

Mediterrania Homeowners Association

Membership Newsletter -- Spring, 2014



President's Message by Viviana Pichler

I'd like to thank all who attended the annual dinner & meeting held on January 26th. This year's attendees participated in Board member elections and had the opportunity to listen and speak to Mayor, Jerry Dujovic and Sgt. David Rozas from Lomita Sheriff's Dept. We're delighted they could join us.

I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to the incoming 2014 Board of Directors, Pat Carroll, Joyce Kochanowski, & Jack Walston. All board member positions are filled by community volunteers. They're homeowners (just like you!) who work together for the interest of the community. I'll serve as the HOA President for the remainder of 2014. The Board is enthusiastic about sharing new ideas and would like to hear from you, so kindly forward your comments and suggestions to me at VivianaPichler@yahoo.com

Lastly, I'd like to thank the previous President (Lois Karp) and retiring 2013 Board of Directors (George Zugsmith & Tom Redfield) for their commitment to the Mediterrania HOA. They've definitely provided us with a community to be proud of.



By The Way, you might notice that our Newsletter's been revamped. Hope you like it. We only publish 2 of these a year, plus notices, but are considering doing it quarterly. We'll still bring you news pertinent to this paradise called the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and our little portion entitled Mediterrania. If anything new breaks in between issues, we'll send you an e-alert, so make sure we have your email addresses. The Newsletter's also available in full color on our website: www.palosverdes.com/mha.

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Meet the Board (l to r) Senior members: Don Ott, Mort Bauchman, Alice Snyder, Viviana Pichler (absent: Carol Morris). New members: Joyce Kochanowski, Pat Carroll.



Streets & Landscaping by Don Ott

1. In Progress: Trim bushes/clean up area on PVDr E, south of Ganado. This task should be completed within the next few weeks. **2.** MHOA requests for help from those residents on Ganado near Floweridge. Occasional watering of the Oleander bushes would be very helpful since we don't have any legitimate way to water them any more. **3.** Note: The sick trees at Floweridge and Ganado are the result of gophers. Anybody have a gopher recipe? **4.** Bennett Landscaping will be giving us a bid on plants and pruning at the entrance. **5. IMPORTANT.** There's been recent talk at the Board of Directors level about whether or not to enhance the Ganado entry signage shown in the top picture to make it more showy. Since you have to look at it too, we'd like your opinions and ideas on the subject. Send an email to me (Don Ott) and I'll bring it to the Board for review.

Important RPV Telephone Numbers

[310 Area Code unless noted]

Animal Control.....	523-9566
Bee Removal	800-825-3400
Building Dept.	541-7702
California Water Service	257-1400
City Hall	377-0360
City Clerk	544-5208
City Manager	544-5207
Cox Cable	377-1800
EDCO Trash	540-2977
Fire Station #53 (PVDS)	377-3333
Fire Station #83 (Miraleste)	831-4624
Police - Lomita Sheriff	539-1661
Post Office	800- 275-8777
PVPUSD	378-9966
PV Recycle Center	375-6094
PV Transit	544-7108
So Cal Edison	800- 655-4555
Street Lights	800-65 5-4555x1
Universal Waste	800- 631-7016
Vector Control	915-7374



What's New at Marymount? by Lois Karp

The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed NAIA field is on hold. Public hearing was held on January 21st and the MND was due back for a final City Council vote in April, but due to the many public comments submitted there's a hold on further work. At the hearing, Mira Catalina neighbors' presentations showed how the proposed field's location, which is larger and closer to PVDE than previously approved, will severely impact views.

Your comments and emails to the City Council are paying off. This project was thought to be a slam dunk by Marymount and a shortcut around having to do a full EIR. An NAIA field is not appropriate for this neighborhood. It's being built for intercollegiate sports, which means more people, more noise, more traffic, and more on-street parking! Stay aware for further information from the City as to the next steps on the proposed field. It's your input that was important, effective, and put this project on hold!

