



# Malaga Cove Homeowners' Association

Winter 2006

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Party a Success!

Once again the Malaga Cove Homeowners Association hosted a special seasonal kick off at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Cocktail party. For those that missed the party, it was November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Malaga Cove Library. All of the neighborhoods in Malaga Cove were well represented. Delicious tapas and beverages catered by Chez Allez and Malaga Cove Ranch Market were enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those help make the party possible. Thanks to sponsors Steve Rosemary and Emily Galloway of Shorewood Realtors, Malaga Bank for providing the invitations and CeeJay's Flowers for providing the beautiful floral centerpieces.



*Celebrating in the young readers section were members Steve & MCHA Board member Cynthia Underberger and MCHA Vice President Margaret McCarthy.*

During the party Marjeanne Blinn, who administers the Local History Collection at Peninsula Center Library, gave a slide presentation of the history of the Malaga Cove Library.

Party goers could mingle and browse the display of plans for the upcoming architectural restoration and other new technology. The garden has already been restored to its original design and won the "Garden of the Season" from the Silver Spur Garden Club. Already one new feature the library has added is the wireless internet available in the library, the patios, and in the adjacent park.

## School Bonds R & S at work

On November 8, 2005, voters approved school bonds R and S (\$30,000,000 and 10,000,000) for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD) to improve safety and educational opportunities by modernizing classrooms, utilities, improving school grounds, and facilities to accommodate growing enrollment. The approved bonds require a Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) to actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction. The following is a report by Maarten Oversier, an MCHA Board Member, who sits on the COC for these bonds:

### **Peninsula High School:**

Construction of the two story 17 classroom building (19,488 square foot) has been started in December and is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 9, 2007. Thirteen "temporary" classroom buildings have been removed from the school site. Nine buildings have been demolished and three buildings have been moved to the maintenance yard in Rolling Hills.

### **Palos Verdes High School:**

Last December the footings were poured for the single story modular 10 class room building which is scheduled to be completed by September 14, 2007. This project includes the widening of the Fire Road access road on the West side of the campus and the addition of an automatic fire sprinkler system in building L.

The pool project at PVHS consists of building a new 9,844 sq.ft., 543,000 gallon capacity swimming pool and a 2160 sq.ft. restroom building. The estimated completion date is May 2008.

### **Malaga Cove School:**

The project consists of repairs and upgrades to existing historical facility so it can house the school district administration and L.A. County programs. The project also includes renovations to accommodate the Costume Closet and The Peninsula Education Foundation. Drawings have been submitted to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for review and approval. The estimated completion date is August 2008.

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## Information about Measure A -

At our last MCHA board meeting Mayor Flood spoke about an important issue that is going to be on this year's ballot relating to the quality of emergency services our city receives. According to Mayor Flood the key to continuing our high level of service in Palos Verdes Estates is to get out and vote on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The following is a summary of Mayor Flood's comments to the MCHA board regarding Measure A:

- The process began with a City Council appointed nine person committee that looked at all the options for providing fire and paramedic services to PVE. Many different providers and funding methods were studied in detail. The committee unanimously endorsed a renewal of the existing parcel tax mechanism and continuing to use LA County to provide the services.
- Funding for the City's current contract with LA County for emergency services is provided by a special tax measure approved by 87% of voters in 2001. This tax mechanism expires this year 6/30/07. Measure A would ensure the City had funds to continue to pay for the contract with LA County which expires in 2017 (10 years from now).
- The City has contracted with LA County for fire and paramedic services for the last 21 years.
- Fire and paramedic services cannot be split out and provided by separate entities. On average 65% of all calls are for paramedics (not fire).
- The City spends \$3,328,000 on fire and paramedic services each year (25% of the City's budget).
- The City Council voted to put the paramedic/fire tax proposal (Measure A) on the March 6, 2007 ballot.
- The March 6th ballot is essentially a single issue ballot with Measure A being the main focus. There will also be an election for 3 positions on the PVE City Council, but there are only 3 candidates running (Rosemary Humphrey, Ellen Perkins and John Rea).
- The last time PVE voted on a parcel tax for fire/paramedic services (6 years ago) it passed by 87%, but it was not a single issue ballot. Conventional wisdom says that it is harder to pass measures when they are on a single issue ballot. In order to pass, Measure A will need the approval of 2/3 of those who vote on the March 6 ballot.
- The parcel tax proposed is \$250 per parcel plus \$0.14 per square foot. This is the same tax mechanism that currently exists. If Measure A passes, the average PVE homeowner in 07/08 will pay \$622.59, which amounts to a \$25 increase over 06/07. The tax will expire after 10 years and has a cap for inflation of 4.2% in the first 5 years, and 6.2% in the second 5 years. Parcel taxes such as these are fully tax-deductible.
- Our City has exceptional emergency services, which are better than those in most communities. Measure A will keep our high level of services in place.

