



The SCS Newsletter

South Coast Shores HOA: May 2024



President's Message



It looks like the SoCal monsoon season is finally over, but I guess we should be thankful that we will not have any water restrictions this year.

The sick coyote that was wandering around and appeared to be living here at SCS has been removed but everyone should remain cautious and aware of their surroundings when walking around the community. Also, there has been a noticeable reduction in the number of Canadian geese this year as we continue our removal program. If you see a nest, please contact me or any of the Board members and we will arrange to have it removed.

SoCal Edison will be implementing a new "fixed charge" of \$24 late this year or in early 2026 and they claim that they will reduce the usage rate by 5 to 7 cents as an offset (see page 7 for early info/link, more to come soon). The overall effect will probably increase overall usage and heighten the probability of summer brownouts.

We will be celebrating Memorial Day on May 27th, the unofficial start of summer. Let us remember all of those who have served and who are serving to protect our freedom and liberties. Thank you for your service!



Vince Salvati, President SCSHOA @ Southcoast2003@gmail.com

At the Last Board Meeting

On March 26th, 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: Tree removal and lake health.

The Board APPROVED the proposals: 5594E from Relentless Landscape dated 02/20/24 to trim Birds of Paradise around the clubhouse on Sea Breeze and West Wind for a total cost of \$3,500.00, and also proposal 5664E to relocate a tree at 1921 West Wind for a total cost of \$300.00, and also proposal 5709E for tree removal and stump grind as well as, install Pistache tree at 2002 W Wind for a total cost of \$2,430.00, and also proposal 5733E to treat 7 Large Junipers around the pool for Bark Beetles for a total cost of \$1,120.00 (or large trees would be destroyed).

The Board DENIED the proposal 5665E from Relentless Landscape dated 03/26/24 to remove all bender boards at front of homes for a total cost of \$2,128.00.

The Board APPROVED the proposal 223080-01 from Severson Plumbing dated 04/25/24 to provide maintenance and outflow piping repairs to the Sump Pump for a total cost of \$1,994.00.

Reorganization of Officer Seat Due to Vacancies: A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to APPROVE the appointment of Director, Susan Todd, to the office of Vice President effective immediately. And the Board TABLED the appointment of two Directors to fill the vacant seats created by the loss of directors in March 2024, since there are no candidates at this time.

The Board APPROVED the proposal 90607747 from Animal Pest Management Services dated 04/15/24 for Coyote removal for a total cost of \$2,750.00.

The Board APPROVED the proposals 5291 and 5292 from Cal Sparkle dated 03/27/24 for the recommended maintenance of the pool and spa heaters for a total cost of \$1,150.00.

The Board TABLED the proposal from JP Contractors dated 04/11/24 for roof and dry rot repairs to the clubhouse to the May 2024 meeting pending 2 additional bids.

The Board TABLED the proposal from Tri-County dated 01/21/24 to install an ER Spa Switch as required by the Health Department for a cost of \$4,383.56 until the May 2024 meeting pending 2 additional bids.

The Board APPROVED the purchase of a new bench for the WEST dock not to exceed \$240.00 to be reimbursed to Director Susan Todd upon receiving receipt(s).



Need to ask a SCS question or make a comment?

All your contact info is on last page of this newsletter! Ask away!

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be May 23rd, 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](http://www.southcoastshores.info/) to link directly to full board minutes and all financial reports and HOA forms, now at www.southcoastshores.info/

Save the date for
'Coffee for Jack Casey'



Date: Friday, June 28th
Time: 4pm
at the SCS Clubhouse

**Please join Ginger Casey
and her family for a
Celebration Gathering
for the late Jack Casey.**

Here's to you, Jack!



**The NEXT HOA SCS
OPEN Clubhouse
will be Wednesday,
May 22rd, 11am–2pm**

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

All residents are welcome to bring a lunch to eat or an food item to share with others, but just your company is what our monthly Open Clubhouse Event is all about.

Catchup with old friends and meet new ones! Coffee and drinks are provided.

We will put out our 6 new signs to remind you of this every 4th week of the clubhouse event.

Any questions, contact Helen at 714.556.1513.
Hope to see you there!





Patriotic News!

