
MBCA Official Announcement

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Thank you for staying connected with MBCA! This newsletter is for the residents of Manhattan Beach and provides updates on events, membership meetings, and community initiatives. For the latest updates throughout the month, please bookmark: <https://mbcaweb.org/blog>

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

1) COMMUNITY WORKSHOP: AMENDING THE MBCA BYLAWS - SEPT 2, 2025

The MBCA board would like to encourage residents to participate in a workshop where we will engage in a positive and constructive discussion about proposed changes to the ByLaws. They have not been amended in 17 years and a lot has changed since then. We need the full support of our residents to ensure acceptance and your vote on the final version. Please RSVP by replying to this email if you plan to attend so that we can ensure enough space for all attendees. **September 2, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse.**

Note: If you are unable to attend, a draft version will be provided via this maillist after the meeting, and will be discussed at the next General meeting in October.

2) FUNDRAISER FOR OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS

One of our long-time Manhattan Beach residents has asked us to raise awareness for a worthy event taking place in Arnold. The 9th annual Stefanie Ashdown Memorial Do your Best 5K will be held the morning of September 14th at Anne Arundel Community College. For more information or to register please click here: [REGISTER](#)

3) THURSDAY NIGHTS, SUMMER HAPPY HOUR

Community members have organized a happy hour for every 4th Thursday of the month. There will be a new host/location every month. Typically starts around 5:30pm - BYOB. Check the Manhattan Beach Community FB page for details each month. The next one is scheduled for Thursday August 28th from 5-7pm at 829 Dividing Rd. All MB residents are welcome.

4) BOARD & GENERAL MEETINGS

Our next General Meeting will be held after the summer break as usual, on October 7th at the Clubhouse at 8:PM. The Board meeting will be held at 7:PM. This will be an important meeting as we will be sharing the budget for fiscal year 2027, along with a proposed amendment to our ByLaws. Voting on these topics will occur at the November General meeting on the 4th.

5) ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sept 18 and Oct 16. 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

1) MBCA BEACH MAINTENANCE

The MBCA board recognizes our beaches are in need of repair and maintenance. Due to their proximity to the water, navigating the environmental impacts and county processes and regulations can be very time consuming and slow moving. We are looking to mitigate erosion at the waters' edge, replenish sand and reduce overgrowth to allow more sunlight and space. We are also looking to add Kayak racks where space permits, and potentially increasing seating areas via picnic tables or benches. Updates will be provided at the upcoming general meetings and via this maillist.

2) PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

The MBCA officers have determined that we must address several issues with the current by-laws. They were last amended 17 years ago and at a minimum we need to consider raising the cap on the maximum allowed SCBD tax funds per property. Everything costs a lot more than it did 17 years ago when the current cap was established.

We also see opportunities to improve or clarify language around voting, elections and topics that were relevant 17 years ago but are not today. The board will be holding a workshop for residents interested in participating in the process of changing the by-laws. (See upcoming events at the top of this email)

3) ADDITIONAL MEETING MINUTES ADDED TO WEBSITE

The MBCA Officers met on July 21st for an Executive Planning session. A summary of topics discussed has been posted to the MBCA website in the Meeting Minutes section.

In addition, we have posted meeting minutes in the archive section going back to 2017. Some documents were corrupted or missing and we continue to try and locate working copies. As well, we will be searching through old records for much older meeting minutes and will post them to the archives on our website when found.

For a direct link to the meeting minutes section, click here: <https://mbcaweb.org/meeting-minutes>

4) UPDATE ON GORDON PAPER ROAD LAWSUIT

MBCA participated in a court-ordered mediation on July 15, 2025 with the Plaintiff's. We were unable to reach a settlement agreement. On August 27th we have a pre-trial hearing at the circuit court where we will see if there is an opportunity to resolve the lawsuit. If not, a trial date will be set, which is estimated to be sometime at the end of the year or early 2026.

As the defendants in this lawsuit, MBCA brought counterclaims for a declaratory judgment as to the ownership and rights to use Gordon Avenue, and for an injunction to stop the Plaintiffs from blocking Gordon Avenue in an attempt to exclude others. MBCA is seeking a permanent injunction against the Plaintiffs from blocking it, and attorney's fees. The next update will be provided after the Aug 27th pre-trial hearing.

[We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting or event. Together, we keep our community strong.](#)