

Palo Del Amo Woods NEWSLETTER

2026 ELECTION ISSUE

A Farewell Message: President's Remarks and Reflections

By Jerrie Shepherd — President



Dear Residents,

As I step down from my position as President of the Palo Del Amo Woods (PDAW) Homeowners Association, I want to take a moment to share my thoughts and express my gratitude to the com-

munity. Throughout my tenure, my primary goal was to increase membership. I firmly believe that a strong and engaged membership is crucial for keeping all homes beautiful and ensuring the safety of our neighborhood.

To achieve these objectives, it is essential for residents to participate in community projects and enjoy the activities offered. Such involvement not only helps maintain our surroundings but also strengthens the bonds between neighbors, allowing us to get to know one another and build a supportive network. It's important for you to talk to your neighbors and encourage them to pay their homeowners fees and get involved.

This community, which has thrived for more than 60 years, holds a special place in my heart. Having lived here for 57 years, I have had the privilege of watching my child grow to an adult and, in turn, appreciate and become an active member of this wonderful neighborhood.

I would like to publicly thank the other board members for their support throughout the year

and during my illness. Their dedication and innovative ideas have contributed greatly to making this community even better than before. As I vacate my position, I encourage each of you to continue to work with the new team (as I will), share suggestions, and actively contribute to further improving our community. Together, we can continue to take pride in the place we call home.

Sincerely,

Jerrie Shepherd, Your PDAW HOA President

Long Live the PDAW Yard Sale

PDAW's Spring Community Yard Sale is officially a wrap. About 25 homes participated and the energy was *great*. We want to send a big thank you to everyone who participated, shopped, and helped spread the word about this popular, recurring event. Events like this remind us how special it is to be living in "The Woods."



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2026 PDAW Executive Board Candidate Statements

TAMMY BROWN—PRESIDENT



I am a Chicago native who relocated to Los Angeles in 1984. I have been married to my husband, Russell, for 37 years, and I am a proud mother and grandmother. I retired from Farmers Insurance after more than 30 years in the credit union industry, where I served in various leadership roles in Operations and Learning & Development. Throughout my career, I developed a strong foundation in leadership, communication, collaboration, and community engagement—skills that I continue to bring to service within Palo Del Amo Woods.

I actively participate in several ministries within my church and volunteer in support of charitable organizations throughout the community. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, reading, working out, traveling, and playing cards. Our family became part of the PDAW neighborhood 28 years ago, and since that time, The Woods has remained an amazing community and a wonderful place to raise a family and call home. We have built lifelong friendships and truly benefited from our HOA membership in countless ways.

Currently, I serve as 1st Vice-President of the Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association and previously served as 2nd Vice-President. In these leadership roles, I have worked diligently to strengthen communication and community engagement through newsletters, email updates, text messaging, social media, and community outreach efforts. I have also worked closely with local agencies and public officials to ensure our community remains informed, represented, and empowered on issues impacting PDAW. In addition, I have been committed to helping improve our neighborhood infrastructure, increasing HOA membership participation, supporting beautification and safety efforts, and helping move our HOA forward with transparency, collaboration, and purpose.

As a candidate for President of the Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association, I am committed to continuing to advocate for our residents, strengthening community partnerships, enhancing communication, and preserving the quality, safety, and sense of pride that make PDAW such a special place to live. I believe strong leadership is built on dedication, accessibility, integrity, and service—and I would be honored to continue serving this community with those values at the forefront.

VINCE RAMOS—1st VICE-PRESIDENT



Fellow Neighbors, my name is Vince Ramos, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for 1st Vice-President of the Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association. As a homeowner and active member of our community, I care deeply about preserving the character, safety, and long-term value of Palo Del Amo Woods while also helping strengthen the sense of community that makes our neighborhood special.

