

THE VIEW

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Hi Folks!

The Garden Tour and Tea were magnificent. What a beautiful day! We rode our bikes around the neighborhood to visit the yards and got a lot of great ideas for our own backyard. Plus it was just so nice to visit with everyone. And the tea was absolutely elegant. Thank you Carole Sweeney, Sue Janssen and Sharon Schavce for organizing such a wonderful event and all who volunteered their yards, linens, fine china, granddaughters and services. Everyone who attended was delighted

THE HOA BOARD LETTER

The final count of votes for the proposed parking amendment to the CC&R's was completed as follows:

117 homeowners (46%) voted for the amendment
96 homeowners (38%) voted against
42 homeowners (16%) did not vote

The proposed amendment needed at least 171 votes (67%) to pass. Therefore, the proposed amendment was not adopted, and the CC&R's will remain unchanged.

What does this mean to you? You should park your car(s) in the garage whenever possible. Can you ever park in the driveway? Sure. You can park in the driveway to wash and wax your vehicle, to load or unload your vehicle, when working in the garage or residence where access to items in the garage is needed, and maintenance of the garage or garage floor. Parking in the driveway overnight is not permitted except for those conditions allowed by the CC&R's (i.e. more than two Authorized Vehicles and Authorized Oversized Vehicles) or with the permission of the Property Manager. If in doubt, call the Property Manager and ask.

Does this mean you will be fined if you ever park in the driveway? No. At most you will receive a courtesy letter from the Property Manager asking you to park in the garage in the future. This letter will ask you to contact the Property Manager if you have a special situation which requires you to park in the driveway. The Property Manager will work with you to solve your particular issue. If you continue to park in the driveway and you do not contact the Property Manager, you will receive a violation letter. This violation letter will ask you to correct the violation, and if not corrected in a certain amount of time, could ask you to attend a hearing before the Board. At the Board hearing you will have an opportunity to explain your situation. If, after all this, you continue to park in the driveway, you could be subject to a daily fine.

The process gives homeowners sufficient time to either correct the violation or explain their special circumstances. We all have events happen in our lives which cause things to go not exactly as we have planned. It is not the intent of this HOA to dictate how people manage their lives but to discourage those who habitually violate the CC&R's.

The vote is over. Now we know what the rules are. Let's comply and move on to things that will continue to make Mountain View "A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE."

DID YOU KNOW?

by Don MacIsaac

Each month we are writing a DID YOU KNOW column to cover rules and regulations. This month, the Design Review Committee (DRC) is providing a few excerpts from our governing documents. The excerpt selection comes from concerns from what has been observed in the neighborhood or from inquiries from homeowners.

The DRC is charged with the responsibility to evaluate the individual merits of an application submitted by a homeowner. They will ensure that the proposed improvements are compatible with the architectural characteristics of the applicant's house, adjoining houses and the neighborhood setting. Compatibility is defined as similarity in architectural style, quality of workmanship, similar use of materials, color and construction detail.

1. Within the Landscaping Guidelines (page 12, sec. A. 5) states, "Appropriate drainage shall be installed so as to be directed to the street, and to prevent runoff onto adjacent or common area properties. There should be a slope/drainage of 2% away from the building, and water should be collected in a landscape drainage system."
2. Within the Architectural Guidelines (page 13, sec. A) requires that walls and fences be finished in a color that is compatible with the neighborhood. Secondly, a wood fence must be painted to match the house trim or stained. **If your fence that faces the street is not stained or painted as described, please make corrections ASAP.**

The following questions were submitted to the Design Review Committee:

1. I have had my Structural and Landscape Application approved, but during the course of having the work done, I find that changes are required. What should I do?

In an effort to speed up the approval process for these changes, do not submit a change to Prescott. Contact the Design Review Committee and one of the team members will be out to review changes.

2. I have completed all of my approved projects and received my \$75 back. I now find that I would like to make some additional improvements. Am I required to submit all of the forms with the \$100 fee again?

You are required to submit the forms, but instead of sending them to Prescott, contact the DRC chair at 951-485-7917. He will have one of the committee members pick up

VIOLATIONS REPORT

May 2005

27 Courtesy Letters mailed for possible parking violations
39 Letters mailed for possible landscape design violations
8 Notices of Hearings to appear before Board

MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MAY 18, 2005
by Joanne Phillips, Secretary

Management Report: Advised to obtain two additional bids for the architectural design for patio area addition. Requested to e-mail HOA president the number of violation letters sent to homeowners each month. Requested Ryland to correct the standing water problems at cul-de-sac entrances. Only found one problem, which will be corrected. Clubhouse will be sprayed for ants on a regular basis. As directed by the Board, Management will remind homeowners of the need to re-stain their wooden fences. Homeowners near the JFK gate requested a shield be installed on the light to dim the brightness reflecting on their homes. Wrote a letter to the City of Moreno Valley requesting a schedule to remove the trash build-up in the culvert behind the model homes. Two additional bids will be obtained for monument lettering at the JFK gate.

