
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

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With the arrival of Labor Day most of us think of summer ending and fall beginning. To many it means school is or has started and the resumption of a daily/weekly routine. Days again start getting shorter and the angle of the sun is changing. We turn our attention to tree trimming and our landscaping.

With the reduction in watering we must pay attention to our trees getting adequate watering . . . deep watering. The integrity of the root systems depends upon adequate water or roots may not be able to hold the tree when the storm winds arrive. We have seen this pattern elsewhere in the state, most recently dry soil was a suspected cause in the tragic tree fall incident at the Children's Museum in Pasadena. Drought has been blamed for killing millions of trees in California. Researchers estimated that the drought has killed off at least 12.5 million trees in California's national forests. We should all make sure to check our shrubs and trees to see that get the attention they need.

California Law details that all property owners are responsible for maintaining any trees on their property, and inspecting them for signs of damage. If a tree is found to be posing a potential hazard then the property owner must take steps to reduce this risk.

Curb appeal is part of the seasonal assessment many owners make as they return for the season. It is a good time to look closely at our homes and look critically at the paint and exteriors to judge if it is time to refresh. Considering the age of our development many of us may be facing this task. The paint color schemes for all of our homes can be found on the HOA website as are the forms for an Architecture and Landscape Variance Request if needed (www.MontageatMissionHills.org). You will also find information on how to get a discount on your paint there. It may also be a good time to evaluate our landscaping in general. Stone mulch and DG (decomposed granite) needs to be refreshed from time to time.

When you go to the updated website . . . take a few minutes to look around. There is more and more useful information available as it has been totally reworked and enhanced. Scott Reese has been busy making it more relevant and he and Bill Lewis are always looking to add to it to make it the resource all of us can use. Thanks also to Tom Tousignant for his continued content contributions.

We all need to thank Sandy Nips for stepping into the leadership chair for the A & L Committee until the end of the year. She previously led this vital group but is only filling in through December. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the life of our HOA. Please let Sandy or a board member if you are interested in getting more involved. It also is not too early to consider running for the Board, as the annual meeting will be here all too quickly.

We also have a Welcome / Social Committee led by Jo Ann Horwitz. She too is eager to welcome others to get involved. The holidays will be upon us and there can be other reasons to celebrate and get to know each other as the weather cools down.

We have been posting weekly calendars from the Mission Hills Country Club, as we are all members. These can be viewed at the Da Vinci / Van Gogh corner on the curved wall. The bulletin boards are where agendas and other information are posted as needed.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

We received some recent resident comments that we thought merited a brief clarification . . .

“The President’s Newsletter” . . . Currently, and traditionally, the newsletter is assembled/edited by the president of the HOA with contributions by Board and Committee Members. However, it is not the “Presidents Newsletter,” it is your newsletter. Newsletter content is the work of the Board and Committees, with the possible exception of the “President’s Notes,” which is blog-like contribution of the HOA president used to highlight information and perspectives that the president feels are important for residents. We try our best to see the articles are newsworthy, informative and objective. Requests for content are routinely sent to all Board members and Committee chairs. Residents are encouraged to participate as well. The Board reviews and approves content like an editorial board would before the newsletter is published. It is rare for submitted content to be edited except for possible grammar, punctuation or spelling. The by-lines for the articles are there to bring recognition to the contributors, exhibit the engagement of Committees and assist readers in knowing whom to talk to in case there are further questions or comments.

“This is the first board meeting I have been invited/allowed to attend.” . . . We encourage residents to attend each meeting. Board meetings, by law, are open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to share their views on agenized items or in general at the beginning of the meeting. Board policy generally limits interaction to ‘3 – 5 minute’ comments or presentations on agenized items to assure time for everyone to participate and for the Board to conduct agenda business.

In order for the Board to take action on an item, it must first be placed on the agenda and the agenda must be posted. This is to allow others interested in the item to be present for the discussion and consideration by the Board. The Board can listen to resident comments and may briefly comment itself, but no immediate action can be taken on a non-agenized item. If you have ever visited a City Council meeting you have probably observed this same process.

Not unlike California government, many of the Board procedures are tightly regulated by California Statute and are covered in the Davis-Sterling Act (<http://www.epsten.com/statutes/>). In addition, the Board strives to hold to a code of ethics to make business as transparent as practical. An exception to open meetings provisions are meetings of the Executive Committee which are restricted only to Board members and can address items in only four subject areas . . . Member Discipline, Formation of Contracts, Personnel Matters, and Litigation. Please join us in the future.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Curtis Beyer, President CurtBeyer@gmail.com

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 3:00 PM at the Offices of Personalized Property Management, 69850 Adelina Road, Cathedral City.

Meeting notices and agendas are posted on the community message board on the wall at the Da Vinci/Van Gogh corner or the web site at least four days before the meeting. (The November meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12th, at the aforementioned time and location.)

WELCOME / SOCIAL COMMITTEE

JoAnn Horwitz, Chair joannwlv@aol.com

To all our neighbors that are enjoying their summer homes in different parts of the world, you have missed an extremely hot and humid summer. Each one of you has been missed but we look forward to seeing in the fall.

