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Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 16th @ 7:30pm via Zoom (please email for link)

Please note: this will be the **last broadly distributed printed newsletter**. To save time and expense, **we will be converting this to an electronic version only**, to be delivered by email and available on the website.

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Presidents Message by Seth Fonti, President

A Path Forward

An appreciative thank you to everyone who participated in the 2022 SMPOA election process, as a candidate and/or as a voter. The level of enthusiastic community participation is something we should take notice of and seek to replicate as we move forward to address both our challenges and opportunities. Congratulations to those who volunteered and were elected to the board, which in total represents one of the largest boards Sunset Mesa has had in the last 25 years.

While at times our formal scope can be limited, we have begun organizing around key areas we want to focus our efforts on, namely safety, sustainability, and strength for future generations. From me, you can expect over-communication, transparency and a focus on ensuring outcomes and results.

On the following pages you will see how we plan to mobilize in the coming year and produce results for you, the community. While our primary mandate within the CC&Rs is the Architectural Committee and standards, we are actively organizing and mobilizing around several sub-committees and working groups to support community needs and prosperity.

The board is just 10 individuals - all volunteers - who are spending time on this because the vision is important to all of us. Yet, ultimately our success will be dictated more by you, the community members, who make up this exceptionally marvelous neighborhood. Involvement can encompass a range of things, including: volunteering for a working group or initiative, networking on behalf of the association, driving advertising, paying dues, sponsoring a community party, volunteering as a Street Captain, and always – getting to know each other. Feel free to take a look at pages three and four to see where you may have some interest in contributing your own unique skill sets.

Our goal is simple – to fortify and bond the community as we face new risks in our unprecedented times – global infectious disease outbreaks, civil unrest, worsening natural disasters, even terrorism – with thoughtful and fact-based decision-making. We are especially fortunate to live in a beautiful, unique corner of the world, and hope you will join us as we forge a path forward together, in support of this magnificent sanctuary we call... *Sunset Mesa*.

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2022 Election Results

Tally information available at sunsetmesa.org

Elected Candidates

Officer as Defined by By-Laws		Board Members		
Seth Fonti	Howard Gould	Mark Stoeckinger	Arthur Chan	Kristina Pabst
President	Vice President	Chairperson of Architecture Committee	Webmaster/ Strategic Relationships	Community Engagement/ Communication
Desa Stoeckinger	Rachael Klein	Norm Dupont	Martin Legowiecki	Ed Weitzer
Secretary	Treasurer	Board Member	Board Member	Board Member

BY-LAWS	Proposed Amended Language	YES	NO
ARTICLE VII	<p>Dues shall be assessed by the BOARD in such amounts as may be deemed appropriate per year per residence/owner. <u>The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1st through December 31st.</u> Dues are <u>assessed and payable on January 1 of each calendar year, and dues are deemed delinquent or unpaid if not received by the Treasurer by March 1 of that same year.</u> No member of the Association shall be deemed in good standing if his or her household has not paid its <u>annual dues and any previously assessed but unpaid dues.</u></p>		
DUES			
ARTICLE II, SECTION 2	Section 2: Members in Good Standing Defined		
MEMBERS	<p>A Member in Good Standing of the Association is defined as an owner of property located within the geographical limits outlined above who has paid dues for the <u>current and prior fiscal years</u> as provided for in Article VII hereof. A non-owner occupant may participate in Sunset Mesa functions or serve on any committee, but they may not serve on the BOARD, on the Architecture Committee ("AC") or vote.</p>		

Proposed Change to Newsletter Distribution Method	YES	NO
Monthly Newsletter Distribution Method		
Proposal to shift Monthly Newsletter distribution inclusive of reports from the Treasurer and Architecture Committee to electronic format (email PDF, website posting)		