Facilities Committee: Twenty-five mile per hour speed limit signs were installed at Cactus and JFK gates. Mosquito spraying around clubhouse completed. Calcium deposits in spa heater repaired. Pool algae reported to pool cleaning company. Clock in pool area has been replaced. Remote control for TV has been purchased. Locks for kitchen cupboards and tie-down for kitchen cart are on hold. Sue Janssen has scheduled vendors to visit the facility with samples of their pool furniture. The Committee will review the contract/application for rental of the clubhouse. Committee will purchase additional lights for palm trees at entrances. Will replace floor mats at the entrance of the clubhouse and exercise room.

Landscape Committee: Landscape walk-through is scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month. The French drain will be installed at the slope along the side of the tennis courts to prevent runoff. Artistic Maintenance will check the palm trees at the JFK entrance. Will also check and replace plants on slopes that have died. Management was advised of the gopher problems on the slopes adjacent to the golf course and will review exterminating options.

Design and Review Committee: Committee will review all completed architectural designs in the community. Will send letters to the approximately 49 homeowners who have not submitted their architectural design plans. Will also review back yard installations.

Social Club Committee: The election of Social Club Offices will be held on Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m. The slate of candidates are as follows: Jo Pavlik, Chair; Sharon Cristino, Vice Chair; Marilyn Dawson, Secretary; Godfrey Ascik and Charlotte Lillard, Treasurer. June TGIF will honor all of the past year's volunteers. There will be a free wine tasting event on Friday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. presented by the Weins winery located in Temecula. Painting class is scheduled to begin on Saturday, June 4th, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The fee is \$10.00. Contact Meredith Teague if you are interested in participating.

Homeowner Input: Marilyn Dawson requested that the Board include an Association Financial Report in the newsletter each month. Don MacIsaac will program the clubhouse thermostat. Board requested that the Secretary complete an inventory of all keys to locked facilities. Board approved security options for the gates at Big Bear and Cactus.

Required Board of Directors Decisions: Approved Internal Dispute Resolution Procedures, Standing Rule Procedures, and Compliance with New Law on Architectural Procedures. Also approved Artistic Maintenance Invoices.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Another break-in was attempted on Grandview Avenue in May. At 5:15 a.m., just after the husband left for work, his wife heard a noise. When she went to her bedroom window to check, she caught a man trying to pry the screen off the window. She screamed and he ran down the sidewalk and out the gate. The police found the gate opened and the screen partly removed. The officer suggested that the gate be locked and a security or motion sensor light be installed to discourage intruders.

Please read the following suggestions offered by the police department. In addition, if you ever need to call **911**, give the dispatcher the code to our gates to avoid any delays in the arrival of the police.

- Leave drapes and shades open. Closed drapes and shades indicate an unoccupied house.
- Have your lawn taken care of. Dry uncut grass say that you're away.
- Put peepholes in front doors. Never leave a note on your door saying that you are not home.
- Don't leave a key under a doormat, flower pot or ledge. Never leave an ignition key in your car or put a house key on your ignition key ring.
- "BEWARE" of dog or alarm system signs deter thieves.
- Leave a radio on. Turn it to a talk radio station, if possible, and turn the volume loud enough to be heard outside. Turn your phone ringer or bell down so that a prowler cannot hear the phone ringing.
- Don't keep expensive jewelry at home unless you have a secure safe.
- Light the outside of your home. Exterior lights should illuminate doors, dark spots and yards.
- Put interior lights on timers to simulate that someone is home.
- Mark valuable items with your California Drivers License number. Keep a list of items along with serial numbers 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.
- Look into an alarm system.
- Ask a neighbor to use your garbage cans. Empty cans can signal that you are away.
- Consult a reputable locksmith to give you advice on the best types of locks for your home.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed. Thick or tall shrubbery can hide windows/doors and give a thief a place to work unseen.
- Make an inventory of items in your home. Take photos of valuable items. Keep a copy for yourself and give the other to your insurance company. Videotape your entire home.

THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

From the gardener's corner...Summer arrives this month and plant growth shifts into high gear. Longer days and lots of sunshine—our plants just love it!

If you haven't done it already, **thin your tree fruits** at opposite sides of branches for balance and more complete development with less strain on trees, especially those bearing fruit for the first time. Leave at least three inches between apricots and plums, and five inches between peaches, nectarines, pears and apples. **Feed fruit trees** approximately every three weeks during their growing season with a half or quarter dose of fertilizer to encourage them to produce fruit and grow strongly for next year's fruit. **Keep citrus and avocado trees well watered** and a three-inch layer of mulch to maintain cool temperatures. They are more tender than other fruit trees and cannot withstand the stress of alternate moisture and dryness.

