



THE VIEW

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THE HOA BOARD LETTER

by Fred Humphrey



It looks like the possibility of hard freezes and frost are gone. I spent last week cleaning up dead plants and replacing them with new ones. It is time to evaluate your yard and finally “give up” on the possibility that a certain plant or tree will come back. I filled two green trash containers and four contractors bags (yes, Waste Management will take extra if you call them).

We do have quite a few parkway trees that are dead and need to be replaced. Please be proactive and replace them before Prescott writes you a letter. There is a new form which can be used to expedite the process. It is available on our website or in the Clubhouse.

There were two robberies reported in April. Both victims were visitors who had parked their automobiles and left them unlocked. The items stolen were money, CD's, and a converter. In both cases, the persons involved relied on the fact that we are a gated community. Every delivery person in Moreno Valley has our gate code. This includes UPS, FedEx, and all the pizza shops. It is very easy to jump our fences or go under the gates. Please be safe and street smart and lock your cars while unattended. Be sure to tell your guests to do the same.

We have wildlife in Mountain View. The Mountain View golfers have spotted coyotes on the Valley and Mountain courses. A bobcat was spotted at the Clubhouse. We have seen red-tailed hawks, large owls, and a pair of eagles over Mountain View. We have possums and raccoons in our backyards. So, this is a

reminder that if you have pets, beware and don't leave them unattended. If you corner any wildlife be prepared, as they will fight. The most important thing—do not leave food or water outside. This will attract wildlife, many of which can be a very big nuisance.

We now have a new Property Manager, Rhonda Patterson who is a Community Manager with Prescott. Her phone number is 951-699-7656 and email is rpatterson@prescottmgt.com. As of this date, I do not know who her assistant will be.

The dead plants on the banks along the golf course have been removed and new ones have been planted. The spring planting at both gates and the Clubhouse is completed. Most of the common area lights have been replaced or marked for replacement. If you see something that needs attention, please contact Rhonda. We can't fix it if we don't know about it.

Let's all make Mountain View “a great place to live.”



MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—APRIL 26, 2007

by Vickie Burt, Secretary

Next meeting of the HOA Board is on May 16, 2007



BOOK CLUB

by Joan Williams

In May we return to a novel after reading several non-fiction books. *DAUGHTER OF FORTUNE* by Isabel Allende takes place in Chile and California during the gold rush era. A historical novel, this book shows considerable research into the history of that time. It is a good read!

As a long-term goal, we are aiming for Victor Villasenor's *RAIN OF GOLD* in June. It is a lengthy book, so I recommend that you get started on it soon. This true story chronicles the lives of two ordinary, yet remarkable, Mexican-American families. The families leave Mexico as a result of the Mexican Revolution of 1910. As Mexican immigrants to the United States, the families subsist as best they can. The book is a remarkable collective memoir of a people and time. It has sex, romance, violence, bootlegging, the American Dream, and strong family devotion. What makes it of added interest to us is that is the true history of two families who lived here during the early years of Santa Ana and Corona.

Join us for a discussion of Isabel Allende's book on the last Monday of the month, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

CARING COMMITTEE

by Kay Donner

The **Caring Committee** wants to thank all residents of Mountain View who have come to the aid of their friends and neighbors in our community. In our special times of need, many of you have given very generously of your time and resources. As we all continue on our life's journey, it is nice to know that we live among caring and understanding people. Please continue to ask for help when needed and to offer help as you are able.



Thank You

I want to express appreciation for the outpouring of love and kindness shown during my beloved husband George's passing in March. This community is to be commended for its compassion and generosity.

Carole Sweeney



THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

From the gardener's corner... May is an ideal month to plant the heat loving vegetables and flowers that thrive when the weather is hot and sunny. Citrus and other tender trees can be planted in May. Keep your soil well mulched to hold in moisture with fewer waterings. Give some attention to your existing fruit trees. Thin walnut-sized tree fruits for superior fruit quality. Tree branches may break if too much fruit is left on them. Fruit heavy citrus need not be thinned. June drop will usually take care of excess citrus fruit. Check your peach trees for peach leaf curl. Collect and destroy the leaves. Feed all your actively growing trees and plants and check your sprinklers to make sure everything is being watered correctly.

Roses want attention too. Deadhead spent blooms down to the first five-part leaf or a bit further to gently shape the plant. Water only in the mornings so water on the foliage will dry before sunset to prevent mildew and other diseases.

Camellias and azaleas need attention too. After they have finished blooming is a good time to prune, feed and mulch them. If leaves are yellow consider adding some liquid iron.

May is a fun time in the garden—roll up your sleeves, feel the sun, and Happy Digging in the Dirt!

Project Linus

by Janet Jarosh

Join the Mountain View group of Project Linus Blanketeers in hand-making security blankets for seriously ill children at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. They can be knitted, crocheted, quilted or fleece - any style, any color, machine washable, new, in child-friendly colors for ages newborn to teenage.



If you have an interest in making blankets or donating, contact me by phone or email janet@citiusa.com. Even if you don't craft, you can help simply by donating a few skeins of yarn (Red Heart yarn from WalMart is a great source).

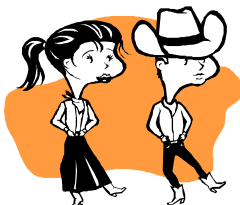
We have recently added a Shawl Ministry (separate but somewhat related to the Project Linus group). Those involved knit or crochet beautiful shawls to be given as gifts to those in our neighborhood who are grieving the loss of a loved one. A nice card is included with the shawl explaining how the shawl has been lovingly made to comfort and give solace. All are invited to join us in making the shawls and blankets.

