



## **MONTAGE NEWS – September 2012**

I bet you are all as ready for summer to end as I am. This has been a hot one.

At their September meeting the Board will be initiating the 2013 budget planning process in September in preparation for approval of the Reserve Study update and adoption of the new budget at the November Board meeting. The big item next year will be the re-sealing of the streets.

It is planned to approve a contract for the implementation of the new Gate Telephone Systems (see article below). Also, approval of the contract for the 2012 Holiday Lighting and consideration of the potential for allowed use of a portion of the detention basin for a dog walking path.

### **NEW GATE TELPPHONE SYSTEM**

The Board is planning the replacement of our 10 year old gate telephone systems with new, more modern systems. The plan is to have the new systems fully functional before the end of the year.

#### **Gate Telephone Displays**

The new system will have a similar look and function much the same as the current system. The main difference will be that there will be pressing "star" before the codes instead of "key" "key". Each homeowner will have their own individual code(s).

- Homeowner code: 24/7 access.
- Service Worker code: 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday thru Saturday
- Special codes: for parties, special functions, etc. on request

#### **New Transmitters**

The implementation will require new transmitters (clickers). Two new clickers will be made available to each homeowner – at no cost to the homeowner. You will be notified when you may pick them up from the Personalized Property Management office. They will come programmed to open the gates, but must be programmed to open your garage door.

Instructions will be provided and assistance will be available on request.

During the implementation period (approximately two months) your old transmitters will continue to work. Once the new system is fully implemented they will no longer work.

#### **New System Capabilities**

- Transmitters can be de-programmed from the system by PPM if reported lost or stolen.
- Each of the Homeowner codes may be de-programmed from the system by PPM if problems occur. And new codes may be issued.
- All access codes used will be stored in the system's memory, up to 3,000 transactions for analysis.
- Access by each Homeowner's individual codes can be tracked to aid in determining improper dissemination to their Homeowner gate code.

### **NEW LIGHT MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR**

Joe Corona Electric has been awarded the contract for the monthly perimeter and front yard landscape light maintenance. They will be doing their survey out lights out approximately the first Tuesday each month and repairing problem identified shortly thereafter.

If you report problems with your lights during the month to PPM, those problems will only be investigated/repared during the scheduled monthly light maintenance. If you require service faster – you may call your own electrician or fix it yourself. Also, as before, they will only work on the lights originally installed by the developer.

### **ARCHITECTURAL & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

The Committee will be making their fall walk thru and noting maintenance items that need addressing at each home. The biggest offenders are usually painting and tree trimming. It is very important your trees do not hang over the curb –it prevents the street sweeper from sweeping in front of your home.

Any exterior construction or alteration (fences, wall, grading, structure, color change) anywhere on the property must be approved in writing by the Architectural Committee. Without an approved Architectural Variance Request you are at risk of being required to remove/relocate or modify your improvement-- this includes satellite dishes.

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### **COYOTE SIGHTING IN MONTAGE**

On Saturday, August 25, a homeowner on Van Gogh was out in the morning with his dogs when out of nowhere came two coyotes down the street. When they approached his dogs he thought first they were dogs that had gotten loose. He realized an instant later that they were not dogs. Fortunately his quick action saved his dogs and they ran off up the street into the detention basin and jumped the wall. This is not the first sightings of coyotes in Montage, but everyone should be cautious about leaving your dogs outside in the yard as they will jump walls. Cat owners who let their cats roam the neighborhood need to be particularly aware.

### **WEST NILE VIRUS**

See attached Press Release from the Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District. The mosquitoes are getting closer to us.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 3:00 PM at the Offices of Personalized Property Management 69850 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.

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **WEST NILE VIRUS CONTINUES TO MOVE UP THE COACHELLA VALLEY: MOSQUITO SAMPLE TESTS POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS IN RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA**

**INDIO, CA, AUGUST 15, 2012:** The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District announced today the detection of two mosquito samples positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) in Rancho Mirage near the intersections of Country Club Drive and Highway 111 and Country Club Drive and Morningside Drive. This finding is the most north/west location of positive mosquito samples in the Valley.

Increased surveillance and larval mosquito control will be carried out in the area to reduce the risk of disease transmission to humans by adult mosquitoes. Ultra Low Volume (ULV) adult mosquito control will be considered by District staff in the area and the public will be notified accordingly.

Additional mosquito samples tested positive Tuesday August 14th for West Nile virus in the Mecca area and near the intersection of Pierce Avenue and Avenue 70. Due to the number of positives found in these areas, ULV adult mosquito control will be conducted for three nights starting Wednesday August 15th and ending Friday, August 17th. These recent WNV positive mosquito samples increase the Valley's number of positive WNV mosquito samples to eighty (80) this year.

Residents can reduce their risk of mosquito-borne diseases by following the 3 D's of WNV prevention:

- 1. Dump/Drain**

Eliminate standing water because that's where mosquitoes breed

2. **Dusk/Dawn**

Avoid outdoor activities when mosquitoes most active

3. **Defend**

Apply insect repellents with EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET and Picaridin and wear long-sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors. Utilize properly fitted and well maintained screens on windows and doors around your home.

Please contact the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at 760-342-8287 or 1-888-343-9399 for questions regarding ULV applications or to report mosquito problems, request mosquitofish, and report neglected pools or standing water breeding mosquitoes. You can visit us online at [cvmvcd.org](http://cvmvcd.org) to obtain more information and submit service requests.

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