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HOA BOARD LETTER

by

Sue Janssen, HOA President 242-0959

Each year, as required by California law, the HOA Board commissions a "Reserve Study" to be conducted by a company specifically equipped to do such studies. As a homeowner, you receive a copy of this study each June accompanying the budget for the following year.

Briefly, this study reviews all common areas, buildings, facilities, equipment, etc. that the Association is required to maintain. In part, this is done by assigning "useful life" and "remaining life" values to such things as the pool, the pool heater, the carpet in the clubhouse, the tennis court, common area fencing maintenance, drainage systems, and street resurfacing, etc. Study of these values indicates when and where action should be taken.

Over the last several months, as indicated by last years' Reserve Study, the Board acted on several projects that had reached a critical value: one (1) year remaining life. This undertaking included the following projects, paid for from our reserve fund:

- 1. Ongoing landscaping
- 2. Repair and painting of all common area wrought iron fencing

- 3. Refurbishing pool and spa
- 4. Replacing clubhouse carpeting
- 5. Replacing canvas cabana at the pool

Ongoing projects for this fiscal year include:

1. Common area lighting (late May)

Projects projected for fiscal year 2011-12 include:

- 1. Street resurfacing (late September)
- 2. Fitness facility equipment
- 3. Tennis court resurfacing

At our May meeting, the budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12 was approved by the Board. Copies of this budget and the Reserve Study will be sent to all homeowners in June. Homeowners have 30 days to offer comments and observations. In the new fiscal year, beginning August 1, 2011, you will notice a \$2.00 increase in the HOA assessments. This is the first increase in assessments incurred since we became an association in 2001.

Our next HOA Board meeting will be held on **June 29th**, the last Wednesday in June.

FINANCIALS

MOUNTAIN VIEW SOCIAL CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT by Betsy Hass								
March 15 - May 14, 2011								
BALANCE FORWARD:		\$ 965.96						
INCOME:								
HOA Reimb-March Newsletter	\$ 50.89							
TGIF 50/50 - Mar & Apr	104.00							
TGIF Bar - Mar & Apr	116.00							
Ads for Newsletter	180.00							
Yard Sale	24.00	\$ 474.89						
EXPENSES:								
Newsletter - Mar & Apr	\$ 213.63							
Caring Committee	43.19							
Bar Supplies	139.00							
Cupboard Supplies	82.88							
Refresh: Mtgs, Newsltr Proofing, Derby Day	34.52							
Office Supplies	17.47							
Yard Sale	110.39	(\$ 641.08)						
BALANCE			\$799.77					
FUNDS ON HAND								

HOA REIMBURSEMENT - Mar. & Apr. Newsltrs: Exp. \$213.63; Inc. \$180.00; Due \$33.63

\$ 634.85

164.92

\$799.77

Property Owners Asked to Return Landscaping Mail Ballot

This month, every property owner should have received an Official Mail Ballot from the City of Moreno Valley for the land-scaping that surrounds the Mountain View community. Please read the ballot, mark your selection, sign it and return it in the enclosed, postage paid envelope **before June 28**. The simple majority of the returned, valid ballots will determine the future of this landscaping. The decision will be made by only those who return their marked and signed ballot before June 28.

As you drive around the east end of Moreno Valley Ranch, you will notice well-maintained and well-designed landscapes along the streets, medians and sidewalks. These landscaped areas provide distinction to the community and enhance the overall beauty and value of the neighborhoods. These landscaped areas are paid for by of our annual property tax bill.

Costs to maintain the landscape services have significantly increased over the last couple decades. The City needs you to decide whether to oppose an increase to the charge and have landscaping services reduced (less frequent mowing, trimming, litter pick up and weeding, and limited funding to replace dead or vandalized plant materials) by marking "No" on the ballot or to approve to pay the increased charge and continue maintaining the landscaping in its current condition by marking "Yes" on the ballot.

The increase equals \$10.83 a month or \$130 a year. There's never been an increase in the parcel charge. In fact, it was originally set at \$182 in 1988/89, then lowered to \$170 in 1994/95 and finally lowered to the current \$110 in 1996/97 where's it's been for the last 14 years.

For more information or to request a replacement ballot, either contact:

US Bank

Petty Cash

City's Special Districts Division at 951-413-3480 or email them at specialdistrcts@moval.org.

