

# Mediterrania Homeowners Association

## Member Newsletter -- Spring, 2016



### President's Message by Chris Wilson

Why be a paying MHOA member - some reasons that come to mind: 1) it's not expensive (compared to other HOA dues); 2) it supports an annual meeting with a dinner, guest speakers, and a chance to mingle with neighbors; 3) it helps support property values (via some landscaping work each year); 4) it supports a quarterly area newsletter; 5) it's called for in property CC&Rs; 6) a functioning HOA helps with lobbying for City services; 7) it's fair to other home owners who pay dues; 8) it provides a forum for discussing local issues (e.g. cell towers, goats vs. Roundup on the Marymount hillside, erosion issues, concerns re proposed new buildings on steep hillsides, discussing AirBnB issues, security camera options, etc.).

Why consider work on the Board: 1) volunteering might take 20-40 hours per year (depending on your involvement) and is happiness enhancing; 2) one learns more about the neighborhood, neighbors, city; 3) there are lots of former board members willing to help with advice/services; 4) the city is supportive; 5) there are neighbors who have served multiple terms; 6) it's fair and equitable to neighbors to help lead the community periodically (say, once settled in and maybe 2 years out of every 15 thereafter).

Special thanks to: 1) Pat Carroll whose term has ended, but volunteered to continue as Newsletter Editor; 2) Philip Steinman (landscape architecture graduate in June) who has helped us, so far for free, to work out plans for drought resistant landscaping plus rock gardening around the PV Drive / Ganado sign; and 3) Betty Riedman, who takes care of the MHOA web pages.

Regards, Chris Wilson



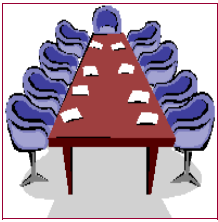
### 2016 Board of Directors

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### Important RPV Numbers

[310 Area Code unless noted]

Animal Control.....	523-9566
Bee Removal.....	800-825-3400
Building Dept.....	541-7702
California Water Svc.....	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 Transit.....	544-7108
So Cal Edison.....	800-655-4555
Street Lights.....	800-655-4555x1
Universal Waste.....	800-631-7016
Vector Control.....	915-7874



## Board of Directors

[a recap of items discussed at the February 6, 2016 meeting of both Boards: absent Craig Whithead, Sue Estes

**Streets and Landscaping:** Trees are now trimmed around the Ganado/PVDE sign which will help the Board sort out the best next steps re: low-water landscaping/rock garden, possible entry security camera, and possible signage upgrade. Landscape designer Philip Steinman will be asked to share his drawings with the new Committee Chair, along with cost information. The chief value added to the community by the MHOA seems to be landscaping, the Annual Dinner Meeting, and the quarterly Newsletter, said areas being the primary focus of our spending. The costs of low-water landscaping, signage upgrade, and a possible security camera are potentially large compared to the current funds available to the Board, so multi-year thinking may be needed, along with soliciting help from volunteers and available City resources.

**Newsletter:** The new printer is PVPUSD at a 25% savings, with funds being spent locally. The next Newsletter is planned for Spring 2016. Articles are needed and MHOA members can submit suggestions, such as why to be a paying member, why to consider work on the Board, photos that'd enhance the MHOA website, low-water landscaping/signage/security camera ideas and efforts. Also, Arts Jury suggestions, places in need of City tree replacement (funds available and improved water resource conditions), for traffic control on switchbacks and Ganado, and for best use of police and police-volunteer resources (e.g. Neighborhood Watch). The Newsletter writing/editing will be provided by Mr. Carroll on a volunteer basis the balance of this year. The Spring edition (with envelopes for dues) should help bring membership up to (or beyond) the 2015 level, with a goal of 10% more paid members in 2016.

**Arts Jury:** Residents should be encouraged to clean out swales, making sure heavy rains will drain without erosion/water damages. El Niño's smaller cousin might drop in one of these days. Use of drought resistant plants should be encouraged. Issues with dead trees or concerns about cell towers may be brought to MHOA Board attention.