I want to welcome our new neighbors that have moved to Montage in the last 4 months:

- Ida Sami Lomax and Linda Crane 36244 Da Vinci
- David Linemeyer and Michael Wilson 36133 Artisan Way
- Drew Landmeier and Israel Sanchez 36866 Matisse
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Please mark your calendars for our Montage Christmas Party, Sunday December 13th, at our beautiful Mission Hills Country Club from 5 to 7 PM. I promise you will have a great time and meet some of your new neighbors. Every year we make new friends, which is one of the reasons we continue to live here and enjoy the company of one another.

I am always available to answer any questions you may have. Jo Ann Horwitz, Welcome Committee Chair [760-992-5199](tel:760-992-5199)

ARCHITECTURE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Sandy Nips, Acting Committee Chair lilsnip@hotmail.com

Committee members: Steve Clippinger, Adam Tillotson and Jim Dunn

We would like to thank Sandy Nips for stepping in as interim chair of the A & L Committee. She has served as a long time chair of this committee in the past as well as having served on the Board of Directors. She has offered to fill the position on an interim basis until a new chairperson can step forward and will serve only until year's end.

The Architectural and Landscape Committee is responsible for oversight of overall architectural and visual aesthetics of the Montage at Mission Hills development. It is the responsibility of this Committee to enforce the CC&Rs and to preserve the harmony and overall aesthetic beauty of the Montage community. The architectural and landscaping design of Montage represents a valuable asset that all property owners share. The Committee performs periodic inspections of facade architecture and front landscaping to assure the visual continuity and aesthetics envisioned in the original development scheme is maintained.

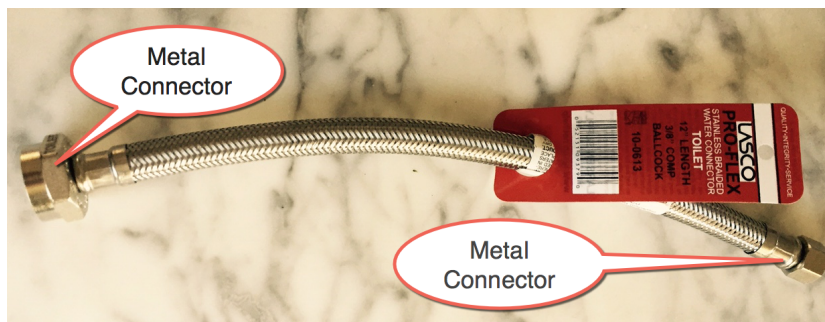
If you are interested in helping to preserve the architectural character and aesthetics of Montage we are looking for HOA members that might be interested in assuming the responsibility of chairperson or in serving on the committee. Contact Curt Beyer for further details if you are interested.

TOLIENT WATER SUPPLY LINE FAILURE WARNING

Tom Tousignant TD2znot@aol.com

You may have noticed a ServPro Restoration Service truck park in front of 69791 Matisse during the past month. The owner had a toilet supply line break leak in their casita. The gardener noticed water flowing out the door. The repair is estimated to cost \$40,000.

ServPro representatives indicated toilet supply line hose breaks are one of the most common causes of residential flooding and water damage. They recommend replacing lines with a plastic toilet connector with one with a



non-crimping stainless-steel supply hose and metal (not plastic) connectors at both ends (see photo). Resident Steve Clippinger found this type at the True Value Hardware Store in the Smoke Tree Shopping center by Ralph's Market (Lowe's and Home Depot may not carry them). Metal supply lines are slightly more costly than plastic connectors, but the additional cost is warranted given the risk.

MONTAGE AT MISSION HILLS WEBSITES

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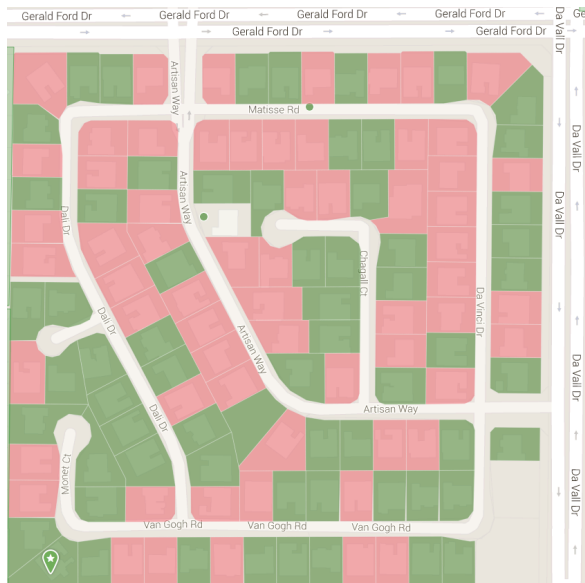
We are continuing to add interest and information to the new Montageatmissionhills.org website. Launched on March 21, 2015, the new website now contains over 60 pages individual and links to more than 250 document pages. More than 135 new pages have been added in the last 60 days thanks to the assistance of Tom Tousignant, the unofficial Montage at Mission Hills historical archivist. The website is available to access at the new www.montageatmissionhills.org domain. The old website at montage@wordpress.com will be taken down permanently on September 15, so be sure to visit the new website and then bookmark it for future quick access.