If elected, I will work to support more communication, responsible planning, and positive collaboration between homeowners, committees, and the Board. I believe in listening to our neighbors, encouraging community involvement, and helping move projects and initiatives forward in a productive and respectful way. Over the past couple of years, I have become increasingly involved in community events, outreach, and

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neighborhood discussions, and I look forward to continuing that involvement in a greater leadership role. My goal is to help ensure that our association remains transparent, organized, financially responsible, and focused on the best interests of all residents. I would truly appreciate your support and your vote for 1st Vice-President. Thank you for your time, trust, and commitment to our community.

ELLA JOHNSON—2nd VICE-PRESIDENT

Originally from the state of Washington, I moved to Los Angeles in 1983 after graduating from Washington State University. My family and I moved to Palo Del Amo Woods in 1995 while I was working for Nissan North America corporate office in Carson/Gardena. I am a retired CPA and financial analyst. This past April marked our 31st year of living in the Woods. We love living here! I especially appreciate my wonderful neighbors and the pride of ownership displayed throughout our community.



I am running for PDAW HOA 2nd Vice-President. I am looking forward to being an active member of the board and a positive influence on and in the community.

Yard Sale, Cont'd.



Representatives of PDAW were out and about in the California sunshine throughout the day, talking to happy sellers, even happier shoppers, and other community members.

We received a lot of positive feedback from you, including several helpful suggestions about how we can enhance this activity—we'll be implementing the best of those ideas in the near future.



Plans are already in the works for the next PDAW Community Yard Sale on **August 22** so start organizing your sale bins now!

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SHERMAYNE SHEPHERD—SECRETARY

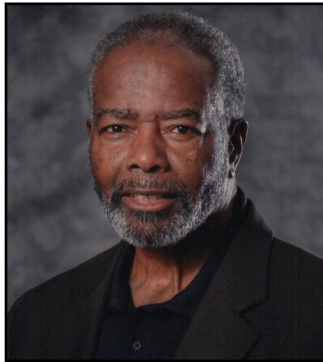


My name is Shermayne Shepherd, and I am running for Secretary of the Palo Del Amo Woods HOA. I was blessed to grow up in The Woods. I have fond memories of participating in community activities like the Block Party and other events and supporting the HOA by doing the legwork of delivering newsletters and flyers with my peers and other neighborhood volunteers. That was the beginning of my commitment to our community.

In addition to the duties of the Secretary and supporting the HOA Board goals, I would like to focus on increasing engagement. PDAW has always been known for its friendly, neighborhood vibe, and I'm interested in maintaining that reputation. I'm excited about the opportunity to serve the Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association and look forward to working with the Board

and neighbors to keep the community a safe and beautiful place to live, as we move into our *next* 60 years of "Woods" life.

JIMMIE MITCHELL—TREASURER



Hi, my name is Jimmie Mitchell, and I'm seeking the position of Treasurer of the Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association. I've been a PDAW homeowner since January 1977. My late wife, Melva (aka Jean), and I moved from Gardena after selling our home of five years. Melva and I were married for 30 years. We have one adult son, James (Jamie). While living here in The Woods, I have served the community as a Co-Chair of the PDAW Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for more than 10 years.

Notably, as it pertains to this position, I have served as treasurer for a stock investment club called Common Sense Investors Club, which operated under the functional and ethical guidance of the National Association of Investment Clubs (NAIC). Although I'm not an accountant, I understand basic accounting principles, and I've worked with accounting software for many years. I have a very good understanding of Microsoft Excel, which is the platform upon which the HOA's present financials are collected, calculated, and coordinated according to the bylaws. If elected, I will be a diligent protector of our HOA funds. Thank you for your support.



You'll Soon Be Able to Vote Online at

PDAW.org

It's Time for the 2026 PDAW HOA Board Elections!

PLEASE NOTE: Only PAID MEMBERS are eligible to vote. If you are NOT a member, you may complete an application and submit your payment with the ballot below.

TWO drop-off locations and TWO times available, SATURDAY, JUNE 13

SOUTH SECTION: 245th Street and Broadwell Ave. (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

CENTRAL and NORTH: Ashbridge b/w Pasatiempo and Stonebryn (12 – 2 p.m.)

