

THE VIEW SEPTEMBER 2007

Mountain View Community Association

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### THE HOA BOARD LETTER by Fred Humphrey



Wow is it hot! Hopefully, we will get back to the cool 95 degree temperature soon. You know you have become a "desert rat" when you think 95 is cool.

I thank all the homeowners who have spent the time and effort to make their lawns look great. Our community really looks nice when you drive through. Keep up the good work.

By now all homeowners should have received a copy of the latest approved Rules and Regulations. These were approved by the Board at the July 18, 2007 meeting. Due to a mixup at Prescott, the notice was not mailed out until late August (I hope). Most of the R&R's remain unchanged except for updates for changes in law, the removal of references to Ryland, and editorial changes such as an index and numbering the sections. The major change was to restrict street parking to visitors, vendors, and recreational vehicles for no more that 48 Hopefully, this will make our hours community look more pleasing and leave access for emergency vehicles and visitors.

There is still some controversy over common area usage and the rights of activities sponsored by the Social Club versus individual homeowners. When an activity is sponsored by the Social Club, and scheduled and placed on the published calendar, the Social Club activity has priority for the use of that facility. All Social Club activities are open to all homeowners (and guests when specified) for the enjoyment of all. Homeowners should refrain from using the facility reserved for an activity when it could interfere with the activity. The Board and the Social Committee work hard to balance the rights of the homeowner with the needs of the community.

It is September and time to start thinking about the election of new officers for the Mountain View Community Association. Three board positions will be open in January. Please consider running for a position on the Board. Board members serve a two-year term and attend 11 board meetings per year. If you think you would like to become involved but not on the Board, please consider one of the many positions on the Social Club. If we want to continue to make Mountain View "a great place to live," we need homeowners to become involved.

As a footnote, the Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club is having its first Supper Club Event on September 7th at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$19.95 including tax and tip. If you want to attend, the RSVP date is September 2, 2007. Call 924-4444 ext. 203 for reservations. This is not an event sponsored by the Community Association or the Social Club, but I think it is a great idea for a convenient location to dine.



### MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST 15, 2007 by Vickie Burt, Secretary

#### **BOARD ACTION**

- Approved collection of delinquent accounts
- Approved minutes of previous meetings
- Approved financial report for July 2007: Operating Account/s \$ 27,240.92 Reserve Funds 482,475.10 Total Liabilities & Equity 509,716.02
- Architectural Guidelines are still being reviewed and revised by the Architectural Review Committee. There was no action or discussion on this item.
- The Manager was asked to verify that the Approved Rules and Regulations are mailed to all home owners.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Facilities/Landscape Committee –The dishwasher in the clubhouse has been repaired including items related to the recent recall notice. The repairman has advised that the dishwasher be run at least once per week to keep it in good operating order. The Board requested that this be done on Wednesday concurrently with the Wednesday Morning Coffee.
- Architecture Review Committee—No report given.
- Social Committee—Reminded everyone that the TGIF will be September 14. Requested that the Storage Shed door is hard to open and may need repair and a handle.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

There was a discussion regarding the poor quality of the street sweeping. The Board requested that the Property Manager look into this and bring information back to the next meeting.

Next meeting of the HOA Board is on September 19, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.



A big thank you to Sue Janssen for compiling the July and August newsletters. Great job Sue!

## CARING COMMITTEE



by Georgene Tacke and Carole Sweeney

The new Caring Committee would like to enlist your assistance to keep us informed if anyone in your neighborhood needs help (for example, if someone is sick and would benefit from meals delivered by their neighbors, or if a card would cheer them, we are very anxious to be of service). We can only accomplish our task if you let us know who is sick, whose spouse is sick or if there has been a loss in the family.

Another thought, please let one of us know if you are bringing food to a neighbor who is close to you. Frequently, so much food arrives during the first few days of a sickness or a loss and the neighbor's freezer is full. How much better to space it out so food is arriving when they need it most. We can let you know who else is planning to bring a casserole and when yours will be most appreciated. We are new this year and want to be sure that we miss no one in need. You can help us achieve our goal.

