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COME TO OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 16 – 7 PM – BLUFF PARK

Everyone who lives on Malibu Road is invited to attend this General Annual Meeting. This is your chance to meet the Board Members, ask questions, air your complaints, offer your suggestions, meet your neighbors, enjoy refreshments, and have a great time.

We will announce our guest speaker(s) soon, but you can be sure the topics will include the Trash Mess, undergrounding the utilities, an update on the latest issues of the City Council – and who knows what?

EVEN *MORE* TRASH TALK!

As our President points out in his message, we may live in one of the world's most desirable spots – but these days it looks like Trash Alley. It's clear that we need to work together to find solutions to the unsightly mass of green/blue/gray containers, which litter our road every day of the week.

For the record, here's the situation:

The City ordinance states: **Containers may not be pulled to the curb until 5:30 pm of the day preceding pick up and must be pulled back out of sight by 8:30 pm of the collection day. All trash/recycling/green waste must be placed in the correct container – the sanitation workers will NOT take anything not in a container.**

This is impossibly inflexible, but it *is* the law, and we have to learn to comply. Keep in mind; YOUR trash is YOUR responsibility until it is removed.

The “out of sight” reference above is the other big problem. Few of us have found a hidden area for these new containers – and most of the existing enclosures cannot accommodate them. So, if we are to comply with the law, and rid ourselves of this unsightliness, we need solutions.

Your Malibu Road Association is looking for ways to solve this mess, remedies that will hopefully entail minimum inconvenience and expenditure for our residents. Please join us at the March 16 Annual Meeting and bring your suggestions. If we continue to ignore compliance on this subject and leave it up to the

City, we may start to incur fines, code enforcement hassles and legal expense.

It's up to each of us to keep Malibu Road looking like the Paradise it is! To that end, your Malibu Road Association can bring us together to find solutions, and to be your advocate with the City.

But we *need* your help, and your input, to accomplish this, so please, bring us your ideas, air them at Bluff Park on March 16, and if you're unable to attend, leave a phone message with your suggestions, or put them on paper and send them to us at PO Box 415, Malibu, CA 90265.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By **Bill Rhodes**

Can you believe another year has come end gone and what a year it was! We saw our home values skyrocket, making us one of the most expensive neighborhoods in the world that has trashcans in front of our homes 24/7. This is one issue I think we all agree needs work.

Our Annual Beach Party Luau was a huge hit with an incredible turnout. My thanks to all of you who helped to make it such a success! This year we want to make it even better. We can always use, and we welcome help, so please get involved. Call Cindy Rhodes at 317-1040.

My goal as president of the Malibu Road Association is to improve the value of our properties by improving the appearance of our street. This includes undergrounding the utility lines, repaving the road, hiding the trash cans, keeping the neighborhood tidy and free of litter, construction debris and pet waste. So take a look at the street around you, see what needs to be done and just do it! And at the same time you can say “Hi” to your neighbors – if you pitch in together it's even easier.

We live in paradise, life is good. Last year was great – let's make this year even better!

Sincerely,
Bill

De Dues Are Due!

It's time to pay your 2004 Malibu Road Association dues. The cost is minimal and the rewards are many: Among the many rewards for joining are this fabulous newsletter, the weekly road cleanup service, announcements of and information about issues important to The Road, a place to turn when you encounter a problem.

So, don't delay. Write that check today, fill out the information form, and send it (with your ballot) in the enclosed envelope!

Dues are only \$75 for owners and \$40 for renters and we urge you ALL to join!

It's Also *TIME to VOTE !!!*

The nominating committee had it easy this year – *all* of our 2003 Board Members have agreed to run again. We thank them for their dedication – and here they are:

Richard Carrigan, Marty Cooper, Lynne Griffin. Al Lerner, Elliott Megdal, Gary Patterson, Bill Rhodes, Elayne Rubenstein, Tom Sawyer.

Please mark your attached ballot, cut on the line, and return it in the envelope with your dues!

SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS & 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
PO Box 415	
Malibu, CA 90265	
Governor	
State Capitol	
First Floor	
Sacramento, CA 95814	
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Remember, your **Malibu Road Association** is here to serve you in any way it can, renters and owners alike.

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