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MRA SETS GOAL FOR 2009: GET MALIBU ROAD REPAVED!!

TALKS IN PROGRESS WITH CITY OFFICIALS

Discussions are under way between **MRA** President Bill Rhodes and The City of Malibu's Director of Public Works, Robert Brager about how to expedite this long-overdue project – to place it as close to the top as possible on the City's schedule of must-do projects.

Topics include the type of pavement to be provided, the need for re-engineering of certain areas to ensure better drainage, as well as adequate speed signage, posting of no-parking sections, etc.

Additionally, given the number of construction projects along the road, and the need for repeated runs by heavy vehicles such as cement trucks, there are concerns about durability. Preliminary cost estimates run between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.

This aggressive, ongoing dialogue with the City will enable the **Malibu Road Association** to more effectively lobby on behalf of all residents for the best possible long-term results.

Your Input is Important!

Your Road Association requests your help. While many problems are and have long been obvious, such as drainage along the stretch of road west of the Firehouse, there are a number of others that must and will be addressed. And still more that may not be as in-our-faces.

As soon as possible, notify us of your concerns, especially about pavement condition or drainage or safety or other problems the rest of us may not be aware of, so that we can bring them to the attention of the City. Contact us at mail@MalibuRoad.org, or 310.317.1040.

And if you're available, attend the City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM on Monday, Feb. 23. A major feature of that session – of vital importance for us – will be a report by the City's Pavement Management System! Show up and make yourself heard! It will be our chance to let the City know how important and urgent is the need to fix our road, to get it done as quickly possible, while ensuring that it is not simply a cosmetic solution.

To quote one City Official about our City's repaving agenda: "...Malibu Road, based on our windshield view, should be high up on the list..."

We want to make sure it's at the top – and your **Malibu Road Association** Board Members are committed to making that happen!

4TH SOLAR-POWERED RADAR SPEED SIGN INSTALLED!

The **Malibu Road Association** recently installed our FOURTH radar sign near the west end of the road. Our special thanks to Jay Arteaga, Debbie and Steven Weiss, Jan Currey, Coleen and Doug Helm for their special donations which helped us pay for these signs.

For those who are new to Malibu Road, and those who are unaware, you should know that all of these very effective signs have been paid for – at a total cost of more than \$32,000 – by a combination of your **MRA** dues, and the generosity of residents.

They are one more example of how this all-volunteer organization helps all residents of Malibu Road, whether or not you're a dues-paying member.

Your Malibu Road Association NEEDS Your Help! So Please – Join Us to Make Our Slice of Paradise Even Better!

Many thanks to all of you who during past years have joined our group and paid your modest annual dues – only \$100, or \$40 if you're a renter, and what a bargain! It's time to do it again, for 2009.

For those who may be unfamiliar with what your voluntary **Malibu Road Association** does for you – member or not – consider the recent, vastly improved trash pickup arrangement. That did not happen by itself, but rather because of the **MRA** Board's persistence and insistence over several years of meetings and negotiations with City and County representatives, wherein we made demands, based on our residents unique needs.

But that's only a portion of it! Here's a partial list of what your dollars – and hopefully your voluntary participation – accomplish:

- Speed signs. As mentioned above, those nifty – and pricey – radar signs are not provided by State, City or County. Rather, they are a product of **MRA**-solicited member-donations, as well as your dues.
- Other signage.
- Weekly road cleanup.
- Disposal of dead seals and sea lions.
- Advocacy/liaison with City, County and State – as in our current campaign to get the road repaved – and provide a place for you to air your concerns and gripes.
- Our handsome Website. Visit us at www.MalibuRoad.org. There, you'll find archived back-issues of our newsletter, as well as pertinent information you can use – and a ready-way for you to contact us with your issues and concerns.

Our board Members volunteer their time – for all of us, so c'mon – join the **Malibu Road Association** – and if you can afford the time, for

such activities and services as distribution of announcements, we'd love to have your help!

One More Way You Can Help

One big challenge your Association faces is finding a way to reach all of the newer Malibu Road residents/owners. If we can't find them we can't ask them to join.

So, if you live near a new resident who may not know about us – PLEASE give us a heads-up about them (and, if you can, tell them about us, and the valuable services we provide) and we will send them a special welcoming letter.

Or if you are moving away, please tell the new owner how great we are and give us their name(s) for our records.

PLEASE join and send your check today. Or, pay via credit card (using PayPal), at our website: www.MalibuRoad.org!

Moreover, you are always welcome to attend our monthly Board Meetings. There, you can see how we operate, and air your views on urgent matters! Contact us by phone or Email for the time and place of our next meeting.

mail@MalibuRoad.org, or 310.317.1040. And, speaking of meetings:

EVERYONE'S INVITED TO THE MRA ANNUAL MEETING – APR. 7

Make yourself heard, meet your neighbors, your Board Members, and get yourself up to speed on what's happening! Come to our General Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, in the Michael Landon Room at Bluff Park.

The meeting starts at 7 PM, but come anytime after 6 PM for snacks and schmoozing (both before and after).

Sharon Barovsky, City Councilperson and Malibu Road resident, will be our featured guest. She will bring us up to date on important issues in the City and especially those impacting Malibu Road.

As the meeting date approaches, we will circulate an agenda and announce additional speakers.

MRA BOARD ELECTION

Please mark your ballot for the **2009 Malibu Road Association** Board of Directors and send it in the enclosed envelope along with your dues.

And if you'll forgive a brief guilt-number, note that your residency on Malibu Road entitles you to vote – as well as enjoying the above-referenced benefits your **Malibu Road Association** provides – whether you're a dues-paying member or not. So – c'mon already! Ante up to help us help you!

Or, put another way, ask yourself where else you'll get that kind of bang for only a few bucks!

NOT SO-TRASHY TALK, WE SAID, SMILING...

It wouldn't be a newsletter without mentioning TRASH. We're happy to note, as we're sure you are, that our new system is so visibly improved: the number of homes complying with City rules about trash-bin concealment has skyrocketed and the Road looks so much neater.

And for those who are unable to roll out/roll in their containers in a timely manner, a reminder: our new trash contractor will, for a small monthly fee, provide this service for you. Please call 800.631.7016 to make arrangements. Larger/smaller/additional containers are also available.

SEAL/SEA LION BIZ

If you see a beached animal that needs to be rescued, please call 310.457.WILD.

If you spot a dead seal or sea lion near your home, call the Labor Exchange (310.317.4717) and request burial of the remains. They have trained several of their regulars to properly do so, and the **Malibu Road Association** pays them for the work.

SOME VITAL CONTACT INFO

EMERGENCY, of course	911
Sheriff	310.456.6652
Fire	310.317.1122
City of Malibu	310.456.2489
Lifeguard	310.457.2525
Animal Control & Care	818.991.0071
Solid Waste (Universal Waste Systems)	
Wildlife Rescue	310.457.WILD
Dead seal on beach burial	310.317.4717
(We contract w/the Labor Exchange for this.)	
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger	
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Remember, your **Malibu Road Association** is here to serve in any way it can, renters & owners alike.

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