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SUNSET MESA-GE

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On The Street Where You Live by Linda Kaye

As we wind down the second quarter of our fiscal year I remind the community that our Getty cards are in. They always renew in February. Pay your past dues for 2017-18, or 18-19 early (Fiscal is July 1 through June 30) and get your card to enjoy the many exhibits, presentations, lectures and of course a leisurely glass of wine or cup of tea on the top veranda.

This is also a good time to think about the many issues our community faces from airplane noise violations, PCH encampment and parking violations to security. We are a community with broad shoulders that has endured since 1963 with the help and involvement of community leadership.

After 6 years, I am stepping down, making way for other community minded individuals to lead the way for others to preserve our values and take on current issues.

What does it take to serve? A desire. Not just to be in charge! But to charge forward, motivating others to work together to serve this incredible community. A list of the vital offices and job descriptions are below.

PRESIDENT. Being charming isn't your only attribute. Ok, persuasive without alienation. Polarizing is ok as long as you have the ability to bring dueling sides together. You appoint the Chair of the Architect Committee, your most important appointment. You oversee and approve all committees. Lead and set the agenda for the monthly Board meetings and hold the other positions accountable to the community for their service. You are a steward of the funds and to blame for mostly everything that goes wrong. You will rarely hear thank you or that you did a great job. You will hear about the issues as they arise and your leadership will find people in this community (and incredible ones – I mean it!) to help you sort it out. Who wouldn't want this volunteer position? If you want a position of authority but stand behind the shield of the President then volunteer for Vice President.

Vice President: Stand in the wings. Serve on committees. Support all presidential issues and hope this is all you must do. Supporting is the least you can do until the President says enough and it becomes your job. The VP's job is "wingman". Look it up, it's important. You can also sway the opinion of the other committee and Board members.

TREASURER.

The buck stops here. The position is important. Many ideas come and go on how to spend the limited community funds. Treasurer gets taxes prepared, pays the bills and collects the dues. Not an easy task. While many folks think dues are somehow voluntary, volunteer for this position and see why this is so important. Current treasurer always smiles. Even when saying no! Thank you Larry! After you report the monthly report and account for the Board's spending or earnings you provide this to the monthly Board meeting to the

SECRETARY.

This non gender title is really important. You keep score – and minutes - of all meetings and report it to the community in the form of minutes and input to the Sunset Mesa-Ge. You may also put it on the community website unless you find a volunteer to help you.

7 members of the community must be willing to serve. There it is. The whole Meghilla.

Find a way to get involved and enjoy what so many have for so many years: a wonderful place to live and serve your community.

It has been a great pleasure to serve this community and be involved in the many issues we face. I welcome any questions about how to get involved. Email me at lindakaye888@gmail.com

Other News

According to the SMCCA, Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association, representatives from the offices of Senator Feinstein, Senator Harris, Congressman Ted Lieu, Congresswoman Karen Bass, City Councilmen Bonin and Wesson are working together to strategize for discussions with the FAA. The representatives recently met with the FAA's Air Traffic Controller (TRACON), to inform the FAA of how unhappy constituents are.

The discussion at the meeting included the following:

1. Planes are flying below the prescribed minimum altitude. Representatives requested the FAA to keep the plane at a higher altitude.
2. Dispersion of flight paths to avoid flights flying over certain neighborhoods, like the Sunset Mesa.
3. FAA to implement procedure to address night time noise issues.
4. The lack of airspace due to restricted areas used by the military.
5. A vast majority of the aircrafts flying overhead are not equipped with state of the art GPS guidance.

Litigation with the FAA is in the "briefing" stage. SMCCA is one of several parties challenging the FAA's determination that the new Metroplex flight paths do not create a significant impact to the people on the ground.

