

## Community Comment – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

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This is Jon Sapper for Community Comment. Time sure flies. I remember several years ago, Brian Papstein gave me a call and asked if I'd do a Community Comment for the coming Monday. I said, "OK. What are the details?" He said, "Just say whatever you want.....as long as it's between two and a half and three minutes." After recording, he said, "I'll see you in two weeks." "Two weeks for what?", I inquired. He replied, "Your next Community Comment." I said, "You didn't say anything about every two weeks." He smiled and said, "You didn't ask." Well, after five years and 125 Community Comments, you've listened enough to my yakking and so today will be my last.

A lot of people listen to this station. Many times over the years I'd be somewhere and after showing my ID, they'd say, "You're the guy who does Community Comment." I usually respond with, "Yea, that's me. Folks tell me I have a great face for radio." That's an old line I'm stealing from someone, I just don't know who.

I've talked about a variety of topics even including our English Bulldog who would rather sleep than have a bowl of treats. I've compared her to our other dog, a two year old black golden doodle that's a terrorist. He should be on Homeland Security's watch list. I've made fun of those dogs, but they're part of the family...the controlling part. Many listeners liked my comment about the time I made a blueberry cheesecake from scratch. You needed a meat cleaver to slice it. I still don't know what happened, but it hardened up like an adobe brick and man it was hard to bite through. Yes, I ate it.... I guess too much pride to throw away my first attempt. There hasn't been a second. Then I remember telling the story about a grouchy old man who twice treated me terribly when I went into his store to buy something. I'm a stickler for customer service so after the second, it set me off and I complained in a rather loud way to another clerk. With an elevated tone, I said, "Your boss is a horse's pitiuity." I didn't use the word pitiuity, though. Then the clerk said, "Well, I'm sorry that happened, but, that's not my boss, that's my husband." Oooppss.

I also talked about some serious issues; the huge impact illegal drugs is having on our community, homelessness and mental health issues. We are making some progress, it's just never fast enough for me. And then there's the topic of politics. I pretty much stayed away from it, but I think I'll end with it.

As that old political sage, Mark Twain said, "Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first."

Thanks, Brian. It's been a fun five years.

This has been Jon Sapper for Community Comment.