



From the President:

A new season is about to begin, and we, your advisors, hope you had an enjoyable summer whether you spent it in Palm Springs or somewhere else. We have a number of activities planned for the upcoming season, beginning with our Fall Business Meeting and Social, both on October 31.

The business meeting will be dedicated to guest speakers addressing issues such as the Wellness Park, Traffic Calming, Neighborhood Watch and other subjects of common interest to The Movie Colony residents.

The ensuing social event is designed to be fun and lively, and it will give everyone a chance to meet their neighbors and strike up interesting relationships. This is a unique opportunity to firmly establish a warm and meaningful camaraderie among The Movie Colony residents.

Please let us know what we, as your advisory committee, can do to further enhance the great value and enjoyment we all share by living in The Movie Colony.

Diane Ahlstrom

The Movie Colony FALL BUSINESS MEETING

The Fall 2004 Business Meeting of The Movie Colony Neighborhood Organization will be held on Sunday, October 31, 2004, at the Katherine Finchy School at the corner of Avenida Cabelleros and Tachevah.

A tentative agenda for the 1 p.m. meeting at Katherine Finchy School covers the following items:

- Treasurer's report
- Neighborhood update
- Wellness Park update
- Street Changes (Ogburn)
- Neighborhood Watch (police representative)
- neighborhood/city relationships (city councilperson, with discussion of new ordinance)

Road paving status
Progress on Indian Canyon hotels (city planning rep)

Shirts with The Movie Colony logo and maps of The Movie Colony will be for sale at the Business Meeting and Social. Informational materials about matters that affect the neighborhood will also be available.

LET'S HAVE FUN AND MEET OUR NEIGHBORS!!

All residents The Movie Colony are cordially invited to attend a backyard barbecue at the home of Joy Barba and Sue Loversky, 354 Valmonte Sur, October 31, 2004, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Your association will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. This casual event will provide you with the opportunity to get to know your neighbors and to kick back and enjoy some delicious home cooking. If you would like to bring a guest from outside the colony a minimal contribution of \$5.00 per person is requested. Don't be afraid to come in costume if you wish—after all, it will be Halloween. We look forward to seeing you there, please RSVP to 760-327-8077 or e-mail SNathan387@aol.com to let us know you are coming. Special thanks to Joy and Sue for opening their home to us.



MEMBERSHIP. The Movie Colony has some 170 residences within its boundaries; this newsletter goes to all. We now have 71 contributions to The Movie Colony Neighborhood Organization. Make your contribution now!

Make a contribution to The Movie Colony and be sure to get the full benefits provided. Use the application form near the back of this newsletter. Your contribution will help greatly in ways that will aid you, your neighbors, and nearby property values.

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Feel free to communicate your questions and interests to any of the advisors at any time. We need your input to help the community. You can just e-mail moviecolony@earthlink.net if you wish.

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WHAT IS THE MOVIE COLONY NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION?

. . . a non-profit, neighborhood organization consisting of residents within the boundaries of Avenida Cabelleros on the east, Indian Canyon on the west, Alejo on the south, and Tacheva on the north. The purpose of this organization is to work to improve the livability and character of our neighborhood. The advisors interface with all residents through newsletters, meetings, phone, e-mail, and person-to-person contact to gather information and communicate concerns and needs to city officials. The small contribution asked goes to support these activities, and the advisors receive only the expenses they incur in these activities.

Two important factors in the success of neighborhood organization like The Movie Colony are COMMUNICATION and INVOLVEMENT. The newsletter, as well as e-mail for those who have provided an e-mail address, are ways we COMMUNICATE with all the households in The Movie Colony.

INVOLVEMENT means helping to achieve the goals of The Movie Colony by assisting in social activities, serving as an advisor when the present terms expire, making an annual contribution, and by communicating your interests, concerns, and questions. Also, be INVOLVED by sending your ideas for the newsletter to moviecolony@earthlink.net or by contacting

Warren Weber, Newsletter Editor, at 760-327-1044 or any advisor.

