President's Message

May 2022

Hi,

I would like to thank Nathan Howard and Brandenburg, Staedler, and Moore for the lovely Kick-off Event on March 12th to celebrate that masks are no longer required in indoor settings. It was wonderful to see so many of our residents enjoying the festivities in the Clubhouse.

As we are moving towards the end of the pandemic, many new activities will be starting in the Clubhouse. Some of the activities that will be occurring in the Clubhouse include Intermediate Crocheting and Knitting, Bunko, and Bingo. Please check the calendar for dates and times. If you are interested in having an activity in the Clubhouse, now is the time to sign up for it.

In May, we will be having a Mexican Fiesta on the 14th. It will be catered by El Caminto Restaurant and the cost will be $20.00 for members and $22.00 for non-members. Sheila Wark and I will be chairing this. More information will be coming out for a ceremony on Memorial Day. Weizhi Sun and Pong Sang Yeung will be hosting the Chinese Dragonboat Festival on June 5th. On June 12th, Kathy Love and Art Aguiniga will be chairing the Luau. As you can tell, there will be lots of activities coming up in the next few months.

As mentioned last month, Treasure Seekers will be permanently collecting on the first weekend of the month. If residents find that have difficulty in saving their recyclables for a whole month, they can drop them off at Sheila Wark's (#60) at any time and they will be taken care of.

Peggy Wegner
pawegner12@gmail.com

The 2022 CCVRA Board Members
(L to R) Peggy Wegner, Alice Goodwin, Sheila Wark, Bruce Edmundson, Christy Winters, Randy Dinga, Kathy Love, Priscilla Mattson and Weizhi Sun

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Cape Cod Village Residents Association
March 29, 2022 Association Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order on March 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm. There were 19 residents in attendance.

FLAG SALUTE was led by **Nat Hanson.**

WELCOME NEW ATTENDEES: We welcomed **Alice Palacio-Garbarino** from #92, with her son **William** and his wife **Rose** to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by **Kathy Love** and seconded by **Jo Asplund** to approve the January 25, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of March 1, 2022, beginning balance was $6,059.66.

Total Income was: $316.91.

Total expenses were: ($0.00).

Ending balance at March 29, 2022 was $6,376.57.

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

MEMBERSIP REPORT

Sheila Wark reported that we currently have 120 members in the Association from 77 households.

CIRCLE OF CARE

Jo Asplund gave the report. Please see the Whaler for further details.

TREASURE SEEKERS REPORT

Treasure Seekers is going to permanently pickup donations once a month on the first Sunday of each month. For the month of March, Treasure Seekers collected $254.91. Our next collection day is April 3, 2022. It was mentioned at the last Board Meeting that some people may be having difficulty saving their recyclables for a whole month. **Sheila Wark** mentioned that if this was the case, people could always drop their recyclables off at her home, #60 and it would be taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS

- **MASK MANDATE**

  Masks are no longer required in the clubhouse.

- **NEW ACTIVITIES**

  Intermediate Crochet - will be the third Wednesday of each month, beginning on April 20. **Barb Matson** will be organizing this**.**

  Bunko - is being organized by **Jo** and **Jimmy Asplund**. Stay tuned for start dates.

  Bingo - We have the Bingo permit and will schedule some Bingo events when we have the technology sorted out.

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▸ **EVENTS**

Western Party - April 23, 2022
The Western Party has been moved up to April 23, 2022 with **Randy Dinga** as the Chairperson. The cost will be $20.00 for members and $22.00 for non-members. This event will be catered by *Armadillo Willy's BBQ* and you will have a choice of either rib or chicken meals.

Mexican Fiesta - May 14, 2022
Will be May 14, 2022 from 5:30 to 9:00. **Peggy Wegner** and **Sheila Wark** are the Chairpersons. The food will be catered by El Caminito's. The cost will be $20.00 for members and $22.00 for non-members.

Chinese Dragonboat Festival - June 5, 2022
June 5, 2022 at 3:00. **Weizhi Sun** and **Pong Yeung** are the Chairpersons. This will be an afternoon concert with no food provided.

Luau - June 12, 2022
Kathy Love and **Art Aguiniga** will be the Chairpersons.

