

# Mediterrania Homeowners Assn.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Craig Whited*

Greetings from your Mediterrania Board of Directors! Please look around and see all of the enhancements to the neighborhood that your Home Owners Association has been able to arrange in order to make our neighborhood an even better place to live and enjoy our multimillion dollar homes. Please read the article regarding citywide events from the CHOA (Council of Home Owners Association). It has a lot of important information.

- **Security** – A few months ago, the SE portion of Rancho Palos Verdes, Miraleste southbound to Palos Verdes Drive South was hit by a string of burglaries with one resident even walking into her house while burglars were inside. Interestingly, Mediterrania was spared from this. Was this because we were the only HOA in the area with Flock cameras installed at our entrance? These cameras not only photograph every vehicle going into and out of Mediterrania through our Ganado – Palos Verdes Drive East entrance but each one has an Automated License Plate Reader that is directly connected to Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Do you think this is the reason we were spared from the burglaries that other neighborhoods experienced?

- Our annual lease on the **Flock Cameras** comes up in a couple of months. We will need more than \$4,000 to fund the new lease on these cameras. We are encouraging every household to pitch

in and pay their very low annual dues of \$50.00 in order to keep our neighborhood safe. These cameras help all of us.

- **Our annual Wine and Cheese** get together will be held on October 8th from 2-5 pm at the Bakar's residence, 3324 Seaclaire. Be sure and bring your own wine or beer, the HOA will be providing the snacks and soft drinks for all adult members in attendance.

- **UCLA** will be having its first activity on August 19th in the form of a Leadership Institute comprised of approximately 60 attendees. While regular classes are not anticipated until 2024, UCLA's academic Task Force is still studying what type of curriculum or degree program to bring to the RPV campus.

- **Fire Inspections.** This year the LA County Fire Department began inspecting our neighborhood for brush clearance. Many homeowners received notices to clear brush that was too close to buildings, roads, and walkways. Next year the inspections will include additional State mandated requirements requiring creation of a 5 foot ember resistant zone around your home. The County Board of Supervisors has added new fees and penalties for inspections and non-compliance.

- The Board is working with the City to take over and plant the stretch of ground along the pathway that connects Ganado and Casilina. In addition, the Board spearheaded the effort to get the brush cleared along the Ganado corridor from our main entrance and all the way down to the trailhead, 300 feet down PV Drive East from Ganado.

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• **Volunteers needed.** We are looking for volunteers to develop an annual kids themed event around Halloween. Interested, please contact the Board and serve as a volunteer.

Hope to see you at the Wine & Cheese event.



**TOM REDFIELD** passed away at age 90 on April 29, 2023. Tom and Marty have lived in Mediterrania for 52 years. They met in kindergarten and had been married 67 years having four children.

Tom had a great sense of humor, integrity, high expectations and lead by quiet example. He was deeply involved in Rancho Palos Verdes and Mediterrania and had served on the Mediterrania Board, Concerned Citizens Coalition/Marymount Expansion (CCCME) Board and was passionate about city politics, helping to elect several City Council Members.

Tom was devoted to his family, friends and our community and will be greatly missed by all

### **RPV COUNCIL OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOC. (CHOA) MEETING 6/21/2023**

The meeting was packed full of important information which applies to everyone who lives in RPV. There were speakers from the “Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative,” Lomita Sheriff, RPV Mayor, and the RPV City Manager.

“*Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative*” is a statewide effort to override the over 100 housing Bills passed by our California Legislators. Recent Senate Bills and Assembly Bills have stripped our cities of its ability to have Local Control over land use and zoning. There is no longer any single family (R-1) zoning in all of California. All cities have been given large quotas to approve the building of multi-family, multi-story and multi-income housing and it could be coming next door to your home. This Initiative will be a California Constitutional Amendment on the 2024 Ballot. This initiative is our only hope of restoring Local Control. There will be a concerted statewide effort starting this summer to obtain 875,000 signatures to get the initiative on the ballot. For additional information on this subject, go to “**Ourneighborhoodvoices.com**”.

The local Sheriff spoke to the recent and on-going crime spree here on the peninsula. It is imperative for all of us to lock our doors on our homes and cars. Turn on your burglar alarms, if you have one, even when you are just going out to the market or running short errands. Daytime and night time burglaries are taking place, even when people are at home. We are “Better Together” and “say something if you see something.” Take pictures and call the Sheriff (310) 539-1661. There have been car break-ins at Trail Head parking lots. Do not leave wallets and purses in cars, lock them in the glove compartment. Thieves are not stealing your wallets. They have taking pictures of the wallet contents and using all that information before you even know this has happened.

