



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Hello Everyone,

So far we've had a beautiful Summer and hope it keeps up. The rest of the country is either having an unbearable heatwave or floods, and sometimes both.

We've had a few more new residents move into our Community. Welcome to all of you and wish you all the best in your new home. Should you have any questions, please give me a call or a committee member, and we will try and help you.

On the corner of Buena Hills and North Way there is a sign on each of the corners. These signs are red with reflective lettering that spell out the word "**STOP**". Most of us know what this means, however, apparently, we have some people that drive in here that have no idea that this means to put their foot on the brake and to **STOP** their vehicle, then take their appropriate turn to go. This **STOP** sign does not mean to slither through the intersection or to do what is referred to as a "California stop". This has been an ongoing problem at that intersection for years and it just seems to be getting worse. I keep getting more emails and calls about this. Perhaps we should all try something new and **STOP**, count to 3, and if 3 seems to go too long for you, just try and count to 2 then be on your hurried little way. The other day I was parked near the intersection, and this guy passed by like he was in the Indy 500 as he sailed through the intersection. Please, everyone, just try and obey what a **STOP** sign means and for God's sake just **STOP!!!!**

Crimes or Potential Crimes. My car was vandalized and they attempted to steal it. Another gentleman who lives close by me was also a victim of vandalization and attempted theft. We all need to be on alert. Again, **PLEASE LEAVE ON YOUR PORCH LIGHTS**, even if your neighbors have their lights on. More is better! I received a text from a lady stating there were some suspicious men in hoodies hanging out near the corner of Frenzel and Buena Hills. Once again, **PLEASE LEAVE ON YOUR PORCH LIGHTS!** Be vigilant.

At our last meeting we had very low attendance. Thank you to those that came. Our quarterly community meetings would be a great time for any resident to bring up any concerns, problems or whatever you feel needs attention. Good news is also nice to share. From now on we are going to start putting up signs to remind people of our meetings near each entrance to Costa Serena as Stacie, who attended our last meeting, suggested. Thanks, Stacie.

A special thanks to all the residents of Costa Serena who take the time to volunteer to keep our Community the pleasant place it is. The pay is terrible and the benefits are worse!

The very best to all of you,

Sharon Martinson, Chair

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Costa Serena Website: <https://costaserenaseniorcommunity.com>

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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IMPORTANT HELPFUL NUMBERS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Code Enforcement	760-435-4500	Public Safety (Alan McNeil)	760-435-5204
Humane Society	619-299-7012	Oceanside Alzheimer's Center	800-272-3900
Fire Prevention	760-435-4100	Protection for Fraud (AARP)	877 -908-3360
Oceanside non-emergency Police Disptch	760-435-4900	Social Security Administration	800-772-1213
SD County Aging/Independent Servcs	800-510-2020	Water Emergency DAYTIME	760-435-5800
Parking Enforcement	760-435-5195	Medicare Information	800-434-0222
Adult Protective Services	800-339-4661	Lifeline Transport Service	760-726-1111
El Corazon Senior Center	760-435-5300,1,	https://iframe.publicstuff.com/#?client_id=138	
Meals on Wheels	760-726-1225	Caregiver Resources	www.caregivercalifornia.org
County Vector Control	858-694-2888	Trash Pick-up/Large Items	760-439-2824
Fair Housing: Land/Tenant Dispute	760-842-6226	Comm. Connect. (Frndshp hotline)	888-670-1360
City of Oceanside Customer Care	760-435-4500	SDGE-Gas leak/emergency	800-411-7343
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The following e-mail address goes to all members of the City Council: Council@oceansideca.org			

PERSONAL ADS

Tech Help: House call computer services. Senior citizens get low discount rates. Costa Serena resident. Call now! Jo 714-614-7440

Free: Lazy Boy recliner. Tan leather. Moving. Call Miriam at 210.392.6053.

Free: Donations accepted; will water your plants; Esther, 714-357-7565

For Sale: 27 inch round table with two chairs, great for small spaces. \$50.00 OBO. Black leather desk chair with a few small scratches, very comfortable. \$50.00 OBO. Six lite-weight fishing poles, great for fly fishing, tackle box, reel, wading boots and more. Make an offer. Call Bill or Terry @ 760-435-9881

For Sale: New Wheelchair only used for two weeks. Best offer. Call Bill or Terry @ 760-435-9881.

For Sale: Jacuzzi; 3 yrs old; holds 4-5 people; \$300 or best offer. Jackie 714-401-5238

For Sale: Women exercise stationary bike \$ 50.00. Call María 760) 231-6700

Dog Walker: Experienced w references Costa Serena resident. Drop ins as well Kathe 949-212-3147

Wanted: BOOKS; If you have books, you no longer want, I am very happy to have them. I share book donations with the V.A. Clinic in Oceanside. Drop offs are great at 3526 Santa Maria Street or you may call or text David for pickup: 760-889-7370.

