



Year-End News Brief

...And the good deeds just continue...

2021 saw neighborhood initiatives succeed on a number of levels thanks to the generous community donations included with the CMHO annual dues payment, the Brush Clearance Fund, FS23 Garden Fund and contributions made to the Castellammare Security Committee.

- Along with the annual brush clearance of the State park land adjacent to our tract and abutting Los Liones, Porto Marina was cleared of trash, dead trees and brush by a dozen resident volunteers, with the help of a professional crew.
- A margarita party hosted by Kelly Comras and Michael Lofchie turned out to be a terrific way to meet and greet neighbors while successfully replenishing the Fire Station 23 Garden Fund for another year.
- Through a government grant, the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains was able to offer limited free inspections of home exteriors to promote home hardening against wildfires. RCDSMM also offered free webinars on home hardening as well as on the future of fire insurance in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones such as ours.
- Images from the CSC security cameras aided police in the identification and capture of a thief and an arsonist.
- One Castellammare family took it upon themselves to spend an entire day clearing trash from the Porto Marina hillside.



The Reego family spent the Thanksgiving holiday performing an act of good will that benefits the entire community.

- After 11 months of requests by the CMHO Board, the Tramonto Bulkhead Fence is in the process of being replaced by Streets-LA.

Announcement of 2022 CMHO Annual Dues

Notices for annual dues are scheduled to be mailed to Tract 8923 residents in January next year. The money received is used to cover insurance and other operating expenses as well as the legal fund that supports the CC&Rs. Once again, dues will be constructed in tiered levels:

- Silver Level \$200.00 This covers the annual dues payment
- Gold Level \$250.00 - \$399.00
- Platinum Level \$400.00 ++

Any donation above the annual dues payment is dedicated to community-related activities such as “Day of Beauty” comprised of brush clearance and trash removal projects within the neighborhood and event rentals and entertainment expenses related to the annual picnic.

HOA Board Elections

Information about the current Board of Directors and new candidates will be distributed mid-January. Voting will take place at the Annual General Meeting to be held on a Tuesday evening in February if a live meeting is viable at that time (date and location TBD). Otherwise, voting will take place via mailed ballot. Residents who are interested in running for a seat on the Board should submit a headshot and a brief (max. 100 words) bio that includes the reason for their interest in joining the Board no later than Monday, January 10th. Please send to cyoung@youngcompany.com.

Coffee with a Cop

Castellammare Security Committee (CSC) has invited Senior Lead Officer Brian Espin to meet with Castellammare residents at 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning, January 8, 2022. The meeting is scheduled to be held in Room 138 at the Calvary Church, 701 Palisades Drive. Coffee and donuts provided. Please RSVP to info@cscsecurity.org if you plan to attend. We don’t want to run out of coffee!



News From PPCC

Six dedicated Palisadians were honored at the PPCC Holiday Meeting & Awards Celebration on December 9, 2021:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR -- Christina Spitz, long-time Chair of PPCC led the charge to put a stop to the plan to install a homeless village at Will Rogers State Beach in Pacific Palisades.

GOLDEN SPARKPLUGS AWARDS --

Scott Cullen, who continues to turn one-time eyesores (the median between Radcliffe and Temescal) into garden spots by rescuing plants from local construction sites and transplanting them in public medians within Pacific Palisades.

Rick McGeagh for his tireless work in cleaning up the Will Rogers State Park area of leaves and trash and his relentless prodding of the city and state to help clear out the brush that constitutes a fire hazard along Sunset Blvd. and into the park at Los Liones.

Matthew Rodman for his outstanding service as President of the Pacific Palisades Parade Association (PAPA), guiding it through the challenging time of pandemic restrictions by presenting a virtual event in 2020 followed by the live 4th of July parade in 2021, aptly themed “The Sparkle Returns.”

Ingrid Steinberg for her innovation and drive to establish and co-found the community’s first environmentally focused non-profit organization, Resilient Palisades, created to help unite residents, local businesses, institutions, schools, and other Palisades organizations in an effort to create a healthier, safer, and more resilient community.

Krishna Thangavelu – A passionate and formidable grass roots organizer in the community’s opposition to the proposal to turn Will Rogers State Beach into a site for homeless housing, “KT” started the Facebook group “Protecting Parks and Beaches” and galvanized the formation of the nonprofit “Beaches and Parks 4 All.”

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