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SUNSET MESA-GE

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On The Street Where You Live by Linda Kaye

The holiday season is out and awards season is in! Although there are some really great ones, movies aren't the only thing we need to watch.

We are watching as our community endures an onslaught of crime. From petty crime and car break ins to destruction of private property as criminals break their way into our homes, almost weekly. Homeowners have been terrorized, yes terrorized, with smashed back plate glass windows and have come back to their ransacked homes, after an evening out, their valuable peace of mind stolen. One renter looked for a son's backpack and his own keys that had been set on the kitchen table. While home, with a back kitchen door unlocked, these two items were stolen somewhere between 6 and 8pm. He was advised to change the locks, which turned out to be a pretty good idea because the thief came back trying to open the door!

What's causing this crime spree? Who's walking up to doorsteps and stealing packages, while being videotaped by Ring and other devices? Who's behind stealing sunglasses and change or owners manuals from unlocked cars? Is it the same person? A group of the same people?

Some of the perpetrators caught on video look like they could live in this neighborhood. We are a diverse neighborhood and from the pictures seen I wouldn't be able to tell them from a homeowner. A white male and female videotaped separately, around the same time of night of the events, were seen putting doorstep packages under their sweatshirts. We have seen many homeless encampment individuals walking our streets, with backpacks on their shoulders in broad daylight. Where are they going? Why are they here?

See something say something is not enough. Thank you to all the homeowners that have braved putting their information out on public sites like Nextdoor. The violation is really raw and upsetting. Many notified me so we can get this word out. But we need a lot more community involvement.

Here's a hard fact. Many homeowners believe that security is the responsibility of the Sunset Mesa Property Owner Association. Fact is, it isn't. This is the responsibility of each and every private homeowner. With only the Sheriff as our line of defense most homeowners went to private security services like ACS and ADT. Many have been dissatisfied with either the lack of presence of one or the need for more hours for the other. This doesn't happen without payment. We have 8 hours a day, 7 days a week with ADT. To increase patrol we need more sign ups. Read the insert on how to do this.

Two years ago we sought the county approval of a **security kiosk**. Our design was approved and allowed to be permitted with the caveat that two homeowners affected agreed to a recorded easement on their property. We have one now. But the kiosk still needs to be funded. More on this in the future. One parting thought. If every homeowner paid their \$100 dues we would have enough money to pay for a guard in the shack for the year. How much would it cost to replace your valuables? So for less than a broken window replacement we could consider safety a priority? Let me hear from you!



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Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, 2017

- Chase Checking: \$72,537.87
- UBS: \$ 85,170.30
- One West \$201,223.35

Total: \$358,913.52

• Credits for the month of December

- Interest Deposit, One West Bank: \$178.51
- Interest on CD: \$1,223.35
- HOA Dues: \$400
- HOA Docs: \$900

• Debits for the month of December

- L Klein Constr, move storage unit \$180.00
- P. Segerstrom, Edit/Del Sunset Mesa-ge \$650.00

Architectural Committee

After Site Visits on January 6, 2017. Letters of Determination were sent to the following:

3543 Shoreheights (Kent Blazy)

An OVI complaint against his neighbor at 3601 Shoreheights was confirmed. Neighbor installed a corrugated metal fence along their common property line, partially covering the coveted ocean view from his property. LOD issued and sent.

3743 Castlerock Rd (Lichalter)

Although homeowner was not home the AC had been at the site two previous times to address the OVI at 3728 Castlerock (Rothenbucher) caused when by a solar panel installation, hardware for the solar panel and a satellite dish. Neither homeowner was home but the AC witnessed the obstructions removed and issued an LOD approving the solar panel project.

18328-18334 Coastline (Peed)

Homeowner sought the approval of the AC of the house remodel of two homes enjoined as one. The homeowner previously sought and received Coastal and County permission and has now permanently combined two lots together. Both homes have been continuously owned for by the homeowner for 12 and 14 years. Surrounding neighbors signed off on the project. The homes will be enjoined through two glass partitions at the front and rear of the property. There is no OVI potential. Height is unchanged.