The RPV City Council in June voted to fund a 2-year Pilot Program forming a Public Safety Division. It will be staffed with part- time employees & Volunteers. This will give us a way to reduce the cost of Sheriff Service, better communication with the Sheriff and better service to our residents. Our cost for Sheriff Services is 29% of the city Budget. This new Public Safety Division will supplement Sheriff services.

Our city is part of a peninsula-wide planned evacuation route in case of a wildfire. You can enter your address on the website: **pvpready.gov** to “Know your Zone.” Mediterrania is in zone: RPV-E0175. Also, RPV is part of PANO Wildfire Camera Protection. These cameras are here on the Peninsula and in other areas in the South Bay scanning for fires 24/7. This will give immediate confirmation of any fires so that any size fire can be directly reported to LACOFD immediately.

## UCLA Update

If you have driven by the new UCLA campus at Crest and Palos Verdes Drive East, you have probably noticed that there are new signs and banners with “UCLA – South Bay.” This name was selected by UCLA as there are student housing facilities along Palos Verdes Drive North in the City of Los Angeles as well as the new campus on Palos Verdes Drive East.

UCLA’s academic Task Force is still studying what type of curriculum or degree program to bring to the RPV campus, and it will most likely be “themed based” in the area of the “blue economy” – such as environmental or sustainability. Classes are not anticipated to begin until fall 2024; however, UCLA will be conducting a Leadership Institute comprised of approximately 60 participants on the weekend of August 19. Our City Manager, Ara Mihranian, has been invited to be a panelist.

## \*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*



Wine and Cheese Event  
Sunday, October 8th



Bakar Residence: 3324 Seaclaire Dr.  
2 - 5 pm

Come join your neighbors at the beautiful home of the Bakar's. Everyone who is a member is welcome (please no kids) and, if you forgot to pay your 2023 dues, we will gladly accept your \$50.00 annual dues at the door. We will be trying to secure some RPV City Council Members to join us for topics of concern as well as a Representative from UCLA.

Please bring a bottle of your favorite wine or beers. The HOA will be providing light snacks, soft drinks and waters. Hope to see all there.

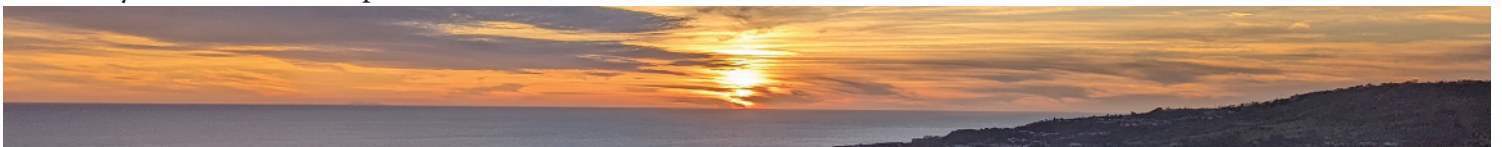
## Crime Wave on the Peninsula, and How our HOA Is Protecting our Neighborhood

Crime has increased on our side of the Peninsula in recent months. While most of the other neighborhoods were hit hard by the organized home burglaries, our neighborhood seems to be the only one that was spared. Why? It’s probably because of our Flock cameras! We currently have two cameras at the entrance on Ganado. If we could afford to install two more cameras on Ganado at the exit out of Mediterrania, it would make it impossible for criminals to drive out of our neighborhood unseen. Many criminals know that the Flock cameras have built-in automated license plate readers that are directly connected to the LA Sheriff’s Department and avoid neighborhoods that use them.

If all homeowners in Mediterrania joined the HOA for the bargain price of \$50 a year, we could make our neighborhood substantially safer! We could also use the membership dues to make our neighborhood more attractive by being able to beautify the Ganado hillside near the entrance to our community. Increasing safety and making the community attractive increases our home values. Joining the HOA not only benefits you as a homeowner but it makes you a good neighbor! Instead of relying on others to contribute, and hoping enough other people join to make all the good things happen, you could be one of the people making our community better! Did you know that only half of the residents in Mediterrania are currently members of the HOA? These members are the ones making our neighborhood a better place for all residents to live. Imagine what we could accomplish if all residents joined the HOA? Please join your HOA today and help yourself and your community!

