

Palo Del Amo Woods NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2025 ISSUE

New President Calls the Community to Action

By Jerrie Shepherd — President



I am thrilled to welcome you to my very first message in our community newsletter. Whether you are new to the Palo Del Amo Woods community or have been a long-time resident, I'm grateful for the opportunity to

connect with you and share my thoughts and ideas.

Our neighborhood is more than just a collection of homes; it is a vibrant community with beautiful homes built on shared values of respect for each other, a wonderful place to raise children and a safe place to live. Those were my thoughts when I moved here in 1969.

Since its beginning dating back to 1965, Palo Del Amo Woods had no mandatory HOA with a high monthly fee, yet residents formed a voluntary one to maintain the community's original standards. HOA participation was high among the community members for many years. Today, some residents have forgotten what is necessary to effect community maintenance and how it is done, and HOA membership has declined substantially. Nevertheless, the price of homes has continued to increase.

My goal as your president is to nurture a sense of belonging and ensure that every resident feels heard, valued, and supported. We need you to

also *care*—and do so by supporting your PDAW HOA via membership, paid annually, so that the HOA can maintain the PDAW community. (Keep in mind: HOA fees in many other communities amount to *hundreds of dollars each month!*)

Know your neighbors. I truly believe there should be *five* neighbors whom you know well—for example, the three neighbors across the street from you and the one on each side of you. Our beautiful streets and surrounding spaces give us so much to celebrate about the place we call home. Let's keep them beautiful.

It's my hope that this newsletter becomes a regular source of inspiration and information for you—an opportunity to highlight the people, events, and developments that make our community truly special, as well as offer key information you need to be aware of so we can safeguard our neighborhood. So, as we continue to celebrate the PDAW community's 60th year, we'd like to share the following:

Community Development Projects

Oil Well Sites. Work commenced on some sites without the required permits and/or other violations. Vigilant PDAW residents noticed and spoke up—and as a result, everything has come to a halt. Other oil well sites throughout the Woods have been sold to developers that do not appear to be

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interested in constructing residences that will be in harmony with our existing structures. Unfortunately, due to the passage of Senate Bill 9 in 2022, multi-unit housing can be built on lots that are zoned R-1, such as those in PDAW. This is an important topic with major ramifications; stay tuned for updates.

Beautification Initiatives. New landscaping efforts will be underway in common areas, aimed at enhancing the aesthetic charm of our community.

Coming Events

Monthly Meet and Greet. Join us on the first Friday of every month for lunch (everyone picks up their own tab for their meal) and conversation at Spires Restaurant on Sepulveda and Western, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This is a great way to meet your neighbors. For more, see the article on page 7.

Annual Community Block Party. Mark your calendars for September 13! Our Annual Community Block Party will feature great food, live music, local vendors, and activities for all ages. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event—please reach out to us if you would like to get involved.

PDAW Biannual Yard Sale. Time to clean out those closets and garages and make a few bucks (or a lot!) while doing it.

Fitness in the Woods. If this is your niche, why not pitch in and volunteer to chair this interest group? All fitness levels are welcome to join!

Your Voice Matters

I believe that the strength of our community comes from the engagement of its residents. Your ideas, feedback, and participation are essential to shaping our shared future. To that end, I encourage you to reach out to me or any member of the leadership team with your thoughts. You will receive a survey about PDAW—please complete and return it to us.

Remember, we conduct the Zoom bimonthly community HOA meetings where you can ask questions, raise concerns, and be part of important discussions. Dates and details will be announced in the newsletter and on our [website](#).

Spotlight on Residents

One of my favorite aspects of community life is hearing the incredible stories of the people who make it shine. Each newsletter should feature a "Resident Spotlight" section to celebrate accomplishments, milestones, and acts of kindness within our community. If you know of someone who deserves to be recognized, please let us know!

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, I am excited about the opportunities ahead to grow and strengthen our community. Together, we can create a place where everyone feels proud to live, work, and play.

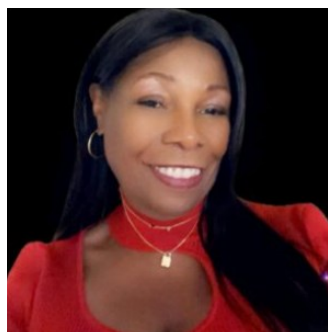
Thank you for taking the time to read my inaugural article. I look forward to connecting with you, hearing your ideas, and working together to make our community the best it can be. We are the eyes and ears of the PDAW community. *We* are what keeps the community beautiful and safe. Please pay your HOA dues and encourage others to join us by paying theirs, and let's keep our community a place to be. Here's to a bright and vibrant future!

Please direct your questions, concerns, and your area of interest to palo@delamowoods.org, or give us a call at 213.267.1775.



Beautification Begins at Home

By Vande Garner — Past President/Beautification Coordinator



Hello neighbors! Keeping our neighborhood looking its best is a great way to foster community and pride. Plus, a community's appearance is more than just a reflection of its citizens—it can also directly impact the environment, the economy, and even public health. That's why it's so important to take steps to improve and maintain the appearance of Palo Del Amo Woods!