2022 Board Vision & Organization Framework

Strategic Framework

Strength

Safety

Sustainability

Board Goals

- ❖ **Strength** – Improving the financial strength of the Association and community
- ❖ **Safety** – Increasing Patrol & pursuing visual surveillance
- ❖ **Sustainability** – Increasing community engagement and participation in the association
- ❖ **All 3S's** - Preparing for the upcoming CC&R and By-Law restatement

Committees & Working Groups

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Architecture
Committee

Emergency
Preparedness

Security & Safety

Legal Advisory

Community
Engagement &
Communication

Membership &
Finance

As Defined by
By-Laws

Board Committees and Working Groups per Section 10 of By-Laws

What's Happening So Far

Street Sign

Pleased to report the **NEW** Coastline Dr sign on PCH has been restored after being knocked down in a windstorm almost 2 years ago

NOAA
Radios

Secured **100 free** NOAA emergency radios (see Community Safety section for more details)

Surveillance

Engaged in discussions with PVE regarding a **strategically positioned** private homeowner on installment of surveillance camera – next steps forthcoming

Crime

No criminal events were reported in the Mesa or PVE in the last 6 weeks

Legal
Update

Patel vs. Shafigi: motion to compel over documents is now **complete**

Dues

Received **community approval** for amended By-law language focused on **clarifying** member in good standing definition and treatment of past due balances

2022 Committee & Working Group Initiatives

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Committee / Working Group	Lead Volunteer	Strategic Initiatives
Architecture Committee	Mark Stoeckinger	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance Organization Structure of Committee – formal planning calendar, use of technology to facilitate submissions, quarterly office hours and potential plan review Expand Volunteer Base – create pipeline of volunteers including those with technical expertise around key issues (architecture, municipal code and building)
Emergency Preparedness	Richard Silver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Improve Disaster Preparedness Communication – 2-way radio network, NOAA emergency radios Work with City and State Agencies to Ensure Sunset Mesa is Informed & Equipped in Event of Disaster – Home hardening for fire and earthquake, water conservation etc.
Security & Safety	Seth Fonti	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Expand Patrol Membership – work to increase ADT membership in order to expand patrol coverage Camera Surveillance – assess feasibility and execute installation of cloud based camera
Legal Advisory	Norm Dupont & Howard Gould	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Spend – reduce absolute level of third party legal expenses 2024 CC&R & By-Laws Restatement – organize, staff and kick-off working group to begin process of CC&R restatement
Community Engagement & Communication	Kristina Pabst	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community Block Party (see below spotlight) – re-start community block party, work with sponsors and homeowners to limit financial investment of HOA Communication – enhance communication network and approach
Membership & Finance	Rachael Klein	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Data – review and enhance existing membership database Dues & Past Due Balances – formulate a plan to increase dues collection and clear large past due balances calculated from 2012 forward

Initiative Spotlight - The Mesa Block Party!

We're looking for volunteers to join the **Block Party Committee** and help plan an awesome community event! Please email smpoaboard@gmail.com if you are interested!

Community Safety Update

Goals

- Dedicated 24/7 Patrol
- Strategic Visual Surveillance
- Emergency Preparedness
- Inform Community on Trends

Initiatives

- Path to 24/7 Patrol – ADT
- Flock Surveillance
- Emergency Response Protocol
- Newsletter Communication

Metrics Dashboard

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Last 50 Days
Source: Compstat

Crime Incidents

201

as of July 1st, 2022
Source: ADT

ADT Clients

- There were no criminal incidents reported in the Sunset Mesa / Pacific View Estates area in last 50 days
- LAC Sheriff was dispatched to Kingsport regarding a report of a home burglary; this incident was related to an AIRBnB dispute not a home invasion

Initiatives Update

- **Patrol** – ADT client count remains flat vs. prior month at ~200; headwinds include broader inflation impact on household budgets. This remains a recommendation for homeowners and the board will work to facilitate an additional sign-up event – details to follow. For membership sign-up please contact ACParrish@adt.com.
- **Camera Surveillance** – The board has begun discussions about potential camera placement with a private homeowner in a strategic and legal location on private property along Coastline Drive. In addition, the Pacific View Estates board has indicated the desire to potentially contribute to funding of the camera and pool financial resources reducing the burden on the association. We expect to bring a proposal to review at an upcoming board meeting – likely August.