May 18th is Armed Forces Day, the day we honor those serving in the US military branches. 1776 American flags will be flying and available for your viewing at Castaways Park located at Dover Drive and 16th Street in Newport Beach beginning May 17 through May 27, 2024. **One very special flag to SCS residents is dedicated to the service of past resident Ray Stewart. You can ask at the entrance of the park for the location of his flag.**

Speaking of 1776, preparations for our SCS BBQ held every July 4th are in the making!

The theme this year is a Salute to the Children of the SCS Families currently serving in the Armed Forces. *If you have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew currently serving please call or text Susan Salvati at 718-974-2308 to let her know the name and military branch of the serving member.*



Mark your calendars for July 4th at 12pm in the Clubhouse for our BBQ open to all residents in SCS. This is an HOA community where residents share food, fun & cheer. Free hamburgers, hot dogs and root beer floats are provided by the HOA, along with our annual Rolling Thunder Bicycle Parade.



The 64th Annual Strawberry Festival: May 24-27

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival is a FREE annual event produced by the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, a dedicated volunteer group, which has raised more than \$7 million for various charities since its inception in 1958. Now, 64 years

later, the annual Strawberry Festival, held on the Village Green at Euclid Street and Main Street in Garden Grove, CA on Memorial Day Weekend, features a free Strawberry Shortcake Grand Opening Ceremony, Free Music and Shows in the Garden Amp Amphitheater and on the Showmobile, a Free Parade filled with Celebrities, a VIP Pancake Breakfast, Meet and Greet Celebrity Autograph Signings, Food Vendors, Carnival Rides and Games, and Fun Contests with Prizes, including Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby Contest, Tiny Tots King and Queen Contest, the Redhead Roundup Contest and more. The Festival's mission and goal is to give back to the community by donating to nonprofit organizations which provide services for children, seniors, and our youth.





Lake Life

Have you seen the lone Snowy Egret at our Lake?

He (or she?) is fishing! Snowy Egrets are found in North America, Central America, South America, and in the Caribbean. Egrets are all members of the heron family.

The name egret has been given to

herons that are white and have decorative plumes.

Snowy Egrets at one time were nearly extinct. In the 1800's, they were hunted for their feathers (or plumes) to use to decorate ladies' hats. One source reported that the elegant plumes of the Snowy Egret were valued at \$32 per ounce. This is more than gold was sold for at the time! The population of Snowy Egrets was severely affected because the demand for their plumes was greater than those of the Great Egret. Thankfully, the population of Snowy Egrets has come back strong due to both legal protections and education. Egrets typically live for about 10 to 15 years in the wild, though this can vary based on environmental conditions.

Snowy Egrets are around two feet tall, and are entirely bright white ex-

cept for a yellow area of skin called a lore in front of their yellow eyes. They also have long, slender black bills, long, black legs, and yellow or greenish-yellow feet. Male and female birds look exactly alike; but males are slightly larger.

Snowy Egrets are found near marshes, wet agricultural fields, swamps, ponds, river and lake edges, and estuaries (locations where the ocean connects with a river or stream). These Egrets look for food near water because they prefer fish and other aquatic animals. Obtaining food is a fairly easy task for Snowy Egrets due to their long legs, long necks, and the ability to catch prey swiftly with their sharp bills. Their diet includes small fish, tadpoles, frogs, snails, crabs, shrimp, crayfish, insects, and earthworms.



King of the lake?

The male half of our Egyptian goose pair must have run into some money and bought the rights to our lake—because currently no ducks are allowed on the water while he waits for his wife's eggs to hatch.

(The swans and the snowy

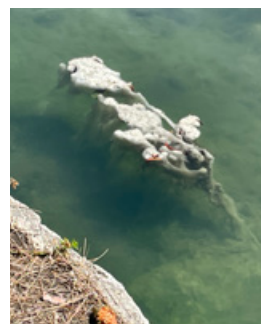
Egret are allowed on the lake, and the Canada geese are shooed off the water by the swans now.) Can you say 'pecking order'? That is why we are not seeing hardly any ducks in the lake this year!



Have you seen the foggy view first thing in the morning? Above is a cool foggy photo by resident Christine Lungren.

An algae bloom is early this year!

You may have noticed that our lake is growing it's yearly crop of algae way earlier this year, and we think it is because of all the organic material that flowed into the lake from the long rainy season we had. Algae usually shows up when the weather is much warmer. Our lake vendor is treating the bloom with a non-toxic blueish looking chem that kills the growth from the bottom up, and that is what that white, weird floating stuff is, at the edge of the water that you are seeing now. When the algae dies after the treatment cycle, our lake guy Rudy, scoops it all up and trashes it. He treats it section-by-section, so it will take a while, but he is fully on the job with this issue.



