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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Craig Whited*

What a delightfully cool summer we have had in Mediterrania, at least until the end of August. With the Portuguese Bend area land movement and SCE electric shutoffs, we should consider ourselves very fortunate. The LA County Fire Department completed its annual inspections, and I hope that you received an in-compliance letter. With some insurance companies leaving the state and others cancelling policies in high fire risk areas, the California Insurance Commissioner has permitted substantial rate increases that are likely to affect every homeowner.

Your Mediterrania Board has been working with the RPV Department of Public Works to minimize the ongoing danger encountered when turning left up Palos Verdes Drive East from Ganado. This intersection has recently been the scene of several serious accidents with bicycles broadsiding vehicles that were attempting to turn left onto PV Drive East. At our urging, the Public Works Director commissioned a traffic study after we requested more traffic warning signs and possibly a stop light or stop signs. The City study, based on aerial views, initially proposed to cut all trees and shrubs down to 12 inches all the way up PVDE 250 feet from Ganado/PVDE intersection. The Board has been working with the City to keep our entrance relatively intact as the trees have already been limbed up and foliage trimmed down so there is a clear view for drivers looking up PVDE. We even provided photos taken from the driver's perspective in a car at the Ganado

stop sign the way any driver should look before entering the intersection before turning left. The major issues are speed and lane control. The City's solutions include putting in bike lanes, narrowing the lanes on PVDE, red striping some more of the curbs and putting in some radar speed feedback signs. The City believes that this approach will slow the traffic down. We should all be extra careful when we drive up Ganado and turn onto PV Drive East. Regarding Ganado, the speed limit is 25 and some drivers don't obey it putting pedestrian lives at risk. Please SLOW DOWN.

What's happening in Mediterrania?

- **Cell Service:** The middle of September should bring the six year battle your Board has been waging to fruition to have better cell service without having those unsightly antennas and boxes on the poles with wires hanging down. The new light pole at the corner of Floweridge and Ganado will have a slim line enclosed antenna on the top of the pole. It will serve both AT&T and Verizon and all of the supporting hardware will be either underground or in a box on the uphill side of Ganado. Further, the electrical component box will be hidden by bushes and permanently irrigated.
- **Wine & Cheese:** The Bakar's have graciously offered their home at 3324 Seaclaire Drive as the site of the Annual Wine & Cheese social on October 6th from 2-5pm. (See page 3 for more information.) We have invited all five of the City Council candidates to attend and speak one on one with interested voters.

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- **Annual Meeting:** Our Board has decided to return to UCLA for our next Annual Meeting on February 2, 2025. Please mark your calendars. UCLA currently plans to begin regular classes in the Fall Quarter of 2025 and the COO/CFO of UCLA South Bay, Steve Yu, will bring us up-to-date on future plans for UCLA's newest campus. Their current plan is to commence regular instruction with the fall quarter of 2025. We also hope to have the new Mayor of RPV join us to share the RPV's plans for 2025.

Not a member yet? Please see the last page of the newsletter for membership information. All residents can be members (renters as associate members and homeowners as voting members). How do you know if you or a neighbor is currently a member? Just check out the names on the back page of this newsletter or the MHOA ID sticker on the back window of their car. If you are interested in joining the Board or would like to attend a Board Meeting, we would welcome your participation. Please contact me in advance with your topic of interest, and we will arrange for your attendance. Please check out our website www.mediterraniahoa.com for meeting details.

MEDITERRANIA SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE *by Brent Schirripa*

The RPV peninsula continues to see land movement in the Portuguese Bend Community Association. Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the City. The natural gas and electricity have been turned off to the homes in the area. For the latest updates, please check out the City website: rpvca.gov/landmovement

The Mediterrania Homeowner Association is pleased to report that our entire HOA is not in a watch or evacuation zone. There have been no reports of land movement within our HOA. MHOA is listed as "normal" zone in the PV "know your zone" website. Changes occur regularly to the City's reporting. Please continue to monitor the status on the City's website. In the event of an emergency, it is recommended that residents have the following basic supplies packed and ready to evacuate: Cellphone and charger, battery powered radio, first aid kit, drinking water and snacks for entire family and pets, all medications, and identification cards. Further safety tips for emergency preparedness can be seen at: redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html

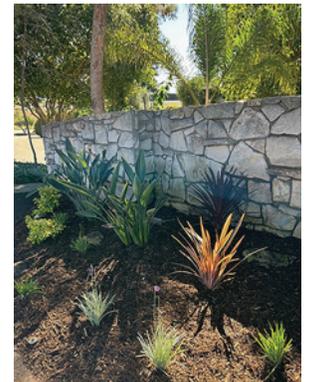
In addition to the land movement, MHOA would like to inform that the coyotes have returned to the natural reserve areas. Please do not keep your pets outside unattended and exercise caution when walking at night.

School has returned to session and the surrounding communities have an increase in traffic in the morning and early afternoons.

MHOA will continue to publish safety tips in our newsletter, share crime statistics and highlight community policies that enhance safety. Thank you all for helping make our neighborhood one of the safest in California.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! *by Lois Karp*

We received many accolades when we completed the landscaping project, which everyone sees as they use the right-hand turn lane when entering Mediterrania. One of our residents, Tim Valot, who owns a landscape company, worked closely with some members of the Mediterrania Board to design and plant this area for us. We saved lots of money due to his generosity and we want everyone to know that we are grateful when our neighbors chip into to help us.



Mediterrania HOA Wine and Cheese Social

**Council Candidate Meet and Greet
Sunday, October 6th
2-5 PM**

Bakar Residence: 3324 Seaclaire Dr.

