



MONTAGE NEWS – January 2013

Did you ever get a new computer and wish you didn't? I did and have been fighting with the new computer and new Windows 8 operating system for two weeks. This is intended as a feeble explanation as to why this Newsletter is late, sorry about that – maybe I should lose my job as editor – any takers?

The New Telephone Entry System is installed and we are approaching the February 4th cutoff of the old system. I hope you all have been successful at getting your new transmitters programmed for your garage doors. Also, if you have buttons in your vehicles – getting them programmed to open your garage door and the gates. Remember the deadline for no cost assistance in programming the gates for your vehicle buttons is March 1st. After that it may cost you \$50 or more for each vehicle.

Call or email me if you are still having problems, and I will arrange for assistance at 760.321.9271 or td2znot@aol.com.

At their January meeting the Board will be considering the 2013 perimeter landscape improvement projects. These should wrap up the work on rejuvenating the perimeter of Montage.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Homeowners Meeting and pot luck luncheon scheduled for 11:00 AM Saturday, March 23rd at the Children's Discovery Museum.

2013 ELECTION

At the 2013 Annual Homeowners Meeting there will be an election of 2 Board members. Curt Beyer and Sandi Nips positions are up for re-election. Sandi has indicated that she does not intend to run for office again.

By separate mailing all homeowners will receive a form for self-nomination of candidacy for the Board. Follow the instructions provided to be placed on the ballot that will be distributed in February.

DID YOU MISS IT? By Curt Beyer, Secretary

About 80 of your friends and neighbors attended a Montage Party at the Mission Hills Country Club on December 8th. The club hosted an open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres to welcome everyone in the Montage back not only for the season, but just to let all of us know that the Mission Hills Country Club is 'our' club house, fitness center and more. Even renters/leasers can use the club as a member if the home owner transfers their membership privileges by contacting the club.

It was great to see so many of us talking and meeting each other and getting smiles and gestures of welcome as we connected faces to names and to addresses within the Montage. We have had many compliments and words of praise on the event. It was also the first official activity of the newly reconstituted Welcome Committee. Board of Directors Secretary, Curt Beyer, announced the formation of this committee to once again begin to welcome not only new homeowners, but to re-welcome the residents of the Montage at Mission Hills.

Joann Horwitz is the new chair person with assistance from Michelle Madison, Dotti LaPaglia, Robert Fouyer and Curt Beyer as Board liaisons. A special packet/box of coupons was given to each home represented at the event along with a letter of welcome and reminding us all of a few key provisions of the CC&Rs that help keep the neighborhood a more congenial, cohesive and safe place to live. Efforts will be made in the new year to distribute these same things to homes not represented at the event.

There are ongoing discussions with the club regarding future special activities with Montage. We will note them here in the newsletter and with invitations in your email connection to the news of the Montage.

Help us all . . . By Curt Beyer, Dog Walker

We have all witnessed the rework of our perimeter landscape and the detention basin by our Architectural and Landscape Committee over this past year. Their work continues and each of us

can help by picking up odd papers and trash that finds its way not only onto the perimeter areas but also within the complex. Many of us who walk dogs pick up odds and ends of plastic bags and cans and bottles that find their way onto our common areas and streets. But there are a few that seem to be a bit careless in tossing out cigarette butts, fast food bags and odds and ends of unwanted mail. We are aware that some of the gardeners and vendors working at various homes may be part of the problem as where they have their mid-day break often is left with trash and fast food containers.

It has been reported to board members that some pet owners are letting their pets on to lawns and private property to do their business. This is a violation of our CC&Rs and a finable violation. It is not just the picking up of residue but also disrespectful of others' property. Pet owners are to restrict their animals to the streets, the detention basin and the perimeter area and it is law . . . must clean up after their pets.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2013 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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