Landscape News

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

A Few Updates...

Some additional tree trimming. We are planning to do some crown reductions on the Chinese Elm trees on the property soon. Sticking to the regular tree trimming schedule wasn't going to be enough to keep these trees a good size because of all the rainfall causing extra growth last year. There may be a need to move some cars that park on the streets, but we will post signs if necessary to let you know when the tree trimmers are coming.



If you are seeing 'spots': The cool, and wet weather of the last several months has encouraged some plants pests and diseases to flourish that we don't usually see on our grounds. Most notably we are seeing black spots on some the Pink Lady bushes and roses. This is caused by a fungus that loves the cold and wet conditions, which should stop growing on it's own as soon as the weather finally warms up. Note: The leaf affected with spots will turn red and drop off and that can't be stopped once it has started. New growth should follow the warmer temperatures of the summer.

If you see declining plants with severe leaf curl or pests or other unusual conditions, please let me know and we can have our landscape service look to see if treatment is called for in that particular instance.

Landscape Edging Boards: There is some very rough looking edging barriers surrounding planting beds at a lot of our homes. Some are black rubber and some are those 'bender boards' that eventually lift and look bad after a while. The landscape committee is starting an improvement project to remove these weathered edgers for a cleaner look that matches the rest of our landscaping.



Book Club met by the pool on beautiful Thursday afternoon.

Several of us had read *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks, who is turning out to be a reliable favorite. We spent time trying to get signed up to an app called 'Libby' to access free e-books and audiobooks. You have to link an actual library to your account, but it looks like it will be great once it's all set up.

We even had one member who had a Dr. appointment and attended on speaker phone. So happy for the tech!

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



Happy Birthday Fran! With her sparkling crown--Queen of her own birthday party, Fran Golding celebrated her 104th year with friends and family at our clubhouse recently. Hope you had a great one, you are looking good!



The HOA added a few more seats for the late afternoon meet-up group that gathers to socialize at the west dock every-day now.

Nice to see that a way to connect with your neighbors for an hour, or just a few minutes, has developed so nicely—started by good neighbors Norma and Dean Wilson.

Put on a sun hat and drop on by, to say 'Hi'.

SoCal Edison will have a new flat fee?

State utility regulators decided May 9th to let California's largest power providers charge their customers a new monthly flat fee in exchange for a reduction in the overall price of electricity, a controversial change to the way that millions of households pay their utility bills with weighty implications for state climate change policy. Go online to get more information about this change in SoCal Edison billing coming to us late in 2025 at:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/2024/05/californians-electricity-rates/>

Still looking for swan feeders!

Our Swan Committee is still needing some NEW swan feeders! We have had a few people need to drop out of the weekly rotation—which is about once every 9 weeks. It is easy and fun to do—we teach you what you need to know! Contact Larry Marshburn at 916-712-5182 or at larrymarshburn@gmail.com if you would like to become part of SCS Team Swan and feed the two girlies!



Don't forget those dryer vents, during your Spring Cleaning!

Large build-ups of lint can cause several problems with your dryer outside of increased fire risk, including longer dryer times (increased energy costs)!, musty-smelling clothing, burning smells, and more. Cleaning once a year is usually recommended, but it depends on the kinds of things you are drying and amount of usage.

So, just a reminder...when was the last time you checked that back vent? ❤️

Have you joined our SCS Facebook Page?

A 'neighbor' page is setup for SCS residents (Only SCS! Not like the 'NextDoor' site) and you are invited to join! Anyone in our group is able to post announcements, VERY LOCAL news and other subjects of interest to SCS residents joined together on this FB page. It can really come in handy to belong if you have lost something or a pet, or for recommendations for local vendors that your neighbors have used, and lots of other things. Search 'South Coast Shores' in your Facebook search bar and request to join or go to the link here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/40811792989992>



Jowanna Cannon, our BOD treasurer is administrator of the FB page (at jbashout@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Coyote hazing information from The Humane Society of the United States: How to haze for effective reshaping of coyote behavior

Coyotes are impossible to completely keep out of our property, and this is the season to see them around, but generally, 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
- 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.

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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 2022:

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 Bulky Items:

Email questions to Susan Todd at sutztodd@me.com

Landscape and Architectural/Roof Improvements: 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

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