



# *THE VIEW*      OCTOBER 2008

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## THE HOA BOARD LETTER

by George Podolsky(485-7917)

### Thank you!

Lori Humphrey has stepped down from being the editor of our newsletter. I want to thank Lori for the excellent job she did as editor.

As of Thursday, September 18, 2008 Jacqueline Bill will no longer be our property manager. She has accepted a position with another management company. Jacqueline has done an excellent job serving our community and has helped the community through many important issues. The leadership Jacqueline has provided will be deeply missed. Thanks for all you have done for the Mountain View Community.

### New Property Manager

Merit is in the process of looking for a Property Manager with the experience and qualifications that Jacqueline had. During this period Jacqueline's assistant Genevieve Ginelsa will be the person at Merit for you to address all of your concerns. Genevieve can be reached at 951-973-7523 or by e-mail to [gginelsa@meritpm.com](mailto:gginelsa@meritpm.com).

### Lock Your Vehicle!

Even though we live in a gated community and you park your vehicle in your driveway, or on the street, does not mean it is safe. Two different unlocked vehicles parked overnight in the driveway had items stolen from the vehicles. This is a reminder to all homeowners to keep their property locked. If you observe any suspicious activity in the neighborhood, report them to the police.

### Letters from Property Management

When a homeowner receives a violation letter from our Property Manager, the violation was either called in by a homeowner(s) who reported an infraction of the CC&R's / Rules and Regulations or the ARC Guidelines on your property **or** the Property Manager observed this violation during the monthly inspection of our community.

The Property Manager's letter to the homeowner will explain the violation.

The homeowner **must respond** to this violation letter to the Property Manager.

1. They must explain what methods will be used to remedy this violation.
2. Explain why the letter is in error.

To reply to the Property Manager, the phone number and email address are listed on the front page of our Newsletter.

The mailing address is:

**Merit Property Management, Inc.**  
**Attn: Genevieve Ginelsa,**  
**38625 Calistoga Drive, Suite 200**  
**Murrieta, CA 92563**

If there is not a reply, the homeowner will receive a second letter requesting a response from the Property Manager. A letter to appear before the Board will be mailed to the owner if there is not a reply to the second letter. If the owner refuses to appear before the Board, most likely the homeowner will receive a money Fine of a certain amount included within the monthly HOA statement.



If the reported violation continues to go uncorrected, inform the management company by phone, e-mail or letter.

### **Election of Board Members**

Elections for a two-year term on the Mountain View Community Association Board are coming up. Please consider running. To make a strong community and preserve the original intent of our "senior housing development" and our "homeowners association," we need individuals who will serve on the governing bodies. You should be receiving an application in the mail from Merit. Again, please consider it.

### **Watering Our Lawns**

On September 1, 2008 Eastern Municipal Water District (EWND):

#### ***Stop Water Runoff Program and Penalties ARE NOW in Effect!***

What does this mean for our community? As you are aware a few months ago EWMD issued an alert about our water, telling us that we should **not water our lawns before Dusk or after Dawn**. Many of us are stilling watering our lawns during the day when the sun is the hottest. The hours from 7:00 am to dusk are the worst hours to water, because the sun's rays do not allow enough time for the water to soak into the ground.

EMWD representatives are going through all the communities they serve, looking for violators. Here is a link that will explain the program to you in detail. <http://www.emwd.org/usewaterwisely/>. Please read it and follow their suggestions.

### **House Number Fixture and Light Bulbs**

Where can I get replacement bulbs?  
Where can I purchase a new light fixture?

You can purchase replacement light bulbs at ACE Hardware on Sunnymead Blvd., or at Lowes in their Specialty Light Bulb Section. Remember to take the old bulb to the store.

If you cannot find a replacement light bulb locally try contacting either Progressive Lighting or Pacific Builders Hardware at the phone numbers below.

