center. The Sons of San Jose, a memorial commemorating those who died during the Vietnam War, and The Weavers' Gifts, an art sculpture commemorating the indigenous Costanoan-Ohlone people, are in the same area.

Brandenburg, an artist and Bay Area native, has been a lifelong philanthropist and was a key fundraiser for the Martin Luther King Jr. Library. Her generosity also made the construction of the Children's Discovery Museum possible.

The philanthropist, who's spent decades advocating for the betterment of children, woke one morning and wondered what she could do to stop a world at war. The idea to create a peace monument in San Jose came to her as a step toward unity.

She wanted artist Mario Chiodo to craft a symbol for peace. Chiodo is designing an 18-foot bronze monument with a woman holding up an olive branch and a dove. Her hair, extended to create a circle around her, will be etched with 322 symbols of peace from around the world. At her feet are six children holding up the earth, representing the continents of Africa, Asia, North and South America, Australia and Europe and an animal to represent Antarctica.

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"(The monument is) important because it shows we come from the same planet. It shows that we are dependent on each other. It shows our similarities," Chiodo told San José Spotlight. "People don't want to see the children killed by wars, so we need to take some kind of initiative. And you can only do that by awareness... like a monument about peace, to create this discussion."



Mario Chiodo is designing an 18-foot bronze monument for San Jose to symbolize world peace and unity. Photo provided by Mario Chiodo.

Chiodo knows what it's like to be in community with people who didn't look or think like him. Growing up on Lakeshore Avenue in Oakland in the 1960s, he lived in a diverse neighborhood comprised of African Americans, Italians, Germans, Chinese and Mexicans where everyone looked out for each other, he said.

"None of the kids growing up knew that there were racial problems out there," Chiodo said. "We all ate at each other's house. We supported each other and that never left me."

Chiodo, who has crafted sculptures for Star Wars, began creating symbols of peace after 9/11. He designed a monument for Oakland with the faces of 25 important figures who have inspired change, including Mother Teresa, Abraham Lincoln and a New York City firefighter titled "Remember Them: Champions for Humanity." Chiodo also designed a statue of abolitionists Harriet Tubman and Thomas Garrett in Wilmington, Delaware.

Once the peace monument is complete, Kimberly Mulcahy envisions holding peace rallies at the location and having school field trips to teach students of the importance of the symbols.

"It's way more than a piece of public art," she said. "I think the activation that happens around it is going to be really incredible, and it allows everybody to see something in it that connects to them in addition to thinking about peace."

Kimberly Mulcahy said Brandenburg's life is marked by efforts to promote peace. She has been a board member of The Forgotten International, a nonprofit working to eradicate global poverty, since 2009.

"One of (Brandenburg's) favorite statements is by Margaret Mead, 'When will we devise a system of peace instead of war?'" she said. "That has been one of her guiding stars. I really think this is her legacy."

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