

**Castellammare Mesa Home Owners
NEWSLETTER January, 2012**

Dear Neighbor - This newsletter is an update about your community and the notification about the Annual General Meeting (AGM), scheduled for February 21. We hope you will be able to attend.

- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**: Each year the CMHO holds a General Meeting for the entire community. The major purpose of this meeting is to elect a Board of Directors for the coming year. It is also an opportunity for community members to be brought up to date on issues concerning the neighborhood, to meet with their neighbors, Board and Architectural Committee members, and hear from others in the community.

This year's AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 pm. at Calvary Church, 701 Palisades Drive, Room 138, Pacific Palisades. Please save the date!! Here is the tentative agenda:

6:30 pm Refreshments & Registration
7:00 Call to order & Introductions
Treasurer's Report
Review of our CC&R's, AC issues
Judy Orsini's Real Estate Update (presented by Doug McCormick)
7:30 City Councilman Bill Rosendahl's Senior Field Deputy Joaquin Macias:
Talk + Q&A Session
7:45 LA Fire Department Presentation
7:55 LAPD Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore Presentation & Safety Discussion
8:00 CERT Trainer, Patric Cohen to Discuss Emergency Preparedness
8:15 General Discussion/Community updates
8:45 Vote for 2012 Board of Directors
9:00 Adjournment

- **BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS**: There are 7 seats on the CMHO Board. At the AGM, CMHO dues paying members will receive a ballot with a list of the names of those who have agreed to run for the 2012 Board. The rule is one vote per household. Members will have the opportunity to add their names to the list at the meeting. If you are considering running for the Board, or would like information on the responsibilities of a Board member, you may contact us at kimjdave@msn.com or call (310) 230-8041 or contact any of the Board members listed on the contact page at the end of this newsletter.

To date, the people running for the Board are: Kim Clary, Muriel Janes, Mike Lofchie, Doug McCormick, Nina Montee-Karp, Bennett Murphy, and Mo Sahebi.

As we move into the future, please consider getting actively involved in your community and running for the Board or working on the Architectural Committee. Many of the current Board

and Architectural Committee members have been serving for years and would welcome new volunteers. Remember, the HOA is only as good as its volunteers, who uphold our CC&R's and protect this beautiful neighborhood.

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Our total cash reserves at the present time are \$30.957. A detailed report outlining the activities of the CMHO in 2011 will be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.
- **CMHO DUES;** **Membership dues are \$85 for the year and are now due.** You may pay your dues at the AGM or use the enclosed envelope. Remember, you receive a GETTY VILLA card when you become a CMHO dues paying member which also allows you to vote for your Board of Directors. Your dues continue to support the important work of the CMHO and the Architectural Committee in protecting and enhancing our neighborhood.

We continue to have a large percentage of homeowners who pay their yearly dues. THANK YOU for your support!!!

Over the past few years, the Board has been providing increased services with quarterly newsletters, email announcements, crime and safety alerts and Architectural Committee updates. These extra benefits are limited to dues paying members only.

- **HOME TOUR:** The Board thought the community might enjoy a home tour of some of its more interesting homes. Alice Beagles, who has previously been president of the Pacific Palisades Historical Society is coordinating this tour, which will occur in the Spring. This is intended to be more of a community event than a fund-raiser. More about this in future newsletters.
- **MULTI-AGENCY WILDFIRE EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS PUBLIC AWARENESS PRESENTATION:** Last Spring, several members of this community attended a presentation by the LAFD, LAPD, City of LA's Emergency Management Dept., Recreation & Parks, LAUSD, the Red Cross, the LA Dept. of Animal Services and CERT. This community is in the Wild land Operational Area, which is extremely fire prone. The purpose of this excellent presentation was to help communities prepare for a fire and natural emergencies.

WE HAVE ATTACHED TWO IMPORTANT FLYERS FROM THIS MEETING - "Ready, Set, Go" and "Preparing For Your Pet in Case of a Disaster". [The flyers are also available on our website in the reference section.]

Notes from the presentation:

1. In an emergency, the most important thing is to be prepared. (See flyers).
2. What to expect: Police will set up perimeters to keep people out. There are types of evacuations: Voluntary (but police track who stays) and mandatory (enforceable by penal code). There is also "shelter in place" where you must stay put in your home.
3. It is important for a community to know who is homebound so they can inform the police or fire department, who will rescue them if necessary.