#### BOWLING By Judy Hedger

Several Mountain View residents are bowling at 9:00 a.m. on both Tuesdays and Thursdays at Moreno Valley Bowl on Sunnymead Boulevard. New bowlers are always welcome and badly needed, especially for the Thursday morning league. The Tuesday league is called "Coffee Break Trio," with free coffee and doughnuts for the bowlers. The Thursday league is called "Inflation Fighters," which includes a practice card that's good for three free games of practice bowling every day of the month. Both leagues are a lot of fun. The fall season begins in early September. Call or email me and join us for fun times at Moreno Valley Bowl! (email: judy@cjhedger.com)





#### 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



# THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

• From the gardener's corner...the fall is a great season in the garden. You can plant everything during late September. The soil is warm and roots will get a head start before the winter rains start. Start thinking about spring flowering bulbs. You can buy them now while selection is at its best, but put tulips, crocus and hyacinths in the

refrigerator for 6 to 8 weeks before planting. Be sure to put them in brown paper bags as they are living things and need to breathe. Choose big plump bulbs as these have the most food stored and will produce the biggest bulbs. Don't forget to divide your iris that have been around for a few years. Otherwise they will stop blooming.

Let's focus on lawns. This is a good time to repair and generally care for the lawn and seed can be sown to produce new growth. Brushing, raking with a wire rake and spiking all help to improve the penetration of air to the turf surface and the soil beneath. Follow this with a fall feed of a compound lawn fertilizer high in potash and phosphate. Bald parts of established lawns can be scratched up to provide some sort of seedbed and sown with a seed mixture which matches the grasses already present.

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

**Deadhead and feed your roses** for the last time, but do not do any severe pruning until December or January when they are fully dormant.

This should be a cooler month, so happy digging in the dirt!

### **Project Linus**

#### by Janet Jarosh

Just a note to keep you informed about what is going on within our group of Project Linus blanketeers. As you know, we provide "handmade security blankets" to seriously ill and traumatized children locally. We are 100% volunteer, so all blanket-making supplies are at our own expense. Any help you can provide (blankets, yarn or cash) is tremendously helpful. Blankets can be knitted, crocheted, quilted or fleece, any size, any color, machine washable (36" x 45" is the perfect size).



Our chapter has donated over 12,000 blankets to date (1,294 from Mountain View volunteers. Keep up the Good Work!) We deliver to Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, Parkview Hospital's NICU Unit, and much more. NOTE: Blankets are also provided to the children of soldiers from this area who have been killed in Iraq.

Please make a monetary donation. As quoted from a parent, "A touch of kindness from total strangers has given us a tremendous (and needed) boost of faith in humanity." Checks can be made payable to Project Linus (a 501c3 Charity, tax deductible). Thank You! Janet Jarosh/Coordinator, 14711 Grandview Drive, Moreno Valley, CA 92555.

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by Joan Williams

We are starting a new column designed to give information and helpful hints to homeowners in our community. If you have any tidbits to pass on, please call Joan Williams or e-mail at joanjwms@verizon.net.

Our information on the GE dishwasher recall was very valuable to many of us who had the model numbers being recalled. If you are not sure whether you have a model in question, call GE at 877-607-6395, or e-mail http://www.geappliances.com/ products/recall.

With the heat we have been having lately, several homeowners have had some or all of their windows tinted to reduce the sun exposure. For information on this process, please call Jo Pavlik, Katie Wenke, or Joe and Joan Brodowsky. You will find their phone numbers in your directory. Again, remember, any helpful hints you would like to pass on to your neighbors can be suggested in this column. Let's get the word out!

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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Please join in the holiday spirit by opening your home for the community to enjoy on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Last year, homes were opened and it was a huge success. Some ideas you might want to share are sentimental favorites, villages, trees to die for, or any other holiday decorations.

If you want to join in the festivities, please contact:

Marilyn Dawson at marilyn6515@verizon.net Or Katie Wenke at boomboom46@roadrunner.com

# What's Cooking?

(from Katie's Kitchen Corner)

by Katie Wenke

Thanks to Twila DeWalt for this month's recipe. She brought it to our last Ladies Luncheon and it was such a hit! It was delicious. Please, please send me your recipes too. My e-mail address is <u>boomboom46@adelphia.net</u>. It's great to share recipes from kitchen to kitchen.