Marshall Eyerman, Special Districts Program Manager, City of Moreno Valley 14325 Frederick Street, Suite 9, P.O. Box 88005, Moreno Valley, CA 92552-0805 T: 951.413.3482 or F: 951.413.3498

What's Happening?

by Gretchen Williams, Social Club president

Social Club Officers for 2011-2012:

This will be my last time to write this column as president of the Social Club. I have enjoyed these two years especially because of the wonderful group of officers with whom I served. Carolyn Daniels was a real asset to work with. Now she will transition to the president and will do a wonderful iob for the Social Club. Betsy Hass was such a willing worker. I'm not sure how we would have managed without her. Transitioning into her position as treasurer is **Judy Box**, who works so cheerfully and willingly. Returning to the Social Club will be **Jo Pavlik** as Vice-president. Her experience will be such an added benefit. **Carol Cox** will be the new secretary bringing lots of personality and work experience with her.

Spaghetti Dinner:

The food was delicious. Thank you **Yolanda Takacs** for making the homemade spaghetti sauces and thanks to **Twila DeWalt**, **Judy Box**, **Cathy DeWalt** for furnishing the homemade desserts. The club made almost \$200. THANK YOU!

Ladies' Luncheon:

Ladies, be sure to mark your calendar for the "Pool Party Potluck" on June 2. Thank you *Twila DeWalt* for planning this fun event for us ladies. The weather should be gorgeous. Come join us and bring a dish to share.

Library:

We want to thank **Don and Meredith Teague** for having done a wonderful job in making the library an attractive and useful part of our community. As they will be taking a break, **Georgene Tacke** has graciously offered to take care of the library responsibilities.

Dine Out:

We also want to thank *Rick and*Janet Hansen for planning our Dine Outs. These have been good times together at "local" restaurants.

If you are interested in doing this, please let the Social Club know.

"American Bandstand" on July 2:

We are looking forward to our big community event with lots of great food, live band and dancing. Back again this year will be *Micki Stewart*'s sister-in-law with her funny routine, as well as, the band, Western Express. We will have fun prizes along with our 50/50. Maybe a beach ball or two will show up! Be sure and join us for this great All-American event!

- >No Water Aerobics Thursday, June 9th
- >Cards/Games night will also be on the first Thursday of each month
- >Bingo is taking a break for June, July and August

Upcoming Events for your calendar:

...also check the clubhouse bulletin board for events and activities

June 2 Ladies' Luncheon

June 24 TGIF

July 2 All-American Party

FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

What is "TGIF"?

"TGTT" is a casual community social gathering on the last Friday of the month; a potluck at the clubhouse where neighbors meet neighbors. (No-host bar available.)

How do I rent the clubhouse?

The clubhouse can be rented for special, private parties by homeowners. (No charge for use of clubhouse for residents' memorial services.) Contact Charlie Foronjy

Do I need approval if I want to make changes or improvements to my home exterior or landscaping?

Yes. Contact the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Chair, Charley Bennett

Who do I contact if I am new or know of someone who is new to the community?

Contact the Welcoming Committee Chair, Twila DeWalt

Who do I contact if I know of someone in our community who is in the hospital, ill at home or has lost a loved one?

Contact the Caring Committee Chair, Linda Meyer

Violation Activity Report from Merit

Merit Property Management, Inc.—Violation Activity By Category - 2011 (Mountain View HOA)

Violation Categories / Sub-Categories	April	May
Age Restricted Requirements - Age Verification	3	1
Age Restricted Requirements - Senior Community Required	0	1
Architectural Modification - Landscape Not Installed/Incomplete	1	0
Architectural Modification - Need Notice of Completion	1	1
Architectural Modification - Not Approved	0	0
Delinquency - Assessments	4	0
Driveway - Remove Oil	0	1
Fence/Gate - Paint	1	0
Guests - Not Authorized	0	0
Landscaping - Fertilize Lawn/Shrubs	5	0
Landscaping - Replace Dead Landscaping	2	1
Nuisance - Other	1	0
Parking - Improperly Parked	1	0
Pets - Excessive Noise	2	0
Unsightly Items - Remove from View	1	0
Vehicles - Remove Disabled Vehicle	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	23	6

The HOA Board has asked Management for a report of all violation notices each month. This report will be published in the Community Newsletter as a FYI for Homeowners. No specific information about the violation notice is available to Homeowners. If you have questions please contact Management or a HOA Board Member.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

By Mary Lange Adapted Seven Layer Salad



This is a cool refreshing salad just perfect for hot summer days. Enjoy!!!