The *light fixture* (the plastic cover, the metal frame holding the light bulbs) was manufactured by Progressive Lighting, and the model number is 101BKA4PBK. "Progressive Lighting" can be reached at 864-678-1010 for the replacement of the plastic cover or the metal frame.

Ryland bought most of their hardware products from "Pacific Builders Hardware". You can reach them at 760-407-7245

If after replacing the light bulbs and the bulbs do not light up, the transformer needs to be replaced. Lowes, ACE Hardware and Home Depot carry the transformers. If you do not know how to replace the transformer, call an electrician.

### **Garage Door Opener**

What is the model number?  
Where can I get a new one?

**LiftMaster 972LM** is the model number of the unit that will open the entry access gates and your garage door.

It can be purchased on the LiftMaster / Chamberlain web site: [www.liftmaster.com](http://www.liftmaster.com).

Place the **972LM** in the search box at the top of LiftMaster's web page.

**The LiftMaster or Chamberlain garage door openers that Home Depot and Lowes sell will not work in our community.**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
***MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—SEPTEMBER 17, 2008***  
***By: Sue Janssen, Secretary***

**BOARD ACTION**

Approved minutes of previous meeting

Approved financial report for July 31, 2008:

Operating Funds	\$ 16,835.91
Reserve Funds	\$ 558,406.02
Petty Cash	\$ 523.00
Owner's Receivable	\$ 18,975.98
Pre Paid Insurance	\$ -0-
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 594,740.91

Y-T-D Reserve Funding \$85,554.00

Attorney authorized, by the Board, to issue Intent to Lien Letters.

Board approved proposed seasonal color proposals for both gates; approved proposal for weed spraying on a quarterly basis. The Board also approved the proposal to repair chair coverings on original patio chairs and settees.

Board accepted Ron Sais' Chairmanship extension. Board accepted Carole Sweeney's resignation from the Landscape Committee and approved appointment of Sharon Shavce as Chair of the committee.

**NEXT HOA MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008 at 6:30 PM**

# What's Happening

By Janet Hansen



October is here and we have a month full of fall fun.

Anyone interested in joining an activity, please look over the list of social activities listed in The View and contact that chairperson. New people are always welcome.

Congratulations to the Tuesday AM Bowling League "First Place Champions" our own Mountain View residents, Nancy Berger, Twila DeWalt and Janet Hansen. Way to go girls!

Joanne Phillips has been busy putting together a wonderful Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show that will be held at the club house Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. The lunch will be catered by Jason's Deli so be sure to get your RSVP in on time. This is one not to be missed.

A big thank you to Joanne Pavlik, the HOA and Jacqueline Bill, from Merit Company, for the purchase of the beverage refrigerator (with a lock) for the use of the Social Club. This is going to be very helpful for those taking care of the TGIF beverages.

Our next TGIF falls on Halloween, so of course we will have a theme. You guessed it...a Halloween Party. It would be fun if "ghoulish" dishes are brought to share and feel free to come in costume if you wish. Pete Hite just might brew up something bubbly to drink.

Remember to keep your calendar near and check it regularly. You don't want to miss anything. Information can always be found on the club house bulletin board.

The next Social Club meeting will be held at the club house on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to come and share ideas.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

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|----------|----|--|
| October  | 18 | Ladies Luncheon-Fashion Show                     |
| October  | 31 | TGIF/Halloween Party                             |
| November | 11 | Social Club Board Meeting                        |
| November | 21 | Decorate Christmas Tree/Cookie Exchange and TGIF |
| December | 13 | Christmas Party                                  |
| December | 14 | Holiday Walk of Homes                            |
| December | 16 | Christmas Caroling at Mountain View              |

MOUNTAIN VIEW SOCIAL CLUB  
Financial Report August 16 – September 15, 2008

**BALANCE FORWARD:** \$1,557.71

**INCOME:**

HOA Reimbursement:		
July & Aug Newsletters	\$ 389.59	
Bar (August)	57.00	
50/50 (August)	46.00	
Advertisements	<u>200.00</u>	
Total		\$ 692.59

