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Dear All,

I trust you have managed to cope with the incredibly hot summer this year. Hopefully, we can now look forward to some more varied weather, as well as some progress on the key concerns for property owners on the Montgó. Below, you will find some information on a variety of topics. We also look forward to seeing you at one of our regular Montgó Mornings or at the next General Assembly, details of which are shown below.

Asphalting on Montgo

The long-awaited work to asphalt some of the roads on the Montgó should now start later in September. The work has been delayed for a few months, not least to minimise the disruption to residents and holidaymakers during the months of July and August. As soon as we receive a firm date for the start of this work you will be advised. For information, the roads scheduled to be worked on are: Altar, Libra, Centauro, Tauro, Fenix y Hercules, Cabeço, Muela, Montemayor, Pic de la Batalla, Serra d'en Canes, Picacho, Estados Unidos, Argentina and Piezarroya.

Buzon Update

There are now a number of people on the waiting list for a Buzón (mailbox). We are in the process of approaching the company which produces the Buzón banks with the intention of purchasing and installing a new one, probably containing 36 separate mailboxes. Although the location has not yet been decided, for a number of reasons the most likely place is at the Punto Verde near the dental centre on the approach to Javea.

IBI Bills

By now all of you paying your IBI (town hall tax) annually should have received notification of this year's payment. For those not aware, it is now possible to spread the IBI payment, along with those for the local car tax and rubbish tax, over the course of a year through monthly, quarterly or customised payments. More information about this scheme can be found on the website for Jávea Town Hall (<http://www.ajxabia.com/>) under the heading 'Trámites' or by visiting either the Oficina de Atención al Ciudadana in Avda. Amanecer de España or the offices of the Área Económica in the Calle Mayor.

Development of Huertos del Montgo

The application to build a sheltered housing complex on the area known as the *Huertos del Montgó* is currently under consideration by the Valencian Community authorities. The company which runs *Ciudad Patricia*, the sheltered housing scheme near Benidorm, is behind the application. If permission were granted to go ahead, then the development would be on the northernmost edge of the area and would comprise some 30 villas and their support facilities.

Membership Fees

Over 70 of our members have yet to pay their subscriptions for 2014. To help us keep our membership list as up to date as possible, as well as allow us to better forecast our financial position for this year and 2015, it would be appreciated if you could pay your €15 subscription as soon as possible. Payment can either be in cash at one of our Montgó Mornings or our general meetings, or via bank transfer to the account detailed at the top of this Newsletter. Of course, there may be some who no longer wish to be an APMJ member. If that is the case, then it would be appreciated if you could advise our Membership Secretary, Ann Hambrook (apmj.membership@hotmail.com) accordingly.

Going Online

The majority of members will see this newsletter online. For those who still receive it in hard copy, but now have online access, would you please let our Secretary, Barbara Walters (montgo.residents@googlemail.com), know so that we can add you to the email list and remove you from the hand mailing list.

Recruitment of New Members

We always welcome new members. Without doubt, our best method of recruitment is word of mouth. If you have new neighbours or know of somebody who might be interested in joining the APMJ, please do tell them about us, and where they can find out more information about what have achieved over the years (a lot!) and what we can do for them now and in the future.

Montgó Mornings

We continue to hold Montgó Mornings on the first Tuesday of every month between 11 and 12 o'clock at Le Gourmand restaurant. Not only is it an opportunity to meet other members and enjoy a coffee, it also provides an opportunity to update you on local events or other items of interest, and for you to ask questions in return. For example, at the Montgó Morning 3rd September, John Sloggie gave us an interesting update on how the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) scheme works as well as some feedback on some recent reports of suspicious activity in the area. He was keen to stress, however, that the NHW communication system was there to warn and inform people of potential threats. Actual threats and ongoing incidents should always be reported via the emergency telephone number 112, noting that the operators were able to take calls in a number of languages. In the future we will look to inviting other people along (Town Councillors, Local Police officers, etc) to say a few words on current topics of interest, or to inform us more about wider activities in the area such as working as a volunteer in the community.

Next General Assembly

We plan to hold our next General Assembly on Tuesday 28th October 2014 at the Social Centre in Javea town. More details about the General Assembly – and maybe a tapas lunch to follow – will be circulated as soon as we are able. Meanwhile, please be advised that as well as hoping that either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor will be able to attend the meeting, we are also inviting the head of AMJASA to come along. Many of you will be interested to hear more about any plans AMJASA might have to renew the fragile network of water pipes on the Montgó, as well as understand more about their tariff system. Undoubtedly there will be other issues you will wish to raise and, once AMJASA's attendance is confirmed, I will probably be asking you to send your questions to me before the meeting so that I can prepare a consolidated list of topics for discussion.

Christmas Lunch

I know, I know, it's still hot and sticky and here I am worrying about the APMJ Christmas Lunch three months ahead! That said, I know that diaries for that time of year can fill up very quickly and so we are already looking to book the event now. The most promising time seems to be the first week of December (3rd or 4th) and as soon as we know more we will let you know.

Volunteers for Committee Posts

Last but not least, we are looking for volunteers for some of the posts on the APMJ Committee. Shirley Sloggie, our Treasurer, has done a tremendous job over the last four years. However, she now feels she would like to hand over the task to somebody else. The accounts, which have been audited regularly, are managed through a simple series of spreadsheets and although some previous experience of managing the funds for an organisation such as APMJ would be helpful, it is not essential. We are also looking for a volunteer to act as our Social Coordinator. The task includes arranging the regular Montgó Mornings, the luncheons following our General Assemblies/Annual General Meetings or at Christmas time, and other one-off events as required. If anybody is interested in taking on either post, then please contact me (presidentapmj@gmail.com) or Barbara Walters (montgo.residents@googlemail.com).

Best regards,

Andrew Simmonds
President APMJ