

Mabury Messenger

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New Face on the Board

Welcome to the MRHOA Board new Board Director Sean Brunton! Sean and his wife, Amanda moved to Mabury Ranch in 2018. Sean grew up in the North Orange County area and received a Bachelor's Degree of Business Administration-Marketing from Cal Poly Pomona. The Bruntons now have two children, Delcan (6) and Oliver (3.)

The new Board was seated in October. The seven Directors are:

Nathan Swanek – President

Cathy Clark – Vice President

Nancy Edwards – Secretary

Don Green – Treasurer

John McCarty – Director at Large

Sean Brunton – Director at Large

Stephanie Tilhof – Director at Large

New Year, Fresh Start

You may have noticed new landscaping trucks around Mabury Ranch. In October, the Board selected Nieves Landscaping as our new landscaping company. This after the Landscape Committee took on the onerous task of preparing the RFP, reviewing qualifications and evaluating proposals before making a recommendation to the Board. To save on resources, the maintenance day frequency is determined by the season. Crews are onsite more frequently in the Summer when planters require more weeding and grass requires more frequent cutting. Service hours are cut back in the Winter, during the slower growing season when plants need less attention. Nieves is a family-run company that currently holds contracts with large HOAs and cities such as Orange and Mission Viejo. The Board was impressed with Nieves' experience and recommendations from other HOAs. The new contract should save the Association significantly on monthly maintenance costs. A special thanks to our Landscape Committee members, Stephanie Tilhof, Dan Lyding, Joe Digrado, Cathy Clark and Property Manager Morgan Bomboy for putting in countless hours to bring a new landscaper on board.

Spiffy Strips

In 2024, the Landscape Committee also led the effort to revitalize some of the parkway strips throughout the community. Over the last 40 years, some of the Morea Lilies have become overgrown and are blocking sidewalks and hindering driver's visibility. Some are more than five feet tall! When possible the Lilies are being dug up, separated and replanted. Three parkway strips, two at the Mt. McKinley & Serrano entrance and one strip on Orange Park were refreshed.



Who's Got Spirit?

Mabury Ranch definitely had holiday spirit in 2024! Many homes were all decked out for the holidays, making it very difficult for our judges to determine the winners in the Holiday Decorating Contest. In fact, it came down to a tie in the "Most Creative" category. To break the tie, the judges were asked to determine which display had the greatest impact. The Clarks on Yosemite with their digital image-changing wall, edged out the McFarland's on Waterton with their automated train, bell and snowman by just one point! The winner in the "Best Traditional" category was the Clarks (no relation) on Lake Mead with their various vintage pieces. Runner up in the Traditional category was the Wulffs on Mt. McKinley Ave. with their tall toy soldier. The winner in the "Best Lights" and the Grand Prize Winner was the Lemmels on Isle Royale. The runner up in the "Best Lights" category was the Bailey family on Carlsbad. Kudos to all of our finalists! We're excited to see what the contenders do in 2025.



Best Traditional/Clarks Lake Mead



Most Creative/Clarks Yosemite



Best Lights/Lemmels Isle Royale



Jody, Kelsea, Carl & Brett Lemmel

Merry Motorcade

Our Social Committee put on another Holiday Parade in December. Vehicles were very festive, all decked out with decorations and colored lights. Santa also made an appearance. As always, thank you to our hard-working committee members for making it happen.



Reminder: Your MRHOA Board wants to remind you that all holiday decorations and lights must be removed from home exteriors and yards within 30 days of any holiday. We appreciate your cooperation.