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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Craig Whited*

Finally! After two long years of restrictions on group meetings, we are going to have an Annual Membership Dinner. Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of May 7 at Shirley and Bob Wright's house, 3677 Cliffsite Drive. This is at the end of the cul-de-sac and down the Wright's driveway. We will gather in an open area where fresh, south of the border specialties will be cooked and served in the spirit of Cinco de Mayo. Please feel free to bring your own wine or beer. Cold soda and water will be available. In addition to meeting our new residents, we will have the opportunity to elect new board members; some of us have served for over five straight years and would like to see new faces.

What's new? Kudos to Stay-Green! We have been working with the City's Department of Public Works to have its landscaping and irrigation contractor complete major revisions to the PVDE irrigation system. This system stretches over five hundred feet from the upper Mediterrania sign to the Ganado intersection. Stay-Green has modernized and made numerous repairs in addition to monthly trimming of the bushes. If you are walking uphill along the trail next to PVDE toward Casilina Drive, you will soon be seeing new plantings near and under the upper sign. They will be similar to the ones at the Ganado entrance. We have submitted a grant application for the new plantings using matching funds from the recycling monies that the City has been holding. Whether or not we receive the matching funds, the work will go forward for this new planting from the funds that we already have reserved.

Mission accomplished! The Ladera Linda project has passed its final hurdle for approval and official ground breaking has just taken place on March 25. Thanks to all of those involved who made the complete

renewal of the community center possible.

Flock cameras. Not only are they working fine, but they are being used extensively to track stolen and other suspicious vehicles that have entered the City and have set-off alarms at the Sheriff's Department and have subsequently entered Mediterrania. Suspicious activity that may involve a vehicle should be reported directly to the Sheriff's Department (310-539-1661) preferably with a license plate and secondarily with a vehicle description and time of sighting. If the vehicle entered or left Mediterrania during the period you report, the Sheriff will have the tools from our Flock cameras to take further action. When the cameras were leased and half of the \$4,000 lease payment for the first year was made with a matching grant from the City, we were very surprised that the City staff had proposed to reduce the matching funds from \$2,000 to \$1,000 for the upcoming year. After a concerted effort, lobbying the City Council, the Council members voted to continue the original match of \$2,000, saving the MHOA \$1,000 this year.

What's next? After the Annual Meeting and election on directors for the upcoming year, we hope to see new faces on the Board, so please volunteer a few hours of your time, on a bi-monthly basis and join the MHOA board during the elections at the Annual Meeting in May. After the Annual Meeting, the next HOA member get together will be at the Wine & Cheese Party at the Bakar's home on Seaclaire on a Saturday in late September or October, and there will be a Halloween themed gathering for the young and young-at-heart MHOA members in late October.

With your involvement, our community thrives.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES 2022 BALLOT INITIATIVE

By Lois Karp

Our Neighbor Voices Campaign has announced that they will re-file their measure to appear on the 2024 Ballot. This Initiative was a grassroots effort to ensure local control for cities to make housing and land use decisions. The campaign was designed to nullify SB 9 & SB10 which our Legislature passed and which stripped local communities of their ability to have any say or control.

The campaign needed 2,000,000 signatures to qualify for the state-wide ballot. Covid -19 interfered with our ability to gather signatures, hold fund raiser events and rallies and we fell short to qualify this initiative for the 2022 Ballot.

Thank you to all our neighbors who came out to sign the petition. Don't lose hope! Our Neighborhood Voices are restructuring and continuing to work hard and will be ready to collect signatures for the 2024 Ballot. If you would like more information or wish to volunteer go to: www.ourneighborhoodvoices.com

WHAT MAKES A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND WHY SHOULD YOU WANT TO BE ONE?

By Suzy Cyr

Mediterrania is an incredible place to live and most, if not all of us, are grateful to reside here. However, living in a neighborhood means that some activities you may not be even aware of could lead to problems with your neighbors.

