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# SUNSET MESA-GE

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## **On The Street Where You Live** by Linda Kaye

SAFETY is the main topic of this message from my bully pulpit (a conspicuous position that provides an opportunity to speak out and be listened to.)

A typical drive down Coastline is frequently filled with interesting things to see. Bus, work un/loading and pedestrians share the road.

If you come down **Coastline from Malibu Vista**, indeed you see the fabulous vista. With new construction going on at the Peed family compound, next to that view point, you now see fencing and green cover. This is really good reason for extra caution and slowing down. This is also the last bus stop where children in our community get on and off that bus. As a reminder when the bus lights are flashing it doesn't mean proceed with caution. It means **STOP!** Many drivers anxious to get on with their day drive past the flashing lights. This practice is dangerous and should be stopped. Slow down and enjoy the vista – it will only take a minute.

If you take **Castle Rock to Coastline** you miss the view, but our neighborhood is small and a drive down Wakecrest across Castlerock to Malibu Vista will treat you to arguably the best public view of the ocean in our neighborhood. On a clear day you can see the islands – no not Hawaii! Catalina! In any event, please come to a full stop at the Castlerock and Coastline STOP sign and look both ways before proceeding. There have been far too many near misses when the Castlerock driver, who does not have the right of way, believes they can put the pedal to the metal and outrun the driver coming down Coastline. This frequently causes that driver, who is already at the view/bus stop going 35 Mph, to slam on their brakes. A little more attention paid to your surroundings is requested and so greatly appreciated! WE thank you!

The speed trailer displaying downhill speed as we drive to the stop at the very long light at PCH is sometimes there and sometimes it's not. This signage will appear a few more times before the speed enforcement goes into effect in July this year. Its intermittent appearance is attempting to enforce our early and consistent understanding of our speed relative to the posted speed law. This is for everyone's safety. More on this at the annual meeting in June.

Rolling stops or disregard for stop signs on Wakecrest needs to stop.

## **Crime in many neighborhoods, including ours is on the rise. Don't panic. Get smart together.**

Three years ago, with the help of the very capable Sunset Mesa homeowners Becky Rickley and Nastasha Roit, the Board proposed and got approval from the County of LA to install a Guard Shack. The Kiosk, designed by treasured architect and Sunset Mesa homeowner, Russel Shubin, would have been installed on lower Coastline. This would have enabled us to employ a 3<sup>rd</sup> party guard service 24/7 in a fully contained unit. The kiosk would have mounted cameras feeding license plates into a custom designed program with an algorithm to build and maintain a database of vehicles entering and leaving our community as well as monitor events on Coastline.

Prior to the annual meeting your Board President launched a campaign to get 100% participation in the payment of \$100 annual dues, which to this day hovers around 55%! This 100% participation would have funded this kiosk, ongoing service and the custom designed program for license plate capture.

So many homeowners attending that annual meeting, and since then, vehemently opposed this solution. This is the same nonsensical public opinion that prevailed when a similar proposal that included a gate, was shot down by the then Board prior to Getty Villa's reopening – only that one would have been funded and maintained by the Getty Villa, which is no longer available to us.

How many more crimes are needed for us to awaken to the need that it's time for us to do something about this as a community? Values of our biggest investment – home and family – depends on it. Read on further for ways for you to take ownership of your security but consider Volunteering to educate those that resist the need for us to handle our security issues as a community.

## Other News

### **ADT Report – March 2018**

#### **Stats:**

Total Number of Calls:	7
Alarm Activation Response Calls:	6
Customer Requests- Suspicious Persons/Vehicles:	1

#### **Notable Incidents:**

On an unconfirmed date in March, a home burglary occurred at a non-ADT member in the 18200 block of Wakecrest Dr. The home had an old inoperable alarm system. The owners don't live there most of the time. Officer Whitmore spoke to the homeowner and advised them to join ADT patrol service and put them in touch with them. They installed and activated a new alarm system.

Last Tuesday April 17 at 12:50 a.m. there was a home invasion. 4 suspects in a stolen car from North Hills, Panorama City area drove here to rob a home they chose on the 18000 block of Coastline. The 3 males and 1 female were met in the hallway by a sleepy, confused but armed homeowner. Although they ran, police caught up with them and arrested them. We haven't seen in the Nextdoor blog and notification serves as a warning to be vigilant.

#### **Security Tips: Most are common sense.**

Below are some security tips to help residents reduce the likelihood of being targeted for these types of crimes.

- Many homeowners don't report their home and car burglaries. Call 911 and report it. Report it on Nextdoor and to your security service.
- Install and use an alarm system even when you're home but especially when away – even for a quick errand.
- Close and lock your doors and windows at home. Lock your car if you park on the street. If you have a car thieves are targeting (opening your hood and removing headlights, for instance) consider cleaning your garage and parking it inside, if it fits. Put locks on side gates.
- Do not leave any valuable in plain sight in your vehicles.
- Use Ring doorbell or similar camera technology and talk to people at your door when you're away. Criminals won't take the chance to enter an occupied house.
- Know your neighbors and help watch out for each other. Get their phone numbers and leave messages for them when you see something. Share your contact information with your neighbors.
- Lights. Put motion detector lights around your property. This will bring attention to an intruder that might only be a racoon or possum, but whomever will be scared away rather than be detected by you or an installed camera.
- More lights. Put timers on lights inside the house. Make your house look occupied when you aren't home. Don't just leave the TV on, have lights timed to go off and on.

