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THE HOA BOARD LETTER



The Mountain View Community Association Board will have three vacancies in January, 2006. As of the November Association meeting, only two homeowners have submitted applications to serve on the Board. If we do not have sufficient homeowners on the Board, the State will take control of the Association. This is a good opportunity for you to help guide the direction of the Association. I know many of you have very definite ideas of how the Association should be run. Now is the time to do something about it. ***RUN FOR THE BOARD.*** You can obtain an application from any Board member or Carol Foster at Prescott.

The heater for the spa is fixed. I am finding out that it takes two to three weeks to fix something that is a major repair. First we have someone look at and diagnose the problem. If it is a major repair, we try to obtain at least one more bid to ensure we are paying the appropriate amount. Then the part needs to be ordered. When the part is received, installation has to be scheduled. I know it seems to take a long time, but we must go through the process to make sure we are paying the lowest price for our goods.

The Board schedules hearings each month for those homeowners who have received a notice to appear before the Board for an alleged violation of the rules or CC&R's. We are finding that very few homeowners appear at the hearings and therefore receive fines. Most homeowners would not be fined if they would appear at the hearing when scheduled, offer a reasonable explanation of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violation, and show that the violation has or will be corrected. The hearing is a very informal process. There are at least three Board members present and the homeowner is encouraged to explain the reason for the violation. There is no formal process; it is just the Board members and homeowner talking across the table. Many times the homeowner was not aware of how to file a form or how to contact Prescott or exactly what the rules or CC&R's meant. Why incur a fine if all you have to do is appear at the hearing? If you cannot appear at the stated date, call Prescott and reschedule.

Again I encourage you to run for the Mountain View Community Association Board. It is the best way to make Mountain View "a great place to live."

The Board wishes to extend a Happy Holiday to all the Mountain View

**MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—NOVEMBER 16, 2005
by Joanne Phillips, Secretary**

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2005: Assets \$37,660.37; Reserves \$318,191.60; Total Assets \$355,851.97; Equity and Liability \$355,851.97.

Facilities Committee: Pool room lock needs repaired. Also, top latch on main door is coming lose. French drain in putting green is being installed. Spa heater has been replaced. Management company will obtain bids for palm tree lights. Local Fire Department has requested to install a box for "Spark of Love Toy Drive" in clubhouse (approved by Board).

Landscape Committee: Signage at JFK entrance is completed along with vines and flowers. Saucers for pots are in the process of being replaced. Golf course has completed weed trim. Artistic Maintenance is in the process of trimming slopes.

Architectural Review: Received 18 notices of completion. Committee members request that the homeowner be present during review of completion of project. TV antennas need to be installed in the rear of the house.

Social Club: Holiday decorations will be installed on November 29, 30 and December 1. Holiday Party is scheduled for December 11 and Santa Claus will referee the gift exchange. The luncheon at the Mission Inn will be on December 13. New Year's Day brunch will be January 1.

Website: New page inserted for Disaster Preparedness.

Disaster Preparedness: Approximately 25 homeowners attended our first meeting. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2006.

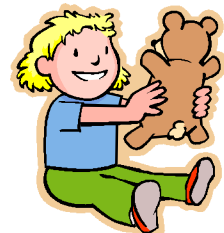
Board approved: \$500 for new holiday decorations. Asked Management Company for information on plaques for clubhouse to list present and former board members. Denied approving a feasibility

2005 SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE

SPONSORED BY THE MORENO VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS
28020 Bay Avenue
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
(951) 924-6860

For the past 14 years, the Moreno Valley Firefighters have been collecting toys and monetary donations to purchase toys for the less fortunate children in our community. A box has been placed in the Mountain View Clubhouse for any toys you would like to donate. Any monetary donation can be sent to the above address. Please make checks payable to "THE MVVFO" (Moreno Valley Volunteer Firefighters Organization). Your donation is tax deductible ID#20-0206560.

Thank you,
Chuck Therrein, Fire Captain - Station #58
(951) 377-9456





THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

From the gardener's corner...Gardeners should love winter in Southern California because the garden is only dozing – and not for long. Spring can come as early as February. In December the sun's light and warmth slip to the year's low ebb. During warm spells, you can **prune** fruit trees and vines, but only when all the leaves have fallen. This indicates that the plants are fully dormant and pruning will not damage living tissue. Don't clip spring blooming shrubs, however, or you'll remove this coming year's color – wait until the bloom is over. **Feed** trees and shrubs that will bloom in January or February – use a 20-20-20 mix or a 15-30-15 mix. If azalea or geranium foliage is light or yellowish green, water plants with a solution of chelated iron. **Roses** – they are still blooming nicely but don't feed them this month. Let the dying roses make rose hips which strengthen the overall bush. We'll be pruning in January so give them a rest for now. Continue to **water** your over-wintering outdoor plants unless the rains keep the soil moist. Irrigation should be reduced, not stopped; as plant photosynthesis slows down and cold weather dries plants out.

