

Mediterrania Homeowners Association

Member Newsletter -- Pre-Summer, 2015



President's Message by Pat Carroll

Hello again. Normally our Newsletter is hand-delivered but due to a lack of available people right now, long streets are being mailed. At least this way the dog doesn't find it in the bushes and eat it. And if the name on the mailing label is incorrect, let me know and it'll be fixed.

For the most part, our little corner of the world remains relatively constant. We're blessed with some pretty nice scenery and, for the most part, wonderful weather. However, that brings up the most pressing thing to hit us in decades - the severe drought that's not just a 2015 thing, it's going to last. The El Niño that's predicted (85% sure) sounds a lot like the one that was predicted last year at 75% sure. Anybody seen it yet?

As you probably know, Cal Water Service is our provider, and I attended one of their public drought orientations in mid-May. It was a well presented, and very well attended (400+), meeting that helped to alert us to what we're facing as a state, and locally, for many months or years to come. A very brief synopsis of that meeting and some of the things we'll be facing are outlined on Page 2. Space limitations here can't give you all the info so avail yourselves of the CalWater website to get updated further. Please remember that we're in this together.



And you thought all our Board meetings were held in a home. Our host, Kamal, was very generous in seeing to it that his fellow MHOA members



were well taken care of in his family's San Pedro restaurant, **Babouch Moroccan**, celebrating its 37th year. Seated LtoR are Chris, Ela, Pat, Jerry, Joyce, & Kamal. We conducted our June Directors' meeting with a full Agenda, only taking brief time-outs for all of their appetizers & watching Borika entertain. *Kamal would love to have you visit, and if you bring this Newsletter he'll treat you to a free glass of wine, or appetizer, or dessert with each meal ordered.*

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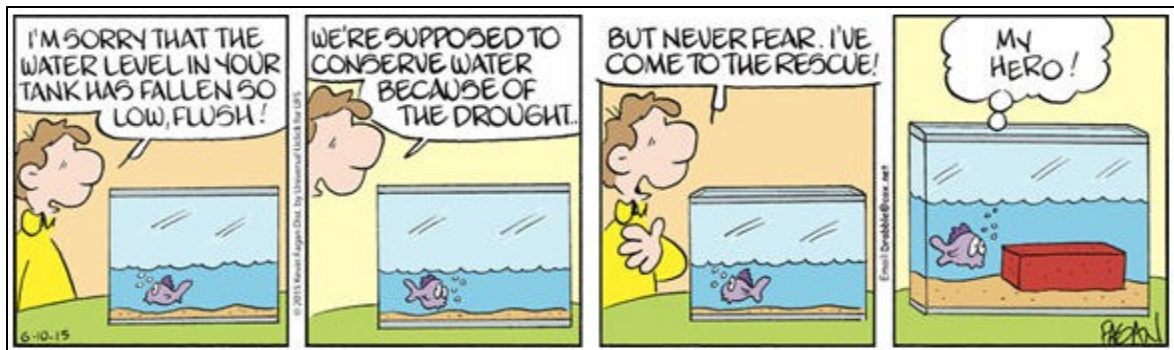
Animal Control.....	523-9566
Bee Removal.....	800-825-3400
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City Hall.....	377-0360
Cox Cable.....	377-1800
EDCO Trash	540-2977
Fire Station #53 (PVDS)	377-3333
Fire Station #83 (Miraleste)	831-4624
Police - Lomita Sheriff.....	539-1661
So Cal Edison.....	800-655-4555

Cal Water published an irrigation "Schedule 14.1" stating that even numbered addresses water on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. Odd numbered addresses water only on Sunday, Wednesday or Friday. Places with no street addresses use the same schedule as even numbered addresses.

We can save water, and www.calwater.com is there to help. Log on to the link and click on Create Account here: [-----](#)

You'll be able to see your monthly usage in CCFs (100 cu ft, or 748 gallons) for up to 36 months. You'll also be able to find out how many CCFs you're now allowed. In addition, they have several free or reduced-price items to help you save.

Residents considering turf replacement, Cal Water is offering a \$1 per square foot rebate in 2015, while funds last. To be eligible, residents need to install low-water-use landscaping, not including artificial turf. Each project needs to be pre-approved.



Arts Jury by Susan Estes



Regarding the activity on Ganado, the MHOA Board inquired of RPV supervisors on the job and were told that a cell tower was being installed. Hopefully, this'll improve cell service when done. In addition, an extensive renovation project is underway on the 32000 block of Ganado. The contractor and the City are working together to complete the project. The Arts Jury commends the homeowner on the building of a home that will enhance the Mediterrania neighborhood.

