

STARLIGHT MESA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Starlight Mesa Homeowner's Association's Newsletter – a longtime tradition in the Mesa. It is published frequently to let all our residents know of news and events in our Starlight Mesa community. Your contributions and suggestions are always welcome. Just send them to the Board of Governors at: starlightmesahoa@gmail.com.

Other avenues for news about the Mesa can be found on:

- Starlight Mesa Homeowners Association webpage at: <http://www.starlightmesa.org>
- Starlight Mesa Neighbors private group page on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2148714232117650>

SWIMMING POOL

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage in LA County and across the nation, we are pleased that we are able to keep our community swimming pool open for our residents to enjoy because everyone has been observing the new pool usage guidelines (For the detailed list, please see www.starlightmesa.org). Thank you for helping to keep us all safe – wear a mask and social distance and wash your hands frequently!

And a special thanks to our pool committee, especially chairman Nathan Fan and member Jason Pardo: Jason installed a new hot water heater for the pool house, fixed the fence and otherwise cleaned up the pool equipment area; and Nathan has been monitoring the adherence to the new usage guidelines and orchestrated repairs to the solar heating system.

MESA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual meeting of residents and the election of new Board of Governors will be held on Saturday, December 5th at 2 pm. We are planning on a virtual meeting – *Mark Your Calendars*

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS – NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Our community, the Starlight Mesa Homeowners Association (of which each of you is a 1/90th owner), is required to have in place a volunteer Board of Governors, made up of five residents who are elected each year at the Annual Meeting. In the early years of the Mesa, the Board members were very active in the operation of the business aspects and maintenance of the Association's assets (parks, courts and pool) – they kept the books, mailed the quarterly dues statements, performed physical maintenance on

the facilities, conducted social events and held welcoming events for new residents. Fifty years ago, and in a very different world, they were enthusiastic members of a band-new community with a lot of spare time to contribute. As the years have progressed, the world has changed, and people got much busier, more and more of the Board's responsibilities have been transferred to a professional management organization. This is not unexpected as the community has matured and new residents replaced the original group, who had much more flexible time schedules.

However, the Board's responsibilities remain, and as the elected stewards of the community property, aesthetics, and values, the Board's responsibilities have grown in some areas, with the aging of the community's assets. Many Mesa assets are over 50-years old now: the common area landscaping, the lower playground, the tennis court and the pool. Fortunately, caring Boards have continued to modernize our pool house, replace our upper playground equipment, and renew our basketball court – all welcome improvements to our community. Future board activity will include, but not be limited to, repairing and improving recreation facilities, ongoing maintenance of landscaping, brush clearance for fire safety, renovations to the pool (the Mesa's most valuable asset), as well as to work to update our CC&Rs.

Each resident, as a 1/90th owner of our community, has a vested interest in ensuring that the community funds, property, and assets are responsibly managed. Five of us, each year, have the opportunity to do our part to fulfill our responsibility by giving the gift our time to our community, while contributing to a legacy of our lives in the Mesa.

As we quickly approach the time of the year when Board Members are selected, all members of the community are strongly encouraged to volunteer to serve alongside our neighbors on the board. In recent years, with the changes in ownership and increasingly busy lives of the members of our community, the number of candidates on our annual board election ballot has decreased significantly. This has had an impact on our ability to elect a complete board of five members, resulting in the “skeleton” crew of three board members for 2020. In order to be effective and appropriate stewards of our community and maintain the quality and value of our properties, and of the commonly owed assets, we must all participate.

Now is the time for us to engage and move our community forward, and generate real enthusiasm among all members, especially our newest members, not just maintain, but to grow and enhance the community.

There are five positions on the Board each with a one-year term and position assignments determined by the mutual agreement of the five members.

Each community member has recently received a letter announcing the Annual Meeting and soliciting candidates for the Board. PLEASE take this opportunity to consider how you can contribute to our community and, if you are able, PLEASE send in your name or nominate a neighbor to be a candidate for the 2021 Starlight Mesa Board of Governors.

REMINDERS TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ATTRACTIVE

In order to keep our neighborhood looking first class, we remind you that your CC&R's require you to "maintain your lots...in a clean, sanitary and attractive condition..." The Association helps you to do this by mowing, raking, trimming, and weeding in your front yards, but it is the responsibility of each member of the community to ensure that your landscaping is given sufficient water to keep it attractive looking and growing well. There are a few lots that could use a bit more water.

If you notice any defects in the Mesa's assets (broken stuff at the playgrounds or pool or courts), or problems with the common landscaping, please let the Board know ASAP at: starlightmesahoa@gmail.com

Please wait until late in the day before trash collection (typically Thursdays) before placing your bins out on the street, and please don't let them stay on the street longer than the collection day. Also, trash cans are to be placed "in" the street at the curb and not on the sidewalk where they will be in the way of community members walking in the neighborhood.

RESERVATIONS FOR RECREATION AREAS

Reservations for group use of the pool and parks are temporarily suspended until the COVID-19 reopening guidelines allow.

NEW DIRECTORY

A directory of Mesa residents was e-mailed to all residents in August. If you didn't receive yours or need another copy or need to inform us of a correction, please send a note to: starlightmesahoa@gmail.com

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

If you have special requests for your front yard maintenance or you observe other situations requiring maintenance by the Homeowners Association, please direct your request to our management company, Cardinal Management, at 323-349-0865 or peterr@cardinalmg.com

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETINGS

Virtual meetings of the Board of Governors are held one a month. See the Mesa website at www.starlightmesa.org for the time, date and sign-in information for the meeting. Everyone is welcome to participate. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the website. The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 21st at 7 pm.