Wanted: VINYL RECORDS. Preferable genre's Blues, Jazz, Classic Rock. 760-458-0914, valleafcon@yahoo.com, Mark

PERSONAL AD POLICY

All new personal ads will be posted for a maximum of three newsletters, before being automatically deleted. They can be renewed, but the editor must be specifically advised prior to the newsletter deadline (4th Wed of the month). Also, if you provide something especially by mailbox or hand written your name clearly needs to be spelled out. I do not decipher scribbling signatures. I CAN NOT publish personals without knowing where or who it came from. Thank you

Volunteers Wanted

We are in need of volunteers to help deliver the CSAC newsletter monthly. This is a great way to get involved with CSAC, get to know your neighborhood and become more involved in the community. Please contact Susan Paton either via email at spaton4@gmail.com or 989-400-9005 if you are interested. Thanks so much!

REMINDER: There is absolutely **NO SOLICITING OR RELIGIOUS CANVASSING** in our neighborhood. It doesn't matter who they say they represent or who they say has authorized their activities, **SOLICITING IS FORBIDDEN BY CITY ORDINANCE IN COSTA SERENA!** Call Police Non-Emergency 760.435.4900 . Thanks CSAC/Editor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

We currently have two open cases; one case with the attorney and one case closed. Please let me know if you have a question or if you would like a follow-up on a previous complaint. I investigate each complaint received; often times it can take months before the case is closed.

Please help preserve Costa Serena's senior status!

If you feel there is an age violation in our community, please contact me either by telephone, email, or text. Your input will remain confidential, or if you prefer, you may submit an anonymous complaint by dropping it off in our secure lock box located at 3670 Aqua Lane or mail to Costa Serena Architectural Committee, Attn: Barbara Hillery, P.O. Box 6076, Oceanside, CA 92052-6076.

Barbara Hillery 760-717-6387

Landscape

"Mira Costa" is a Spanish phrase meaning "behold the coast." Allow me to extend the Committee's appreciation to some of the more exceptional home fronts in Costa Serena, Oceanside. Driving around the neighborhood, I see lots of home front improvements taking place with impressive results. Costa Serena has 696 homes and we know not all of our neighbors have the time or means to go beyond and above. However, your efforts to adhere to our CC&Rs by keeping your weeds and the unwanted items in check are also appreciated. Only you can manage your Trash Can-Trees-and Weeds.

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East:

Non submitted nor issued.

Sharon Martinson 760-696-3864

West:

This month I've had two roof remove and replaced permits and one permit to replace windows

James Draves 760-707-9120

***** Please check in before starting your project if a permit is necessary*****

We have had some issues regarding fences. Please contact a Permits Committee member **BEFORE** installing your fence or any other changes to the exterior of your property. Permit Committee members will provide you with the proper guidelines established for our community and prevent costly mistakes. Sharon Martinson, Chair

Further information regarding permits: "According to our policy and procedures, it is not only required but it is mandatory to have written approval from the Architectural Committee for all exterior changes before any work may begin. Anyone failing to obtain a permit before starting work will be in violation of the CC&R's." If you have any questions, please call a permit committee member.

RECYCLE REPORT

Thank you for recycling! In July we added \$153.82 for a total of \$1,089.68 year-to-date. Heading toward \$2,000 for the year. Let's do it!

Don't forget to encourage all new neighbors to recycle w/us! I think we have some recycling already.

Also thank you for separating clean, dry plastic from glass and aluminum, and for removing caps to make it easier and faster for us. Don't forget to put those caps in the bag with the bottles tho.

Remember that we can **NOT** get paid for plastic and/or glass bottles, or aluminum cans that had **any kind of food or oil** in them; also thank you for **NOT** bringing SCRAP: aka solid white and/or solid colored plastic bottles for example yogurt drinks, Ensure, laundry detergent, bleach, etc or ANY cleaning product container; no plastic juice and/or large opaque milk & water bottles, **UNLESS they have CRV on them**; no liquor bottles.

Please put these in your blue recycling bin.

YES to clean, dry containers such as all aluminum beverage cans; plastic ice tea; glass soda, beer, wine bottles and anything else marked CRV or California Redemption Value.

Drop off your bags over the west gate at 3639 North Way or call/text Lynette 760-717-9121 if you need a pick up or have questions.

Don't forget to take some empty bags when you drop off. Many just had water bottles in them. There's usually enough for your neighbors too.

Funny days in August to celebrate: 8/3 National Clean Your Floors Day, 8/5 National Underwear Day, 8/9 National Hand Holding Day, 8/15 Chant at the Moon Day, 8/15 National Best Friends Day, 8/17 National I Love My Feet Day, 8/24 Can Opener Day, 8/27 Tarzan Day, 8/30 Slinky Day, 8/31 Eat Outside Day, and one in September 9/5 National Be Late For Something Day. Note not all are official!

