

President's Message

It was a bright and sunny July 4th and we had record breaking attendance at our annual BBQ. Many thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to



Cheers to our 2024 BBQ Grill Guys...

From left: Robert Toler, David Parker, Vince Salvati, and John Donahoe. It was a very hot & steamy job, so thanks sooooo much for taking it on. You were great! — Editor

its success! Without them there would not be the BBQ. As per our custom, the event was kicked off by a bike parade, however, there were no bikes! There were scooters, skateboards and some runners, but no bikes. Hmmm!

The season has ended for our Canadian geese removal plan.

There were significantly fewer geese this year than in prior years

(and cleaner sidewalks), so it appears to be working. Since the geese return to where they were hatched, thus we have been concentrating on removal of females and nests. Hopefully this trend will continue on.

Vince Salvati, President SCSHOA @ Southcoast2003@gmail.com

At the Last Board Meeting

On June 27th, 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: Vehicles driving at unsafe speeds, and the need, perhaps, for new signage stating 15 MPH speed limit.

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

The Board APPROVED the proposal from Relentless Landcare dated 06/06/24 estimate #5803E to remove a dying liquid amber tree for \$2,550.00. The Board TABLED the proposal from Relentless Landcare, estimate #5665E to remove bender boards for \$2,683.00 as this is not needed at this time.

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 the renewal policy quote from LaBarre/Oksnee Insurance coverage renewing 07/01/24, and APPROVED the renewal quote LeBarre/Oksnee Insurance dated 06/14/24 to include property coverage with a policy limit of \$62 Million and deductible of \$10,000, liability coverage with a policy limit of \$2 million, umbrella coverage with a policy limit of \$15 million, and Directors & Officers coverage with a policy limit of \$1 million for a total annual premium of \$53,778.00 subject to rate changes to be paid from Operating.

The Board APPROVED the change order from Roofing Standards dated 06/16/24 to replace, modify and paint three clubhouse gutters for \$1,550.00 to be paid from Operating G/L #70600 (Common Area).

The Board APPROVED the installation of 4 new 15 MPH signs on each of the four gates to deter speeding.

The Board APPROVED the Annual Membership Meeting and Election for South Coast Shores Homeowners Association to be held September 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (with registration at 5:45 p.m.) at the community clubhouse. The Board also APPROVED the appointment of Julian Olson of 1921 W. West Wind, David Mackler of 3613 S. Ocean Crest and John Donahoe of 1904 Bay Crest to act as the Inspectors of Election and certify the results of the election in accordance with the adopted Election Rules for the Annual Membership Meeting & Election to be held on September 26. Furthermore, Optimum Professional Property Management, Inc. is authorized to receive the ballots and will turn them over to the Inspectors of Election prior to the meeting.

Management advised the Board that we are still seeking two additional bids for the Spa ER Switch Install.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be July 25th, 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/

It was a July 4th blast at our SCS Annual BBQ!



There was a record-breaking attendance of 180 adults and about a dozen children. Our expert grillers Vince Salvati, Robert Toller, David Parker, headed up by John Donahoe fired up an amazing BBQ. So much so that we ran out of hamburgers! Note for next year: buy more burgers.

Louise Belley and her husband Richard Schnarr organized the food and beverages (with Richard also providing some lovely patriotic music selections on his violin!) with the help of Barbara & David Moore and Ilona Honeyman & Jeff Bickel. Sebastian & Sa Ragazzo (at left) steadfastly provided

us with ice cream cones, root beer floats, lemonade frostys, and watermelon slushes throughout the day. Plus, they generously donated all the ice cream & drinks.

Jeanette Sapp & Louis Steers vigilantly took attendance. This helps us to plan for next year's events.

Susan Todd and husband Bill, with the help of Lee Judson, did the outstanding decorating of the Clubhouse. Susan donated not only her time and talents but all the decorations, and much more, too.

I want to thank all these people, especially, because they pitched in above and beyond to ensure our BBQ was a success.

And a HUGE thank you to all who helped set-up chairs & tables and those that

stayed to do the big clean up in the Clubhouse after the event.

