

Castellammare Mesa Home Owners NEWSLETTER August-October 2017



Dear Neighbor,

We hope you are doing well and had a good summer. Although we sent the D&O Insurance Reserve Fund request to you earlier, we thought it important to add it also to the newsletter. Please excuse the duplication. and skip on to the other community news if you have already read the earlier notice or donated to the fund.

IMPORTANT: Request for Reserve Fund for Insurance Deductible for the HOA

A few months ago, we wrote to inform you that the HOA was in a crisis due to the real possibility of not being able to obtain Directors & Officers Insurance. Premiums have been increasing every year due to the litigious climate in California, and many companies are declining to insure HOAs at all.

D & O insurance protects the Board of Directors (BOD) and Architectural Committee (AC) from liability for the decisions that they make in upholding the CC&Rs, the main responsibility being to preserve our valuable views. If we were unable to have D & O insurance, we could not have an AC or BOD and each home owner would be left to enforce the CC&Rs on their own.

At the last minute, we were able to obtain an insurance policy the HOA could afford at a cost of \$5,000 for the year, but with a \$25,000 deductible per case. Previous deductibles have been \$5,000. We currently have \$48,000 in our account. Two claims would deplete our savings completely.

Many of you were, and continue to be, incredibly supportive of the BOD and the AC and we appreciate it. Several of you indicated support for calling for an emergency fund if the need arises and making a donation. We think now is the time to start this process.

If everyone gives a minimum of \$100, we believe this will keep us solvent for the near future. Since not everyone will or can give \$100, please think about giving more if possible. Our goal is to raise at least \$15,000. We will keep it in a special fund just for the purpose of the insurance deductible. Since preservation of our most valuable asset, our views, is important to all residents, we hope to get a large percentage of homeowners to donate to this emergency fund.

Thank you again for the support you have shown us, and we look forward to receiving your donation. You may send a check to the above address, or donate online at: donorbox.org/cmho-reserve.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We currently have a total balance of \$48,812.66 in all accounts. The Home Tour net income was \$3,754. With proceeds from the home tour, we were able to repair and paint the white fence at the bulkhead at Tramonto and Coperto. The community picnic, cost \$3,325; In 2016, the cost was \$2,509 and 2015, \$2,257. The difference was probably that we paid cooks this year and the Rochmans donated their labor in the past. We should expect to pay this amount in the future.

On line dues payments are now available through our website (castellammaremesa.com - scroll down and click on "Pay Dues Now"). Or you can go directly to donorbox.org/cmho-dues and pay. You have an option to pay the credit card fee (\$3.20) in addition to the \$100 dues if you feel generous.

CMHO ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC, held on October 1, was a great success and well attended. It was fun seeing our neighbors and getting to meet the newer arrivals to the neighborhood. Thank you once again to Andrew Furgatch and Cherilyn Shea for opening up their estate and allowing us to use their beautiful grounds for the children to play.

For years Joan and Harvey Rochman planned the picnic and grilled the hamburgers but have moved to another area in the Palisades so we were left to organize the picnic and food ourselves. It took about 10 people to do what the two of them did in the past! We were very fortunate to have Yunnie of Cast Iron Boutique Catering, 424-224-5344, yunnie@castironcateringla.com take care of the food and grilling at her cost. Thank you Yunnie and her crew!

CRIME AND SAFETY UPDATE: Porsche lights are being stolen. If you have a Porsche, try to keep it in your garage if possible. Our neighbor on Quadro Vecchio had his stolen (we sent out an alert) and another who lives on Tranquillo reported one of his lights fell out while driving, so we think the thieves were disrupted while trying to remove them. We heard there were 7 Porsches whose lights were stolen the same night on Malibu Canyon Rd. Also, a neighbor on

Revello Dr. let us know that her husband's DMV registration and insurance card were stolen from his Ford Explorer car consul recently.

If you see suspicious activity, call the LAPD non-emergency line, 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.

PACIFIC PALISADES TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS (PPTFH): On November 13, 7-8:30 pm at Pacific Palisades Library, 861 Alma Real Dr., the PPTFH is hosting a special community meeting, “A Front Door to a Home and a New Beginning.” This will be a presentation from three of our formerly homeless individuals who are coming to share their stories and successes. Please come and hear their inspiring stories and amazing accomplishments. Outreach Team members Maureen Rivas and Glanda Sherman will add their perspectives to the stories and discuss factors that contributed to these success stories.

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. The AC is going through its process.
- 324 Bellino Drive: The owner was approved for a small storage room addition at the rear of the house.
- 17751 Tramonto Drive: The owner submitted drawings for a replacement fence. The AC will complete a site visit for approval.
- 17757 Tramonto Drive: The owners submitted plans for a remodel of the existing home and have installed story poles. The AC is sending out notices to neighbors for comments.
- 17880 Vicino Way: The owners demolished most of the existing house and are in the process of working with neighbors and revising plans. The AC will conduct site visits when the final plans are completed.

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LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore: 1-310-444-0737; 27995@lapd.lacity.org
For non-emergency, immediate service: (877) 275-5273

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.)

City Council Office: Mike Bonin, Councilman, District 11, councilman.bonin@lacity.org

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