4th of July - July 4, 2022
We are hoping that we will be able to have a scaled down July 4th celebration with a BBQ provided enough COVID restrictions are lifted.

President's Dinner - To Be Announced
It will be rescheduled for later in the year. **Alice Goodwin** is chairing the event. She plans to have it catered by *Harry's Hoffbrau*, offering a choice of roast beef or turkey.

Comments/Additional items from the floor
Paul Goodwin mentioned that he and **Alice Goodwin** attended the St. Patrick's Day activities at the *San Jose Yacht Club*. During the course of the evening, they were entertained by some children from a local dance troupe doing traditional Irish dances. **Paul Goodwin** suggested that some of our Chairpersons may in the future be able to link up with a dance school to provide entertainment for some of our events.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by **Paul Goodwin** and seconded by **Nat Hanson**. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next meeting is April 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm., with a Meet and Greet at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Wark
Secretary

All activities arranged for members of Cape Cod Village Residents Association are for the convenience and pleasure of Association members and their guests who voluntarily desire to participate. CCVRA, its officers and members do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of participants and their property in any manner pertaining to said activities. Members of the Association and their guests participate at their own risk and should not expect to hold Cape Cod Village Residents Association or any of its officers or members responsible in any way.

Cape Cod Village Residents Association
Treasurer's Report - March 2022

03/01/2022 Balance Forward			**$6,059.66**
Income:			
Treasure Seekers	$254.91		
Dues and donations	62.00		
Total Income		$316.91	
Expenses:			
No expenses this month		$0.00	
Monthly Net Income (Expense)			$316.91
03/31/2022 Ending balance			**$6,376.57**

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It's Time To Shake Those Maracas!

Mexican Fiesta

Saturday, May 14

5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Catered by El Caminito Mexican Restaurant

Food will be Chips and Salsa, Cheese Enchiladas, Beef Tacos, Rice, Beans, Green Salad, Cake and Drinks.

Members $20 and Non-Members $22

Chaired by Sheila Wark & Peggy Wegner

RSVP by Monday, May 9, 2022

Mexican Fiesta

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Members $20 and Non-Members $22

Chaired by Sheila Wark & Peggy Wegner

Members Name(s)_____

Non-Members Name(s)_____

Space # _____ # of Persons _____ Amount Enclosed $ _____

Please make check payable to CCVRA and insert with this coupon in the CCVRA box at the Clubhouse.

Deadline for reservations is Monday, May 9, 2022.

May 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 **Treasure Seekers** 6:30 pm	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** 	**6**	**7**
8 	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12** **Bingo** 7 pm to 9 pm 	**13**	**14** **Mexican Fiesta** 5:30 pm to 9 pm
15	**16**	**17**	**18** **Knit & Crochet Group** 7 pm to 9 pm 	**19**	**20**	**21**
22	**23**	**24** **CCVRA Board Meeting** 6:30 pm	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**
29	**30** 	**31** **CCVRA Meet & Greet** 6:45 pm to 7 pm **CCVRA Meeting** 7 pm				

May 1	Treasure Seekers	6:30 pm
May 12	Bingo	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
May 14	Mexican Fiesta	5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
May 18	Knit & Crochet Group	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
May 24	CCVRA Board Meeting	6:30 pm
May 31	CCVRA - Meet & Greet	6:45 pm to 7:00 pm
May 31	CCVRA - General Meeting	7:00 pm

May Celebrations

Happy Birthday

1 Raul Carpio	15 Rowena Hammersley	23 Tamera Guess
3 Pamela Hammill	17 Adrienne Swor	29 Art Aguiniga
8 Judith Mayes	19 Sandra Mendoza	29 Sheila Wark
10 John Peterson	23 Lai-King Mau	

Anniversary Congratulations

15	Fred & Joan Latu	1980
26	Dan & Jacque Boeriu	1998
29	Rio & Vivian Balcita	1960

May Directory Updates

Phil Geary	Spc 172	Pages 10 and 14	Remove

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 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 CCV Phone Directory, (unless requested otherwise).* ***

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

Date Received: _____ Date Entered: _____ By: _____

Code: Anniv Birthday Delete Email Moved New Phone Spelling

CIRCLE OF CARE

Condolences and deepest sympathies to Ann Geary and family of Phil Geary who recently passed away.

