

Mediterrania

Homeowners Association Newsletter

31115 Ganado Drive Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

President's Message

by Lois Karp



I hope your summer was all you hoped for. Now that fall is here it's back to school and business.

Your HOA has been working through the summer. We took on the task to keep up our neighbor by removing dead trees, cleaning up unsightly home fronts and having cars, boats and trailers, which are illegally parked, removed from the streets. We asked and received more Sheriff presence to keep us safe and slow down the speeding. We are working on some new landscape projects as well. There is an article in this newsletter with more details.

RPV no longer gives out grants to HOAs for landscape upgrades therefore all projects need to be funded from our treasury and your \$20 annual dues.

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We appreciate any input you may have. The removal of illegally parked vehicles was prompted by input from our members. So, if it's a compliment or a complaint we would love to hear from you. Our email addresses are available in the newsletter and on our website. www.palosverdes.com/mha.

Join the Mediterrania Board

Every January your homeowners association holds an election to select 4 or 5 new Board of Directors (we have a 9 member Board and terms are 2-years). It is not a big commitment, but it is important to have input from all of Mediterrania. We meet 10 times each year for approx. two hours. We discuss what is happening in the city and how it will affect our neighborhood. We also assess how things are looking within our HOA and what we can do to improve them. We are your liaison to the city and its services.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Mediterrania Board of Directors in 2014 please contact me. Your name will be added to the list the nominating committee is compiling for the January 2014 election.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Lois Karp, President

2013 Mediterranean Board of Directors

Rancho Palos Verdes Telephone Numbers



Emergency	911
Animal Control	310-523-9566
Bee Removal	800-825-3400
Building Dept.	310-541-7702
Cal Water Svc.	310-257-1400
City Hall	310-377-0360
City Clerk	310-544-5208
City Manager	310-544-5207
Cox Cable	310-377-1800
EDCO-Trash	310-540-2977
Fire Station Miraleste #83	310-831-4624
Fire Station P.V. Drive South#53	310-377-3333
Police Lomita Sheriff	310-539-1661
Post Office	800-275-8777
PVPUSD	310-378-9966
PV Recycle Center	310-375-6094
PV Transit	310-544-7108
So Cal Edison	800-655-4555
Street Lights	800-655-4555x1
Universal Waste	800-631-7016
Vector Control	310-915-7374

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What's New at Marymount?

By George Zugsmith



We are waiting for the release of the EIR

(Environmental Impact Report). The EIR will address the issues respecting Marymount's proposed athletic field. The City staff has a draft report and is presently reviewing it before it is released to the public. This process has been ongoing for about two weeks, but could take several more weeks.

We are hoping this draft report will be available shortly, because we believe the City Council will discuss Marymount by the end of September.

The previous City Council had approved an athletic field requested by (Continued Top Right)

Marymount. Subsequently, Marymount changed it's mind and now seeks approval for a field with a different configuration, which is much larger.

The proposed field, if approved, would be situated 60' feet closer to Palos Verdes Drive East. Since the previous field was approved, Marymount joined NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics,) which will probably bring many more athletes, students from other schools and spectators to these events.

The EIR should include studies relating to traffic, noise, lighting, parking and the impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods. When the EIR is released to the public, California Law requires the opportunity for public comment, both in writing and orally before the City Council. The public may address its concerns concerning other impacts and (Continued)

issues which should be studied and included in a subsequent EIR.

Your comments are important. Send them to the City Council. Please keep "tune in" and write in during the "Comment Period".

CHOA Report

By Alice
Snyder



The most recent meeting of CHOA (RPV Council of Homeowners Associations) was held on June 19. There were three featured speakers from the City: Kathryn Downs, Deputy Director of Finance and Information Technology; Ara Mihranian, Community Development Deputy Director; and Brian Campbell, member of the City Council.

