

THE VIEW

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THE HOA BOARD LETTER

Hopefully, your experiences with Prescott have become more positive. As I reported last month, Carol Foster is our new Property Manager and Victoria Scogins is the assistant. Carol has been very responsive to requests by the Board. If you have any problems reaching them please let me or a Board member know. Prescott has promised us service that will meet our expectations. We need to know if that service is not forthcoming.

The new pool furniture is finally here. It looks good and should service our needs for many years to come. If you haven't tried the pool or spa, come on down.

We are also working on a plan to build a new storage shed at the clubhouse. It will be designed to match the existing structure and provide more storage space. Hopefully, construction will start this year.

The major issues which still face our community are parking, landscaping, and age restriction.

Basically, you must park your cars in your garage. Yes there are exceptions for Oversized Vehicles or if you have three or more vehicles. If you continue to park your car(s) in the driveway or street you will be called to a hearing with the Board. The results of that hearing will determine if a fine is appropriate. If the situation is not corrected the Board is obligated to take further action which can include dispute resolution or court action. The Board's objective is not to levy fines, but to ensure that homeowners comply with the CC&R's so the majority of homeowner's expectations are met.

Landscaping is an issue we are working on. We have an Architectural Review Committee that is very active and trying to catch up on homeowners who did not file applications to finalize their front and/or back yards. In some cases, it is a matter of lost records; in others, the applications were never filed. If you receive a letter for landscaping, please be cooperative. In most cases, it is just a matter of filing the appropriate forms.

The Board realizes that there are issues with caregivers and family. Many of us have family that, at one time or another, has placed burdens on us with regard to a place to live, food to eat, shelter, etc. What you must realize is that this is an over-55 community with age discrimination rules that are mandated by Federal and State law. If the HOA does not enforce these rules, this community could lose its over-55 exemption status. Please read the CC&R's and comply with the age restriction. If you have any doubt, ask our management company or a board member.

Please take a look at the calendar enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter. The Social Committee has worked very hard to provide an abundance of "things to do." Let's all continue to make Mountain View a "Great Place to Live."

MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST 17, 2005
by Joanne Phillips, Secretary

- Approved the following June 2005 Financials:
Total operating assets as of 6/30/05 are \$118,190.35. Total reserves are \$218,997.02. Total assets are \$227,187.37. Total equity and liability are \$337,187.37. The Association is operating on a monthly assessment of \$101.00 as of August 1, 2005.
- Approved the purchase of four CD's in the amount of \$50,000.00 per CD.
- Approved weather stripping proposal for clubhouse doors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities – Reviewed the plans for the proposed permanent storage facility and will work with the Management Company to obtain construction bids. Received bids on additional electrical outlets in entrance and patio area. Made sure all rodent traps were operational. Will work with the Social Club regarding installation of shelves in card room storage room.

Landscape – Board approved purchase of replacement plants. Also approved cost for tree removal on slopes. Charcoal is NOT to be used on the patio grills. They are gas grills and charcoal is not required and can damage them.

Design and Review – Board approved the Committee's request to change the name to "Architectural Review Committee." Four more volunteers are needed to work on committee. Contact George Podolsky. Secretary will purchase wall file to be installed in the library for necessary architectural review forms.

Social Club – Casino Night has been changed to October 1st. Gaming lessons will be held on September 14th. Halloween party is scheduled for October 29th. Board approved the purchase of a Mosquito Mega Catch for pool area. Requested that the Board check the feasibility of removing carpet in clubhouse seating area and replace it with tile. Management Company will obtain bids for Board review.

Web Page – All Association forms are on the Web Page.

Open Forum – Request was made to obtain bids for the installation of a light in the clubhouse parking lot. Management company will initiate street sweeping services. City of Moreno Valley will replace the


REMINDER

***Trash pickup on the week after Labor Day
will be on Saturday, August 10th.***

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

by George Podolsky

Each month the Architectural Review Committee will provide a few excerpts from our governing documents. The excerpt selection may come from concerns by what has been observed in the neighborhood or from a question of a homeowner. Subsequent inputs will come from members of the committee.