## APPLE SALAD

(From Twila DeWalt - Great for Potlucks)

20-ounce can crushed pineapple with juice
small box lemon Jello
ounces softened cream cheese
cup finely diced celery
cup diced Fuji apples or apples of your choice
cup chopped pecans
cup Cool Whip

Heat pineapple, including juice, in a small saucepan and bring to a boil. Add lemon Jello and stir until dissolved. Let cool about 10 minutes. Add cream cheese, celery, apples and pecans and stir well. Fold in Cool Whip.

Place in a 9x9 inch dish. Refrigerate until chilled for at least 3 to 4 hours. (Overnight is better.)



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# LADIES LUNCHEON

# P. H. WOODS

23060 Alessandro Blvd. Moreno Valley Tuesday, September 18, 2007

# 12:30 PM

Call me if you need a ride! Joanne Phillips (Sign up at Clubhouse or e-mail at jotphillips@verizon.net)



# **DINE OUT**

### by Bill and Kay Donner

We look forward to another dinner together with our first *Dine Out* of the season. On Thursday, September 20<sup>th,</sup> we will meet at Applebee's on Day Street (near Mimi's) at 6:00 p.m. Menu prices vary, so you will be responsible for meal, tax, and gratuity. Please call Bill and/or Kay at 951-413-6201 if you are planning to attend. We need to send in a "count" on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank

you and we hope to see many of you at APPLEBEE'S.

REMINDER: Trash pickup will be on Saturday, September 8th after Labor Day.



Out to



BUNCO

Bring Your \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

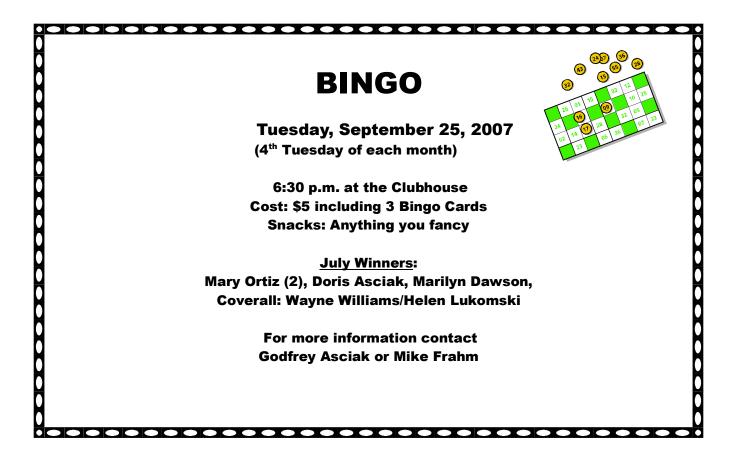
6:30 pm

Last Month's Winners

Most Wins - Marilyn Dawson Most Bunco's - Bev Bailey/Lori Humphrey Most Baby Bunco's - Katie Brambila Most Losses - Doris Polley Fuzzy Dice - Fran Martinez

(Bring a snack to share.)

For more information contact: Marilyn Dawson - <u>Marilyn6515@verizon.net</u>



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Jo Pavlik



Thank you to all of the volunteers who run the Social Club activities. The Board planned a calendar through 2007 and enjoyed a delicious appreciation breakfast. Thank you to Lori for helping me with food. In addition to our committee activities, we will enjoy a Karaoke Night, Christmas tree decorating party, Mountain View Holiday Walk of Homes, Cookie Exchange, Valentine Tea, and that just takes us into February!!! Stay tuned!!!

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO ANONYMOUSLY DO NICE THINGS FOR OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE KNOW YOU DO DEEDS OUT OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP, AND WE OFFER YOU A *BIG THANK YOU.* 

This month TGIF is on September 14th. Cool off at Margarita Night!!! On Friday, September 7th, the Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club will serve dinner for area homeowners. TGIF has been moved temporarily so that homeowners can support this event. It is not club sponsored.

Beginning in October, TGIF will be on the first Friday of the month.

# SAVE THE DATE:

*Trim the Tree/Deck the Halls Party: November 30th Holiday Walk of Homes: December 2nd Christmas Party/Gift Exchange: December 9th*