The following are some of the common concerns that have been raised by residents recently. The majority of these issues are relatively simple and easy to avoid or correct.

Dog poo disposal: Dog waste stinks, is awful to step in, and can be a health hazard to other dogs. DO bag your dog's waste and take it home with you to your garbage can. DON'T leave it uncollected or leave it in a dog waste bag. DON'T put the waste in someone else's garbage can.



Palm trees: Mexican fan palms in particular but all palms in general are messy trees.

DO pick up after your beautiful but regularly shedding palm trees.

DON'T leave fallen fronds where they can be a traffic or tripping hazard.

Other trees: Landscape trees add beauty and provide needed shade to your lot, but tall, bulky trees can block views and are a formidable fire hazard. Have you looked at your trees lately?

DO compare your trees' height to the roof of your house. If it is taller, it might need to be trimmed. (see tree code article and note that palm trees are generally exempt from view ordinances)

DO imagine your trees as part of a wildfire (pine trees in particular) and especially note their proximity to your house. Think about that thirty-foot defensible zone.

DON'T neglect pruning your trees for both height and bulk.

Tumbleweeds: This invasive plant has gained a foothold on some slopes lately (notably below Marymount).

DO try to remove tumbleweeds before they go to seed, die and start to tumble (which is how they disperse their abundant seeds). They are unsightly and a traffic hazard.

DON'T ignore those pesky plants if they are taking hold on your hillside.

Parking: Some of our streets, most notably the cul-de-sacs, have limited street parking.

DO park carefully with your neighbors in mind.

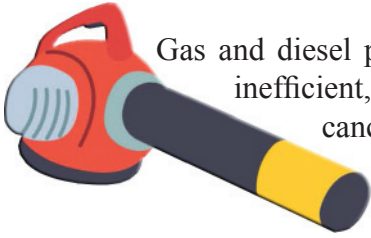
DON'T block mailboxes whenever possible. Some of our older residents have difficulty accessing their mailboxes if they cannot approach from the street.

Garbage cans: Residents pay for garbage pickup (obviously).

DO purchase the size of bin appropriate for your needs. DON'T put your garbage, construction waste, or other items in others' cans without asking permission.

Thankyou for considering your place in our neighborhood. Being aware and thoughtful can contribute to even more harmonious living here on the stunning peninsula we call home.

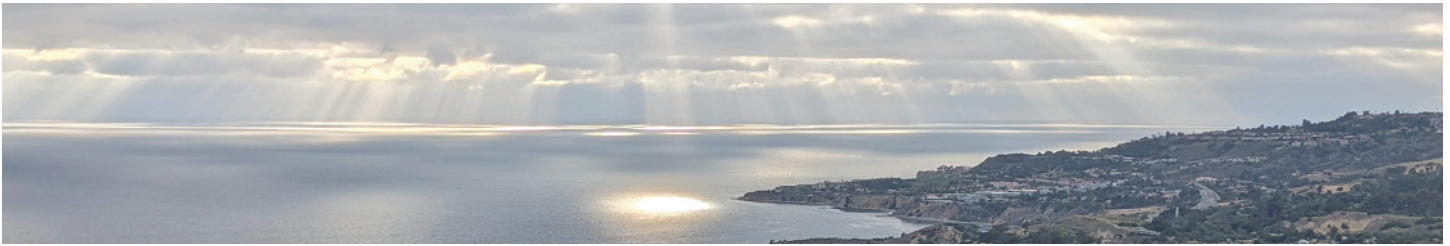
GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWERS



