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**June 2017 Issue
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SUNSET MESA-GE

On The Street Where You Live

Linda Kaye

The annual meeting of the SMPOA was held at 6:00 pm, at KI in the Palisades. Folks commented this was the best attended annual meeting in many years. Most homeowners attended to hear how the volunteer board served the community interest, were stewards of the community funds, resolved issues or held our community together. The CCRs and Bylaws, both the original and the 2012 amended, require this as well as vote on who serves on the Board for the upcoming year. Results of the vote are on page 4. Last month a USPS delivered letter was sent to every homeowner advising of the many things the Board over sees on your behalf. This was discussed in more detail in the meeting along with comments from a few of the attendees.

The community was advised of the status of what we've been working on since last October, dissolving the growing RV encampment on PCH. New resident, Jeremy Cohen commented this was an issue that residents of his prior home, Venice Beach, had to deal with when the problems eventually escalated into a homicide. The Sheriff's department, LAPD and Fire Department have responded to complaints of open fires, dumping, and increased crime. Tom Whitmore of ADT spoke to the community about the two robberies, one on Malibu Vista and the other on Wakecrest. Both homeowners were home at the time of robbery and did not have monitoring or security.

Homeowners were encouraged to set their alarms when they are home for effective security. All were encouraged to subscribe to Next Door, a third party blog service, to exchange communication locally.

Instructions on how to subscribe to Next Door is on page 4.

Attempts to get County Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl's, office to grant an ordinance for overnight parking or pan handling has been frustrating. Attendees were advised it was the Board's belief that this problem is not being taken seriously, and we are not getting the appropriate response. Despite Sunset Mesa's location in the unincorporated portion of Malibu, our only political representative is Sheila Kuehl. We need her support to rally resources to take care of the growing problems. Although Sheila's office was unavailable to attend our annual meeting, many of those who have lived in the neighborhood more than 5 years, remember and miss Zev's frequent attendance. A letter was prepared for homeowner signatures to send to Sheila's office and was distributed at the meeting and electronically sent to the subscribers of the community website.

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Other News

Attendees of the annual meeting were also advised of the CCR's validity to assess and collect dues.

2012 By-Laws Article VII Dues

*Dues **shall** be assessed by the Board in such amounts as may be deemed appropriate per year per residence / owner. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1 through June 30. Dues are due and payable on July 1. No member of the Association shall be deemed to be in good standing if his or her household has not paid its dues.*

The same language appeared in the 1963 By-Laws:

*Dues **shall** be assessed by the Board of Directors in such amounts as may be deemed appropriate per year per residence owner. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1 through June 30. Dues are due and payable on July , **and become delinquent thereafter**. No member of the Association shall be deemed to be in good standing if his or her household has not paid its dues.*

The originals were tougher. The language is specific and uses the word "shall", i.e., mandatory. Consider a legal document, say, loan docs, that says your payment "shall" be due on a certain date. This can't be interpreted as voluntary. Once assessed, they are due, and if not paid, the "assessment" stays with the property. If prior Boards had not collected, this does not make the dues "voluntary", anymore than an "urban legend" makes it so.

Getty News!



Getty Liaison, Howard Gould, attended the quarterly board meeting of the Getty Villa Community Relations Committee. The following topics were discussed

- The Villa is undergoing a remodel of the approximately 44,000 works of art in their collection of Greek, Roman, and Etruscan antiquities. They will be organized chronologically. Free Roman Holiday interactive activities will take their temporary

place, including perfume making and yes, liver reading!

- The van turn around project received Coastal Commission approval, and is back before the Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety with actual work expected to begin this fall.
- In response to an inquiry from a frequent Getty visitor who does not want to park in the parking lot but on our residential streets, the Villa reiterated its policy that no walk ins are allowed other than for people using public transport and our community as neighbors of the Villa.
- The fall performance in the amphitheater will revert back to a Greek tragedy. The play has not yet been announced.

June 2017 SMPOA Board Minutes Summary

Board members present included:

Linda Kaye, President; Marco Rufo, VP; Larry Klein, Treasurer; Robyn Latter, Secretary; Gregg Bernstein, Howard Gould. Not present, Paulette Silver.

The Board discussed the following issues:

Agenda items for annual meeting:

- Need for Ordinance to prevent overnight RV parking – in the Mesa and on PCH.
- Signs voted on last month are to be installed after ordinance. Limitations to be determined on time intervals, height and length limits.
- RV's reported as hazardous (crossing PCH, stopping traffic), illegal dumping of waste, and posing a fire risk with recreational fires being set.
- Homeowner Jeremy Cohen, appointed chair of committee to engage with Stephanie Cohen , Deputy for Sheila Kuehl's office, regarding RV parking.



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- Sheila Kuehl's office was invited, but declined to attend the annual meeting.
- Board raised issue over lack of concern and availability from Kuehl's office.
- Letters to County Supervisor's office regarding the community's desire to resolve the RV issue was voted and unanimously passed.
- Board voted and unanimously agreed to bill HOA back dues. Per the SMPOA CC&R's dated 2012 and 1963 CC&R's, dues are mandatory and delinquent if not paid in a timely manner. The Board unanimously voted to approve invoicing for dues dating back to 2011/ 12.
- Prior Board voted to approve collecting dues at the time the house is sold.
- Getty Cards are given to homeowners that have paid the current year dues.
- The Treasurer will assume responsibilities for membership invoices and Getty Cards. Currently these tasks are performed by the president.
- The Board also collects a \$450 document handling fee for providing the escrow officer with CC&R's, Local Area Disclosure, Bylaws etc. The Board will continue to collect dues at the annual meeting, at times of service, and at time of sale. These funds are necessary to preserve the quality of Sunset Mesa services that all residents enjoy.
- The community supported events, such the annual block party, and the Mesa-Ge are 100% ad sponsored.