The lunch bunch members that brought the viddles for the BBQ table.

To everyone that paid attention to our invitation and brought a covered dish item or dessert, your efforts were very much appreciated and needed. The proof was that at the end of day there were hardly any leftovers.

Our kids had a blast too reinventing the Rolling Thunder Parade and writing thank-you notes to our SCS relatives serving in the military. This year's BBQ was dedicated to their service to our country.

Thank you everyone, it was a fun event because so many people participated so enthusiastically! —Susan Salvati





Would you like to play Chess?

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 reached at dandbmoore@me.com

Time and place are negotiable depending on interest shown.

—David Moore

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

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

We are taking a summer break, but will put out our 6 signs to remind you of this every 4th week of the clubhouse event (except this month!). Any questions, contact Helen at 714.556.1513. See you in August!

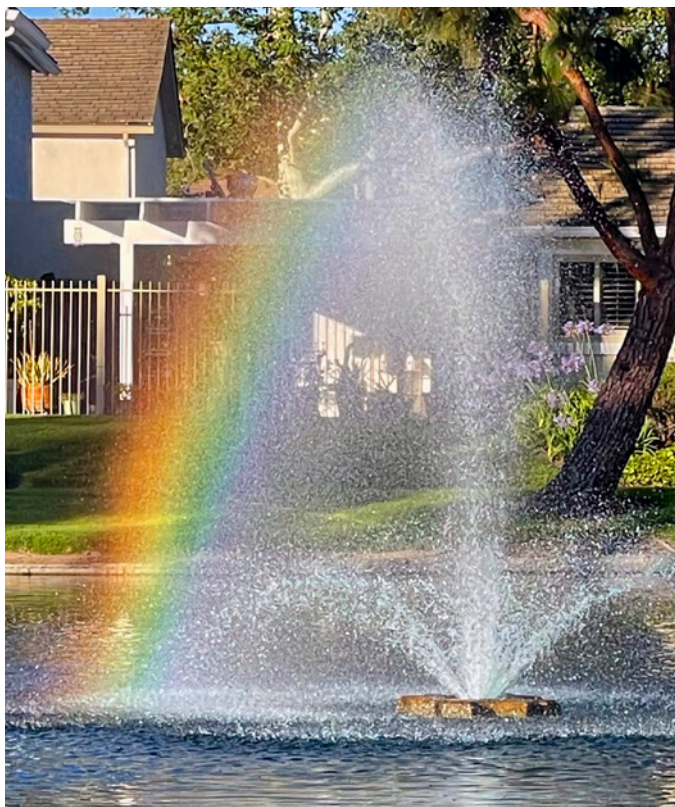


The official 'Dog Days of Summer' started on July 3rd and continues through August 11th, just FYI...



You have probably heard 'our' Hawk!

He or she has been kind of a noisy, chirping neighbor, but so beautiful and majestic to see in flight or just chilling on a branch at SCS. In my research I see that it is notoriously difficult to identify hawk species, even for experts. Possibly this is a Red Shouldered Hawk or a Sharp-shinned Hawk or a Red Tailed Hawk (I think the Cooper's Hawk is lighter in color, but there are variations that are seen with juveniles of each species). All hawks are carnivorous birds of prey that primarily feed on small mammals such as rodents, rabbits, and squirrels. They also consume birds, reptiles, and occasionally insects. They are skilled hunters and typically hunt and feed themselves multiple times a day, especially during the breeding season when they need to provide food for their offspring. However, their feeding frequency can vary based on factors such as prey availability and energy requirements. (Very cool photo by neighbor Christine Lungren, above.)



Magical?

At about 7pm, right before the lake fountain turns off—if the wind is blowing just the right northern direction—a beautiful rainbow appears to the west-dock meetup neighbors every evening, now.

So pretty—so catch it if you can, and make a wish! Or just stop by to say hi to one of our friendliest groups enjoying the lake and cooler afternoon temps.

