

Mediterrania Homeowners Association

Membership Newsletter - Summer, 2014



President's Message by Viviana Pichler [*sent from Naturno, Italy!*]

Hello neighbors. Summer's here again, with people to see and places to go. Check updates for traffic and road construction alerts by clicking on ListServe Notifications on the City's website. If you're contemplating taking a walk or hike, check the PV Nature Preserve trail maps at: www.palosverdes.com/rpv/recreationparks/preserve_information. Also, with our usual glorious weather comes exceptionally dry conditions. Tips to protect you and your home against brushfires are here: www.palosverdes.com/rpv/ready (this link covers emergency preparedness for many disasters). Please note that Emergency Supply kits are available for sale at Point Vicente Interpretive Center for \$39.95. Board member Don Ott recommended that each household have a battery-operated radio in the event electricity is shut down in our neighborhoods for whatever reason. And lastly, please don't speed.

"Drive carefully. Cars aren't the only thing that can be recalled by their maker."

By The Way, our Spring issue was 8 pages, 4 of 'em in color. This issue is half that, and in black & white so as to save on printing costs, however, the color version is on our website: <http://www.palosverdes.com/mha/> And while you're there, click on **Minutes** to see what the Board is doing on your behalf, such as: 1) exploring whether the Sheriff's Dept. can add another patrol car, and 2) studying various options related to our annual membership meeting in January (venue, food, time of day, etc.). Have some ideas? Send 'em to any Board member, just know that Naturno, Italy is out.



Streets & Landscaping by Don Ott

An ongoing matter is that of the gophers along the eastside hill along Ganado near Floweridge. At this point, our only option is poison, and the neighbors who technically own that hillside are in accord.

Also, here's a reminder that our street sweeping is the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Check here to find out more, plus a few

Do & Don't requests of the City. <http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/publicworks/street-sweeping/index.cfm>

Our previous Newsletter mentioned that we sought bids on cleaning up and pruning the entry shrubbery. The Board opted for a very reasonable bid of \$200, and the task was completed in one weekend. Havalook.



(They look better on our website)





CHOA by Alice Snyder

April 16, 2014: Attended by Alice Snyder, Viviana Pichler, and Lois Karp

Bill Swank, President - PVPLC - The Land Conservancy was founded in 1988 to preserve open space in our community, now manages 1600 acres, and operates 2 nature

education centers. It works to restore land and wildlife habitat, provide recreational trails, and sponsor educational programs. Much of this is done by volunteers. Funding is courtesy of the California Coastal Trust and private donors.

Joan Davidson, former President - PVUSD Board of Education - New academic standards called "Common Core" have been adopted by the state of California (and most other states) and are currently being implemented by school districts, including PVUSD. There is controversy about the Common Core standards both here and throughout the country. Ms. Davidson's presentation focused on the opposing point of view. The district will discuss its side of the Common Core issue at the June meeting (see below).

Jerry Duhovic, Mayor of RPV - The Mayor provided an update on City business, emphasizing that public safety and infrastructure are the City's two main goals. Current key items for the City are: **1.** Search for a new City Manager. **2.** Union negotiations (union formed in 2011). **3.** Legal and IT services to go out for bid for the first time. **4.** San Ramon Canyon project is nearing completion. **5.** Marymount's parking lot modifications, and their proposed athletic field. **6.** The Rancho LPG tanks at Westmont & Gaffey in San Pedro pose a potential danger to RPV residents. The City is following the issue closely. **7.** The Ponte Vista project on Western Ave. is approved for 700 units (not the previous 2000).

June 18, 2014: Attended by Alice Snyder and Lois Karp.

Walker Williams, Superintendent - PVUSD and Erin LaMonte, President - PVUSD School Board - Updated on PV schools, including adoption and implementation of the Common Core standards. (Opposing views were presented at the April meeting.) PV schools and students continue to excel.

Brian Campbell, RPV City Council - Updated on continuing issues for the City, including hiring a new City Manager, labor negotiations, the LPG tanks, and bids for attorney services.

Each HOA was given an opportunity to bring up current issues that may become agenda items for future meetings. MHOA's issues are: Crime & traffic enforcement; need for additional Sheriff's coverage; Marymount's athletic field.

"The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement."

June	Street	Crime	Location
1	Via Siena	Burglary	Res
1-2	Sunnyside Ridge	Burglary	Veh
1	Western	Petty Theft	Biz
2	Toscanini	Assault	
2	Velez	Burglary	Res
2	Redondela	Burglary	Res
3	Stallion	Grand Theft	Veh
4-5	Stonecrest	Burglary	Veh
4-5	Alta Vista	Burglary	Veh
5	Santa Rena	Burglary	Res
8	Via Victoria	Burglary	Res
8	La Rotonda	Burglary	Veh
8-9	Searidge	Burglary	Veh
8-9	Daladier	Burglary	Veh
8-9	Nobleview	Petty Theft	Veh
10-11	Ravenspur	Burglary	Veh
10-11	Via Rivera	Petty Theft	Veh
12-14	Cartier	Burglary	Res
14	Indian Valley	Burglary	Res
14	Hawthorne	Burglary	Biz
14	Whitecliff	Grand Theft	Res
12-17	Monero	Burglary	Res
15-16	Silver Spur	Burglary	Garage
15	Crest	Burglary	Veh
17-18	Beechfield	Burglary	Veh
17	PVDS	Burglary	Veh
19-20	Sweetbay	Grand Theft	Veh
20	Arrowroot	Burglary	Res

Crime Watch (& Security) by The Editors

Shown at left is Crime Alert info from the L.A. Sheriff's Dept. for June, so far. Look closely to see if you notice what's missing. Found it yet? Give up? Answer: there are no MHOA streets listed. In other words, whatever you're doing, keep it up - it's working. More crime info is available here: <https://www.crimereports.com/>

Security tip: regarding your neighbors across the street - do you know them? Do you have their phone number? Let's say it's 9:00PM and they left their garage door open, would you be able to give a quick "heads up" phone call to alert them? We're sure it'd be very much appreciated. An open garage is just as alluring a target as an open car window. That drill, circular saw, or whatever, could easily disappear in 30 seconds or less.