Kathryn Downs provided a financial overview of the City. The annual budget is \$33 million, with \$33.4 million of revenue, no debt, and \$27 million in reserves. There is a 5 year capital improvement plan. In short, the City is in good financial shape. Ms. Downs emphasized that the City encourages citizen input through the Storm Drain Oversight Committee (use of storm drain user fees), the Finance Advisory Committee, and public meetings. All financial documents are on the City website.

Ara Mihranian discussed the Abalone Cove Improvement Project. With a \$330,000 grant from the state and a \$330,000 match from the City, improvements are planned for the 86 acre Abalone Cove area. (continued)

There will be new trails, new vegetation, picnic tables, telescopes at the bluffs, and an outdoor classroom. The project is expected to begin this fall and be completed by next spring.

Brian Campbell addressed a number of issues facing the City. Although not located in RPV, the proposed Pointe Vista development off of Western Avenue and the safety status of the butane tanks off Gaffey Street affect RPV, and the City is involved in discussions about these projects. He updated CHOA on the status of Marymount, the construction under way at San Ramon Canyon, and concerns about safety and crime. He also pointed to the success of Terranea which provides the City with 18% of the general fund budget.

The next CHOA meeting is scheduled for September 18.

Arts Jury

By Carol
Morris



We have had reports of recent burglaries and attempted break-ins in our (Continue Top Left)

neighborhood. At the request of the Mediterranean Home Owners Association, the Lomita Sheriff's Department has increased patrols in our neighborhood.

Please be aware of your surroundings. Watch out for your neighbors and report any suspicious behavior or unfamiliar cars in the area. Call 911 and the Sheriff's Dept. will dispatch a cruiser immediately.

Streets and Landscaping

By
Don Ott



We have been working on sprucing up the trees at the corner of Ganado and Floweridge Drive. We gave them a little TLC with plant food and watering. We are hoping to grow them taller to hide the top of the cell phone tower.

We have also received two bids to re-landscape the Mediterranean sign that runs along

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PV Drive East. Currently, the sign is obscured by overgrown plants and weeds. We hope to have that project done in the next few weeks.

Did you notice we had festive bunting on the entry sign to celebrate Labor Day? All of these improvements are done with just your \$20 memberships each year. The bunting will be used to decorate our entrance sign for the different holidays throughout the year. We hope you like it!

**2013 *Mediterrania*
Homeowners Association
Membership List**

Adler, Philip & Marti

Ajang, Mahmoud

Ball, Christopher & Christine

Bao, Willie

Bauchman, Mort & Peggy

Beringer, Marjorie

Berkson, Rich & Andrea

Bertolina, James & Nelly

Bochat, Howard & Mary

Bozin, Milivoj & Barbara

Brandt, George & Diana

Brunner, Philip & Joanne

Bryant, Jack & Peggy

Buell, Dr. Walter F.

Burr, Erik & Jane

Canfield, P.H.

