



Meet Your Neighbor – Ray and Rose Lambert bought their retirement home here in FV over 20 years ago, but rented it out for many years. They spent 34 years on an acre of land in Northridge. Friends who visited there said it was like going to a park. When their last FV tenant moved out in 2014, they decided it was time to move into their FV home.



Both Ray and Rose were born and raised in western Pennsylvania. Ray is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, joining in 1948 and extending his service into the Korean War. The couple met in 1957 while working at Westinghouse and were soon married. Weather was their reason for moving to California early in their marriage. Rose took a job with Bendix Corp. just as that company was getting into the computer business. She spent seven years there as an executive secretary before deciding to concentrate on her own family.

Ray, together with his brother Bob, took a job at a small aircraft parts company. After seven years of helping to build that company up, the two brothers decided they should have their own company. They did that until they retired. Their company is still thriving under the management of each of their oldest sons.

Throughout most of their 62 years together, Ray and Rose have enjoyed league bowling, traveling, and cruises. In later years they have both become avid readers. They have four sons, two of whom live nearby with their families; nine grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Five Board meeting – The board for Assn 5 had an open-air meeting on June 16. It was held in the back patio of Wally and Pam Jones. Social distancing and face masks were the order of the day, though not rigidly adhered to. It was the first meeting since March 10 and since restrictions on large gatherings were imposed by the state and county governments. The business conducted is discussed in the paragraphs that follow.

Trees – One resident who has had a tree removed recently wants it replaced with a larger

one and will pay the difference. Large trees can wreak havoc on water and sewer lines if not placed judiciously. No vote on that request.

Waste Management Fees Going Up – WM has announced a price increase of 2½% starting on July 1. That will add over \$600 unbudgeted dollars to Assn 5’s expenses for this year.

Assn 5 Picnic – The picnic that was to be held later this month has been officially called off due to restrictions on large public gatherings.

Election Rules – A new law has forced all HOAs in California to revise election rules and procedures. The law has also extended the timeline of events leading up to elections. If you add to that the time required to draft, vote on, mail out, and wait the required 28 days for any new rule, it is unlikely that our election and annual meeting can be held on schedule this year. Rules designed to comply with a law are best vetted by an attorney. Dave Swartz, Assn 5 President, wants to take the new rules already approved by attorneys for the Rec Board and two other associations and use them for Assn 5. That was a point of contention at the recent meeting. One good point in the new law concerns uncontested elections. If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of open seats, there is no need for the expense of printing and mailing out ballots.

Gardening Contract – The Assn 5 contract with All-Pro for landscaping services expires in November of this year. The specs for a new contract are being developed and will be presented to several firms for competitive bids.

CC Open Air Meeting – The CC met on July 1 for the first time since the COVID restrictions were imposed. Here they are at the Gathering Place, observing social distancing. To avoid a large crowd, only one delegate from each association could attend, and no other homeowners were allowed. Thankfully, one exception was made for a member of “the press corps”. At least one attendee was dismayed that some of the delegates did not wear masks.



CC Secretary – The Community Council needs a new secretary. Anne Montgomery, who has done the job for two years, has resigned effective immediately. To volunteer, use the standard Request Form and address it to the Community Council.

Inspector of Elections – The CC has been looking for a new one. Shirley Gary, Assn 5, volunteered and was confirmed by the Council at the recent meeting. She knows it will be a lot of work, since last year she assisted Kathy Simpson, who was Elections Chairperson. (That was the old name for the job). Mary Jane Hartman of Assn 10 volunteered to assist by making phone calls to line up the poll workers that will be needed for each of the fourteen elections that are held in FV every year. The CC Bylaws need to be changed to reflect the legal name for the Inspector. However, no action was taken on this matter at the last meeting.

HVAC/Solar Project – The solar portion of this massive project is done. The 338 photo-voltaic cells (solar panels) on the roof of the central complex are generating power, reducing our need to buy electrical power from Edison. The HVAC portion is nearing completion. June 30 was a target, but never a hard one. We did not pressure the contractors for a completion date, because most of our facilities are not being used. The extended time is not costing us anything. Only our office staffers and some Security personnel are suffering. without air conditioning for the time being. 😞

What About the Holes in the Roof? – Yes, the holes are still there. That's just about the last part of the project. Major electrical and plumbing work was required in the attic of the Annex building. When that work is done, a city inspector will peer through the holes to approve the work. Then insulation will be blown in, the holes will be covered, and a new roof applied to the building. Sometime even before the roof is finished the new A/C can be fired up, and the office staff can start enjoying the benefits. 😊

Need to Visit the Office? – You must make an appointment, and you must wear a mask.

Bicycle Accident – Director Byron Harrison had a serious accident. No details were given. He was hospitalized but is doing well recovering in a rehabilitation facility.

Insurance Committee – All insurance companies share costs by re-insuring with each other. Last year our rates went up astronomically because of devastating wildfires in other parts of the country. Can the same thing happen this year because of riots? We won't know until we get the bids. Our committee is planning on soliciting bids from multiple insurance brokers this time. Maybe that will help.

Waste Roundup – There will be a household hazardous waste and E-waste roundup on August 1 at the Via Princessa Metrolink Station. More details are coming in the next *Hi Five*. Year-round recycling is available on Saturdays and Sundays at 10241 N. Balboa Blvd, just south of Devonshire. Call ahead to verify hours of operation (800-988-6942).

Tips for Better Sleeping – From the Global Council on Brain Health, we get these tips.

- Get 7 to 8 hours of sleep in a 24-hour period.
- Regular physical activity promotes good sleep.
- Get up at the same time every day.
- Keep the bedroom dark, quiet, and comfortable.
- Limit use of bedroom mostly for sleep.
- Expose yourself to light during the day.

Free bag of cat litter – About 5 pounds available. Call Frank, 661-251-5765.

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Thanks – George & Irma Patton.

Feel like complaining? Volunteer instead. 😊

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My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition. - Indira Gandhi (1917-1984)

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