



# BULLETIN

**May 2017**

**2017 Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Ridgecrest Intermediate School Multi-Purpose Room**

*Guest Speaker*

**The Honorable Brian Campbell  
Mayor of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes**



We are pleased to have Mayor Brian Campbell as our guest speaker for this year's annual MESA PV HOA meeting. He will speak to us about his vision and priorities for RPV as well as current key city initiatives.

Mayor Campbell was elected as Mayor last December. He has served two terms on the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council. Brian graduated from the University of Colorado, served in the US Army overseas and is currently active in the California State Guard. Brian has lived in Rancho Palos Verdes for almost 20 years, is married, has two young sons, and resides here in Mesa. He owns a commercial real estate firm. Throughout his professional career he has worked extensively overseas and for some of the largest real estate firms in the US such as Cushman & Wakefield, Studley Inc., and as an owner of Colliers International in Los Angeles.

Brian has continuously served his community in many capacities such as the President of the Monaco Homeowners Association, past president of the Rancho Palos Verdes Council of Homeowners (CHOA), City Council appointee to the General Plan Update Committee and has volunteered his time to successfully mediate RPV View Ordinance disputes.

He is very involved in many community, non-profit and charitable organizations such as the Boy Scouts, various Palos Verdes youth sports programs, our local schools, disabled veterans support organizations and the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

**Please come meet your neighbors and Board members.**

**Door Prizes will be drawn to show the Board's appreciation for residents attending the Annual Meeting. Dues must be paid to be eligible for a door prize.**

**Please enjoy complimentary light refreshments, coffee, tea and water during the meeting.**



**At the end of this newsletter is the 2017-2018 MESA PV HOA Membership Dues Invoice. Please fill out the form and mail in your dues to the address listed.**

**If you have not mailed your dues before the meeting, you may pay dues at the door. Make your \$30.00 check payable to: Mesa PV HOA.**

**Website for Mesa Palos Verdes HOA. Bookmark it.**

**Go to: <http://www.palosverdes.com/mesapvhoa>**

**A big thank you to neighbor Marian Locascio for her time and dedication in maintaining our website to keep us informed about our community.**

## Crest Road Tree Project

One of the objectives of the MESA PV HOA is to improve and maintain our community as a highly desirable place to live and raise a family. To this end, the HOA maintains the landscaping of our entrances. Since 2013, due to Ray Mathys' leadership and vision, our HOA has wanted to plant trees along Crest Road as part of a continual beautification of our neighborhood. This past year the HOA, partnering with the City of RPV, planted 40 New Zealand Christmas trees along Crest Road. It will be a few years before these trees are mature, but they will be a welcome improvement to the landscape.

At the February 7, 2017 RPV City Council Meeting, Mayor Campbell recognized Ray for his many years of service to the city, the RPV community and to our HOA, specifically citing the new trees and the improvement to the city.



### Holiday Decorations

We need to give a special thanks to Erica Mangham and her family for volunteering to make the Christmas decorations that adorned our entrances, and also helping to install them. She has agreed to decorate again this coming Christmas with more whimsical items. Thanks Erica!



### Neighborhood Watch

Unfortunately, crime is still an issue and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. In 2016, the four peninsular cities Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes Estates decided to jointly purchase 45 Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras as one of the tools to combat crime. Periodic reporting from Lomita Sheriff's Station has described how this system has aided the sheriffs in apprehending a number of criminals.

Neighborhood Watch provides an effective means for neighbors to work together to mitigate crime and establish a framework for the Emergency Preparedness program. It is most effective when neighbors help report suspicious activities to the police, network all crime activity, and mutually watch out for each other.

When an area (i.e., block) joins the Neighborhood Watch program, it becomes part of a citywide crime prevention network and warning system. Neighborhood Watch is managed by volunteer Coordinators and volunteer Block Captains. The Area Coordinator liaisons with Neighborhood Watch, the Sheriff's Dept., and Block Captains. Crime warnings are phoned or E-mailed to Block Captains who, in turn, disseminate to Block Assistants and participating Neighborhood Watch residents. You can check the Neighborhood Watch website for information on scams, child abductions and other crimes and to get involved with Neighborhood Watch.

Go to - <http://home.netcom/~rpvnw/>

By: Ardi Tavakol

### MESA PV HOA Book Club

The Mesa Palos Verdes neighborhood book club has been going strong for two years now. We meet on mutually convenient Fridays at 7:30pm. Readers meet once every month or two, depending on the availability of our members. Meetings are held at 29703 Whitley Collins Drive, which is within walking distance of most anyone in the Mesa PV HOA. We read fiction and non-fiction, current best sellers and classic novels alike. Email Marian at [k5kkt@aol.com](mailto:k5kkt@aol.com) for more information.