Carroll, Patrick

Cerami, John

Chargaff, Tom & Barbara

Clark, Richard & Mary Ann

Collins, Nancy

Curtis, Josephine

Deraney, Fred & Arpy

Dillin, Bill & Mary Ann

Drake, Marilyn & Liana

Dunn, Roger & Jean

Estes/Walston, Sue & Jack

Evans, Robert & Sue Ann

Fischer, Allen & Kimberly

Franz/Ttee, Mary

Goede, Walter

Griffith, Lois

Gross, Morris & Sharon

Gugliuzza, Thomas & Beverly

Hanner, Dale & Lillian

Hansen, Wayne & Gwynn

Harminder/Suminder, Tony & Mindy

Harman, Ward & Cleona

Harper, Jo Ann

Hartman, Kirk & Judy

Harvey/Sulkowski, Bruce & Amy

Heyn, Udo & Ela

Hibsman, Edgar & Nora

Honkawa, Tony & Yumi

Hove, Ralph & Marilyn

Jaacks, John & Lyn

James, Loretta

Jankovich, Todd & Maureen

Kain, Jennifer

Karp, Jack & Lois

Keroles, Kamal & Dalia

Kim, Jihee

Kindelan, Jim & Marilyn

Klopfer, John & Jean

Kochanowski, Joyce

Koehler, Fred & Pat

Kollar, Bob & Janice

Komac, Dr. Bashar

Lakis, John & Angela

Lee, Kichul & Joan

Levering, Janet

Li, Loretta

Maddern, Darren & Sandra

Marshall, Arthur

Mathews, John & Munja

Mattingly/Petrota, Gary & Paula

McAlpine, Col. Aubry & Patricia

Misetich, Anthony & Tillie

Mohaddes, Abbas & Theresa

Moloian, Ed & Ann

Moore, Stanley & Jean

Morris, Gregory & Carol

Mueller, Craig & Pang

Muller, Kurt & Irene

Ott, Don & Patty

Pekich, Don & Joyce

Petersen, John & Pam

Peterson, Jeannette

Phan, Can & Nga

Pichler, Remo & Viviana

Posgay, Hedvig

Prouty, Harry

Razepoor/Safavi, Nasser & Marjan

Rebeck, Joseph & Nita

Redfield, Tom & Marty

Revilla, Michael & Leila

Reidman, Betty

Scherba, Mark & Barbara

Scherlacher, Jack & Donna

Sharar, Frances & Jo

Sheth, Bharti

Shim, John

Shirley, David & Beth

Smith, Bob & Marilee
Snyder, Ed & Alice
Tsai, Eugene & Shu Liu
Underwood, Sylvi
Unmack/Radovanovic, Jim &
Olivera
Unvert, Erv & Carolyn
Voris, Elizabeth
Wachli, John & Marlis
Wang, Michael & Lily
Way, Donald
Webster, Bill & Judy
Whited, Craig & Gilda
Zugsmith, George & Jayne

Thank you for your support!



Calender of Events



City Council Meetings

**1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month
Hesse Park - Multipurpose Room
29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, RPV
Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
And can be seen on live on RPV TV
Cox Cable 33**

Pier to Pier - Friendship Walk

**For Our Local Elementary School
Mira Catalina Elem.
Sunday, October 27th
Register online for actual and virtual walk
www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com**

City's General Municipal Election

**November 5, 2013
Two seats on City Council available,
Each with a full term of four years.**



County of Los Angeles Office of Emergency Management

Back to School



A Safe Place to Learn

There is a lot that can be done by school officials to plan for disasters, to limit the risk, to protect the safety of students and teachers, and to ensure that schools recover quickly. However, the clock is ticking. The time to prepare is right now.

Many states now require specific disaster preparedness activities in their school systems. In California, for example, schools are required to have a disaster plan, to hold periodic “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drills and to hold educational and training programs for students and staff. Whether mandated or not, all schools should have an emergency response plan that addresses the following:

- Identification of hazards and steps to reduce the risk
- Evacuation plans and routes

- Needs of students and staff with disabilities
- Onsite shelter plans
- Emergency supplies and equipment
- Plans for releasing students and school personnel
- Communication

Parents should know the policies and procedures of their children’s school during times of disaster or crisis. Parents should also make sure the school has their updated emergency contact information. Keep your children’s school emergency release card current.

While planning for a future disaster may seem overwhelming, it is not impossible, and the benefits far outweigh the time and trouble it takes to prepare a school plan.

It is also important for schools to plan in advance to deal with the problem of psychological trauma after a disaster. Signs to look for include withdrawn and/or more aggressive students, those acting overly responsible or parental, children who are edgy, jumpy, quick to anger, out of control or with a non-caring attitude. Encourage teachers to discuss these and other changes in behavior with parents.

Check these websites

www.shakeout.org

www.earthquakecountry.org

www.cert-la.com (Community Emergency Response Team)

www.espfocus.org (Emergency Survival Program)

www.Fema.gov/kids

www.lacoe.edu (Los Angeles County Office of Education)

www.redcross.org/disaster/masters
(American Red Cross)

