

**Castellammare Mesa Home Owners  
NEWSLETTER  
October, 2014**



- **THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC** was held on October 19 and was a huge success with more neighbors attending than ever before. Everyone had a lot of fun seeing old friends and meeting many of the new neighbors who have recently moved here. The children had a good time playing with the hot wheel race tracks, a crafts table and face painting. Our Firemen from Station 23 came with their Fire and Paramedics truck and were, as usual, a big hit.

A big thank you once again to Joan and Harvey Rochman for planning and organizing the barbecue and picnic, and making their delicious hamburgers. Also, thanks to Andrew Furgatch and Cherilyn Shea for opening up their beautiful yard so the children could play on their swing set and trampoline and we could set up the hot wheel race tracks on their property. And thank you to Michelle Meehan for setting up the children's table with all of the great crafts. The kids really enjoyed them. The picnic was truly a community effort.

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Doug McCormick, our Treasurer, reports we have a total of \$39,728.93 in all our accounts. We have \$20,747.12 in our General Account (Checking), \$4,748.70 in the Legal Defense Fund and \$14,233.11 in the Money Market account. Paid membership is now at 150.

- **CRIME AND SAFETY:** After 9 burglaries or attempted burglaries in the Castellammare neighborhood between July 29 and September 16, three suspects were arrested and it had been quiet up here recently. Sadly for all of us, on October 30, after our neighbors sent out ONLERT notices about suspicious suspects in the area, two neighbors in lower Castellammare were burglarized. Their homes were viciously ransacked and valuables were stolen.

As you may know, we had a community meeting on September 23 in which 150 residents, both from lower Castellammare and Castellammare Mesa (our tract), attended. After reviewing security measures, the outcome was that the community voted to: individually sign up with ACS, a private security patrol; sign up for Bart and Cindi Young's ONLERT Neighborhood Watch System; and look into the installation of surveillance cameras for the two entrances to the neighborhood. In addition, a sub-committee was formed to pursue the feasibility of kiosks at the entrances to the neighborhood. We sent out the minutes and outcome of that meeting to you previously and they are also posted on our web-site.

ACS Security gave the neighborhood three months of free security patrol service, from October 1 through December 31. During that time they will offer their patrol services to residents who wish to sign up at \$40 per month for a minimum of 3 patrols in every 24 hour period. Depending on how many people sign up for the service there could be more patrols each day. You should have received a letter from ACS Security regarding the various services they provide and the costs. Their sales people will visit each home and discuss options available to you.

ACS Security will also be installing signs on Tramonto just off of Los Liones and on Porto Marino to indicate that they are patrolling the area. Residents of the two contiguous HOAs, Pacific View Estates and Sunset Mesa, are also signing up with ACS Security which will ensure more overall patrol coverage for the entire area.

The cost for installation of surveillance cameras at two entrances to the area, on Tramonto and on Porto Marina, is \$8,800 per location, or \$17,600 total. This includes high definition cameras that can read license plates and get a video of the person who is driving the car; digital video recorders; posts; and the required wiring of the boxes. The videos would be network accessible to whoever would be authorized to view them. With the recent burglaries, this project is high priority and we need to move forward with it quickly. Towards that end, we will be soliciting everyone in the Castellammare area for funds to carry this important security project forward.

The Board is also looking into buying Neighborhood Watch signs and placing them in appropriate locations throughout the neighborhood.

- **THE HOMELESS ISSUE:** Many of you have been concerned with the growing number of homeless at the beach and Sunset and PCH as well as the encampments on the beach near the bridge. Although the tents are gone from the beach, the homeless are a growing presence in the Palisades. To address safety and other issues and discuss possible solutions, the Pacific

Palisades Community Council formed a Homeless Task Force. If you are interested in getting involved with this important group, please contact them through their website at [pacpalicc.org](http://pacpalicc.org).

- **THE GARDENAIRES** continue to garden weekly at FS 23 and the corner of Los Liones and Tramonto. Anyone who wants to join them on Thursday at 10 am is welcome.
- **THE GETTY VILLA AND THE GETTY VILLA COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (GVCRC):** The GVCRC continues to meet quarterly to discuss neighborhood issues.

The Getty Villa will be opening two exciting exhibitions on November 19: Dangerous Perfection - Funerary Vases from Southern Italy and Ancient Luxury and the Roman Silver Treasure. For more information on these exhibitions, please go to the Getty's website.

- **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** 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. For your information, any remodeling outside of the envelope of the house must be approved by the AC. Any remodeling inside the house does not need to be looked at by the committee. It is best to contact the Chair of the AC with preliminary plans in order to help avoid inconvenience and needless expense. The AC can examine or discuss preliminary plans and render a tentative non-binding opinion on their acceptability.

We have recently put the CMHO's CC&R's on our Website. We also have Architectural Guidelines to assist property owner's and real estate agents and these are available upon request.

Current AC projects:

- 336 Bellino - Owner submitted plans for an extensive remodel and the AC is currently reviewing.
- 204 Coperto - Owner submitted pdf plans via email to build on this site and the AC has asked for a working set of plans to review.

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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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