For information about the next meeting visit our website book club page at

<http://www.palosverdes.com/mesapvhoa/bookclub.html>

By: Marian Locascio



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes website contains lots of helpful information. Consider adding your email to the City's listserve. You pick the topics that interest you and the City sends you an email anytime there is news to report: <http://www.rpvca.gov/list.aspx>

## Your MESA PV HOA At Work

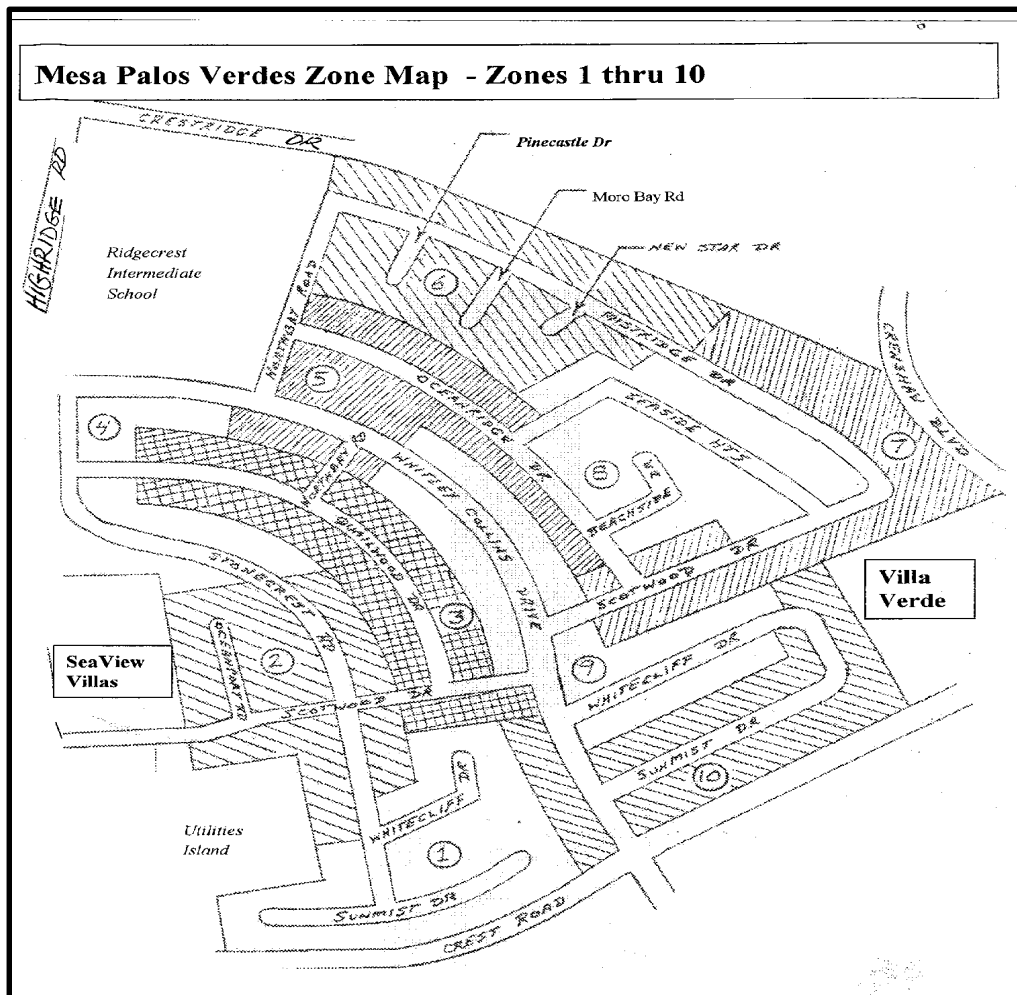
The City and utilities such as California Water Service, SoCal Gas and Southern California Edison can take actions adversely impacting our community's homes without consulting individual homeowners. MESA PV HOA is your only advocate to our elected officials at City Hall by representing the needs and preferences of our community. We regularly work with the City Council and city departments such as Community Development and Public Works.

The HOA has continued to partner with residents whose homes border the Cal Water Crest Road facility to persuade the city Planning Commissioners to reconsider Cal Water's request for a change in their Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The change could have created intolerable living conditions for homeowners adjacent to Cal Water's facility.

Mesa PV HOA budgets for landscaping of the medians on Whitley Collins Drive, with an agreement from the city of RPV to irrigate and maintain these plantings. In the coming year the HOA plans to plant trees to replace the trees which were removed from the Whitney Collins median. We select plants that are attractive and suitable for the median size as well as their low maintenance and water needs.

Because the city provides no money for maintenance or improvements for our community entrances, the HOA continues to fund maintenance of the entrance walls, entrance signs, and common areas. Our HOA contributions insure that our community's appearance doesn't deteriorate. Membership dues are the sole source of all infrastructure improvements to our community's entrances and medians.

If you are interested in neighborhood landscaping/beautification projects, please contact Joe DeVenuto.



