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Dear Big Rock Community Member,

It has been a very busy year for the Association. Some of the **major accomplishments** are:

SAFETY

- 1. BRMPOA** has approved and will be installing Flock License Plate Reader Cameras at the bottom of the hill. These cameras will run by solar and will be activated by moving cars. Information will be held by the LASD for 30 days and will only be accessed in response to a crime call. We will not be continuing with our ACS contract and that money will go to the cameras. More information will be disseminated when we do the install.
- 2. Speed Sign** – Another shout out to Al & Andrew! They have not completed the fix – as it is requiring more parts than initially anticipated – *BUT* we have faith that the fix is in sight! Stay tuned.

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION

- 1. Brush clearance.** We have completed our annual clearing of a 200 foot buffer around our community. Your payment of dues has made this critical clearing possible. Also had dead trees removed under a program at City's expense.
- 2. Continue to Support and Grow our Big Rock Street Teams.** This is a group of more than 100 community members working together to support fire prevention efforts. This program offers community education on home hardening, residential brush clearance and tree trimming, and focuses on maintaining community efforts and responsibility. If you want to know more about Street Teams or to join the Street Teams email contact list, contact Colin Drummond at bigrockstreetteams@gmail.com.
- 3. Updated our Fire Wise status** – As the first Malibu community to attain Firewise status, we continue to grow with the plan and its requirements and expectations.

FIRE WARNING AND ASSISTANCE

- 1.** We continue in the process of forming an official **Fire Brigade** waiting on the approval from all authorities. (https://www.malibutimes.com/malibu_life/article_85a69380-d557-11eb-a470-9be1551e5773.html). The brigade could assist in extinguishing spot fires after a wildfire has passed our community.
- 2.** We replaced our **Red Flag** with a brand new one! Thank you, Al Broussard and Andrew Weyman.
- 3. Expanded Arson Watch participation.** Trained volunteers in Arson Watch (<http://www.arsonwatch.com/>) patrol the Topanga/Malibu/Agoura Hills/Calabasas area looking for breaches of protocols during Red Flag periods and times of very high risk.

4. **Installed the first Fireproof Beacon Box in Malibu.** This box, at the first big turn coming up Big Rock Drive, contains a detailed laminated map of Big Rock that shows the locations of fire hydrants, swimming pools and turnarounds that can be of great help to both local and out of town fire companies in Big Rock.
5. Several residents gave demonstrations of how pool pumps are utilized to address fires

COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION & CONNECTIVITY

1. **Continue to grow our emergency radio communication system.** More than twenty two-way radios have been distributed to trained volunteers in the various parts of Big Rock for use by those residents who elect to shelter in place during a fire and in case of loss of landline, cellular and internet connectivity.
2. **We continue to build out our Big Rock website** and to facilitate easy access to necessary safety information as well as our history, current Board and committees, projects and other information specific to Big Rock. Check it out at bigrockmesas.org/ and let us know how to tweak it to serve you even better. Ideas? Contact Stu Walter at brmpoa@hotmail.com.
3. **Strengthening ties to Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Department.** Terry Davis, President of our POA is a member of Captain Seetoo's Community Advisory Committee. Meeting every 2 months with the Captain, deputies and other representatives of communities overseen by Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station to support communication, collaboration and investigate and share "best practices" for the betterment
4. We continue to diligently work with the city of Malibu and the Geotechnical firm, Yeh and Associates, to maintain and improve our **dewatering system**. Our goal is to determine what we need to best support the critical stability of our slope and to figure how to apportion the costs of such maintenance as well as review and possibly revise our current Assessment District.
5. **Newsletter** – Thanks to Janet Fulk who is heading up the editorial team, we again have one! Don't hesitate to send your articles and ideas to her at: fulk@usc.edu
6. We are preparing for our **Annual Meeting** of Big Rock residents, which was by Zoom last year. We hope to be in person this year in October, but that will depend on current pandemic status, willingness of folks to gather and volunteer participation. Please let us know 1) would you like to gather in person to celebrate our community and 2) if you'd like to volunteer to help. ☺
7. We are gearing up for the next **election** of BRMPOA Board members in October. If you would like to run – and we could use you! Email Stu Walter at: brmpoa@hotmail.com with a statement as to why you want to run and a photo of yourself by September 15. And then....be sure to cast your vote!

Questions? Ideas? Do share!

Thank you!

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