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MALIBU ROAD ASSOCIATION SPEARHEADS ANTI-FIRE PLAN

Led by the efforts of Board Member Doug Helm, your Road Association has begun to assemble demands that the City of Malibu, Los Angeles County and the State of California mandate measures to help ensure that there is *never* a repeat of the January 8 fire.

As most of you know, late that afternoon, a spark ignited the brush at PCH and Bluff Park. Within minutes, fueled by dense chaparral, fanned by dry, violently gusting Santa Ana winds, a wall of flames burned down to and across Malibu Road where it quickly destroyed five homes and damaged several others. Only the heroic work by our fire department and water-dropping helicopter pilots prevented this blaze from wreaking even more destruction.

Many Malibu Road residents pitched in to help rescue endangered pets and lend moral support during this terrifying event, including our own MRA Vice President, Lynn Griffin, who was instrumental in saving several trapped dogs.

The good news, in addition to the mercifully limited scope of fire damage, was that there were no significant injuries to residents or firefighters. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to all who suffered during this tragic event.

Your Malibu Road Association will continue to be vitally involved, taking an active role in making certain that *everything* possible is done to avoid a recurrence of this terrible, arguably preventable fire. *Please* join us at our Annual Meeting on March 14 (see details in adjoining article) for a lively dialogue on this and other relevant topics.

MRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7PM – MARCH 14 – BLUFF PARK

The Malibu Road Association will hold its Annual Meeting at Bluff Park meeting room on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 7pm. We urge

all Road residents to attend. We will send a bulletin soon, listing speakers and agenda. Please contact us if you have a topic you would like addressed at the meeting (310. 317.1040).

C'mon, Join Already!

First, we want to thank all of you who've supported the Road Association by paying your dues regularly. But to those who haven't, and to new residents – hey, you may not be aware of it, but your Malibu Road Association does a *lot* for you, whether you're a member or not.

From weekly cleanup of the entire road, to erecting speed signs, including the two nifty recently installed radar jobs, to being go-betweens for you with the City, County and State for your beefs and gripes, to other services, plus throwing that great annual beach party and publishing this newsletter and much more, we're *there* for you. And that includes a Board of Directors, residents all, who volunteer their time on behalf of all of us to make the Old Road a better, safer place to live – basically, helping us all to improve on Paradise.

So, whatever your problem has been with *not* signing on, *GET OVER IT!* Our dues for a full year of membership in the Malibu Road Association are still only \$100 per homeowner and \$40 per renter. Is that a deal, or what? So c'mon - PLEASE send your check today!

And on the reverse side of this Newsletter is your ballot for our Board of Directors. We thank all the Board Members for their service in 2006 and for agreeing to run again in 2007. Please mark your ballot and send it with your dues.

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