(Photo: Norma Wilson)

Landscape News

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

Soaring temperatures, sunlight, and dry conditions are here! Most summers can be warm, but abnormally high temperatures can stress plants, resulting in sunburn, wilting, and even death. Note that plants in containers are more vulnerable to extreme heat and weather because the air temperatures can “fry” the roots and tops of plants. Shallow-rooted plants such as annuals, especially those in your hanging baskets, can be affected the most from a heat wave. Succulents can usually tolerate the heat well. Thankfully, there are methods that can be used to moderate damaging effects of summer heat. Here are



some ways to help your plants during the summer:

Give your plants extra water. High temperatures will require more watering because there is an increase in the rate the water lost from the plant’s leaves. This results in sunburn damage and wilting. The time of day you water your plants is very important to keep in mind. Watering in the

middle of the day will not be as effective because your shrubs, perennials, and plants are devoting their energy to surviving the heat, not taking in water. The best time to water plants is in the morning when temperatures are lower.

Skip fertilizing. Plants use all their resources to survive heat and cannot spare the energy needed to take in fertilizer. Instead, the fertilizer remains in the soil and can burn the plant. When the hot weather is over, return to your regular fertilizing schedule.

Avoid pruning, if possible. Sunburned growth on your plants can be tempting to prune away but put away your pruners! This sunburned foliage is protecting the interior of your plant by providing shade and coverage from the sun. Wait to prune the sun-damaged growth until cooler.

Provide temporary shade. Unfortunately, plants cannot move toward or into the shade like we can, but we can bring the shade to them. Shade cloth can be placed on top of the plants to protect them from the sun. If you have container plants, it is beneficial to have them on rollers so that you can move them around as needed to put them into shady areas.

Lastly I want to remind you again of the following important aspect: if your drip system appears not to be watering enough, please DO NOT poke holes in the drip pipes in the attempt to have more water flow out of the tube. The manufactured holes are calibrated for the pressure to be lowered during watering (hence dripping) and are designed for that very purpose. Any other hole will create a gushing flow, exactly like a broken sprinkler head, that will shoot water in any direction (windows, stucco, sidings, etc.). The best course of action, if the drip system appears to be under-watering or not watering at all, is to let me know directly via email at info@southcoastshores.info.



Egg laying time for the Swans!

This year one of our girls picked a nesting area with a very pretty view—see pic above!

The ladies have already left 3 eggs around the community, by the edge of the lake and by the pool enclosure.

As we have explained before, it is normal for female swans to build nests and lay eggs yearly, obviously infertile if there is no male. She will sit on the eggs until she realizes that the eggs are not viable and her hormone levels return to normal.

If she stays on the nest, and stops eating or drinking, we will need to take the eggs away, or she could get weak, especially if sitting in the sun all day. Also, if left too long the eggs can attract rodents.

We would love to see our girls have chicks (cygnets), but we have found that keeping male swans, as we did many years ago, can result in attacks on pets and people when a 'boy' is in a bad mood (which they were, a lot!).



Book Club was able to meet at the pool again as it was lovely and cool in the shade. No one has finished the Abraham Verghese books as yet, so we will continue those for next month. As an alternative, *The Glassmakers* by Tracy Chevalier was selected.

Please, come if you are able. The pool is quiet at 1:00 on a Wednesday and if not we can always go inside and use the AC.

—Freddie Troy, 657-232-1811, freddiemillert@aol.com

A resident asks:

I always park in my garage... do I still need to 'Register' my car?

I would like to encourage ALL residents to register their cars, even if they are always kept in the garage. **It has happened more than once that unforeseen circumstances require a usually garaged car to be parked on the street overnight.**

If you have never registered your car, and you park overnight on the street, your car will be in violation and can be cited, and with enough citations, towed. Having your cars registered means you can always park on the street, if the occasion arises.

You also need to have your cars registered to get a 'safelist' number. This number is required if you need to setup overnight parking for any unregistered vehicle on the street—like for a guest—with Patrol Masters, our parking vendor. Also, please remember that safelisted cars must only be parked on the perimeter streets: West Wind, Sea Breeze and Ocean Crest.

