



## **MONTAGE EMERGENCY ACCESS DURING A POWER OUTAGE**

Following the power outage Montage experienced in April 2008 the Board approved the installation of battery backup systems for the entrance gate operators at the Gerald Ford gate. The systems have been installed since May 2008.

If there is a future power failure, the Gerald Ford entrance gates will open automatically and remain open until Edison power is restored. Homeowners, service workers, guests and anyone else will be able to enter and exit through the Gerald Ford entrance gate during the outage. Please inform your guests and service workers.

Attempting to force open any of the other gates during an outage may result in damage to the gate operators. If this happens, owners responsible will be assessed the cost of repairs.

The battery backup systems have a life limited to 1 to 2 years. They will be tested periodically by our gate maintenance company and will be replaced as necessary in the future.

## **MONTAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

At the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss preventive measures for the security of Montage homeowners Chuck Vasquez, a specialist in implementing Neighborhood Watch procedures, and Lt. Laura Hanlon of the Cathedral City Police Department spoke. They provided 5 recommendations all Homeowners can use immediately:

1. Know your neighbors and notify at least one when you will be out of town. They should have your contact information in the event of an emergency.
2. Should you witness suspicious activity in Montage, use your cell phone to take a photo and contact the CCPD directly at 770-0303.
3. Keep your overhead garage lights on at night, there are no street lights in our development.
4. We are hoping to have approvals to install a Neighborhood Watch sign at each entrance.
5. Keep your car free of any objects. A potential theft is dependent on a moment

of visual contact with objects in your vehicle. Don't be lax - keep the interior of your vehicle void of anything that would provoke a "smash and dash".

We hope to develop a quarterly bulletin which updates security issues of common interest. Contact Pam Price at 202-8728 [pamprice57@gmail.com](mailto:pamprice57@gmail.com) or Robert Fouyer, 324-9608 [ChateauF@aol.com](mailto:ChateauF@aol.com)

## **COMMUNITY ASTHETICS**

The architectural committee reported many owners needing trees trimmed, painting, and garage lights. A batch of letters went out in an attempt to keep things looking nice.

Owners are encouraged to be proactive in getting their maintenance projects started before they receive a letter.

If you should receive a violations letter, please notify PPM once the problem has been corrected.

Call or email Jennifer at PPM 325-9500 or [jzeivel@ppmineternet.com](mailto:jzeivel@ppmineternet.com)

## **WEB SITE**

New items are being added all the time. Also current news and alerts, such as the notice about safety, maintenance projects and changes in the gate codes posted. It is also becoming a convenient method of communication with the Property Manager. Logon to [ppmineternet.com](http://ppmineternet.com), click on Access My Association Website and enter Montage

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be on January 8, 2008 at 5:00PM at Personalized Property Management offices at 68950 Adelina Road, Cathedral City (1 block South of Vista Chino off Date Palm). The meeting room is small and seating is limited.

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

**Tom Tousignant**, President  
Board of Directors