Above: the old & new Board met at Marymount (free of charge – thanks MCU) on February 6th to work on transition of titles and responsibilities. LtoR are: Jerry Hashimoto, Pat Carroll\*, Joyce Kochanowski\*, Chris Wilson, John Mathews, and Ela Heyn. (\*= term ended)

Below: four of the 2016 Board convened for their April 6th meeting with Mathews and Whited absent. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8.



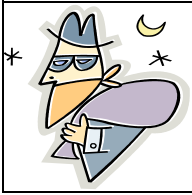
*When you do a good deed, get a receipt,  
just in case Heaven is like the IRS*

On the subject of respecting your neighbors and their environment, many thanks to all of you who walk your dogs while carrying baggies to take care of Fido's special "deposits".

Please remember that this good deed gets undone (and is a code violation – littering), if you toss that bag onto a convenient hillside. It's still someone's property and should be respected.



**Never rob from the rich while they are out walking their dogs.**



## Crime Watch by the Editors

### Possible Knock-Knock Burglars

A resident in the 30400 Block of Avenida De Calma advised of two males who knocked on her front door, then entered the backyard when no one acknowledged. Without breaking in, the two males (no description provided) left in a dark colored car, followed by a truck.

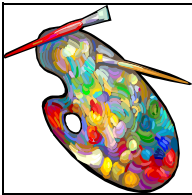
Note: the Sheriff's station had radio cars check the area. If you see these suspects, or any other suspicious activity, call 911 or the Lomita Station (310) 539-1661

## [From our website creator Betty Riedman]

Flyers were attached to mailboxes recently touting painting the numbers on the curbs for a fee. Earlier in the year a man went door-to-door also trying to sell curb painting.

This is of questionable legality, and the City is aware of the issue since the Boy Scouts no longer do this and have started a new program – when the streets are repaved, the City will paint the house numbers on our curbs -- for free!

So, our area is scheduled to be repaved next spring (2017), and residents should be made aware of this and NOT pay to have this done.



## Arts Jury by Sue Estes

The Mediterrania Homeowners welcome the Spring weather and are enjoying the greening of leaves on trees, flowers blooming, and greener lawns. Many neighbors have planted “water wise” gardens, with succulents, artificial turf and more hardscape, efforts which enhance the area and save water.

Our neighbors Gary & Paula, live behind the Mediterrania signage and entry area, and had all large bushes and trees trimmed recently (see below), allowing more sun to reach the entry's grass and planting area, now thriving. These landscaping activities benefit our entrance and ultimately influence property values. Many thanks..

The foliage and sign area in the PVDE meridian was trimmed and improved by our gardener. MHOA is investigating the installation of a “water wise” entrance design, and we'll communicate further developments.

The City has removed a number of trees and bushes in Mediterrania that died due to the drought. We welcome and appreciate the City's work, and specifically Sean Larvenz and his staff.

The home remodeling on the first block of Ganado is nearing completion and is a definite asset to our neighborhood. They have used “water wise” landscaping. Welcome back and job well done!

If you'd like yours or a neighbors yard/garden recognized in the Arts Jury column, please e-mail me the story.

Before  
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After  
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A side benefit of this drastic pruning is that now the strong winds go thru the trees, and not blow them over, as did happen during our recent high winds.



## CHOA Report by Sue Estes

*Note: Sue Estes was unable to attend the meeting. The following notes of the 2/17/16 meeting are courtesy of Mr. Hashimoto.*

First guest speaker was Kelly Richardson, Esq. who addressed the privacy issues of security cameras, stating that they should be focused only on your own property. If a camera is focused on a city street there shouldn't be any legal problems nor should signage be required as it's a public street.

Mayor Ken Dyda then advised that the City is in the process of putting together an ordinance regarding wireless cell-phone antennas, taking into consideration aesthetics and proliferation. The city cannot prevent companies from putting them up, but alternatives must be presented by the company planning the installations.

