## COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2024

### A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

### **CHAIR REPORT**

Hello Neighbors,

#### **Election Results**

We had the election counting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, and we would like to thank the volunteers who took the time out of their schedules to help with the process. A big thank you to Brenda, Erika, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Mima and Sandy. These volunteers had the counting done in quick time. Also, a huge thank you to Mark Valle, who was the Inspector of Elections, and spearheaded the smooth operation of this process and, who, provided the donuts. Also, a thank you to our "money taker", Dick Bartolucci, that made sure all donations included in the envelopes were credited correctly. The candidates elected are: Dick Bartolucci, Treasurer, and Barbara Hillery, Age Compliance. Thank goodness they are still volunteering their time to the Community of Costa Serena.

#### **Donations from Election**

We had a wonderful outpouring of donations. Thank you to all of you that were able to donate. You are all so very much appreciated.

#### Reminder – July 13<sup>th</sup> – Next Quarterly Meeting – Speaker

Lynn Phillips, a resident, will be speaking on "7 *Easy and Affordable Ways to Improve the Beauty and Value of Your Home"*. She will help you direct you and share her secrets on how not to break the bank in improving your property. Hope you all can make it to the meeting.

#### Veterans Meet-Up, Coffee & Chit -Chat

I received a call regarding this Veterans Meet-Up. This will be held at the El Corazon Senior Center, 3302 Senior Center Drive, Oceanside. It is being held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Normally, this would go under "Community Info and Assistance page, but I thought it should go on the first page – in case you don't turn the page). So, you veterans, go and enjoy the camaraderie and get out of the house.

#### It is Not Okay

to go into your neighbor's yard and start trimming, landscaping or any other thing that you might feel necessary to enhance your neighbors' yard. THIS IS TRESSPASSING!!!! You might want to read, and I mean really read, our CC&Rs that are on our website: <u>https://costaserenaseniorcommunity.com</u>. These CC&Rs are meant for everyone, and not just when it's suits only a few.

#### Dash

Recently, I heard a speaker with a very clever and important message. He started out by saying he was over at Eternal Hills Cemetery waiting to give a eulogy and just started looking at the various headstones. All had one thing in common a date you were born and a date you died. But there was also another symbol and that was a dash (-) (i.e. 1908 – 1998) separating the two dates. He went on to say that if we all would think of that "dash" as our lives today, and how we live our "dash", maybe we would live our lives a little better and be a little kinder to one another. That "dash" is pretty darn short and I'm living my "dash" the best I can. Good luck with your "dash" and may you live it well.

#### Sharon Martinson, Chair

### **ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING**

#### 3280 Pearl Lane, Costa Serena July 13, 10:00 AM

Refreshments will be served......Please join us

The quarterly meetings are the second Saturday of the month. We look forward to seeing you there. The architectural committee meetings are private, open to residents and guests of Costa Serena.

#### Costa Serena Website: https://costaserenaseniorcommunity.com

#### ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS P.O. Box 6076, Oceanside, CA 92052-6076

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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/#?c	lient_id=138		
Meals on Wheels	760-726-1225	Caregiver Resources www.caregi	vercalifornia.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 hotine	888-670-1360		
City of Oceanside Customer Care	760-435-4500	SDGE-Gas leak/emergency	800-411-7343		
Mayor, Esther Sanchez	760-435-3057	email: <u>esanchez@oceansideca.o</u>	rg		
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The following e-mail address goes to all members of the City Council: <u>Council@oceansideca.org</u>					

#### PERSONAL ADS

**For Rent:** 2 Bedroom; 1 Bath; Covered Patio; Large Backyard; 3737 Mira Pacific. Tenant pays utilities. Available August 1. \$1490.00 per month. Call John 760-439-5345.

For Rent: Room available for Rent in Costa Serena. Females only. Please contact 760)707-4441

**For Sale:** Dining room table. 56" round bevel glass table. Beautiful painted metal base with 4 padded chairs in great shape. \$ 250.00. Contact Tim 925 474 7920

*Wanted:* VINYL RECORDS. Preferable genre's Blues, Jazz, Classic Rock. 760-458-0914, <u>valleafcon@yahoo.com</u>, 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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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

### Tips to Building Community Safety in Costa Serena

- 1. Introduce yourself to your neighbors
- 2. Install motions detection solar lights around your home
- 3. Keep your yard tidy
- 4. Exercise caution when out of town
- 5. Volunteer for Oceanside neighborhood watch by contacting: <u>ajsanchez@oceansideca.org</u> or (760) 435-4440.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:spaton4@gmail.com">spaton4@gmail.com</a> or 989-400-9005 if you are interested. Thanks so much!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Age Compliance

We currently have one open case, and one case was closed. 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. Please let me know if you have a question or if you would like a follow-up on a previous complaint.

