## **The SCS Newsletter** South Coast Shores HOA: August 2024

Have Household Hazardous Waste or E-waste to get rid of? See page 7 inside for where to go for drop off!

## **President's Message**

School bells are ringing, Labor Day is just around the corner, and that means get ready for OKTOBERFEST our annual celebration of German foods and, of course beer. Mark the date Oktober 5th! More to follow, see page 4 inside.

Our fiscal year ended on June 30th and I am pleased to report that SCS remains in excellent financial health allowing us to rebuild our reserves while maintaining our current monthly assessment which is one of the lowest for a community of our size in the area.

We will hold our Annual General Election Meeting on September 26th beginning at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse. Ballots will be mailed to all homeowners at the end of August. We have five board positions in this election cycle with three incumbents running and two positions that are open so we will have at least two new Board members this cycle.

For a meeting to be official we need to receive a majority of the 182 ballots for a quorum. If we do not do so the meeting will have to be rescheduled which would

result in an unnecessary cost to SCS. Please return your ballot promptly by mail or see where you can drop off your ballot on site, see info on page 3 inside.

#### Vince Salvati, President SCSHOA @ Southcoast2003@gmail.com



## At the Last Board Meeting

**On July 25th, 2024:** In accordance with Civil Code §4920, notice of the meeting and the agenda was posted on the bulletin board at least four days in advance of the General Session of the Board of Directors held on the above date at the Association clubhouse. And in accordance with State Statute the homeowners present were given an opportunity to address the Board of Directors. The following items were brought up: Wedding at the Clubhouse and rental specifically allowed activities/equipment and lake issues involving possible dredging opportunities and clam growth in filters.

The HOA BOD committee heads and/or designated members for Architectural, Landscape, Clubhouse, Trash/ Recycling, Parking, Lighting, Well & Equipment gave verbal reports to the board.

The Board DENIED the proposal from Relentless Landcare dated 06/26/24 estimate #5822E for 4 tree removals at 3608 S. Sea Breeze as the trees have been professionally determined to not be a risk.

The Board TABLED the proposal from Relentless Landcare dated 07/11/24 estimate #5867E for irrigation head conversion for \$2,475.00 pending further review.

The Board TABLED the appointment of one Director to fill the one vacant seat created by the resignation of Shawn Van Enoo on 03/13/24, and the appointment of one Director to fill the one vacant seat created by the death of Jack Casey in March 2024, since there are no candidates at this time.

The Board reviewed three proposals for an audit and tax preparation at fiscal year-end. The Board APPROVED the proposal from Inouye, Shively, Klatt, & McCorvey, CPA dated 04/02/24 to conduct an audit of the Association's financial records and prepare tax returns for fiscal year-ending 06/30/24 for \$1,325.00.

Management advised we are still waiting for CHS full community survey for trip hazard repairs and also final bids for the mandated Spa ER switch install will be in next month's Director Report for approval and scheduling.



The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be August 22nd, 2024. General Session at 7:00, at the SCS Clubhouse, Open for resident attendance. (Closed Board Executive Directors Session starts at 6:30)

#### Click HERE to link directly to full board minutes and all financial reports and HOA forms, now at www.southcoastshores.info/

## Would you like to play Chess with us?



Your move! Jeff Bickel and I are interested in starting a chess club at here at South Coast Shores. If you have an interest in the game, please contact Jeff or Dave.

Jeff's email is jeffb715@gmail.com

Dave can be recached at dandbmoore@me.com

Time and place are negotiable depending on interest shown.

—David Moore

## It's almost that time of the year again...

It will be coming in the mail soon... so when you do get your SCS-HOA ANNUAL ELECTION BALLOT your board of directors asks you to please return it as soon as you can, so we can get a 'quorum' for our Board of Directors 2023 Election that takes place on:

#### September 26th.

You will get your ballot in the mail by the end of August—so please keep an eye out for that mailed election packet from Optimum Property Management, and vote, or just sign off on it for quorum purposes, and mail



back to Optimum in the provided envelope. OR, drop the ballot off at 1921 West Wind by gate one at MacArthur (there will be a sign on mail slot) like we did last year with one of the Inspector of Elections: Julian Olson (Thanks for saving us a stamp, sir!)

