
May 2020 Newsletter



MONTAGE NEWS & PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Curtis Beyer

I can't speak for everyone, but I feel safer staying home and not going out. Like you, I hear the statistics being reported around the globe and it seems we may be a long way from getting back to life or even a close reset of the way we lived before the virus came. I have not heard of anyone in Montage having been a victim of COVID-19. I appreciate the masks our residents are wearing when out or walking the dogs. It shows a respect and care for the fellow residents in Montage.

We need to thank Alan Horwitz for his service on the Board of Directors. His input and advice will be missed. We also need to acknowledge the work of Tom Tousignant for his many years on the board in various offices. His attention to detail and the records he maintains are invaluable to the operation of the Montage at Mission Hills. We would be lost without his work on our behalf. Gary Roman has been and will continue to be invaluable in his work with gate access for vehicles and getting the welcome committee operational again. Tony Michaelis and newly elected Norm Giere are both involved with the Architectural Review Committee and so much more. They have been working diligently on behalf of all of us in maintaining and improving the look of our HOA. One other person, Scott Reese (and Sherrie too!) needs thanks as well for his monumental work in developing and maintaining the website for our HOA. It can be found at MontageatMissionHills.org. You can find more information on the website, more than you ever knew was in one place and for your convenience. It is good to go to the site often as new information is added frequently and updates are always being made as things change. He also stepped up to be the Inspector of Election for our recent Annual Meeting. Added to this are the chairpersons for our various committees and their members. And finally, a big thank you to Shelly Ruegger, our Community Manager at PPM.



As you see we have committed residents taking part in the business of our HOA. It takes many hours of work by not only the aforementioned neighbors but also the vendors that do many jobs around our development as supervised by homeowners and our management company. Please take a moment to thank them and take an interest in all that

is being done to make the Montage a good place to live. Remember you too are a member of the team managing our HOA, we all have a part to play.

Even though we are sheltering at home the business of the Montage keeps going. If you are wanting to help and become more involved, we welcome your participation. Let anyone on the board know of your interest and we will be happy to add you to the team.

Thank you all . . . Curt Beyer

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) REPORT

Hello Montage Neighbors.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) continues to meet on a monthly basis to review Architectural Improvement Requests (AIRs) and conduct periodic landscaping, lighting and community area inspections.

We will be conducting our quarterly light inspection and semi-annual landscape/home inspection in the coming weeks.

The following is a summary of our current activities:

- *Lighting Maintenance* — The Committee has been working with our current contractor to oversee and improve the service on association light inspections and repair. Based on our recommendations, the Board is planning to issue a request for proposals for this ongoing service.
- *Perimeter Lighting* — The Committee will continue to work with the Board on the development of a request for proposal for new palm tree lighting.
- *Landscape Maintenance* — The Committee took the lead, in conjunction with our landscape contractor account manager, in developing recommendations for this year's Palm Tree Plan project that were approved by the Board. This effort has resulted in the focus on completing the planned work at the entrances. You should have noticed several new date palms at both property entrances along with several new perimeter palms.

We continue to work with the Association landscape contractor to oversee, maintain and improve the Montage perimeter and common area landscape. Monthly property walks with our contractor account manager are an important factor in helping us make sure our landscape looks great and our costs are managed properly. We have recently removed many of the perimeter grasses that were at end of life and added replacement plants, including 2 agaves near the message boards.

- *Mailboxes* — The Committee will present its findings on potential mailbox replacement at the May Board Meeting. Our 20 year old mailboxes are at a point that replacement parts are difficult to obtain, our reserve study indicates that the mailboxes are at the end of their useful life. More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead regarding this project.

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- *Website*— The Committee continues to work with Scott Reese, Website Committee Chair, to provide more information to homeowners on committee activities and information related to our community.
 - *Welcome Committee*— The Committee continues to work with Frank San Juan, Welcome Committee Chair, to provide useful association-related information for our new Welcome Packet.

In addition, based on the results of our Annual Membership Meeting, we plan to help evaluate the feasibility of cameras at the gates, gate aesthetics, and additional uses of the retention basin. Hopefully, separate task forces will be setup for some of these projects; however, the ARC is prepared to help as needed.

I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Norm Giere our Committee Chair for the past year as a new Board member. Ideally, we will find a new Committee Chair to work with Norm on the Committee but in the meantime, he has indicated his willingness to continue serving. As a fulltime resident, Norm has done a great job of helping to oversee the property during his daily walks, developed and analyzed numerous association projects and has made a significant contribution to help keep our community in great shape.

I also want to thank our dedicated Committee members: David Busick, John Geary, Richard Meyerson, Dennis Nello and John Claeys — without whose commitment to attending our monthly meetings and being involved in our inspections, we could not complete the ongoing work described above.

