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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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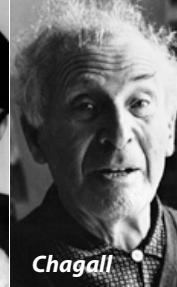
Van Gogh



Matisse



Picasso



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Dali

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CURT BEYER, President



The big event occurring this month is the *Annual Homeowner's Meeting* to be held on March 20th via *Zoom*. At this meeting we will count the Ballots for the election and we will announce the new Board

members. The current business of the association is reviewed and we encourage all homeowners to join the *Zoom* meeting. This is a great opportunity to see your neighbors and meet new members of the community.

It is also a chance to see the faces of the people who contribute their time and talents on behalf of our development. I know that I am grateful to each and every board member, committee member, contributing homeowner and management team member that handle the day-to-day business obligations of our HOA. Whether each of you know what takes place in the business of *Montage at Mission Hills* (or not) it is a big operation that is regulated by California laws and best

practices, intended to maintain the integrity of *Montage* and the values of our properties.

COVID-19 has interfered with our ability to fully enjoy the privileges of the *Mission Hills Country Club*—but we eagerly anticipate increased ability to regain access as the months progress. It seems many of our recent conversations with neighbors are centered around vaccinations and our successful managing of getting appointments and accomplishing the double requirements to more fully protect us and our family and friends.

I am encouraged to see that our **Emergency Preparedness Committee** will be compiling an *Emergency Kit List* to remind us all as to what we should have at the ready if an emergency situation arises. It is important to pay heed to assembling many (if not all) of these items, as we never know what lies before us in this earthquake-prone area.

If you haven't already, please send in your *Election Ballot*. Receiving your signed Ballot is necessary in order to establish a quorum so we can conduct our Montage business.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR “MATISSE” STREET ARTIST

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### HENRI MATISSE (1869–1954)

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**Henri Émile Benoît Matisse** was a French artist—he was a draughtsman, printmaker, and sculptor—but he is primarily known as a painter. Matisse is commonly regarded as one of the artists who best helped to define the revolutionary developments in the visual arts throughout the opening decades of the twentieth century, responsible for significant developments in painting and sculpture.

The intense color of the works he painted, between 1900–1905, brought him notoriety

as one of the *Fauves* (wild beasts). Many of his finest works were created in the decade or so after 1906, when he developed a rigorous style that emphasized flattened forms and decorative patterns. In 1917, he relocated to the French Riviera, and the more relaxed style of his work during the 1920s gained him critical acclaim as an upholder of the classical tradition in French painting. After 1930, he adopted a bolder simplification of form. When ill health in his final years prevented him from painting, he created an important body of work in the medium of cut paper collage.





## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

BY NORM GIERE, Chair



The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets on the first Friday of every month to review all of the Architectural Improvement Requests (AIRs) submitted. Any alterations you want to make to your landscape or

home's exterior requires you to fill out and submit an AIR, which requires Committee approval before proceeding with the work. Failure to receive approval could result in fines.

**Montage Entrance Gates**—Last month we had the entrance gates at Gerald Ford and Da Vall painted, and we have received many positive responses regarding the upgrade. The design decision to use one color was to dial back the visual vibration and distraction of the two contrasting colors and make the simplified gates a more current and quieter architectural element, allowing them to blend in more subtly into the background as homeowners and visitors enter and exit the

community. As a result of this color change some of the other architectural elements, such as the stonework and entry fountains have become more accentuated.

**Perimeter Lights**—Perimeter palm lights, as well as new spotlights on our entrance palms should be installed later this month.

**Perimeter Palm Replacement**—Later this month we are having three palms removed and replaced along Gerald Ford. This is part of our Palm Replacement Master Plan.



We continue to encourage all homeowners to keep us informed of any issues that you identify which can help us to maintain and improve the overall look of our community.

Our Committee is always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in joining please contact Norm Giere or Tony Michaelis.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

BY CHUCK MIDDLETON, Chair



The **Committee** met on February 9, and Barbara Little joined as a new member, and was warmly welcomed. The **Emergency Preparedness Committee** discussed the following actions:

1. Recommend that the Board consider moving the community gathering place after a major quake from the end of Chagall Court, where access is restricted, to a location with a single entrance and exit. We are suggesting the area around the “Detention Basin” at the corner of Van Gogh and Da Vinci. This area has dual access, is near the Da Vall gate, has sight lines along two major streets, and is close to our Bulletin Boards, where all official notifications are posted.