Other problems are happening at Marymount. Residents on San Ramon Dr. are in an uproar over the lights on the new parking lot and the lights from the cars parked in the lot, which shine into many back yards. Also, the parking lot is now a meeting place for students to smoke (Marymount is a No Smoking Campus), eat, drink beer and throw their trash into the canyon, which is part of the RPV Preserve.

Also, Marymount started to construct a "Grow Project" and a Park next to the back property line of the San Ramon homes. It was designed as a buffer zone on the final plans and left as open space with only low native plants. Students are congregating on this area and are trespassing into neighbors' yards.

The parking lot and "Grow Project" reviews are before the City Council at the April 1st meeting. All the encroachment of Marymount on our neighborhoods is of concern to all the homeowners. We must support one another because all of it affects all of us.



Arts Jury by Carol Morris

Our MHOA reminds us to be good neighbors as we're all in this together. The tranquility enjoyed in our neighborhood is priceless. Here's a wish list expressed by our neighbors: **1)** Pick up after your pet (a plastic bag or paper towel is best) and dispose of in appropriate container. **2)** Watch for strange cars driving in our neighborhood and report it immediately to the sheriff's department. **3)** Report illegal skateboarding on Ganado to the sheriff's department. **4)** Bring in your trash cans on the day of trash pick up. **5)** Trim trees and foliage that block your neighbor's view. **6)** Slow down! The speed limit in a residential neighborhood is 25 mph. **7)** Make a complete stop at stop signs. **8)** It's up to all of us to take care of our community.



Traffic/Public Works by Jack Walston

On Tuesday February 18th, the RPV City Council approved the construction contract for All American Asphalt to begin the **PVDE Roadway Resurfacing Project**, with work beginning towards the end of March or early April. The Project should take four months to complete and includes several components: major utility upgrades and relocation; roadway crack filing and asphalt removal and replacement; tree removal/trimming and root pruning; La Vista Verde realignment; retaining wall construction; Crownview Intersection improvements; guardrail repair; and roadway resurfacing.

The contractor is limited to working outside of school drop-off and pick-up hours, taking advantage of spring break and other non-school days. Project signs will be erected to advise the community of the Project, list-serve announcements will go out regularly, and changeable message boards will be utilized daily to inform the public of construction events as they occur. Construction won't take place on the switchbacks leading up to Ganado until the San Ramon Project is completed.

In other news affecting our side of The Hill, the **San Ramon Project** will be completed before the end of June. The storm pipe construction is almost complete with the tunnel portions now done, and which adequately addressed the recent rains. The final phase will be plant replacement beginning in summer. There'll be an "establishment" period to ensure the planting has taken hold, though it's hard to speculate how long the "establishment" period will be.



CHOA by Alice Snyder

The RPV Council of Homeowners Association (CHOA) met on February 19. CHOA is an organization of RPV homeowner associations that share ideas and concerns. Alice Snyder and Lois Karp attended the meeting.

Councilmember Susan Brooks: update on City business

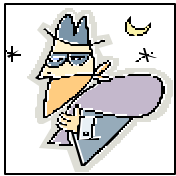
- 1) RPV celebrated its 40th anniversary with a Gala at Terranea.
- 2) The \$20 million San Ramon project is expected to be completed April, 2014.
- 3) The number of sheriff patrols on the hill is increased to 3.
- 4) Due to an increase in crime, camera surveillance at exit points from the City is being considered. Patrol cars have cameras.
- 5) The City has a Trail Watch Program to monitor the 1,400 acres of trails; is developing a plan to address needed infrastructure improvements; and is undertaking a search for a new City Manager.

Lisa Pinto, Director for Congressman Henry Waxman, 33rd District

Addressed potential dangers of the LPG storage facility in San Pedro. The Dept. of Homeland Security and the EPA are involved.

