

Castellammare Mesa Home Owners NEWSLETTER January, 2013

Dear Neighbor - This newsletter is an update about your community and the notification regarding the Annual General Meeting (AGM). We hope you will be able to attend this important once a year meeting.

- **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 26, 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
- 7:30 Mark Grant, Special Assistant to Councilmember Rosendahl
 - Talk + Q&A Session
- 7:45 Meet & Greet with Mike Bonin, Rosendahl's Chief of Staff
- 8:00 LA Fire Department Presentation
- 8:10 LAPD Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore Presentation & Safety Discussion
- 8:30 General Discussion/Community updates
- 8:45 Vote for 2013 Board of Directors (only dues-paying members may vote)
- 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 2013 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 \$32,914. A detailed report outlining the activities of the CMHO in 2012 will be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting by our Treasurer.
- **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.

- **HISTORICAL CASTELLAMMARE MESA BROCHURE;** Many of you may have been given this brochure at a CMHO event or when you moved to Castellammare. It is a replica of the one published by The Frank Meline Co. when the tract was first being developed in the 1920s. One of our CMHO Board members, Mo Sahebi, has reproduced the brochure into a very attractive poster, which depicts the early history of the mesa.

We will have a framed copy of the poster at the Annual General Meeting on February 26, and are hoping that residents will want to purchase one. We have received a price quote for 10 photo quality posters mounted on a foam board of about \$45-\$50 each. Otherwise a nicely printed individually mounted one will run about \$100, or we can offer unmounted prints at \$35-\$40. We will take orders for the poster at the meeting. If

you would be interested in purchasing a poster, but are not able to attend the meeting, please contact one of the Board members.

- **THE FUNDRAISER FOR THE FIREMEN'S FREEZER/REFRIGERATOR** was very successful with CMHO, Pacific View Estates and Paseo Miramar HOA's, the Getty and Westside Waldorf School all taking part in donating. A total of \$9,400 was raised and our Treasurer was able to find such a good sale on a freezer/refrigerator during the holidays sales that enough money was left over to buy the firemen a badly needed microwave and BBQ. The firemen are very appreciative of all of our efforts. Thanks much to everyone who contributed so generously!
- **CRIME AND SAFETY:** Unfortunately, we have recently been subject to two home burglaries and reports of suspicious-acting people roaming our streets., as well as salespeople knocking on doors. Due to the burglaries, our Senior Lead Officer Moore reports that patrol officers have been directed to give extra patrol in our neighborhood. 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.
- **DWP DISTRIBUTING STATION 104 UPDATE:** For the latest information regarding site selection for DS-104, please visit these two websites: The official DWP site is: https://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/faces/ladwp/aboutus/a-power/a-p-projects/a-p-p-distributingstation?_adf.ctrl-state=vps2u6yxs_4&_afrcLoop=776160952183532
The blog created by Task Force member Jim Rea is: <http://ppccarea3blogspot.com/>
- **LOS LIONES AND CASTLE ROCK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS:**
The Gardenaires continue to work weekly taking care of three areas adjacent to our neighborhood: Castle Rock beach, Fire Station 23, and the corner at Los Lions and Tramonto. A major Spring cleanup last week on the Los Lions corner has the area spruced up and ready for a riot of wildflowers in the next few months. Also, our volunteers will be helping lay rocks for an entrance path to the Los Leones State Park across the street. (Note: State Parks has reclaimed the traditional spelling for the park, as noted on the entrance sign.) The gardens are looking very well, thanks to these volunteers. They can always use people to help out for an hour on Tuesdays at 10 am. If you are interested in having fun and contributing to your community, give Doug McCormick a call at 310-459-1382.

- **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.

Architectural Guidelines are available via the internet upon request. If you are interested, please ask Kim to email you a copy.

- 294 Bellino Dr. - The new owner submitted plans for an under floor story and first story. The AC continues to go through its process on this project.
- 243 Monte Grigio Dr. - The owners submitted plans for additions to their home. The AC asked for story poles to be installed and is reviewing the remodeling with the neighbors regarding possible view impairment.
- 17475 Revello Dr. - As reported in the last newsletter, the owner does not plan to begin construction on his new house until spring. The AC received updated plans but they did not include the swimming pool, which was under a separate permit from the City. The AC recently received the completed plans (including the swimming pool) and approved the project.
- 17708 Tramonto Dr. - The owners recently gave the AC a set of revised plans for additions to both ends of their home. This is their second revision and decreases the total size of the remodel. A neighbor has retained an attorney and continues to object to the AC's process. The CMHO's insurance company has assigned an attorney to handle this case. The AC is going through its plan review process for the revised plans and will continue to treat this as we do any other project.
- 17850 Tramonto Dr. - The owners submitted plans for a pool which were approved by the AC.
- **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.)

City Council Office:

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