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ANNUAL BEACH PARTY SET FOR SUNDAY, SEP. 16 4-7 PM! SAVE THE DATE!!!

Mark your calendar: Sunday, September 16th, 2007, for your Malibu Road Association's always-spectacular Beach Party! You *know* this is the one party you've waited all year to attend – that great opportunity to meet and schmooze with old friends and new neighbors – so circle Sep. 16th on your calendar right now.

You'll receive an invitation with details soon, but you sure that this year's event will be better than ever and will include a fabulous picnic style buffet dinner, drinks poured by our own expert bartenders, silent auction and raffle with outstanding local restaurant & merchant deals, music, fun, sun, surf and so much more.

If you have any questions or suggestions - or if you'd care to donate something for our raffle or silent auction, please call 310.317.1040.

MRA TO INSTALL 3rd SPEED SIGN!

Because our two solar-powered electronic speed signs are doing such an excellent job of reminding drivers to slow down and obey the 25 mph limit, your Road Association Board has voted to install a third sign, further west on Malibu Road. We're currently exploring possible sites for this new sign. As you may recall, the MRA paid for the first sign, and a very generous neighbor purchased the second one.

We will again be seeking the City's help with the permit/installation part of the process and we're asking for YOUR help to pay for this new sign. The total cost is about \$7000, and we welcome any contributions.

TRASH UPDATE

In case you've forgotten – though with all those containers in constant view that's hard to imagine – the City will soon begin negotiating a new trash-hauling contract. Your Road Association President Bill Rhodes will be on the negotiation committee and well-positioned to ensure that the new agreement meets all of our requirements.

Among the demands being stipulated by the MRA is that the contractor provide "valet" service, wherein someone from the hauling company will remove trash containers from their enclosures, place them at the fogline so that the trucks can empty them, and then return the containers to their enclosures. This service is a necessity in part because of the increased number of homes along the road that are not occupied full-time.

Once this new contract is in place, we will be asking the City to enforce the already-in-place regulations about keeping the containers out of sight, thus at long, long last eliminating this maddening eyesore.

DUES-R-DUE!

It's that time again. Many thanks to all of you who have joined our group and paid your dues – only \$100 for the year, and what a bargain! We provide speed signs, other signage, weekly road cleanup, advocacy/liaison with City, County and State, and a place for you to air your concerns and gripes. Our board Members volunteer their time – for all of us, so c'mon –

join the Malibu Road Association – and if you can afford the time, we'd love to have your help!

One big challenge your Association faces is finding a way to reach all of the newer Malibu Road residents/owners. If we can't find them we can't ask them to join. So, if you live near a new resident who may not know about us – PLEASE give us a heads-up about them (and, if you can, tell them about us) and we will send a special welcoming letter. Or if you are moving, please tell the new owner how great we are and give us their name(s) for our records.

If you receive a dues request with this newsletter, it is because our records show you have not yet paid the 2007 dues. PLEASE join and send your check today.

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 who 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.

ROAD ASSOCIATION PLANS WEBSITE

Your Malibu Road Association is investigating the acquisition and design of our own website. This will enable us to provide immediate news to all residents about important Road issues – as well as serving as a neighborhood bulletin board for less urgent, but always interesting local events, and via E-mail, it will permit quick, inexpensive communication both from the Association, and from members.

On a related note, as you may have noticed, the Post Office now charges \$.41 to deliver a letter – which comes to more than \$100 for every Association mailing – so we look forward to

having an E-mail address for almost everyone (Mary G. we promise to always use a stamp for you!). If you have any suggestions or comments about this, please call us (310.317.1040) or send an e-mail to MalibuRoad@charter.net.

SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS & MAILING ADDRESSES

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

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