Susan Cordone, Conservation Coordinator for the California Water Service Company

Discussed water conservation, especially in light of the current drought. Rebate programs are available (www.calwater.com/rebates)



Crime Watch by the Editors

The first thing that has to be repeated is that criminals want something for nothing, and your car (especially if it's in plain sight) is target #1. So you have two choices:

- 1) Don't lock it, then have a "Welcome" sign printed and placed on the dashboard. Don't want the bad guy to break a window when all he has to do is pull a door handle.
- 2) Lock it - windows up. But here's a disclaimer: if in plain view on the seats is an iPod, or jewelry, a cashmere sweater, your son's catcher's mitt, or even a new Phillips screwdriver, the bad guy wants it, and he'll break a window to get it. Hide those items. Best place? In the house.

Enough preaching. What's taken place so far this year that you should know about?

- *In February at/near Terranea, a passenger-side window was broken and looted of a wallet, CDL, Apple I-Phone4, misc credit cards, \$20, duffle bag, house keys, Ford Taurus keys, and Levi Jeans.
- *Feb. 20/28 - Suspects entered a home through a kitchen window in the 3500 block of Coolheights Drive. It was unknown at the time of this report what all had been stolen. Two suspects described as: (1) A male black, 20-25, 5'5" to 5'8", 125 pounds, wearing a dark ski hat, dark blue ski jacket and dark pants was seen exiting the location, entered a beige Mercedes Benz driven by (2) A caucasian female.



Neighborhood Watch by Betty Riedman

RPV Neighborhood Watch started in '92 after the L.A. riots when RPV and the Sheriff's Dept. needed better communications/ liaison. We're one of the largest and most active NW's in L.A County, with 46 Areas managed by Coordinators, plus over 400 Block Captains and 1500 Block Assistants, with ±90% of RPV's single-family streets in the program. The goal is "to to fight crime and quality of life issues," so a block is the basic unit, and the Block Captain networks to his/her own block. Our network is restricted and not to be used for any commercial or political purposes, and is totally selfsupported by periodic \$5 *voluntary* donations.

We're effective because we can disseminate information and quickly track suspicious persons, activity, or solicitors throughout the city, and gather info on Internet crimes, criminal soliciting, and public safety in other areas, including recent residential and vehicle burglaries as well as two missing person searches. If you'd like to become a member or Block Assistant in the Mediterranean Neighborhood Watch program, please contact Betty Riedman at rabbit943@gmail.com

The Bulletin Board



Calendar of Events in RPV

City Council: 1st & 3rd Tuesday
Planning Commission: 2nd & 4th Tuesday
7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room
Hesse Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd.
and live on Cox Cable Channel 33

1. RPV's FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING & E-WASTE ROUNDUP EVENT (Plus free Mulch)

EDCO and the City of RPV are sponsoring a free document/paper shredding event on **Saturday, April 26, 2014** from 9 a.m. to noon at the RPV Civic Center (City Hall) Parking lot located at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard. RPV residents can safely dispose of personal documents that will be shredded by a certified shredding company on-site. Maximum 3 bankers boxes per household. Electronics waste will also be collected at the same time and place. Also, free mulch will also be available to residents (while supplies last).

2. EDCO'S SPRING 2014 CITY-WIDE BRUSH CLEARING EVENT

EDCO's spring brush clearing event is coming up. The goal is to assist homeowners dispose (free of charge) excess brush, shrubs, hedges, tree branches, and bushes to comply with the Fire Marshal rules. The event starts on **April 5th for five Saturdays**, each week concentrating on a different area in RPV depending on that area's regular collection day.

3. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS/COMPUTER (E- WASTE) ROUNDUP

The PV Peninsula's Annual Household Hazardous Waste /Electronics Waste Roundup is on: **Saturday, May 10, 2014**, from 9 am to 3 pm, at the RPV Civic Center (City Hall/City Yard) facility. This event is open to all LA County residents.

