

Marquez Knolls

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Summer/Fall 2009

ACS Brings Back Community Block Party

ACS Security has made a commitment to stay in Marquez Knolls as our dedicated patrol service, and as part of that commitment the company is sponsoring our Community Block Party: Food, music, balloons, fun for the kids and much more.

LAFD, LAPD, and several dignitaries will make presentations

our merchants we are delighted to be able to bring the party back to our community.

This event will take place along the business district on Marquez Avenue. We have invited our merchants to participate with sidewalk sales and displays.

Please mark your calendar, and



Marquez Knolls Block Party

Community Awareness Day

Sunday, September 20

11:00am — 3:00pm

Program Starts at 1:00pm

Marquez Business District

*Food • Balloons • Clowns • Face Painting
Music • Disaster Awareness • ACS Information
Merchant Booths • LAPD • Fire Department • City
and County Dignitaries*

*Sponsored by ACS Security: Marquez Knolls
24-hour Dedicated Patrol Service and Participating
Marquez District Businesses*

and be available for questions and answers.

In past years, this event was the highlight of the summer and fun for the entire family. With the help of ACS and the support of

plan to join your neighbors for an enjoyable afternoon in our little paradise called Marquez Knolls.

*See You at the Block Party,
Haldis Toppel
MKPOA President*



ACS Took a Chance

ACS Security agreed to take a chance to provide a 24-hour dedicated patrol service to Marquez Knolls for \$40 per month/per household without the guarantee of a minimum number of subscribers.

If 413 out of our 1250 homeowners participate, costs are covered, unfortunately, we are not quite there yet.

If more neighbors sign up we will receive a deduction in subscriber fees, if not we will have to expand the dedicated car era.

Please support our neighborhood so we can keep seeing the "yellow" trucks in our neighborhood frequently and to be guaranteed response time in minutes at a reasonable cost. Please consider joining ACS Security today.

MKPOA Annual Meeting Highlights

HOSPITALITY

The Marquez Knolls Property Owners Association (MKPOA) annual meeting was held on May 6, 2009 at the Marquez Charter School. Over 100 members and residents attended the meeting and enjoyed the refreshments arranged by Karin Fintzy and her hospitality team, Lou Del Pozzo, Silgia Grassl, and Janet Turner.

We were honored by the representative of our City Councilman Bill Rosendahl's office, Norman Kulla, and by LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's representative, Ben Saltsman. Fire Station 23 Captain Dan Tompson brought his entire crew. LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Michael Moore was scheduled to receive the MKPOA Community Service Award, but was detained by an emergency. He received it later (*see AWARDS pg. 4*).

ELECTIONS

The election of the MKPOA officers was the first order of business. (*see 2009-2010 Board Members pg. 2*) A previously published slate of officers was distributed. Janet Turner nominated Louise Martin as an additional Board member. Louise had attended several MKPOA meetings in the past. Louise and her husband Bob had taken a leadership role in pursuing the implementation of the Marquez Knolls dedicated patrol service and they are members of the Dedicated Patrol Committee. The slate was adopted unanimously.

INTRODUCING ACS

A committee of two Board members and numerous

Marquez Knolls residents had previously interviewed five private patrol companies to provide reliable and cost effective 24 hrs. dedicated patrol within the boundaries of Marquez Knolls and had chosen ACS as the preferred provider. Haldis Toppel introduced ACS President, Al



MKPOA Board Members Janet Turner, Silgia Grassl, Jackie Lee and Karin Fintzy.

Radi, and his staff. She stressed that a patrol service supplements LAPD and coordinates with them, but no patrol service can replace the City's law enforcement officers.