Thoughts and good wishes for a speedy recovery to you, Kimily Conkle. So sorry to hear of your recent injury, sending prayers and blessings to you.

Louise Gore's brother Tom passed away. We all are sending thoughts and prayers for Louise, Tom and family.

Sending a healthy regard to all residents of Cape Cod Village from CCVRA.

Please let me know of anyone who might need a cheery Hello
Jo Asplund #157
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The Recipe Box

Herb and Mustard Potato Stacks

Costco Connection - April 2022

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Lightly grease a 12-cup muffin tin.

In a large bowl, stir together the olive oil, vinegar, mustard, oregano, thyme, garlic, Parmesan and a large pinch each of salt and pepper. Add the potatoes and toss to coat well.

Place the potatoes in the muffin cups, dividing evenly and stacking them up to the top. Cover the muffin tin loosely with foil and place it on a baking sheet. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove the foil and continue cooking until the potatoes are tender and golden, 20 to 25 minutes more.

Gently run a butter knife around the edge of each cup to release the stacks from the pan. Sprinkle with more Parmesan, oregano and salt. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Ingredients

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, plus more for greasing

1 Tbsp apple cider or Champagne vinegar

1 Tbsp Dijon or whole-grain mustard

1/4 cup chopped fresh oregano, plus more for serving

2 Tbsp fresh thyme leaves

1 garlic clove, finely chopped or grated

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus more for serving

Fine pink Himalayan salt and freshly ground pepper

4 medium russet or Idaho potatoes, cut into 1/8-inch-thick rounds

First Woman to Travel Over Land to California
Nancy Kelsey (1823-1896)

From the book Women Trailblazers of California by Gloria G. Harris & Hannah S. Cohen

Part 1 of a Series

Nancy Kelsey was born in Kentucky in 1823, a few miles from the Missouri River that was the border of the settled United States. At the age of fifteen, she married a man twelve years her senior. During the 1840s, American families began heading for California to seek a better life, and her husband was a man with ambitious plans for their future. In 1841, the Kelseys and their infant daughter began a wagon train journey across the country that no white woman had ever made. Kelsey explained her reason for making the trip: "Where my husband goes I can go. I can better stand the hardships of the journey than the anxieties for an absent husband."

In 1841, several Missourians received a letter from Dr. John Marsh praising California. In it he described "a wonderful fertile land with a sublime climate, meek* Indians, and a lax local Mexican government." Paradise was located by the Pacific, waiting to be visited by enterprising people. One of the people who received the letter was a local farmer, John Bartleson, who passed the word on to the newspapers. After Kelsey read the letter to her husband, he became determined to join a group bound for the West Coast organized by John Bidwell.

* ***Barb's Note:*** *Like other Native Americans, the California Indians lived in harmony with nature and the resources they found in their environment. Because of this they were able to provide food and shelter to Portola and his 1769 expedition to San Francisco Bay. The Portola expedition would have starved to death without the help of the Ohlone tribe. The resourcefulness of California Indians was mistaken as meekness and that myth perpetuated itself in the Dr. John Marsh letter read by Bartleston. The Bidwell-Bartleston Party that Nancy Kelsey was part of had, by stroke of good luck, the guidance of mountain man Thomas "Broken Hand" Fitzpatrick.*

"Broken Hand" deserves a lot of credit for the success of Nancy Kelsey's final horseback journey into California since he understood not only the culture and resourcefulness of the California Native Americans but also that of other Indian tribes throughout the vast territory west of the Mississippi River. He became one of their most respected Indian agents. Also, because of Thomas Fitzpatrick's guidance John Bidwell survived the journey and went on to found Chico, California in 1860.

In 1843-44 (about two years after Nancy Kelsey arrived in California) the Murphy Party made the first successful wagon train trip into California. By 1849 the California Gold Rush had started and at the same time Martin Murphy, Jr. bought the land that later became Sunnyvale, California. Previously the Murphy family also helped in the rescue of the 1846-47 Donner Party. All three of these parties: Bidwell-Bartleston (1841), Murphy (1843-44), and Donner (1846-47) learned that their westward trip to California was not for the fainthearted and required having, like the Native Americans, a great respect for Mother Nature.