For more events: <http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/community-calendar/index.pdf>

Congrats to Mira Catalina Elementary School on its 50th Anniversary and its new Interim Principal, Bret Egan, who taught 3^d grade at Dapplegray, was Associate Principal at PV High, and Assistant Principal at Ridgecrest. Congratulations on your new position.

The school will hold an Alumni Reunion Party on **Friday, April 4**, from 5:30-6:30, with foodies & refreshments, and you can purchase a commemorative, personalized walkway brick. Call Debbie Rozas at 377-6731, ext 253 for more details. Deadline is April 30th.

On Page 8 you'll see an aerial view of our MHOA streets, with boundaries determined by building tracts back in 1968 when the MHOA was formed. The numbers below show how your street stacks up in homes:

Cliffsite - 14	Falconhead - 5	Hawksmoor - 17	PV Dr E - 6
Coolheights - 57	Floweridge - 9	Hightide - 49	Seaclaire - 18
Eaglehaven - 6	Ganado - 34	Oceangrove - 5	Seaglen - 31

Let us know if we need to adjust any of those numbers. Also we'd appreciate it if you'd chat up a friendly neighbor and talk them into joining. The additional \$20 revenue (5½ ¢ a day) lets us keep Mediterrania beautiful, safe, clean, etc.. Thanks. Want to know how to make the ½ and ¢ signs, and more? They're called Alt+ characters and you'll find them here: <http://www.tedmontgomery.com/tutorial/altchrc.html>

**Life is unsure. Always eat your dessert first.*

CURRENT PAID-UP MEMBERS

Adler, Philip & Marti
Ajang, Mahmoud
Bauchman, Mort & Peggy
Brandt, George & Diana
Burt, Erik & Jane
Carroll, Pat & Sharon
Dontscheff, Silvia & Tony
Estes/Walston, Sue & Jack
Gugliuzza, Thomas & Beverly
Hansen, Wayne & Gwynn
Hashimoto, Jerry & Kinuko
Haskett III, Daniel & Renee

Karp, Jack & Lois
Kim, Jihee
Kindelan, Jim & Marilyn
Koehler, Fred & Pat
Kollar, Bob & Janice
Marshall, Arthur
Mathews, John & Munja
Moloian, Ed & Ann
Morris, Greg & Carol
Ott, Don & Patty
Pichler, Remo & Viviana
Posgay, Hedvig

Prouty, Harry
Redfield, Tom & Marty
Revilla, Micahel & Leila
Riedman, Betty
Shirley, David & Beth
Snyder, Ed & Alice
Trutanich, Nick & Elaine
Underwood, Sylvi
Unvert, Erv & Carolyn
Wachli, John & Marlis
Wilson, Chris & Cindy
Zugsmith, George & Jayne

Note: If your name isn't among those listed above it could be because we haven't yet nagged you into sending your check. Please fill out the form below and mail or deliver it with your check to the address shown. Many thanks, and remember, this Homeowners Association is volunteer driven and organized for the benefit of all who live here, so please join us.

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Mediterrania Homeowners Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phones: (home) _____ (other) _____

Email(s): _____

If you'd like e-alerts on breaking news or special events, check here? ?

Comments/ Suggestions: _____

Make your annual dues (\$20.00) payable to "Mediterrania HOA",
and mail/deliver in the attached envelope to:

Mort Bauchman, Treas., 31203 Ganado Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90725

Thanks for supporting your neighborhood homeowners association.

Viviana Pichler, President – Mediterrania HOA *email: vivianapichler@yahoo.com*

Note: Your personal information shown above will never be given, sold, or transferred to any other source. It is strictly for internal use by the Mediterrania HOA for purposes of maintaining member information and dissemination of newsletters and ealerts.



Yes, this is a paradise of sorts. We're fortunate to be amidst so much natural beauty.

Many of our sunsets rank among the best at almost any time of year.

The California icon at left is actually a flat, 3" piece of PV stone unearthed during a backyard planting.

Got any pics you'd like to share, send 'em to us and if we have some space.....