So how can we, as a community, improve the appearance of our community? Images of picking up litter or cleaning graffiti off walls may come to mind, but there are plenty of small projects that can immediately have a positive impact on the look and feel of a community.

A Handy Cleanup Checklist

- ☐ Pick up fallen leaves and trash around your home, on sidewalks, and curbside
- ☐ Sweep or wash down sidewalks, driveways, and porches
- ☐ Pull weeds in flower beds and garden areas
- ☐ Add mulch, top soil and fertilizer
- ☐ Prune and trim trees, hedges, and bushes
- ☐ Clean up garden tools, replace water hoses
- ☐ Wash outdoor furniture
- ☐ Mow and edge lawns
- ☐ Keep lawns green (as much as water rationing allows); or, consider installing a good-quality artificial lawn and plants that require minimal water
- ☐ Remove trash bins from street area after trash pickup
- ☐ Place trash bins out of sight behind gates, not in the front yard
- ☐ When walking pets, ensure they are on a leash; carry poop bags and promptly clean up waste (it's not only the neighborly thing to do, it's the law!)



Let's not forget that we're all in this together—when we roll up our collective sleeves and get to work, we can bring about meaningful change that's beautiful to behold.

New Neighbors Come to the Woods

We are pleased to welcome several new residents to the Palo Del Amo Woods community. As is customary "in these parts," we encourage everyone to say hello and offer a friendly PDAW wave when you see these new neighbors out and about in our wonderful community!



Noo and Daniel Hartman
1209 245th Street

Mustafa and Fresha Amin
948 Fernrest Drive

Porfinio Medina
23625 Oakrest Lane

Guillermo Lopez
1205 Koleeta Drive

Asonja Williams
23826 Pasatiempo Lane

Carmen Basa
23608 Pineforest Circle

Christian Alegria
961 Stonebryn Drive

Jason Sakuma and Jamie Kondo
1209 Woodbury Drive

The Reyes Family
1015 Oakhorne Drive

Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association Membership Application

☐ **\$85.00 membership: January 1 to December 31, 2025**

Please indicate year you are paying for: _____

Communication Preference: ☐ email ☐ cell ☐ landline (please provide) _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

☐ CERT Trained ☐ CPR Trained

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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☐ My household will require special assistance should a disaster strike.

Address: _____ Harbor City, CA 90710

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

Check activities for which you would like to volunteer time or support:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership/Database | <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Government Affairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification/Graffiti removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Senior Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday-A-Rama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site/Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> CERT Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming | <input type="checkbox"/> Board member/Election Activities | |

Mail payment to: PDAWHOA
PO Box 661
Harbor City, CA 90710

PDAW.org

Scan the QR code to pay your membership fee electronically!



Upcoming Events

General PDAW Community HOA Meetings

Tuesday, September 16

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID and Passcode:

[https://zoom.us/j/4366862610?](https://zoom.us/j/4366862610?pwd=UThLR3A4UmxNTHlQaTRwWUxSN1I1QT09)

[pwd=UThLR3A4UmxNTHlQaTRwWUxSN1I1QT09](https://zoom.us/j/4366862610?pwd=UThLR3A4UmxNTHlQaTRwWUxSN1I1QT09)

Meeting ID: 436 686 2610

Passcode: 523368

Tuesday, November 18

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

In-Person Meeting

Cornerstone Church

24428 S. Vermont Avenue

Harbor City, CA 90710

PDAW Community Yard Sale

Saturday, August 16

7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

PDAW Community Block Party

Saturday, September 13

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Corner of Oakhorne Drive and Stonebryn Drive

Adopt-A-Family Donation Drive

Saturday, December 6 and

Saturday, December 13

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ashbridge Drive between Pasatiempo Lane
and Stonebryn Drive

PDAW Community Holiday-A-Rama

Sunday, December 14

Judging begins at dusk

The Neighbors We've Lost: In Memoriam

Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to the neighbors in our community who have recently lost a family member. We offer our condolences to the families of:

