

Castellammare Mesa Home Owners NEWSLETTER October, 2011

- **THE COMMUNITY PICNIC** was held on September 25 and was a huge success. This year there was a larger attendance than ever before. Thanks to all of you who turned out and showed support for our community and brought the great salads and desserts. There were three different activities for the children - a crafts table, a hot wheel race track and face painting. Our local Firemen from Fire Station 23 showed up with their Fire Truck and Paramedics van.

We would like to sincerely thank the following people who helped put the event together:

- Joan & Harvey Rochman - Every year they plan and organize the entire picnic. We all owe them a very big THANKS! Harvey's yummy hamburgers are becoming legendary!
- Nancy Goubran, for volunteering to be our face painter, being so patient and doing such a wonderful job at it!
- Laura Gerson, Board Member, for organizing all of the children's activities.
- Local Fire Station 23 and their crew.

City Councilman Bill Rosendahl called early the morning of the picnic, apologizing that he could not attend as he was out of town. He wanted us to know that he has decided to run for another term.

- Save the date: Our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be on Tuesday, February 21. More information will be sent out in the January newsletter.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT (1/1/11 to 10/4/11):**

Receipts	\$13,125
Disbursements	<u>\$12,815</u>
Net Receipts/(Disbursements)	\$ 309
Balances:	
General Account (Checking)	\$10,921
Legal Defense Fund	6,361
Money Market	<u>14,222</u>
Totals	\$31,504

To date, 151 households have paid their dues, which is more than last year at this time.

-Doug McCormick, Treasurer

- **LOS LIONES AND CASTLE ROCK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS** - Work has continued all summer on the three projects endorsed by the CMHO: the corner at Los Lions and Tramonto, Fire Station 23, and Castle Rock, the area below our cliff at the beach. We are now cleaning up all three sites and writing grant requests to accomplish a second wave of planting in the spring, irrigation repair, tree trimming and other tasks to further beautify the areas.

We need your help. Competition for grant money from the Junior Women's Club and the Pacific Palisades Garden Club continues to grow and there are many worthy projects that deserve attention in the Palisades. If you can send in a donation of \$100 or \$200 to help with regular costs, it would be very much appreciated. We also need an "Angel" to help pay for trimming and shaping the large eucalyptus tree at the corner of Sunset and Los Lions. This tree has some dangerously heavy limbs that need immediate attention and the cost to take care of it will be over \$1,000. If you can help out with the care of this tree, please send an additional donation marked "Tree Fund."

We are considering a repeat of the popular Margarita Party held last year. If you are interested in attending, please email Kelly at k_comras@hotmail.com.

Thank you,
Kelly Comras, Landscape Architect
and
Doug McCormick, Projects Manager

- **CRIME AND SAFETY:** We are lucky this area has experienced very little crime with the exception of the attempted burglary on lower Tramonto, in which a burglar entered a home through unlocked doors. A teenage girl was home, went into her bedroom, locked her door and turned on a radio. The burglar then left when he heard the radio. Be sure to keep your doors and windows locked, even when home. And also remember to keep your car locked and don't keep any valuables in it. Please report any crime or suspicious activity to the police and to your CMHO Board so that we may alert the neighbors.

Warning - There is a scam going around regarding fixing damaged cars. One or more men will tell you they can fix the dents in your car, on the spot, for a very small amount. Once you pay them, they take off with your money and don't fix your car.

- **PET PEEVES:** We have been hearing complaints about neighbors who speed in the neighborhood. This is a quiet community where children play in the streets, residents and their dogs walk and we have a lot of seniors, so please drive safely and don't speed. The speed limit is 25 mph except where it is posted (in some areas, it is 15 mph).

- **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT AND CURRENT PROJECTS:** Neighbors are reminded that we all purchased our homes subject to the empowerment of the Architectural Committee (the AC), which is authorized by our CC&R's to review and approve plans to build new homes or remodel existing ones. Please be sure to bring your construction projects, no matter how small, to the AC early in the process to save time and money. If the project does not require the AC's involvement, we will let you know.

The CC&R's are available via the internet. Architectural Guidelines have been established and are available to owners and real estate agents upon request. If you are interested, ask Kim to send you a copy of either or both of these documents.

- 318 Bellino Drive - The owner built a temporary shed in his backyard. Since the structure is temporary in nature and not a view impairment, the AC will not take any action at this time.
- 238 Quadro Vecchio - The new owner has submitted plans to extend the master bedroom and kitchen. String lines will be installed in the master bedroom area.
- 17642 Tramonto Drive - This is the empty lot where Bellino meets Tramonto and the owners engaged the CMHO in litigation for over 5 years. The legal issues appear to be behind us and the owners are now subject to building according to the AC approved plans. The owners recently submitted plans to the AC for a swimming pool, deck and stairs leading to the pool and the AC is going through its review process on these new plans.

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Other Important Numbers:

LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore: 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 Film Permit Office: 213-977-8600

City Council Office:

Bill Rosendahl: LA Office: 200 N. Spring Street, Rm. 415, LA, CA 90012; 213-473-7011

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Remember to conserve water & to recycle!!

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