



Hi, Five



The newsletter of Association Five for all our Friendly Valley neighbors

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Meet your new neighbors – Wally & Pam Jones

Wally was born in Pennsylvania, but moved to California in 1964. He worked briefly at Hughes Aircraft in Culver City working as an aerospace electronics engineer. He then moved to another company that changed its name several times during his 33-year tenure. Pam was born in California and worked for a while at Hughes as an administrative assistant. The two of them met there and were married in '66, but that marriage lasted only ten years. After the split, Pam moved to Oregon, where she worked for 17 years in the Salem Building & Safety Department. Having two sons in common kept them in touch with each other. When Pam's husband died, she and Wally decided to get back together (after forty years apart). They lived in Canyon Country until moving into their FV home on Fairway Circle. They left their two sons in the Canyon Country home, but the older one will eventually move here with them. Wally is a model plane enthusiast, building and flying radio-controlled planes. He has also done much in the way of remodeling his own homes. He plans on joining the FV Pickleball gang. Pam is looking forward to involvement with FV's Bible Study and Zumba groups.



Will dues increase? – The Five Board discussed finances at the meeting on May 14. President Dave Swartz noted that our Reserve Account needs to be built up again. While there was a special, temporary dues increase in 2016, that fell far short of covering the two recent expenses of re-roofing and painting all of our units. No large, expensive project is scheduled for the next few years. However, the purpose of building a Reserve Fund is to forestall the need for a huge special assessment in the distant future. In the end, the Board decided to wait for the annual Reserve Study, which is due next month, before deciding if an increase is necessary.

Open Forum at the Community Council – To make the Open Forum an official part of a CC meeting requires a change to the CC Bylaws. The Five Board agreed to support a motion to that end at the next CC meeting. But that means that some delegate will have to make such a motion. Come to the meeting on June 5 at 10am in the auditorium to see what happens.

Assn 5 picnic – It is going to happen on Saturday, June 22. If you want to help, contact Liz Talbot. More details to follow.

The new FV Directory is available – Do you have yours yet? Be sure to take the name-and-address pages from your old Directory when you pick up the new one from the office. They want to shred those pages to protect our privacy. By the way, if you already have the new Directory, have you noticed that the listings do not include association and unit numbers? I, for one, will miss them. Finding the person I interviewed (in Assn 1) for the January 7 issue of *Hi Five* would have been very difficult without those two numbers to locate the unit on the map.

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27. It's a good day to fly your flag. There will be no parade this year, but the traditional FV Memorial Day Service will be held in the auditorium at noon.

Flag etiquette – Proper treatment of Old Glory is described in the *United States Flag Code* adopted by the National Flag Conference on June 14, 1923, and subsequently adopted and modified by Congress many times. In particular, the American flag is not to be displayed after sundown unless it is properly illuminated, as is the case with the large flag in front of the F.V. office. In a large room, such as an auditorium, the flag is to be placed at stage left (audience right).

Trash pickup – It's on Wednesday as usual this week, but due to next Monday's holiday, trash pickup will slip one day from Wednesday to Thursday, May 30.

New Game Room – It is officially open as of today and is available from 9 am to 10 pm daily.



When you want to use the room, ask Security to open it for you. The remodeled facility features a billiards table, a dart board and a bumper pool table that can be converted to a card table. Most of the work of getting this room ready was done at low cost or no cost. Volunteer labor by Michael Fennick, assisted by our on-staff maintenance man, Austin Peters, accomplished all of the demolition, electrical removals and upgrades, tile work, drywall, painting, and wallpapering. A painter was hired to texture coat and prime the walls. New carpet was purchased (and installed professionally) as well as a dart board and some wall hangings. The one pool table was moved in and leveled by a professional company who accepted our second pool table (which wouldn't fit in the new room) as partial payment. The photo above was taken at the Grand Opening last Friday.

Major work on recreational facilities – The plan includes a waterproof coating for the auditorium roof; new, 30-year roof for the Office-to-Annex complex; new, efficient HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) units; and an array of solar panels on the auditorium roof and on new carports in the adjacent parking lot. The intention is to bring our facilities into the 21st Century. The cost, approaching \$800,000, seems daunting until you consider that we paid SoCal Edison \$250,000 last year. The electricity that the new solar panels will generate will

significantly reduce that amount and help pay for the project.

The reason for the election – The Bylaws of the Rec Assn require that any out-of-the-ordinary expenditure exceeding \$50,000 be approved by a majority vote of members present (in person or by proxy or by submitted ballot) at a meeting of the membership, provided a quorum has been attained. For the Rec Assn, a quorum is 34% of eligible voters (usually 1290). That makes 439. You got your ballot a week ago, but now the directors want you to delay voting until you hear from the contractors who will do the work.

Come to the meeting with the contractors – The live meeting will be in the auditorium at 1pm on Thursday, May 23. You'll hear more details of the project, including how the financing will work. You will be able to ask questions to satisfy either your curiosity or your doubts. The meeting will be recorded and replayed in the auditorium at 7pm on the same day for those who can't make it at one o'clock

Repaving FV Parkway – The work is now scheduled to start on July 15 and will take two weeks. We'll remind you and give some suggestions as the date gets closer.

Pool hours for children – It's official now. Children may use the FV swimming pool between 5pm and 7pm on Wednesdays and from 10am to 3pm on Saturdays. These new hours are in addition to 10am to 2pm daily. Children in the pool must be supervised at all times.

No Bingo this Wednesday, May 22

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Think about it

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together – African proverb