Another tip: if you need one of those middle-of-the-night bathroom breaks, glance out at the street. Do you see the usual neighbor cars or are there more? Do you see people walking your street in the wee hours of the night/morning? Well, just in case, have this number handy on a piece of paper or pre-programmed on your phone: 310-539-1661. It's the L.A. Sheriff's Dept. You can also call 9-1-1, and if the operator thinks it's an emergency you'll be transferred.

"Be nice to your kids, they'll choose your nursing home."



Neighborhood Advisory Committee by Lois Karp

The Neighborhood Advisory meets twice a year and in accordance with the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Marymount's Project. Committee members were set in the final approvals of the Marymount Expansion Project in June 2010. The members are the five Homeowner's Associations that surround Marymount: El Prado, Mediterrania, Mira Catalina, San Ramon, Seacliff Hilltop, plus CCC/ME. Meetings are held to discuss issues neighbors have with the campus and for progress reports from Marymount as to present and future happenings. Agenda items were:

1. The East parking lot. On April 15, 2014, the City Council reviewed and amended the Conditions of Approval. Marymount had until June 15, 2014 to complete certain items to make the east parking lot compatible with the surrounding homes and not cause a nuisance, such as: install a solid vinyl fence to keep vehicle lights from shining into San Ramon homes; place trash receptacles to keep trash from blowing into the RPV Preserve; shade the lights that are shining into backyards on San Ramon; add No Smoking signs. Marymount isn't in CUP compliance because these items weren't completed by the deadline.
2. The Grow Project was too close to the San Ramon homes, and an 80' buffer zone was not adhered to. The project will be moved to observe the buffer zone and low native plants will be planted
3. Campus Lighting in the east parking lot will be off for the summer as the lot will not be in use.
4. The Athletic Field proposal is still on hold. Marymount wants to pursue entitlements for the field, but no date was given to resume hearings. Marymount, PVPUSD, and RPV are working on a 1-year agreement to use Miraleste Intermediate's athletic field for soccer and lacrosse practice. No details at this time.
5. Use of the campus this summer will be as a summer camp and for the "English as a Second Language" program.
6. Enrollment and graduation numbers. Neighbors believe there are more than 793 students approved in the CUP. Marymount says otherwise. In May the University graduated 137 students; 75 - 80 were Bachelors Degrees, and the rest were AA Degrees. These numbers lead to discussing cars parked on the street. There's usually 10 - 15 cars on the street. Marymount says that's negligible, however this Fall they're raising parking fees to \$75 - \$80 per semester and it's thought that this will put more cars on the street. Public Works has advised that as part of the PVDE road work there will also be new signage including limited and no parking zones near Marymount.
7. The South Slope (a Mediterrania HOA agenda request). RPV Public works placed sand bags at the base of the slope 2 years ago due to slough and erosion exiting Marymount's property, clogging the City's storm drains in rainy weather. Marymount is working on vegetation to be planted on the slope to help alleviate the problem and will submit its findings to the City this summer. MHOA stated that it's well past time to have the sand bags removed from our entrance. The resolution was that Public works would remove the sand bags when the rainy season is over and bring them back when necessary.
8. The large detention basin along PVDE was vandalized and grafitted a few months back. Marymount and the City worked very quickly to get everything painted over and back to normal.
9. There was talk of having an open Neighborhood Advisory Meeting, like LMU's. The answer was no for now.

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.....	800-655-4555x1
Universal Waste	800-631-7016
Vector Control	915-7374

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What's Your Street Length in Miles			
Ganado	1.34	Cliffsite	0.17
Coolheights	0.56	Hawksmoor	0.11
Hightide	0.52	Falconhead	0.09
Seaglen	0.36	Eaglehaven	0.09
Phantom	0.34	Oceangrove	0.03
Seaclaire	0.21	PVDE	0.03
Floweridge	0.17	<i>Total</i>	<i>3.500</i>

"Maturity is a lousy cosmetician."

More useless info like this can be found here



<http://www.city-data.com/city/Rancho-Palos-Verdes-California.html>

Paid-Up Members - as of June, 2014

Adler, Phil & Marti	Gross, Morrie & Sharon	Koehler, Fred & Pat	Requicha, Shain & Ari
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Franz/Ttee, Mary	Kindelan, Jim & Marilyn	Rebeck, Joseph & Nita	Zugsmith, George & Jayne
Goel, Arun & Krishna	Kochanowski, Joyce	Redfield, Marty & Tom	

Reminder: we have something in common - we live in a beautiful part of Southern California, free from many negative things (traffic, smog, crime, noise, etc.), and we're blessed with neighbors willing to give of their time and resources, without compensation, so that all of Mediterrania can continue to enjoy this bounty. Please consider joining/rejoining. If your name isn't shown above, but was in the past, maybe you just forgot. Yes, some of us are getting to that stage. And you know how much we charge for the Annual Membership Dinner in January? Nothing, nada, zip, it's free.

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 90275

Thanks for supporting your neighborhood homeowners association.

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