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TRASH TALK UPDATE: A Setback or Two – and Some Progress...

In yet another attempt by your Malibu Road Association to address the ongoing trash collection problems, including but not limited to the unsightly presence, 24/7, of trash containers along our road, Council Person /MRA member Sharon Barovsky arranged a meeting with City and County agencies involved in decision-making for our Trash District.

At City Hall on January 11, MRA Board President Bill Rhodes, along with board member Tom Sawyer, met with Sharon, Malibu's Interim Public Works Director Bow Bowman, GI Industries spokesperson Marilyn Gallagher, solid waste consultant Kim Nilsson and several others.

While the officials were sympathetic to our problem(s), the meeting failed to bring us closer to an imminent solution. It did however succeed in clarifying several of them, and offered the possibility of some help from City and County beginning in July, 2008. That is when the current contract with GI Industries expires.

The way the current trash collection contract between The Malibu Garbage District and GI Industries is written, they are unable to reduce the number of pick-ups, nor – as the MRA Board had requested – offer an optional valet service which would remove containers from their enclosures, place them at the fog line, and return them, emptied, to their housings.

Thus, our real hope is that through your Road Association, we make our needs/preferences known to the appropriate agencies by early 2007, when they begin to prepare their new contracts.

Until then, we urge all residents of Malibu Road to take responsibility for our trash, obey the rules, and try to keep our beautiful Road looking neat and clean. For those unfamiliar with the

law, the City of Malibu Municipal Code Section 8.32.650 states:

No residential householder shall place or permit to be placed any solid waste or solid waste container at the place of collection at the residential premises before five-thirty p.m. of the day preceding the scheduled collection. No container may be left at the place of collection after eight p.m. on the day of collection.

The City has acknowledged the problem, which as most of us are aware, is hardly limited to Malibu Road, and has for the moment agreed to hold off on citing violators.

And, if it's any consolation, a recent unsuccessful web search for prefabricated enclosures by one of our board members revealed that this is a national problem, with community after community across the country attempting to regulate/deal with this visual blight brought on by insurance liabilities, and imposed on all of us without anyone at a corporate or government level stepping up to the plate with a solution.

Nonetheless, your MRA Board pledges to continue its efforts to resolve the problems, including searching for contractors or other sources for the construction of enclosures, and valet service providers, about which we will keep you posted.

On the back of your enclosed ballot/dues request is a survey about trash service, prepared by the City of Malibu. Please take a few minutes to fill it out, as your responses will help us and the City, meet your needs.

SECOND RADAR SPEED SIGN – A GIFT TO YOUR ROAD ASSOCIATION FROM RESIDENT JAY ARTEAGA!

We now have TWO solar-powered radar speed signs, the first supplied by the Association and the second given to us by our public-spirited neighbor, Jay Arteaga. **THANK YOU, JAY**, for
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this *very* generous and much appreciated gift!

In addition, Board Vice-President Lynn Griffin arranged with Det. Currey of our local Sheriff's Office to place a mobile radar unit near the west end of the road on a when-available basis. Thus, with up to three very visible reminders, we are happy to report that speeders are getting our message! Your Board is proud of these achievements, as well as other services we provide. We hope it'll help motivate you to join your Malibu Road Association today!

Richard Carrigan Resigns From MRA Board

The Road Association wishes to thank Richard for his years of service. His input, and his many constructive contributions will be missed.

DUES AND BALLOT

While membership for renters remains at \$40, for the first time in several years we have raised our dues for property owners to \$100 per year. This will help cover the costs of the many services we provide to Malibu Road Residents, including the Speed Signs (both radar and standard), this newsletter and other mailings and notices, weekly road cleanup, beach and dog signage, as well as providing a forum for airing and solving problems along the Road, and providing liaison with City, County and State governments and entities.

We would like to thank the returning Board candidates Jan Currey, Lynn Griffin, Gary Patterson, Chris Reed, Bill Rhodes, Tom Sawyer and Marty Cooper (Emeritus), for their continuing participation and hard work on behalf of our Association.

And – we welcome new candidates Doug Helm, Steve Weiss, and former Board member Joel Walker who, we're delighted to announce, has offered to serve again after a few years off!

PLEASE support your Malibu Road Association by voting and filling out the Trash Questionnaire (on the reverse side of your ballot) – and mailing them, along with your

dues in the enclosed envelope, ASAP! And then, be sure to attend our Annual Meeting!

ANNUAL MEETING – MARCH 16, 7PM AT BLUFF PARK!

Meet your Board, your neighbors, air your concerns and gripes, learn what's happening that will affect Malibu Road, and enjoy an assortment of refreshments and desserts.

We'll be circulating a flier announcing guest speakers and other particulars, but in the meantime, be sure to mark your calendar for this important – and fun - yearly event.

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
Solid Waste (GI Industries)	800.773.2784
(For pick-up of oversize items/special requests)	
Wildlife Rescue	457.WILD
Dead seal on beach burial	317.4717
(We contract w/the Labor Exchange for this.)	
Malibu Road Association	317.1040
PO Box 415, Malibu, CA 90265	
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger	
State Capitol, First Floor, Sacramento, CA	
95814	
City Council, City of Malibu	
23815 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA 90265	

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