Please, email me at freddiemillert@aol.com if you have not registered your cars, or if you need help with another parking issue. —Freddie Troy

Still seeing too much: Plastic Bags, Film/Sheeting & Flexible Film Packaging in bins!

Stuff to keep out of the recycle bins

Just a reminder—Be sure to email Susan Todd, if you have any questions about what is recyclable at sutztodd@me.com. We want to avoid fines, so we need your help!



NO Recyclables
INSIDE Plastic Bags



NO Foods & Liquids



NO Electronics & Small Appliances



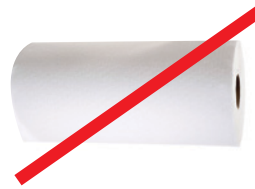
NO Textiles, Clothing Bedding & Carpet



NO Hoses, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords



NO Plastic Bags, Film/Sheeting & Flexible Film Packaging



NO Paper Napkins, Plates, Cups & Tissues



NO Polystyrene Foam (Styrofoam)



NO Tires, Auto Parts or any Scrap Metal



NO Concrete, Wood & Construction Debris



NO Yard Waste or pet waste



NO Non-Recyclable Plastic

It's time for a reminder from the Humane Society of the United States again: How to haze for effective reshaping of coyote behavior

A new coyote has been spotted at SCS in the last couple of weeks (eating a squirrel!) and they are impossible to keep out of our property, as you know—with their ability to hop 6' fences! So keep a close eye on your small pets.

The Humane society advises that coyotes are reclusive animals who avoid human contact. Coyotes who have adapted to urban and suburban environments, however, may realize there are few real threats and may approach people or feel safe visiting areas even when people are present.

These coyotes have become habituated (lost their fear of humans), probably owing to the bounty of food that they have become accustomed to feeding upon in your neighborhood. **These bold coyotes should not be tolerated or enticed but instead given the clear message that they should not be so brazen.**

Hazing. Hazing is a method that makes use of deterrents to move an animal out of an area or discourage an undesirable behavior or activity. Hazing can help maintain a coyote's fear of humans and deter them from backyards and play spaces.

Methods of hazing. Using a variety of different hazing tools is critical so that coyotes don't get used to redundant or single stimulus devices, sounds, and actions.

- Yelling and waving your arms while approaching the coyote.
- Noisemakers: Whistles, air horns, bells, "shaker" cans full of marbles or pennies, pots, lid or pie pans banged together. (Whistles from Amazon.com, search 'loud whistles'.)
- Projectiles: sticks, small rocks, cans, tennis balls or rubber balls
- Other: hoses, water guns with vinegar water, spray bottles with vinegar water, pepper spray or bear repellent

"Go away, coyote!" The simplest method of hazing a coyote involves being loud and large:

- Stand tall, wave your arms, and yell at the coyote, approaching them if necessary, until they run away as demonstrated in this coyote hazing video.
- If a coyote has not been hazed before, they may not immediately run away when you yell at them. If this happens, you may need to walk towards the coyote and increase the intensity of your hazing if you feel safe.

The coyote may run away, but then stop after a distance and look at you. It is important to continue to go after the coyote until they completely leaves the area. You may need to use different tactics, such as noisemakers, stomping your feet, or spraying the coyote with a hose, to get them to leave, but hazing can be effective if done often.

Dog-walking tools. There are several tools that you can carry with you while walking your dog that can be used to repel coyotes. These include:

- Homemade noisemakers or whistles or small air horn (you can purchase small air horn "necklaces")
- Squirt guns or pepper spray
- Sticks or other objects to throw towards (but not at) the coyote

But be careful and do not interact with a coyote whom you suspect of being sick or injured. Although coyotes are skittish by nature and generally aren't aggressive toward people, engaging animals who are sick or injured can result in unpredictable behavior. And, NEVER run from a coyote, as advised from The Humane Society, as that can trigger a coyote's 'chase' instinct.



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 non-working, 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 sutztodd@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 fred-diemillert@aol.com, the BOD parking committee head, not directly to Patrol Masters.

Please email Freddie with any questions.

Your SCS Board of Directors:

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