Advisors at City Hall. We have attended monthly meetings of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and Public Participation (ONIPP) at City Hall. These meetings are also attended by advisors from the other neighborhoods in Palm Springs, and six or seven groups are already functioning or are in development. The mayor, city council members, and staff are strongly in favor of these organizations and many great ideas are exchanged.

New Ordinance. In meetings held during the spring and summer, a Palm Springs City Ordinance was formulated for possible passage by the City to give neighborhood organizations a clearer role in city operations not available through regular city council actions. One concern that the neighborhoods want stressed is the early, timely notification of new projects.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW IN THE MOVIE COLONY?

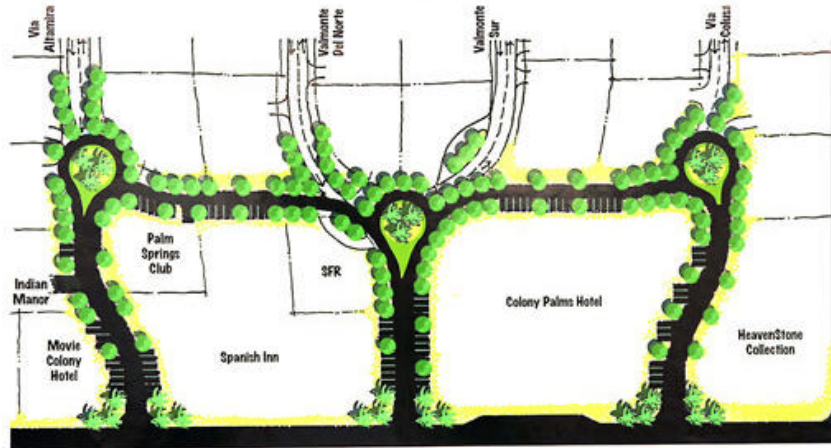
You may have wondered what is happening at the corner of Tachevah and Via Miraleste, the site of the old Katherine Finchy portable school rooms which has been vacant land for a few years. Plans are to have a new Wellness Park and this has been reported in the local paper. Wayne Soucy of the Desert Healthcare District will talk at the business meeting on October 31 about the latest status of this park, but it can be said that the new oasis of peace and quiet across from the hospital will have meditation and healing gardens, memorials, jogging path, exercise stations, and educational displays. More on this at the Business Meeting.



ROAD CLOSURES AND CHANGES

Road Closure. A road closure has been successfully implemented at the west end of El Alameda. Advisor Bob Evans spent countless hours managing to get this road closure and helping to reduce unwanted traffic and activity in The Movie Colony.

Road changes are planned off Indian Canyon near the Spanish Inn, The Palms, and The Movie Colony Inn. Via Colusa, Granvia Valmonte, and Via Altamira would get traffic-calming arrangements if this proposal were approved. It's just in the planning stage. More on this at the Business Meeting.



Movie Colony Traffic Calming Proposal



Bob Evans and Diane Ahlstrom have spent a considerable amount of time talking with city officials about road closures and about the re-paving of roads. Some of the streets in The Movie Colony are in a bad state of repair and re-paving is in the works—it's just a matter of time and budget, but they're keeping on top of it.

The City has a list of all the new projects in Palm Springs available to anyone (Look for the title—Development Projects Update from the Department of Planning & Zoning—which was on yellow paper the last time I looked, and development is moving along at a rapid pace. The list is available at City Hall and is updated regularly. Many people feel that new project information is not being communicated, but it is all out there.

The Palm Springs Information Line

Call 760.322.8340 for recorded general information, city operations, airport, animals, arts, building and construction, business, and community and downtown development.

Palm Springs Activities Affecting Neighborhoods

Motorcycle Weekend. American Heat, the PS Motorcycle Weekend will be held this year in the parking lot just west of the Wyndam Hotel and east of the Hilton this year. Event hours are 8 am to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday October 8 and 9 and 8 am to 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, 2004.

Lighted Crosswalk. The first lighted pedestrian crosswalk in Palm Springs was installed earlier this year on Tachevah Drive between Indian Canyon and Via Miraleste. Flashing lights will be activated when pedestrian pushes a button on either side of the street.