Make sure azaleas and camellias get sufficient moisture during the summer when they set buds for next year's flowers.

Cut roses last longer when cut late in the day. Those cut after 4:30 p.m. will last up to 10 hours longer than those cut at 8 a.m.

An excellent **garden tea fertilizer** for general garden use is a mixture of one tablespoon fish emulsion, one-half teaspoon kelp and one gallon water. Spray this onto leaves and irrigate root zone of vegetables, ornamentals, trees and vines every two weeks throughout the growing season. It will encourage plant vigor and reduce insect damage.

Garden Club News... What a wonderful Garden Tour and Tea we had in May. Thank you to the generous hosts and hostesses who showed us their gardens and what is possible to grow in this climate. Words cannot express the delight of those who attended the stylish Tea at the Clubhouse. Only Sharon Shavce and Sue Janssen could have achieved such an authentic, gracious completion to a fantastic day! I overheard the comment, "I've been to Tea at the Ritz in London and this was



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TGIF!

Join us on Friday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m. to let our terrific volunteers know how much you appreciate the efforts they've made to make our community the wonderful place it is! Here's your opportunity to say "Thank You" in person. This will truly be a special event!

Nutrition & Weight Management Program
By Sharon Cristino

Please join us with Joanne Lapointe from Weight Watchers on Tuesday, June 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

The Weight Watchers program is a state-of-the-art, scientifically designed approach to weight management. Based on the philosophy that successful weight loss is achieved through the attainment of a series of realistic goals, the Weight Watchers program is a multi-dimensional, comprehensive way to learn how to achieve and then maintain a healthy body weight for the long term. It incorporates healthful eating, physical activity, support, and maintenance. The Program affirms that to lose weight safely and sensibly, a person must learn to eat more healthfully, increase physical activity and handle the challenges encountered in the process of changing behavior.

The TurnAround program – Weight Watchers' newest innovation incorporates the essentials for successful weight loss:

- * Healthy nutrition
- * Effective calorie control
- * And livability

With its two food plans, Flex Plan and Core Plan, the TurnAround program recognizes that there can be different approaches to making positive changes depending on a member's needs and personal preferences.

With the TurnAround program, members will learn how to:

- * Make wise food choices
- * Eat healthy
- * Enjoy food



IT'S ELECTION TIME!

The Social Club will be electing new officers for the coming year at our meeting on Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. Nominees are:

- Chair—Jo Pavlik
- Vice-Chair—Sharon Cristino
- Secretary—Marilyn Dawson
- Treasurer—Godfrey Ascias, Charlotte Lillard

Please attend and vote for our new officers, or write in your choice. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

BOOK CLUB

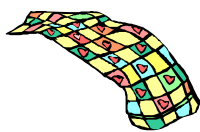
By Shirley De Carlo



June's selection is ***The Cat Who Brought Down the House*** by Lilian Jackson Braun. Koko, a Siamese cat, helps his master, a newspaper columnist, investigate a suspicious death of a new neighbor's twin brother.

Ms. Braun has written 25 ***The Cat Who...*** books. Enjoy reading this one and then come down to the clubhouse on Wednesday, June 22nd at 10 a.m. to discuss it.

We will be taking July and August as a vacation. So, during that time read your special book and be ready to join us on Wednesday, September 28th for the start of the fall season. We will be reviewing ***Life Expectancy*** by Dean Koontz.



Project Linus

...providing security for seriously ill and traumatized children.

By Janet Jarosh

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

Some of us meet at the Clubhouse on Wednesdays at 8 am with the Coffee Group for "show and tell." It's always fun to share our talents! If you knit, crochet, quilt or make fleece blankets or are interested in learning, call Janet or come on down and join us.

If you don't sew, knit or crochet but would like to help, donations of yarn or money would be greatly appreciated. Call Janet Jarosh.

Happy Blanketeering!

WINE TASTING PARTY

Mary Wiens and her family have invited us to come down to the Clubhouse on Friday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. to sample her family wines. The Weins Family Cellars is moving to Temecula, so the wines will be readily available to us. Also, we can place our orders at the party. It's just one more opportunity to have fun!



Water Aerobics

by Suzanne Werner

Why is exercising in the water almost better than exercising out of the water?

Buoyancy: The water property allows us to do exercises that are difficult on land. Ninety percent (90%) of your body is buoyant when in the water up to your chest, so you are not hitting the floor as hard as you would on land, no pounding or jarring!

Resistance: There is continual resistance to every move you make. The water offers 12% to 14% more resistance than when you exercise on land. Resistance does not allow for sudden body movements.