Preparations for the trip included two farm wagons with wooden beds about ten feet long by four feet wide, sloping sides and a canvas cover that could be drawn closed to protect them from the rain. The wagons were to be pulled by oxen while Kelsey and her husband would ride their horses. John Bartleson, a man who had traveled farther west than the others, was chosen to be the party's leader. The group consisting of the Kelsey family and about thirty men departed from Missouri in the spring of 1841. They became known as the Bidwell-Bartleson party.

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For the first twelve hundred miles, the group followed the Oregon Trail and all went well, but the party was ill prepared for the challenges that lay ahead. Members of the group had limited knowledge of western geography and lacked an adequate map or experienced guide. After the party reached Wyoming, problems began. Interviewed by the San Francisco Examiner in her later years, Kelsey told a reporter about the group's first mishap: "A young man named Dawson was captured by Indians and stripped of his clothing. They let him go then and then followed him so that without his knowing it, he acted as their guide to our camp. The redskins surrounded our camp and remained all night, but when daylight showed them our strength they went away."

Some men in the group decided to take a safer route and headed to Oregon. Others, including the Kelseys, were determined to reach California and continued on. By September, the Bidwell-Bartleson party was hopelessly lost. The weather got colder, food grew scarce and the oxen became too exhausted to pull the wagons. One by one the cattle were killed for food, and the wagons had to be abandoned. Kelsey described their desperate situation: "We left our wagons and finished our journey on horseback and drove our cattle. I carried my baby in front of me on the horse. At one place the Indians surrounded us, armed with their bows and arrows, but my husband leveled his gun at the chief and made him order his Indians out of arrow range."

Nancy Kelsey turned eighteen while camping at the summit of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. While the men searched for a safe route down through the jagged mountains, she was left alone with her baby for half a day. Fearing for her safety, Kelsey is quoted as commenting, "It seemed to me while I was there alone that the moaning of the wind through the pines was the loneliest sound I had ever heard." During the treacherous descent, four pack animals fell over a cliff, and her husband came very near death. On November 25, 1841, after seven long months, the weary group arrived at Sutter's Fort, near the present-day city of Sacramento. Nancy Kelsey became the first white woman to cross the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and miraculously, her baby also survived the journey.

Joseph Chiles, one of the men who had traveled with the group, wrote about his experiences. Nancy Kelsey was described as a cheerful woman who "brought many a ray of sunshine through clouds that gathered around a company of so many weary travelers. She bore the fatigue of the journey with so much heroism, patience, and kindness that there still exists a warmth in every heart for the mother and child, that were always forming silver linings for every dark cloud that assailed them."

Kelsey remained in California only briefly before her husband decided to explore Oregon. In 1844, the couple traveled back to California with their two young daughters. En route, they were attacked by Indians. "While the arrows were flying into our camp," recalled Kelsey, "I took one babe and rolled it in a blanket and hid it in the brush and returned and took my other child and hid it also."

In 1859, Kelsey and her husband moved to Mexico, and in 1861, they went to Texas. Over the years, she gave birth to eleven children, and the family eventually returned to California. Despite her difficult life, she expressed no regrets. "I have enjoyed riches and suffered the pangs of poverty. I saw General Grant when he was little known. I baked bread for General Fremont and talked to Kit Carson. I have run from bear and killed all other kinds of game," she explained in later life. Her husband, Ben Kelsey, died in 1889, and seven years later, California's first woman emigrant passed away.

2022 ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS

All events subject to change due to possible COVID-19 restrictions. Always check the City website at **Sunnyvale.ca.gov/virus** prior to registering for or attending events.

Extra Dumping Weekends

Sunnyvale residents may dispose of extra garbage at no charge.

Saturday, Oct. 1 & Sunday, Oct. 2

Saturday, Oct. 8 & Sunday, Oct. 9

LOCATION

Sunnyvale SMaRT Station®
301 Carl Rd.