Please note our name change from the Design Review Committee to Architectural Review Committee.

Effective September 1, 2005, the Architectural Review Committee will no longer approve Structure and Landscape Improvements Applications verbally, mentioned in last month's newsletter. **According to the CC&R's, all applications for Structure and Landscape Improvement have to be submitted, to The Prescott Companies at the address on the forms, 45 days prior to the start of any improvements.**

You might ask what has caused this drastic change. During the past months, on several occasions, when verbal approvals have been given so the work could be done, the homeowners did not keep their projects to what was approved. When questioned, the homeowners would show the committee the approval letter from Prescott and state that all of these improvements were approved verbally. To keep this from happening in the future, the committee has gone back to the policy of no verbal approvals.

Q. Does this mean that, if anyone has a question prior to starting any improvement, they cannot call the committee for advice?

A. No. Please call—the committee is here to help you with any question about any improvements you are planning and need advice on.

During the past month, the Architectural Review Committee has been asked to intervene in disputes between homeowners. **IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE TO RESOLVE THESE DISPUTES.** If there is a dispute between you and a neighbor that you cannot work out, please send a letter to The Prescott Companies, our management company, explaining what the problem is and what you have done to try to resolve it.

The Architectural Review Committee is looking for four (4) volunteers to join our team. If you are interested please e-mail the Architectural Review Committee at gpod25@yahoo.com

GARAGE FULL OF OLD COMPUTERS AND TVS??

Riverside County Waste Management at 31125 Ironwood in Moreno Valley (486-3200) has a site just inside the entry gate where you can drop off old CRT and LCD devices. The site is east of Theodore Street and will accept computers, laptops, LCD TV's, plasma TV's, etc. There is no charge for this service. Since 01/01/05 the State Board of Equalization has levied a recycling fee on purchases of new monitors, laptops and TV's to cover this service.



THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

From the gardener's corner... Mild weather in September makes all gardening tasks a pleasure. **Plant new trees** now while the soil is still warm to encourage the roots to become established before winter comes. **Feed your citrus** for the last time this year and water trees less as the weather cools. Remove and destroy fruit mummies on the ground to reduce the chance of brown rot next year.

Are grasshoppers devouring your greenery? Our wet winter last year has caused the infestation. Half fill a 2-quart container with a 10% solution of water and molasses. This solution attracts and traps the grasshoppers.

For very fragrant sweet peas, try the old-fashioned Antique Fantasy and Painted Lady, or try the new ones—Leamington, Rosy Frills, Royal Wedding and Snoopea.

Switch to a 0-10-10 fertilizer for your azaleas, camellias and gardenias to encourage next spring's blossom buds.

This is the last month to prune your roses and feed them for their last bloom cycle before going dormant. Hold off on severe pruning until plants are fully dormant in January.

Bulbs to plant for spring bloom can be purchased now for first choice quality. Choose big plump bulbs as these have the most stored food and will produce the biggest blooms. Refrigerate hyacinths and tulips for 6 to 8 weeks before planting them in November. Wrap them in paper bags since they are alive and must breathe.

Early in the day, hose off plant foliage, top and underneath to lessen insect populations and **Happy Digging in the Dirt!**

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEWS... Last Friday, Artistic Maintenance tied yellow ribbons on pine trees to be removed on the golf course slopes. We talked about this at the Social Club meeting, but we want to be sure everyone knows about it. Artistic Maintenance will return on September 6th to commence cutting down the trees. If you have several on your slope and you would prefer to have an alternate tree removed, please be sure to be on your patio when the landscapers arrive on the 6th and advise them of your wishes. No tree will be removed if its removal threatens to erode the integrity of the slope. If you are working and cannot be on the slope that morning, leave a note for the landscapers on your wrought iron fence. Originally we thought the trees would be dug up but they will be cut down instead. To dig up



EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER PROGRAM

Are you watering your lawn too much? Or not enough? If you can ask at least five neighbors to join you, we can have a team of water experts come out to look at your sprinkler system and tell you what the proper watering time should be. Eastern Municipal Water District is willing to send out their people to do a neighborhood demonstration. They look at the controller, the sprinklers and do a test probe of your lawn to show you whether or not you are watering properly. They check each home participating. If you have at least five neighbors interested, please call **Carole Sweeney (485-0965)** with their names and I will arrange it for you.

