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2007 ANNUAL BEACH PARTY: PICTURE PERFECT!



As you can see, our Malibu Road Beach Party on September 16 brought neighbors and friends together for a delightful afternoon on the sand. The sparkling end-of-summer day and our new colorful umbrellas set the stage for a lovely event. Richard of *Monrose Catering*, and his excellent staff, provided an elegant buffet dinner, Billy Rhodes DJ'd a steady supply of lovely background music, and our raffle tickets and silent auction sent many of our guests home with great prizes.

Many thanks to all who worked hard to make this event so special, and to all our generous prize donors: Sharon Barovsky for her Palm Springs condo, *Geoffreys*, *Guido's*, *Taverna Tony*, *Mel's Diner*, *Murphy's Mobile Grooming*, *Malibu Golf Course*, *Rosenthal Wine Tasting*, *Allegria*, *Ogden Cleaners*, *Howdy's*, *Marmalade*, *Moonshadows*, *Giovanni's*, *Tra di Noi*, *The Sunset*, and *Paradise Cove Beach Cafe*.

NEW SPEED SIGN

The good news is that the two solar-powered radar speed signs already in place on Malibu Road have significantly reduced the number of speeders. The even better news is that before the

end of November we'll have sign #3 in place, further west, near the entrance to Puerco Canyon Road. All of us owe our gratitude to longtime resident Jan Currey for her *very* generous donation to our treasury, helping us pay for this vital new safety aid.

You are a wonderful neighbor, Jan!

FIRE, FIRE, FIRE!

Early Sunday morning, October 21, Mother Nature reminded us once again just who is boss. We sympathize with those whose homes were lost or damaged. Luckily, Malibu Road was spared the worst of these devil fires.

As always a giant THANK YOU to the firefighters and airmen for their fine work.

In addition, we applaud all residents who have beefed up their brush clearance – especially the folks at the east end of the road. This fire might have had a tragically different outcome if that brush had not been so effectively cleared.

Our special thanks on this count to Malibu Road resident Bob Schuster for his efforts in urging property owners along the entire length of the road to cooperate.

At Last! Trash Talk Success!

After years, countless meetings and negotiations with City and County authorities about The Trash Mess – and having to wait for the old contracts to expire until we could achieve change, victory is near! While the unsightly, ever-present containers won't vanish overnight, we're *finally* on our way to *major* improvements.

Because of pressure from the MRA Board, and backed by road-resident and City Council member Sharon Barovsky (and other parties), the contract being put forward for bids (to become effective in July 2008) stipulates the following:

- One day per week pick up of trash, green waste and recycling - a serious traffic-pollution-noise reducing benefit. Those who will be inconvenienced by the single day pickup will be able to obtain more and/or larger containers.
- Optional "Roll-out" service, wherein your containers will be removed from, and returned to their enclosures. This will enable the City to finally enforce its laws about keeping trash containers concealed, leaving our beautiful road free of these eyesores.
- Provision of a lightweight truck for house-by-house pickup from bluffside residents at the west end of Malibu Road, thus eliminating the present ugly array of bins.

A big round of applause is due to our entire Board, and especially to our President, Bill Rhodes, for their persistent efforts.

MRA HELPS FUND MALIBU LABOR EXCHANGE

The Malibu Road Association Board voted unanimously to purchase three \$100 tickets for The Labor Exchange fund raising raffle. We won a prize and promptly donated it back to this worthy group! Remember, if you need to hire occasional workers – men and women – for outside or inside work, *please* call

310.317.4717, or go on over to the hiring center in the parking lot just west of the Courthouse/Library.

SEAL LION BIZ

There have been newspaper reports about more marine deaths due to the toxins in the algae - but luckily we have not seen an increase in dead seals and /or sea lions on the beach. If you spot a beached animal that needs to be rescued, please call 310.457.WILD.

If you do see a dead seal or sea lion near your home, call the Labor Exchange (310.317.4717) and ask for someone there to bury the remains. The Road Association has trained the men and we pay for their time.

SOME VITAL CONTACT INFO

EMERGENCY, of course	911
Sheriff	310.456.6652
Fire	310.317.1122
City of Malibu	310.456.2489
Lifeguard	310.457.2525
Animal Control & Care	818.991.0071
Solid Waste (GI Industries)	800.773.2784 (pickup of oversize items/special requests)
Wildlife Rescue	310.457.WILD
Dead seal on beach burial	310.317.4717 (We contract w/the Labor Exchange for this.)
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