We've contacted RPV Public Works, re: drought conditions resulting in shrubbery and trees dying. We're told the City has been in our area, removing dead foliage along the City easement and other possible hazards. This service is appreciated and necessary to help prevent fires and maintain the appearance of the City. We recommend homeowners water any foliage that's endangered by the drought as it's not only unsightly, it's a fire hazard.

In our continuing effort to enhance Mediterrania, the Board hired a new landscaping company to improve and maintain our entry areas. You've probably already noticed the improved look of the shrubbery "island" along the entry to Ganado. Below are recent pics, and remember, the green will soon come back to most all those shrubs. They'll also be working on cleaning up the vegetation to the left of our entry. New sprinkler timers are next and will be programmed to conform to drought-conscious watering. These are some of the things we do that are paid for by membership dues, so please consider joining if you haven't already. There are 60 HOA's on The Hill and our \$20 fee is one of the lowest.





CHOA by Jerry Hashimoto

The following made presentations at the 4/22/15 meeting:

Councilman Brian Campbell - He's trying to bring back the Neighborhood Beautification Grant (funded from trash recycling funds) that MHOA had used to beautify our main entrance with plants, improved irrigation systems and new signage. He's also currently serving in the California State Military Reserve 1st Battalion XO, 1st Brigade.

Dave Willmore, RPV City Manager - He began with RPV in March, 2015. He was the Bell City Manager, where he led the turnaround and rebuilding of the city from its recent scandal. His goals are: Make RPV the best managed government in CA • Achieve good public policy by doing what's best for the citizens • Improve communication through timely RPV website publications and improve public exchange • Inform the public on how RPV's funds are being spent • Hire good people • Bring the community together to help solve issues.

Capt. Blaine Bolin, Lomita Sheriff's Station - He took over in 2012, and is a 26-year LASD veteran. RPV accounts for 68% of the Station's resources on the hill. Crime was higher in the 1990's than today prior to the 3-strikes law being approved in 1994. After Prop. 47's approval in 2014, crime dramatically went up when many felonies became misdemeanors. If a crime resulted in a loss of less than \$950, it was deemed a misdemeanor and a citation issued (notice to appear in court). Many never appeared and were free within hours to commit other crimes. Larceny crimes represent the largest single crime type committed in RPV. His goal is to use neighborhood walks by officers, use the clergy program, actively enforce unit order #25 (crime victims are given status updates within two days), and bike patrols.

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.



? Termite tenting. Be careful, thieves have broken in via the back yard, wearing protective gear, knowing they won't be seen. Notify the Sheriff's Dept. so their Volunteer-On-Patrol folks can do a drive-by.



Neighborhood Watch by Gail Lorenzen

What is it? It's a proven and effective means of reducing crime. It's also the framework for our Emergency Preparedness program. The whole concept is simple: neighbors work together with our local police departments to curtail crime. Ask any law enforcement office what's one of the best anti-crime devices you can have and you'll be told "your neighbor." There's a difference in crime rates between areas in an organized program and those without such a program. As Capt. Bolin stated (see CHOA above), due to the passage of Prop. 47, crime has increased measurably, and where else is a thief going to head but where the loot is - The Hill. We're a prime target.

Something to be mindful of when you go on vacation: 1) let a trusted neighbor know, and 2) think twice about stopping your mail and newspaper delivery. That last one's a sure sign that you're gone and, unfortunately, there are people who will tell other people about that fact. Also, the LASD will do drive-by checks while you're gone, just let them know.

So how does NW work? It's managed by volunteer Coordinators and volunteer Block Captains. The program is totally supported by periodic, voluntary, tax-deductible \$5 donations, which pay for the total cost of the program including signs, office supplies, newsletters, and educational materials.

The Mediterrania area has a few excellent Block Captains. We also have several streets that have allowed their program to lapse. To be effective, every street and every resident should be in the program. When information links are broken, everyone is vulnerable. We also need an effective Area Coordinator that can connect with Neighborhood Watch. If you are on one of those non-organized streets, please get together a team of 2 or 3 people and rejuvenate your program. Please write the Volunteer Coordinator of the program, Gail Lorenzen, (fpvnmw@ix.netcom.com) and let her know you are reorganizing your street.

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Adler, Phil & Marti	Gross, Morris & Sharon	Kochanowski, Joyce	Pichler, Remo & Viviana
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phones: (home) _____ (other) _____

Email(s): _____

If you want e-alerts on breaking news or special events, check here ?

Comments/ Suggestions: _____

Please make your annual dues (\$20.00) payable to "Mediterrania HOA",
and mail or deliver in the enclosed envelope to:

Joyce Kochanowski, Treas., 31022 Hawksmoor Dr., RPV CA 90275

Thanks for supporting your neighborhood homeowners association.

Pat Carroll, President – Mediterrania HOA *email: pecarroll@aol.com*

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