

# Monument Manor Neighborhood Association - 2022 Annual Meeting

## President's Report – Bill Gilman

Thank you and Welcome!

Thank you to all the members of MMNA who contributed time, funds, and resources to help keep our neighborhood in great shape this past year.

1. A special thank you to **Will Harner**, who has dedicated his time and effort to drag our roads after rainstorms for many years. This maintenance is extremely important in keeping our roads.
2. We'd also like to thank **Mike and Denise McKay** (Uphill Rd.) for their efforts after the July 30<sup>th</sup> rainstorm. They spent money out of their own pocket to make grading and berm repairs to the roads at the corner of Uphill and Singletree.

Welcome to all of our new neighbors!

### **Change of Insurance Provider & Policy**

After our previous insurance agent changed companies, we were trying to get questions answered about the actual type of coverage that we had, in particular confirming that if any damage to property occurred as a result of the work being done on the roads by our vendors or volunteers. We had trouble getting information from that company, so I recommended we get a quote from Ambere St. Rose from Crimson Insurance, who specializes in some more uncommon types of insurance, like ours is.

Her quote came in less than our previous provider, and confirmed the type of coverage we needed, unlike the other quote. It made for a pretty easy decision. So, we switched insurance companies and are now covered by Crimson Insurance.

### **Mailbox Availability**

Currently there are no security mailboxes available in the cluster box unit at the corner of Quail Springs Rd. and Uphill Rd. If you would like to place your name on a waiting list for a mailbox, please contact Linda Doyle ([Lsdoyle@earthlink.net](mailto:Lsdoyle@earthlink.net)). There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit to rent a box, and you will be provided with three keys (MMNA does not retain a key to your mailbox).

### **Acknowledgment of Passing and Moment of Silence**

As has been the custom for the past few years, we will dedicate a moment of silence at the 2022 annual meeting to observe and honor the memory of those neighbors we lost this past year. Please join us in remembering these friends and neighbors:

Ceci Harner (Will Harner's wife) June 29, 2021 - Doggie Trail  
George Fisler, PhD (Janis Fisler's husband) - March 11, 2021 - Rincon  
Lupe Molina (Sean Molina's mother) Dec 22, 2021 - Rainbow Ridge

We have also included these departed friends and neighbors on the memorial page of MMNA's website: <https://www.monumentmanorneighborhood.com/in>. If you know of any other neighbor, past or present, who passed away and is not listed above, please let us know. We will add them to the list of those being remembered in the moment of silence and to MMNA's memorial webpage.

### **Alt Shelters Dwellings Short Term Rental County Ordinance**

We recently learned from Cat Celebrezze, of the Whitefeather ALT community group, that:

The County recently put in place a new special use permitting process for alternative shelter rentals that allows people to rent out "alt shelters" like yurts, tents, and trailers with port-a-potties as "sanitary provision". This permitting process is separate from the Short Term Rental ordinance and was implemented by Land Use Services without public input. You can read about it here:

<https://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/CodeEnforcement/AlternativeShelter-SpecialUsePermit.aspx>  
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Because of strong vocal opposition, the County has suspended the interim ordinance pertaining to trailers, yurts and tents. If you go to the [Short Term Rentals FAQ website](#) now, it says permits for alternative structures "cannot be issued at this time".

We also learned from Cat Celebrezze that:

- Supervisor Rowe is against the interim "Alt Shelters" ordinance.
- Opposition has kicked up an internal discussion within the Board of Supervisors about whether or not the Land Use Services Director actually has the legal authority to "back door" such an interim permitting process, without public comment or input from the Board. There are internal discussions happening and it may be that it was never legal in the first place.
- Cat Celebrezze also learned that HipCamp is lobbying HARD. According to Supervisor Rowe's office they are on top of San Bernardino Land Use Services and talking to the various Supervisors' offices all the time.
- Although Supervisor Rowe is against the interim ordinance, there are other members of the Board who have privately expressed support for it.

- It's more than likely that the issue will be brought up again, this time for public comment, either by way of a public survey or a public meeting. Cat Celebrezze has asked Supervisor Rowe's office to keep the community informed. Stay tuned for ways to get involved!

### **Dark Skies Initiative**

You might have seen the awareness postcard that we sent to the Manor residents. It was designed by Diane Kuntz. Funds to cover the printing were donated by Geary Hund, and the postage stamps were donated by Mike Michelin. Other neighbors helped apply the labels and stamps.

We are fortunate to still have fairly dark skies for viewing stars in the Monument Manor. Most of our residents are aware of the dark sky zone and appreciate our dark skies.

It helps that we are close to the park — which in 2017 was designated as an International Dark Sky Park.

Newer residents might not be aware of the harm that artificial light at night does to the environment as well... including disturbing the nocturnal sleep patterns of animals.

Please be a good neighbor and do your part by turning OFF lights or at least minimizing light's harmful effects by shielding and pointing lights downward.

### **Member Suggested Discussion Items**

Any member who wishes to introduce an item for discussion may do so.

### **Why I'm Stepping Down as President**

I will not be running for the position of president for the upcoming year, instead hoping for an At-Large position concentrating on short term rental issues.

### **Election of Officers for 2020-2021 Term**

There are five positions on the MMNA board. Each position holds a one-year term. Any individual who owns or rents property in Monument Manor may run for a seat on the MMNA board. You can identify yourself as a candidate or nominate someone else as a candidate prior to the annual meeting.

Four of the five current board members are running for re-election to the same positions they currently hold

- President: Any nominee
- Vice president: Any nominee
- Treasurer: Dan Stork; Any nominee
- Secretary: Linda Doyle; Any nominee
- Roads chair: Geary Hund; Any nominee

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to improve the lives of neighbors living in Monument Manor! It has been my privilege to serve.