### Barbara Hillery 760-717-6387

### Landscape

6 Tips for Hiring a Professional Landscaper: https://shorturl.at/XDQYs

- #1: Choose the right person for the job
- #2: Set project goals
- #3: Know your budget before you start
- #4: Examine the track record
- #5: Ask how sub-contracting will be handled
- #6: Make sure you have a contract

**Conclusion**: Having a solid contract will ensure that all parties know what's required of them, what the project's expectations are, and how the project will be conducted!

### Ray Brown 415-815-8934

### Permits Reports:

#### East of Buena Hills

Gail - Concrete drive; Gail - Concrete driveway; Coral - Vinyl fence between existing pillars; Pearl - Add back room to house, permitted by the city; Buena Hills - Add a cover on the side of the house. **Bill Licata 760-435-9881** 

#### West of Buena Hills

Two on Isabella for new concrete driveways Terry Licata 760-435-9881

#### \*\*\* 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**

June's recycling report: we added \$228.18 to our account for a year-to-date total of \$1,017.48. Good job recycling while we were gone!

Also thank you for separating clean, dry plastic from glass and aluminum, and for removing caps to make it easier (and faster) for Mark and me. The recycling company pays less for containers with liquid in them so we empty them. Don't forget to put those caps in the bag tho.

And yes – liquor/wine bottles are being recycled for MONEY again, altho they aren't paying much for them.

Remember that we can <u>NOT</u> get paid for plastic and/or glass bottles, or aluminum cans that had **any kind** of <u>food or oil</u> in them

Also thank you for not bringing **SCRAP:** aka solid white and/or solid colored plastic bottles for example yogurt drinks, Ensure, SlimFast, 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. **Please put these in your city blue recycling bin,** since it takes a <u>huge bag</u> to make a quarter!

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

Drop off bags over the west gate at 3639 North Way or call/text Lynette 760-717-9121 if a pick needed.

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

Holidays to celebrate this month: 7/6 World Kissing Day, 7/7 Tell The Truth Day, 7/17 Yellow Pig Day, 7/21 Ice Cream Day and Junk Food Day, 7/26 Aunt and Uncle Day, 7/31 Uncommon Musical Instrument Day (a vegetable orchestra?)

Previous Balance As of May 22, 2024			\$11,138.31	
1035	6/12/2024	Copymax	Printing	-\$26.05
1037	6/12/2024	Copymax	Printing	-\$348.51
		Meeting Donations	No Meeting	\$0.00
		Recycling Donations		\$228.18
		Advertisers		\$600.00
		Donations		\$10,505.00
		Escrow/Document Fees	\$50.00	
Total Deposits				\$11,383.18
Ending Balance as of June 25, 2024				\$22,146.93

#### **FINANCIAL**

### \*\*\*PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 10\*\*\*

### MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

### THERE WAS NO MEETING IN JUNE

Terry Licata/Secretary

#### \*\*\*\*VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES GOING FAST\*\*\*\*\*\*

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

**REMINDER:** There is absolutely **NO SOLICITING OR 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

#### Landscape

WEEDS! They are still here. They won't go away without our help.

DRIVEWAYS: These are still being used for storage. Your neighbors don't appreciate looking at your "stuff" daily. TRASH CANS: This topic has been brought up so many times, that I can't believe that I have to bring it up again. TRASH CANS ARE NOT TO BE VISIBLE FROM THE STREET. This is a City Ordinance as well as part of our CC&Rs. Your neighbors don't want to look at these either. Take a little pride in your property.

### 2024 ELECTION BALLOT COUNTERS

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped count ballots on June 8. Without your assistance this would not have run smoothly. Your help is greatly appreciated. Mark Valle

### **Harvest Oceanside**

Do you have surplus backyard produce (citrus, fruit, vegetables)? Contact ProduceGood 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 <u>info@producegood.org</u> for more information.