Every homeowner has 5 votes PER BALLOT this year because there are 5 seats to be filled on this board in this cycle (This is an unusual number, as we normally only have 4 or 3 seats on the board to be filled.)

Please remember to sign your name on the #2 envelope, under your filled out return address, or it can't be counted towards our quorum total.

If we can't get enough ballots returned (51%) to validate this election the HOA will be obligated to repeat the balloting until we reach this legal number required by state law. This will cause the HOA to incur additional expenses, something we would *always* like to avoid with expenses increasing everyday!

Thanks in advance for your help and participation with your HOA. —Your SCS HOA Board of Directors



August book club met in the Clubhouse as we were beaten out for the shade tables at the pool by lots of kids. Soon they will be back in school. It was lovely in the air conditioning of the Clubhouse. Just one of the units cools it down beautifully.

We had quite a few good suggestions including *The Red Queen* by Juan Gomez-Jurado and *Sipsworth* by Simon Van Booy. The latter is a short book with a light and happy story. We don't get many of those. Also, *We Are All the Same in the Dark*, about a cold case that has been previously made into a documentary. Takes place in a small town in Texas....

Join us next month if you can and call to get on my email list. —Freddie Troy, 657-232-1811,





It is time again to pull on your lederhosen for good times and good cheer at the SCS Clubhaus!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday, October 5th from 12pm to 3pm for the annual SCS Oktoberfest celebration!

Come and join your neighbors to share in an everything German potluck dinner. Don't come empty handed; we need everyone to participate to make this event a fun and successful party. As usual a sign-up sheet will be posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board for you to post your food contribution.

Bring your enthusiasm and your German spirit (everyone is German at The Oktoberfest). Come for the fun, come for the food, come for the root beer floats and come hungry!

## For food ideas, questions or general information call or Susan Salvati 718-974-2308

#### Some German Food Suggestions:

German Red Cabbage German Potato Salad Bavarian Pretzels • Beer Cheese Potato Pancakes • Spaetzle Bratwurst or Sausage Sauerbraten • Kielbasa German Casseroles Greens with Hot Bacon Dressing Cocktail Meatballs Apple Sausage Hash • Goulash Cabbage & String Beans Apple Strudel or Cake German Cookies • Coffee Cake





## Ways to handle Bulky Trash items

PLEASE do not leave your larger trash items where the painter's container used to be, as that is no longer our collection area. A new area for bulky item on-site collection is on hold for now...

#### So at this time, your options:

1. If item is smaller, break up the thing into smaller pieces and put in your garage court trash bin for our regular Thursday trash pickup. And if it is too much to fit in one week, that is, it takes up too much space, please spread it around to other trash bins in the other garage courts. And please remember: the bin top can't be held open because of your stuff in there or we are fined! This is best for a basket, small plastic set of drawers, bench, single broken chair or other small furniture item, OR

#### 2. For really big stuff that is

**heavy:** 'Junkluggers' (844-782-0255 or junkluggers.com) is a good, 'green' service to hire for haulaway items, but at your expense. This is great because they will come inside your house and take the really large stuff, like couches, down the stairs for you as part of the service! OR,

**3.** Although we don't have a designated 'bulky' collection area onsite here at SCS **Republic Waste will come to your address** when you call it in to 657.467.6220, as they have done with other residents lately. Don't stress that this is a HOA, just give good directions to your house. It may take several calls to get this done, as I have heard, as our address numbering is funky, and their guys aren't the best at finding us. Follow their direction/dates as to when to put out your items by the trash bin.

