



# Hi, Five



The newsletter of Association Five for all our Friendly Valley neighbors

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**Welcome Back, Byron Harrison** – Byron has recovered from his bicycle accident at least enough to attend the Rec Board meeting last week wearing a neck brace. He expects to be back to normal in a couple of months. The Board authorized Gary Simpson to act in his place while he is incapacitated. Gary, of course, had previous experience on the Board watching over the golf courses.

**Pool Rules** – At the Rec Board meeting last Monday, it was announced that the pool can now be scheduled for up to four households with up to eight persons simultaneously. Call the office to get on the schedule. However, on that same day, Gov. Newsom announced a tightening of a number of restrictions due to COVID-19 resurgence. That may affect FV. Stay flexible, and don't blame the Rec Board if the rules have to change again.

**Dumpster** – The dumpster by the auditorium is not for your use. We've reported this several times, but still it is being filled with household furnishings. It costs FV \$900 every time it has to be picked up by Waste Management. Because of household furnishings being deposited there illegally, there have been an estimated four extra times since last November that the bin has been emptied. That's \$3600 dollars. It has to stop! The Rec Board plans to put up security cameras and impose fines starting at \$250 and going up from there. Tell your hired workers or real estate agents that you will be fined if they are caught using the dumpster. You should know that each household is allowed three free pickups per year of large furniture items. Call Waste Management (661-259-2398) to make arrangements.

**Coming Down to the Wire** – The electricians have been given the go-ahead to start the upgrade of our circuits today (Monday) This work is necessary to meet the requirements of our new HVAC equipment. We haven't yet got an estimate for a completion date, but the next step will be to call the City Inspector to approve the work. After that we can activate the new equipment, The office and security staff will be

the first to reap the benefits. Finally, insulation will be blown into the attic, the holes will be patched, and a new roof laid. We're that close to completion. 😊

**Household Hazardous Waste Roundup** – The annual L.A. County free collection in Santa Clarita will be held at Via Princessa Metrolink Station on August 1, between 9am and 3pm. Household hazardous waste is any leftover product labeled toxic, poison, corrosive, flammable, combustible, or irritant, that you want to discard. Examples are paint, oil, and cleaners. Don't flush medicines down the toilet. Send them to the Roundup. Likewise, medical sharps will be accepted in a separate, sealed container clearly labeled "SHARPS". Old and unwanted electronic equipment, such as computers, televisions, and cell phones may be included. And don't forget fluorescent bulbs, both the long tubes and the compact ones. These bulbs are not to be disposed of in your regular trash. Save them, unbroken if possible, for the Roundup.

If you can go on August 1, consider helping a neighbor who can't make it. If you can help carry a load, or if you can't go yourself but have some household hazardous waste that you need to get rid of, call Frank at 251-5765. We'll try to arrange matters.

**All-Expenses-Paid Trip to D.C.** – You read about George Patton's trip to the Korean War anniversary event in the recent *Villager*. George was one of 30 vets originally scheduled to attend. When it was cancelled and then rescheduled, only ten were allowed. George was one of the lucky ones. Air transportation, ground transportation in D.C., two nights at the Washington Hamilton Hotel, and two days of meals were paid for by the Greatest Generations Foundation. Even the round trip between FV and LAX was provided by another attendee. John Coleman of Sand Canyon, came in his chauffeured vehicle to take George to the airport.

**Apprentice Needed** – Who will publish *Hi Five* after I'm gone?

## **The Greatest Generations Foundation –**

TGGF is an international veterans charitable organization dedicated to honoring the sacrifices of combat veterans by returning them to their former battlegrounds, cemeteries, and memorials to ensure that their legacies, and the heroes that made the ultimate sacrifice, are recorded and retold in perpetuity to future generations.

The foundation was established in 2004 by Australian-born businessman Timothy Davis. Today it sponsors and funds several trips a year, always including a mix of veterans and young people whose relatives have served. The group also has an educational program, taking veterans and artifacts to schools to tell their stories. The foundation's overhead expenses are covered by an endowment, but the trips and educational activities are funded by public contributions.

Tom Brokaw coined the phrase "Greatest Generation" in the title of his book about those who fought and those who labored on the home front to defeat the Axis in World War II. Davis, in forming his foundation, restricted the concept to warriors only, but expanded it to include Korean and the Viet Nam War veterans by adding the "s" in the name.

**Office Staff Is Not Being Mistreated** – I guess I've been a little harsh in describing working conditions for our office personnel during the period of renovation. I have been reporting what I hear in the open meetings. But apparently that's not the whole story. The office employees have all been told that if things got too rough or unbearable (heat or dust, for example), they could go home for the rest of the day. I asked for a first-hand report that I could publish in this issue, but no one in the office volunteered.

**Air Conditioner Problems** – Wally Jones, the new Director for Maintenance in Assn 5, is knowledgeable about air conditioners and is willing to help anyone in our assn in diagnosing

problems and suggesting treatment. Call Wally at 503-559-1582. In fact, Wally has written a treatise on the technical aspects of air conditioners. Ask *Hi Five* to email it to you if you're interested.

**Driver License Extension – It's true!** The Calif. DMV is providing an automatic one-year extension to Californians ages 70 and older with a non-commercial driver's license expiring between March 1 and Dec. 31, 2020. No action is required on your part.

**Volunteers Needed** – With elections coming up, many hands will be needed to stuff envelopes and do other associated tasks. Leave your name at the office if you are willing to help.

**Policy for Concrete Cracks** – Assn 5 has defined a policy for dealing with cracks in concrete. The association will be responsible for cracks in garage floors and front porch areas that were a part of the original construction of the unit. The homeowner is responsible for cracks in other areas. The minimum size for lateral cracks is 1/8 inch. The size of the crack will determine the method of repair. Vertical displacement will be handled by grinding down. You can get a copy of the policy by asking *Hi Five* to email it to you.

**Assn 5 Elections** – There will be four openings on the Board when the elections are held this November 18. Start thinking now about how you can play a part in managing the association. Someone has to do it. Meet the Candidates will happen at our meeting on Oct. 13, so you need to make your intentions known by early Sept.

**The Great Plague** - "The taverns are full of gadabouts making merry this eve. And though I may press my face against the window like an urchin at a confectioners, I am tempted not by the sweets within. A dram in exchange for the pox is an ill bargain indeed."

From the diary of Samuel. Pepys, 1665  
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Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive! - Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832)

It is always the best policy to speak the truth - unless, of course, you are an exceptionally good liar. - Jerome K. Jerome (1859-1927)

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