

Mediterrania

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Homeowners Association Newsletter

President's Message by Lois Karp



I am pleased to be continuing as President of Mediterrania. The Mediterrania Board is working to keep our neighbor beautiful and safe. We are in constant communication with the City regarding the Marymount College construction. We are experiencing traffic delays and truck traffic as Marymount completes its new permanent parking lot. The temporary parking lot will be removed when the permanent lot is completed.

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What's New at Marymount by George Zugsmith



Marymount has two construction sites in progress. Across from Mediterrania next to PVDE, there is fencing where drainage is being installed to carry water away from the campus in connection with its intended expansion project. A deep trench has been dug where the drainage pipes will be placed. The dirt which has been removed will be used to refill the area.

A new permanent parking lot is under construction. The earth moving and grading vehicles are visible at top of the south facing slope from Ganado and PVDE. Marymount has assured the city staff that the parking lot will be completed before the May 7 deadline which our City Council has set for completion. One of the conditions of approval for the permanent parking lot requires **Marymount (cont. on page 2)**

Art Jury

by Carol Morris

Just a friendly reminder regarding cart placement and cart storage:



Trash, recycling and green waste carts cannot be placed at the curb for collection earlier than 8 a.m. on the day before collection, and must be removed from the curb no later than 8 p.m. on the day of collection. Additionally, carts must be stored so they are substantially screened from view from the street, except when placed at the curb for collection.

Please pickup newspapers and fliers, etc. from your driveway in a timely manner.

Several "bombing" skateboarders have been seen congregating at the corner of Ganado and Floweridge Drive. It is illegal to skateboard on Ganado Drive.

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If you notice this activity, please contact the L.A. County Sheriff's Department at 310-539-1661, and a cruiser will be dispatched to the area. Please be careful driving into Mediterrania. This is a very dangerous activity.

Let's keep our area beautiful and safe for everyone.

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Our goal is to keep everyone safe. If you have questions please feel free to call me or send me an email.

Please join us with our minimal dues of \$20 for the year. Our dues help maintain the entrance and the Mediterrania signs. We will do our best to keep you informed with our newsletter and we are planning a neighborhood get together in the fall. Keeping in touch with friends and neighbors is a good thing.

Remember to go to our website www.palosverdes.com/mha. We have all of Agendas, minutes, and Bylaws online. If you have suggestions for the Board or things you think we should be concerned with please send us an email, our email addresses are on the website.

Marymount (continued from page 1) Marymount decided sometime ago that it didn't want to build the athletic field which had been approved by the previous City Council. Instead, it has submitted plans for new athletic field. Currently, the City staff has determined that the submitted plans are incomplete but, the plans show the athletic field to be closer to PVDE than the one which had been previously approved.

We mentioned in the last newsletter that a new or supplemental EIR (environmental impact report) will be required to study the effects of several issues including, traffic, parking, noise and safety. A consultant is required to study the effects of the EIR, prepare it and submitted it to the City. There will be a public hearing respecting the EIR report when it is presented to the City Council for public comments before the City Council makes its decisions.

Streets & Landscaping

by Don Ott



We would like to have suggestions from you, our neighbors, for any ideas for improvement in the common grounds areas. That includes the front entrances, medians, hillsides, etc.

If you have an idea for improvement, please pass it on to myself or any board member. We will consider it at our next board meeting.

We look forward to hearing your ideas !!

What is CHOA?

By Alice Snyder

CHOA is the RPV Council of Homeowners Associations that was organized in 1979. About 60 associations are members of CHOA, including our own Mediterrania Homeowners Association. Meetings are held monthly at Hesse Park. The current President of CHOA is John Maniatakis.

The purpose of CHOA is to provide an opportunity for member associations to discuss issues affecting the City, exchange ideas, attempt to resolve mutual problems, and learn management techniques applicable to homeowners associations. Member associations working together through CHOA can have a stronger voice in City affairs than they would otherwise as single associations.

The most recent CHOA meeting was held February 20 with Mediterrania President, Lois Karp in attendance. Kelly Richardson, of the firm Richardson Harman Ober, specializes in homeowner organizations and property management was guest speaker. He provided guidance on effective operation of a homeowners association.

To learn more about CHOA, please visit www.palosverdes.com/choa. Alice Snyder is Mediterrania's current CHOA representative. You may contact me if you have questions or want to share concerns about our neighborhood.

Three Construction Projects Planned For Summer

By Tom Redfield

San Ramon Canyon

Work on a large tunnel will begin late May for a duration of 14-16 months. It will be constructed within Rancho Palos Verdes city boundaries and continuing all the way to the ocean. The tunnel will start at the first downhill curve approx. 1/4 mile below Ganado Drive and PVD East and crossing PVD South and continuing to the ocean.