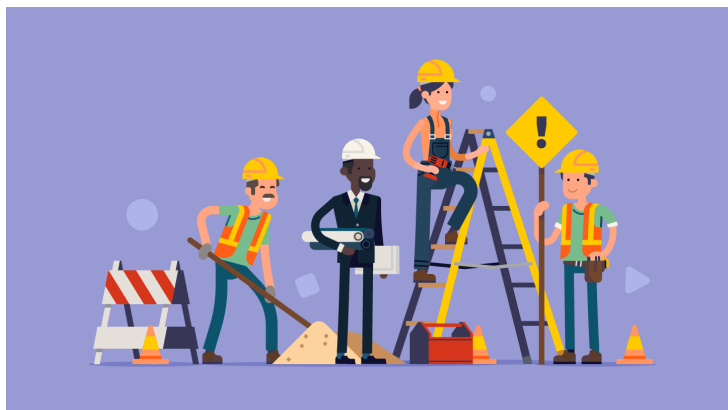
If you would like more details on any of our projects or have any questions or concerns, please contact Norm Giere (gierearc@gmail.com) or myself.

We continue to encourage all homeowners to keep us informed of any issues you identify that can help maintain and improve our community. We also have a *Montage Homeowner Concern Form* which can be downloaded from our website (montageatmissionhills.org > Documents > Forms).

If you have an interest in becoming a Committee member please let Norm, myself or a Board member know.

Sincerely,

Tony Michaelis, ARC Board Liaison (tonymichaelis@icloud.com), 213 200-4274



A FEW MONTAGE 2020 IMPROVEMENTS

The ARC (Architectural Review Committee) wants to highlight and share with our community some of the homes in Montage that have recently completed their AIRs (Architectural Improvement Requests). These requests were recently submitted and approved by the Committee. All the homeowners below have received positive feedback from their neighbors and members of the community. It's great to see our homeowners take tremendous pride in Montage. ***Keep up the good work.***



MATISSE ROAD: Brenda and Kevin painted their house using one of the newly approved paint schemes.



CHAGALL COURT: Dee and Penny added new landscape lighting, walkway lights, plants, and rock to their front yard.



DALI DRIVE: Doug and Chris improved their front yard xeriscape with new palms, agaves, and rock to complement their home.



ARTISAN WAY: Barb and Attila improved their front yard xeriscape with new plants, and rock to add a strong color impact.

MONTAGE "POOP" ETIQUETTE

We want to remind all Montage dog owners that dog waste (a.k.a. Poop) must be picked up. It is a violation of Cathedral City Ordinance 10.28.025 which states:

"no dog owner shall knowingly fail, refuse, or neglect to clean up any feces of the dog immediately and dispose of it in a sanitary manner whenever the dog has defecated upon public or private property." In addition, our "Rules and Regulations for Montage at Mission Hills" states that "Failure to pick up after pet" will incur a \$100 fine.

So please be a good neighbor and pet parent, and follow the rules and regulations.

Don't let our dogs get a bad reputation due to our neglect.



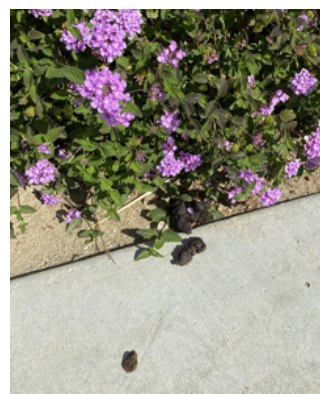
Lately, more "Poop" signs have been showing up in Montage. These signs have been posted by frustrated neighbors because some dog owners are not being responsible or respectful.



WRONG: Dog owner left "poop bags" at mailboxes.



WRONG: Dog owner left "poop bag" in yard bush.



WRONG: Dog owner left "poop" in street.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chuck Middleton is the Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and is seeking volunteers to serve on the committee. Interested individuals should email him for more information and all suggestions are welcome. Contact listed below.

In case of an emergency, gather ASAP at the end of Chagall Court where we will receive instructions on what to do next and how to provide for ourselves as a community.



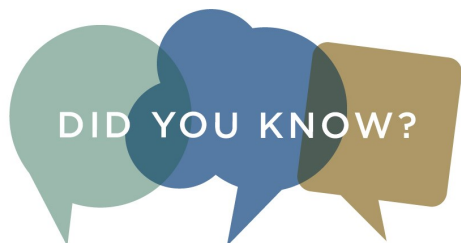
WELCOME COMMITTEE REPORT



**Gerald Patrick & Rex Michael Storm ~ 69848 Matisse Rd.
Tracy Breihof & Edward Ek ~ 69717 Picasso Ct.**

MORE ARE COMING

MORE VALUABLE INFORMATION



As A Reminder... Montage garage lights **MUST** remain on at night. These lights are controlled by a photocell located on the side of your home. A control switch inside your home near the front door **MUST** be left in the **ON** position in order for the lights to work. Guests and cleaning crews sometimes inadvertently turn off this switch. In order to always stay in compliance we suggest the use of a clear plastic **SWITCH LOCK**. If you would like one of these switch locks please contact Norm Giere at gieriARC@gmail.com and he will deliver it to you.