## Treasurer's Report

### **As of March 31, 2018**

- Chase Checking: \$75,950.32
- UBS: \$84,316.73
- One West: \$201,742.51

**Total: \$362,009.56**

#### **Credits for the month of March:**

- Interest Deposit, One West Bank: 178.87
- Total Interest on CD: \$1,742.51
- HOA Dues: \$1,400.00

#### **Debits for the month of March:**

- P. Segerstrom, Edit/ Del Sunset Mesa-Ge: \$650
- L. Kaye, correction: \$100
- FedEx, Sunset Mesa-ge printing: \$383.25
- Vogel & Kinne, Accounting: \$1,750

## Architecture Committee

After Site Visits on April 7, 2018. Letters of Determination were sent to the following:

- 18401 Coastline Dr, Hassan & Lucrecia El Sawy, Balcony Construction.

## A Message from the Sunset Mesa Safety Group

The **Sunset Mesa Safety Group** is a volunteer group of concerned Mesa residents who have joined forces in an attempt to identify the safety threats to Sunset Mesa, improve neighborhood communication about safety issues, and facilitate community action.

Current **Neighborhood Issues** include:

**Home burglaries** and **car break-ins** that have drastically increased in the past 3 years.

The **RV encampment on PCH**, which poses a fire threat to the community due to the lack of no-parking signs on PCH between Coastline and Topanga, is a hotly debated political issue with the Coastal Commission. There is evidence the campers are using open flames near dry brushes



## **Solutions:**

- ADT: The majority of incidents occur at night, which suggests that daytime ADT patrol is a fairly effective deterrent. The majority of Mesa homes have ADT Patrol, but to achieve a 16-hour daytime patrol (currently there are 8 hours of daily patrol) 60 more homes in the neighborhood are needed to sign up.
- PCH overnight parking restrictions: Although Sheriffs/CHP have recently cleaned up the camp, existing laws don't provide enough parking restrictions essential to a long term resolution. Sunset Mesa Safety Group is working in tandem with the Board on strategies to present a case to the Coastal Commission that is accepted.
- Additionally, the group is discussing strategies that will take more time to implement but are being actively investigated, including license plate cameras on street corners; neighborhood watch; kiosk and/or camera at the entrance to the community

## **Neighborhood News and Events**

### **Wheels & Waves Car Show**

Malibu's own Fireball Tim will host the monthly Wheels & Waves Car Show. The show will feature a variety of classic, muscle and custom vehicles. Third Sunday of every month from 7 - 9 a.m. at Malibu Country Mart, 3835 Cross Creek Road.

### **Family Storytime**

You never get too old for stories! Enjoy stories, finger plays, and rhymes- building reading skills while having fun! Join Family Storytime in the Library's Community Room. Family Storytime for children ages 3 and up. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive. April 17, and May 1, 2018. For more info visit and additional dates and times visit: <https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/family-storytime-33>

### **Getty Villa**

Opening at the Getty Villa; Plato in LA: Contemporary Artists' Visions. In this exhibition, open April 18- September 3, 2018, some of today's most celebrated artist consider Plato's impact on the contemporary world in the form of sculptures, drawings, paintings and large-scale installations.

For the little ones! What if Plato played with Play-Doh? The Getty Villa offers a drop-in family workshop, where children (and grown-ups) create Play-Doh art inspired by the sculptures at the Getty Villa. Saturday & Sunday April 21- 22, 11.30am- 3.30pm.

### **Ayurveda Workshop for Yogis**

Ayurveda is an ancient Indian science of health and life. It shares the same roots as yoga; the Bedas. Ayurveda hasn't gained the popularity of yoga in the West yet, but the two were meant to be used together. Ayurveda is medicine for the body and mind, while yoga is medicine for the spirit.

Join the Ayurveda for Yogis workshop **at Malibu Beach Yoga** on Sunday April 22 and Saturday April 28, 11am – 1 pm. For more info and to register, visit:

<http://www.malibubeachyoga.com/events>

### **Imagine Fest**

Attend this charity event on Saturday April 21, 11am- 7.30pm at the Peter Strauss Ranch, Augora Hills.

Imagine Fest offers yoga, meditation, kirtan, sound healing and conscious conversations with impactful healers, social leaders and creative entrepreneurs. This year features the inspirational live music of Govind Das & Radha, Gabriel Logan Braun and Satsang. In addition to yoga and music, Imagine Fest attendees will enjoy eclectic vendors selling artisan crafts and goods, healthy food trucks, a Farm to Table Picnic and youth programming through the Peace Guardians. Something for the whole family!

Imagine is more than a festival, it's about uniting community in an effort to save children from sex trafficking. The proceeds from Imagine Fest benefit **Unlikely Heroes**, a 501(c)3 non-profit, which rescues and rehabilitates child victims of sex slavery domestically and abroad. For more info visit <http://allthingsmalibu.com/events/imagine-fest-2/>

### **Aut 2 Run**

Join the Autism Society and help raise funds to support local families and individuals on the Autism spectrum. Fun for the whole family while supporting a good cause. This year's theme is Team Ausome. For more information visit <https://aut2run.org/>



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### **VOLUNTEER FOR THE SUNSET MESA BOARD**

**THE BOARD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.** In June the SMPOA President of 6 years, Linda Kaye, is giving leadership of the Board to a new President. A new Board is voted in at the SMPOA Annual Meeting. The Board needs volunteers to serve for the upcoming year, starting in June. **This is an excellent way to get involved and do something good for your community!** For more information about serving on the Board, contact Paulette Silver; [jamsilver@aol.com](mailto:jamsilver@aol.com)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** May 6, 2018 @ 3524

Shoreheights

**THE NEXT AC SITE VISIT:** May 5, 2018

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## 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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