Dog Licenses. Palm Springs dog owners are required to get a license for their pets or face a fine. Owners can bring a current rabies vaccination and neuter/spay certificate to the Palm Springs Animal Shelter or to the cashier at City Hall (3200 Tahquitz Canyon Way) or mail to city hall. The license is only \$5 for those 60 years or more if their pet is altered or \$50 is unaltered. Under 60 owners pay \$15 for altered dogs and \$50 for unaltered dogs. A low-cost shot clinic will be available in October. Call the city for dates and times.

Events For The Rest of 2004

Fall Concert in the Park. Tuesdays at Sunrise Park during the Fall.

PS Pride Festival and Parade. November 6 and 7, downtown.

Veterans Day Parade. November 11, downtown.

Vintage Corsa Corvair Show. November 12-14, Pavilion Field.

Desert Art Center Art Show. November 26-28, Frances Stevens Park.

Marina Cat Club Show. November 27 12 noon, PS Pavilion

Festival of Lights. Downtown (Palm Canyon) December 4, after dark.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Show. PS Pavilion, December 4-5.

Palm Canyon Theater Arts Show. December 11-12, Frances Stevens Park.

THE PALM SPRINGS WEB SITE

For more information, phone numbers and contacts and the latest news about Palm Springs, visit the web site at—

http://www.ci.palm-springs.ca.us/index_alt.html

SHIRTS FOR SALE

Shirts with collars and great white material will have The Movie Colony Logo embroidered (I guess that's the term) on them and will be for sale for \$25 at the Business Meeting and thereafter. This is a way of creating a sense of community and getting a great shirt at a reasonable price. The logo will look like this but will be approximately 3 inches by 3 inches in size.



The Movie Colony MAPS FOR SALE

The map shows all homes within the boundaries by street address and those which have had noted personalities living there in the past. It's in color, on good paper, large sized, and suitable for framing. An 8.5 x 14" copy will be given out to the first 100 people attending the Business Meeting and Social, and a large, framed color copy will also be available to view for those wishing to order.



The sample map shown here isn't very readable, but gives you an idea of it. Full-color 13"x19" maps will be available for sale, and if there's interest, larger sizes may be made produced.

If you are unable to attend the Business Meeting or Social Event on October 31 and still wish to purchase a shirt or map, you can do so by contacting any of the advisors or writing moviecolony@earthlink.net.

We're also investigating glasses with The Movie Colony logo on them for sale. Let us know if you think this is something in which you'd be interested.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The advisors have taken steps to install a Neighborhood Watch program in The Movie Colony.

Neighborhood Watch signs are placed in a number of locations and more will be installed. But, what REALLY makes a Neighborhood Watch successful is active participation by the residents. A police representative will discuss how to best do Neighborhood Watch at the Business Meeting.

There have been a number of crimes within the boundaries of The Movie Colony in recent months and better awareness on the part of all of us might have prevented some of them. Certainly, active participation can reduce crime. Getting to know one's neighbors and applying rules of observation can help stop crime before it can occur.

ALERT!!! Watch Out For This Burglar's Trick. A technique recently used by criminals in The Movie Colony has been to cut telephone wires of homes with alarms. This can render the alarms useless and the burglars get away with the goods. Some alarm systems have a way of avoiding this shortcoming. Check with your alarm company about systems that have backups that do not rely on the phone system wiring.

City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Watch

The City of Los Angeles has a web site with Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention Tips, which is excerpted below, and you can find much more!:

http://www.lapdonline.org/get_involved/neighborhood_watch/neighborhood_watch_main.htm

Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch is the cornerstone of the LAPD's crime prevention strategy. The Neighborhood Watch program calls upon residents to step forward and assist the police in organizing the community into a cohesive unit working toward the goal of building a safer, crime-free neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch groups discuss neighborhood crime problems with the objective of developing solutions to local problems. Los Angeles Police Officers supply crime information to neighborhood watch organizations and instruct these groups in various crime prevention techniques.

