

Castellammare Mesa Home Owners NEWSLETTER January, 2011

Dear Neighbor - This newsletter is your notification about the Annual General Meeting (AGM), scheduled for February 15. We hope you will be able to attend.

- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Each year the CMHO holds a General Meeting for the entire community. The major purpose of this meeting is to elect a Board of Directors for the coming year. It is also an opportunity for community members to be brought up to date on issues concerning the neighborhood, to meet with their neighbors, Board and Architectural Committee members, and hear from others in the community.

This year's AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 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
- 7:15 City Councilman Bill Rosendahl & Senior Field Deputy Joaquin Macias:
 - Talk + Q&A Session
- 7:35 LA Fire Department Presentation
- 7:45 LAPD Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore Presentation & Safety Discussion
- 8:00 Real Estate Update - Judy Orsini
- 8:10 General Discussion/Community updates
- 8:45 Vote for 2011 Board of Directors
- 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 2010 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 the current Board members: Kim Clary, Laura Gerson, Muriel Janes, Mike Lofchie, Doug McCormick, Bennett Murphy, and Norma Spak.

As we move into the future, please consider getting actively involved in your community and running for the Board or working on the Architectural Committee. It is rewarding and fun. Many of the current Board and Architectural Committee members have been serving for years and would 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 the present time are \$31,350.65. A detailed report outlining the activities of the CMHO in 2010 will be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.
- **LEGAL DEFENSE FUND:** The CMHO Legal Defense Fund needs your help! After intensive litigation challenging our CC&R's, and mediation before a retired federal judge, CMHO reached a settlement with the owner of the lot at 17642 Tramonto Dr., at the base of Bellino Dr. However, it's not over until it's over, and CMHO's lawyers are active once again in making sure the settlement sticks. An update of the lawsuit will be presented at the annual meeting.

Our CC&R's are among the things that make Castellammare Mesa a special place. The Legal Defense Fund provides the resources to defend them. Please consider making a contribution, in any amount, toward the Fund at this year's Annual General Meeting. We have spent more out the Legal Defense Fund in the last few years than has been contributed. If you can't make it to the meeting, we welcome donations to the Fund at any time. Or feel free to send in a donation with your yearly dues.

- **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!!!

Over the past few years, the Board has been providing more services with quarterly newsletters, email announcements, crime and safety alerts and Architectural

Committee updates. In addition, we have experienced a greater frequency of time-consuming legal issues in which the Board has become involved to protect our CC&R's and the community. These extra benefits will be limited to dues paying members only.

- **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT THE GETTY VILLA:** The Getty Villa is hosting a blood drive on January 27 between 10 am and 4 pm. This is a great opportunity to give blood close to home and enjoy the Villa at the same time. If you would like to participate, make an appointment via the website at www.redcrossblood.org, open the sponsor code tab, and find the Getty Villa. Those signing up will be given free parking passes to the Villa. Please sign up at least one day before the drive.
- **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE:** 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.
- **COMMUNICATION** is at the heart of a successful community association. We are open to suggestions about what and how to communicate with you and what you would like to see us do. Also, if you would like to attend our monthly Board meetings, please call or e-mail one of the Board members for the specifics.

If you haven't already, **please send your e-mail addresses** to Kim Clary at kimjdave@msn.com. If you have changed your e-mail address, please update us.

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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.)

Film Permit Office: (213) 977-8600

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Remember to conserve water & to recycle!!