BOOK CLUB

by Shirley DeCarlo

The Book Club will meet at the Club House on Wednesday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m. We have had several months off and should be in full swing at this meeting of the minds. If anyone has read a good book lately and cares to join us, please feel free.

Once again, the book for September is **LIFE EXPECTANCY** by Dean Koontz.

See you there!

CARING COMMITTEE

by Kay Donner

Due to circumstances beyond anyone's imagination, the Caring Committee needs to expand. I will still be the main contact in the neighborhood for any emergency that needs help, concern, and/or prayer from Mountain View homeowners. However, because I might be unavailable at the time of a particular difficulty, I would like you to feel free to contact Nancy and Ron Berger (BergerKing@msn.com).

Haunted Halloween Party

Have you ever in your life wished you were someone else? Here's your chance! It's time to **start planning your costume** for the **Haunted Halloween Party**. The party will be on Saturday, October 29th at the Clubhouse. And there will be **prizes** for the best costumes. (Of course, you will be welcome if you choose not to dress up for the event.) We will have games and fun, so set this evening aside for *spooktacular* events!

We welcome ideas and volunteers. If you would like to participate in the planning, **contact Maggie August or Joan Williams.**

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

• • • • •
• **Written From Within**

• **Remembering**

• **Sharing**

• **Composing**

• **Reviewing**

• **Supportive Feedback**

• **What is your next step?**
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• Do you have memories, wit and wisdom that you would like to share with family and friends?

• Grandparents, leave your memories for your grandchildren—stories written through letters, stories for children, family history tales.

• Share and Learn.

Study and fun seminar each Tuesday 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at:

Moreno Valley Senior Community Center
25075 Fir Avenue, Moreno Valley CA 92553
951-413-3430

COME AND JOIN US!

Welcome to Mountain View

by Charlotte Lillard

I have enjoyed welcoming the following new residents to our community:

Gary & Teri Eldred—14560 Grandview Drive (from Riverside)

Lois Moon—14808 San Jacinto Drive (from Los Angeles)

Please call me if you know of anyone moving in, because some houses are selling without for sale signs.

Project Linus

by Janet Jarosh

...providing security for seriously ill and traumatized children facing organ transplants, heart surgery, burns, birth defects, child abuse and other life threatening conditions. UNITED WE HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Join the Mountain View group of Project Linus Blanketeers in hand-making security blankets for the children at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and other local facilities. They can be knitted, crocheted, quilted or fleece...any style, any color, machine washable, in child-friendly colors—for ages newborn to teenage. We meet at the Clubhouse on Wednesdays at 8 am with the Coffee Group. Others work from home. We are even thinking of starting a "Needlework" group one day per week.

A Cash DONATION JAR will be provided at the TGIF's, as well as some other special functions. Checks can be made out to Project Linus. Please help defray the costs of making blankets (approx. \$6-\$8 for one blanket). Every donation in any amount, will help to sponsor a blanket for a traumatized child. Most of the time the colorful security blankets we provide are the only thing the children have that belong to them. Your donations are very much appreciated and a donation receipt can be provided for tax purposes.

If you have an interest, contact me or someone in the group or come on down and join us. Happy



I would like to thank my Mountain View neighbors for their cards and condolences in the death of my lovely mother.

Barbara Hammonds

What's Cooking?

by Helen Grogan

Hi all! This is your cooking "nut." For all you garden folks, this is a great way to help with the zucchini population and is very tasty. I received it from Dee Stevenson, but like the rest of us seniors, she can't remember where she got it.

