

BIG ROCK NEWS

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Have you registered your vehicles in the Big Rock FLOCK security SAFELIST?



As you know from earlier communications and from your own entry up Big Rock Drive, FLOCK cameras were installed several months ago near the entrance to Big Rock.

One feature of the FLOCK security system is that Big Rock residents can register their vehicle models and license plate numbers to the local database for Big Rock. A reason to register to our local database is that in the event of an investigation of a crime in Big Rock, your vehicles will be excluded from a list of suspect vehicles entering into the neighborhood. To register, you need your name, the make and model of your vehicles, and their license plate numbers.

Registering is quick and easy, just go to <https://users.flocksafety.com/resident/register/48eaacde-64dc-4a4f-8525-d0671accc6f9> and create an account and then register for the Safelist. **Be sure to hit the return key after each license plate that you enter and hit “Save” when you are finished.**

Or, here is a link to a tutorial on how to register: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gYbOzfyoQzurOkpjR_6vc0gs0WDoUIMD/view

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BRMPOA Information

Board Meetings are held on the 2ND Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. Meetings are open to all residents and property owners, and are currently held by Zoom, with a link announced each month, and minutes sent to members by email.

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As noted in the earlier communication about the FLOCK system: ***“Privacy is a top concern for Flock and Big Rock Mesas Property Owners Association. The footage and data that is collected is automatically deleted after 30 days and is accessible by only one member of the board as administrator of the account. That administrator is Terry Davis. In the event of a crime, footage can be downloaded and stored by either the account administrator and/ or local authorities.”***

Note that you only need to register your vehicles once, since the database of resident vehicles is not deleted every 30 days; only the actual footage of vehicles driving in and out is deleted regularly. **You can also remove yourself from the Safelist at any time.** If you want to delete an address just erase it, and to delete a license plate just click the “x” in the upper right corner, then click “Save”.

Have questions about privacy and database security? Check out these FAQs:

<https://www.flocksafety.com/faq/privacy-and-access>



You can also contact BRMPOA President Terry Davis with questions or concerns

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Registering on the Safelist also can help improve the speed of investigation in the event of a crime in our neighborhood.

Apps You Might Want To Consider For Fire-Related Notifications

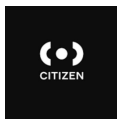
If you are not maxed out on your apps, here are a few possibilities for emergency notifications. All are available for free download from Apple App Store or Google Play Store.



Pulsepoint: “911-connected app that can immediately inform you of emergencies occurring in your community” (pulsepoint.org/). You can sign up for notifications for LA County only, and you can select which types of notifications you want to receive (for example, fire notification but not medical emergency). You will get notifications for the whole county, but the notice will specify where in the county the issue is taking place, and will show the location on a map. For example, recently there was a notice of a residential electrical fire near the intersection of Seaboard and Rockpoint roads in Big Rock.



Watch Duty: “non-profit wildfire alerting, mapping, and tracking service operated by [experienced fire reporters](#) and many other collaborators who diligently monitor radio scanners and other data sources 24/7” ([watchduty.org](#)). This app can sometimes give a bit more detail than Pulsepoint since the reporters also get information from other sources beyond 911. Recently, Pulsepoint identified a fire at PCH and Tuna Canyon, and Watch Duty gave the additional detail that the fire was in the homeless encampment just up Tuna Canyon from PCH.



Citizen: somewhat controversial app that combines information from official sources plus local people on scene to notify users of safety issues within a certain radius of their location ([citizen.com](#)). Gives you on-scene videos if users are on scene and sharing their videos, but also gives more extraneous and unverified information compared to apps that use only official data such as Pulsepoint.



Windy: app for weather forecast ([windy.com](#)). App gives, for each three-hour block per day for a week: temperature, cloudiness, amount of rain predicted, wind speed, speed of wind gust, and direction of wind. It also offers a real-time live visualization of weather pattern movements. Can be customized to your exact location (latitude and longitude, e.g., for your home in Big Rock) using the “find my location” option. It does **not** notify you, however, so you must open the app to get the information. It is listed here as an emergency app because it predicts significant wind gusts that can contribute to fire conditions. People can use it as a quick and easy supplement to [weather.com](#) or [weather.gov](#).