2. Agreed to seek information on the cost and timing of replacing the “blue reflection lights” in the center of the streets near every fire hydrant, at least one of which is no longer firmly secured and one of which has been shattered.



3. Agreed to develop a checklist for each owner to use in preparing in advance for a major earthquake, and in securing basic supplies for use immediately after one. This list would be included in the **Welcome Packet** and emailed to all homeowners for posting in a prominent place (perhaps inside a cabinet door or the pantry door) for quick reference.



4. Agreed to contact **SoCal Gas** to get information regarding gas shutoff valves (automatic as well as manual) that can be shared with our homeowners.
5. Agreed to establish contact with the City of Cathedral City official(s) who currently manage disaster relief for the larger community, in order to get updated information on Cathedral City plans, policies and procedures after an earthquake.

If you would like to contribute to this vital work in protecting our community and all of our residents—please join the **Montage Emergency Preparedness Committee**. We’d love to have your wisdom to help guide us all. I can be reached by emailing me at [cmiddleton@roosevelt.edu](mailto:cmiddleton@roosevelt.edu).

## WELCOME COMMITTEE

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BY FRANK SAN JUAN, Chair

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During my walks around the community and conversations with the residents, it is encouraging to share that many of you have received your vaccinations and even provided welcomed information to other residents about where and how to get vaccinated. There is a growing sense of optimism that we are “seeing the light at the end of the tunnel” and a hopefulness about a return to a new sense of normalcy. Many of you have expressed excitement on the possibility of getting together, whether it be in small groups or a bigger community gathering after a year of being socially isolated and distanced from our friends and neighbors. The **Welcome Committee** will keep you informed about the return of in-person social gatherings once government officials say that we can do this safely.

Montage continues to be a highly desirable community to live in, and we will soon have new neighbors. We look forward to welcoming them and hopefully having all of our residents bring vitality and new ideas through involvement with various committee activities.



## AD HOC RULES COMMITTEE

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BY TONY MICHAELIS, Board Member

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The Board recently approved establishing an ad-hoc **Montage Rules Committee**. This is the first major update effort since 2016.

I want to thank the following homeowners who have volunteered to serve on this Committee: Jean Feigenbaum, Thomas Harp, Jean-Guy Poitras, Jo Ann Horwitz, Gail Kramer, David Leytus, and Norm Giere.

The goal is to review the current **Montage Rules & Regulations**, along with our Board Policies, to determine whether any changes, additions, or deletions are appropriate. Recommendations will then be submitted to the Board for consideration of adoption. If approved, the revisions will be submitted to all homeowners for a 30-day comment period.

The Committee has held two ZOOM meetings, where we established ground rules. We are diligently reviewing each rule and developing revised language where appropriate for final review and approval in due course. We are also reviewing other HOA rules to identify best practices and consider incorporating into our documents.

If you have questions, please contact me at 213.200.4274 or [tonymichaelis@icloud.com](mailto:tonymichaelis@icloud.com).



## MONTAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

BY SCOTT REESE, Inspector of Elections



March is election season in the Montage at Mission Hills Homeowners Association. Each homeowner should have received their ballot package in late February. If you believe you did not receive a ballot package, or have misplaced your ballot package, please immediately contact either Shelly Ruegsegger ([SRuegsegger@ppminternet.com](mailto:SRuegsegger@ppminternet.com)) or Caren Olivia ([Caren@ppminternet.com](mailto:Caren@ppminternet.com)) at Personalized Property Management—by email or phone 760-325-9500.

Ballots must be returned by mail in the special envelopes provided in the ballot package by March 18, or delivered in person to the home of the HOA Inspector of Elections between March 19th and 10:30 am by March 20th. Instructions on returning the ballots are provide in the election package.

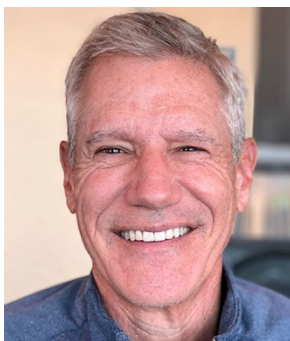
The ballots returned by the March 20th General Meeting are importantly used to establish a quorum for the purposes of calling the Annual General Meeting to Order. If not enough ballots are received the meeting cannot be called Official and business cannot be conducted until a new meeting is called at a later date. Even if members do not plan to attend the virtual meeting via **Zoom**, please still return your ballots with your vote for Board members, approval of the 2020 General Meeting Minutes, and approval of the transfer of surplus 2020 operating funds to the 2021 operating budget.

