

## Castellammare Mesa Home Owners Association NEWSLETTER October, 2015

**It is time for the annual COMMUNITY PICNIC!!** It is scheduled for Sunday, October 25, from 3-6pm at the cul-de-sac on Coperto off of Tramonto. Joan and Harvey will be barbecuing their delicious hamburgers and we ask that everyone bring a salad, fruit, side dish or dessert. We usually have more than enough desserts, so you might think of bringing a side dish instead.

Nancy Goubran has graciously agreed to be our face painter! We will have the firemen and their fire truck, Lego play stations for the kids and a crafts table. Andrew and Cherilyn again have offered to open up their beautiful grounds for the picnic, which makes it so much more enjoyable.

**ONLERT UPDATE:** Bart and Cindi Young will have a table for Wissle, the new version of Neighborhood Onlert, at the picnic. They are also holding a free sign up session at their home (17612 Tramonto Drive) from 1 to 3 pm before the picnic for those who want to join or need assistance. If you are not already using this wonderful system, please think about signing up for it. It really helps neighbors watch out for each other. You can learn more now at [www.wissle.com](http://www.wissle.com).

Also, if you have not yet donated to the **REVELLO STAIRS** campaign, we will have a donation box at the picnic. We have reached 60% of our fundraising goal. Please help us with this worthy project to restore the stairs and make them safe for everyone. Any amount is appreciated. Thank you to those residents who have already given.

**EL NINO:** At the suggestion of our neighbors, the Board has asked an expert in hydraulics at a geological and engineering firm to come and speak to the Board and the AC about possible neighborhood issues and preparation for El Nino. The Board will send out the information to all residents obtained from this meeting.

**STREET SWEEPING:** Your CMHO Board hired a street sweeper to clean our streets the last Thursday of every other month. The cost is \$1,800.00 per year. Doug sends out a reminder a couple of days before the sweeper is to come, so you can move your cars away from the curb. The first couple of times they cleaned, the truck filled up with debris from the intersections of Tramonto.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** We currently have total cash reserves of \$39,511.00. Of this total, \$25,275.00 is in the checking account and \$14,236.00 is in the money market account. To date, we have 155 paid members. Doug McCormick, CMHO Treasurer

**SAFETY AND CRIME UPDATE:** Except for a couple of burglary thefts from vehicles, we have not heard of any other crimes in the neighborhood. We attribute this to ACS Security Patrols and the Young's Neighborhood Watch notification system. Neighbors have been very quick to alert each other and ACS when something looks suspicious.

**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. Its main objectives are to create a safe Palisades community and to find housing with appropriate services for as many of the homeless as possible.

In keeping with its community safety objectives, on October 7th, the PPTFH, together with LAFD West and Council District 11, unveiled the first-ever "RESTRICTED" signs designated for "HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES." These signs were developed by PPTFH, spearheaded by Bruce Schwartz, with the cooperation of CD11 and the diligent work of the Fire Marshal's office and Inspector John Novela. The signs restrict entry into high fire severity zone brush areas and secure our Palisades hillsides by making it an offense to enter the area and/or light any kind of fire in the brush. A new municipal code is cited on the signs, and is enforceable by our neighborhood prosecutor from the City Attorney's Office, Veronica de la Cruz Robles, who has worked with us on developing the code.

These signs, made possible by the incredible work of the PPTFH, will be made available to all LA County neighborhoods and can assist hillside neighborhoods in keeping their communities safe from the fire hazard posed by homeless encampments and transient fires which threaten park lands and communities during this terrible drought.

To help keep the homeless off of the streets and beaches and provide them with 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 here in the Palisades with the homeless five days a week. However, the Palisades has to raise \$150,000.00 per year for this team. This is a long term effort and to continue the efforts for at least three years, the goal is to raise \$500,000.00.

**Fundraising has started** and if you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to this worthy cause, please send a check to PPTFH, PO Box 331, PP, 90272. The check should

be made out to OPCC with PPTFH in the memo portion. Over \$35,000.00 has already been raised for this project. A meeting will be held at Marquez Elementary School, 6:30-8:30pm, Tuesday, October 27 to discuss fundraising. Councilman Mike Bonin and LA Times reporter Gale Holland will be the highlighted speakers. The entire community is welcome to attend.

Last January, the Pacific Palisades opted in for their first ever point-in-time homeless count. In terms of volunteers and coordination, it was a huge success and over 150 homeless individuals were counted. The PPTFH, sponsored by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, will once again count the homeless. This will occur in the early morning of January 28, 2016, at Mercer Hall. If you are interested in counting or helping in any way, please register at: [http://www.theycountwillyou.org/pacific\\_palisades\\_count](http://www.theycountwillyou.org/pacific_palisades_count).

For more information, or if you would like to get involved in the task force, please visit [www.pptfh.org](http://www.pptfh.org) or like them on facebook: [www.facebook.com/PacPaliHTF](http://www.facebook.com/PacPaliHTF).

#### **GETTY VILLA & THE GETTY VILLA COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE:**

The GVCRC continues to meet on a regular basis to keep the community informed about the Getty operations and to identify and address existing or potential community relations issues.

Greece's Enchanted Landscapes: Watercolors by Edward Dodwell and Simone Pomardi, on view at the Getty Villa October 21, 2015 - February 15, 2016, presents for the first time in the United States, a selection of 44 magnificent illustrations from the expansive archive acquired by the Packard Humanities Institute, as well as four photographs from the Getty Museum's photographs collection and six prints from the collection of the Getty Research Institute. They depict picturesque landscapes infused with memories of the classical past, often in striking juxtaposition with the realities of Greek life under Ottoman rule. The exhibition culminates in a series of monumental panoramas of Athens, each over thirteen-feet-long, that are both sweeping in scope and rich in scrupulous detail.

**ANDREW MARTIN**, former CMHO Board President and Architectural Committee Chair recently passed away. Andrew was an upstanding member of our community, which he loved and gave back to in so many ways. He will be missed by all of us who worked with him and knew him. His wife of 55 years, Barbara, sadly preceeded him in death by two months. Both were long-term residents of the Castellammare area and known and loved by many.

**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 structure outside of the envelope (height or footprint) of your house should be discussed with the AC.

#### Current Architectural Committee Projects:

- ✓ 231 Bellino - The AC approved an addition to the existing house after the owners lowered the height to meet neighbors' requests. Thank you to the owners for working so diligently with the AC and their neighbors!
- ✓ 243 Bellino - The AC approved a 730 sq. ft. addition to the existing house. Story poles were installed and neighbors had no objection.
- ✓ 211 Monte Grigio - The owner is installing a fence and gate. The AC asked for string lines to show the outline of the proposed addition and is going through its process.
- ✓ 269 Monte Grigio - The owner is asking for permission to install a roof deck. Adjacent neighbors have objected. The AC conducted site visits, took pictures and has gone through its process. We are now awaiting a response from the owner.

**MAILCHIMP** The Board is now using Mailchimp as our server for most of our communication to the community.

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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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