

# SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWS

Monterey Park Association | | Villa Monterey 5/5A

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## Mark your calendar

*See the website for more details. The contact person is listed in your HOA directory.*

### Ongoing events:

*Water aerobatics*  
Mondays, Wednesdays, and  
Saturdays, 10:00 am,  
Bev Tyson or Sue Carey

*Bridge (friendly round robin)*  
Wednesdays, 11:15 am  
beginning October  
Ramada, if its cool enough  
bring a lunch snack  
Bev Tyson

*Mah Jong*  
Tuesdays and Thursdays,  
1:00 pm  
Ramada  
Sandy Mucci

*Brush and Bulk Collection*  
September 18  
October 16  
(see article below)

### Upcoming October Events

*Board Meeting*  
Monday, Oct 2, 9:00 am

*Community Coffee*  
Saturday, Oct 7, 9:30 am  
Featuring iced coffee  
Host: Madeline Kraska

*Cocktail Party*  
Friday, Oct 13, 5:30 pm  
Host: Reggie Buzzello

### Save the Date

*Christmas Party*, Dec 10  
details to follow in October

## News from the board . . .

### Ramada and Landscaping

The lawn did well over the summer and Randy Brenckman is working on the fall seeding schedule.

The drinking fountain has been installed near the pool and came in well under budget.

Scheduling people to trim the Palm, Olive, and Sissoo tree has been a difficult process. This year the Palm trees cost \$50 each. Neighbors who did not have their Palms trimmed have caused debris and weeding issues as the seeds blow and root in their neighbors' yards. The City requires Palm trees be trimmed by July 15 of each year. Bev Pettit and Beverly Gasson have agreed to take on the scheduling of Palm tree trimming for 2018.

The Olive and Sissoo tree were trimmed last month at a cost of \$550. Randy is working on getting these trees trimmed on a regular 6 month schedule.

### Pool & Spa

Bill Mucci provided the Board with cost proposals to replace the pool and spa heaters. The Board discussed high vs standard efficiency heaters: warranty and operational savings. The Board voted to replace the heaters with standard units.

### Historical Commission Update

Craig Sjodin has been attending ongoing meetings with other VM board presidents and the Scottsdale Historic Preservation representatives. The purpose is to condense the rules, eliminate those that don't apply to VM, and modernize for today's world. Steve Venker, Historic Preservation Officer, said they hope to finalize and disseminate the information by the end of September.

VM5-5a resident Regina ("Reggie") Buzzello was appointed by the City Council to the Historic Preservation Commission for 3 years. Reggie believes it is important to have a neighborhood representative on the Commission and invites questions and comments relative to the Historic District from all Villa Monterey homeowners.

## 2017 HOA Board

Craig Sjodin, *president*  
 Randy Brenckman, *vice-president*  
 Don Couture, *secretary*  
 Sandy Mucci, *treasurer*  
 Bob Grandestaff, board member  
 Dody Tait, board member  
 Bev Tyson, board member

## 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 - vacant  
 Street Lighting - Craig Sjodin  
 Web Page & Directory -  
 Sue Carey

### Social Committee Chair:

Social events are scheduled for special holiday times, December through May. A wonderful meal, is catered or prepared by the social committee. Tickets are available in advance to cover food costs. Volunteers are needed to form a social committee for this year.

***Any questions or suggestions for the newsletter please email:***

Mike Sikes and Patti Frinzi  
 mspfhome@gmail.com

## Landscape Planning

Sandra Barnes discussed proposals for fall landscape planting and improvement options and will provide price options for plants in the front, trees and plants in the back, and possibly a putting green.

## Compliance

Weeds caused by the monsoon rains are needing action by homeowners. If anyone has an issue with a neighbor, please contact Beverly Tyson rather than address your neighbor directly.

*full board meeting minutes:*

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## What's been happening . . .

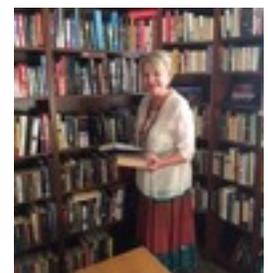
The pool has been getting lots of use this summer. The water aerobic ladies have been getting lots of exercise.



Reggie Buzzello, the cocktail committee chair, has hosted several Friday night parties, including Cinco de Mayo complete with piñata, a June Beach Party, and a Dog Days of Summer weenie roast.

*With neighborhood artists, Reggie is planning an art exhibit and reception for November. Any neighborhood visual artists wanting to display their work, please contact Reggie.*

San Barnes says the library is overflowing with lots of new titles. Come check some out.



## Real Estate . . .

### Sales:

7837 E Mariposa Dr. for \$372,500  
 7801 E Coolidge St. for \$360,000.



In all Villa Monterey HOAs:

4 homes are under contract, 1 home pending, and 6 are for sale.

*Any questions, call Dody Tait*

## Reminders

### New regulations for bulk trash pick-up:

*Brush and Bulk Collection*  
 September 18  
 October 16

The city now requires the brush or green waste and household bulk items in separate piles. Two different trucks picking up the items. The piles should not exceed 10 feet long by 6 feet wide by 4 feet tall. Please place the bulk waste and green waste piles at least three feet apart. See the website for more details.



<http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste/brush-bulk->



### Cell Phone Service



### An Arf-ful Reminder

Just a word to our wise canine friends who live in Monterey Park (and to your humans!): Please don't leave any "reminders" on our sidewalks. This is no way to make your mark in the world! A plastic pooch pouch goes a long way toward keeping our walks clean and fresh. And while you are at it, do not make a deposit in anyone's yard. Gravel does not need to be fertilized!

And finally, please observe the age restriction: Canines **under or over** 55 years of age are **not** allowed in the Ramada, the Ramada park, or the pool.

Many of our neighbors have mentioned that cell phone service in Villa Monterey is spotty with dropped calls. In speaking with Verizon, we were told that the block construction of our homes, or a network extender unit (if you or your neighbor has one) is the cause. We were advised by the Verizon store in Costco to use Wi-Fi calling rather than cell line calling. You can select Wi-Fi calling in your settings. You must update your emergency contact address, however, since 911 cannot track you via GPS. When you make a call, your phone will first attempt to use your cell carrier and if that doesn't work, then the call will be made via Wi-Fi. If you are in your car or out and about, then the cell carrier is used. So far it has worked far better without any dropped calls. Another way to get clearer calls if you and the person you are calling has an Apple iPhone is to use FaceTime Audio. In contacts, use the phone receiver icon, not the video camera icon, across from FaceTime. You do not need to have Wi-Fi calling enabled to use FaceTime audio. Amazingly better sound quality.

We are conducting a short 5 minute survey to determine which carriers and which streets experience cell phone issues. Please click the link below to complete the survey or email us and let us know what street you are on, what carrier you use, and how your service is.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HBWWHTN>  
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