

# THE OLD ROAD NEWSLETTER

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## A BEAUTIFUL START TO ANOTHER YEAR IN PARADISE



## SO FAR - SORTA GOOD...

### 1. CAMPING

As most of you know, from the time that the Malibu Mountain Conservancy announced its bizarre plan to create campsites above Malibu Road, your Road Association has actively fought them, both on our own and in concert with the City of Malibu, and with other similarly affected road associations and homeowner groups. These efforts have included our President, Bill Rhodes's presence at various hearings, plus extensive legal counseling and expenses.

It is important that you are aware that the Conservancy has virtually unlimited financial resources, as well as land-use powers that are virtually unlimited. Moreover, they are being arrogantly wielded by some very misguided people. And while the results thus far are disappointing in that we were unable – as we had hoped – to have the campsite scheme scrapped, we are pleased to report that our work – and money spent – has resulted in some significant changes, limitations and restrictions which are of much benefit to our community and especially to our safety. These include:

1. No fires, fireworks, or even propane lamps. Instead, each campsite will have electrical outlets.
2. Elimination of planned parking lot on Malibu Road. Campers' vehicles will be parked in spaces off PCH.
3. 24/7 supervision by Conservancy personnel.
4. 1.5" water hoses serving each site.
5. Onsite Fire Truck.
6. Campsites will be further uphill than in earlier plan.

### 2. ROAD PAVEMENT

Your MRA Board has been pressuring the City of Malibu over the past several years about our much-needed road repair and resurfacing. We made a bit of progress last year, in getting the road restriped. The most salutary result: because of the freshly visible foglines, far fewer vehicles are haphazardly parked in traffic lanes, especially along the westbound side of our street.

Again, we applaud and appreciate the cooperation of Public Works Superintendent Richard Calvin, and Public Works Director/City Engineer Robert Brager for their efforts in making the restriping happen.

Moreover, we have learned that, while budgetary problems continue, as a result of our ongoing repeated requests and liaison with City officials, potholes and other minor pavement repairs are under way.

### 3. SEWER MANDATE

MRA President Bill Rhodes appeared before the State Water Board and delivered a presentation on our behalf, about the questionable claim by the Regional Water Quality Board that septic tanks along Malibu Road contribute to pollution in the lagoon and at Surf Rider Beach.

Our efforts to have the affected homes along the Eastern half of Malibu Road exempted from the plan have not succeeded thus far. But the issue is still being fought by the City, and the MRA will continue to closely monitor the matter, adding our voice and our help whenever possible.

## Dues Are Due!

We graciously thank all of you who support the Malibu Road Association by paying your dues regularly. And to those who have not yet joined – newcomers – owners and renters – we'd like you to know just how much your Road Association does to make our beautiful Road better for ALL of its residents – whether or not they pay their truly modest voluntary annual dues.

We sponsor weekly cleanup of the entire road, we provide the radar speed signs, the metal 25 mph signs and other signage. We act as your go-between to City, County and State and keep you posted on all issues that affect our road via this newsletter and regularly updating our website. Your Board Members, all volunteers, meet monthly to deal with ongoing issues and new challenges.

During this past year many Board Members attended and/or spoke at the Regional Water Quality Board hearing about proposed sewers for Malibu, which include homes along the eastern half of the Road.

In addition we hired our attorney to petition the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy on our behalf re: their proposed campsites on Malibu Road. As mentioned on page one, due to our efforts, the SMMC acceded to many of the modifications we demanded, including cancelling their plan for a paved parking lot on Malibu Road.

And you should know that over the past few decades your Malibu Road Association has succeeded in pursuing a number of causes and disputes, on residents' behalf, such as stopping wastewater drainage onto our road, improved trash pickup, animal control and cleanup, and otherwise interceding on our residents behalf

Given all the amazing services we provide, the cost to join MRA – and to help finance our expenses – remains a spectacular bargain at \$100 per homeowner family and \$40 per renter family.

Hey, is that a deal or what? So PLEASE send your check today or use Paypal at [www.maliburoad.org](http://www.maliburoad.org) – and additional contributions are always welcome and greatly appreciated!

### **HELP US KEEP YOU AND YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS IN THE LOOP!**

We want to include ALL Malibu Road residents on our mailing list – dues payers or not – to ensure that everyone gets all our news and information, so please provide us with your contact info.

Also, we don't always know about new residents. If you have a new neighbor, please tell them about us – or let us know who is new, so that we can welcome them and keep them informed.

### **Board of Directors Election!**

We salute last year's Board and thank them for their excellent service. We are very pleased to announce that each of them is willing to serve again for 2011. Opposite is your ballot. Please make your choices and return it in the enclosed envelope (hopefully along with your dues!)

## **YES, COUNT ME IN!**

**Here are my Malibu Road Association Dues for 2011!**

**We urge ALL Malibu Road Residents to join! Help us to Help You!**

**Owner - \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Renter - \$40 \_\_\_\_\_  
2011 Contribution (in addition to dues)\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Malibu Road Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street/Unit** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

### **THANK YOU!!**

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## **Malibu Road Association Board of Directors 2011 Ballot**

Please vote for 9

\_\_\_ Jan Currey

\_\_\_ Ari David

\_\_\_ Doug Helm

\_\_\_ Tom Jones

\_\_\_ Gary Patterson

\_\_\_ Chris Reed

\_\_\_ Bill Rhodes

\_\_\_ Tom Sawyer

\_\_\_ Joel Walker

\_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_

Remember, your **Malibu Road Association** is here to serve in any way it can, renters & owners alike.

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