

## Castellammare Mesa Home Owners NEWSLETTER July, 2014

Dear Neighbor: We hope you are having a good summer. Our next community event will be the popular neighborhood picnic in late September or October. We will send you a "save the date" notice when the time has been decided.

- **THE HOME TOUR** was on May 17 and featured three of our neighborhood homes, It was a great success. Neighbors toured the three distinctly different and beautiful homes and enjoyed the artwork and delicious appetizers at the Sahebi's home at the end of a wonderful day. We want to sincerely thank the home-owners who graciously allowed us to view their homes: Karin Olson and Daniel Espinoza; Grace Igidbashian and Peter Newton; and Shohreh and Mo Sahebi.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Doug McCormick, our Treasurer, reports we have a total of \$39,042.25 in all our accounts. We have \$20,047.94 in our General Account (Checking), \$4,761.20 in the Legal Defense Fund and \$14,233.11 in the Money Market account. Paid membership is now at 140.

If you have paid your HOA dues and not yet received your Getty Villa card, please make arrangements with Kim or Doug to pick one up.

- **THE GARDENAIRES** continue to garden weekly at FS 23 and the corner of Los Liones and Tramonto. Anyone who wants to join them on Tuesday at 10 am are welcome. The plants are looking very nice and the large eucalyptus tree by the Fire Station was pruned by the City a couple of months ago.
- **GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWERS:** The Board continues to receive complaints about the illegal usage of gas powered leaf blowers in the neighborhood. Our Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore has previously told us that if you notify him of the date and time the offender will be using the gas blowers, he will try to be in the area to cite them. We have also heard of neighbors buying electric blowers for their gardeners, which mitigates the problem and still allows the gardeners to do their job.
- **17433 TRAMONTO:** This is the project on lower Tramonto, outside of our tract where the owner is building a single family dwelling of 17,336 sq. ft. including an accessory structure of approximately 2,752 sq. ft. Due to design changes, the date of completion has been extended from June 2014 to January 2015.
- **THE GETTY VILLA AND THE GETTY VILLA COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (GVCRC):** For your information, management at the Getty made the decision to drain the pools and fountains at the Getty Villa due to the drought. Outdoor Classical Theatre tickets are currently on sale for the performance of Persians, by Aeschylus. This a Greek tragedy play about the Persians' defeat by the Greeks in the battle of Salamis in 480 BC. It is an emotional story of

war, victory and loss experienced by the Persian court. Aeschylus emphasizes the terrible impact of war on families and communities. The Heaven and Earth, Art of Byzantium from Greek Collections exhibition continues until August 25. The GVCRC continues to meet quarterly.

- **IN MEMORIAM:** Sadly, our neighbor, Gerald Nadler, recently passed away. Gerry was a long standing member of the community and served for over 15 years on the CMHO's Architectural Committee.

Gerry was born on March 12, 1924 and died peacefully at his home on July 28. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Elaine, his three children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Dr. Nadler earned his PH.D in Industrial Engineering Management at the University of Southern California. Before his departmental chairmanship at USC, he was Chair and Professor at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and Washington University in St. Louis. He served as President of the Center for Breakthrough Thinking, Inc. and wrote over 200 published articles and 15 books. Dr. Nadler received over 25 honors and awards from around the world.

As a member of the CMHO's Architectural Committee, Gerry was a voice of calm, reason and fairness during some trying and contentious times. He was always a gentleman and, despite being very busy at USC, took the time to give back to his community. He will be missed by all of us who knew him. For more information, Gerry's obituary was in the LA Times on August 03: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/latimes/obituary.aspx?pid=171933282#sthash.genR4vci.dpuf>

- **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** 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. For your information, any remodeling outside of the envelope of the house must be approved by the AC. Any remodeling inside the house does not need to be looked at by the committee. It is best to contact the Chair of the AC with preliminary plans in order to help avoid inconvenience and needless expense. The AC can examine or discuss preliminary plans and render a tentative non-binding opinion on their acceptability.

We have recently put the CMHO's CC&R's on our Website. We also have Architectural Guidelines to assist property owner's and real estate agents and these are available upon request.

Current AC projects:

- 257 Bellino - The owner submitted plans for a one story with a basement (underfloor story) and a pool. The AC is working with the owner's architect and going through its process.

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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.)

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