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- A "Yes on Measure A" Committee is comprised of the same residents who examined the finance/service provider options. The committee will need private funding in order to run a campaign to assure that Measure A passes with 2/3 of the vote. Laws prevent City staff from running campaigns on ballot issues, so all campaign work must be funded and done by private citizens independently. To contribute to the "Yes on Measure A" Committee or get more information on Measure A, Ron Buss, Committee Chairman at 544-1525. Malaga Cove resident, Dave Cox, is also a committee member and can be reached at 373-4593.

Note from the editor –A Presentation by Assistant Fire Chief Mike Morgan and Battalion Chief Tim O'Rourke was given to our city council on Nov.14th. Included was an overview of services provided by Los Angeles County Fire Department and display of new fire engine assigned to Palos Verdes Estates Station #2 in Malaga Cove. To see all the LA County equipment & resources our city currently has access to log on to [www.lacofd.org](http://www.lacofd.org).

## Local Library Corner

*The following programs are free and open to the public.*

### **Hidden Hollywood Past and Present at Malaga Cove Library**

**Saturday, February 24, 2007 2pm**

The Palos Verdes Library District presents a look into the secrets of Hollywood then and now with a program called Hidden Hollywood: An Homage to Hollywood Past and Present. William A. Gordon, the author of "The Ultimate Hollywood Tour Book," will give a slide show presentation at 2pm on Saturday, February 24 at the Malaga Cove Library.

Hollywood expert William Gordon takes you on a journey down memory lane to Hollywood's Golden Era up to the present, where the mystery of the Silver Screen meets today's Hollywood—the people, places, and the media. And not to just the well-known and highly-publicized tourist traps, but to Hollywood's many hidden attractions, including the homes of former presidents, castles in the Hollywood Hills, and sites that inspired songs. Discover the locations where dozens of classic and popular motion pictures and television shows were filmed; journey to the sites of notorious scandals and murders; as well as visit homes of the movie stars and more.



### **BABIES IN THE LIBRARY at Malaga Cove Library**

**Fridays this event is on-going, 10:30am**

Come to a special storytime for Babies and their Caregivers! This storytime is specifically for babies ages 6 months to 23 months and their caregivers. Call 310-377-9584 x551 for more information.

### **Magnificent Monday Storytime at Malaga Cove Library**

**Mondays this event is on-going, 10:30am**

Stories, songs, fingerplays and more! Enjoy an eventful storytime with our librarian at the Historic Malaga Cove library. Recommended for ages 2 - 5 years. No registration necessary.

**Reservations may be required for classes.** The Malaga Cove Library is located at 2400 Via Campesina in Palos Verdes Estates. For more information call 310.377.9584 x551. [www.pvld.org](http://www.pvld.org)

**Save the Date**

*Our annual meeting that is open to the Public will be Wednesday, April 18th at the Malaga Cove Library. The meeting will start at 7pm in the library Gallery Room.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DAY**  
There will be 6 polling places March 6. Vote on Measure A and 3 candidates for city council.
- **MCHA ANNUAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY APRIL 18TH AT 7PM**  
MALAGA COVE LIBRARY IN THE GALLERY ROOM, SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED.

### Check out our new Website:

Log onto [www.palosverdes.com/mcha](http://www.palosverdes.com/mcha) to see our new website, sponsored by Palos Verdes on the Net. Hopefully this new forum will bring us closer to you. When you log on you may see photos from the cocktail party we hosted for members in November. Look for your photo! You can also read past newsletters, download membership applications, or voice your concerns. There is a link to our email address as well [mcha4u@gmail.com](mailto:mcha4u@gmail.com).



**Hello members! Please check to see if your membership is current for 2006. For everyone who has paid for the 2006 year, which runs from April 2006 to April 2007, we have marked the current member's address labels with '06. Thank you for your continued support.**

**To join the Malaga Cove Homeowners Association you may download a membership application or call Phyllis Scribe, Membership Chairman 310-373-8150.**




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