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# SUNSET MESA-GE

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## On The Street Where You Live

Linda Kaye

This is the first edition of the Mesa-Ge for the new fiscal year. Your 2017/18 current SMPOA Board members reflect the wishes of the attending body of our annual meeting held last month. The results of the vote are on page 4 of this edition.

Many of you were affected by the inability to get into this neighborhood last month. Emergency vehicles made safety the #1 priority and prevented car entry for a short period of time, blocking traffic at PCH and Sunset in both directions. If you've lived in the neighborhood very long you'll recall we've had 2 or 3 close calls, but never a fire in the Mesa. A quick reminder is necessary for all new and existing homeowners that we are in the highest foliage growth period of the year. Having come off a 3-year drought, followed by the heaviest rains we've had since the 2003 El Nino, fire safety should be your number 1 priority.

If you have trees on your property it is your responsibility to keep them trimmed, not just for fire safety but for the coveted ocean view protection. If your views are blocked of the ocean it is your responsibility to do something about it. If you have gone to the trouble of asking the AC to respond to your OVI request it is still your responsibility to communicate with the homeowner to resolve this. Stay on top of this. Don't wait for someone else to do this. The lack of your response can cause OVI for many other homeowners in addition to yourself.

Most of the OVI complaints are due to overgrown foliage. If someone on a rim property (lower Malibu Vista, Coastline) lets the foliage overgrow and a home higher up does nothing; then lets their foliage overgrow, causing more uphill view interference this can have a domino effect.

All exterior remodeling needs a submittal and approval of these projects from the AC. Our website and newsletter is the most effective tool to communicate the importance of this information.

If you have a tree on the parkway and it is causing view interference it's the homeowner's responsibility to maintain or trim. There are three county-approved arborists that can trim outside the three-year county schedule. Otherwise you must pull a permit or run the risk of a fine from the county, particularly if you kill the tree after you have it trimmed.

We've had a number of requests for dog walkers, babysitters and walking groups so please send an email to [sunsetmesaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetmesaeditor@gmail.com) if you would like to be included in the "neighborhood corner" on page 4.

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## Other News

### **Tired of visiting the Getty? Here are some alternative events to attend this summer:**

#### **In Malibu**

- **8/12 – Movie at Bluffs Park**
  - What: “The Little Mermaid” (G)
  - Where: Malibu Bluffs Park
  - When: 8/12. Activities begin at 7pm, movie at sunset.
  - Cost: Free!!
  - Bring a blankets and chairs, it’s open seating.
- **8/20 – Concert on the Bluffs**
  - What: Musicians from the LA Phil, Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, and Malibu Coast Chamber Orchestra, led by conductor Scott Hosfeld will perform at the second annual Concert on the Bluffs.
  - Where: Malibu Bluffs Park
  - When: 8/20 at 5pm
  - Cost: General admission \$35; Seniors and Students \$15; children 5 and under free.
  - Bring blankets and chairs, as it is open seating!
  - Tickets can be purchased at: [concertonthebluffs2017.brownpapertickets.com](http://concertonthebluffs2017.brownpapertickets.com)
  - For more information, including purchasing tickets, please call 310-456-2489 x349.

#### **In the Pacific Palisades**

- **7/22 – Origami Club**
  - Where: Palisades Library
  - When: 7/22 from 1-3pm
  - Cost: Free!
  - All supplies provided, no registration necessary
- **7/31 – Solar Eclipse Lecture**
  - What: A Lecture by the staff on the total solar eclipse happening on 8/21. Protective glasses will be provided!
  - Where: Palisades Library
  - When: Monday 7/31 at 3:30
  - Cost: Free; first come first serve
- **8/19 – Street Food Cinema Movie in the Park**
  - What: “Pitch Perfect” (PG-13); Food trucks!
  - Where: Will Rogers State Historic Park
  - When: Saturday 8/21 at 8:30pm, doors open at 6pm.
  - Cost: General Admission \$15, Children \$6, Children 5 and under free
  - For more information and ticket purchase, please visit: [www.streetfoodcinema.com/pitch-perfect-2/](http://www.streetfoodcinema.com/pitch-perfect-2/)

## July 2017 SMPOA Board Minutes Summary

Board members present included:

Linda Kaye; Gregg Bernstein; Howard Gould; Albert Chang; Paulette Silver; and Jeremy Cohen. Not present: Marco Rufo; Larry Klein.

Special Issues Committee Chair Becky Rickley was present, as was Natasha Roit.

The Board discussed the following issues:

- Association storage locker has over 50 years’ worth of historical documents and is in need of constant reorganization to fit the current space. It is determined that digitalizing all documents would be time-prohibitive, and thus does not make sense.
- Roles of Officers and AC Chair
  - Getty Liaison attends quarterly Getty meetings with representatives from 4 other surrounding HOAs. Reports of meetings sent back to Board and community via Mesa-ge.
  - Special Issues Committee requires interface with County/Local Government on policy and tactical issues, as well as nonstandard community requests.
  - Website Coordinator maintains content of site and supervises website backup, as well as manages relationships with 3<sup>rd</sup> party digital service providers.
  - Membership Coordinator maintains an account of all homeowners’ contact information and history of paid dues. Also reviews weekly homes for sale in Sunset Mesa to distribute local area disclosures to listing agents.