Initiative Spotlight: NOAA Emergency Notifications

- **Emergency Response Protocol** – Rick Silver, Emergency Preparedness Lead, successfully negotiated with the County to provide **100 NOAA Emergency Notification radios to SMPOA for FREE (\$4,000 value)**. These radios will be part of a broader pilot project to ensure the community is safely able to respond in the event of a disaster. **These radios work when there is no power or cell service** and send true emergency notification from the National Weather Service or other governmental agencies. These radios are incremental to the 2-way radio network the HOA is working to set-up in event of emergencies.
- **If you would like a radio, please fill out the registration form that will be on the homepage of the Sunset Mesa website (sunsetmesa.org).**
- **Radios will be available for pick-up on August 8th.** Priority will be given to residents who require assistance during an emergency as well as elderly or disabled residents.

NOAA RADIO PICKUP

When: August 8th, 2022 5PM-7PM

Where: 18361 Clifftop Way Malibu

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Business As Usual

SMPOA Treasurer's Report

Many thanks to the community for such outstanding participation in the election and in dues!

Summary SMPOA Financials for June 2022	
Banc of CA (BCA) — Business Checking	\$ 21,474
Stifel Investment	\$ 362,478
TOTAL SMPOA ASSETS	\$ 383,952
Escrow Doc Fees, Advertising, Past & CY-2022 Dues Collection	\$ 3,905
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 3,905
Legal	\$ 3,018
Accounting (2020-2021 Tax Year)	\$ 3,563
QuickBooks Fees	\$ 10
Newsletter Printing Feb, March, April, May	\$ 1,008
Inspector of Elections Deposit	\$ 250
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,849
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ (3,944)
Stifel Investment Portfolio Activity	
Income & Distributions	\$ 1
Unrealized Gain/Loss	\$ (1,392)
NET CHANGE IN STIFEL PORTFOLIO	\$ (1,391)

Net Operating Income for June 2022 was net negative \$3,944. Revenue of \$3,905 includes 2022 dues, escrow document fees, past due balances closed out, and advertising revenue. Expense totaling \$7,849 comprise \$3,018 in legal fees, \$3,563 in CPA fees for 2020-2021 tax year filing and reconciliation, newsletter printing expenses Feb-May and the deposit for the Inspector of Elections servicing the Mesa Annual Election.

Current Getty cards are available - feel free to contact smpoaboard@gmail.com. We still have a number of people with **outstanding balances across the community totaling +\$100k**.

Many members have paid recent dues but have existing balances from 2012-2019. You may be unaware or the balances may be in error. When I took this role I owed dues from 2018 and had no idea!

That said, a **gentle reminder that dues are not optional for membership benefits** in the Association including Architecture Committee support.

Please reach out to the Treasurer to review and either 1) confirm your account is current, 2) fix wrong balances or 3) close out correct balances.

A grateful thanks to everyone who has already.

