

# APRIL NEWS

Monterey Park Association | | Villa Monterey 5/5A

[montereyparkassociation.com](http://montereyparkassociation.com)

## Mark your calendar

*See the website for more details*

### Upcoming Events:

April 14, Happy Hour 5:30-8,  
Bring your beverage of  
choice and an appetizer to  
share!

May 1, Board Meeting

May 5, Cinco de Mayo Party  
drinks at 5:30 p.m.  
dinner at 6:30 p.m.

\$7/person

Reservations due May 1st.

- Carolina Grandestaff

### Ongoing events:

Board Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 9 am

Coffee

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 9:30 am

Happy Hour

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 5:30 pm

Water aerobatics

2:00 pm, Wednesdays and

10:00 am, Saturdays

Call Bev Tyson for details

## 2017 HOA Board

Randy Brenckman

Don Couture

Bob Grandestaff

Sandy Mucci

Craig Sjodin

Dody Tait

Bev Tyson



Spring blossoms in Villa Monterey

## News from the board . . .

- New Ramada Furniture was purchased.
- Pool drinking fountain has been ordered.
- New pool gates were installed on April 3, your old key still works.

At the annual homeowner’s meeting, Judy Rosenthal reported that the election came close to a tie. Since there are no provisions for such a scenario, the Board proposed to amend the bylaws as follows:

- Residents in attendance at the annual meeting vote by secret ballot to select the winner.
- For second tie, both candidates will have a seat on the Board.

*Please see the website for the full board meeting minutes.*

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## Committees

Cocktails - Reggie Buzzello  
 Coffees - Madeline Krska  
 Compliance – Bev Tyson  
 Landscape Planning –  
     Sandra Barnes  
 Library – Sandra Barnes  
 Newsletter –  
     Patti Frinzi and Mike Sikes  
 Park & Ramada Maintenance –  
     Randy Brenckman.  
 Pool & Spa - Bill Mucci  
 Ramada - Gayle Sjodin  
 Real Estate - Dody Tait  
 Social Committee -  
     Carolina Grandstaff  
 Street Lighting -  
     Craig Sjodin  
 Web Page & Directory -  
     Sue Carey

## Editors



As of this month, you will notice a change in editors for the Villa Monterey 5/5A HOA newsletter. Val Bennett has moved on to attend to other commitments. Thank you, Val, for keeping us so well-informed. Mike Sikes and Patti Frinzi are humbly stepping into Val's shoes. We moved to Highland Ave. last October and have been thoroughly enjoying our new home and VM family. If you have any information to share in the newsletter, please email, text, or call us at [mspfhome@gmail.com](mailto:mspfhome@gmail.com), 805.448.7713 or 805.448.7728

## What's been happening . . .

On Saturday, April 1, we had another excellent monthly Coffee at the Ramada—fantastic pecan sticky buns. Thanks to Sandy and Karen. And a special thanks from all residents to Nancy Knoedler for her efforts to make all of our past Coffees so pleasant to attend. Nancy is stepping down and Madeline Krska is the new chair of the Coffees Committee.

Bev Tyson is now heading up the Compliance Committee. New yellow door hanger notices will be utilized to inform homeowners of needed corrections.

Reggie Buzzello is now the new hostess of the monthly Cocktail Parties. The Board and all homeowners thank Sue Carey for her many years of service. Our cocktail Parties have been a wonderful feature of our community. Sue will continue monitoring the website.

## Real Estate . . .

### Back On The Market:

4805 N. 78<sup>th</sup> Place    \$269,000

### Closed Escrow in March:

7837 E. Mariposa Dr.    \$220,000  
 7842 E. Mariposa Dr.    \$367,000  
 7832 E. Highland Ave.    \$275,000  
 7824 E. Coolidge St.    \$265,000

### In all Villa Monterey HOAs

15 homes are on the market ranging in price from \$192,900 to \$389,000  
 3 homes are under contract or pending  
*Any questions, call Dody Tait*

## Meet your neighbors . . .

Those who were on the trolley tour of old town were treated to a stop on Northland to see the beautiful yellow Packard visiting our neighborhood. Reminding us of the movie *The Yellow Rolls Royce*, we were curious to learn



more about this classy car. Our neighbor, Reggie, introduced us to Jim and Ginger Clemons, the proud owners of the 1939 Yellow Packard since 1953.

Jim bought the car in 1953 from a dealer on Central Avenue in Albuquerque for \$300. From the time they were dating through the birth of their 4 children, this Packard was their only car. They have fond memories of Sunday outings with the top down and the kids standing in the back bumping along the road to the junkyard to buy parts for it.



Ginger does not have as fond memories as Jim. She remembers it taking more than half the space in their garages in Albuquerque, Las Vegas, and Palo Cedro, CA, for the 60-plus years that they have owned the Packard. Ginger recalled a time when they were dating, Jim was late in getting Ginger home but instead of the typical running out of gas story, the clutch had broken. Jim and Ginger had to push the car in the rain into a muddy field because

Jim didn't want to leave it on the road. Ginger hurt her ankle in the process. Another time, she was driving down Central Avenue in Albuquerque with their 6-month old baby when the car vapor locked and would not move. She told Jim that was enough and he bought her a station wagon.

According to David, Jim and Ginger's son, "Dad fought to keep the car in storage my entire life until recently." Currently, Jim and Ginger's other son, John, stores the car in Queen Creek. John fully restored the car to its original condition and yellow paint. "Every screw, every bolt, every piece from the car was taken apart, stuck in a box and shelved. John hired the most credible Packard Restoration firm he could find," according to David.



John recently brought the car for a visit to surprise Jim for his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. That's when we saw the car on the trolley tour (Jim and Ginger looked out their window and were surprised by the attention!). Jim said that John and their other children take the car to shows and parades in the various towns where they live. David recently drove it from a car show in Tempe to Jim and Ginger's home in VM. People were honking and waving all the way up the 101. David says it takes a strong left leg to operate the clutch. Jim explained that the car has a thermostatic grille—the grille opens automatically like a vent to prevent the car from overheating. David says the Packard gets about the same mileage as his F150 Ford truck, about 15 miles to the gallon.

Jim and Ginger have lived in VM since September 2016 and enjoy it here. Jim loves the warm weather and eagerly awaits summertime. If you're walking along Northland, watch for future visits of the Packard.

*Do you have an interesting story, or know someone in VM who does? Let us know. Contact us via [mspfhome@gmail.com](mailto:mspfhome@gmail.com). It may appear in a future issue of Meet Your Neighbors*