



Hi, Five



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Bye-Bye Potholes? Not yet! – Repaving of FV Parkway has been delayed pending both drier and warmer weather. In the cold, asphalt will harden before it can be rolled smooth.

Egg on my Face – Talk about unfortunate timing! Four days after the last *Hi Five* described our then-current gymnasium, the *Villager* announced that there would be a big change in the gym equipment. In fact, it has already started to happen. Here's what the room looks like now. There will be more surveys to determine which of the remaining machines are still being used. "A priority will be to upgrade the cleaning and sanitizing options to keep it healthier in nature" and to attract more resident activity.



GPS & Map Apps vs Whispering Leaves Gate Most of us are aware that GPS devices and map software have trouble directing travelers into FV. One of our Rec Assn directors has taken on the project of identifying and contacting the many companies that provide this incorrect information. That is a daunting task, to say the least. So what can we do to help the situation? First of all, tell every first-time visitor, including workmen and delivery persons, that you live in a gated community with only one entrance, and that it is dangerous to rely on GPS or computer map programs, because many of them have it wrong. Tell them to start from Sierra Highway and FV Parkway; then proceed north to the guard shack. What you tell them after that depends on where you live. I have to say turn left, because Google Earth, for one, has my address at the other end of Ave of the Oaks.

The convex traffic mirror on Green Terrace – It was blown down and shattered by high winds a couple of weeks ago. A replacement is on the way.

The Woodshop – FV's woodshop has all the major tools you need to do your wood-working projects. There is a table saw, a radial arm saw, a chop saw, two band saws, two drill presses, a router table, planer, lathe, and three grinders. The shop has a clean air filtration system and an enclosed, separate small room for sanding. There is a variety of small parts, such as wood screws, as well as small scraps of wood. The shop does not provide small tools – they have a way of disappearing – so if you need a hammer, screwdriver, tape measure, or drill and router bits, bring your own. The shop is kept locked but is available for your use from 6am to 10pm seven days. Check in with Security. They will ask you to sign a waiver of liability each time you come. And check out when you are done so the room can be secured again. All of the tools in the room are intended for wood work only. Do not attempt to use them on metal or plastic. The machines are maintained by Austin Peters, who is a full-time maintenance employee. His hours are 8am–4pm M–F, but he has many responsibilities besides the woodshop. If needed, Austin can help you with the basics of each machine. Check with Security for his availability. Or better yet, bring a friend who is familiar with these tools. A brush, broom, and dustpan are provided. Be sure you clean up after yourself.



In the Spotlight – A couple of weeks ago, a helicopter was flying low over our community in the evening. One of our prominent citizens went outside to investigate. As she was looking up, she was suddenly bathed in a light from the heavens, and a voice from on high boomed, "GO BACK IN YOUR HOUSE!" It seems a perp from somewhere else had tried to take refuge in FV. He was caught.

Re-staffing the Community Council – The CC staff consists of a chairperson, vice-chair, and secretary. The first two are elected positions and the third is appointed. All three of the current staff are resigning. The new secretary was appointed at the last CC meeting. She is Anne Montgomery of Assn 6BC. As a courtesy, the delegates were allowed to vote. Approval was unanimous. Anne has over 18 years as Executive Assistant at the Antelope Valley Hospital. She has lived in FV for six years. The new chair and vice-chair will be chosen by a vote of the delegates at the next CC meeting on March 6. There are two candidates: Keith Pierce of Assn 9 and Stuart Lewis of Assn 4. Naturally, both will win a seat. The one with the greater number of votes becomes chairperson; the other is vice-chair.

Fridays with the Professors – Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote in the U.S. On Friday, Feb 22, at 1:00 in the FV Church, Julianne Johnson, Asst Prof of History, will present “A Brief History of American Women’s Voices”. On March 1 the topic will be “SCV Real Estate. Time to Buy, Sell, or Hold?”

Office upgrade – The Rec Board is busy writing job descriptions for all of the office staff, and a new person will be added whose primary job will be processing escrows for new residents. We are reminded to call Jeanne for an appointment if you need to discuss any matter with an office person.

51.3 – That number refers to a section of Calif. Law that deals with Senior Housing. Kathy Simpson, a retired legal secretary in Assn 5, is reviewing all CC&Rs with a goal of recommending changes to make them all compliant with the law.

Office-Annex Building – The Rec Board is looking to modernize this complex. There are ongoing meetings with vendors regarding the Heating/Ventilating Air-Conditioning (HVAC) system, a new roof, and solar panels to

generate some of our own electricity. This project will likely exceed \$50,000, thus requiring a vote of the entire FV membership.

Your Spectrum bill – Our new contract with Spectrum provides basic (non-premium) TV channels and Internet access at no charge to individual users. A modem is required to connect one computer to the incoming cable, but that modem is supplied by Spectrum at no cost. If you have other devices in your home that need the Internet, then you will need a router. Spectrum will rent one for \$10/month, or you can buy one at an electronics store.

“Age Well Drive Smart” – This two-hour class by the CHP will be presented at the FV Church on Tues., Feb 26, 10am to noon. Space limited. Reservations necessary. You’ll learn about driving with visual or hearing impairments, tips on avoiding or offsetting hazardous road conditions, recent changes in law, and much more. Watch for a flyer coming soon

New FV Directory for 2020-21 – Anticipating a new Directory next year, 73 advertisers have been found. That will more than cover the cost of producing them. Remember that advertising in our Directory is not an endorsement by FV.

Lawn fertilizing – That activity will begin this week in Assn 5. You may notice the odor, and you may want to avoid walking on your lawn for a few days.

Important Assn 5 documents online – Sometimes it’s easier than finding where you put the paper versions. On your computer, visit www.FriendlyValleyCountryClubWebsite.com.

Then select CONTACT > Associations > Assn 5. There you will see links to our CC&Rs, Bylaws, Rules & Regulations, and Policies. The Policies link is new. You might want to check it out.

Let’s keep it clean – Our community, that is. After the trash truck has gone by, look around your yard and street to see if anything was left. And pick up the Sunday throw-away newspaper, even if you don’t want to look at it yourself.

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Wise or Otherwise

It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except for all the others that have been tried.
--- *Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)*
A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.
--- *George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)*

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