What You Need

1 pkg. (16 oz.) salad greens (or cut up your own iceberg and romaine lettuce-2 cups)
2 stalks celery, thinly sliced
1/2 cup chopped green peppers
2 green onions, sliced
1 pkg. (12 oz.) OSCAR MAYER Center Cut Bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces, cooked (*shortcut-use a pkg of fully cooked Oscar Meyer or Jimmy Dean bacon, heat in microwave per directions and crumble when cooldelicious, and no mess)

1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen peas, thawed 3/4 cup KRAFT Real Mayonnaise 1 Tbsp. sugar

3/4 cup KRAFT Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese (or a milder cheddar if you want)

Make It

PLACE greens in large glass bowl; top with layers of celery, peppers, onions, bacon and peas.

MIX mayo and sugar together. Spread mayo over peas, completely covering top of salad and sealing to edge of bowl. Sprinkle with cheese.

REFRIGERATE 2 to 12 hours to blend flavors.

Toss before serving, if desired.



GARDENER'S CORNER

By Vicki Burt

"Summer is here" ...

Time to adjust your irrigation systems for hot weather. Our lawns and gardens will need more water as the temperatures rise. If you are having problems with brown spots in your lawns, remember last years' tip about sprinkling some gypsum on the spots. The gypsum helps the soil absorb moisture. Water thoroughly. Deep water trees periodically to encourage deeper root development. Use plenty of mulch around trees and plants. Avocado trees like about three inches. Mulch helps retain moisture and keeps root systems cool. On slops, use a mulch that is shredded as it will compact easily and stay in place.

Feed blooming plants, like geraniums, with a fertilizer that has a high percentage of phosphorus. When reading fertilizer labels three numbers represent the percentage of nitrogen phosphorus, and potassium present. They are always listed in that order.

Snail problems anyone? Try serving them beer. One of our neighbors has great success with setting out shallow dishes filled with beer in snail invested areas. The snails are attracted to the dishes; crawl in and die. It is okay to use cheap beer. Also, putting crushed egg shells underneath plants helps protect them from snails. Many commercial products are available to rid your gardens of snails, but be careful. Some products may be harmful to pets.

Please share your gardening tips with me and I will pass them along in future newsletters. My e-mail is brtdev21@verizon.net or give me a call.

MOUNTAIN VIEW EVENTS

Ladies' Luncheon



"Pool Party Potluck"
Thurs., June 2 ~ Noon
at clubhouse/pool area

..bring a dish to share ...eat inside or out (water aerobics will still be at 2:00 pm)

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CLASSIFIEDS

If you wish to run an ad in "THE VIEW" for things to sell or items wanted, please contact Betsy Hass, 485-7172. Each ad will be \$3.00 for up to 15 words, \$4.00 for up to 20 words and \$5.00 for up to 25 words. Payment is made to the *Mountain View Social Club*. Each monthly ad is due by the 15th. Ads are limited to residents of Mountain View.

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DID YOU KNOW?

This month we have an article written by one of our residents, Gordon Kerr. Gordon has been a long time history buff and presents to us a story about Eliza Hamilton. Thanks Gordon for your time, effort and your interesting story.

Did you know that....

Eliza Hamilton lived fifty years after the death of her husband, Alexander, who was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr in 1804. At that time the Hamilton estate was illiquid, or possibly insolvent, and Eliza had seven children to raise.

It was left to Gouveneur Morris, and a group of one-hundred or more friends of Hamilton's, to support the Hamilton family. Morris established a secret fund to care for Eliza. This fund was unknown to the Hamilton children, as well as the public, for more than thirty-three years. Hiding the fund wasn't too difficult because the public believed Eliza's father, Phillip Schuyler, was supporting her. What the public didn't know. however, was that Philip Schuyler had already distributed his wealth among his eight children, and their descendants, as he was desperately ill (Schuyler died four months after Hamilton). Eliza supplemented this secret fund with money granted her by a Congress encouraged by President James Madison. This succor was partly granted because Hamilton had declined two army officer pensions prior to his death. (At one time Eliza was in danger of losing her home, but Morris interceded on behalf of the fund, purchased the home, and deeded it back to Eliza at half the price paid for it).