Treasurer's Report

- As of May 31, 2017, the Wells Fargo account had \$203,028.61, UBS account had \$82,135.05, Chase account had \$25,000. Grand total \$310,163.66.
- Interest Deposit for the month totaled \$1.69 for interest. Deposits of \$3,100 were made for HOA dues and an additional \$11.21 was deposited as the balance from the STIFEL account. \$875 was deposited for Sunset Mesa-ge ads.
- STIFEL account has been closed. Board will look to close the UBS account once it matures.
- **Debits for the month of May:**
- Karsh Bhagi, Sunset Mesa-ge editing: \$550.00
- Kehillat Israel, facilities rental: \$1,010.00
- SMPOA, Chase checking account: \$25,000

- P. Segerstrom, Sunset Mesa-ge delivery: \$55
- Sec of State, Articles of Incorporation: \$16.00
- Vogel & Kinne, 2016 tax returns: \$1,259.00

The full Treasurer's Report is available on www.sunsetmesa.org

Architectural Committee

- **Common Area:** Drainage – The County requires the Home Owners Association to approve all common area work. Common areas include the replacement of drainage, sewer line tie-ins from the homeowner property to the street, common to the community.
- Letter of Determination at 18110 Wakecrest (F&H LLC, Asemanfar), was approved by the Architectural Committee. The homeowner sought the HOA approval to replace the sewer lines. County required HOA signed approval. Homeowner brought past dues up to date.
- Letter of Determination at 3917 Malibu Vista (Jacobs, Jeffrey; The Echo Lake Trust) was approved for new homeowner's resubmission for the addition and remodel on the back of this rim property. First draft would have caused a second story OVI and was not approved. Homeowner's revised and resubmitted plans are in keeping with the neighborhood

HOW TO FILE AN OVI COMPLAINT:

Go to www.sunsetmesa.org, download request for service under the Architect Committee tab. Fill in, date it and add pictures. Send to:

sunsetmesaac@gmail.com

****Important: If you are not a member in good standing (paid your dues) the AC will not respond to your OVI request, and will forward your outstanding dues invoice. When they are up to date, a site visit will be scheduled.****



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Your Community Billboard

- The Board and community emails delivered a message that has received great results! Conico Gas withdrew their application for extended alcohol sales hours! Be sure to Email and thank angelica.rivera@abc.ca.gov
- To stay up to date, Subscribe to Sunset Mesa Website by opting in on the bottom right side of the SMPOA website at: www.sunsetmesa.org
- To subscribe to the blog site Next Door, go to www.nextdoor.com Enter home address, email address, click "find your neighborhood." Sign up.
- If you dog walk or have or want to join a walking group send your request to sunsetmesaeditor@gmail.com

Other News

- Homeowners can thank volunteer Mark Estes for refilling the doggie bag dispensers around the neighborhood, provided by the SMPOA . Keep the neighborhood beautiful and be a good neighbor: pick up after your pup. Be a better neighbor and haul the poop back to your own trash can. No one likes to carry it but no one likes it less than someone that doesn't own the pooper.
- Knock-Knock Break-in on 6/13. Homeowners at 3753 Malibu Vista experienced a home invasion. Night before, the same perpetrators were seen on camera and knocked and left. They returned to the scene of the crime after police left.

THANK THE VOLUNTEERS THAT WILL SERVE ON THE SMPOA 2017-2018

Board:

Marco Rufo	Linda Kaye
Larry Klein	Gregg Bernstein
Paulette Silver	Howard Gould
Jeremy Cohen (new!)	Albert Chang
(new!)	

ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEERS:

John Ransier	Tahir Mahmood
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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & CONTACT NAMES

Lost Hills Sherriff (non-emergency): [818-878-1808](tel:818-878-1808)

Malibu City Hotline: [310-456-9982](tel:310-456-9982)

Universal waste systems: [800-631-7016](tel:800-631-7016)

So Cal Edison: [800-611-1911](tel:800-611-1911) (emergency line)

So Cal Gas Co: [800-427-2200](tel:800-427-2200)

Water District 29: [626-458-4357](tel:626-458-4357) (emergency line)

Curb Painting: [310 454-9400](tel:310-454-9400) John Lehne provides curb painting to paid dues SMPOA members

Getty Villa Complaints: [877-625-4282](tel:877-625-4282)

Agoura Hills Animal Control: [818-91-0071](tel:818-91-0071)

County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl: [\(213\) 974-3333](tel:213-974-3333)

Stephanie B. Cohen: [310.231.1170](tel:310.231.1170) or [213.448.6221](tel:213.448.6221)

CHP (For cars parked 72+ hours): [323-982-4900](tel:323-982-4900) or West

Valley CHP: [818-888-0980](tel:818-888-0980)

LA Building/Planning: [213-974-6433](tel:213-974-6433)

LA Public Works (traffic signals/tree trimming/illegal dumping/report violations) [626-458-5100](tel:626-458-5100)

LA Public Works (imminent danger caused by RV) 800-675-HELP (1-800-675- 4357)

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