



THE VIEW

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THE HOA BOARD LETTER

by George Podolsky



Merit Property Management, Inc.

As you are aware, on January 1, 2008 we changed property management companies from The Prescott Companies to Merit Property Management, Inc.

Last week I received a call from homeowners stating that they had contacted the property manager about a problem they were having and that nothing had been done. I asked if they had talked at Merit and was told that they did not know we had changed property managers, and had contacted The Prescott Companies. I asked if they had received the welcome letter from Merit and was told they had, but thought that it was sent to them by mistake and threw it away. I told them that they needed to contact Merit, and provided the following information:

Merit Property Management, Inc.
38625 Calistoga Drive, Suite 200
Murrieta, CA 92563

Jacqueline Bill, Senior Community Manager
951-873-7507
jbill@meritpm.com

While on the subject of our new property management company, I don't know how many of you read the welcome letter we received from them, but it explained that, by going to www.meritpm.com, you as a homeowner have the ability to view the following information:

- Review your last three account transactions.
- Submit a maintenance request for any problems that need to be corrected.
- Sign up for recurring withdrawal of your association dues.
- Change your billing address.

Selling Your House

A reminder to homeowners in the community that are in the process of selling or thinking of selling their home—it is your responsibility to provide either your realtor or the perspective buyer with copies of the CC&R's, Rules and Regulations, Bylaws, and Architectural Review Committee Guidelines. This is required by California Civil Codes that govern communities such as ours. If you do not have copies of these documents, you or your realtor can obtain them, for a fee, from Merit Property Management, Inc. by calling the Property Transaction Department at 800-428-5588.

Lighted House Numbers and Climbing Plants

At meeting I attended recently, I had the opportunity to talk to the captain of the fire department that serves our community. He stated that during a recent emergency call to our community he observed that some homes have lighted house number signs with burnt out light bulbs. He also noted several homes that either have climbing or tall plants that are covering the lighted house number signs.

His concern is that, in case of an emergency, the fire department or paramedics could miss the house due to these conditions. He requested that the climbing and tall plants be trimmed so that the lighted house number signs can be seen from whichever direction the emergency vehicle is traveling.

While on this subject, I want to remind everyone that we do live in an area where rodents are present, and that climbing plants or shrubbery provide a nesting place for these pests. The climbing plants or shrubbery that are growing across your roof can allow these pests access to your attic. Again, by trimming the plants so that they are below the roof line, you can eliminate this problem.

Moreno Valley Crime Prevention Committee
Meeting Report
By George Podolsky

I am sorry for the confusion about the name of this committee. Due to a lot of controversy about the name of Rancho Belago, it was decided to call the committee the Moreno Valley District 3 Crime Prevention Committee. I want to thank all of those from our community who attended this month's open meeting. It was very interesting. Remember, you are always welcome to attend.

After listening to the concerns of those in attendance, City Councilman Frank West introduced Sergeant Rico. Sergeant Rico addressed the matter of Off Road Vehicles and how they are destroying the natural landscape of different parts of Moreno Valley. He explained the existing laws governing the police department and how ineffective they are. Sergeant Rico explained a proposed law for Moreno Valley backed by the police and how it would impact the illegal Off Road Vehicles.

After Sergeant Rico's presentation, Mark Quesada, Merit's Community Manager for Moreno Valley Ranch, shared the following important telephone numbers:

Animal Control (951) 413-3790	Household Hazardous Waste (800) 304-2226
Crime Reporting (951) 776-1099	Master Gardner's Advise (951) 683-6491 ext 228
Code Enforcement (951) 413-3340	Riverside County Master Composters (951) 486-3200
Graffiti Hotline (951) 413-3171	Recreation Department (9561) 413-3330
POP Team (951) 486-6923	Shopping Cart (800) 252-4613.

THANK YOU

- We would like to thank all of the kind and caring neighbors who helped us through our recent illness. Mountain View is indeed a great place to live.

Jim and Marcia McCaffery

- Thank you so much to all of the Mountain View homeowners for the flood of cards, candy, flowers and gifts. We appreciated it so much. For those of you who don't know, I (Shirley) am still one-legged, but expect to be up on both feet by the first week in May. Please continue the prayers—they got us this far and will continue to help us on our way.

