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ANNUAL BEACH PARTY SET FOR SATURDAY, SEP 13!

LOTS OF FUN, EXCITING NEW ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Encompassed by a Hawaiian Luau theme, this year's party will feature prizes, games and other fun activities for kids, for families, along with spectacular entertainment, food and beverages.

Under the guidance and inspiration of Chairperson Cindy Rhodes, the event will be new from top to bottom. Among the many fresh features in the works for this year's Beach Party are:

- Best Costume Contest
- Sand Castle Competition
- Hula Dancers
- Kite Flying
- Kids' Face-Painting
- Hawaiian Massages
- Family Relay Games, and more...

Scheduled to run from 2:30 to 7 PM, with *wonderful* food catered by Howdy's, this promises to be our biggest and best bash yet! So mark your calendar now, and plan to bring friends and family. We'll be keeping everyone updated as the details come into sharper focus.

Important! We welcome your help with party planning, so if you'd like to volunteer, please call Cindy Rhodes at 456.9833.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bill Rhodes

As the new president of our Malibu Road Association, one of my goals is to get residents of the road to know each other a little better, and to feel more involved in our incredible neighborhood. Another is to improve property values on Malibu Road.

To that end, once again we are looking into the feasibility of undergrounding the ugly utility lines along the entire length of the road. The difference this time is that a number of residents on the eastern part of the road (in the vicinity of Ralph's Market and the animal hospital) are very close to starting to underground their lines. This is due mainly to the efforts of David Shaheen, who has put in countless hours researching the engineering problems and solutions, costs and legal requirements. David has generously offered to help us by sharing his knowledge.

In a nutshell, a majority of homeowners must first agree to go forward with the process, which will begin with an engineering study which will determine what is required, given the area's geological make-up. Following that, an assessment district must be approved and formed by the city, and bids must be obtained from qualified contractors. Payment for the project will be amortized over 20 years, payable on your property tax bill.

Among the benefits of undergrounding are improved aesthetics, demonstrably increased property values and, not least, safety: above-ground lines and utility poles are a potential fire hazard – especially as a result of storms, high winds, earthquakes, and vehicle crashes.

Newsletter edited by Holly & Tom Sawyer

THE BEEF-OF-THE-MONTH-CLUB!

Trash-Talk (Continued)

The following letter was received before our last issue was printed, but another resident had already covered the subject. However, because little has changed since then...

The trash situation on Malibu Road is getting out of control. I do not understand how homeowners and renters can drive their cars down the road every day and not see that it looks like a pigsty. There is no reason whatsoever for trashcans to be out all of the time. For one thing, it is unsightly. For another, the trash flies everywhere and is a nightmare to pick up. And those are the aesthetic reasons.

The rat and bird problem is bad enough. Exposed trash cans encourage and embolden them. They get into the trash and spread it around. The rats live in the cans. It is disgusting and hard for me to believe that residents don't have more pride in their homes and neighborhood.

I understand that construction is an ongoing situation over which we have little personal control. However, we do have control over our own actions, and putting trash away is a little thing compared to turning our road into a dump.

Please, PLEASE!! Keep your trash in your sheds and help make Malibu Road look respectable.

A Resident

(THE BEEF-OF-THE-MONTH-CLUB is 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.)

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

GOT STICKERS?

We've been lucky lately, with few crisis

situations in Malibu, but we shouldn't get lazy about being prepared. One way to ease the stress of that next – inevitable – road closure due to brushfire or mudslide or earthquake is to know you can get home even when the roads are blocked to the general public. The way to insure this is to have an official sticker on your vehicle. Any Malibu resident (or employee of a Malibu business) can have one of these stickers on their car – and should.

Here's how to get yours:

Go to the receptionist at City Hall and get an application for an emergency sticker (separate application for each car). You will need to provide the vehicle license plate number, plus name, address, and other easy information. The cost is \$5.00 per sticker.

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.)	
Malibu Road Association	317.1040
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Remember, your **Malibu Road Association** is here to serve you in any way it can, renters and owners alike.