

## Castellammare Mesa Home Owners NEWSLETTER October, 2013

- **THE COMMUNITY PICNIC** was on October 13 and was a big success with many of our neighbors attending. Thanks to all of you who came and showed support for the community and brought the great salads and desserts. The children had a lot of fun with the hot wheel race tracks, a crafts table and face painting. Our Firemen from Fire Station 23 came with their Fire and Paramedics truck and were a big hit.

We would like to once again thank Joan and Harvey Rochman for planning and organizing the picnic and for slaving over the hot BBQ to make their famous hamburgers and hot dogs. And a big thank you to Nancy Goubran for her wonderful face painting. Thanks also to Andrew and Cheryl Lynn Furgatch for allowing us to use their beautiful property.

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Our Annual General Meeting will be on February 25, 2014.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** We currently have a total of \$16,248.75 in our General Checking Account, \$5,061.20 in our Legal Defense Fund and \$14,230.76 in our Money Market Account, for a total balance of \$35,540.71 We are managing the Los Lions Planting Project which has a total balance of \$3,888.63.

155 households have paid their yearly dues. This is a high number for a volunteer HOA. Thank you for your support!

**Remember, you receive a Getty Villa card if you pay your dues. Please make arrangements with Kim to pick up your card if you have paid and not already received it.**

- **LOS LIONES BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:** The Gardenaires meet every Tuesday from 10-11 am to work on our neighborhood plantings. But we need help! Please call Doug McCormick at 310-459-1382 and consider joining us. The work is not strenuous and the companionship is priceless.
- **CRIME AND SAFETY:** We have had two incidences of burglary thefts from vehicles recently. One was a break-in of a locked car and another was a break-in of an unlocked car. Be sure to keep your doors locked and nothing visible in your car.

Remember, if you see or hear anything suspicious, but not an emergency, go to [www.alertcommunity.com](http://www.alertcommunity.com). This database is accessed by the LAPD and contributes to the safety of our community. Also, please report anything to [Kimjdave@msn.com](mailto:Kimjdave@msn.com) and we will send out an alert to your neighbors. In an emergency, call 911.

- **THE CONDITION OF YOUR PROPERTY:** Please keep your property clean and in good repair. According to the CC&R's, Article I, Section 7, lots are to be kept cleared of weeds and rubbish. The CMHO has the right at any time to enter upon the property of an owner who is not observing this restriction and remove weeds and rubbish and put the premises in a neat and orderly condition. The expense of cleaning up a property is due and payable from the owner to the CMHO. Also, it is a City regulation that your trash bins must be placed back on your property by 6 pm the night of trash pick-up. We live in a beautiful neighborhood and it is inconsiderate to your neighbors to leave your property in a neglected state.
- **THE GETTY VILLA COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (GVCRC):** As reported in the last newsletter, the GVCRC has recently decided to meet quarterly, instead of bi-monthly, as there are no pressing neighborhood issues.
- **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT-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. Article II, Section 6 of the CC&R's state, in part, "To help avoid inconvenience and needless expense to property owners the Architectural Committee shall...examine or discuss preliminary plans and render a tentative, non-binding opinion on their acceptability."

For owners and real estate agents Architectural Guidelines are available to assist property owners in planning their projects. They are available via the internet upon request. If you are interested, please ask Kim to email you a copy.

Current projects:

1. 318 Bellino: At the request of the AC, the new owner will be submitting revised plans to mitigate some of the neighbor's concerns. Upon receipt of the new plans, the AC will follow its usual procedure.
2. 257 & 269 Bellino: Demolition of the two existing houses is underway on these lots. Preliminary plans have been submitted for two houses. The plans include an under floor space for each house. When plans are more complete the AC will continue its review process.
3. 17630 Tramonto: The owners are remodeling their master bedroom on the lower level. They plan to extend their current bedroom 3' out onto their existing deck. The AC is following its normal review process

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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 of Los Angeles Building & Safety Inspector Lee** (prior to 8 am) 310-914-3886

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**Getty Villa Complaint Hotline:** 1-877-625-4282

*Remember to conserve water & to recycle!!*

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