On the matter of crime and public safety, Mr. Dyda stated that The city is working with the Sheriff s Dept. to cover city entrances with auto license plate readers (ALPRs); 44 cameras are planned to be installed in the city in about nine months. Further, the robbers look for shoes on doorsteps, which most likely indicates occupants of Asian descent. They are narrowing targets on Asians since there is the belief that they keep their money in their homes.

In addition, he wants to move the Lomita station adjacent to city hall and is looking into costs to accomplish that.

**CURRENT PAID-UP MEMBERS**

Adler, Phil & Marti	Gross, Morrie & Sharon	Lee/Eng, Gaymond & Sophia	Rewilla, Michael & Leila
Ajang, Mahmoud	Gugliuzza, Thomas & Beverly	Li, Loretta	Riedman, Betty
Barger, Joe	Hanner, Lillian	Li, Sumei	Ryan, Barry & Maria
Bauchman, Mort & Peggy	Hansen, Wayne & Gwynn	Marshall, Arthur & Dorothea	Scherba, Mark & Barbara
Bertolina, James & Nelly	Harvey/Sulkowski, Bruce & Amy	Mathews, John & Munja	Scherlacher, Jack & Donna
Bozin, Milivoj & Barbara	Hashimoto, Jerry & Kinuko	Mattingly/Petrota, Gary & Paula	Sharar, Joe & Frances
Brandt, George & Diana	Hassett III, Daniel & Renee	Mautner/Dontscheff, Silvia & Anton	Sheth, Bharti
Brunner, George & Diana	Heyn, Dr. Udo & Ela	Mc Alpine, Col. Aubry & Patricia	Smith, Bob & Marilee
Bryant, Jack & Peggy	Hibsmen, Edgar & Nora	Mock, Ted & Mary Jo	Snyder, Ed & Alice
Canfield, Pearl	Hochedez/Hong, Benoit & Joohee	Moloian, Ed & Ann	Soldoff, Stephen & Susan
Carroll, Patrick & Sharon	Hove, Ralph & Marilyn	Mueller, Craig & Pang	Trutanich, Nick & Elaine
Cerami, John & Rosemary	James, Loretta	Muller, Kurt & Irene	Vavic, Jovan & Lisa
Chargaff, Tom & Barbara	Jankovich, Todd & Maureen	Novick, Jeff & Michelle	Volot, Tim & Martha
Curtis, Josephine	Karp, Jack & Lois	Ott, Don & Patty	Wachli, John & Marlis
Deraney, Fred & Arpy	Katz, Stephen	Pekich, Don & Joyce	Wang, Michael & Lily
Estes/Walston	Kim, Jay & Sophia	Posgay, Hedvig	Webster, Bill & Judy
Fossum/Dunne, Chester & Elizabeth	Kochanowski, Joyce	Rebeck, Joseph & Nita	Whited, Craig & Gilda
Franz, Mary	Koehler, Fred & Pat	Redfield, Tom & Marty	Wilson, Chris & Cindy
Goel, Arun & Krishna	Kollar, Bob & Janice	Revella, Mike & Leila	Wong, Juliet
			Zugsmith, George & Jayne

A reminder re: our EDCO pickup service. Please wait until your blue and/or green trash bins are pretty full before putting them out for pickup. If the +/- 250 homes in Meditterrania put out all of these bins every week with hardly anything in them, it'd surely slow down EDCO's drivers and could eventually lead to the company having to add more trucks to cover the route, which will raise our rates. Also, that increased stopping & starting of the heavy trucks adds to more exhaust pollution in our neighborhoods. So that green-waste bin with only 3 pine cones in it can wait awhile. Same for the blue one with only the last 7 issues of your newspaper.

## *Mediterrania Homeowners Association*

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (other) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Want e-alerts on breaking news or special events, check here?

Comments/ Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your **2016** annual dues (**\$25.00**) payable to "Mediterrania HOA",  
and mail/deliver in the attached envelope to:

**Craig Whited, Treas., 31145 Palos Verdes Dr. E, RPV CA 90275**

Thanks for supporting your neighborhood homeowners association.

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