**EXPENSES:**

Bar Supplies	\$ 48.42	
Food—July 4 <sup>th</sup> Dinner	32.87	
Food: Board/Committee Mtg.	8.07	
Supplies for gate signs	12.98	
Newsletter (Aug)	262.89	
Newsletter (Sept)	<u>214.03</u>	
Total		(\$ 579.26)

**BALANCE** \$1,671.04

**FUNDS ON HAND:**

Washington Mutual	\$1,507.66	
Petty Cash	<u>163.38</u>	
Total		\$1,671.04

	<u>Newsletters 2008</u>	<u>Advertisements</u>	<u>To Be Reimbursed by HOA</u>
July	\$351.70	\$135.00	\$216.70*
August	262.89	90.00	172.89*
September	214.03	200.00	14.03

\*Reimbursed by HOA: \$389.59 on September 1, 2008

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Hass  
Treasurer

## Dine Out



## Mimis Cafe

Thursday, October 23  
6:00 p.m.

Join us at the delightful *Mimis Cafe* right here in Moreno Valley. They have a large menu selection and all will receive a separate bill.

We would like to let them know how many to expect, so please give us a call if you are planning on coming.

Also if you need a ride, please let us know.  
*Ron and Gretchen Williams*



## COME ON DOWN

TO THE CLUBHOUSE FOR LINE DANCING

TWO HOURS OF FUN AND EXERCISE

(No experience necessary)  
Every Wednesday at 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Any questions, call Doris Asiak



## BOWLERS NEEDED

We have two leagues that need bowlers. Both start at 9:00 am Tuesdays and Thursdays at Brunswick bowling alley on Sunnymead. We have openings on both leagues. A fun way to get some exercise and meet new People. It's not too late to join a fall league.

For more information call Judy Hedger

# Project Linus

by Janet Jarosh

In late August and early September we delivered 148 more blankets to Loma Linda University Children's Hospital (41 blankets were from Mountain View Blanketeers). Within two days I had another 50+ blankets dropped off here at my home so we're back into the swing of things again. Keep up the great work.

Please continue to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of making these "security blankets" for seriously ill children. A donation jar is available at the Clubhouse during TGIF's. Checks can be made payable to Project Linus (a 501c3 Charity, tax deductible) and mailed or dropped off at my house.

Again, thank you for your support. Janet Jarosh/Coordinator,  
14711 Grandview Dr., Moreno Valley, CA 92555.



## Ladies' Bible Study

**Mondays, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**



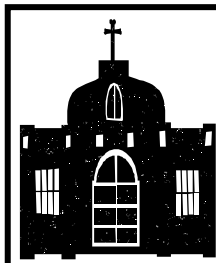
During October we will be discussing what the Bible says concerning the Holy Spirit. This non-denominational Bible study is for women who attend or do not attend church, as well as, those who have never studied the Bible before or those who want to learn more.

All ladies are welcome.

We meet in various host homes.

Come and enjoy friends and refreshments while we study the Bible together.

For more information, call  
Kay Donner  
or  
Gretchen Williams



Outing to Mission Inn ...

Monday, Nov. 3

Lunch and tour of the historic inn



# What's Cooking? (from Katie's Kitchen Corner)

By Katie Wenke



## PUMPKIN PIE SHAKE (Makes 2)

So here it is...October already! How time does fly!! Fall has set in and Halloween is here Sip this yummy shake while ghosts, goblins and witches sneak around you.

Makes 2 shakes but remember, don't share with those spooky creatures.