SPEED LIMIT

Within the community the maximum speed is 25 mph. Since we do not have sidewalks please drive safely and pay special attention to pedestrians, especially in the evening hours.

NOISE

Please be respectful of your neighbors when entertaining outdoors. Loud noise, loud or unruly children, loud music or similar sounds that may emanate from a residence are not permitted between the hours of 10 pm and 7 am.

GATES

Upon entry, proceed with caution at all times.



Montage Gate Remotes/Programming of Vehicles for Gates:

*see info below

FROM THE COMMUNITY

By Other HOA Members



Palm Tree Trimming

The seed pods (flowers) are sprouting and the season is coming!

The next time you look up at your palm trees, it will be time for all palm trees to be pruned.

SAVE THE DATE

ZOOM Meeting – Follow-up > ZOOM Board Meeting

By Tom Tousignant

As I said in the draft Annual Homeowner Meeting minutes, the consensus opinion was that the meeting came off as good to outstanding. We had nearly the participation we typically have had in previous Annual Homeowner Meetings.

Given we are still under Lock Down/Social Distancing orders we are going to try doing our May 8th Board meeting with ZOOM. To ensure the meeting runs smoothly all homeowners will be muted, unless called upon, until the Open Forum portion. So write down any questions you have regarding the items on the Board agenda and save for the Open Forum.

As always the Board cannot discuss any items that are not on the agenda. So if you have an item you wish the Board to discuss you may submit it to Shelly, our Community Manager or any Board member. The Board makes the final decision on the contents of the agenda.

Hope to see you all at the Board meeting approximately 9:00 AM Friday, May 8th. NOTE: The Board has an Executive Session before the Regular open Board meeting that may run late.

Comments:

Remember, if you have something you would like to share or express to/with the HOA, please send to Tom Tousignant and the board for consideration @ [Tom](#)

NEXT HOA BOARD MEETING



The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Friday May 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Virtual Meeting via ZOOM. *We encourage homeowners to attend! Please contact an HOA Board Member to obtain meeting ID.*

Meeting notices and agendas are posted on the Community Message Board, located on the wall at the Da Vinci/Van Gogh curve.

THANK YOU!

To all of you who attended the Annual Homeowners Meeting on Saturday April 11, 2020.

It was a great success and as Curt mentioned above..



Sorry some folks we left out; it was an afterthought idea. And to those who gracefully said "Cheese" for the camera...

Thank you!

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Community Management

Shelly Ruegsegger: Senior Community Manager - sruegsegger@ppmineternet.com or 760.325.9500

Caren Oliva: Assistant Community Manager – caren@ppmineternet.com or 760.325.9500

Heidi Grasl: For gate access inquiries related to home phone, call 760.325.9500 or email her at hgrasl@ppmineternet.com

Mark See: PPM Maintenance Supervisor – For Work Orders to HOA vendors, email him at msee@ppmineternet.com or call 760.325.9500

Association Board Members

Curtis Beyer: President- curtbeyer@gmail.com emailed preferred

Tony Michaelis: Vice President- tonymichaelis@icloud.com or 213.200.4274

Norm Giere: Secretary – gierearc@gmail.com or 310.804.3761

Tom Tousignant: Treasurer – td2znot@aol.com or 760.321.9271

Gary Roman: Director at Large - grroman@aol.com or 310.600.4279

Association Committees

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) – Board Liaison: Tony Michaelis, Chair: Norm Giere – gierearc@gmail.com or 310.804.3761

Emergency Preparedness – Chair: Chuck Middleton – cmiddleton@roosevelt.edu

Webmaster – Scott Reese – scott.o.reese@gmail.com

Welcome Committee – Board Liaison: Gary Roman grroman@aol.com or 310.600.4279 &

Chair: Frank San Juan frankcsanjuan@gmail.com or 213.309.6157

Website – www.MontageatMissionHills.org

***Montage Gate Remotes/Programming of Vehicles for Gates:**

Gary Roman (grroman@aol.com 310.600.4279) & Thomas Harp (916.296.1563 Rthomasharp3@gmail.com) are responsible for programming vehicles for access to the gates.

Gary is responsible for distribution of new transmitters for gate access. FYI, the transmitters currently available are small key fobs, approximately 2.5" x 1.25" x ½" and the standard visor clip. The current cost is \$35.00 each.

Please email Gary @ Montage Gate Remote and get your vehicle programmed at the same time!

CATHEDRAL CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES CALENDAR

City of Cathedral City - Recycling, Trash & Energy page www.cathedralcity.gov

To have a 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

Cathedral City Emergency 911

Cathedral City Police 760.770.0300

Police Emergency Only 760.202.2411

Fire 760.770.8200

- Store Police Department phone number in your cell phone for non-911 emergencies, avoid tying up the 911 lines. You can also avoid having your call transferred.

Cathedral City Short-term Vacation Rental Hotline Number is accessible 24/7/365 at (760) 553-1031.

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