#### **Donation Over Disposal?**

By donating unneeded or unwanted items, we practice reuse while we support our community. Fortunately, there are easy ways to get started.

#### **Donations to Local Charities:**

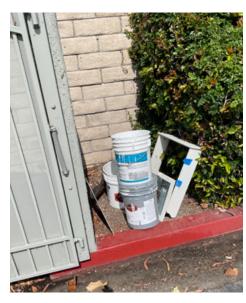
Many local charities and nonprofits welcome gently used items. Contact them to see whether they will accept the items you have available. Some Goodwills have a drive-thru drop off station.

**Giveaways to Neighbors:** Consider offering your items to neighbors or friends who might find them useful. It's a great way to build a stronger sense of community.

**Online Platforms:** Explore local online platforms, such as OfferUp, Nextdoor and Facebook Marketplace, where you can give away items for free. Someone in our neighborhood may be looking for exactly what you no longer need.

**Community Bulletin Board:** Check community bulletin boards or local social media groups. You can post about your items for free. Someone might be thrilled to pick them up.

#### Rethink, Reuse, Reduce, Recycle!





#### The 4th week SCS HOA OPEN Clubhouse will be held on August 28th, 11am–2pm

# Please join us...This is a great way to meet new friends!

Look for our signs to remind you of this every 4th week of the clubhouse event. Any questions, contact Helen at 714.556.1513. Bring your lunch and maybe something to share with your neighbors. See you soon!

Note: Our small SCS library is open during this time, if you are needing some free summer reading material!

#### 'Wrong' Recycling items...

are sometimes put to the side of the bin by recycle committee members for educational purposes. FYI: Anything there should be put in the trash! *Please note:* uncleaned paint buckets are never recyclable nor is any remodeling debris.

Overall: NO WOOD is recyclable in our SCS bins, along with ANY plastic wrap or plastic bags. Please make sure your vendors and cleaning people understand what goes where.

## **Architectural News**

#### By Maurizio Bertoldi, SCS Architectural Committee Chair info@southcoastshores.info or 714-206-2109

#### Need a map of SCS? See page 8 for one to use

Here are a couple of pointers to use when it is time to fill out a SCS HOA Architectural or Roof Application that will help you get your approval more quickly, so you can get going with that project! Per our R&Rs you need to fill out this App form (below) for ANY exterior changes you wish to make on your house—for a new garage/ front door, roof, patio slab or structure, balcony, planter, fences/gate, rain gutter, windows or solar panels. No work

can be started until approval is given by Optimum Property Management (OPM) that handles this process for the HOA.

#### SOUTH COAST SHORES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ARCHITECTURAL IMPROVEMENT APPLICATION

SECTION 1: HOMEOWNER INFORMATION: (Please Print Clearly)	
Name:	Date:
SCS Address:	
Home Phone:Work Phone	
Name of Contractor:	Phone:
Address of Contractor:	
Start Date: Completion Date: _	
Nature of Improvement:B	
(Attach All Necessary Plans)	
SECTION 2: CONTRACTOR INFORMATION: The following documents are required with the application.  1) Copy of California State Contractor License or Termite Repair Licensing 2) ACORD Certificate of Liability Insurance (\$1 million minimum) 3) Certificate of Worker's Compensation Insurance	
<u>SUBMISSION</u> : Attach the necessary plans and contractor information to this form and deliver to the SCS Architectural Committee thru Optimum. Ensure that the legal owner of the property signs below.	
<u>APPROVAL PROCESS</u> : The Committee will review the request and, if approved, the form will be returned to the homeowner. <b>WORK MAY NOT COMMENCE UNTIL THIS OCCURS</b> . If the request is denied, a letter will be forwarded to the homeowner stating the objections to the request.	
<u>NOTE</u> : It is the responsibility of the homeowner to determine if a City permit is required for this project and to obtain same. If City permit is required, Association final approval is dependent on submitting a copy of the permit to the Association.	
The information given above, including attachments, is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.	
Signature of Legal Owner	Date:
SCS APPROVAL SECTION: PL Special Approval Conditions:	EASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

It may seem complicated at first, but taken step-by-step the App is pretty easy to complete. Here is what is needed **A** thru **C**, and what can cause problems or slow downs for approvals when your App is sent to the SCS HOA Board Committee for approval thru OPM.

