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Mountain View Community Association

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THE HOA BOARD LETTER

Behind the scenes are the committees that make the Mountain View Community Association work. Our HOA is not large enough to hire a full-time staff. These committee members oversee their areas of responsibility and perform some of the routine maintenance jobs that normally would be done by a full-time staff member.

New thermometers in the pool and spa, clothes hangers in the men's and women's restrooms in the pool area, a water hose and reel in the pool area, a thorough inspection of all the outside lights in the common areas, etc.—these are just a few of the things the Facilities Committee has done recently. Don Papiernik is the chairperson. Also on the committee are Ed Burt, Al Martinez, George Sweeney, and Charlie Foronjy.

One of the big challenges that faces Mountain View is ensuring that every homeowner's file is complete. This includes landscaping forms and approvals. Letters are being sent to all homeowners who have not filed forms nor completed their backyard landscaping. If you receive a letter and have previously filed forms, call Carol Foster. She will work with you to update your file. George Podolsky is the chairperson of the Architectural Review Committee. Also on the Committee are Ed Burt, Jerry Little, Paula Podolsky, Ron Sais, Donna Sandoval and Sharon Shavce.

The Finance Committee reviews the HOA accounting and financial reports each month and makes a recommendation to the Board for acceptance or disapproval. Bob Majcherek is the chairperson. Jim McCaffrey and Frank Pavlik are members.

Each month the Landscape Committee tours a section of Mountain View with the maintenance company and Prescott. They make recommendations for maintenance, flower selection, new plantings, etc. Carol Sweeney is the chairperson. Godfrey Asciak, Charlotte Lillard and George Sweeney are members.

The Website Committee designs and maintains our website on the internet. Darryl Householder is the webmaster. Sue Janssen is the chief-in-charge. Members are Mary Kimberlin and Dennis Trimble.

The Social Committee is headed up by Jo Pavlik with Sharon Cristino, vice chairperson; Marilyn Dawson, secretary; and Godfrey Asciak, treasurer. The Social Club committees and their activities are too numerous to list in this letter. Please take time to look at the list of committee members and all of the activities included in this newsletter.

My personal thanks to each one of the members of these committees. They truly are what

MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—SEPTEMBER 21, 2005
by Joanne Phillips, Secretary

BOARD ACTION: Approved Financials for July 2005: Total operating assets are \$121,304.70. Total reserves are \$227,529.14. Total assets are \$248,833.92. Total equity and liability are \$348,833.92. The Association is operating on a monthly assessment of \$101.00 as of August 1, 2005.

Additional bids are needed for street sweeping services. The purchase of decals was approved to display the number and type of pets in each home, to inform firemen and police in case of an emergency. In November, a steering committee will be formed to establish a Community Disaster Preparedness Program. Katrina was a “wake up” call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities: Charles Foronjy is a new member to the committee. Completed installation of hooks in pool restrooms. Purchased a reel for patio hose. Also purchased new handrail covers for the pool. Reviewed all light installations. Discussed the installation of a drain for the putting green. Recommended further discussion of this issue with Landscape Committee. Installation of shelving for the card room closet has been completed.

Landscape: Proposed hydro seeding on slope area on Grandview. There will be a review and measurement of all common area footage conducted by Artistic Maintenance and the Western Municipal Water District. After completion and adjustments, the HOA should receive a substantial refund from the water district. Water district also suggested the installation of sensors to shut off systems when it rains. Accepted recommendation to install monument letters on the center divider at the JFK entrance, along with plants and illumination.

Architectural Review: Two new members have been added to the committee – Jerry Little and Ron Sais. Approximately 30 notices of application/completion have been received. Committee has been charged with determining what constitutes trim color on homes.

Social Club: Kay Howe is collecting donations for Habitat for Humanity for Katrina Victims. Contact Twyla Dewalt if you are interested in attending a craft class to learn how to make "cozies." October 1st is Casino Night from 6-9 p.m. Jeff Johnson from Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Course will be our speaker for the October 5th Social Club meeting. Halloween party will be held on October 29th.

Web Page: In the process of installing new server and should be in working order at the end of the month. A new Community Directory will be published after review of new homeowner information

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

by George Podolsky

Each month the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) 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.