Ken and Shirley DeCarlo



THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

From the gardener's corner...May, what a wonderful month in the garden! Plant the heat-lovers, the vegetables and flowers that seem to thrive and bloom when the weather is hot and sunny. Keep an eye out for **fruit tree and rose suckers or water sprouts**. They don't flower and they compete for water and nutrients. They grow from the base of the plants or trees. Yank them out or roughly smash or cut them to discourage re-growth. For your lawns, now is the time to **apply a weed and feed application**. You can remove faded blooms and seed pods from spring blooming bulbs but leave the foliage until it dies back naturally. **Maintain a good mulch** of organic matter covering garden soil throughout the summer. This prevents crusting and cracking of the soil surface, holds in moisture, encourages earthworms, and moderates soil temperature for optimum root growth.

Continue feeding and watering your roses, shrubs and trees. Deadhead those withering roses down to the next lower five-part leaf, and new growth and buds will appear. Rose problems may appear this month. Aphids? Put your hand behind the leaves and spray full force with your hose. Make sure to cover the undersides of the leaves where the aphids reside. Everyone hates powdery mildew. Be sure to water very early in the morning so no moisture clings to the plant later in the afternoon. I just read of a (new to me) solution. Control mildew by spraying foliage with the following formula: 1 tablespoon baking soda plus 1 tablespoon dormant oil to 1 gallon of water.

Keep up the good work and happy digging in the dirt!



REMINDER



During the week of the Memorial Day holiday, trash pickup will be on Saturday, May 31st.

Congratulations!

To Jim McCaffery, who shot his age (78) during the Men's Golf Club outing on Tuesday, April 22nd. Way to go, Jim!



Project Linus

by Janet Jarosh

Early this month, 200 more blankets were delivered to Parkview Hospital's NICU and Loma Linda Children's Hospital . There are many more blankets coming in, but I am closing down for vacation for the rest of April. I've received a large donation of fleece recently and several Mountain View ladies are busy turning them into more blankets for the children. And I can't forget the Crochet Ladies who have turned in afghans every single week since 2002. Keep up the good work!

Discovery Christian Church, Moreno Valley, is doing a Yarn and Fabric Drive to bring in more materials for blankets. They will be doing a Blanket Day in June to make as many blankets as they can. Hopefully we will be recipients of some of those blanket-making supplies as I am running short.

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.

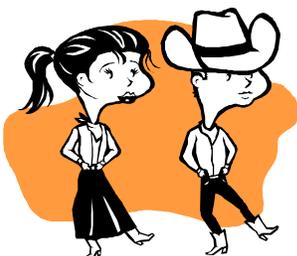


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

By Kay Donner and Gretchen Williams

Our Women's Bible study, "Who Is Jesus?" will continue to meet on Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Gretchen Williams' home – 28490 Grandview Drive. This is a non-denominational study that is perfect for those who attend church regularly or for those who have not attended and would be interested in learning more about Jesus in a non-threatening environment. Won't you join us for some great fellowship and discussion? We'd love to see you on Monday mornings.

For more information, call Kay or Gretchen



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)

LADIES LUNCHEON

ACAPULCO

12625 Frederick Street
Moreno Valley



Tuesday, May 6, 2008

12:30 p.m.

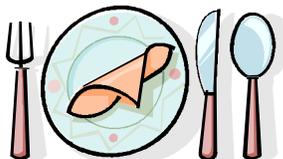
Call if you need a ride.

PLEASE RSVP—Sign up in Clubhouse, call or e-mail.

Joanne Phillips

or

jotphillips@verizon.net



DINE OUT

by Bill & Kay Donner

On Monday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m., we will meet at Mill Creek Cattle Company in Mentone. The address is 1874 Mentone Blvd. They are touting a taco feast that night for \$1 per taco. The restaurant is unique in that it is decorated in an old western motif. The theme is as impressive outside as inside. We will be ordering off the menu, so everyone will receive a separate bill. I can't promise their meatloaf is the best, but I KNOW it will be better than Grandma's. As usual, call me so I can give the restaurant a 'head count.'

Directions. Take Redlands Blvd. to San Timoteo Canyon – turn left
Turn right at Live Oak Canyon - pass the 10 Freeway
Turn left on 13th
Turn left on Yucaipa Blvd.
Turn right on Sand Canyon Road
At Crafton Avenue, turn right
Left on Hwy 38 or Mentone Blvd.
Turn left into the drive at 1874 Mentone.