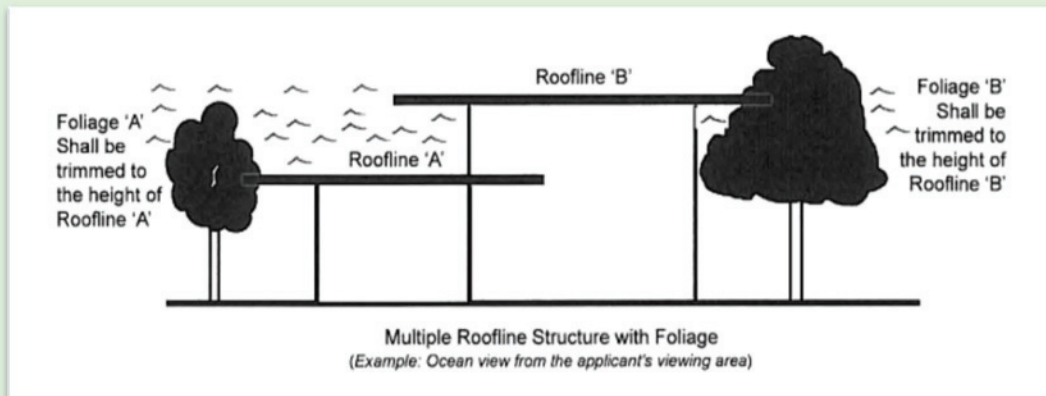
Gas and diesel powered yard equipment – such as chainsaws and blowers – are not only loud and inefficient, they also produce hazardous emissions that expose operators and residents to increased cancer risks, air toxins, carbon monoxide and microscopic particles that can become lodged deep in the lungs.

As you may have heard, effective January 1, 2019, the City now prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf or debris blowers in all single-family residential neighborhoods such as Mediterranean. Only standard electric- or battery-powered blowers, such as hand held, corded or cordless blowers are permitted, and no blowers are allowed before 8 am on weekdays, 9 am on Saturdays *and not at all* on Sundays or holidays.

This is a major transition, and the City is now issuing citations after City Code Enforcement has issued a warning. The City also is working to educate the public and commercial gardeners and landscapers on new equipment incentives and exchange programs that can result in up to 60% savings. Please contact Gerri Whitten (gwhitten@rpvca.gov or phone 310-544-5299) for more information. If you have a gas-powered blower or have a gardener who uses one, please share this information, including links for the programs. <http://www.rpvca.gov/1102/Landscaping-Activities>



DO YOU HAVE A TREE WHERE FOLIAGE EXCEEDS 16 FEET OR THE ROOFLINE OF YOUR HOME? DO YOU HAVE NEIGHBORS NEXT DOOR OR UPHILL/BEHIND YOU?



If you answered yes, you may be negatively impacting your neighbors view, value of their home and may be in violation of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code.

Many of the residents in our community built or purchased their home based on location and spectacular views. Unfortunately, some landscaping has not been maintained and is obstructing the views of our fellow Mediterranean residents. Numerous concerns and complaints have been raised to the Mediterranean HOA and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes by homeowners whose views are obstructed by foliage. We are only requesting that neighbors adhere to the Municipal Code.

We request that neighbors first make an attempt to work out the issue with each other. Pick up the phone, walk over to your neighbor ... attempt to resolve the situation respectfully and peacefully. The person who wishes to restore their view may also send a cer-

tified letter to the foliage owner(s). The letter to a foliage owner should identify the foliage in question, should clearly state what the method and amount of trimming is being requested, and provide a name and contact information so that the foliage owner could respond to the written request.

If you and your neighbor are not able to reach an agreement, there are 2 permits by which a resident can restore or preserve their protected view as defined by Section 17.02.040.A of the Municipal Code: These are a View Restoration Permit and a View Preservation Permit which can be found at <https://www.rpvca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1311>

So, if you haven't thought about your trees in a while, you may want to head outside and make sure that they haven't grown too tall since you last trimmed them.

2022 MHOA PAID MEMBERSHIP

Considering the costs of the annual lease of the security cameras as well as ongoing expenses for landscape maintenance, we are asking everyone in the MHOA residential area to please pay the annual dues of \$50. Whether you are a homeowner or a renter, you are receiving substantial benefits in terms of the camera security and the maintenance of our entrance. The list below shows those who have already paid their annual membership dues by March 20th. Enclosed is a preaddressed envelope for your convenience, you may just mail it or drop it off in Craig's mailbox at 31145 Palos Verdes Drive East.

