

Castellammare Mesa Home Owners NEWSLETTER October, 2010

- **THE COMMUNITY PICNIC AND SILENT AUCTION** was held on October 17 and was a big success. Thanks to all of you who turned out even with the bad weather. It just shows what a great community we have that our neighbors want to get together even in the rain! It was the first year for the auction and despite the drizzle we did fairly well, raising over \$1000. We had some terrific donations from local businesses (see list below) and several neighbors who tapped into their networks and personal resources to help us. Thanks to all the volunteers who staffed the auction booth! We couldn't have done it without everyone's involvement! Next year we hope to have some of the big winners again as well as new additions. We would like to sincerely thank the following people who helped put the event together or donated to the silent auction:
 - Joan & Harvey Rochman - Every year they plan and organize the entire picnic. We all owe them a very big THANKS!
 - Ben Murphy, Board Member, for coming up with the fundraising idea in the first place and for donating the LA Dodger tickets and the Pilates lesson.
 - Laura Gerson, Board Member, for organizing the Silent Auction and getting all of the donors.
 - Other Donors:
 - Dr. Marty Alpert
 - Mary Connelly for Tickets to the Ellen Degeneres Show
 - Derek Hydon for the Motorcycle Ride
 - Vons
 - Gladstones
 - Spectrum
 - Mogan's Café
 - Happy LA
 - We Let the Dogs Out
 - The Dog Walker
 - The Pet Butler
 - Town & Country Mobile Dog Grooming
 - California Pet Acupuncture & Wellness
 - Body Aligned Pilates
- **TREASURER'S REPORT (1/1/10 to 10/4/10):** (this does not include the \$1,000 earned from the Silent Auction)

Ordinary Receipts	\$14,678
Ordinary Disbursements	<u>\$17,204</u>
Net Receipts/(Disbursements)	\$-2,526

Balance on hand from all accounts \$31,985

- Doug McCormick, Treasurer

- **CASTLEROCK AREA CLEANUP AND PLANTING** Members of CMHO had so much fun working on the Los Liones Planting Project, we have decided to branch out a bit. The beach area around the lifeguard station at the Porto Marina bridge, known as Castlerock, is owned and operated by the County of Los Angeles and is in desperate need of cleanup, replanting and maintenance.

Al Werker, a local resident, for years spearheaded a drive to get the County to finish the walkway to the bridge and cleanup and plant the area. He was successful in getting the County to install a sidewalk and some plantings, but now the County has run out of resources and is looking to local residences for help in completing the project.

Doug McCormick is now working with a small and dedicated group of residents to begin cleanup of the area. The group meets every Tuesday at 10 am and is removing crabgrass, trimming shrubs, removing weeds and generally clearing the area for a new spring planting. Kelly Comras is working with LA County, to design a new planting plan for installation in the Spring.

If you are interested in joining the cleanup crew on Tuesdays, or would like to join the planting group in the spring, please call Doug at 310-459-1382.

- **CRIME AND SAFETY:** This area has experienced very little crime lately, with the exception of an unlocked car on Monte Grigio which had a GPS system, CDs, sunglasses and extra change stolen from it. Please remember to lock your car and don't leave anything of value inside.
- **DWP HAS NEW WATERING DAYS** based on your address. If your address ends with an odd number, run your sprinklers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If your address ends with an even number, run them on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. Run sprinklers 8 minutes maximum per station before 9 am and after 4 pm. Since we are approaching the rainy season, we can use our sprinklers less and remember to turn them off when it is raining. For more information you can go to www.ladwp.com.
- **LEAF BLOWER LAW:** We have been receiving a lot of complaints about gardeners using gas-powered leaf blowers. Please be reminded that the L.A. Municipal Code 112.04(c), which has been in effect since 1998, states that gas-powered leaf blowers are prohibited within 500 feet of a residence. Both the user and individual who contracts the services of the user can be fined. Electric leaf blowers are allowed and some of our neighbors have bought their gardeners these blowers to be in accordance with the law. For more information see www.zapla.org.

- **TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SUNSET AND LOS LIONES:** As reported in the last newsletter, the Westside Waldorf School now has the funding in place to install the traffic signal. They recently stated the signal is expected to be installed by early 2011.
- **THE GETTY VILLA & THE GVCRC:** Two outdoor sound tests were completed at the Getty Villa, one during the Outdoor Classical Theater performance and one the night of a cocktail party. Both sound tests passed.
- **PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG:** Many neighbors have noticed that, all over the neighborhood, more and more people are not picking up after their dogs. Please be considerate and clean up after your dog.
- **STATUS OF LAWSUIT:** Please refer to "CURRENT ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE PROJECTS", below.
- **COYOTES AND RACCOONS** are plentiful and roaming the neighborhood. The raccoons are entering into homes via open dog doors, so be sure to close your dog door at night. Both coyotes and raccoons will kill cats and small dogs so be extra careful to protect them.
- **CURRENT ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE PROJECTS:** Neighbors are reminded that we all purchased our homes subject to the empowerment of the AC, which is authorized by our CC&R's to review and approve plans to build new homes or remodel existing ones. We received copies of the CC&R's as part of the documentation we received when we close escrow on our homes. Please be sure to bring your construction projects, no matter how small, to the AC early in the process to save time and money.
 - 17642 Tramonto - This is the vacant lot where the owner has sued the CMHO. We are still working with our lawyers on this case. Please refer to previous Newsletters for historical information on the lawsuit.
 - 17708 Tramonto Drive - The owners have installed story poles and have given the AC plans for an addition to the southwest area of their house. The AC is going through its' plan review process
 - 17860 Tramonto - Plans were submitted for additions to the front and rear of the property. The AC approved the remodel and it is currently under construction.

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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.)

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Remember to conserve water & to recycle!!

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