**A.** This App is for the legal homeowner to fill out and send in, NOT your vendor, and be sure to sign & date the App at the bottom before you send in to OPM. If you are going to email it in, please scan or take a clear photo of the App and make sure it can be read easily, or you may be asked to resend it—causing a slow down for your approval.

**B.** If your improvement can't be described in a very few words like '*new door, see attached photo, color: match trim: white*' then please use an additional sheet to describe the project giving ALL the details of your plan with photos, or plans. Or, if you have a detailed estimate with specs from the vendor, send that in with App so the committee can fully understand what your project entails. Not being able to read small, cramped handwriting on 'Nature of Improvement' section will slow approval because questions may be asked.

**C.** Providing your Contractor's Licensing and Insurance information is a very important requirement for getting approval for your project and an area where a lot of homeowners can get confused and miss including a document that is needed. The 'license' can be the card the contractor carries in his wallet or a screen grab from CA Contractors State Licence Board web site at https://www.cslb.ca.gov/onlineservices/check-licensell/checklicense.aspx (if you have vendor's license number). The vendor's '*ACORD Certificate of Liability Insurance* (*\$1 million minimum*)' and '*Certificate of Worker's Compensation Insurance*' should be provided to homeowner to send in with App. Sometimes both of these insurances required are on the same ACORD document and sometimes they can be on 2 different docs. Please check to make sure both insurances are included with your App before sending in. This should not be a problem for the vendor to provide. The vendors must be insured to protect you and the HOA.

Processing for HOA Committee approval may take up to 30 days. Modifications made without prior written approval are subject to removal at the Owner's expense. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to determine if a City permit is required for this project and to obtain same and submit a copy of the permit to OPM. Send or email in all docs and information to Optimum Property Management at 230 Commerce #250, Irvine, CA 92602 or email to OPM Administrative Assistant: Edward Thompson, Ext. 375, E-mail: ethompson@optimumpm.com. Architectural or Roof Application forms are available thru OPM's portal. Maurizio Bertoldi or Susan Todd (suztodd@me.com) can answer App questions for you.

# Where to go for Free Household Hazardous Waste and E-waste Disposal for OC Residents

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients are considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Products such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, smoke detectors, and pesticides that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special handling when you dispose of them. E-waste such as televisions, tablets, cell phones, printers and computers can also be taken to a HHW.

Orange County residents can dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste items for FREE at any of the County's four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers. And the Huntington Beach site is not far away and easy to find for us!

**Huntington Beach Collection Center** is at 17121 Nichols Lane, 92647, Gate 6, Hours of Operation: 9 am - 3 pm, Tuesday through Saturday (closed on major holidays and during rainy weather). Just go west on Slater, (Dyer/Segerstrom) all the way to Nichols, turn right and turn left in at gate 6. The guys on duty there take all the stuff out of your car for you, and you stay in your car for safety. A maximum of 15 gallons or 125 pounds may be transported per vehicle, per trip. Containers larger than five gallons will not be accepted. Materials must be in original containers (except motor oil, fuels and antifreeze). For more detailed info click on link or go to: *https://oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste* 

#### A partial list of things accepted:

#### Workshop/Painting Supplies:

Adhesives and glues Aerosol cans Fixatives and other solvents Furniture strippers Oil or enamel-based paint Paint strippers and remover Paint thinners and turpentine Photographic chemicals Stains and finishes

#### Miscellaneous:

#### **Batteries\***

Compact fluorescent tubes Driveway sealer Fluorescent light bulbs Mercury thermometers Smoke detectors