The SMCCA encourages residents to report complaints about airplane noise. For more information of how to file a complaint visit: <https://www.lawa.org/laxanc>

Treasurer's Report

As of February 28, 2018

- Chase Checking: \$77,433.57
- UBS: \$84,756.03
- One West: 201,563.64

Total: \$363,753.4

Credits for the month of February:

- Interest Deposit, One West Bank: \$161.62
- Total Interest on CD: \$1,563.64
- Staples Refund: \$11.03
- HOA Dues: \$1,775.00
- HOA Docs: \$1,350.00

Debits for the month of February:

- Staples, Supplies: \$66.14
- Mark Estes, Poop Bags: \$326.54
- Fedex, Printing: \$383.25
- P. Segerstrom, Edit/ Del Sunset Mesa-Ge: \$650
- P. Segerstrom HOA/ update QB: \$153.75

Architecture Committee

After Site Visits on March 3, 2018. Letters of Determination were sent to the following:

- **18408 Clifftop**, Linda Seltzer, OVI complaint at **3653 Malibu Vista was confirmed. Letter of Determination was sent confirming OVI.**
- **18247 Wakecrest Dr**, Bruce Howard, Solar Plans. Storypoles were not installed and site visit had to be postponed.
- **3607 Surfwood Rd**, Damoon Songhorian, Solar Plans. Site visit concluded **no OVI was present.** Adjacent homes were visited to confirm no obstruction. Solar panels were approved. Letter of Determination was sent approving panels.
- **3503 Shoreheights**, Gil Isenstein, OVI complaint re. fence at **3511 Shoreheights. OVI was confirmed. Homeowner was sent a Letter of Determination.** Homeowner was advised of light ordinance and fence OVI.

March and April showers will produce May flowers but it is an excellent time for you to prune your rose bushes and Fruit trees, while tilling the soil! Since all plant and tree diseases start in the soil it makes sense to have the healthiest soil possible. Applying a live compost rich in microbial life, adding some rock dust, will help you build a solid soil base. While you are treating your fruit trees and roses with organic fertilizer and a thin layer of acid mulch (think azalea/gardenia mix), this is also a good time to spray the fruit trees and roses with compost tea.

It sounds completely reasonable: Don't overwater. During high heat, twice a week. During the winter, once a week. While it's raining, turn the irrigation off.

Rain barrels: Some are free. Collecting it while it rains should be intuitive. Ahem. Happy gardening!



Earth Day – April 22, 2018

Earth Day is a global event, and each year that more than one billion people in 192 countries participate to help the environment! Earth Day is the largest civic-focused day of action in the world according to the Earth Day Network (EDN).

Earth Day 2018 will focus on mobilizing efforts worldwide to end Plastic Pollution. The EDN will educate millions of people about the health and other risks associated with the use and disposal of plastics, including pollution of our oceans, water, and wildlife, and about the growing body of evidence that decomposing plastics are creating serious global problems. Issues arising from plastic pollution include poisoning and injuring marine life, the presence of plastics in our food are disrupting human hormones and causing major life-threatening diseases and early puberty. The exponential growth of plastics is threatening our planet's survival.

10 ways to help save the environment (and money)!

1. Plant a tree or donate a tree through Earth Day Network's Canopy Project.
2. Use environmentally-friendly cleaning products.
3. Car pool, bike, use public transportation, or drive an electric/ hybrid car. Reduce emissions by 1 pounds for every mile you do not drive.
4. Stop using disposable plastics, especially single use plastics like bottles, bags and straws.
5. Change your paper bills to online billing. You'll be saving trees and the fuel it takes to deliver your bills by truck.
6. Bring a reusable water bottle and bring a mug to the office, to school and to the coffee shop.
7. Eat less meat! The livestock industry is one of the primary sources of greenhouse gas emissions.
8. Turn off and unplug electronics that you're not using. This includes turning off your computer at night. Turn off lights when you leave a room.
9. Contact your utility company and find out about renewable energy options.
10. Move your heater thermostat down two degrees in winter and up two degrees in the summer to reduce your carbon footprint by 2,000 pounds.

For more information about earth day, and to get involved, visit <https://www.earthday.org/>.