## SHERIFF RESPONSE TIMES

If you have questions, you can call the Sheriff’s Lomita Station business line at 310-539-1661. Depending upon your problem, response times for the Sheriff to come out to your home differ greatly. Routine calls 60 minutes, priority calls 20 minutes, Emergency calls 7 minutes. Also, if you speak with someone at the station and are not satisfied with their answers, you should ask to speak with the Watch Commander.



## 2023 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 April 22. 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.

Adler, Phil & Marti	Flachner/Romano, Stewart & M. Amparo	Kerkeb/Maslouh, Loubna & Najib	Razepoor/Safavi, Nasser/Marjan
Ajang, Mahmoud	Folk, Tom and Dona	Keroles, Kamal & Dalia	Redfield, Marty
Andresen, Jason & Pam	Goede, Walter & Carol	Kim, Brian & Susy	Requicha, Aristides & Shain
Bakar, Samaan & Caroline	Goel, Arun & Krishna	King, Mimi & Kelly	Riedman, Betty
Ball, Christine & Christopher	Grotz, Arlene	Klopfer, John & Jean	Rodriquez, Daniel & Cathy
Bao, Willie & Georgina	Guerra, Susan & Anthony	Kobayashi, Mariko	Rosenblatt, Don & Marilyn
Barger, Joe	Gugliuzza, Thomas & Beverly	Kochanowski, Joyce	Scherba, Mark & Barbara
Bauchman, Morton & Margaret	Hanner, Lillian & Becky	Koehler, Fred & Pat	Schulz/Mathews, Matthew & Kesha
Bertolina, James & Nelly	Hansen, Wayne & Gwynn	Kollar, Bob	Sharar, Joe & Frances
Bozin, Milivoj & Barbara	Harper, Jo Ann	Lakis, John & Angela	Sheth, Bharti
Bozler, Hans & Diane	Harrison, Michael & Theresa	Lam, David & Dominique	Shim, John & Kelley
Brinton/Uchima, Stephanie & Darrell	Hartman, Kirk & Judy	Lee, Henry & Soo	Shiraishi/Nikolaenko, Steve & Liana
Burton, Jim & Ann Marie	Harvey/Sulkowski, Bruce & Amy	Li, Loretta	Smith, Nina
Canfield, Pearl	Hebert, Michael	Marshall, Arthur	Snyder, Alice & Edward
Casares/Davis, Michael & Daniel	Heimer, Taryn & Matthew	Mathews, John & Munja	Soldoff, Stephen & Susan
Cerami, John	Hevener, James & Vanessa	McAlpine, Col. Aubry & Patricia	Stevens, Mike & Kathy
Chargaff, Barbara & Thomas	Hibsman, Nora	Miller, Dean & Patricia	Trutanich, Nick & Elaine
Choi, Kahn & Ann	Higinbotham, Mark & Jennifer	Mock, Ted & Mary Jo	Ueda, Kevin & Nikki
Crudge, George & Shara	Hill, Deirdre	Morris, Carol & Gregory	Unmack, James & Olivera
Cyr, Tom & Suzy	Holmberg, Rayana & Michael	Muller, Kurt & Irene	Waggoner, Susan
Deraney, Fred & Arpy	Honkawa, Tony & Yumi	Ortolano, Joan	Wang, Michael & Lily
Dittmar, Tom & Chiao	Hove, Ralph & Marilyn	Ott, Don & Patty	Whited, Craig & Gilda
Dontscheff/Mautner, Tony & Silvia	Jaacks, John & Holly	Ozaki, Charles & Mitsuko	Wolf, Marie
Drake, Marilyn & Liana	James, Loretta	Pekich, Don & Joyce	Wright, Robert & Shirley
Dunn, Jean & Roger	Jankovich, Todd & Maureen	Peterson, Jennette & Dionne	
Estes/Walston, Sue & Jack	Karp, Lois	Phan, Can Quang & Nga Thien	
		Pichler, Remo & Vivian	

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## Mediterrania Homeowners Association

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2023

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 or deliver to: **Craig Whited, Pres., 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](mailto:mediterrania@cox.net)) or insert below.

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