Cooling Effects: Water disperses heat more efficiently, so there is less chance of overheating. The water continuously cools the body. Water workout is cooler and more comfortable than exercise on land.

How can water exercise help participants?

Physical Benefits: Improves flexibility and strength, builds endurance, increases muscular flexibility and balance, the heart becomes stronger, increases circulation, rehabilitates muscles, improves the ability to control and maintain healthy weight.

Social Benefits: Have fun, fellowship with other people, enjoyable even when working hard and it is safe.

Psychological Benefits: Contributes to a feeling of well being, teaches patience, releases stress and tension, and renews energy.

COME AND JOIN US – TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS AT 4 PM

PHONE NUMBERS YOU MAY NEED



PUBLIC LIBRARY	951-413-3880
SENIOR CENTER	951-413-3430
CITY HALL	951-413-3000
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	951-413-3295

A more complete list of resources and numbers is available on the Mountain View



What's Cooking?

By Helen Grogan

HAPPY MIDDLE OF THE YEAR TO ALL...In another six months, we will be thinking Christmas!!!! Just wanted to cheer everyone up. I hope you will indulge me with one more spinach salad recipe. This is so good. Enjoy...

SAUTEED SPINACH WITH TOASTED SESAME OIL

- 2 tsp toasted sesame oil
- 1 Tbl sesame seeds
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 2 tsp minced ginger
- 1 10-ounce bag fresh spinach, tough stems removed
- 2 tsp rice vinegar
- 1 tsp reduced-sodium soy sauce

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add sesame seeds, garlic and ginger; saute until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add spinach and cook, stirring until just wilted, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in vinegar and soy sauce. Serve immediately.

Makes 2 servings

Ladies' Luncheon



B.J.'s Restaurant & Brewery

22920 Center Point Drive, Moreno Valley

June 21, 2005

Meet at Clubhouse to carpool at 12:00 noon

RSVP by May 14th to Joyce Collins

BUNCO!!

Bring

\$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

Most Buncos - Judith Kathriner
Most Baby Buncos - Marilyn Dawson
Most Wins - Bev Bailey
Most Losses - Charlotte Lillard

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005

(2nd Tuesday of the Month)

6:30 PM at the Clubhouse

What to bring: Appetizers to die for!

For more information contact:

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

ESJanssen@adelphia.net or SShavce@Gmail.net

BINGO!

OUR NEXT BINGO WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 27TH.

April Winners – Bev Bailey (2), Mary Ortiz (2), Sharon Cristino, Doris Polley, Katie Brambila, Helen Lukomski, Louis Lukomski.

Full House Winner – Mary Ortiz

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. HAVE FUN TRAVELING AND SWIMMING IN OUR LOVELY POOL.

For more information contact:

Godfrey Asciak (485-5138) or Mike Frahm (485-3095)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Joan Williamd

The Garden Tour arranged by Carole Sweeney was wonderful! Who could imagine that we would have such inspired and talented gardeners in our community. It was fun to visit and admire our neighbors' yards, just for ideas we could take home to our own gardens.

The Tea, which followed the Garden Tour, was a fitting culmination to a day of sensory delights. Sharon Shavce and Sue Janssen really did themselves proud in giving us a taste of an English High Tea! The food was excellent; the decorations, outstanding; and the servers, charming. It was truly a special day.

The Wiens Family Cellars will be hosting a Wine Tasting Party for us on Friday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Our neighbor, Mary Wiens, has graciously offered us this opportunity to sample their family wines at no charge to us. Light refreshments will be served. Orders will be taken at the party for those interested in purchasing wines.

Our painting classes will begin on Saturday, June 4th at 10 a.m. Reserve your spot, since they are offered on a first come, first served basis. The teacher, Debra Stein-Higgs, is a professional artist. She will offer instruction in oils, watercolor, and acrylics. Here is your opportunity to learn how to paint. Classes cost \$10 each meeting. Call her at 247-5457, or e-mail her at debra@debrastein.com for more information.

IT'S ELECTION TIME! The Social Club Elections will take place on Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m. We will be serving coffee and snacks at the meeting. Our candidates for office so far are: Chairman—Jo Pavlik, Vice-Chairman—Sharon Cristino, Secretary—Marilyn Dawson, and Treasurer—Godfrey Ascik, Charlotte Lillard. We encourage your attendance to give your stamp of approval to these new officers, or to write in the name of your selection.

Our TGIF in June will be a special one! We are taking this opportunity to thank all the wonderful volunteers we have had this past year who have made our functions so much fun. These people have devoted their time and efforts, and have provided us with outstanding events. Many have been working quietly in the background to keep our ongoing activities on track all year. We thank you, one and all. Please make an extra effort to attend our TGIF on June 24th at 6:30 p.m., and let these people know how much you appreciate them!

Come on down and join in the fun!



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