BILL ROSENDAHL'S OFFICE

Norman Kulla, L.A. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl's District Director, announced that Rosendahl could not attend because he is a member of the L.A. City Council Budget and Finance Committee. Rosendahl has been working hard to balance the city's budget; the city faces a shortfall of \$530 million. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa presented his budget on April 20, and the Budget and Finance Committee started hearings April 27. Kulla said the gap will have to be filled, possibly with 2,800 layoffs, which will affect city services. The city is also asking that all of its employees take a 10 percent pay

cut, which would result in a \$230 million savings. Because of the budget crisis, the 50/50 program, where residents pay 50 percent and the city pays 50 percent to repair the sidewalks, will be cancelled. The mayor has proposed selling the city's parking lots, which would net \$80 million

this year, and transferring money from the Special Parking Revenue Fund (used for building new parking structures) to the General Fund. This would mean, there would not be funding for a parking structure near the Palisades Village. In addition, the City Council voted to extend the hours for parking meters to help

cover the budget shortfall, and Rosendahl supported this decision. Kulla encouraged the community to contact Councilman Bill Rosendahl's office with their complaints or concerns. (213) 473-7011.

FIRE STATION 23

Captain Dan Thompson of Fire Station 23 reported that the fire department will begin surveying Marquez Knolls to make sure residents have done brush clearance. Residents will need to comply by June 1, and they can visit www.lafd.org for more information on compliance. The fire department's Web site also has the disaster plan for an earthquake. Thompson informed the audience that the firefighters recently placed tsunami evacuation signs on the coast encouraging people to reach a higher elevation in the event of a tsunami.

MKPOA Annual Meeting (cont.)

Awards

Bernie Rosenloecher received the MKPOA Heroism Award for protecting the neighborhood against two aggressive Pit Bulls that had viciously attacked him and mortally wounded his Doberman Pincher, Zeke, before Bernie could drive them off his property. Plagued by concerns of additional attacks, and ignoring his own safety, he gave chase to the dogs and cornered one of them to let LA City Animal Control take over.

Karin Fintzy, outgoing MKPOA Vice President, was honored with the President's Award for her more than 20 years of service. Karin has agreed to stay as advisor to help with next year's annual meeting.

Michael Moore, LAPD Senior Lead officer, received the MKPOA Community Service Award at the Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) meeting in August. An emergency prevented him from attending the MKPOA Annual Meeting. He received the appreciation plaque to the applause of many Westside community leaders, and his peers and supervisors. C-PAB is an advisory board to LAPD, made up of civic leaders in West Los Angeles, Brentwood, and Pacific Palisades. Kurt and Haldis Toppel will represent MKPOA at C-PAB in the future.

Stan Sevilla The audience observed a moment of silence to remember this long-time member and supporter of MKPOA. His wife Lois and two daughters attended the annual meeting.

SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE

Ben Saltsman, LA County Zev Yaroslavsky's Planning Deputy Supervisor, reported that the entire LA County Board of Supervisors, was in Washington D.C. to assure that L.A. County gets its fair share of federal funding. The county is committed to public transportation for a high speed train from San Francisco to LA, and in the Metro-Expo Line, that will travel from the University of Southern California to Santa Monica.

The County is also addressing the homeless crisis by partnering with the City of L.A. and private organizations to start Project 50, which provided housing for 50 homeless people living near downtown. Yaroslavsky is asking for funding to create Project 500. Yaroslavsky is also focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions by promoting the use of solar panels. The County's Web site <http://lacounty.solarmap.org/> shows the savings of solar panels on roofs. Saltsman encouraged the audience to visit the Web site.

GROWING UP IN MARQUEZ KNOLLS IN THE 50s

The highlight of the evening was the panel of Marquez Knolls "old-timers" bring back old memories, nostalgia, and the history of our hills, developed by the Lachman family. The panelists attended Marquez school, where they had spent many hours in this very auditorium as children 50 some years ago. Many members of the audience shared their experiences of the 50s and 60s. Animated discussions continued long after the official close of the meeting.

Roberta Donohue, publisher of the Palisadian-Post, was five years old when she moved to Enchanted Way. She remembers beautiful palm trees lining the streets. The Lachman family had planted the trees in the new residential neighborhood. She loved riding her bike and playing with friends. She attended the newly opened Marquez Elementary School.