## **(Board Minutes Continued)**

- Open Discussion
  - Resident Brett Oberst came to discuss not wanting to pay the \$1,025 in past dues and escrow document fees due on close of escrow on his home. He was advised that if there were a math error, it would be corrected. Otherwise it is owed.
  - Resident Anthony Raptis appeared on behalf of himself and 4 other residents to appeal an approved renovation at 3917 Malibu Vista, claiming an OVI. As the appeal is outside of the 30-day window sited in the CCRs, Board conveyed that nothing could be done. Raptis disagreed with Board's position and abruptly left the meeting.

## **Treasurer's Report Full report is online June 2017**

- As of June 30, 2017, the Wells Fargo account had \$0.24, UBS account had \$81,544.78, Chase account had \$58,244.39, and One West account had \$200,000. Grand total \$339,789.41.
- Interest Deposit for the month totaled \$0.23 for interest. Deposits of \$3,175 were made for HOA dues, and \$450 was deposited for HOA docs. \$1,800 was deposited for Sunset Mesa-ge ads.
- **Debits for the month of June:**
  - SMPOA, CD at One West Bank: \$200,000
  - Staples, Mail Supplies: \$555.66
  - P. Segerstrom, Edit/delivery of Mesa-ge: \$650
  - USPS, Postage: \$274.40
  - FEDEX Postage: \$40.42
  - Rocco's Cucina, Food for annual meeting: \$217.51
  - Karsh Bhagi, Deliver Mesa-ge: \$45
  - Home Depot, Supplies: \$43.47
  - Vons Store, ice: \$22.75
  - SMPOA, Xfer to Chase: \$6,604.39
- The full Treasurer's Report is available on [www.sunsetmesa.org](http://www.sunsetmesa.org)

## **Architectural Committee**

### Site Visits on 7/8/17:

- 3404 Cloudcroft (Angotti/Gerarghti) Review/Approve Proposed remodel
  - APPROVED
- 3615 Surfwood (Dudzinsky) OVI complaint for approved construction at 3607 Surfwood

- DISAPPROVED. OVI is caused from neighbor above the proposed construction. Homeowner (Songhorian) was advised to submit plans to AC.
- 3917 Spray Lane (Billauer Gifford) Proposed remodel at front and interior courtyard
  - APPROVED
- 18110 Wakecrest (Asemanfar) Proposed remodel
  - DISAPPROVED. Homeowner advised to revise and resubmit. OVI to adjacent and across the street neighbor caused by add-on.
- 3747 Seahorn Dr (Meyer) Review solar panel installation
  - RESCHEDULED
- 3929 Malibu Vista Dr (Rickley/Roit) Review plans for front yard fence installation
  - APPROVED
- 18444 Kingsport Dr (Raptis) OVI re approved construction at 3917 Malibu Vista
  - REFERRED back to the Board. Homeowner OVI submitted after final approval.
- 3753 Malibu Vista (Homme) OVI caused by 3801 MBV overgrown foliage
  - OVI confirmed; LOD to be issued.
- 3625 Shoreheights Dr (Chang) OVI caused by 3632 Shoreheight (Rubin)
  - No OVI

### **HOW TO FILE AN OVI COMPLAINT:**

Go to [www.sunsetmesa.org](http://www.sunsetmesa.org), download request for service under the Architect Committee tab. Fill in, date it and add pictures. Send to: [sunsetmesaac@gmail.com](mailto: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.\*\***

## Your Community Billboard

Thank you for the volunteers to the AC!!

- Glenn Beer
- John Ransier
- Matt Homme
- Cindy Vohland

## Neighborhood Corner

Here you'll find baby-sitters, dog walkers, and even walking groups! If you'd like to be featured here, please email [sunsetmesaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetmesaeditor@gmail.com) !

## Other News

- Update on PCH and the overnight parking: a proposed map and permit are being reviewed. Updates will be distributed through Mail Chimp. If you'd like to be included in these email blasts, please sign up on the lower right hand corner of the SMPOA website, [www.sunsetmesa.org](http://www.sunsetmesa.org)
- Last, but not least, there is no better way to help the community than being a member of the SMPOA Board. Interested parties should contact SMPOA Vice President, Marco Rufo at [info@marcorufo.com](mailto:info@marcorufo.com)

## SMPOA 2017-2018 Board:

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| President                      | Linda Kaye      |
| Vice President                 | Marco Rufo      |
| Secretary                      | Jeremy Cohen    |
| Treasurer                      | Larry Klein     |
| Architect Committee Chair      | Gregg Bernstein |
| Membership Coordinator         | Marco Rufo      |
| Sunset Mesa-ge Coordinator     | Paulette Silver |
| Getty Liaison                  | Howard Gould    |
| Special Issues Committee Chair | Becky Rickley   |

## 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 dangers (caused by RV)) 800-675-HELP  
(1-800-675- 4357)

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