#### **Cleaning Products:**

Bleach (laundry) Drain cleaners Oven cleaners Pool chemicals Toilet cleaners Tub, tile, shower cleaners Wood and metal cleaner / polishes

#### **Automotive Products**

Air conditioning refrigerants Antifreeze Automotive batteries Carburetor & fuel injection cleaners Fuel additives & Motor oil Starter fluids Transmission and brake fluid

#### E-Waste

CD, DVD and VCR players Cell phones Computer monitors Computers CPUs/laptops Digital cameras and thermometers Hand-held electronic devices Home-use medical monitors Tablets and MP3 players Microwave ovens (home use) Programmable kitchen appliances Printer/scanner/fax/copiers (desktop) Radios of all types (car & home) Stereos (no speakers) Televisions (CRTs & flat screens) Video game consoles

#### **Flammable Products**

Fire Extinguishers under 40 lbs. Gas / oil mix Helium tanks Kerosene / Lighter fluid Propane tanks (5-gallon max)

#### Lawn and Garden Products

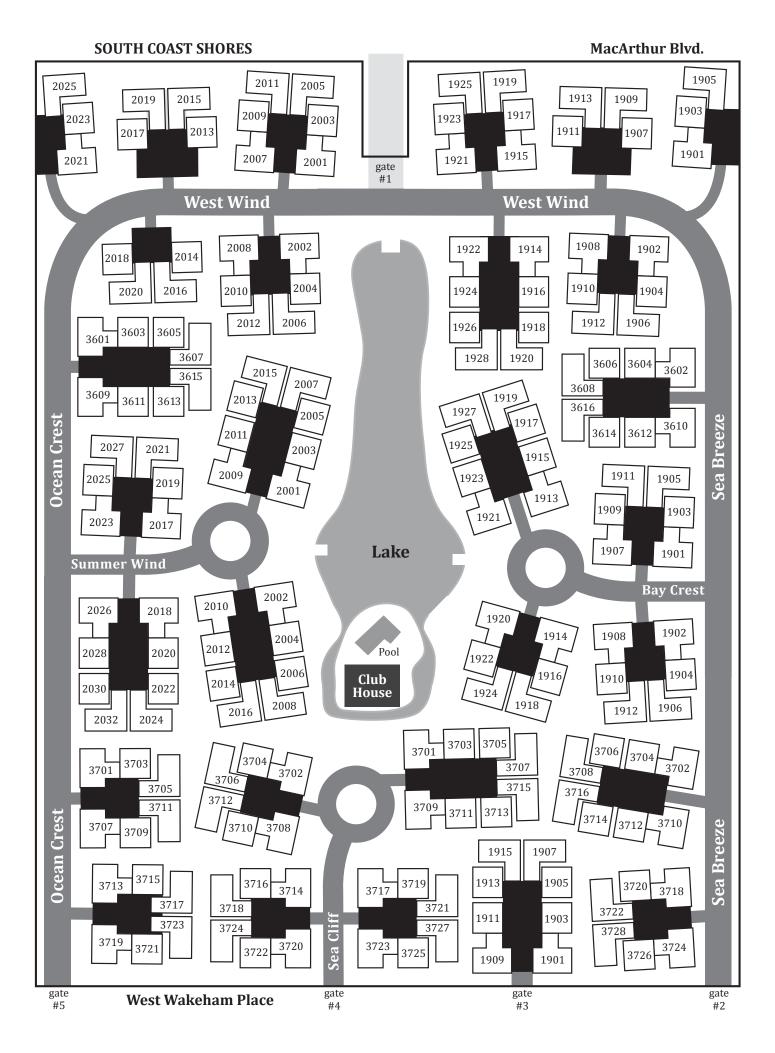
Fungicides / wood preservatives Herbicides / Insecticides **Sharps:** Needles in punctureproof containers (hypodermic

needles, pen needles, lancets)

#### Important Special Note About Lithium Batteries:

These batteries and devices containing them should NEVER go in household trash or recycling bins. They can pose a significant fire hazard if disposed of in this way!