Eliza's five sons all graduated from college, and pursued typical Hamilton vocations: law, government and the military. In addition to raising the family, Eliza co-founded the New York Orphan Society and continued supporting it the rest of her life. Eliza also aided her friend Dolley Madison in raising money to construct the Washington Monument.

All her life Eliza enjoyed a steady stream of visitors to her doorstep, the procession never slowing as Eliza's contemporaries passed on. General Winfield Scott appeared at Eliza's door in full military regalia. In 1946 President James Poke dropped by. In 1952 President Millard Fillmore stopped by for a visit and was so impressed that he invited the ninety-five year old Eliza to a White House Dinner the following month.

But the one person Eliza never expected to darken her doorstep was the fifth president of this newly formed republic - James Monroe, who appeared at her doorstep during the 1820's. The pious Eliza was never able to forgive the two-term president for his part in exposing the Maria Reynolds affair that indirectly led to her husband's death. Monroe was seeking reconciliation. As he proceeded to argue his case, Eliza rudely interrupted the former president advising him that if he had not come to repent, to show he was sorry about the scurrilous lies spread about her husband, there was nothing to talk about. Monroe was stunned by the vituperation coming from the lips of this seventy-something year old woman. Monroe bid Eliza good day, turned, recovered his hat, and walked out the door, never to return.

Eliza died at ninety-seven, perfectly content in her conviction that she and her "beloved Hamilton" would be reunited in afterlife.

Thanks and I'm waiting to hear from you too!

Sue Janssen

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Join in the fun here at Mountain View

Regularly scheduled monthly events...

BINGO

Meets the 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. Taking a break for summer: June, July and August. Contact person: Judy Box, box.judy@yahoo.com

BOWLING

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am at Brunswick Lanes on Sunnymead Blvd.

Contact person: Chuck Hedger, chuch@cjhedger.com

BUNCO

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. Bring \$5.00 to play. Bring snack to share. Contact person: Doris Polley, dpolley2@verizon.net

CARD/GAME NIGHT

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. Bring snack to share. Contact person: Twila DeWalt or Cathy DeWalt

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Meets Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 am. This is a non-denominational Bible study for all women.

Meets in various host homes. Contact persons: Kay Donner or Cindy Yore

LADIES' GOLF CLUB

Meets Mondays at 9:00 am at Cottonwood Golf Course. Contact person: Janet Papiernik

LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER

Meets the 1st Monday at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. Bring \$6.00 in quarters and a snack to share.

Contact persons: Carolyn Daniels or Doris Polley

LINE DANCING

Meets Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00 pm in the clubhouse. No experience necessary. Contact person: Doris Asciak, dcatlam34@verizon.net

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets Fridays at 10:30 am. This is a non-denominational Bible study for all men.

Meets at the clubhouse. Contact person: Bill Donner

MEN'S GOLF CLUB

Meets Tuesdays at 8:00 am. Contact person: Bill Donner

MORNING COFFEE

Meets Wednesdays at 8:00 am in the clubhouse. Contact person: Joe Brodowsky, brodowskyJoe@aol.com

WATER AEROBICS

Meets Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2:00-3:00 pm. in the swimming pool. Contact person: Doris Polley, dpolley2@verizon.net

Please remove from your directory:

James & Elisa Goodrich Beverly Hickman William & Billie Houston Vincent & Veronica Trepepi Colleen Munds

If you are a new homeowner or a homeowner who is not listed in our directory please remember that I cannot publish your information unless I have an information sheet giving me permission to do so. You were probably given a package by the "Welcoming Committee" which would have included the Directory Information Sheet/ Questionnaire, if for some reason you did not receive the Information Sheet or you need another sheet you can always give me a call or you can find it on our web-site at www.mountainviewhoa.org

If you have not received your directory, or if you have new, updated information, please e-mail or give me a call.

As always, your help and enthusiasm is appreciated.

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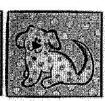
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Kitchen

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