Keep up the good work and Happy Blanketeering!

COME ON DOWN

***TO THE CLUBHOUSE FOR LINE DANCING
TWO HOURS OF FUN AND EXERCISE***

**(No experience necessary)
Every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
Any questions call Doris (485-5138)**



What's Cooking?

(from Katie's Kitchen Corner)

by Katie Wenke



May finds us celebrating Cinco de Mayo. Mexican food can be as hot or as mild as you like. You can always heat up your dish with a dash or two of hot sauce.

HOMEMADE BURRITOS

(Makes two)

¼ to ½ peeled ripe avocado	2 cooked flour tortillas
Lime juice	2 to 4 Tbsp refried beans (at room temperature)
1 cup peeled, seeded and diced ripe tomato	½ cup shredded chicken, pork or beef (at room temperature)
1/3 cup chopped onion	2 to 4 Tbsp grated Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese
1 to 2 tsp seeded and chopped hot pepper	
Salt and pepper to taste	

Mash the avocado with a fork and mix with lime juice to taste. Set aside. Mix together the tomatoes, onions and hot pepper and season with salt and pepper. Set aside. To assemble the burritos: spread each tortilla with the refried beans and avocado. Top with the tomato mixture, the meat of your choice, lettuce and cheese. Roll each tortilla to enclose the filling. Serve homemade guacamole on the side.

HOMEMADE GUACAMOLE

½ to 1 tsp peeled, seeded and minced jalapeno pepper
1 Tbsp chopped onion
½ tsp olive oil
¼ to ½ cup mashed avocado
1 tsp lime juice
Salt and pepper to taste
Cumin (optional)

Put the jalapeno pepper and onion in a small microwavable glass bowl, stir in olive oil and microwave for about 1 to 1 ½ minutes until vegetables are cooked through but retain some texture. Stir in the avocado. Add the lime juice. Season with salt and pepper and a pinch of cumin if desired. Serve immediately or leave for about a half hour so flavors can blend.

It was a hot summer morning in Rancho Belago when I drove past a house with a sad-looking guy sitting on the front lawn surrounded by a pile of stuff. A poster read "Garage Sale: 7 a.m. to 100 degrees."

LADIES LUNCHEON

*Tuesday, May 15, 2007
12:30 PM*



ACAPULCO RESTAURANT and CANTINA

*12625 Frederick Street
Moreno Valley, CA*

*Call me if you need a ride!
Joanne Phillips or e-mail at jotphillips@verizon.net*



DINE OUT

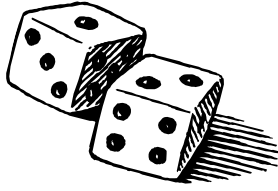
by Bill and Kay Donner

At this time, we don't know where our final dinner (June) will be held. Check for news in the June newsletter and/or the bulletin in our Clubhouse.

Thanks,
Bill Donner

*REMINDER: Trash pickup will be on
Saturday, June 2nd after Memorial Day.*





BUNCO

Bring Your \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007

6:30 pm

Last Month's Winners

Most Wins - Sharon Cristino
Most Bunco's - Twila DeWalt
Most Baby Bunco's - Bev Bailey
Most Losses - Rick Hansen
Fuzzy Dice - Fran Martinez

(Bring a snack to share.)

For more information contact:

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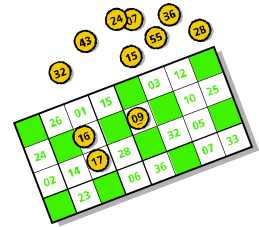
BINGO

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2007
(4th Tuesday of each month)

6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse
Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards
Snacks: Anything you fancy

**March Winners: Beverly Bailey (3), Doris Asciak (2),
Katie Brambila (2), Mary Ortiz, Marilyn Dawson,
Coverall - Mary Ortiz**

For more information contact
Godfrey Asciak or Mike Frahm



WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Janet Hansen



Hello Neighbors,

Nominations for the 2007-08 Officers for the Social Club are now being accepted. If you are able to share your experiences and talents with the Social Club for a year, please consider serving as an officer. The Social Club is an important part of Mountain View and keeping the Social Club active is a great way to meet people and make friends within your community. If you enjoy planning fun get-togethers such as the TGIF's or any other of the activities in our community, please consider submitting your name for a position. Contact:

Janet Hansen
Doris Polley
Shirley DeCarlo
Godfrey Asciak

There will be a Social Club meeting at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to join us and ask any questions that you might have regarding positions you are interested in. It is also important for existing chairpersons to attend so we can know what your plans are for next year. The new officers will be announced at the June 5th meeting at 6:30 p.m.

We are getting ready for Cinco de Mayo on Saturday May 5th. Hopefully you have your RSVP in and are planning to join us for another delicious dinner catered by Rene's. May 25th is TGIF and Volunteer Appreciation night. By popular demand, the band Reflections will perform again. This is something you do not want to miss. This band plays music from the 40's to what's happening now and they gladly accept requests. They will be here Saturday June 16th. The theme will be "All American Night" with hamburgers or hot dogs, beans, potato salad and chips all for \$5.00. Yes, \$5.00 for dinner and music. Come with your dancing shoes on.

Also, remember to check your calendars for dates and times of activities offered throughout the month and remember—it can't be done without volunteers. So, please consider running for a position and help keep Mountain View a great place to live.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1	Social Club Meeting	6:00 p.m. open to all
May 5	Cinco de Mayo Dinner	6:30 p.m.
May 25	TGIF and Appreciation Night	6:30 p.m.