

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

DONATIONS NEEDED!! FOR CASTELLAMMARE STAIRWAY RESTORATION AT

REVELLO: As you know, the Board has been looking into restoring the concrete and broken rails and adding new rails where none have existed at the Revello stairs. We have gotten complaints from neighbors who feel the stairs are dangerous to navigate, and thus are a safety concern. The elderly or people walking with dogs particularly have a problem with no railings on the stairs. We now have an estimate to repair the stairs and the railings, and add new railings all the way up one side. The cost is \$6,157. At the annual meeting, it was suggested that we get donations for this project and that is what we are now ready to do.

Please help us with this worthy project to restore the the stairs and make them safe for all! You may send in your donation, written to CMHO with "Stairs" in the memo, to PO Box 742, PP, 90272. Any amount is appreciated.

COMMUNITY PICNIC: The popular neighborhood potluck picnic will be the community's next event and will occur in late September or early October. We will send you a notice when the date has been confirmed.

STREET SWEEPING: For years several of you in our tract have asked the city about street sweeping as it never gets done up here. As we found out from Cliff Hauser, our street liaison, with the financial cutbacks, the city has cut out street sweeping entirely for our neighborhood. The Board reviewed the CMHO's Articles of Incorporation, which state that one of our primary purposes includes, "To maintain and protect the...general welfare, and property values of the home owners..." The accumulation of debris on the streets is both a safety concern and a blight or unattractive appearance that may affect the property values of our homes. The Board has looked into private companies for performing this service and has come up with very reasonable estimates if done on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. We will keep you posted on this as we move forward. (Please note this includes the area in Tract 8923, upper Castellammare.)

Due to the advocacy of our good residents and with the push from our Councilman's office, the City of LA is scheduled to repave Revello Drive from Tramonto to the dead end in August of this year. Thanks go to Cliff Hauser, Blake and Karina Mirkin and Sharon Shapiro, our new Field Deputy and Representative from Councilman Bonin's office!

FINANCIAL REPORT: As of June 30, 2015 we have total cash reserves of \$40,496. Of this total, \$26,260 is in the checking account and \$14,236 is in the money market account. We currently have 153 paid members. Doug McCormick, CMHO Treasurer

SAFETY AND CRIME UPDATE: We had a rash of burglary theft from cars (about 10 in one week-end) a couple of months ago in the middle of the night. Most of the cars were locked and nothing was stolen but insurance and registration papers were tossed about. Police said it may be attempted identity theft. Although the victims were urged to make a police report, only two people did so. The police go by statistics - the more people report crimes, the more police patrol and the more activity they can justify up here. Fortunately, there have been no more home burglaries that have been reported. We believe this is due to the presence of security patrols in the neighborhood and our ONLERT Neighborhood Watch System as well as our residents looking out for each other.

On a related note, we have had distressing news from some neighbors who report that they or their teen age children have been walking about the neighborhood or watching the sunset from look out points and have been approached in a very aggressive manner by other residents, asking who they are and what they are doing in our area. While being protective of our neighborhood, we have to use respect and discretion in how we deal with people. Our streets are, after all, public.

It has also been reported that young people frequently party into the dawn hours at the look-out on Castellammare Dr., using drugs, drinking, smoking, and throwing condoms and trash over the ledge. If you see this activity occurring, please call the police - either 911 if you feel it is an emergency or the non-emergency immediate service number; 877-ASK-LAPD (877-275-5273). Using drugs, disturbing the peace and littering are all illegal activities. And again, even if the police don't come right away, they have a record of the call. As stated above, the police go by statistics so the more calls we make, the more we will get services.

ACS UPDATE: ACS has not gotten the amount of sign ups from the three contiguous HOA's (Pacific View Estates, Castellammare, and Sunset Mesa) that they need to provide 24/7 neighborhood patrols. However, as promised, they will not raise their rates but will have lower their hours of patrol. They are now patrolling eight hours a day, from 11 am - 7pm. If you have not signed up for their patrol service, please consider doing so.

BARKING DOGS: Several residents have complained about neighbors dogs barking for hours on end. This is very annoying and not fair to the neighbors who have to live next to

this noise, nor the dogs. If you have dogs who are barking, please do something to eliminate this nuisance.

PACIFIC PALISADES TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS (PPTFH): The task force continues to meet and work on the issue of the homeless in our city on several fronts.

To try to help the homeless off of the streets and into housing and services, the PPTFH has chosen to partner with Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC), a well-established homeless services agency located in Santa Monica. Towards that end, OPCC will have outreach teams interacting with the homeless five days a week. However, the Palisades has to raise money to pay for the staff to do this first. The task force will begin their fundraising effort shortly.

Another major goal of the PPTFH is to help ensure that the community is protected and safe with regard to homelessness-related issues (e.g., fires, crime). On July 14, the PPTFH sponsored a meeting with law enforcement and City, County & State Representatives with a question and answer period. Approximately 120 people attended for a lively discussion for the purpose of better understanding the issues and identifying possible solutions.

For more information, or if you would like to get involved in the task force, please visit www.pp90272.org/Homeless.pdf or like them on facebook: www.facebook.com/PacPaliHTF.

GETTY VILLA & THE GETTY VILLA COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE: The Getty Villa continues with the exhibition of The Roman Silver Treasure until mid August; Greek Watercolors begins in October and runs through February and the Outdoor Classical Theatre play, *Mojada: A Medea* in Los Angeles, will run from September 10 - October 3 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The Getty Center is currently exhibiting Bronze Sculptures of the Hellenistic World. This includes 50 of the only 80 ancient bronzes in existence and will be on display July 28 - November 1. They also have drawings and paintings from Andre del Sarto and a framed photo exhibition which will run 3 more months.

The GVCRC continues to meet on a regular basis.

NORMAN KULLA, Senior Council for CD 11 and Liaison & Field Deputy for Pacific Palisades and Brentwood retired at the end of June and there was a big going away party for him. He was a great advocate for our area and he will be missed. His replacement is **Sharon Shapiro**, a veteran public servant with many years of experience

with the City and dealing with the homelessness issue. We look forward to working with Sharon. Her contact information is included at the end of the newsletter. _

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 your house should be discussed with the AC.

Current Projects:

- ✓ 231 Monte Grigio - The AC approved a back yard pool.
- ✓ 257 Monte Grigio - The AC approved a back yard pool. The owner originally planned a back yard pergola but a neighbor objected due to view impairment. The owner worked directly with the neighbor and graciously deleted the pergola.
- ✓ 231 Bellino - The owners are in the process of getting approval for an extensive addition. Story poles were installed at the bequest of the AC. Due to neighbor's objections, the owners have modified their plans and installed new story poles. The AC is going through its process.

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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: Mike Bonin, Councilman, District 11, mikebonin@gmail.com

LA Office: 200 N. Spring Street, Rm. 415, LA, CA 90012; 213-473-7011

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