### **Plumeria Tree Trimming**

Do you have a mature plumeria tree that needs to be professionally trimmed? For over 25 years, Mike Pfeiffer has maintained plumeria trees throughout San Diego County. He is now taking no-charge tree-trimming appointments through June 2024. Schedule your plumeria tree trimming today! Contact Pacific Plumeria for more details. Call Mike at (858) 997-3616, email <u>mikep5@cox.net</u> or message @pacific\_plumeria on Instagram.

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

### **INTERESTING FACTS**

### What do a.m. and p.m. mean?

According to Dictionary.com, *a.m.* stands for the Latin phrase *ante merīdiem*, which translates to "before midday." The term *p.m.*, on the other hand, is an abbreviation of *post merīdiem*, or "after midday." Have you ever noticed somebody write "12 m." or "12:00 m."? Though uncommon, it's technically the correct way to express *noon*. (*Noon*, by the way, actually used to refer to 3 p.m.)

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 <u>https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/services/customer\_care.asp</u>

**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

#### YANA PROGRAM

Utilizes uniformed senior citizens to provide a variety of services under the direction of the Oceanside Police Department. Services include vehicle patrol of neighborhoods, traffic control, security checks, welfare checks of homebound seniors and disabled individuals. Contact (760) 435-4763.

#### HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Tradition delivers fresh and frozen nutritious meals directly to the homes of homebound seniors. Meals are delivered five days a week. Please call Maria at 619.235.6538 for more information. Meals funded by County of San Diego Health and Human Services, Aging & Independence Services.

**WARNING:** Mail boxes have been opened during the night by an unidentified person. Please don't leave mail in your mailbox overnight.

**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 <u>foodforlife@llccmail.com</u>; 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



#### ADVERTISING POLICY

Fee for a business card size ad is \$15.00 per month or \$75.00 for 6 months. Business card size ads are approx. 3.50" x 2.0" blocks. Multiples of \$15 per block per month is available. The maximum ad size is six business cards. Any further pricing questions contact Dick Bartolucci. Ad copy Submissions of Word Doc or Jpeg files are required and are due by the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month for following month. Email to valleafcon@yahoo.com or mail to CSAC PO Box 6076, Oceanside 92052. Electronic submissions preferred. Advertising in publication does not constitute endorsement by Costa Serena Architectural Committee.

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 anv board member. Thank vou. CSAC

### QUIZ: ALL DISTANCES IN PARIS ARE MEASURED FROM WHAT CATHEDRAL?

a. Chartres b. Basilica of St Denis c. Choicy d. Notre Dame

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FOURTH OF JULY QUOTES WORTH REPEATING

"Watching everybody have such a fantastic time, loving life, loving America — I wish that was the feeling year-round, that it didn't take the Fourth of July for us to be like, 'Yeah, America is awesome." — **Tim Kennedy** 

"Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed — else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." — **Dwight D. Eisenhower** 

"Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility." — **Eleanor Roosevelt** 

"America — a great social and economic experiment, noble in motive and far-reaching in purpose." — **Herbert Hoover** 

"I stand proud and brave and tall. I want justice for us all. So color me America, red, white and blue," — **Dolly Parton,** "Color Me America"

# \*\*\*\*\*HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY \*\*\*\*\*



### **IMPORTANT BULLETIN**

You may have heard about a lawsuit in Missouri against the National Association of Realtors. The media is plying the news and causing confusion. I have attended several classes on the lawsuit and the coming procedural changes. That all starts on August 17<sup>th</sup> and court approval of the settlement is expected in mid-November. This will permanently change the way real estate sales are conducted throughout the USA. After 8-17-24 buyers can only be represented by their agent after first signing a 16-page set of documents. No homes can be shown until it is signed. These papers set the maximum commission that the Buyer's agent will be paid. The MLS will no longer list how much the Seller is paying toward that component, though that payment will likely continue. The Buyer must initial a worksheet prior to the showing of each home. Negotiations about who pays what will be confusing prior to the offer but will be resolved by the offer and subsequent agreements. These changes are more substantial than I am showing here. More than ever, experience counts when coupled with knowledge of the latest legal changes. If you are considering selling or planning a future sale, please call me for the details.

### Bob Bekins 760-505-9397 Broker/Owner NCRA, DRE #01025757.

### 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!!!

### ANSWER: NOTRE DAME