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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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***VOTING MEMBER**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Craig Whited

WELCOME & HAPPY NEW YEAR. We ended 2025 with a very successful Wine & Cheese event in October and have been working on multiple projects with the City and its contractors throughout the year. Our upcoming Annual Meeting at UCLA on February 1st, starting at 4pm, promises a fresh perspective on City government with Mayor Paul Seo beginning his prepared remarks at 6:30pm and taking questions thereafter. Right after dinner, we will have our “formal” Annual Meeting with Board Member elections which should take less than 15 minutes. After that, UCLA will be updating us on the plans for the campus in 2026. The remainder of the program will be Q&A with the Mayor.

What are we doing on Mediterrania specific issues:

- This last year our Board was heavily involved with the City on safety related issues revolving around the Ganado/PVDE intersection. We recommended several measures to combat the significant upturn in accidents along Palos Verdes Drive East. Over the next several months, we will be seeing a pair of speed feedback signs like the one in front of UCLA. We have also been lobbying for more Sheriff's Department enforcement as the City is relying more on this solution than other forms of traffic control.

- In addition to speed feedback signs, the City has already

extended the stop line at the Ganado/PVDE intersection closer to PVDE, so it is easier once you come to a complete stop to “creep and peep” out closer to the traffic lane on PVDE to get an unrestricted view of the traffic coming from both directions. The intersection will be further enhanced by a new bike lane that will be to the left of the right-hand turn pocket and will hopefully encourage the bicyclists to follow the vehicle code and to stay out of the turn pocket while going straight ahead through the intersection. This has been the cause of several bicycle/vehicle accidents.

- After 9 long years of working with the City and its contractors, we finally have a pair of new AT&T and Verizon cell antennas built into a single pole and in operation. During the first half of 2026, we expect to see the landscaping that we negotiated with the City and its contractor installed around the equipment cabinet that you currently see on the upslope of Ganado. See the “What's in This Box?” article.
- Succession Planning – The majority of the current Board Members have been serving since well before COVID and it is time for new faces and fresh ideas on the Board. Flock security cameras are working as advertised, the cell dead space has been significantly reduced, the Ganado intersection issues are being worked on with renewed emphasis, and Mediterrania has been surprisingly free of major crime. Please contact me before the Annual Meeting or raise your hand at the meeting to join as a member of the Board and help Mediterrania carry on for the next five years with renewed enthusiasm. We only have four or five meetings a year and these are on Zoom. New member input is greatly needed and appreciated as we move forward.

Have a great 2026 and be sure to join us at the Annual Meeting.

MEDITERRANIA SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

by Brent Schirripa

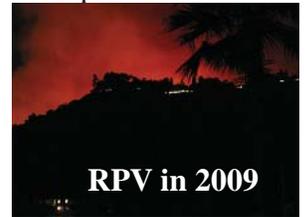
Happy New Year, neighbors! Recent legislation highlighted in the *Palos Verdes News/Daily Breeze* has updated safety rules for our community:

- **Fire Safety (SB 1271):** All e-bike batteries must now be **UL-certified** to prevent garage fire hazards.
- **Impound Rules (AB 875):** Police can now impound “off-highway” electric motors (like Surrans) if ridden on public roads or sidewalks.
- **Visibility (AB 544):** E-bikes must now use **red rear reflectors** at all times.
- **Youth Safety:** Class 3 e-bikes require riders to be **16+**, and all PVPUSD students must complete safety training to park on campus.

Stay safe, Mediterranean!

WILDFIRE PREVENTION

by Hans Bozler



Fortunately, the potential for wildfire in Palos Verdes is not imminent due to the recent more than ample rains. However, this situation can change in the Summer and Fall. A recent check with our local County Fire Station provided us with an update on their annual inspections. The Station firefighters will get their updated inspection priorities and training in April in anticipation of the June start of inspections. Their sense is that the enforcement will be more rigorous than 2025, particularly in the first five feet. By May, we should have a good idea of how that inspection will be carried out.

YOUR VOLUNTARY HOA: SMALL DUES, BIG IMPACT ON MEDITERRANIA

Is joining the Mediterranean HOA mandatory? No. But the benefits the HOA provides for all residents are significant. With only \$75 in annual dues – just \$6.25 a month – we accomplish more together than you might think. Your support of our HOA is vital!