Architectural Committee (Cont'd)

Although the homeowner brought the project to the Board, the Board felt the decision was to be supported by the Board through the AC's decision. The AC approved the project.

Correction:

Last month the AC erroneously reported on a previously determined OVI violation of an unpermitted structure (not shack) located at 3701 Malibu Vista (Dwyer). Not only did the homeowners provide a coastal and county permit for this 1979 structure but was able to provide proof of the AC's multiple site visits ensuring the viable permission for this structure. We apologize for the mischaracterization of the structure and the inconvenience caused to the Dwyer household. Thank you for helping us get this right!

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND A CONSERVATIONIST

Many disputes can be resolved amicably with your neighbor. Seek approval and resolve there first. A neighbor may ask you to turn off your porch lights, for instance, which would not be unreasonable given that there is a night sky ordinance requiring you to do this already. You can still get the security you want with a night light but why not install your night light with a motion detector so it goes on only if there is motion causing it (and you) to do something. Decks gather dew, and a wet deck reflects lot of light. This can result in an unnecessary disturbance to your neighbors and wildlife. Please consider this request.

To file an OVI complaint, visit www.sunsetmesa.org, download request for service under the Architect Committee tab. Fill in, date it and add pictures. Send to: sunsetmesaac@gmail.com





Getty News by Howard Gould



The Getty Villa is well along with its renovations and the reorganization of its collection from a thematic to a chronological presentation. The second floor is currently open, and the first floor should reopen around April of 2018. The mosaic exhibit remains in place, but will be followed shortly by an exhibit about Plato. The project to change the vehicle turnaround passed Coastal Commission review and is now back for final review by the City of Los Angeles Building and Safety Department.

Representatives from State Lands attended the last Getty Villa Community Relations Committee meeting at the request of guest speaker Randy Young. In response to our inquiry, they stated that State Lands no longer handles brush clearance near residential communities, and leaves that to individual homeowners who can get a permit to clear brush on state park lands near their structures. However, clearance is limited to 100 feet from an inhabited structure (not a garage), and is thinning, not clearing. A permit fee is charged of something like \$100. All work must be done to State Lands requirements. Their rules are based upon research showing that heat from a brush fire will not ignite structures more than 100 feet away from the burning brush, while the flying embers travel a mile or more. The only protection from those embers is removing anything flammable from the area immediately adjacent to the structure. For example, many types of vegetation such as bougainvillea are highly flammable. Patio umbrellas and similar objects leaning against a structure also result in embers igniting structures.

Neighborhood Events- January 2018

Sips & Giggles Comedy Show at Malibu Wines

Enjoy a good laugh and great wine at Malibu Wines Tasting Room comedy night hosted by James Frey on Saturday, January 20 at 7.30pm. For more information visit <https://www.malibuwines.com/calendar/2018/1/20/malibu-wines-sips-n-giggles-comedy-show>

Touch-a-Truck

Children (and playful parents) are welcome to see, touch, explore and honk the horns of your favorite cars, trucks and emergency vehicles on Saturday, January 20, at the Malibu Library. There will be story time with children's librarian, art activities and special guests in attendance. For more information visit www.malibucity.org or call 310.317.1364.

Indian Vegetarian Cooking Workshop

Discover the secrets of making flavorful Indian vegetarian recipes that will include: aloo methi, basmati rice and traditional condiments and sides. Instructor, Farhana Sahibzada, will teach students the proper use of spice and herbs to create flavorful dishes. Friday January 26th, 3pm at Malibu City Hall Multipurpose Room. \$10 per person.

Malibu Cars and Coffee

Join Southern California's top enthusiasts and enjoy a beautiful drive down the coast to meet at Malibu Bluffs Park, to enjoy a cup of coffee while admiring some of the world's finest automobiles at an unbeatable location on January 28 7-9am. For more information visit <https://www.malibucity.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=3895&month=1&year=2018&day=28&calType=0>

Celebrate Lunar New Year!