FINANCIAL

Previous Balance As of June 25, 2025				\$30,129.67
1066	6/27/25	Comm. Legl Adv	Legal Fees	-\$637.50
1067	7/21/25	Copymax	Printing	-\$353.64
Bank	7/15/25	USBank	Service Chg	-\$16.00
Debit	7/01/25	Walmart	Office Supp.	-\$63.87
Debit	6/30/25	Amazon	Supplies	-\$64.94
Debit	7/14/25	Amazon	Retrn Supp.	\$59.21
		Meeting Donations		\$18.00
		Recycling Donations		\$153.82
		Advertisers		\$800.00
		Donations		\$725.00
		Document Fees		\$0.00
Total Deposits				\$1,756.03
Ending Balance as of July 23, 2025				\$30,749.75

*****PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 9*****

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

Held at Sharon Martinson's patio, 3280 Pearl Lane.

Board members in attendance: Dick Bartolucci, Jim Draves, Steve Good, Sharon Martinson, Ray Brown and Barbara Hillary. Jim and Steve were elected to their positions of permits and secretary, respectively, in June.

Sharon led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Dick, with second by Ray.

Eight members from the community attended and introduced themselves.

Committee reports were given.

Barbara reported there are three open age compliance cases, including two with the attorney, and the third should be resolved shortly. Currently six houses are for sale and six are available for rent. Over the last three months, there have been 19 sales and new renters, so at least 19 new residents. There is an increase in reports of underage individuals living in the community.

Landscaping issues were at a minimum the last three month per Ray. He said two trailers have been removed. One political sign still remains. A pickup truck with weeds in the back that has been parked for a long time was mentioned.

Permits. One was issued on Balboa, a duplex on Coral was recently painted and looked great, but the homeowner did not obtain a permit first. Several permits were issued for new roofs and two for window replacements.

Dick reported a bank balance of \$30,143. Year to date donations totaled \$12,800. Last year at this time the donations totaled \$15,195. Sharon mentioned that we will soon be incurring costs for attorney fees.

No report on recycling.

The community-wide garage sale will be July 18, 19, 20. Signs will be posted at North Way and Buena Hills. Individuals were encouraged to place their own signs (and later remove them) to draw more attention.

Sharon reported that her car was vandalized while parked in her driveway. A car on North Way was also recently vandalized. Both cars are Kias. Sharon encouraged us to leave on our porch lights.

No speaker was scheduled for this meeting and none is yet scheduled for the October meeting. After 25 minutes, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Stacie and second by Barbara.

Steve Good, Secretary

*****NEWSLETTER INPUT: Any newsletter statement or article by anyone other than Committee members must be signed by the writer and are not necessarily condoned or the opinions of the Costa Serena Architectural Committee*****

COMMUNITY INFORMATION and ASSISTANCE

FREEWAY HELP Several California agencies have teamed up to provide free help to disabled vehicles on freeways. Out of gas, flat tire, they will mount your spare OR tow you for service. Call them at 511 & ask for Roadside Assistance. Call boxes access 511 also. If no one is nearby, they will connect you to a call center for assistance. Look up 511SD.com.

CSAC MEETINGS...It's important to reiterate that all owners and renters are invited to attend the Costa Serena quarterly meeting. It's our intent to inform all residents in our community as to our past, present and future efforts to keep the neighborhood peacefully and pleasantly livable. There is no better place to get an update. Also, this effort is enhanced when we have live feedback from our community. The date and time of the meeting is always posted in the newsletter.

CITY PROPERTY City property Issues such as street repairs or dangerous stop sign problems, you can contact the city via their website https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/services/customer_care.asp

OBITUARIES If your loved one passes in our community, we would like to hear from you. Please let Mark Valle or any committee member know by the 4th Wednesday of the month and we will publish.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS:

Dog & Cat Donations / Box Tops for Education, collecting towels, blankets & rugs (no rubber backing) for dogs & cats. No bed pillows. Please leave donations at 3527 Mira Pacific.

LOCK BOX: There is a CSAC lock mail box at 3670 Aqua Lane. It is next to the garage door. This mail box can be used for donations, advertising payments or any other CSAC communication

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FOOD FOR LIFE: NEED GROCERIES? See you Saturday! No registration, first come-first serve, Items vary weekly; **WANT TO VOLUNTEER?** We'd love to for you to join us! Opportunities available every Saturday@ 7-11 am foodforlife@lccmail.com; 760-439-3300/ Jackie Hill (resident) 760-704-2808

DOG WALKERS: When a property owner has a sign that says, "NO DOGS ON PROPERTY" Please respect their wishes and DON'T be rude...it is their property...Thank You

"CC&Rs - covenants, conditions and restrictions - are lengthy contract automatically binding all owners, and the law holds each to have read, understood and agreed to its contents....regardless of whether the owner actually reads it". CSAC

ZELLE: The email to send money to CSAC through Zelle is Money4csac@gmail.com

HARVEST OCEANSIDE: Do you have surplus backyard produce (citrus, fruit, vegetables)? Contact Produce Good to schedule a FREE pick of your yard for donation to local feeding organizations. This keeps it out of the landfill AND reduces food for coyotes, rats, raccoons, possums, and other animals. Email info@producegood.org for more information.