Why Join the Mediterranean HOA?

- **Beautification:** The HOA ensures a beautiful entry into Mediterranean and maintains the hillside on Ganado.
- **Security:** Our Flock cameras have made a tangible difference in neighborhood safety. When other local neighborhoods were hit by a rash of burglaries last year, Mediterranean was an exception. These cameras are vital, but their security service is an ongoing expense the City may not always contribute to. We may lose our Flock cameras without increased membership in the HOA.
- **Advocacy:** The Board of Directors (BOD) fought against numerous proposed cell towers, resulting in only one, much smaller tower at the intersection of Ganado and Floweridge.
- **Property Value:** Our dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to keep our neighborhood safe, beautiful, and valuable.

The Challenge We Face

Of the 246 homes in our area, less than half currently support the HOA. The essential services above are not free. If the HOA dissolves due to lack of support, who will be responsible for this maintenance and security?

The value we enjoy in our community is a direct result of the hours volunteered by your neighbors on the BOD. We need more residents to become involved and support these efforts. Your membership is an investment in our shared home.

To join or get involved, please attend the annual Mediterranean HOA meeting on February 1st at UCLA South Bay.

Call to Action: Help us maintain the safety and beauty of Mediterranean. Join the HOA today!

WHAT'S IN THIS CABINET?



For almost 9 years, your HOA has been working with the City and its Cell Tower contractor, on placement and consolidation of cell phone towers. We have been working to improve service and to prevent the unsightly messes that you see in many parts of the City by keeping the footprint as small as possible and making what is above ground as attractive as possible. Late in 2025, we succeeded in getting two cell phone companies, AT&T and Verizon to share a small space on top of a streetlight. In order to make this as attractive as possible, the small joint use antenna does not have any of those suitcase size boxes hanging on the pole with wires dangling out. In place of this are underground cables with electronic equipment in a cabinet on the upslope of Ganado. The cabinet currently has a wrap around it and will be flanked by bushes as depicted in the wrap and along with a full-scale irrigation system that can be tapped into to provide enhanced irrigation along Ganado.

We are looking forward to completion of soil amendments, installation of the irrigation system and the planting of one new tree and several bushes in close proximity to the cabinet so everything blends together. This is a real success story that could only be accomplished with the heavy involvement of the HOA.

2025 MHOA ANNUAL MEETING, UCLA SOUTH BAY



WINE AND CHEESE EVENT / OCTOBER 2025



TREASURER'S REPORT *by George Crudge*

On behalf of the Mediterranean HOA, I am writing to respectfully remind you that your annual \$75 membership dues for the upcoming year 2026 are now payable. Your dues cover a lot of items and are used primarily for: The Flock Security Camera lease which provides 24/7 photo surveillance and an automated license plate reader; the beautification of the front entrance; holiday themed displays; a quarterly newsletter; a Wine and Cheese Social Event; and the Annual Meeting Dinner.

At this year's Annual Dinner Meeting –which will take place at UCLA - South Bay on February 1st – we are honored to have representatives from UCLA and our City's new Mayor, Paul Seo. Paul will provide crucial updates regarding local developments, upcoming projects and future plans that directly impact the welfare of our Mediterranean community and, in particular, the safety of the intersection of Ganado and PV Drive East. Your active participation and questions are highly valued, and we strongly encourage you to attend and participate in the meeting. Questions and comments to the speakers are strongly encouraged.

For your convenience, annual dues for 2026 can be paid at the Annual Meeting, where vehicle stickers will be issued upon payment of your annual dues. Should you be unable to attend, kindly mail your dues and membership application, so we can update our records, to my address provided below on the Application Form. These payments and the membership application for 2026 can be accepted early. Please contact me with any questions. Any residents who are not already members are welcome to attend and join the HOA.

We sincerely look forward to your presence at this important community gathering and deeply appreciate your commitment and support for the MHOA.

