



HOA NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020



Happy Holidays



By virtue of being an owner or resident in the MESA Palos Verdes area, you are a member of the MESA Palos Verdes Homeowners' Association (MPVHOA). MPVHOA is a non-profit community association incorporated in March 7, 1966 pursuant to the California Corporations Code. The HOA represents 423 residences and is one of the largest HOAs on the peninsula. It is governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of ten Zone Directors and five executive officers, all elected at the annual regular meeting, or appointed in accordance with Association By-Laws.

This past year, the HOA continued to provide maintenance of the entrance walls, signs, and lights. We worked with the Public Works Department to continue the median maintenance at both ends of Whitley Collins. A HOA board representative attended the Community of HOAs (CHOA) quarterly meetings. These meetings afford HOAs the opportunity to meet with City and LA Sheriff officials to address community-wide needs. We also continued to work with the City and California Water Service (CWS) to address operations and landscape maintenance at CWS's Crest Road water facility.

MESA PV HOA, because it represents a large number of homeowners, advocates on their behalf to the City and public utilities (such as California Water Service (CWS), SoCal Gas and Southern California Edison). The HOA is your advocacy group to our elected officials at City Hall by representing the needs and preferences of our community. We regularly work with the City Council, Community Development Department and Public Works.

The HOA annually reviews proposed projects to improve and maintain our community as a highly desirable place to live and raise a family. The Board needs your ideas and participation to maintain and improve our neighborhood. Please provide any suggestions, comments, or questions to any of the HOA Officers or Zone Directors listed on the next page.

MPVHOA Communications

Because MESA PV HOA represents a large number of residences, Board reps are periodically contacted to provide notifications to HOA members. We use the Nextdoor website (<https://nextdoor.com>) as a means of HOA communication instead of a blog or Facebook. On the Nextdoor website, there is a separate Mesa PV HOA group where we can communicate as a group or individually.

Neighborhood Watch



Crime is still an issue in our neighborhood and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. We have been experiencing a number of vehicle break-ins and thefts. Please remember to remove valuable items from your car and lock it each night. Thieves have used remotes left in the car to enter homeowners' garages.

There are many prudent steps each of us can take to mitigate and protect ourselves and our property. The concept of neighbors working with each other and with law enforcement has proven to be an effective means of reducing crime. When neighbors along a street or block band together and join the Neighborhood Watch (NW) program, it becomes part of a citywide crime prevention network and warning system. Neighborhood Watch is managed by volunteer Coordinators and volunteer Block Captains.

The Area Coordinator liaises with Neighborhood Watch, the Sheriff's Dept., and Block Captains. Contact Marty Plost, NW Area Coordinator, martinplost@gmail.com, to get involved. NW areas within MPVHOA are headed up by the following Block Captains – Tony Cangas, Janet Chen, Shera Dolmatz-Finkel, Bob Murphy, Bill Procopio, Barbara Rybicki, Steve Silverstone, Diane Slome, Kathy Standen, Ardi Tavakol, and Byron Wakayama. Please contact the captain on your street if you are interested in being part of your NW block.

Remember – SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING Lomita Sheriff Station Number 310 539-1661

In March, as the COVID pandemic was flaring, the Governor issued stay at home orders and banned large gatherings, it was decided to postpone our annual HOA regular meeting and the annual HOA dues until the fall hoping the situation would change. Given that the COVID environment has not changed, the HOA Officers and Board of Directors met on November 24 and December 9 and decided to suspend our annual regular meeting and dues collection for this fiscal year which ends March 31, 2021.

We considered conducting a Zoom meeting in February 2021, but decided this would be redundant with any meeting we hold in the next fiscal year. We are planning to conduct an annual regular meeting in June 2021. The Board will meet before then to assess whether to conduct an in-person meeting or a zoom meeting depending upon the environment.

The Board also decided to suspend the invoicing and collection of HOA dues for 2020/2021 for three reasons: 1) the current economic situation, 2) current HOA financial strength and 3) no planned major HOA expenditures. We plan to send out HOA dues invoices for next fiscal year, 2021/2022.

The HOA Board of Directors and Officers are normally elected at the annual regular meeting.

Because there will be no annual meeting to elect a Board of Directors and officers, the current slate of Officers and Directors will continue to serve in their current positions until the next meeting per the HOA By-Laws. The list of current Officers and Directors, along with their contact information is provided.

Board of Directors		
Zone	Individual	Phone
1	Maureen Edwards	310 544-4509
2	Steve Silverstone	310 722-7946
3	Peter Barrett	310 377-1062
4	Anne St. Cyr	310 755-9592
5	Shera Dolmartz-Finkel	310 541-9754
6	Hermia Lee	310 357-7288
7	Jesse Cordova	310 377-2038
8	Maria del Carmen Singer	310 377-9577
9	Ardi Tavakol	310 541-1394
10	Becky Chao	310 413-5664

HOA Officers		
Position	Individual	Phone
President	Joe DeVenuto	424 205-0664
Vice President	Diane Slome	310 594-4036
Secretary	Para Karunatileka	310 541-4983
Treasurer	Wendy Louttit	310 377-8713
CHOA Rep	Vacant	

Are You Prepared for A Natural Disaster or Emergency?

As Palos Verdes Peninsula residents, we live in an area of extreme beauty with a wonderful climate. However, we are subject to possible natural disasters and emergency situations – earthquakes, fires, active shooters and terror attacks against our water system, refineries, or other critical infrastructure.

As individuals and as neighbors we should take steps to prepare for these situations and have plans to respond and recover if these unfortunate events were to arise. Neighbors who know each other and work together end up with less damage and fewer injuries. The RPV city website Emergency Preparedness page has links to information to be prepared.



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes website contains lots of helpful information. The website describes the numerous current Infrastructure improvement and City projects. You can also find information regarding the City Charter initiative as well as the Master Plan for Point Vicente Park and the Civic Center. Consider adding your email to the City's listserv. You pick the topics that interest you and the City sends you an email anytime there is news to report: <http://www.rpvca.gov/list.aspx>