Enjoy!

SAUTEED ZUCCHINI & FETTUCCINE

- 1 pkg (9oz) refrigerated egg fettuccine
- 4 Tbsp extra virgin oil
- 1 Tbsp minced garlic
- 2 large (1 lb) trimmed and shredded zucchini
- 1/2 cup pine nuts (toasted)
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 oz parmesan cheese

Cook fettuccine following package directions. Heat a large non-stick skillet over high heat until very hot, add 2Tbsp of the olive oil to the garlic and zucchini. Saute for 1 minute. Toss zucchini with pasta in bowl along with pine nuts, salt and pepper, lemon juice & remaining oil. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and serve.

Ladies' Luncheon

China Garden

2330 Sunnymead Boulevard, Moreno Valley, CA

September 20, 2005

12:00 noon

(Meet at Clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. to carpool.)

RSVP by September 15th to Marilyn Dawson or Jo Pavlik

BUNCO!!

Bring \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

Most Buncos - Fran Martinez
Most Baby Buncos - Doris Polley
Most Wins - Joyce Collins/Sharon Cristino (tie)
Most Losses - Lori Humphrey
Last Bunco - Sue Janssen

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

(2nd Tuesday of the Month)

6:30 PM at the Clubhouse

What to bring: Football season snacks (little pizzas, junk food, etc.)

For more information contact:

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

ESJanssen@adelphia.net or SShavce@gmail.com

BINGO!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

(4th Tuesday of each Month)

6:30 PM at the Clubhouse

COST: \$4 AT THE DOOR

BINGO CARDS: 3 CARDS FOR \$1.00

Snacks: Anything you fancy.

For more information contact:

Godfrey Asciak or Mike Frahm

Two dogs walk over to a parking meter. One dog says to the other, "How do you like that? Pay toilets!"

WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Joanne Pavlik

WOW! Didn't you enjoy the poolside TGIF and your new pool furniture! Thank you to the Brambilas for their TGIF efforts, to all who attended and contributed to the 50/50 that benefited the Linus Project, and to Sue Janssen for the furniture selection. The next **TGIF is September 16th**. Join in. We're waiting for you.

While the cats away, the mice will play! Our Ladies Luncheon Chair is out of town, so we are sneaking over to the China Garden for a Chinese "smorgasbord" on September 20th. China Garden is located at 23300 Sunnymead Boulevard. We will choose from a variety of dishes brought to our table. The total cost is \$8 per person, tax and tip included but beverage extra. The Garden has earned our "thumbs up" from past visits, so join us! The food is great, price reasonable, and the company is always a hoot!

Are you ready for our next group event? Casino Night is Saturday, October 1 at the **Mountain View Resort and Casino** (formerly known as the clubhouse). The dealers are sharpening their skills, Bingo is on a roll, the banker is counting out the play money, and the craps table is heating up as we speak! Call today to reserve your spot. You say you don't know how to play or just want to practice up? Henny Panell will run a practice lesson on September 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.

AND, in perfect timing for the holidays—for that hostess gift, a Christmas present, or for your own use, learn to make a **casserole cozy**. Judy Kathriner will conduct a "how-to" on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Judy has a free pattern for each participant. All come! Thank you, Judy!

Line dancing has openings and needs YOU!

Have fun and exercise at the same time. Class meets on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

(Please check the calendar for a complete activities list.)

save the Date

Casino Night, October 1st

Social Club Meeting, October 5th

(Speaker, Jeff Johnson, General Manager, Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Course)

Trips and Tours, "Gypsy," October 16th (Contact George Sweeney)

Halloween Potluck, October 29th (Co-chairs Joan Williams and Maggie August)

**Thank You
to**

- Bob Vernlund, who acted as our technical advisor on the wireless mikes and the mosquito abatement system. Both items could make our outdoor activities more pleasant and safe.
- Charlotte Lillard for donating the decorations in the women's restroom at the clubhouse.
- Long list of volunteers who plan the activities and special events each month.