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Next Board Meeting:
Mar 2, 8 P.M. @18428 Clifftop

SUNSET MESA-GE

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President's Message by Ed Weitzer

I want to thank those in the neighborhood that responded to our request for new volunteers willing to work on the various committees that make your SMPOA a viable and effective organization to keep our neighborhood a unique and desirable place to live.

Starting this month, the Board will embark on another **massively important issue for every homeowner and resident in our community.** Preparations are beginning for a community wide Emergency Preparedness Plan, with details in this issue about the initial sponsored meetings on emergency preparedness for your individual homes. As I mentioned previously, lifelong Sunset Mesa resident, Grant Graves, is an expert on this subject and has agreed to help guide us. The goal is to be able to survive as a closed neighborhood in case of a disaster, as well as being prepared for other emergency scenarios that may occur.

There are so many important details to be decided in the upcoming few months, but the time is now to commit to helping yourself, your neighbors, and our community to become a registered Emergency Preparedness Certified Neighborhood, opening up governmental grant funding for emergency provisions and support. This is a community effort, which will include Surfview Estates, and will need everyone's involvement and cooperation. Please sign up for the Red Cross Ready Courses when they are available. Contact me at edweitzer@aol.com to get involved. Thank you!

Emergency Preparedness Corner

The Sunset Mesa Property Owners Association (SMPOA) is moving forward with its efforts to help make our community better prepared and more resilient to future disasters!! **This effort begins with home preparedness!!** Each member of our community can aid in this effort by being as self-sufficient and making sure personal/household preparedness goals are met as soon as possible.

The American Red Cross recommends three steps for household emergency preparedness:

Get Kit > Make a Plan > Be Informed

Free courses available in our neighborhood to provide details on all three steps.

Be Red Cross Ready is a home preparedness course which takes less than an hour to complete. There will be information for what you need to setup in your home and possible discounts on materials.

This is the first step in a plan to help make our neighborhood better prepared and ready for future risks we all face. We hope to include information in future newsletter each month to provide tips and discuss future efforts.

The course will be limited to ten (10) people per class and tickets are available on a *first come first served basis*. Please follow the links below to sign up. We will be looking for people willing to host future courses and those interested in becoming instructors as well.

Courses:

****February 20, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunset-mesa-be-red-cross-ready-course-tickets-91420508201>

Password: Sunset Mesa

****March 11, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunset-mesa-be-red-cross-ready-course-2-tickets-91420809101>

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We look forward to seeing you there!



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Neighborhood News & Events

Malibu Film Festival

Saturday, February 15th, visit Malibu Film Festival an exclusive boutique film festival showcasing new independent films that takes place each awards season in Malibu, California. The 2020 Malibu Film Festival's line-up includes world premieres and U.S. premieres with the focus on introducing new filmmakers to the film industry. For more information and tickets visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/malibu-film-festival-2020-tickets-87335235039>

Shark Sundays at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

Don't miss this favorite weekly feature at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. At 3:30 p.m. every Sunday, you can watch and listen to an informative presentation about these often-misunderstood animals while our horn and swell sharks cruise around the tank, noses out of the water, mouths open, anticipating the meal to come. Expect a splash of seawater if you're close enough to the exhibit. Everyone is invited to make a fun shark craft to take home. For more information visit:

<https://www.santamonica.com/event/shark-sundays-at-the-santa-monica-pier-aquarium/2020-02-16/>

Farm Work Fun Day

It's time to get dirty! If you're looking to get away from city life, join us for a morning of farm fresh outdoor fun. Enjoy fresh air and bird song. At Malibu Fig Ranch you can do cool earth-friendly things like spread (digested biodynamic) compost on the fields and plant trees! This is a free event. Please bring appropriate shoe wear, maybe some gloves, and most importantly, a GOOD ATTITUDE. What a gift it is to work outside! The Malibu Fig Ranch uses ZERO synthetic chemicals, fertilizers, and ZERO pesticides/herbicides. To reserve your spot, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/farmwork-funday-tickets-89188155173?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>

Santa Monica Wine Fest

From crisp, refreshing whites to deep-flavored reds, whatever your preferred grape, you'll find plenty to discover and love at Santa Monica Wine Fest. While you sample and learn about the wines, you can enjoy music and purchase food pairings. Whether you're a connoisseur or a newbie, you can discover your new favorite wine at this casual event. Proceeds will benefit the Surfrider Foundation, a foundation dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's ocean, waves and beaches through a powerful activist network. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/los->



Architecture Committee

Next AC Site Visit: Mar 1, 2020 9 am

Treasurer's Report

As of January 31, 2020

- Chase Checking: \$ 8,598.54
- Bank of California: \$56,590.69
- Stifel: \$290,601.53

Total: **\$360,264.18**

Credits for the month of January 2020:

- HOA Dues: \$1,389.86
- Bank of CA, interest \$127.76
- Stifel: \$404.70

Total: **\$1,173.36**

Debits for the month of January 2020:

- Fox Hills Printing, Mesa-ge Nov/Dec \$396.16
- P. Segerstrom, QB & Mesa-ge \$480.00
- Mckay, Quickbooks \$1,130.00
- Quickbooks, online payment fee \$3.03
- T. Le Grove, reimbursement QB, office supplies, meeting expenses \$618.27
- Gaines & Stacey, legal parking PCH \$3,611.82

Total: **\$6,239.28**

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Are you new in the neighborhood, have young children, or just want to meet and network with Mom’s in Sunset Mesa? Well you are in luck!!

Suzy Morris Bulczynski has a text network for mom’s wanting to connect. Want to set up play dates, have “mommy n me” groups” or get the MOM’S and DAD’S together for wine? TEXT SUZY @ 310 923-0376!



WE HAD LOTS OF FUN AT OLGA'S & JUSTIN'S HOME LAST MONTH!!

Mug Brownie

Make this MUG BROWNIE WITH RED WINE for your sweetie for Valentine’s Day. It takes about 2 minutes, and it has your favorite red wine IN IT, because we all know V-Day isn’t a thing without some red wine and chocolate. Chocolate and red wine go together like a kiss and a hug. Might as well get them in the same recipe! You can use any red wine you like. It’s big enough to share with your valentine, or double it and make 2, to be a little naughty.

--Dorothy Reinhold, www.shockinglydelicious.com



MUG BROWNIE WITH RED WINE

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons dark cocoa powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- Pinch salt
- 1 1/2 tablespoons red wine
- 1 1/2 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons chocolate chips

Add butter to a mug. Microwave on high for 30-40 seconds, until melted; remove mug from microwave. Add all the ingredients to the mug, stir to combine. Microwave on high for 70 seconds, and then remove mug from oven. Eat as is, or top with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. Serves 1-2, depending on appetites.

Note: If you decide to double this recipe, bake one in the microwave oven first, and then bake the second one afterwards, for best results. This recipe was tested in a 1200-watt microwave oven.

You can see this and many other easy, flavor-packed recipes on www.Shockinglydelicious.com

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