TIME

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Sunnyvale residents only
- Proof of residency required
- All vehicle loads must be covered. Drivers with uncovered loads will be provided a tarp for a $15 fee
- Vehicles limited to a one-ton capacity
- Trailers may not exceed five feet by ten feet

Document Shredding Events

Saturday, Jun. 25

Saturday, Nov. 5

LOCATION

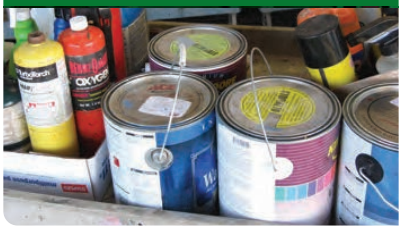
Sunnyvale SMaRT Station
301 Carl Rd.

TIME

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Event line closes at 3 p.m. sharp. **Late arrivals will be turned away**
- Limit of five bags or boxes per household

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off Events



Saturday, Jul. 16

Saturday, Oct. 15

- Santa Clara Country residents only
- Proof of residency required

Appointments are required for all events. For times, location and to schedule an appointment visit **HHW.org** or call 408-299-7300. This event is not held at the SMaRT Station. It does not accept hazardous waste or medications.

Compost Workshops

Learn the basics of backyard and worm composting. Compost bins are available for purchase after the workshop. Pre-register at **Ucanr.edu/Compost** or call 408-918-4640.

May 14	**Sept. 10**
Jun. 11	**Oct. 8**
Jul. 9	**Nov. 12**
Aug. 13	

LOCATION

Murphy Park Building
250 N. Sunnyvale Ave
Sunnyvale, CA, 94086

TIME

10 a.m. to noon, registration required.

Electric Vehicle Workshops

Attend an online Drive Electric workshop or an in-person Ride-and-Drive Event to learn more about electric vehicles (EVs).

Thursday, May 12

EV Charging Basics
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Litter Cleanup Events

Volunteer at an event to help clean up Sunnyvale's waterways and keep the community litter-free. For more information, call 408-730-7717.

Saturday, May 21

National River Cleanup Day

Saturday, Sept. 17

Coastal Cleanup Day

Sustainability Speaker Series

For information on our upcoming speakers, visit the events calendar at **Sunnyvale.ca.gov**.

Water-Wise Landscaping Workshops

For information on our upcoming workshops, visit the events calendar at **Sunnyvale.ca.gov**.

For more information

Visit the events calendar at **Sunnyvale.ca.gov**.

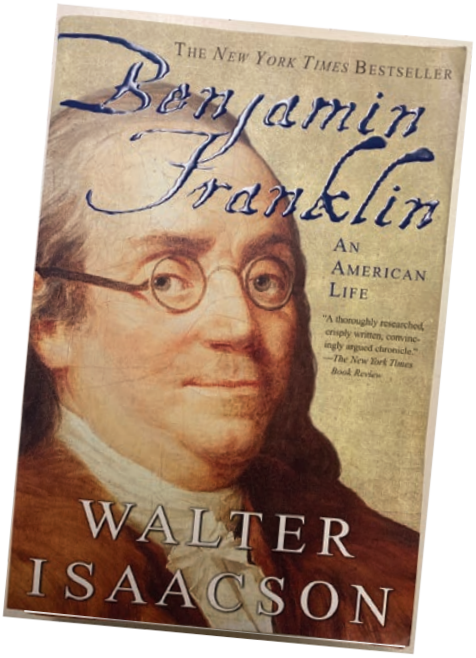
Sunnyvale

You Don't Say...

- Reading can seriously damage your ignorance.
- The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless,
- Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.
- Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.
- Getting another set of teeth would be much more useful at 60 than at age 6.
- "The starting pay is $40,000. Later it can go up to $80,000."
  "Great, I'll start later."
- Trust science. Studies show that if your parents didn't have children there's a high probability you won't either.
- Only in math problems can you buy 60 cantaloupes and no one asks what the Hell is wrong with you?
- "I'm 85 and my body is full of aches and pains."
  "Well, I'm 85 and I feel like a newborn baby."
  "Really?"
  "Yep, no teeth, no hair, and I just wet my pants."
- When the pool re-opens, due to social distancing rules, there will be no water in lanes 1, 3, and 5.
- When I get a headache I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.
- Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."
- Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.
- Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate either one.
- Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, but no atmosphere.
- If you see me talking to myself just move along. I'm self employed, and we're having a meeting.
- Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo.
- Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?
- Today's 3 year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps.
  When I was 3, I ate mud.

