



HOA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021



As an owner or resident in the MESA Palos Verdes area, you are a member of the MESA Palos Verdes Homeowners' Association (MPVHOA). MPVHOA is a non-profit community association incorporated in March 7, 1966 pursuant to the California Corporations Code. The HOA represents 423 residences and is the largest HOA on the peninsula. It is governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of ten Zone Directors and five executive officers, all elected at the annual regular meeting, or appointed in accordance with Association By-Laws. In accordance with the By-Laws, there is no HOA architecture review committee to approve homeowners' changes. Such modifications need to be done in accordance with city rules.

This past year, the HOA continued to provide maintenance of the entrance walls, signs, and lights. We worked with the Public Works Department to continue maintenance of the trees the HOA planted along Crest Road as well as the pine trees in the median at both ends of Whitley Collins. A HOA board representative continues to attend the Community of HOAs (CHOA) quarterly meetings. These meetings afford HOAs the opportunity to meet with City and LA Sheriff officials to address community-wide needs. We also continued to work with the City and California Water Service (CWS) to address operations and landscape maintenance at CWS's Crest Road water facility. Last December, all the lights at our HOA entrances on Whitley Collins were repainted and the timers updated. The HOA provided some holiday cheer by decorating the Whitney Collins entrances at Christmas.

MESA PV HOA, because it represents a large number of homeowners, advocates as necessary on behalf of members to the City and public utilities (such as California Water Service (CWS), SoCal Gas and Southern California Edison). The HOA is your advocacy group to our elected officials at City Hall by representing the needs and preferences of our community.

The HOA annually reviews proposed projects to improve and maintain our community as a highly desirable place to live and raise a family. The Board needs your ideas and participation to maintain and improve our neighborhood. Please provide any suggestions, comments, or questions to any of the HOA Officers or Zone Directors.

Annual General Meeting

The December 2020 HOA Newsletter indicated that the HOA Board planned to conduct our Annual General meeting in June based upon the expectation that COVID constraints would be behind us. We also stated that the Board will meet and assess whether to conduct an in-person meeting or a Zoom meeting depending upon the environment. In May it was clear COVID was still not contained, so we decided to delay the meeting until the fall, hoping to conduct our HOA meeting in person. In September at our Board meeting we decided that given the present COVID environment, conducting an in-person meeting would not be prudent. The Board has decided to conduct our Annual General meeting this year on **November 17 at 7 PM** via Zoom.

At this year's meeting **Ara Mihranian, the RPV City Manager, will be our guest speaker.** He will discuss current significant city activities and plans. Following his presentation, we will have ten minutes for questions and answers.

Normally at our annual meetings the slate of HOA Officers and Zone Directors is presented and voted on. Because of the Zoom format, we are voting for Board members via a mail in ballot. This is explained below.

Following Mr. Mihranian's talk we will present the newly elected Board members, followed by a financial report for the previous fiscal year which is from 1 April - 30 March, and the proposed budget for this fiscal year. We will conclude the meeting with comments and questions from the members.

Annual Meeting Zoom Instructions

If you'd like to attend the Annual General meeting please provide the email address where the Board will send you an email 3 days prior to the meeting with the Zoom invite and access information.

If you'd like to attend, please ensure the Board has your contact information by **November 2**.

MESA PV HOA Dues

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

Thanks to the enthusiastic member support and payment of annual dues, over the past years your homeowner association dues have financed general Mesa Palos Verdes improvements that benefit all residents, such as ongoing entrance and Whitley Collins beautification, and working with the City of RPV on community improvements. These expenditures help not only preserve and enhance the general beauty, but the residential value of the Mesa community as a whole.

We appreciate your prompt payment of our annual dues by filling in the invoice provided and mailing it to our P.O. Box in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your support to our community!

Election of HOA Officers and Board of Directors

The HOA Board of Directors and Officers is elected at the annual in person regular meeting. Because this year we will be conducting our regular annual meeting via a Zoom meeting, we will be electing the HOA Officers and Board of Zone Directors by mail.

The current slate of nominees for Officers and Zone directors is listed in the ballot insert. Please fill out your ballot and return it with your dues invoice. We need to have ballots postmarked by **November 2** to ensure receipt and counting of ballots prior to the annual meeting. In accordance with the By-Laws, only dues paying members are allowed to vote.

There are a couple of vacant Board positions, so if you'd like to volunteer to be a board member, please fill in your name in the ballot or contact the Board via our email address provided below.



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes website contains lots of helpful information. The website describes the numerous current Infrastructure improvement and City projects. You can also find information regarding the City Charter initiative as well as the Master Plan for Point Vicente Park and the Civic Center. Consider adding your email to the City's listserv. 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>

Neighborhood Watch



Crime is still an issue in our neighborhood and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. We have been experiencing a number of vehicle break-ins and thefts. Please remember to remove valuable items from your car and lock it each night. Thieves have used remotes left in the car to enter homeowners' garages.

There are many prudent steps each of us can take to mitigate and protect ourselves and our property. The concept of neighbors working with each other and with law enforcement has proven to be an effective means of reducing crime. When neighbors along a street or block band together and join the Neighborhood Watch (NW) 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 Neighborhood Watch program is independent from the MESA HOA, however watch members are part of our HOA community.

The Area Coordinator liaises with Neighborhood Watch, the Sheriff's Dept., and Block Captains. To become more involved with Neighborhood Watch or to be contacted by a block for your street, please contact rpnw@ix.network.com

Remember – SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING
Lomita Sheriff Station Number 310 539-1661

Are You Prepared for A Natural Disaster or Emergency?

As Palos Verdes Peninsula residents, we live in an area of extreme beauty with a wonderful climate. However, we are subject to possible natural disasters and emergency situations – earthquakes, fires, active shooters and terror attacks against our water system, refineries, or other critical infrastructure.



As individuals and as neighbors we should take steps to prepare for these situations and have plans to respond and recover if these unfortunate events were to occur. When neighbors know each other and work together, it results in less damage and fewer injuries. The RPV city website Emergency Preparedness page has links to information to be prepared.

MPVHOA Communications

Because MESA PV HOA represents a large number of residences, Board reps are periodically contacted by City or School District personnel to provide notifications to HOA members. We use the Nextdoor website (<https://nextdoor.com>) as a means of HOA communication instead of a blog or Facebook. On the Nextdoor website, there is a separate Mesa PV HOA group where we can communicate as a group or individually.

The MESA PV HOA has an email address where members can send messages to the HOA Board members. Please send any requests, comments, suggests, or questions to mesapvhoa@gmail.com, and a Board member will provide you a response.



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