1 cup vanilla reduced - fat ice cream

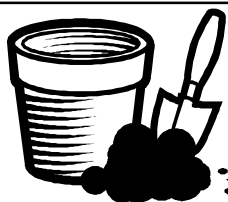
1/2 cup fat - free milk

1/3 cup canned pumpkin

2 TBS packed brown sugar

1/4 + 1/8 tsp pumpkin pie spice or to taste

1 1/2 tsp frozen fat-free whipped topping, thawed



## ***THE GARDENER'S CORNER***

*by Carole Sweeney*

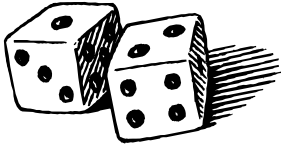
From the gardener's corner...Before we get into October's garden care, I have a new development to help curb the citrus mite that is plaguing our lemon, lime and orange trees. The manufacturer is ISCA Technologies, phone number 686-5008 in Riverside, the item Iscalure citrella. It is a pheromone lure and a hard paper trap. Please call them for ordering information.

Gardening is a pleasure this month. Things are growing slower and pleasantly cool weather is refreshing to work in after the summer's heat. **Feed citrus and avocados** with a high level of phosphorus and potassium but no nitrogen to harden them up for winter. Keep them watered until the rains take over. Discontinue feeding deciduous trees now to make them cold hardy. Don't forget to plant your dormant fruit trees to coincide with cool weather holidays, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day and Valentine's Day. Spraying at the precise moment of bud swell is important - before the bud swell is too early and after the blossoms open is too late. If you haven't shopped **the Semi annual Plant Sale at the UCR Botanical Gardens** this is a good time to go for the fall sale. October 18<sup>th</sup> from Noon to three pm and October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to Noon. Get there Saturday by noon for the best selection.. Happy digging in the dirt!



# ***BUNCO***

Bring Your \$5.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse



***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008***

6:30 pm

## *Last Month's Winners*

Most Wins - Sharon Cristino

Most Bunco's - Marilyn Dawson

Most Baby Bunco's - Judy Kathriner and Doris Polley

Most Losses - Joyce Collins

Fuzzy Dice - Bev Bailey

*(Bring a snack to share.)*

For more information contact:

**Marilyn Dawson**

**“BINGO”**



Next Bingo will be Tuesday, October 28th

6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards

Snacks: Anything you fancy

## August Winners:

Sharon Cristino, Twila DeWalt, Fran Martinez,

Bev Bailey, Jo Pavlik, Judy Box (2)

Coverall: Jo Pavlik and Wayne Williams

For more information contact  
Godfrey Ascik or Mike Frahm

# *LADIES LUNCHEON*

*At the Clubhouse*

*Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM*

## *FASHION SHOW*

*Presented by  
the*

*Discovery Ship*

*Benefiting The*

*American Cancer Society*

*All fashions and accessories will be available for sale*

*Catered by Jason's Deli*

*\$12.00 Per Person*

*Make your checks payable to M.V. Social Club*

*Please deliver checks to Betsy Hass for your reservation*

*14552 Mt. Vista Drive by*

*October 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Gift Basket Raffle*

*Joanne Phillips – [jotphillips@verizon.net](mailto:jotphillips@verizon.net)*



## SUNDAY- DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

Last year we had several folks open their homes to share their festive decorations or collections with us.

Let the festivities continue this year.

If you wish to open your home for this holiday season, please let us know.

The more the merrier.

And, remember, if folks wish to bring along their families, please do.

Contact Katie Wenke  
[boomboom46@verizon.net](mailto:boomboom46@verizon.net)

Or  
Marilyn Dawson  
[marilyn6515@verizon.net](mailto:marilyn6515@verizon.net)

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# Moreno Valley District 3 Crime Prevention Committee Report

I want to thank all of you from our community who took the time to attend this months meeting.

Next months meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Moreno Valley Club House, 16010 Rancho Del Lago, Moreno Valley, CA 92551. Please plan on attending.

Diane Rodriguez from Riverside County's Economic Development Agency did a presentation on Section 8 housing.

Office F. Lefever from the Moreno Valley Police Department Community Services POP team gave a presentation on how to make our homes CRIME FREE. Here is a list of tips she gave:

**Locks** - 1 inch dead bolt on all entry doors

**Shrubbery** – Should be no taller then the bottom of any windows. Trim all shrubbery at least 1 foot from the bottom. This will not give burglars a place to hide.

