

Castellammare Mesa Home Owners NEWSLETTER May-July 2017



Dear Neighbor, Thanks to our volunteer webmaster, we have a [new, updated website](#) with additional information, including our revised fee schedule for remodels and new construction, the revised Architectural Guidelines and an update about One Place, the townhouse development on Tramonto. Check it out!

HOME TOUR: 137 neighbors and friends toured 216 Notteargenta and the Villa Leon on July 30. We ended the tours with a party on the terrace of the Villa Leon. It was an enchanting day! And a great success. Not only did we have a wonderful time, but we raised over \$3,500.00 for the CMHO. Thank you to our hosts, the committee and neighbors for making this event so successful. **See the beautiful pictures below, taken by Rosalie Huntington and Suzanne Burke-thank you!!**

Thank you to our very gracious hosts for opening their beautiful homes:
Marissa and Patrick Cody, 216 Notteargenta Road
Dr. Anna Fuchs, 17948 Porto Marina Way, the Villa Leon.

It couldn't have been possible without the organization and hard work of the Committee:
Judy Orsini, Chair Josephine Habiby
Alice Beagles Rosalie Huntington
Kim Clary Cindi Young
Muriel Janes

And many thanks also to Bart Young, who broght the tables, chairs and printed the name taags, and Dan Huntington and David Morena for helping to set up and serve the wine at the Villa.

CRIME AND SAFETY UPDATE: Please Note: On July 30 at 9:18 am, there was a **burglary** in the 17800 block of Tramonto. A single hooded man was caught on the owner's nest cam inside the house. He (or, possibly, they) broke a bedroom window, setting off the alarm, ransacked two bedrooms, stole a laptop, 2 I Pads and some jewelry. They were in the house approximately 12 minutes and left through the front door before ACS arrived.

Not reported to the Board, but reported to the police, was **another burglary** in the 17800 block of Tramonto, which occurred sometime between July 26-30. The criminals broke a door to gain entrance. It was unknown to the victim what was stolen.

We also are occasionally experiencing burglary theft from vehicles (**BTFV**), mostly from unlocked cars.

If you see suspicious activity, call 877-275-5273 or, if it is an emergency, 911. Try to get license plate numbers of any one who is committing a crime or acting suspicious.

Board members have been fielding complaints from neighbors about **barking dogs**. Be aware of the nuisance of barking dogs, which is prohibited by the City of LA. Please be conscientious and don't leave your dogs outside barking, especially when leaving for long periods of time. We have also been hearing frequent complaints about people **not cleaning up after their dogs**, and dumping refuse (bacon grease!) in their yards. Also, remember to **slow down** when driving in the neighborhood. We received this from a neighbor on Tramonto: "The downhill section of Tramonto seems to be a race track, and it is often young drivers. It might be wise for parents to have a word with their kids to be respectful of the neighborhood they live in."

TREASURER'S REPORT: We currently have a total balance of \$51,367 in all accounts. We have transferred money from the checking account to the Money Market account to keep a reserve of at least \$25,000 for the D&O Insurance deductible. We have \$25,241.88 in our Money Market account.

AIR BNB/SHORT TERM RENTALS are not allowed in this tract as per the CC&Rs. Article I, Section 1. **Business Prohibited**; Article II, Section 1. **Single Family Residences**, states, in part, "no residence shall ever be used for any purpose other than exclusively for private, single family, residential occupancy and use." We have heard from residents that they believe neighbors may be renting their homes, or part of their homes out for Airbnb. If you are doing this, you are in violation of the CC&Rs.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE IMPORTANT if you have an AC project or question/comment regarding a project, please email: cmho.ac@gmail.com and put the address of the project in the subject line.

The primary responsibility of the CMHO is to uphold the CC&Rs. Property owners are required to bring their construction projects, no matter how small, to the AC early in their process. Any project outside the current structure of the home should be discussed with the AC prior to building.

AC projects:

- 226 Bellino Drive: The owners submitted plans for an approximately 4800 sq. ft. house, including an understory garage. Story poles have been installed and the AC has sent notices to neighbors for feedback.
- 252 Bellino Drive: The AC sent a violation letter to the owner asking for plans for a side yard balcony extension.
- 234 Notteargenta Road: Plans were approved by the AC for a minor remodel to add a deck in front and extend the back of the house 2-4'.
- 17810 Sabbiadoro Way: Plans are to tear down the existing house and build a 5,000 sq.ft. house, including an underfloor story. Story poles have been installed and the AC is going through its process with the neighbors regarding view impairment issues.
- 17880 Vicino Way: Plans were approved several years ago for a remodel. The remodel was never started and the house was sold. The new owner is currently demolishing the house. The original plans are being used with the exception of a larger basement.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS:

GVCRC AND THE GETTY VILLA: The Getty Villa Community Relations Committee (GVCRC) meets on a quarterly basis to discuss community issues.

The annual outdoor theatre production at the Getty Villa this year is the Greek tragedy, ***Iphigenia in Aulis*** by Euripides. Performances are September 7-30. The stage will be sparse and uses of special lighting will enhance the performance. It promises to be another outstanding play in a magical surrounding.

The Villa reorganization of the galleries continues. The second floor is finished. The entire reinstallation will be completed in April 2018. Extra activities, called “**Roman Holidays**” have been arranged for the enjoyment of visitors: **Saturdays, Sundays, through September 3, from 11 am - 3 pm**

For information on activities, or to buy tickets to the play, please visit the Getty website at www.Getty.edu

PPTFH (PACIFIC PALISADES TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS): Continues to be very successful in fulfilling its mission. Other activists are looking at the PPTFH as a model for their cities.

- Homeless individuals in Los Angeles County increased 23% from last year’s count, Palisades decreased by 50%. The official count for Pacific Palisades from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) valuation numbers show 101 individuals. This total number includes 23 makeshift shelters, 21 cars, 6 campers, 4 vans and 9 tents.
- 44% of our local homeless individuals have accepted services and are now sheltered.
- The goal of raising \$500,000 to pay for the three years of work for an outreach team from The People Concern (TPC), formerly OPCC, has been reached! The PPTFH can now consider providing needed supplies for the newly housed.
- Two additional LAPD beach patrol officers started work in July, joining Officers Redican and Soliman.
- The enforcement team will be working to clean up encampments from the bluffs, making our bluffs safer from fire and other hazards.
- Interesting article by Steve Lopez in the LA Times, July 30 - A PPTFH success story which has brought citywide attention to the work our community is doing. <http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-palisades-homeless-07302017-story.html>

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Fire Dept. 911 Brush Clearance: (818) 374-1111

City Services and Building & Safety: 311 or <http://www.lacity.org/boss/request.htm>

Note: This number is for any kind of question or concern re the City (graffiti removal, pot-hole repair, brush clearance, code violations, tree removal, etc.)

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Home Tour
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