



## COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

We have an email account to contact the editor and the Board: [marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com](mailto:marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com) and if you use Facebook, we have a private Facebook group for Mariana Cove (MC) that all MC residents can use to communicate on a real time basis. Just key 'mariana cove group' in the Facebook search bar. Or enter this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/marianacove/> Our website has most of the HOA information (updated regularly) <http://www.marianacove.org/> All our older HOA documents are archived on a single site <http://bit.ly/CoveDocs> For now there are three sites to find HOA information (pre 2021 Bitly.com, the HOA website, and OnSite (only recent files).

**If you received this Newsletter as a hardcopy and would be happy to get the online copy via Facebook, email, or the website, please email the editor to let him know.**

## BEARS & TRASH CANS



While this is valid at all times, but especially so during the Spring, Summer and Fall, **DO NOT put out any trash or recycle cans the night before.** We do have bears within the area (see picture left from our neighborhood) and they are attracted by the wonderful aroma of trash in our trashcans. These bears tend to be nocturnal when they wander around our neighborhood. I have a bird feeder mounted on a strong one inch wide pole that a bear bent over like a straw with no effort – happens occasionally. We do not want any encounters with bears so let's make an effort to not attract them to our neighborhood – with no food, they just go elsewhere.

If you are going to be away the morning cans need to put out, make an arrangement with your neighbor to have them put out for you. It saves the problem of trash spread out over the road and as importantly, prevents bears from becoming a nuisance, because when they become a nuisance, they are often euthanized. Even bear relocation does not work because they become easily addicted to free food scraps found in trashcans and then bother other people. Let's protect people and bears – put cans out the morning of collection only!

## SPEED AND CHILDREN AT PLAY



Speed	Thinking + Braking Distance	Stopping Distance
20mph	20ft + 20ft	40 feet
30mph	30ft + 45ft	75 feet
40mph	40ft + 80ft	120 feet

**The speed limit within MC is 25 mph**, meaning an alert person would still take 57 feet to stop (the distance of nine people laid end-end). All the kids playing in MC are aware of traffic, and parents are good at telling kids to be careful when they are playing out. But kids are kids and they easily get distracted when playing and riding. So please drive as if kids are always out on the streets in our neighborhood.



## Neighborhood Library

A reminder of the little neighborhood library in the garden (at the junction of Cove and Laurel Hill). It is a place where anyone can put books, magazines and puzzles in there, and anyone can take anything out. You do not have to exchange, but doing so keeps it continually replenished. Any problems? – let the board know.

## **COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENTS**

During the past two years we have had spasmodic gatherings in our community, where before we once had numerous reasons to get together and meet for all manner of celebration. We have several festivals yet to come this year like Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving, and Christmas in which we have traditionally held regular get-togethers. But we need volunteers to help organize such events. Other events that have been held have been Ice-Cream Socials during Summer, the Shores Summer Regatta, the Community Garage Sale, as well as the Men's luncheon and the Women's book club.

If you would like to help restart or just to help organize one of these get togethers or any others, please send an email to [marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com](mailto:marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com)

## **MAILBOX NOTICE BOXES**

A question we often get is about the post with two notice holders by each of the MC Post Office mailboxes. Please note that the top box is for use with official HOA notices (even when empty), but the lower one is for residents to use anytime, for announcements of various kinds that may be of interest to others in the HOA.

## **THE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

The Landscape Committee (LC) was reformed under the eye of board member Randy Payne (Landscape Liaison). The four other community members are Carl Bock, Beth Hemstreet, Judy Martens, and Holly Trumble. Their first order of business was to walk around the whole neighborhood and assess landscaping needs. First order needs noted were:

- There were several dead plants and bushes in established beds that need replacing.
- Several pine trees require lower and dead branches to be removed.
- While the current landscaping company is doing OK, it was decided that other companies ought to be invited to submit bids for landscaping work to be done in Mariana Cove.

If you see anything needing attention, please email the board at [marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com](mailto:marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

As always, our grateful thanks go out to all our volunteers who make that extra effort to keep the neighborhood looking beautiful and tidy. The following are the people that water and weed common areas and cul-de-sac islands. We have a list but don't know if we have everyone that is involved. If you are contributing to our neighborhood please let the editor know at [marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com](mailto:marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com)

Thanks to Dan and Dawn Wester who oversee and water Lake View garden (by the small library); Linda and Bob Bower who tend to the Garden area by the Laurel Hill Sign on Cove Dr); Josh and Lisa Lyons of Stone Church Ct who tend to the area behind their house (the large corner between the ditch and the MC west fence line), and; Carl and Jane Bock, who maintain Nature's Way (on the path by Cove Dr and opposite Mystic Owl Ct).

Thanks to Randy Payne, Richard Jurin and Dean Schatz for completing repairs in the early summer to the Mystic Owl islands that were damaged by construction trucks. Also, thanks to Ed Martens and Randy Payne for organizing, placing and filling tree water bags each month around the communal trees that are not part of the irrigation system.

And for this year, we are especially grateful to neighbors Randy Payne and Gary Bushy who formed GnR Lawn, LLC. and have been responsible for taking over responsibility for managing the weed application for the whole neighborhood. This is a project in understanding what weed application works best and is safest. Randy has also spearheaded the planning for Xeriscaping/Landscaping the rest of the islands you pass as you drive down Cove Drive. This not only reduces the amount of water we have to use but also the inefficient loss of water through runoff that has always been a problem.