Neighborhood News and Events

Pepperdine Songfest

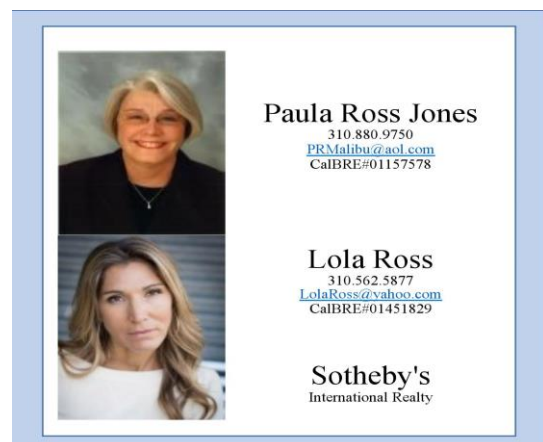
Pepperdine University hosts its annual Songfest production from March 13-17 at Smothers Theatre. Shows will occur daily, starting at 7:30 pm and a matinee show will be held on March 17 at 2 p.m. Songfest include dancing, singing and more from university students. This year's theme, famous Hollywood movies, will showcase "diverse student organizations" creating performances based on different movies. For the first time, an alumni, staff and faculty group will be joining the lineup. Tickets range from \$7-\$20. For more information visit <https://pepperdinesongfest.com/>

Easter Hopping

City of Malibu is hosting this Easter event at the Malibu Bluffs Park on March 23, 2018. Event activities include Easter Egg Hunt, Photos with the Easter Bunny, Art Activity with Makers Mess, Flower Crowns with Cake & Punch, Kidz Love Soccer interactive demonstration, Bounce Houses and food trucks! Donate a box of crayons to the Crayon Collective for a complimentary event pass. Egg hunting begins at 3 pm For more information visit www.malibycity.org/Calendar.

Trash Collection Fee Increase

According to the Malibu Times, residents in the unincorporated Los Angeles County in the Santa Monica Mountains will see trash collection fees increase. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works recently awarded a new seven-year contract to Waste Management for trash pick-up, recycling and green waste collection services scheduled to begin April 2. The basic monthly rate will increase from \$33 for standard service with the old provider to \$38 under Waste Management. Qualifying seniors can apply for a discount rate of \$28.50 per month. LA County Public Works can be reached at its hotline 888.253.2652 for questions or comments Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

- Need **computer help**? Contact Greg Helfand; greg@macapplehelp.com for all your Mac, Apple, iPhone and iPad needs!
- Do you offer **dog walking services**? Several residents in the Mesa and their pups are looking for your help! Email editor, paulasegerstrom@gmail.com.
- In need of a **babysitter**? The Mesa has experienced baby sitters looking for work. Email the editor to get a recommendation for someone to take care of the little ones while you enjoy a night out! Email editor, paulasegerstrom@gmail.com
- Have a **room for rent**? Timothy is looking for housing to share or house sit. He's currently a Sub-teacher with the LAUSD, and a Lifeguard at the Santa Monica Swim Center at Santa Monica College. Can trade for services like shopping etc., e.g., older person etc. He has letters of reference. Contact tlott8@icloud.com

If you offer a service like babysitting, house sitting, dog walking, tutoring, driving, mommy's helper, services and would like to advertise a community service please contact the editor; paulasegerstrom@gmail.com

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 8, 2018

THE NEXT AC SITE VISIT: April 7, 2018

ADT Patrol Report, February 2018

Stats: Number of Calls: 7; Alarm Activation Response Calls: 6; Customer Requests Due to Suspicious Persons or Vehicles: 1; Suspicious People or Vehicles: 1

On 02-05-18 Patrol Officer Tom Whitmore observed a homeless person in the area who refused to leave. Officer Whitmore kept an eye on the individual while he had our dispatch center notify the Sheriff's department. The Sheriffs arrived and checked the individual. He did not have any warrants and had not committed a crime, so he was released and asked to leave the neighborhood.

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)

NEW 2018 GETTY CARDS AVAILABLE

Enjoy free walk-in visits to the Getty Villa with your neighborhood Getty card! Cards are available to members in good standing. To get your card, send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to 18431 Kingsport Dr or pick up at same address.



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