



Hi, Five



The newsletter of Association Five for all our Friendly Valley neighbors

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Meet your neighbor –TerryLynn Padilla, (you may call her T.L.) hails from Long Beach, a third generation Californian. T.L. has spent most of her life in Southern California, with a notable 8-year exception in Portland, OR. While there she went to college, worked for Pacific Bell, and did community volunteer work. In 1983, she moved back to California to help her aging mother. She started working for the Department of Veterans Administration in an entry-level position. There for 20 years, she advanced to Public Affairs Officer and then to Chief of Voluntary Service. During that same period, she attended college part-time earning a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Lavern in 1997. After the V.A. she worked for the U.S. Air Force for six years and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where she served for six years as Congressional Liaison. TerryLynn never married, but had a partner, Miss Kittie, whom she lost suddenly in 2011, after almost 30 years. The two of them had a part-time event-planning business for ten years, and T.L. still does that on a voluntary basis for friends. Her last home was in Sylmar. She lived there for 24 years but lost it to a fire in December, 2017, escaping with her two dogs and not much else. She lived with generous friends awhile before moving to Circle Knoll Dr. in April, 2018. One of her dogs, Tedi Bear, is a young maltipoo who “works” as a therapy dog, visiting hospitals, libraries, and the UCLA Law School, providing a stress-free environment for students during exam week. The other dog is an aging, deaf miniature poodle named Miss Mini. Since moving here, she has joined the Women’s Golf Club as a social member (non-golfer) and the Aerobics group. Besides her volunteer work with Tedi Bear, she enjoys reading and attending live theater events, including FV’s own Little Theater.



next year’s insurance costs. Typically, it’s safe to assume that insurance will go up by two or three percent, and build that amount into the budget. This year, all of FV was shocked by the amount of increase in insurance. Most, if not all, boards were forced to revise their budgets. The following numbers are for Assn 5 only. Our share of insurance premiums went up *more than originally anticipated* by over \$27,000. With 166 units, that amounts to \$163 per unit for the entire year or almost \$14 per month. However, the Board chose to ease our shock by increasing our monthly assessment by only \$11 for the remaining eleven months of this year. The \$42 (\$163-11x11) that you will be spared this year will result in the association’s Operating Account ending the coming year almost \$7,000 lower than it might have been.

Roofs-HVAC-Solar Project – The matter is still in the hands of the Santa Clarita Building and Safety Dept. The plans have all been submitted, and we are waiting on their approval. Meanwhile, the solar panels and inverters were funded through our financial group on December 20 so they can show payment to the related tax groups to satisfy the discount policy. Delivery of the panels has been scheduled and rescheduled several times, so it is with trepidation that I write that they will be delivered on Jan. 6, the date of this publication. The panels will be stored on the patio adjacent to the Fireside Room until they can be installed on the auditorium roof. That area will be fenced off and considered off limits during construction.

Our Foot Patrol – These are the individuals who deliver paper copies of *Hi Five* to the seven streets in Assn 5. Ave of the Oaks: *Judy McDowell*. Circle Knoll Ct.: *Joyce Hall*. Fairway Circle: *Arlene O’Kray*. Green Terrace: *Andrea Baker*. Long Oak: *Diana Pedrick*. Oak Highland: *Wendy Alfaro*. Oak Plain: *Gina Leonard*. *Liz Talbot* helped start us off, but has since “retired”, and *Agnes Chaney* has substituted more than once. Thanks to all of them. You can help our cause by subscribing to *Hi Five* by email. Send your request to our email address below.

Revised budgets – Every year association boards are forced to come up with a budget before all costs are known – most particularly the

Christmas Decorating Contest – The fifth annual contest is over. Did you get to see any of the lights and decorations? The judging committee cited many addresses for having interesting displays. Assn 5 had two groups that were noteworthy. One is the northwest corner where Oak Highland and Fairway Circle meet. The other is the cul-de-sac at 26388-94 Oak Plain. We showed both of these in our January 7, 2019, issue, covering last year's contest.

The group winner for this year was the whole of Anzel Circle, which is impossible to show in a single photo.

One individual winner was Dan and Jackie Stetter's display shown here at 19384 Anzel Circle. The other was Brenda Rettler at 19552 Eleven Ct. Her unit was shown on Facebook.



Last year's two individual winners, though not eligible for prizes this year, made admirable contributions.

Lea Peyton's display on her front porch at 19124B Ave of the Oaks, had an animated Santa climbing up and down a three-foot ladder carrying bulbs to the Christmas tree. Her entire 30-foot porch was filled with lights and other holiday displays.



Dave and Ruth Madison, at 19635 Anzel Cir, filled the entire area behind and beside their driveway with Christmas and winter scenes, much as they did last year.



As in previous years, prizes were provided by Keith and Kim Pierce. They were given out in private "ceremonies", due to the timing of the CC and Rec Board meetings. The prizes were a

candle with label "Friendly Valley Holiday Decorating Contest Winner 2019"

Pool hours for children – The subject has been discussed for a few months. The final decision came at the Rec Board meeting on Dec 9. Children may use the pool between 11am and 3pm on Tues, Thurs, Sat, and Sun.

No diapers in the pool – It has been determined that even "leak-proof" diapers are not really leak-proof. Therefore, contrary to previous announcements, no diapers will be allowed in the pool.

Bits of history – The name "Santa Clarita: Santa Clarita got its name from the Portola expedition. The Spaniards arrived on horseback in August 1769 and named the wild river they saw for St. Clare (Santa Clara). The river was later called the "little" Santa Clara, and the valley accordingly took the name of Santa Clarita. Henry Mayo Newhall was born in Saugus, Massachusetts in 1825. An accomplished auctioneer and businessman (real estate and railroads), Newhall purchased the Rancho San Francisco and granted a right-of-way to the Southern Pacific Company. The first tracks connecting the San Francisco area with Los Angeles were laid across his ranch. He named the station Saugus, after his birthplace and the railroad named the town site he had granted, Newhall.

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Great grandchild joke – What do you call a muddy chicken that crosses the road twice? Answer: A dirty double crosser.

The extra trivia – is because the editor got to enjoy visits with family and friends over the holidays. We hope you did too.

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Apologizing does not always mean you are wrong and the other person is right. It may also mean that you value your relationship more than your ego.