

Castellammare Mesa Home Owners NEWSLETTER January, 2014

Dear Neighbor - 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 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 25, 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 of Board and Architectural Committee
- 7:10 Councilman Bonin or Representative - Talk & Q&A Session
- 7:25 Arturo Pina, Community Outreach Liaison, Film LA - Talk & Q&A Session
- 7:40 LAPD Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore Presentation & Safety Discussion
- 7:55 LA Fire Department Presentation
- 8:05 Judy Orsini's Real Estate Update
- 8:15 CMHO Business
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Review of the CC&R's, AC Report
- 8:30 General Discussion/Community updates
- 8:45 Vote for 2014 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 2014 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 Bernstein and Mo Sahebi.

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. 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 as of Dec. 31, 2013 were \$33,983. A detailed report outlining the activities of the CMHO in 2013 will be presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting by our Treasurer.
- **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 significant majority of homeowners who pay their yearly dues (over 70%). 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.

- **HISTORICAL CASTELLAMMARE MESA BROCHURE;** Many of you may have been given this brochure at a CMHO event or when you moved to Castellammare. It is a replica of the one published by The Frank Meline Co. when the tract was first being developed in the 1920s. One of our CMHO Board members, Mo Sahebi, has reproduced the brochure into a very attractive poster, which depicts the early history of the mesa.

We will have this poster on display at the Annual General Meeting. If you want to purchase one the price is \$38. We will take orders for the poster at the meeting. If you would be interested in purchasing one, but are not able to attend the meeting, please contact one of the Board members.

- **HOME TOUR:** The home tour two years ago was such a success that the Board would like to have another one this year in the Spring. As we get closer to the date, we will need homes (we have some tentative ones lined up) and volunteers.
- **CRIME AND SAFETY:** Although it has been relatively crime-free here lately, we just got a report of a burglary theft from a vehicle. This is the second one in a few months. Be sure to lock your vehicles and houses and report any crimes or suspicious activity to the police.
- **TRANSIENT ENCAMPMENTS IN BRUSH/HIGH FIRE RISK LOCATIONS:** The police are asking for your help in reporting homeless encampments if you see them. Please read the following request from them:

"As we follow perhaps the driest year for our area in recorded history, the risk of fire and the vulnerability we face becomes all the more apparent. It is necessary for all of us, at every level, to take whatever measures we can to prevent fires. We all recognize how quickly these fires can spread throughout our dry hills and chaparral, leaving a real risk of loss of life and property. So I encourage all of you to be aware and do your part.

When you observe what you believe to be an active transient or homeless encampment in a high fire risk brush area--typically seen near trail heads or while out hiking--please make note of the location using as much detail as possible. If you can't describe it with an address, try to use approximate distance from a landmark or nearest street. Is it secreted or out in the open? Were people there? Did you observe cooking or smoking? Why does it appear to be a fire threat? (Note: It is not sufficient to simply say that you saw what you believed to be a transient frequenting an open space or trailed area).

Without putting yourself in harm's way, gather as much detail as possible and forward it onto the Los Angeles Fire Marshal. They will take down your information and dispatch a Brush Inspector to investigate the site and determine if it poses a fire threat. If it is determined to be a threat, they will coordinate resources to have the encampment removed. You can reach your Fire Marshal at 213-978-3570 or visit their site at www.lafd.com.

Remember however, that homelessness in and of itself is not a crime. Thank you."

- **LOS LIONES BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS:**

The Gardenaires continue to work weekly taking care of the area adjacent to our Fire Station 23. Norma Spak continues to take care of the corner of Tramonto and Los Liones with the help of Shirley Haggstrom when available. The gardens are looking very cared for, 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.

- **LANDMARK PROJECT:** This is the proposed 53 unit townhouse development off of lower Tramonto above Sunset. The project has been sold and the new owners have asked the City for a one year extension before they start construction.

- **THE GETTY VILLA COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE GETTY VILLA:**
The GVCRC continues to meet quarterly to discuss neighborhood issues and upcoming events. The Getty Villa is celebrating its 40th anniversary this month. On January 16, 1974, the J. Paul Getty Museum opened its doors to the public as a reconstructed first-century Roman Villa at Herculaneum. It housed J. Paul Getty's growing art collection which included European paintings, French furniture and decorative arts, and antiquities. In 1997 the Getty Villa underwent a nine-year renovation and reopened in 2006 as the only museum and educational center in the United States dedicated to the art and culture of classical antiquity. A beloved Los Angeles landmark, the Getty Villa today vividly evokes the classical world with its extensive collection of Greek, Roman, and Etruscan antiquities, ancient Mediterranean inspired gardens and landscaping, and Roman-style architecture. We are fortunate to have such a

treasure in our neighborhood. Visiting the Getty Villa is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. For more information go to www.getty.edu/visit/.

- **WILL ROGERS COASTLINE VIEW DECK AND PARKING LOT:** The County is constructing a viewing deck and parking lot at the ocean at PCH and Coastline Dr. The viewing deck will be 2,100 square feet with 26 metered parking spaces adjacent. The parking limit will be 90 minutes with no overnight parking allowed. There will be a gate that closes at sundown, a disabled ramp leading to the beach, and it will be patrolled by Beaches and Harbors. The completion date is scheduled for October 2014.
- **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:

- 318 Bellino Dr. - The AC was presented with plans by the new owners which met the CC&R's. However, several neighbors had objections. The new owners and their architect graciously worked with the neighbors and submitted revised plans that mitigated the neighbor's concerns. Some of these changes included eliminating the upper roof-top deck, minimizing the lower deck so as to not cause a privacy issue for the immediate neighbor and screening the air conditioning units. These revised plans were approved by the AC.
 - 204 Coperto Dr. - The architect submitted preliminary plans for a house on this lot. The plans include an under floor story. The AC invited the architect to submit more complete plans and then will continue their review.
 - 17880 Vicino Way - Plans for a remodel had previously been approved by the AC in 2011, but the owner resubmitted plans recently for a remodel smaller in scope. After its usual review, the AC approved these plans.
- **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.

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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*Denotes Alternate

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 of Los Angeles Building & Safety Inspector Lee (prior to 8 am) 310-914-3886

City Council Office:

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