The new website is built on the Wordpress.org platform, using the Divi theme by Elegant Themes and hosted by Arvix Hosting. The site will continue to evolve over the coming months as we add new materials and functional enhancements. In recent weeks we have added a "Real Estate" Section with information for new, perspective and current homeowners. We will use the site to track and archive information about current property offerings and historical purchase and sales data. If you selling your home and would like a realtor link put on the website please contact one of the webmasters.

In the coming months you will find access to important association forms, emergency response information, images of resident landscapes. In addition you will be able to find updated information associated with the most recent CC&R's rules and regulations, minutes, newsletters. [Click here](#) to access the new Montage at Mission Hills website.

Montage Nextdoor Website

Participation on the Montage Nextdoor website has expanded again since July. Currently about 67 (52%) of Montage households and 89 Montage residents participate and the number continues to increase. The map shows current resident participating on Nextdoor. The green colored lots are Nextdoor network participants and the red lots are those yet to join.



This last month Nextdoor was used for recommendations on pet sitting and dog walkers and timely information related to a coyote sighting, a lost dog and another troublesome intruder. The site was used extensively for neighborhood discussion on the status of the entry fountains vandalism and possible changes to common area landscaping in relation to the current California drought conditions. The City of Cathedral City public information office is also providing ongoing information about city events and activities.

The Montage Nextdoor website is a private social networking site for Montage residents only. You must be a resident of Montage and be invited or otherwise verified as a resident to be able to use and participate on the website.

You may join the Montage Nextdoor community by going to www.nextdoor.com and following the instructions provided there or you may contact Scott Reese scott.o.reese@gmail.com for assistance. Scott will also be able to assist you to simply customize your configuration to narrow the location, type and amount of communications you receive to match your interests.

The Website Committee is always looking for expertise or interested learners willing to be part of the web team. Contact Scott Reese (scott.o.reese@gmail.com) if you would like to become involved.

SECURITY PATROL UPDATE

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The Security Patrol Parking Report for July and August showed a decline in vehicles parked in the street overnight and overnight parked vehicles with out of state licenses. There was an increase in the number of homes where vehicles were parked overnight. Please pay respect to the Montage Parking Rules and politely ask your neighbors to do so as well. Move vehicles onto the your driveway and avoid receiving a Warning Notice. If you have a special situation please contact Personalized Property Management at 760.325.9500 or a Board member to explain.

July was one of the highest months this year for the number of garage doors open in the evening. Please note that open garages make your garage and home easy targets for burglary and more.

Twelve Month Parking Report

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC**	JAN*	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Garage door left open*	5	5	1	3	4	2	5	4	9	1	8	3
Vehicles parked in street overnight	47	46	92	22	77	101	161	133	112	59	55	45
Vehicles with out of state licenses	8	9	10	9	17	28	69	42	25	8	4	4
Homes with cars parked on street	22	25	36	36	25	39	43	45	39	22	21	27
Illegal parking warnings issued	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Tow warnings issued	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal parked vehicles towed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Top 3 homes with most vehicles parked nightly per month

Number 1 – Home on	Artisan	11	Artisan	4	Artisan	8	Artisan	5	Artisan	#	Matisse	#	Matisse	#	Matisse	18	Matisse	15	Dali	14	Dali	15	Dali	4
Number 2 – Home on	Van Gogh	4	Artisan	4	Artisan	6	Matisse	4	Dali	#	Matisse	9	Dali	#	Van Gogh	13	Van Gogh	9	Matisse	7	Artisan	8	Artisan	3
Number 3 – Home on	Chagall	4	Artisan	3	Artisan	6	Artisan	2	Matisse	9	Artisan	5	Artisan	#	Chagall	10	Artisan	9	Van Gogh	6	Matisse	4	Matisse	3

* When Garage doors are discovered open the Patrol Service calls the phone number(s) for the homeowners to inform them – they often cannot make contact due to out of

**Recording of vehicles parked overnight suspended Dec 24 to Dec 31 and Jan 1 to Jan 4 due to number of holiday visitors.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Montage at Mission Hills website – www.MontageatMissionHills.org

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Website Committee- Scott Reese scott.o.reese@gmail.com & Bill Lewis williamtlewis@comcast.net

CATHEDRAL CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES CALENDAR

City of Cathedral City www.cathedralcity.gov

To have a Recycling Guide and Calendar mailed to your home please contact Deanna Pressgrove with the City of Cathedral City at 760-770-0369 or email dpressgrove@cathedralcity.gov

CATHEDRAL CITY CONTACT INFORMATION (also on Nextdoor.Montage)

Cathedral City Emergency 911

Cathedral City Police 760-770-0300

Police Emergency Only 760-202-2411

Fire 760-770-8200