Benjamin Franklin and The Invention of America

Excerpts from the book
Benjamin Franklin
An American Life
by Walter Isaacson



His arrival in Philadelphia is one of the most famous scenes in autobiographical literature: the bedraggled 17-year-old runaway, cheeky yet with a pretense of humility, straggling off the boat and buying three puffy rolls as he wanders up Market Street. But wait a minute. There's something more. Peel back a layer and we can see him as a 65- year-old wry observer, sitting in an English country house, writing this scene, pretending it's part of a letter to his son, an illegitimate son who has become a royal governor with aristocratic pretensions and needs to be reminded of his humble roots.

A careful look at the manuscript peels back yet another layer. Inserted into the sentence about his pilgrim's progress up Market Street is a phrase, written in the margin, in which he notes that he passed by the house of his future wife, Deborah Read, and that "she, standing at the door, saw me and thought I made, as I certainly did, a most awkward ridiculous appearance." So here we have, in a brief paragraph, the multilayered character known so fondly to his author as Benjamin Franklin: as a young man, then seen through the eyes of his older self, and then through the memories later recounted by his wife. It's all topped off with the old man's deft little affirmation "as I certainly did" in which his self-deprecation barely cloaks the pride he felt regarding his remarkable rise in the world.[1]

Benjamin Franklin is the founding father who winks at us. George Washington' colleagues found it hard to imagine touching the austere general on the shoulder, and we would find it even more so today. Jefferson and Adams as are just as intimidating. But Ben Franklin, that ambitious urban entrepreneur, seems made of flesh rather than of marble, addressable by nickname, and he turns to us from history's stage with eyes that twinkle from behind those newfangled spectacles. He speaks to us, through his letters and hoaxes and autobiography, not with orotund rhetoric but with a chattiness and clever irony that is very contemporary, sometimes unnervingly so. We see his reflection in our own time.

Note 1, For a description of the writing of the *Autobiograpgy*, see page 254-257 and chapter 11 note 5 on page 542.

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He was, during his eighty-four-year-long life, America's best scientist, inventor, diplomat, writer, and business strategist, and he was also one of its most practical, though not most profound, political thinkers. He proved by flying a kite that lightning was electricity, and he invented a rod to tame it. He devised bifocal glasses and clean-burning stoves, charts of the Gulf Stream and theories about the contagious nature of the common cold. He launched various civic improvement schemes, such as a lending library, college, volunteer fire corps, insurance association, and matching grant fund-raiser. He helped invent America's unique style of homespun humor and philosophical pragmatism. In foreign policy, he created an approach that wove together idealism with balance-of-power realism. And in politics, he proposed seminal plans for uniting the colonies and creating a federal model for a national government.

But the most interesting thing that Franklin invented, and continually reinvented, was himself. America's first great publicist, he was, in his life and in his writings, consciously trying to create a new American archetype. In the process, he carefully crafted his own persona, portrayed it in public, and polished it for posterity. virtues diligence, frugality, honesty-of a good shopkeeper and beneficent member of his community.

Only the First Sunday of Each Month

Pick-up Sunday Between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Treasure Seekers Permanent Pickup Schedule

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.

Put Your "Treasures" Out No Later than 6:00 PM on Sunday Evening.

Common Sayings With Historical Origins

Turn a blind eye

The phrase "turn a blind eye"—often used to refer to a willful refusal to acknowledge a particular reality—dates back to a legendary chapter in the career of the British naval hero Horatio Nelson. During 1801's Battle of Copenhagen, Nelson's ships were pitted against a large Danish-Norwegian fleet. When his more conservative superior officer flagged for him to withdraw, the one-eyed Nelson supposedly brought his telescope to his bad eye and blithely proclaimed, "I really do not see the signal." He went on to score a decisive victory. Some historians have since dismissed Nelson's famous quip as merely a battlefield myth, but the phrase "turn a blind eye" persists to this day.

White elephant

White elephants were once considered highly sacred creatures in Thailand—the animal even graced the national flag until 1917—but they were also wielded as a subtle form of punishment. According to legend, if an underling or rival angered a Siamese king, the royal might present the unfortunate man with the gift of a white elephant. While ostensibly a reward, the creatures were tremendously expensive to feed and house, and caring for one often drove the recipient into financial ruin. Whether any specific rulers actually bestowed such a passive-aggressive gift is uncertain, but the term has since come to refer to any burdensome possession—pachyderm or otherwise.

