



# The Meredith Gardens Gazette

For the residents of the Meredith Gardens Homeowners Association  
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## Meredith Gardens Progressive Dinner

Saturday, June 3rd

Last year, we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Meredith Gardens with more than 100 Meredith Gardens residents attending the annual progressive dinner, making it one of the most successful MG events. The progressive dinner is a wonderful evening out right here in your own neighborhood among neighborhood friends. New resident or original owner; everyone leaves having met new friends and feeling even more “at home” in Meredith Gardens.

**How does it work?** All progressive dinner participants will meet at our designated “appetizer house” for appetizers, drinks, and meet and greet. Then we will break out to our “dinner houses” in groups of 8-10. Appetizer, dinner and dessert dishes will be assigned to all participants. Finally, we will all reconvene at the designated “dessert house” for sweet treats. Don’t worry, all these details, times, and food assignments will be e-mailed to you once you RSVP. (This is a kid-free event.)

**How do I sign-up?** You **must RSVP by Friday, May 26** to Cinnamon Morton at [cinnamon.morton@gmail.com](mailto:cinnamon.morton@gmail.com). Cinnamon coordinates the whole event and needs to know exactly who will be attending. She will e-mail you with final details closer to the event date.

**Dinner Houses:** We are still in need of “dinner houses”. If you would be willing to open your home for dinner (8-10 people), please let Cinnamon know in your RSVP. Thanks in advance!

### Neighborhood Events Calendar

Saturday, April 8th - Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, May 20th - MG Home Tour  
Saturday, June 3rd - Progressive Dinner  
Tuesday, July 4th - 4th of July Block Party  
Sunday, Sept 17th - Bocce & Chili Cook-Off  
Sunday, Sept 24th - Tennis Tournament  
Saturday, Oct 7th - Movie Night in the Park  
Sunday, Oct 29th - Pumpkin Carving  
Tuesday, Oct 31st - Halloween Potluck  
Sunday, Dec 17th - Christmas Caroling

### Membership Dues

If you have not paid your 2017 MGHA Membership dues please get those to our Membership Director Amy Noble at P.O. Box 6883, HB, CA 92615

### Beautification Day #1 - Dumpster Day

Homes all across Meredith Gardens now have plenty of space to store the extra stuff we all buy from Costco, Home Depot, and Target. We will schedule the dumpsters for 2018 around October 1st.

# Meredith Gardens Neighborhood Beautification

With spring in the air, Meredith Gardens Homeowners Association is evaluating some beautification projects for our neighborhood.

The first project is a spruce-up to the median on the Brookhurst St. access road. These days the median has been looking in need of help. This project was proposed by local realtor, Jo-An Hawley Verstraete, who is willing to help with some professional landscape support, weeding and new plants. It is anticipated we will also ask for volunteer help from local high school clubs, Boy Scouts, neighborhood residents, etc. We are presently working with the City for permission and direction on what we are allowed to do. We are trying to make this happen in the very near term, so stay tuned.

Meredith Gardens Homeowners Association budget is set aside each year for periodic wall maintenance. The MG walls and signs were last painted in 2009. This summer, the 10 MG signs will be sanded, repaired, cleaned, and painted to look like new. As done previously, the Board will be looking for teens from the neighborhood interested in helping with this project. When the perimeter wall was last painted, the work required was extensive. The walls were pressure-sprayed, scraped/ repaired where needed, painted and back-rolled with quality paint. They have held up fairly well for eight years. Most of the peeling paint now visible is from resident back yard moisture from behind the walls.

We are currently collecting bids from painters for this project. This is a fairly big job - between the Brookhurst and Adams segments, there is over 2000 feet of wall. As budget allows, this project will take place at the earliest this fall, but no later than next spring. As we get nearer, we will be asking residents around the perimeter of the tract for permission to tie into a water source for pressure spray cleaning the wall immediately adjacent to their homes.

For any questions about the beautification projects, please contact Brad Ferguson at 714-962-7744.

## Neighborhood Watch

We are currently working with the city of Huntington Beach to have new neighborhood watch signs placed on every street. The city has placed a new one on Meredith Drive. We would like to encourage every home to add exterior lighting and consider video surveillance. We now have 250 Meredith gardens members using the Nextdoor Application, and it's becoming a valuable resource for communication within the community. Please sign up if you have not already at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com). Please keep looking out for one another by promoting safety, community awareness, and always report anything suspicious.

## Lebard Project

The planned name of the new 15 homes in this project will be SeaBreeze Homes. So far the previous advised schedule is still current (see below). The seven residents directly affected by the building will have a new wall built flush against the existing wall starting in July. This was agreed by these residents since the construction would be the least damaging and disruptive.

**June – July:** Start demo & grading for Tract

**August:** Start demo & grading for Park Improvement

**August:** Start house construction

**Feb 2018:** Model house ready

**March – July 2018:** Selling of the houses

Use the Board of Directors link on the Meredith Gardens HOA website to identify you area directors contact info.