The ARC is charged with the responsibility of evaluating the individual merits of each application submitted by a homeowner and 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.

I would like to thank all who volunteered to be on the Architectural Review Committee. It is great to see that so many people want to be involved in our community.

Q1. I did not submit my Structure and Landscape Improvement Application within a year after moving in. Now that I have submitted my Structure and Landscape Improvement Application how long do I have to complete my improvements?

A1. This will depend on what improvements are going to be done and who is doing the work. Most contractors want to finish the project within 30 days or less. Most homeowners doing the work themselves take longer. To play it safe, you may want to schedule the completion for 90 days.

Q2. What if I find that the work is going to take longer then I put on my Structure and Landscape Improvement Application?

A2. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY** to mail a letter to Carol Foster at The Prescott Company asking for an extension. In the letter, give a detailed explanation of why an extension is required, and be sure to include a new completion date. Remember that waiting until the completion date has passed may result in a fine.

Q3. What if I don't meet the completion date?

A3. Follow the instruction in A2 above. It is important to note that you **WILL NOT** be given one extension after another.

To all homeowners who are submitting a second or third Structure and Landscape Improvement Application—You must submit the application, ARC approval forms and three (3) copies of all drawings to

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Animal Control, P.O. Box 88035, Moreno Valley, CA 92552 (951-413-3790)

City Council Office (951-413-3008)

Library (951-413-3880)

Senior Center (951-413-3790)

THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

From the gardener's corner...gardening is a pleasure this month. Things are growing slower and the pleasantly cool weather is refreshing to work in after the summer's heat. **Harvest herbs** now for making wreaths or vinegars as holiday presents. If you are lucky enough to have a fresh pumpkin, **toast - don't toss those pumpkin seeds**. Wash the seeds well and separate them from the stringy pulp. Spread them on a cookie sheet and toast them for 3 or 4 minutes at 375 degrees. Stir and toast them another 2 or 3 minutes until they are evenly golden. **Feed citrus and avocados** with a high level of phosphorus and potassium but no nitrogen to toughen them up for winter. Keep them watered until the rains take over. **Discontinue feeding deciduous trees** now to make them cold hardy. Plan your dormant fruit tree spraying schedule to coincide with cool weather holidays – Thanksgiving, New Year's Day and Valentine's Day. Spraying at the precise period of bud swell is important – before the bud swell is too early and after the blossoms open is too late. **Separate and replant crowded clumps of bulbs**. Many will grow well beneath deciduous trees as most of the bulb growth is in the early spring before the trees leaf out.

You can still seed thin spots in your established lawn. After a month of sowing, that area will be ready for mowing. Remember to change your irrigation schedule. Cooler weather slows evaporation and transpiration from plant foliage, so less water is needed.

WEIGHT WATCHERS WANTED

by Joan Williams

Over 15 of your friends and neighbors have been "enjoying" losing weight during the past 2½ months. The time for re-enrollment is getting close, and we invite any person interested in trimming down for the holidays to join us in losing a few pounds. You are welcome to attend a meeting and "check it out." We meet at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Both men and women participate, and the community support is terrific! The new session starts on October 1st, and payment must be received by September 30th. What a great opportunity to look like the person you are!

ATTENTION PAINTERS AND WANNA BE'S

by Joan Williams

The Saturday morning oil and acrylic painting class is underway. Here is your opportunity to get professional help in learning a new skill or in perfecting the skills you already have. We are using the game room at the clubhouse, and there is plenty of room for additional students. Our teacher, Debra Stein, is more than generous in helping new students to learn the skills needed to display their natural talents in beautiful artwork.

CRUISE NIGHT

by Micki Stewart

Please join our neighbors at the clubhouse on *Monday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m.* for an informative night of cruising. Learn about cruising from Jeff Geston, a representative of Celebrity Cruise Lines. He will tell us of the benefits of cruises tailored to our own wants and likes, give tips on what to look for in a cruise line and answer any and all questions you might have. Think about where you would like to go in our world and he will be able to tell you about the best time of the year to go there.

Brochures and refreshments will be available.