\*These batteries are located in most all cell phones, computers/tablets vaping devices, power tools, electric toothbrushes, ebikes, drones, phone chargers, and basically anything that needs to be recharged.



# Please join our community **Facebook page**

A 'neighbor' page has been setup for SCS residents (only!) and you are invited to join! Anyone in our group is able to post announcements, news and other subjects of interest to our residents joined on this FB page.

Search 'South Coast Shores' in your Facebook search bar and request to join or click the link below.

#### https://www.facebook.com/groups/408111792989992

Jowanna Cannon is administrator of the FB page (jbashout@yahoo.com)

#### The SCS Website is www.southcoastshores.info

Just click on MEMBER in the upper right corner and you can read minutes of past meetings, see agendas of upcoming Board of Directors Meetings, review the monthly financial report, and get SCS application forms for architectural and landscape improvements, a map, Rules & Regs, and much more.

### Have a Homeowner Issue or Question? Here is your SCS Contact List:

#### **Optimum Professional Property Management**

230 Commerce #250, Irvine, CA 92602 Website: www.optimumpm.com **Office: 714-508-9070 / Fax: 714-665-3000** Office Hours: 8:00am. to 5:00pm. Monday-Friday Optimum's After-Hour On Call Service: 714-741-2685

#### Certified Community Association Manager:

Christian Long, CMCA, Ext. 305, E-mail: clong@optimumpm.com

**Assessment Billing/Collections:** (Billing/Account Payments, Delinquency Matters) Ext. 1, E-mail: billing@optimumpm.com

**Escrow Department:** (Escrow Demands, Requests for Documents) Ext. 2, E-mail: escrow@optimumpm.com

**Maintenance Department:** (Common Area Maintenance/Pool-Spa/Keys, etc.) 714-508-9070, Option 3 For E-mail: Maintenance@optimumpm.com

Administrative Assistant: (ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATIONS/Forms/etc.) go to Edward Thompson, Ext. 375, E-mail: ethompson@optimumpm.com

**Emergencies:** things must be handled immediately such as gates nonworking, or broken water lines, etc, can be sent by email to Maintenance@ Optimumpm.com or you can call 714-508-9070 and press Option 3

Santa Ana Police Department: 714-834-4211 (non-emergency)

HOA Liability Insurance: As of July 1st 2024:

LaBarre/Oksnee Agency Inc: 800-698-0711, Fax: 949-588-1275

# Do you have a specific question about:

#### Parking Issues &

**Clubhouse Rental:** Call Freddie Troy, (landline) 657-232-1811 or freddiemillert@aol.com. *Don't put off registering a car!* 

Trash/Recycle/Food & Yard Waste Bins or Pickup for Bulky Items: Email questions to Susan Todd at suztodd@me.com

Landscape and Architectural/Roof Changes: Contact Maurizio Bertoldi for questions, 714-206-2109 or email to info@southcoastshores.info

#### Patrol Masters: 877-648-0602 or www.patrolmasters.com

(To safe-list cars for visitors and other parking issues) Note: All parking variance requests must go to Freddie Troy at freddiemillert@aol.com, the BOD parking committee head, not directly to Patrol Masters. **Please email Freddie with any questions.** 

#### Your SCS Board of Directors:

**President:** Vincent Salvati, 718-974-2305 or southcoast2003@gmail.com

Vice President: Susan Todd, 714-957-6833 (landline, no text) or suztodd@me.com

**Secretary:** Freddie Troy, 657-232-1811 (landline, no text), freddiemillert@aol.com

**Treasurer:** Jowanna Cannon, 310-266-9984 or jbashout@yahoo.com

**At Large:** Maurizio Bertoldi, 714-206-2109 or info@southcoastshores.info