**Windows/Screens** – Windows/ Sliding glass doors secured with an independent locking system. Screens on all Windows/Sliding glass doors. By placing a screw at the top of all window screens you will prevent the screen from being lifted up and out.

**Peep Holes** – All peep holes should have a 180 degree viewing area. This will not only allow you to see who is in front, but if someone is standing to the right or left of the door.

**Strike Plates & Screws** – All entry strike plates should have screws that are 2 to 3 inches in length. This will help prevent the door from opening when someone kicks it.

Officer Karl Smith from the Moreno Valley Police Department Community Services Neighborhood Watch gave a presentation on crime prevention tips. Here is a list he gave:

## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

\*Leave some drapes and shades open. Closed drapes and shades indicate an unoccupied house.

\*Have your lawn taken care of. Dry uncut grass says that you're away. Keep shrubs and plants trimmed. Tall shrubbery can hide windows/doors which give a thief a place to work unseen.

\*Put peepholes in front doors. Those with magnifying glass lens are best. You can see whose outside without opening the door. Consider door chains too. *Never* leave a note on your door saying that you are not home.

\*Take care with your keys. Don't leave a key under a doormat, flowerpot or on a ledge. Burglars look in these locations first. Never leave an ignition key in your car and never put a house key on your ignition key ring.

\*Ask your local police to check your home periodically when you will be gone for an extended period. Also, talk to them about Neighborhood Watch Programs.

\*Leave a radio on. Turn it to a talk radio station, if possible, and turn the volume loud enough to be heard outside. This indicates that someone is home. Turn you phone ringer or bell down so that a prowler can't hear the phone ringing.

\*Don't keep expensive jewelry at home, unless you have a secure safe. All valuables and important documents should be kept in a safe or a safe deposit box.

\*Mark valuable items with your California Drivers License number. Televisions, stereos, VCR's are items a thief is likely to steal. Keep a list of these items, along with their serial number, in a safe place.

\*Secure patio doors. A steel or wooden rod in the guide channel will work. A pin type lock may also be used for added security.

\*Keep your garage door down and locked. This helps protect property stored inside. While you are away, electric doors should be disconnected and padlocked.

\*Look into an alarm system. There are hundreds of different systems on the market. Costs are commensurate with the sophistication.

\*Make an inventory of items in your home. Take photos of valuable items. Keep one copy for yourself and give the other to your insurance company. Or you can make a Videotape (Camcorder) entire home and all rooms containing your property and valuables.

The California Department of Insurance has a book you can get for free that will assist with the inventory. The book is titled "Home Inventory Guide". It can be obtained by calling 800-927-4357 or by going to [www.insurance.ca.gov](http://www.insurance.ca.gov).



The next speaker was Al Brady who is the Manager for the City of Moreno Valley's Code Enforcement Department. Mr. Brady told us that the Moreno Valley City Counsel has instructed his department to enforce the codes requiring all home owners to maintain their house while selling. This now gives Merit a new tool to use when we have a house in foreclosure and the property is not being maintained.

Here is a list of important phone numbers for our community.

Animal Control: (951) 413-3790  
Crime Reporting: (951) 776-1099  
Code Enforcement: (951) 413-3340  
Graffiti Hotline: (951) 413-3171  
Household Hazardous Waste: (800) 304-2226  
Moreno Valley Police Gang Unit: (951) 486-6809  
Moreno Valley Police Direct Number: (951) 486-6700  
Moreno Valley Police Non Emergency Number: (951) 684-0911  
Moreno Valley Recreation Department: (951) 413-3330  
Master Gardner's Advise: (951) 683-6491 ext 228  
POP Team: (951) 486-6923  
Riverside County Master Composters: (951) 486-3200  
Shopping Cart: (800) 252-4613

# ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

# OCTOBER 2008

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