Upon determination of a quorum, the ballots will be opened and counted during the March 20th General Meeting and the results announced.



Should you have any questions regarding the ballot or the election process please contact Scott Reese, HOA Inspector of Elections at [scott.o.reese@gmail.com](mailto:scott.o.reese@gmail.com).

### OUR 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



Tony Michaelis  
(Incumbent)



Gary Roman  
(Incumbent)



Leo Schlesinger



Tom Tousignant  
(Incumbent)

# GERALD FORD BIKE LANES COMPLETED

BY SCOTT REESE, Webmaster



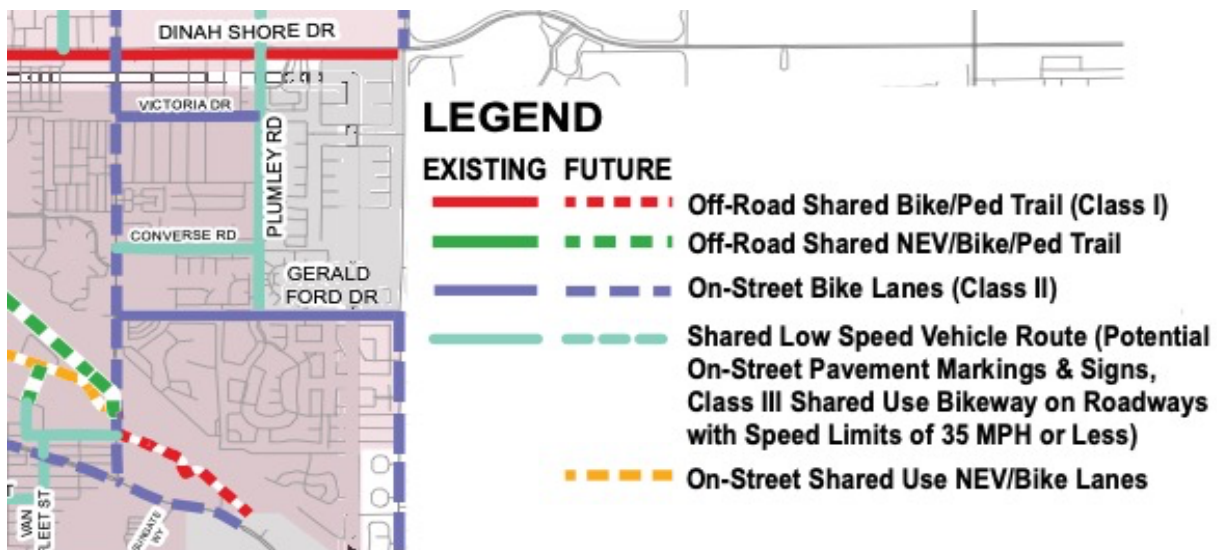
The installation of one mile of five-foot-wide Class II bike lane markings along Gerald Ford Drive between Date Palm Boulevard and Da Vall Drive was completed by City contractors in early February. The new bike lanes pass the Montage Gerald Ford Gate and connect to the Rancho Mirage Class II bike lanes running east and west on Gerald Ford Drive. It is now possible to ride a bike from Montage to the UCR and Cal State San Bernardino Campuses on Cook Street in Palm Desert and beyond. Peddling west to

Date Palm you will soon be able to turn south on Date Palm and connect with the CV Link Class I bikeway running east along the Whitewater River all the way to Palm Springs.

## LOOK OUT FOR BIKERS

With the installation of the new bike lanes Montage residents will need to be cautious of bike riders using the new bike lane, by carefully timing your turns into the Gerald Ford gate as appropriate. Under state law, bike riders have the right-of-way when they are in designated bike lanes.

The City of Cathedral City is about to begin updating the City's General Plan which will provide Montage residents and the Board the opportunity to provide input on the need to include continuation of the Da Vall Drive Class II bikeway between Gerald Ford Drive and the Frank Sinatra Drive bikeway, and linkage to the CV Link Trail at Frank Sinatra Drive and the Whitewater River.