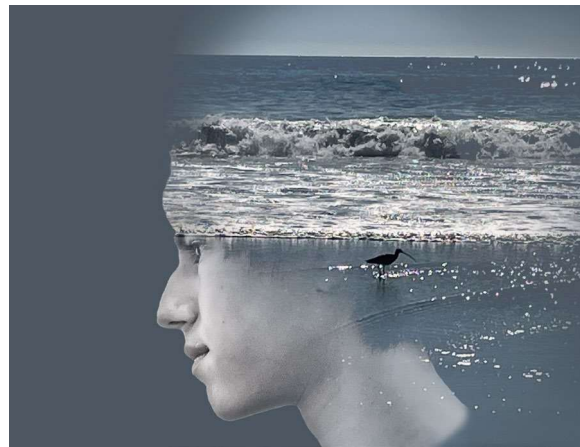
Thanks to Colin Drummond, Georgia Goldfarb, Sheryl Myerson and Andrew Weyman for app suggestions.

Do you have any emergency app recommendations that you would like to share with the community in the next newsletter? Contact Janet Fulk (fulk@usc.edu).

Big Rock's Own THOMAS DRUMMOND Garner's Prestigious Awards for Digital Art

The *Malibu Times* recently featured a story on the outstanding artwork of Thomas Drummond, a Malibu High junior. Thomas has lived in our Big Rock community for 10 years with his parents Jo and Colin and his sister Trinity. His artwork has won yet another series of awards (8 in total for his digital designs!). By creating his pieces using Adobe Illustrator and Adobe Photoshop and applying his prodigious talent, he is on the vanguard of contemporary artists blending traditional technique and digital technology to create eye-catching renderings of our world.

Here are two of his award-winning works: "Geometric Tanager" and "Seabirds on My Mind"



The list of previous winners of Thomas's latest award (artandwriting.org/awards/history/) includes many well-known creatives who later went on to make their mark across the spectrum of the arts, including painting, photography, writing, acting, and film direction. For example, Robert Redford won at age 18 for painting; Stephen King at 17 for a short story; John Updike at 16 for a cartoon; Sylvia Plath at age 15 for paintings and a poem; Joyce Carol Oates at 18 for a short story – and the list of famous names goes on, celebrating exceptional creatives who showed outstanding promise at an early age.



Thomas Drummond

(photo courtesy of *Malibu Times*)

Spotlight: Frank Albino, Jeff Grier, Reza Nabavi

Each newsletter will feature one or more community members. That way you will know who they are and can feel free to talk with them about Big Rock topics. We start with the persons elected by the community to the BRMPOA board. The last newsletter featured our President Terry Davis and our fire brigade leader Colin Drummond. Next newsletter will feature Olivier Fortis, Janet Fulk, and Ellen Relles.



Frank Albino

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I am an attorney, specializing in health law, real estate and employee benefits. In the late '90's, I bought a lot on Cool Oak Way that was a burnout from the '93 Big Rock fire and built my dream house on it, where I've lived happily ever since. At the request of Jo Drummond, I joined the BRMPOA Board several years ago in the hope of being able to give back something to this wonderful community. As an attorney, I try to use my legal skills to guide the Board in areas where I can be helpful. At the Board's request, I am currently tasked with updating and modernizing the Association's Bylaws for the Board's consideration.



Jeff Grier

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I have been a resident of the Big Rock community since 2013 and a member of the Big Rock board for two years. During my time on the board, I have worked on securing backup generation for the community's water system and have also worked on the dewatering committee.

I enjoy helping any way I can in preserving and protecting this beautiful place in which we all live.



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Dr. Reza Nabavi and his family have been residents of Big Rock since 2015. Reza and his wife Maryam are both board licensed psychologists who own and operate a mental health and recovery treatment center in Santa Monica. They have two children, aged 10 and 13, as well as two doodles. Reza has served on many advisory boards through his personal and professional life. Reza is an avid tennis player and enjoys hitting the ball a few times a week with some of his Big Rock neighbors. He also enjoys hiking, home improvement and traveling with his family. Reza and his family love living in Big Rock and look forward to many years of enjoying this beautiful community.

In Conclusion...

*Please share any ideas, issues or topics for the board with **any** board member listed on page 1.

*Please share any news, ideas and feedback about this newsletter with Janet Fulk fulk@usc.edu.

Many, many thanks to **Jo Drummond** and **Stu Walter** for years of effort in creating and writing this newsletter.