Questions can be directed to Micki (486-0161) or Traci (485-3387)

RSVP to Micki by October 13th.

CARING COMMITTEE

by Kay Donner

Nancy Berger and I would like to encourage anyone to contact us with information about our friends and neighbors of Mountain View Community who are suffering from a crisis such as an illness, surgery, or grief over a death in the family. We would be happy to bring meals if so desired, set up the clubhouse to host a memorial when necessary, or at least send a card of encouragement. Although there are some financial limits to what we are able to accomplish, we do CARE about each other. We want to be hospitable and also a comfort to our community when a need arises.

Thank you from Kay Donner and Nancy Berger.

BOOK CLUB

by Shirley DeCarlo

The next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26th at 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. We will review the book, **1776**. Come prepared to discuss and agree or disagree. It's fun and educational as well.

See you there!

Haunted Halloween Potluck Party

... will be held on Saturday, October 29th at the Clubhouse. 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**

Welcome to Mountain View

by Charlotte Lillard

Welcome **CB and Grace Howry, 14855 San Jacinto Drive** (from Oklahoma). Also, a big thank you to Helen Grogan, Lori Humprey and Don McIsaac for your help in letting me know about the new people moving into the neighborhood.

There will be a lot more new neighbors in the near future, so keep your eyes open!

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.

Currently we are working to provide "security blankets" for the traumatized children/victims of Hurricane Katrina. Over the past two weeks, Project Linus nationwide provided 13,230 blankets for the children. Our local chapter in Moreno Valley provided an additional 204 blankets (45 from Mountain View Blanketeers sponsored by recent donations). Thank you to those who have provided donations. All donations are truly appreciated!

If you are thinking of making a donation to the Red Cross or Salvation Army, please consider making the donation to Project Linus for our Hurricane Relief Project. You will know exactly where your donation went and what it was for...security blankets for the children. Make checks payable to Project Linus and send to Janet Jarosh, 14711 Grandview Drive, Moreno Valley, CA 92555.

PULL-TABS

by Nancy Berger

It's been one year now and we have collected **130.5 pounds** of pull-tabs, so far. Many thanks to all, especially Pete Hite who was in a unique position for collecting. He has since retired. Congratulations Pete! I'll miss the big boxes filled with tabs, but remember every one counts. Keep saving and I'll keep a running total.

P.S.-- I recently received a thank you card from Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. It said:

*"We wish to thank you for collecting
pull-tabs for our house. Every pull-tab counts."*

RMH Staff

What's Cooking?

by Helen Grogan

Happy Fall Everyone! I thought it would be good to bring some oldies back. Cooler weather means we can turn the stove back on again. This month's recipe comes from the kitchen of the fun loving Suzanne Werner...Thanks again Suzanne. By the way, I could use some help with new recipes. There's a lot of new folks out there.

FISH STEW

- 6 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup of chopped onion
- 2 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 2/3 cups fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 cup of fresh chopped tomato (about 1 large tomato)
- 8 oz of clam juice
- 2/3 cup dry white wine
- 1 lb fish fillets (use halibut, cod, sole, shark, orange roughy) cut into 2" pieces
- 1/2 lb of shrimp
- pinch of oregano, thyme, pepper and a dash of Tabasco.
- 2 tsp of tomato paste.

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add chopped onions and garlic. Saute 4 minutes. Add parsley and cook 2 minutes. Add tomato, tomato paste, seasoning and cook 2 minutes longer. Add clam juice, dry wine, shrimp and fish and simmer until fish is cooked through (about 10 minutes). Ladle into bowls and serve.

Prep time about 25 minutes. (Serves 4)

Ladies' Luncheon

Don Jose's

Moreno Valley

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

12:00 noon

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

RSVP by October 14th to Marilyn Dawson or Jo Pavlik

King Tut & the Golden Age of the Pharoahs Exhibit

A trip is planned by the Senior Center to the King Tut Exhibit in Los Angeles on November 1. The price of \$65 per person includes transportation (bus from from Cactus Avenue gate), admission to the Art Museum, King Tut tour with headset, La Brea Tar Pits and lunch.

For details and reservations, contact Roberta Laird at 243-5073 by October 6th.