Sherry Avalos talked about how her family lost their house at 705 Enchanted Way in a landslide in 1959. The house was demolished, but most of the furniture remained intact. She even gave a coffee table from that house to her son.

Steve Lachman, son of Mel and Charlotte Lachman marveled that his uncle, Earl Lachman, spearheaded the plan to build houses in Marquez Knolls with only an eighth grade education. Steve attended Marquez Elementary, Paul Revere Middle School and Palisades High School. He said growing up in Marquez Knolls was "the best upbringing anyone can ask for."

Crystal Prichard's mother Lila Lachman still lives on Lachman Lane in a home that is 56 years old. Prichard recalled riding horses on Sunset, singing Christmas carols on El Medio and getting polio vaccines at Marquez Elementary School. She said that she has a great sense of pride in her father and his brothers for developing the family-friendly residential neighborhoods in Marquez Knolls. She said her father and his brothers treasured the area and all those who bought a house from them.

Graffiti Plagues Marquez Knolls

For generations, teenagers have trekked up Lachman Lane, walked up the fire road to reach the "Top of the World". While the pristine views are still visible, the pathway is marred with graffiti, cigarette butts, beer cans and trash.

Regrettably, the graffiti is now showing up throughout Marquez Knolls and beyond. But MKPOA is keenly aware of the unsightly tagging and is working aggressively to clean-up the graffiti. The organization is working in conjunction with LAPDs anti-gang unit, graffiti clean-up team along with ACS security.

Neighbors are now alerting MKPOA of the tagging and taking



Graffiti, trash, and cigarette butts on top of Lachman Lane

pictures which are then sent immediately to LAPD so the graffiti can be painted over.

If you see any graffiti in our neighborhood, please report it to MKPOA board member Sylvia Boyd at syljonboyd@aol.com or call 310 454-9556. Graffiti can also be reported to LAPD by calling the City's 311 information line.

2009-10 Board Members

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Haldis Toppel	President	310 454-8060
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Please consider joining Marquez Knolls Property Owners Association. A remit envelope has been included. Dues are only \$40 per year.



Marquez Knolls Home Sales 2009 vs. 2008* Brought to you by Michael Edlen.com

	Number Sold	Ave Sale Price Per Sq Ft	Number of Active Homes
2009	14	\$640	27 (as of 8/25/09)
2008	23	\$754	20 (as of 8/25/08)

Number of Sales	39% Lower
Ave Price/Sq Ft	15% Lower
Active Inventory	35% Higher

As of Wednesday, August 25th the lowest-priced available home in Marquez Knolls was a 2 bedroom, 1 bath on Livorno being offered at \$895,000. The highest-priced property is a 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath on Akron Street offered at \$3,000,000. The lowest sale price so far this year was a 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath on Marquez Ave (\$1,200,000). The highest sale so far this year was a 5 bedroom, 4 bath on El Hito Place (\$3,000,000).

*Statistic based upon M.L.S. records of Single Family Residences ONLY

MARQUEZ KNOLLS BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Marquez Knolls Property Owners Association supports local businesses located within the Marquez Knolls community. The merchants listed below are business members of MKPOA and share in our vision of protecting and enhancing the quality of life in our community. Many of them offer goods and services to Marquez Knolls residents and may require identification for redemption.