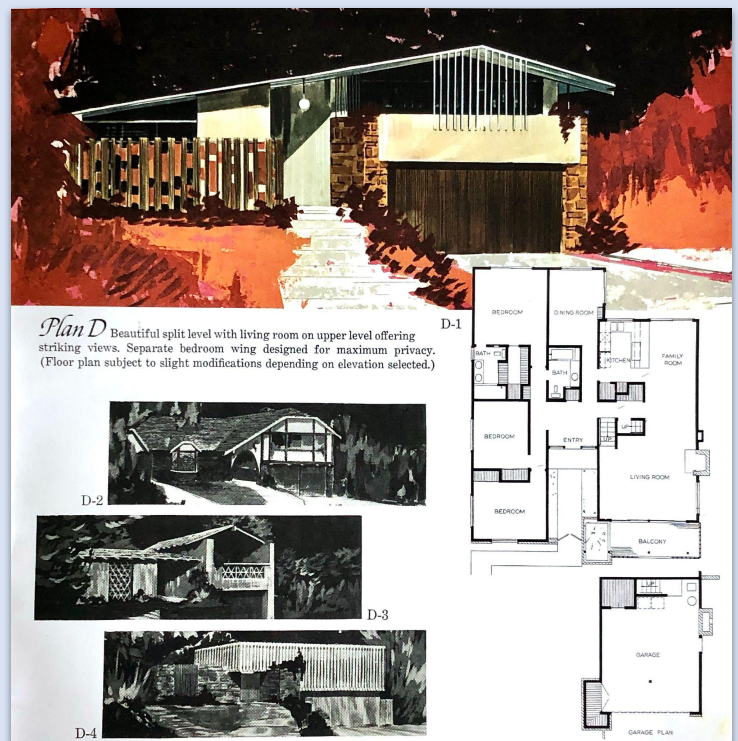
AC Report for June

- ❖ 18431 Kingsport Drive - OVI from foliage at 18434 Kingsport Drive (backyard tree) & (18441 Kingsport Drive side yard hedge and olive tree), 18447 Wakecrest Drive (rear property hedge) - **OVI Confirmed**
- ❖ 3444 Cloudcroft Drive - OVI from backyard hedge at 3442 Cloudcroft Drive - **OVI Confirmed**
- ❖ 18108 Sandycap Drive - solar panel installation - **Approved**

Volunteers requested! The AC is a dedicated team of residents some of whom have served for years. Please email us if you're interested in helping!

The Mesa Museum

This month, check out "Plan D" from the original Sunset Mesa promotional booklet. If you want to share something from your own archives, please send our way!



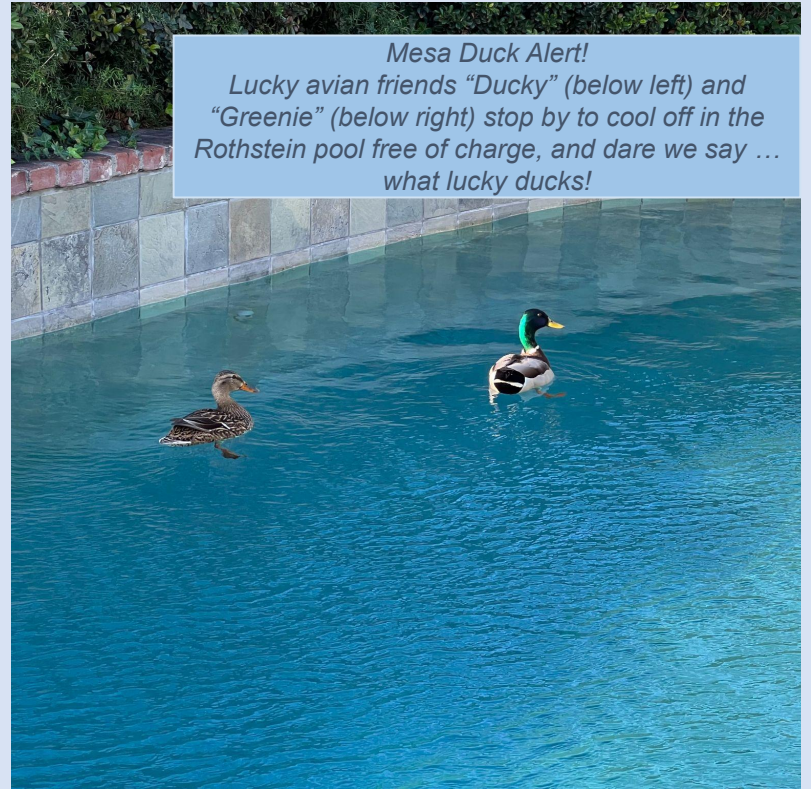
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Good Times in the Mesa



Celeb sighting! Global superstar Minnie Mouse (below right for those who don't know) stops by Emma Fonti's (below left) birthday party to say hi and practice making a "3" with Emma

Local mixologists Harlow (above right) and Milo (above left) Rothstein host a successful lemonade stand ... a bargain at 7 cents a cup!