4. When you evacuate, lock your home, put lights on.
5. If you have a CERT program in your area, this is very helpful. They use ham operators and others who have communications and out of state contacts.
6. A Red Cross evacuation center vs. a shelter - A Red Cross center has 24 hour care with a nurse, food and public information officers who will help find missing people. They can post "Safe & Well" information. Usually local schools and recreation & parks centers provide locations for the Red Cross.
7. Animal Services: After Hurricane Katrina it is now a Federal law that cities must have a disaster plan for animals in place and they must try to rescue the animals. First, try to take your animals with you if you evacuate. Have a kit for your pets with 1 gallon of water per day for them. If you are not home and can not get to them, call animal services to have them rescue them. They will go to your house if possible. It is important to have a sticker on your front door as to the type and amount of pets you have in the house.
8. They showed us their movable emergency operations centers, which were very impressive. The City agencies seem well prepared. Now it is up to the communities to be prepared.

- **CRIME AND SAFETY:** Unfortunately, we have once again been subject to several burglaries from vehicles and suspicious-acting people roaming our streets. Also, a young woman was followed home in her car and one owner's home windows were shot with a BB gun. The crimes were reported to the police and to the CMHO so we could alert the community.

Just a reminder: If you see anything that you feel is suspicious, but not an emergency, go to www.alertcommunity.com. It allows citizens to document suspicious activity quickly and anonymously. The database is accessed only by the LAPD and contributes to the safety of our community. And of course, if you see anything that is an emergency, call 911.

A tip from a concerned neighbor: One night before trash pick-up he noticed a homeless man digging through recycle bins on Tramonto. We are attracting an element that might stay away if the bins are put out the morning of trash pick-up instead of the night before.

- **LOS LIONES AND CASTLE ROCK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS:**
 IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL MARGARITA PARTY!!!
 COME VISIT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS AND HELP RAISE MONEY TO CONTINUE
 PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 3 - 5 PM - \$50/PERSON

Our volunteers have been working all year to take care of three areas directly adjacent to our neighborhood: Castle Rock beach, Fire Station 23, and the corner at Los Liones and Tramonto. The volunteers' work is so appreciated that Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors has nominated them for a Volunteers of the Year award. The necessary tools, plants, trash bags, tree-trimming, etc. mean that we need to raise \$2,000 this year to complete and maintain these very worthy projects. Please come...and if you can't make it, please consider making a donation anyway! Checks should be made out to "CMHO-Planting Projects," and dropped off or sent to: Doug McCormick, 241 Quadro Vecchio. Questions? Call Kelly at 310-459-5661.

- **LOS LIONES STATE PARK:** State Parks is improving Los Liones by making a more attractive trailhead near the Mormon Church, installing a solar powered restroom and stone benches. The upper parking lot is closed during construction. The "Glamazons", the incredible group of volunteers who have worked for years in the park should have all of the overgrown and dead brush cut and chipped by the beginning of February.
- **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT AND CURRENT PROJECTS:** One of the CMHO's primary responsibilities, through your Architectural Committee (AC), is to uphold the CC&R's. Property owners are required, as per the CC&R's, to bring their construction projects, no matter how small, to the AC early in their process to save time and money.

The CC&R's and Architectural Guidelines are available via the internet upon request. If you are interested, please ask Kim to email you a copy.

1. 238 Quadro Vecchio Dr. - The AC has approved an extension of a master bathroom and kitchen after the owner revised his plans (i.e. brought the extension in a few feet and proposed a hip roof) so the addition would not cause an unreasonable view impairment.
2. 17708 Tramonto Dr.- The owners have given the AC revised plans for an addition to the southwest area of their home. The AC is going through its plan review process.
3. 17642 Tramonto Dr.- This is the empty lot where Bellino meets Tramonto and the owners engaged the CMHO in litigation for over five years. The legal issues appear to be behind us and the owners are now subject to building according to the AC approved plans. The AC recently approved additional plans from them for a bridge, deck and swimming pool, which are far down the hill.
4. 17880 Vicino Way - After no objections were received from neighbors, the AC approved remodel plans for an addition to the garage, decks, and other improvements inside the property.

- **COMMUNICATION** is at the heart of a successful community association. We are open to suggestions about what and how to communicate with you and what you would like to see us do. Also, if you would like to attend our monthly Board meetings, please call or e-mail one of the Board members for the specifics.

If you haven't already, **please send your e-mail addresses** to Kim Clary at kimjdave@msn.com. If you have changed your e-mail address, please update us.

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Other Important Numbers:

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.)

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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