MHOA invites you to mix and mingle with your neighbors and discuss issues with City Council Candidates. Don't miss this opportunity to ask the future City Council members tough questions. Make your voices heard.

Everyone who is a member is welcome (sadly, no kids) and, if you forgot to pay, we will gladly accept your \$50.00 annual dues at the door. Non-homeowners can join as associates members also (\$50).

WHAT TO BRING: A bottle of your favorite wine or a 6 pk of beer to enjoy. The HOA will provide snacks, waters (bubbly and still) and cookies.



TREASURER'S REPORT *by George Crudge*

On behalf of the Mediterrania Home Owners Association, I would like to once again acknowledge and to extend my appreciation to the members who have paid their annual dues of \$50.00. Of the 250 Homeowners in Mediterrania, we have total of 115 paid members. This number is less than 50%. I cannot emphasize the financial significance of increasing our membership to a higher percentage. Your \$50.00 membership fee is 100% voluntary but 100% essential. Our membership pays for the Flock Cameras to keep our neighborhood safe and secure. It pays for the beautification of our entrance and our yearly membership gatherings. Your contribution unites us in our security and safety. It requires many to contribute to remain as one united safe neighborhood. As illustrated in our great Seal of the US: E PLURIBUS UNUM- from many one.

I encourage you to inform our neighbors all the benefits the annual dues contribute towards. Below is the Membership Application Form. Also, attached to this newsletter is an envelope to mail the form to me. My address: MHOA Treasurer George Crudge, 2015 Coolheights Dr, RPV, CA 90275.

Ajang, Mahmoud
Andresen, Jason & Pam
Bakar, Samaan & Caroline
Ball, Christine & Christopher
Barger, Joe
Bauchman, Morton & Margaret
Bertolina, James & Nelly
Boa, Willie
Bozin, Milivoj & Barbara
Bozler, Hans & Diane
Brar, Harminder & Suminder
Brinton, Stephanie
Brinton/Uchima, Stephanie & Darrell
Canfield, Pearl
Casares/Davis, Michael & Daniel
Cerami, John
Chargaff, Barbara & Thomas
Chelini/Kennel, Al & Judi
Crudge, George & Shara
Cutrer, Michael & Brenda
Cyr, Tom & Suzy
Deraney, Fred & Arpy
Dontscheff/Mautner, Tony & Silvia
Drake, Marilyn & Liana
Dunn, Jean & Roger
Estes/Walston, Sue & Jack
Estes/Walton, Sue & Jack (cash \$100)
Fang, Chun

Ferraro, Barbara & Charles
Flachner/Romano, Stewart & M. Amparo
Folk, Tom and Dona
Goede, Walter & Carol
Goel, Arun & Krishna
Gross, Morrie & Sharon
Grotz, Arlene
Guerra, Susan & Anthony
Gugliuzza, Thomas & Beverly
Hanner, Lillian & Becky
Hansen, Wayne & Gwynn
Harper, Jo Ann
Hartman, Kirk & Judy
Harvey/Sulkowski, Bruce & Amy
Hashimoto, Jerry & Kinuko
Hebert, Michael
Hebert, Tom & Marcie
Hevener, James & Vanessa
Hibsman, Nora
Hibsman, N
Higinbotham, Mark & Jennifer
Hill, Deirdre
Hochedez/Hong, Benoit & Joohee
Holmberg, Rayana & Michael
Honkawa, Tony & Yumi
Hove, Ralph & Marilyn
Jaacks, John & Holly
James, Loretta
Jankovich, Todd & Maureen

Karp, Lois
Kerkeb/Maslouh, Loubna & Najib
Keroles, Kamal & Dalia
Kim, Brian & Susy
Kim, Jihee
Klopfel, John & Jean
Kobayashi, Mariko
Kochanowski, Joyce
Koehler, Fred & Pat
Kollar, Bob
Lakis, John & Angela
Lam, David & Dominique
Lee, Henry & Soo
Li, Loretta
Marshall, Arthur
McAlpine, Col. Aubry & Patricia
Miller, Dean & Patricia
Mitre, Greg & Carmen
Mock, Ted & Mary Jo
Moon/Kim, Jung / Yoosook
Moore, Jean & Robert
Morris, Carol & Gregory
Muller, Kurt & Irene
Ortolano, Joan
Ott, Don & Patty
Ozaki, Charles & Mitsuko
Parker, Gail & Robert
Pekich, Don & Joyce
Peterson, Jennette & Dionne
Peterson, John & Pam

Phan, Can Quang & Nga Thien
Phillips, Todd Aaron
Pichler, Remo & Vivian
Razepoor/Safavi, Nasser/Marjan
Redfield, Marty
Riedman, Betty
Rodriguez, Daniel & Cathy
Scherba, Mark & Barbara
Schirripa, Brent & Nadine
Schulz/Mathews, Matthew & Kesha
Sharar, Joe & Frances
Sheth, Bharti
Shiraishi/Nikolaenko, Steve & Liana
Shirley, Beth & David
Smith, Nina
Smith, Tim / Martina
Snyder, Alice & Edward
Soldoff, Stephen & Susan
Stevens, Mike & Kathy
Trutanich, Nick & Elain
Ueda, Kevin & Nikki
Unmack, James & Olivera
Valot, Tim & Martha
Waggoner, Susan
Wang, Michael & Lily
Whited, Craig & Gilda
Woo, Kathleen
Wright, Robert & Shirley
Wu, Johnny

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Mediterrania Homeowners Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2024

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 **2024** annual dues (**\$50.00**) payable to "Mediterrania HOA" and mail or deliver to: **George Crudge, Treasurer, 3415 Coolheights Drive, RPV, CA 90275**

Thank you for supporting your Mediterrania Homeowners Association!

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