Mesa Duck Alert! Lucky avian friends "Ducky" (below left) and "Greenie" (below right) stop by to cool off in the Rothstein pool free of charge, and dare we say ... what lucky ducks!



National legend Duke Ellington sang, "It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing" ... and our local legends below know it's true as Bode Bulczynski pushes Grace Pabst in the swing while Georgia Pabst keeps an eye on things

Memos from Ms. Mesa

Cocktail of the Month

By Ms. Mesa

The Sun Burn

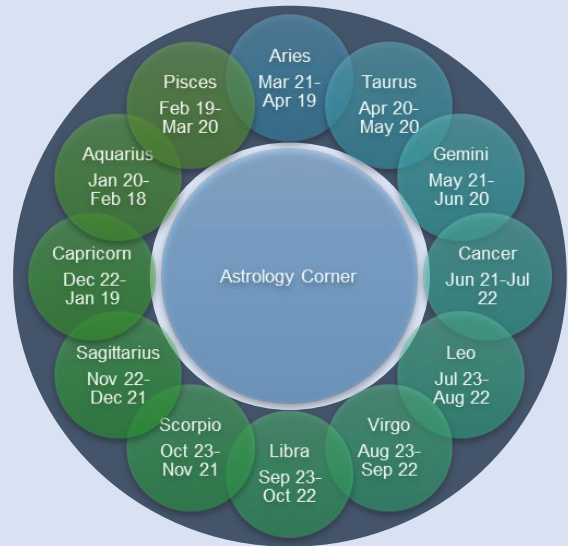
- ★ 2 oz Tequila
- ★ 2 oz Fresh squeezed Orange Juice
- ★ 1 oz Pom Float
- ★ Hawaiian Aloe Salt Rim
- ★ Fresh Aloe Garnish

Serve on the rocks or up. Add additional ounce of tequila when feeling particularly burnt.

In addition to soothing your summer sunburn, aloe contains several amino acids, enzymes, vitamins, and minerals that aid in digestion and can calm an upset stomach.

What many don't know is that Tequila can do the same! Adding pomegranate to the mix only enhances the digestive benefits as this vitamin C heavy antioxidant friend not only can help prevent cancer and reduce insulin resistance, but also makes for a pretty floater.

So let it burn, because this cocktail is going to bring the house down.



Ms. Mesa's Astrology Corner

What did you throw away on trash day if your sign is...

- ❖ **Aries** Mar 21-Apr 19: *Last week's new iPad*
- ❖ **Taurus** Apr 20-May 20: *Social obligations*
- ❖ **Gemini** May 21-Jun 20: *Boring acquaintances*
- ❖ **Cancer** Jun 21-Jul 22: *Nothing - combed trash for sentimental items to keep*
- ❖ **Leo** Jul 23-Aug 22: *Self-portrait with the double chin*
- ❖ **Virgo** Aug 23-Sep 22: *Everything in the back of the closet, followed by a vigorous vacuum*
- ❖ **Libra** Sep 23-Oct 22: *Conflicting party invites*
- ❖ **Scorpio** Oct 23-Nov 21: *Used voodoo dolls*
- ❖ **Sagittarius** Nov 22-Dec 21: *That broken suitcase*
- ❖ **Capricorn** Dec 22-Jan 19: *"Missing" evidence*
- ❖ **Aquarius** Jan 20-Feb 18: *Unopened Christmas cards*
- ❖ **Pisces** Feb 19-Mar 20: *Burnt journal pages*

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