Mrs. Janie Bert Lovejoy Davis

Mother of John and Carolyn Davis

978 244th Street

Passed: 1/15/2025

Ms. Idella Griffin

Sister of Thelma Jones

1021 245th Street

Passed: 5/18/25

Mrs. Alice Sparks

Wife of Nate Sparks, Mother of Allen Sparks

Formerly of 1225 Ashpark Lane

Passed: 5/28/25

Mr. Theron Jackson

Husband of Terilyn Jackson, Father of Taylor Kanu

23764 Stonecliff Lane

Passed: 6/11/25



First-Quarter 2025 Treasury Summary Update

| Checking Account | | March | YTD / 2025 | Year/ 2024 | Allocation |
|---|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 3/1/2025 | | \$20,014.94 | | |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| Memberships | | 2,890.00 | 6,040.00 | 19,096.00 | |
| PayHOA.com | | 95.75 | 2,223.61 | 0.00 | |
| Directory Ads | | | 779.00 | 0.00 | |
| Newsletter Ads | | | 145.00 | 0.00 | |
| Sold Picnic Meals | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Dues Returned | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Picnic/Block Party/Vendors/ Tee-Shirts | | | 0.00 | 325.23 | |
| Wall Donations | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Godaddy Checkcard | | | 13.79 | 0.00 | |
| CERT Donations | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Unidentified/Unreceipted Deposits | | 175.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | | | 1.00 | 715.70 | |
| Bank Adjustments | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Total Income | | Total Income | \$3,160.75 | \$10,107.40 | \$20,136.93 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Perimeter Wall /Gardner /Beautification | | 600.00 | 1,200.00 | 3,300.00 | \$4,900.00 |
| Bereavement/Welcoming | | | 0.00 | 366.47 | \$1,000.00 |
| Newsletter/Po Box/ USPS | | 172.57 | 172.57 | 5,223.51 | \$2,000.00 |
| Public Storage | | 198.00 | 594.00 | 2,032.00 | \$1,562.00 |
| Bank Fees | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$104.43 |
| Office Supplies | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$403.00 |
| Signs | | | 927.68 | 197.10 | \$0.00 |
| Microsoft Office | | | 27.96 | 0.00 | \$0.00 |
| AT&T/Mailchimp/Zoom/Google/Godaddy | | 108.51 | 560.53 | 2,485.90 | \$1,345.26 |
| PayHOA.com | | 199.00 | 635.85 | 0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Election Committee | | 17.44 | 17.44 | 219.00 | \$832.29 |
| Christmas Events/Programs | | | 0.00 | 272.49 | \$1,009.84 |
| Picnic/Block Party/60th Anniversary | | 115.25 | 115.25 | 5,938.23 | \$8,649.32 |
| Car Show | | | 0.00 | 740.14 | \$0.00 |
| Gen Mtg/Blk Cptns | | 363.58 | 363.58 | 488.48 | \$2,000.00 |
| Annual Financial Audit | | | 0.00 | 111.45 | \$0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | 0.00 | 1,196.32 | \$1,000.00 |
| Website | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$500.00 |
| Directory | | 2,427.92 | 2,427.92 | 208.05 | \$0.00 |
| Camera | | | 0.00 | 164.24 | \$0.00 |
| Community Relations | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 |
| CERT | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$800.00 |
| | | Total Expenses | \$4,202.27 | \$7,042.78 | \$22,943.38 |
| | | Internal Audit Adjustment | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | | Net Gain (Loss) | -\$1,041.52 | \$3,064.62 | |
| Ending Book Balance | 3/31/2025 | | \$18,973.42 | | |
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| Reconciliation | | | | | |
| | | | | CERT | |
| | | | | Emergency Funds | \$2,500.00 |
| | | | | HOA Alloc | \$800.00 |
| | | | | Budget | \$800.00 |
| | | | | Running Balance | \$800.00 |



Presenting Your 2025-2026 PDAW HOA Leadership Family!



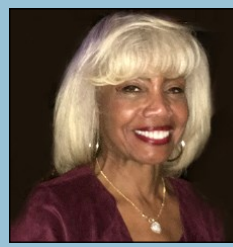
Jerrie Shepherd
President



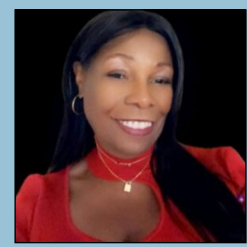
Tammy Brown
1st Vice-President



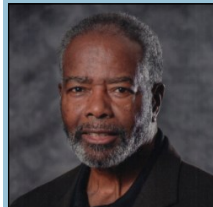
Leo Abelita
2nd Vice-President



Alma Smith
Treasurer



Vande Garner
Past President/
Beautification
Coordinator



Jimmie Mitchell
Community
Emergency
Response Team*



Vince Ramos
System
Administrator



Christian Sanchez
Membership
Database
Coordinator*



Barbara Blankenship
Social Committee
Coordinator



Venest Evans
Welcome/
Bereavement
Coordinator*

*Non-voting member.

You're Invited: PDAW "1st Fridays" Gatherings

Want a fun way to connect with your neighbors? On the first Friday of every month, join us for friendly conversation, laughter, and community at our regular "Meet and Enjoy" get-togethers!

Place: Spires Restaurant, 1750 Sepulveda Blvd. (corner of Western and Sepulveda)

Time: 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Cost: Just pay for your own meal

Drop in when you can; leave when you need to—no pressure! And no RSVP needed (unless you'd like to). Simply come as you are and enjoy a great time with great people. We're a casual, welcoming group who simply enjoys each other's company—and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Upcoming 2025 Dates

✓ June 6

✗ July 4 — *No meeting due to holiday*

✓ August 1

✓ September 5

✓ October 3

✓ November 7

✓ December 5

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to committee chair, Barbara Blankenship, at bc_nship@hotmail.com or (310) 483-5406.