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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Craig Whited*

Let's welcome UCLA to our community. As everyone heard last fall, UCLA purchased the Marymount California University properties, both their Oceanview Campus right above Mediterrania and the Villas along Palos Verdes Drive North. The Chancellor told us on February 13th that UCLA will be moving to incorporate some of their smaller programs into the existing educational facilities as soon as this summer, with a gradual expansion into greater educational opportunities for both students and the community such as UCLA extension programs. As of February 13, UCLA has no specific plans on course offerings, but all Mediterrania HOA members are invited to come to our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 26th to hear more from our Mayor, Barbara Ferraro, and our City Manager, Ara Mhuranian. Ara is expected to begin speaking before 4 pm with Barbara thereafter.

Our 2022 was a pleasant change from the past two years. We had a Cinco de Mayo themed activity in May, a Wine & Cheese get together in October and now our Annual Meeting on February 26th. This year's annual meeting will be held at the Bakar's residence (3324 Seaclaire Dr) from 2-5pm. Remember that this is a BYOB. Soft drinks, flavored waters, cold sandwiches, salads and desserts will be served. If you have not already paid your dues, this will be an excellent opportunity to do so.

Please consider joining the Board of Directors – you can 'throw your hat into the ring' at the Annual Meeting or contact me beforehand. We really value your help to recruit 'doers' for the Board.

What else have we done lately, you may ask? First, we were able to get the City to replant the decorative area under the entrance sign after AT&T turned off all of the power as a part of their abandonment of their cell site on the light pole along Palos Verdes Drive East. In so doing they disconnected all of the power to the street light, the entrance sign and, most importantly, the sprinkler controller. After more than a month, the City was able to get the power turned back on. While we are sure AT&T would have been happy to turn the page, through the effort of your Board, the City took responsibility, and replanted the ornamental shrubs, and reseeded the grass pathway. Second, through our efforts, the City's contractor also has been regularly trimming the median strip as well. Thank you RPV. The entrance once again looks great on both sides of the Ganado entrance. For those of you who might have noticed a degradation in AT&T's cell service, there has been a joint proposal by AT&T and Verizon to co-locate both providers on the top of the same street light pole near the corner of Ganado and Floweridge. Details still have to be worked out, but the cell providers will pay for the installation of a permanent sprinkler system to irrigate the shrubbery planted to mask the above ground control box, which will be on the upslope side of Ganado with the antenna portion being on the top of a light pole along Ganado. This should restore good cell service for those two carriers and also enhance the aesthetics in the area.

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On behalf of our Board Members who have been serving together for the last three years, we thank you for your expressions of support and hope that you will consider joining the Board of Directors for the 2023-24 year.

WE NEED YOU ON OUR BOARD!

Do you care about this neighborhood and your property values? If so, please join the MHOA Board. The next two years will be crucial ones, as we grapple with the overlapping challenges of land use decisions concerning the (now former) Marymount University campus as well as the larger issues flowing from attempts by the CA State government to usurp land use control and mandate development in a manner which threatens single-family zoning. The Board also will continue with our efforts to maintain our entrance in a manner befitting our homes' current multi-million dollar price tags, to inform and encourage our fellow residents to properly maintain their slopes and defensible spaces from ever-increasing fire risk, and to lobby the City for our fair share of services and infrastructure investment. And, of course, we will do our part to foster the relationships which make our neighborhood strong and safe by bringing our neighbors together including through the upcoming Annual Meeting and now annual Cinco De Mayo mixer. Many of the current Board Members have served for five or more years and are ready to cycle off the Board after this annual meeting, so we really need new Members to join us and take an active role. We are looking for both newer residents and also veterans to ensure all voices are represented. So, please do your part and join us. We need you! Please contact us at Mediterrania@cox.net to volunteer or for more information.

What Does the Mediterrania Homeowners Association do for Me?

You may not realize it, but the Mediterrania Homeowners Association is a substantial reason that our neighborhood is such a desirable place to live. Your board works year 'round addressing issues – big and small – that directly affect our quality of life here.

Some benefits of the Association include:

- Representing neighborhood interests and concerns to the City and city-wide groups
- Lobbying for City resources that benefit our neighborhood
- Maintaining entrance sign areas, including attractive seasonal decorations
- Promoting security and safety with Flock cameras and active cooperation with the local Sheriff's Office and the Neighborhood Watch Program
- Organizing neighborhood activities for residents of all ages
- Mitigating infrastructure changes that could negatively impact the community
- Publishing a newsletter to keep residents informed of topics of common interest
- Hosting an Annual meeting to give residents an opportunity to socialize and interact with local officials and other guests
- Increasing your home's value by making this neighborhood a more desirable place to live

These substantial benefits require resources so please support these efforts by sending in your dues.

CAUTION!!



Do not use the Miraleste Plaza mail box.

Per the Sheriff, identity theft is taking place. Mail is being fished out of the box.

FYI! The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has been awarded a grant to develop a Homelessness Plan to help the City better connect unhoused individuals to County services. The City wants to hear your thoughts on homelessness in RPV as this plan is created.

Take the Homelessness Plan Community Survey by February 23 at: surveymonkey.com/r/RPV_CommunitySurvey

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

Earthquakes can happen without warning and can result in injuries and damage to property and roads. Earthquakes can cause fires, tsunamis, or landslides. During a large earthquake, sudden and intense back and forth motions of several feet per second can cause the floor or the ground to jerk sideways out from under you, and every unsecured object around you could topple, fall, or become airborne, potentially causing serious injury.

By planning and practicing what to do if an earthquake strikes, you and your loved ones can learn to react correctly and automatically when the shaking begins.

BEFORE AN EARTHQUAKE: PREPAREDNESS TIPS

- Encourage your family, friends and co-workers to practice **DROP, COVER** and **HOLD ON** or **LOCK, COVER** and **HOLD ON** (for wheelchair or walker users) drills at home and at work.
- Create a family and a workplace emergency plan that includes how they will contact or reconnect with you if separated. Make sure that there is also an out-of-state contact too.
- Remind your family, friends and co-workers to be prepared by knowing their evacuation routes.
- Make a disaster supply kit that includes enough food, water and medications that could last for at least 10 days.
- Secure televisions, monitors, bookcases or other items that hang on walls. Store heavy and breakable items on low shelves.
- Inspect the inside and outside of your home, dwelling or property for items that could be damaged or fall and cause injury. Secure these identified items with braces, bolts, straps and other materials available at disaster preparedness outlets.
- Get involved – enroll in First Aid, CPR and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings in your community.
- If you own a home, consider obtaining an earthquake insurance policy. Standard homeowner's insurance does not cover earthquake damage.
- If you are a property owner, consider a retrofit of your building to correct structural issues that make it vulnerable to collapse during an earthquake.

STAYING SAFE DURING AN EARTHQUAKE

- If you are in a car, pull over and stop. Set your parking brake.
- If you are in bed, turn face down and cover your head and neck with a pillow.
- If you are outdoors, stay outdoors away from buildings.
- If you are inside, stay and do not run outside and avoid doorways.

PROTECTING YOURSELF DURING AN EARTHQUAKE



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2023

(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.

Make your **2023** annual dues (**\$50.00**) payable to “Mediterrania HOA” and mail/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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