

### President's Message by Ed Weitzer -

Your SMPOA board and I wish everyone in our community a Happy and Healthy New Year. So many events have occurred on a local and national level since the start of 2021 between the Pandemic and Politics that it seems overwhelming to comprehend. No matter what your politics are, it is important for all of us to realize that respect, humility, civility, and understanding are important in all aspects on how we interact with each other.

The original homeowners in our neighborhood established "rules of the road" in the form of CC&R's that we all agree to abiding by when purchasing a home in Sunset Mesa. They were written to provide consistency among the allowable designs and to protect the ocean views to homes that were planned accordingly. The homeowner's association is committed in continuing to keep our community the amazing place to live, raise a family, or retire while protecting our property values by enforcing those rules with even handedness and without favoritism. Our Architectural Committee works diligently on a continual basis to fairly evaluate the plans regarding new construction, remodels, and repairs that have potential view implication from surrounding neighbors. I ask all of you to visit our website at www.sunsetmesa.org and read or re-read the 2012 updated CC&Rs to understand the rules that govern our decisions.

Our webmaster, Imad Bitar, is finalizing the constructs of what will be our new, password protected website.



Our website will be offering more information to the community in the upcoming months.

As some of you may know, there were illegal fireworks on the beach below Coastline Drive in the early morning hours of January 9, which initiated a fire on the land side of PCH. The hillside was ignited on fire during a time of severe Santa Ana winds, which dangerously whipped the flames. Luckily, the fire was put out before reaching any of the homes. There were 8 fire engines, and many firefighters scaling the hill — see attached images below. We urge all of you to continue to privately prepare for fires and emergencies and consider joining our Emergency Preparedness Committee to be an integral part of development and implementation of neighborhood preparedness.

To join the Emergency Preparedness Committee, email SMPOAboard@gmail.com and indicate "EMERG. PREP" in the subject area. We currently have a functioning group of volunteers that need your help.

Please stay safe, wear a mask, and remain socially distanced to reduce risks of getting sick. Data has shown a significant number of COVID-19 transmission through asymptomatic carriers. Let us work together to keep each other safe. Thank you.

Last Board Meeting: 01/04/2021 @ 7:30pm via Zoom. Once approved, Meeting Minutes will be posted to the website: SMPOA Board -> Meeting Minutes

Next Board Meeting: 02/08/2021 @ 7:30 pm via Zoom.

January 9, 2021 fire on PCH below Coastline Dr. — Photos Courtesy of Sunset Mesa Resident Clarence Chapman



# Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2020 -

TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 395,848.54
Bank of California Checking	\$ 8,530.00
Stifel*	\$ 387,318.54
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 2,800.00
Dues Collected	\$ 700.00
Document Fees Collected	\$ 450.00
Stifel Bond Interest	\$ 1,650.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 3,741.50
QuickBooks, payment fees	\$ 1.50
Mesa-Ge / Admin (Segerstrom)	\$ 285.00
T. LeGrove — QB Fee (Aug - Dec)	\$ 575.00
Santa Monica Mini-Storage	\$ 2,880.00

\* Month ending valuation of the SMPOA Stifel account is based on amortization of bonds from purchase date until maturity/call date.

🔶 We currently have 303 dues paying members. 🔶

## Architecture Committee (AC) -

The AC did not have any site visits on January 2nd, 2021.

<u>Note</u>: If you are requesting a review of new construction and/or planting of hedges, trees, etc., make sure that you place *story poles* indicating placement and dimensions prior to the scheduled visit. For more information or to Request a Site Visit, go to: Architecture Committee -> The Committee Architecture Committee -> Contact Us

Next Planned AC Site Visits: 02/06/2021

#### ADT Security -

ADT Security is our most cost effective investment against crime in Sunset Mesa. We continue to strive toward our goal of a 24/7 dedicated car for our neighborhood.

To reach that goal, WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION. ADT is the ONLY patrol car monitoring our neighborhood. There is no daily security representation by any other security company in Sunset Mesa. If you currently have ACS, please consider making the switch when your current contract is up for renewal. To be clear, if you are NOT a client of ADT, a patrol officer CANNOT legally come on to your property if a crime is taking place. You will have to wait for the LA County Sheriff to arrive.

We ask everyone to please sign up with ADT to reach our goal of a 24/7 Sunset Mesa dedicated patrol.

- To sign up today for *drive-by* Patrol Service, call our ADT officer Tom @ 310 991-8317.
- To report an incident or call for a patrol car, call ADT Reporting and Dispatch @ 310-725-2572

### Food Recipes -

Residents that miss Dorothy Reinhold's recipe postings to the Sunset Mesa-Ge, please visit *www.ShockinglyDelicious.com* where you will find her simple, flavorful and California-centric recipes.

