



**Castellammare Mesa Home Owners  
NEWSLETTER January, 2015**

Dear Neighbor - Happy New Year. 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 the Board of Directors for the coming year. It is also an opportunity for community members to be updated on issues concerning the neighborhood, to meet with their Board, Architectural Committee members, and neighbors and hear from others in the community.

**This year's AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 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 Councilmember Bonin or representative  
 Talk + Q&A Session  
 8:00 LAPD Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore Presentation & Safety  
 Discussion  
 8:15 LA Fire Department Presentation  
 8:30 General Discussion/Community updates  
 8:45 Vote for 2015 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 2015 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, John Cordic, Muriel Janes, Mike Lofchie, Doug McCormick, Aly Montes and Mo Sahebi.

Please consider getting actively involved in your community and running for the Board or working on the Architectural Committee. We 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 year end were \$39,269.92. A detailed report outlining the activities of the CMHO in 2014 will be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting by our Treasurer, Doug McCormick.
- **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! The Board provides extra services to dues paying members, including quarterly newsletters, email announcements, crime and safety alerts and Architectural Committee updates.

- **CRIME AND SAFETY:** The Palisades and the entire Westside continues to experience weekly home burglaries. The Castellammare area had nine between July 29 and September 16, and two on October 30. At the community meeting on September 23, residents voted to individually sign up with ACS security patrol and to sign up for ONLERT, a Neighborhood Watch system. The LAPD also have assigned another patrol car to the Palisades (so now we have two). Fortunately, the result of these proactive measures has been a considerable reduction in burglaries for the Castellammare neighborhood. We hope it continues. A committee was formed after the community meeting and they sent out a survey to the residents asking them their security preferences. The committee will continue to work on the outcome of the survey.
- **THE HOMELESS TASK FORCE AND THE HOMELESS COUNT:** As I am sure you are aware, the homeless situation in the Palisades has increased dramatically over the past year. Due to the increased presence of the homeless, the Pacific Palisades Community Council has joined with Assemblymember Richard Bloom's office and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to address safety and other issues and discuss solutions. Towards that end, the Pacific Palisades Community Council Homeless Task Force was formed.

The first step we must take is to join the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, which is a census count that is taken every two years. The count will be taken in the Pacific Palisades in the early morning of Thursday, January 29. We will deploy from Mercer Hall at Palisades Charter HighSchool.

We must have at least 50 volunteers in order for this to happen. We are trying to get 100, but we must have at minimum 50. Police will be on hand to go out with the volunteer teams in areas that are considered unsafe.

Please consider volunteering for this citywide effort. It will only take a few hours of your time. We cannot do something about the homeless unless we get involved. If you would like to sign up to volunteer, please email Kim Clary or simply register at: [http://lahsa.nationbuilder.com/pacific\\_palisades](http://lahsa.nationbuilder.com/pacific_palisades). For more information check out the Homeless TaskForceWeb site at: [pacpalihf@gmail.com](mailto:pacpalihf@gmail.com).

- **LOS LIONES BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS:**

The Gardenaires continue to work weekly taking care of two areas adjacent to our neighborhood: Fire Station 23, and the corner at Los Liones and Tramonto. The gardens are looking very good, 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.

- **THE GETTY VILLA AND THE GETTY VILLA COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (GVCRC):**

The Getty Villa continues with two exciting exhibitions, *Ancient Luxury and the Roman Silver Trove from Berthouville* and *Dangerous Perfection: Funerary Vases from Southern Italy*. In addition, the Villa offers free lectures as well as play readings and performances, and gallery and studio courses. For more information and to make a reservation, go to [Getty.edu](http://Getty.edu). And follow Gettyvilla on Instagram, and Gettymuseum on Facebook to stay abreast of events and offerings of the Villa.

The GVCRC continues to meet quarterly to discuss neighborhood issues.

- **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. Generally speaking, any project outside of the envelope of the house should be discussed with the AC.

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

Current Projects:

- 204 Coperto Dr. - Plans for a one story house with an under story have been submitted and story poles have been installed. The AC sent notices to neighbors who may be affected and is going through its 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.)

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

Remember to conserve water & to recycle!!

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