

La Mesa Town Hall Meeting

May 6th, 2009

COL Brewer, Commander of the POM Army Garrison, convened a Town Hall meeting for La Mesa and POM residents at 1700 on Wednesday 6 May 2009. The following issues were discussed:

- Individual yard sales are prohibited.
- Pets must be kept on a leash.
- The “One Call” phone contact system is in use. Contact the management office if you have not received any calls so they can add your number to the database.
- The LMRA proposed changing the housing application and assignment policies to reduce the burden on families who must travel to Monterey without any information about where they will be living. The proposal requested that inbound personnel be allowed to apply for housing remotely (via fax/email) and that Pinnacle assign houses in advance of the move-in day.
 - Initially, RCI announced that they discussed the proposal and decided to keep the current policy.
 - After some discussion, RCI and Pinnacle agreed to discuss the issue further with residents to try to find a fair implementation.
 - The primary obstacle is the fact that each service handles PCS orders differently.
- Smoke/CO detectors are checked at move-in. Residents should submit a work order if they think a detector is not working properly.
- H1N1 update: POM is in “Prevent” phase, a low condition of alert. This flu is like the regular flu, so no special steps are being taken. POM staff will alert residents if the situation gets more serious.
- Neighborhood watch is still available if residents are interested.
- McGruff house training (& stranger danger) available by POM PD.
- Child supervision guidelines are posted at bulletin boards. Parents are recommended to monitor their children.
- There was an incident at OMC of a person impersonating a police officer and attempting to detain a female resident. The perpetrator was a 25-35 year old white man driving a red Chevy 4-door full-size late model pickup truck. He wore civilian clothes but had some kind of gold-colored badge.
- POM FD offers free child seat inspections. Call 242-7545/7701 for an appointment.
- School update from School Liaison Officer Cindy Rothstein (242-6904):
 - Contact SLO for transition support if you are moving soon.
 - School year starts 10 Aug.
 - Budget cuts will mean larger classes for K-3 and the loss of bus service for much of La Mesa.
- RCI survey coming soon via mail. Please fill it out and return it!

- Dispute resolution board process is on Pinnacle's website. The process has been used recently for a utilities issue.
- U.S. Census forms and workers are coming.
- Upcoming events:
 - 8 May: Mothers Day Luncheon 1100-1300 in the ballroom. Stop by the management office for tickets. Kids welcome.
 - 12 May: New Spouse Orientation 1800-1930 at Stillwell Community Center.
 - 13 May: La Mesa Residents Association meeting 1800-1900 in the La Mesa Community Center Meeting Room #1.
 - 16 May: Summer Carnival at Hayes Community Center.
 - 11 Jun: Tops in Blue concert at 2000 at Soldier Field.
 - 13 Jun: Military Retiree Appreciation at Stillwell Center.
- Q&A Topics from Audience:
 - Housing vacancy rates in Wherry Grove.
 - Assignment policy for 4BR homes when vacant. (A: Assigned to non-qualifying family after vacant for 30 days)
 - Utility metering for old homes will not be done any time soon.
 - Request to adjust utility billing based on family size. Not going to happen.
- Next Town Hall is 5 August.