<p>Alicia's Place Childcare 670 Via Santa Ynez • (310) 459-0750 <i>Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm</i> www.alicias-place.com for Loving Care</p>	<p>Alper Music School 707 Jacon Way • (310) 454-0160 <i>37 Years of Enthusiastic Students & Happy Parents</i> <i>Kids Jazz Band, Private Lessons</i> www.AlperMusic.com</p>
<p>Bailey Electric Company 16640 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-5575 <i>Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm</i> <i>Residential Electric Service and Repairs</i></p>	<p>Michael Edlen Real Estate (310) 230-7373 <i>Michael@MichaelEdlen.com</i> <i>Marquez Knolls Resident for More than 30 Years</i></p>
<p>Ideas Studio 16650 Marquez Ave. • (310) 573-7190 <i>Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-6:00pm Weekends: Parties Only</i> <i>Toddler Enrichment, Preschool, Birthday Parties</i></p>	<p>Innate Chiropractic 16624 Marquez Ave. • (310) 230-1899 <i>Mon.-Fri. 8am-6pm</i> <i>First Visit \$57 (Includes X-rays and adjustment)</i></p>
<p>Knolls Pharmacy 16630 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-6000 <i>Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-6pm Sat. 9:00am-4:00pm</i> <i>Serving All Your Prescription Needs</i></p>	<p>MAX Impact Martial Arts & Fitness 16632 ^{1/2} Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-7105 <i>Mon.-Sat. 9:00am-9:00pm</i> <i>Call Now for Your Free Private Lesson!</i></p>
<p>Moonlight Printing 670 Via Santa Ynez • (310) 657-7528 <i>Mon.-Sat. 8:30am-6:00pm</i> www.moolightprinting.com Ask for Avi</p>	<p>Oasis Palisades 16704 Bollinger Drive • (310) 454-5855 <i>Please Call for Appointment</i> <i>Spa, Massage, Acupuncture, Call for MKPOA Special</i></p>
<p>Palisades Animal Clinic 16636 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-6503 <i>Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-5:30pm</i> <i>John T. Condello, D.V.M. - UC Davis Graduate</i></p>	<p>Palisades Heating & Air Conditioning 16706 Bollinger Drive • (310) 459-5588 <i>Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm</i> <i>Free Filter with Service</i></p>
<p>Palisades Plumbing 16626 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-5548 <i>Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm</i> <i>10% Discount (if Invoice Paid on Day of Service)</i></p>	<p>Palisades Screen & Glass 16628 Marquez Ave. • (310) 459-3596 <i>Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-4:00pm</i> <i>Windows, Mirrors, Screens—Free Estimates</i></p>
<p>Paws 'n Claws Grooming Salon 16634 Marquez Ave. • (310) 459-2009 <i>Tues.-Sat. 8:00am-4:30pm</i> <i>Come In and Get 10% Off Your First Visit</i></p>	<p>Ronny's Park Lane Cleaners 16648 Marquez Ave. • (310) 454-9789 <i>Mon.-Fri. 7:00am-6:00pm Sat. 9:00am-5:30pm</i> <i>Dry Cleaning (25% off), Alternations, Notary Svc.</i></p>
<p>Dan Urbach Prudential CA Realty 16509 Akron St. • (310) 230-3757 www.ExclusiveRealtor.com, info@DanUrbach.com <i>I Represent PEOPLE, NOT PROPERTIES!</i></p>	<p>Vittorio's Restaurant 16646 Marquez Ave. • (310) 459-9316 <i>Tues.-Sun. 4:00pm-10:00pm</i> <i>Join Us for Dinner or Take Your Meal Home</i></p>

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MKPOA in the Community



MKPOA Shows Pride at 4th of July Parade. Board Members Christy Dennis and Silgia Grassl Wave to Crowd.

MKPOA Presents Commendation to Sr. Lead Officer Michael Moore. (Left-Right) Sgt. David Podesta, Haldis Toppel, Officer Moore, Sgt. Mark Durrell and Capt. Evangelyn Nathan.



Panelist's Share Stories of Marquez Knolls at Annual Meeting in May. (Left-Right): Roberta Donohue, Sherry Avalos, Steve Lachman, and Crystal Prichard. Bottom Left: Board Members Janet Turner, Silgia Grassl and Jackie Lee. Bottom Right: Board Member Karin Fintzy and President Haldis Toppel.



MKPOA Sponsors Beauty and The Beast at Movies in the Park. Board Members Christy Dennis and Kurt Toppel address the crowd of more than 600.