## MONTAGE PAINT SCHEMES MADE EASY

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**BY NORM GIERE, ARC Chair**

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Many homeowners in Montage have taken advantage of our beautiful weather and have decided to have their homes painted. Whether you are a new owner or a long-time resident, a new coat of paint is always welcomed. And as you are aware the sun can be brutal on a home's exterior.

The Homeowners Association, in conjunction with Dunn-Edwards Paints and Vista Paints, has teamed up to provide you with downloadable paint scheme samples for your use. These samples may be downloaded from this page or directly from

either the Dunn-Edwards Paints or Vista Paints web pages. The form and content of the paint scheme samples may vary on screen and in printed form based upon the capabilities of your computer monitor and color printer. You should visit the paint company of your choice to secure actual paint samples for the most precision in color correctness. The manufacturer's paint schemes for Montage at Mission Hills can be found on our website or you can [Click Here](#).

Please be aware that you must fill out and submit an *Architectural Improvement Request* (AIR) before painting begins, even if the same colors are being used.

### RECENTLY PAINTED MONTAGE HOMES



Dali Drive



Dali Drive



Da Vinci Drive



Van Gogh Road



## "GOOD HOUSEKEEPING" TIPS

### TO AVOID RATS IN YOUR CITRUS:

- Prune citrus trees so they are isolated and don't touch other objects, including the ground, fences, wires, and other trees.
- Install rat guards around the citrus trunks.
- Pick fruit when it is first ripe.



### NOW GET READY TO PLANT:

With Spring just around the corner and warmer temps prevailing, now would be a good time to plant. Lowe's, Home Depot, and Moller's Garden Center have the perfect plants for your landscaping needs.



## FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS



Our March **ZOOM** Board Meeting will be held on Friday, March 12th at 9:30 am. The Agenda and instructions will be emailed to all homeowners who have provided the *Consent Form* for receiving electronic documents (required by State law) on Monday, March 8th. If you haven't received this information please contact Tom Tousignant at [td2znot@aol.com](mailto:td2znot@aol.com) to receive the *Consent Form*. Mark your calendars for our Annual Homeowners' **ZOOM** Meeting which will be on Saturday, March 20th. Email instructions will be sent before the meeting.

Meeting notices and Agendas are posted on the Community Message Board, located on the wall at the Da Vinci/Van Gogh curve. Homeowners are encouraged to observe the meeting and are invited to participate during the **OPEN FORUM** portion. Please understand that the Board cannot act on any items not on the posted Agenda.

## COMMENTS & NEWSLETTER SUGGESTIONS

If you have something that you would like to share with our Community or the HOA Board please email Tom Tousignant at [td2znot@aol.com](mailto:td2znot@aol.com) for Board consideration. And if you would like to submit an article for the **ARTISAN** please send it to Norm Giere at [giereARC@gmail.com](mailto:giereARC@gmail.com). We always encourage and welcome your participation to make our newsletter reflect our community.



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Gary Roman—Board Liaison

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### Cathedral City Contacts

Cathedral City Emergency—911

Cathedral City Police—760.770.0300

Police Emergency Only—760.202.2411

Fire—760.770.8200

Cathedral City Vacation Rental Hotline

(Short Term)—760.553-1031

### Montage Website

[MontageatMissionHills.org](http://MontageatMissionHills.org)

### Community Management Office

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### To Program Your Vehicle for Gate Entry

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or 916.296.1563

Gary Roman: [grroman@aol.com](mailto:grroman@aol.com) or

310.600.4279

Gary is responsible for distribution of Transmitters for gate access. The current cost is \$35.00 each. If you need an extra transmitter email Gary and get your vehicle programmed at the same time.

### Burrtec Waste and Recycling

Contact for any refuse issues including

bin replacement: 760.340.2113 or

[burrtec.com/cathedral-city](http://burrtec.com/cathedral-city)

### Cathedral City Guide and Calendar

To have a *Refuse and Recycling Guide* and *Cathedral City Calendar* mailed to your home contact Deanna Pressgrove with the City of Cathedral City at 760.770.0369 or

[dpressgrove@cathedralcity.gov](mailto:dpressgrove@cathedralcity.gov)

### Discover Cathedral City

Go to: [discovercathedralcity.com](http://discovercathedralcity.com)

There you will find a *City Calendar* of local events, entertainment, senior services, dining options, and local news.