See you Monday evening, Kay and Bill Donner

What's Cooking?
(from Katie's Kitchen Corner)
by Katie Wenke



Try this recipe. It is so simple and simple is always good!! Give it a try—it's tasty.

CRAB MELTS
(Serves 2)

- 1 can (6 ounces) crabmeat, drained, flaked and cartilage removed
- 3 TBS mayonnaise
- 5 tsp minced celery
- 1 TBS minced green onion
- 2 English muffins, split
- 4 slices tomato
- 4 slices cheddar cheese (½ oz. each)
- 4 slices Monterey Jack cheese (½ oz. each)
- Paprika

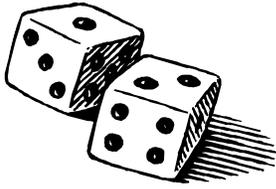
In a small bowl, combine crab, mayonnaise, celery and onion. Place the muffins on an ungreased baking sheet. Broil 4-6 inches from the heat until toasted. Spread each muffin half with the crab mixture. Top with the tomato and cheese; sprinkle with paprika. Broil until bubbly.

POP TABS
By Nancy Berger

Loma Linda and Ronald McDonald House had a "Collect-a-Million Day 2008" on March 7th, so I dropped off another 8.5 pounds at the University of Redlands collection center. This takes our total up to 206.75 pounds. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!



THANKS AGAIN!
Nancy Berger



BUNCO

Bring Your \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008

6:30 pm

Last Month's Winners

Most Wins - Kay Howe/Janet Papiernik

Most Bunco's - Twila DeWalt

Most Baby Bunco's - Doris Polley

Most Losses - Lori Humphrey/Helen Lumkoski

Fuzzy Dice - Bev Bailey

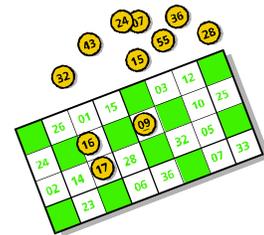
(Bring a snack to share.)

For more information contact:

Marilyn Dawson

Marilyn6515@verizon.net

Don't Forget "BINGO" Night



Tuesday, May 27, 2008

(4th Tuesday of each month)

6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards

Snacks: Anything you fancy

March Winners

Helen Lumkoski (2), Joan Williams, Katie Brambila (2),

Wayne Williams, Doris Polley

Coverall: Twila DeWalt, Kay Howe

For more information contact

Godfrey Ascik or Mike Frahm

WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Jo Pavlik



HAPPY SPRING from your Social Club Board. Instead of winding down the year, your Board is gearing UP! Come to your TGIF “**Splash Party Potluck**” on Friday, May 16th. Come for poolside fun, recorded music, good food and hot dogs. The club will provide the dogs and s’mores...you need to bring a side dish to pass, and a skewer or stick to roast your marshmallows. And, if you have any Beach Boys discs, give Jo a call. Twila will have the usual TGIF no-host bar. Good luck on the 50/50!

We are also planning our **July 4th Celebration**, so mark your calendars. Let’s celebrate with a BANG right here at home, minus the long drives and traffic. The meal will be catered for \$5 per person. Watch for details and menu in the June newsletter. Reservations will be taken upon payment to Lola Emmermanis or Jo Pavlik. More information will be forthcoming.

“How does all this planning get done?” you ask. Well, it is a group of your neighbors who want to provide you with an entertaining evening with friends right in your own Mountain View backyard. Please come out and support their efforts and have a great time with people who care about you and their community.

Kay Donner has presented the following approved slate for the next year’s Social Club officers:

President	Janet Hansen and Jo Pavlik running jointly to share the position.
Vice President	Lola Emmermanis
Secretary	Sharon Cristino /Cathy Dewalt
Treasurer	Betsy Hass

There are multi-candidates for secretary, so we will hold an election at 6:15 p.m. on June 6th. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Please plan on attending a brief Social Club general meeting before the TGIF on June 6th to vote for your choice. The new “team” will take office on July 1st, in accordance with the Social Club by-laws.

save the Date

“Splash Party Potluck”	5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16 th
Election of Officers	6:15 p.m. on Friday, June 6 th
June TGIF	6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 6 th
July 4th Celebration	5:30 p.m. on July 4 th , \$5 per person , catered (details forthcoming)