Ajang, Mahmoud	Folk, Tom and Delicia	Kim, Brian & Susy	Peterson, Jennette & Dionne
Andresen, Jason & Pam	Goede, Walter & Carol	Kim, Jay & Sophia	Petrota, Paula
Aroesty, Jonathan & Margie	Goel, Arun & Krishna	Klopfer, John & Jean	Pichler, Remo
Bao, Willie & Georgina	Gugliuzza, Thomas & Beverly	Kobayashi, Mariko	Rebeck, Joseph & Nita
Bauchman, Morton & Margaret	Hanner, Lillian & Becky	Kochanowski, Joyce	Requicha, Aristides & Shain
Beresford, Dean & Laura	Hansen, Wayne & Gwynn	Kollar, Bob & Janice	Riedman, Betty
Bertolina, James & Nelly	Harper, Jo Ann	Lai, Joseph & Chao, Meichi	Sharar, Joe & Frances
Bozin, Milivoj & Barbara	Harrison, Michael & Ping	Lakis, John & Angela	Shim, John & Kelley
Canfield, Pearl	Harvey/Sulkowski, Bruce & Amy	Lee, Graymond & Sophia	Sichan, Alicia
Casares/Davis, Michael & Daniel	Hashimoto, Jerry & Kinuko	Li, Loretta	Snyder, Alice & Edeard
Chargaff, Barbara & Thomas	Hevener, James & Vanessa	Marshall, Arthur & Dorothea	Stevens, Mike & Kathy
Deraney, Fred & Arpy	Hibsman, Edgar & Nora	Mathews, John & Munja	Sylvester, Michael and Marie
Dittmar, Tom & Chiao	Hill, Deirdre	Mautner/Dontscheff, Silvia & Anton	Ueda, Kevin & Nicoli
Drake, Marilyn & Liana	Hochedez/Hong, Benoit & Joohee	McAlpine, Col. Aubry & Patricia	Valot, Tim & Martha
Dunn, Jean & Roger	Honkawa, Tony & Yumi	Miller, Dean & Patricia	Walston, Jack
Estes, Sue	Hove, Ralph & Marilyn	Muller, Kurt & Irene	Whited, Craig & Gilda
Fager/Cerami-Fager, Robert & Cathy	Hu/Zheng, Yu & Liu	Nutter, Jennifer	Woo, Kathleen & Elizabeth
Fischer, Kimberly and Alan	Jaacks, John & Holly	Ortolano, Joan	Wright, Robert & Shirley
Flachner/Romano, Stewart & Amparo	Jankovich, Todd & Maureen	Ott, Don & Patty	
	Karp, Lois	Ozaki, Charles & Mitsuko	
	Keroles, Kamal & Dalia	Parker, Gail & Robert	

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND PROXY FOR 2022

(Please cut out and return in full with your Dues payment)

Name(s): _____


Check One: Homeowner/Member Renter/Associate Member

Address: _____

Phone(s): (Primary) _____ Other: _____

E-mail(s): (1) _____ (2) _____

Opt-Out (check): I do not wish to receive the newsletter and notifications via email.

 Proxy (please check): If there is any possibility you will not attend the Annual Meeting, please check to designate the President of the MHOA, or the person specified below, as your proxy to vote and act during the 2022 Annual Meeting. This is very important as we need a majority of all Members in person or by proxy to conduct business and you always can revoke the proxy (by attending the meeting or otherwise in writing).

Designated Proxy: _____ (Optional)

Make your 2022 annual dues (\$50.00) payable to "Mediterrania HOA" and mail or deliver to: **Craig Whited, Pres/Treas., 31145 Palos Verdes Drive East, RPV, CA 90275**

Thank you for supporting your Mediterrania Homeowners Association!

Comments and Suggestions. Send in via e-mail (mediterrania@cox.net) or insert below:

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