Crime Prevention at Home

- Install quality deadbolt locks on all exterior doors and use them.
- Remember a small chain between the door and doorjamb is not safe. It can be easily broken and pulled out.
- Install quality locks on all windows and use them.
- When a window is left open for ventilation, keep the opening small enough to prevent entry.
- Install a wide-angle viewer in the doors at all entrances to see who is outside without opening the door.
- Remove or trim shrubbery that hides doors and windows so neighbors or passersby can see someone trying to break into your home.
- Light the outside of your home to discourage prowling or loitering. Use outside floodlights for all entryways, pathways, stairwells and laundry, trash and parking areas. Connect outside lights to a timing device, motion detector or a light sensitive switch so lights switch on automatically during hours of darkness.
- Make a decision about installing an alarm system only after considering such factors as the cost, the reputation of the company and the likelihood of false alarms.
- A watchdog offers additional protection.

If A Stranger Is At Your Door

- Never indicate you are home alone.
- When home alone never open your door to a stranger.
- Use your wide-angle viewer to see who is at your door.
- Do not open the door to anyone you do not know without first verifying the person's identity. This includes police officers, repair, delivery or salespersons, and political or charity volunteers.
- Ask to see identification.
- Have the person slip their identification card under the door. If you have any doubts about the person, look up the telephone number in the telephone directory and call the company or agency the person claims to represent.
- Do not rely on telephone numbers given to you by strangers at your door, the telephone number they give you could be an accomplice.
- Do not open the door to a stranger requesting help or the use of your telephone. Offer to make the telephone call yourself while the stranger waits outside.
- When a package is delivered, ask that the parcel be left outside the door. Receipts that require a signature can be slipped under the door. Open the door and pick up the package only when you are positive the delivery person has left.
- Children should be trained not to answer the door.
- Place only your first initial and last name on mailboxes and building directories. Consider listing a fictitious roommate if you live alone.
- List only your first initial and last name in the telephone directory. Do not list your address.
- Engrave all your valuable property. Keep a record of the serial numbers of valuable equipment. Photograph or videotape other valuables. Keep photographs, videotapes and records of serial numbers separate from your valuables in a safe at home or in a safe-deposit box.
- Before moving into a new residence change the locks. Previous tenants may still have keys.
- Always lock your door, even if you leave your home for just a few minutes.
- Keep venetian blinds and curtains closed, especially at night. Leave lights on in two or more rooms to indicate the presence of other persons.

- Have telephone numbers for emergencies, such as the LAPD, fire and paramedic services on every telephone instrument in the house.

PROPERTY VALUES IN THE MOVIE COLONY

For your information, Lisa Cavanaugh has provided a Comparative Market Analysis of local homes listed, pending, or sold. It is hoped that regularly providing this information can help everyone's understanding of the real estate market. Fewer homes are available for sale than in

our last newsletter, but prices are still very

good.

PROPERTY VALUES—A high correlation exists with the ability of the neighborhood to provide desirable living. In recent years property values in The Movie Colony© have increased quite a bit, as they have in most of Southern California. If everyone gets involved in the neighborhood and keeps up one's own property, the likelihood of continued increases in value is greater.

The Movie Colony
Membership Application *

Our **annual** contribution is: (circle one): \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other _____

Name/s _____

Address _____

Mailing Address (If Different) _____

Phones: Main: _____ Cell: _____

Fax: _____ Out of Town: _____

E-Mail Address _____

YES, I/we want to be involved in The Movie Colony neighborhood organization by:

● Attending social events such as _____

● Lending my expertise in: _____

● Serving on the advisory board _____

● Other _____

RETURN TO: *The Movie Colony*
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PALM SPRINGS, CA 92263

If you have questions, wish to provide input, please contact us at this address or e-mail to moviecolony@earthlink.net or call Warren Weber @ 760-327-1044

Use another sheet of paper, if necessary

*Regular (voting) members must be owners of residences within the boundaries of *The Movie Colony* (Indian Canyon, Alejo, Avenida Cabeleros, and Tachevah). The by-laws also allow for associate members (business firms, renters, or those outside boundaries) which have all the privileges of regular members, as indicated in the bylaws, except for voting and holding positions on the advisory board.

The Movie Colony

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