



## OCTOBER 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET MAILING



Every year, with input from our committees and community members, the Board of Directors prepares and presents a proposed budget at our October General Membership Meeting. The proposed budget must be ratified and delivered to the county before January 31st. The Fiscal Year 2025 budget (reverse page) focuses on maintaining our community properties, capital improvement, and social engagement. A vote to ratify this budget will be held during the November General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 7th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse, located at 742 Dividing Rd. Please join us.

### A Note from the President...



Friends & Neighbors,

I want to express my gratitude to the board of directors, committee volunteers, and clubhouse manager for their service to our community. It takes a significant amount of time and effort to conduct association business, plan for the future of the MBCA, and organize social events. Our board and committee members have done it all! Their work is vital, and I appreciate it greatly. I want to give a special recognition to our treasurer, Jed Kling. The treasurer plays a crucial role in keeping our books in order and filing complex reports with the county, state, and federal government to maintain our Special Community Benefit District status. Jed has done an excellent job modernizing our business practices and keeping everything well-organized. Thank you, Jed, for your dedication and hard work! If you are interested in serving our community, I strongly encourage you to join one of our committees. Currently, the Social Committee needs enthusiastic volunteers willing to work as a team to organize and execute several of our yearly events. I am excited to see everyone at our upcoming Chili Cookoff and the annual Halloween celebration!

*Brandon Twentymon*



### What's New With the Environmental Committee?

Summer temps fade into brilliant fall colors, winter frosts will come, and your MBCA Environmental Committee will greet all that mother nature delivers with the following goals and upcoming events:

The committee's mission is to increase native biodiversity, reduce invasives, prevent pollution, and help maintain healthy ecosystems within our community. We have set out several initiatives to do this through maintenance of our community-owned properties, and education to our Manhattan Beach community members.

**For fall**, join our tree-planting initiative. Get a native tree for your yard for just \$25 (<https://aawsa.org/resilient-species>). Email the environmental committee at [MBCAenvironment@gmail.com](mailto:MBCAenvironment@gmail.com) to order, AND let us know if you've had a tree removed from your property this year. Our goal is to plant one tree in the community for every tree removed.

**This winter**, we will continue working on removing English ivy from trees and community property. Why? Because English Ivy kills trees! Please email us for more information on how and why ivy should be removed from your trees, and if you want to help, let us know!

As we work to remove the invasives within our community and clean up overgrown areas, we have found several sites on community property where neighbors have created yard waste dump piles. We will be cleaning up several of those dump sites and posting "No Dumping" signs on our community property. We hope that once we clean up the damage that's been done, we will not have to do it again. Yard waste dumping is NOT composting; it is NOT environmentally friendly; and it creates a wet, decaying, smelly mess that is a wonderful place for mosquitoes to breed!! Let us know if you want some education on proper composting, and discard yard waste with the approved bins for county trash pickup.

Finally, we meet on the 2nd Wednesday, six months of the year: August, September, October, February, March, and April. Our next meeting is on October 11th, at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. Hope to see you there.

### October 14th @ 4:00 PM- Chili Cookoff and Cornhole Tournament to Benefit SPAN



Join us for an afternoon of chili tastings, families, and neighbors as we raise funds and collect canned goods and household supplies for families in need this holiday season. So far, we have a great sampling of chili lined up. This event is free to attend, but we ask that you bring a SPAN donation that will be collected upon entry. The cornhole tournament is on-site sign-up with a \$20 per team donation entry fee. Chili cookoff and cornhole tournament entry details and rules can be found on our FB page.

### Upcoming Events & Clubhouse News



Thank you to Holly Arceo for her continued stewardship as clubhouse manager! Some updates the community can look forward to at the clubhouse are new flooring throughout and a new playground this spring. Interested in booking the clubhouse? Complete an on line booking form at [www.mbcaonline.org](http://www.mbcaonline.org).

Join us at the clubhouse for the following events:

#### OCTOBER

14- Chili Cookoff

28- Halloween Event

#### DECEMBER

1- Adults Only Ugly Sweater Party

16- Brunch with Santa

The social committee needs your help with upcoming events! Please email us at [mbcasocial@gmail.com](mailto:mbcasocial@gmail.com)

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