Marymount College

All construction at Marymount impacting Palos Verdes Dr East must stop by May 7th.

Resurfacing PVD East

The entire length of PVD East will be repaved from just south of Ganado Drive, all the way to PVD North . (except lower section of PVD East to be utilized for San Ramon Project)

The section of PVD East to PVD South will be finalized after the San Ramon Tunnel work is completed. The overlap in these construction projects can create unique driving conditions. Please drive safely.

An additional resurfacing upgrade is scheduled for the intersection of Bronco Drive and PVD East within two years at a cost of approx. 1 million dollars.



Neighborhood Watch

by Gail Lorenzen



Neighborhood Watch has had many calls and e-mails regarding a home invasion robbery that occurred in our city on March 13. Below you will find the Daily Breeze article about the robbery that may help answer residents' questions.

At this time, no one knows why the home was targeted, or if the home was targeted, as many home invasions are.

We are just very sorry that it happened to one of our good residents, but we feel deeply fortunate for them that they were not injured.

One good lesson we should learn from this is our frequent warning to residents that they not open doors to people they do not know.

Rancho Palos Verdes family told to lie face-down while robbers ransack home

By Larry Altman Staff
Writerdailybreeze.com

UPDATED: Two men forced their way into a Rancho Palos Verdes house, and
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ordered family to lie face-down on a bed while they ransacked their home in search of cash, authorities said today.

The robbery began at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the 4200 block of Miraleste Drive, when 89-year-old Nob Kubota answered his front door after someone repeatedly rang the doorbell. Two men pushed their way inside and punched Kubota in the ear. They then forced him into an upstairs bedroom with his wife, 84-year-old Yoshiko Kubota, according to their daughter.

The family members were told to lie face-down while the men searched the house for money. They were not tied up. The couple's daughter, Janet Kubota, arrived home at 8:40 p.m. and was also forced upstairs.

"I walked in the house and someone came up behind me," Janet Kubota said. She was forced to lie face-down on the bed with her parents. "I was scared. I was humiliated and frustrated, seeing as we couldn't do anything. I didn't know if they had a gun. Three rooms have been totally torn upside down and they tore my bed apart."

She described her father as "shook up, not feeling safe."

"I'm glad they didn't harm my parents. It could have been worse. They didn't tie us up or anything."

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Why Have a Homeowners Association?

By Alice Snyder

The Mediterrania Homeowners Association area includes over 200 homes going up Ganado Drive to Bendigo and all the streets off Floweridge Drive. Homeowners range from people new to the neighborhood to people who have lived here a long time and are original homeowners. We like it here and want to keep it a desirable place to live. Hence, the need for a homeowners association that will help protect our interests.

So, you might ask, what does our homeowners association do? And why should I care about becoming a member?

Here, in a nutshell, is what our homeowners association does for you and your neighborhood:

- ◆ Helps keep our neighborhood attractive and our property values up
- ◆ Represents the interests and concerns of the homeowners – we are stronger as a group than as individuals
- ◆ Hosts social events so neighbors can get to know one another and to provide a forum for discussion of community issues
- ◆ Provides communication to all neighbors about topics of common interest.
- ◆ Promotes the safety of our neighborhood through partici-

pation in Neighborhood Watch.

- ◆ Monitors the maintenance of our streets and open spaces.
- ◆ Maintains our entrance sign and flowers.

Annual dues for membership are minimal -- just \$20 per homeowner. The dues are used to pay for expenses related to the annual meeting and social event, to maintain the entrance sign area, and to print the newsletter. Currently about half the homeowners in our association area are members. It is in your interest to support your neighborhood. Please consider becoming a member of the Mediterrania Homeowners Association.



Just a reminder for those that have supported Mediterrania Home Owners Association in the past, and would like to do so again.

Please make out your \$20.00 check to Mediterrania HOA.

Thank you,

Mort Bauchman

Treasurer

Robbery

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The invaders took their cell-phones and threw them in the toilet. They cut the phone cord and threw the phone in the toilet. Then they ransacked three rooms upstairs, while intermittently asking the family: "Where do you keep the money? If you don't tell us, we're going to take your wife or daughter and you are going to send it to us."

The men grabbed a few thousand dollars in cash, jewelry and the father's 40-year-old coin collection. Janet Kubota said they don't know if they were targeted.

The robbers left at 10:45 p.m. and the family went to a neighbor to call sheriff's deputies. The only description available of the suspects was that they were black men.

Paramedics treated the dad for the punch to his ear. He was suffering ringing of the ears but did not go to the doctor.

Calender of Events



CHOA– Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Trump National Golf Course

1 Ocean Trails Drive

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Meeting begins at 7:00 P.M

Rancho Palos Verdes 40th Anniversary Gala

Sunday, May 5, 2013

Terranea Resort

6610 Palos Verdes Drive South,

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