We especially thank the listed members below for their membership in 2025

Ajang, Mahmoud & Nasrin	Folk, Tom & Delicia	Kochanowski, Joyce	Redfield, Marty
Aroesty, Jonathan & Margie	Goel, Arun & Krishna	Koehler, Fred & Priscilla	Requicha, Ari & Shain
Bakar, Simone & Carole	Grotz, Arline & Geoffrey	Kollar, Bob	Riedman, Betty
Ball, Christopher & Christine	Guerra, Susan and Anthony	Lakis, Angela & John	Scherba, Mark & Barbara
Bao, Willie & Georgina	Gugliuzza, Thomas & Beverly	Lam, David & Dominique	Schirripa, Brent & Nadine
Barger, Joseph	Hanner, Lillian & Becky	Li, Loretta	Schul/Mathews, Matthew & Kesha
Bauchman, Mort & Peggy	Hansen, Wayne & Gwynn	Liu, Shu Liu	Sharar, Joe & Frances
Beresford, Dean & Laura	Hartman, Kirk & Judy	Mathews, John & Munja	Sheth, Bharti
Berkson, Richard & Andrea	Harvey/Sulkowski, Bruce & Amy	Mathews, Munda	Shim, John & Kelley
Bertolina, Jim & Nelly	Hashimoto, Jerry & Kinu	McAlpine, (Colonel) Aubry & Patricia	Shirley, David & Beth
Bozier, Hans & Dianne	Hebert, Thomas & Marcie	Miller, Dean & Patti	Sichan, Alicia
Bozin, Milivoj & Barbara	Hebert, Michael & Dori	Mock, Ted & Mary Jo	Smith, Nina
Brinton/Uchima, Stephanie & Darrell	Hevener, James & Vanessa	Moon / Kim, Jung & Yoosook	Snyder, Ed & Alice
Casares/Davis, Michael & Daniel	Hibsmann, Nora	Moore, Jean & Robert	Soldoff, Stephen & Susan
Cerami/Fagar, John & Rosemary	Higinbotham, Mark & Jennifer	Morris, Gregory & Carol	Stevens, Michael & Kathy
Chargaff, Tom & Barbara	Hill, Deirdre	Muller, Kurt & Irene	Stewart, Marc & Joy
Chelini/Kennel, Albert/Judi	Holmberg, Michael & Rayna	Nakano, Sachiye	Ueda, Kevin & Nikki
Clinehens (Canfield trust), Beverley (Pearl's trustee)	Hong/Hochedez, Kaylee & Benoit	Nutter, Jennifer	Unmack/Radovanovic, James & Olivera
Crudge, George & Shara	Honkawa, Tony & Yumi	O'Connor, John	Unvert, David & Julie
Cyr, Tom & Suzy	Hove, Ralph & Marilyn	Ortolano, Joan	Valot, Timothy & Martha
Deraney, Fred & Arpy	James, Loretta	Ott, Don & Patty	Waggoner, Susan
Dontscheff, Anton	Jankovich, Todd & Maureen	Ozaki, Charles & Vicki	Wang, Michael & Lily
Drake, Marilyn & Liana	Karp, Lois	Parker, Robert & Gail	Whited, Craig & Gilda
Dunn, Roger & Jean	Kerkeb and Maslouh, Loubna & Najib	Pekich, Don & Joyce	Wolff, Marie
Estes/Walston, Susan & Jack	Keroles, Kamal & Dalia	Petersen, John & Pam	Wong, Juliet
Ferraro, Charles & Barbara	Kim, Jihee	Peterson, Jeannette & Dionne	Woo, Kay and Elizabeth
Fischer, Jesse & Kamilah	Kim, Jay & Sophia	Phan/Thien, Can Quang & Nga	Wright, Robert & Shirley
Flachner/Romano, Stewart & Amparo	Kim/Yu, Brian & Susy	Phillips, Todd & Trina	Zugsmith, George & Jayne
	Klopfner, John & Jean	Pichler, Remo & Viviana	
	Kobayashi, Mariko	Razepor/Safavi, Nasser & Marjan	

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Mediterrania Homeowners Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2026

Name(s): _____

Check One: Homeowner/Member Renter/Associate Member

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ E-Mail: _____

Make your **2026** annual dues (**\$75.00**) payable to "Mediterrania HOA"
(Check, Cash or Zelle – please include your name for identification) and mail or deliver to:

George Crudge, Treasurer, 3415 Coolheights Drive, RPV, CA 90275
661•713•5260 / georgecrudge@rocketmail.com

Thank you for supporting your Mediterranean Homeowners Association!

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