## MPVHOA 2016-2017 Board of Directors and Officers

The Mesa Palos Verdes Homeowners' Association (MPVHOA) is a non-profit community association organized in 1966 pursuant to the California Corporations Code. MPVHOA is governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of ten (10) Zone Directors, and five executive officers, all elected at the annual general meeting, or appointed in accordance with Association By-Laws. Members attending the annual meeting will vote on the new Board Members for the 2017-2018 year.

**Additional candidates for each office may be included on the roster by nomination during the annual meeting or by contacting Joe DeVenuto at 424 205-0664.**

**Following is the initial slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors:**

### Officers

<b>President:</b>	<b>Joe DeVenuto</b>	<b>424 205-0664</b>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>Michael Garr</b>	<b>310 377-6151</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Para Karunatileka</b>	<b>310-541-4983</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Sue Tozaki</b>	<b>310-541-4579</b>
<b>CHOA Rep:</b>	<b>Marian Locascio</b>	<b>310-541-5495</b>

### Zone Director

<b>1) Maureen Edwards</b>	<b>310-544-4509</b>
<b>2) Wendy Louttit</b>	<b>310-377-8713</b>
<b>3) Peter Barrett</b>	<b>310-377-1062</b>
<b>4) Anne St. Cyr</b>	<b>310-750-6729</b>
<b>5) Shera Finkel</b>	<b>310-541-9754</b>
<b>6) Hermia Lee</b>	<b>310-357-7288</b>
<b>7) Jesse Cordova</b>	<b>310-377-2038</b>
<b>8) Maria del Carmen Singer</b>	<b>310 377-9577</b>
<b>9) Ardi Tavakol</b>	<b>310-541-1394</b>
<b>10) Gay Hargrave</b>	<b>310-541-6880</b>

### STANDING COMMITTEES

<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Book Club</b>
Peter Barrett	Anne St. Cyr	Marian Locascio
Ray Mathys	Sue Tozaki	Shera Finkel
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Neighborhood Watch</b>	
Wendy Louttit	Shera Finkel	
Hermia Lee	Ardi Tavakol	

## MESA PV Website

The MESA PV HOA Website lists the HOA Officers and their contact information. It also provides a map of the MESA PV HOA area, the HOA zones to enable you to locate the zone you live in, who is the Zone Director and their corresponding contact information.

In lieu of a HOA blog or a Facebook page, MESA use the Nextdoor website (<https://nextdoor.com>) for that purpose. On the Nextdoor website, there is a separate Mesa PV HOA group wherein we can communicate as a group or individually. If you're a member of Nextdoor but have not already been added to the Mesa PV HOA sub-group within it, please private message me (Marian Locascio) from within Nextdoor and I will add you to this digital neighborhood.

If you have any suggestions for content you can email the webmaster via the link on the bottom of the home page [www.palosverdes.com/mesapvhoa](http://www.palosverdes.com/mesapvhoa).

By: Marian Locascio

## Security for Your Home During Vacations

While we're away on vacation, our neighbors can be our most effective help in watching our homes and reporting suspicious persons and activities in our neighborhoods. In addition, follow these tips:

- ✓ Set timers for lights so your home looks occupied.
- ✓ Have your mail and newspapers picked up by neighbors rather notifying the post office.
- ✓ Don't share vacation plans on social media sites and don't post vacation pictures until you're back.
- ✓ Ask your neighbors to walk around your home occasionally to see that everything is all right.
- ✓ Give a neighbor your cell phone number so they can contact you for an emergency.
- ✓ Check to see that your doors and windows are locked. Lock your car and remove valuables.

Take time now to send in your dues to continue to enjoy all the benefits of Mesa Palos Verdes HOA membership. A pre-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Each resident/owner is entitled to membership in the MPVHOA, *but only residents who pay dues qualify as voting members at the Annual Meeting.*

Over the past years your homeowner association dues have financed general Mesa Palos Verdes improvements that benefit all residents, such as ongoing entrance beautification, maintenance and working with the City of RPV on community improvements. These expenditures help to preserve and enhance the general beauty and the residential value of the Mesa community as a whole.

We appreciate your quick payment of our annual dues by printing off the invoice attached to this newsletter on page six and mailing to our P.O. Box.

Thank you for your support to our community!

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### ***2017-2018 Membership Dues Invoice***

Please make checks payable to Mesa PVHOA

**Mail to: P.O. Box 2236**

**Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274**

2017-2018 Annual Dues ----- \$30.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Our family has been Mesa PV residents since: \_\_\_\_\_  
(year)

I agree ( ☐ ) do not agree ( ☐ ) to the use of E-Mail in lieu of or as a supplement to regular postage mail for newsletters, bulletins, notices, etc. from the MESA PV Board.  
(Please check your decision.)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



**HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

P.O. BOX 2236

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, CA 90274

Invoice Enclosed