Crocodile tears

Modern English speakers use the phrase "crocodile tears" to describe a display of superficial or false sorrow, but the saying actually derives from a medieval belief that crocodiles shed tears of sadness while they killed and consumed their prey. The myth dates back as far as the 14th century and comes from a book called "The Travels of Sir John Mandeville." Wildly popular upon its release, the tome recounts a brave knight's adventures during his supposed travels through Asia. Among its many fabrications, the book includes a description of crocodiles that notes, "These serpents sley men, and eate them weeping, and they have no tongue." While factually inaccurate, Mandeville's account of weeping reptiles later found its way into the works of Shakespeare, and "crocodile tears" became an idiom as early as the 16th century.

Diehard

While it typically refers to someone with a strong dedication to a particular set of beliefs, the term "diehard" originally had a series of much more literal meanings. In its earliest incarnation in the 1700s, the expression described condemned men who struggled the longest when they were executed by hanging. The phrase later became even more popular after 1811's Battle of Albuera during the Napoleonic Wars. In the midst of the fight, a wounded British officer named William Inglis supposedly urged his unit forward by bellowing "Stand your ground and die hard ... make the enemy pay dear for each of us!" Inglis' 57th Regiment suffered 75 percent casualties during the battle, and went on to earn the nickname "the Die Hards."

Source: https://www.history.com/news/10-common-sayings-with-historical-origins

Why There are Street Width Requirements Imposed In Parks by HCD

Thanks to, Tim Kerr for this article.

Residents ask all the time, “why can’t I park in front of my house? There’s enough room.”

For newer residents of Mobile Home parks or a refresher for longer time residents, Mobile Home Parks are subject to different laws than single family homes.

Mobile Home Laws in the California Civil Code are in Section 798 and called the Mobilehome Residency Laws (MRL). All over the state, Mobile Home health and safety issues as well as construction permits are handled by the Housing & Community Development Department (HCD). The HCD laws supersede most city codes, however; certain items are a joint effort, such as fire lanes. Because Sunnyvale provides fire/police protection to parks, their fire department conducts inspections of fire lanes periodically. Park owners are held responsible for maintaining the codes of HCD and the local fire department.

HAVE YOU OR A NEIGHBOR EVER CALLED 911?

Depending on the situation, you can have a fire engine, 2 police cars and a paramedic truck show up in front of a house. Can you visualize how much space they take up on a street? Keeping that in mind, how much room does a fire engine need to drive safely down a street? Below are the minimum street widths required to allow fire trucks to pass safely. Fire truck passage is why there are street width requirements.

When driving in a mobile home park, you may see curbs painted red, as well as, a red line near the sides of the streets. That means NO PARKING any time, no questions asked. You can be towed immediately, the street is too narrow. Each park in Sunnyvale has different street widths but the laws are the same.

STREET WIDTHS FOR PARKS BUILT AFTER SEP. 15, 1961

	Minimum Width
Minimum One-way Width	15 Feet
Minimum Two-way Width	25 Feet
Minimum Width with Parking on One Side	25 feet
Minimum Width, One-way with Parking on One Side	22 Feet
Minimum Width, Two-way with Parking on One Side	25 Feet
Minimum Width, Two-way with Parking on One Side	32 Feet
Minimum Width, Two-way with Parking on Two Sides	40 Feet

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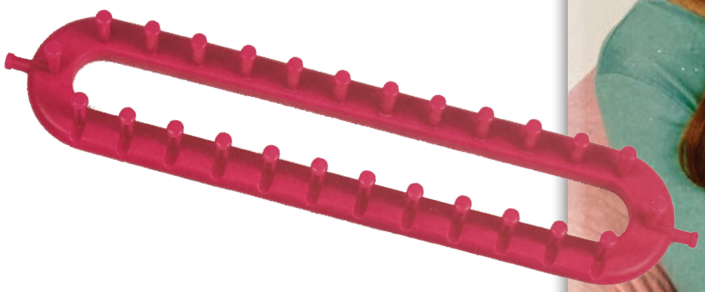

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