Vote by Mail or In-Person Dropoff Instructions

- Place your completed ballot below in an envelope (**must be postmarked by 6/13/26**).
- Mark "Ballot" on the outside of the envelope. Seal the envelope, then...
- Place the sealed envelope marked "ballot" into a *second* envelope. Write your name and home address on the upper left-hand corner of the second envelope, and send it with proper postage to:
Palo Del Amo Woods HOA, PO Box 661, Harbor City, CA 90710
- **Remember, only one (1) ballot per household allowed**

COMING SOON! Vote on PDAW Website Instructions

- Coming soon, you'll be able to vote online at pdaw.org—we'll let you know when it's available. Below are the candidates for members of the 2026-2027 PDAW HOA Board. Select or write in ONE candidate for each position by filling in the circle left of their name. Tear off the ballot below to return by mail **postmarked by June 13, 2026** OR drop it off on **Saturday, June 13, 2026**.

2026 PDAW HOA ELECTION BALLOT

(*) DENOTES INCUMBENT or CURRENT BOARD MEMBER

President

- Tammy Brown*
- _____(write-in)

1st Vice-President

- Vince Ramos*
- _____(write-in)

2nd Vice-President

- Ella Johnson
- _____(write-in)

Secretary

- Shermayne Shepherd
- _____(write-in)

Treasurer

- Jimmie Mitchell
- _____(write-in)

Drop-off Ballots, membership applications, and payments MUST BE received by 06/13/26.

Mail-ins must be postmarked by 06/13/26. Only ONE ballot per household will count.

You may also vote in person at the next General Body Meeting on Tuesday, June 16.

Q1 2026 Treasury Summary Update

Checking Account	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD/2026	Allocation
Beginning Balance	\$16,778.60	\$18,001.60	\$20,447.78		
INCOME				Entries Jan to Dec	
Memberships-Pay HOA	\$1,711.92	\$1,142.31	\$426.59	\$3,280.82	
Membership-Zelle	\$850.00	\$255.00	\$935.00	\$2,040.00	
Membership-Checks	\$1,615.00	\$1,540.00	\$1,725.00	\$4,880.00	
Miscellaneous			\$1.00	\$1.00	
Total Income	\$4,176.92	\$2,937.31	\$3,087.59	\$10,201.82	
EXPENSES					
Perimeter Wall /Gardner /Beautification	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$900.00	\$4,900.00
Bereavement/Welcoming				\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Newsletter/Po Box/ USPS			\$202.80	\$202.80	\$2,000.00
Public Storage	\$209.00	\$209.00	\$209.00	\$627.00	\$1,562.00
Bank Fees				\$0.00	\$104.43
Office Supplies			\$47.39	\$47.39	\$403.00
Signs				\$0.00	\$0.00
Microsoft Office				\$0.00	\$0.00
AT&T/Mailchimp/Zoom/Google/Godaddy	\$48.52	\$65.71	\$67.04	\$181.27	\$1,345.26
Google Suite (New)	\$8.40	\$8.40	\$8.40	\$25.20	\$0.00
PayHOA.com	\$2,388.00	\$1.75	\$126.00	\$2,515.75	\$0.00
GoDaddy		\$107.88		\$107.88	
Election Committee				\$0.00	\$832.29
Christmas Events/Programs				\$0.00	\$1,009.84
Picnic/Block Party/60th Anniversary				\$0.00	\$8,649.32
Car Show				\$0.00	\$0.00
Gen Mtg/Blk Cptns				\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Annual Financial Audit				\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous-Paint/Consutation Fees		\$98.39		\$98.39	\$1,000.00
Website				\$0.00	\$500.00
Directory				\$0.00	\$0.00
Camera				\$0.00	\$0.00
Community/60th Anniversary				\$0.00	\$0.00
CERT				\$0.00	\$800.00
Total Expenses	\$2,953.92	\$791.13	\$960.63	\$4,705.68	\$26,106.14
Net Gain	\$1,223.00	\$2,146.18	\$2,126.96	\$5,496.14	
Ending Book Balance	\$18,001.60	\$20,147.78	\$22,574.74		
Ending Bank Balance	18,001.60	20,447.78	22,574.74		



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 2: Meet the Candidates

7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Candidates give brief introductions about themselves and take questions

Join the Zoom Meeting

[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

Friday, June 5: First Friday

11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Spires Restaurant, 1750 Sepulveda Blvd. (at Western Avenue), Torrance

(Just pay for your own meal)

Saturday, June 6: Clean-Up Day

8 a.m. — 12 p.m.

