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COME TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING! WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 - 7PM BLUFF PARK!

Meet Your Board, Your Neighbors! Bring Your Gripes! Get The Latest Dirt On The Trash Situation!

All Malibu Road residents, renters and owners alike, are invited to our General Annual Meeting at Bluff Park on Wed. April 13, 2005 at 7PM.

Don't miss this chance to meet your Board Members, mix with your neighbors, air your grievances and voice your concerns.

Along with other issues facing the Road get the latest information on – and hear about our progress with – the ever-popular Trash Can Problem! (Speakers to be announced – see President's message)

We urge you all to join us for these lively discussions and look forward to hearing your concerns and opinions. The meeting will start at 7PM with socializing, snacks and coffee.

DUES ARE DUE

Our thanks to all who have sent their 2005 dues. If you receive a dues request and return envelope with this newsletter, it's because our records show you have not paid. Please write that check today and do your part to help.

Your voluntary, modest annual dues enable the Malibu Road Association to provide services to everyone on the Road, from weekly cleanup to

signage about speed limits and dog cleanup, to this newsletter, and liaison with City and County. If we've billed you by mistake or if you have a new neighbor we should include, please let us know by leaving a message at 310.317.1040!

And Now... A Word From Bill Rhodes, Our President

The Malibu Road Association Board has been trying for well over a year to resolve our always-left-out-in-the-street-ugly-mess trashcan problem and we happily announce that we are close to resolution.

As you know, this has created the problem of so many containers being left on the roadside continuously – which in addition to violating City Code, is visually offensive.

City Code states that trash receptacles can only be out after 5:30 pm the evening before pickup, and removed, out of sight, 24 hours later. The height of the containers provided by the trash district prohibits many of us from using our enclosures built for the older, smaller cans.

Because of the Malibu Road Association's continuing efforts to negotiate a solution, we have shown our good intentions to the City, thus avoiding citations and costly fines for our residents, but this has not been easy.

Our search for a solution started with our sympathetic, helpful Mayor, Sharon Barovsky,
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who put us in touch with Yugall Lall, Head Engineer of Malibu and with Kimberly Nilsson who oversees the contracts for trash removal.

They in turn set up a meeting with Shari Afshari, Assistant Deputy Director of the Environmental Program Division of LA County. Several Board Members, armed with photos, letters, polls, etc, attended all of these meetings.

From these meetings, we have been referred to Marilyn Gallagher from the company that handles our trash removal, *Waste Management*. She is currently trying to find acceptable shorter cans that will fit our old enclosures AND she is looking into getting a helper on the trucks who will remove and replace the cans from our enclosures...just like the good old days.

Remember, eventually OWNERS OF CANS LEFT ON THE STREET *WILL BE CITED*, but we hope not before we can arrange the changes described above.

If you have any questions or concerns, representatives from the City and the Trash Company will attend our annual meeting

It may seem like snail's pace, but this is REAL progress! Please join us on April 13, 2005 to hear the latest.

That Ol' Devil, *SPEEDING*>>>

Detective Richard Curry and Deputy Jim Castro of the LA County Sheriff's Department accepted the Board's invitation to attend our March Board meeting to address residents' concerns about speeding on Malibu Road.

There have been numerous high-speed accidents putting people, pets and personal property at increased risk. To our surprise, the statistics show that the violators have mostly been residents. Studies indicate that the digital "Your Speed" signs, such as the one occasionally seen parked at the East end of the road, result in a

50% improvement in compliance.

The Sheriff's Department has agreed to station their sign more frequently in our neighborhood.

Also, for our high-traffic/speeding-tourist summer months, the Deputies will provide increased radar patrols.

MRA Explores Purchase of It's Own Electronic Speed Sign!

Because our Road residents would greatly benefit from the permanent placement of a "Your Speed" sign as a reminder to ALL OF US to comply with the 25 mph limit, at the March, 2005 Board meeting, the Road Association formed a committee to research the purchase of a pole-mounted, solar-powered one of our own. The Board expects to announce its progress on this matter at the April 13 Annual Meeting.

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.)	
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