FERAL CATS: We feed feral cats in Oceanside and Vista and are looking for any food donations, canned and/or dry. Please contact Jackie 760-433-8908 or 480-536-5621 Can drop off or pick up. We're in Costa Serena.

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QUIZ 1 : Which of these is **NOT** an example of 1960s slang?

- a) Far Out b) Bodacious c) Groovy d) Foxy (Answer page 12)



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QUIZ 2 : Which was the first automobile company to be in business for 100 yrs ?

a) Ford b) Ferrarri c) Oldsmobile d) Honda (Answer page 12)

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The CSAC bears no responsibility for the content and accuracy of newsletter ads. It is the responsibility of the advertiser to develop an ad that correctly displays their message. We only review ads for inappropriate or illegal content. A reminder to our residents, the distribution or delivery of flyers to individual residents is not permitted in our community. If you experience unwanted paraphernalia, please reach out to any board member. Thank you. CSAC

*****VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR 2025*****

We are looking for enthusiastic residents to join our Resident Ambassador's Team. This is an opportunity for you to meet your new neighbors and help preserve Costa Serena's senior status. When a new resident moves in, we stop by to say "Welcome to the neighborhood", provide a packet of information that includes Costa Serena's CC&Rs, helpful pointers, a map of the area, and other information we hope our new residents will find useful. As a Resident Ambassador, you will help new residents complete their Age Verification Survey. You will always work as a team and never by yourself. No experience required, one of our current team members will provide the training required. Not sure if you would like being a Resident Ambassador? You can give it a try, if you find that it's just not your "cup of tea", there is no obligation to continue.

Please call or text 760-717-6387; email: barbara.hillery@gmail.com, w/ questions or more info

OBITUARY

Bertie Murray, has passed away at 88 years old. She was well known to her neighbors as being independent and feisty, living a good life in her small home with Dexter, her wonderful companion (rescue dog). She was an accomplished painter, also working with clay and displayed real talent in all her art works. She filled her whole sun room with finished & unfinished paintings, loved gardening and spent time at home with Dexter, enjoying her patio. RIP Bertie, you will be long remembered. Dexter was taken in by Silver Whiskers org. Per Stephanie K.

THE TEN THOU SHALT'S OF COSTA SERENA

- Thou Shalt Pick Up Their Dog's Poop
- Thou Shalt Respect Owners Signs (No Dogs, No Trespassing)
- Thou Shalt Not Intimidate or Badger Fellow Residents
- Thou Shalt maintain Moderate Noise Levels (Music, TV, Phone Talk, etc.)
- Thou Shalt Be Mindful of Their Parked Cars (do not block mail, driveways, etc.)
- Thou Shalt Keep Hedges, Trees, Bushes etc trimmed away from Neighbors yard
- Thou Shalt Control Their Dogs Barking
- Thou Shalt respect thy neighbor
- Thou Shalt Keep Trash Cans Out of Site.
- Thou Shalt Comply with CC&Rs.

Imagine, if everyone abided by these guidelines.....our neighborhood would enhance another notch!!!

ATTENTION....HOMELESS PEOPLE hanging out in our community overnight, is UNACCEPTABLE. If you see any incidences, usually in the early morning hours, where people are sleeping in the bushes or in their car, Please call the Oceanside Police Department. The numbers are **760-435-5195 or 760-435-4911**. Another helpful hint is to keep your porch lights on; this deters unwanted visitors . The only way to curb loitering is for ALL of us to be vigilant; make a phone call. Thank you

QUIZ 1 : "Far out," "groovy," and "foxy" were all common slang terms in the 1960s. The first two were a '60s way of saying "cool," while "foxy" generally referred to an attractive woman. **"Bodacious"** didn't rise to popularity until the 1980s, thanks in large part to the film "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," starring Keanu Reeves.

QUIZ 2 : If you are looking for a car company with pedigree and a long history of success, then look no farther than the **Oldsmobile** car company, which was formed in 1897 and was the first car company to celebrate 100 years of business. While there were many other car companies that formed around the same time as Oldsmobile, none of them stayed in business for nearly as long, with many of them failing or folding over the past 130 years. The company is named after its founder, Ransom Olds, and the headquarters is in Michigan, USA.