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ELECTION TIME AGAIN

Your Malibu Road Association nominating committee, Elayne Rubenstein, Chairperson, offers the following slate for the 2003 Board of Directors:

Richard Carrigan, Marty Cooper, Al Lerner, Elliott Megdal, Gary Patterson, Shelly Rosenberg, Elayne Rubenstein, Tom Sawyer, and new member, Bill Rhodes.

We thank each of them for offering to serve on our Board, and we urge you to mark your attached ballots and return them (with your dues) without delay!

We would like to thank longtime Board Member Joel Walker for his service in years past – especially for all the wonderful letters he has written on behalf of The Road. We'll miss your clear thinking, Joel!

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 5

The Annual General Meeting of the Malibu Road Property Owners Association is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at 7 PM in the Michael Landon Room at Bluff Park. We urge *all* residents of The Road to join us for this chance to express your concerns on issues relating to the Road or the Community – or to let us know what actions you wish the Board would take to make the Road better for you.

So, plan to join us on March 6 for an informative, lively and fun-filled evening – *and* get caught up on all the local gossip! Our guest speaker will be announced soon.

DUES ARE DUE, TOO

Okey dokey, gang, it's time to pay the piper!

The dues for 2003 remain at a bargain @ \$75.00 for property owners and a modest \$40.00 for renters! We urge EVERYONE to join us to support the Association. If you need a few good reasons why, here they are:

- This Newsletter.

- Weekly Road Clean Up.
- A Forum for Community Dialogue.
- As a Group Our Voice carries a lot of Weight on Important Local Issues.
- Annual Beach Party (resumption). 2003 promises to be the best yet! Resident Cindy Rhodes has generously volunteered to organize the event.
- Advocacy & Liaison with City Hall.
- It's the right thing to do.

So, please don't delay, join today!

LET'S TALK TRASH!

Nobody likes it, but we all have it. In a perfect world the second we discarded something it would magically disappear. In our real world, we must wait until Tuesday or Friday morning for trash pickup, and Wednesday for recycling. This means each resident is responsible for his or her own mess until the moment it is removed by the Sanitation Workers.

That mega windstorm of early January resulted in an enormous amount of trash blowing around our Road. It should serve as a reminder to us all to be diligent about securing our trash when we put it out and to accept responsibility for each scrap of it until it is safely carted away by the truck.

Here are several hints for making your trash secure, so that it – and your trash containers – won't end up littering the street and/or your neighbors' driveways:

1. **Don't rely** on plastic bags. Crows, rats and other small, hungry animals will usually tear them open and make a mess.
2. **Make sure** your trashcan lids are secure, both animal-and-windproof.
3. **If it's a windy day**, or you know ahead of time that it's going to be windy, wait till as close to pickup time as you can before putting your trash out for collection. **(continued – over)**

Help is Available

For starters, if you need any special services like removing oversized items (appliances, beds, etc.) or getting rid of large amounts tree cuttings/garden waste, please call 800.773.2784 and just ask. The folks at our Sanitation Department are VERY helpful.

With regard to recycling, rumor has it that Malibu Road is a champion in this department... good for us! But in case any of us need a refresher in what they'll take and how they want it, here goes:

Do recycle ALL paper except paper towels and tissues. All glass, tin, aluminum, cardboard, untreated wood, and most plastics.

Do not recycle Styrofoam.

Do not put your recycling in plastic bags.

And here's the best part: if you would like to have a "green" or "household" recycling bin delivered to your house, free of charge, please call 800.773.2784 and ask for one...It's as easy as that! We **can keep Malibu Road looking tidy with just a little effort from everyone.**

BOARD ACTIVITIES

The MRPOA sent our Holiday Thanks and best wishes to Fire Company 88, and to the Sheriff's Department, for their courtesy and hard work during 2002.

SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS & MAILING ADDRESSES

EMERGENCY, of course	911
Sheriff	456.6652
Fire	317.1122
City of Malibu	456.2489
Lifeguard	457.2525
Animal Control & Care	(818) 991.0071
Sanitation Dept.	(800) 773.2784
(Call this # for pick-up of oversize items and other special requests.)	
Wildlife Rescue	457.WILD
Dead seal on beach burial	317.4717
(We have a contract with the Labor Exchange for this.)	
MRPOA	317.1040
PO Box 415	
Malibu, CA 90265	

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First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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23815 Stuart Ranch Road
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Here's the first installment of a new feature, a forum for those residents who'd like to air their gripes, vent their peeves, and otherwise unload. The editors reserve the right to edit all submissions, and we promise to preserve anonymity if you request it:

THE BEEF-OF-THE-MONTH-CLUB!

Welcome to TRASH 101

Here it is, class: **Trash pickup days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Recycling day is Wednesday.**

So why is it that people take out their trash as early as Saturday? It must be so all of us can enjoy the nasty view, and for the winds to blow it away or for the crows to scatter it around.

The trash workers know to open your trash sheds and retrieve the trash from there. There is no need for residents to put their trash out on the street, but especially not days before it is due to be picked up. Have you taken a look lately at your beloved road? It is disgusting, trash, and trash cans are everywhere.

Recycling? Call 800-77EARTH and they will gladly provide you with a beautiful container at no cost! All recyclables should be in containers so they don't end up on our street or in the ocean.

Keep our road clean. Please tell your help or construction crews, it is time to take pride in Malibu Road.

A Resident

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