Happy digging in the dirt!



Dine Out

by Kay Howe

Our first visit to the Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club dining room was an overwhelming success. Chef Ramon and staff premiered a sumptuous buffet to spotlight a variety of dining possibilities for their Mountain View neighbors. "Let's do it again real soon!" "How great to have excellent food just around the corner." "There's so much space to mingle with all our friends!" These are just a few of the overheard comments.

We're in the process of planning a return visit and hope you'll join us! Being with our wonderful friends and neighbors makes any event a huge success. Our Mountain View family is a blessing to be very thankful for this holiday season.

Taste Testers

With all your holiday baking, you might need a break from the kitchen. Try Creola's "Early Bird Specials" available each Wednesday and Thursday from 5:00-6:30 p.m. The six entrees are off the regular menu and are normal portions. From her famous soup starters to a choice of meatloaf, cannelloni, roast beef or salmon, you can't go wrong! Owner and chef Creola greets you like an old friend and even prepares crepes suzette at your tableside.

Creola's Restaurant

fine dining

1016 E. Alessandro Boulevard, Riverside, CA 92508

Open Sunday 4-8:30/Wednesday thru Saturday 5-9:30/Closed Mondays & Tuesdays

www.creolasrestaurant.com



BOOK CLUB

by Shirley DeCarlo

This month's selection is ***THE JUDGE WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS*** by Randy Singer.

Thomas Hammond and his wife play Joseph and Mary in the annual live nativity scene. But the judge rules the display unconstitutional and a Christmas showdown ensues. This is a great Christmas story and one that will put us all in the holiday mood.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 21st at 10 a.m. and see what is on the shelf for January's selection.



BUNCO!!

Bring \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

Most Buncos - Sue Janssen
Most Baby Buncos - Doris Polley
Most Wins - Joyce Collins
Most Losses - Bev Bailey
Last Bunco - Yolanda Takacs

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005

(2nd Tuesday of the Month)

6:30 PM at the Clubhouse

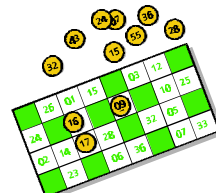
What to bring: Appetizers

For more information contact:

Sue Janssen - 242-0959 or Sharon Shavce - 247-2772

ESJanssen@adelphia.net or SShavce@Gmail.com

Don't forget "BINGO"



Tuesday, December 27, 2005
(4th Tuesday of each month)

6:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse
Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards

Snacks: Anything you fancy

**October winners: Katie Brambila (3), Doris Asciak (2)
and Twila DeWalt (1) - Full House Katie Brambila**

For more information contact
Godfrey Asciak (485-5138) or Mike Frahm (243-6663)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Joanne Pavlik



*Because Mountain View is an **active adult** community, We all **act** like **adults**, right? We wouldn't dress in costume on Halloween and have a blast at a Halloween party, would we? No, not us! So, of course, talking to Santa Claus is out of the question, too, right? Attend the Holiday Christmas Party and Gift Exchange on Sunday, December 11 and find out! Good Ole' Santa has agreed to referee our "friendly" Gift Exchange Game. Gift game participation is optional, but remember--Santa will be there and you don't want to tick Santa off! He's stressed enough! To help with **your** stress-free evening, **the social club will provide all of the food.** Self-pay bar will be available. All you need to do is come down, relax, and enjoy!*

Then, step back in time and into the Holidays at the Mission Inn for the Ladies Lunch on December 13th!

*AND, to feel really good this Season, let's try to fill the **Spark of Love Toy** box located in the clubhouse.*

Thank you to Joan and Maggie for the great Halloween party and to Jeff Johnson of the Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club for the neighborly donations of golf/lunch packages as prizes.

Thank you to Kay Howe for planning the Dine-Out at the Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club remodeled Clubhouse. Great atmosphere + good food and service + neighborly crowd + all so close to home = perfect night out.

Thank you to Joanne Phillips who has been proactive in assembling a disaster preparedness committee to work on plans for our community. More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you to Peggy Meddings for the delicious appetizer demo just in time for the Holidays!

Thank you to Marilyn Dawson for making the beautiful wreaths on the entry gates.

Thank you Joanne Phillips for presenting the proposal to the Board—the Social Club was allotted \$500 for the Christmas tree and wreaths on the gates. Yahoo!! Christmas came early!! Thanks Joanne and the Board.

Save The Date

January 1—9 am — New Years' Day Brunch Potluck. Bring your dish to pass. Self-pay specialty drink bar will be available.

January 6—6:30 pm — Social Club General Meeting . Your Social Club will host a **Candidates' Night** for

Your Social Club Board wishes to extend their greetings for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season to each Mountain View home. May this coming year be filled with peace and joy for each one of us.

And, to the crew of people that work to make us proud of Mountain View, to committee members, to HOA and social club officers, and to all of those "phantom" volunteers, my personal thank you for all that you have done for us in 2005.