Meet us at the corner of Normandie and Pasatiempo

(the Central section of PDAW)

Saturday, June 13: Ballot Drop-off (Two Locations/Times)

10 a.m. — 2 p.m. at 245th and Broadwell

12 p.m. — 2 p.m. at Ashbridge Drive between Pasatiempo and Stonebryn

Tuesday, June 16: General Meeting—Election

7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Cornerstone Church

24428 S. Vermont Avenue, Harbor City, CA 90710

Saturday, August 22: Yard Sale

7 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Saturday, December 5 and

Saturday, December 12: Adopt-A-Family Donation Drive

10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Location: Ashbridge Drive between Pasatiempo and Stonebryn

Sunday, December 13: Holiday-A-Rama

Judging Begins at Dusk

Want to Vote? Make Sure You're a PDAW Member!

Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association 2026 Membership Application

The \$85 fee covers the membership period from January 1 to December 31, 2026

If other than current, please indicate the membership year you are paying for: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____, Harbor City, CA 90710

Email: _____

Cell Phone (including area code): _____ Landline (including area code): _____

Please check if you are:

CERT Trained

CPR Trained

Check here if your household will require special assistance in the event of a disaster:

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

Membership/Database

Website/Newsletter

Bereavement

Board Member/Election Activities

Block Captain

Beautification/Graffiti Removal

Welcoming

Holiday-A-Rama

Community/Government Affairs

CERT Activities

Social/Senior Activities

Mail payment to: PDAW HOA
PO Box 661

Harbor City, CA 90710

For PDAW Use Only

Check #: _____

Amount: _____

Date: _____

Scan the QR code to pay your
membership fee electronically*



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213.267.1775

Michael Meets Members for Movie Night Magic

On a mild May evening, several members of the Palo Del Amo Woods community gathered at the nearby AMC Rolling Hills 20 theater in Torrance to see *Michael*, the biographical film following the early life of the legendary performer, Michael Jackson, up to his *Bad* world tour in the late 1980s.

While everyone purchased their own tickets, the PDAW Board treated the first 20 PDAW members in attendance to free fresh, hot buttered popcorn to enhance the movie experience. Everyone said they really enjoyed the movie, calling it a hit (and they were right).

Michael made a record \$39.5 million on its opening day, the highest gross for a biographical movie and the biggest opening day of *any* movie thus far in 2026. With a worldwide box office gross at \$788 million currently, the

production company behind *Michael* recently confirmed a sequel *will* happen.

The PDAW Board looks forward to organizing more evenings like this where the community gathers to experience an event collectively. What

facilitates such happenings? In a word, **membership**. Your HOA membership dues help the Board do so much for the PDAW community, from enhancing our safety and helping families in need to paying for popcorn! And since the Board advertises these events via email and text (as well as on the pdaw.org website), it's essential to keep your contact



information up to date.

Stay tuned to see where PDAW members are gonna be startin' something' next—*hee hee!*



Join us on Instagram. Follow our official page [@palodelamowoodshoa](https://www.instagram.com/palodelamowoodshoa) for updates, community highlights, and engaging content showcasing life within PDAW.



Follow us on Facebook. Join our exclusive residents-only [Facebook group](#) at Palo Del Amo Woods Homeowners Association to interact directly with neighbors and HOA board members. This platform allows you to participate in discussions, share ideas, and receive timely announcements.

These channels provide real-time updates, event notifications, and a collaborative space to strengthen the sense of community we all value.