



MONTAGE NEWS - August 2009

We still have been experiencing problems with the Gerald Ford exit gate. The gate maintenance firm is providing an estimate for replacing the wiring. Hopefully it will be fixed for once and all when these repairs are completed.

At the July Board meeting, the installation of Towing signs at the gates was approved. These along with a contract with a local towing company will legally allow towing of vehicles habitually parked over night on our streets. There are chronic offenders on Dali and Van Gogh that do not get the message. Unfortunately, the rest of the homeowners must endure increasing attempts to get the attention and compliance from offending homeowners/renters. Offending vehicles will be posted with a notice. The next night they are found parked on the street they will be towed.

The towing signs and contract should be in place by early August. And towing will commence within a week of their installation.

Homeowners are reminded that their cars are supposed to be parked in garages. Guest's cars are supposed to be parked in the homeowner driveway, but may be parked in the street for up to 72 hours per week.

If you have guests temporarily staying with you, contact Jennifer or a Board member to obtain an exemption for parking during their stay. Otherwise, the towing enforcement will target ANY vehicle parked on the street for more than 3 nights in any week. They will be towed away. And involve a significant cost for the registered owner to get their cars back.

The Board also approved the refreshment of the concrete surface of the Gerald Ford gate. This is currently planned for late September. The entrance and exit gates will be closed for about a week during the process. You will need to use the Da Vall gates during this time. We will request your opinion at the Annual Homeowners Meeting next March to get feedback on the value before proceeding with refurbishment with the Da Vall entrance. It costs about \$10,000 per gate, funded by our reserves for this maintenance.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

If you want to now about the criminal activity in the area near Montage at Mission Hills go to www.crimereports.com – it tells all.

Advise to those who are enduring our long, hot summer to be vigilant about our neighbors who have vacated during this season. If you notice any suspicious activity in their absence, report it to the Cathedral City Police Department Dispatch at 770-0303.

Remember to keep lights on a timer inside the front rooms of your home with blinds opened slightly and to install motion detector lights on the side yard and back of house. In the "sound detectors and deterrents" department leave your television or radio on when you leave.

And most of all, have your alarm system connected. Maximum Security (770-0777) offers 90 days complimentary when you sign a contract. Don't put it off.

ARCHITECTURAL & LANDSCAPE

You have probably noticed that trees are growing leaps and bounds. Please have overgrown trees trimmed so they don't interfere with the street sweeper or have a potential of blowing down.

Palm trees (front & backyards) need to be pruned now. The flowers from the palms blow into the pools of your neighbors and do lots of damage.

It is important to our community that you have your yard maintained on a regular basis. Sprinklers and bubblers need to be maintained also so that dirt doesn't ooze into the gutters.

If you receive a violation letter and have already resolved the problem, please notify Jennifer Zeivel at zeivel@ppmineternet.com or 325-9500.

COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE LIGHTS

The maintenance of the developer installed front yard landscape lights is continuing. As mentioned previously, your garage lights are not covered by this program, because occupants can control them from the switch by your front door. So they

remain your responsibility and must be on at night. If you did not receive a Switch Lock to aid you in keeping visitors, housekeepers, etc. from turning that switch off, please contact sandynips@hotmail.com

Any homeowner wishing their front yard landscape lights NOT be maintained as part of this program should notify Jennifer Zeivel at jzeivel@ppminternet.com or 325-9500.

Desert Properties Light Maintenance will be performing the inspections on the first Tuesday of the month and repairs soon after.

WEB SITE

Log on to ppminternet.com, click on Access My Association Website and enter Montage. Current news, security alerts, and gate codes are available to registered homeowners. Register online in the Special Services pull down icon.

We are still looking for a volunteer Montage webmaster to work with Jennifer to keep the website up to date and expand its capabilities to provide email alerts of security problems to all registered homeowners.

PARKING

I think the lead article covered this sufficiently. Park on the street and your car will be towed during the night. Clear?

STREET SWEEPING

Our streets are swept on Thursdays. Please make sure all cars, including service workers, are off the street. Also, be sure that trees are trimmed and don't interfere with the street sweeper.

DOGS

Listen people: Dog are the second (maybe tied for 1st) biggest problems in Montage – after overnight parking. If you cannot control your dogs immediately the Board will investigate "Dog Towing/Impounding" signs and enforcement methods.

Remember to keep your courtyards and backyards free of dog feces. This will help to eliminate fly problems.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 3:00 PM at Personalized Property Management 68950 Adelina Road, Cathedral City.

Check the community message board on the wall by the retention basin or the web site for the agenda. It will be posted at least 4 days before the meeting.

Tom Tousignant, *President*