LINE DANCING

by Suzanne Werner

Line Dancing classes have started at the YWCA of Riverside County for both beginners and intermediate. Well known dance instructor Bev Ladd is sharing her skill and expertise twice a week—Beginner's classes are Saturdays from 12:15-1:15 p.m. and Intermediate classes are held on Saturdays from 1:15-2:45 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7:14-8:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 per class per person.

If you are interested in learning or taking your dancing to a new level, call Suzanne or the YWCA (687-9922) for information.

Tai Chi

by Suzanne Werner

Tai Chi starts in October. Legend has it that Tai Chi, a Chinese martial art, was invented hundreds of years ago by a Taoist priest named Chang San-Feng after he happened to see a crane fighting a snake. Today, far removed from the mountains of medieval China, people are practicing Tai Chi more for their health than for fighting. The graceful movements are helping people to improve their mobility and balance.

Tai Chi combines meditation with slow, circular motions. Movements are practiced with knees and hip joints slightly bent and deep breathing. Scientific evidence shows that older people with arthritis have less pain and less trouble with daily activities. It has been found that Tai Chi also lowers blood pressure. The class begins with warm-up exercises and ends with 15 minutes of stretching and relaxation.

BUNCO!!

Bring \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

Most Buncos - Sharon Shavce
Most Baby Buncos - Sue Janssen
Most Wins - Kay Howe
Most Losses - Shirley DeCarlo
Last Bunco - Sharon Shavce

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005
(2nd Tuesday of the Month)

6:30 PM at the Clubhouse

What to bring: Halloween Treats
For more information contact:

Sue Janssen - 242-0959 or Sharon Shavce - 247-2772
ESJanssen@adelphia.net or SShavce@Gmail.com

BINGO!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 (485-5138) or Mike Frahm (485-3095)

Congratulations

...Frank Kathriner for a hole-in-one on the 7th hole at Cottonwood Golf Course on September 12th. By the way, there is a small group from Mountain View who tee off at Cottonwood on Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Anyone interested in joining is welcome.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Joanne Pavlik

Summer is gone and we are into the Fall Line Up!! Just take a peek at what's in store for you. It's better than TV.

Saturday, October 1st, 6:00 p.m. features the one and only Mountain View Resort and Casino Night. Come on down! Get your lucky money and dinner for \$7. Win gift certificates. Casino games, Bingo, play money, good friends and neighbors—a winning combination! No reservation needed. Head Pit Boss: Sharon Cristino.

Wednesday, October 5th, 6:30 p.m., the **Social Club General Meeting** will feature speaker Jeff Johnson, manager and pro at Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club. What happens at the course/clubhouse impacts our community and home values. So, golfer or not, come hear the new management's plan for changes. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Thursday, October 6th, 6:30 p.m. starts the new **Weight Watcher** session. Contact Kathy Sais.

Monday, October 17th, 6:30 p.m. is **Cruise Night**. Get some tips on cruising that could save you money in your travels. Contact Micki Stewart.

Tuesday, October 18th, 12:00 p.m. (11:30 a.m. at clubhouse to carpool) **Women's Luncheon** at Don Jose in Moreno Valley. Call Marilyn Dawson or Jo Pavlik by October 13th for reservations.

Friday, October 21st, 6:30 p.m. is **TGIF**. (Co-Chairs: Katie and Luis Brambila)

Saturday, October 29th, 6:30 p.m. **CREEPS** up with the **Haunted Halloween Party**. Costumes are optional, but fun and a good time are required. Participate in games and enjoy a potluck! (Co-Chairs: Joan Williams and Maggie August)

New Bowling League begins this Fall. Contact Judy Hedger.

(Please check your calendar for a complete activities list. Due to the weather, some activities or times may have changed.)

Save the Date

November 11th—Veteran's Day Celebration
November 19th—Poinsettia Farm Visit

THANK YOU to the HOA for funding a new storage shelf system in the supply closet and our new Mega-Catch mosquito abatement system. A special thank you to Ed Burt and Don Papiernik for the planning and shelf installation.

Thank you to the Social Club Committee Chairs for their lead in our activities. There is something for **everyone**, and we don't want you to miss a thing.