



## **Castellammare Mesa Home Owner Newsletter November 2018**

### **RESULTS ON THE VOTE TO EXTEND THE CMHO CC&Rs**

In September, ballots and postage-paid return envelopes were mailed to each property owner to vote on the extension of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) which concern all the properties in Tract 8923, Castellammare Mesa. The current CC&Rs expire on January 1, 2019. If they are renewed by a majority vote of 51% of dues-paying members, they will be re-recorded and run for twenty years. All ballots received from dues-paying members on or before November 3, 2018, qualified for the vote.

98 or 66.2% of the 148 dues-paying members participated in the vote. Allowing for the rounding of percentages, 96 members or 64.9% voted YES and 2 members or 1.4% voted NO. The extension of the CC&Rs has passed and will now proceed to recordation with the City of Los Angeles.

### **UPDATE ON THE WOOLSEY FIRE**

When speaking about the continued evacuation orders for Malibu and Topanga, Fire Chief Richardson said that with the shift in wind on Thursday the fires still active at Malibu Canyon near Piuma have the potential to head northeast toward Topanga or south toward Serra Retreat and the Malibu Civic Center. They are putting a big effort into keeping the fire from crossing Malibu Canyon right now. He said movement would all depend on wind direction and speed, and that this fire has been so unpredictable that he was advising extreme caution for residents of both places. Richardson stated that when the fire jumped the 101 at Liberty Canyon it moved to Point Dume in just five hours, which was unprecedented in their experience. Without making any solid predictions, he advised staying out of Topanga and that the mandatory evacuation order would probably stay in effect until the weekend.

## PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING AT PORTO MARINA WAY

CMHO Board member, John Cordic, noticed that the pedestrian bridge crossing PCH to the beach at Porto Marina is showing signs of distress—rusted rebar and spalling concrete. He took several pictures of the damage and contacted Caltrans. It appears that they will move forward with repairs. Our thanks go to John for once again initiating action to improve our neighborhood. As you may remember, he was responsible for installing the Revello to Castellammare stair railings earlier this year.



## GETTY VILLA ISSUES



The Getty has received approval from the Coastal Commission to trim their trees, with work commencing on the Tramonto side of the hill in March or April of 2019.

The process to obtain approval was lengthy. There are many restrictions because the trees are in the Monarch butterfly migration path. There are State regulations that must be followed as well.

They will prune and cut dead branches, but not cut down or top trees. A few residents on Tramonto near Vicino are upset with the Getty trees and the Getty has been in contact with them over the years.

Those of you who park outside the Villa and use your neighborhood walk-in pass know that a bus takes you from the entrance gate and returns you to the entrance gate at the end of your visit. Because there is no room for the bus to turn around at the front entrance, returning is a round-about trip out the back gate of the Villa, down Los Liones to Sunset and up PCH. Maya Zutler, Community and Government Affairs Coordinator at the J. Paul Getty trust, recently informed us that the Getty is beginning the Villa shuttle turnaround project. They will be re-grading and widening the road on Getty Villa property to allow Getty shuttles to turn around after dropping off passengers. With a re-graded and wider road, the shuttles will stay on Villa property as they pick up and drop off walk-in visitors. Construction work will only take place on Villa property, generally weekdays between 7am and 4pm. The Getty Villa will remain open to museum visitors during construction. If anyone has questions or concerns, you may contact Maya at 310.440.7533 or [mzutler@getty.edu](mailto:mzutler@getty.edu).

## **BURGLARIES AND OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD SUBJECTS**



Sunset Mesa and Pacific View Estates have had several home burglaries as well as thefts from parked cars recently. Many living in the area blame the enclave of long-term campers parked across from the beach on PCH, at the foot of Sunset Mesa. While this property is County-regulated, the responsibility for preventing infractions in the area is split: the LA County Sheriff patrols the beach side of PCH while the California Highway Patrol protects the inland side.

Paseo Miramar has also experienced some home burglaries. They report large groups of tourists arriving in buses to hike the trails at the top of Paseo Miramar. The buses are obstructing traffic, blocking driveways and have caused significant frustration to homeowners in the neighborhood.

This year has seen an increase in traffic occurrences on the hill related to construction, tourism and general carelessness. For example, at 8:27am on a weekday, two kids walked towards a car waiting at the side of the road to take them to school just as two vehicles raced up Lecco Lane at speeds estimated in excess of 50 mph. If they had left their driveway just seconds earlier, the outcome could have been deadly. Another incident occurred when a homeowner driving down Tramonto toward Los Liones came around a curve and had to swerve into the opposite lane to avoid T-boning a limo straddled between the road and a driveway, waiting to deliver guests to a party. And of course, there are the illegally parked vehicles on lower Tramonto Drive where all the construction is occurring, and the tourists precariously parked at the Porto Marina and Coperto bulkheads enjoying the views. It's an obstacle course out there! Beware. Be vigilant. Drive defensively.

## **ABANDONED ENCAMPMENTS**

PPTFH hired Carlos Rodriquez to clean up trash from abandoned encampments in the slide area of lower Castellammare. The group is responsible for cleaning up 65 abandoned camps in the Palisades Community.

## **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

### 246 Notteargenta Road – Landscaping

Homeowner submitted landscaping plans that include a trellis in the back yard and a deck in the front. Owner will install story poles and the AC will proceed with their review.

### 286 Quadro Vecchio - New Construction

Plans were submitted for a new house which includes an understory and roof deck. Upon review by the AC, set-back modifications were made to the plans. The latest set of plans have been approved pending story pole installation and review by neighbors regarding view impairment.

### 17642 Tramonto Drive – New Construction

Property owner requested and received an 18-month extension on his approved plans.

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