Enjoy Asian-themed stilt walkers, traditional Korean fan dancers, a Chinese music duo, a Chinese dough artist, balloon twister, Chinese dragon dance and The Voice's Katherine Ho as emcee on Feb. 17, from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Don't miss out on our gong and Wishing Trees on Feb. 16 - 19. 395 Santa Monica Place Santa Monica, CA 90401

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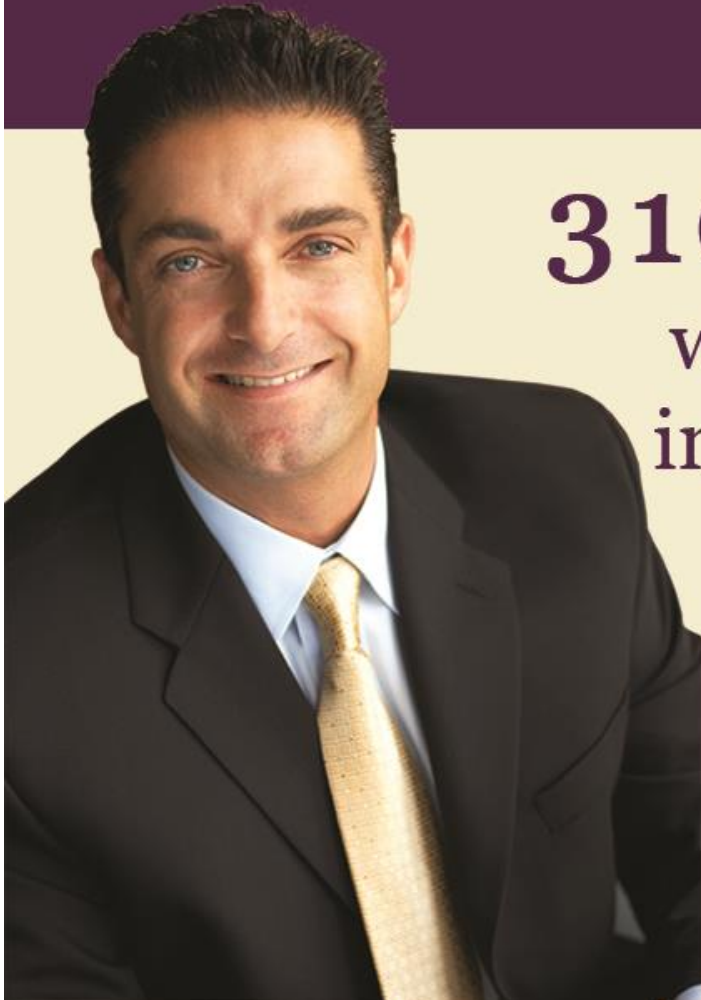
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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Do you offer babysitting, house sitting, dog walking, tutoring, driving, mommy's helper, services? If you would like to advertise a community service contact editor: PaulaSegerstrom@gmail.com

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 4, 2018 at 10 am

THE NEXT AC SITE VISIT: February 3, 2018 at 9 am

A FRANK CONVERSATION ABOUT CRIME

The community needs to be aware that this is an individual homeowner responsibility. Our protection is provided by the Sheriff's Dept., which is not enough.

Due to the significant increase in criminal activity private security services needs to be increased. To do so more members are needed. ADT representatives will be present in our neighborhood on **Saturday January 20th, 12pm- 4pm at 3612 Malibu Vista**, to answer questions about patrol as well as alarm systems and cameras.

For more information, please call Patrol Manager Alan Parrish directly at 424-271-8251 or area Officer Tom Whitmore at 310-946-5106.

DON'T FORGET:

Are you bothered by the flight noise from planes flying low over Sunset Mesa. Submit a complaint through the LAX app. Download it here:

<http://www.planenoise.com/mobile/lawa/nR9k3pXb/lax/>

Want to get more involved? Join the Airplane Noise Committee lead by Tatyana Thompson.

Contact: tatyanathompson@hotmail.com

Community Website
www.Sunsetmesa.org

IMPORTANT CONTACTS/ PHONE NUMBERS

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, John Lehne: [310 454-9400](tel:310-454-9400)

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)

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)

Public Works (imminent dangers / RVs) [1-800-675-4357](tel:1-800-675-4357)

LAX Noise Management, Catherine: [424-646-6501](tel:424-646-6501)

Reg Planning - Overnight Parking: [213-974-1522](tel:213-974-1522)

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